

Boxing Relay

Donovan-Blay Fight

At approximately 8.45 p.m. last Saturday evening 2YA broadcast a surprise relay of the Blay-Donovan fight held in the open air at Weston Park, New Plymouth.

Several weeks ago, Blay, one of Australia's most brilliant featherweights, gained a decisive victory over Donovan, featherweight champion of New Zealand, in the Wellington Town Hall, but their second meeting proved a much closer affair. It resulted in a draw, after, as the commentator remarked, one of the most thrilling bouts he had ever witnessed. Despite the fact that the pace, especially over the first few rounds, was terrific. Mr. Gordon Hutter, of Auckland, who described the fight, was never at a loss. Though he seemed scarcely to have time to draw breath, his clear and crisp comments conveyed a vivid word-picture of the entire fight.

Technically, also, the relay was excellent. Though line noises were apparent a few minutes before the contest began, they disappeared entirely with the opening round.

2ZF and Copyright

Satisfactory Solution

As previously announced, the Manawatu Radio Club (2ZF) has made a contract with the Australasian Performing Rights Association for the year 1931. The club were members of the original "B" class Stations Association, and left the negotiations of the matter of copyright in the hands of the association in order that 2ZF would join in the proposed comprehensive scheme of a contract for all New Zealand "B" stations. The A.P.R.A. originally fixed the fee at £200 for the 19 "B" class stations then operating, but as is well known this comprehensive scheme fell through, and the offer of A.P.R.A. was withdrawn.

The Manawatu Radio Club's Sunday night announcer (Mr. A. G. Roe) was in Sydney last November, and interviewed the A.P.R.A. on behalf of the club, with the result that the local club was thoroughly conversant with the whole position, and trend of developments.

In January, when it was known that the comprehensive scheme for all "B" stations had fallen through, the Manawatu Radio Club, knowing the legal position involved, immediately ceased transmitting and cabled the A.P.R.A. Sydney, for a separate contract. A reply was received by cable and 2ZF resumed its regular schedule after missing only two transmissions. The contract is now on its way for signature by the club at a fee of £10/10/-, to use the repertoire of the Australasian Performing Rights Association for the year 1931.

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(b) "The Third Ingredient."

Violin—"Lullaby" (Barnes)Jock McGregor

One-act Play—"The Price" (George de Clive Lowe)

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Recital—"Orphaned by the Sea." Zoe Bartley Baxter

Musical Fantasy—"Nightingale and the Rose"

Argd. Zoe Bartley Baxter

Of Topical Interest

(By "Switch.")

SHORTLY after midnight, Thursday,

February 26, 6WF, Perth, could be heard all over the writer's house. Choruses of "John Brown," "Blighy," the "Stein Song," etc., were coming through. Shortly afterwards "Switch" noticed that some strange station was heterodyning with 2FC, Sydney. Here is a problem for some of our super DX listeners: What station is tangled up with 2FC?

OCCASIONALLY a pathetic appeal is heard from the Australian broadcast stations. On Thursday night, February 26, 2FC, Sydney, broadcast a request for information of the whereabouts of a certain woman, giving her name and original address, and stating that her son was seriously ill in hospital and was constantly calling for her.

THE call-sign of the Melbourne yacht Oimara, which will soon be leaving Auckland on her return voyage

across the Tasman, is VJNY, and the wavelength used is 42.6 metres. Those who have heard the yacht's transmitting wave state that it is remarkably steady; this is due to the fact that it is crystal controlled. The Oimara's wireless operator left the yacht at Wellington, and caught the first steamer for Sydney.

Miss Cicely Audibert

To Appear from 2YA

CONTINUING her New Zealand tour, under engagement to the Radio Broadcasting Company, Miss Cicely Audibert will be heard from 2YA, Wellington, next week. She is scheduled to broadcast on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, March 9, 10, and 13 respectively. This talented soprano and versatile entertainer will present a variety of songs from her very extensive repertoire.

New Wireless Telephony Device

To Prevent Eavesdropping

INVENTORS are still busy trying to find a way to prevent confidential messages sent by wireless telephony from being intercepted by unauthorized listeners.

The vice-president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories has recently described a method for "scrambling" speech before it reaches the ether, so that anyone who succeeded in picking up the signals en route would hear no more than an unintelligible jumble of sounds.

For instance, the words "telephone company" are transposed into "play-o-fine crink-a-rope," so long as they are travelling through space. In order to convert them into their original form a special "unscrambling" device is necessary, and this is, of course, installed only at the authorized receiving station.

Some time ago it was proposed to use "secret" wireless for broadcasting special items of particular interest to a limited number of subscribers, who would each be provided with the necessary equipment for reconvert-ing the "jumbled" message into clear language.

The project has not yet been carried into practice, although it has certain possibilities which may cause it to be revived in some form or other in the future.

Airway Radio Chain

Imperial Airways Route

THE most comprehensive airway wireless system ever evolved will, it is stated, be in operation with the opening by Imperial Airways during 1931, of the 8000 miles air line between England and South Africa.

During the whole of the eleven days spent on the journey between London and Cape Town passengers will be in wireless touch with ground stations. Long and shore wave communication will be employed, and messages will be both by telegraph and telephone. Wireless bearings will be available to pilots throughout the flight over seas, rivers, forests, and jungles.

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