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## New ZB Sessions

PLANS for entertainment by the Commercial stations of the NZBS, during the early part of 1948 include the broadcasting of at least two new serials which will start almost immediately, and a new North Pacific wild-life series by the well-known naturalist Crosbie Morrison. He visited Japan recently, and will be heard in some recorded talks about bird-life there. He will also have some interesting stories to tell about Japanese children.



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*The Life of Mary Sothorn*, which has been on the air for the last two years, has come to an end, and the successor to this serial will be a Canadian production, *Miss Trent's Children*. This is the story of a spinster who, out of goodness of heart, took over the guardianship of her brother's three children when their mother died. Miss Trent's experiences in her unaccustomed role will be the first of the new programmes, starting at 12B on Friday, January 9; 2ZB on Wednesday, January 21; 3ZB on Friday, January 30; 4ZB on Monday, February 9, and 2ZA on Monday, March 1. This serial will be heard from the ZB stations thereafter at 2.0 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 2ZA at 8.0 p.m. on the same days of the week.

### Dunedin-Born Actress

Another new serial to begin at each Commercial station at 8.15 p.m. on Monday, January 12, will be an Australian production, *Ralph and Betty*, replacing *Hollywood Holiday*, which will finish at all ZB stations early in the month. *Ralph and Betty* will feature a Dunedin-born actress, Georgie Sterling, who will not spend her time solving other people's problems, finding bodies in suitcases, or tracking down murderers, as some of the other serial heroines have done. Neither will she sit before a log fire and discuss life. Both *Ralph and Betty*, the ZB stations tell us, will be ordinary people who make the most of comedy in human affairs.

Some wives may sympathise with Betty's trials and troubles. And some husbands may see themselves reflected in *Ralph*, while Grandpa could be almost any grandfather always ready with helpful advice and a lending hand. Another character is Postie, one of the insatiably inquisitive type which every family possesses or knows. *Ralph Peterson* plays the part of *Ralph* and others in the cast are Dan Agar, Bert Barton, Ward Leopold, Ethel Gabriel, Reg. Collins, Dick Matthews, and Maiva Drummond. Georgie Sterling has had experience in stage and film work and has appeared in BBC productions with Lawrence Gilliam. For a time she was assistant stage-manager at the Minerva Theatre, Sydney. *Ralph and Betty* will be heard from all the Commercial stations on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

### Wild Life in Japan

Whether Crosbie Morrison, the Australian naturalist, is discussing the humpbacked whale or the bush-wren, his talks are of the kind that make children drop their toys, and parents give ear. Morrison, first and foremost,

is a scientist, but one of a comparatively rare type who can put what he wants to say in the simplest words and make his observations intensely interesting. He holds important educational posts. In 1925 he helped in research on the Great Barrier for the Royal Australian Navy, and was naturalist for the first McKay Aerial Survey Expedition to South Australia in 1930. But he is best known to New Zealanders for his radio talks on wild life.

In his next *Wild Life* series from the ZB stations, Morrison will give his "Japanese Impressions." This session will be heard weekly, starting at 4ZB on Thursday, January 15, at 6.15 p.m., and at 2ZA on Thursday, February 5. Other Commercial stations will broadcast the session at dates to be announced later. Further Japanese impressions will be contained in his Junior Naturalists' Club broadcast, sub-titled "Birds in Japan," which will be heard from 4ZB on Tuesday, January 20, 1ZB on Tuesday, February 3, and 2ZB on Tuesday, February 17. Stations 2ZA and 3ZB have already broadcast this programme. Crosbie Morrison will also talk about Japanese children in recordings from 3ZB on Tuesday, January 13, 2ZA on Tuesday, February 3, and 4ZB on Tuesday, February 17. In each case the broadcasting time will be 6.15 p.m. Dates for 1ZB and 2ZB will be announced later.

### Holiday Sporting Round-up

THE holiday sporting round-up from 2YA which was heard on Boxing Day will be repeated on Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2. This round-up, which proved such a great success with listeners last year, will start at 2.0 p.m. each afternoon, and as a result of National and Australian link-ups listeners to 2YA will be able to hear, without tuning in to any other station, on-the-spot accounts of each of the main sporting events taking place. The time will be divided between commentaries on the Wellington v. Canterbury Plunket Shield match (from Christchurch), the Auckland v. Otago match (from Dunedin), the Third Test, India v. Australia (from Melbourne), and the principal events from the race meetings at Auckland and Christchurch.

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