

A Run Through The Programmes



during the coming week. A national Thanksgiving Service will be relayed from the Centennial Exhibition by 2YA at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 7. In Dunedin, 4YA will relay a United Thanksgiving Service from the Town Hall, also at 3 p.m. The Dunedin service is under the auspices of the Council of Christian Congregations, and is to be a special Centennial effort.

Stamps in Finland

Just how many Finns are able at the moment to keep up their correspondence we can't say. But even the Finns write letters, no matter how uncivilised the Russians may be saying they have been; and when you write letters you need stamps. Finland has produced a number of interesting varieties, as may be expected from a country which the world has known for its progressive ideas. An authority on stamps, E. Philpot Crowther, will discuss Finnish issues from 2YA on Monday, January 8, at 7.40 p.m. Philatelists will not be too busy with the new local issues and special covers to spare a little time to listen to a recognised expert.

Prehistoric Music

It would be a mistake to think that the prehistoric eras were entirely without refinement. Life was not solely a matter of swinging on branches, evading dinosaurs, eating roots and dying your face a blithesome blue to scare the other monkeys to death. Actually, nearly 2,000 years B.C., men were laying the foundations upon which culture and art were later to rest. Denmark is one country which enjoys the distinction of possessing tangible relics of musical life in prehistoric times. In a Copenhagen museum are nineteen specimens of an instrument called a *Lur*, dug from peat bogs where they had rested from between 1,800 and 900 years B.C. And although, if they could be played now, their bleats might awaken the dead, they give an idea of the long musical heritage which Denmark possesses. We do not think you will be entertained by numbers on the *Lur*, but we do know you will hear some fine music of more recent times if you listen to the item, "Musical Denmark," from 2YA Wellington, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 7.

Diet for Aucklanders

Perhaps more than any other city, Auckland has followed the development of dietetics. From the beginning it has heard this theory and examined that, taken its proteins without its carbohydrates, or mixed them, as the mode of the moment has dictated. It has even fathered

a prominent dietitian, Dr. G. B. Chapman, who has gone so far as to write a book. Now it is to be given a different dose. Dr. Elizabeth Bryson, whose crusade for sense in making meals and eating them began in Dunedin, has been on the air from 2YA and will broadcast a series of talks from 1YA, beginning on Thursday, January 11, at 7.40 p.m. Her talks about "What Shall We Eat?" should appeal to Aucklanders who are used to Dr. Chapman's essentially practical and non-faddist views on the food problem.

Belinda and the Bugs

Belinda, as you can see, is looking askance, in spite of the friendly beam in the eye of the bug. But this, as usual, is only another artistic whimsy. Russell Clark has only to see a point and it's as good as missed. However, the title of Belinda's talk (2YA, Thurs-



day, January 11, 10.45 a.m.) will correct any false impressions: "Our Friends in the Insect World." Perhaps we should also point out that Belinda is not a politician or a Public Servant, but one of several new personalities engaged by 2YA to put resolution into the morning programmes during the New Year. Others are mentioned in a note elsewhere in this issue.

Popularity Proven

Two items whose popularity has been proved by test through station 2YD will go on the air for Auckland listeners next week. "Out of the Silence," a serial thriller, which starts from 1YA at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 8, is an imaginative play built around the discovery, in Australia, of a buried city. "Radio City Revels," which 1YA will broadcast on Saturday, January 13, is a hot stuff variety show which starts red hot and gets hotter.



SHORTWAVES

JITTERBUG dancing may be enjoyed by youngsters, but it is neither graceful nor beautiful; certainly not dignified for people past their teens.—*Irene Castle.*

THE Chinese invented gunpowder, yet they have probably been shot in the pants more than any other people in the world. — *Editorial in "The Washington Post."*

"MORE passengers to be allowed to stand: Concession made by Minister of Transport." — *Birmingham Post.*

EVEN though Hitler may think he is master of the world he has met his match. Sooner, or later Stalin will win out, and in turn betray him. There is no possible doubt that the real enemy of Russia, whether Tsarist or Bolshevik, is Greater Germany.—*Madame Tabouis in the "New Republic," U.S.A.*

THE peace of Europe demands not the liberation of Germany from a particular regime, or a particular man, but the liberation of the GERMANIES from the domination of Prussia.—*Sisley Huddleston in the "Weekly Review."*

THEY were childlike people, these peasants, and it used to amuse me to hear the Agricultural Expert talk over his day's work: "I teach them new methods," he would say, "and I come back in six weeks and I find they've gone back to their old ways. So I teach them again. Some I've been teaching for ten years, but lesson one is as far as we get."—*From a BBC talk by Philip Knowling, "Home Life in Bessarabia."*

GERMAN propaganda is making, through neutral channels, the very curious suggestion that Hitler has deliberately sacrificed the Baltic States to Russia in order to warn the West that it has now to face the Red Peril. Unless England and France make peace promptly, the idea is, Communism will be on the march.—*New Statesman and Nation.*

THE policy of the U.S.S.R. is based on the principle of justice and the defence of small nations.—*Izvestia (official Russian newspaper).*