

Christmas Round the Bend!

SO that there may be no possible doubt about what season is just coming round the corner NZBS stations have scattered many Christmas items through their programmes for next week. There are, of course, Carols, there are readings on various Christmas topics and talks—two of which will be on the all-important matter of cooking, and another for the benefit of the vegetarian celebrant—and plays, band programmes and choral works.

Cooking for Christmas, by Judith Terry, will be heard from 1YA at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, December 17; and on the same day her talk, *A Vegetarian Christmas Dinner*, will be broadcast by 2YA at 11.0 a.m., and by 2YZ at 10.45 a.m. The Greymouth Choral Group Ladies' Choir will sing Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* at 3YZ at

9.30 p.m., and listeners to 1XH will hear, at 9.4 p.m. an NZBS play, *The Three Kings*. On Wednesday, December 19, at 10.45 a.m., Lee Fore Brace will talk at 2YZ about *Christmas in the Pacific*, and 3YZ will present, at 8.0 p.m., a carol programme by the Greymouth Salvation Army Band. At 8.10 p.m., 2XA will broadcast a programme by the Wanganui Ladies' Choir, and from 3XC at 9.4 p.m. will be heard excerpts from *Messiah* by the Temuka Choral Society.

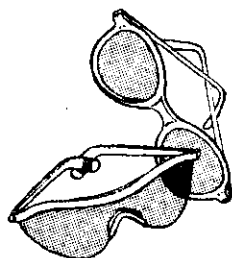
On Thursday, December 20, listeners will hear from 1YA at 8.0 p.m. carols by the Auckland Manx Society's Choir, and at 7.45 p.m. 3YA will broadcast an NZBS production, *Father Christmas—Immigrant* (dealing with Christmas in the Old World, Christmas with the early settlers, and talks by a modern housewife and a farmer on their plans for Christmas, 1951). *The Story of the Nativity*, narrated by Walter Hampden, will be broadcast by 1XH at 8.15 p.m. on Friday, December 21.

Charles Laughton will reappear in *Mr. Pickwick's Christmas* from 4YA at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, December 22, and the Dorian Singers will be heard in a carol programme at 1YC at 8.2 p.m.

On Sunday, December 23, George E. Wilson (organist) and Jean Reeve (soprano) will be associated in a carol recital from 1YA at 3.32 p.m., and 2YA will present, at 9.30 a.m., *Christmas Around the World*—a session of greetings from many lands. Stars of the British screen will take part in *Five Wishes for Christmas* at 1XH at 8.0 p.m., and at 9.4 p.m. the Alma Singers will sing carols. A relay of *Carols by Candlelight* from the Botanical Gardens will be broadcast by 2YZ at 9.30 p.m. Listeners to 3YZ will hear Eileen Kelly (mezzo-soprano) in Christmas songs at 8.30 p.m., and 4YZ will broadcast a recital by the Southern Singers at 9.12 p.m. *A Christmas Carol* (Dickens) with Ronald Colman is listed for 2XA at 6.30 p.m. followed at 8.30 p.m. by *Carols by Candlelight*. Through 3XC Timaru citizens will hear a message from their Mayor at 7.0 p.m., and at 8.30 p.m. a recital of Christmas music by Joyce Wright, Patty Fitzmaurice and Dorothy Hitch.



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