



NEWS FROM THE ZB STATIONS

ON a recent Monday, "Marina" of 1ZB had an outstanding interview in her 11.30 "Shopping Reporter's" session. She brought before the microphone Miss May Smith, A.R.C.A., daughter of Sir Joseph and Lady Smith. "This was one of the most interesting interviews I have had for a long time," said Marina. Miss Smith is a prominent exhibitor in the exhibition being held at present in Auckland by the Auckland Society of Arts. She is also giving lectures at the exhibition, where she shows people "how to look at pictures." During the interview from 1ZB, Miss Smith spoke of modern art, and gave an explanation of the much-vexed question of what the modern artist is endeavouring to portray.

Outstanding Concert

One of the most outstanding concerts given by the Broadcasting Services in Auckland, took place in the Auckland Town Hall on a recent Tuesday.

Stations 1YA and 1ZB combined their efforts in aid of the St. John Ambulance and Red Cross appeal for the Sick and Wounded Fund. Even though the evening was wet and cold, there was a large and very appreciative audience. Well-known personalities from 1ZB and artists from 1YA freely gave their services, and splendid work was also done by the Friendly Road Ushers' Club, who took charge of collecting tickets and ushering the audience to their seats. Some of the volunteers concerned came from well out of Auckland to perform this mundane though very necessary task.

Among the artists and ensembles taking part, were the 1YA Orchestra; Miss Gwenda Weir, soprano; H. Dallimore, baritone; Miss Gwen Morris, violinist; The Melody Maids; vocal trio; Allan McElwain, humourist; Florence Jenkins, contralto; Melody Five, male vocal quintette; Owen Jensen, pianist and accompanist; George Tollerton, entertainer; Dudley Wrathall, humourist; the St. James Quartette, string ensemble; Ossie Cheesman, piano-accordionist; Elton Black, Scottish entertainer, and John Gordon and Dudley Wrathall in duets.

Concert at Fort

Fort Dorset, Wellington, was the scene of a very successful concert arranged by 2ZB. The soldiers were highly appreciative toward 2ZB for entertaining them. Among those in the party were the pianist Eric Bell, the Bohemian Male Voice Choir, under the conductorship of Gladstone Hill, Ena Rapley and Lesley Hall, who are often heard from 2ZB.

Singing Jockey

For the past two or three years there have been many instances of singing wrestlers, sing-

ing cowboys, yodelling boundary riders and singing milkmen and all kinds of other trades being featured; but the other Friday evening, 2ZA brought to the microphone Joe Williamson, the singing jockey. This boy is about fifteen years of age, and is the possessor of a remarkably fine soprano voice. In fact, last year he was the most popular vocalist in the 2ZA Search for Talent. As a jockey, he knows how to ride home the winners, and it was last Christmas that he rode Du Maurier to



"KRAZY KLARRIE," of 2ZB, who made a great success of "Tongue Twister Jackpots," is heard now in a new session from 2ZB, entitled "Yes-No-Jackpots!" each Tuesday evening at 8.45 o'clock

victory in the Awapuni Cup. More recently, he rode a winner at the Wellington meeting, a winner at Hastings, and Du Maurier again at Otaki.

On the Spot

In the premiere broadcast from 4ZB of the new "Speedee" Telephone Quiz, one prominent public figure was put "on the spot"; at least it had him feverishly racking his brains. The Quizzer (Jack Bremner), asked Dunedin's Town Clerk to name in order the three men who had preceded the present Mayor in office. The names of the two more recent Mayors were quickly forthcoming, and then came a pause. The name of the third—of course it was—was it? Listeners gave their undivided attention to the loud speaker. Was their Town Clerk going to fail in his hour of testing? A

few more seconds' hesitation and then out it came. The day was saved, and, perhaps as an expression of gratitude for his escape, the Town Clerk asked that his prize be given to the Patriotic Fund.

Other Teasers

In the same programme, a well-known city chemist gave an unhesitating and correct answer to a query which took the form of a sudden jab in the direction of his professional armour—one of those little questions which could have caught the most astute pharmacist on the hop. A third telephone subscriber was asked to state and spell the surname of Uncle Scrim. The spelling caught him. Another was asked to give Great Britain's equivalent to the New Zealand expression, "Auckland to the Bluff." "Land's End to—" but John o' Groats eluded him.

"After Theatre Session"

A new entertainment for 2ZB's listeners will begin on June 10, when, from 10.30-11 p.m., Lane Patterson will conduct the "After Theatre Session." Lane, who has had a large amount of theatrical experience in England and Australia, will bring a new twist in entertainment to this session. New releases of recordings will be presented.

Good Comedy Team

On his recent visit to Dunedin in connection with Musical Army activities, Jacko of 3ZB, who is the Christchurch Patriotic Community Song Leader, broadcast several times with Jimmy MacFarlane, who is 4ZB's Song Leader. They made a good comedy team, these two, and with Jacko's saxophone playing and Jimmy's singing for good measure, it is small wonder that they earned instant popularity among listeners. The undoubted high-spot of their joint-efforts was a 15-minute broadcast from the opening night's proceedings at the Red Cross Casino. With Airini at the piano and Ted Heaney on the piano-accordion, listeners heard a thoroughly enjoyable presentation. Unfortunately, Jacko's stay in Dunedin was too short for him to give a hand at one of the 4ZB weekly Patriotic Singings.

New Kind of Jackpot

"Yes-No Jackpots"! Here's a new and original programme, which is heard from Station 2ZB each Tuesday evening at 8.45. The idea of the session is that competitors are asked a number of rapid-fire questions, which can on no account be answered by the simple affirmative or negative, but by a direct reply. This session is handled by "Krazy Klarrie," who made a splendid success of "Tongue Twister Jackpots." Audience participation pro-

DID YOU KNOW—

THAT Lloyd Hunter, the Programme Director of 3ZB, is an excellent 'cellist?

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THAT "Jerry" will appear at a special concert at the Opera House, Wellington on June 9?

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THAT Fred and Maggie have just celebrated their fifth birthday in radio?

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THAT Roland Lavin, of the CBS, who is often heard at the Wurlitzer organ from the De Luxe Theatre, Wellington, plays seven musical instruments?

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THAT "Mary Anne" of 2ZB gets an exceedingly large fan mail each week?

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THAT Barend Harris, of the CBS has been constantly assuring his neighbours that there is no truth in the rumour that the Solomon Islanders are sending missionaries to Europe?

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THAT "Jerry" has a new Air Force uniform?

grammes are certainly in the fashion, and "Yes-No Jackpots" is proving an enjoyable addition to 2ZB's programmes.

Orphans' Treat

By arrangement with Station 4ZB and the management of the Regent Theatre, the children from Dunedin Orphanages were given a real treat on a recent Saturday morning; the occasion was a special screening of the film "The Wizard of Oz," for the youngsters' benefit. They were taken to the theatre in five large buses, and, on arriving there, assembled in the foyer, where a community sing was conducted by Peter, with Ivan Perrin's famous "Apple Song" featured. Before the screening, members of the 4ZB staff distributed apples, sweets and ice cream.

4ZB Musical Army

The great opportunities offered by the Musical Army are being fully realised by the parents of Dunedin, and the ranks are swelling every day. The Army now stands at 300. Over 80 girls and boys joined up recently in one day. Jacko from 3ZB made a special trip south for the opening night, and explained in detail the outline of the scheme, which has proved a highly successful innovation in the north. The Musical Army is now a national feature over all ZB Stations.

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