

Christmas Fare At The ZB's

THE Christmas Day programmes from the ZB stations this year have been arranged with special attention to the significance of the festival. The music to be played throughout the day will represent a compromise between light classical and modern.

At 7.0 p.m. all ZB stations will broadcast a Christmas play entitled "Christmas, Past, Present and Future," which has been written and produced by members of the ZB service. This play carries the audience back to the tranquil days of over a century ago, to a Christmas in the English manor house tradition; the modern scene might be Christmas in any New Zealand home to-day; and act three takes the listener to 1970, to a mildly Wellsian world, in which peace once again reigns on earth. Both 2ZB and 3ZB have had the idea of bringing to the microphone a group of business men who have, throughout the year, sponsored some of the stations' popular programmes. At 2ZB the Advertisers' sessions will be on the air between 10.0 and 11.0 p.m., and in Christchurch the business men will be in the studio at 11.15 on Christmas Eve. 3ZB, too, has handed the microphone over to the station's programme personalities and staff members, who will arrange their own programmes. Teddy Grundy of 3ZB, will again give his Bethlehem talk; 2ZA, Palmerston North, will have a Strauss session, a Grand Opera session, a special Christmas programme devoted to women, and something new in the Children's Hour; 4ZB, Dunedin, is stressing the musical aspect of the day's features; and 1ZB's Christmas programme will be:—9.0 a.m.: Half-hour of carols; 11.0 a.m.: Christmas all over the world; 2.0 p.m.: Special Christmas edition of "Calling All Girls"; 3.30 p.m.: Christmas Cantata, "Morn of Glory," by the Somerville Church Choir.

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"Junior Quizz"

ONE of the most popular programmes in 2ZB's Children's session is the "Junior Quizz," heard each Monday and Wednesday. All questions are about New Zealand history and geography. Many of them are answered readily, but now and then the pupils need coaxing, though many adults would find some of the questions difficult without clues from the Quizz Mistress.

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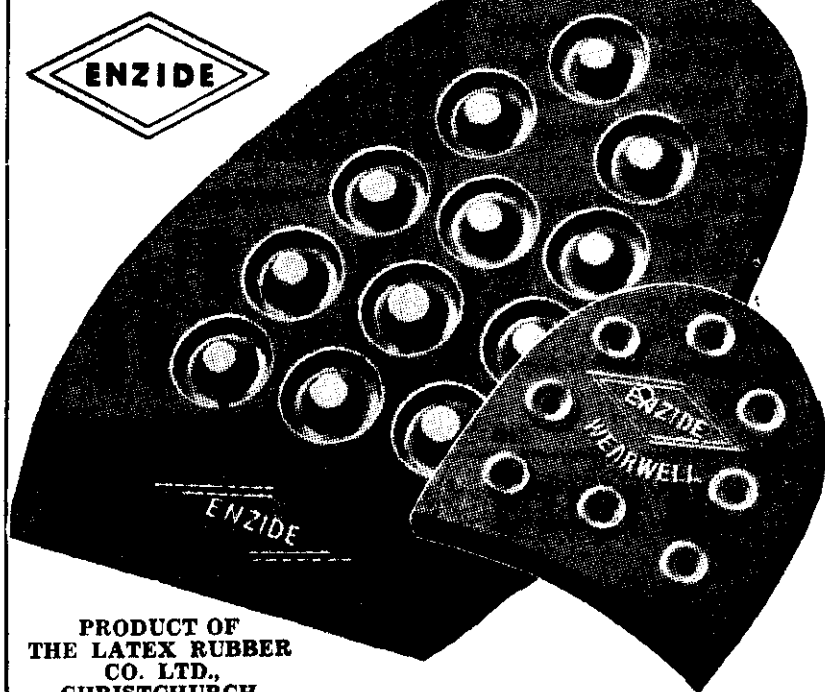
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