

NEW WELFARE CENTRE

On Feb. 3 with fitting ceremony the A. E. W. S. Centre which is situated in "C" Block was declared open. An interesting programme was presented to an audience which strained the Centre's seating accommodation beyond its limits.

An orchestra composed of members of the Camp Band opened the show, which included several novel features. Songs were sung by Sister Clemens and Cpl. Bob Owen. Violin solos by Sgt. E. Craig and trombone and cornet duets by Cpl. and Pte. Clague were well received.

The Drama Club presented two radio plays which set problems for the audience to solve. They were produced by Cpl. Sparrow. This first public appearance of the Drama Club gives promise for the future and those who heard their first presentation will be looking for the Club's next show.

Nobody got a heartier reception than the Maori Waacs who sang a number of songs. They were cheered to the echo. An A. E. W. S. film "Women are Warriors"

was introduced by Sgt. M. Lee.

The Centre was declared open by the Camp Commandant, Lt.-Col. F. K. Turnbull, DSO., M.C., and Capt. Fulton outlined the facilities which were available. The function gave the new Centre a happy start in life.

THE BIG MOMENT

The stage is set, audience awaiting breathlessly, players keyed up to "concert" pitch for the expected masterpiece of the evening. Dreamy music flows from the loudspeaker then slowly fades out.

The announcer commences her introduction followed by roars of laughter from the unseen audience. Nothing happened. What the "Noises man" said cannot be printed, but the colour of the announcer's face (a certain W. A. A. C. S. Sgt) would have shamed a "full grown" beestrong. More music, muttering, and messing about, then on with the next item on the programme. Maintenance of object won out eventually as the Camp Dramatic Club's radio plays were successfully presented towards the end of the programme.