

ROUND THE B STATIONS.

Wouldn't Believe It Was Real

Auckland Listener Loses a Bet Because 1ZB Flesh-and-Blood Relays Were So Well Done — Unrehearsed Community Sings Go Over 1ZB—Special Features From 3ZM.

POPULAR relays with listeners have been those carried out by 1ZB from the Civic Theatre, featuring Desmond Tanner at the console of the big Wur-litzer organ, and the new Civic Cabaret Band. With the station facilities and the technical ability of the staff at this station to handle such relays, it is no wonder that last week a listener lost a bet by persisting that what he heard over the air was a recording and not the efforts of a flesh and blood artist.

NOW that community sings are the order of the day, Uncle Tom and his merry children, known as "The Knights and Ladies of the Sponge," are not behind the times. Each Friday evening from 6 to 6.30, they may be heard from 1ZB in impromptu community sings. The children just come in—there is nothing rehearsed about it, and they sing their loudest and best and get for themselves a huge amount of enjoyment, while they make for the listener something novel and entertaining.

3ZM Features

3ZM being the only B class station in Christchurch, is certainly one of the most popular in the Dominion, and many are the request numbers. As there is no restriction on the age limit, many amusing birthday announcements are made. Mr. Charles Buckett's physical culture classes are being held

for the 1936 season every Wednesday evening, and Mr. Sid Shackel's dance band has now become a popular institution from this bright little station. Every Thursday evening a radio play is broadcast by a clever company of players and quite a few have been heard by the courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Birkenshaw.

From the Films

THERE is plenty of scope in the future for 1ZB to relay further successful excerpts from the big musical pictures. Looking through a list of screenings to be seen in Auckland shortly, there seems to be a galaxy of musical shows featuring popular stars of both radio and screen. There is Nelson Eddy and Jeanette McDonald in the coloured picture "Rose Marie," Paul Robeson in "Show Boat," and the popular picture "Anything Goes." Such broadcasts as have been carried out by 1ZB for months past are a welcome change from the stereotyped recorded programmes.

Mr. L. T. Sam

THE Long Tack Sam Company, which is at present appearing in Christchurch, had charge of the microphone at the Sunshine Radio Station in Christchurch last Sunday evening. As this event had been announced during the week, the majority of listeners in the southern city duly tuned into this

station at 8.30, and a very enjoyable evening was spent in listening to these world-famed artists broadcasting their numbers.

1ZJ Interests

NEW staffing arrangements have been made by Johns, Limited, owners and operators of 1ZJ. The station is now in the charge of Mr. George O. Hart, A.M.I.R.E., the technical manager of the firm. Messrs. L. King and W. Hunter are the announcers, while Mr. S. Murray is station mechanic. This station has secured the services of a well-known economist, a prominent doctor, and a lawyer of standing, to give regular talks on matters of topical interest. Matters of interest to radio listeners generally will be dealt with by Mr. Hart.

Back Home

WELL known as the secretary of the New Zealand Federation of B stations, Mr. I. K. McKay, who, after closing his own station, 2ZR, of Nelson, went to Auckland and joined the staff of the Friendly Road station 1ZB, has now returned to Nelson and is operating his station. His first session was broadcast on Sunday night of last week, when the feature was a Friendly Road recorded programme. Station 2ZR may be heard on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and also at midday on Sundays.

Radio "War" On Whales

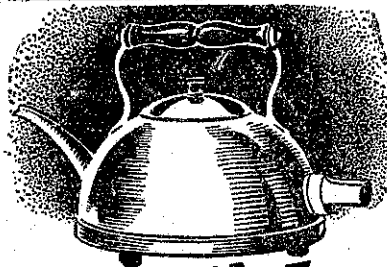
Picton Chasers Expect to Double Their Catch With Radio-Telephone.

THE radio telephony to be used in directing whale chasers has now been installed to the order of Messrs. A. Perano and Company, of Picton, who operate one of the two whaling stations in New Zealand. The apparatus was constructed by the Electric and General Import Company of Christchurch. The whaling season had an unusually early opening this year—about May 15—and continues for about four months. The whaling fleet consists of the mother ship and a number of fast chasers, and in the past the fleet has had to be at the base to receive instructions from the lookout station. Now, however, the radio telephone service will allow communication to be established between the look-out station and

the mother ship when the fleet is out in Cook Strait, and the fleet will be able to receive directions without coming back to the base.

The apparatus is as simple to use as a telephone. The operator speaks into a microphone and the reproduction is through an ordinary loudspeaker. The only controls are an "on and off" switch and a switch for changing over from the transmitter to the receiver. A meter on the panel registers the aerial output. Last season 52 whales were caught, but it is estimated that fully twice that number would have been caught if there had been communication between the base and the fleet such as should be given by the radio-telephone apparatus.

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