

## Wellington Symphony Orchestra

THE next concert of Mr. Leon de Mauny's Wellington Symphony Orchestra is fixed for October 31 next and will be broadcast by 2YA.

The first half of the programme will be devoted to the works of Schubert, including the Rosamunde Overture and the Unfinished Symphony, and Mr. Harrison Cook will sing "The Erl King."

The second half of the concert will consist of the Tannhauser Overture (Wagner), Schumann's Pianoforte Concerto (Madame de Mauny at the piano), the whole of the Ballet Music from "Faust," and the concluding item will be the favourite "Pomp and Circumstance."

## Masterton Station

MR. W. D. ANSELL, of 2ZD (Masterton), writes: "It may interest readers of 'The Record' to hear of the very successful broadcast of the Masterton Municipal Band's (under the conductorship of Mr. R. J. Young) concert by this station. The following was the programme presented this evening: March, "Colonel Bogey" (Kenneth J. Alford); fantasia, "Queen of the Ballet" (J. Gilburne); reverie, "Bells and Sunset" (Gordon McKenzie); pot-pourrie selection, "Musical Snapshots" (Sydney Trenchard); fox-trot, "Hearts and Hands" (Arthur O'Leary); march, "New Colonial" (R. B. Hall). From reports received the transmission was of a high order and much appreciated by listeners. It is hoped to make these band concerts even more satisfactory and to broadcast every fortnight."

## Further Relay from Timaru

### Concert to be Relayed by 3YA on Tuesday

THE Timaru Orpheus Society has arranged an excellent programme for its concert on Tuesday, October 1, when a relay is to be carried out by 3YA. The full programme appears in another column.

This society occupies an honoured place in the musical life of Timaru. Though founded in 1914 by Mr. A. W. V. Vine, the present hon. conductor, the society may be said to be the lineal descendant of the old Liedertafel, which was founded by the late Mr. Ziesler in 1896, whose successors with the baton were the late Mr. Sidney Wolf, the late Mr. Ellis Wood and the late Mr. J. Campbell Gillies. The trustees of the Orpheus Society, Messrs. J. P. Newman and F. J. Rolleston, together with two members of the choir, Messrs. J. W. Holdgate and J. McKennal, were members of the choir of the old Liedertafel.

THE season runs during the winter months, from March to October in each year, during which period it is customary to give two concerts in Timaru. During the war years concerts were given in Waimate, Temuka and Pareora.

The society is steadily growing in popularity with the musical public of Timaru, and now has 21 patrons and 253 subscribers. The choir consists of 27 active members, being six first tenors, seven second tenors, seven first basses and seven second basses.

A gold lyre, the highest honour which a male voice society can bestow upon its members, has been awarded to several distinguished members, and a gold bar, for ten years' continuous membership, and a further gold bar, for each complete five years' continuous membership thereafter, have also been awarded to many members.

### Two More Whangarei Concerts

LISTENERS in to 1YA will be interested to learn that relays of concerts to be given in Whangarei will take place on October 13 and October 27.

The first concert is to be given by the Whangarei Band, the latter by the Auckland Salvation Army Congress Band, which will at that date be visiting the Winterless North.

## Wireless Telephony

### Between Australia and England

THE notable feat that was accomplished recently by Mr. E. T. Fisk, managing director of Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Ltd., in carrying out wireless telephone conversations between Australia and England, opens up a new era in Australia's overseas communications.

The possibility of speaking to England, and the means to attain it, have been uppermost in Mr. Fisk's mind for some years, more especially since the opening of the beam wireless service in May, 1927. A great deal of research and experimental work has been carried out by Mr. Fisk, in association with the engineers of Amalgamated Wireless.

In order to advance the work, special transmitting equipment was some two years ago designed and manufactured by the company, and installed at Pennant Hills. This is the 20 k.w. short-wave telephony, telegraphy, and overseas broadcasting transmitter—the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, and one of the most modern transmitters in the world.

Intensive experimenting resulted in telephonic communication being established with Java, Suva (Fiji), Amsterdam, Berlin, and U.S.A. A successful demonstration of duplex, or two-way telephony, with the latter country was given in Sydney in November last, before a gathering of Sydney newspaper editors.

It is especially fitting that the first duplex telephony between Australia and the Homeland should be effected by Mr. Fisk, to whom credit is due for the advocacy and establishment of the direct wireless service to England, and who has been instrumental in pioneering every branch of Australian wireless in Australia and the Pacific.

While the commercial possibilities of radio telephone service between Australia and England are not far distant, at the same time much research and experimental work has yet to be carried out and the most suitable frequency has to be determined. It has been found that certain frequencies prove to give better transmission in hours of daylight than in darkness, and vice versa. Factors of power and other problems have yet to be solved before a telephony service will be available that will give efficient commercial service under all conditions and at all times.

The possibilities of such a service cannot be estimated. The establishment of the service would mean that one could speak by telephone from one's home in a suburb of Sydney—in fact, in any part of the State—to a telephone subscriber in any part of England.

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### "Gipsy Love"

### Opera to be Relayed from Hamilton

THE performance which is to be given on Tuesday, October 29, by the Hamilton Operatic Society, of "Gipsy Love," will be broadcast by 1YA.

### Waimate's Jubilee

### Part Proceedings to be Broadcast

THE flourishing South Canterbury town of Waimate, is next month celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding. The town will be en fete for a week, commencing Sunday, October 13, when there will be church parades. On Friday, October 18, there is to be a first-class concert, which is to be broadcast.

### "The Ship Beautiful"

### Musical Play at 4YA

THE musical play "The Ship Beautiful," is to be performed in the Princess Theatre on October 12, and will be broadcast by 4YA on Monday, September 23. The chorus work is mostly performed by quite young performers, whilst the principal spoken parts are in the hands of leading Dunedin elocutionists. The words of the play are by Mr. C. R. Allen, son of Sir James Allen, and the music by Doris Prentice, of Hamilton.