

Of Topical Interest

MR. BILLING, during his address to the Wellington Radio Society on the propagation of radio waves held to the popular theory that radio waves also travel through the earth, and he said that there was still much scope for experimentation in that direction. Mr. Billing said that in his opinion there was a good field to explore in the designing of underground aeriols. There had been many failures, but good work had been done.

NOW that daylight-saving has been introduced and the hours of daylight are extending listeners' experience a falling-off in volume of the Australian stations in the early evening. This will become increasingly noticeable as the summer comes on, and beginners will complain that Australian stations are not as loud as they were led to believe. It resolves itself into a question of sitting up later at night if one desires to hear the Australians at their best.

A SPECIAL subsidy of two million francs has been voted by the Government of Algeria as a subsidy to the Radio Alger broadcasting station for the purpose of defraying extraordinary expenses in respect of programmes organised for the centenary celebrations of the French colony. It is stated that the principal festivals in connection with this jubilee will be relayed to the Paris and provincial P.T.T. transmitters.

A PRIVATE code and secret wavelength are to be used by the Ontario Provincial police on their wireless network, which will soon be put into service. District police stations all over Ontario are to be linked up by wireless with the headquarters in Toronto.

THE suspension of the Holland-India broadcasts by the PHOHI station is causing considerable disappointment in the Dutch East Indies, and both in Sumatra and Java a movement is on foot for the removal of the regulation which has caused such suspension. During the final programme, Dr. van Aalst, one of the directors, made a speech explaining the reasons why this station was suspending its operations, with the result that within four days over 3000 signatures to a protest were gathered in the neighbourhood of Batavia. Briefly, the reason is that under the new scheme for the division of the time available for broadcasts each station must be at the disposal of the various broadcasting societies during a time fixed by the Minister, most of such societies being connected with political parties.

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Children's Sessions

FROM 1YA.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4—

The choir from the Kowhai Junior High School will provide the programme and will sing mostly Maori songs, so don't miss this treat. Bed-time stories from Uncle Dave.

WEDNESDAY—

Uncle Tom, Mr. Guy Fawkes, and Cousin Betty, all present, so be prepared to be entertained by them.

THURSDAY—

The pupils of Miss Hareshape are coming this evening to help Peter Pan.

FRIDAY—

Nod and Aunt Jean will be assisted by cousins, who will sing and recite. Listen for Aunt Jean's verses.

SATURDAY—

Many bright choruses and part songs, for Miss Gunman is bringing her boys' choir from Northcote, and they are always welcome visitors to the studio. Cinderella will be in charge, with stories and jokes.

SUNDAY—

Children's song service conducted by Uncle Bert, assisted by the choir from the Jubilee Institute for the Blind.

FROM 2YA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3—

Uncle Jeff is bringing a party of wee children from Mrs. Ethel MacKay's studio to-night. Our "Kipling Lady" with her "Just So" stories will also be there, and the "Slumber Town Express" will take all home at the end of the session.

TUESDAY—

Big Brother Jack and Robinson are to be the guests of honour at the "Midnight Frolics" to-night. This is an original play written by a Cousin Eileen.

THURSDAY—

The Wellington North District Girl Guides are to give a little play called "The Princess and the Woodcutter." Uncle George will be the uncle in charge.

FRIDAY—

The pupils of Miss G. Helen Gardner will be here to-night, and you will hear the "Blue Cockatoo," "Follow the Fairies," and "The Ride." Uncle Jim and Story Book Lady will be present with their stories.

SATURDAY—

Another playlet to-night, "The Butterflies' Ball and the Grasshoppers' Feast," and all the birds of the air, and all insects are invited.

The pupils of Miss Dorothy Innes have adapted this play from a book which is over seventy-three years old. Uncle Toby will act as master of ceremonies.

SUNDAY—

Uncle George and the Children's Choir from the Taranaki Street Methodist Church, under the direction of Mr. W. E. Howe, will be here to-night.

AT 3YA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.—Cousin Margot, with her bright little stories, and the Mystery Man delighting the boys with tales of the Indian jungle, songs by Barbara Buchanan, and violin solos and duets by pupils of Miss Rona Boswell.

WEDNESDAY.—Uncle John is the "story-teller" for to-night, and the Opawa School Choir will sing songs, choruses and merry tunes.

THURSDAY.—Ladybird with new little songs and stories, and Uncle Frank and Uncle Dick helping with duets, rounds, and a box full of fun.

FRIDAY.—"Chuckie" playing host to our little friends from the Papanui School. You remember how we all enjoyed their singing the last time they came to visit us, don't you? Well, listen-in to-night and hear them again.

Overcoming Interference

A CALIFORNIAN rancher, who has been troubled with poor reception from his favourite stations, recently commissioned a radio engineer to locate, and if possible, cure the defects. It was found that beside having an unsatisfactory earth, the set was located too near the power transmission lines, and it was suggested that the installation be moved nearer a well, thus surmounting both difficulties.

Finally, the rancher moved his entire house, counting interference a greater inconvenience than had been the carrying of water from the well for twenty years.

SATURDAY.—"Uncle Charlie," who has been very busy over the Children's Festival, too busy to come and speak to you all, is here with us again this evening, and will tell you stories and sing you more songs of the great old music masters.

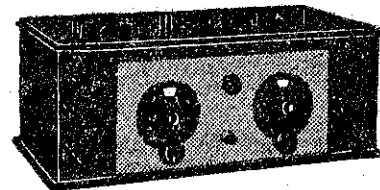
SUNDAY.—The Song Service will be conducted by Rev. G. W. Dent to-night, and the scholars from St. Luke's Sunday School will help with the singing.

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