

## Hawke's Bay Notes

FIVE tenders were received for the Hastings Memorial Hospital radio equipment, and the committee, and then the general meeting, had a great time sorting out the final set. One of the tenders was given the "go-by" on account of the price trying to emulate "Smithy's" high flying. The other four sets and their equipment were demonstrated to the Selection Committee at the residence of Mr. B. M. Kessell, and after a demonstration, which lasted about three hours, two were eliminated. The two left in were referred to a general meeting, also at Mr. Kessell's residence, and after another all-night sitting the tender of the Hector Jones Electrical Company, with a 7-valve Grebe, was selected. The work of installing the outfit will probably be well under way by the time these notes are read, and everything should be well completed long before Christmas. In fact, it is hoped to have the installation officially opened by December 12, as soon after that date the president of the H.B. Radio Society, who was last Sunday consecrated as the Bishop of Aotea-roa, leaves for Gisborne, and will not return until Christmas Eve. There is every indication of a successful installation, for the contractors are very keen and are using only the best material.

SOME time back the H.B. Radio Society made a move to erect a broadcasting station in Hastings, but the poor support given the movement resulted in it going to the wall. Since, however, a number of keen members have been "feeling their way" and are keen to have the proposal brought up again. It is to be discussed at the next meeting of the society on December 18. This is a matter which needs a lot of threshing out before being carried, and unless every member of the society is prepared to give the thing his full support, it is far better to leave it untouched.

ANOTHER matter which the society is to discuss at the meeting on the 18th is a proposal to hold a ladies' night. This is worth considering, for if the ladies can be made to take an interest in the Society it must go ahead.

AT the last meeting of the society, favourable comment was expressed concerning the recent competition gramophone programme, and a resolution was passed urging the R.B.C. to put on more similar programmes at intervals.

IN this quarter, reception generally remains much the same as in the past couple of weeks. There is still plenty of distortion with 2YA, but the other New Zealand stations are good. No one seems to worry much about the "Aussies" just now, and Yanks are out in the cold.

WHAT'S the matter with radio fans in Napier? There was a time when they possessed quite a strong society there, but now they have gone right to the pack. A little while back, a number of Napier enthusiasts accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the Hastings Society, and at that meeting, the Napier people expressed the opinion that their club would soon get moving again. There

is no sign of it yet, however, which is a great pity, for there is no doubt that two societies, one in Napier, and the other in Hastings, could work well together for the good of listeners generally. With the coming of the New Year, it is hoped that Napier listeners will make a move. Great good would undoubtedly result from an interchange of visits from such societies.

## Wellington Amateur Radio Society

THE next lecture of the Wellington Amateur Radio Society is specially adapted to interest the beginner in radio or the crystal set user. It will be an address by Mr. C. C. K. Fear on "Crystal Sets and How to Get the Best Out of Them, Aerial and Earth Installation, etc." The meeting will be held in the Kent Terrace Congregational Church Hall at 7.45 p.m. on December 11. Mr. Fear is a recognised expert on radio, and his last

lecture on the Browning-Drake circuit given in the same hall showed that he has a ready command of language and the ability to make his subject interesting. It is confidently expected that, in spite of the approach of summer evenings, a large attendance will be present. Mr. Fear's lecture should particularly appeal to the young idea anxious to instal a crystal set at Christmas.

## Christmas and New Year Holidays

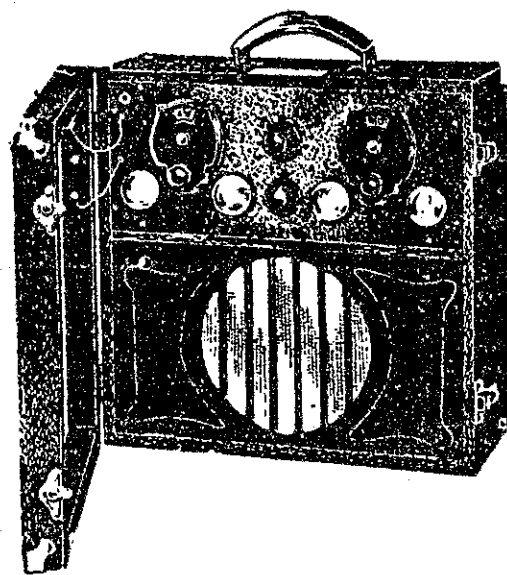
FIGURES supplied by the Railway Department are interesting as indicating the huge passenger traffic which its services are called upon to handle during the Christmas holiday season. Last year the number of passengers carried during the period covered by the festive season reached the surprising total of 1,851,000. When it is remembered that the bulk of the journeys made were concentrated on

the days immediately prior to Christmas Day, some idea of the magnitude of the organisation necessary to provide suitable and adequate services can be gained. Present indications are that this year's Christmas traffic will be exceptionally heavy, particularly during the period from December 14 to January 5, when excursion rates will apply. The various officials responsible for the arranging of the holiday timetable have been working at high pressure for some weeks. The task is now completed, and Christmas travellers can rest assured that no pains have been spared by the Railway Department to ensure that an adequate train service awaits their convenience.

## Sunday Morning Service

ON Sunday, December 9, station 1YA will broadcast a morning church service at 11 a.m. from the Auckland Unitarian Church on the occasion of a farewell to the present minister, the Rev. Albert Thornhill.

# Take an "Airzone" with you



Wherever you open the "AIRZONE" Portable Receiver you hear immediately what is on the air. Let us suppose you have motored into the country. You have selected a grassy spot to spread the picnic lunch and boil the billy. Someone suggests music. You take your "AIRZONE" from the car, and place it on the running board, or on the ground. You open the cover, tune in, and there is the music. Could anything be more simple? And so it is at home on verandah, lawn, or indoors.

**Price £27/10/-**

**MAGNAVOX  
DYNAMIC  
A.C.  
SPEAKER**

Magnavox Dynamic Power Speakers differ from other speakers, both in principle of operation and in construction. They are made under exclusive Magnavox patents, covering principles which are acknowledged by experts as the only type of speaker construction capable of accurate radio reproduction. While these speakers are made primarily to provide more natural and enjoyable music or speech in the home, the volume is available from a low whisper to a volume far in excess of any normal home requirements—all without distortion. Get all the volume needed for the largest interior with Magnavox Dynamic . . . Get all your set can give.

**Beverley (as illustrated), for 230 Volts A.C., £19.**

**Beverley (as illustrated), for 6 Volts D.C., £15.**

**Units for A.C., 230 Volts, £14.**

**Units for D.C., 6 Volts, £8/15/-.**



**As necessary as a power tube. It gives not only volume without distortion but full and faithful reproductions over the full tonal range.**

**CALL AND HAVE A DEMONSTRATION  
IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
KIRKCALDIE & STAINS RADIO DEPARTMENT  
WELLINGTON**