

Waikato Relay

Greatly Appreciated

WRITING in the "Waikato Times"

"Static" says:—"Wireless broadcasting in New Zealand is no longer considered a novelty and a luxury, but is part of the life of the country. The birth of the New Zealand Broadcasting Company, brought about by the foresight of Mr. Wm. Goodfellow, whose object was the stronger unity of the Waikato farming community, has developed along national lines. The terms under which the company now labour, however, cannot be said to foster a progressive policy. The percentage of each license which is annexed by the Government leaves the Broadcasting Company only a small margin to work upon, when the high administration costs, due to the singular geographical formation of the country are taken into consideration. The work the company is undertaking certainly calls for a substantial subsidy from the Government.

"It is only through the co-operation of artists, we are told, that the Company has been able to keep going and cater efficiently to the public demand for high-class entertainment. So capably has the company fulfilled its contract to the Government that it stands high among those countries where broadcasting is controlled on the most up-to-date lines. At present the broadcasting authorities are giving three times the length of service called for under the agreement, and this point is worthy of special note when occasion arises for criticism of programmes.

"The Government contract has some time to run, but it is understood that a comprehensive policy has been submitted to the new Government, which, if agreed upon, should revolutionise wireless broadcasting throughout New

Zealand. The proposal provides for a number of relay stations in various parts of both islands not directly served by big stations or B class stations. If this objective is realised thousands of homes will be enabled, with crystal receivers, to enjoy the great boon of wireless. A relay station in Hamilton would serve a big district and do much to brighten the evenings of a vast number of country homes.

Winter Show Relay.

"WITH the object of popularising wireless, relays are made of important functions and entertainments, and the broadcast of the official opening of the Waikato Winter Show, proved a great success in this direction. As was only to be expected the numerous speeches were a little blurred in reception but the rest of the programme was heard with clarity in Auckland and Wellington. The broadcast was listened to with considerable interest by local radio fans, who were loud in their praise of the reception. It is regrettable that the expense attached to these relays limits, to a great extent, the scope for this type of broadcast.

"As an advertising medium the value of this broadcast cannot be over-estimated. It has brought more forcibly before the people of New Zealand the important part this great dairy show and important industrial fair plays in the progress of the rich Waikato district. It was largely due to the organising ability of Mr. J. Ball, editor announcer of the company, that the success of the broadcast was due."

REPORTS on the international broadcasts of the sessions of the League of Nations, which are now being tabulated, may lead to the establishment of a regular short-wave radio service for the broadcasting of these

Mr. Geo. Clayden, Bellringer

A PHOTOGRAPH of Mr. Geo. Clayden, taken against the steeple of the Anglican Cathedral, Christchurch, where, up to the time he left a year or so ago, he had been master ringer for 15 years. Listeners had the pleasure last year of hearing him ring the carillon of bells at the new St. Barnabas Church, Fendalton. Mr. Clayden will give another similar entertainment on Sunday evening, June 16.

Mr. Clayden had long experience in England in bellringing. He rang at



St. Martin's, Birmingham, where he was a member of the Guild of Change-ringers. He rang at Sutton Parish and conducted peals of changering at Lichfield on Staffordshire. He also rang in London. He rang at the opening of the new church at Fendalton. The Fendalton keyboard is one of the latest design, but that at the cathedral, while efficient, is very antiquated. There are eight bells in the carillon at Fendalton and ten at the cathedral.

Shaw's "Saint Joan"

First Act from IYA

ON Friday evening, June 21, Mr. J. F.

Montague will produce Act 1 of Bernard Shaw's play "Saint Joan." This play, it may here be remarked, was broadcast in London in April last by the British Broadcasting Company.

A brief synopsis of the play will be of interest to listeners.

It is the year 1429, when France is paralysed by the English forces, which occupy Paris and the country as far as the Loire. The troops are in despair, when there comes a girl from the district of Domremy. She says that St. Catherine and St. Margaret speak to her every day, and tell her that it is the will of God that she—Joan—shall raise the siege of Orleans and crown the Dauphin King in Rheims Cathedral. The officer to whom she goes for horse and armour is inclined to scoff, but others are stirred by her great sincerity, and persuade him to send her to the Dauphin, if only as a forlorn hope.

News of an angel who has led a handful of men safely through the enemy's lines to see the Dauphin is received with sarcasm at the Court. But the weak, inefficient Charles is flattered, and he insists upon seeing her. Possessed only with her great mission, Joan is quite unabashed by the splendour or the scornful laughter of the Court.

Left alone with her, Charles argues in vain that he wants neither to fight nor to be king, but to be left in peace. Joan is too masterful. In spite of himself, the Dauphin is inspired by her simple faith in his God-sent duty. Deciding to risk everything and follow her lead, he gives the command of the army to the Maid, and the knights swear to follow her uplifted sword in the name of God.

Two months later Joan leads her first great battle at Orleans, where the French troops have been held up for weeks on the south bank of the Loire. By a miraculous change of wind after her prayer to St. Catherine, the French troops are enabled to cross the river, and, attacking the English forces in the rear, obtain a great victory.

Hutt Valley Concert

Broadcast Performance on
July 8

THE next concert performance of the Hutt Valley Choral Society will take place on Monday, July 8. This concert will be relayed by 2YA and will, as usual, be a musical treat.

HALF the population of the United States know and appreciate the joy of radio, for there are no less than 9,640,348 receiving sets in that country.

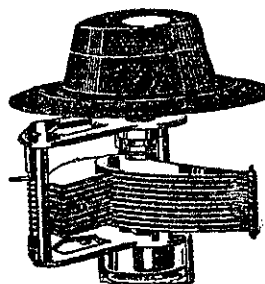
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