

Auckland Notes

(By "Listener.")

THERE has been enough on the air during the past week to satisfy the most avid listener. On Saturday last came the re-broadcast of the 4QG, comment on the second Australian football Test, and excellently the story came through. Weather conditions were not of the best, yet the Brisbane station was received and put out again in a most creditable manner by 1YA, and listeners followed with greatest interest the personal touch which Mr. McLeod was able to supply in giving details of ailments and accidents which had come the way of many members of the team. So good and so interesting was the Saturday re-broadcast that listeners were agog for a further reception of 4QG per 1YA on Wednesday evening. It was through no fault of 1YA that no story was available. The officials were standing by right till the station closed down in the hope of picking up a football resume, but no football resume came across the Tasman that night, though Auckland remained on the air till well after 10.30 p.m.

THE Devonport Methodist Church provided something quite original in the way of religious broadcasts on

Sunday evening. Wisely, those responsible for the service chose a method of appeal that went straight to the hearts of church-goers and non-church-goers alike, for whatever a person's religious beliefs may be, to whatever denomination he may adhere, he cannot resist the appeal of many of the grand old hymns, the words and music of which are common to all denominations. The Devonport Methodists broadcast only occasionally, but when they do they set themselves out to provide something that will really grip all listeners. On Sunday last they provided a hymn-service, and during almost the full period when the cross-Harbour relay line was in use, choir and congregation rendered the best-known of the immortal hymns, which grace the books of so many sects. It was a relay which gripped family circles in thousands of homes, where many gathered together and joined in with the loudspeaker.

ON Monday, 1YA forsook its brief respite from the air, and listeners revelled in ably-told stories of wrestling bouts. Wrestling is a sport which lends itself to description, from the fact that it gives a variety of incidents which are unusual, if not unknown, in the boxing ring. The announcer, who sounded very much like Mr. Gordon Hutter, made the most of these incidents, and all who gathered round speakers must have shared his amuse-

ment, his enthusiasm, and his appreciation of the work of the contestants. It was an excellent evening's entertainment, even for those who knew not the first thing about wrestling. Many were the queries from womenfolk about the crucifix hold, chancery, headlock, and so on. There was one case in an Auckland home where two of the male members of the household were called upon to give a demonstration, so that ladies listening in could follow the terms used by the announcer. The latter wisely explained most of the holds himself, and thus helped materially many to whom wrestling was a foreign pastime.

THE "Night With the Diggers" on Thursday served to string together a series of items into a scene which could be visualised easily by all who heard it. The continuity thus obtained did much to enhance what was in itself quite a good programme, bringing back old tunes and incidents of a time that is already long past.

ANOTHER novelty undertaken by 1YA last week was the broadcasting on relay of a stud stock sale at Takanini, about 13 miles from the city. The real atmosphere of a stock sale was conveyed over the air, and to the large body of afternoon listeners, most of whom had never witnessed a stock sale, the enterprise of 1YA proved both

instructive and amusing. More of this type of broadcast will be greatly appreciated. It helps so many of the community to realise the activities of others—and it is very real—far more real than any explanation of the procedure could be.

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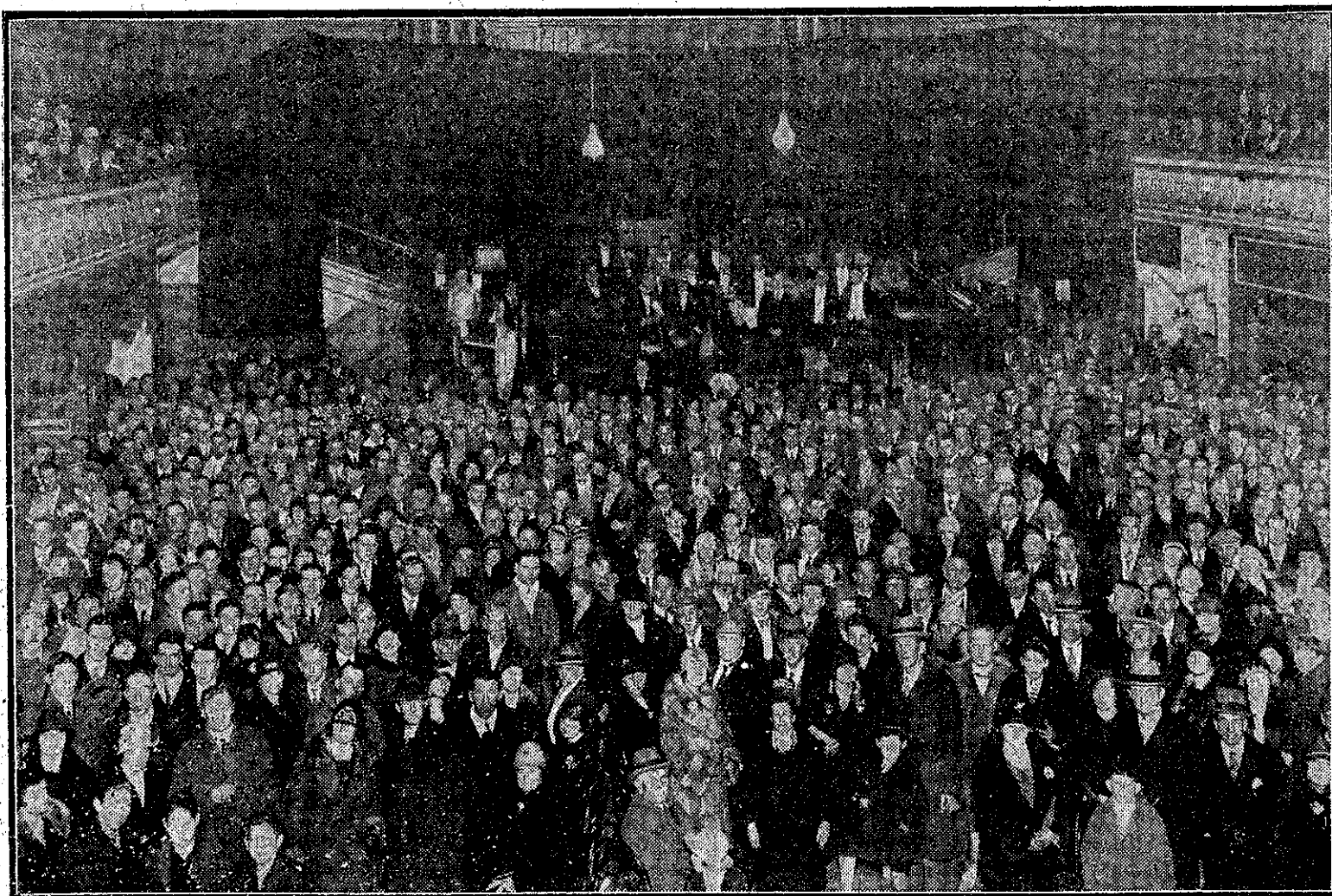
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IN reply to License No. 73554, Carterton, the station is KPO, San Francisco. It can be heard any night when 2FC closes down. This station came through Tuesday, 23rd, at great speaker strength with good volume at 6.45 p.m. on a "Radio Review" programme. Re 2ZH, Napier, I presume they operate on 238 metres on Wednesday and Sunday. Could any enthusiast give the time of broadcasting? On Thursday, 25th, I tuned in 2UE and 2GB at 10.30 a.m. in daylight. Reception is very good from the Australians lately.—S. ELLIS (Okato).

[Parallel BD (Nelson) also identified the station for License 73554.]

For Sale or Exchange.

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ANIMATED SCENE ON FINAL NIGHT OF RADIO EXHIBITION.

The central figure on the stage is Mr. C. W. Rickard (member of the Exhibition committee), who addressed a few words to the audience and listeners. Mr. Rickard is being addressed by Mr. Drummond (announcer). To the right is Mr. Galvin (joint secretary of Exhibition). Others on stage are contributors to the evening's special vaudeville programme.

—Wallace, photo.