



## BIRTHDAY IN HAWKE'S BAY

## Station 24/2 is Now 10 Years Old

event which she hopes her near relations will remember in practical fashion, and yet be not too inquisitive about statistics. A man's is generally one which he uses merely as an excuse for heartiness among his friends without regard for the number of years that have passed. But a radio station's anniversary-particularly the tenth-is an occasion which not one of its thousands of customers is permitted to overlook. There is no coyness about age, which is literally broadcast to the world, and underlined with all the fanfare that goes hand-inhand with modern entertainment.

The next NZBS station to celebrate its tenth birthday will be Napier's 2YZ, and the date will be Wednesday, November 17, with special programmes starting at 7.30 p.m. A survey of Hawke's Bay radio activities for the

past 10 years, Caval-cade of Broadcasting, will open the session. A concert by Hawke's Bay performers at 8.15 p.m., Hawke's Bay Presents, will bring to the microphone some of the talent of the province. At. 9.0 p.m. a listener will present the winning session in the station's competition Here's My Programme; and at 9.30 p.m. Curtain Call, the studio variety show, will be heard in an anniversary edition. To complete the celebrations, the staff of 2YZ will present at 10.0 p.m. a feature This is Station 2YZ - The. New Look in Broadcast-

ing. Although regular listeners

WOMAN'S birthday is an station have probably followed its progress since its first day on the air, it is customary at birthday time to recall some of its history, so (to coin a phrase) here are the facts. Station 2YH, as it was originally christened, was built in 1938 as one of a projected chain of regional stations extending throughout New Zealand. When the war came, all new construction stopped, leaving only 4YZ Invercargill and 2YH Napier with transmitters actually completed. Early in 1938 tests were made to find the most suitable site for the transmitter, and eventually Opapa, about 30 miles south of Napier, was chosen as the best situation from which to cover the whole of the East Coast, where reception from more distant stations was poor.

> Next came the erection of the transmitter in a concrete building, and two 300ft. masts. To-day the transmitter

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C. J. GRANT, Senior studio technician at 2YZ, has been associated with the station since its inception in 1938. He is seen here at the studio control-panel. The photograph above shows the No. 1 studio at the station