

Trampers Broadcast

An Unusual Programme

TRAMPING is an activity which has become very popular of recent years, and the announcement that the concert given by the Auckland branch of the Alpine Sports Club is to be broadcast is not without interest. The concert will be held in the Lewis Eady Hall.

From a foundation membership of twenty-five on March 1, 1929, the club has steadily grown, and at the present time its members total 150. The primary objects of its constitution are to encourage walking, climbing, and alpine sports in New Zealand. With the gradual development of our alpine playgrounds and the erection of modern hostels and lodges in the heart of the highlands, has come a realisation by many whose daily occupations are of an indoor nature that the mountain regions have much to offer the sportsman or holiday-maker who visits them from time to time. Exhilarating winter sports, climbing, and walking tours form but part of the activities of the club parties when on tour.

To promote good fellowship among mountaineers, mountain climbing and mountain exploration, and a little knowledge of the mountains through literature, science, and art, sums up one of the guiding principles of the club's work during the past sixteen months. At the evenings which are a feature of the life of the club in Auckland, an endeavour is being made to inculcate those principles that make for safety in mountaineering. It is on the ability of a party to work harmoniously in action and by co-operative effort among members of a climbing party that really successful and enjoyable climbing and exploration expeditions depend, and it is through the practice of the known principles of the sport that the organised climbing parties of the club achieve their greatest success.

The outdoor activities of the club are not restricted to mountain climbing. A special feature of club outings is the regular weekly tramps on the Waitakere Ranges and to the west coast, where some of Auckland's finest scenery is to be found. Everyone who wishes to hear further of the "Delights of Tramping" should listen-in to 1YA on Thursday evening, October 23.

"A Mystery Man"

THE 3YA radio children had introduced to them recently a "mystery man" (Mr. Ashleigh Phear, son of an Indian judge), who told them thrilling stories of animal life in India. Ladybird induced him to come along to the microphone, and he has promised to broadcast frequently. Except for the time he was in England receiving his education he has spent all his life in India, but is now resident in Christchurch.

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Children's Sessions

From 1YA.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21.—Once again Uncle Dave will talk to "Mike," and cousins will sing and present a playlet.

WEDNESDAY.—A particularly melodious programme this evening, for four boy sopranos will be present, singing together and separately, while Uncle Tom will tell stories and relate some of his jokes.

THURSDAY.—The choir from the Normal School, who will make their reappearance after a long absence, will be welcomed. Peter Pan will be in charge of the session.

FRIDAY.—A cheery hour with Nod and Aunt Jean; listen to their stories and songs, and Cousin Kirk singing, too.

SATURDAY.—Cinderella among the girls. Miss Gunman is bringing her girls' choir, so be sure and tune in at 5 p.m. and don't miss any of the fun.

SUNDAY.—Children's song service, conducted by Uncle Bert, assisted by Beresford Street Sunday School.

From 2YA.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20.—We have had a Scottish and an English evening, now to-night we will have a special Irish programme, which Cousin Jeane has prepared for us. Uncle Jeff will be in charge of the session.

TUESDAY.—An interesting programme based on "Jack the Giant-Killer" has been arranged by the pupils of Miss Ethel Mackay for to-night. Big Brother Jack will be here with Robinson to meet "Jack the Giant-Killer."

THURSDAY.—A miscellaneous programme with stories, songs and recitations is to be given by the pupils of Mrs. Percy Woods. Uncle

George will act as host for the evening.

FRIDAY.—Mr. Maunder has arranged the programme for to-night. There are to be choruses, trios, violin solos and stories. Story Book Lady and Uncle Jim will help entertain.

SATURDAY.—Uncle Toby will be here to-night with Cousins Lucy, Agnes and Athol, who will sing, recite, and tell fairy stories.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26.—Uncle George will conduct the song service, and the choir work will be done by the Wellington South Church of Christ under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas.

From 3YA.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20: Children's stories by Scatterjoy and the Mystery Man, tunes on the zither by Gwen and several little songs by Evelyn.

WEDNESDAY: Uncle John has some delightful stories to tell to-night and there will be songs and choruses. Mr. Laing will give us a short talk on the aims and objects of the League of Nations.

THURSDAY: Little stories and little songs for little people by Ladybird, Uncle Frank and Uncle Dick.

FRIDAY: Stories by Peterkin and the Pigeon Bay School choir under Mr. Hector G. Brown will give solos, duets, recitations and jolly part-songs. There will also be a mouth-organ solo.

SATURDAY: Aunt Pat will tell stories and will sing her songs with Uncle Charlie. Everyone likes his English songs and compositions of his own.

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 26: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School scholars will provide the song service and there will be a talk by the Rev. Alexander McNeur.

Empire Broadcasting

SOME weeks back we mentioned that proposals would be submitted to the Imperial Conference for the establishment of a broadcasting station to serve Empire needs on a shortwave length. It was understood that the Colonial Office was prepared to find a capital sum of approximately £23,000 for the erection and maintenance of a station to be run by the technicians of the B.B.C.

The subject was raised before the Imperial Conference by Mr. Forbes presenting a remit originally passed by the Wellington Amateur Radio Society urging the erection of an Empire broadcasting station. According to cabled reports the discussion revealed that this was practically impossible at present for financial and technical reasons, but the committee was awaiting the views of the B.B.C. experts. The cost of a station capable of broadcasting reliably over the whole Empire would, it was stated, be enormous, and could only be partly met by Britain, leaving the Dominions and colonies to contribute the balance. The general

financial position throughout the Empire at present made the possibilities of Parliaments voting grants rather remote. The report stated that the colonies had only 3000 listeners. This would apparently mean 3000 listeners on shortwave, as the total number of listeners is immeasurably greater than the figure given.

The discussion is announced to be continued next week. The full reports when available will prove interesting to New Zealand listeners.

Wellington to London

Radio-Telephone Service

ALTHOUGH the results of radio telephone tests between New Zealand and Sydney are reported to have been satisfactory, the shortwave radio-telephonic service between Wellington and London is not yet ready to be opened. The first conversation will take place about a fortnight hence between the Acting-Prime Minister, Hon. E. A. Ransom, in Wellington, and

Relay from Balclutha

ARRANGEMENTS have now concluded for the relay from Balclutha of portion of the celebrations held in connection with the anniversary of the town. The relay by 4YA takes place on Tuesday evening, October 28.

the Prime Minister, Hon. G. W. Forbes, in London.

Up to the present the only conversations transmitted have been between the engineering experts, who are testing the apparatus during the entire 24 hours of the day and schooling the officers.

"The results so far are highly satisfactory," the Secretary of the Post Office, Mr. G. McNamara, recently stated. "The thing, however, is full of problems. The service between Sydney and London is only working a few hours a day owing to fading troubles. When we get going we do not anticipate much trouble so far as communication between Wellington and Sydney is concerned. To get into touch with London presents some difficulties. For one thing there is 12 hours' variation in time."

In reply to an inquiry as to whether eavesdropping had been eliminated, Mr. McNamara said that it was impossible for the owners of crystal sets to listen-in. "The only persons who can hear now," he said, "are the owners of shortwave sets, and they have all signed a declaration of secrecy. They can hear if they happen to get on to the same wavelength at the same moment, but they must not disclose the conversation taking place."

THE short-wave station, Konigswusterhausen, which is often heard in New Zealand, has recently increased its power to 37 kilowatts.

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