

1YA Musical Committee

THE 1YA Musical Committee at its last meeting discussed at length the proposed One Act Play Competition for which some entries had already been received.

It was felt that a short talk should be put over the air by Mr. F. McCullum, explaining the details in connection with the play, and it was decided to recommend the company accordingly.

The university students' delegate advised that arrangements had been completed with the station for the broadcast of a debate, in accordance with the committee's previous resolution, the play having been arranged for January 9, 1929.

The Radio Broadcasting Company submitted an outline of a play which had been broadcast in America with success, and after considerable discussion the committee decided to recommend that the play be broadcast, as it was felt that the particular performance would be of exceptional interest to listeners.

A suggestion was also made that a "Maori Night" be held, and after discussion the suggestion was approved by the committee, and it was decided to recommend the company accordingly.

The committee decided to meet again on February 10, 1929.

Systems of Control**Test Proposed for 2YA**

COMMENCING from New Year's Day a series of tests extending over a month will be conducted at 2YA in regard to the two systems of control. On alternate days the transmissions will be carried out under crystal control and master oscillator tube.

These tests are being arranged for the purpose of enabling the company's official listeners to report on the respective results of the systems. In each issue of the "Radio Record" the days of the coming week, showing the system in force, will be published, commencing on January 1, when the transmission will be controlled by Master Oscillator Tube.

The days will be:—

Tuesday, January 1—Master Oscillator Tube.

Wednesday, January 2—Crystal (if station on air).

Thursday, January 3—Master Oscillator Tube.

Friday, January 4—Crystal.

Saturday, January 5—M.O.T.

Sunday, January 6—Crystal.

Monday, January 7—M.O.T.

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Arrangements for Christmas Week**Special Sporting Service**

THE coming Christmas season brings with it its customary heavy sporting fixtures. Racing, trotting, boating, tennis, and a host of other attractions cover the interests of all. To attend everywhere the inclination takes one is impossible, yet the interest remains.

To cope with these sports 2YA's Special Sporting Service has been alert and extensive arrangements have been made to cater for every interest.

Racing.

THE principal events to be featured are New Zealand racing results, with special reviews of the fields, reviews of the metropolitan (Australian) meetings, with results as soon as they come to hand. During the festive season there will be many fixtures for the same day, and the service has made arrangements to handle them all. Progress reports will be given during the afternoon session, while a resume will be put over the air during the news session.

Boating and Cricket.

IN view of the fact that nearly all New Zealand sportsmen will be interested in the championship sculling fixture between Jackson (New Zealand) and Pearce (Australia) at Sydney on December 22, the result will be put over the air as soon as it comes to hand.

In addition, the many yachting events will receive the attention of the service.

Progress reports of the big cricket in Australia will, as before, be given. Recently listeners have been able to get the position at close of play some three-quarters of an hour later, and there is every indication that this very efficient service will be maintained.

The Plunket Shield interprovincial cricket will be of special interest to listeners, and progress reports of the matches Canterbury v. Auckland and Otago v. Wellington will be put on the air frequently. In addition, a relay has been arranged for in connection with the Otago v. Wellington match, to be played on December 24, 25, 26, 28. Short relays only are to be given, the station passing back to the studio to entertain with musical numbers and to announce the results of other activities to hand.

Other Attractions.

BOXING DAY, a special programme will be given in the nature of a relay of a description of the Caledonian Sports held in the Basin Reserve, Wellington. Mr. Jacobsen, a prominent sporting figure, will be before the microphone.

The New Zealand tennis championships at Auckland will receive attention and reports of their progress will, from time to time, be announced.

Reports of the trotting meeting at Auckland will likewise be broadcast.

The Christmas season promises well and great care has been taken to give the listener everything that is going.

The Wonders of Wireless**Unique Demonstration from 2YA**

LISTENERS to 2YA Sunday last were without warning switched over to station KDKA, United States, to hear them conversing with Commander Byrd and his intrepid crew in the ice-bound Antarctic. The conditions were good and it was possible for the owner of a very modest set to hear the good wishes of the American people being extended to the expedition.

But it is the wonder of the feat that takes the attention of anyone who stops to think of the happening apart from its being part of the programme. Who would have imagined when Scott and his gallant men were fighting to conquer the silent, solitary waste, that in a few years another expedition was to attempt to carry on the work so nobly commenced and that it would be possible for the owner of an apparatus costing a few pence to hear Christmas greetings being extended them by their countrymen?

A 3YA Vaudeville

THE Revellers Comedy Company has been engaged by 3YA for this Saturday evening, when a programme of absolute vaudeville will be presented. There will be no interruptions in the entertainment, which will consist of sketches, cross-talk patter as well as musical numbers. A humorous dialogue will be "Lady Godiva" and a Christmas sketch, "The Stranger," will also be presented. Mr. George Titchener will head the entertainers, the others of the party being Mr. C. W. Collins (humorous elocutionist), Miss Mavis Ritchie (comediienne), Miss Eileen Grennell (soprano), Miss Muriel Johns (at the piano), Miss Edna Johnson (popular songs) and Mr. Clive Hindle (baritone).

Uncle Peter of 3YA

REV. STEPHEN PARR, Uncle Peter of 3YA, has found that his radio duties are proving too severe a task on his time, and he has therefore had to relinquish what has been to him, as it is to all uncles, a very interesting work. Mr. Parr became Uncle Peter nearly eighteen months ago, and he regretfully said "Good-bye" to his radio family on Wednesday evening. Mother Hubbard, however, has promised to carry on her radio work next year.

1YA Children's Committee

THE fifth meeting of the 1YA Children's Committee was held on Tuesday last.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Bruce McKenzie, who forwarded a letter in connection with a request for support for the installation of a wireless set at the Waikeria Prison Camp. The committee felt that the request was somewhat outside its province and decided to take no action.

The Radio Broadcasting Company wrote intimating that it had been decided to hold the children's session for Christmas Day in the morning of 9 a.m., in accordance with the committee's previous resolution, and further intimated that they had decided to adopt the committee's resolution regarding the introduction of a gramophone record on occasional children's programmes, the record to be accompanied with a short comment.

The chairman intimated in connection with unsolicited donations which had come to hand that in furtherance of the committee's scheme to install crystal sets in cases where deserving circumstances warranted, a satisfactory quotation had been received from a local radio firm, and it was decided to proceed with the matter immediately.

The committee passed a resolution recommending the company to introduce a series of talks on "Vocational Guidance," to be given by prominent people during the children's session, once a fortnight.

The committee decided to meet again on February 26, 1929.

Change Round!**New Uncle at 1YA**

OWING to the fact that the Rev. G. Coats (Uncle George), Mr. T. T. Garland (Uncle Tom), and Mr. L. S. Abbott (Peter Pan) will be absent from the studio for the month of January, arrangements have been made with the following people to take their places:—
Tuesday Nights.—Mr. G. Warren (Uncle Pat).
Wednesday Nights.—Mr. Julius Hogen (Hobo).
Thursday Nights.—Rev. A. W. McMillan (Uncle Mack).

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