

## Auckland Notes

(By "Call Up.")

THE dates for Cinderella's (Miss Palmer) annual holiday have now been altered, and she is now expected to leave on March 11. She will be away for a fortnight, and Mrs. Daisy Basham, a well-known local artist, will deputise for her.

ELTON BLACK and Alice Bennetto, who scored such a success when they broadcast for the first time from IYA recently, are listed to appear again on April 3. Their first success was even more meritorious than was generally realised, for on that evening the microphone was not working satisfactorily.

THERE is a distinct possibility that the pantomime, "Dick Whittington," which is being given from IYA to-night (Thursday, February 27) will later be produced from one of the other YA stations and possibly from them all. This is a most ambitious production, and the performers and others connected with it have worked extremely hard to make it a success. Even if it is not popularly received, which seems very unlikely, praise will be due to the producers for making the effort and for their initiative in attempting something so completely new to New Zealand listeners.

THE IYA programme on Wednesday, February 26, was undoubtedly poor, and more than one listener found it distinctly boring. It is queer that often a programme which sounds excellent "on paper" is very mediocre when actually performed. Broadcast artists are evidently like cricketers. Even the best sometimes fail to score.

## News of the Week

QUESTIONS have been put to "Switch" regarding the much-boosted announcement several months ago, respecting a New Zealand invention to eliminate static. The writer is unable to say what has become of the invention. The Radio Corporation has a standing offer of £200,000 for a static eliminator which can be so constructed as to be marketable for sale to the general body of radio listeners, and to cost a sum which will not be above the heads of the populace.

## Lodge Installation

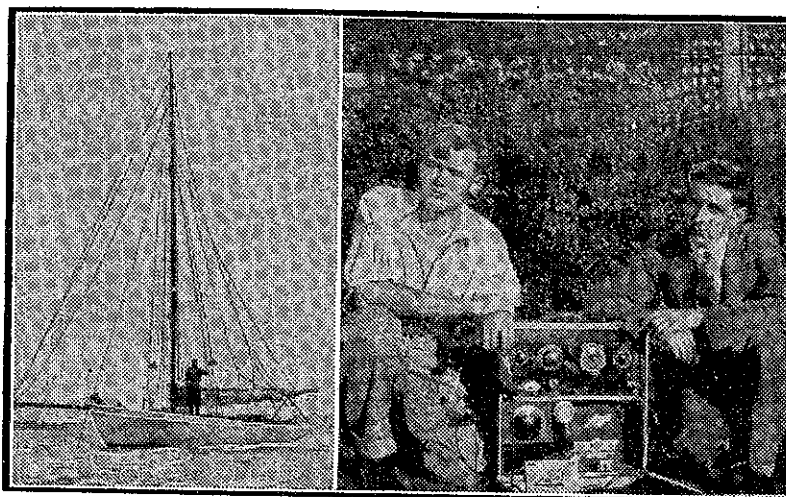
### "Listening-in" to a Ceremony

STATION IYA will carry out the first broadcast of a lodge installation meeting on Thursday, March 13. The relay will take place from the Manchester Unity Hall, the lodge concerned being the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows.

An interesting ceremony will attach to the installation of officers, and listeners who are not Oddfellows and

Grand Master then follows. Both officers will briefly reply, and the outgoing Grand Master will also reply. The presentation of medals and shields won during the year will then take place. After the ceremony dancing will ensue till 11.30 p.m.

The broadcast will no doubt serve to bring before many people the advantages of joining such a friendly society as the Manchester Unity. All right-thinking people will agree that it is a duty incumbent upon them all to make some provision against the claims, which are incidental to sickness and old age. Having decided to meet the demands which occur in most lives through incapacity from the causes named, they should endeavour



### PORTABLE TRANSMITTER ON THE YACHT "MARANGI."

Experimental transmission was carried out by two amateur radio transmitters, Mr. S. Perkin (ZL2GK), and Mr. C. G. Liddell (ZL2B1), on the yacht "Marangi," owned by Mr. R. Mellor, of Wellington, which took part in the ocean yacht race to Port Underwood (across Cook Strait) and back. Although, on account of unfavourable weather, the race was abandoned on the Saturday evening, the small combined portable receiver and transmitter, as shown, acquitted itself well, being heard at good strength in daylight at both New Plymouth and Auckland, working on 40 metres.

Communication was maintained with the shore station ZL2B1, from whence progress reports were telephoned to 2YA and broadcast. The temporary call-sign allotted to the transmitter was ZL2DZ.

therefore have not had the privilege of attending a lodge meeting will have the opportunity of hearing all that takes place. At 8 o'clock the M.C. will enter the lodge room, and going up to the Deputy Grand Master's pedestal, will knock and say: "Brethren, be upstanding to receive the District Grand Master." A procession will then enter and formal proceedings will take place, culminating in the ceremony attached to the installation of the Grand Master. The installation of the Deputy

to seek out the most effective means of meeting those claims.

Lodges of the Manchester Unity are to be found plentifully scattered throughout the English-speaking world, and candidates for membership, of either sex, are accepted from the ages of sixteen to forty-five years; the conditions of membership being a good name and good health. It will therefore be apparent that its membership is universal, since neither nationality, creed, nor politics affect it. While re-

## Trade Personals

Three new models of Crosley radio have come to hand this month. The first incorporates the new "Montrad" chassis, being two stages of A.C. screen grid. The second is an all-electric D.C. chassis, using four stages of screen grid, whilst the third is a special Crosley radio-gramophone combination in a cabinet and using the "Unitrad" three-stage screen grid chassis. Messrs. Abel, Smeeton, the North Island distributors, invite all those who are interested in unallotted territories to communicate with them.

Mr. W. A. Boucher, of Speddings, Ltd., has returned by the Aorangi from America.

Mr. Inkster, Wellington manager for Speddings, Ltd., is at present on holiday.

Messrs. N. R. Cunningham, Ltd., New Zealand representatives for Midwest Radio Corporation, advise that the company this year celebrates its tenth anniversary, and in commemoration is producing a special nine-valve screen-grid Miraco, to be released next week.

## Trans-Atlantic Radio

TALKING across the Atlantic through radiophone contact established on ordinary house or office 'phone has assumed an imposing position in the business and social life of both the Old and the New Worlds. During the past year the number of calls made has increased by no less than 300 per cent. At Lawrenceville, New York, American engineers have been busily engaged for the past year in erecting a short-wave radio transmitting station for international communication. Twenty-six towers 180 feet high and arranged in the form of the letter L, have been erected extending for more than a mile. These towers support twelve radio telephone aerials, all of which will be in operation shortly as a part of a short-wave transmitting system that will provide important links in the chain of overseas telephony to Europe and South America.

ligion is revered in the lodge room it is not a matter for discussion. Discussion upon matters of a political nature is also forbidden. The consideration of the amelioration of the condition of common humanity is the theme which permeates the atmosphere of the lodge room.

The financial benefits which are paid to members are large, and continue throughout life. The sickness benefit is the most important, ministering as it does to the wants of the member during the whole period of his incapacity, and that too on a very liberal scale.

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