

broadcast from 2YA at 8.40 p.m. on Wednesday, when Mr. Leslie Greener, of the Oriental Institute, Luxor, will describe his work among the Temples of Ancient Egypt. The talks from 1YA will be "Modern Irish Poetry," by the Rev. W. Jellie, M.A., at 7.30 p.m., and "World Affairs," by Mr. Alan Mulgan, at 9.2 p.m. With the home gardening season right upon us, home gardeners will be well advised to tune in to 2YA at 7.30 p.m. to receive some practical advice from the 2YA gardening expert.

SIX really outstanding talks are scheduled for Thursday evening. "The Workers of New Zealand" series from 1YA will be continued at 7.30, when a mechanic will speak on "Lathe, Fire, and Spanner." From the same station at 9.2 p.m. the Rev. W. Lawson Marsh will speak on "Slave Trading and the Fight for its Abolition." From 2YA at 7.30 p.m. Mr. A. D. McIntosh, M.A., will tell us something about the earliest books, and from the same station at 8.40 p.m. Captain H. M. Talbot-Lehmann, M.C., will narrate further exciting experiences during the period when he was aeronautical adviser in the Chinese Civil War. Adventures with the Rhodesian Mounted Police will be described by Mr. P. Bell-Syer from 3YA at 9.2 p.m., and at the same hour from 4YA Mr. H. Camp will tell another of his seafaring tales—Captain Dick's "Edward Sewall."

OF the seven talks set down for Friday evening, the three which will probably make the widest appeal will be Mr. L. W. Delph's travel talk, "Jericho," from 1YA at 9.7 p.m.; "An Imaginary Interview with the Greatest of all Song Writers," by Dr. Cyril Jenkins, from 2YA at 8.40 p.m.; and "Side Lights on Mussolini and Modern Italy," by Mr. W. R. E. Stephenson, M.A., from 4YA at 7.30 p.m.

MANY strange tales have been told of the Sagossa Sea. Some of these will be narrated by "Old Wire Whiskers," from 1YA at 9.2 p.m. on Saturday, his subject being "Stranded in Slime, or the Haunted Ocean." Another fascinating subject to be dealt with by Mr. Stuart Perry from 3YA at 9.2 p.m. is "Some Famous Open Boat Voyages." These two talks should prove decidedly entertaining as both the speakers can tell a good tale. From 1YA at 7.30 there will be a horticultural talk; from 2YA at 7.30 p.m. a talk on some aspects of child life; and from the same station at 8.40 p.m. Mr. C. E. Malfroy will tell listeners why he considers tennis the best sport and why he plays it.

RADIO again proved its value in a sphere other than mere entertainment on Tuesday morning of last week. The president of the N.Z. Grasslands Association, Dr. A. H. Cockayne, who was to have presided at the association's annual conference in Christchurch was unable to leave Wellington owing to illness. In order that delegates to the conference might not be disappointed in not hearing Dr. Cockayne deliver his presidential address, 2YA placed a microphone in Dr. Cockayne's residence. The doctor delivered his address as per schedule, and this was broadcast by 2YA. A receiving set was installed in the conference room in Christchurch, and the delegates heard their presi-

dent's address almost as clearly as if he had delivered it personally before them.

AT long last it has been ordained that French listeners must pay. The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate have both voted in favour of receiving licenses, 50 francs (approximately £2/10/-) to be payable annually on valve sets and 15 francs (approximately 15/-) in respect of crystal sets. The politicians have turned a deaf ear to appeals to postpone this enactment until after the passing of the long-promised Broadcasting Bill. Thus New Zealand listeners can no longer complain that they pay the highest license fee in the world. Holland is now the only European country where listening is free.

AUSTRALIAN listeners have now had an opportunity of hearing the B.B.C. recorded programmes which Mr. Malcolm Frost brought out with him for use in Australia and New Zealand. The Australian Broadcasting Commission has purchased the exclusive rights to broadcast these programmes for a period of six months, after which they will be made available to the B-class stations by Amalgamated Wireless (A'asia), Ltd. No arrangement has been made regarding future supplies, according to Mr. Frost, but the matter will come up for review on his return to England at the end of the year.

DURING recent months listeners have had several opportunities of hearing the gifted Hulbert brothers in various recorded comedy numbers.

Claude Hulbert, the principal comedian in the B.B.C. recorded programme, "Postman's Knock," became a broadcaster as the result of a tiff with his wife, Enid Trevor, daughter of Colonel Philip Trevor, the famous sporting writer. It happened one morning on the front of Brighton. Mr. Hulbert was late in meeting his wife. Naturally, as is the habit of wives when husbands are late, she began to scold him. Seeing humour in the situation, Mr. Hulbert began to embroider the incident and Miss Trevor, taking her cue from him, started to elaborate it for their own amusement. When they had finished a gentleman sitting behind them bent forward and, evidently believing they had been rehearsing a scene for the concert party with which they were engaged, whispered, "That has been most entertaining. I've enjoyed it so much. Couldn't you manage to put it on the wireless? I am sure it would amuse everybody." On their way to their hotel the two young artists laughed heartily at the episode.

SUDDENLY Mr. Hulbert grew serious. "That's a jolly good idea about broadcasting our tiff. I'll get an introduction to the B.B.C. and see if they'll take it." He did; they took it. Since then Mr. Hulbert and Miss Trevor have written and broadcast other "tiffs," and they are by no means graver for lack of matter for these "domestic arguments" as they call them, to amuse those who listen-in.

Wellington Girl Wins Playwright Trophy

Congratulations to Ilma Levy, of Wellington, who has won this year's "Dairy Exporter" Playwright Trophy with her one-act play, "God Made Two Trees." Each year the "Radio Record" and the "Dairy Exporter" offer trophies to the persons submitting the best one-act plays which remain unpublished at the time of judging. Miss Levy's play was performed in Wellington last week during the British Drama League's festival, and was highly commended by the adjudicator, Miss Kiore King.

Miss Levy is no newcomer to the literary field. She comes of a journalistic family (her father, Mr. Ivan Levy, is a well-known journalist and story writer) and has edited and sub-edited the official publication of Victoria College. Miss Levy's success of last week is her fourth literary prize in the past 12 months, and even in the days when she was a pupil at Wellington Girls' College and Chilton House School she was considered something of an infant prodigy in literary circles. Miss Levy's favourite recreation is golf, and she is also an enthusiastic radio fan—in fact her home was one of the first in New Zealand to be equipped with a receiving set.



—"Dominion" photo.