



NEWS FROM THE ZB STATIONS

WITH the theme song "Muckin' About the Garden" at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesdays, listeners to 2ZA get all the information that is necessary for the successful plotting of a plot of garden. A gardening expert handles questions, and deals with anything from a question about smutty specks on lemons from a citrus grower in Wanganui to a question on "Why do worms eat pumpkins?" from "Disgusted" at Levin. Both the flower and the vegetable garden are treated to their share of discussion.

Shattering

Scientists have told us that it is possible to evolve sounds far above the normal pitch of the human ear which could kill people if harnessed properly. The concussion of gunfire does extraordinary things with air pressure, but has anybody heard a voice so deep that it shatters glass? This characteristic is said to be possessed by George Vyrer, announcer at 1ZB, whose deep voice is heard on the air most afternoons. So watch your crystalware, listeners!

Chuckles with Jerry

Jerry: Of course, there's no truth in the statements that the Germans are starving—Hitliar gives them plenty of speeches and scream.

Jerry: They have plenty of cheese and coffee too — the cheese is pretty strong, in fact, it's so strong that it walks over to the coffee to say good morning — but the coffee is too weak to answer back.

Funds for Seamen

An entertainment given recently in the Wellington Hall to aid the funds of the Seamen's Institute included in the programme members of 2ZB's Concert Party. Eric Bell, well-known for his pianoforte solos over 2ZB, gave several items, while solos and a duet by Ella Thompson (known to listeners as Annette), and Leslie Hall were much appreciated.

4ZB Cricket Team

About a month ago 4ZB's cricket eleven met inglorious defeat at the hands

of the Labour Department, but they set their teeth and determined to put up a better display next time. In their last match they did nearly twice as well, getting a total of 72 against their opponents' 120. Outstanding among the ZB players were Bruce Macdonald of the programme department, and Tuppy Pearce, junior technician. Bruce knocked up 25 runs in quick time, and Tuppy looked set for a century, but couldn't restrain himself after making 24. Lionel Sceats, production supervisor, took a long time to make 10 runs. On the bowling side, Bruce Macdonald took 3 for 18 and the station director, Merton Bullivant, took one wicket for 12 after bowling with bad luck. Lionel Sceats took 3 for 11.

Holiday Spirit

Members of 2ZB's Announcing Staff seem to have the holiday germ lately. Jeff Lloyd has returned from weeks' leave, Shona is enjoying the delights of Auckland for a few weeks, Kingi Tahiwai is on leave, and Bryan O'Brien is making plans for his annual holiday.

2ZA's Cricket Relay

Station 2ZA hit the front page of the sports news again, this time with a relay from the sports ground, Palmerston North, of the Hawke Cup cricket match, between Manawatu, holders, and Wanganui, challengers. This was the first time that a cricket relay had been done in Palmerston North, and the first time that any of the commercial stations had given a ball for ball description of cricket. The commentary was handled by Roy Brace, the energetic secretary of the Manawatu Cricket Association, who, besides his secretarial duties, is a keen player himself. His knowledge of the game and the players enabled him to fill in the gaps between overs with some snappy anecdotes of past and present cricket days.

4ZB Staff Picnic

Most of the staff of 4ZB spent an enjoyable day at Brighton on the occasion of the annual picnic. The day was gloriously fine, and the many events were run off without a hitch. Probably the most interesting feature of the day was a cricket match in which the men played left-handed against the girls. Under-arm bowling was also compulsory. It was really an eye-opener to see the



FUN FOR THE KIDDIES: Lionel Sceats and Bernie McConnell (in costume) of 4ZB, kept a running commentary going between bites of lunch at the recent Centennial School picnic near Dunedin



WHICH IS IT?—Misses Hardcastle, Coyne and Wynne getting the "low down" on Commercial Broadcasting, or is "Chiv" learning the secret of a really good smash? 3ZB came to the fore once again by bringing the visiting Australian tennis stars into the studio to meet listeners

scientific manner in which the Station Director, Merton Bullivant, bowled under-arm, but it was even more enlightening to see the manner in which the girls treated the bowling. So well did they hit that they almost succeeded in stealing the match. They lost the last wicket when only one run was needed for victory, thus making it a draw.

Concert at Exhibition

The Exhibition Assembly Hall was packed on a recent evening when Gladstone Hill's Bohemians, assisted by Roland Lavin, of CBS Head Office, and 2ZB's Kingi Tahiwai, gave a very enjoyable concert. Kingi gave an inspired rendering of "I Wish I Were a Tiny Bird," and was of great assistance in acting as Master of Ceremonies. The concert was relayed by 5ZB, and was enjoyed by thousands of listeners.

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