

Children's Sessions

AT 2YA.
MONDAY, JUNE 25.—Auntie Gwen and Uncle Jeff embark to the "Land of Somewhere." Special radio stunt for the children. Greetings and stories by the roadside.
TUESDAY.—Hurrah! Yet another radio trip on the "Puff-Puff." Conductor Stewart has a story to tell, and Big Brother Jack will be the merry companion of all.
THURSDAY.—Members of the Junior Red Cross, from Miramar South School. This young band of helpers will make you feel sorry when Mr. Announcer appears to tuck us away for the night at 7 o'clock.
FRIDAY.—Uncle Ernest and his train of followers who wish to join him in his trips to many lands. Great Joy and fun for all. Greetings—stories—songs.
SATURDAY.—Something mysterious to-night, but it's not an aeroplane this time, nor a barrel organ, its— Well wait and see, little curiosity!
AT 3YA.
MONDAY, JUNE 25.—To-night Uncle Jack is bidding "Farewell" to all his little radio neices and nephews—so listen-in to be ready to sing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and give three rousing cheers. Cousins Rona, Joan and Phyllis are singing, and the uncles and aunts are all gathering around to help in the "send off."
WEDNESDAY.—Uncle Peter and Mother Hubbard, with stories, songs and greetings—and the

little baby orchestra playing their tunes for you.
THURSDAY.—Chuckie and Aunt Pat in song and story. You will hear all about the "Toy" Symphony and more about "Alice in Wonderland." Cousin Doris will sing "The Poodle" and "The Fairy King's party," and cousin Bernie will recite.
FRIDAY.—Big Brother's night and "The Captain" at the helm. Songs and choruses by the scholars from Spreydon School.
SATURDAY.—Uncle Sam and Aunt May in the merriest of moods will make this bed-time hour fly past.
SUNDAY.—Children's Song Service, when the hymns will be sung by scholars from St. David's Presbyterian Sunday School.
AT 4YA.
TUESDAY, JUNE 26.—Cornet solos, songs, and the piano of course. Mr. E. Hunter, the bandmaster of Moray Place School Band will be on the air with his pupils. This ought to be splendid. Listen in and see. Radio Postie's bell will ring at somebody's front door, and Brother Bill will be telling tales as usual.
FRIDAY.—Here is something to make you open your eyes: The Caversham School Choir. "Pooh," says someone, "just another choir." Certainly not. This is the Dunedin School Choir that gives an annual concert to hundreds of people. They CAN sing. Brother Bill and Aunt Sheila, the Radio Postie, and everything to make a happy hour, will all be there.

A. W. A. Patents

A MELBOURNE JUDGMENT

COMPANY'S TWO CLAIMS ENDORSED

A CABLE message from Australia reports that the Supreme Court of Victoria, sitting in Melbourne, gave a verdict in favour of Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd., against the Myers Emporium Co. for infringement of patents rights held by the former company. Costs and damages were awarded Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd., and that company's rights over two patents were confirmed by the Court.

Until details of the patents referred to are available the effect of the Court's decision with respect to New Zealand cannot be determined. Some rather alarming and pessimistic Press statements have been made on the strength of the cable message, but it remains to be seen whether such an attitude is justified by the facts. In the meantime an understanding of the position may be helped by extracts from the Australian Royal Commission on wireless.

The Patent Position.

THE report of the Royal Commission on Wireless set up by the Commonwealth Government stated that the evidence disclosed that the operations of Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd., extended over every field of radio. "The company has become legally entitled to a large number of patents concerned with wireless, and it has been

claimed for it that no valve receiving set can be manufactured without utilising one or more of the company's patents, and likewise no broadcasting transmitting station can be lawfully operated without a license from the company.

Conflict with Dealers.

"Under these circumstances the company has been brought into conflict with the dealers throughout the Commonwealth who are engaged in the sale of radio goods, and with several of the broadcasting companies.

In the meantime, the Parliament of the Dominion of New Zealand has passed legislation which was apparently intended to invite Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, to a contest on the question of the validity of the patents used in broadcasting stations. Evidence has been given that radio dealers in New Zealand are in some instances carrying on the sale of goods employing patents of which Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, claims to be the owner without any attempt on the part of that company to protect its rights. If Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, were in a position to commence litigation against residents of the Commonwealth in respect of infringements of its patents rights, it is difficult to understand why it was not equally prepared to defend its rights in New Zealand.

"As a result of the company's acts and omissions, the company is regarded with suspicion, and its business methods disapproved throughout Australia. Its own selling agent in Western Australia said: 'I know that Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, is undoubtedly the worst hated firm in Australia.'

"Not only has the company made demands on radio dealers, which, in the opinion of the commission, are excessive, but they have sought to impose terms and conditions in their licenses which are oppressive and unfair.

"The managing director of the company has described the proposals of his company as being merely bases for discussion, and stated that it was open to the proposing licensee to suggest and negotiate for better terms.

High-Handed Methods.

"This attitude is better appreciated when it is realised that the license form is a stereotyped printed document and that the licensee is aware when asked to sign it that in effect if Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, chooses, it can prevent him from carrying on his business.

"Moreover, the printed license form includes a list of about 150 patents, the existence and validity of which the licensee is asked to bind himself not to challenge. The evidence before the commission shows that at least twenty of these patents have expired, and a considerable number of them have no relation to wireless receiving sets.

"There is no doubt in the opinion of the commissioners that the conduct of the company in relation to its patent rights has been high handed and overbearing.

Must Establish Validity.

"It seems of first importance, therefore, that the Commonwealth should see that the validity of the patents claimed by Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, in which company it is the largest shareholder, should be established at the earliest possible moment."

The Commonwealth Government, after considering the commission's report, agreed that it would pay Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, the sum of 3s. on each receiving set providing that the company established the validity of its claims for such patents involved in the receiving sets, such validity to be established not only in the Commonwealth, but also in New Zealand. The Commonwealth Government also agreed to the payment of royalties on transmitting stations in which certain patents claimed by the company were involved, but the company was required to establish the validity of such patents in Australia and New Zealand.

N.Z. Government to the Rescue.

A FEW years ago prior to the formation of the Radio Broadcasting Company of New Zealand, when broadcasting in the Dominion was carried out by individual companies, these companies were threatened with legal proceedings by Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd., for alleged infringement of patents claimed as the property of Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd. As a result of this threatened litigation the proprietors of the New Zealand stations ceased transmission sooner than be engaged in costly legal proceedings. New Zealand listeners were then in the position of having no broadcasting in New Zealand to listen to. The New Zealand Government, however, came to their rescue by passing legislation appointing the broadcasting proprietors the Government's agents so that any legal proceedings contemplated by Amalgamated Wireless Ltd would necessarily have to be directed against the Dominion Government, as representatives of the people. Following this step by the Government, no action was taken by Amalgamated Wireless Ltd., and no further mention of legal proceedings in New Zealand has been heard from the company.

Royalties Paid in U.S.A.

IT is of interest to mention that royalties have already been paid in America by the manufacturers of the many thousands of American sets owned by listeners in New Zealand. Many of the "key" patents of these American sets are held by the Radio Corporation of America, which is associated with the Marconi Company of Great Britain,

with which, in turn, Amalgamated Wireless Limited is said to be associated.

Further Details Awaited.

In conclusion, it may be emphasised that the cable message from Australia states that the Supreme Court of Victoria confirmed the validity of only two patents claimed by Amalgamated Wireless Ltd. Whether more than two patent rights were involved in the action and the nature of the two patents referred to remains to be seen.

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The 1YA Children's Advisory Committee met at the Auckland studio of the Radio Broadcasting Company of New Zealand Limited, France Street, on Tuesday of June 12, 1928, at 4 p.m. Pres. at: Miss Jean Begg, Miss C. J. Platt, Captain Burgh, Mrs. A. R. Hall, Miss R. Palmer, the Rev. F. Thompson, Mr. V. Drew, Mr. R. G. Grigsby, Mr. T. J. Hook, the Rev. L. B. Fletcher, the Rev. R. G. Coats, Mr. T. T. Garland, Mr. L. S. Abbott, Mr. S. J. Hayden, Mr. Culford Bell.

In continuation of its public relation scheme, the Radio Broadcasting Company invited representatives of societies interested in child welfare to attend a conference to discuss the formation of a Children's Sessions Advisory Committee in connection with 1YA.

The Rev. L. B. Fletcher was elected to the chair.

The meeting was also attended by the company's organiser of children's sessions, Mrs. A. R. Hall, who explained in detail the company's present activities in relation to children's sessions, and outlined the work that similar committees in southern centres were at present carrying out.

Members were enthusiastic that the committee would prove of great benefit in connection with children's matters, and it was felt that the suggested committee would afford the various "Uncles" and others interested opportunity for expression of ideas and discussion of any difficulties which might occur in the conducting of these sessions.

A number of questions concerning this part of the company's work were asked, and it was finally decided, on the motion of Mr. V. Drew, "That this conference of representatives of societies interested in child welfare form themselves into the 1YA Children's Sessions Advisory Committee."

List of constitutions and rules was then dealt with and adopted by the committee.

The committee decided to hold its initial meeting, at which the chairman for the ensuing year will be elected, on Tuesday, June 26, 1928, at 4 p.m.

WIRELESS GLOSSARY

OWING TO A LAST-MINUTE PRESSURE ON SPACE, WE ARE REGRETFULLY COMPELLED TO HOLD OVER THIS WEEK'S INSTALMENT OF THE WIRELESS GLOSSARY.

CAPPING CEREMONY

AN APPRECIATIVE BROADCAST.

A New Plymouth listener writes in reference to the broadcast of the Victoria College capping carnival last week:—

"The speeches came through most excellently indeed, especially Mr. Troup.

"You may be pleased to learn that a few who had friends and relatives at the capping were able to join in the college songs, although it was curious to note that the piano, which was, I suppose, close to the 'mike,' came to us a full beat ahead of the singers. We came to the conclusion, therefore, that we in New Plymouth were actually hearing the notes of the piano before those at the back of the Wellington Town Hall."

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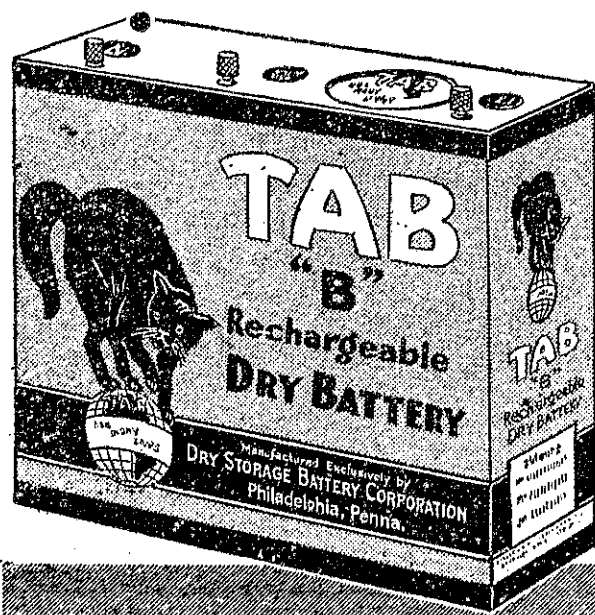
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