

The "Radio Times"

WE have been more than gratified with the reception which the "Radio Times" has been given. We hoped it would be popular, but, judging by the correspondence we have received, we are led to believe that it will shortly be an essential. Supplies of the first issue were completely sold out—this is not altogether to be wondered at, because curiosity prompts a great number of people to buy the first issue of a new magazine, but what is more gratifying, is the fact that the second issue, of which we printed even more than the first, is now almost sold out, and literally scores of appreciative letters have reached our office concerning it.

Almost without exception the letters contain the highest praise for the new magazine, and the consensus of opinion is that it is filling a long-felt need. Here are a few short comments from some of the letters:—

"'Radio Times' No. 2 excellent. I read it from cover to cover, and appreciated every page. Fancy any dixer having the pluck to suggest that 9d. is too much for it."

"I bought the May issue of the 'Times' to-day, and have just finished reading it. You are to be congratulated on turning out such a fine paper."

"We thought the April issue was good, but the May issue is in a class quite on its own. If you keep up this standard you will have a wonderful paper."

"The 'Radio Times' is certainly a winner. The articles are good, the photos excellently produced, the technical section beyond all praise. The 'Radio Log' is quite out on its own. The 'District Notes' have grown beyond all expectations."

"I bought a May copy, and judging by that it is a perfect magazine. Just the one for the b.c. and s.w. enthusiast."

"This month's 'Times' is 100 per cent. better and great interest in being taken in it in this district."

But these are only a few excerpts chosen at random from the mail that is before us. Scores more letters with appreciative comments have come in, but they are not kept, these representing only a couple of days' mail.

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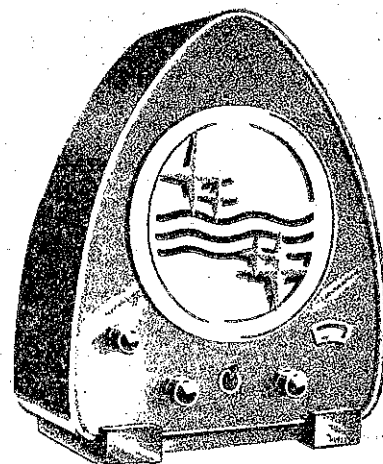
A correspondent from Wairoa submits, after having contacted the majority of listeners in his district, that the Broadcasting Board should aim to give all listeners one programme free from interference; that the "B" stations should be more strategically situated and should relay "A" programmes; that power interference and heterodyning problems should receive attention, and that the power of purely local stations should be reduced. He reports:—

Notes on Radio Reception in Wairoa, Hawke's Bay

- 1YA.—Day fair. Night fair, but at times badly heterodyned by 4RK, Rockhampton.
2YA.—Day very good. Night good, but fading and distortion fairly constantly. Can be received day and night all the year round.
3YA.—Day fair in winter. Night steady, but with a high noise level. No good in summer.
4YA.—Day, no reception practically. Night good and steady, subject to static not being too heavy.
2YB.—Day, no reception practically. Night weak, fades, distorts and het.
Auckland "B's," 1ZR and 1ZM.—Sometimes fair, mostly unreliable with fading and distortion; no practical reception from the others.
1ZJ and 1ZM.—Steady days; night but with high noise level. Not practical for general reception.
2ZP.—Local. Good reception day and night.
2ZH.—Best outside station received here. Perfect day and night reception, but has sometimes been hetd. lately in spite of several changes of frequency.
2ZL.—Nearly as good reception as 2ZH, but not so powerful; well operated or run. Hetd. and occasional fading and high noise level.
2ZL.—Generally unsatisfactory.
2ZO and F.—Day and night is steady, but very weak.
2ZW.—Splendid station, but frequently gives quick fading, and is very badly hetd. both sides.
3ZC.—Good, but weak and hetd.
3ZR.—Weak, but free from hetd.
4ZL.—Very good, with occasional fades.
4ZP and other 4's.—No practical use.

Submission of Wairoa Listeners

1. Consider the Board's aim should be to provide all listeners with one station which will give day and night reception free from static, distortion and fading, provided a reasonably powerful receiver is used.
2. Submit strongly that country listeners should be put in position as above, before any "B" stations in the cities are subsidised.
3. We favour relay lines to near "B" station with rebroadcast rather than an increase of power of "A" stations.
4. Ask that attention be given to locating and correcting local power leaks and that suitable detecting apparatus be provided.
5. Ask that a reciprocal agreement be arrived at with the Australia (and if possible the Japanese) authorities as to the issue and "policing" of wavelengths.
6. We suggest that a solution of the heterodyne question, especially for New Zealand stations which clash and possibly also for the Australians, might be to decrease the power of those stations which are intended for purely local service. Also suggest that much might be done by an extension of the principle of several stations using the same frequency at different times.
7. We request that either 2ZP or 2ZH be connected with the "A" stations by land lines, and that an "A" station programme be rebroadcast nightly from 6 o'clock; and we say:—
(a) That 2ZP would be the more suitable if it can serve Poverty Bay as well as Hawke's Bay.
(b) Otherwise, that 2ZH is the more suitable to serve the whole of Hawke's Bay, but whatever station be chosen, it is imperative that it be allotted a wavelength which is free from a heterodyne.

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