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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES

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Candlelight will be relayed from Newtown Park. Midnight Mass will be relayed from St. Gerard's Redemptorist Church.

CHRISTCHURCH

A SPECIAL programme, *The Humour of Christmas*, written by Emily Baizeen, will be broadcast at 7.15 p.m. At 8.0 p.m. listeners will hear a programme arranged and sung by Myra Thomson (soprano) with Bessie Pollard (pianist), under the title *Welcome Yule in the Songs and Legends of Europe*. This will describe how the feast of Yule developed in various Continental countries. At 8.30 p.m. an NZBS production, *This Christmas: A Perennial Problem*—what people in different walks of life have to say about the season—will be heard. At 9.30 p.m. a choral work *Before the Paling of the Stars*, by Benjamin Dale, will be presented by the Royal Christchurch Musical Society, conducted by C. Foster Browne, with Gladys Vincent (violinist). At 9.50 p.m. *Home Thoughts*, a programme of music and verse recalling an early New Zealand Christmas Eve, will be broadcast, and Midnight Mass will be relayed from St. Michael's Church.

DUNEDIN

To Bethlehem, a Christmas carol fantasia, written by Anna Kirkwood, with choruses by the Coventry Singers, directed by George Wilkinson, will be heard from the studio at 10.50 p.m.

NAPIER

AT 10.30 p.m. Hawke's Bay listeners will hear *Carols by Candlelight*, a presentation by the combined choirs of Napier and Hastings, relayed from the Botanical Gardens, Napier.

INVERCARGILL

STATION 4YZ will broadcast at 7.30 p.m. *A Christmas Carol*, a radio dramatization of Charles Dickens's story, starring Basil Rathbone, and at 8.15 p.m. there will be a programme *Carols*, from King's College Chapel, Cambridge—a BBC production. *Songs of the Season*, a studio broadcast with the 4YZ Choristers, will be heard at 11.45 p.m.

Christmas Day

A NEW type of British programme, *Five Wishes for Christmas*, will be heard on Christmas Day from the four main National stations. It is the recorded story of five wishes made on a Christmas Eve in London, and it ends with greetings from the British film industry. Featured speakers will be the film actors John Mills, Jack Warner, Margaret Lockwood, Basil Rathbone and Naunton Wayne. Station 1YA will broadcast *Five Wishes for Christmas* at 2.0 p.m., 2YA at 8.28 p.m., 3YA at 10.30 p.m., and 4YA at 3.0 p.m.

AUCKLAND

A BBC programme of Christmas songs from the British Isles, *I Sing of a Maiden*, by Frederick Fuller (baritone) with Daniel Kelly at the piano, will be broadcast at 7.43 p.m., and at 8.23 p.m. the BBC Singers, conducted by Leslie Woodgate, and the London Radio Orchestra under Denis Wright, will be heard in *Music for Christmas*.

WELLINGTON

THE Salvation Army will hold a carol service in the studio at 10.10 a.m. At 11.0 a.m. Charles Laughton will tell the story of the first Christmas and then recount the adventures of Mr. Pickwick at a later celebration. At 7.30 p.m. a 2YA feature *Dick Whittington—Fact or Fable?* (a pantomime story and its historical background) will be broadcast, and at 9.30 p.m. there will be carols by the Christchurch Cathedral Choir, a Christmas short story, a short talk by a new arrival about Christmas in England, some memories of war-time Christmas by ex-servicemen, and massed carol singing. At 10.30 p.m. listeners will be invited to have a laugh at a *Christmas Party with Arthur Askey*.

CHRISTCHURCH

ITEMS with a seasonal flavour will lead off at 10.0 a.m. with *Our Christmas Card*, by Clarence B. Hall (organist) and Thomas E. West (tenor) in a recorded relay from the Civic Theatre. At 7.30 p.m. there will be the traditional carol service relayed from the Christchurch Cathedral, and at 8.40 p.m. Charles Laughton's reading of *Mr. Pickwick's Christmas*. Rutland Boughton's choral drama *Bethlehem* will be heard at 9.20 p.m.

DUNEDIN

A STUDIO presentation of a choral story of the Nativity as seen through the eyes of a peasant child in France will be the first featured Christmas item from 4YA, at 10.0 a.m. The feature will include a women's quartet, with Rita Dickel as accompanist, and Dorothy White, as narrator. At 11.15 a.m. listeners will hear *Christmas Morning*, a carol-singing by the BBC Singers, and at 2.1 p.m. a radio dramatization of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. A studio performance of *Five Fantasies on Polish Christmas Carols*, for voice and piano, by Arnold Bax, will be heard at 3.30 p.m., with Patricia Thorn (mezzo-soprano) and Olive Campbell (piano) and at 7.0 p.m. a combined Christmas service from First Church—including 15 minutes of organ music at the conclusion of the service. At 8.15 p.m. there will be a broadcast of *Kings of Judea*, a Dorothy Sayers's dramatization from her series *The Man Born to be King* (see page 9).

Seasonal items will also be heard from the auxiliary stations.