

W.E.A. Talks from IYA

New Series

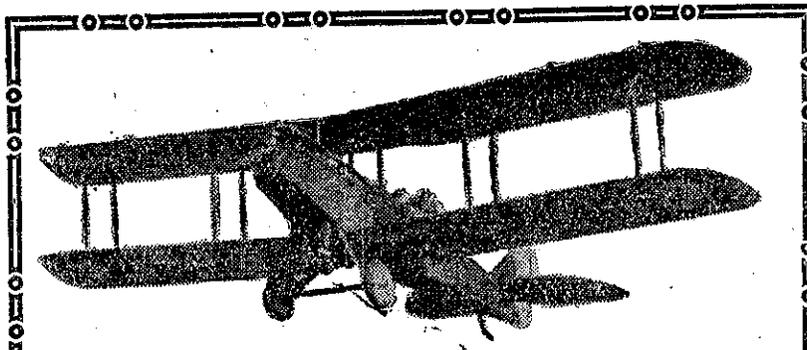
AFTER the conclusion of Mr. Constable's talks on Bernard Shaw, the W.E.A. talk from IYA each week will be taken up by the Rev. W. G. Monckton, M.A. Mr. Monckton will give a series of five talks on international problems, beginning on Tuesday, November 24, with the subject of Manchuria. The two following talks will deal with the Russian five-year plan, and the concluding two talks with India.

Mr. Monckton is known to many as tutor of the W.E.A. international relations class in Auckland. With a knowledge of foreign affairs almost unrivalled in New Zealand and a fine gift for speaking, Mr. Monckton has attracted large audiences over the past three years, and listeners may look forward to an extremely interesting series.

As with the previous talks, a synopsis will appear in the "Radio Record" each week in advance of the talk, and those who desire to form groups for joint listening and discussion are invited to communicate with the Director, Workers' Educational Association, Old Grammar School, Auckland, giving the name and address of the person who is prepared to act as leader (i.e., chairman and correspondent for the group). Correspondence addressed to Mr. Monckton, c/o the W.E.A., whether from groups or from individuals, who wish to put questions or criticisms, will be welcomed. The extent to which such correspondence can be satisfactorily answered will of course depend on its volume.

Radio Servicemen's Examination

IT appears that the first intimation that very many servicemen had of the forthcoming Radio Servicemen's Examination was our article in last week's "Radio Record." This is rather surprising, considering that the notice of the examination was posted up in every Post Office. However, in view of this fact, the Electrical Federation has decided to postpone it for a week or so in order to give all servicemen a chance to enter. Although entries officially closed last week, they are still being received, and intending candidates should apply without delay to the Secretary of the Electrical Federation, The Terrace, Wellington. The entrance fee for the examination is 12/6, and is payable immediately. The syllabus is obtainable from the above address. For the sum of 1/- the Public Service Regulations can also be obtained, and as these form part of the syllabus, candidates are advised to get a copy of this little booklet when sending in their entries. It is understood, too, that, after the examination, regulations will be enforced preventing anyone who has not thus qualified from servicing any radio set.



Flying Thrills Broadcast Aero Week in Auckland

RADIO listeners are to be thrilled by another series of "stunt" broadcasts during the Auckland Aero Club's Aviation Week, from November 16 to 21. The local broadcasting stations are planning to make the week a memorable one for listeners.

On Saturday evening, November 21, IYA will relay from the aerodrome an actual description and commentary on the first public night flying exhibition in the Dominion. A machine will be flown by the Club's chief instructor, Flight-Lieutenant Allen, and will be followed immediately by an elaborate aerial fireworks display. The switch-over to the aerodrome will be made during a real aviation programme to be broadcast on that evening from the studio. Preceded by the first radio talk by Mrs. Hewlett, the veteran English airwoman, only recently arrived in the Dominion, this programme from IYA should be both novel and interesting.

During this Aviation Week an exhibition is to be held in Auckland, when the Curtiss Pilot Instruction Machine will be shown in the Dominion for the first time. This machine teaches the elementary principles of flying, and to the person showing the greatest aptitude for handling it there will be given a scholarship for a complete course of flying instruction with the Auckland Aero Club. A topical description of the exhibition will be broadcast by IZR daily, from November 16 to 21, at 12.30 and 1.30 p.m.

During this week the broadcasting stations in Auckland will feature various aviation music, particularly recorded numbers by the Royal Air Force Band.

Up To Date

Our Broadcasting Stations

IN the Legislative Council on Friday, during the debate on the Broadcasting Bill, the Hon. G. J. Garland stated that the Broadcasting Company had allowed its equipment to deteriorate. This, Mr. A. R. Harris, general manager of the Broadcasting Company, says, is quite contrary to fact, as the company has made a practice of keeping the whole of its equipment and plant in studios and transmitting departments alike, absolutely up to date all the time. The equipment of all stations is now as efficient as it can possibly be, and the appointments of the studios are in keeping with the best practice of broadcasting in any part of the world.

In regard to the above, Mr. Harris sent the following telegram to the Hon. Mr. Garland:—

"You are reported by Press Association as having stated before Legislative Council yesterday that Broadcasting Company has allowed its equipment to deteriorate. As this is absolutely contrary to fact, we assume you have been misreported and ask you in fairness either to have corrected or to substantiate such statement. Full access to our stations will be given you or your representatives at any time."

Australian Radio Licenses

Over 300,000 In Force

STATISTICS concerning the number of radio licenses in force in Australia as at September, 1931, are shown in the following table:—

State	No. in force at 30/9/31	Ratio of Licenses to 100 of population
New South Wales..	120,686	4.82
Victoria	132,563	7.37
Queensland	24,790	2.58
South Australia ...	30,679	5.26
Western Australia..	9,621	2.29
Tasmania	8,260	3.77
Commonwealth	326,599	5.02

Baptising a Radio Station

A FEATURE of a solemn demonstration at the opening of a broadcasting station at Trieste, Italy, recently was the procession which journeyed to the foot of Mount Triestiniceo, the hill on which the transmitter is built. In the name of Italy, its King and its Duce, the eminence was solemnly baptised: "Mount Radio."

Advisory Committees Meet

THE 4YA Musical and Dramatic Committee held its monthly meeting, presided over by Mr. H. P. Desmonlins (representing the Dunedin Choral Society). There were also present:— Messrs. A. Cook (Dunedin Burns Club); Max Scherek (Society of Professional Musicians of Otago); P. S. Anderson (Dunedin Returned Soldiers' Choir); H. Russell (Dunedin Orphans' Club); D. E. Dall (Dunedin Shakespeare Club); J. C. Clitheroe (Training College Choir); J. G. Butler (Royal Dunedin Male Choir), and A. F. O'Donoghue (Station Director at 4YA).

A welcome was extended to a new member, Mr. Dall.

The Dunedin Choral Society wrote with reference to the amount of the subsidy allocated by the committee, stating that it considered that a flat rate for all societies was inadequate in the case of the Choral Society in view of the expense which the society incurred in presenting its concerts. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mr. Humberg and the Station Director should wait on the Society and explain the position.

With regard to plays, Mr. Dall suggested that a lot could be done to develop the dramatic side of radio entertainment.

The Station Director outlined programmes proposed for the coming month.

4YA Children's Sessions Advisory Committee.

AT the monthly meeting of the 4YA Children's Sessions Advisory Committee, Mr. A. H. Williamson (representing the Headmasters' Association) presided, there being also present: Miss M. Telfer (Presbyterian Social Service), Miss Coe-Smith (S.P.W.C.), Pastor W. D. More (Children's Sessions organiser), and Mr. A. F. O'Donoghue (Station Director).

The organiser's report regarding special programmes referred to relays from Mosgiel, a match factory, brick works, paper mills, H.M.S. Diomedea, etc. Mr. McDonald, who travelled in a canoe down the Congo with Edgar Wallace, had given an interesting talk, and was to give more.

Miss Coe-Smith said she had been in the Zambesi district for five years, also Madagascar and St. Helena, and offered to give talks.

Japanese Television Tests

DURING the first public demonstration of television in Japan, conducted recently by Dr. Tadaoki Yamamoto, an attempt was made to televise a baseball match which was being played about two hundred yards away from the laboratory.

The apparatus was found to work quite satisfactorily in the morning, but late in the afternoon, when the time came for televising the game, it ceased functioning properly. This was supposed to be due to the moisture in the air. Movements of the pitcher could be clearly discerned, but according to the report the ball could not be seen in motion. The umpire's decisions and shouts of the game were carried through a loudspeaker.