

ROUND THE B STATIONS.

Physical Jerks For 3ZM Listeners

Live Students Exercise themselves While Instructor Keeps Listeners Moving—McCready's Photographs in Demand by People All Over N.Z.—Task of Pleasing Everybody.

"ARMS stretch, from the hips, bend!" If the radio physical jerks instructor at 3ZM, Christchurch, Mr. Charles Buckett, could see how his legions of pupils were taking his advice, he would probably be pretty critical. However, the home exercises sessions from this station on Wednesday nights are meeting with unusual popularity. The whole thing is carried out in very efficient fashion at the studio. Mr. Buckett gives his commands to a real, live student while suitable music is played. The controllers of the station have had many letters from listeners expressing appreciation of the innovation. Some say that they have benefited physically already.

IN less than ten days 4Z0 disposed of the complete bundle of art photographs supplied by request by Earl McCready, and is sending to the wrestling champion for another thousand or two. By every day's mail the station announcer receives between 70 and 80 requests for photographs. These inquiries are not being sent by Dunedin and nearby listeners only, but by a fair percentage in the North Island, and in other parts of the South Island. These facts are told as an explanation to those who have written and have not yet received a copy of the photograph, but they are assured that as soon as a fresh supply comes to hand they will be sent on to all those who have asked for them. Many of the writers have asked if it would be possible to obtain photographs of some of the other wrestlers, so, as a start, the station officials are trying to get in touch with Paul Boesch to see what he can do for them.

UNDOUBTEDLY, one of the most popular sessions conducted by 4ZM is the daily Church of the Helping Hand, which is under the capable leadership of Uncle Leslie. There are many listeners who make a point of hearing as many of these helpful broadcasts as possible, and who very often hear Uncle Leslie call the birthdays of some of the older members of the church. The other day, however, the position was reversed, for it was Uncle Leslie's birthday that was called over the air. The usual midday community sing was in progress, when it was announced that Uncle Leslie was celebrating his birthday, and it must have been very gratifying to the popular uncle to hear the spontaneous and prolonged "cheerio" that followed the announcement.

Good Plays

RADIO plays are to-day higher than ever in popularity. This week's contribution to the air from station 3ZM, Christchurch, was "From Soup to Savoury," by Gertrude Jennings—a

well-known work of considerable merit. On Sunday, July 12, a B.B.C. production, "The Path of Glory," by L. du Garde Peach, will be presented. An unusually entertaining piece, this.

Lying in Wait

IT is no secret among those enthusiasts who frequently gather in groups to discuss radio affairs that station 4ZL has been offered to the Government at a certain price, but one thing they do not seem to know is whether or not the Government has given any indication of its intention to buy. Not so many years ago 4ZL was rebuilt, and since then has been the most powerful B station in New Zealand, the output strength being such that it penetrated frequently to the topmost corner of the North Island, but in recent months the station has not maintained its regular schedule, apparently waiting for the Government's announcement regarding its plans for the smaller stations.

Bird Songsters

AS a prelude to a talk on feathered songsters from 1ZB last week by Mr. Moore, a concert lasting five minutes was given by five birds specially brought to the studio by this well-known bird-fancier. It proved to be one of the most novel broadcasts heard for some time. Possessing a thorough knowledge of his subject, Mr. Moore described how these roller canaries had been evolved by a process of careful breeding over a period of years, to the present stage of perfection, both in type and as singers.

Denial

ONCE and for all, the Rev. O. G. Scrimgeour, known as "Uncle Scrim" to thousands as the founder and director of the Friendly Road and station 1ZB, has scotched the rumours to the effect that he is shortly to be given a responsible position in broadcasting by the Government. Despite continued statements to the contrary, many people have allowed to creep into their minds the thought that he would be the natural aspirant for such a post. But it looks as if their judgment is all at fault, and that Dame Rumour is again a lying jade.

Movie Ball

ONCE again 1ZB has demonstrated its enterprise by broadcasting a good description of the Auckland Movie Ball, held in the Peter Pan Cabaret on Thursday of last week. The commentary was well handled by "Aunt Daisy," who gave a full description of the cleverly-arranged cubicles sets and the beautiful dresses and costumes. Mr.

John Stannage, technical manager of 1ZB, and Mr. Pat. Quinn, assisted by providing touches of humour into the relay from the cabaret. Interludes were provided by the Peter Pan Dance Band, under Lauri Paddi.

1ZJ's Scoop

1ZJ secured quite a scoop on Tuesday of this week when it featured as a speaker from its station Mr. Victor Jory, the motion picture actor, who sailed the same day for Sydney on the Niagara. Victor Jory gave an interesting talk, and mentioned that he looked forward to his visit to Australia, where he is to star in a special Zane Grey story. The same day the actor attended a lunch by business men.

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