



NEWS FROM THE ZB STATIONS

A NOVEL feature introduced recently into 3ZB's Home Service Session was a film relay. Through the courtesy of a local theatre, 3ZB was able to include in "Jill's" session a complete musical feature which, because of its novel presentation and colourful moods, won instant approval of listeners to the session. "Jill's" description of the scenes accompanying the music on the film added greatly to the feminine appeal.

The Compleat Wangler

In the old days we used to be able to pick out a policeman by his boots, a circus ring master by his mustachios, and a sailor by his language. Nowadays people seem to know a radio personality when they see one. When Bill Illingworth, 1ZB's Chief Engineer, was on holiday with his family in the Bay of Islands, he was asked to lay aside his fishing lines for the moment, and assist in lining-up arrangements for the short-wave broadcast on relay from the Waitangi Centennial Celebrations. After that, so our correspondent tells us, Mr. Illingworth was given furiously to think about some way of catching fish by short-wave — any way, in fact, rather than sitting in a boat, putting on bait, losing it, putting it on again, losing it . . . (must we go on and tell you anything more about Mr. Illingworth's fishing, or shall we simply conclude by saying that, as a fisherman, Mr. Illingworth is a very good radio engineer?).

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Jerry wants to know can anyone supply him with the answer to this question . . . "Why does a horse float when it carries other horses to the racecourse?"

Gone With the Wind

Then there's the sad story about 1ZB's office boy and Dudley Wrathall, sometimes Dumb Dud (and very humorous), and the efficient programme organiser at 1ZB. Mr. Wrathall mislaid some important radio scripts, and found the office boy had destroyed them. Mr. Wrathall gave vent to the first part of his surname, and the office boy departed speedily. "I suppose he's gone with the wind," said



GUY NIXON, popular 1ZB announcer, as caricatured by Garmonsway

John Gordon, after the rumpus. "Oh, no," said the Station humorist, rapidly coming back to his old form, "Gone with the wind up!"

No Snow, Roof Flat

When George Vryer, 1ZB's much travelled, deep-voiced announcer, was showing us some snaps of his former home in Java

the other day, we asked why his house had such a flat roof. We were taken aback when Mr. Vryer stated: "Because there is no snow in Java." However, he elucidated by explaining an architectural peculiarity he had noticed in his travels. "In Holland where I was born, as in all countries where snow falls," said Mr. Vryer, "the houses have huge sloping roofs, so that the snow cannot settle for long on the roof and make everything wet. In Java there is no snow!"

Budding Musicians

That interest in the Christchurch Musical Army (some 650 strong), has been maintained throughout the holiday period, was clearly demonstrated when the opportunity was given to the members to be the guests of 3ZB and the management of a local theatre at a screening of the film "They Shall Have Music." The crowd of eager youngsters made an imposing sight as they paraded in their hundreds through the streets of Christchurch to the theatre, where they were met by Jacko of 3ZB and the manager of the theatre. From questions at the conclusion of the picture as to their impressions, it was evident that the playing of the great Heifetz had made a profound impression on more than one budding artist in the musical army.

Meeting Them With "Jill"

We just do not know whom "Jill" may introduce to us in the 3ZB Home Service Session at 2.30 p.m. Recently we have had the pleasure of hearing Shirley

Ann Richards, the charming young Australian at present playing in "Charley's Aunt." We were also given the opportunity to hear three of the cast from the play of "The Women," Miss Leal Douglas, Miss Althea Siddons (we heard Miss Siddons and "Jill" renewing old acquaintances—it appears they recorded together at Columbia Studios, Sydney), and Miss Mary Duncan who, by the way, stage-managed "The Women." Previously, we have been listening to little chats about the Exhibition. These have proved extremely popular—so much so that "Jill" has promised to visit various clubs, etc., and tell those folk, such as the crippled and sick, who are unable to visit the Exhibition a little more about it.

Poetess Wins a Pedigree

A first-prize winner in 1ZB's popular Pedigree Stakes Competition recently was Gloria Rawlinson, well-known New Zealand poetess. It seems as though Miss Rawlinson's lighter-sided hobby is going to be horse-racing. Anyway, her prize-winning pedigree was "Echelon by Gallant Youth out of Maoriland."

Scottish Session

Dunedin is famous as a stronghold of people of Scottish descent, and 4ZB caters for these people in many ways including a special session every Sunday night at 9.45. The session is conducted by W. W. McArthur whose friendly Scots voice makes many a listener from the Land of the Heather feel just a little homesick. Mr. McArthur has many tales to tell and many experiences to relate. He illustrates his weekly chats with Scottish music that stirs the blood of even the most matter-of-fact person. 4ZB's special session has certainly won a wide circle of friends.

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