

## Notes and News from the North

**A**UCKLAND has now two new B class stations. One is operated by Johns, Ltd., from their premises in Chancery Lane. This little station gives a general programme on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon till 2 p.m., and on Wednesdays from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m.

**A**NOTHER Auckland B class station, 1ZB, operated by La Gloria Gramophone, Ltd., has recently extended its operations. This station now broadcasts in the morning, afternoon, and evening on Mondays and Wednesdays, and in the afternoon and evening on Tuesdays and Fridays. Hitherto the programmes have consisted of gramophone items, but now concert artists and bands are to be engaged from time to time to diversify the programmes.

**T**HE other is 1ZR, which is operated by Lewis Eady, Ltd., from their Queen Street premises. This station made its initial official broadcast on Saturday, December 20. The station director is Mr. T. T. Garland, late "Uncle Tom" of 1YA, and an extensive programme schedule is to be given regularly. The output of the station is 100 watts and the wave-length 275 metres (1090 kc.). The proposed sessions are as follow:—Monday, silent; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, noon—2 p.m. music, 2.45 music, 3.30 news and views, 3.50—4.15 p.m. music, 5.45 p.m. music, 6—6.45 p.m. children's session, 6.45 p.m. local news, 7—7.20 p.m. music, 7.20—7.55 p.m. informative session, 8—10 p.m. music. Wednesday, the same, but close down at 7.55 p.m. Saturday, 12—1 p.m. music and general announcements, 5.45—7.55 p.m. same as week nights, 8—11.45 p.m. fixed dance programme. Sunday, 9.30—10.30 a.m. special radio church service, 2.30—4 p.m. music, 6.45—9.30 p.m. children's service, church service, and music.

**L**ISTENERS to 1YA will be interested to hear that Mr. G. Buckley has been appointed to the position of bandmaster to the Auckland Municipal Band, in succession to the late Mr. Christopher Smith. This band is one of the most popular regular features on the northern station's programmes and it seems certain that under Mr. Buckley's leadership it will continue to deserve its popularity. Mr. Buckley, who was appointed from out of forty-five applicants, was some years ago sergeant and solo cornet in the Wellington Garrison Band. Later he was bandmaster and deputy conductor of the Wanganui Garrison Band, when it won all contests, including the championship of Australasia. Afterwards he formed the Queen Alexandra Band in Wanganui, which has since made a very good name for itself.

**M**R. COLIN TRIM, who succeeded Mr. Owen Pritchard as programme organiser at 1YA, has quickly settled down in his new position. He finds himself by no means in strange company, having previously worked as a pupil and as a broadcaster with both Mr. Oulford Bell, announcer at 1YA, and with Mr. Len Barnes, station director.

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## Advisory Committees Meet

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#### 4YA Children.

**A** MEETING of the 4YA Children's Session Advisory Committee, was held on Thursday, December 11, Captain Chandler (Salvation Army) presiding. There were also present:—Rev. S. J. Cooper (Anglican Boys' Home), Mr. A. H. Williamson (Headmasters' Association), Mrs. Denton Leech (League of Nations Union and National Council of Women), Miss

to Bluff. "Big Brother Bill" had promised that the two sets would be fitted up by Christmas, and this was to be done—at Kew on Wednesday, and at the hospital on the following Saturday after the meeting.

"Big Brother Bill" was heartily commended on his efforts.

The chairman intimated that as this would be the last meeting he would attend, he would tender his apprecia-



Hindle (Y.W.O.A.), Miss Feichley (Girl Guides' Association), Brother O'Sullivan (Christian Brothers' School), Miss A. Winkel (Aunt Anita), Rev. W. D. More (Children's Organiser), Miss Coe-Smith (Secretary of S.P.C.W.C.), Mr. J. McKenzie (Station Director).

The question of a General Knowledge Competition was discussed and referred back to a sub-committee to report at the next meeting of the committee.

Reference was made to a campaign undertaken by "Big Brother Bill" to raise money for equipping children's convalescent homes with wireless. Enough had been raised for the Children's Homes at Kew, and the shelter at Wakari Hospital was next on the list. That would be a big expense. After that it was intended to endeavour to fit up the General Hospital—that would be a matter of £2,000. The previous week £80 had been raised, £30 of which had come from donations. Gifts had been received from as far north as Palmerston North and south

tion of the hearty support and co-operation accorded him in everything. He wished members the compliments of the season, and trusted that the committee would meet with every success during the coming year.

The committee expressed its appreciation of the work Captain Chandler had done during the past 12 months he had been chairman of the committee. Some very fine tributes were paid to Captain Chandler as chairman and as "Uncle Bert."

#### 1YA Music and Dramatic.

**T**HE 1YA Musical and Dramatic Committee met on Friday, December 12, Mr. A. B. Chappell (representing the Dickens Fellowship) presiding. There were also present: Mr. J. F. Montague (Auckland Comedy Players), Mr. L. E. Lambert (Bohemian Orchestra), Mr. C. B. Plummer (Auckland Choral Society), Mr. Karl Atkinson (Auckland Piano Students' Association), Mr. T. T. Garland (Auckland Savage Club), Mr. F. M. Price (Aeolian



Big Brother Bill of 4YA.

Orchestra), Mr. E. D. Robins (University Students' Association), Mr. V. Trask (Athenian Club), Mr. L. C. Barnes (Station Director at 1YA), Mr. H. C. Trim (Programme Organiser at 1YA). Apologies for absence were received from Miss Bertram, Mr. Blair and Mr. J. Tait.

The chairman reported having attended a valedictory function to Mr. Owen Pritchard, 1YA Programme Organiser, who has been transferred to 2YA, and had expressed the committee's appreciation of Mr. Pritchard's ability, diligence and courtesy. Mr. H. C. Trim, transferred from 2YA, was cordially welcomed.

The judges' award in the musical section of the Song Writing Competition was announced. It was stated that each of the judges worked independently, and were unanimous in their decision that one, by "Ajax," was the winner. This proved to be Mr. Eric Waters' entry. The judges were: Dr. Kenneth Phillips, Mr. J. Tait and Mr. H. Hollinrake. There were 29 entries. Much satisfaction was expressed at the success which had attended the competitions. The date for the first presentation of the song over the air has not yet been arranged.

Mr. Barnes reported on programme arrangements for the holiday season, and mentioned coming attractions in the way of programmes and talks.

Among the suggestions made was one that the Maori opera "Hinemoa," by Alfred Hill, should be broadcast and inquiries are to be put in train. The proposal was also made for a University debate between Auckland and Wellington early next year. The chairman tendered his felicitations to the other members of the committee, and expressed the hope when they met next year they would all begin their work with the same zest that had characterised them all through.

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