

## Football Broadcasts

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## Desirable or Undesirable

(BY LISTENER.)

THE feeling that the question of football broadcasts was to be discussed brought out about forty enthusiasts to the last meeting of the Amateur Radio Society of Wellington. The question was opened by a motion from a vice-president rescinding the motion passed at the last meeting recommending that the broadcast of football of local interest only be ceased. What promised to be a lively discussion commenced, but the president ruled that discussion on this score was out of order, and that notice of motion only could be given at that meeting. The discussion proper on the question of whether the motion should be rescinded or not must be withheld till the next general meeting.

It was explained by a member of the committee that in conjunction with the "Radio Record," the Amateur Radio Society was intending to hold certain competitions in connection with the forthcoming radio exhibition. The meeting was asked to endorse or refute the action of the committee in expressing their willingness to co-operate. A resolution was then moved, and seconded, by members of the society: "That this meeting confirms the movement of the executive in agreeing to co-operate with 'Radio Record' with respect to competition for the exhibition."

There was no correspondence, and before introducing the speaker of the evening, it was asked whether there were any complaints. There were none, and it was added by several present that both transmission and programmes of late had been good.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Firth, of Kirkcaldie and Stains, Ltd., who took as his subject, "The Majestic Receiving Set." The synopsis of his lecture appears elsewhere.

"FIFTY thousand!" says last week's "Record." "Not enough," reply several Aucklanders, to whom this desired goal was mentioned. They contend that there ought to be at least twenty thousand listeners in this district alone, and that there soon will be, at the steady though not phenomenal rate of progress now developing. Auckland is doing its bit towards the support of broadcasting, recognising that conditions are all the time improving; that every day we are getting better and better. What is needed at this time is an intensive country campaign with moderate priced reliable electric sets in all districts where power lines radiate. There are still so many country folk who do not realise all that an electric set can mean to them. Doubtless the annual winter show next month will do much to remedy this.

NEXT Sunday Whangarei comes to Auckland, per land line, with an after-church concert which, though it cannot be expected to reach the excellence of the Wellington relays, will nevertheless be quite as welcome. It will demonstrate that the outlying centres can play their part in the gigantic scheme of entertainment which broadcasting now undertakes. There is another keen musical centre in the province that should soon contribute to our programmes, and that is Cambridge, which, for its size, possesses some excellent talent.

THE Auckland Radio Society is making good progress with an ambitious programme it has set itself. Membership is growing in a very healthy manner, and the committee have under consideration at the present several suitable places for club-rooms. A decision regarding these premises should be reached in a few days.

## IYA on a Crystal at Blenheim.

CAN anyone tell me if IYA was lecturing on "Gramophones and Records" on Wednesday evening, between 7.30 and 8. I was experimenting with a crystal set I had made. I made it up on Monday, and tried it out to see how it went. I received 2YA fair, with the condenser half out. With the dial at 90 I could hear a station with band playing. I was surprised to hear IYA, Auckland, announced. I put on the amplifier, and brought it in at fair speaker strength. At about a quarter to 8 on Wednesday, June 12 I put the set on to see if I could get any results. I logged him all right, but I think I must have had someone else at the same time, as I heard IYA's announcer giving the shipping news, and right on top of him came another man lecturing on gramophones and records. Were both men speaking from IYA?—"Puzzled" (Blenheim).

Is there a nearby valve set liable to radiate?

THE resolution of the Wellington Radio Society regarding the broadcasting of football matches has caused both surprise and amusement here, where the Saturday afternoon accounts of matches, most capably given, are one of the best attractions of the week. If any local body of listeners were to carry such a resolution as was adopted in Wellington, there would be such an immediate howl of protest, and such a flood of newspaper correspondence, as would quickly indicate the local public taste in regard to football broadcasts. One of the most commendable features of New Zealand broadcasting, according to an Australian visitor, is the excellent way in which sporting information, with the exception of racing, is given, while, at the same time, the general tenor of broadcasting is not made subservient by over-catering for sport.

THE way of the programme organiser is never an easy one, but during the past few weeks it has been rendered increasingly difficult through a persistent epidemic of influenza colds, which has enforced absence upon several advertised performers.

"OUTWARD BOUND" has been acclaimed by so many as the finest broadcast effort by IYA, that the presentation of "A Bird in Hand," also by the "Little Theatre Society," is the one programme anticipation for next week.

THE Friday evening talks on football by Mr. Frank Sutherland are exceedingly popular. Mr. Sutherland is well known to listeners as a vocalist, and to the public as one of the Dominion's most capable referees. He has also proved himself an excellent lecturer, who handles his subject in a manner that makes it attractive to all who have any fondness for the game. There are one or two gentlemen in Auckland who could do equally well for boxing and tennis, what Mr. Sutherland has done for football.

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IT is learned that Radio-Toulouse has commenced transmissions of entire operas from the Theatre du Capitole. The first opera to be transmitted was "Faust."

"ON the air more hours per day than any other station in the world" is the claim made by the Paramount-Express station KNX, Hollywood. Broadcasting begins at 6.45 in the morning and continues without interruption until 1 a.m.

AN extension of the "Home Talkie," called the "Radioscope," will make it possible, with the promised help of the B.B.C., to synchronise a home-kinema with a sound-record transmitted from a wireless station. Mr. Dowling stated that Captain Eckersley, the chief engineer of the B.B.C., had tested the mechanism and found it so satisfactory that arrangements are to be made very shortly for special transmissions to be synchronised by "radioscopes" in their homes with a film of the actual speakers, singers, or scenes.

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