

# Meet the LADIES



Jessie McLennan, of 4ZB, was born in Dunedin. She attended Archerfield School for 11 years, and afterwards went to Otago University. Going to Australia for a three months' holiday, she stayed there for three years! After a short holiday in Sydney she was successful in getting a position with Station 4BC Brisbane as announcer and later joined the "Radio Players" at that station. She has been featured in many serials and plays, including "East Lynne," "Mata Hari," and "Queen Victoria." Returning to New Zealand in July last, she was appointed as announcer for the Home Service Session at 3ZB, and at the end of October was transferred to 4ZB Dunedin as the Shopping Reporter. She is on the air daily at 11.30 a.m.

(Next week: "Suzette" of 2ZA.)

## Baby Contest

"Tank you bery much!" That was the greeting that listeners heard as little Miss Nash received her cup as winner in one of the sections of the Centennial Baby Contest, recently completed from 2ZA. The contest resulted in £146/19/6 being handed to the Plunket Society of Palmerston North.

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# WELLINGTON UNDER WATER

## 2ZB's Broadcast Description of Flood

**W**HEN Wellington awoke on the morning of Wednesday, December 27, the general comment was "It's been raining." It certainly had! Many people who had retired on Tuesday evening early, were blissfully unaware of the fact that the heavens had opened with a vengeance until they put up their blinds the next morning. Never has Wellington had a wetter month, and rarely, if ever, has there been a greater rainfall than recorded between the hours of 4 p.m. on Tuesday and 8 p.m. Wednesday. During that time some 5½ inches fell.

Scots College about the time when the more serious side of the flood was beginning to abate.

The broadcast from the camping ground was picked up from the short wave transmitter by 2ZB, and re-broadcast. "Mac's" description of the flooded ground, the campers' difficulties, and the efforts of many kindly neighbours to relieve their distress, was clearly heard over a wide area.

During the earlier part of the evening, many of the unfortunate people who were caught in the deluge, took



FROM the top of 2ZB's outside broadcast truck, "Mac" surveys the situation—a very damp one, indeed! He didn't know it then, but the truck itself was bogged

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, the occupants of the motor camp in the grounds of Scots College, Miramar, had to vacate their tents in a hurry. The water was rising rapidly, until by nine o'clock in the morning, there was over three feet of water covering the ground. The position became uncomfortable, and then serious. Camping gear, tents, sleeping bags and many blankets were impossibly soaked. In the middle of their holiday, people had to prepare to abandon camp.

This was the situation which faced the party of investigators from 2ZB when in answer to a call, they went to inspect the flood damage. It so happened that 2ZB was able to bring into commission, the short wave transmitter which the Commercial Broadcasting Service uses in conjunction with 5ZB, the Exhibition Station, and as a consequence, "Mac" was able to give a running commentary on the position at

shelter in the building of the Miramar auxiliary telephone exchange and were very glad of the haven it provided.

One of the sights which "Mac" said, was frequent in the grounds of the college, was that of shivering and irate campers, making their tedious way from the discomfort of an inundated tent to the comparative dry land of the playing area's banks, with load after load of sopping gear retrieved from somewhere under the flood waters. In the earlier part of the day, many messages were broadcast from 2ZB calling for assistance for those who had been caught, and the response was immediate. Many a wet and wearied camper was thankful for assistance given by 2ZB and other willing helpers.

But the disconcerted campers had their laugh, because the 2ZB Outside Broadcast Van got well and truly bogged and a lorry had to be requisitioned to get it out.

## BRYAN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO BOYS AND GIRLS

**B**RYAN says:—"This is the time to think about good resolutions." Good resolutions are so frequently broken by us all that some of us are apt to say "Well, why bother about making them?" Nevertheless I think it is important that we should continue to make them as long as we do not aim too high. Far better to set a standard that we know we have a reasonable chance of attaining. When I was asked what my new year resolution was going to be I said that I was resolving to keep my usual New Year resolution just one day longer. And I think that's as good a New Year resolution as I can think of.

"Good news for the New Year. 2ZB is organising a boys' mouth organ band, and is hoping, as a result of the enthusiasm already displayed, that it will be one of the best mouth organ bands in the country. Mouth organ band broadcasts are always extremely popular. You will all remember the most enjoyable broadcasts given by the Eastbourne boys, and by the boys of Tawa Flat. If these smaller places can provide so much talent, then 2ZB should be able to do as well in selecting a band from the many hundreds of boys who play the mouth organ in the city."

Bryan, Lady Gay, Ariki-Toa, Captain Jack, the Pioneer, the Museum Man, and the Birdman all send their best wishes for a very happy and successful New Year.

## YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

### Broadcast From 2ZA

**T**HE Young Farmers' Club, which has been broadcasting from 2ZA on Tuesday nights at 8.45 for the past 12 months, put on a special half-hour session for Christmas and New Year, consisting of talent from the Young Farmers' Clubs in and around Palmerston North.

The show was compered by Mr. Sherwood, who is one of the active members of the Young Farmers' Club movement. The microphone was taken over to a woolshed, where the "boys" were having a little party in celebration of the festive season. Piano accordion solos, vocal duets and quartets and solos, with some bright commentary made the session a highlight of the evening's programme.

For the New Year's programme the Station Director invited the "boys" back to the studio to be the guests of the Station. The whole party went well until someone put on a sound effect of a cow mooring and a dog barking, whereupon one young farmer remarked that it sounded too much like "Home Sweet Home" to him! This broke up the party; but not before they had sung "Auld Lang Syne," wished each other well, and decided that broadcasting was not such a bad business after all.