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PARADISE

FOR RADIO BACHELORS AT INVERCARGILL

BELIEVING that environment and mental outlook react on one another, the Director of Broadcasting Services, Professor J. Shelley, has seen to it that good living quarters are provided for the four single men who will live under the shadow of the two 325ft. towers of station 4YZ, Invercargill.

The masts and transmitting room, now nearing completion, are located in open country at Dacre, about 16 miles from Invercargill on the main route to Dunedin.

The modern house provided for these men, who will do their own cooking and house-cleaning, would delight the most fastidious of married couples. No State house yet built compares with it for comfort, roominess and general appointments.

The tone-colour kitchen, with its electric range and multitude of cupboards, has nearby a dining alcove with an outlook on to the main Invercargill-Dunedin highway and the hills beyond.

A large sunporch, with Whitney type of windows, leads off from the carpeted sitting room, the furnishing and lighting of which is reminiscent of the best hotel lounges.

Doors in figured rimu lead into the hall and entrance porch, and give access to three bedrooms, all of which are carpeted to tone with the wall-papering.

One of the two huge masts for the station is already about 300 feet in the air. Another 30 feet of steel has to be added to this, and then construction of the second mast will occupy another two or three weeks.

Some little distance from the base of the masts the reinforced concrete transmitting hall, with a floor space of 3000 feet, is nearing completion. It will include an emergency studio in case of a breakdown at the main 4YZ studio at Invercargill.

Auckland Savage Club. Five-day working week makes Saturday a day of leisure, so 1ZB has introduced this mainly masculine magazine at 10.30 in the morning.

Heavy Work

THEY worked the technical and announcing staffs hard at 1ZB during the week-end, when no less than six relays were carried out, catering for all tastes. At 2.15 on Saturday afternoon the chirp and song of birds floated over the air. A couple of microphones were placed in an aviary in the suburbs and many rare and specially-imported birds "spoke." Then, at 3.45, the station switched to Carlaw Park, where sports announcer Bill Meredith gave a commentary on the big League football game. At 10.30 that night a dance band of eight pieces and three vocalists broadcast speciality numbers from a ballroom. On Sunday afternoon at 4.15 Ewart Lynn was heard in organ selections on relay from the Civic Theatre, and for those who like picture excerpts the station switched over to the Strand Theatre at 8.15 for num-

bers from a current film. The final relay was carried out from the Berkeley Theatre lounge, Mission Bay, where the Berkeley Trio, with Robert Simmers, baritone, and Gwenda Weir, soprano, presented a bright musical programme.

Assistant Manager

IMPORTANT executive appointment to the head office of the NCBS is that of alert Mr. John W. Griffiths as Assistant National Advertising Manager. Formerly advertising manager at 1ZB, Mr. Griffiths had his first introduction to radio on completing a sec-



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... Appointed assistant national advertising manager to the NCBS.

ondary school education, when he joined the staff of Amalgamated Wireless. This was followed by about 10 years' service, mostly as an executive on the sales side of commerce, before his appointment at 1ZB in November, 1936, to which post he was assisted by a sound knowledge of music in all its forms. His wife, Mrs. Griffiths, prior to coming to Wellington, was prominent in Auckland repertory and radio circles, and is a sister of Miss Ruth Scott, tutor of June Barson, winner of the ZB Deanna Durbin quest.

Women's Choir

MAKING one of their rare appearances before the microphone, the Pioneer Women's Club singing circle will be heard from 2YA on July 7. One of the highlights of the programme will be four Tuscan Folk Songs by Caracolo.

Auckland Singer

JEAN MENZIES, recently come from Auckland to Wellington, will give a Lieder recital from 2YA on July 5. Her pleasing contralto has been heard from 1YA on several occasions, and she is particularly at home with Lieder. Brahms, Mozart, and Schubert are composers she has chosen.

Balclutha Liked It

A WHILE ago it was Oamaru, last week it was Balclutha—but the 4ZB concert party tours wherever its services will be appreciated. The Balclutha concert was given in aid of the Balclutha branch of the Plunket Society. Sunday concerts are not popu-

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