

OTAGO NOTES.

Royal Wedding Rebroadcast in N.Z.?

Possibility of Blattnerphone Recording Being Made For Broadcast on Shortwave to Australia and New Zealand—Tenders For New 4YA Close This Month—More Radio "Pirates" Prosecuted.

ON November 29 a ceremony of great importance to the Empire is to be performed in England, this, of course, being the wedding of Prince George to Princess Marina. It has been announced that the Royal wedding is to be broadcast by the Empire short-wave station at Daventry, and as there is every likelihood of a Blattnerphone recording being made for the purpose of duplicating the broadcast at a more convenient hour for the benefit of Australia and New Zealand, it is to be hoped that arrangements will be made to rebroadcast it in New Zealand. The ceremony is one that would be of universal interest in the Dominion.

WHAT is known as a "continuity programme" is to be given from the A station on November 30 to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. It is understood that this is to take the form



of an evening in a Scottish village, where a Scottish regiment arrives in the course of a long march, and during the evening one is to be allowed to peep into some of the houses there, and to take part in the various celebrations.

DURING a visit to Dunedin last week.

Mr. E. O. Hands, general manager of the New Zealand Broadcasting Board, gave the reminder that tenders for the new 4YA transmitting plant close at the end of this month. The transmitter, which will have a power of 10 kilowatts, will be up-to-date in every respect. Its coverage will be many times greater than that of the present plant.

WITH the end of the year drawing near, certain of the regular talks featured on the main stations' programmes are being temporarily con-

cluded. The final Workers' Educational Association talk, a series that has proved of inestimable benefit to many, and of interest to not a few who listen only occasionally, is to be given on November 30. It is not too early to predict that the 1935 lectures will have a large following also. The educational broadcasts to schools terminate for the year on December 4, when a special programme of selected items will be presented, this being preceded by a short talk by the Director of Education (Mr. N. T. Lambourne). These broadcasts have proved popular among school children, and their value is indicated in the favourable remarks made by some of the children after each session.

ALL will agree that there are recorded programmes—and recorded programmes; and that to strike a balance which will please nearly everyone in any one programme is almost an impossibility. Our sympathies must, therefore, be with the programme organiser, whose task is an unenviable one. However, he seems to have given pleasure to the majority at one time by means of a recent recorded programme, which was neither too heavy nor too light, but rather struck a very happy medium. The day following this broadcast it was quite common to hear something like the following:—"Did you hear the programme from 4YA last night? It was one of the best for a long time."

IN particular circles the piano recital given by Mr. Gordon Bryan, examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London, on a recent night, was of more than passing interest. It is safe to assert that practically all those who tuned in 4YA on that occasion found something of definite interest in the range of compositions presented by Mr. Bryan, whose deft touch, skilful phrasing and emphasis of expression place him ahead of a good many pianists who have had the privilege of broadcasting.

THE opening of the boating season went off the other Saturday as planned, and, thanks to radio, many were allowed to follow the proceedings without being present. 4YA's short-wave transmitter was brought into use on this occasion, and this link with the main station proved as effective as on former occasions. After hearing the opening speeches, listeners were treated to a running commentary of the 14-footer event.

DEFAULTING listeners are reminded that one or two further owners of receiving sets which were unlicensed, appeared before the Dunedin magistrate recently, fines being inflicted in each case. Perhaps in time it



will be realised that it is cheaper in the end to register a receiver before the inspector pays a call.

ALONG with the other national stations, 4YA took part in the broadcast from Government House last week, and while listeners could not hear what was going on at Belfast, where a liner was being launched, they were very interested in happenings at this end, especially in the pressing of a button by Lord Bledisloe, thus actually causing the vessel to glide down the slipway.

I VARY my manner of speaking according to my audience.—*Herr Hitler.*

SMOKE-LADEN fog injures tree growth for 100 miles round industrial areas.—*Sir John Stirling-Maxwell.*

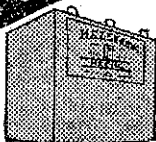
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