

THE CRICKETING BEDSERS

BBC photograph

Eric (at right) will broadcast reviews of the Test matches in which Alec (at left) will be mainstay of the English bowling

Test Cricket from the ZBs

ABOVE you see a photograph of Mrs. Bedser's boys—the cricketing twins, Alec and Eric. Going along with Alec, who is touring Australia with the M.C.C. side, brother Eric has accepted an assignment as cricketing reporter for the Commercial Division of the NZBS and will be heard by ZB and 2ZA listeners every night of each Test.

The Bedsers are identical twins, and Alec was born ten minutes after Eric. Both are keen cricketers, both played for Surrey in 1938, both served in North Africa and Europe in the same R.A.F. unit. both contracted jaundice at the same time, and were demobbed together. Alec Bedser, six feet three inches tall and fourteen stone in weight, is considered to be England's greatest fast medium bowler since Maurice Tate. Australia's well-known opening batsman Arthur Morris has fallen victim to

him eleven times in twelve Test innings. Alec has confessed to having one great aim in life, apart from taking Test wickets, and that is to see his brother Eric get into the English Test team.

For the Commercial stations, Eric Bedser is to give a review of each day's Test play. Actual scoreboard results will be heard earlier in the day, but Bedser is to give a quarter-hour's analysis of each side's achievements which should provide entertaining and knowledgeable listening. Each Test begins on a Friday, and lasts six days. On the Friday and Saturday nights Eric Bedser's review will be heard at 9.45 p.m., and on the following Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, his broadcast will begin at 9.32 p.m. Eric Bedser's first broadcast will be heard this Friday, November 26, the opening day of the First Test at Brisbane Cricket Ground.

Safe Climbing

A SEASONAL word to those who will spend their holidays in the back country is never out of place. Even a short talk can give the inexperienced some sound tips and blunt warnings, and the experienced some reminders. This year's Safety in the Mountains talks will be of special interest, because the last, on snow and ice climbing, will be by Sir Edmund Hillary. In the first,



SIR EDMUND HILLARY

A. P. Thompson will explain, mainly for immigrants and others more used to European conditions, that "climbing in New Zealand is different," and there will be talks on bushcraft by L. D. Bridge and on rock climbing by R. Naylor. These five-minute talks will be heard from YA stations, IYZ, 3YZ and 4YZ, at 10.0 p.m., and from 2YZ at 9.30 p.m. on December 2, 8, 14 and 20—except for the broadcast of the first from 2YA, which will be at 10.0 p.m. on December 3.

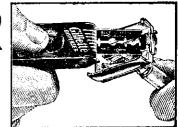
War Changed His Tune

ARTHUR RISCOE, the comedian whose engaging leer was so popular with English variety audiences and whose fruity voice was sometimes heard on recorded NZBS programmes, died the other day in London at the age of 57. A Yorkshireman, he emigrated in his teens to Tasmania where he worked for 8s. 6d. a week on a sheep farm. Later he worked up to £4 a week with an Australian concert party, and by his middle thirties was being paid £300 a week in the north of England. Arthur Riscoe wrote his one song hit, "Good-bye Sally, I'm Saying Goodbye," for one of his shows with Leslie Henson. It sold 20,000 copies a week, but after Dunkirk the line "Cheer me on my way, right through the Siegfried Line" had

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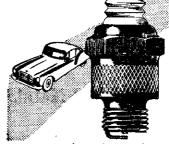
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