

## Our Mailbag

## Jazz Week.

I WISH to thank all correspondents who have supported me in the week of jazz. In the meantime, I wish to thank the R.B. Company for the extra popular nights, and dance music promised. I also think the Maori Quartet last Tuesday night the best yet that has been broadcast (let's have more of this). The increase of popular music promised shows that our seed has fallen on fruitful soil, if we further advocate this popular week it must come sooner or later. Mr. Ellis suggests that a simple twist of the dial will get us what we want, but we can't all get ABC, YANK, USA; a lot of us only get power noises, on the low wave-lengths. So let's keep plodding away for this object; we won't get it now before we have paid our first 7/6 dole, but if we get it in December it will cheer us up for Christmas. I wonder if the Government will be popular or classical.—Fifty-fifty (Eltham).

## Church Broadcasts.

ARE the churches of this city supposed to be relayed in any orthodox way? If so, can you account for the non-inclusion of St. Andrew's twice in the rounds this year. In the early part of the year this church service was missed, resulting in the fact that services from it were relayed as far apart as March 16 and June 17. Lately the church was again neglected to broadcast the anniversary of Taranaki Street Methodist, resulting in the fact that the last relay was August 17. Quite a few people whom I have talked to are very disappointed about this. They are all agreed that St. Andrew's is one of the most enjoyable of services. If you have no control of the service relays, could you, by means of your paper, bring this to the notice of such persons who have. It is a great pity that a service which combines such bright singing with inspiring sermons from a preacher whose unique voice relays with such clarity, should be missed thus often from the circuit.—"Regular Reader" (Wellington).

[The church broadcasts are arranged by rota, according to the numbers of the population belonging to each church. Ten Presbyterian broadcasts

## Children's Sessions

## FROM 1YA.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.—Uncle Dave to the fore with jolly stories, pianoforte duets and solos from Joyce and Lois, and recitations from Isabel.

WEDNESDAY.—Songs from Cousin Jean and cheery stories and jokes from Uncle Tom.

THURSDAY.—A very pleasant hour of music is assured this evening, for the Bayfield Choir will be present, while Peter Pan will be in charge of the story-telling department.

FRIDAY.—Our clever little Cousin Wyn will be present playing solos and piano duos with Thelma, while Nod and Aunt Jean will have lots of fun for the girls and boys to listen to.

SATURDAY.—Hurrah! Hobo has been found after being lost for so long, and will join Cinderella amusing the Radio Family for an hour.

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

are allowed from Wellington, and these must be divided between St. John's and St. Andrew's. Last month St. John's missed through unavoidable circumstances.—Ed.]

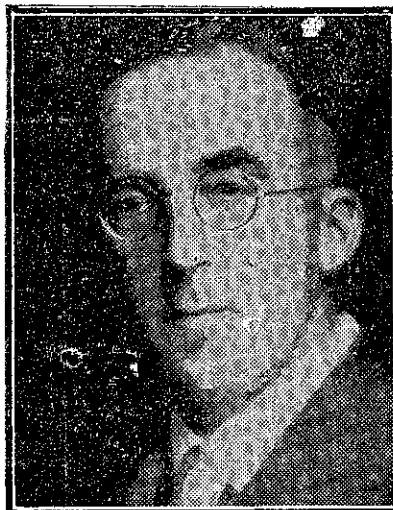
OUR occasional correspondent "Senex," writes as follows from the Lower Hutt:—"All 2YA listeners have a very soft spot in their heart for our 'Mr. Announcer,' and we resent anything that causes him pain, or drives from his voice that cheerful optimistic cadence which is our delight. But for a long while past a note of sadness is nightly heard when he is distributing over the air, those cryptogrammic and cabalistic words, symbols and figures from all places in the Southern Hemisphere, which are supposed to tell us what the weather was, is, and is going to be, in every direction. Always does he open with a cheery cadence in his voice, but no sooner has he got a fair start than invariably he meets a check, and, referring to Norfolk Island, his cheerfulness vanishes, and in dolorous tones he has to announce 'no temperature given.' Though the words are absent, we all feel that he fain would say 'Alack and alas.' We don't like this at all, for it is not until he is revelling among the DQZJ's of Puysegur Point, or 'Arrkaroo' lighthouse, that our trusty and well-beloved friend regains his normal cheerfulness. What hurts our 'Mr. Announcer' hurts us, and lots of us would be willing to join in a 'taurpaulin muster' to buy a thermometer for Norfolk Island, and suggest when this is supplied that the Head Serang of the Weather Department should insist that full information should be daily supplied. Then once more would the news of the degree of heat or cold at this lovely island (of early evil reputation) ring out boldly, cheerfully, and even triumphantly over the evening air, and our 'Mr. Announcer' be happy once more. What about the 'Radio Record' heading the list? It would soon result in 'full house—standing room only.'"

## FROM 2YA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.—In the studio to-night there will be Uncle Jeff, the Kipling Lady, and Cousin Claude with a new Maori legend for all. The musical items will be given by Mrs. Mildred Kenny's mandolin band. Such wee mites they are who play ukuleles, steel guitars, and mandolins.

TUESDAY.—Uncle Toby is bringing "The Fairy Queen" and the Milly-Molly-Mandy Lady to-night, and Jumbo is bringing "The Listening Fairy." Items will be given by children trained by Miss Lottie Rastall.

THURSDAY.—Big Brother Jack and Uncle George are bringing some little pupils of Miss Isobel Halli-



ERIC WATERS.  
Station pianist of 1YA.  
—S. P. Andrew, photo

gan to-night, and there will be "Creole Dances," "Golden Keys," and stories, songs, and fun.

FRIDAY.—The Story Book Lady, the Story Book Man, and Uncle Jim to-night. Miss Zena Jupp is providing the programme.

SATURDAY.—The Kelburn Training College girls and boys with Aunt Molly as their hostess will entertain to-night.

SUNDAY.—The Kilbirnie Presbyterian Children's Choir will assist Uncle George with the song service to-night. The trip through Palestine will be continued.

## AT 3YA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.—Here we all are again! Cousin Margot, the fairy storyteller; "Gwen," our Minstrel Girl; the Mystery Man, telling stories of the jungle and big game hunting in India (a great favourite with the boys); and Winstone, Evelyn and Frances providing music.

WEDNESDAY.—What is the 5 o'clock tide bringing us in to-night? Uncle John with stories for all, Iris and Eva with songs for all, and some pupils of Miss Gilders with music for all.

## Laboratory Jottings

## Diamond Valves

FROM Messrs. Royds, Howard, Ltd., Christchurch, we have received samples of Diamond valves for test. These are a good line and equalling the standard in very many respects. Both filament and plate are constructed to withstand overloads, and although we imposed severe strains on them there were no flash overs. This applies to the 280 full wave rectifying valve as well as to the others. Mechanically, construction of the valves appears to be quite rigid, and although they were submitted to rough handling, flaws did not show up. The amplification and internal resistance of these valves is identical with that of the standard valves of the same types. Those submitted us for test were: 224, 245, 280, 227, and 201A. The prices are 226 13/-, 227 18/-, 280 16/6, 245 17/6, 224 27/-.

These can be used quite well in any set taking this type of valve, and there is little doubt that, as far as many combinations are concerned they will be a distinct advantage.

Another Diamond product sent along for test was 4½ volt "C" battery. There is no skimping in this battery. The cells are large and consequently last for a considerable time. The container was well constructed and the finish good, and if this is a sample of the line of Diamond batteries, they can be recommended. Clips are used to attach leads, and not screw terminals, as is usually the case.

## A Switch in Time . . .

A SEVERE shock was received by an Auckland lady recently when she attempted to move the loudspeaker of an electric set while the current was turned on. The current was so strong that she was unable to loosen her grip, and she was found writhing on the floor endeavouring to pull herself from the speaker. As soon as the current was switched off she was freed, but in addition to nervous shock she suffered from burned hands. She had been in the habit of moving the speaker from the sitting-room to the bedroom by means of a long insulated wire, and had done so hundreds of times previously without any accident. The set was several years old, and had been converted into an electric one. The moral is obvious.

THURSDAY.—Our "Happy Trio," Ladybird, Uncle Frank and Uncle Dick, with songs, duets, choruses, stories and fun for all who listen in as the clock chimes 5.

FRIDAY.—"Peterkin" and the Boys with a little surprise for all, Billy and Shirley singing and reciting, Nola and Hubert playing, and so we spend a happy bedtime hour.

SATURDAY.—"Aunt Pat" has some little pupils of Miss Fullwood providing some happy items of music and song, and you will hear some more of Dr. Dolittle's adventures. SUNDAY.—The Children's Song Service will be held at the Salvation Army Barrack this evening, and will be conducted by Adjutant Goffin.

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