

CANTERBURY NOTES.

Firm Stand Against Interference

Christchurch DX Club Meets Wellington Engineer To Discuss Elimination of Interference—Brilliant Young Pianist Delights Listeners in Children's Hour—2ZR Club Meets.

THE executive members of the New Zealand DX Radio Association held a conference in Christchurch with Mr. E. H. R. Green, radio engineer on the staff of the chief engineer of the Post and Telegraph Department, Wellington. It was stated by Mr. J. C. Stapleton, president of the association, that many interesting points were discussed, and it was agreed that the association should co-operate with the department in eliminating radio interference. All complaints are being investigated very carefully, and Mr. Green assured members of the association that, with the co-operation of all parties concerned, the "radio-roarer," which is the chief offender in Christchurch, will be overcome.

MISS JANETTA McSTAY, who spent a few days in Christchurch last week on her way to England in acceptance of the English Scholarship which she has gained at the age of seventeen, delighted inspiring musicians last Monday evening during the children's hour from 3YA. Miss McStay played "Juba," a negro dance, and "The Little White Donkey." 3YA authorities regretted that this brilliant musician could not be heard during the evening.

AT the annual meeting of the 2ZR Radio Club, Nelson, the following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr. H. Atmore, M.P.; secretary, Mr. I. MacKay; treasurer, Mr. D. Moore; committee, Messrs. J. H. Moore, C. Pickwell, T. Cole, and J. Stephenson. Mr. Atmore, in thanking members for his reelection, said that the station had been kept on the air by a gift of £100 from the Government. This was not to be taken as a precedent, but he thought that, in conjunction with Mr. K. J. Holyoake, member for Motueka, he could persuade the Cabinet to grant a subsidy. A motion was passed requesting Mr. Atmore to interview the Minister for the club's application for a subsidy.

THERE will be a special Empire Day broadcast by the Christchurch branch of the Royal Empire Society and Associate League, from Ballantynes' Tea-rooms, on Friday, May 24. The chief speaker for the evening will be the Hon. Downie Stewart. Other speakers will be Mr. A. E. Flower, president of the Royal Empire Society, Air-Marshal Sir Robert Clark-Hall, K.B.E., representing the Navy League, Mr. Norton Francis, C.M.G.,

representing the Overseas League, and Mrs. J. H. Tripp, representing the Victoria League.

CONDITIONS in Christchurch were good for the reception of the electrically-recorded Jubilee addresses broadcast from the Empire Shortwave station at Daventry, and rebroadcast by the New Zealand Broadcasting Board. The greater part of the King's speech at Westminster Hall was heard by radio listeners, and the Wednesday evening broadcast of the thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral which was attended by the King and Queen was a memorable one.

THE twenty-fifth annual festival of the Christchurch Competitions began in Christchurch last Saturday, and a total of 1956 entries were received. The judges are Mr. Will Hutchens, Mus.Bac (Wanganui) (vocal and instrumental); Mr. R. T. Bush (Grey-mouth) (elocution); and Mrs. R. Triggs (Timaru) (fancy and national dancing). The official accompanist is Miss A. Harley Slack. Arrangements have been made by 3YA to broadcast one of the three demonstration concerts from the Civic Theatre at the end of the month.

SOME good work was put in by the 3YA Educational Broadcasting

Committee during the first term of 1935. Miss D. Baster and Miss Jean Hay taking the infants and juniors in rhythm, movement and musical appreciation. Little pupils assembled in the studio, and the listening classes were put through the same movements, the committee being kept in touch by teachers' weekly reports of the lessons and the children's reactions. Professor James Shelley and Mr. J. A. Masterton, D.A., talked to the upper standards on "Adventures in Art," this section finishing on April 17, when the "Adventures in Exploration (Old and New)" were begun. Mr. G. Jobbens, M.A., B.Sc. and Mr. L. E. de Berry M.A. are taking these subjects, and the first two talks in the new term will concern David Livingstone and Sir Alan Cobham.

THE Timaru Radio Club held a meeting last week, which was presided over by Mr. C. Barker. A letter was received from the general manager of the Broadcasting Board (Mr. E. C. Hands), stating the club's request for relays from Timaru would be brought before the next meeting of the board. Mr. J. L. Passmore, listeners' representative (Dunedin), also wrote stating that he would raise the matter this month. The District Telegraph Engineer (Timaru), wrote stating that a specially-constructed high frequency filter had been tested on electro-medical apparatus in Timaru, with a view to eliminating interference, and it had been found that, at a distance of 200 yards, up to eighty per cent. of interference had been eliminated.

THE question of the department undertaking the construction of two similar filters for selling to the owners of apparatus had been referred to the chief engineer at Wellington. Mr. S. H. Gray, reported on behalf of the Timaru Hospital Committee that No. 6 ward was being permanently rewired, and that on completion, the only remaining ward, No. 5, would be given attention. It was announced that an offer had been made by Mr. C. G. Baker to assist in organising a community sing and concert in aid of the hospital fund, and that the services of Mr. Alan Brown (leader), and Mr. Bert Goodland (pianist), of Christchurch, were available for the purpose. May 30 was the date decided upon.



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