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### Sixth Year of 2ZB Quiz Session

**P**ROSPECTIVE sergeants-major, poring over general knowledge papers at Army schools of instruction during the war years, frequently wondered what military significance there was in knowing that the sinking of the Lusitania helped to bring America into the first World War in 1917, or that Luther Burbank gave his name to a plum. It helped little when platoons got inextricably mixed up with one another during company and battalion drill, and even at this late stage it is still difficult to see the point of the tests.

But they did leave behind them a residue of assorted general knowledge—and in that respect they have a parallel in the quiz session, "Give It a Name Jackpots," which is now in its sixth year at 2ZB.

Since this quiz was originated by Ian Mackay, about 4,000 questions have been asked and nearly £1,000 has been paid out in prize money by the sponsors, who provide £156 a year. For the last few years, Maurice Hawken has been quiz-master, so we asked him to tell us something about the session from his side of the microphone.

First he talked about the financial side. The largest single prize won, he explained, was £42; another substantial reward was £26, while one man drew the highest-prized question eight times and won three of them, making £40 in one year out of his erudition.

"What type of person enters the competitions?"

"On the average," said Mr. Hawken, "their age is about 35 and they are generally well-read. They win by a fluke sometimes, of course, but in most cases the contestants can call on a fairly extensive background of knowledge."

#### Country Listeners Like It

"Who are the main followers of the sessions?"

"The main appeal is to country listeners, but competitors come from various parts of New Zealand—Gisborne, Wanganui, Taumarunui, Westport, and so on. Sometimes they write to us, saying they will be in Wellington on a

certain date, and asking if they can join in. Arrangements are then made for them to compete."

"Who sets the questions?"

"I do most of them myself, some from my books at home, and others at the Wellington Public Library—and I must say the library staff are most helpful. A few questions are sent in by listeners."

Good prizes are sometimes missed by a very narrow margin, Mr. Hawken said.



**MAURICE HAWKEN**  
He gets switched off with impunity

Then again, many questions produce complete blanks on the faces of contestants.

"Can you recall one to which nobody knew the answer?"

"Yes, several; but here is one which was worth £39 and yet had no taker: The first Rotary Club was founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, by a lawyer who induced three of his friends to join—a coal-dealer, a sailor, and a mining engineer. Meetings were held in

### ON THE SPOT WITH UNRRA

In view of the recent arrival in Salonika of the CORSO relief team from New Zealand the following eye-witness report from an UNRRA worker on conditions at a Displaced Persons' Camp in that part of Greece is of special interest:

#### SELF-HELP AT SALONIKA

"WE are passing an average of only about 60 to 80 people a week through the Camp now. The movement of foreigners from here to Athens has been stopped for the time being for lack of space in the Athens camps. We are holding about 80 foreigners semi-permanently. It is estimated that there are only about another 6,000 people to come. The camp buildings are becoming enormously improved. Our roof has been repaired, the inside has been re-distempred throughout, window frames and glass have been put in and doors will be following any day. One of our staff has started something of a bed industry, and with refugee labour, lumber from the docks, and old tent material, he has been turning out four or five beds a day, which we are giving to old people, pregnant women, near-hospital cases and others for whom sleeping on the floor is more of a hardship than for most."