

South Island, formed the subject of the interview.

Scottish Numbers

AN innovation acclaimed over a wide field of listeners was introduced by the IZM Scots' Club last month, when it staged an hour's session of old-time Scottish dance numbers. This experimental feature evoked instantaneous approbation from listeners in all parts from Kaitia in the Northland to Catlin's River at the Bluff. Many of the age-old dances of Scottish ballroom tradition were featured. A full two hours is to be devoted to a similar programme on Thursday, April 21. A real pipe band is to provide many of the dance tunes.

For Anzac Day

ELABORATE arrangements are being made by IZB to present a programme on Anzac Day that will be well in keeping with the historical anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli. In addition to an outside broadcast, Rod Talbot is to be in charge of a concert to be given in the studio by ex-Diggers. This will be on the lines of the Y.M.C.A. concerts, so popular behind the lines in the various theatres of war from 1914 to 1918.

John Batten

BACK in Auckland again and once more featured on IZB's programmes is John Batten to entertain listeners. His series of talks labelled "Here, There and Everywhere" recently started, are well worth listening to, for John, who has travelled widely, speaks of many places visited and famous personalities met. For instance, in his first talk, which concerned Monte Carlo, he had much to say that was interesting about the Dolly Sisters, whom he met at the famous gambling resort. Rosika, of the Dolly Sisters, he said, nonchalantly lost thousands of francs at Monte Carlo. One night, while John was at the Casino, Mons. Citroen, the French millionaire motor-car manufacturer, actually lost one million francs. Last Sunday night's talk by John Batten was equally as interesting. It dealt with Tahiti.

For Motorists

STATION 3ZB has organised a special service to motorists for April 14 and 15, in co-operation with the Post and Telegraph Department and the Automobile Association, Canterbury. The scheme is to give motoring tourists an idea of the state of the roads all over Canterbury and Westland, the Lewis Pass, and so on. Telephone hook-ups for all districts between Queenstown and Nelson are arranged.

Motor-Racing

LARGELY through the incredibly rapid acceleration that can be obtained, the motor-cycle racing sport appeals hugely to fans of the mechanical track. The third annual race sponsored by the Canterbury Auto-cycle Club—the New Zealand Grand Prix—will be held at Cust, Canterbury, on

April 18. Station 3ZB is looking in to the matter of doing a broadcast of this event. A racing expert told the "Record" in Christchurch last week that the race is packed with thrills. If a competitor is doing 40 m.p.h. and crashes, it's dangerous; but if he's clocking 60 m.p.h. and takes a header, he rolls clear to safety—generally.

On Vacation

SEEN in and out of IZB last week was an ex-Auckland, Dick Wade, who was engaged in the gramophone and record business before he took up an appointment with the National Commercial Broadcasting Service. On vacation from 4ZB, where he is assistant programme organiser, he spent most of it in Auckland. Long before the Commercial stations were dreamed of, he was dealing in gramophones and records in Auckland. For a while he was a member of the Auckland Amateur Operatic Society. When touring companies wanted "extra" players he was always on hand, and often he found himself near the great ones in the J. C. Williamson and Allan Wilkie Companies. He is responsible for 4ZB's night programme.

Quick Work

NEWS has reached New Zealand that Warren Toogood, well-known Wellington repertory player, and frequently heard on the air from National and Commercial stations, has "landed" a most satisfactory contract in Sydney. Under the name of Warren Barry, he is to be associated, as leading man, with radio productions directed by Harvey Adams, who will be remembered in New Zealand for his production and performance of "Night Must Fall," "The Shining Hour" and "Fresh Fields." Incidentally, he got his contract three hours after landing in Sydney from the Avatea.

Station 2YA will broadcast the Prime Minister's farewell message to New Zealand's R.S.A. representatives at the Sydney Sesqui-centennial Celebrations at 4.40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, and the same station will later broadcast a running commentary of the departure of the contingent.

She Called In

IT is not often that 4ZB has a visitor of 101 years of age in the studio. This happened the other day when Mrs. Reason, one of the oldest identities in New Zealand, having arrived in Dunedin seventy-five years ago, came up to the studio to see Peter and Jill conducting the children's session. Mrs. Reason was very anxious to see Peter, who had visited her during a recent illness, and sung at her bedside.

Railway Signalling

THAT, from a signalling point of view, the New Zealand Government Railways are exceptionally equipped, was made clear in a paper by Mr. G. W. Wyles, signal and electrical engineer of that undertaking, which was presented to the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers in London on January 28. The foregoing is a quotation from the weekly journal, "Modern Transport" (London), which published nearly a column-long digest of Mr. Wyles's instructive and well-written paper.

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