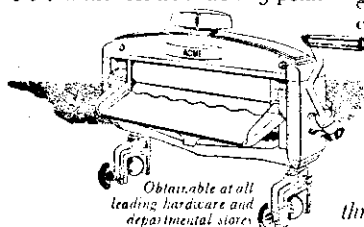


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I **HIMSELF** an experienced climber, the BBC's commentator Wynford Vaughan

Thomas has been lyrical in his praise of New Zealand's mountains. Here he is conducting an interview at the summit of one. The person being interviewed is Jim Weston, of the Taranaki Alpine Club, who acted as guide. The mountain is the 8260 feet Egmont.

With a portable tape recorder and his recording engineer John Lanchester (referred to throughout the climb as "my trusty Sherpa"), Mr. Thomas ascended the mountain in about five hours. The party climbed through cloud to about 4000 feet, and on reaching the summit had an excellent view of Ngauruhoe, Tongariro and Ruapehu. They spent about an hour on top taking photographs and recording programmes for the BBC and for Station 2XP, New Plymouth. The latter programme was broadcast by the New Plymouth station shortly before the Royal visit to that city. Before undertaking the three-hour descent, the party used their ice axes to inscribe in the snow the legend: Long May She Reign.

World of Flight

AIRWAYS AND AIRCRAFT is the title of a new series of talks to be heard from YA and YZ stations. In these talks Bertram Cornthwaite will give a commentary on the latest developments in the world of aviation, and the first broadcast, at 9.15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, will include information about the new model Comet, a new jet trainer in Britain, the work of checking that is done after aircraft accidents, and flight refuelling of jets. Mr. Cornthwaite is an Associate of the Royal Aeronautical Society and Chairman of the Wellington Branch of the Society. After serving with the R.A.F. during the war as an aircrew member, he was transferred to the position of manager in charge of repairing crashed aircraft at Prestwick, and later at Renfrew. He was engaged on research work for some time for the Air Ministry, and worked on accident investigation for British European Airways and British South American Airways. The talks will be heard on the second Tuesday of each month.

Desert Island Films

SOMETHING like a filmgoers' version of the Desert Island Discs game was played in Wellington last year when 2YA invited six people to talk in its *Focus on Film* session about the five best films they had seen. Professor Arnold Wall, formerly Professor of English at Canterbury University College, started off—he has been a film-goer for more than half a century, though he didn't include any very early films in his five best. After him came Donald Priestley, Headmaster of the Day Department at Wellington Technical College; Marie Bullock, a Wellington housewife and journalist; Graham Rhind, a Wellington newspaper reporter; Frank Chilton, of the National Film Unit; and Margaret Bubbers, a member of the Wellington Film Society. Listeners who didn't hear the series when it was first broadcast and who like to see how their choice compares with other people's are now to have a chance of hearing these talks from other stations. They will start from 3YC at 9.36 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10.



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