

WELLINGTON NOTES.

Fireside Music and Other Records

Appeal of Broadcast Feature—Popular "Draw" for Public From Gramophone Shops—Finnish Athletes Visit 2YA—Wales's Big Day Recognised.

A SERIES of musical recordings well worth drawing attention to are the presentations of "Music at Your Fireside," which are periodically broadcast from the New Zealand National stations. Listeners to 2YA will have an opportunity of hearing the next one at 9.4 p.m., Monday, February 25. These recordings are not spectacular in their appeal like "The Japanese Houseboy and His Employer," but they have a quiet beauty which brings a restful atmosphere to the tired listener-in, who, after a busy, exhausting day's work can sink back in ease and enjoy the peaceful music and songs and the patient, soothing voice of the narrator. Like "The Japanese Houseboy and His Employer," recordings

ings, these "Music, At Your Fireside" recordings also have distinctive and beautiful theme music.

THE "Good-night melody" is another popular piece of theme music. It has a haunting air of melancholy which suggests absolute finality. Numerous inquiries are received by the Broadcasting Board as to where these recordings mentioned are procured. As most of them are 16-inch recordings, requiring slower and fewer revolutions per minute than the ordinary gramophone records, they are not available to the public as they cannot be used on an ordinary gramophone.

WHILE discussing this subject, the manager of a Wellington music store mentioned that Bing Crosby's re-

cordings are the most popular as far as the average passer-by is concerned. Xodelling and the new hot-rhythm numbers, including those of the Mills Brothers, never fail to bring a crowd to his shop doors. Picture-shows, he stated, do a great deal towards promoting the sales of records of numbers sung in the latest movies. Dance recordings are the best sellers and semi-classical numbers are fairly close runners-up. The "Skater's Waltz" and "My Treasure Waltz" are still as good "draws" as they were when introduced about seven years ago, which makes one wonder whether Bing's popularity will last for seven years.

CAPTAIN EVAN HUNTER, manager of the English and Finnish athletic team touring New Zealand gives a brief talk on the team's impressions of New Zealand, introducing the members of the team to listeners-in to 2YA on February 22 at 7.30 p.m. As the two Finns, Matti Sippala and Veikko Perasalo, have only learnt to speak a little English during their journey overseas, they are being assisted by two interpreters during their sojourn in this country. The four other members of the team are Robin Murdoch, a doctor, Geoffrey Rampling, a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, J. Powell, a journalist, and R. Craske, who is in the Bank of England.

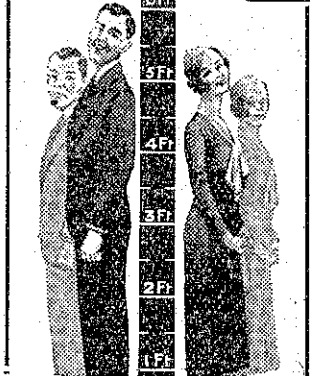
IN 1933 Captain W. J. Melville entertained listeners to 2YA with a series of interesting talks on the Secret Service and Scotland Yard. On Thursday, February 28 at 8.40 p.m., Captain Melville will return to the microphone and give another interesting and popular talk, entitled "More Scotland Yard Personalities."

A SPECIAL St. David's Day programme by overseas artists comes from 2YA at 8 o'clock on March 1, a concert guaranteed to gladden the hearts of many listeners apart from Welshmen. A feature of the programme will be the band of H.M. Grenadier Guards playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

A GOOD humourist is always a welcome addition to an evening's broadcast entertainment, and Miss E. M. Holland, from Dunedin, will be sure to please with her Irish character sketch called "Mrs. McSweeney and the Dog," and "Mrs. McSweeney on Propriety," which will be heard from 2YA on Friday evening, March 1.

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