

NOTES and NEWS from the NORTH

(By "Call Up.")

could not understand whether £200 was asked for each station, or whether it covered all. Personally, I think the Government should come to the rescue. We pay our 30/- per year for radio programmes in New Zealand, but in Wanganui if we want a good one we have to go to the "B" class stations for it, or if we like to sit up we get Australia. 1, 3, 4YA fade here, and can very seldom be received during daylight. I do not remember receiving a satisfactory programme from 2YA yet. In fact the only thing I like about it is Mr. Announcer pronouncing Maori names and saying good-night, and I could name dozens who think the same. I should like to hear listeners' views, because if the "B" stations shut down it will make a big difference in radio circles. For instance, what "A" station would give us a Sunday morning programme in place of 2ZO.—T.C.A. (Aramoho).

[The position has been clearly stated elsewhere.—Ed.]

Televising Race Meetings

IF the plans of Parisian television experts materialise, race track enthusiasts will be able to sip their drinks in their favourite boulevard cafes and see the horses, on which they have bet, thunder down the home stretch to victory. All the thrills experienced by those attending the races will be theirs, for television screens are planned for the larger bars and cafes throughout Paris.

ON February 21 an interesting relay from 1YA will be the Girl Guide and Boy Scout rally to be held at the Auckland Domain in connection with the visit of Lord and Lady Baden Powell. About seven thousand Guides and Scouts will be taking part, and the relay will include a description of the scene and movements, and also the community singing. The latter is to be led by Mr. Len Barnes, 1YA station director.

STATION 1YA attempted to rebroadcast the speech of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at the conclusion of the Round Table Conference in London on Wednesday morning, but conditions were bad and the attempt was a failure.

THE Municipal Band concerts from the Town Hall, Auckland, will begin on March 7 and will be relayed by 1YA. Apropos this it is interesting to note that the sole representative from Auckland in the A grade competition at the New Zealand band contest to be held in Wellington next month will be the Auckland Artillery Band, under the conductorship of

Warrant-Officer Wynne Smith. In the B grade the Birkenhead Municipal Band, under Lieutenant J. T. Lighton, will also be Auckland's only competitor. Both these bands were heard over the air from 1YA recently and were much appreciated.

ACCORDING to a Fiji resident who is visiting Auckland, considerable interest is shown in broadcasting in Fiji, although the islands do not possess a broadcast station. However, the New Zealand and Australian programmes are listened to regularly, the license fee being ten shillings a year. It is stated that of all the stations heard in the evenings, 1YA comes through best.

THE 1YA Broadcasting Choir have commenced rehearsals for their forthcoming productions, and are working well together. The other day they went for a picnic to Brown's Bay, and in spite of several handicaps they had a very jolly time. But then they are a very lively crowd, and it is reported that their leader often has to

assume the stern mien of a schoolmaster in order to keep order at rehearsals!

THE other new B class station, 1ZR, had its transmitting room flooded on Wednesday, when phenomenally heavy rain fell in Auckland. The water reached about a foot in depth in the room and some damage was caused to the transmitting plant, with the result that the station had to keep off the air for the day while repairs were carried out.

YET another B class station has come on the air in Auckland, and this is run by a radio firm, too, like most of the others. The new station is 1ZS, operated by McCabe's Radios, and it came on the air for the first time on Monday, January 19, when it gave an early morning, late afternoon, and evening programme. Incidentally it can lay claim to being the "earliest bird" of all N.Z. broadcasting stations, for it comes on as early as 7.30 a.m. The power is 5 watts and the wavelength 211 metres (1420 kc.).

IN a few weeks' time a first-class "minstrel show" programme is to be presented from 1YA. Mr. Barnes, who is organising this show, promises listeners something really good. The entertainment will take up a whole evening's programme. The 1YA choir will be heard in negro songs, and there will be plenty of laughter and gaiety dispersed.

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