

Auckland Notes

(By "Listener.")

A PROGRAMME as unique as it was entertaining was presented from 1YA on Friday last. It was a New Zealand composers' evening, and listeners were as delighted with the items of the choir, the trio, and the individual artists, as they were agreeably surprised at the quality and variety of works of New Zealanders. We could thoroughly enjoy more of the same type of evening. Such nights are an incentive to budding composers and writers, as well as an education to the whole community.

MISFORTUNE dogged 1YA, as it did most other antipodean stations in their attempt to rebroadcast the English account of the Schneider Cup race. Quite a number of listeners sat up through the early hours in the hope of hearing the description of this world contest for air speed, and though they were disappointed, all to whom the writer has spoken were of the opinion that the local station did all that was possible with the elements against it.

THAT 1YA'S short-wave receiving equipment is quite capable of doing its job, was capably demonstrated on Saturday afternoon. A transmission from a Californian short-wave station was picked up and sent out perfectly. It was a most successful long-

distance re-broadcast, of which Auckland has of late been doing quite a lot.

NO additional feature during the past two years has been more to the general public taste than the dinner music session, now in its second week. On all hands one hears praise of the excellent transmission, and the splendidly arranged programmes, which are blended so that all types of listeners find them attractive. It is safe to assert that the dinner music session receives most favourable comment of all sections of our weekly programmes.

THIS week the radio exhibition is the main topic of conversation among both listeners and the trade. The organising committee has got to work with a will, and the opening date of the big show has been fixed for October 30. The official ceremony will take place in the evening, and as it will be put on the air, the whole of the Dominion will be able to hear the speeches and the programme which will be presented.

SO keen have been the demands for space, that all available accommodation provided on the floor of the big Town Hall has already been booked up by local and southern exhibitors. There will be at least twenty stalls, and as the exhibition will be solely a radio one, there will be ample to draw the attendance of the large numbers now evincing an enthusiasm for all matters appertaining to broadcasting.

THE Committee have all the experience gained at the Wellington and Dunedin Exhibitions to guide them, with the result that they will be able to add features which these places now recommend in the light of that experience. It is understood that special accommodation will be provided for amateur transmitters, who are a very keen band in these parts, and their special display should be an incentive to the young to adopt amateur transmission as a pastime that has also prospects ahead.

IN the way of "stunts," next week's relay of a programme presented in Waitomo Caves will provide something quite unusual. Listeners who regularly discuss programmes—and what gathering of two or more does not?—have found the "Caves Concert," as it has been christened, quite a big theme for speculation. They are hoping for a demonstration of acoustic properties which will be a revelation.

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Wellington Society

Monthly Meeting

MR. BYRON BROWN, president, occupied the chair at last week's monthly meeting of the Amateur Radio Society of Wellington, held in the Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church Schoolroom. About forty were present.

A motion was unanimously carried expressing appreciation of the Broadcasting Company's enterprise in relaying from 2YA, Wellington, competition events from the Town Hall, and for the results of the Schneider Cup race for which 2YA remained on the air until 3.30 a.m. on Sunday.

A letter was received from the Acting-Secretary of the General Post Office, in reply to complaints concerning interference experienced during broadcasting hours from warships' Morse transmission, while the ships are in port at Wellington. The reply stated: "I have to inform you that this matter has already been represented to the naval authorities, who are co-operating with the Department in reducing interference. Should further cause for complaint arise, I should be glad if you would quote the date and time at which interference is experienced. It would be helpful also if you would obtain confirmation by a telegraph operator that the transmission causing interference do actually emanate from warships."

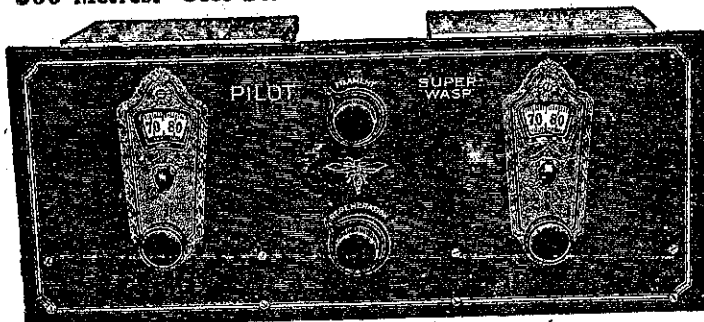
A letter was received from the Broadcasting Company in reply to suggestions from the society that the company should hold singing, instrumental, and laughing competitions, and broadcast same. The company stated that the broadcasting of competitions of this type would, by virtue of presentation of necessarily similar items, prove, in practice, monotonous to the great majority of listeners. It was also pointed out that it would be necessary to allow every entrant to appear before the microphone without check or previous knowledge on the company's part as to each performer's ability, with the consequent possibility of the broadcast of a series of indifferent performances.

In view of the company's expressed desire to avoid the risk of broadcasting uninteresting or indifferent items in the interest of listeners, the meeting agreed that the competitions should not be further advocated.

Mr. L. H. Wright gave an interesting and instructive lecture on the screened grid valve, which he illustrated with blackboard diagrams. At the conclusion Mr. Wright was accorded an enthusiastic vote of thanks.

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