

Wellington Radio Society

Monthly Meeting

THE monthly general meeting of the Amateur Radio Society of Wellington was held in the Cambridge Terrace Congregational Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, February 11. Mr. J. H. Owen occupied the chair, and there were about two dozen members present.

A letter was received from the N.Z. Association of Radio Transmitters challenging the Radio Society to a cricket match. The idea was commended as one calculated to promote a social feeling, but as the society was unable to muster a team it was reluctantly decided to explain the position to the radio transmitters and thank them for their proposal.

A communication was received from the District Radio Inspector in reply to a complaint regarding interference from an electrical leakage in a certain area of Newtown. The hon. secretary was requested to write the inspector to ascertain the result of his investigations in the matter and what action he took.

OWING to a slight motor-car breakdown, Mr. L. H. Wright, who was to deliver a lecture on "Servicing of Sets," was unable to attend, but in response to a telephoned request from Mr. Wright, Mr. Preston B. Billing kindly acted as his substitute.

Mr. Billing stated that the servicing of A.C. sets was an art in itself, and he related some of the problems he had to solve. He dealt with the differences between A.C. and battery valves. Mr. Billing also gave useful advice respecting "A" and "B" batteries. Owing to electrical leakages, Mr. Billing stated that it would generally be found that seven hours' use of an "A" battery would require about 11 hours to re-charge at a rate which was the same as the discharging rate. Dampness on the top of a battery due to minute spraying when charging, he said, was not a cause of leakage unless dust were mixed with the dampness. Mr. Billing stated that few audio transformers would not go, in time, owing to an electrolytic action between the windings of the primary and the insulating material. He stressed the advisability of renewing the "C" battery every twelve months.

Mr. Billing said that he had found that over half the troubles in A.C. sets which he had experienced were due to the valves. These A.C. valves, however, were now much improved, and were still improving. Mr. Billing answered several questions, and at the conclusion was accorded an enthusiastic vote of thanks.

HAVE you seen the competition, "Trials in Tact," appearing on page 33? There is a chance of winning a handsome prize, while much pleasure will result from an attempt to solve the little difficulties which make the competition.

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Special Programme from 2YA

Features on February 26

8.0: Chimes.

8.1: Relay from Town Hall of Special Sacred Concert held in connection with the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Bass with Organ—Mr. Wm. Watters, "Nature's Adoration" (Beer-hoven).

Soprano with organ—Miss Myra Sawyer, "Ave Maria" (Mascagni), (Ricordi).

Tenor with organ—Mr. Hubert Carter, "The Sorrows of Death" ("Hymn of Praise") (Mendelssohn).

Accompanist—Mr. H. Temple White.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF HAYDN'S ORATORIO, "THE CREATION,"

By the Combined Methodist Church Choirs of Wellington and Suburbs. Assisted by the 2YA Orchestra (augmented).

Soloists: Soprano, Miss Myra Sawyer; Tenor, Mr. Hubert Carter; Bass, Mr. Wm. Watters; Conductor, Mr. H. Temple White.

Tennis Match

Relay from 2YA

STATION 2YA on February 21 and 22 will relay from the Miramar Tennis Courts a description of the Wilding Shield Matches being played there on those days. The description of the play will be entrusted to Mr. C. F. Williams. Descriptions of the progress of play in connection with the Plunket Shield match, Wellington versus Auckland, will also be given.

"2YA" Sign in Neon Gas

THE already-imposing prominence of 2YA transmitting station on Mount Victoria, by day as well as by night, is now greatly enhanced in the evening by a large neon gas sign. The familiar call, "2YA," in letters fifteen feet high, appears in a flickering dull red light, which is visible for miles. It is certainly the most striking neon gas sign which has yet been erected in the Dominion.

A Suggestion.

"My husband," confided Mrs. Browne to her friend, "will persist in wearing trousers that are much too long, and when I tell him about them he gets angry. What do you suggest?"

"Well," replied her friend, after a few moments' reflection, "try pulling his leg!"

Artist: You know, you really have the most delightful legs.

Model: Do you think so. I've always been quite attached to them myself.

"How is Eli getting on, Mrs. Meier?" "Excellent. Last year she went about with a small Ford, this year she has managed to get acquainted with a Daimler."

Mother: Dear, dear, baby has his foot in his mouth again.

Father: Let him enjoy himself while he can; thirty years from now he won't be able to touch his toes.

Auckland Notes

(By "Call Up.")

A MEETING of the Auckland Radio Society was held in the Leys Institute, Ponsonby, on the evening of February 11, Mr. E. L. Warwick being in the chair. A motion that Mr. L. Barnes, station director at 1YA, be sent a letter thanking him for his efforts to improve the local programmes was carried unanimously.

It was decided to leave the membership subscription at ten shillings per annum, payable half-yearly. Regular fortnightly meetings are to be held at the Leys Institute on the first and third Mondays in each month, beginning at 7.30 p.m. sharp. These will be given over to lectures and discussions on current radio affairs.

"CALL UP" has heard several listeners express the opinion that more talks from notable visitors and men of the moment would be an acceptable feature of 1YA programmes. The station authorities agree with this and do all they can to obtain such speakers, but it is by no means an easy task. It may not be generally known that the published passenger lists of every overseas passenger ship arriving at Auckland is searched in an attempt to find possible speakers. Even when a likely person has been found there are often further difficulties. They may be unable or unwilling to spare the time, or may have quite unsuitable voices. An interesting visitor recently secured to talk was Colonel Neil, now visiting the Dominion. His chat on Thursday evening was very enjoyable, especially to yachtsmen.

ON March 15 a special St. Patrick's Night concert will be the main item on the programme from 1YA. An exceptionally good company of artists is being assembled for this, and our Irish friends, and others too, should be well pleased with the performance.

"I've been travelling on this line for three years, and I've never given my seat to a lady."

"Aven't you got no manners?"

"Taint that! I've never 'ad a seat."

Lodge Installation Broadcast

Arranged by 1YA

AN interesting broadcast, the first of its kind carried out in New Zealand, has been scheduled by 1YA for March 13. The microphone is then to be transported into the lodge room at Manchester Unity Hall, and the installation of officers of the Independent Order of Oddfellows will take place in front of it.

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