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2XP WILL CHANGE HANDS TO-NIGHT

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SPECIAL PROGRAMME ARRANGED

More than 23 years of service by New Plymouth's amateur radio station and the beginning of a new era of commercial broadcasting will be marked by a special ceremony at station 2XP, New Plymouth, to-night.

The station begun as 2YB on April 27, 1929, with a programme by Taranaki artists and local performers would provide the final programme again to-night, said Mr. E. J. L. Payne, president of the North Taranaki Radio Society.

The selection was a happy one—in 1929, Misses Mary and Elva Crawshaw played a Rachmaninoff prelude as a piano duet—to-night, Mary Crawshaw, now Mrs. McLafferty, would play two numbers.

As Mary Crawshaw, Mrs. McLafferty gained a bursary at New Plymouth and went to London to study. Since then she has played under the baton of Sir Henry Wood in the Queen's Hall, London, and broadcast on B.B.C. and South African stations.

Speakers at to-night's ceremony will be Mr. Algie, Minister of Education, the Mayor, Mr. E. R. C. Gilmour, Mr. L. D. Hickford, Taranaki County Council chairman, Mr. Payne and Mr. P. E. Stainton, representing the North Taranaki Radio Society. Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P. for New Plymouth, recorded a message for the occasion before going overseas as a Parliamentary delegate.

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