

1ZB HAPPINESS CLUB FAIR

Over £1500 Raised For Charity

AUCKLAND'S Town Hall has seen the second Fair held by the 1ZB Happiness Club. The sum collected was over £1,500.

The Happiness Club's reputation for successful functions was shown strikingly in Auckland when the second Fair was organised and run by members of the Happiness Club under the leadership of "Joan" (Joan Sutherland), eclipsing last year's figures both for takings and attendance.

Although comparatively new to her task as Director of the Happiness Club, Joan has shown her ability as organiser

Amid much excitement, and before a huge audience, the winner of the Carnival was announced. This was Miss Audrey Horspool, of the Ponsonby Club. The votes depended on the number of pennies taken by each club, thus the biggest sum obtained for a particular Queen won the voting.

The sum of £1,500 collected at the two-day Fair, and from the activities in aid of the Queens, out-distanced last year's Fair by approximately £300. The attendance, too, probably constituted a record, although exact figures are not yet available.



After opening the Fair, Lady Davis inspected the stalls and made some purchases. In this group are included, from left: Marina, John Batten, Lady Davis, Joan and Mr. and Mrs. John Griffiths

and leader of the nine thousand members of the club.

The Fair was opened on Friday afternoon by the Mayoress of Auckland, Lady Davis, who has given her support and patronage to many Happiness Club functions. The opening was relayed by Station 1ZB, and during the afternoon listeners were acquainted with the happenings at the Town Hall by a series of short broadcasts.

Perhaps the highlight of the Fair for many ZB fans was the miniature studio on the stage where 1ZB personalities, including Joan herself, Marina, John Batten, Gran, and George Vryer, conducted sessions "on the air" in the same way as they broadcast from the studio.

However, the main object of the Fair was to make money for charitable purposes. This money was raised by various stalls, the contents of which showed the immense amount of work and organisation put into the Fair. The wide selection of goods, mostly representing hard work on the part of many women in their own homes, demonstrated the great spirit of co-operation and generosity which characterises the club.

In conjunction with the Fair, the Happiness Club conducted a Queen Carnival. Each branch provided a candidate, and there were many functions which raised £611 in support of the respective Queens. The candidates for the "Royal" position were presented on the stage of the Town Hall on the Saturday evening.

Mention should be made of the meritorious effort of Miss Lorna King, in whose capable hands rested much responsibility. In addition to being Joan's secretary she might also be described as the Happiness Club's secretary. She handled the whole sum of over £1,500 in cash, assisted by a voluntary band of helpers, among whom were 1ZB personalities and members of the 1ZB staff.

The "Coronation" will be held on April 24th. It will take the form of a concert provided by 1ZB, when the funds raised by the Fair and Carnival will be handed over to charity. The proceeds of the concert are to be donated to the Patriotic Council.

After the Fair, Joan said: "People have been ringing me from North and South congratulating me on the phenomenal response. But I feel the members are the ones to be congratulated, as well as the people from 1ZB who helped me. It was wonderful how the boys were there standing by throughout the Fair ready to help — from the technician, Bruce Reese, to John Griffiths, the station director. There was also Guy announcing, with John Gordon and Peter Hutt. Harold Walmsley was also helpful. I was grateful for the splendid professional items and the Ponsonby Boys' Band. The Fair was a tribute to the spirit of happiness which permeates the whole club."

A BENEFIT TO MANKIND

Chloroform First Used

In N.Z. In 1849

WH. PURDIE, a dental surgeon of Pahiataua, after hearing Episode 1 of the "Benefits to Mankind" programme, which is a ZB national feature at 6.30 on Monday nights, forwarded the following information to the sponsors of the programme.

The programme on that evening dealt with the discovery and development of chloroform by Sir James Simpson, and Mr. Purdie wrote as follows:

"In view of the Centennial honouring of the early pioneers, the following excerpt taken from a book entitled 'Medical Practice in the Early Days,' by the late Dr. Robert Fulton, M.D., of Dunedin, may be of interest:

'Dr. William Purdie, with a few others, approved of the use of chloroform from the first. Dr. Purdie adopted it in his practice, and was one of the first, if not the first, men to bring chloroform to the Province of Otago, and the first to use it in New Zealand.'

'Dr. Purdie was a surgeon on the ship "Moolton," and arrived in Dunedin in 1849. He practised there for many years afterwards. He was M.D. of Edinburgh, and a fellow student of Sir James Simpson.'

Mr. Purdie also expressed his interest in these educational programmes which are broadcast from ZB stations under the title "Benefits to Mankind."

TRIP TO WELLINGTON

Women's Institute Members From Auckland

FOLLOWING upon the success of the Happiness Club's trip to Wellington and the Centennial Exhibition, three hundred members of the Women's Institute, a New Zealand-wide body of women, left last Wednesday for an excursion to the Exhibition. With the help of Marina, Women's Institute sessions are heard regularly from 1ZB, providing a link between the members.

Inspired by the 1ZB Happiness Club venture, these women, mostly housewives and mothers, enjoyed a well-earned outing and rest from household worries and tasks.

However, there was one aspect of the Happiness Club's trip which the Women's Institute emphatically did not wish to copy—that was, to arrive back in Auckland 18 hours late!

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