

of age and over—will be on the air at noon. The girls of Te Waipounamu Girls' College will give greetings in song at 1.45 p.m. A *Christmas Ramble on Banks Peninsula*, compiled by Airini Grennell, at 4.0 p.m., will deal with Maori history in that district. At 8.15 p.m. there will be a résumé of 3ZB's campaign, in association with the Christchurch Rotary Club, for food parcels for Britain.

#### DUNEDIN

A SPECIAL request session for hospital patients will be broadcast at 8.0 a.m., and at 10.30 a.m., there will be a programme by the Dunedin Salvation Army Band. With Dunedin's Centennial Year coming to a close, the Mayors of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch will send congratulations and good wishes for the future to Sir Donald Cameron, Mayor of Dunedin, at noon. Ten minutes later the station will broadcast *Carols by Candlelight*, recorded at midnight on Christmas Eve, when the sisters and nurses of the Dunedin Public Hospital go through the wards carol-singing. A programme of legends

and customs of other countries, under the title *The Story of Christmastide*, will be heard at 4.0 p.m. It was written by Anthony Scott Beach and the featured players will be Therese Desmond, Lloyd Lamble and Lionel Dunn. *Santa Claus Visits the Children's Wards*—a delayed broadcast—will be presented at 4.45 p.m.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH

AT 8.0 a.m. a boy and a girl will talk about the average child's attitude towards Santa Claus, and half-an-hour later the Milson Women's Institute Choir will supply a programme of carols. At 9.30 a.m. there will be a relay from the Palmerston North Hospital while nurses visit the wards and sing carols. Excerpts from *Messiah* will be heard at 11.0 a.m., and at 6.30 p.m. *Christmas in Other Climes* will be presented by members of the 2ZA staff who have at one time or another spent Christmas in Canada, Japan, Singapore, England and Australia.

After the feature programmes all stations will broadcast Christmas party music till closing down time.

## From National Stations

CHRISTMAS to-day is inseparable from a host of special radio features—carol-singing, the presentation of traditional musical works, and plays—and the main National stations and auxiliaries have planned a wide variety of sessions in recognition of the festival. The main items are detailed in the following summary:

### Christmas Eve

#### AUCKLAND

A *CAROL Symphony*, by Hely Hutchinson, played by the London Radio Orchestra, will be heard at 7.30 p.m., and at 7.59 p.m. the BBC Theatre Chorus and Orchestra, with Marjorie Thomas (contralto), Elsie Suddaby (soprano), and Trevor Anthony (bass) will present *Bethlehem*, a choral drama by Rutland Boughton. This is a folk-opera, telling the story of the Nativity. At 9.30 p.m. listeners will hear a relay of the Ceremony of Candle-Lighting,

from Myers Park, Auckland. Midnight Mass will be relayed from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

#### WELLINGTON

CHRISTMAS *Carols from All Countries*, a recorded programme, will be presented by Robert Shaw and his Victor Chorus at 7.30 p.m., *Kings of Judea*, the first play in a new production of the Dorothy Sayers's drama *The Man Born to be King* (see page 9) will be heard at 8.0 p.m., and subsequently. *Carols by*

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FROM this pleasantly sheltered corner of the Napier Botanical Gardens, 2YZ will broadcast its "Carols by Candlelight" session at 10.0 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The combined choirs of Napier and Hastings will take part, assisted by the Napier Citizens' Band

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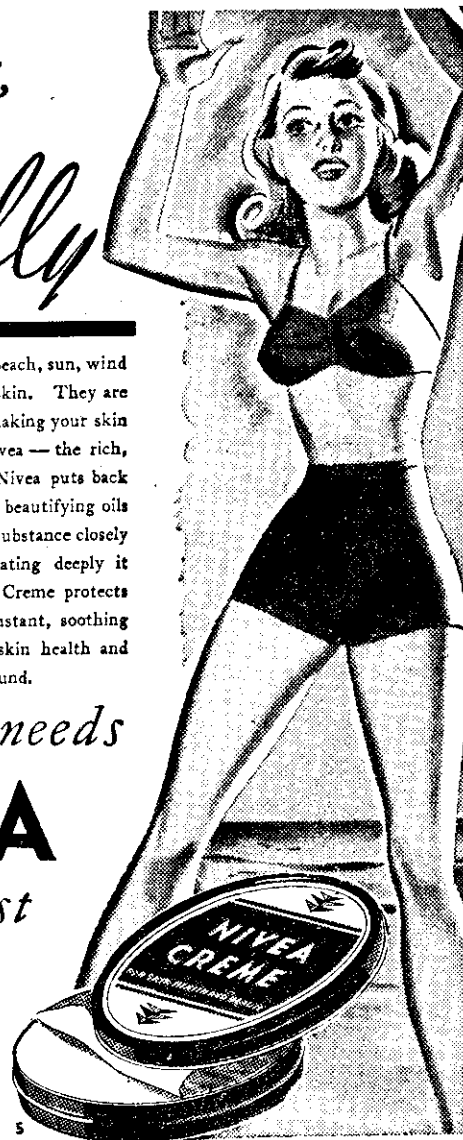
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