

ment that the inaccurate pronunciation of foreign names and titles here in New Zealand is appalling. It was worse in the earlier days, but there are still notable deficiencies. A few hours study would correct the more obvious errors and avoid those frequent jars which distress the travelled and educated listener.

WHEN I read this paragraph in "World Radio" I thought of Mr. Nimmo and station 2ZW and "what might have been":—"The visit to Brussels of the French Minister has had the indirect effect of closing the private Brussels station, Radio-Schaerbeek, Brussels. This station, since the publication of the Ministerial decree prohibiting commercial advertising by wiseless, took to violently attacking the Belgian Minister and his colleagues. Nightly, the announcer of the station criticised the L.N.R. and its directors, and on several occasions, particularly during its last few days, abuse was addressed to the Belgian Minister, M. Bovesse. The French Minister also was referred to in a rude way by Radio-Schaerbeek, which is well heard throughout the Brussels area, on the occasion of his visit to Brussels. The Belgian Government naturally could not tolerate insult being offered to the representative of an allied country by a station authorised by the Government. Consequently, the Director of Radio-Schaerbeek was ordered to cease transmitting by December 30. As he did not, seals were affixed to the equipment on the following day."

HERE is a bright idea for hard times. A mobile broadcasting station is operating in the country districts of Australia, giving a one-night programme at each stop. It works on advertising such commodities as sheep dip, plough shares, etc. The station is housed in two motor vehicles, one equipped with the transmitter and the other fitted as a studio. Two collapsible steel masts, 40 feet in height, are carried, and these are erected 120 feet apart to support the aerial. There is a petrol engine for generating power, and the programmes are provided from 400 gramophone records, which may be supplemented with local talent. The indications are that the venture will pay its way.

THE illuminating short treatise on the "Origin and Occurrence of Oils" (2ZW), given by Mr. Voco, was well worth hearing. This type of informative lecturette, especially when so ably delivered, is what broadcasting is for, and is preferred to the soughing of second-grade artists. The speaker referred to the theories held regarding the origin of oil, and stated that the organic theory had the greater support. Further, that a vegetable base appeared the more likely as vast accumulations of vegetable matter were seen even to-day, whereas it was difficult to conceive an enormous conglomerate of animal matter naturally deposited. Has Mr. Voco ever seen a frog pond that has dried up before the tadpoles assumed frog form?

I RECENTLY heard one of the series of "celebrated trials" being described from 3AR, Melbourne. A synopsis of this series shows it to be very interesting. It covers cases in which there was a reasonable doubt such as that of the Seddons, straight out murders such as those by Deeming and Landru, famous treason trials such as those of Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Roger Casement; and describes two master criminals in Jonathan Wild and Charles Peace. Crime and criminals exercise an irresistible fascination at all times and this series it is known is attracting intense attention.

2BL recently broadcast a military tattoo. A human and humorous feature of the evening was the effort of a young man from up country to tell "Mum" in the backblocks of his experiences in the city.

DESPITE the general depression, it appears that the Olympic Games to be held this year at Los Angeles will not suffer to the extent that may have been supposed. Plans for accommodation were laid in pre-slump days and the Americans in their usual manner made prepara-

tions on an elaborate scale. KFI, however, announces that accommodation is almost filled, and intending visitors are, in consequence, advised

their very best, and this Olympiad should stand out as the greatest yet held.

Two Sketches

"The Art of Love"
and
"Writing a Play"

will be presented from

2YA on April 5

by

Linnie Nicholas

and

Vryn Evans

to write immediately for reservations. As remote countries are able to send only a restricted number of athletes this year, these will be of

DURBAN'S new announcer, Mr. Duncan T. Little, before emigrating to South Africa, was in the book-selling profession in London, where he gained considerable popularity in inaugurating free lectures by noted literary men. Included amongst these were G. K. Chesterton, Gilbert Frankau, Walter de la Mare, Hilaire Belloc and Sydney Dark. While working as a free lance journalist in the Transvaal Mr. Little delivered from Johannesburg station a series of lectures on "Books I Have Read" and "Authors I have Met." These had so great an appeal that Mr. Little was subsequently engaged as announcer.

GOOD-MUSIC lovers regret the progressive lightening in character of the Wednesday night programme from 2YA. On the one evening of the week when all records are used, an opportunity presented itself to give the musician at least an hour of the world's best recordings.

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