

SOUTHERN STATIONS.

Sets In Cars Make Driving Safer

Christchurch Motorist Says Radio Music Lessens Drivers' Desire to Speed—Professor Shelley Determined to Maintain School Broadcasts—Golf Reports.

THE Auckland traffic inspector who declared that radio sets in motor-cars were likely to take the attention of the driver off the road and increase the possibility of accident is not supported by Mr. L. B. Scott, of Christchurch, who has had a set in his car for some time, nor by Newman Bros., Ltd., who have had their service cars fitted with sets for over a year. They declare that there is absolutely no ground for such a claim. Mr. Scott, in fact, says that radio sets in cars make driving safer, for the driver, spinning along at a comfortable pace to the accompaniment of good music, is less likely to want to speed. Newman Bros. state that their cars have not been involved in an accident on the Christchurch-Blenheim run since radio sets were fitted, and they stress that the radio is never turned on loud enough to drown the sound of an approaching or overtaking vehicle or its horn.

THE Christchurch Teachers' Training College will be closed next year, and Mr. J. G. Polson, the principal, and Mr. J. C. Brew, the vice-principal, will be transferred to positions on the inspectorate staff of the Education Department. As these two men were largely responsible for the introduction and management of the weekly broadcasts to schools from 3YA, now relayed to 2YA, it was feared at one time that this excellent feature would collapse next year for want of someone with the enthusiasm and the capacity to run it. Professor J. Shelley, of Canterbury College, well known to thousands of listeners for his talks and recitals, has saved the situation. He says whatever else happens he will keep the radio lessons to schools going next year.

THE Broadcasting Board's special arrangements for up-to-the-minute reports on the progress and results of the matches in the national golf championships at Auckland won praise and appreciation in Christchurch, where there is now a very large golfing public. Though entertainment is the first field of radio service, "snap news" is something that listeners look for when important events take place, and in that respect the broadcasting service has been improved out of all sight in the last three years.

3ZM, which has assumed the title of "The Sunshine Station," is going to stay on the air next year, despite the ban on sponsored programmes, the management says. The promoters seem determined to make the club of listeners associated with the station strong enough to keep the station on the air. It will be a hard struggle,

but listeners will wish the enterprise well. In introducing the morning session the station performed a service to listeners and dealers, and it would be a pity if this popular feature of the daily broadcasts were to disappear now.

MR. FRANK MILNER, whose address from 1YA a week or two back roused the most phlegmatic listeners to enthusiasm, gave a wonderful talk on his recent American tour from 3YA. Mr. Milner was in his best speaking form, and had good material. Considering that he had been interviewed in Auckland, Wellington, and

especially with the women-folk who are home all day busy with the house. They get a great kick out of these sings—Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch alike. It will be rather a pity when the community sing season is over.

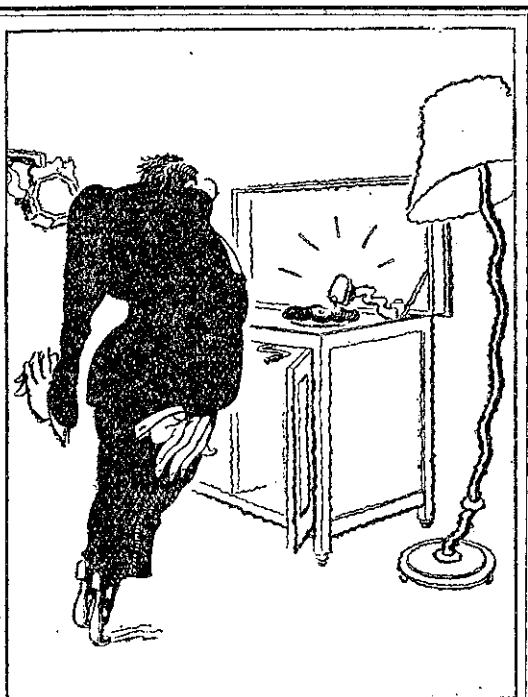
THE Post and Telegraph Department has laid the line from Christchurch to Gebbie's Pass for the new 3YA station, and the second tower at Gebbie's Pass is nearing completion. No one knows when the new studio in Gloucester Street is to be built, but there is a feeling that it will not be for some time. It may be significant

that recently alterations and improvements were made in the studios in the present building with a view to improving transmission by cutting down reverberation. That would hardly be done, it seems reasonable to think, if it were intended to vacate the premises in anything like the near future.

"MR. V.," whose programmes from 3ZC are among the brightest of the week, has made another advance by introducing a young people's session that is proving very popular. It is run from 5 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, and consists of music, news and talks intended to appeal to boys and girls of secondary school age. "Mr. V.," whose originality is an example to some of the more stereotyped programme arrangers, runs competitions in association with this session and the entries prove its widespread appeal.

THE B.B.C. recorded plays and comedies have found a responsive public in Christchurch, and each one brings forth praise from listeners. "World's Away," when given from 3YA, assumed the proportions of a real radio event, to judge by the comments of many listeners. The Radio Broadcasting Board, it seems, got as near to pleasing everyone as is humanly possible when it secured these recordings. "Sir Christopher Wren" on October 23 and "Songs from the Shows" on October 31 will be looked forward to.

MR. C. R. STRAUBEL, who gave an interesting series from 3YA not so long ago on New Zealand poets and writers, is back on the air again. He gave the W.E.A. session on Monday evening, speaking on previous depressions. Mr. Straubel, a member of the literary staff of the "Christchurch Press," has made considerable research into this subject, upon which he recently contributed an interesting series of special articles to his paper. In addition, he is not at all a bad radio speaker.



AWFUL MOMENTS IN MODERN HISTORY.

The radio official who forgot to change the needle.

Christchurch by six papers and had given several public addresses in the North Island, it was amazing how he managed to present totally new material in his Christchurch talk. Mr. Milner would be welcomed on the air at every appearance.

MR. ALAN BROWN, "the community sing leader who can't sing a note," and Dr. F. C. A'Court, "the accompanist who makes the piano talk," have set their mark at £1000 for the season for the community sings in Christchurch. They have two more Thursday sings and a wind-up night on October 30 to go, and look like topping the four figures easily, for they have £906 in hand now. The community sings are a popular broadcast item,