

## 4YA Musical and Dramatic Committee

### Future Programmes Discussed

AT the meeting of the 4YA Musical and Dramatic Committee, held on December 11, there were present:—Mr. Max Scherek (Society of Professional Musicians of Otago), Mr. A. Cook (Dunedin Burns Club), Mr. S. Osborne (Dunedin Shakespeare Club), Mr. H. O. McFarlane (Dunedin Orchestral Society), Mr. J. G. Butler (Royal Dunedin Male Choir), Mr. J. Mackenzie (Station Director). Mr. Max Scherek was voted to the chair, in the absence of Mr. Desmoulin.

The committee discussed recent studio concerts and relays, also programme arrangements. Among other things discussed were suggestions made for a "New Zealand Evening," a "Maori Evening" and a "Martin Evening."

## World-wide 'Sponsored' Programmes

### American Short-wave Scheme

A SCHEME to broadcast American "sponsored" programmes throughout the world is being considered by the Federal Radio Commission. Applications have been received from the General Electric and Westinghouse Companies for the removal of the experimental status of the short-wave auxiliaries of WGY (Schenectady) and KDKA (Pittsburgh) to enable these stations to transmit the ordinary commercial programmes for world consumption.

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# Christmas Over the Radio

## Midnight Broadcasts

THE Y.A. stations gave excellent service over the Christmas period. Their long hours and the high standard of fare can call for nothing less than heartiest congratulations. On Christmas Eve all were on the air until after midnight with appropriate programmes, and as soon as the clocks chimed twelve at each centre the cheery voices of the announcers were heard in Christmas greetings. Most of them continued well after the midnight hour, and 2YA, which was relaying the beautiful service from Saint Gerard's Church, was on the air till after 12.30 p.m.

The Australian stations, with the exception of the two Melbourne stations, 3LO and 3AR, and 4QG, Brisbane, went off the air at 10.30 p.m. The three mentioned above kept on the air with dance music and, like the New Zealand stations, broadcast the chiming of the clock at midnight. Following that, 3LO at least kept on the air for some time with well selected Christmas carols.

On Christmas Day all New Zealand stations were on the air before midday. 2YA had a Children's Service at 11 a.m., and this, children all over New Zealand must have enjoyed considerably, for it was really delightful.

At 3 p.m. the Minister for Health, the Hon. Stallworthy, in a neat speech, declared the radio installation at Porirua open. He paid tribute to the work of the organiser of the campaign, Mr. Hooker, and said that before long the remaining portions of the installation would be ready for use. He passed glowing comment on the benefit of radio in institutions such as these, where people are confined for the illness that most needs the happy atmosphere created by bright entertainment.

The 2YA announcer conveyed greetings to the inmates, and expressed the hope that they would derive great benefit through their contact with, not only the New Zealand centres, but the great outside world.

## Radio Nationalisation Rum-running By Radio

### Demand by French Listeners

THE French Railways Radio Club—the largest club of its kind in France—now possess 10,000 members, many of whom were present at the annual festival recently celebrated in Paris.

A striking appeal for speedy State action in placing French broadcasting affairs on a satisfactory footing was made by the President in the course of his address. He declared that French listeners were demanding "a body representing not merely commercial concerns, but the general interests of the nation."

Post office authorities support this view, but the majority of commercial interests in France oppose this policy of radio nationalisation on the grounds that it would obstruct subsequent radio progress.

### Fourteen Million Receivers

IT has been recently estimated that the total number of receiving sets in operation in the United States at the present time, exceeds 14,000,000. This shows an increase of approximately 400,000 over a similar estimate made last year.

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### Transmitting Plant Seized

RECENTLY American Federal agents seized a 250-watt short-wave radio plant which was being operated by rum-runners to keep in touch with the liquor fleet. This raid was the fourth assault on the radio plants of an extensive rum-running organisation which is said to do about £3,000,000 of business a year.

The discovery was made by the use of a new directional device, about which there is considerable secrecy. The radio equipment was located in the bar of an hotel, while in an upstairs room was found a heap of partially charred paper—the remains of a code book, evidently destroyed just prior to the departure. In various other parts of the room were charts of the Atlantic Ocean, bearing crosses and smudges, presumably the locations of ships.

In some way the operators learned of the impending raid, and they all escaped.

## Excellent Combination To Play from 3YA Shortly

IT is about two years since the orchestra of the Christchurch Working Men's Club was formed, the event corresponding with the advent of the "talkies," which resulted in the dismissal of so many instrumental musicians.

It was formed under the baton of Mr. A. Heath, who was conductor of the Theatre Royal Orchestra, and who is himself a fine cornet player. The orchestra has a membership of 24, all the soloists being professional players. Among these are: Messrs. Alston (bass), Tankard (violin), Fred Fox (cornet), Tom Amos (flute), and Fred Woolledge (clarinet).

The orchestra is to play for 3YA on Wednesday, January 7, and for this occasion a splendid programme has been arranged.

## Children's Sessions

AT 2YA.

Monday, January 5.—Uncle Jeff will take all Radioland to the Zoo to-night. Kipling Lady and Maori Legend Lady have both been invited. Cousin Jeanne will sing a lullaby called "Bed-time at the Zoo."

Tuesday.—Uncle Toby and Jumbo have a special programme for to-night. Cousins Eva and Edna are coming to sing. There will be stories, trips and fun.

Thursday.—June Elvy is bringing her six-year-old pupils, who will recite. Uncle George and Big Brother Jack will welcome them to the studio.

Friday.—Uncle Jim and our Story Book Lady will be with us to-night. Cousin Kathleen has prepared a delightful chorus to be given by some small children.

Saturday.—Two little dialogues called "The Magic Lamp," and "A Place for Everything" will be given to-night. Cousin Eileen will sing Nursery Rhymes, and Spot will help her.

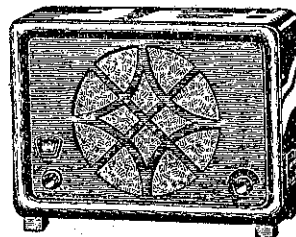
Sunday.—The Rev. J. Hubbard will conduct the children's service this evening, and the choir work will be done by the children's choir from the Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church.

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