running, broadsiding, and even croquet winners' names, and tennis scores and rowing results. Personally I grudge the battery current used, and few farmers have either time or money for racing, yachting or croquet. These lists of winners' names are merely dreary rubbish. Could not news be given first so that one could turn off the set or turn to a B station. Wishing for news of the Sino-Japanese war one night I put up with over half an hour of these "sporting" results, and when the items of news from the "Evening Post" came along these consisted merely of a few political items of information about Mr. Veitch, Mr. Taverner and Mr. Stallworthy so far as I remember. If we get television in our homes no doubt our entertainment will begin and end with pictures of Mr. Veitch playing golf. Mr. Taverner yachting, and Mr. Stallworthy playing croquet. Interesting events are happening over the world, and although town dwellers have their morning and evening papers, we only have one mail per week. Surely it should be possible to give one or two items of news in addition to information regarding politicians and rowing results.—W. Southern (Tokomaru Bay).

Spark" this week: "Have you returned your questionnaire?" No, because there are none available at this P.O. I paid my license on March 27. There were none available then, or on April 8. Is economy the reason, or is it that they are only handed to those who agree with the present programmes? I don't. They are surely trowing worse, and soon will be all ligh-class music. I am a musician myself, in that I play seven instruments, but must say I am fond of humour, of which we now get none. Being an old master mariner, I have travelled the whole world from China to Peru. I do not belong to New Zealand. I am Manx, and am living only here on account of my health. I have never met in all my travels such an utter lack of humour as in this country.—A. Torrance (New Brighton).

World Radio News

RUSSIAN wireless history is to be portrayed in a special film entitled "Five Years of Soviet Radio," now in preparation. The story opens with the voice of Lenin reproduced from a gramophone record preserved in the Moscow archives, and then gives a pictorial and sound review of radio's progress from political, artistic, and economic standpoints.

To provide a deaf person with broadcast reception at a strength he can enjoy, without inconveniencing more fortunate members of the family circle, has constituted a problem in many homes. In Goerlitz, Germany, the difficulty has been met by providing a special "House of the Deaf," where deaf persons may congregate and hear the programmes through headphones at any strength they de-The house contains a number of listening rooms equipped with headphone points and the necessary ampli-This seems a rather unnecessary procedure. On most receivers it is quite easy to tap the loudspeaker output with headphones and auxiliary volume control.



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