

leading the singing, with Frank Crowther at the piano.

Christchurch Notes

3YA will broadcast a programme composed of recordings.

FRIDAY

Auckland Jottings

A WELL-VARIED programme containing both classical and light numbers has been arranged.

Wellington Notes

The evening's programme will be noteworthy as it will mark one of the occasional appearances of the orchestra of the R.M.S. Rangitiki, now in New Zealand waters.

On the vocal side of the evening's programme will be Ella Fair (soprano) and Trevor Thomas (bass-baritone)—both popular radio performers. Mrs. Lynda Hastings will contribute two humorous numbers.

From Christchurch

The well-known and popular Concertina Duo, the Campbell Boys, will again delight with varied numbers. Mr. L. T. J. Ryan will provide two very amusing pieces, "Our Parish Council Election," and one of his "Random Ramblings."

During the evening, Mr. A. C. Brasington, LL.B., will give a talk on "The League of Nations and the Far East."

Dunedin Notes

DURING the afternoon, from noon, there will be relayed descriptions by 4YA of play in the Wellington v. Otago Plunket Shield match.

A variety programme will be presented in the evening.

SATURDAY

Auckland Jottings

FROM noon 1YA will relay results of the summer meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club.

The evening programme will feature, "Lee Fore Brace," teller of sea stories, who will repeat his tale, "A Hoodoo Ship." This story was interrupted on a previous occasion owing



RUSSELL SUMNER,
a popular 3YA tenor, who will be on the air again on February 20.
grammes.
—Steffano Webb Photo.

to a breakdown in the city power lines, many listeners missing the last part of the story.

Wellington Notes

FROM Athletic Park, where the quick-step competition in connection with the New Zealand band contest will take place, 2YA will carry out a relay, beginning at 2.30

In the evening the Melodie Five (the Melodie Four with the addition of Bert Burton, pianist), will be introduced to 2YA listeners. They will provide popular entertainment during two twenty-minute portions of the programme.

Major-General B. S. Merlin, late of the Czar's army, will continue the narrative of his adventures with the Bolsheviks.

From Christchurch

3YA's vaudeville entertainment will also be broadcast by 4YA.

Personal Jottings

TWO new artists appear on 4YA's programme for Wednesday, February 17, Mr. Reg Tapley (bass-baritone) and Mr. James McDonald (tenor). Both are singers of exceptional merit, having been on the professional stage under engagement to J. C. Williamson Ltd. Mr. Tapley was also associated recently with the Royal Comic Opera Company in London, while Mr. McDonald toured America with the Rigo Grand Opera Company.

RICHARD MAUNDER, who is to take the part of Thaddeus in Harrison Cook's presentation of "The Bohemian Girl" at 2YA on Monday, February 15, is a violinist as well as a vocalist. He began his musical career as a boy soprano at the age of seven, and won numerous competitions throughout New Zealand. He has now developed into lyric tenor, and has had much praise from visiting celebrities. As a violinist he has also won distinction, having gained the highest marks in New Zealand for the Associated Board's licentiate examinations, and gold medalist for Trinity College. He has given several recitals and public performances and has toured with Alfred O'Shea as solo violinist.

VINCENT ASPEY, for some time leader of the 2FC (Sydney) Orchestra, and well known to New Zealanders as a recording artist, has been specially engaged for a violin recital at 1YA, Auckland, on Thursday, February 18. His appearance before a microphone in New Zealand will be looked forward to by listeners.

International Programmes Discontinued

ONE of the first changes effected by the Broadcasting Board was to drop the so-called "international programmes." In their place has been substituted programmes of recorded items. These programmes are carefully selected and are undoubtedly very popular. The Broadcasting Company's "international programmes" laboured under the handicap of their American origin and the imprint of so much that was typically American.



MRS. LUCY O'BRIEN,
soprano, who will be heard from 3YA on February 19.
—Steffano Webb, photo.

Church Music Broadcasts

For Churches Without Choirs

DISCUSSING the question of supplying really good music to small churches without choirs, the Rev. E. E. Malden writes in the "Church News" as follows:—

"Some day we hope the church will have its own wireless station and every small place which finds it difficult to raise a choir will then be able to tune in to a certain choir for its music. Meanwhile at Leithfield and Balcairn we are trying an experiment which so far has proved quite a success. Armed with an electric gramophone and a good supply of hymn records sung by some of the best choirs in England, we are now able to turn on a choir at a moment's notice; but since a gramophone by itself might prove too feeble we have a radio-amplifier with a dynamic speaker attached to it, by which means we can have it as loud or as soft as we like: the whole outfit, which was built specially for us by a local expert, can be easily taken in the back of a car and fitted up in church in a few minutes.

"Canticles are the only weak spot in the service. So far we have been unable to get any sung to sufficiently simple chants for the congregation to join in also; this no doubt is a weakness, because people do like to sing themselves, no matter how beautifully it may be rendered by the choir of St. George's, Windsor, or Rochester Cathedral.

"The main thing is that we have a choir that really functions and leads the singing, and which is not dependent on the weather for its size or efficiency—also we are able to put on good voluntaries, and anthems will no longer be heard only when we go to town."

A Distinguished Visitor

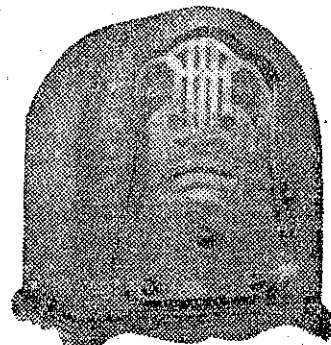
To Speak from 2YA

VISITING New Zealand at the present time is Lieut.-Colonel T. Orde-Lees, A.F.C., O.B.E., a British journalist on the staff of the "Tokyo Times." Apart from having lived in Japan for ten years, during which time he has become thoroughly acquainted with every part of the country and with the people, he has had an interesting career.

He was a member of Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914-1916 expedition in the Weddell Sea, afterwards joining the Royal Flying Corps. He saw the advantages of parachutes as a means of saving life, and in order to convince the authorities he made 108 descents, mostly from aeroplanes, but one was from the Tower Bridge, London. Lieut.-Colonel Orde-Lees has broadcast from 2LO, London, a talk on "Parachuting." He is to speak from 2YA on Tuesday, March 1, on his reminiscences of the Shackleton Expedition.

To Fill the Breach

ONE of the principal effects of the threatened financial chaos in Chicago appears to be the approaching closing of the public schools, and hundreds of thousands of citizens are protesting against the contemplated disruption of the children's education. Two important radio stations however, have announced plans to broadcast a wide variety of lectures over the air to replace classroom work for elementary and junior high school pupils if this proves necessary.



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