

Children's Session

From 1YA

Tuesday, May 17.—A jolly hour with our Juvenile Banjo Band, which we always enjoy, and more interesting stories from Uncle Dave.

Wednesday.—Songs, music, and stories from Uncle Reg, with a little Welsh news thrown in.

Thursday.—Violin solos from Roy, piano solos from Eric, stories and jokes from Skipper, and that will while away the hour.

Friday.—Friday brings Nod with interesting stories, Aunt Dorothea with cheery music, and children with songs and recitations.

Saturday.—Stories, songs, and jokes from Cinderella, and her little band of helpers.

Sunday.—Children's Song Service, conducted by Uncle Bert, assisted by St. Peter's Presbyterian Sunday School.

From 2YA

Monday, May 16.—Uncle Jeff and Kipling Lady on Monday with stories for the girls and boys, not forgetting the birthdays, and Madame de Mauny is bringing down a party of little people to entertain you with musical items.

Tuesday.—How many of you little people have been to Tarawera? Listen-in to-night to Jumbo. He is going to take radioland there by airship. We will be able to see all the big mountains, and Lakes Rotorua, Taupo, and Rotomahana, and as Jumbo is our guide we should have some surprises and fun.

Wednesday.—Tweedledum will have some more fun for you this afternoon with his jolly scholars. They will sing and play and recite, and Tweedledum will tell you a story and wish birthday greetings.

Thursday.—Here come "The Optimists." Three cheers! How the children all love them. What fun there'll be. One big packet of surprises. Listen-in from five to six for a very happy hour.

Friday.—Come along, little town people, to the country to-night. Our little radio cousins are going to introduce us to their pet lambs and animals, and teach us how to ride, milk, churn butter, and will let us feed the fowls, turkeys, and ducks. Tweedledum is in charge of the party.

Saturday.—Who wants to go with Aunt Molly, Uncle Jasper, and Elaine to the North Pole? All of you. Come along, then, and be sure to put on all your warmest coats, and big boots and warm gloves. We are going for sleigh rides, and can play snow-balling and have such fun.

Sunday.—Uncle George will conduct the Children's Evening Song Service to-night, and the singing will be done by the Children's Choir from The Church of Christ, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas.

New Concert Orchestra
for 2YA

Leon de Mauny Appointed Conductor

THE announcement made a few days ago by the Broadcasting Board that arrangements had been concluded with Mr. Leon de Mauny for the provision of a new concert orchestra at 2YA will be welcomed by listeners.

This orchestra, comprising at least eighteen players, will make its first appearance on June 6, and will, in normal circumstances, give three studio performances weekly. A one-hour recital of classical music will be given weekly, while for the rest listeners will be entertained with light popular music, such as selections from musical comedies and Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

Mr. de Mauny commenced his musical studies at the Liege Conservatorium in Belgium. After several years spent here under the able tutorship of the great Cesare Thompson, he left for London, and for fifteen years played in several big orchestras there, including the London Symphony Orchestra.

Then came the war, and the following four years Mr. de Mauny spent in France. After demobilisation he returned to London to continue his musical studies under Albert Sammons, then considered as the greatest violinist in England.

In 1923 Mr. de Mauny left for New Zealand, and he has been in Wellington ever since. After his arrival, his greatest ambition was to establish a symphony orchestra, and several years later this was realised with the inauguration of the Wellington Symphony Orchestra. As conductor of this orchestra, Mr. de Mauny has earned a reputation second to none in the Dominion, and one need have no fears regarding the future of the new orchestra while it is in his capable hands.

Coverage Commission

THE Coverage Commission has been continuing its tour of the North Island, and in the second week of its itinerary covered the following points:—Tongariro, Takaapu, Taupo, Rotorua, Putaruru, Tirau, Matamata, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Hamilton, Morrinsville, Te Aroha, Huntly, Pokeno, Auckland, Helensville, and towns between Helensville and Dargaville.

The information that is being collected is proving very valuable in relation to the reception conditions obtaining in the different parts, and this information, when plotted out, will enable the Commission to predict with much greater confidence what will be the result of any proposals that may be put forward. It is understood that everywhere the keenest interest is being evinced in their mission, and every possible assistance is being given by dealers and listeners alike, who are gratified to know that some definite and systematic steps are being taken by the board to place broadcasting upon a more satisfactory footing. It is fully

appreciated that financial considerations will not permit of the early introduction of wholesale improvements in the matter of new stations, etc., but appreciation has been expressed that a solid foundation is being laid which will gradually permit of the building up of the service on permanent and satisfactory lines as funds become available.

It is understood that the investigation has so far shown that in many districts there is definite room for very considerable improvement in signal strength and general reliability, and until these defects in the coverage are remedied radio cannot be expected to reach that density which it would otherwise certainly attain. The problem of interference is understood to have been brought prominently before the Commission, and, where possible, conversations with power authorities have been undertaken with a view to devising ways and means for combating the problems and co-ordinating whatever action is possible on the part of the various interests involved.

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