

Who Laughs Best?

Children of 4YA to Compete

BIG BROTHER BILL, of 4YA, is holding a Laughing Competition on Monday evening, July 8. A vote of listeners is to be taken as to which boy and girl has the heartiest laugh. The competition will be announced by number, not by name.

Football Broadcasts

A NORTH Auckland listener comments as follows on the Wellington Radio Society's resolution in respect to football broadcasts:—

"No many listeners, if any, would be found hereabouts to agree with the ridiculous vote of the Wellington Radio Society (by 12 votes to 8!) to eliminate football relays from Saturday afternoon sessions. There would certainly be trouble if they were dropped from 1YA. The enthusiasm of the announcer, Mr. W. J. Meredith, is most infectious to all listeners and his thorough knowledge of the game and the players quite inimitable."

Amateur Drama

Series of Lectures from 1YA

A FORTNIGHTLY series of talks arranged by the W.E.A. will be broadcast from 1YA, beginning on Tuesday, July 6. On that date Mr. J. W. Shaw, M.A., will speak on "The Amateur Dramatic Movement." Mr. Shaw is well known in Auckland both for his literary work and for his tutorship of the W.E.A. class for the appreciation of the drama. This has been running for the past seven or eight years, and draws an average weekly attendance of about 300 students.

The increasing interest which is being taken in drama is shown by the formation of a large number of small groups which meet for the reading and discussion of plays. Many of these groups also reach the stage of production. In this way those who care for the better sort of play can enjoy readings and performances which the commercial stage is unable to supply in the present state of public taste. Mr. Shaw will describe the development of this interesting movement. The talk should be of particular interest to country listeners.

Other lecturers who have consented to speak from 1YA in this series are Dr. H. Belshaw, Professor of Economics at Auckland University; Mr. H. Hollinrake, Mus.Bac.; Rev. W. G. Monckton, M.A. The subjects to be taken by these gentlemen will be announced in due course.

Rebroadcast of "All-Black" Match

Highly Successful Venture

REALISING the great interest which would centre round the "All-Black" matches, the first of which took place on Saturday last, the Broadcasting Company arranged for the broadcast of a running description of matches. Negotiations were set in train and the use of the shortwave station 2ME was contracted for, but the use of this station applied solely to the transmitting.

Relay lines, an announcer, operators, and many other important factors still had to be arranged. Mr. Harris for some time seriously considered incurring the heavy additional expense of sending to Sydney the company's representative, to make the necessary arrangements and do the announcing. By the courtesy of 2BL, Sydney, however, this great difficulty was overcome, and it was arranged that 2BL and 2ME should broadcast simultaneously on the same relay.

In this way the problem of the Sydney matches was solved, but those which are to be played in Brisbane and Melbourne are still beset with difficulties. Mr. Harris is keenly anxious to arrange for shortwave transmissions in regard to those matches, and negotiations are still proceeding.

Saturday last the first of these broadcasts took place and listeners throughout New Zealand were able to listen in to the first match of the tour played by their team. During the afternoon it was announced that about 4.45 the stations would relay, or attempt to relay, 2ME. At about this time the local programme was interrupted and the broadcast commenced.

For a while it seemed that conditions would spoil the rebroadcast for a

slow fade and static were present. When, however, the listeners were switched over to the ground and interest properly aroused, conditions fortunately improved. The shortwave station came in like the local. Volume and clarity were all that could be wished for, and the rebroadcast turned out to be one of the most successful yet.

In opening, the sports announcer stated that the day left much to be desired. "Listen," he said, "and you may be able to hear the pit-a-pat of the rain falling on the umbrellas." One listener and there was certainly a background of noise, almost indistinguishable from light static. It was no doubt the rain.

One could picture the huge, cheering crowd, the falling rain, the umbrellas and the besplashed team as they fought that hard, even game in the mud. New Zealanders are gratified to know their team were, under these conditions, able to draw their first match. When they strike form the matches will be even more interesting, and thanks to the enterprise of the Broadcasting Company, the co-operation of the Australian stations, 2ME and 2BL, and the technicians who enabled the New Zealand stations to rebroadcast, listeners can look forward to the broadcasts yet to come.

The remaining fixtures which it is hoped to broadcast are:

July 6 v. Australia, at Sydney.
July 10 v. New South Wales, at Sydney.
July 13 v. Victoria, at Melbourne.
July 20 v. Australia, at Brisbane.
July 24 v. Queensland, at Brisbane.

Kidnapped!

THE great day had arrived. All Germany was getting its radio receivers ready to tune in on the speech of a prominent Socialist Minister on armaments. The microphones were placed and the station was ready. Herr Minister stepped into a high-powered car and was on his way.

Suddenly the car was stopped. Hold-up men were at the Minister. He was seized, quickly taken away, and placed in captivity.

At the radio station, right on the hour, a gracious gentleman introduced himself as the speaker of the occasion, and calmly stepping up to the microphone addressed the German nation on the subject of armaments. As the speech came through the audience gasped in amazement. Surely something was wrong. Surely Herr Minister could not be serious. Why, every word was in direct opposition to his party's known position. The speech went on in this vein and was finished.

The listeners were right. Something was wrong. An able speaker of the Communist Party had presented himself and given an opposing address over stations arranged for by the Socialists. It took until the next day to fathom the plot. On that day, just 24 hours after his seizure, the Socialist Minister was released.

Licenses in Other Countries

THE following figures compiled from various sources give some idea of the number of listeners in other countries:—

Country.	Licenses in force.	Ratio to 100 of population.
Australia	296,317	4.73
United States ..	Unknown	6.59
England and Wales	2,450,000*	6.35
Scotland	183,000	3.71
Germany	Unknown	4.85
Ireland	55,000	3.07
South Africa ..	17,000†	1.00
New Zealand ..	43,000	3.05
*Approximately.		†White population.

Relay from Gore

4YA to Broadcast Concert

THOUGH the usual silent day, 4YA will be on the air on the evening of Thursday, July 11, to broadcast a concert from Gore. The concert is to be given by the Gore Orchestral Society. This Southland town is noted for its musical and elocutionary talent.

Broadcasters in Motor Accident

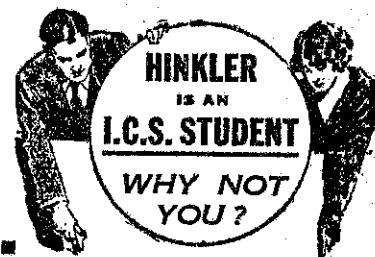
SPORTING Announcer F. L. Hutter and Operator W. A. Penton, of 1YA, figured in a sensational motor-car accident when en route the recent trotting meeting at Alexandra Park. Their car skidded on an overhead railway bridge, and was badly damaged in the fall. Both the occupants had almost miraculous escapes. Mr. Hutter sustained a fractured arm, and Mr. Penton was even more lucky.

As an indication of Mr. Penton's devotion to duty, it may be mentioned that although suffering severely from shock he immediately hired a taxi, took the microphone, amplifier, batteries, etc., to the studio, effected temporary repairs to the gear, and set out again for Alexandra Park in company with Mr. D. Wrathall, 1YA's programme organiser, who announced the results.

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