

board does not, surely, turn down such a paragon. I am sure that "Linguist" owes it as a duty to all listeners to send in an application at once, accompanied by a long list of his qualifications. Until Mr. Linguist is appointed we must try to put up with the present announcers or turn our sets off when French or German names are to be announced.

Although the public nature of their positions makes announcers "Aunt Sallies" for all to throw refuse at, it is quite time that someone spoke or wrote a word on their behalf. New Zealand is particularly fortunate in its announcers; the varied nature of the matters they are required to discuss, the amount of general knowledge called for, and the long hours of work demand men of something above average ability and adaptability. Perhaps sometimes they do not pronounce a few French or German names sufficiently well to suit "Linguist," yet when this is set against

their general efficiency, it is a matter of very small moment.

I am, etc.,

"NO PIN PRICKING."

Feilding.

Weekly Flesh and Blood Band Programmes

To the Editor.

Sir,—Monday, January 14—I sit and suffer the dialogue and cross-talk programme emanating from this station in lieu of its usual "Band Night." Surely in and around Christchurch there are sufficient bands to keep "alive" a band night once a week, regularly. Brass bands go over "big," and even the crack military band recordings are sometimes used as a poor substitute. Let us have "flesh and blood" at the other end instead of so much "canned" stuff—something that we can take an interest in—that "lives." An item that is "alive," although somewhat imperfectly rendered, is preferable to one which is reproduced mechanically.

Occasionally a band may lapse or another supply some items that are not quite in accord with our musical dignity but this is better than nothing. The Woolston Band, which gets such a good hearing in the programme organisation, is not always consistent, for, at the recent Ballarat contest, did it not secure first in one selection and last in another?

This appeal is merely an effort to reason out why the maintenance of this weekly feature is taken so lightly.—I am, etc.,

WONDERER.

Timaru.

Answers to Correspondents

D. HARRIS (Invercargill): The new 1YA is not yet on full power, the strength from day to day not necessarily remaining stable during the testing period. The full power of the Auckland station will be 10 kilowatts.

J. B. GARVITCH (Petone): Yes, Mr. L. E. Strachan is the Wednesday announcer from 2YA. Thank you for your letter.

"LOVER OF MUSIC" (Bay of Islands): There seems nothing new to say in the controversy to which your letter refers.

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No. 1

CLUES ACROSS.

1. To be able.
2. To lounge.
6. A bird.
7. A number.
12. Product of a plant.
13. Dash.
15. During.
19. A temple.
21. A number.
23. S.D. (actual).
24. Bind.
25. Optics.

CLUES DOWN.

1. A plant.
2. Permit.
3. During.
4. Glide along.
5. A plate.
6. A name (dim.).
8. A vessel.
9. An animal.
10. Pieces of wool.
11. Girl's name.
14. Sinks.
16. Sound.
17. Not any.
18. To stuff.
20. A governor.
22. Plural of I.

N.B.—In composing this Puzzle, every effort has been made to avoid true alternatives and it is believed there are none. Should however competitors consider there are any they are advised to submit additional entries.

CONDITIONS: THE FIRST PRIZE OF £40 will be awarded to the Competitor submitting correct or nearest correct solution. THE SECOND PRIZE OF £10 to the Competitor with the next fewest number of errors. Ties divide but should more than 20 tie for the first Prize, the total Prize money will be divided between them. All entries accepted on the distinct understanding that the decision of the Promoters will be accepted as final and legally binding. No correspondence will be entered into and no responsibility accepted for loss or delay in post.

THE SOLUTION AND LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER ON FEBRUARY 13TH, 1935.

RULES: All words in these puzzles are to be found in Chambers' 20th Century Dictionary. The supplement is not used, but all the rest of contents of the book are apt to crop up. Bracketed derivations are not used. Plural, verb, comp., superl., and other endings are used, although not in print. Slang, Obs., Coll., Bib., Spen., Shaks., Tenn., Old St., Prov., or any other kind of words which are to be found between and including the first page "A" right up to the supplement are all used. Words joined by a hyphen must not be separated, but words joined by a hyphen will be permissible as a whole word. A genus counts as an animal or plant. All (ab.) will be found in abbreviation columns only. Christian names will be found in Christian name columns only. When (dim.) is asked for a diminutive will be used that does not mean that when a NAME is asked for a diminutive will not be used. A name covers both, such as IRA-IKE. Prefixes and suffixes will be found in their columns only. Always use block letters and be careful filling in. Any careless mistake or omission will count against you. All competitions close definitely on the time and day stated. Any entry once lodged cannot be altered, additional entries must be paid for. Permutation is accepted; one diagram must be complete and changes must be shown in full. YOUR OWN DIAGRAMS OR ENTRIES ON PLAIN PAPER ACCEPTED.



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