

Long Distance Relays Radio for Farmers High Jinks To Uncle Leo

Several More Arranged

SEVERAL more long-distance relays have been arranged by the Broadcasting Company.

On Friday, November 8, the performance of the musical play "High Jinks" to be produced by the Palmerston North Operatic Society is to be broadcast by 2YA.

On the evening of Sunday, November 17, there will be a relay from Ashburton of the service to be conducted in St. Stephen's Anglican Church (Rev. A. J. Petrie, preacher), to be followed by a concert to be given by the Ashburton Silver Band.

Boxing fans will be tuning-in to 3YA on the evening of Friday, November 22, when it is probable that a ring-side description of the H. Leckie v. Donovan boxing match in Ashburton will be broadcast. Very great interest will be taken in this return match. The broadcast will occupy about half of 3YA's programme that evening.

On Wednesday, December 4, a concert to be given by the Wanganui Choral Society is to be relayed to 2YA. Wanganui concerts are invariably excellent.

A relay from Otorohanga to 1YA is fixed for Friday, December 6. The concert is being organised to mark the opening of the newly renovated theatre, and a splendid programme is being arranged.

Several other relays are in view but have not been finalised yet.

A FEATURE of radio development in Canada is the extent to which certain interests develop their own radio station. For instance, one of the most important economic ventures of Canada is the growing of wheat. It is highly desirable that the farmers scattered over the prairie shall be informed of the trend of the market and other matters bearing upon their own interests. The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, therefore, has established its own radio station CJBR, and broad-

FOR five nights during Spring Show Week in Palmerston North the Amateur Operatic Society of that town will stage the witty musical comedy "High Jinks," and on Friday, November 8, 2YA will broadcast that diverting medley of music and mirth. Listeners may rest assured of delightful entertainment in the rendering of this vivacious operetta under the direction of Mrs. J. Hulme, Mr. F. Cousins acting as stage manager, and Mr. A. J. Graham capably conducting the music. Miss. Naomi Whalley, well known

Appreciated by All

MINISTERS who broadcast from the various stations on Sundays receive many gratifying letters from listeners in all parts of New Zealand. Such a one has just come to Uncle Leo, of 1YA, otherwise the Rev. Lionel B. Fletcher, who conducted the first service broadcast in New Zealand and whose popularity does not wane. The letter in question comes from the Alexandra Home, Richmond, Nelson, and reads:—

"Although we know you quite intimately over the air, we have not yet written to you, but I thought that perhaps you would be interested to hear from us. For over twelve months, indeed, I suppose ever since you took over 1YA Sunday Children's Services, we have tuned in, and just here would like to say how very helpful and enjoyable we all think the services. This is the home for aged and indigent for the Nelson Province—similar to Costley Homes—but on much smaller scale, of course. Every Sunday night there are from twenty to thirty here, listening to your service, and many of our old folk say they prefer that hour to any during the whole week, on the wireless. Our wireless was obtained by Mr. Hunter canvassing, and the response averaged 7s. 6d. per head from 200 donors, to secure the pleasure and profit for the old folk."



MISS DORIS BINNS,
An Auckland pianist.
—S. P. Andrew, photo.



MISS MARJORIE NELSON,
A Christchurch soprano.
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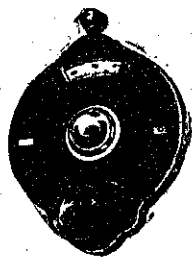
Wireless Wanderings

THE latest radio "stunt" in America is a broadcast description of the sensations experienced by a parachutist while actually making a descent. A "chin-strap" microphone is fastened in front of his mouth, while strapped around his waist is what is believed to be the smallest transmitter ever made. This has a range of ten miles, and weighs only 24lb., with the microphone included. Besides four batteries, the equipment consists of a modulating and oscillating circuit, while a switch is fitted to enable the transmitter to be turned on or off at the will of the operator. The broadcast is picked up and relayed by a powerful ground station, and it is hoped that the person describing his feelings on the occasion has strong self-control. Otherwise, should his "umbrella" fail to open, his remarks on aeronautics in general, and parachutes in particular, would probably prove too illuminating for the everyday valve filament.

What is a "Balalaika"?

FOR the information of listeners who are curious to know what sort of an instrument is a balalaika, recordings of which have occasionally been broadcast, it may be said that a balalaika is a common Russian guitar, triangular in form, and with but three strings. These strings are tuned in different keys, which permit peculiar and pleasing effects, quite different from those produced by any other instrument. Like the mandolins and guitars, the balalaikas vary in size, some being as large as a man.

AN interesting experiment in "six-fold" reception is being carried out at present by the B.B.C. in connection with trans-Atlantic programmes. One station is situated in Essex and another in Kent, the two being linked together by means of land-lines. Each station tunes in to America on three different wavelengths, the idea being that if fading affects one wavelength, both stations receive the transmission on the others. The programmes are rebroadcast, and thus the listener may receive the same station on six different wavelengths, which vary according to reception conditions.



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