

★ Seddon Tec. early on trek



Most of the technicians who have kept Channel 2 on the air since its first official broadcast on May 18, 1959, were trained at Seddon Memorial Technical College.

Since the college introduced its television classes in 1953, about 300 students — technicians and servicemen — have completed the course, with another 40 studying at present.

Included in the 300 who

have finished the course are nearly 100 who have taken the subject by correspondence.

The college first made its mark on Tv. history in New Zealand when it asked the Government for approval to establish an experimental transmitter in August, 1952.

This request was turned down, but in April of the following year the then Minister of Education, Mr Algie,

accepted on behalf of the college the first set to be installed in a New Zealand school for instruction purposes.

At that time there were 40 students studying Tv. at the college.

Twelve months later the college announced plans to build a Tv. station. And in November, 1955, the college transmitter was "on the air."

Pictures transmitted from

the college were being picked up on a receiver in Karangahape Road.

In July, 1957, the college, along with the Bell Radio and Television Corporation, one night televised experimental films for nearly three hours.

Since then, though not making regular transmissions, the college has trained both Broadcasting Corporation technicians and private servicemen.