

ated for the occasion, and Lionel and Mr. Terry Smith, supervisor for the contractors, who assisted in the broadcast, were dimly visible from the ground as black specks against the sky. Loud-speakers were installed for the benefit of spectators who followed the broadcast with breathless interest and who gave the steeplejack-announcer a rousing ovation. The broadcast told of the construction of the chimney and gave a description of the city as seen from the vantage point.

Bank Holiday

"BANK HOLIDAY" means more to the people of England than it does to the people of New Zealand. Here many of us are sometimes unaware that the banks are taking a holiday. In England the emphasis is on the "holiday" and not on the "bank." Scenes on "Appy Ampstead" are among the features associated with the holidays in England. Miss Valerie Corliss, already known as a lively commentator on the English scene, is to describe Bank Holiday as she saw it in London. The talk will be at 2YA on Friday, July 29.

Recitals

HOWEVER loud may be the cry for "rhythm music" in this year of grace, there are many thousands of

listeners who welcome "straight" recitals. A nicely varied presentation will come from 3YA on July 31 when two of the artists will be Miss Jean Scott (soprano) and Mr. Frederick Page (pianist). A third will be Mr. Oscar Natzke, young Auckland bass who went to London two years ago for further musical study. His contributions will be by recordings.

Long Distance

RIVAL to Pat Lawlor's long contract with the commercial service for his "Purely Personal" talks is Mrs. E. J. Henderson, Wellington. As "Cousin Elizabeth," giving character sketches and travelogues, she has been engaged for two or more sessions a week for nine months. Altogether she has given some 47 sessions.

Lost Tradition

THAT singing is a lost tradition in sunny Italy, having passed to the German school, was a remark made in Christchurch by Alexander Kipnis. The singers of the great Italian school, he said, had big and beautiful voices, through intensive training over many years. The singer of to-day was not prepared to give the time and work that made the singers of other days. On the other hand the German school had developed to a standard it had never before achieved. To sing successfully Schubert, Brahms, and Hugo Wolf, an artist must use brain and heart. The Italians were losing a great tradition.

Station 4ZD

WELL-LIKED radio station of the south, Station 4ZD, Dunedin, comes on the air three times a week. Its

Research

THE Cawthron Institute at Nelson is vaguely known to people as the place where researchers "breed bugs." Its value to the community, and especially to farmers, is immense and incalculable. For one thing, it settled the woolly aphids, and it hopes to settle ragwort and other pests. Mr. Douglas Cresswell visited the institute on his recent visit to the Nelson province, and he is to tell listeners something about it in two talks from 2YA in the "Discovering Our Country" series, on August 1 and August 8. These will be the last of the present series of his talks. He will give place on Monday evenings to Professor F. L. W. Wood, who will give listeners the benefit of his impressions of Europe, gathered when he went to Geneva and other parts last year. Mr. Cresswell will be heard later on in a series of talks on historic New Zealand estates.

Literature

PROFESSOR T. D. ADAMS'S legion of devotees will be given a feast of Victorian literature on Friday next at 9.20 at his weekly classical reading from 4YA. The first piece will be Sir Walter Scott's "Pibroch of Donuil Dhu," and other items "Peace Pipe" from Longfellow's "Hiawatha," "The Famous Mr. Joseph Addison" from Thackeray's "Henry Esmond," and "The Happy Warrior" by Wordsworth.

For Patients

IN most hospitals of the big centres of New Zealand radio has been installed for some time for the patients, and a loud-speaker system, too, is in use

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OFFICIALS OF STATION 4ZD, DUNEDIN.

"Uncle Alf" (left) and Director ("Toots") Mitchell in their studio.

programmes give a great deal of pleasure, especially to hospital patients. Besides "Uncle Alf" and Mr. Mitchell, another who has worked admirably for the station is Mr. Bruce ("Uncle Doug") who controls the weekly children's sessions.

so that messages may be given to all wards simultaneously. Latest to install radio is the Westland Hospital, which has received two sets for the children's ward. One set was presented by the workmen of Jackson's Bay and the other by 3ZR listeners.