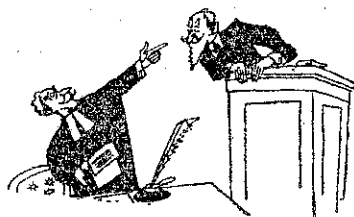




Why Are They All So Highbrow?

(Dedicated to Certain Radio Stations)

I love the radio, I own;
It is my evening's constant pal,
But it is getting most high-flown
And much too educational.
When I am weary after work
I turn my mind to brighter things;
I long for a comedian's smirk,
Or a soubrette who gaily sings.



I switch around
around the dial
In search of
something
bright and
cheery;
My first catch is
a murder trial,

Second, the orthopaedic theory.

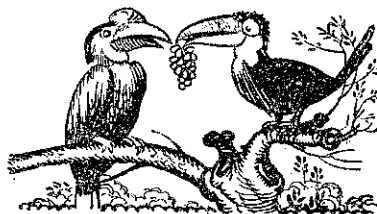
Oh, why are they so highbrow?

Why are their thoughts so grand,



When what I
like
To hear on the
mike
'S Cab Callo-
way and his
Band?

But valiantly I pursue
The search for broadcasts gay and comic:
Five thousand birthdays now come through;
Next, facts about the cell atomic.
A lecturette, "The Lower Bowel
Considered as a Source of Trouble";
Again, "The Aims of Baden-Powell,"
Or "Points on the East India Bubble."
"How to grow oats when soil is sandy,"



"Before the
Pterodactyl
flew";
"The doctrines
of Mahatma
Ghandi,"
"Religious
Cults in
Xanadu."

Oh-h-h! WHY are they all so highbrow?

With their talks on myths and oats,

When what we
need
Is a burst of
speed
And Gracie
Fields' top
notes?



—BY MARGARET MACPHERSON.

All Materials on Hand for New 3YA

(Special to "Radio Record")

THE site of the new 3YA radio station at Gebbie's Pass is a bustle of activity. Twenty-two men are at work on the foundations of the new station building and cottages are being built to accommodate the staff. Three steeplejacks are employed on the erection of the 300ft. towers. The transmitter building is to be of ferro-concrete, with a solid concrete floor.

At present the men are working on the tower farthest away from the

actual transmitting station site. Fifty feet square at the base, the towers will taper gently until, at the top, they will be only two feet wide. All the steel for the job is ready on the spot. It has been imported from Australia, where each piece has been made exactly to specifications, so that the men's task is merely to assemble it in the right order.

The building which is to be used as the garage and storeroom of the new station has been temporarily fitted up as sleeping quarters with stretcher bunks to accommodate 24 men. Part of it is partitioned off as a mess-room, while a cookhouse has also been added.

The whole job is timed to be completed in three months from its com-

mencement, but in the month past a week has been lost by wet weather, so that this time may be extended.

IN a speech recently made by the Mar- chese Marconi, at a dinner given in his honour by the Royal Empire Society, he stated that a tribute had to be paid to the British Post Office, inas- much as through the belief of the officials in the commercial use of short- waves as far back as 1924, England was the first country to erect beam stations for wireless communication with the Empire. The Colonies and Dominions have since been linked to- gether by radio telephony, thus making London the greatest telephone exchange in the world.