

CHRISTMAS COMES TO THE ZB's



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GUY NIXON, who is an announcer on the staff of 1ZB, is conducting that station's gift session this Christmas. One of 1ZB's youngest announcers, he has, nevertheless, had wide radio experience, and has a pleasant voice and a well-defined radio personality. He is an enthusiastic writer, wrote his first stage play at the age of 13, and has been turning out plays steadily ever since. Radio plays which he has written include "Loves of Great Composers," and "Florence Nightingale," and recently, his play "Behind the Scenes" was presented from 1ZB. Produced and acted by members of the staff, it told just how a radio play is produced. Station 1ZB's Christmas Gift session is on the air at 4 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays

ANNE HOWARD, who has been heard in several special sessions from 2ZB, is now conducting the station's Christmas Gift session at 10.15 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Mondays to Saturdays. Anne Howard (who is in real life Mrs. Victor Lloyd), has been broadcasting in Wellington mostly in radio plays, since 1929. She will be remembered as Fanny Barbara in the serial "One Man's Family," which was playing from the ZB's some time ago. "One Man's Family" was produced by her husband, Victor Lloyd, and several well known Wellington repertory players had parts in it. Anne Howard is an experienced housekeeper and shopper herself, so her advice to Christmas shoppers should be interesting.

BOB POLLARD, the man in charge of 3ZB's Christmas Gift session this year, has had an adventurous life. Born in Foochow, China, and educated in Australia, he was in turn, engineer, chemist, and station hand. Then he worked in films at Cinesound and Pagewood studios, then joined up with the Gladys Moncrieff musical comedy company and toured New Zealand, understudying the part of Prince Danilo in "The Merry Widow." He began his career with the CBS as an announcer at 3ZB, Christchurch, transferring to 2ZB, and finally back to 3ZB as production supervisor. He plays an important part in the Centennial Film. His gift session is heard at approximately 10.0 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. from Mondays to Saturdays

ANITA WINKEL, who will be conducting Station 4ZB's Gift session this Christmas, is no newcomer to radio. For a long period, as "Aunt Anita," she was associated with "Big Brother Bill" in the children's sessions at 4YA, and more recently she has been conducting special sessions for women from 4ZB. She is well known in elocutionary and repertory circles in Dunedin, and both as producer and actress has had many successes in operatic, repertory and Shakespearean productions. She has frequently taken part in radio plays, principally from 4YA. She has a charming radio voice and personality, and is already popular with 4ZB listeners. Her gift session is heard from Mondays to Fridays at 1.30 p.m., and on Saturdays at 10.0 a.m.

DAD ON DETECTION

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But at that precise moment I heard a little sound behind me, and spun round just in time to catch Aunt Em as she swooned to the ground. Gosh, I said, now we've done it. Get some cold water.

When we'd poured about half a bucket of freezing water down her neck Aunt Em revived and started screaming.

At three o'clock I loaded her together with the three cockers into the car and transported her to the nearest vet. Then when the paw had been bandaged we drove to the local hotel. There I waited to see her installed and made a dash for home. I found the old man having a stiff whisky in the kitchen. He had just finished cleaning the gun with a bit of rag from the sink. He looked at me happily.

Problem, he said. How to remove one troublesome lady and dogs in less than twenty-four hours. Elementary, my dear Watson.

FREE FRANCE ON THE AIR

De Gaulle's Shortwave Stations Heard Here

The following information about new shortwave stations on the air in Africa, operated by the Free French Forces, is supplied by Arthur T. Cushman, of the New Zealand DX Club. It is of special interest when read in conjunction with a recent cable message to the effect that the Free French leader, General de Gaulle, has offered to cease his radio campaign under certain conditions, including the formation of a new Government at Vichy:

GENERAL DE GAULLE, the leader of the Free French, has made good progress in his campaign in French Equatorial Africa and much of this is due to his new chain of shortwave stations, which are being heard with surprising strength in this country. By placing the true facts before his countrymen he has been able to rally many of them to his cause.

From Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa, come the signals of "Radio Brazzaville" operating on 11.95 megacycles, 25.10 metres. The session at 8.30 a.m. is the one best heard in this country. They also broadcast at 6 p.m. and 1 a.m. They use the slogan "Ici Radio Brazzaville" and close with "Bon Soir Mesdames, Bon Soir Mademoiselles, Bon Soir Messieurs. Vive la France Libre, Vive de Gaulle!"

Another station heard with excellent strength is "Radio Congo Belge" operating on 10.14 mc. and heard from 7 a.m. to 7.45 a.m. This station is located in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, and the whole programme is in French. This station, too, gives many patriotic Free French slogans.

Scattered around the world are many more stations all linked in helping the Free French. In New Caledonia three stations are now operating. "Radio Pacifique" is on 6.48 mc. at 8 a.m. and noon, and on 4.05 mc. in the evenings at 10.30. Another transmitter, FK8AA, 6.12 mc., is also heard about 7 p.m.

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