

Dominion. The choir boys are "top-liners" in the organisation and Christchurch was shocked the other day to hear of the financial straits in which the Christchurch Cathedral Chapter finds itself, thereby endangering the Cathedral choir's very existence. Church-goers and concert-goers will undoubtedly be willing to keep the boys' choir financially on its feet.

Warning

THE Radio Inspector in Dunedin is on the warpath again rounding up those listeners whose licenses have expired. It is not the most pleasant task he could find to do, but, having allowed a reasonable time to pass since the licenses were due for renewal, and finding that they were not being presented at the telegraph counter, the position had reached the stage where it was necessary to act. Certainly a warning notice was communicated to those in default, and although it caused a good many to hurry in obtaining their renewals, there were hundreds of others who ignored it altogether. These are the ones the inspector is after, and so one may expect fair-sized batches of neglectful listeners to appear before the magistrate before long. If they do, they have only themselves to blame.

New Ship

DIRECT wireless-telephony connections between Sydney and the Union Co.'s new trans-Tasman liner Awatea, off the coast of Scotland, were made recently, and Captain V. G. Webb, marine superintendent of the company, who was on the Awatea, held a conversation with Mr. N. S. Falla, managing director, in Wellington. The conversation was carried through the usual commercial radio channel of Amalgamated Wireless connecting London and Sydney. The public radio-telephone on the liner—the first on any ship registered in Australian and New Zealand waters—is intended for use to either country while the ship is crossing the Tasman, but the equipment gave excellent results over 10,000 miles. The five wireless stations aboard the new ship are the main wireless telegraph, shortwave, emergency transmitter, public wireless-telephone stations and lifeboat transmitter, and all were designed and manufactured in Australia by Amalgamated Wireless.

Students' Work

VISITING the radio engineering workshop at the Auckland Seddon Memorial Technical College last week, the writer was amazed to find the variety of work being undertaken there for instructional purposes. Groups of

lads were seen at work building all-wave receivers, signal generators, valve testers, a public address system, set analysers, etc. This instructional work is in charge of Mr. G. C. Hart, A.M.I.R.E., late of the Post and Telegraph Department, and now technical manager of Johns, Ltd. He has built up the classes from a dozen or so until now there are 90 students learning the intricacies of radio engineering. The

CORNETTIST

Career of Clever Youngster

A CORNETTIST who has just entered his teens has been billed for a performance from IYA on Saturday, August 29, and is likely to give listeners a surprise with the standard of his music, even without allowance for his youth.

Since he was seven years of age this lad, Ted Fleetwood, has been playing the cornet. He was born at Rotorua. After two years of tuition he won the Bay of Plenty boys' solo competition, and the following year, in 1934, he repeated the performance, adding the open solo to his credit that year and in 1935. At the age of 11 he was fourth in the Dominion championship in the boys' solo section at Timaru, and second in the same section of the South Auckland contest at Te Aroha.

This year, still only 12 years old, he was second in the boys' solo section at New Plymouth's Dominion contest, and has won both the boys' solo and the open solo in the Hamilton-South Auckland contest.

students have just completed the building of the transmitter for which the Minister of Broadcasting recently gave a permit to go on the air. Its power is 100 watts.

Ha'pence

WHEN, after an excellent running commentary, the announcer from 3YA told the world that the score in the Canterbury v. Auckland Rugby match at Lancaster Park was 24-15. Canterburyites naturally whooped with

joy. But it must be mentioned that the announcer put over one of the finest football broadcasts heard for a long time. Many favourable comments have been received at 3YA during the last few days, so it seems that radio announcers are at last receiving just as many ha'pence as kicks.

Those Cheap Sets

THE danger of using cheap sets is indicated by the experience of the technical manager of a well-known Auckland firm last week. Before going to bed last Wednesday night he left the set under test running all night on a wooden bench in order to bring to light an intermittent fault. At an early hour on the Thursday morning he awoke to find something burning in the house, and, on investigating, found that the power transformer had caught fire and set alight to the bench, which was blazing merrily. There was much inflammable material in his den, and had he not discovered the fire so quickly he would probably have been burnt out. He attributed the trouble to the fact that insufficient iron was used in the cone of the transformer. The consequent heating set fire to the many wires covered with paraffin wax. There are quite a number of the same model sets on the market.

Violin and Piano

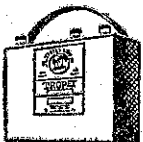
ON Monday, August 31, listeners will be afforded an opportunity of hearing an interesting chamber music combination in Zillah Castle, A.R.C.M. (violin) and Ernest Jenner, A.R.A.M. (piano), who will perform a beautiful Sonata by Dohnanyi, rarely heard in these parts. Mr. Jenner, who is at present musical director of the Christchurch Training College, will be in Wellington during the term holidays, adjudicating in the instrumental section of the Wellington Competitions. Miss Castle, who has since her arrival

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