



Between Items

Chestnuts—Gentle Thrusts—And One or Two Ideas

by THE IMP



FIVE shillings this week to "Wow" (Marton), and 2/6 prizes to the "starred" paragraphs. Will "Dial Twister" (Dunedin) please forward name and address? More prizes next week!

★ **A** FRIEND of mine was testing out a set, and during the day his wife did a little dzing on her own account, with great results. When the salesman called again she said, "Oh, it is a lovely set. I got Los Angeles this morning on 70." The salesman never blinked an eye. What happened was that she had heard the 2YA talk on "Hollywood Affairs." But it meant another set sold in our street.—Dial Twister (Dunedin).

THIS is the result of changing quickly from one station to another: "Man's inhumanity to man is . . . 1/6 for a bottle of rum." Rummy, but true! —Veetee (Palmerston North).

ANOTHER coincidence in connection with radio. I tuned into 2YB to hear them playing Liszt's "Dream of Love." I then turned into 4BC to hear them playing the same number, with 2YB just a few seconds ahead.—F.F. (Okato).

THE inspector was visiting the school, and was testing one class of girls on their knowledge of history. "Now, what was the name of one of Scotland's famous leaders?" he asked one child. "Please, sir, 'Sandy McFarlane,'" came the reply.—Dial Twister (Dunedin).

★ **WOULD** it not be possible for 2YC to broadcast a programme of light music, etc., on Saturday afternoons between three and five as an alternative to 2YA's broadcast of football matches? There are many of us who having small children, must stay at home, especially on wet, cold afternoons, and a popular programme from the auxiliary station would, I feel sure, be appreciated by hundreds of those who do not care to listen-in to the football relays.—Mrs. E.S. (Wanganui).

MIGHT it not be suggested to the Broadcasting Board that, in furtherance of their policy of trying to please all, 2YC be on the air on Sunday evenings between 7 and 8.15 o'clock, to allow those people who are not interested in the church services to enjoy more fully the pleasures their radio sets can afford them.—Multi-mu (Thorndon).

DID you hear the cat in 3YA studio, or was it on the record? Toward the end of "Postman's Knock" from 3YA on Saturday, a cat meowed three or four times, and our cat, asleep by the fire, woke up suddenly and stared in alarm at the loudspeaker five feet above his head, evidently thinking there was

a stray cat outside. He has never noticed wireless in any form before—speech, music or static.—DX17HB (Gisborne).

I SUGGEST we have a few more "live" humourists from the YA stations. Recorded Scots humour is about all we get, but surely there are more New Zealand humourists.—Humourist (Christchurch).

★ **THE** family was disappointed when the wrestling from a certain Aussie B station was spoilt by severe fading. Next day, when I arrived home, I was surprised to find the radio

Australian Adjectives from Liszt?

The family hadn't had the radio set very long, and weren't really "up" in the high-brow stuff—that is, with the exception of young hopeful, who could put a name to anything. One evening they were all listening to a programme of selected records, and mother had missed the title. "Oh," she said, "what is that piece called?" "Why," said young hopeful, "don't you know? That's a Hungarian Blasphemy!"

"Wow" (Marton).

room in complete darkness. "What are all the blinds down for?" I asked. Grandma came in, and replied: "Well, I thought it might help to keep the wireless from fading!"—J.V.M. (Wellington).

UNCONSCIOUS humour by the announcer: Norman Long will now entertain you at the piano with "Going Down" and "I Wonder What Made Her Go." Also: The orchestra will now play "Alone in the Moonlight" by George!—DX 33T (Patea).

RECENTLY I overheard a portion of a conversation between two young men walking behind me. One of them, apparently having just become the proud owner of a six-valve set, said to the other: "Of course, the set I've just bought is a long-wave set. It is no good getting one of those short-wave sets, as they will only get the local station."—WIM E. (Lower Hutt).

ANNOUNCERS occasionally make mistakes, and Uncle George, of 2GB Sydney, came to grief recently. He was giving birthday greetings out and when calling Tommy —, said: "Birthday greetings to Tommy — of Bondi. He is a great footballer, and

if he looks under the bed he will find something with a handle on it." A pause—then very hurriedly: "It's only a kit to carry his football gear in."—K.J. (Masterton).

FRIDAY night, August 4. Time. 8.42. Relieving announcer: "The time is now nine-forty-two." As it is a bitterly cold night this attempt to hurry summer-time along is at least cheering.—G.W.O'S (Hutt Valley).

A CERTAIN world-famous radio and concert artist while visiting New Zealand some time ago, was unable, owing to floods, to visit Invercargill. In consequence the following notice was posted on the window of one of the music shops: K— not to visit Invercargill. Wash-out on line. A dear old soul remarked, "Poor fellow. Fancy him only having one set of underclothes!"—K.W. (Christchurch).

THE other day I was tuned in to 1ZJ, Auckland, when the announcer said: "This is Prosperity Week. Have you recorded your vote?" I cried into the speaker, "No, I have not." Imagine my surprise when the announcer promptly replied: "I thought so. It's about time you did."—C. Hutton (Aratapu).

WOULD "E.M.B." (Wellington), who had a paragraph on this page last week, please send in address, as a letter awaits him?

W.H. (Christchurch): Suggestion quite a good one, but space is the big problem.

AN old lady, near-sighted, asked me which way you dial for Wellington. I told her, so she tried herself, and got a station. When I looked it was past all the figures on the dial, so put that one on your list.—"Cheerio Chum" (Bleuheim).

★ **HEARD** from 2YA children's hour recently: Aunt Molly to radio cousin who was given a dog for his birthday: "I hope you will love your dog as much as Uncle Jasper loves his 'Spot.'" I hope she meant the dog.—Mrs. J. O. Leith (Waikiki).

FROM the Matson liner, Monterey: "What happened in America when the Beer Bill was passed?" "When the Beer Bill was passed they broadcast it over a national hiccup."

PAGE 4, "Radio Record" for July 28: "Wrestling with Maori Pronunciation." Sounds mighty like Harry Mamos (14st. 5lb.) v. Ike Robin (18st. 1lb.), at Hastings on Friday night.—Oliver Twist (Wellington).

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