

AUCKLAND NOTES.

World-Famous Artists On The Air

Madame Goossens-Viceroy, Raymond Beatty, and Paul Vinogradoff Are Featured on 1YA's Programmes Next Week—Big Advance Made in Motor-car Radio—New Dates For "World Affairs" Talks.

SHORTLY after their arrival from Australia, where they both enjoyed a successful tour of the national stations, Madame Goossens-Viceroy—the famous Belgian soprano, and Mr. Raymond Beatty, the Australian bass-cantante, will be heard from 1YA. These great artists have been engaged by the New Zealand Broadcasting Board to sing from the New Zealand national stations. On Monday next they both appear on the concert programme at 1YA and are to sing to the accompaniment of a specially augmented orchestra of 22 players. They are featured on 1YA's programme on the following Wednesday and Friday evenings, and then leave for Wellington. Paul Vinogradoff, who has delighted listeners by his wonderful piano playing, is also featured on next Monday's concert programme at 1YA. He is to play, besides other numbers, Grieg's Concerto in A minor.

MANY of the latest types of motor-cars being sold in Auckland are fitted with special receiving sets built into the dashboard. Salesmen who demonstrate cars to prospective buyers now ask whether a car fitted with

radio is desired or not. If radio equipment is not wanted—then a car without the "voice" is provided at reduced cost. A big advance has been made in car-radio. Only a few nights ago I travelled across in the vehicular ferry to Devonport in a friend's car and heard clearly and at good volume 4QG. Brisbane.

DUE to the increased power which will operate at 1YA from December 17, the coverage will be extended through New Zealand and one change that will be made as a result of this will be the spacing of the talks on "World Affairs" from the various national stations. At present Dr. Scholefield, Wellington, and Mr. Alan Mulgan, Auckland, talk on this subject on the same night—Wednesday. In future, beginning on Tuesday, December 18, Mr. Mulgan will give his fortnightly talks on a Tuesday. Dr. Scholefield will talk on Wednesdays and Mr. Leicester Webb (3YA) on Thursdays.

LAST week the general manager of the Broadcasting Board, Mr. E. C. Hands, spent two days in Auckland on official matters in connection with the

opening of the new 1YA studios in the city and transmitting station at Henderson. While at Henderson, Mr. Hands went to a house near the big transmitter and listened to a test which was carried out on the high power—20 times that of the old 1YA plant. Last week the new transmitter was heard testing several times.

THE three honorary city organists, Messrs. Craston, Sparling, and Wilson, will be heard, together with a choir of 100 voices, and the Auckland Municipal Band, in the Town Hall, taking part in the municipal Christmas carol concert. This annual prelude-to-Christmas function will be relayed by 1YA.

SEVERAL new B.B.C. special recordings have recently been received at the 1YA studios, and are to be put over from that station shortly. On Tuesday next, at 8 p.m., the first, a romantic play based on the life of the great composer, Chopin, is to be given from 1YA, while on the following Thursday at 8 p.m. the special B.B.C. play, "Pilot Station," will be broadcast. These B.B.C. recorded features are said to be the last word in entertainment.

HERE is a good story of a Remuera resident—not by any means a teetotaler—who lost his way because his favourite "beacon" led him astray. On a certain garage wall in Remuera is erected a huge Neon electric sign. On the night of the successful rebroadcast of the Royal wedding, at the request of a number of listeners in the locality, the garage proprietor generously agreed to extinguish the brilliant sign which had for some time been causing interference with radio reception. As a result perfect reception was obtained, and the garage proprietor came in for much thanks—excepting from the aforesaid Remuera resident. The day following the broadcast the Remuera man called at the garage to ask why the sign had not been lighted. He was told the reason. "Well," he said, "it put me all out last night. You see, I always know where I am when I am driving home late and pass your Neon sign. Last night I failed to see it, and I drove four miles past my street and found myself down at Kohimarama!"

Correction

AT the end of the article on "New Recordings" on page 12 of our last week's issue the inadvertent omission of the word not altered the whole sense of the sentence which should have read:—"His (Bransby Williams's) instantaneous changes of voice and tone . . . are reminiscent of the work, in technique at all events, of one New Zealand artist who has not been heard on the air for an unseasonable time—I refer, of course, to Will Yates."

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