



WHEN Beverley Heal was conducting the Easter Bride Session on 1ZB this year she did not know that within a few months she would be a bride herself. Beverley's bridegroom, Antony Thomson, and their attendants were also broadcasting people when she was married on July 5 in St Mary's Anglican Cathedral, Auckland. Antony is on the productions staff at 1YA. The best man was Graham Storey, of 1ZB, and the bridesmaid was Noeline Pritchard, of 1YA, 1YD and Radio Roadhouse. Among the guests were Bruce Broadhead, Rural Broadcasts Officer at 1YA, Bettie Lee, of Hamilton (she conducts the 1XH Women's Session), Barry Linehan, of Radio Roadhouse, and Milne Collis, of 1YA. The organist for the ceremony was Peter Empen, of 1ZB Programmes Department.

NATIONAL QUIZ KIDS

AN interest in broadcasting dating back to Army days when, as Education Officer, he prepared a 15-minute script for daily broadcast, has led John Rayner to the interesting task of compering a National Quiz Kids' radio contest. John, who is the regular comper of the Quiz Kids' programme, says he is eagerly looking forward to the National Contest.

"Teams of children from all over New Zealand will be striving for the title of Champion Quiz Kids of New Zealand," he told us. "The contest will be worked on an elimination basis. The team gaining the most points for questions correctly answered will be declared the winner of the round. Questions will be on all manner of topics, but will be primarily educational or cultural. Teams will be allowed to discuss a question before giving their answer—an answer which



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may earn vital points. The top teams from the North and South Islands will then be featured in a special programme to discover the Champion Quiz Kids of New Zealand." The climax of this national contest will come when the Champion New Zealand Quiz Kids' team meets the regular Quiz Kids' team for the champion of champions title.

The interests and ambitions of the young people taking part in the contest cover a very wide field. "David Given at 13 years already possesses an engaging personality and has a ready

wit for one so young," John Rayner said. "A third-former at Nelson College, David has acquired what he terms 'a modest collection of fossils, mostly shells.' By an odd coincidence two of the New Plymouth team are bent on a career in the Diplomatic Service. They are Patricia Fullerton, of New Plymouth Girls' High School, and Anthony Butler. Anthony has a terrific range of interests. In addition to his normal school work, he finds time to delve into archaeology, stamp collecting, Soccer, the violin, debating, ancient history and collecting miniatures of different celebrated makes of china—but, as Anthony himself points out, 'only as money allows.'

"Another keen collector of unusual items is 15-year-old John Haughie, of the Marist School, Hamilton, who collects matchboxes. Though studious, John still finds time to play New Zealand's national game. John Jensen, of Palmerston North Boys' High School, has an interesting combination of hobbies. At 15 he is particularly interested in modern art, science fiction, jazz music, and skin diving. Another contestant with varied interests is Geraldine Boyes, of the Christchurch team, who is interested in everything from Greek to Rock 'n' Roll and ice skating."

"It should be stressed," John Rayner added, "that the extra-curricular interests of the children are secondary to their school and home studies. All are avid readers."

Listeners may hear the New Zealand Quiz Kids' Champion Contest from all ZB and ZA stations and 1XH on Friday, July 19, and for the following nine weeks.

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