

Hot Shots

AT a recent picnic held at the seaside at Auckland, the St. John Ambulance men attended to 50 casualties.

A PHOTOGRAPHER who endeavoured to get a photo of the Duke at Christchurch on Saturday fell into the River Avon.

FROM Frank Neil's revue: I don't like sausages. I want tripe.
Well, turn on the radio then.

THE Grenadier Guards' Band which sailed from Auckland last Friday gave its first and last concert in the Dominion at Carlaw Park.

THE Mount Cook Tourist Company is organising 10-day "land cruises" for £15. The cruise covers portions of the Southern Alps and Canterbury.

"GREENSHIRTS" have made their appearance down south. This particular colour denotes members of the Douglas Social Credit Association.

DUNEDIN listeners have been treated to an amusing competition organised last week by a B station. It concerns the errors and pronunciations of announcers.

LAST week thieves raided the camp of the Seventh Day Adventists at Hamilton, and secured good hauls from the various tents while the occupants were asleep.

A DARING journey from Wanganui to Auckland in a canvas canoe was made by a 17-year-old pupil of Wanganui Collegiate School. He reached Auckland last Wednesday after paddling across lakes, sea and rivers for five weeks.

IT was a tragic coincidence that Saturday, when Mr. Noel Roake lost his life as a result of a "plane smash in Canterbury, was also the opening day of the remodelled Crystal Palace, the first theatre managed by Mr. Roake in Christchurch.

WHEN 2YA was built on Mt. Victoria, it was considered a pretty hot sort of station. But never so hot as it was the other afternoon when a big scrub fire completely enveloped it in flames.

AN Auckland paper last week told at length of nudist revels on Rangitoto Island. But why go so far afield? There's a cosy little nudist colony near Milford.

Editorial Notes

Wellington, Friday, January 25, 1935.

DROPPING THE FETTERS

ONE of New Zealand's youngest and most practical thinkers, Mr. Leicester Webb, of Christchurch, and political lecturer from 3YA, has been having something to say in Melbourne about the personnel of our Government. He claims that the standard of education of Members of Parliament has decreased, the average age of politicians has increased and that the number of professional men entering political life had waned considerably. At the same time the number of shackles imposed by the Government on industry and endeavour had been increasing, a vivid example of this being the restrictions placed on the wireless programmes arranged by the New Zealand Broadcasting Board. The board's task has not been an easy one for, when it assumed office some three years ago, it found itself confronted by a set of "Thou shalt not's" so wide and varied that the framing of an effectual policy was extremely difficult. Gradually many of the fetters have been swept aside, but there is one yet to go—one that the listening public is anxious to see broken. That is the ban on controversial matter on the air. The sooner broadcasting is allowed controversial freedom the sooner will the microphone attract the intelligent and thinking men of the Dominion.

A WINK AT DEPRESSION

WHILE many industries languished and faded during 1934 the manufacturers of wireless receivers and transmitters report a record year. In New Zealand the licenses rose from approximately 111,000 to 147,000 during the year, while the Australian increase was from 518,000 to 675,000. The manufacture of wireless sets in the Antipodes has run parallel with this increase, and one big Australian firm reports that the number of sets turned out during 1934 exceeds the largest previous year's output by 33 per cent. This same firm has, in the past 12 months, manufactured the transmitter and studio equipment for the powerful new 1YA, nine marine transmitters, 25 transmitters for use in the interior of New Guinea, Fiji and Australia, transmitters for 2UW, Sydney, and the New South Wales police department, and numerous new and important parts for existing Australian major stations. It would appear from this that the wireless trade barometer is set fair for 1935, a year which promises to bring much that is interesting and much that is revolutionary to listeners the world over.

MOVIES AND CRIME

ONCE in a while, when a special organisation is at a loss for something to discuss, it brings a big stick down on the films, emphasising the "unfortunate effect" on the juvenile mind of the movies. Actually, were an investigation carried out among New Zealand's youthful delinquents, it would probably be found that the number which had been led along the path of crime by films would be so small as to be unworthy of consideration. There are films that are made for adults and there are films that are definitely suitable for children. The New Zealand censor does his duty in grading them—it is a parent's duty to see that his children attend only those films which are classed as suitable for youngsters. In actual fact, mushy "sex dramas" are not particularly sought after by the film-going public. The overwhelming success of such films as "The House of Rothschild," "Cavalcade" and "Little Women" is evidence of this.

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TWO of the staff of a Dunedin B station are en route to Australia to study the latest broadcasting methods.

THIEVES removed a radio set installed in a motor car which was left parked in an Auckland street last week.

STEAMER whistles could be heard distinctly during the yacht race broadcasts from Lyttelton last week.

ONE of the men who sets type for the "Radio Record" won several thousand pounds in an Australian sweepstake last week.

THE size of the new Governor-General's staff looks as if Viscount Galway may bring some of the splendour of a bygone day back to Wellington's Government House.

THE story is told that a certain notable visitor (guess who?) after riding at Marton came off the course and remarked to one of his staff, "I rode like a — old woman"

THE latest issue of "Everyones," Australian film paper, appears with 12 blank pages, the explanation being that the advertising copy was received but temporarily cancelled by the advertisers.

RUMOUR has it that a New Zealand writer may be awarded the King's Medal for a book of poems published last year.

CHRISTCHURCH's penny-paper war is likely to be followed by a theatre war. With three new theatres going up managements are preparing to meet the competition by drastically reducing prices.

THE Christchurch "Press" came out for the first time the other day with colour on some of its pages. The Wellington "Dominion" has frequently published advertisements in several colours.

A WELL-KNOWN Wellington man at present in London was relieved of a considerable sum by confidence tricksters last month.

THE new Prudential building on Lambton Quay, Wellington, is to have an even more vividly pink exterior than the Colonial Mutual building across the road.

THE wife of the late Mr. Noel Roake, manager of the Regent Theatre, Christchurch, who was drowned last week when his plane was forced down at sea, is a member of the Newbigin family, well known in Hawke's Bay.