

tation of church music, both in a traditional and modern sense.

Cecilia Choir

DUNEDIN is fairly strongly represented in the musical world by choirs, and several firms and organisations possess some very fine combinations. When Mr. Anderson Tyrer, judge at the Dunedin competitions held last year on behalf of Trinity College made reference to choral work in Dunedin, he expressed delight at the results obtained. One of the most interesting of private choirs is the Cecilia Choir, consisting solely of feminine voices. The guiding hand behind this venture is Miss Meda Paine, music teacher and singer. Her choir does not make many public appearances, but it will be heard from 4YA at 8 p.m. on Monday next.

1ZB Calls

EXTRA telephones are being put in to 1ZB to cope with heavy traffic. On one day recently one line was engaged altogether for 16½ hours during the eighteen hours the station was on the air, and a second line was engaged ten hours out of the eighteen. For evening request sessions, announced at 11 p.m., and conducted between that time and midnight, recently all the lines were jammed with calls for requests. In one day 1350 phone calls have been made to the station.

For Luncheon

ONE may lunch in Auckland with Neddo nowadays every day at 1 o'clock. This week he started a daily half-hour of meal-time entertainment. Neddo is providing his own songs and now and again has guest artists with him at the microphone.

In Akaroa

PUBLICITY, radio and otherwise, is putting Akaroa, the "honeymoon paradise of the South Island," on the map. Station 3ZB had interesting things to say about its centen-

ary celebrations the other day, with Te Ari Pitama, the station's Maori announcer, giving the Maori portion of the programme.

Sky Pageant

STATION 4ZB was the cause of many people leaving their firesides and wandering outside the other Saturday night to see a display of the aurora australis, a particularly vivid and flashing display, considerably ahead of the customary dull glows that are the main run of auroral displays in New Zealand. As soon as the announcers at the station learned of the aurora's



CLEMENT WILLIAMS

... Australian baritone who will tour for the NBS in December.

presence the information was broadcast. Just a small thing, but it meant that hundreds of people saw something that was well worth seeing.

Phantom Course

RACES re-lived, phantom crowds, the career round the track and all the aftermath of big racing, were admirably performed by 3ZB last week when Jack Maybury and company gave what they called the "Phantom Race-meeting" from Riccarton racecourse.

To Hamilton

OFF to Hamilton on May 3 will go the 1ZB concert party for a concert to aid the Hamilton Amateur Operatic Society. Miss Jean Menzies, secretary of the society, arranged the visit. Among those who will go are Miss Ruth Scott, the Mouree sisters, John Brown, Rod Talbot, Dudley Wrathall and Denis Sheard. The concert party has made many visits to Auckland districts, even as far afield as Helensville, and Taupaki. This will be the first visit to Hamilton.

Now Testing

TUNE on to 1070 k.c. some time and you may hear 1ZB's new transmitter testing. A promise at last fulfilled, its performance in tests is quite satisfactory. Its output is 1000 watts, compared with about 400 watts radiated by the present transmitter. Field strength in the Auckland district appears to be

greater than was expected. Engineers are unable to give any set time for testing, or any date for switching over. Country listeners can expect better reception within several weeks.

Dog Hero

HUGE St. Bernard dog, accompanied by a tiny tot, was a recent distinguished visitor to 4ZB during the children's hour, conducted by Jill and Peter. This huge dog, which drew children from far and near, weighs more than many men. It is 11 stone. The animal has a creditable list of rescues of young children from drowning to its credit. Visitors to the studios were greatly entertained as the St. Bernard walked around with his diminutive mistress hanging on to his tail. There will be another visit by the dog in the near future.

Church Visiting

ONLY a few miles from Christchurch city lies Tai Tapu—famous dairy-farming land, and the district made famous by "Otahuna," the lovely estate owned by the Hon. Sir R. Heaton Rhodes. Sir Heaton has done much for the district. Among other things he has given a church—this in memory of the late Lady Rhodes. Station 3ZB had the idea of visiting the church, and so Te Ari Pitama, accompanied by Sir Heaton, gave listeners an excellent description of the building and its features. Organ music in the background, from the church itself, made this relay one of the best of its kind the station has done for some time.

"They're Off"

STATION 4ZB has a new method of heralding the announcement of racing results. First is heard the clip-clop of galloping hooves, and the staccato cry: "They're off!" Then comes the latest information. The introduction to the announcement is carried out by means of a special record distinguished at a glance by the control man. He can't make a mistake, for some enterprising being has pasted on the envelope of the record a comical cutting of a saucy-looking "Galloping Gert."

Non-Stop

MOST members of radio staffs had a busy week-end, particularly those whose duty it was to provide wet weather entertainment for comfortably dry listeners. Both stations in Christchurch set themselves out to catch the spirit of the season. One of the hardest worked men, probably, was Jack Maybury, of 3ZB. In the morning he started with a relay from the Majestic Theatre of the performances of the famous dog, Caesar; then he judged a dog competition; lunchers were next to be entertained, followed a bit later by the children's session. At night, in addition to his other studio duties, he presented an excellent relay from the Cutts Brothers' racing stables, describing horsey life and discussing prospects for the big race meetings.

Origins

THE old plaint that commercial radio has induced Australians to flock to New Zealand is fast dying out. At 1ZB of a staff of more than 60 two are of Australian birth. One, Denis Sheard, has been in New Zealand for many years. The other, Guy Nixon, of the



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