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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A REVIEW of the position arising out of the number of licenses officially recorded as obtaining at the end of April, which appears elsewhere, is commended to the notice of listeners. This shows that there has been a reduction of approximately 20 per cent. in the licenses issued. Even allowing for the natural variation which is to be expected at this period, it is considered that this fall is to some extent accounted for by dilatoriness in renewing on the part of those who are still operating sets. The Postal authorities consider the period of grace so far given is ample, and state that for the future rigorous prosecution will follow in every case brought to light of listeners operating sets without licenses. Further, it is to be noted that the mere dismantling of sets by those who are no longer listening is not sufficient to escape liability. A fine of £10 is liable to be imposed on those who fail to notify the authorities that they have dismantled their sets. The regulations are firm and clear, and in view of the determination of the authorities to clean up the position, it behoves those who may be affected by the regulations to see that their status is put right at the earliest possible moment.

APART from that aspect, there is to our mind a definite responsibility upon the general body of listeners to protect their own interests by seeing that unlicensed neighbours do not secure free entertainment at their expense. That is what it amounts to. Programmes are directly dependent upon the revenue available. Revenue is derived only from listeners and dealers. Listeners have it in their own hands largely to determine the quality of the programmes made available. The company has steadily shown its preparedness to expand services in line with the growth of revenue—in fact at present it is, to our mind, quite palpably spending above its present income. The fare being given is definitely good—there is greater popular satisfaction at the moment than at any other time—but its maintenance and further expansion will depend upon the response of the listening public and the return of the number of licenses to normal.

THE discussion of the reception problem of a correspondent in Hawke's Bay as presented by the phenomena of perfect reception of 3YA's rebroadcast of 2YA, while the original transmission from 2YA could not be satisfactorily received, which is given elsewhere, will be read with interest by listeners. Considerable interest was displayed in the question, and papers were received from all parts of the country. The most popular and general solution was the superiority of reception over water to that of reception from a station operating solely over intervening land masses. The encouragement of discussion on problems of this nature through our columns is, we think, desirable, and we are prepared to offer similar prizes for discussions on subjects which lend themselves to treatment in this way. Will listeners please advance their suggestions and problems?

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"I expect before the winter is over, to be able to log somewhere in the vicinity of 80 stations, and I think this will do that too."

SPORTING

NEXT WEEK'S BROADCASTS

RACING AND RUGBY

Monday, June 4.—Great Northern Steeple, etc., Auckland Racing Club's meeting at Ellerslie, 1YA.

Wednesday, June 6.—Auckland Racing Club's Great Northern meeting at Ellerslie (by courtesy of club), 1YA.

Saturday, June 9.—Rugby, Eden Park, 1YA; Rugby, Athletic Park, 2YA; Rugby, Lancaster Park, 3YA; Rugby, Carisbrook, 2YA.

RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS

POSITIONS OF TEAMS.

At this stage it may interest many to know the leaders in the Senior Rugby competitions in the four centres as prior to matches of June 2, 1928.

Auckland.

Ponsonby 10

Varsity 7

Grammar 5

Wellington.

Oriental 10

Old Boys 8

Athletic 8

Poneke 6

Varsity 6

Christchurch.

Varsity 5

Christchurch 4½

Dunedin.

Varsity A 12

Kaikorai 12

"THE STUFF PUT OVER"

AN AMUSING INCIDENT

AS typical of the clash of tastes in regard to programmes, a South Island listener writes to 2YA as follows:—As a change from the chorus of complaints which rages round all programme directors, I should like to say "Thank you." I have enjoyed the much-abused trio and know that my family has also. Last night (Monday) the programme was excellent in spite of a somewhat temperamental set borrowed to educate a musical relation. The said musical relation was much amused when someone came to him this morning and said: "Have you got a radio? No? Then don't. You've no conception of the stuff they put over. My God! Last night's stuff was awful." Yet we had enjoyed it immensely. One imagines that if programme directors were offered their haloes on condition that they conducted the angelic chorus they would hastily apply for transfer to another place. Meantime, when at home, we are accustomed to use 2YA as a standard.

N.Z. RADIO

LISTENERS' GUIDE,

1928-9

A VERY hearty welcome has been given this work by the radio world, and we have received many congratulatory letters and messages concerning it. What is even more satisfactory is the flow of telegrams and orders for larger supplies. We aimed in the compilation of the book to give superlative value, and we are naturally glad that this has been appreciated.

Mr. F. W. Sellens writes:—"In glancing through it I have been struck by the vast amount of general radio information you have got in the 'Guide.' I have a number of 'Guides' and 'Handbooks,' and without any doubt there is considerably more in this than any I have seen before. Congratulations!"

Another esteemed correspondent writes:—"Many thanks for copy of the Guide. I congratulate you upon getting such a mine of information together. The general get-up of the book is very pleasing."

A SPECIAL purpose in the compilation of the book is to serve those who are embarking upon the radio field, and in that connection we would say that listeners who may not require it themselves—although the up-to-date statistical information and glossary of wireless terms, not to mention the extremely valuable valve guide section, make it almost indispensable to all—would be recommending newcomers a service by recommending the book to them. The whole of the information in the work is specially adapted to New Zealand conditions. The price is 2/6 from any radio dealer or bookseller stocking radio literature, or from ourselves, P.O. Box 1032, Wellington. Postage 3d. (2/9).

A NIGHT OUT

JAPS. AND MANILA HEARD

GOOD RECEPTION RECORDED.

G. C. HOLMES (Masterton) writes: On Friday last I wrote reporting reception of three of the new Japanese stations, JOBK, JOAK, JOGK. Last night, Saturday, the 19th, I again made a night of it, and was successful in logging two more of the Japs, viz., JOHK (sitting just half a point on the dial below 4QG), and another (setting two points below 3LO), which I presume is JOIK—did not get call letters from this station. Also logged JOAK again. Later I met with further success, picking up KZRM, Manila (heard the call letters, plainly, on three occasions from this station). The following is an abridged copy of my "log":—JOHK: 12.24½ a.m., music and singing; 12.25½ a.m. announcement, "JOHK JOHK," and speech in Japanese. A peculiarity of pronunciation of the letter "H" was noticed, the letter being pronounced as having two syllables, something like "H-E"; 12.26 a.m., gramophone item; 12.28 a.m., announcement, "JOHK, JOHK," etc.; 12.29 a.m., woman singing; tuned out; tuned in again 12.30 a.m., music (Japanese); 12.37 a.m., announcement, "JOHK, JOHK," etc.; 12.38 a.m.: gramophone selection; 12.40 a.m., announcement, "JOHK, JOHK," and further speech. (I think the announcer said, "I don't know much..."); 12.41 a.m., Japanese music and Japanese man singing tuned out 12.47 a.m.; tuned in 12.48 a.m. in middle of announcement; 12.48½ a.m., orchestral selections on air being the "Foreador" song; 12.52 a.m., a few words in Japanese, then "JOHK, JOHK... Sindai, Komahe (?), then further speech and the call letters at least eight times. The station then appeared to close down. Tuned out 12.56½ a.m.; tuned in at 1.2 a.m., and found the station back on the air, but heard nothing till 1.7 a.m., then speech in a different voice from the usual announcer. At 1.8½ a.m. the usual announcer, "JOHK, JOHK... Sindai—(pause)—JOHK, JOHK," etc. (Pause) "JOHK... Sindai," etc.; 1.11 a.m., item by man and woman; can't tell whether singing or talking. Tuned out.

VOLUME most of the time was simply wonderful. As an instance, at 12.42 a.m. the music and singing I heard clearly standing in a room at the other side of the house, about 30 feet from the speaker, with two walls and the hall between.

JOBK: 1.15 a.m., Japanese music; faded; 1.18 a.m., man singing (Japanese); faded; 1.19 a.m., and as volume not too good, tuned out.

JOAK: 1.25 a.m., orchestral selection with vocal refrain; pause; 1.28 a.m., gramophone selection again, "Rose Marie," 1.31 a.m., speech in Japanese, then "JOAK," the station then going off the air. This station also was received with good volume.

KZRM: Listened from 1.44½ a.m. till 2.42 a.m. Only at times was volume good, and there was a good deal of fading. A boxing match was in progress—could hear the announcer's voice and the crowd cheering. At 1.55 a.m. got the announcement, "KZRM relaying from the Olympic Stadium. ..."

(A peculiarity of pronunciation is that "Z" is pronounced "ZEE.") Then further description of the fight. At 2.14 a.m. call letters given again. At 2.22 a.m., announcement, "KZRM broadcasting the main event from the Olympic Stadium," etc. The contestants' names were given, one being "Joe Hall." I gathered it was to be a fourteen-round contest. Then followed a description of the fight. Caught scraps of it now and then, till I tuned out at 2.42 a.m.: static spoilt reception.

Trusting the above will prove of interest to DX fans.

DUE to the decision of the Washington Conference that the band for long-wave stations shall be 1340 to 1875 metres, the wave-length of the Eiffel Tower station, now 2650 metres, is to be altered to 1400 metres this year. It is probable that the power will be raised to 100,000 watts.

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