

## To Popularise Radio The Prince of Jesters

A STRIKING competition, designed to impress upon country people the value of radio to rural interests, is announced by the "New Zealand Dairy Produce Exporter," a monthly journal with the impressive circulation of 60,000 copies per month to all dairy farmers throughout the Dominion. The competition awards prizes totalling £50, the first being an order for £25, to be spent in the purchase of radio apparatus. The second prize is £10, and there are a number of third and fourth prizes.

The competition is a tax upon the literary skill of competitors and is designed to amuse readers and encourage interest in radio as an essential amenity of country life. Competitors are required to write a long sentence or series of sentences having some general reference to radio and rural interests, using words beginning with the initial letter "R." The use of certain supplementary words is permitted. An entry fee of 1s. postal note is imposed, and it is anticipated that entries will be very heavy. A copy of the "Dairy Exporter," giving details, will be sent on receipt of sixpence in stamps by the publishers, P.O. Box 1001, Wellington.

## Football Season

THE new plant being erected by the Rugby Union at Athletic Park is being pushed rapidly to completion and will give football fans in the Capital City greatly improved accommodation during the forthcoming season. Provision is being made by courtesy of the Wellington Rugby Union for the matches on this popular ground to be broadcast by 2YA. With the improved stand accommodation it is certain that the sport will draw larger crowds than ever, and those listeners who are unable to attend will be regaled with descriptions given under better conditions than hitherto.

## Boxing

### Broadcasts from 3YA

BOXING fans all over New Zealand will be listening-in to 3YA on Saturday and Monday next, March 30 and April 1.

On the first date the finals of the New Zealand inter-University boxing tourney will be decided and a description of some interesting bouts will be relayed from the Municipal Concert Hall.

On Monday evening the big match will be the Trowern-Paul fixture, arranged by the Christchurch Amateur Boxing Sports Club. This fight should be a big draw, for Trowern is a very popular boxer, and he is meeting a man who also believes in giving the spectators value for their money. The match is likely to be a lively one.

Mr. A. B. Allardye will be the announcer on both evenings.

## Appearance of Mr. Austin Peters

IN other sections of this issue appear details of Mr. Austin Peters at 2YA. This gentleman has had a wide experience before the microphone in Australia, and his numerous sketches, many from Dickens, have been successfully broadcast by many of the Australian stations.

Some of his subjects include the "Meanderings of Monty," "The Storm," and "Twilight," the latter a play with



sound effects. This is one of Mr. Austin Peter's specialties, and "Twilight" is the name of a play which holds several dramatic situations. A violent thunderstorm, wind and rain are heard, and special sound effects, the result of much experimenting, have been and will be used to add to the reality of the scene.

Mr. Peters has been associated with the Williamson Company and has appeared with them for some considerable time. At the advent of broadcasting he immediately became interested, and has been broadcasting regularly ever since, although he admits that broadcasting before the microphone is in no way to be compared with performing before an audience.

One-act plays have been very much developed by him, and novel effects are produced with the aid of crackers, springs, motor-horns, etc. This is the first time that anything of such a comprehensive nature has been attempted from a broadcasting station in New Zealand, and it should create a great deal of interest among all listeners.

## An Official Listener

MR. W. SOUTHERN, of Te Tora, Tokomaru Bay, has been appointed an honorary official listener for the Broadcasting Company. Mr. Southern is happily situated in his locality and magnetic field—miles of open country in every direction, and about 2000 feet above sea level, on the highest watershed between the sea and the Raukumara Ranges.

## Easter Sunday

### Special Services Broadcast

ANGELICAN Church services will dominate the air on Easter Sunday.

At 1YA there will be a relay from the Rev. Jasper Calder's Mission. The Rev. Jasper Calder has a Dominion-wide reputation. Afterwards will follow from the studio a sacred concert, at which the local artists will be Miss Cecilia Duncan, Mr. Sam Duncan, and Mr. Arthur Colledge. The closing item will be a magnificent recording by the Sheffield Choir of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

St. Thomas's Anglican Church, Newtown, will broadcast through 2YA. The preacher will be the Rev. C. V. Rooke. A sacred concert will later be given in the studio. The local vocalists, who will sing solos and quartets, will be Miss Greta Stark, Mrs. Ray Kemp, Mr. Will Hancock, and Mr. Ray Kemp. Some superb records will make up the rest of the programme.

At the evening service in Christchurch Cathedral, the Bishop of Christchurch will be the preacher, with Dr. J. C. Bradshaw as organist and choir-master. Soloists at the studio concert which will follow will be Miss Hilda Hutt, Miss Merie Miller, and Mr. Harold Prescott.

Canon Nevill will be the preacher at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin, when the service will be broadcast by 4YA. The organist will be Mr. E. Heywood, F.R.C.O. After the church service there will be broadcast from St. Kilda band rotunda a concert given by the St. Kilda Band, New Zealand's champion band, under the baton of Mr. James Dixon.

## "Auckland Comedy Players"

THE Auckland Comedy Players will present two one-act comedies at 1YA on the above date, both for the first time—"Old Cronies," for two men—an old ex-sea-captain, who is anxious to propose to a lady he has selected; and his friend, a lexicographer, an old bachelor, whose advice he seeks as to how he shall approach the lady and put the fatal question. Their attempts to solve this knotty question lead to the most amusing situations and complications. The other play, "The Dyspeptics," is also a bright and entertaining sketch full of sparkling humour. Mr. J. E. Montague will direct the production of the plays.

## Wireless in Hospitals

### Installation at Timaru

THE movement for installing wireless in the hospitals throughout the Dominion is steadily expanding and news is regularly coming to hand of one provincial centre after another undertaking such installations. Timaru is now in the process of equipping her hospital with radio and is in the midst of a campaign to secure the last £50 to complete the scheme.

The set at present in operation has been sent by Messrs. S. Brehaut and E. G. Elliot, and is a five-valve machine which is doing good work. Eventually an eight-valve set will be utilised to feed the large number of headphones to be used. The aerial is 125 feet in length, supported by strong steel masts 60ft. in height. It was originally desired to secure £300, but so far the public have contributed nearly £140, and at present a campaign is on foot for a further sum.

From special articles which have been appearing in the "Timaru Herald," striking testimony as to the value of radio to hospital patients is culled. Very pathetic indeed and very effective are some of the stories quoted by the press correspondent who visited the hospital. "We are only waiting till 3 o'clock for the wireless to be turned on," said some patients to the reporter. One patient said, "I would like to express my appreciation of the wireless that is being installed. It is an excellent innovation and will help pass many a weary hour."

"I am a little girl" is another extract, "and I have been on my back in hospital for nearly four years. I have no headphones, but sometimes I share a pair when my bed is moved alongside my neighbour's. I love the wireless and I wish somebody would be kind enough to give me a pair of headphones!"

## Au Revoir to Musician

MR. VICTOR C. PETERS, a well-known Christchurch musician, is leaving shortly for the Old Land in order to further his medical studies. To listeners-in to 3YA, Mr. Peters is best known as choir-master at the Rev. J. Robertson's Oxford Terrace Baptist Church. Radio listeners will therefore join with the people of Christchurch in regretfully saying au revoir to Mr. Peters. In a literal sense, too, they will take part in a musical valedictory, for a special concert has been arranged for Thursday, April 11, in 3YA studio.

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