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EMPIRE BROADCASTS.

The indication of Mr. Maclurcan, the well-known Sydney amateur, who is now on a visit to Britain, that he sees no reason why Empire broadcasts should not be a feature of life in the near future, will revive interest in this topic. Mr. Maclurcan expressed his views after paying a special visit to the transmitting station of Mr. Gerald Marcuse. This station has achieved good results with low power, and may take the credit for directly stimulating the British Broadcasting Corporation into welcome activity with 5SW. The regular reports by such well-known New Zealand amateurs as Mr. Sellens of reception from 5SW have definitely stimulated New Zealand interest in short wave work, and we have knowledge of a number who have followed Mr. Sellens into the short wave field. In another column we give a general review of the short wave position, which, though brief, covers the ground to the extent now available. Captain Eckersley, the engineering expert of the British Broadcasting Corporation, summarises the activities of 5SW, and the objectives aimed at, and, moreover, gives a series of graphs outlining the conditions of reception obtaining in connection with a test made before Christmas. These graphs indicate the hours during which effective reception was secured. Those hours in themselves were not extensive, and so far as New Zealand is concerned are not the most suitable for popular reception, but they are sufficient to indicate that the problems are being steadily tackled, and that possibly with the provision of higher power on the short wave band it will be possible on occasions for special transmissions to be effectively arranged and rebroadcast in this Dominion.

How to Enjoy Radio Programmes

A recent issue of the British Broadcasting Corporation's journal, "The Radio Times," shows that the excellent fare it provides on the basis of the resources of the whole British Isles, does not free it from criticism. The writer of a section of notes says very feelingly:—Following my diatribe against those who listen indiscriminately to any and every item in the programmes, and then complain when they hit upon some transmission which does not take their fancy, a listener has sent me the following quotation:—

*Our Bill of Fare we here present:
Let each choose what he wishes.
Enough's a feast! You are not meant
To eat through all the dishes!*

I should like to have this framed and hung on the wall above the sets belonging to various friends of mine! The author of the rhyme suggests that it should be printed on every programme page of *The Radio Times*. I think it would be better, perhaps, if listeners were to memorise it and quote it on appropriate occasions.

The foregoing has some application to New Zealand conditions.

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Shakespeare Day Will Give an Intellectual Treat to All

In next issue will be announced full details of the Shakespeare Nights at studios 1YA, 2YA and 3YA. The anniversary will be observed by 1YA on Tuesday (Monday being the Auckland station's silent day), but in the other two cases the special programmes of music and elocutionary items will be broadcast on Monday, April 23. Lovers of music and dramatic side of Shakespeare can safely look forward to an unprecedented treat.

ALL BLACKS ON TOUR

Radio enthusiasts within radius of 2YA will be able to participate in the farewell to be given the 1928 All Blacks prior to their departure for South Africa. On the occasion of the official farewell in the Wellington Town Hall, at 5 p.m., on April 12, a microphone will be installed and the official speeches of farewell broadcast.

Similarly, on the next day, when the team actually leave, the unusual feature of suspending a microphone above the crowd at the ship's side will be carried out, so that the final cheering and good wishes, etc., of New Zealand to her football emissaries will be broadcast.

NUMBER OF LICENSES

Inquiry from the Secretary of the Post Office shows that 18,000 people renewed their licenses for the full year, 1928-29 prior to March 31, thus demonstrating the popularity of the Department's move in accepting renewals before the actual beginning of the New Year, and so avoiding delay. Since April 1 very heavy mails and enrolments have been received, but it is not yet possible to give further figures.

CHURCH BROADCASTS

WORK OF THE 3YA COMMITTEE

The 3YA Church Committee held a session at the studio on Tuesday afternoon, when matters in connection with the broadcasting of religious services were attended to. The rules and constitution of the committee were adopted.

The service rotation of the various churches, as arranged until the end of the year, was agreed to, all Sundays, except when there happens to be a fifth Sunday in the month, being allocated. To the Lutheran Church was allotted the first fifth Sunday.

Arrangements in connection with Anzac Day were approved. The Citizens' Memorial service in King Edward Barracks in the afternoon, and the evening service in St. Paul's Church, to be conducted under the auspices of the Christchurch Ministers' Association, will be broadcast.

In regard to the children's sessions on Sundays, the committee decided that the children of whichever church was on the air at night should take part in the children's service in the studio.

CHURCH REPRESENTATION

ONE MEMBER EACH.

At a recent meeting of the Auckland Presbytery, the question of broadcasting religious services was discussed, and it was decided to appoint the Rev. W. D. Morrison-Sutherland as the Presbyterian representative on the Church Committee. At the same time, keen regret was expressed that the larger churches were not to have a more proportionate representation.

Adverting to the matter, according to an interview in the Christchurch "Star," the general manager (Mr. Harris) said that he was glad to learn that the Presbyterians had decided to join up with one representative. The Broadcasting Company felt that the respective claims of the various denominations could be better gauged and mutually settled by the committee being equally representative of the more prominent denominations. If the company took upon itself to define representation on the committee according to the numerical strength of the various denominations or on any other basis the object of the committee would be defeated.

It is proposed that the Advisory Committee will recommend the rotation of the various denominations according to circumstances, and each denomination will decide its particular church to be broadcast on the date set aside for that denomination.

A local committee of the character proposed could also deal according to local conditions with any rearrangement of dates between denominations, or substitution of one church for another of any particular denomination, to allow for the broadcasting of special or anniversary services.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE IN WELLINGTON AND AUCKLAND.

For the purpose of co-operating in the musical and dramatic side of broadcasting, the Broadcasting Company is meeting in conference representatives of the various amateur organisations whose aim is to cater for the public's taste in these directions.

The first conference will be held in Wellington on April 17.

SPORTING

A VERY BUSY EASTER

Two days' racing at Auckland, four at Christchurch, and University athletic championships at Wellington (with re-broadcasts of two days' racing at Christchurch) provided busy days for the announcers, and much entertainment for sport-loving listeners who could not attend the field events during Easter.

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

PUBLIC COMMITTEE FOR 3YA.

Following on the previously announced conferences between the Broadcasting Company and the church authorities and musical societies in regard to the formation of advisory committees, further co-operation in regard to children's sessions is now proposed.

Since the inauguration of the children's sessions as a regular feature of its programme, the Radio Broadcasting Company of New Zealand, Limited, has attracted numerous organisations and individuals interested in juvenile activities, and now proposes to extend this into a definite organisation. The company has decided to form a committee of representatives of the more prominent organisations which desire to co-operate with the company, in order that the facilities it has to offer for the children's sessions may be judiciously used to the mutual advantage of the associations concerned, and the furtherance of their ultimate objects as regards child welfare.

The conference is to be held at the company's studio, 202 Gloucester Street, on Thursday, April 12, at 4 p.m. Invitations have been sent to the following societies:—St. Saviour's Orphanage, Headmasters' Association, Marist Brothers, Convents, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Y.W.C.A. (girls' department), Y.M.C.A. (boys' department), Parents' National Educational Union, Presbyterian Orphanage, Methodist Orphanage, Mothers' Union, National Council of Women, Society for the Protection of Women and Children, Welsh Society (junior department), Scottish Society (junior department), Uncles Part 1: Scene 1, public place, Padua; and Aunts of the station.

LECTURES AT 4YA

Mr. G. J. Butcher, of Messrs. Turnbull and Jones, Ltd., will speak on "The Domestic Uses of Electricity" on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. R. W. Marshall, manager of the Government Tourist Department, will give a talk at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mr. H. Greenwood, librarian of the Dunedin Athenaeum, will give a review of the latest books at 7.30 o'clock on Friday evening.

Miss M. H. King, principal of the Otago Girls' High School, will lecture on "The Study of Literature" at 7.30 o'clock on Saturday evening.

TOC H. SERVICE

THE LAMP OF MAINTENANCE.

The special Toc H service, on the occasion of the dedication of the Lamp of Maintenance by His Grace the Most Reverend, A. W. Averill, D.D., Primate and Archbishop of New Zealand, at the Church of St. Matthew, on Sunday, April 15, 1928, will be broadcast. Readers will be interested in the symbolism of the lamp.

The Lamp is the symbol of Toc H, the flame of which symbolises unselfish service. The Lamp is granted by the Guard of the Lamp, London, when the group has reached branch status, such recognition being given by the Toc H authorities in London when the function of Toc H regarding life and service has been fulfilled.

The Lamp when granted is first lighted at the birthday festival on December 1 each year by H.R.H. Prince of Wales, patron of Toc H, and is then carried afield and given into the safe custody of those who henceforth must guard the Lamp and fulfil all those obligations for which the Lamp stands.

The Lamp is always dedicated in memory of the Elder Brethren, and in special memory of one of their number who stands out pre-eminently as a full type of true British manhood.

In this instance, the Lamp of Toc H is being dedicated in memory of Lieutenant-Colonel George Augustus King, D.S.O., Croix de Guerre, four times mentioned in dispatches, New Zealand Permanent Force, killed at Passchendaele, October 10, 1917, age 32. After the dedication, this lamp will be lighted for the second time by His Grace Archbishop of New Zealand, and henceforth will be lighted at each meeting of the branch of Toc H in Auckland.

The dedication of the Lamp of Maintenance will be in the hands of His Grace, the Most Reverend A. W. Averill, D.D., Primate and Archbishop of New Zealand. His Grace will be assisted by Padres K. MacFarland, R. Geo. Coats, and Rev. Canon Grant-Cowan, Vicar of St. Matthews.

HOSPITAL RADIO

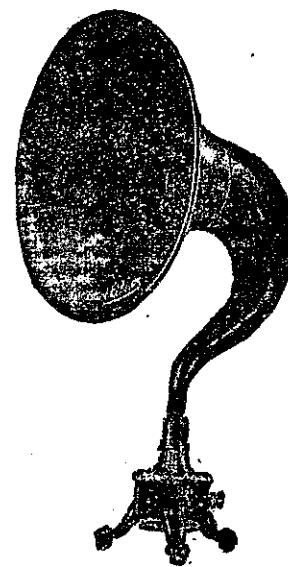
Several references to the pleasure afforded the inmates of the Wellington Hospital by the operation of the wireless installation recently made through the Wellington Amateur Radio Society, were made at a complimentary dinner given Mr. J. H. Owen, president of that society, on Wednesday evening last. Several speakers mentioned that former inmates of the hospital had expressed their great pleasure at the reception of the programme.

It was explained, however, by Mr. Ivan Levy that the installation was not yet perfected, on account of some difficulty being experienced through the electrical apparatus at the hospital itself. Certain extra shielding would probably be necessary before the installation could be officially opened. The whole hospital had not been equipped, but it was the intention of the society, once the present installation was effective, to hand it over and reply upon further public support, through probably some other organisation providing the funds for an extension.

Various speakers mentioned that the children and others in the hospital had greatly appreciated the service already provided, although the reception was only incidental to the testing operations.

The British Broadcasting Corporation publishes a new list of pronunciations decided upon by the Advisory Committee appointed to assist announcers. In the case of "antiquary," the accent is on the first syllable, the second syllable of "aquatic" rhymes with "hat"; in "armistice" the accent is on the first syllable, and in "artisan" on the last syllable. "Concerto" is "concherto," in "electricity" the first syllable is "el," not "eel," "elixir" is just "elixir," and "ideal" is three syllables, "i-dee-al."

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