

Wellington Society**Meeting of Executive.**

Mr. Byron Brown, president, occupied the chair at a meeting of the executive of the Amateur Radio Society of Wellington, on Tuesday evening, September 18. There were present: Messrs. W. H. Taylor (hon. secretary), W. J. Roche, W. A. Glover, I. M. Levy, and Dr. Robertson. An apology for unavoidable absence was received from Mr. F. W. Sellens.

Various members of the executive mentioned their own experiences, and of others, that reception in Wellington of 2YA, Wellington, was frequently unsatisfactory. It was stated that gramophone items generally came in almost perfectly, but the studio items were frequently marred by blasting and distortion on the lower notes. The relays, however, were, on the whole, good. The matter was referred to Dr. Robertson, as official listener for the Broadcasting Company, to report it to the headquarters of the company.

Mr. J. Johnson, vice-president of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, No. 2 district, waited upon the executive to submit a proposal on behalf of that body to co-operate with the society in combating interference from power-line leakages, howling valves, loose aerial connections, bad plumbing in respect to water-pipes to which receiving sets are "earthed," and amateur transmission. Mr. Johnson stated that the Radio Transmitters had agreed to investigate and diagnose all complaints regarding these forms of interference. A list of transmitters, who would undertake this work, and were competent to do so, would be submitted to the society, which could advise members and others that these transmitters would respond to any requests for advice in diagnosing the trouble experienced from interference. Mr. Johnson was assured by the meeting that the proposal would receive every consideration from the executive of the society, and his association would be advised, later, of the decision. He was requested to convey the thanks of the executive to his association for their generous offer.

Auckland Notes

(By Listener.)

THE debate on Saturday night, which is to be relayed from the Auckland University by 1YA, will provide an acceptable novelty for local listeners, and will show the possibilities of a new field in radio entertainment from which much is expected. Where a subject allows the speakers to play upon either the risible or pathetic emotions of an audience, the transmission of this debate by radio cannot but have a wholehearted attraction for listeners. In this respect a university college can co-operate to a big extent with broadcasting in the entertainment and instruction of listeners.

AGAIN broadcasting has played a splendid role in acquainting the public with the doings of our present national heroes—the flyers of the Tasman and of the much more difficult Pacific. All of Auckland wished to hear the speeches at Wednesday's reception to Kingsford Smith and his party, and a very large proportion of city dwellers chose the easiest and most comfortable way of doing so. They tuned-in to 1YA. As for country folk who had not the time to journey to the

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The executive went into the proposal brought forward by Mr. Johnson, and after due consideration it was decided to withhold a decision until fresh aspects of the matter had been investigated.

A vote of appreciation of the excellent broadcasting and relaying accomplished by the Broadcasting Company in connection with the trans-Tasman flight and the visits of Squadron Leader Kingsford Smith and his companions was carried unanimously.

Town Hall, they did likewise, and were well rewarded. From a vantage point outside the building Mr. Culford Bell detailed the scene of enthusiasm among the waiting throng, and listeners heard all details of the arrival and departure of the airmen. Stray scraps of conversation and the raucous cries of those lads selling early editions added a touch of reality to the account. From the hall itself came every word of the speeches, and much more than that. The spirit which prevailed among the packed throng of welcomers came through in no doubtful manner. Those at their phones and loudspeakers could vision the whole gathering. Radio demonstrated that on an occasion such as this it was an invaluable asset. Thousands other than set owners evidently thought so too, judging by the manner in which they invited themselves round to the residences of more fortunate friends. It was a great hour for 1YA.

OUR local orchestra came on the air for the first time on Tuesday. Numerically it is a small body in comparison with the Wellington one, but it is efficient and enthusiastic, and its first presentations were of just the type for which listeners have been longing. There is no doubt that it will win public appreciation to a far greater degree than the triodid before it. Mrs. Singer and her fellow-artists deserve the congratulations of all local listeners, and they are getting them, too.

A "REVIVAL" is a common procedure in the theatrical world, and where the play is a good one, its second presentation is always as popular as the first. With a favourite show one hearing is not enough for the real listener. He can enjoy better on the second occasion. Madame Ainsley's concert party was well advised to "mike" a second performance of "Rose Marie." Shoals of requests had come in for a repetition, and they were acceded to, with the result that there were few sets off 336 metres after 9.30 last Tuesday.

FOR a few minutes on Tuesday evening the writer tuned in to 2YA, which of late has been coming in with splendid volume and clarity, quite unmarred by fading. At the time a vocalist from the Hutt Choral Society's concert was singing, and his renditions roused to enthusiasm the small coterie of listeners gathered round the set. The vocalist, I think, was Mr. Harison Cook. We should like to hear more from him, and hope that at some early occasion, when he is in Auckland, he will try the microphone at 1YA.

THE Auckland Amateur Operatic Society is fully alive to the advertising medium for its performances which a relay of items presents. As a result listeners are eagerly awaiting the broadcast on Saturday evening, when the tuneful melodies of the "Belle of New York" will revive old memories of Charles Carter, Albert Whelan, and May Beatty.

THE studio production of excerpts from "Les Cloches de Corneville," adjourned from a previous date, will now take place on Tuesday, October 2. There will be a fine supporting miscellaneous programme to which the studio orchestra will contribute.

1YA Church Committee.

The fifth meeting of the 1YA Church Service Committee was held at the 1YA Studio on Monday, September 10, at 2 p.m.

An application was received from the Unitarian Church for a further evening broadcast during the present year, which was declined.

The Broadcasting Company forwarded copies of correspondence which had passed between the company and the Baptist Tabernacle and St. Matthew's Church, in relation to the transfer of particular services. After considerable discussion it was decided that no rearrangement of the church service rota as originally drawn up would be made unless with the consent of the committee representatives of both churches desiring such rearrangement, and then only by a special meeting of the committee. It was felt that although it might be in the interest of two particular churches to exchange dates for broadcasting, country and other listeners anticipating the broadcast of a particular service should be considered, and it was further felt that by altering such services listeners would be disappointed.

The allocation of further broadcast dates from December 30, 1928, to March 31, 1929, was dealt with and it was decided to carry on the rota for these months as originally drawn up for the balance of the present year.

On the motion of the Rev. H. M. Smyth, it was decided to request the co-operation of the Church Committees in other centres to endeavour to arrive at a synchronisation of services, and it was further decided to ask the Broadcasting Company to place this matter before the respective committees at Wellington and Christchurch at their next meeting.

The committee decided to meet again on November 12, 1928.

TWO Danish radio papers recently inaugurated a joint regular picture transmission from the short-wave station 7RL. Wireless pictures will be transmitted from there twice weekly on a wavelength of 42.12 metres.

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