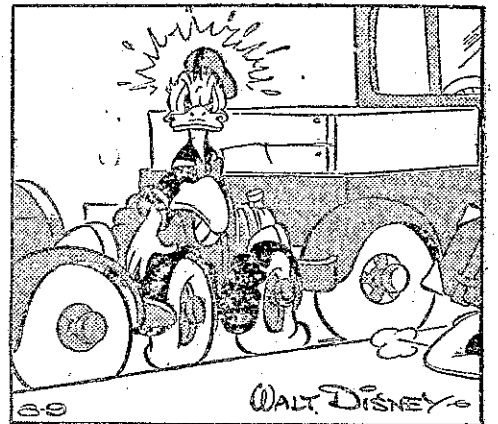
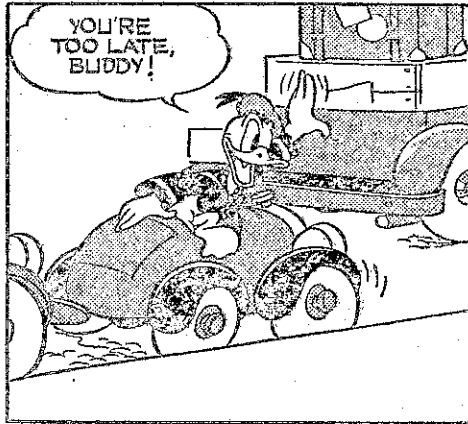
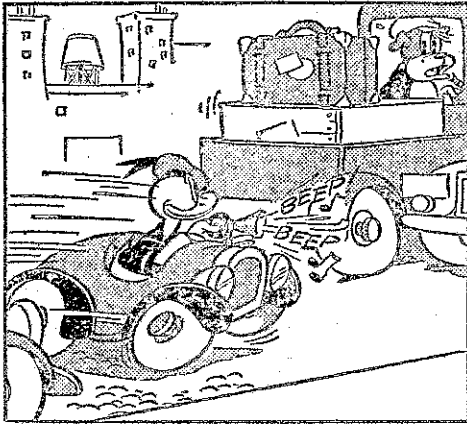
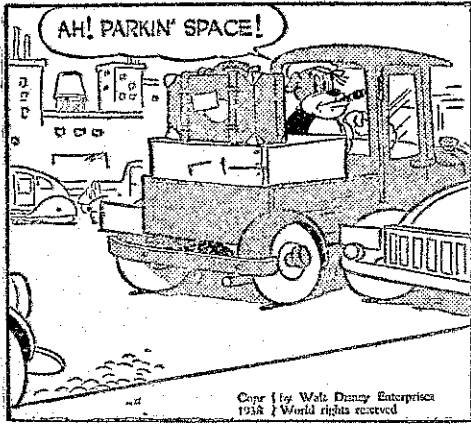


DONALD DUCK

by Walt Disney



CONDITIONS IN N.Z. MENTAL HOSPITALS

Aunt Daisy Sponsors An Urgent Appeal For Nurses

THE urgent need for more nurses for the mental hospitals of New Zealand has led Aunt Daisy to make inquiries into the conditions and prospects for girls undertaking such work. She has turned over to the "Record" the results of her investigation, together with letters she has received on the subject.

"Yes, I know we instinctively shrink from this work, but that is because we don't know anything at all about it," comments Aunt Daisy.

Aunt Daisy writes as follows: "My dear Daisy Chain,—I want to bring before you a great opportunity for girls of 20 to 25 years of age to combine earning their living with giving a fine and unselfish service to their country. Many girls offer for the mission field, and go to far countries—a noble work, indeed. But there is work to be done at home here—

Aunt Daisy then quotes a letter from "One of the Daisy Chain," in which the writer, herself a mental hospital attendant, describes what is done to interest the inmates in artistic and creative work and so help them to concentrate and forget the things that trouble their minds. "At Avondale they have a class for the girls specially in poker work. . . . Two teachers are there one day each week to give them skilled tuition, and the work is equal to that done outside. . . . The articles made are sold, and any profit that is made is entirely the patient's for her own private use. "It is wonderful to see them happily engaged in artistic work, and they are so much brighter and more cheerful when they know that they are going to get pocket money of their own. Work and wages make a light heart, and to those who are out of from the outside world, it is doubly precious; and those who recover find it a very useful and remunerative occupation when they return home. . . . I have spent some very sad, heart-breaking days there, but there is a silver lining to every cloud, and I have also spent some very happy days there." Aunt Daisy goes on to say how anxious she is to dispel the very widespread feeling of nervousness among young women who might otherwise apply for a position in this quite well-paid and most useful service.

"As a matter of fact," she says, "I shared this feeling, and it was with a good deal of hesitancy that I accepted an invitation to visit both Avondale and Kingseat Mental Hospitals during my recent visit to Auckland.

"I can assure you that I came away with a totally different idea of the whole work, and filled with a keen desire to do anything I can to help toward making known the very good conditions that obtain there.

"The nurses' home is large, bright and sunny. Each nurse has her own little bedroom, and the sitting-room and the dining-room are both comfortable and attractive, with plenty of flowers and pot plants to brighten them. The food is very good—both Avondale and Kingseat have their own farm and vegetable garden, poultry and so on—and there is no lack of anything.

"The wages for nurses, too, are good—£130 for the first year, with £25 deducted for board, washing and uniform, leaving a clear £2 a week—very good, don't you think? In many jobs girls get only £2 a week, and have to provide their own clothes and board. The nurses have one day long duty, the next day shorter duty, and the following day "off"; so that a girl could, if convenient, go home to dinner on the second evening, and stay

BBC Recordings For Early Release

ENGLISH folk who wistfully recall the sights and sounds of their home country will be interested in three specially recorded BBC programmes which will be released in New Zealand shortly by the NBS. First is "An Evening in Burbleton," which is, as the title suggests,

IMPROVEMENTS

Big Alterations At 3YA

IMPORTANT building alterations will be put in hand shortly at 3YA. The original company, which was the founder of 3YA in Christchurch, has vacated the ground floor of the big building in Gloucester Street and a complete revision of the existing arrangements on the first, second and third floors is proposed.

At the time of writing, no actual date for starting the work has been fixed, but before long this popular station will operate in a new guise from studios, lounges and administrative rooms. As a matter of fact, it is high time the station fell in line with the facilities in other centres.

Mobile 5ZB Should Attract Great Interest

Novel NCBS Radio Station On Wheels

DISTINCTLY the most novel enterprise yet sponsored by the NCBS is the mobile railway broadcasting unit which will be known as 5ZB. As far as can be ascertained, this is the first time a complete broadcasting station has ever been built into a train, so the arrival of 5ZB at the centres it will visit should create tremendous interest, and listener interest of the station's programmes should be correspondingly great.

The railway carriage which is being modified to house the studio equipment will contain complete facilities for presenting programmes, and special personnel will be selected to make the 77 days' tour, which begins in March.

Hours 5ZB will be on the air will be from 7 to 9 a.m., and 6 to 10 p.m. Where local conditions warrant it, additional broadcasts will be made for two hours at midday. The evening programmes will include several new self-contained programmes, and local talent may also be used.

Only North Island centres will

be visited in the meantime, and centres at which 5ZB will stay will include Masterton, three days; Dannevirke, three days; Hastings, four days; Napier, four days; Palmerston North, two days; Wanganui, four days; Hawera, three days; New Plymouth, four days; Taumarunui, two days; Te Kuiti, one day; Hamilton, two weeks; Auckland, five days; and Whangarei, one week.

N.Z. Singer Wins Praise In Italy

OFTEN heard over 3YA, Madame Ross Brodie, daughter of Mrs. W. O. MacKay, Mus.Bac., of Christchurch, who has been studying singing under Ezio Kost at Milan, recently achieved success in concerts both in Milan and Rome.

Critics writing in several Italian newspapers gave her unstinted praise. While they centred their



MADAME ROSS BRODIE Vivas from Italian audiences.

comments on her singing of famous works they were equally enthusiastic about a Maori song, "Te Whenua Kura," which was very popular with Italian audiences. This well-known melody is one of the many compositions of Madame Brodie's mother.

Describing her concert at Rome, "La Tribuna" says: "Madame Brodie, mezzo-soprano, who comes from a family of great musical traditions, has a marked musical temperament and she shows it more in the dramatic works in her repertoire such as 'Aria Della Principessa' by Cilea. In songs more sweet and thoughtful, as well as in the famous 'Morgen' by Strauss, she reveals genuine artistic sentiments. . . ."

NEAT RETORT

So What?

AN amusing crack at the important-sounding titles that are often assumed by broadcast officials comes from Australia.

Gladys Moncrieff, now almost recovered from her terrible accident of nearly a year ago, rang the ABC in Sydney the other morning.

"I want to speak to Mr. C—," she said.

"This is the secretary to the Federal Programme Director of the Australian Broadcasting Commission," replied a very formal voice.

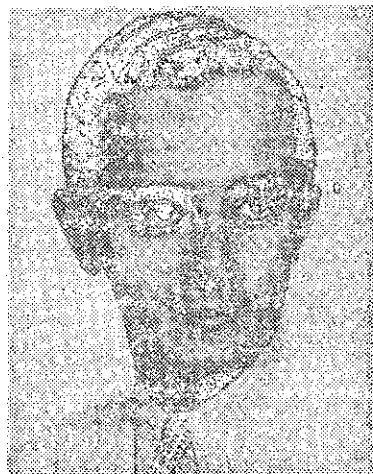
"Oh, hang that," said Gladys. "This is Australia's Queen of Song speaking."

very necessary and just as noble—the caring for the "sick in mind" at our New Zealand mental hospitals.

"These hospitals are not by any means full of 'insane' people. During my two visits lately to them, I saw little difference between them and any other hospitals, except that very few patients were in bed, and most of them were either sitting in the large rooms sewing fancywork, or machining, or listening to the wireless; or else walking in the big gardens, or playing cricket, and so on.

"Of course, there are difficult cases, naturally, but new young nurses are not put in charge of them."

COMING—MAYBE



Frank Neil told the "Record" that Larry Adler (above), world-famous virtuoso of the mouth-organ, will come to New Zealand if theatre accommodation can be arranged successfully. Larry Adler has had a sensational season in Australia. In Sydney the box-office takings for a week almost rivalled those of the Covent Garden Russian Ballet!

an atmospheric description of an evening in a mythical village, with traditional games and songs and music.

Second is "London's River," which incorporates a few of the many songs which have been written in honour of "Old Father Thames," and the third is "West From Bristol," which is concerned with the counties of Devon and Cornwall.

there until the following night. At the end of five months, she has a full month's holiday. There is a rise of £10 each year; and it is hoped that soon a year's training at the mental hospitals will count toward the necessary years of training at public hospitals.

"Very often, two or even three friends from country towns, or from different parts of New Zealand, like to come together into the Avondale nursing service. Thus they are company for each other on their free days, and in the evenings.

"There are dancing lessons in the big social rooms for the patients, and concert parties from town come out frequently."

In conclusion, Aunt Daisy says: "Do write and ask me anything you would like to know about this really splendid work. The best age to join is from 20 to 25."