

CHRISTMAS IN RADIOLAND

ZB Folk Tell of Their Plans And Wishes

CHRISTMAS," says Uncle Percy of 4ZB, "to all of us, I feel sure, is a tonic! Just thinking about it is a stimulant with only happy reactions. I often fall a-thinking of those long school holidays, when electrical toys and fairy-cycles were unknown to us, but I am sure there were never more fascinating toys than a running brook, a fallen tree, and a reed-fringed pond."

To-day, children no more, most of us still hanker for that fallen tree, and reed-fringed pond.

The questions, "What are you going to do at Christmas time?" and "What do you want for Christmas?" instantly set very pleasant ideas fluttering in one's brain. Circumstances aren't always kind—but Christmas is still a holiday to everyone except to some luckless radio announcers we know, and a few other people.

Thinking that listeners would be interested, we have asked announcers at all ZB stations those two questions, "What are you going to do at Christmas?" and "What do you want for Christmas?" and here are the answers:

Jack Barnao (2ZA): "At Christmas I shall be working between meals"; and, "I should like nothing better than 'Peace on earth—goodwill towards men.'"

John Batten (1ZB): "Spend my time de-white-butterfly-egging my cabbage patch"; and, "Fresh air and plenty of it!"

Len Bates (4ZB): "Morning: Having the time of my life demonstrating (or should I be candid and say confiscating) the children's toys. Family dinner. Afternoon: resting. Evening: Celebrating" and "Anything and everything except bills and tax demands."

Jack Bremner (3ZB): "Sorry, I'm sworn to secrecy!"

"Chio" (3ZB): "Probably keeping 'mike' company" and "To spend the day with my family and friends."

Dave Combridge (3ZB): "I'm going to relax in my own new home," and "A fine day to complete everyone's enjoyment of Christmas."

Arthur Collins (1ZB): "Working, and consoling myself with the hope that I am indispensable to you in helping to make it a happy day for listeners. And 'what about a nice fat fountain pen?'"

Don Donaldson (4ZB): "What a question to ask a radio announcer—working, of course." And "a trip to the Exhibition—nothing like being optimistic."

"Teddy" Grundy (3ZB): "Live in retrospection of past Christmases," and "a copy of Dickens! A pipe and a glass of old ale!"

Grace Green (3ZB): "Spend a day at home, I hope," and "to be surrounded by those I love."

John Gordon (1ZB): "All my favourites, Bing Crosby, Alice Faye and Bobby Breen, playing on radios at once in a small, dim, heavily-draped, per-

Des. Lock (1ZB): "For Christmas I should like, say £1000—a car—and about a month's holiday; not very much to ask, but unfortunately the small things in life are hardest come by. Taking first things last, I am going to spend my Christmas dreaming rose-coloured dreams, and entertaining my adoring public, both of whom will be at home expressly for the purpose of telling me how they are enjoying the holiday."

Geoff. Lloyd (2ZB): "This young man would appreciate a car as a Christmas present," and "to go anywhere the

Uncle Percy (1ZB): "A box of cigars and a readable novel or book of poems while I laze away the days on a beach or in some tree-ferned bush." "But I want to be at home, which is a refuge from headaches, both spiritual and physical—next in my thoughts being the lure of Stewart Island."

Peter Dawson (4ZB): "Work," and "I'd like to spend Christmas on a lonely island in the Pacific. The cool winds wafting to my nostrils the whiff of the Brandy Sauce from the Christmas Pudding—no fans, only my relations in the tree-tops."

Te Ari Pitama (3ZB): "Work," and "no work."

Bob Pollard (3ZB): "Why ask me? I only work around here!" and "a couple petrol coupons, please."

Maurie Power (2ZB): "I'd like a nice clock-work engine for Christmas. I hope you won't get wrong ideas about it. I really like clock-work trains," and "I'd like to go to the 'Islands'—Somes, or Ward Island."

Phil Shone (1ZB): "To spend a holiday in the sun, on the nearest beach I could lay my hands—feet on," and "I would like a pair of swim shorts, so that I could take a dip in the briny."

Lionel Sealts (4ZB): "Work," and "a visit to the family gathering for Christmas dinner."

Bob Spiers (3ZB): "Observe in the modern way the traditional custom of the season—give with a smile," and "a book, a pipe and . . . quiet."

Joan Sutherland (1ZB): "I am going to tune into the Great Power Station of Christmas Cheer and Happiness. May you, too, hear this melody!" and "Peace and goodwill toward all men and the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth."

"Suzanne" (2ZB): "I would like, as a Christmas present, a trip to Honolulu, with just enough money to be able to enjoy it properly."

"Shona" (2ZB): "I'd like a vacation at Wairakei—which has an irresistible appeal for me."

Rod Talbot (1ZB): "My wishes go naturally in the direction of beaches, swims, a little spot of fishing, and a bit of lunch in a bottle," and "as my Christmas presents are usually cigars that I cannot smoke; socks which make me ashamed to pull up my pants; and ties, which, when I am wearing them make me feel as if I ought to grow a beard. I would like, for a change, a gift of something like a two-seater biplane, a 52-foot motor launch, or a new cigarette lighter. Any of them would give me the greatest pleasure."

Ken Waterhouse (3ZB): "A little work—a little play," and "Peace on Earth—Goodwill toward men."

Peter Whitchurch (2ZB): "I would like to be able to go fishing on a yacht, and as to the place, well—anywhere there was plenty of sunshine, fresh air and fish."

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES FROM ALL ZB STATIONS

Take particular note of the programmes scheduled for Christmas Day (Monday, December 25), which are published in this issue.

fumed room," and "has anybody invented a really good beard-cutter yet?"

Joyce Hamer (4ZB): "Spend the day at home eating and sleeping and playing tennis," and "fine weather and plenty of money."

Peter Hutt (2ZB): "I'd like to be able to go out into some wide open space other than the Basin Reserve or the Botanical Gardens," and "I'd like someone to present me with a ten-roomed house, all mod. cons., e.l., h & o, a beautiful view, extensive grounds, a garage, a roof-garden, swimming-pool, and centrally located at 15/- p.w."

"Jill" (5ZB): "Nothing less than a snappy roadster," and "spend a happy day with my home folks"

"Kingi" (2ZB): "I'd like a present of a Banyan tree, or something like it, and somewhere to put it," and "I'd like to sit under it, drink cool orange juice, in lots of sunshine and read an 'Edgar Wallace.' I haven't read before. I think I will."

Doug. Laurenson (1ZB): "Well, I would like a month's leave in a camping spot in Spirits Bay, which is a dead area for broadcasting, and no matter how you try—You cannot receive any radio programmes," and "back to reality—probably I will be listening-in to the announcer who carries on my sessions!"

car would take me, so long as it brought me back."

"Mac" (5ZB): "Whatever it is I haven't a show of doing it—on duty," and "to be taken somewhere nice and quiet where there are no Exhibitions, and no 5ZB's and no nothing—just quiet."

Bernie McConnell (4ZB): "Scheduled for duty," and "what I'd like is usually answered with a couple of twenties of cigarettes, a gift from the wife—so we'll let it go at that."

Alex. McDowell (4ZB): "Good afternoon everyone, you are listening to Radio 4ZB, Dunedin. We are having a really wonderful time, aren't you?!!!" and "I will be pleased to accept cheques as Christmas gifts, but like my girl friend's eyes, they must be crossed."

Jessie McLennan (4ZB): "Spend the day at home, I hope, my first Christmas at home for four years," and "all the books I've been promising myself during the year, and time to read them."

Brian McCawe (4ZB): "Hobson's Choice—working," and "any choice but Hobson's."

"Jacko" (3ZB): "Eat, drink and be merry," and "a cure for what'll all me."

Guy Nixon (1ZB): "That's easy—working! I always do. But in my spare moments I'm going to eat my favourite Christmas dinner, i.e., salad in all its forms, and some bottles of Christmas cheer. Then I will gloat over my Christmas presents and lie in the sun (hypothetical) dressed in dark glasses and sun-tan oil. Then I will go back to work for the rest of Christmas."

Bryan O'Brien (2ZB): "I would like to go to Tonga. I just like the idea of it, because it would be quite a new world for me."

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