

"The Logic of the Ban"

Race Meeting Broadcasts

READERS will remember that the reason given for banning descriptions of race meetings over the air was that it encouraged betting. It was pointed out in rebuttal at that time that, if the suppression of betting was what was desired, the ban should extend further to newspapers and apply to race news. This is the position that is developing in America in at least one State. The District Attorney for the District of Columbia, charged with the responsibility of suppressing gambling in that State, wrote to the newspapers of Washington and other centres asking that they cease publishing certain treasury balances and clearing-house figures, on the totals of which gambling had become the prevalent practice, and also to cease publishing the results of race meetings, more particularly those not legalised. He pointed out that he was "engaged in a desperate effort to rid the nation's capital of gambling," and asked for the co-operation of the Press to that end. He wrote further: "In my experience gained in an earnest endeavour to cope with this evil, I have come to the conclusion that the newspapers of this city, unwittingly of course, are encouraging violations of the gambling laws by printing and publishing (in some cases in quite prominent portions of their newspapers) racing entries, results, and miscellaneous information concerning horse racing, which publications are bound to encourage the residents of the district to patronise the bookmakers who are engaged in that line in the city."

Several of the newspapers agreed to comply with the request of the District Attorney, but others declined to do so. Some of the papers that declined to comply adopted the attitude that the publication of the race results and banking figures were not as damning as they were represented.

Obituary

Dr. Charles Chilton

THE death occurred in Christchurch last Friday of Dr. Charles Chilton. The news has been read with regret by all interested in the broadcasting service with which during the last few months Dr. Chilton has been closely associated.

Always interested in radio broadcasting, he realised its great possibilities in the dissemination of information right into the homes of the people, and when the general manager of the Broadcasting Company was formulating his scheme of Primary Productions Committees for the broadcasting of talks to farmers, Dr. Chilton accepted willingly the position of organiser, for he saw in it an opportunity for further service.

After twenty-six years a professor at Canterbury College and rector from 1921 to 1928, he had retired, but he lived strenuously even in his retirement.

As organiser of the Primary Productions Committees of the Broadcasting Company he rendered good service; and his work was only beginning. A man of standing, he was respected by all men. He had formed a committee at 3YA and it was working smoothly and efficiently, gathering momentum all the time. A fortnight ago, at the time of the opening of the new 4YA, he visited Dunedin and a representative committee was formed there. It was a successful mission, but later, after visiting friends in South Canterbury, he caught a chill while motoring home across the cold plains. Pneumonia followed, with fatal results.

New Zealand is the poorer by the death of Dr. Chilton, who held a distinguished place in the world of science, for which he did great work. He always devoted attention to the encouragement of education and scientific research. He published about 130

original papers on zoological subjects in scientific periodicals in New Zealand, Australia, England, Sweden, India, and the Philippine Islands. In recognition of his service to Canterbury College, the honour of professor emeritus was conferred on him this year.

Dr. Chilton's scholastic record is an inspiration. He attended lectures at Canterbury College as an unmatriculated student from 1875 to 1878, when he gained a Junior University scholarship. In 1880 he completed his B.A. degree with exhibition in natural science and senior scholarship in English, physics and natural science, having thus qualified for a senior scholarship in all the five subjects for the B.A.



degree. In 1881 he gained his M.A. degree with first-class honours in zoology, and in 1887, at the University of Otago, he took his B.Sc., the first in New Zealand, and in 1893 gained his D.Sc., being the first Doctor of Science in the University of New Zealand.

From 1895 to 1898, at Edinburgh University studying medicine, he took medals in botany, physiology and surgery, gained the Aitken Carlyle Scholarship and M.B., C.M. degree with honours. In 1899 he was house surgeon in the ophthalmic ward of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and during the next year he studied diseases of the eye at Heidelberg, Vienna and London. During 1901 and 1902 he acted as ophthalmic surgeon in Christchurch, and in 1902 was appointed acting-Professor of Biology during the absence on leave of Professor Dendy. In 1903 he was appointed Professor of Biology and Palaeontology at Canterbury College, teaching both subjects till 1910, and continuing as Professor of Biology till his resignation in January, 1928.

It was in 1921 that Dr. Chilton was appointed Rector of Canterbury Col-

lege, the first position of the kind in any Australian or New Zealand University College, and he held the office till January, 1928.

His other activities include acting-curator of the Canterbury Museum during 1905 and 1906, and again in 1909. He was one of the founders of the Dialectic Society of Canterbury College in 1879. He held the office of chairman of the Professorial Board several times, and represented Canterbury College on the Board of Studies and on the Senate of the University of New Zealand from 1908 to 1918.

Dr. Chilton took part in the formation of the Workers' Educational Association in Christchurch in 1915, and was president for two years. He was one of the representatives of the University of New Zealand at the Congress of Universities of the Empire in London in 1912, and received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Aberdeen University. He has been a member of the Philosophical Institute of Canterbury since 1881, and was president in 1903, 1904 and 1913. He has been a member of the Australasian Association for Advancement of Science from its formation till the present time, and took part in the Philosophical Institute's expedition to the Sub-Antarctic Islands of New Zealand in 1907, and edited the volumes of results.

The Auckland Radio Exhibition

"Radio Record" Stand

FEATURING largely on our stand will be our new publication, "All About the All-Electric," and with its very attractive cover, this book should make a very bright and artistic effect. It has been stated in another portion of this issue that very complete details have been given in this handbook for converting a set from D.C. to A.C. To further help constructors, the technical editor will convert a set during the Exhibition on the lines laid down by the booklet. He will be only too pleased to explain any points as he goes along. These demonstrations will take place during each afternoon, probably at about 3 o'clock.

The familiar models described in the handbook will also be on exhibition. These will include the 4-valve A.C. Browning-Drake, and the power amplifier. A home-made dynamic cone speaker, which was described by "Pentode" about twelve months ago, will also be on exhibition. In all probability, demonstrations will be given.

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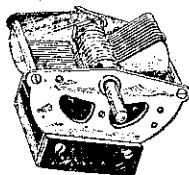
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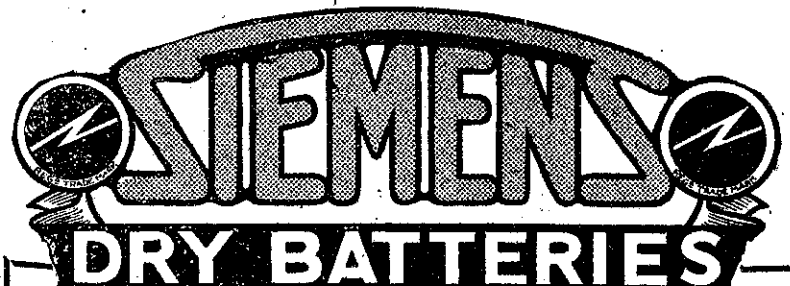
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