

Unsigned Correspondence.

WE wish to remind listeners again that unsigned correspondence cannot under any circumstances be published. Owing to a breach of this request mail has had to be withheld from publication again this week.—Ed.

"At 'Attaboy'."

"ATTABOY" says he read "with much amusement" the letter from K. Swiney (Northland) dealing with the twangy atrocity which 2YA 'casted from a local sound picture house. Unfortunately for those who read the "Mailbag" your new correspondent guffawed into his own private ear, without allowing anyone else to share his doubtful mirth. In between his bursts of uncontrolled laughter he liberated the old, old gag anent the virtues of old-old, old gag anent the virtues of old-time music and jazz, which had nothing whatever to do with the situation brought into relief by Mr. Swiney.

No doubt there are many who commend the Radio Broadcasting Company for its enterprise in featuring snippets from talking picture programmes, but would like to observe greater discrimination in presentation.

Mr. Swiney made no exaggeration when he referred to the excerpt in question as "cheap and nasty . . . music," but perhaps "Attaboy" enjoys listening to back-stage voices which rend the darkness? He admits there are "sound

Our Mail Bag

Will correspondents please practice brevity, as heavy demands are now made on space. All letters must be signed and address given as proof of genuineness; noms de plume for publication are permitted. Address correspondence Editor, "Radio Record," P.O. Box 1082, Wellington.

films not suitable for broadcasting," and supposes Mr. Swiney would like dance programmes stopped, too. Had he congratulated the R.B.C.; then suggested greater care in editing casts of talkie tabloids, he would have achieved the attention which intelligent criticism invariably meets. His thin sneers invite derision, but maybe "Attaboy" wrote that stream of generalities before breakfast.

P.S.—I am not related to either party.—"Just" (Petone.)

Dinner Session and News Reports.

SUGGESTIONS have been put forward on different occasions for the improvement of YA programmes, usually incurring more financial responsibility to the R.B.C.

Now that the winter months are approaching I put forward the following suggestion, which would incur no extra expense to the Broadcasting Company. Simply change the 2YA news report service from 6 to 7 and the dinner session from 7 till 8 p.m.

During the winter months most YA stations can be picked up by 6 p.m., so giving listeners in dinner music from 6 till 7 p.m. from 1YA, 3YA, 4YA, and from 7 till 8 p.m. from 2YA. This arrangement would eliminate that dreary hour from 7 till 8, which now exists, and give people the opportunity of enjoying radio to the fullest extent. The arrangement could probably be discontinued during the summer months. Yours faithfully, "Why Not" (Wanganui).

Lord, Gie us a Guid Conceit!

I WAS astounded at the cool pre-sumptuousness of the letter signed "Coal Shoveller" in this week's "Radio Record." This gentleman correctly sizes up his own proper place when he says he is going back to the wharf. He should never have left it. A person with the brains to attempt to demonstrate wireless on a relay from Eltham is not fit to undertake the sale of radio. It is persons of his sort who are a handicap on the business. He also seems to think that the whole broadcasting service should be run to suit the convenience of the handful of people demonstrating radio. May I remind this class of itinerant dealer that the 50,000 listeners who provide revenue for broadcasting pay for the sake of what they themselves are getting, and are only indirectly concerned with helping the sales of dealers of his calibre. The first requirements for success in such a business as he is running are discrimination and tact, plus a knowledge of his set and the capacity of the service and

district in which he is demonstrating. He deserved all he got when he tried to demonstrate on the relay from Eltham, and to pass on to 2YA the blame for power line interference to the service is perhaps characteristic, but not very helpful. I am surprised at such a letter being published. Its correct place was not in print.—"Dante."

[Our columns are open to the free expression of views of our correspondents. They are not necessarily ours.—Ed.]

Relay Station for Palmerston North.

SOME time ago, at the opening of 2YB, mention was made of possible improvements in our broadcasting service, particularly of relay stations. It is high time that the listeners of Palmerston North were treated to one of these as during this time of the year for about three months, and often throughout the remainder of the year, reception to be enjoyed here is "non est." Usually static is too bad on such

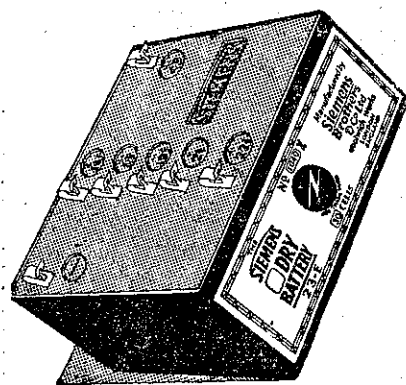
stations as are to be found below 400 metres and above that we have only 2YA, to which we naturally look for our evening's entertainment, but are, without fail, always confronted with a nice mushy evening. The set is turned on at 8.0, we hear the chimes and the first few notes of the overture, and that is more than enough, so we try 1YA or 3YA, but static is not the best of fare for a quiet evening's enjoyment, so off goes the set for another night.

2YA comes in here quite well till dusk, and after that we have to be content till next day after having had one hour's music at the dinner session. The programmes as a rule read well, so they are being wasted as far as this part of the island goes. The records for the dinner session are well chosen, although a few are perhaps hackneyed, but why all that "Yankee lovesick twaddle" during the afternoon? However, we can't all be pleased.

Certainly we have our own station 2ZF, a couple of nights a week, but that is not only what we pay our 30/- for, so surely we are entitled to some consideration. Why not a 50-100 watt relay station? It would make a great difference all round and must cause a great increase in licenses. Perhaps others will take up this matter, as it must only require a general agitation on the part of Palmerston listeners to gain redress.—76180 (Palmerston North).

Sarron-Donovan Boxing Relay.

THE Broadcasting Company is to be congratulated upon the success of the broadcast of the Sarron-Donovan boxing match. When the announcer stated that he hoped all those down South were getting the relay through favourably, I could not but write and (Concluded on page 21.)



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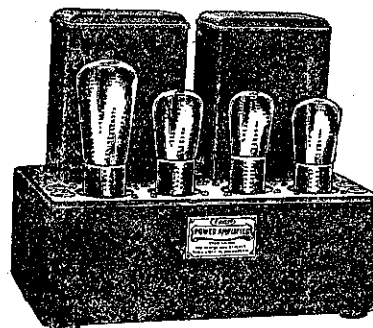
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