

The Home Forum

Commercial Programmes

"Puzzled" (Auckland): I am wondering why a change has been made in printing the programmes of Commercial stations? They are terribly difficult to follow now, whereas before one could pick out items one wished to hear in a moment.

[The change in layout is at the suggestion of the Commercial Broadcasting Service, and has the virtue of grouping Commercial transmissions into the days of the week without waste of space.—Ed.]

Song Racket

"A Victim" (Waikato): I was bitten by a song shark, and I hope your recent article will help New Zealand song-writers to steer clear of these unscrupulous organisations. Until re-

cently I had no idea that the big American concerns of this type had agents in New Zealand. I myself was "done out of" my hard-earned cash by an American firm to whom I wrote direct, having seen their advertisements in a magazine. The amount they had from me was 50 dollars—quite a tidy sum.

Tang of Criticism

H. Courtney Archer (Southbrook): I wish to congratulate you on your plucky stand in publishing in your paper such an excellent article as "Canons and Cannon," by Gordon Mirams. It is pleasing to see that the "Radio Record" does not owe lip-service to any conservative element, and there is a fresh tang of criticism in your magazine. Indeed, I would like to see more articles of the nature of "Canons and Cannon" in your magazine.

Crusade

H. E. Dixon (Te Aroha): I cannot say how deeply gratified I was to read "Not So Educated," by A.R.M. in last week's "Record." Most papers intended for the general public would be constrained from publishing such an article by the fear that a section of that public might be offended, but you, by bringing before your readers a few of the ghastly offences against dumb creatures, may have given impetus to a movement which will bring about a definite improvement—long overdue—in the treatment meted out to animals. Hearty congratulations!

Do It Again!

Mrs. F. B. Skinner (Christchurch): In the "New Zealand Radio Record," June 10, I noticed an article entitled "Canons and Cannon," by Gordon Mirams. I read it, and would now like to tell you how much I enjoyed reading it. Not only was it interesting, it was also very much to the point. Articles such as these are appreciated by all right-thinking people, and they also help those of us who have the welfare of our fellow human beings at heart to feel that we do not stand quite so much alone as perhaps we think we do. I'm sure it must take a certain amount of courage to print such articles. Here's hoping you'll do it again!

Sunday Afternoon

Sam'l (Fielding): Working people arrive home for tea "six-thirty-ish." Some have to be at work at eight o'clock in the morning, others may linger over the bacon and morning paper until they find that they have to run to get to the office by nine o'clock. This happens six days out of the seven. But, on Sunday—what happens then? We may stay in bed until ten o'clock or later—or we may get up at about our usual time and do a little work in our long-suffering gardens, and perhaps a few other odd jobs round the place. After that? A book, a fire, dinner and ease. Ease includes the wireless. But—it's a big but—why do we have to listen to musical education rammed in to the listening public by the NBS? In nine cases out of ten the listening public want something bright and cheery—something they know—something they can understand. What is wrong with artists like Peter Dawson, Gladys Moncrieff, Nelson Eddy and others singing songs we all know?

Public Trust Office

ESTATES of a value of £547,711 were reported and accepted for administration by the Public Trustee during the month of May, 1938. The total value of the estates and funds under administration by the Public Trustee on March 31, 1938, was £60,815,306.

Grants of administration made by the court in favour of the Public Trustee numbered 121 for the month.

During the month 437 new wills appointing the Public Trustee executor were prepared on behalf of testators and lodged for safe custody, and 355 existing wills were revised to provide for changes desired by testators. The total number of wills now held in the Public Trust Office on behalf of living persons is 90,971.



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