

especially augmented for this concert, while Lauri Paddi's Peter Pan Dance Band has been specially engaged for the stage presentations. A surprise for those who attend will be the initial appearance of the dances, both solo and ballet work, presented by a troupe trained by Stan Lawson and Miss Rosetta Powell. The latter has much overseas experience, which places her in the forefront of creative ballet mistresses.

Rural Radio

AT last week's meeting of the Franklin Electric Power Board, Pukekohe, it was decided to make application to the Minister of Telegraphs for the allotment of a wave-length so that shortwave radio can be installed on the board's trucks. It was reported that experiments carried out to ascertain whether shortwave communication between the switching stations and the troublemen's motor-trucks was practicable, had been most successful. "For greater service to our consumers; the use of shortwave radio will prove most valuable," said the chairman of the board, Mr. John Dean. "In stormy periods we do not want farmers milking by hand, when the use of shortwave radio on the trucks will do a lot to improve the service to consumers and help in detecting the faults with a minimum loss of time."

Frankie

APPROXIMATELY 90 different episodes of the adventures, or rather misadventures of a Japanese houseboy and his employer, have now been broadcast by 4YA, and although occasionally one hears the complaint that a listener or two does not appreciate these items of humour, there is definite proof that a large body of listeners would not miss the weekly episodes if they could possibly avoid it. Wednesday has been the regular Frank and Archie night for months now, but as the Music Lovers' Competitions and important relays have largely filled two of these evenings of late, it has been necessary to transfer the Japanese and his friend to another night. On both occasions the station was frequently rung and asked whether the records were to be played or not, as they were not advertised. Upon being advised to listen two nights hence, the many inquirers were apparently satisfied that they were not going to be cheated either week.

Round North Cape

THERE will be an interesting talk from 2YA on Thursday, August 13, when Charles Wheeler will tell us all about a trip he had with the Government lighthouse steamer Matal, on one of its recent rounds of the North Island. It must be a great life, this Matal business, going round the North and South Islands, but they say that at times it gets a bit monotonous, although it is a case of carrying on even while the weather is pretty dirty. But the Matal is a good sh'n. and those who have had the privilege of travelling on her as guests or passengers testify to the seaworthiness of the vessel and the treatment they receive at the hands of the officers and crew.

Sooner, the Quicker

ON account of the late arrival of their vessel, Gene Sarazen and Miss Helen Hicks will not be interviewed before the microphone, but it is possible that arrangements will be made to have them tell all about themselves when they eventually turn up. It is not so very long ago that Sarazen was in New Zealand. He evidently likes the place, but the attraction is (it is suggested) that he wants to repeat his performance of driving a golf ball out to sea from the bottom-most part of New Zealand. Trust these Americans to try to go one better.

"Paris of Australia"

THE attractive Auckland girl, Hilda Morse, who began her radio career as a children's "aunt" at 12M, and who has made a name for herself in Australian radio as a member of the radio staff of the "round the clock" station, 2UW, Sydney, for the past two years and more, gave a talk entitled "The Paris of Australia—King's Cross," from 1YA last week. In this she graphically gave a stranger's impressions on arrival at Sydney and so well described the foreign restaurants in King's Cross, the dozens of street musicians and the other queer things in daily life at "The Cross." After having spent a holiday with her

parents at Takanini, she leaves this Friday on her return to Sydney to do a big broadcast on August 10. Last Saturday a big crowd of kiddies visited her at Takanini and gave her lots of beautiful flowers. Miss Morse, in addition to addressing numerous clubs in Auckland, spoke from 12M on Sunday evening. She plans to visit America at the end of next year.

Revue Artists

TWO members of the Hart-O'Brian Revue Company which concluded a successful Auckland season last week were featured on the programme from 1YA on Saturday last. The young Rumanian violinist, Paul Veleco, a member of the leading act in the revue, played Bach's "Air on G String" and "Mazurka" (Musin), and Sarasate's "Gipsy Airs." Marie Doran, the soprano of the company, provided popular interludes during the relay of Lauri Paddi's Dance Band from the Peter Pan Cabaret.

Informal

TEACUPS clicked happily in Christchurch the other morning when great musical artists, local professionals, broadcasting officials and civic authorities got together for an informal half-hour. Mr. and Mrs. Browning Mummery, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney de



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