

MR. COLIN TRIM, programme organiser at 1YA, will be away on annual holiday from March 16 to 30, Mr. Len Barnes taking over his duties in his absence.

THE position of radio listeners in areas served only by direct current was discussed at the last meeting of the Auckland Electric Power Board. It was stated that a number of complaints had been received from set-owners in the Epsom district, who stated that they were unable to operate their sets without employing a converter, which cost about thirty pounds. A member of the board asked whether it would be advisable to reduce the cost of power to such consumers or whether an extension of the alternating current area would be made in the near future. The general manager said that the cost of extending the alternating current area was too great, but that as soon as the number of consumers in this district warranted the change it would be made. In the meantime listeners supplied with direct current only must use converters.

THE "B" class station, 12H Hamilton, resumed regular broadcasting on March 9, after having been closed down for a few weeks. The Waikato station puts out good programmes, and is much appreciated by listeners in the neighbourhood.

THE Salvation Army will have one of their services broadcast for the first time in Auckland on Sunday, March 22. Hitherto the Salvationists in Auckland, unlike other religious

bodies, have held aloof from the microphone, but now that they have decided to have a service broadcast they will quite possibly make it a fairly regular practice.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the Orphans' Club Orchestra, under Mr. Harold Baxter, to give a series of concerts from 1YA during the next few months. This orchestra has about 45 members and has previously been heard by listeners on a number of occasions. Another series of concerts is to be given by the Savage Club Orchestra, under Mr. Archie Don, about thirty-five members taking part.

AUCKLAND listeners and musical circles will miss Mr. Karl Atkinson, who this week left for Christchurch to take up a position with the Radio Broadcasting Company. Mr. Atkinson has been closely associated with the Auckland station for some years, and since August, 1928, has been giving regular gramophone lecture recitals which have been greatly appreciated by listeners. He also represented the Auckland Piano Students' Association on the 1YA Musical and

Dramatic Advisory Committee. At 3YA Mr. Atkinson will supervise the arranging of gramophone programmes, and he should prove a decided acquisition to the southern station.

THE time for the renewal of receiving licenses is now approaching, and it seems probable to "Call Up" that many listeners in Auckland will find it no easy task to pay the necessary thirty shillings this year. It is not that they do not want to listen, far from it, but owing to so many being unemployed or having reduced wages, spare cash is harder to find this year than it was last. There seems to be a very general wish among a large section of listeners that the license fee could be payable in instalments.

THE first relay from outside Auckland for some time will be given by 1YA on March 25, when a concert to be given by the Whangarei Municipal Silver Band will be relayed from Whangarei. This band was relayed from its home town about eighteen months ago, the relay on that occasion proving most successful.

MISS PALMER, more popularly known as "Cinderella," who is the Children's Session Organiser at 1YA, is away on her annual holiday at present, and in her absence Miss Dorothea Ryan is carrying on.

ON the evening of March 31 the 1YA Broadcasting Choir will be heard in what promises to be a remarkably fine programme. They will sing choruses from "The Messiah" and will also give Gounod's "Messe Solennelle." Perhaps the most interesting part of the programme will be the presentation by choir members of a special radio adaptation of Longfellow's play "Evangeline."

THE Civic Winter Garden Orchestra will make their first appearance from 1YA on April 6. This is a fine combination of players with a great reputation, and it is to be hoped that they become regular broadcast artists.

A FORTUNATE acquisition to the ranks of local radio artists is Mr. Ralph Eskrig, who has sung several times from 1YA lately. His songs on Tuesday last were remarkably good.

FROM all accounts the radio trade in Auckland are finding business fairly satisfactory at present. In spite of depression many new sets are still being purchased, and by people who seem to favour the good and more expensive sets. Compared with the same season in other years there seems to be little wrong with the radio trade, and dealers, locally at any rate, have little to complain about.

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