

NEW STATION ON THE AIR

Premier's Recorded Speech Declares 7HT Open

The official opening of 7HT, licensed broadcasting station controlled by Metropolitan Broadcasters Limited, took place at the studio in Cleburne building, Murray St., Hobart, last night. The new station was declared open by the Premier (Mr. A. G. Ogilvie, K.C.), who, in a recorded speech, congratulated those responsible for its establishment.

Among the guests who gathered in the studio were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wignall), the Deputy-Director of Posts and Telegraphs (Mr. J. E. Monfries), the Director of Programmes at National station 7ZL Hobart (Mr. E. J. McCann), the Managing Editor of "The Mercury" (Mr. J. Usher), and the Managing Director of Commercial Broadcasters Pty. Ltd. (Mr. S. H. Findlay). A message of congratulation was received from the Postmaster-General (Senator McLachlan). The Manager of 7HT (Mr. R. C. Thomas) was master of ceremonies.

The Premier, in his recorded speech, congratulated those responsible for the establishment of the station, and said the Government had not hesitated to use the radio for reaching the people of Tasmania, not only to present its views on current political affairs, but also to make important announcements.

"We live in an age, the commonplace activities of which would have been regarded as miracles half a generation ago," the Premier continued. "In the field of education, music, and world affairs, and in the sphere of social problems and literary achievement, the radio has attained an important place in which it is, month by month, becoming ever more surely established. To those whose technical skill has brought this vast fund of knowledge and entertainment into every home, and to those who are prepared to put their business energy and capital into the setting up of broadcasting stations, we owe a measure of thanks."

HIGH TRADITIONS.

The Lord Mayor congratulated the management on its enterprise, and said the establishment of the station would

TWO RECORDS

Premier Opens 7HT By Recorded Speech

RADIO listeners were probably surprised when, at the official opening of 7HT at Hobart last night, they heard the voice of the Premier of Tasmania (Mr. A. G. Ogilvie, K.C.), who is en route to America. The voice, however, was brought to listeners by medium of a recorded speech made before the Premier left Hobart. The time taken to record the speech and deliver the completed record to station 7HT Hobart constituted another record. Telephone contact between the Premier's office at Hobart and a recording studio in Melbourne during a morning permitted of the direct recording of the speech. The record completed, it was despatched to Hobart by air mail at 1 p.m., and was in the office of 7HT by 5 p.m. the same day.

WIRELESS FACTS

15,000 Licences Within 50 Miles of Hobart

WITHIN 50 miles of Hobart, there are now more than 15,000 wireless licence holders, representing receivers in no fewer than 62 out of every 100 dwellings, which means that three out of every five residences are equipped with radios. With an average of nearly four and a half persons to each dwelling, Hobart stations have an audience of more than 70,000 persons. These facts were given by the Deputy-Director of Posts and Telegraphs (Mr. J. E. Monfries) at the official opening of the new broadcasting station, 7HT, at Hobart, last night. "It is being recognised more and more what an enormous influence is exercised by broadcasting stations," said the Deputy Director, "and it is gratifying to my department to know that this great field of interest is realised by those who are prepared to undertake the responsibilities in connection with the control of stations."

not only give additional employment, but would encourage local talent and bring added entertainment into many homes.

The Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs said he felt sure the station would worthily uphold the highest traditions of broadcasting in Tasmania. On behalf of the Postmaster-General's Department, he expressed the wish that the station would meet with every success.

The Deputy Radio Inspector (Mr. E. J. Bowden) congratulated 7HT on behalf of the wireless branch of the Postmaster-General's Department. 7HT, he said, was the fifth licensed station opened in Tasmania, and shortly another was to open in Queenstown. Including the two National stations, Tasmania, with a population of 235,000 persons, would therefore be served by eight stations, representing 29,000 persons to each station. In comparison, Victoria, with a population of 1,851,000 persons, was served by 23 stations, representing 80,000 persons to each station. Harmonious relation existed between broadcasting stations and the Department.

The manager of the Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd. (Mr. J. S. Gulline) also spoke.

After the official opening, the directors of 7HT were hosts to the guests of the evening at an informal supper party at Hadley's Hotel.

Skull Fractured With Hammer

NEW YORK, April 18.

Julia Nussenbaum (24), a violinist, died in hospital nine hours after she had been found unconscious behind draperies in a rehearsal studio. Her skull had been fractured with blows from a hammer, which was left nearby. Employees saw a man leave the building hastily. The police are seeking a rejected suitor. The body was discovered by a woman dancer.

SCALLOP BEDS TESTED

Prospects For Season Bright

A report of an examination of the scallop beds in the upper section of D'Entrecasteaux Channel was received at a meeting of the Sea Fisheries Board at Hobart yesterday. The report indicated that there were large quantities of marketable scallops in the areas tested, and the Chairman (Col. J. E. C. Lord) expressed the opinion that the prospects for the approaching season were bright.

The report was supplementary to a previous report furnished to the Board concerning an examination of the beds in the lower section of the Channel. The report yesterday, which was made by Sergt. T. Challenger, Fisheries Inspector, stated that the beds examined on the western shore extended from Woodbridge to the Pilot Station, embracing North-West Bay, while the tests on the eastern shore were from the southern side of Barnes Bay nearly to Denne's Point. Altogether 66 hauls were made in various places resulting in the finding of marketable scallops in considerable quantity. While fine conditioned commercial (flats) and doughboys were in general found mixed on most of the beds, there was found on others a preponderance of small, to just regulation undersized, commercial scallops. So that those growing scallops might be left alone, it was recommended that the matter of size of scallops brought in be closely watched by the Board's officers, to give the young shellfish opportunity to develop fully.

The report was received.

EGYPT OUT TO GET TOURISTS

Representative Appointed In Australia

Egypt realised that, next to cotton, the tourist trade was her most important industry, said Mr. C. T. Jarman, newly-appointed Australian representative of the Tourist Development Association of Egypt, yesterday. Mr. Jarman, who arrived in the Zealandia, will leave Hobart today for Launceston, and will return to the Mainland on Thursday.

He said that the Egyptian Tourist Development Association was an organisation similar to the Australian National Travel Association, subsidised by the Government, and having as its executive members business men, shipping and tourist agents, railway officers, and others concerned in the tourist industry. He had been in Egypt since the war, during which he served with the 7th Light Horse, and had been connected with the tourist business for 15 years. His headquarters would be in Sydney, and his work would be in an advisory capacity.

In its endeavours to develop its tourist trade, the Egyptian Government last year spent £50,000 in England alone. Of that £10,000 was spent on a tour by British journalists through Egypt, and £30,000 in advertising in British newspapers and periodicals.

Apart from its sentimental associations with Australia because of the troops who served there during the war, Mr. Jarman said, Egypt, Palestine, and the Sudan had much to offer the tourist. Hotel prices had been considerably reduced, and extended tours could be made at rates which, compared with costs a few years ago, were inexpensive. November, December, and January were the best months to visit Egypt, for charges then were even cheaper than at other times of the year.

Death From Snakebite

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