

ADULT educational sessions from Danish broadcasting stations cover a very wide field. Lessons are given in Danish, English, French and German, in connection with which the Broadcasting Council has arranged for the publication of cheap text-books.

WITH the closing down of the local station at Dundee when the Scottish Regional Station was opened at Falkirk, three hundred blind listeners in Dundee district who possessed only crystal sets have been deprived of their only wireless programme. It is assumed that with the development of the regional scheme many other similar cases will be found, and the authorities controlling the Fund for Wireless for the Blind have been called upon to make a systematic survey in order that valve receivers may be given to replace the now inefficient crystal receivers.

RADIO regulations in Canada provide for a license to be shown before a dealer is permitted to sell a receiving set to a customer. A further regulation necessitates the manufacturer affixing a notice to every receiver warning all concerned of the penalty liable to anyone operating the set without the necessary license. "Pirates" may be fined £10 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment up to three months.

THE maintenance of the radio installation given by the Southend (England) Radio Society to the local public hospital, is to be undertaken by the society. Although having a membership totalling one hundred only, this club has already supplied and maintained without cost to the authorities a radio installation including a complete set of pillow phones and loudspeakers.

AN emergency system of radio communication similar to the activities of the amateur transmitter in New Zealand has been inaugurated in Italy at the refuge stations in the Italian Alps. At these positions are maintained small transmitters by means of which calls for help may be broadcast. Recent tests of the apparatus have shown how valuable the installations may prove.

REGRET is expressed in many circles at a recent regulation in Germany which requires all leading officials in the broadcasting establishments to be of German birth. Hitherto many of the leading lights in the literary and musical professions connected with radio have been Hungarians, Austrians, Czechs, Poles and others whose education and domicile in Germany for many years has particularly fitted them for the international aspect that wireless has. Many of those dismissed have been resident so long that their origin had been practically forgotten.

THE day when British listeners may be able to hear Italian opera relayed direct from its native land has been brought nearer by the erection of a suitable line between Milan and Graz. It is not anticipated that relays from farther south than Milan will be possible in the near future, but all land-line connections in the proposed construction programme in Italy has the possibility of musical frequencies transmission included in the estimates.

RADIO

Round the World

THE path of Empire broadcasting is be-fogged by many difficulties. Many Dominion newspapers are alarmed that news bulletins may damage their interests, and the B.B.C. has been required to agree to limit news to mild proportions. The Musicians' Union has also made difficulties by objecting to recordings for Empire use, and they demand that such be paid for at normal recording rates.

IN Hungary one of the greatest festivals of the year, which attracts visitors from every part of the globe, is in connection with the wine harvest. This year the broadcasting authorities sent a microphone and equipment to Tokai, the centre of the grape district, and all Hungary was permitted to hear the music and song of this public merry-making.

THE performances at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City are to be broadcast again this winter. As was done last season, when permission was first given, a portion of one regular performance will be available to wireless listeners each week. The enthusiastic reception of these excerpts, resulting in increased attendance, has fully justified the relays from this famous opera house.

A NEW mural panel, bearing the Royal Arms, is being carved between the right-hand double doors at the main entrance to Broadcasting House, London. It bears the inscription: "Their Majesties, the King and Queen, honoured this building with their presence, July 7, 1932."

THE U.S.A. police have developed a system of transmitting by radio finger prints of suspected international gem thieves. In this way New York is in constant contact with London, and several thieves who have been wanted by the police in Europe have been detained in New York until the necessary documents and detectives arrived from Europe.

THE development of broadcasting schools in Spain is proceeding remarkably, and the Minister of Instruction has secured an allocation for the purchase of receiving sets for scholastic institutions. At present, single talks are the rule, but arrangements are being completed for courses of lectures on spheres which cannot be covered in individual schools. French and English instruction is given thrice weekly, and the results of these lessons have already had a remarkable bearing on the attitude of scholars toward foreign countries.

A CHANGE of wireless policy has evidently been thought best for Russia, for aggressive attacks on other countries has entirely ceased. The reasons assumed for this change are very interesting. Most Soviet transmitters have been under the jurisdiction of the Komintern officials, but recently these have been replaced by nominees of the present Government in the ascendant. It is freely asserted that the Russian Government is contemplating approaching the U.S.A. with a view to establishing trade agreements, and nothing which could be taken exception to by a foreigner, must therefore be broadcast. While transmissions in other languages continue, they contain nothing of a political nature, and are purely cultural and informative.

THE Australian Mobile Broadcasting Station, 3YB, which came into being just over twelve months ago, has had remarkable success. Originally the station, transmitter and studio, was housed in two motor vehicles of the caravan type. This was the first portable commercial broadcaster in Australia, and the idea was quickly duplicated in America. 3YB has travelled extensively through the State of Victoria, giving publicity to many implements of rural requirements and by impromptu studio concerts in country districts, done much toward making isolation more pleasant. To-day 3YB is housed in the railway carriage specially built for the present King and Queen, and the mobile station attracts great attention wherever it travels.

FOLLOWING upon a recent regulation permitting the National Broadcasting Company to mention the price of goods in a sponsored programme, the Columbia chain has taken advantage of the enactment, and now both systems give prices of the wares that are spoken about in their sales talks. This new departure is one attempt to defeat the general business depression, but the percentage of time allowed for commercial advertising is to be strictly limited in view of the claims of the Press, which has suffered greatly from the slump as well.

BOURNEMOUTH has an outstanding place in radio license records. Out of its 22,450 homes, 22,361 are licensed for wireless receiving.



Thirty Minutes of
Old-time Dance Music
by the
1YA Chamber Orchestra.
will be broadcast from 1YA
on Saturday, December 10.

SOME of the German stations when closing down for the night remind listeners that it is good policy to earth their aerials before they retire. Vienna advises everyone when signing off to not to forget to turn off the gas. It is suggested that some stations might give listeners a reminder to put the cat out of doors.

A SUNDAY newspaper in England has drawn attention to the dumping of cheap American receivers on the English market. It is pointed out that this threatens the stability of a trade which has over £30,000,000 of British capital invested in it, and with auxiliary trades employs over 1,000,000 British workpeople.

THE determination of the B.B.C. to combine entertainment with instruction in their general programme is shown in their forecast of talks. Music lovers will hear explanatory remarks given by the musical director immediately before each important concert, ranging from five minutes for a studio concert to a quarter of an hour for a symphony concert. It is thus hoped that listeners will be able to appreciate better the works it is intended to present.

GERMANY makes every effort to popularise broadcasting, and the aim is to make every member of the community a regular listener. One method employed to circularise the benefits of radio, is a fully equipped radio van, with a loudspeaker, which travels in backwaters of the country districts and poorer districts of the cities.

IN Germany the wireless news service is supplied by an independent company which rewrites and edits the news of the day in a manner suitable for the listener. In order that it may be delivered in the most acceptable manner, most of the news is first spoken into a dictaphone and spoken back to the editor, who is thus able to judge how it will be received over the air.

ONE of the most interesting features of the season's programmes of the B.B.C. will be fictitious trials in which listeners will hear speeches for the prosecution and defence and the judge's summing up. The jury will be the listening public.