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COPING WITH A FLOOD

Busy Week-End For Station 2ZA

Manawatu's biggest flood for its climax and would get no worse. many years became Station many years became Station was on the air again at 5.30 o'clock. 2ZA's first E.P.S. assignment. Long Everywhere throughout the Manawatu after midnight on the Sunday the station carried on with the job of maintaining communications with isolated areas and broadcasting flood reports.

It became evident on the Sunday afternoon that the heavy rains of the preceding 24 hours would mean serious flooding. Hour by hour, 2ZA reported developments, keeping in touch with the Manawatu River Board and warning settlers in threatened districts.

Everywhere slips and washouts were making roads dangerous or impossible, and the Automobile Association and 2ZA combined to broadcast a series of up-to-the-minute warnings. Usually 2ZA closes at 10 p.m., but on this occasion it carried on with E.P.S. status, and did not go off the air until the gauge reading of the height of the Manawatu was announced as "steady at 19 feet 3 inches," when there was every reason



THE week-end before last, to believe that the flood had reached

The following morning the station people had been stranded, some having spent a wet and unhappy night with flood water lapping waist-deep inside their houses. First duty was to call out the transport service of the E.P.S. and the Women's Auxiliary. A broadcast appeal for more cars soon resulted in 200 motorists offering their services

During the morning further warnings were broadcast, being still very necessary in view of the rising and falling river levels. It was obvious, in fact, that the whole of the Manawatu must have been keeping an anxious ear to 2ZA.

After a last check on the river level, final road reports, instructions to school children, to whom the flood brought an unexpected holiday, and an assurance that the worst was over, the station signed off for the morning at 9.20.

THEY STILL WRITE SONGS

ANY English songwriters are in the Army but continue their songwriting (states an article in Variety, the well-known American entertainment publication). In fact, many of them have turned out hits since donning khaki.

Here's a partial list; Eric Maschwitz, author of Balalaika and his more recent

Roundabout Radio

An American radio listener has reported hearing President Roosevelt's speech on the Lend and Lease Bill from 4YZ, Invercargill. He is Albert J. Bartholomew, of Bradford, a small village located in the central part of New York State, U.S.A., and he has written to 4YZ stating that he heard that station on March 16, when it was re-broadcasting from the BBC through 2YA. Mr. Bartholomew received the broadcast on a 1935, 8-valve radio, coupled with an inverted "L" aerial of 70 feet in length. He said that the reception was OSA 3-4, R3-5, with deep fading, but with very slight static. It is a remarkable commentary on the world-wide hook-up that an American could tune into another country thousands of miles away and hear a speech from his own President, especially as that station is the most southern broadcasting station in the world, situated in the most southern city in the British Empire

successful revue, New Faces, is now a captain attached to the War Office. But he can still manage to write a second edition of New Faces.

Hall Hallifax, author of "Penny Serenade," is also a captain in the Royal Engineers. Jimmy ("South of the Border"), Kennedy, is now a second lieutenant, and still busy writing numbers. Aircraftmen Sid Colin and Ronnie Hill have written a hit song since joining the Air Force in "If I Only Had Wings," and are now busy on another number. Captain David Heneker (attached to the War Office), is credited with a couple of songs in "There Goes My Dream," and "Much More Lovely."

Ross Parker, of "There'll Always be an England" fame, is now a Naval Čadet, but has managed to turn out another hit in "Mem'ries Live Longer than Dreams." Sergeant Phil. Park has scored a bull's eye in "Oh, What a Surprise for the Duce!" despite his military duties in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Paddy Roberts and Sonny Cox, who have "Old Faithful," "When the Poppies Bloom Again," and other successes to their credit, have just completed their latest, "The Wagon Wheel is Broken." The former is a pilot in the Royal Air Force, and the latter is a Naval officer. The writer of "Speak to Me of Love," Bruce Sievier, is now a squadron-leader in the R.A.F.

Vivian Ellis, who is responsible for the entire score of a new Jack Hulbert-Cicely Courtneidge show, is a lieutenant in the Navy. Bert Reid, author of "Quartermaster's Stores," is a quartermaster sergeant in the Royal Fusiliers; while Jim Church, of "Arm in Arm Together" fame, is a private in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

"Bless 'Em All." a number just published, has already sold over 100,000 copies, and has been voted as likely to prove the war song of this year. It was written by Jimmy Lally and Frank Kerslake. The former is a defence fireman and the latter is in the R.A.F.

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