

BEHIND THE SCENES AT 1ZB

JUST three months ago the staff of 1ZB, Auckland, moved into their fine new home in Durham Street and settled themselves down into studios and offices which, after their cramped former studios, were the last word in comfort and convenience. These have been three busy months. Many new programmes have been devised and presented—first to Auckland listeners and later, in recorded form, to the rest of New Zealand; many new artists have been introduced, and well over 50,000 Aucklanders have taken the opportunity of inspecting the studios and watching the people there at work. Here, on this page, are some glimpses behind the scenes at 1ZB, giving an idea of the day-to-day activity at the station.



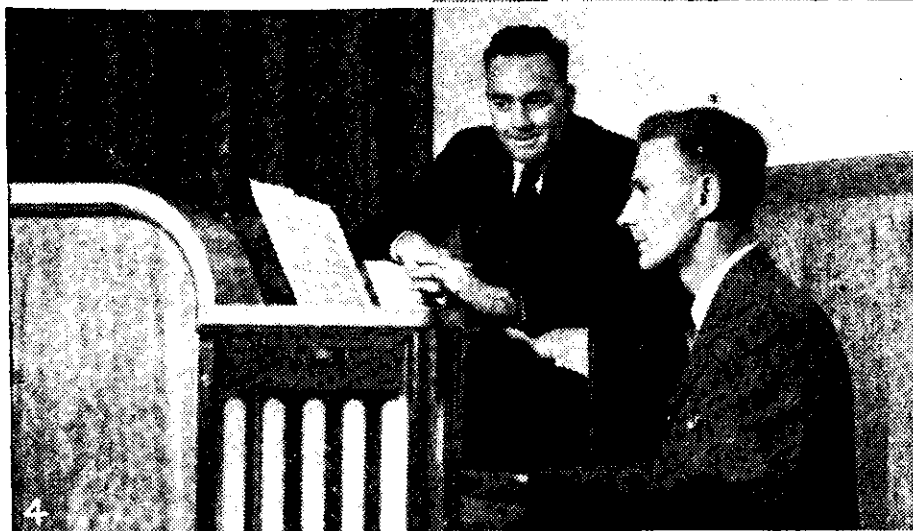
1. Dudley Wrathall, self-styled "Thief of Bad Gags," and producer of the "Musical Mirthquake" Radio Theatre show, tries to coax some music from a saxophone.



2. Jimmy MacFarlane and "Kanga" in a "musical" interlude from "Out of the Box."



3. Eric Bradwell summons up "atmosphere" for a Radio Theatre Box production. He is disguised as Eustace Pinchwater, an extraordinary naturalist who made a nuisance of himself in "Out of the Box," Jimmy MacFarlane's weekly show.



4. Les O'Leary, well known Auckland baritone, rehearses a number with Eric Bell at the Novachord. He has been heard in "From Where To-night" shows from the theatre.



5. Reg Pearson, 1ZB's commissioner, with the four hostesses who show visitors through the studios.

6. Richard Beck, singing star of Novachord and "From Where To-night?" programmes at rehearsal with Len Hawkins, 1ZB Orchestra pianist.