

The New 4YA**Silent Days Precede
Change-over**

AS the official opening of the new studio takes place on Wednesday, October 16, it will be necessary to observe a few silent days in order to effect the necessary change from the old premises to the new.

The erection of the new transmitting plant will be completed and the necessary adjustments and tests will be carried out before the new station officially goes on the air on Wednesday evening.

From Saturday evening, October 12, at 11 o'clock, therefore, until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 4YA will be silent.

The official opening of the new 4YA will be an eventful day for broadcasting in Otago, and, in fact, in New Zealand, for the new Dunedin station will complete the chain of the four YA stations. A programme befitting the occasion has been arranged. It will open, very appropriately, with a bagpipe selection from sixteen Dunedin Highlanders, and the programme right through will be decidedly Scottish in character.

The official opening ceremony will be performed by the Hon. J. B. Donald, Postmaster-General, who, if he cannot be present in person, will speak on relay from Wellington.

Hospital Radio**A Novel Broadcast**

A UNIQUE broadcast was performed by 2YA, Wellington, on September 25, when Mr. H. G. Dickie, M.P. for Patea, and the Hon. A. J. Stallworthy, Minister of Health, made brief addresses from the studio in connection with the formal operation of the broadcast-receiving installation recently donated to the Hawera Public Hospital. The broadcast was clearly received.

The installation comprises 85 pillow phones, which enable patients to hear clearly from the receiving units inside their pillows, two loudspeakers in the children's ward, and two more in the nurses' home. The set is a six-valve all-electric one, with an additional power amplifier and a gramophone pick-up installation.

Another interesting ceremony was performed at the Old People's Home at Park Island, Hawke's Bay, on September 22, when the oldest inmate of the home, a Crimean War veteran, tuned in to 2YA on a latest model screen-grid receiver. Those present then listened to a concert being transmitted from New York for the especial benefit of the Byrd Expedition, and which was being rebroadcast from Wellington.

The idea of installing radio in institutions of this description is an excellent one, and the inmates, from all reports, seem highly appreciative of any efforts made in this direction.

Brilliant Orchestra**Strong Group for 2YA**

THE general manager of the Broadcasting Company, following on the statement last week concerning the formation of a new combination in Christchurch, now announces that an orchestra formed by Signor A. P. Truda, the well-known Wellington musician and conductor, has been engaged to appear at 2YA twice weekly.

The orchestra will be heard on Monday and Friday evenings, the first performance being on Monday, October 14.

String Quartet**New Combination for 3YA**

A NEW string quartet is to make its first appearance at 3YA on Thursday, October 10. It will consist of: Mr. Arthur Gordon, first violin. Miss Gladys Vincent, second violin. Signor Oddone Savini, viola. Mr. Francis Bate, 'cello.

This will be an exceptionally good combination. Both Miss Vincent and Mr. Bate have had Home training and played at the Crystal Palace, London. Mr. Arthur Gordon, a well-known Christchurch teacher, has been leader and conductor of a local theatre orchestra. Signor Oddone Savini is a conductor of the Christchurch Orchestral Society, and is, as is well known, a brilliant player.

A Mighty Concern**£53,000,000 Cable and
Radio Merger**

A NEW page in the history of Empire communications started Monday last when the all-British cable and radio systems were operated by the new Imperial International Communications, Ltd., which has a capital of £53,000,000.

Sir Basil Blackett, the chairman, on the eve of the mighty concern's debut, told the "Evening News" that the physical transfer marks a further big step in the rationalisation of Imperial communications.

"In the interests of an improved service we are very conscious of our great responsibilities as an Imperial public utility company working with the Governments of the Empire and supervised by an advisory committee representing all the Dominions," said Sir Basil Blackett. "We are servants of the public and of the Empire and will spare no pains in endeavouring to serve the interests of our customers and forge even closer invisible links by wire and wireless to keep the several parts of the Empire in intimate communication."

"Elgar" Evening**1YA Attraction**

A CONCERT devoted to the works of Sir Edward Elgar has been arranged by 1YA for Tuesday, October 15. In the opinion of many judges, Sir Edward Elgar stands as the foremost of living composers. He is now 72 years of age. He was given his knighthood in 1904, and the Order of Merit in 1911.

A Popular "Uncle"**Sunday School Anniversary**

A UNIQUE opportunity for both young and old to see "Uncle George," the well-known 2YA "uncle," was afforded them on Sunday, September 29, at the Northland Methodist Sunday School. The occasion was that of the 25th anniversary of that institution, and "Uncle George's" speech during the afternoon service was greatly appreciated, especially by the many radio listeners present.

The children's services every Sunday evening, which Uncle George conducts, are eagerly looked forward to, not only by the children themselves, but by many adults who enjoy them quite as much.

Relay from Cambridge

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for 1YA to carry out a relay from Cambridge on Friday, October 11. On that evening the demonstration concert in connection with the local competitions is to be held. Much excellent talent is always attracted to the Cambridge competitions, so that a musical treat can be anticipated in this broadcast of the final concert, to which the winners in the various classes will contribute.

Announcing at 1YA.

DURING the absence of Mr. (ulford Bell, who has been judging the elocation at the Dunedin competitions, Mr. T. L. Cronin has been announcing at the 1YA microphone.

Maori Entertainment**2YB Proposes Relay from
Parihaka**

FOLLOWING on the success attending the broadcast of a concert from the North Egmont Mountain House, the enterprising officials of 2YB are now planning to relay a Maori entertainment from Parihaka, a well-known Maori pah on the coastal uplands on the western side of Mt. Egmont. The celebrations intended are to mark the anniversary of the famous march to Parihaka.

If arrangements can be made, this will be a very interesting relay. The General Manager of the Broadcasting Company has offered all the assistance possible, technical and otherwise, to ensure the success of the occasion.

License Fees**N.Z.'s. Happy Position**

IN different countries license fees vary inversely with the number of licensed listeners in the country concerned. Statistics comparing New Zealand with Scandinavia in this respect are as follow:—

Sweden: Listeners licensed, 400,000; license fee, 10s.

Denmark: Listeners licensed, 230,000; license fee, 12s.

Norway: Listeners licensed, 65,985; license fee, 22s. 6d.

New Zealand: Listeners licensed, 45,823; license fee, 30s.

New Zealand listeners should take notice of this fact and should endeavour to convert as many non-enthusiasts as possible, thus reducing the amount of their own annual license fee.

**Relay from Palmerston
North**

ON the evening of Sunday, October 30, 2YA will relay an after-church concert from Palmerston North. This concert, which is being organised by Messrs. F. Jackson and J. A. Nash, M.P., is in aid of funds to provide work for the unemployed.

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