

A Page for Letters from Listeners

Quarter Million American Cars Have Radio

To the Editor.

Sir,—We enclose a copy of an article which appeared in "Australian Life" on September 1 of last year, in the hope that it may be of some interest to you in connection with the various articles which have appeared in the "Radio Record" recently dealing with radios in motor-cars.

You will note that although this article was written well over a year ago, there were a quarter of a million cars in America equipped with radio, which figure is over twice the total number of cars in New Zealand to-day. —I am, etc.,

G. C. MOSES,
Radio Manager,
The Dominion Motors, Limited.
Auckland.

ENCLOSURE

"Motor car radio in America definitely has cleared the obstacle of prohibitory legislation which threatened it when it first appeared three years ago. At that time a number of motor-vehicle and traffic officials were inclined to regard it with dark forebodings. Radio in motor cars struck them as another potential distraction of the attention of drivers. Some of the more aggressive officials threatened to urge laws absolutely forbidding the use of receivers in motor cars. Nothing came of the threats, however, as time proved that the radio set offered no particular hazard; but, on the contrary, served in some instances to minimise the chance of accidents. This has been true, in the case of those who drive late at night. Salesmen and taxi-drivers are among the loudest defenders of motor car radio, on the ground that it provides an interest which counteracts the fatigue of long hours behind the wheel. It is not this particular fact, however, which has contributed most prominently to the popularity of receivers for motor cars.

"Two other achievements are to be credited with that.

"One of them is the technical progress made in the design of motor-car sets; the other, production advancements which have permitted a reduction in price to one half that which prevailed when radio was beginning to make its first appearance in traffic. As to the technical improvement, the motor-car receiver to-day gives as efficient service as the home set—better, in fact, than many located in apartments where lifts and other electrical equipment offer interference with reception. That motor car manufacturers have fallen in with the idea of radio is indicated by the fact that virtually all cars above the popular price class and some of those in it come wired for the installation of a receiver. As to the others, the wiring is a very simple job and the set can be installed by a mechanic of average qualifications without the slightest difficulty."

N.Z. Anthem Once Regularly Sung in Dunedin

To the Editor.

Sir,—I noticed in the "Radio Record" correspondence columns a letter by "W.H.L." Onehunga, in which he refers to the relay of the "Bright Side Up" company's recent concert, broadcast from 2YA, and the very poor response in singing the New Zealand anthem, "God Defend New Zealand," by the audience. During my boyhood days in

Mornington, Dunedin, the late Thomas Bracken, the author of the anthem, was a resident of that district, and the New Zealand National Anthem was sung in most of the Dunedin schools at that period. The music of the anthem was composed by Mr. John J. Wood, a resident of Lawrence, Otago. It can also be procured in the Maori language.

The New Zealand Scout Contingent which attended the International Jamboree in England during the year 1929 sang the anthem at many public gatherings during the tour, and many ex-New Zealand residents in England expressed pleasure in hearing the anthem after a lapse of many years.

As a regular listener to the YA stations, I trust the Broadcasting Board could revive the anthem by including it in their programmes, and by so doing perpetuate the memory of the New Zealand poet and also help to inculcate those high ideals of citizenship in the minds of the younger generations which are so aptly expressed in "God Defend New Zealand." —I am, etc.,

G. E. MORETON.

Auckland.

"Natural" Broadcasts from Concert Halls

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have noticed that concerts relayed from halls and theatres sound far more natural than those given from the studios. This was very noticeable from 3YA on Thursday, November 2, when a concert was put over the air from the Town Hall. I would suggest that the studios in certain centres, notably Christchurch, should be altered—the heavy furnishings be done away with and the studios modelled on the same lines as a concert hall.—I am, etc.,

W.W.C.

Christchurch.

Pitfalls Among New Wavelengths?

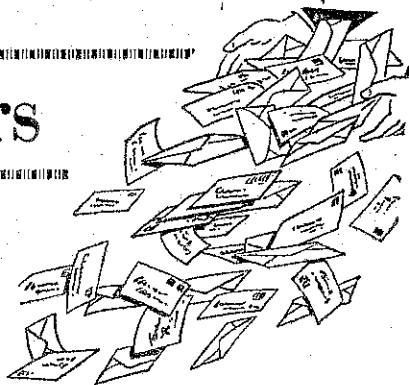
To the Editor.

Sir,—In looking over your article on the new wavelengths, you say that 2YA will be exactly half way between 2CO, Corowa and 7ZL, Hobart. On referring to the Call Book I find that both 2CO and 7ZL are on the same frequency, namely, 560 k.c., and the new 2YA frequency is 570, so it cannot be between, unless the Australian frequencies have been altered, or are going to be altered. I notice that 1YA's new frequency is 650, and 2FC Sydney is 655, only 5 kilocycles separating them. Will that not be too near to get good reception of 2FC. If the Australian frequencies are going to be altered could you publish them in one of your issues?—I am, etc.,

Wellington.

A. TAPPENDEN.

[Your Call Book is evidently well out of date. According to our latest Summer Edition, 2CO operates on 560 k.c., and 7ZL on 580 k.c. Thus 2YA's new frequency—570 k.c.—will be midway between these two. 2FC operates on 665 k.c., not 655 k.c., and so no difficulty should be experienced



in separating this station from 1YA, on 650 k.c. As far as we know, the frequencies of the Australian stations are not going to be altered.—Ed.]

Wider Scope For the Sunday Morning Service from 2ZW

To the Editor.

Sir,—I think it is a pity that the Sunday morning service broadcast by station 2ZW should be confined to the radius where that station is receivable. The "Padre" has a way with him, and, given the opportunity, would lead us into a glorious brotherhood in which there could be no "depression." Now that the board have taken over control of this station there should be nothing to prevent 2YA carrying straight on at 11.0 a.m. with this service.

Station 2ZW is well received here, our only trouble being the squealer, who will insist on imposing his whoopees right through the whole service.—I am, etc.,

K.O.P.

"A Secret Hater of the Sickly Strains"

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with delight the letter of "G.W.L." in last week's "Radio Record" and I do hope that the paper has been shown to the Broadcasting Board. Did they take notice of the sentence:

"If the board does not want it (2YA's good-night melody) I will be prepared to give it board and lodging?"

Here is a splendid opportunity for getting rid of the thing without any chance of a charge of cruelty being brought forward. Surely the board will accede to the request of the only listener in New Zealand who likes the tune and permit him to have his will with it. His subsequent nervous breakdown is, after all, no concern of ours, as he goes into this with his eyes open.

The more charitable explanation of "G.W.L.'s" apparent aberration is that he, too, is a secret hater of the sickly strains, and is using this means to obtain the record and destroy it once and for all. Congratulations, "G.W.L." Go to it!—I am, etc.,

SICK OF IT.

Wellington.

Programmes Like Monday's Have Broadcast Appeal

To the Editor.

Sir,—Monday night's programme from 2YA was O.K. We enjoyed it