

days at 7.15 p.m., starting at 1ZB on January 10, 2ZB on January 24, 3ZB on February 7, and 4ZB on February 21.

THE world is always ready to laugh at a good practical joke, particularly when it is directed at someone suffering from false pride. In a new Wednesday evening programme from the ZB stations, *The World Laughed*, Kenneth Melvin will narrate the stories of some impudent hoaxes. The programme will start at 1ZB on January 5, 2ZB on January 19, 3ZB on February 2, and 4ZB on February 16.

DOUGLAS CRESSWELL, who in a series of 26 talks over the Commercial stations has told the history of John and Betty Guard, pioneers of the Tory Channel district, from 1815-1831, will start a new series of Sunday afternoon talks on December 26. This new session (of 13 talks) will be called *Te Rauparaha and Cook Strait*. It will open at the time of the young Maori chief's activities at Kawhia in 1820 and trace his southern marches till in 1822 or thereabouts he captured Kapiti Island and set up his headquarters there. It is at Kapiti Island that listeners will again meet John Guard. For various reasons, unfolded as the story progresses, the author places John Guard's headquarters on Kapiti Island and he tells how John and Te Rauparaha became friendly. The listener will then accompany the Maori chief on his South Island campaigns, over a period of three years, following which the tale moves again to the Guards' home at Port Underwood. *Te Rauparaha and Cook Strait* will start at 3ZB on Sunday, December 26.

PENELOPE, a new romantic programme from all the Commercial stations, has for its central character a man whose doctor has given him two years to live. Then Penelope Brown comes on the scene and dedicates herself to making his last years happier. He decided to make the most of them by trying to see the good in other people. *Penelope*, which will be heard on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 9.0 p.m., will start at 1ZB on Christmas Day, 2ZB on Thursday, January 6; 3ZB on Saturday, January 15; 4ZB on Saturday, January 29, and 2ZA on Thursday, February 10.

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