

FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

Busy Times at "Chiv's" 3ZB Club

SOON after 3ZB came on the air, a Radio Stamp Club was started under the direction of Edgar Chivers, a member of several philatelic societies and of the Air Mail Society of New Zealand. The Club was designed to give talks, hints and help to young stamp collectors and they were not slow to make use of it. Anything up to 100 letters a week have been answered, dealing with all sorts of problems in regard to stamps. "Where do these stamps go in my album?" has perhaps been the most common inquiry, but some letters have required a good deal of research in order to answer them fully, for children have not been the only ones to make use of the 3ZB Stamp Club. One instance was a letter from a North Island listener who sent in an early Austrian newspaper stamp with a series of questions. When and where was it issued? Who engraved it? By whom was it printed? How many were issued?

It took three pages of close typing to give all the information, but the inquirer was satisfied.

While 3ZB has made the Stamp Club as wide as possible in its application, the station has paid special attention to catering for crippled children in hospitals and those in fresh air homes, and so on. A group was formed among the children in the infantile paralysis ward



"CHIV" (Edgar A. Chivers)

of the Christchurch Hospital and weekly visits were made there to help the youngsters. Some little time ago, most of them were sent to their homes spread all over Canterbury and the West Coast.

However, they have not been forgotten, and 3ZB has been having a busy time tracing their home addresses with the idea of sending each a special packet of stamps for a Christmas present.

That brings a thought—perhaps some readers may have unwanted stamps such as children would be glad to have, and "Stamp Man," 3ZB, would be glad to direct them to appreciative channels.

Prime Minister's Xmas Message To Children

HERE is the text of the Prime Minister's special greetings to the children, which was broadcast over the ZB network on Christmas morning.

"Good morning, Girls and Boys! It is a great pleasure to me, as your friend, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Most of you know that this is the last Christmas in the first hundred years of the history of New Zealand as part of the British Empire and that the coming year will be the beginning of a second century for this young nation.

"This means a wonderful time for the young people of New Zealand. It also means the start of greater national effort in this beautiful land. The world 'national' includes girls and boys. You also must do your best to grow up as wise men and women enjoying health, useful work, and willingness to serve your Homeland as good citizens.

"The surest way to success is to be fond of your parents and brothers and sisters, to be kind to everybody, and to look upon your

teachers in school and church as helpful friends.

"Life is always pleasant to those who help those around them — love thy neighbour as thyself. Honesty and fairness are among the best things in the world. As Prime Minister, I ask you all to play the game.

"This is the time for happiness. I have had a look at the places where Santa Claus gets his gifts for children. I saw beautiful books and wonderful toys. What a great chance there is to make children happy!

"I have also seen the New Zealand Exhibition in Wellington. It is a wonderland. I hope Father Christmas will help you all to see it. To-day in many homes in cities and towns and in cottages by the sea, thousands of children will enjoy a very merry Christmas. Let them join with me in hoping that the little ones in hospitals and other homes will also have a delightful time with their kind friends. I ask you to accept my good wishes and my promise to do my best to help every one of you. God bless you all."

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A Colourful Treat

News Of The Exhibition Studio

ENTERTAINMENT at 5ZB, the Exhibition Station, keeps up its bright and original standard. News, views and notes of the Exhibition round are broadcast daily, for it is 5ZB's aim and object to bring the Exhibition to those who, like Mahomet and the mountain, cannot go to the Exhibition.

There is plenty of variety in the broadcasts. To begin with—Radio Tours. These delightful day by day visits to the different Pavilions and Exhibits continue to provide good listening. "Jill," of course, is now at 3ZB, but the teamwork of "Mac" and "Jill" on these Tours has been the subject of much favourable comment. They certainly got a lot of fun out of their visits and succeeded in conveying the spirit of the Exhibition to listeners. "Mac" now conducts the tours alone at 9 p.m. each evening.

At the Canadian Court, "Mac" more than met his match! His 15 stone and 6ft. 6ins. faded into insignificance beside a Samoan Samson who tips the scale at 25 stone! The Women's Court was "Jill's" natural province. She proved herself an expert in the handling of the various exhibits. Her description

of the 1840-1940 Pioneer Rooms in particular was most interesting and vivid.

Studio presentations from 5ZB are also proving most successful—but everybody is sorry to lose "Jill" and her Saturday programmes, which were always very popular.

Among the artists heard in these presentations are Eric Bell, Bryan O'Brien, Ron Lavin, Misses Kindred, Hall, and Lady Gay from 2ZB, and the local combination of Savonia Swingsters.

On Monday, December 18, "Jill's" farewell took place. Her popularity was proved by the presence of so many friends. Among those present were Mr. Hainsworth, General Manager of the Exhibition and Mrs. Hainsworth, Messrs. Wilcox and Meadmore, Managers of the Australian and the British Pavilions respectively, and Mr. Charles Todd, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Exhibition.

In addition to 5ZB, there is, of course, the ZB Lounge among the General Exhibits, which is very popular with tired sightseers, since it is so cool and restful. The voice recording, held every Saturday evening at 8.30, is still attracting large crowds.