

the hospitality of New Zealanders, and the many sights they have seen. They were particularly pleased with Rotorua, and had a great welcome there. They are featured next week from 3YA on Sunday, June 14; and from 4YA on Tuesday, June 16, Thursday, June 18, and Saturday, June 20. These two popular "Scotties" are leaving in a week or two for Australia, where they will be under engagement to the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

Theatrical Air-mindedness

ACTORS and actresses seem to find flying a great tonic, and an agreeable pastime, if the experience of two leading artists seen on the New Zealand stages during the last few months can be taken as a criterion. Evelyn Gardiner, the brilliant Gilbert and Sullivan contralto, on the recent tour of the company, was an ardent aviatrix as listeners to her talk, "Why I Flew," could well gather. Another actor, still in New Zealand, Campbell Copelin, the convincing David Linden, of "The Shining Hour" comedy-drama, is interested in aeronautics, and will give a talk on "Salvaging an Air Liner," from 1YA on Thursday, June 18, at 9.5. Copelin was last over here with Leon Gordon's "White Cargo" and "The Trial of Mary Dugan."

Studio Items

EVOLVED from the thought and by the pen of Mr. Will Rome, who already has several radio plays of merit to his credit. "The Choice," a dramatic radio play, was given an outstanding performance by "The Romancers" from 1ZB last week. Despite the strange fact that there is heard so much destructive criticism of studio items from any station, one must admire the courage of the programme organiser of the Friendly Road station, whose highlights last week were exclusively of local talent.

Football Relays

1ZB, which is the only Auckland station that broadcasts the League football game, recently carried out the first relay of the season from Carlaw Park. It was not possible to broadcast the opening of the season owing to the fact that the station was off the air for repairs for nearly three weeks. Every Saturday during the present season, "Griffo," the station's sports announcer, will take up his position on the grandstand to describe the big game on

the No. 1 ground at the park, which starts at 3 p.m. Although a newcomer to the microphone last year and a comparative stranger to the League code, "Griffo" received very favourable comment from both players and listeners for the manner in which he vividly described last season's games. 1ZB hopes to be able to broadcast the big games between the English League tourists



WITH THE SONGSTERS.—F. L. Squire, the young Christchurch pianist who takes his place at the piano this week at the Civic Theatre for Christchurch's first community sing.

and New Zealand and Auckland from Carlaw Park toward the end of the season.

More And Better

ONLY on Saturday nights has the Dunedin public been used to hearing the Concert Orchestra from 4YA, with the result that these have become known as the orchestra's "regular nights." Also, as the popular type of programme is broadcast by 4YA on Saturday nights, the orchestra has been thus compelled to confine itself to light and airy selections, and so there is a growing feeling that it is the function of the players to provide only this sort of music. But soon it will appear twice a week. On a Thursday night later in the month the orchestra is to demonstrate its skill in interpreting more varied works by playing a group of Mozart compositions during the classical hour. Already the orchestra has begun playing accompaniments for some of the Saturday singers, and probably in this respect its activities will be extended to other nights also.

Says a Listener

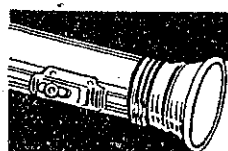
IT is, unfortunately, realised by very few that listening to the radio is really an art. Says an Auckland listener, "We all have those irritating evenings when perhaps a Parliamentary debate on some important topic is drowned by the urge which inspires our visitor—a lady who has just 'popped in for a moment'—to extol the merits of the carpet pattern. How annoying these occasions can be—but, as a contrast, how stimulating to have just the right atmosphere for appreciation of a broadcast programme. On Tuesday of last week the fire glowed, and the 'Readers' Digest' gave me education and enlightenment, while real enjoyment was provided by 'Humoresque' and a half-hour programme from 1ZB of equally-beautiful melodies from the 'cello of Dr. Trevor de Clive Lowe. Certainly I was in a receptive mood, but I am left with the impression that such recitals reach close proximity to the ideal programme."

1ZJ's Future Policy

A POLICY statement was broadcast from 1ZJ recently regarding this station's future. It was announced that, subject to Government approval being forthcoming, the intention is to greatly extend the station's activities. The directors of Johns Limited, the owners, requested listeners to be patient. It was pointed out that nothing could be done until the Government had decided on its policy concerning broadcasting. When this was promulgated there would be no further delay.

Fears Unjustified

IN recent notes reference was made to the fact that some Auckland listeners living in areas where direct current only is available were delaying the purchase of D.C. operated receivers because of frequent statements in the Press that these D.C. areas are to be converted into A.C. current. Already many listeners have gone as far as to attempt to dispose of their receivers, in case the power was changed over to A.C., thus rendering their sets useless. Inquiry made at the offices of the Auckland Electric Power Board reveals that listeners' fears are entirely unjustified. Even in cases where A.C. current is furnished to houses, the D.C. power will be available for those who want it. In other



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