

was very good. [Yes, that would be a harmonic.] I also noticed a complaint regarding 4YA. It is certainly a hard station to pick up, and it is very seldom that we can hear any items on the speaker. On the other hand, I get very good volume from 2ZF Palmerston North, and 2ZM Gisborne. [Of course, they are a little closer than Dunedin.] Another point, that was stressed by one correspondent was the poor quality of the afternoon music. I cannot agree with him. Regarding 1YA, the selection is very varied, all tastes being catered for. As the announcer has a few thousand listeners to please, each with different likes and dislikes, he has his work cut out. Personally, I would like to hear a little less classical music, as I am like the man that preferred "music with tunes in it." How about a few more vocal duets? In conclusion, I would like to make two suggestions. Firstly, what about a midday session from the big stations? Whatever the farmer is doing he is usually handy to the house at dinner time, whereas 3 p.m. finds him at work. The other suggestion is that the racing authorities adopt "pro bono publico" as their motto, instead of "pro bono racing finance."—"Northlander" (Whangarei).

10-watt Aussie Heard.

HAS anyone else received this station. 3RI, Melbourne, wave-length 230.6 metres, power 10 watts? I received the station on September 7 at 1 a.m., N.Z.M.T., and this is the letter I received confirming my report: "I have much pleasure in confirming reception of this station on September 7. As a matter of fact, the voice you heard making the announcement was my own. I was testing with another experimenter for modulation of speech.

"Considering the power used at this end, it speaks volumes for your receiver and the efficiency of the aerial system of this station. Our schedule is as follows:—Sundays, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 10 p.m. to 12 a.m., Melbourne time, and sometimes week nights from about 11 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Thanking you for your report and wishing you further success.—Yours faithfully." The set I was using on this night was an ordinary three-valve neutrodyne, 1 radio detector, and 1 audio. My log totals 46 stations now.—A. E. Ireland (Taradale).

Method of Announcing.

WHILE appreciating the service of the Broadcasting Company, we were disappointed in the announcing of 2YA last night. The announcer, when giving out figures, should say, "Six-three-nine-five," instead of "Six thousand three hundred and ninety-five." As it was, there are some districts where we do not know yet which candidate is leading, as it was impossible to distinguish between "fifty" and "sixty," also between "thirty" and "forty." The regular announcer's voice is much clearer. We afterwards listened to 3YA, where we had no difficulty in distinguishing the figures, which were read as I suggest. Perhaps the announcer may take the hint in future. In news items we are not particular about precise English—we want clearness.

With regard to the programmes, the evening ones are all right except that all the items are "anonymous." I do not know why the name of the performer is omitted, but it certainly robs the programme of a good deal of interest. It cannot be to save time, as

there is usually about 15 to 30 seconds between the announcement and the beginning of the item. The afternoon sessions from 2YA are very enjoyable, though I always switch off when the dance items start. These, no doubt, are enjoyed by some, but I hope they do not adopt the suggestion of your contributor who wishes them sandwiched between the other items, as this would spoil the whole programme.—J.B. (Wakefield).

Tunes on the Dials.

I WISH to congratulate the Broadcasting Company on the most thorough manner they dealt with the broadcasting of the general election results last evening, and feel sure if there is any listener who was not satisfied then they must be very hard to please. Also, I am very pleased to see how the Broadcasting Company is dealing with racing and trotting by giving out the results irrespective of the ban placed on them by the narrow-minded members of the Racing and Trotting Conferences. Can you tell me if the radio inspector is still stationed in the Hawke's Bay district? If so, he is not dealing with the howling valve parasite that is prevalent here, as in absolute fairness to listeners whose sets are neutrodized we should not be annoyed by howlers, and if they are imagining they can play tunes on the dials of their sets, let them play with them when their aerials are disconnected, and so not interfere with others. Wishing the Broadcasting Company every success.—Oratrix (Napier).

[We are referring your letter to the authorities.—Ed.]

Two Elusive Americans.

ON several occasions lately I have logged two American stations which are new to me, both operating on the same wavelength, viz., approximately 265 metres. They both transmit early morning programmes, which means they are heard here till late in the evening, and on some evenings are on the air at the same time. Although sometimes I listened for over an hour, in neither case was I able to get the complete call (from each I made out some of the call letters), and I should be greatly obliged if some DX fan could tell me what stations these are. One gave the location as Birmingham, Alabama, and the other as Salt Lake City. From both stations items and speech have been heard on the speaker, and on 'phones quite a lot of speech could be made out clearly. I find station WENR Chicago has changed its wavelength, and is now on about 345 metres.—Guy C. Holmes (Masterton).

2YA'S Harmonic.

I TUNED it to 260 metres, shortly after 10 p.m., and was astonished to hear the Wellington announcer give the item, and on tuning in to 2YA's usual number I heard the item, a quartet, being given. My set is a five-valve neutrodyne. I should be obliged if you could explain what happened. Many thanks to Mr. Announcer for his unflagging efforts to make the relay as interesting as possible. His task is not an enviable one. I only hope he gets all possible consideration during these all-night sittings, as the work is hard, as anyone who has done night work knows well.—"Bush Listener."

[This would be a harmonic of 2YA.]

A Stranger Near 3YA.

CAN anyone tell me the station I got at about 10.45 p.m. on November

6? We have a six-valve set, and I got the stranger at 28. Christchurch with us is 30. He is also on again tonight (time, 11.15 p.m.), still very faint, but again on music.—"H." (Lumsden).

[From the data given it is difficult to say with any degree of certainty who the stranger was. It may have been KXDM Kirkwood (300 metres). or 4ZB Dunedin (295 metres).]

4YA'S Area.

I NOTICED a letter in the "Mail-bag" column signed "Equality," condemning station 4YA. He stated that the above station is not received in Central Otago or Southland. I cannot speak for Central Otago, but I can say, in this part of Southland 4YA comes in well with good volume and very little fading. I would also inform "Equality" that 4YA is our only reliable station in the day time. At one time 2YA and 3YA were received well in the afternoon, but of late they are conspicuous by their absence. Now for the Auckland Boxing Association. It appears to me that the above association are not altogether in favour of their fights being broadcast. Quite recently they staged two professional fights, both on a Monday night. I have also noticed the same thing on one or two other occasions. It certainly seems strange that their professional fights often take place on a Monday night, which, by the way, is 1YA's silent night. No doubt the association have their reasons, but at

the same time a lot of listeners are being disappointed.—"C.G." (Dipton).

The Auckland Band.

I NOTICED in to-day's "Herald" that the Auckland City Council intended to stick out for £750 a year for the right for the broadcasting of the Municipal Band's performance. I hope the company will not give it, as I think they could give us a much more varied entertainment for the same money. A few more instruments added to our studio orchestra would make it as good as the Wellington Studio Orchestra, which for real music beats all the brass bands in creation, and for those that like band music the Salvation Army Band would probably be willing to play for us again. I always enjoyed their music and would like to hear them again.—George Cole Baker (Port Waikato).

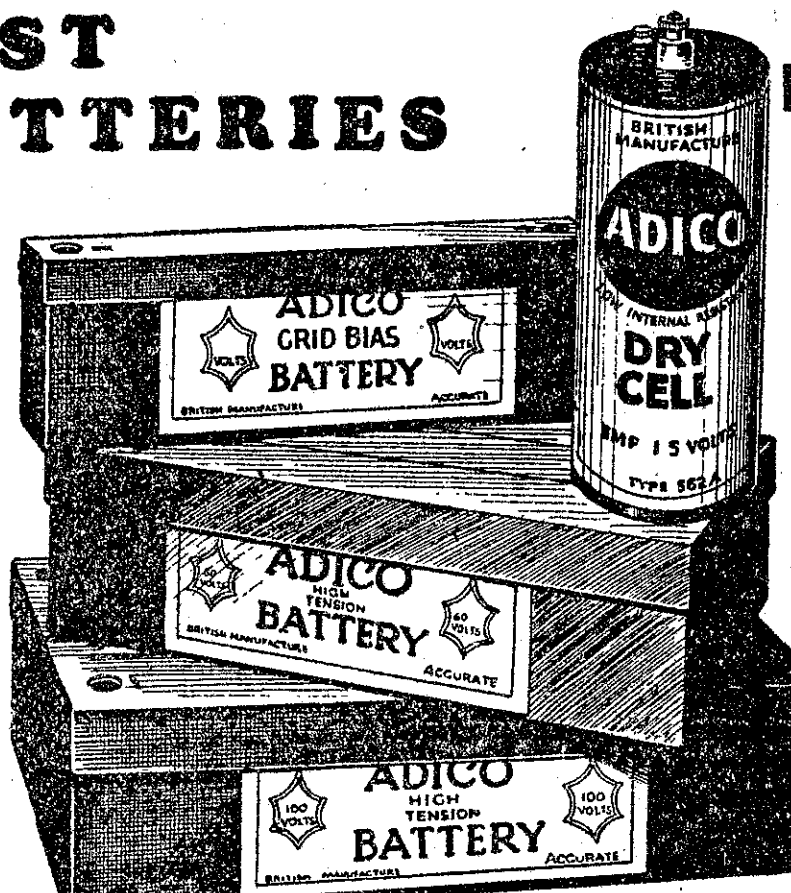
PROFESSOR Tchernysheff, a Soviet scientist, claims to have invented a rapid wireless picture transmission system, in which a picture of four square inches can be sent and received in less than 40 seconds. Official tests are to take place in October.

IT has been proposed to build a small-powered transmitting station at Rotorua, New Zealand. The Mayor of Rotorua is a very active member of the Radio Club, who says that in all probability the council will subsidise the effort.

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