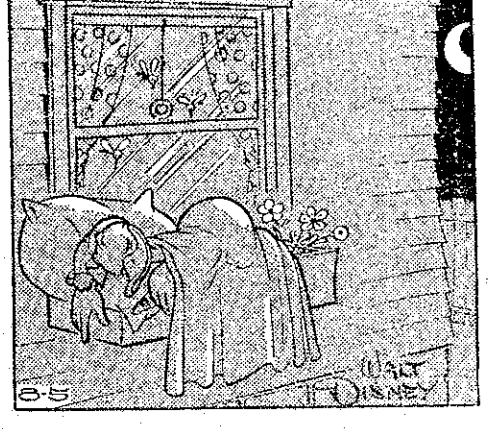
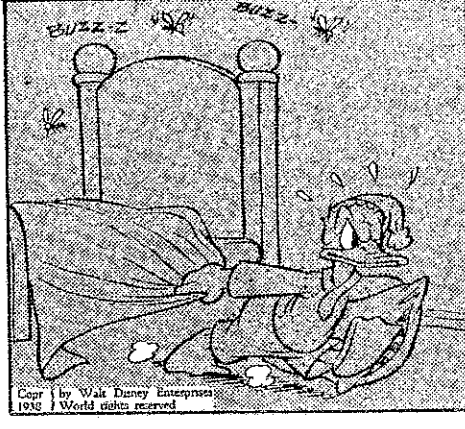
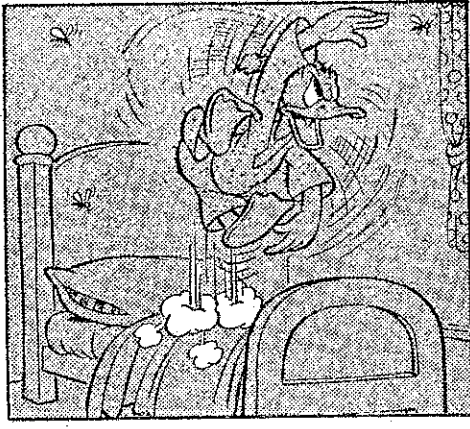
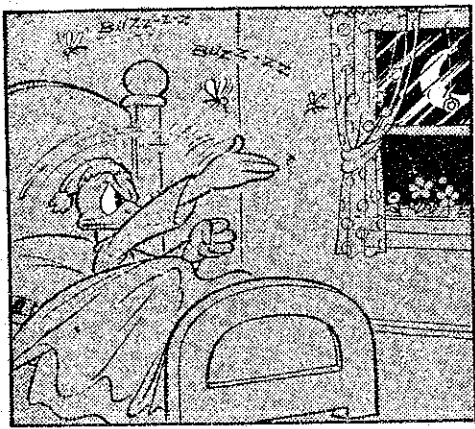


DONALD DUCK

by Walt Disney



BLIND YOUTHS GO SIGHT-SEEING

Happy Party Of Afflicted Boys Shown Over Studios Of 1YA

THE visitors were youths from the N.Z. Institute for the Blind, Parnell, and were in charge of Major George W. Bowes, well-known Auckland bandmaster and bandmaster of the Institute's fine band.

Most of them were members of the band.

They "felt" their way around and made their acquaintance with everything by touch. Although the fittings—in fact everything were described fully to them, this seemed to be unnecessary.

For instance the sightless ones showed an uncanny faculty for sensing the size of the different rooms and studios by reverberation of the voices, or by the noise made by others who walked across the floors.

One boy was much interested in the tympani, another in the texture of the sound-proofing material of the walls; others closely examined microphones and other equipment.

To the average person the idea of showing blind people around a radio station might seem rather like love's labour lost. Not so with these visitors.



THE PAVEMENT MICROPHONE.—Buttonholing a passer-by in a London street, one of the BBC's outside broadcast men secures a speaker for the "Standing on the Corner" feature in the BBC's "In Town To-night" broadcasts. Station 3ZB used much the same idea on the night before Christmas Eve, taking a pavement microphone among the milling crowd in Cathedral Square.

this will be broadcast from all stations at 6 o'clock each night.

It is expected that the Sydney shortwave station, VK2ME, will be directing special broadcasts all over the world, including each night a camp-fire programme arranged by the scouts of different nations. Arrangements are being made with VK2ME to rebroadcast these programmes.

Station 3ZB Installs Radio In Hospital

STATION-MANAGER Stewart Duff, of 3ZB, the Mayor of Christchurch (Mr. R. M. Macfarlane), Bob Speirs (who conducts the regular hospital session), and Sir Hugh Acland (representing the Hospital Board) were the principal speakers recently when the trustees officially handed over the new radio installation to the Chalmers Block at the public hospital, Christchurch. Contract price for the work was £410, and

Keen Regret At Passing Of "One Man's Family"

Popular Serial Goes Off The Air

KEEN disappointment has been expressed in many quarters at the sudden stopping of the popular radio serial, "One Man's Family," over 2ZB Wellington.

Interviewed by the "Record," Mr. Victor Lloyd, who is responsible for this feature, and who also plays the part of Henry Barbour each week, said that he had merely received a letter from the National Commercial Broadcasting Service saying that the ZB stations would not require "One Man's Family" in the future. The Controller (Mr. C. G. Scrimgeour) explained that he was acting on instructions from the Ministry of Broadcasting.

Since this neat little feature has ceased from 2ZB, the various members of the cast and the station itself have had many letters from people who deeply regret the passing of a family that has become a part of the lives of many thousands of listeners.

Typical of the letters is this one received from Hawera:

Dear Henry Barbour,

For we always think of you with affection as Henry, the father of that famous family. You have all become part of our lives to such an extent that to hear of the sudden termination of your family experiences was nothing short of a bombshell. Cold common sense assures me that to feel in such a way about a number

of imaginary people is ridiculous, and yet, here is my wife in tears over your farewell, and I must perforce write and beg you to continue the series if at all possible.

If this be not possible, yet I must still write and thank you for the hours of pleasant entertainment that you have given us in the past. The extraordinary realism that you have all rendered to this feature makes it in my opinion the most outstanding radio series that we have ever heard, superior, we feel as English people, to anything that we ever heard at home from the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Probably the full extent of the interest taken by listeners in "One Man's Family" has not been realised even by you as players, but the Barbour family have caused ourselves and many of our friends never to stir away from home on Friday nights ever since the series commenced. It seems to me that in no sphere of art does naturalness and avoidance of exaggeration appear so important as in radio drama, and that is where you have scored over other radio productions.

In "Klondike" you were hampered by a sense of unreality suggested by the script and by a multiplicity of



VICTOR LLOYD

"My wife in tears over your farewell."

characters, but in "One Man's Family" you found the ideal radio play in which your talents as actor and producer undoubtedly reached their zenith.

And so, from my family and myself, please accept our grateful thanks for the pleasure that all of you have given us.

Dunedin Dancers Make Good Showing

DUNEDIN dancers, Miss Cora Duff and Mr. Leo Schmelz, who left in November to take part in the 1938 Australasian ballroom championships, did not do a Catalogue race to victory. However, against the best in Australia, they came in fifth—no mean achievement.

Advice received from Mr. Schmelz is to the effect that both he and his partner were very well pleased with their performance, and they will return laden with trophies.

Interest in their welfare was widespread. Dunedin preliminary contests and the finals, in which presentations and congratulations were made by Dr. D. G. McMillan, M.P., were broadcast by 4ZB.

Championship was won by a Melbourne couple, this being the second year in succession that the distinction has gone to the Victorian capital.

NCBS Links Up With Great Scout Jamboree

AT the present time, more than 10,000 Boy Scouts from nearly every country in the world are gathered at the great Scout Jamboree at Bradfield, near Sydney, Australia. At a time of international unrest like the present, the jamboree will serve a very useful purpose.

New Zealand is represented by a large contingent, and the NCBS has arranged a comprehensive programme for the purpose of keeping New Zealanders in close contact with their representatives in Sydney.

The first contingent of scouts left from Auckland on December 20 by the Awatea, and 1ZB broadcast a description of the departure. Then, on Tuesday, December 27, the second contingent left from Wellington, 2ZB being there with a microphone as the ship drew out.

Christmas Day, shortly after noon, the NCBS hooked up with a radio telephone conversation between the youngest New Zealand scout in Sydney and his mother in Wellington. The talk was broadcast by all stations, and the young scout conveyed Christmas greetings from his fellow scouts to their parents in New Zealand.

During the actual jamboree, the NCBS has arranged for a description of each day's proceedings to be cabled to New Zealand, and