

The HOME forum

POINTS FROM LETTERS

100 Per Cent.

V. Carter (Dannevirke) writes:—There has been much controversy in regard to the shortcomings of Mr. A. Pope as wrestling announcer. I hope those whose views are against Mr. Pope were listening in the other Tuesday when Paul Boesch announced each round; they would then see they have a gem in the former man, and in my opinion he has always been a 100 per cent good announcer.

Early Complaint

H. G. Smith (Auckland) writes: "I notice that you are publishing a military man's opinion on defence. Don't you think that we get quite enough of this armament ring propaganda in the subsidised capitalistic press?"

"This propaganda can quite safely be left in the hands of the Government in conjunction with the other Empire executive for them to look after. One gets what one prepares for."

Sore Spot

M.C. (Dannevirke) writes: "May I, through your valuable columns, express my disgust of the broadcasting authorities' repeated broadcasts of Parliamentary debates as relayed through YA stations collectively."

"Surely one station in each island could supply those who wish to hear Members of Parliament voicing their opinions, and giving us long lists of figures which, I am sure, few listeners really enjoy."

"That class of entertainment is plastered in every newspaper daily. Loss of revenue appears the only way. If 50 per cent. of licence-holders refused to renew, perhaps the authorities would accede to our wishes."

Music Halls

Sam (Feilding) writes: Here are our views on the programme put on by 2YA on the night of Monday, August 17, from 9 p.m. on. Static was bad, and the only station that we could listen to in comfort was 2ZF relaying 2YA.

The family was gathered round a log fire blazing high,

The night was dark and stormy; not a star shone in the sky.

So Father switched the wireless on to make our spirits soar.

But nearly all that he could get was static's crackling roar.

The only station we could hear above the awful din,

Was 2ZF of Palmerston, and so he tuned it in.

The programme "From a Music Hall" relayed from 2YA

Was all we found to listen to as evening wore away.

Why should our strongest station put out an awful lot

Of numbers that were tucked away and should have been forgot?

Perhaps the folk at 2YA think they can be re-made

By bringing them from off the shelf and having them relayed!

Youth

W. A. Hammett (secretary of the Youth Hostel Association) writes: "Hon. D. Sullivan, Minister of Railways, has written informing the New Zealand Youth Hostel Association that all Y.H.A.

members engaged in a tramping expedition will receive one-fourth reduction of their railway fare. Their vouchers must be signed by the Hon. Reservations secretary, Mr. Norman Wright, 180a Manchester Street, stating the bearers are engaged on a tramping tour. This concession should prove a big incentive and encourage and extend the tramping movement throughout New Zealand.

"In Great Britain and the Continent similar concessions have been made, and the growth and increase in the number of people using the hostels overseas has been spectacular. Tramping trips should greatly assist in promoting national fitness.

"In New Zealand the hostels up till now, have been confined to Banks Peninsula and the West Coast, but a new chain has recently commenced in the Oxford district, with a hostel at Cooper's Creek and at Ashley Gorge. Clement's Motor Service has also given much-appreciated concessions to Y.H.A. members. The cost at the hostels is 1/- a meal and 1/- a bed.

"A new regulation which should also help to encourage the greater use of the hostels by hikers and cyclists (motor not permitted), is that the Y.H.A. membership is now open for anyone to join, on the payment of a subscription of 5/-; for those under 25 it is 2/6. Up till the present only members of affiliated tramping and cycling clubs could use the hostels, but now its scope is much wider.

"A party of 40 New Zealand Y.H.A. trampers are going to visit the overseas youth hostels next year, and it is hoped that on their return to New Zealand they will help to start youth hostels in other parts of this country, and thus assist in promoting the tramping movement and make it a national one for New Zealand. Later on it is hoped to welcome English trampers in the New Zealand hostels."

JUSTICE must be allowed to suffer the scrutiny and respectful—even though outspoken—comments of ordinary men.—Lord Atkin.

THERE is not much use in the sheep passing resolutions in favour of vegetarianism while there are still wolves who like mutton.—Dean Inge.

London Notes

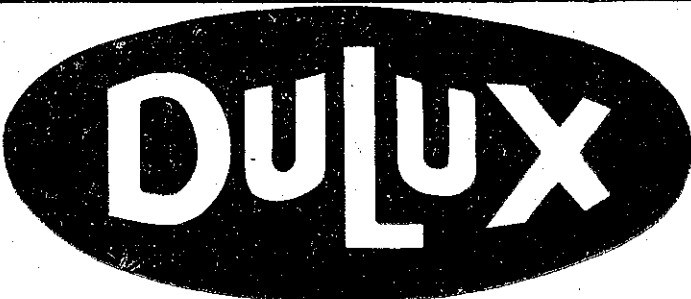
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Larger Picture.

IT does not seem that the Scophony receiver will be any cheaper or much cheaper than the more orthodox cathode ray type. Sets will probably be retailed at between 60 and 70 guineas, but will give a larger picture. In a test which I saw a lack of brilliance seemed to be the principal drawback, but it is claimed that in the new domestic receivers five times as much light will be thrown on the screen. The picture on the Scophony receiver is a projected one, and for this reason lends itself more readily to big screen development. Also the component strips, or lines, which make up the picture tend to merge together more than they do with the sharply-defined strokes of the cathode ray. However, I am bound to say that the big pictures which I saw produced by the Scophony method were far from perfect, whatever promises for the future they may hold.

"Secret" Valve.

THOUGH it is still very uncertain what television exhibits will be seen at Olympia, there will be many other surprises. I can reveal for the first time in these notes a remarkable valve invention which will be shown. It is a valve of a standard type which can do all jobs equally well. That is to say, it can be fitted into any socket of a specially-designed set and give a performance equal to that of a valve specially made for a particular stage. It seems to doom the complicated screened grid and dual-purpose valves. At the moment, however, details are still a close secret and I can reveal no more.



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