

BROADCASTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANS-TASMAN FLIGHT

LISTENERS-IN are looking forward to interesting broadcasts when Capt. Kingsford Smith and his companions set out to fly the Tasman Sea.

It is not known yet where the airmen will first land, and friendly rivalry exists between the cities in urging their claims for the honour.

AS far as the Broadcasting Company is concerned, it has offered all the facilities at its disposal for the purpose of assisting the airmen on their flight across the sea. One of the Company's stations will be used for the purpose of a beacon and its broadcast will be picked up by the aeroplane's own direction-finding apparatus.

THE Company no doubt will have all its four stations on the air from the time the aeroplane leaves Australia, and listeners throughout New Zealand will be kept advised all the time as to the progress of the airmen. Progress reports and summaries will be given at intervals.

When the "Southern Cross" arrives, a description of the scene and of the proceedings will be broadcast, and the airmen will be invited to speak. Australia will be listening in.

3YA CHURCH COMMITTEE

A MEETING of 3YA Church Service Committee was held at the Christchurch studio of the Radio Broadcasting Company of New Zealand, Limited, on Tuesday afternoon.

There were present: Rev. D. Gardner Miller (Congregational Church), chairman; Ven. Archdeacon Taylor (Anglican Church), Rev. T. W. Armour (Presbyterian), Rev. W. Greenslade (Methodist), Rev. J. Robertson (Baptist), Pastor J. Crawford (Church of Christ), Mr. A. R. Harris (general manager of the Radio Broadcasting Company), Mr. L. Slade (station manager 3YA), and Mr. C. S. Booth (of the administration staff).

Applications from the conference of Seventh Day Adventists for the broadcast of a service on December 16, and from Second Church of Christ Scientist, for the broadcast of a lecture on October 14, were received and deferred. It was reported that the morning service had been broadcast from the Church of England, Avonside, on the first Sunday in July. Archdeacon Taylor advised that his church was quite prepared to continue to broadcast morning services, and it was decided that the matter of making arrangements be left to Archdeacon Taylor and the Broadcasting Company.

In accordance with notice of motion Rev. M. Greenslade moved "That the rota of broadcasts be recast with reference to the census returns of the various denominations broadcasting." After some discussion the motion was carried.

Rev. Armour then moved that the broadcasts be arranged as follows:

	Per annum.
Church of England	16
Presbyterian Church	14
Methodist Church	9

The motion was discussed at considerable length and finally carried.

Rev. D. Gardner Miller then asked the committee to decide the number of broadcasts to be allotted the Baptist and Congregational Churches and the Church of Christ.

Archdeacon Taylor moved, and Rev. J. Robertson seconded: "That the Baptist and Congregational Churches and Church of Christ be broadcast three times per annum each."

Pastor J. Crawford moved an amendment: "That the Baptist Church be granted four, the Congregational Church three, and the Church of Christ two."

The Rev. Gardner Miller, however, declined to accept any more broadcasts than were allowed to the Church of Christ, and the amendment was withdrawn. The motion was then put and carried.

THE cable from New York that Chicago scientists think they have discovered a new factor in the causation of fading is of interest to all broadcast listeners. The suggestion is that a hitherto unsuspected strata some 200 miles above the earth may be a factor in causing the late arrival of certain signals or portions of them, and a contributory to fading. The knowledge of factors in fading is admittedly incomplete, and further information will be eagerly awaited.

£50 PRIZE OFFERED IN "MYSTERY NIGHT" AT 1YA.

UNDER the auspices of the IYA Musical and Dramatic Advisory Committee, a Mystery Night Programme is to be broadcast from 1YA on Wednesday, August 29, and a prize of an Edison Phonograph, valued at £50, is offered to the person who sends in the most correct information concerning the artists who are performing.

In next week's issue of the "Radio Record" the mystery night will be fully explained, but, broadly, the proposal is that, while the items will be announced, there will be no information given as to the performers. In several instances these "performers" will be electrically-reproduced phonograph records, and the problem facing listeners will be to tell whether they are records or the human voice.

With such a handsome prize as a £50 Edison phonograph, the IYA Mystery Night programme will arouse the keenest interest wherever IYA is heard.

The necessary coupons will appear in the next issue of the "Radio Record" and in the three Auckland papers of August 25.

1YA MUSICAL COMMITTEE

THE fourth meeting of the IYA Musical and Dramatic Committee was held on Friday last.

A letter was received from the Radio Broadcasting Company advising that arrangements for the "Mystery Night" programme on August 29 were completed, and that arrangements for the further "Mystery" programme on September 26 were well in hand.

The programme as completed for the "Mystery Night" was submitted to members of the committee and was discussed in detail, and it was decided to confirm this programme subject to including a further twenty-five minutes' gramophone selections in accordance with the company's suggestion, in order that an opportunity might be given to test reproductions of the various records.

The Broadcasting Company further advised that it was intended to advertise the "Mystery" programme and to publish posters throughout the City. Each advertisement will contain a coupon which listeners will require to send in with their answers, each coupon to be accompanied by the name and address of the entrant, together with the license number.

The company wrote asking for suggestions as to the form that the prize for the winning competitor should take, and after some discussion it was decided to leave it to the sub-committee, consisting of the chairman (Mr. K. Atkinson), Messrs. C. B. Plummer, S. J. Hayden, and D. Wrathall.

Mr. J. F. Montague brought forward a suggestion that artists should be requested to avoid the frequent performance of hackneyed items, and after some discussion it was finally decided to forward a recommendation to the company on the lines of Mr. Montague's suggestion.

Mr. F. McCallum suggested that the company might offer a prize for the best local effort in writing a play especially suitable for broadcasting purposes, and a recommendation to the company to this effect was decided upon by the committee.

Mr. McCallum further suggested the reading of short plays, together with accompanying comments, but the matter was deferred until further details could be obtained.

A suggestion was also made that the

Little Theatre Society might contribute one of their plays as a studio performance, and the matter was referred to Mr. McCallum to finalise with the station director at a later date.

The Broadcasting Company forwarded a letter received from a listener-in, suggesting that an amateur night might be held at the station as distinct from the regular engagements of professional artists. The matter was discussed at length, but it was felt that at the moment no opportunity existed for the presentation of such programme, and it was decided to forward a recommendation to the company on the lines of the discussion.

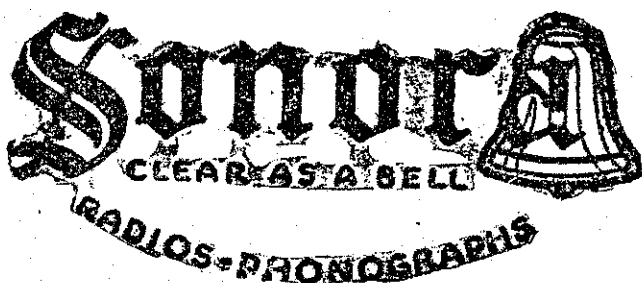
The committee decided to meet again on September 14, 1928.

Useful Text Books

STUDENTS for the amateur operator's certificate appear to experience some difficulty in selecting suitable text books, to aid them in their study of the subjects.

With a view to assisting amateurs in this direction, the Post and Telegraph Department advises that it regards the undermentioned books as suitable for the purpose for the purpose referred to. Students should, of course, understand that the examination syllabus is not necessarily confined to the field covered by these publications:—

- (1) Amateur Radio Handbook (Handy); issued by the Amateur Radio Relay League, U.S.A. Price, one dollar.
- (2) Wireless Valve Transmitters (W. James); issued by the Wireless Press, London. Price 10s.
- (3) Admiralty Handbook of Wireless Telegraphy; issued by the British Admiralty. Price 5s.



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