

Children's Sessions

AT 2YA.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2: Cousin Edna Godschalk has arranged such a delightful programme for this evening, with violin duets, vocal duets, choruses and puzzles and riddles for Kipling Lady and Uncle Jeff. The Maori Legend Lady will also be present.

TUESDAY: Uncle Toby and Jumbo will welcome the little pupils of Miss Zena Jupp to the studio to-night. They will present an A. A. Milne evening. These will be Christopher Robin stories.

THURSDAY: Uncle George and Big Brother Jack to-night. They will be assisted by the little pupils of Mrs. Percy Wood.

FRIDAY: Little cousins with June Elvey at their head will present a play called "The Queen of Hearts." Uncle Jim and Story Book Lady will read stories.

SATURDAY: Uncle Jasper and Aunt Molly, with Spot in attendance, will take all the little pupils of Mrs. Halligan for a trip to the bottom of the sea, where they will broadcast a concert.

SUNDAY: The Children's Choir from the Island Bay Baptist Church will sing for the song service conducted by Uncle George.

Making "Talkies" at the Races

THE motion picture camera and recording equipment is now active in and around Wellington on interesting occasions. A motor-car with all the electrical gear necessary for making "talkies" was in evidence at the recent Hutt Park trotting meeting and the Trentham races. The car was parked on the lawn and a microphone attached to a long insulated cable was placed in turn at various vantage points to catch speeches and sound effects while the motion-picture camera was in action. Some people thought the microphone was being employed for a broadcast relay until they noticed the camera operator at work.

Improvements at 3YA

Station Now Crystal Controlled

To maintain the efficiency of 3YA at the maximum, a number of alterations and improvements have been recently effected. Since Wednesday, January 14, 3YA has been operating under crystal control, a system similar to that installed at 2YA about two years ago. Stations thus controlled cannot, by any possible chance, deviate from their appointed frequency. Although even at that time recognised as the perfect stabiliser, crystal control was installed at 2YA earlier than at some of the big stations in America where, in view of the congestion, sharp and accurate tuning is of greater importance than it is in New Zealand. Here, the stations with the nearest wave-lengths are 1YA and 3YA, the difference being as great as 80 kilocycles.

The piezo-crystal control exercises a sharper definition in transmission, requiring somewhat finer tuning of receivers. The greater accuracy of the frequency will probably not make much difference to receiving sets within the Christchurch area, but listeners further afield who have difficulty in separating 1YA and 3YA will no doubt appreciate the step.

The piezo-crystal required for crystal control is a small but very costly piece of apparatus. The panel and instrument cabinet housing it and the necessary other equipment, come from the Western Electric Company, the designers and manufacturers, and the whole has been installed and put into operation by the Broadcasting Company's chief engineer, Mr. J. M. Bingham.

In the main studio of 3YA considerable remodelling is taking place with the view to improving the acoustic qualities in accordance with the best accepted practice overseas. To replace the rose-pink chenille hangings, which have hitherto been in use for the purpose of preventing unwanted echoes in the studio, the walls have now been covered with a fibrous felt-like material, made in large sheets like beaver board that is guaranteed to absorb all sound frequencies in equal degrees or, as it may be expressed, will not reflect sound waves.

The arrangements effected are in furtherance of the Broadcasting Company's policy in maintaining its stations in a thoroughly efficient condition and in keeping with all modern requirements.

Noted Artist on Tour

THE Broadcasting Company has engaged Miss Cicely Audibert, of Christchurch, for a tour of the YA stations. Miss Audibert achieved great success as a singer on the professional stage and has proved since she has been broadcasting from 3YA that she is a particularly fine radio entertainer.

The schedule prepared for her provides for her appearance at 4YA on



February 27, 28, and March 1; at 2YA on March 5; at 1YA on March 7, 8 and 10, and again at 2YA on March 12 and 13.

Lord Baden-Powell

To Broadcast from 1YA

THE visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell will provide many interesting broadcasts. They are due to arrive at Auckland on Wednesday, February 18, and it is the intention of the Broadcasting Company to endeavour to relay to all four stations a description of the civic welcome which is to be accorded them that day.

The visit of the Chief Scout will be a matter of great importance to the



LADY BADEN-POWELL.

scout and guide movements, and the rallies which are to be held in each of the cities will be displays of the greatest interest. Listeners unable to attend will find them well covered through the microphone.

As a prelude to the visit, Dr. P. C. Fenwick, Dominion Chief Commissioner, will broadcast a talk from 3YA on Friday, February 13, and he and Mrs. Wilson, of the guides, will speak from 1YA on the eve of Lord Baden-Powell's arrival.

Listeners will have the pleasure of hearing the distinguished visitor speaking.



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Wireless Critics

Of Many Types

CRITICS of the British Broadcasting Company were themselves recently criticised, when Sir John Reith, the company's director, remarked: "Critics we will always have with us. There are some critics who—and it is a common phenomenon in all lines of activity—themselves unable to do so, are always ready to teach. There are other critics the ferocity and absurdity of whose criticism proclaims an ulterior motive in that criticism, or also incapacity in their judgments."

"But there are still others," he continued. "These people bring to the consideration of the multifarious and vexed problems of broadcasting a sympathetic mind with an appreciation of the likes and dislikes of other people, and as a result come to the B.B.C. with criticism which is reasoned and reasonable and constructive. Such criticism, unlike the rest, is heard, and, more than that, is sought."

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