

AUCKLAND NOTES.

Buildings for New 1YA Completed

Contractors Pushing Ahead With Electrical and Other Installations For Opening Next Month — Famous Tennis Stars in Auckland — Dickensian Artist to be Heard From 1YA Next Sunday.

SO far no arrangements have been made for 1YA to broadcast any local Armistice Day celebrations, with the exception of the two church services—the 11 a.m. service from the Epsom Methodist Church and the even-



ing service from St. Matthew's Anglican Church, when Chaplain Captain the Rev. H. K. Vickery will preach.

ON Monday night Mr. F. J. Perry, the world's tennis champion, gave a most instructive and delightful talk from 1YA. With another world's champion, Miss Dorothy Round, G. P. Hughes, Miss M. Dearman and Miss N. Lyle, the latter being England's champion doubles pair, Perry arrived at Auckland on the Mariposa from America on Friday last, all the players being seen in action against Auckland's best on Saturday and Monday last. These tennis champions are now on their way to take part in the big Melbourne centenary tournament. Perry hopes to return here to play in the Auckland championships after his Australian tour.

WITH Perry and Miss Dorothy Round, two world's tennis champions, and the other English tennis stars playing for two days in Auckland, last Saturday and Monday were certainly red letter occasions for tennis enthusiasts in the Queen City. There is no doubt that the late Anthony Wilding, of Christchurch, who was world's champion for several years, put tennis on the map in the Dominion. By reason of its geographical position, Auckland is indeed fortunate in seeing not only tennis champions, but the world's best in other spheres of sport in action, as the city is the main port of call of steamers plying between Canada and the United States and New Zealand and Australia.

AN English woman, Mrs. B. F. Richards, who is the daughter of Maurice Hewlett, the well-known novelist, is to give the second series of talks entitled "Off the Beaten Track in Europe," from 1YA on Tuesday night next. Mrs. Richards is at present a teacher of French in an Auckland secondary school.

ALTHOUGH no definite date has yet been fixed by the Broadcasting Board for the opening of the new 1YA station, it is practically certain that Auckland's new and more powerful "voice" will be heard toward the end of next month. Both the studio and transmitting buildings, in the city and at Henderson respectively, are completed and only the electrical and other installations have to be finished. The contractors and sub-contractors are pushing on with all speed and the new transmitter will be tested very shortly now.

SELECTIONS from the works of Charles Dickens will be given from 1YA on Sunday evening next by Mr. Clement May, of Wellington, the well-known Dickensian actor. Mr. May will later board a steamer for the United States.

"UNCLE SCRIM," director of station 1ZB, is enjoying a couple of weeks away from the busy studio, and on Sunday next he is to conduct a big meeting in New Plymouth at 8.30 p.m. He recently addressed well-attended meetings at Pukekohe, Putaruru and Hamilton, and explained the aims and



objects of the Friendly Road to the many who knew his voice but had never seen him.

THE talks broadcast from 1YA by Mr. R. A. Singer, the well-known barrister, during the W.E.A. sessions on Wednesdays on "The Speaking of

Verse and Prose," are quite out of the ordinary and are attracting much attention. In his last talk Mr. Singer, who is himself a writer of verse and an outstanding speaker, related some



unusual historical facts and circumstances surrounding two famous speeches, that of the late Sir Maurice O'Rorke in the House in 1874 when he delivered a stirring speech against the abolition of the provinces, and the world-famous speech of Abraham Lincoln.

Philip Hargrave Interviewed.

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scholarships. Miss Fisher has frequently broadcast from 5CL, Adelaide, and has a genuine Stradivarius violin (1699). It is said that there are only two of these violins in Australia. The one belonging to Miss Fisher was brought out from Hill's, London, by Mr. Gerald Walenn, of the Sydney conservatorium.

"We are longing to visit England and the Continent, where Philip will be able to study in the right atmosphere," said Miss Garnaut. "Travelling is such a wonderful education, too, and this visit to New Zealand has broadened our minds considerably. The people here are being so kind, and it seems strange to feel that we are 'ships that pass in the night' and must break away from friends and acquaintances almost as soon as we meet. It makes us sad having to say so many farewells." It is quite safe to say that all those who have the pleasure of meeting this delightful trio of visitors are equally sad when farewells are made, because all three have that happy asset of drawing people towards them with bonds of friendship.