The Aunt Daisy Story

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to the studio. He was a Scot with a purpose:

"Are you Uncle Tom?"
"Yes."

"I'm a Presbyterian."

"Oh, ves, I'm a Methodist myself."

"I'd like you to know," went on the Scot, "that I think a lot o' you. I think you're a fine chap, even if you're a Methodist. I'd like to give ye a donation. I can afford it, y'know. I'd like to give ye something."

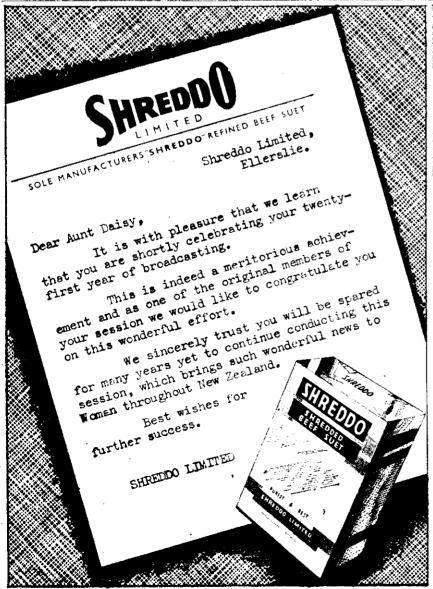
"That's very nice of you," said Uncle Tom. "We can always do with a little money. We've a lot of expenses."

"Here y' are, then, Uncle Tom," said the Scot. "I'm verra pleased to be able to do this. Here's hauf-a-croon."

Among 1ZB's services to the needy was the dispensing of quantities of a weed growing about Auckland which the Maoris call Kumarahou. Pakeha motorists who found it useful after a breakdown called it soap-plant, for obvious reasons. "The Maoris said that if you boiled the leaves of the Kumarahou and drank the water it was good for rheumatism and asthma," says Aunt Daisy. "So people used to bring in sugar-bags full. Old people and young ones with rheumatism or wheezing with asthma would come to the studio and the office girls would hand out portions



AUNT DAISY at a Friendly Road meeting held in New Plymouth about 1934 with Uncle Scrim and Mrs Scrimgeour (left) and Mrs Garland and her husband Uncle Tom





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