

W.E.A. Talks

Several New Series

Biological Aspects of Life, by Miss D. Spence-Sales, M.A., from 2YA.

Thursday, August 18—I, "Nature or Nurture?"

Thursday, August 25—II, "Adaptation."

Thursday, September 1—III, "The Meaning of Disease."

Thursday, September 8—IV, "The Control of Life."

Maori and Pakeha, by Dr. I. L. G. Sutherland, from 2YA.

Saturday, August 20—I, "The Maori as He Was."

Saturday, August 27—II, "The Coming of the Pakeha."

Saturday, September 3—III, "The Destruction of Maori Life."

Saturday, September 10—IV, "The Maori To-day."

Talks From 3YA—Some Aspects of Astronomy, by Mr. A. W. Tucker, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.A.S.

Friday, August 19—I, "The Moon and Its Origin."

Friday, August 26—II, "The Solar Systems."

Friday, September 2—III, "Is the Planet Mars Inhabited?"

Friday, September 9—IV, "Comets and Meteors."

Life in Ancient Greece, by Dr. H. D. Broadhead.

Monday, August 22—I, "Greek Forms of Government—Their Evolution."

Monday, August 29—II, "Greek Democracy."

Monday, September 5—III, "Social Life in Greece."

Monday, September 12—IV, "Greek Thought and Art."

Agricultural Talks from
1YA

AGRICULTURAL Talks scheduled for 1YA in the near future are:—

August 8—"Roots for Winter Feeding," Mr. Woodyear Smith.

August 15—"Nitrogenous and Potassic Fertilisers," Dr. Shephard.

August 22—"Spring-Sown Cereals," Mr. P. W. Smallfield.

August 29—"Root and Forage Crops for Summer Feeding," Mr. Alexander.

September 5—"Seasonal Notes," Mr. Woodyear Smith.

September 12—"Soil Improvement," Dr. Shephard.

September 19—"Preparatory Work for Hay and Ensilage Harvest," Mr. P. W. Smallfield.

September 26—"Lucerne," Mr. Alexander.

THE U.S.A. Federal Radio Commission has revised its ruling dealing with the announcing of gramophone records and electrical transcriptions with the object of impressing upon stations and listeners the difference between the two methods. Electrical transcriptions are made exclusively for broadcasting, and are expensive to produce. The ruling has been made necessary by reports of many fraudulent announcements of ordinary gramophone records as electrical transcriptions.

Literary Competition

First Section Next Week

Purple Patches from Pre-Victorian Authors

ON Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings of next week, at 7.30 p.m., the first section of the "Radio Record's" Literary Competitions will be broadcast from each of the four YA stations, as follows:—

Monday, August 15, 4YA.

Tuesday, August 16, 1YA.

Wednesday, August 17, 2YA.

Thursday, August 18, 3YA.

These competitions—they are different from each station—have been arranged so that they will provide novel entertainment for all listeners, and at the same time give them in tabloid form a review of the literature of the world from the earliest days of civilised man to the best-known books of authors still living.

The competitions will occupy approximately half an hour on three evenings from each station, each of the three sections covering a definite period in the history of literature. The first section, to be broadcast next week, deals with some of the earliest writings known to man; the literature of the Middle Ages; the Renaissance; and writers of the 18th century.

From each station next week eight selected passages from famous books or poems will be read to listeners, who are invited to locate them and name their authors. Prior to reading each passage the announcer will give a brief biographical sketch of the writer of each excerpt, this tabloid biography giving sufficient details to enable listeners to trace the author in any standard reference work.

Listeners who intend to compete for the prizes, totalling £20, should make

notes of the birth dates of the various writers, and any other dates quoted, as these will assist them in placing the authors.

To facilitate the locating of the various extracts quoted, the "Radio Record" will publish in its next issue the opening and closing phrases of the various passages read.

Points will be awarded as follow to those who take part in the competitions:—

To the listener who correctly names the author of any quotation 1 point

For naming the book or poem from which the quoted extract is taken 1 point

To the listener who locates the actual chapter or verse of any such quotation 1 point

Making a total of 3 points for each quotation.

The first prize in respect of each station will be £3, with a second prize of £1. A special prize of £1 will be awarded in respect of each station to the primary or secondary school student who submits the best entry. Listeners may enter for the competition from any, or all, of the YA stations, and students may submit two entries, one in the general section and one for the special prize. It is thus possible for an adult listener to win £12, or for a student to win £16.

The closing date for the receipt of entries, which should be addressed "Competition," care "Radio Record," will be September 17, and the prize winners will be announced in the "Radio Record." The decision of the editor will be final.

Australian Radio Licenses

Appreciable Quarterly Increase

AN increase of nearly 20,000 licenses in three months is revealed by statistics showing the number of licenses in force in Australia as at June 30, 1932. At the end of the preceding quarter the grand total was 350,661. Details of the latest figures are as follow:—

State.	No. population	Ratio to 100 of
New South Wales ..	141,745	5.68
Victoria	139,592	7.75
Queensland	29,060	3.02
South Australia ...	37,235	6.36
Western Australia ..	12,746	3.02
Tasmania	9,567	4.28
Commonwealth ..	369,945	5.67

A Novel Competition

THE "Manchester Guardian" recently held a competition for the best broadcast announcement of an impending and inevitable catastrophe. The replies were numerous and varied from the dignified to the satirical. One announcement of an impending collision between the earth and the planet Eros concluded cynically: "A thanksgiving service will be held in St. Paul's this evening at eight o'clock. This will be broadcast in the national programme." Another contribution ended as follows: "And there is just one announcement to make. The very interesting lecture by Prof. I. Knowall on 'The Impending and Inevitable World Catastrophe' is on sale at all news agents. We advise listeners to get a copy at once as the catastrophe is due at midnight. That is the end of the news bulletin. Good-bye, everybody! Good-bye!"

FOR SALE or EXCHANGE

The rate for small advertisements under this heading is 1/6 cash for 20 words, and twopence for every other word thereafter.
1 SET Super 60 Coils, £2/5/-; 6 Osram 2-Volt Valves for set, £2/5/-, 6 months' use. Newick, Puhol.

Over 74,000 Licenses in Force

Surprising Increase in Dealer's Licenses

A COMPARISON of license statistics as at June 30 last (given below) with those of the preceding month, reveals a surprising increase of 99 in the number of radio dealers' licenses in force. An increase of 4330 over last month's grand total is also recorded, the total number of licenses now in force being 74,812.

DISTRICT.	CLASS OF LICENSE.					
	Receiving	Dealers'	Transmitting	Experimental	Special	Free
Auckland	20,605	289	113	—	—	100
Canterbury	11,592	177	126	—	1	46
Otago	9,490	140	80	1	—	31
Wellington	31,290	458	208	4	—	61
	72,977	1064	527	5	1	238

Grand Total: 74,812.

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