

Club Swinging**3YA Broadcast**

WHEN Mr. Chas. Buckett, the well-known Christchurch athlete, set out to make a new world's record for endurance club swinging, the event was featured by 3YA.

Though television would offer greater opportunity for conveying to a radio station's far-flung audience an adequate impression of such a silent performance as club swinging, yet 3YA decided to cover the attempt. Progress reports were sent out, and a microphone was installed on the stage of the Caledonian Hall, where the performance was taking place. Here 3YA's sporting announcer described the proceedings at different times, and the club swinger himself also spoke. He did this after he had been in action for nearly 48 hours, "when he fain would have slept."

On the final evening 3YA's audience kept well in touch with the hall, and heard the cheers when Buckett broke his own previous record of 72 hours, and then set out on the final lap of 36 minutes to overtake the world's record. At 10.36 there was prolonged applause, and a speech was made by Mr. E. H. Marriner, the referee, announcing that the world's record set by T. W. Burrows, of Australia, had been broken. A gold medal to commemorate the occasion was presented to Mr. Buckett's mother on behalf of her son.

The club swinger then carried on till 10.45, setting a record of 72 hours 45 minutes. He declared he could have carried on for another twenty hours.

Of Interest to Farmers

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Politics Over the Air Tourists from Tasmania**Farmers Want Privilege An Interesting Address from 2YA**

A reflection of the extensive use of radio in the Australian political campaign was heard at the last meeting of the Dominion Executive of the Farmers' Union, when Mr. K. W. Dalrymple, of Bulls, brought up the question of the use of radio in New Zealand. He moved: "That application be made to the Minister of Internal Affairs that the prohibition in regard to broadcasting of political speeches be lifted in so far as they will permit the leaders of political parties in New Zealand to broadcast their speeches."

In speaking to the remit, Mr. Dalrymple mentioned that, during the recent campaign in Australia, he had heard more of the views of the political leaders in the Commonwealth than ever he had heard in New Zealand. Radio had been extensively used by all parties, and he felt that in this way a very excellent means of making contact with the people had developed. Politics were certainly of wide interest, and the people were entitled to utilise the best means of securing information on the views of those who aspired to be leaders of the country. No one was forced to listen to political speeches unless he wished to, but he considered it was only right that country residents in particular should have the opportunity of listening to political leaders, more especially as they had so few chances, in comparison with town people, of hearing the views of the different parties.

Mr. H. B. Stuckey, of Dannevirke, seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. It was decided to forward a copy of the resolution to the Minister of Internal Affairs.

IN view of the extensive use made of radio in the recent Australian political campaign, and the desire expressed by members of the Farmers' Union in New Zealand that the present restriction upon radio should be limited so that country people in this Dominion could enjoy the pleasure of listening to political expositions of their views by leaders of the principal parties in New Zealand, the following extract from editorial notes appearing in "The Saturday Review" will be of interest. This paragraph indicates the likely trend of public opinion towards broadcasting in Britain.

The Government have given more than one indication since they came into office that they appreciate and mean to make use of the value of broadcasting as a method of reaching the public ear. Mr. Snowden's broadcast last Monday was a notable instance; if this alliance between politics and the ether develops, not only will broadcasting assume a deeper importance in the national life but also the spoken word in politics may come into its own again.

Even more significant has been the use of wireless during the past week—it is to continue—to broadcast the proceedings of the League Assembly. The League's activities are notoriously under-represented in the Press; the B.B.C. has devised an effective way of bringing them into direct and intimate contact with every man and woman who cares to listen—a notable work for internationalism. Mr. Vernon

AN interesting address was given during the evening programme from 2YA on October 24, by Mr. Schubridge, a member of the party of Tasmanian farmers at present touring the Dominion. After he had been introduced to listeners by the announcer at 2YA, Mr. Schubridge commenced his talk by thanking the many South Island farmers, who, by their great kindness, had made the tour so far a very enjoyable one.

Climatic conditions in New Zealand, he remarked, were very similar to those experienced in Tasmania. The Dominion, he continued, is very fortunate in possessing such large expanses of flat country, which are pre-eminently suitable for dairy farming. In Tasmania dairying is restricted to small areas among the hills and mountains that compose the topography of the country.

The members of the party were very favourably impressed with the high standard of sheep breeding evidenced all through the South Island. Romney Marsh sheep appear to be favoured in the southern portion of the island, while Merinos and Leicesters are predominant in the north. At many of the various places visited purebred Clydesdale horses were paraded as at a show for the benefit of the visitors.

Dairy farming, Mr. Schubridge continued, is of course the main industry

Bartlett's description of the opening of the Assembly and the wonderfully successful transmission of the Prime Minister's speech should have done much to stimulate interest in an institution which, despite its growing importance, the popular newspapers persist in ignoring or treating with amused cynicism.

in the Dominion. Many milking herds seen during the tour were admired by the party for the high breeding shown. Numerous dairy factories were inspected, the most imposing of which could handle 13,000 gallons of milk per day. Many orchards were visited, and the tourists were surprised to notice the totally different methods of fruit-growing favoured by New Zealand orchardists.

The pastoral land, the speaker remarked, is probably New Zealand's most precious asset. It was the finest he had ever seen, and he judged that it would carry more sheep to the acre than probably any other country in the world. Keen interest was taken by the party in the New Zealand Farmers' Union, a very strong organisation, having some 26,000 members and 543 branches scattered all over New Zealand. The speaker regretted that lack of support prevented their own Agricultural Bureau from inaugurating a similar movement.

After assuring New Zealand farmers of a hearty welcome should they ever visit Tasmania, Mr. Schubridge conveyed greetings to any Tasmanian people who happened to be listening. The remaining week of the tour will be occupied by visiting places of interest in the North Island, and on November 1 the party leaves New Zealand by the Ulmaroa for Tasmania.

A Gigantic Valve

INSTALLED at the transmitting station at Schenectady, New York, is the biggest valve in existence. This monster weighs about 100lb., and stands well over 7 feet high. It was constructed by the General Electric Company in their experiments with wireless transmission. A ten horse-power supply is necessary to light the filament, so it will not be coming into universal use just yet.

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