



# NEWS FROM THE ZB STATIONS

**S**TATION 2ZB's popular Hutt Valley Session is conducted every Friday at 12 o'clock. This half-hour embraces news interesting to Hutt dwellers, history of its development, which is most suitable in this, our Centennial year; advertisers, a special continuity, and a musical programme in keeping. There are many thousands of 2ZB listeners in the Hutt Valley, who are delighted to hear their own special programme.

## Three Minute Mysteries

Budding Sherlock Holmeses rack their brains when 2ZB broadcasts "Three Minute Mysteries." This popular series is broadcast every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening. Each mystery is complete within itself. Then, while listeners rack their brains over the mystery, two recordings are played in order to give them time to solve it. At the end of the session the solution is given.

## Bath Opened

Station 1ZB was again to the fore when the Minister for Internal Affairs, the Hon. W. E. Parry, officially opened the new Olympic Swimming Pool at Newmarket in the presence of 3,000 people. The bath is the longest of its kind in New Zealand. 1ZB's sports announcer, Bill Meredith, was there to give a breezy commentary on the sporting events, which included an exhibition of diving from the 32ft. tower by several New Zealand champions.

## Blind Boy's Versatility

Although only 16 years of age, Julian Lee's brilliant versatility has amazed radio audiences at 4ZB. The mighty Christie Organ at the Empire has responded to his magic touch. At the Blind Institute he is a player of the trombone in the Institute Band; his speed on the typewriter and the Braille machines is amazing, and his powers as an accompanist have been well tested during his stay in Dunedin; for, from "Peter's" vast repertoire of classical and folk songs, nothing has beaten Julian. From all over the country, letters of appreciation have arrived at 4ZB. His popularity was again shown when over 300 "fans" gathered on the Dunedin Railway Station to bid Julian "Farewell" and "Good Luck" on his journey back to Auckland, where he will conclude his studies

at the Blind Institute there. He has every hope of passing his matriculation this year, when he will return to settle in Dunedin, where his parents reside.

## Relay From Art Exhibition

Dunedin was chosen as the first centre in the Dominion for the Centennial Exhibition of Art. Through the collaboration of 4ZB, listeners were able to hear from Dr. McIntock and Lionel Sceats how the collection and transport of the many pictures was arranged, and were also given a very interesting account of many of the outstanding works of art in the Exhibition. The first relay dealt with various technical aspects of the hanging of pictures, etc. The following afternoon, Dr. McIntock was interviewed by "Joyce."

## Engineer's Exploit

The 3ZB engineers found their time fully occupied one day recently. A two-hour relay was put through 3ZB and 4ZB from Burnham Military Camp.



The Hon. W. E. Parry opening the new Olympic Swimming Pool at Newmarket, Auckland. The proceedings were broadcast by 1ZB

Also on the schedule was a commercial relay through the same network, and this occurred half-way through the relay from the Camp. However, the changes were done without a hitch.

## Piano Requests

Eric Bell's Piano Request Session at 2ZB on Wednesday mornings is welcomed by music lovers. Mr. Bell is 2ZB's Programme Organiser, and is one of the finest pianists in New Zealand. Those listeners wishing to hear favourite music have only to send in the names of the compositions to Eric Bell and they will know that they will have the pleasure of hearing them rendered by an expert.

## "Charley's Aunt" Again

Continuing their Dominion tour, the "Charley's Aunt" Company broadcast from 2ZB's microphone. Don Nicol, a comedian well known in Australia and New Zealand, gave an amusing little interlude — demonstrating his skill and versatility. Among those in the studio who spoke were Mary Duncan, Shirley Anne Richards, and John Fleeting — all well-known figures in the stage world. "Tony" in her Home Service Session, interviewed Shirley Ann Richards, who is well known as a young Australian film star. She likes stage work really more than films, and confesses to a love of New Zealand. Her mother is a New Zealander, so perhaps that explains it. Shirley Anne Richards appeared with Cecil Kellaway in the film "It Isn't Done."

## Explorer's Life

Station 2ZB's sailor announcer, Peter Whitchurch, presented a splendid session recently — the life of Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer. Dramatically told, with the effective use of music, it was highly interesting, and other sessions on the same lines are contemplated.

## Transfer

S. Asquith, formerly advertising manager of 2ZB, Wellington, has been transferred to Auckland, where he will occupy the position of advertising manager at 1ZB. Mr. Asquith replaces Mr. Kearney, who left the Commercial Broadcasting Service to don a uniform.

## Cavalcade of Drama

New programmes in the "Cavalcade of Drama" series, which is heard from the ZB stations on Sunday nights at 9 p.m., will begin at each station on Sunday, March 10, when the following plays will be broadcast:

- 1ZB: Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- 2ZB: Marie Antoinette
- 3ZB: The Mighty Barnum
- 4ZB: The Life of Stephen Foster
- 2ZA: Her Britannic Majesty, Victoria Regina

## Chuckles With Jerry

*Jerry: I've been doing a bit of recruiting too. I came home from a party the other night and met the milko . . .*

*Dud: Must have been some party.*

*Jerry: Believe me, it was a wopkaker — but that's beside the point. As I was saying, I met the milko and after passing the time of day, I worked the conversation round to the war.*

*Dud: And what did you finally say?*

*Jerry: I said — Wouldn't you like to serve the King?*

*Dud: And what did the milko reply to that, Jerry?*

*Jerry: He said — Yes, but I can only let him have a pint a day!*

## Skating Stars

Mrs. Muriel Lewis, who conducts the "Women's Forum," at 2ZB every Tuesday and Thursday, usually has with her, as the "Forum's" guest, some famous or much travelled person, and she has had some very interesting talks with such visitors during the sessions. Recently, Mrs. Lewis brought along to the studio Megan Taylor, the world's skating champion. With her was her father, Phil Taylor, who has also held world-skating titles. They are the principals in the ice ballet show, "Switzerland." Mr. Taylor related some interesting facts about the care and training which have made Megan Taylor one of the world's best skaters.

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