

## "Mr. Heigh-Ho" Resigns

### Loss to Broadcasting

THE resignation of Mr. L. E. Strachan, Station Director, Programme Organiser, and Announcer of Station 2ZW, Wellington, whose voice is familiar to thousands of listeners throughout New Zealand, and further afield, as "Mr. Heigh-Ho," will create a gap in broadcasting circles which will not easily be filled, for the many and varied qualities essential to each of the three positions so capably filled by Mr. Strachan since the inception of 2ZW are seldom found in any one person.

In "Mr. Heigh-Ho" Station 2ZW has been fortunate in possessing a cultured musician with a lengthy experience in newspaper journalism and a comprehensive knowledge of entertainment in its many and varied branches. These factors have enabled "Mr. Heigh-Ho" to develop a standard of programme equal to the best heard from any of the New Zealand or Australian stations.

His versatility has expressed itself in many directions, enabling 2ZW to pioneer many innovations in broadcasting in New Zealand.

As a musician Mr. Strachan was fortunate in being actively associated for some years with three of the best musicians in the Dominion—Dr. J. C. Bradshaw, of Christchurch Cathedral; the late Mr. Hermann Lund, a distinguished musician, who was personally acquainted with Liszt, Brahms, Rubinstein and other great masters; and the late Mr. Edward Branscombe, of Westminster Glee Party fame.

Mr. Strachan was for seven years music critic of "The Sun," Christchurch, succeeding the late Mr. Edward Branscombe. During this period he came into personal contact with practically every musician of note who visited the Dominion. He is an accomplished organist and pianist, holding the Associate Diploma of Trinity College of Music, London, in each of these branches of practical music.

Mr. Strachan's experience in the newspaper world has given him a broad insight into human nature, enabling him to gauge public taste to a nicety.

In his programmes he has never played to the gallery, and on the other hand has avoided anything savouring of the pedantic. He has endeavoured to elevate the standard of musical taste by a judicious admixture of the best in music, with a "sugar-coating" of lighter music, his "annotations" throwing a new light on many classical works which formerly were little understood by many listeners. The hope will be expressed by many that his services will not be lost to broadcasting in the Dominion.

It is understood that "Mr. Heigh-Ho's" resignation was due to his disagreement with the directors of 2ZW regarding a new policy which it was proposed to adopt.

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## All Blacks' Australian Tour

### Broadcasts by YA Stations Arranged

THE New Zealand Broadcasting Board announces that special arrangements have been made with 2ME, Sydney, for a running description of the three matches to be played by the All Blacks at Sydney in the course of their forthcoming Australian tour.

The Board's stations at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin will carry out rebroadcasts of the 2ME transmissions, and it is anticipated that the matches will commence at 4.30 p.m., New Zealand time. The games to be broadcast are:—

N.Z. v. N.S.W. .... Saturday, June 25.  
FIRST TEST ..... Saturday, July 2  
THIRD TEST ..... Saturday, July 23

### Radiophone Contact

#### Air Liner and Speeding Train

Telephonic communication was established on May 20 between the Imperial Airways liner Heracles, which was on a journey to Glasgow, and the famous Flying Scotsman of the London-North Eastern Railway.

The train was proceeding at a speed approaching 90 miles an hour during its wireless telephonic contact with the air liner, which swooped down from 3500 feet and circled round the Flying Scotsman while messages were exchanged.

### Radio Pirates?

A RAID was made on unlicensed radio listeners last week in the courts of Wellington, twelve businessmen and others being haled before the court to explain their possession of ra-

dio sets while not in possession of licenses. Various excuses were advanced to explain the deficiency, the most common being a forgetful memory. The excuses did not avail, however, and penalties ranging from 10/- to 30/- were imposed in every case.

Listeners everywhere should take warning from these prosecutions, as it is apparent that the Post and Telegraph Department is fully on the alert to protect the revenues of the Radio Broadcasting Board.

### Radio in Australia

THE personnel of the new commission to control radio in Australia was announced during the week. The commission is to consist of Messrs. C. Lloyd Jones (chairman), Herbert Brookes (vice-chairman), R. B. Orchard, Professor B. Wallace, and Mrs. Couchman. This list shows that the example of Britain in utilising the services of women is being followed. One of the five governors of the B.B.C. is Viscountess Snowden.

## License Renewals

### Lowest Percentage of Decreases Yet

A RETURN is to hand from the Post and Telegraph Department showing the number of radio licenses in force on April 30, this year. Surprising as it may seem, the grand total is 63,224, representing a decrease of 11,517. This remarkably low percentage of non-renewals (15.5 per cent.) establishes a record. In last week's issue we traced out the percentages of decrease over the last four years, and the lowest was that of 1924, when 19 per cent. failed to renew.

#### DISTRICT.

#### CLASS OF LICENSE.

	Receivers'.	Dealers'.	Transmitters'.	Experimental and Special.	Free.
Wellington .....	25,615	341	165	4	53
Auckland .....	18,067	208	92	—	93
Canterbury .....	9,820	141	100	1	41
Otago .....	8,293	96	64	1	29
	61,795	786	421	6	216

Grand Total ..... 63,224.

## Children's Sessions

### From 2YA

Monday.—Such fun to-night, boys! We are going to a Pirate Den. It's a boys' night, so the girls can do their knitting instead. Uncle Jeff will be in the party, and Kipling Lady, too, and if any girls want to come of course we'll be pleased to have them.

Tuesday.—Jumbo is having a soldiers' evening to-night. "The Toy Drum-Major" will sing his song, and

## WARNING

### "Radio Competition"

OUR attention has been drawn to leaflets concerning a "Great Radio Competition," purporting to offer £100 for 6d. to competitors who can most nearly forecast the popular choice of seventeen radio features.

As the name of the "Radio Record" was used without authority in connection with this "competition," we endeavoured to get in touch with the promoters. Although we established contact with a certain gentleman, promises made to satisfy us upon the bona fides of the competition were not kept.


IN those circumstances we deem it fair to our readers to advise them of the position. The competition is not associated in any way with the Broadcasting Board, or the "Radio Record," and we would like to be satisfied by an official investigation as to the genuineness of the competition before we trusted sixpence to the promoters.

there will be a parade of "The Little Tin Soldiers" and the Toy Soldiers' Band.

Wednesday.—The "Cheerful Chirpers" will lead the radio family in a Community Sing this afternoon, so be all ready to join in, won't you? There will be a story, too, and riddles, and birthday greetings.

Thursday.—Uncle George and Big Brother Jack are giving a party for the toys. All the golliwogs, tin soldiers, Sambos, French dolls, baby dolls, and all the toys you love will be here.

Friday.—Would you like to go for a drive with the driver of the "Flying Scotsman" this evening? Tweedledum has arranged this trip for you, so be sure to listen in.

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