

FROM THE PROVINCES.

Christchurch Wants First Turn

"Start Tours of Visiting Celebrities There For a Change" — Radio Navigation Aids For Aeroplanes Promised By Government—
Eileen Joyce in Auckland's Third Charity Concert.

IT was suggested to the Christchurch representative of the "Radio Record", the other day by a prominent musician that the National Broadcasting Service might consider starting tours of overseas celebrities in Christchurch for a change. "While the stars are always welcome," he said, "Auckland and Wellington get the cream of their work, to the extent that by the time they reach Christchurch, we know all about them. It would be greatly appreciated by listeners if the Service occasionally gave Christchurch a turn with the initial performance." Possibly, this man added, such a move would awaken the civic authorities and the public generally to the crying need in Christchurch for a Town Hall or concert chamber large enough to accommodate about 3000, instead of having to convert a small picture theatre for concert work. A reasonable argument!

rather early yet to say, but it is believed prices for 1937 models will be slightly higher than for current models.

Invasion

AT the end of this week and the beginning of next, touring talent will take charge of portions of the evening programmes from 4Y.A. Three comic artists, who have been scoring successes in the north—Freddy Cholmondeley, Vincent Ryan, and Dora Lindsay—make a start before the local microphone on Friday. Of these three Dunedin knows only one in person, this being the lady member of the troupe, who was seen at His Majesty's Theatre with the Long Tack Sam Company. Everyone knows what she can do, and many,

through listening to the northern stations, have a good idea of the merits of the other two. Then there is Dave Howard, with his saxophone and fund of humour. Just to add a little balance to the programmes of the comics, Eileen Boyd, Australian contralto, and Senia Chostakoff, Russian tenor, will be fitted into Sunday's broadcasts.

Golfers

ALTHOUGH Gene Sarazen and Helen Hicks—great golfers—were not heard from 3YA in a talk about the little white ball and what to do with it, the other day, the Christchurch station served listeners very well with a description of the exhibition match at Shirley with C. J. Ward and H. R. Blair. Again, in the news session,

AS was recently forecast in these notes, the Government has now decided to install radio navigation aids for aeroplanes in New Zealand. Four plants have already been taken from Union Airways, and others are on order. Action is proceeding by the Government along lines indicated as desirable, in the report made to the Government by Mr. E. H. R. Green, M.Sc., radio engineer of the Chief Post Office, who recently investigated matters of this kind in several European countries and the United States.

ANOTHER big charity concert is to be presented by the National Broadcasting Service's radio artists in Auckland, in the Town Hall on September 30. So far the full list of performing talent is not available, but it is known that Eileen Joyce, the famous pianist, will be featured. Miss Joyce, considered to be the greatest female pianist in the world, unfortunately had to postpone her New Zealand tour, which should have been commenced last week. It is to be hoped that this concert will be better supported by the public than the last two, both in aid of worthy causes.

1937 Sets

SPECIFICATIONS and technical data which have been received in Auckland regarding the radio sets shown at the big radio exhibitions in England and the United States indicate that there will be very little that is new in the 1937 models. Most manufacturers are using all metal valves in their sets. The present range of mantle and console receivers seems to have been standardised, although most manufacturers are releasing a modern chest model. A.C./D.C. sets are not being widely featured. The medium-priced and quality receivers are being fitted with cathode ray-tuning indicators. Little prominence is being given to the radio-gramophone combination. It is



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