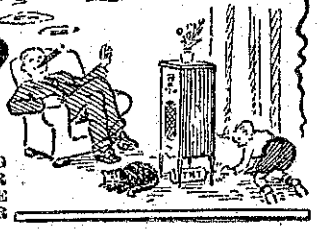




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ONE of the hitherto unrevealed pro-
jects of the "Century of Progress
Exposition" at Chicago was a 2000-
foot steel tower, double the height of
the Eiffel Tower. This landmark was
to have been used for television and
ground broadcasting, but owing to in-
sufficient financial support the project
had to be dropped.

THE real test of greatness is not the
inclusion of one's name in "Who's
Who," but representation among the
gallery of wax celebrities at Madame
Tussaud's. It is understood this signal
honour is to be conferred upon Sir
John Reith in the near future.

THE most successful talks at Hilver-
sum recently have been a series
on dressmaking lessons, sponsored by
"Avro," one of the Dutch-listeners'
clubs. An explanatory pamphlet sold
to the tune of 20,000.

AN International Listeners' Union is
being formed, the object of which
is to unite the amateurs and listeners
of different countries to defend their
common interests and represent them
at international radio conferences. The
uncontrolled autocratic policy of
broadcasting organisations in many
States has made it imperative that
listeners and amateurs shall be con-
sidered.

MR. Colin W. Smith, first editor of
the "N.Z. Radio Times" and
founder of the New Zealand DX Club,
has taken up his residence in Mel-
bourne. Writing in the Melbourne
radio journal, "The Listener In" Mr.
Smith reviews broadcasting generally
in the Dominion and expresses the
opinion that the programmes are
fairly popular considering their limita-
tions. The 2YA auxiliary, or as it is
called, 2YC, is a great success, he says.
This little transmitter chirps away in
great style during the news and re-
ports session from the main station.
The antenna is to the left of the main
2YA masts (looking from city) but is
not nearly so ambitious; in fact it
looks just what it is—an afterthought,
but a happy one.

THE latest youngest amateur radio
operator is an eight-year-old girl,
Jean Hudson, of Delaware. Her
father is well known to hams as the
owner of W3BAK. Jean has long
been proficient with the typewriter,
which she can use blindfolded, and
when she began to play with the tele-
graph key her father and brother gave
her some regular code practice. Her
proud father says she took to it so
naturally that as soon as she could
read he felt compelled to help her to
learn something of radio laws and
regulations. Jean also plays the vio-
lin in the school orchestra and blows
a trumpet.

LISTENERS to the YA Stations are
fortunate in having a team of good
announcers behind the Board's micro-
phones. The same comment applies to
most of the announcers from the Na-
tional Stations in the Commonwealth.
In both Australia and New Zealand,
however, there is room for much im-
provement in respect of some of the
announcers from B stations. In some
cases announcers show a lamentable
ignorance of correct pronunciation,
equalled only by their lack of know-
ledge of correct grammar. Titles of
recordings in foreign languages are
frequently "murdered" in pronuncia-
tion—it is not long since a listener
heard one announcer describe a record-
ing by Beniamino Gigli as a "song by
Benjamin Giggly.

IN Italy house porters of flats and
apartment houses are required by
law to act as radio sleuths for detect-
ing unlicensed possessors of radio ap-
paratus. Printed questionnaires are
supplied by the police authorities, and
these have to be filled up with full
particulars of any radio equipment in
the particular house under each
porter's care. Heavy penalties are in-
flicted upon delinquents.

RADIO LA LOUVIERE, which has
been operating in Belgium in po-
litical party interests, was recently be-
sieged by the Deputy Public Prosecu-
tor, an examining magistrate, a court
clerk, two Post Office technicians and
a police commissioner. Transmission
was stopped and the apparatus sealed,
as the broadcast was unauthorized.