



Between Items

Chestnuts—Gentle Thrusts—And One or Two Ideas

by THE IMP



"THE IMP" has been deluged with mail this week, and many paragraphs have had to be held over. This week's 5/- prize goes to J.V.M. (Wellington), and the winners of the 2/6 prizes are marked with stars. Keep on sending your bright paragraphs along.

★ **READING** a recent issue of the "Radio Record," my wife, on turning over the pages, came to the heading "Miss Hook Again After 24 Years." Quite seriously she turned and said, "Who is Miss Hook? I see she's coming back again after 24 years. She must be pretty ancient by now."—A.B.C. (Nelson).

WHEN 2ZR closes each evening the announcer says "... and 2ZR, the voice of sunny Nelson," etc. Recently a report was received from a dx enthusiast in the backblocks, and, in trying to give a fully-detailed report of his reception, he stated that the announcer gave him name as "Sunny Wilson." The fact that Nelson does have sunshine is not a rumour.—A.B.C. (Nelson).

THE other morning, when listening to the breakfast session of a northern station, I was amused to hear the following announcement:—"The next portion of our programme comes with the compliments of ———, typist and confidential secretary. The first vocal number is 'Looking for Love!'" What price matrimonial advertising!—"Listener" (Nelson).

I AM not a racing fiend, but I often have chaps in wanting to hear the results of the day's races. Then I find that such news is given between seven and eight. Therefore I have to listen to all sorts of news, stock reports, etc., in order to oblige. Could not this news session be cut up properly and labelled? e.g., 7 p.m., general news; 7.15, stock reports; 7.30, sporting news.—G.A.T. (Kokonga).

AS the Broadcasting Board has taken over 2ZW, I consider it gives them a great opportunity to silence the critics of their Wellington programmes. It would be a wise move for the board to present an entirely classical programme from one station, and a lighter programme from the other, and the following night vice versa. Thus both "high brows" and "low brows" should be satisfied. But, I wonder if they would be?—"Radiola" (Wellington).

★ **WITH** regard to the rebroadcasting of YA programmes by local "B's" with a view to obtaining better reproduction of their programmes, allow me to suggest a form of synchronisation that would rid listeners of the problem of eliminating the local "B." The "B" stations that rebroadcast the YA stations could alter their wavelengths to coincide with those of the key stations during the rebroadcast. Let us take for an example

2ZF, Palmerston North. When they are broadcasting their own programmes we enjoy listening to them, but when they are rebroadcasting the programme of 2YA we look elsewhere for our entertainment, and it is here where the difficulty comes. We want to hear 2ZW, but that is not possible owing to the strength of 2ZF. If 2ZF were on 720 k.c. with 2YA, listeners could tune to 2YA and obtain that programme from the best source without

Maori Broadcast to Welcome Byrd



WITH the coming of Admiral Byrd on a further expedition and visit to New Zealand, it is hoped the Broadcasting Board will extend the facilities of the YA Stations, and endeavour to arrange a long-distance relay between Dunedin and New York. As a fitting welcome, a special Maori broadcast might be presented from 2YA and re-broadcast on short wave.—J.V.M. (Wellington).

having to tune in the local. Likewise, the listeners who want to hear 2ZW could tune in without the interference from the local. The same synchronisation could apply with 1ZH and 1YA.—Willie from the Waybacks (Feilding).

HEARD during the Mamos-Varga contest relayed from 2ZW last night, September 18:—"Mamos had hold of Varga's nose and the referee made him break it."—Cross Greek (Paeroa).

G.W. (Dunedin): Sorry, but, as you see, someone else beat you to it. We wrote the footnotes before seeing your letter, too.

HEARD from 2YA community sing on Wednesday, September 13, the speaker being Owen Prichard: "... and I hope all the listeners-in are listening."—Willie from the Waybacks (Feilding).

SINCE the Broadcasting Board originated the 2YC station for the benefit of city people who read the daily papers in the morning and do not require the news session, I would

suggest that 2YC's session should be extended and that recordings should be broadcast from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. during the milking season for the benefit of dairy farmers who then could install a speaker in their sheds.—Omakura (Hokianga).

★ **DURING** the Rumberg-Pereira match at Auckland it was announced that "Rumberg still holds a double-wristlock on the mat." Was Gordon trying to "pull our legs" when he said this, or wasn't he seeing right? Personally, I don't think it possible, because it didn't work when I tried it on "Granny's little old skin rug."—Veetee (Palmerston North).

HERE is an item from your printed programme for 4YA, Friday, September 22: Talk, Mr. W. H. Carson and his orchestra, "Famous Murder Trials."—Andy (Christchurch). (Probably some highly-strung musicians.—"The Imp").

2ZW announcer: "The highest temperature in New Zealand to-day was Norfolk Island, 69 degrees." As an almost nightly reference to Norfolk Island is made as being in New Zealand, I would suggest that someone present an atlas to the station so that the real location of this Pacific isle may be made known to the announcer.—"O'Risk" (Wellington).

WILL "Hope I'm Right" please forward us his address once more, as we have a letter for him.

RECENTLY I enjoyed very much indeed the Man in the Street presenting "An Hour With My Favourite Tenors," and would like to suggest that he present "An Hour with My Favourite Baritones and Basses, Sopranos and Contraltos, in turn."—C.W. (Blenheim).

I WOULD suggest that during the five minutes preceding the evening programmes each of the Y.A.'s gives a brief summary of the programmes that are to follow from the four stations.—Mr. Gleig (Invercargill).

RUTH TOWER CORSAN, of Toronto, won the first prize of 3000 dollars in the Canadian national exhibition 120 miles' professional women's swimming race. Her time was 5 hours and 10 seconds. Our New Zealand speed-kings will have to get fit to beat this!—J.C. (Tauranga).

FROM 2YA's news session, on September 19, "... local eggs 10d to 11d per pound. ..." We're surprised at you, Mr. Drummond.—Two Eric (Petone).

CAN'T afford a new radio set? Then sell your old one. Our wanted to sell column is at your disposal. See page 28.