



# NEWS FROM THE 2ZB STATIONS

**A**N entirely new departure from the usual "Man in the Street" session was introduced by Uncle Scrim last Sunday evening when he played several recordings made by the Commercial Broadcasting Service's production department. The greater part of the session was devoted to presenting New Zealand artists, this being the forerunner of an extensive plan for encouraging local talent. At the moment the department is busily preparing further recordings.

Sunday evening's programme was produced by Reg. Morgan, and featured the "Sunshine Singers," who sang "The Bells of St. Mary's,"



UNCLE SCRIM

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the legal profession. The technique is to quote some popular belief and endeavour to start listeners arguing round their own firesides as to whether it is fact or fallacy, and to start the pot boiling, Michael gives a few possible arguments in support of both sides. "Let's Start an Argument" is heard every Tuesday at 8.45 p.m.

## "Now, What's That Tune?"

The many listeners who daily followed Thea's mid-day piano request session will be delighted to know that she has commenced a new programme known as "Tune Teasers." Quite simply Thea plays the tunes and listeners guess the titles. It is a provoking type of entertainment, and most people, indeed, are familiar with this sort of drawing room scene. . . . "I know the name of that tune as well as anything—now, what can it be? . . . Don't tell me, I'll get it in a minute. . . ." The new session, which is broadcast every Monday and Wednesday at 3.45 p.m. from 1ZB, provides a great deal of fun.

## Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bell

Since his appointment as 2ZB's programme organiser over two years ago, Eric Bell has been heard in many pianoforte presentations, but few listeners are aware that Mrs. Bell is also an accomplished pianist. Eric, indeed,

makes no secret of his admiration for Mrs. Bell's piano technique, though he has failed in every effort to induce his wife to play piano solos. However, a compromise has been reached by her combining with him in the presentation of several duets. The programme is scheduled for 7.15 p.m. on Sunday, November 10, and 2ZB listeners will have the opportunity of hearing an interesting session of pianoforte records. The session is devised by Eric Bell, and he will relate the stories of the works presented.

## A Night at the Y.M.C.A.

On Sunday, November 10, at 5.30 p.m., 2ZB will undertake a half-hour broadcast from the Wellington Y.M.C.A. The Y.M.C.A. along with other clubs and institutions in Wellington, is open to members of the forces on leave, and 2ZB decided to bring to listeners, particularly those in the country, who have friends and relatives in camp, the cheery atmosphere of the Y.M.C.A. Community singing is a feature of gatherings there, and judging by the popularity of 2ZB's recent broadcast from military camps, the public appreciate hearing the boys sing.

## Who Likes Mountain Music?

Hill-billy music shows no signs of losing its remarkable popularity, and a well-known

American combination. Field and Halls Mountaineers, are heard from 2ZB every Saturday evening at eight o'clock. The Mountaineers, whose music is in the authentic Kentucky tradition, are popular entertainers on American networks.

## "Busy as Bees"

Margaret and the Rainbow Ringers of 1ZB have been as busy as bees preparing for the Health Camp Fair to be held at the end of this month. The Rainbow Ring still promises

## Third Anniversary of Station 4ZB

Dunedin's commercial station received many messages of congratulation on October 12, the third anniversary of its first broadcast, and the station celebrated the occasion in a manner which brought back many memories to listeners as well as to members of the staff. In the 4ZB library are many interesting records made at the station of events of outstanding interest, and a number of these were linked together as part of a 4ZB special anniversary programme.

Among the speakers heard were the late Prime Minister, the Right Hon. M. J. Savage; the Controller, Mr. C. G. Scrimgeour; the Minister of Defence, the Hon. F. Jones; Commander Burgess, of the Centaurus; Admiral Byrd and Mr. Chamberlain in his broadcast announcing the outbreak of hostilities with Germany. Early features were recalled, along with visits by touring artists, the opening of the Centennial Exhibition, and many other highlights of three years' broadcasting. It was an impressive array of reminiscences, and was well received by listeners.



IT IS AMUSING, EVEN IN THE SCRIPT STAGE: The three Easy Aces, Mr. Ace, Jane Ace and Marge, enjoy a laugh at a quip in one of their scripts. The Aces are heard regularly from all the 2ZB stations

and "Love's Old Sweet Song." Accompanied by the singers, Reg. Morgan sang "A Little Rain Must Fall," and "Singing Hills." "Lolita," an attractive swing singer, was heard in "There's Rain in My Eyes," and Mark Tozer of 2ZB played a ukelele medley.

Two further CBS productions in the making are "The Life Story of Aunt Jenny" and "Radio Rotogravure," and another CBS production now being heard regularly is "Station T.O.T.," which is produced by Bryan O'Brien. "Station T.O.T." brings to the microphone a remarkable selection of child artists, and already some promising talent has been unearthed.

## "Let's Start an Argument"

A new session under the title of "Let's Start an Argument" is 4ZB's latest idea, with the irrepressible Michael Hutt as provoker-in-chief. It is a role which suits Michael down to the ground, for controversy is his stock-in-trade, and he can capitalise on arguments in a way that would be the envy of

to be extraordinarily well stocked, and should result in a substantial amount being given to the Health Camps. Children all over the country have made and sent articles and toys to be sold, and the town members, together with Margaret, will be in complete charge of the stall.

## Their Own Choice

Station 2ZB's Sunday's luncheon session, for which announcers make their own choice of items, is proving highly popular with listeners. On Sunday, November 10, the announcer will be Lane Patterson. Already Geoff Lloyd and Rex Walden have made their contribution to the session.

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