

Weather Reports

Special Forecasts for Nelson Fruitgrowers

AT the instance of the Nelson Export Fruitgrowers' Association, the Meteorological Office has suggested that 2YA should broadcast special weather reports during the apple-picking season, when high winds are most feared. The Broadcasting Company has willingly agreed, and a session, which will be in the nature of an experiment, will be conducted.

Commencing on Monday, March 11, therefore, for a period of five weeks, there will be special weather information for Nelson fruitgrowers broadcast from 2YA every evening. It will be included in the usual weather report, which will be amplified in that direction for the benefit of Nelson listeners.

On 2YA's silent day, Wednesday, the special report will be broadcast from 3YA. This will ensure a daily service for the fruit farmers.

Dr. Kidson proposes to give a general account of the weather to be expected during the next two or three days, so far as it is possible to do so in view of the conditions ruling.

Appreciated by Sportsmen.

THE value of the broadcast weather reports to the farming community is well-known, but another section of the community, the sportsmen, also rely on them. This is shown by the following extract from a letter received from Otago:—"While talking of holidays I may state that at 9 p.m. every night we had someone listening to catch the weather report as we were fishing. You can imagine what a great effect the weather has on fish, especially the direction of the wind. The report saved us several trips which would have been useless."

WHEN wooden separators are grooved only on one side, the grooves should be placed against the positive plates, so as to provide free access of the electrolyte to the active material of the plates.

Hawke's Bay Notes

The Auckland station deserves congratulations—and gets them from local listeners—on their broadcast of the Auckland wool sales. It was a novel transmission which was quite enjoyed locally by people who had no previous idea of what a wool sale was like.

THE most important news from this quarter at the moment is a rumour—apparently with good foundation—that a firm in Napier will shortly be on the air with a B class station. It is stated that the station will have an input aerial power of 50 watts, and will be operating thrice weekly on about 260 metres. It is said that the station will be in working order in two or three weeks.

This move more or less cuts the ground from under the feet of enthusiasts in Hastings, who had a scheme in mind, but the latter had no connection with any private firm and there was much worry and trouble ahead, so it is probable that the Hastings people will be quite pleased to be relieved of the position.

JUDGING by the tests from Wellington the New Plymouth station 2YB should be well received here. On its last night at Wellington it came through in great force, being at times almost as loud as 2YA, and certainly it was a better-toned transmission. In the winter, at least, 2YB is likely to be popular with local listeners.

AT the last meeting of the Radio Society in Hastings it was decided to make a donation of £3 3s. towards the funds for radio in the Napier Hospital. Dr. Ziele has this in hand, and we wish him luck in his effort to raise the funds.

The Radio Society, by the way, blossomed out with a ladies' night last week, in the hope of getting the ladies interested in the welfare of the club. The night was a great success, and the wealth of talent available was probably a surprise to those who attended. After the very fine concert (although we say it ourselves), supper was provided, and this was followed by a dance. As an experiment the evening was a success, proving that after all, some men are really capable cooks as well as entertainers. It is likely that more of the same will be held in the winter months. They will be a success.

The society, by the way, is holding a flannel dance in the assembly hall on show night, March 20.

Mr. L. B. Hammond, an enthusiastic member of the society, has loaned his residence for the next meeting, and members are asked to note that it will be held on Wednesday, March 13.

Proposals to be discussed at this meeting include the suggested battery service station, members' cloakroom, future activities, and the coming dance.

Auckland Notes

(By Listener.)

MANY Aucklanders were looking forward to a relayed description of the Leckie-Hatton fight at the Town Hall this week, but such was not forthcoming. This, it is known, is through no unwillingness of 1YA to abandon its silent night, and to render all the service it can to its patrons.

"THAT'S the stuff," said a local enthusiast to-day, holding his latest copy of the "Record," and pointing to an announcement that excerpts from "Chu Chin Chow" would be presented from 1YA on Tuesday evening. "Give us all the bright music from recent stage presentations we have seen. It brings back most pleasant memories, and we enjoy to the full those lilting tunes with which we are already familiar."

THE popularity of listening, a waning one in the summer time, is returning fast with the drawing in of the daylight, and with good atmospheric conditions which have lately prevailed. The programmes from 1YA are weekly becoming more diversified by the introduction of new talent, and everything points to nights of enjoyment when the ending of summer time makes the radio receiver more attractive.

LIKE many other northern residents, the writer will be troubled by a superfluity of programme—riches this evening. He is anxious to hear the fine concert which will be relayed by 2YA, but he also does not wish to miss the special Lewis-Eady programme which 1YA is featuring. Either in itself would be an outstanding treat, so to-night there will be much switching back and forth from our local station to its big southern brother.

3YA has been coming in here with splendid volume and clarity of late, and, when comparing it with other transmissions, one is inclined almost to doubt its 500-watt rating. It is suggestive of far more power.

One enthusiastic little band which appears often at 1YA deserves more praise than it gets. I refer to the "Comedy Players," who every week brighten our programmes with clear, incisive, and snappy dialogue. There is always a polish about the work of these enthusiasts in radio drama.

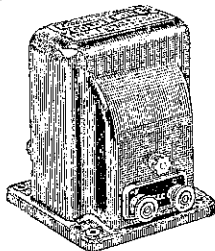
RECENTLY Mr. Culford Bell, the local announcer, enjoyed a well-earned holiday at the Great Barrier. This little-visited but delightful resort received a good boost from Mr. Bell's interesting description which he gave in a talk from the studio. More talks of this kind, dealing with the scenic resorts round Auckland, would be welcome.

RADIO folk, like other human beings, love to listen to a new voice, and from this point of view alone the vocational addresses which were featured from 1YA during the whole of last week were well worth while.

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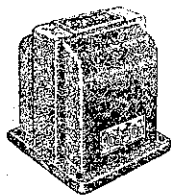


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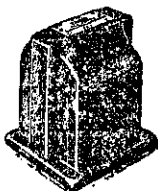
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