

Auckland Notes

(By "Listener.")

TUESDAY evening is "operatic night" at 1YA, and during the past months Madame Irene Ainsley and her party have provided many gems for the delectation of Auckland listeners. Much as the grand opera excerpts have been appreciated, however, they must take second place to what was presented on Tuesday last, when selections from that most popular of musical comedies, "Rose Marie," were rendered in excellent style. In the manner in which it catered for public taste, this presentation was the best that has yet been heard from 1YA. If the written appreciations were in keeping with the verbal ones which the writer has heard, the performers should feel well gratified with the result of their efforts. The operatic portion of last Tuesday's programme is one that could bear repeating at an early date.

AT the time of writing news has just arrived that the trans-Tasman flight will be attempted on Sunday night. For enthusiastic listeners there will be little sleep on the night that precedes the resumption of the daily routine of work. One listener who was intrigued by the descriptions of the Suva-Brisbane flight states that he will obtain his required portion of "shut eye" on Sunday afternoon and early in that evening, so that he may not miss a detail that may be on the air from 11 p.m. till landing time. All he hopes is that the landing will occur before toil calls. He may also pray that bad weather will not delay the venture.

FOR some days local listeners have been concerned about rumoured pending litigation over patent rights on radio apparatus. At first they foresaw additions to the annual license fee, but reassuring statements by the trade and others have calmed these fears. If anyone suffers financially it will not be the listener.

RECEPTION of 2YA has been commendably strong and steady of late in Auckland. The installation of crystal control may have contributed to this result, but the result itself is what appeals to listeners here. The Wellington programmes, too, have been keenly appreciated, many of the artists in the southern city being now as popular in the north as they are in their own district.

"THE best that anyone could wish for." This was the comment of a football enthusiast who was confined to his home on Saturday last but who did not miss his week-end diversion of enjoying football. His tribute to Mr. Meredith's description was well earned, for the description of the New South Wales-Auckland Rugby struggle was splendidly handled, and listeners could follow every rapidly-changing move in a spectacular game.

OUR first "mystery night" has come and gone. It has justified all that was promised for it. The keenest interest was evinced by listeners in a long series of varied items. Certainly some of them presented unusual difficulties of recognition, but this was essential to such a competitive event. One listener, with heart set upon winning that gramophone, adopted quite an unusual method. He watched outside

Tribute to Sunday Service

THE following incident is vouched for:—A young man, who was the black sheep of the family, who were strong Baptists, was often written to by his mother and often asked what church he attended. As he was leading a rather gay life, he could not answer his mother's question. One night he was listening-in to the children's song service and it brought him back to the days when, as a child, he knelt at his mother's knee. This made him think, with the result that on a recent Sunday night he attended a Salvation Army meeting at the Lower Hutt.

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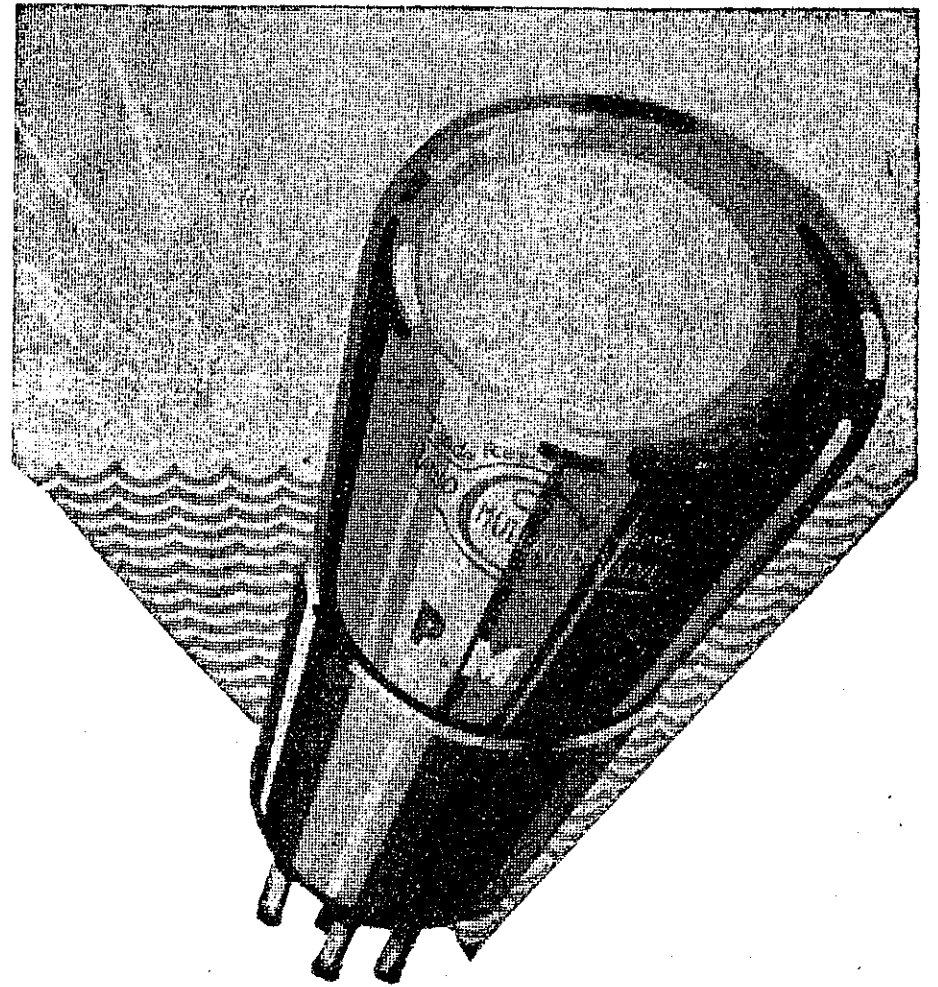
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It has been intimated at Ottawa, the Canadian capital, that there are probably 50,000 unlicensed radio sets in the Dominion. This would bring the total up to the 300,000 mark.

the broadcasting studio before the commencement of the programme, and took the names of all of the performers who entered. This would certainly give him something to go on in his guessing. The announcement of the winner of the prize is now being as eagerly awaited as was the contest itself.

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