

New Tower

1ZB IMPROVEMENT

CROWDS streamed out to Waterview, six miles distant from the city, last Wednesday morning to witness the hoisting of the new 225ft. aerial tower for 1ZB.

The Controller of the NCBS, Mr. C. G. Scrimgeour, made a special trip from Wellington with Mr. R. E. Grainiger, chief engineer of the service, and Mr. C. W. O. Turner, designing engineer of the Public Works Department at head office, who designed the tower.

Everything went off without a hitch. The tall, steel structure was raised by complicated tackle and hoisted bodily from the ground by a steam winch into its vertical position. The whole procedure occupied only forty minutes. Mr. Scrimgeour officiating by tightening the last bolt holding it in position.

Designed, as stated, by the Public Works Department, the tower was fabricated at the Government Railway Workshops, Otahuhu, then assembled and welded at Waterview. The tower stands on its own, having no guy wires.

It is a new type of mast in New Zealand for the mast itself is the aerial, there being no wire attachments. The tower was constructed directly to the ground at the base, power being supplied by an underground concentric cable.

The tower is illuminated by a 1500 candle-power mercury vapour light of bluish colour mounted on the pinnacle. It is painted in colours of orange and blue, and makes a pleasing addition to the landscape. The tower stands out from the background and even from a distance of several miles the bright colours can be picked out.

It has been built to withstand a wind velocity of 150 miles per hour: it weighs 20 tons.

Transmission tests are being carried out this week with the new aerial tower. By the end of the month, the station will be transmitting its full programmes from Waterview.

PUBLIC TRUST

Estates of a value of £549,712 were reported and accepted for administration by the Public Trustee during February. The total value of the estates under administration by the Public Trustee on March 31, 1937, was £60,770,814, and the new business for the eleven months ended February 28, 1938, was £5,405,715.

Grants of administration made by the court in favour of the Public Trustee numbered 206 for the month.

During the month 394 new wills appointing the Public Trustee executor were prepared on behalf of testators and lodged for safe custody, and 336 existing wills were revised to provide for changes desired by testators. The total number of wills now held in the Public Trust Office on behalf of living persons is 90,209.

Aunt Daisy

WELLINGTON accorded 2ZB's Aunt Daisy a boisterous send-off last week at the Town Hall, which was packed from the doors to the organ loft long before the two hours' midday entertainment began. Highlights from a programme which proved over ambitious from a stage-managing point of view, were the cooking of various dishes, fishes and animals by four teams of four men each in which Mr. T. C. A. Hislop, mayor of Wellington, Mr. C. G. Scrimgeour, Controller of the C.B.S., and Messrs. O. N. Gillespie and R. H. Nimmo showed to good advantage. Comic relief was also shown by Messrs. O'Brian, Tahiwai, Whitechurch (NOB), Harison Cook and Agassiz, entertainment ending with a farewell speech by Mr. Scrimgeour and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The gathering was a remarkable tribute to the undying personal popularity of Aunt Daisy who, to quote from Kingi Tahiwai's competently-handled broadcast, was "known to every member of the staff of 2ZB as a most gracious and charming lady."

Of The Inland

"FLYNN of the Inland" needs no introduction to "Record" readers. But Flynn in print and Flynn in person are two entirely different considerations, and though it may not fall to the lot of many New Zealanders to meet this heroic man, thousands may certainly have the pleasure of hearing him speak from the NBS stations while he is in New Zealand. The Rev. John Flynn will be heard from 4YA next Wednesday night. His subject will be "The Mantle of Safety," a story of the flying doctors of Australia.

Listening

STATION manager of 3YA, Mr. J. Mackenzie, who has returned to duty after annual leave, told the "Record's" Christchurch reporter last week that he had discovered that 3YA is listened to closely right down to Oamaru, while Marlborough looks to 2YA for the best reception. The reference to the southerners, of course, implies no reflection on 4YA. Mr. Mackenzie was relating merely what he had been told in the course of his holiday travels.

Library

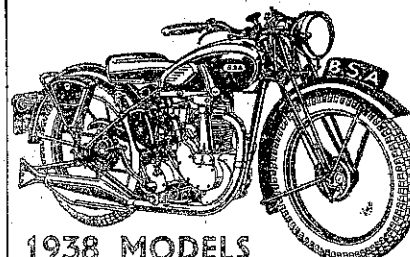
NO musical society, in New Zealand or anywhere else, can sail the seas of musical peace unless it looks to its library, just as important to a body of singers as rigging is to a yacht. Here is where the Christchurch Harmonic Society scores. This club is fortunate in having a ladies' auxiliary of strength and purpose and a management which looks on the library as one of the most important adjuncts to the society's work. The committee is optimistic of the future of the society and urges support for those who are trying to maintain and cultivate a general interest in choral music.

Private Station

AT present Station 1ZJ, operated as the only private station in Auckland, is undergoing overhaul. Although it only broadcasts a few hours each week, from noon to 2 p.m. on Mon-

days, and from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1ZJ has its following of listeners. Bill Hindman, formerly of 1ZR and 1ZM, is of course the station's most popular personality. The well-known sports announcer is doing good work with his own concert party of 19 artists. The company tours the province and presents concert entertainment, the proceeds going to assist the funds of various sports bodies.

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