

The "Kestrel Three"

Constructor's Success

A CONSTRUCTOR from Hastings has some comments to make concerning the Kestrel III. In a letter to the technical editor, he says:—"I have had the Kestrel III going just three days, and my log is 14 New Zealand, six Australian, KMOX St. Louis, KGO San Francisco, and JOAK. KMOX is my first American. I picked him up Sunday at 4.50 p.m., when he was playing the last item. A few announcements about their Sunday programme (they were giving Saturday night's concert) followed. Reception was on the speaker, although not very loud, but clear as a bell. On twirling the dials round at 9.30 I heard a huge number of stations, but I do not bother about d.x. very much.

"I am using a double drum dial and a penthode in audio stage. These valves are much more brilliant than triodes. I find the set very selective, aerial about 60 to 70 feet, with a small insulated lead to set. I am 1050 feet up, in the country, so there's no static, although slight fading."

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Kaiapohia Pah

Schedule of Commemorative Celebrations

FOR the commemorative celebrations in connection with the centenary of the sacking of the Kaiapohia pah by Te Rau-paraha, many hundreds of Maoris, members of all tribes and descendants of great chiefs and warriors, are expected to assemble at Kaiapohia on Friday, October 23.

The Governor-General, Lord Bledisloe, and Lady Bledisloe have agreed to be present, provided nothing unforeseen occurs.

On the following day the Maoris, who will be accommodated under canvas, will set about the business of roasting bullocks and pigs in the traditional manner. Competitions, choir singing, hakas and pois have been arranged, and, considering the wealth of talent, the entertainment should be one of the most representative seen in the South Island.

On Sunday, October 25, services will be conducted in Tipene (St. Stephen's) by the Rt. Rev. F. A. Bennett, Bishop of Ao-tea-roa, and at Tuahiwi Hall by the Mangai. Piri Wiri Tua (Ratana). The service conducted by the famous Maori prophet will be broadcast by 3YA.

Monday, October 26, will be the big day. 3YA will be on the air from 10.30 a.m. Proceedings will start with a Powhiri to his Grace Archbishop Julius and other dignitaries. The arrival of their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Bledisloe is expected at about 10.30 a.m. The Vice-Regal party will be met by a guard of honour from the Rangiora High School cadets. It will then proceed toward the Gates of Turakautahi, where massed teams will Powhiri them.

Massed hakas and poi teams will take part in the entertainment of welcome, at the conclusion of which the party will go to the pah to be met by the Upoko Runanga (E. M. Te Aika) and welcomed.

His Excellency the Governor-General will dedicate the memorial fence that is now being erected along the front of the site of the Kaiapohia Pah behind the existing memorial to the founder of the pah.



2YA Dramatic Committee Meets

AT a meeting of the 2YA Musical and Dramatic Committee held on October 5 there were present Messrs. E. Palliser (chairman), L. J. Retaillick (Apollo Singers), W. A. Jamieson (Wellington Theatrical Society), H. B. Robb (Orpheus Musical Society), R. Lyon (Savage Club), I. M. Levy ("Radio Record"), V. R. Bennett (Harmonic Society), Dr. I. L. G. Sutherland (W.E.A.), Captain Galloway (Commercial Travellers' Choir), Mrs. D. Basham (programme organiser), Mr. J. Ball (station director).

Mrs. Basham submitted her report on programme arrangements.

Several suggested programme features were advanced.

The chairman announced that the last community singing would take place on the evening of Tuesday, October 13, and that there would be a farewell sing on the wharf on November 3 as a compliment to Mr. Albert Russell, who is going across to Australia.

The chairman stated that on the previous Wednesday the collections had totalled £42, including £15 from listeners, demonstrating how popular the sings are. To date 1020 song books have been sold.

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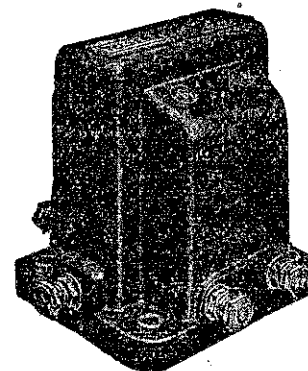
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