

Notes and News from the North

A NUMBER of plays are to be broadcast from 1YA during the next few months, these including "And So To Bed," arranged by Mr. J. W. Bailey, on May 5; "Treasure Island," arranged by Mr. J. F. Montague, on June 2; "A Mystery Play," written by Dr. G. de Clive Lowe, arranged by Mr. J. M. Clark, on June 16; and "School for Scandal," presented by the 1YA Radio Players, on July 1.

AN added degree of luxury is provided by an Auckland taxi-driver, who has fitted to his car a one-valve receiving set, which is producing very satisfactory results. The aerial is fitted to small brackets on the roof of the car, the current being taken from the car battery by plugging-in to an interior lamp. The earth wire is merely attached to the chassis of the car. No difficulty is experienced in hearing 1YA on the earphones, although interference is apt to be bad. In its present state, the set is chiefly used by the driver for his own entertainment while waiting fares, but he hopes to install a three-valve set, complete with loudspeaker, so that passengers can listen as they ride.

THE annual meeting of the Auckland Radio Dealers' Association was held on April 15, the president, Mr. C. A. Tucker, presiding. A year of successful activities was reported. It was stated that the association had devoted a large amount of time to considering the questions of the future control of broadcasting in New Zealand and the extension of hours by the A stations. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. C. A. Tucker; vice-presidents, Mr. E. R. Boucher and Mr. C. M. Abel.

MR. DUDLEY WRATHALL, formerly programme organiser at 1YA, and now occupying a similar position at 4YA, spent a few days in Auckland last week.

"DREAMS of Long Ago" is the title of an old-time musical programme to be given from 1YA on May 13, the Broadcasting Choir and the Orchestral Octet supplying the evening's entertainment.

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Professor Zimmerman Appears from 3YA

Eminent Austrian Musician

FEW people commence the study of their chosen profession at the age of two and a half years! Yet that can be said of one of the most picturesque musical figures in New Zealand, Professor Zimmerman, of Christchurch, who, after carrying on for years the musical tradition of his family, has for some years been teaching the violin in

hope guide the tiny fingers and the miniature bow. It was not long before the old man found that his pupil was a worthy descendant of a line of musicians which extended back some 300 years.

There are manuscripts in Professor Zimmerman's home in Christchurch, fragile and faded with age, which have been handed down through ten generations. They are compositions of early Zimmermans which show more clearly than tradition just what were the capabilities of his gifted forbears. The paper is yellow with age, and must be handled with the greatest care, but the script, beautifully done in an age when penmanship was a fine art, is as clear as on the day when it was written. The Professor himself has added many fine compositions to this collection of manuscripts.

In New Zealand the Professor is better known as a teacher, and that is not surprising, for he himself was taught by Leopold Auer, perhaps the greatest teacher of the violin the world has ever known. Auer numbered among his pupils Mischa Elman and Heifetz.

Few people have had a greater or more happy association with the musical world than has the Professor. Among his own associates on the concert platform have been Madame Dolores, Madame Travelli, Madame Belle Cole, Signor Poli, and the great pianist De Konotsky.

In his studio by the River Avon, the pupil has a surrounding unique with musical associations, and is taught in an atmosphere that in itself is an encouragement to the music. It is an Old World room, in which one immediately feels at ease, and there this musician imparts his knowledge and some of his inspiration to the coming generation.

Professor Zimmerman is fulfilling a number of engagements as a solo violinist at 3YA. He makes his second appearance at the Christchurch Station on Thursday, April 30. He will play to orchestral accompaniment, and lovers of the violin, when played by such an artist, can anticipate this broadcast with pleasure.



As a newspaper caricaturist sees Professor Zimmerman.

this country, with a success that is best witnessed by the achievements of his pupils.

Professor Zimmerman was born in Vienna, and it was there that his grey-haired grandsire would take him on his knee and with infinite patience and

Multiple Telegraphy System

A Startling Prophecy

A CONFIDENT prophecy that within the lifetime of most people telegraphy would be so cheap that it would take the place of ordinary business letters to such places as Australia or China, was made at a demonstration of the Stenode Radiostat system of multiple telegraphy in London recently by Lieut.-Col. Adrian Simpson.

"The time is coming," he stated, "when it will be possible to send a telegraphed facsimile letter which will be

delivered at the other end within 24 hours or less by the ordinary postal organisation. The result must be an economic revolution in communication."

The system of multiple telegraphy which, he said, would bring this about, is a development of Dr. James Robinson's Stenode Radiostat wireless invention, which gives selective reception far in advance of general practice.

At the demonstration messages were sent automatically over about 240 miles of land line to Bristol, and thence back again to London, where they were recorded on paper tape by the Creed receiving instruments. Transmission took place at about 80 words a minute, a speed higher than usual in commercial printer working. Three channels of communication were used on the one line without any interference.

Radio to Papua

Direct Telegraphy

THE new high-speed direct radio telegraph service established between Sydney and Port Moresby, Papua, was formally opened recently by Mr. Leonard Murray, Official Secretary to the Papuan Government, on behalf of the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua.

Mr. E. T. Fisk, managing director of Amalgamated Wireless, explained the working of the new system to a gathering representing the commercial interests of Sydney and of the Pacific Islands. He stated that the new service would give a speed of 100 words per minute for telegraphic messages, and eliminate the long telegraph line route to Townsville, via which the service was formerly conducted. Eventually it would be possible to provide a telephone service between Sydney and Port Moresby, although at present the traffic did not warrant it. Undoubtedly the time would come also when telephone services connecting Australia with the whole of the Pacific Islands would be established. In the meanwhile it was hoped before long to establish a high-speed direct telegraph service between Sydney and New Guinea.

Mr. Murray, on behalf of the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, sent the first message over the new circuit, congratulating the commercial houses and the people of Port Moresby on the completion of this modern high-speed station, and pointing out that the new service would facilitate Government and commercial business and place Port Moresby in closer touch with Australia. Even the older and indirect radio service had been nothing but a blessing, and the new modern direct service would be of even greater advantage.

New Lighthouse Tender

Comprehensive Radio Equipment

THE s.s. Pole Star, the new lighthouse tender of the Northern Lighthouse Board, Scotland, is being equipped with a Marconi telephone set, to enable the officials on board to communicate with the board's stations ashore, and with direction-finding apparatus for the assistance of navigation.

The telephone equipment consists of a combined transmitter and receiver, a compact and simply operated instrument specially designed for this type of service, or as a portable station ashore. The transmitter has a power of 100 watts. The wireless direction finder fitted on the Pole Star is the latest model of the kind, operating in conjunction with a fixed double loop frame aerial.

Owing to the high efficiency of the amplifying arrangements in this type of direction finder receiver, it has been possible to reduce the type of double loop frame aerial employed to very small dimensions, and it can be fitted on any part of the deck without becoming obtrusive.