

very far behind the door when manners were served out!" shrieked stern teacher once-upon-a-time before a large and amused class. The phrase stuck and rankled in the mind of sensitive ten-year-old, serving rather as incitement to avoidance of loud voice and disproportionate wrath than cultivation of the niceties of good form.

I admit I looked for more vigour and vim in a disquisition on the far-reaching effect of courtesy of speech and bearing. It was all very true, but somewhat time-honoured and trivial, though doubtless there was more to it than I was able to follow. It may be that it was inculcated that "Manners are not idle, but the fruit of loyal nature and of noble mind," that the foundation is consideration for others; and that clear enunciation, modest bearing, and spiritual grace are invaluable emollients in greasing the wheels, so to speak, of social intercourse. A certain intuitive breadth of vision seemed to be wanting, and I can't help hoping that in the good time that is coming our speakers over the air will approximate to the standard set by the B.B.C., which chooses as exponents of wit and wisdom men and women of high achievement and notable oratorical gifts, who through the miracle of radio can delight their limitless audience.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the gentleman who gave us a talk on "Pickles" from 1YA on Thursday night. For pickles don't sound very interesting, do they? But I am sure listeners who tuned in were agreeably surprised. Here was a rare combination; someone who obviously knew his job and had the necessary voice and delivery to put that knowledge successfully through the Voice of Michael! It would seem sheer waste of money and deplorable lack of commonsense to buy foreign-made pickles and sauces when our own are carefully made and sold at such a reasonable figure. The care exercised in the purchase of high quality raw materials, coupled with Government supervision of manufacture combine to give us an article second to none. It will be interesting to see who is the first New Zealander to grow gherkins and olives successfully. Who would have thought that Worcestershire sauce, like Christmas pudding and beer, improves with keeping? Yet we learn that five years in the wood is considered the minimum time deemed most suitable for maturing this appetiser. Again, did you know that over 30,000 gallons of vinegar are brewed in Auckland alone every week? Have you considered where the coloured gentleman who calls for your empty bottles and arouses the warmest passions of your dog finds his market? One Auckland factory alone buys £500 worth a month! One wonders whether they are all returned empty vinegar bottles or . . . ? This talk was valuable—not only in point of technical interest, but as a reminder to ourselves, that the cure for our present "depression" (hateful word which I only employ for lack of a more suitable description of quiet times) rests largely with us. The speaker claims that if every New Zealand housewife would spend one shilling a week more on New Zealand-made goods the unemployment problem would be solved! It may sound too good to be true, but the experiment for a few months would not be very costly, so what about trying it out, everybody?

## 2YA Musical and Dramatic Radio Hobbies Club Committee

### Musical Societies Subsidised

A MEETING of the 2YA Musical and Dramatic Committee was held on Monday, April 13, there being present: Messrs. E. Palliser (chairman), J. Carr (Charley's Aunt Club), W. P. McLachlan (Wellington Competitions Society), R. J. Retallick (Apollo Singers), H. B. Robb (Orpheus Musical Society), R. Lyon (Savage Club), H. Hardcastle ("Evening Post"), I. M. Levy ("Radio Record"), Harrison Cook and E. M. Pankhurst (Commercial Travellers' Male Voice Choir), O. Pritchard and J. Ball (Broadcasting Company), also Dr. I. L. G. Sutherland (W.E.A.), and Mrs. Daisy Basham.

Applications to participate in the company's subsidy were received from the Competitions Society, Apollo Singers, Symphony Orchestra, Commercial Travellers' Male Voice Choir, Harmonic Society and Orpheus Society. These were approved by the committee.

It was decided that in the event of any societies not being able to enter into the scheme by June 30, the committee should then decide what to do about the outstanding dates and deal with other societies.

### To Further Amateur Radio

A "Radio Hobbies" Club, with headquarters in Wellington, has recently been formed, with the object of increasing the interest in radio construction and in radio generally.

The following are the officers of the organisation:—

President: Hon. J. B. Donald (Postmaster-General).

Vice-presidents: Messrs. A. R. Harris (General Manager Radio Broadcasting Company), A. J. Heighway (Managing Editor "Radio Record"), F. E. Pitt (manager Philips Lamps N.Z. Ltd.), G. W. Robertson (N.Z. manager Amalgamated Wireless Australasia Ltd.).

Technical advisers: Messrs. W. M. Dawson, A.M.I.R.E., M.I.W.T. (Philips Lamps), and Colin W. Smith, B.A. ("Radio Record").

Hon. auditor: Mr. W. Mason.

Organiser: Mr. A. Cornish.

Secretary: Mr. M. Lofton.

The club intends to issue periodically circuits of various receivers. These will, for the start, be of a comparatively simple nature to enable beginners to grasp the fundamentals of radio construction, and will lead up to more diffi-

cult and interesting circuits for the more advanced. There will be crystal sets and amplifiers, both a.c. and d.c. One and two-valve sets will follow, leading up to all types of sets that will interest constructors.

At present one of the most attractive features of the club is that there is no membership fee, and intending members should join up while these pleasant conditions last. All interested persons should write to the secretary, Box 163, Te Aro, Wellington, and ask to be registered as a member. Circuits will then be posted from time to time as they become available. It is requested that a stamped and addressed envelope be enclosed with all correspondence to the club.

### Exploration Broadcasts

RELAYING broadcast descriptions of expeditions directly from the field of exploration, predicted at the time of the Byrd expedition, may be pioneered by Sir Hubert Wilkins, the explorer, who is equipping the submarine with which he proposes to sail under the ice to the North Pole with radio equipment for that purpose. Sir Hubert hopes to broadcast speech directly from the submarine to a key network station in America, which will relay it all over the continent.

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