

Auckland Notes

(By "Call Up.")

LECTURES set down for delivery to the Auckland Radio Society are as follow:—March 17, "Power Amplifiers and Loudspeakers," by Mr. R. E. Granger; April 7, "Listening on Short Waves," by Mr. Mark Churton; and April 21, "How to Become an Amateur Transmitter," by Mr. H. B. Arthur. A series of further lectures is being arranged and details will be announced shortly.

RECEPTION conditions have been very good locally during the last fortnight. Southern stations are all

Novelty for Tuesday Evening

AT midnight on Tuesday station 2YA will be on the air relaying from 4YA, Dunedin, a conversation between Admiral Byrd and various important personages in New York. One of these will be the principal proprietor of the "New York Times." Stations 1YA, 3YA and 4YA will also broadcast the American conversations, and if possible 2YA will do this, but there is a danger of "feed back." Owners of high-grade sets, therefore, would be well advised, if they wish to hear both conversations, to tune in with one or other of the outside stations. Owners of crystal sets in Wellington will hear only the conversation by Admiral Byrd.

Tests in connection with this transmission were conducted from midnight Monday, and a full conversation was held on Sunday night (reported elsewhere). The procedure in connection with these broadcasts is for Dunedin to transmit to Wellington by land-line. Wellington's relay is picked up by Sydney and transmitted by short-wave to New York.

coming in well, while reception of Australia has shown a marked improvement. Now that the sun is moving away from us we may expect a continued spell of good reception of distant stations.

FURTHER sad news for Auckland Rugby football enthusiasts who listen in. Mr. R. J. Meredith, who earned such popularity by his graphic broadcast descriptions of local Rugby matches last winter, will not be here to continue the work this year. He has gone to Rotorua to manage the Palace Hotel, and will be greatly missed by Auckland Rugby enthusiasts and listeners. Gordon Hutter, another very popular man before the microphone, will take Mr. Meredith's place.

The celebrations in connection with the opening of the Auckland Electric Power Board's new building were broadcast by 1YA on the afternoon of Thursday, March 6. The building is a magnificent edifice, standing on the corner of Queen and Durham Streets,

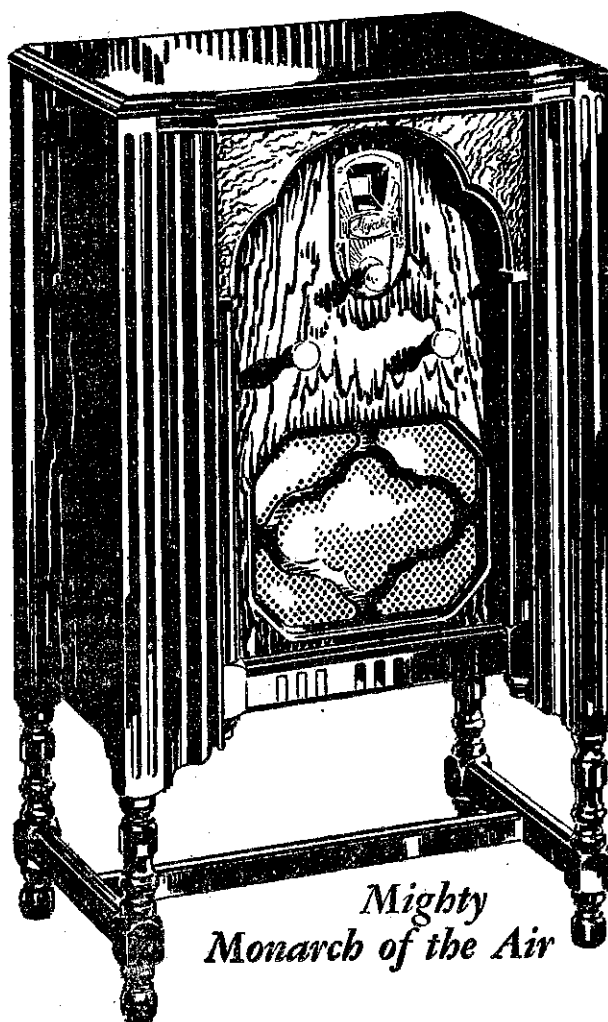
and attracts much attention from passers-by at night, when it is beautifully illuminated with pink and green coloured lights. "Call Up" was surprised to notice that it is heated throughout by steam heaters!

THE pantomime "Dick Whittington," presented by 1YA on Thursday, February 27, was an undoubted success, and it is to be sincerely hoped that arrangements can be made for the show to be given by at least one of the other YA stations. There were one or two minor defects in 1YA's presentation, but on the whole it was a most praiseworthy effort and gave listeners a novel and entertaining evening. The sound effects, in general, were very good, and a number of listeners wonder how some of them were obtained. The babbling brook was imitated by blowing through the spout of a kettle filled with water, and the birds which sang were not feathered, but made of celluloid, and also filled with water. Other effects were obtained with the aid of old motor horns, toys, and other simple apparatus.

THE wrestling match between George Walker and Fred Ebert at the Town Hall on Monday, March 3, provided 1YA listeners with a piece of highly exciting entertainment. The contest was what is popularly known as "wild and woolly," and terminated so far as listeners were concerned when one of the wrestlers pushed the referee into the ropes and knocked the microphone over. The microphone was smashed, but as it was the final round listeners did not miss very much. The local wrestling association have always realised the benefits of having their contests broadcast, and have profited accordingly. It will be remembered that a month or two ago the Northern Boxing Association decided against the broadcasting of the Thomas-Macdonald contest, and a very poor house resulted. This association have now changed their minds again, and want future contests to be put over the air.

A Music Combination

THE Radio Music Company, a new music organisation by which there will be effected a combination of two leading music publishers and the National Broadcasting Company, has recently been announced in New York. Mr. Aylesworth, president of the N.B.C. and chairman of the new company, recently pointed out that the alliance between the new organisation and the broadcasters will assure composers of a real audience for their best efforts and from them in turn the radio audience will demand their best efforts. It was also stated that although the new company will be a commercial music-publishing venture, it is intended that the scope of its activities will be so broad that its real objective will not be primarily in profits, but in making an active and intelligent use of the tremendous facilities—the NBC system—placed at its disposal for the purpose of enhancing and improving the whole trend of American music.



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