

3ZB'S NOVEL RELAY

Special Performance of "Up in Mabel's Room"

"SOMETHING new, something new"—a constant cry from the ZB Stations, and one that was answered by 3ZB recently by something that was both new and also very successful. The occasion was when the management of the "Charley's Aunt" Company, together with Don Nicol and associates, and 3ZB and the Surf Life Saving Association, all got their heads together. Result: A special Sunday night performance of "Up In Mabel's Room."

Listeners flocked in hundreds to book their seats, and the curtain rose to a packed house. A special feature was the excellent response from the audience—this being remarked upon by all the cast.

Just as the curtain rose on the second act, 3ZB crossed to the Theatre Royal to embark upon a broadcast which, to say the least, was rather difficult. The play depended as much upon comical situations as witty dialogue, and

was not an easy subject for broadcasting.

Bob Pollard with Mary Duncan (from the cast), had a mike waiting in the scene-dock, and they gave a brief resumé of the first act, together with the cast, then a cross was made to the stage, where two more microphones were hanging in strategic positions. Meanwhile, Bob climbed up a ladder to a platform high above the players, and from that vantage point "covered" each of the many breaks in dialogue where situations tense or humorous (mostly the latter), occurred.

Thus the listeners at home were able to enjoy the production "Up In Mabel's Room" almost equally with those in the theatre itself. Telephones rang at the studio, and the mail during the week following proved that 3ZB listeners were not slow to express their appreciation for what, to the staff, was just another job of work successfully accomplished.

SWIMMERS ENTERTAIN FROM 4ZB

Centennial Event at Dunedin

DUNEDIN recently had the honour of staging the Intermediate and Junior Swimming Championships, the only Centennial sporting fixture that will be held in the South this year, and the Otago Swimming Centre rose to the occasion in magnificent style. The fixture was a huge success, and, as usual, 4ZB was to the fore.

First of all, a studio welcome was given to the Bay of Plenty team, then the joint holders with Otago of the War Memorial Shield.

Bernie McConnell did the honours, and after suitable replies from A. F. Moncur, M.P. for Rotorua, manager of the team, and W. A. Jenkins, president of the Otago Swimming Centre, a short but enjoyable programme was presented by some of the swimmers.

Miss Joy McDonald, the representative from South Auckland, sang "A Heart That Is Free," proving she could get on to high notes with the same ease as she displays on the high board.

Martin Loffley and Ben Morrison, Maori swimming stars of the Bay of Plenty team, proved themselves entertaining vocalists also. Incidentally, these talented lads, with the assistance of Airini of 4ZB, were responsible for an interesting "Maori Cameo" presented one night in the Children's Session.

Although the Bay of Plenty team did not regain the War Memorial Shield, they certainly gained many friends in Dunedin, both through their efforts in the baths and over the air.

TRIP TO EXHIBITION 1ZB Happiness Club's Plans

Members of the 1ZB Happiness Club are all agog about plans for the forthcoming excursion to the Centennial Exhibition. The club has been fortunate in obtaining concessions which will considerably reduce the actual cost of the trip. Many members are at the moment particularly excited about getting new clothes, putting their houses in order, and fixing up father while they are away. No doubt every member of the Happiness Club would like to go if she could. It is possible that a special train will be chartered for the trip. Arrangements are in hand for a big broadcast welcome to the visitors when they arrive in Wellington, and many Wellington women are eagerly looking forward to the part they will play in the general circle of happiness, when they billet and entertain the visitors to their city.

CHRISTCHURCH WELCOME CLUB

Talent Among the Troops at Burnham

WITH the Second Echelon now in Burnham Camp, the Christchurch Welcome Club recommenced its activities in January, and 3ZB was once more on the job. A feature of the entertainments for the First Echelon was the exceptionally high standard of performances by the troops themselves, who were at all times ready to entertain. Judging from their recent efforts, the present trainees are in no way lacking in entertaining ability.

Items by the troops included whistling solos, piano accordion items, and items from many excellent singers. A specialty number introduced, probably for the first time in Christchurch, was the "Jitterbug" Competition, which provoked wild enthusiasm. By a process of elimination the winners were selected and agreed to give an exhibition number.

Incidentally, the whistler proved his versatility by winning the "Jitterbug" competition. The Welcome Club has been fortunate in securing the services of the band which entertained the boys of the First Echelon, and of course "Jacko" puts his usual enthusiasm into the exacting job of "master of ceremonies." All in all, first class entertainment was provided for the troops, as well as good listening for 3ZB's radio audience.

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