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In 1934 she became Mrs. George Edwards, and by that time the Company had built up a wide reputation, numbering in its casts many top-ranking Australian players and such New Zealand names as Warren Barry, Hilda Scurr and Lloyd Berrell. In 1947 that first marriage was dissolved (she later became Mrs. A. G. Atwill), but at the time of her death she was Chairman of Directors of the George Edwards Players Pty. Ltd., and the moving spirit behind what has grown into one of the biggest production units in Australia. She leaves two daughters, ten-year-old Carolyn Georgia Edwards, and a baby, Helen, who is not quite two. To many New Zealanders who knew her only as a voice, and to those in her own country who knew the warmly sincere person behind it, her passing at such an early age leaves a blank that will never be completely filled.

One Man's Pleasure

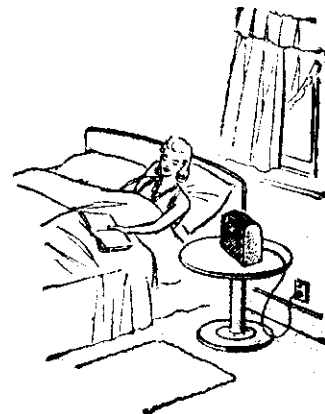
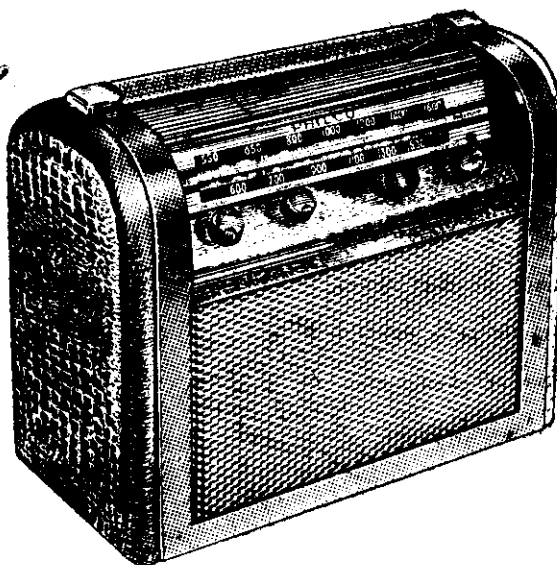
IN a talk for the BBC not long ago on one of his favourite hobbies, Tyrone Guthrie, author and theatrical producer, defined himself as a "poker abouter." He determinedly defends the city dweller, a being who is at home among steel, glass and concrete, and says that wandering about the city streets watching Man, and listening to his wild cries, sets him wondering. Guthrie says there is apparently one essential qualification needed before you take up this pastime; you must have a highly-developed imagination to sample the delights of speculating on, say, why did the dustman reel when he lifted the ashcan lid, and why did his assistant hurriedly fling the lid on again? This talk, called *The Pleasures of Poking About*, will be broadcast by 2YC at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, December 31.

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