

Hawke's Bay Notes

Static has again been king-pin over local reception conditions for some time, and it was at its height when Auckland put over its mystery night stunt. This was interesting enough, but no one down this way has really enthused over it.

From New Zealand stations reception on the whole has been very fair, but the Aussies have been patchy, and the Yanks have been conspicuous by their absence.

RECENT issues of the "Record" have contained quite a lot of controversial matter regarding local reception from 2YA. Some listeners say it is good; some say it is poor; most listeners say nothing. When those who say 2YA is good hear others say it isn't. A cry invariably is "Look for the trouble in your sets first." The writer has spent many hours looking for set troubles, but there's none, and still 2YA as received in Hastings, at any rate, is poor, and not in the same street as 1YA or 3YA. This rules out of court any suggestion that the fault is in receivers, nor does it necessarily mean that it is in Wellington's station. It may be that the intervening hills are the trouble, but against this it is to be remembered that daylight reception is good. At night there is volume a-plenty, but the tone is poor—"tinny," in fact—and distortion is frequent, whereas from the other New Zealand stations tone is good and very little distortion. It's a problem all right, but the solving of it is not in the receiving sets, and those who say that those who complain are wrong have another guess coming.

THE annual meeting of the Hawke's Bay Radio Society was held on September 3, and was very successful. The Rev. F. A. Bennett, the Bishop-elect of Aotearoa, presided. The secretary reported that the membership of the society now totalled 110—a very pleasing state of affairs, so when this society talks there is some weight to back it up.

An entirely new committee was elected, and they are all live members who are hopeful of introducing several new stunts which should hold the interest of members.

The balance-sheet showed a slight profit on the year's workings, which is very satisfactory when the low subscription is considered.

The Rev. Bennett was re-elected president, and was heartily congratulated on his appointment as Bishop of Aotearoa. He is a keen radio enthusiast, and is very much alive to the interests of the society. The society is very fortunate in having such a man at its head, and it is interesting to note that another reverend gentleman is also a vice-president, this being the Rev. R. B. Waugh, another keen enthusiast.

MATTERS in connection with the collection of funds for the Hastings Hospital radio set have not progressed much lately, and the century has not yet been reached, but on September 25 a big concert is to be held in the Municipal Theatre in aid of the fund, and as the Orphans' Club will provide the first part and the Maori students from Hukarere School and the Maori Agricultural College the second part, it

Auckland Notes

IF the radio trade in the Auckland district does not experience a boom, it ought to, for the diversity of entertainment and news lately provided by 1YA, and the big features in prospect are sufficiently attractive to bring thousands into the radio fold. Listeners themselves can help materially in this direction. All are familiar with those friends who say, "I see there is something good on at 1YA tonight. I'll invite myself round to your place to listen in." A delicate hint that possession of one's own set is much better than dependence upon the courtesy of a friend will help them, and will help progress.

2YA is heard with fine steadiness here in the daytime by those who have good sets and know how to operate them. On Wednesday the account of the first Rugby Test was heard most distinctly, and judging by the full and early accounts in the newspapers, the latter made full use of their sets that afternoon.

MR. FRANK SUTHERLAND, our popular basso, was missing from the Wednesday night programme at 1YA. Many Wellington listeners were probably unaware that he was officiating in another important capacity during the afternoon at that day. He was the man behind the whistle at Athletic Park.

SO popular was the rendering of "Rose Marie" by the Madame Ainsley concert party that listeners are eagerly looking forward to the presentation from the "Maid of the Mountains" on Tuesday. There is absolutely no doubt of the general appeal which such renditions make to the large body of listeners.

GREAT was the disappointment of listeners when it was announced on Saturday last that the trans-Tasman flight had been postponed. A Saturday evening flight would have been ideal for most listeners, for there would have been no qualms about sitting up all night with a day of rest ahead. However, when one reached out for "distance" one realised that it was perhaps as well that a postponement had been made. Static was terrific, and that switching from station to station which is beloved of so many would have been impossible.

THE average listener fails to realise all that preparation for a frequently postponed flight entails upon the staff of a broadcasting station. An all-night vigil awaits them when the flight commences, and meanwhile, in anticipation, the staff at 1YA is virtually sleeping on the job. It must have been a trying week for them.

THE announcement in the evening papers that 1YA was to re-broadcast portion of one of the services in connection with the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, caused large numbers

should be a good turnout. It is up to all listeners to give this concert their full support, and so help to bring the fund to a head.

This society's protest re the racing ban did not meet with much sympathy from the Racing Conference, but when that body meets again the matter will have to be threshed out once more.

to tune in earlier than usual on Wednesday night. Atmospheric conditions were far from favourable, static being very pronounced. Despite this, the magnificent choral music was received at good volume, and all portions of the service could be heard, though it was marred by interference. Still better results are hoped for during the week-end, and there is every prospect of their being attained. Even as it is, the staff at 1YA have reason to feel gratified with their first attempt. It demonstrated possibilities that we are sure will be fully availed of in the future, and in carrying out the re-broadcast the station rendered a signal service to a large number of the community who are deeply interested in the historic services conducted in the new Sydney Cathedral.

America's President

Talk by Visiting Lecturer

DR. Frederick W. Burnham, a noted American preacher, who, with his wife, arrived in Auckland by R.M.S. Aorangi on September 10, is to broadcast from 2YA on Saturday, September 22, a talk on the "Presidential Election in U.S.A." Dr. Burnham is en route to the Federal Conference of the Associated Churches of Christ, to be held in Adelaide in October. He is spending two weeks in the Dominion. Besides extensive world travel in the interests of his church. Dr. Burnham has been active in interdenominational affairs, serving for eight years on the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches, during four years of which he was chairman. He is a director of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, and of the Near East Relief. Dr. Burnham is also a member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and president of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Dr. Burnham will preach at the Church of Christ, Christchurch, on Sunday, September 16, when the service will be broadcast.

Sporting

Coming Attractions

Saturday, September 15:

New South Wales v. New Zealand, Third Test, 3YA.
Wellington v. Otago, 4YA.
Nelson v. Wellington, 2YA.
Wellington Trots (results), 2YA.

Monday, September 17:

Radford v. Leckie (boxing match), 2YA.

Saturday, September 22:

Auckland v. Taranaki, 1YA.
New South Wales v. Maoris, 2YA.
Wellington v. Canterbury, 3YA.
Otago v. Southland, 3YA.

Boxing Broadcasts

Association's Appreciation

THE secretary of the N.Z. Boxing Association has forwarded the following letter to Mr. A. R. Harris, general manager of the Broadcasting Company:—

"At the annual general meeting of the New Zealand Boxing Association, held in Auckland on August 23, I was instructed to write to you stating that the delegates present expressed appreciation of the manner in which your company co-operates with our local associations in the matter of broadcasting boxing contests.

"Might I personally take the opportunity of mentioning that numerous letters reach me, particularly from the inland towns of New Zealand, expressing gratitude for giving lovers of boxing, who are unable to be present at contests, the pleasure of following a description of the bouts."



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