

"Dewi Sant"**Taumarunui Hospital****Wireless Test****Valedictory to "Storyman"****Radio Fund****System of Relays**

WELSHMEN throughout the world will this week-end be celebrating the anniversary of the birth of their Patron Saint, "Dewi Sant." In Wellington on Saturday evening, March 1, the Welsh Society is giving a typical Welsh entertainment, which will be relayed by 2YA.

3YA is also recognising the occasion of including in its Saturday evening programme a number of Welsh items, but a special broadcast is scheduled for next day, Sunday afternoon, when the Welsh folk of Christchurch are holding a commemorative service in the Anglican Cathedral.

Wool Sale Broadcast**A Whole Evening Devoted**

THE last wool sale in Christchurch happened on a Tuesday evening, the usual "silent" night of the week for 3YA, so the occasion was taken to carry out a broadcast. For 3½ hours the relay continued. Listeners in search of entertainment tuned in for a time just to hear how a wool sale was conducted, and then tuned out again.

Of course, the broadcast was not intended primarily as an entertainment for town listeners but almost entirely for the benefit of the farming community and others interested in the price of wool.

It is the policy of the Broadcasting Company to help the man on the land in every way possible. It was with that object in view that Primary Productions Committees have been formed for the purpose of advising the Broadcasting Company in respect to the best way of improving and developing the service for the rural community, and to that end a series of instructive talks has been arranged.

A further opportunity of interesting the farmers, without in any way interfering with the ordinary entertainment schedule of the town dweller presented itself when the wool sale occurred on an otherwise silent night. The farmer far out-back could sit with the auctioneers' catalogue on his knee and hear his wool put up for auction, bid for, and sold.

To the townsman not financially interested (directly) in the prices realised it was an "eye-opener" to "hear" the celerity with which the auctioneers sold hundreds of lines and to hear the clamour of the buyers when they reached their bidding limits for a lot that was in keen demand.

Lecture-Recital at 3YA

LOVERS of opera can look forward to 3YA's programme on Wednesday, March 26, when Mr. W. H. Dixon, Professor of Singing, will give a lecture-recital on "Songs and Stories from Operas." He will be assisted by a party of singers. Mr. Dixon will be remembered by 3YA listeners for his descriptive work in connection with the presentation of "Rigoletto," "Tristan and Isolde," and "Carmen."

DR. E. VIVIAN, secretary of the fund for the possession of a radio installation in the Taumarunui Hospital, writes: The Broadcasting Company have generously offered to relay a concert from here and broadcast it from Wellington. We are now drawing up a programme to submit to them for their approval. As regards our appeal, we have had our trials and tribulations. The hospital district is composed of those counties and the borough. The counties contain farmers who pay high hospital rates, and who think our appeal is rather like the last straw that broke the camel's back, though one brought in two dogs and sold them at the saleyards, adding £4/7/- to the fund. Then in the counties we have a large group of bushmen and mill employees, the nature of whose work unfortunately often leads to hospital. The employees of some of the mills have given freely to the funds. As these people pay no rates we had expected a little response from them. Lastly, we have a few townships where we are trying to awaken interest. Your correspondent evidently is keen, and if it is not a breach of editorial etiquette I would be obliged if you could give me his name, so that I could write to him and try to get him to form a local committee. His city Ohura is the centre of the Ohura County, in which district we have had practically no support. The other two counties are the Taumarunui County and the Kaitieke County. From each of these counties and from Taumarunui we had expected to get about £50. So far we have been unable to gain many helpers outside the borough, and though we have collected £80 here we have only got about £20 outside. However, we have just started, and are optimistic.

[Should our correspondent in the issue of February 7 wish to adopt the suggestion put forward by Dr. Vivian we should advise him to write direct.—Ed.]

Christchurch Air Pageant

NEW ZEALAND'S second air pageant took place in Christchurch on Saturday last under very adverse weather conditions. Prior to the week-end the weather had been beautifully fine, and it was expected that the pageant would be a most successful one. It was evident, however, when Saturday dawned that it would be handicapped by wet and rough weather. 300 feet up, a very gale was blowing, so strong that many of the big events could not take place. However, the best arrangements that could be made were proceeded with, and the pageant was quite good.

The whole proceedings were broadcast by 3YA, and from this point of view was most successful. There was not a hitch, and the descriptions came through remarkably clearly. The 'planes could clearly be heard when they approached near enough to the microphone.

STATION 2YA, Wellington, carried out a duplex telephony test last night with 2ME, Sydney, the experimental short-wave station of Amalgamated Wireless Australia, Ltd., and also with W2XAF, Schnectady, New York.

At 11 p.m., after 2YA had closed down, 2YA called up 2ME, Sydney. Mr. J. Ball officiated at the Wellington microphone and Mr. Farmer at 2ME. 2YA expressed a wish to speak direct with W2XAF, Schnectady, and subsequently, after carrying out duplex telephony with Sydney, 2YA carried out a further test with New York. Music and speech were transmitted from Wellington.

Reception from 2ME was loud and clear, and as the test progressed reception in Sydney improved, there being slight interference by static at the Sydney end. Promptly at 11 p.m. Sydney was heard calling "Hello, 2YA. Hello, 2YA. Here is Wellington calling us now Jack," and immediately afterwards Mr. Ball's voice rang out, "Are you there 2ME? We can hear you calling us." Contact was thus made and the tests proceeded promptly. Reading and music from Wellington were clearly heard at Sydney, and shortly after 11 p.m. conditions at Sydney had improved. Some music was put on by 2YA to give the operators at Sydney time to make some adjustments. At 11.34 p.m. 2ME called up W2XAF and remarked that they had been testing with Wellington, and also stated that static was interfering with reception from New York. Conditions, however, kept on improving. "We'll keep contact with 2YA and we'll see you in another 10 minutes. You keep playing music, W2XAF, we'll change over to 2YA, Wellington, now."

At this juncture, W6XN, Oakland, California, joined in the tests and made a quartet of it, the latter station being in communication with W2XAF at New York. Immediately after this 2ME and W2XAF had another chat, and W6XN played some more music at the request of W2XAF.

At 12 G.M.T. 2ME was calling W2XAF. "Hello, W2XAF. We'll broadcast 2YA for you."

ALL the uncles and aunts of 3YA entertained "Storyman" (the Rev. J. Robertson) at morning tea on Friday, February 14. In the evening at the children's session "Storyman" said au revoir to the Radio Circle. The occasion was also marked by the presentation from the directors of the Broadcasting Company of an illuminated address expressing appreciation of the services which the Rev. Robertson has rendered as "Storyman." Mr. Robertson leaves shortly for his new charge in Sydney.

New Zealand Nights**Programmes by Local Composers at 3YA**

THE first of a series of three programmes, every item of which will be the work of a New Zealand composer, will be presented by 3YA next month. The suggestion to arrange New Zealand programmes in this manner comes from the 3YA Musical and Dramatic Advisory Committee.

Personal**MR. ALFRED WALMSLEY**

MR. ALFRED WALMSLEY, the noted tenor soloist, of Dunedin, made his first public appearance since his return from England, when he sang at one of the Town Hall opening concerts. Listeners-in were pleased to hear his voice again, as he is a very popular radio singer. Mr. Alfred Walmsley, who left England as soon as his engagement with the Carl Rosa Company expired, is now in Dunedin, where he intends to settle professionally.

2YA played some music for W2XAF, and a two-way test between the last-named two stations was carried out, Wellington being rebroadcast by Sydney on to New York.

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