



NEWS FROM THE ZB STATIONS

BECAUSE of the need to conserve petrol, the familiar 2ZB Sound Truck will not be in use during the duration of the War. The sound truck, of silver and red, was a feature of interest at the Centennial Exhibition, and a familiar sight in Wellington streets.

It has also had several trips up North, one to Waitangi, when Kingi, of 2ZB, along with others of the Commercial Broadcasting Service, relayed the Waitangi Celebrations.

Public Service Ball

Unusual decorations made the Public Service dance, held at the Peter Pan on Tuesday last, an outstanding success. These were planned by the versatile Joan Sutherland, Director of the 1ZB Happiness Club. A popular feature of the evening was the telegraphic service installed for sending messages from one side of the room to another. Post boxes were set up and dancers put in their messages addressed to friends by table-number. Uniformed telegraph boys delivered the messages in the usual business-like manner. Some of the messages caused a great deal of merriment!

Staff Changes at 4ZB

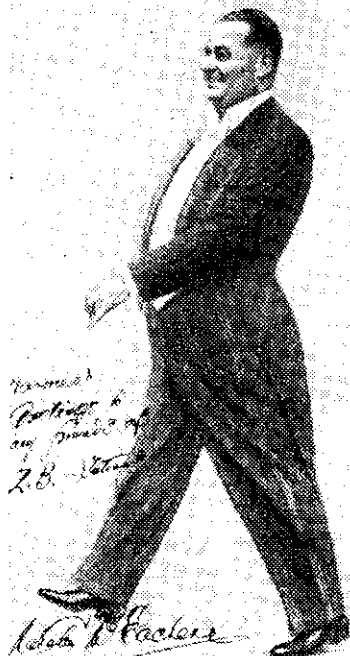
Station 4ZB has been having many changes in its receptionist staff in recent months. The latest change is the resignation of Molly Baker, who will be married in the very near future. In addition to her work as receptionist Miss Baker has also appeared before the 4ZB microphone on many occasions. She conducted the "Birthday Club of the Air" and also took part in numerous studio presentations. Molly Baker's place at 4ZB has been taken by Rita Holmes, well known in the Dunedin entertainment world.

Sports Session

The new Sports Commentator at 2ZB, "Wallie" Ingram, though he has only been on the air for a short time, is creating a lot of interest, and sportsmen are looking forward to his sessions.

Dunedin's Red Cross Appeal

The rush and bustle in connection with Dunedin's Red Cross Appeal is now a thing of the past, and members of the 4ZB staff are settling down to routine work once again. 4ZB's greatest effort was "The Listener Speaks" session, which caused quite a stir in the southern city. The amount raised in this particular appeal was £4,000. In addition to this, 4ZB raised a further £1,500 from the Mystery Bag Day, and approximately £540 for three special community sings held in the St. James's Theatre.



"Mr. Jetsam" (Malcolm McEachern), sends his greetings to ZB listeners. The Flotsam and Jetsam combination is frequently heard from ZB stations

Goodwill Programmes

On Monday, July 1, 2ZB recognised Canada's Dominion Day with a special programme, and goodwill messages were extended to Canadian residents in New Zealand. On July 4, America celebrated her "Independence Day," and 2ZB presented a special programme in honour of this great country, extending goodwill messages to American residents in Wellington.

Shortest Relay?

Station 1ZB claims the record for the shortest relay. On a recent Tuesday a relay was in preparation to give listeners a description of the draw of an art union for a car. Owing to last-minute alterations to the programme both at His Majesty's Theatre and at the studio, Guy Nixon, who was on duty with the microphone in the "wings," was only able to give the bare result, since the draw had just taken place. When he returned to the studio, Guy was able to repeat what he said, word for word, for it didn't take more than thirty seconds!

The draw took place on the stage of His Majesty's Theatre during a Revue by the

Commercial Travellers' Club held for the Appeal Fund. Mystified onlookers saw the relay gear set up and then dismantled almost immediately.

"Aren't you going to broadcast?" the announcer was asked.

"We have," was the brief reply.

Watch for "Station T.O.T."

On Saturday, July 6, at 8.30 p.m., a Station with the call sign T.O.T. will be relayed for half an hour from 2ZB. Despite much searching of official records, there does not appear to be any trace of this Station as a broadcasting unit, but Bryan gives the assurance that the Station will definitely be on the air for a half hour as from 8.30 p.m. All the information available is that listeners will hear something new in announcing, and something highly diverting in the way of entertainment. We are asked to state that if the voices do not appear sophisticated or worldly-wise there is a definite reason for it. We are assured that "commercials" will be delivered with a new twist; that you haven't heard the last word in fashions until you hear "Collette"; that the whole world has been combed to find the very best of talent; that you mustn't be disappointed if the announcer gives the wrong time; that Dr. Snitch will review the latest book; that—but perhaps we had better leave the rest of the programme until the actual broadcast.

Spring Cleaning

Wandering round 2ZB studios one could imagine that Spring was here already, for spring cleaning is in progress. It behoves 2ZB's staff to be very wary in turning corners, for there are divers pots of paint and varnish, timber shavings and tools, to trip over. All these little inconveniences are cheerfully borne, for newly painted walls and general renovations greatly enhance the station.

"The Customer Speaks"

Another popular feature at 4ZB just now is "The Customer Speaks" session. Listeners are invited to write in giving their reasons in a hundred words why they shop at a particular Dunedin firm. During the session, the six best entries are read over the air and request numbers are played for the people concerned. Hundreds of letters have been received at the Station, and great things are expected of this session.

Bright Session

"One of the brightest voices on the air" aptly describes that of John Morris, who now conducts the 2ZB Luncheon Session from 12 to 2 p.m. Handled in John Morris's inimitable manner the session is very cheery and in-

teresting with quips and novel ideas. So, if you're down in the dumps, listen in to 2ZB's Luncheon Session.

"Radio Discoveries"

Geoff Lloyd, who presents the popular "Radio Discoveries" from 2ZB every Friday evening at 10.30 p.m., conducted a successful special session on Sunday, June 30, at 8.30 p.m. Some outstanding talent has been discovered by Geoff, and a number of performers appeared before the microphone to present an interesting and very entertaining programme. Much interest is taken in 2ZB's "Radio Discoveries" Session, and it appears to be serving a very useful purpose.

DID YOU KNOW—

THAT John Batten of 1ZB has the bicycle bug? He rises early each fine morning, and goes for a long ride before the streets are busy?

THAT Bruce MacDonald, of 4ZB Programme Department, toured America as a singer. On one occasion he sang in the famous Moana Hotel in Hawaii?

THAT Bernie McConnell had announced from at least six radio stations prior to his joining the Commercial Service, including the Station at the Dunedin and South Seas Exhibition in 1925?

THAT Lane Patterson of 2ZB, recently toured New Zealand with the "Charley's Aunt" Company, and took the part of Charley?

THAT 1ZB's "Gran" has been very busy indeed sending country people tickets in the multifarious raffles being held in Auckland?

THAT Bryan O'Brien won the British Drama League's Trophy in 1934 for the best play by an amateur New Zealand playwright?

THAT Eric Bell, of 2ZB, who is an outstanding pianist, has had a composition, "Sonata in E Minor," performed publicly and over the air, both in Australia and New Zealand?

THAT NEARLY FOUR THOUSAND LETTERS have been received by "Marina" of 1ZB since she began the "Leaves From Life" session? She is certain now that truth is stranger than fiction.

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