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Successful Broadcast Appeals

The following letter has been received from Mr. Reg. Morgan ("Uncle Reg"), of 1YA:—

"At the end of December I put over station 1ZM, Manurewa, an appeal for funds to purchase a radio set for the children of the Leslie Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland. £34 was collected in approximately 10 days, a highly gratifying response. This enabled me to purchase a first-class all-electric radio set with extra speaker for this most deserving cause.

The set was installed on Christmas Eve, and the appreciation received from these poor little orphans compensated for all the worry and work involved. I am indebted to the Milne and Choyce Ltd's. Choir, and also to members of my own Radio Broadcasting Dance Band, and the persons who supplied the transport for the artists—Mr. McAlpine, Mr. Harry Williams and Mr. W. H. Hindman, not forgetting Mr. W. W. Rodgers, owner of station 1ZM.

The first Sunday night we were on the air appealing for funds, it was suggested I make a request night that anyone ringing the station desiring me to sing a request was to donate 10/-. By this method I collected £12/10/- in one night, after singing 25 songs. This unfortunately caused a little throat trouble, but it was worth it.

I would again like to express my appreciation to the many listeners who contributed to the appeal.—Yours sincerely,

REG. MORGAN ("Uncle Reg." 1YA.)

Our Mailbag

Quarterly Licenses.

I QUITE agree with Mr. McDonagh re quarterly licenses. I know of many in Hamilton who will be putting their sets on the shelf just because they cannot afford these times to pay 30/- in a lump sum. On March 19, 1ZM, Hamilton, broadcast dance music on relay from a local dance hall. It was very enjoyable, and I hope they continue.—DX114A (Hamilton).

4YA and KFI Heterodyning.

"RED BIRD" evidently misunderstood the import of my letter last week. Many listeners with good sets can tune in KFI, and they prefer this station's transmissions to those from 4YA. In Wellington the two stations can be separated, but down here they interfere badly. Could not 4YA's frequency

be shifted a trifle? Even a small change would make a vast improvement.—"Economic" (Oamaru).

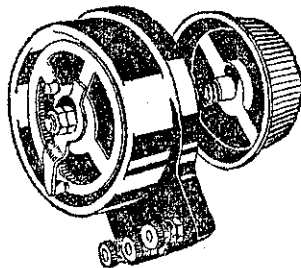
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BROADCASTING from Sydney to his fellow citizens of the United States by means of the shortwave service of Amalgamated Wireless, Mr. R. L. Ripley, the American cartoonist, who has become famous for "Believe it or—" cartoons, said that Americans would take a lot of convincing when told that wild dogs in Australia (dingoes) do not bark, that there is an Australian fence 1189 miles long, rivers that run inland and never reach the sea, black swans, and white eagles, and the kookaburra bird, which laughs like a man, only louder.

Mr. Ripley told his audience that he was all "burned up" about the platypus, which is a fish because it lives in the water half its time, an animal because it lives also on the land, and an amphibian because it does both. It is also a "hibernian" because it buries itself in the mud and sleeps for weeks. Mr. Ripley also explained that the ornithorhynchus paradoxus, to give the platypus its full name, is a duck, a seal, a bird and a mammal.

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