

were Herta Glaz, Metropolitan Opera singer: Rosina Raisbeck, the well-known Australian artist; Simon Barere, world-famous pianist: the Whitehall Players; and variety stars Ella Shields, Jenny Howard, and Minnie Love.

*New Zealand Artists on Tour.*—Marion Waite, soprano, and John Parkin, pianist, made a successful tour of the ZB stations, and it is hoped in the coming year to arrange tours of other New Zealand artists. The New Zealand baritone, William Clothier, also broadcast from the ZB stations during the year.

*Special Programmes.*—A highlight of the year's broadcasts was the wedding of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, and ZB stations remained on the air much later than usual to cover this event.

Other outstanding programmes included the Norman Corwin series "One World Flight," containing a special episode on New Zealand, and another Corwin programme entitled "The Time is Now," a world survey of United Nations' accomplishments. Another interesting documentary, from the Columbia Broadcasting System of the United States, was "The British Crisis," which comprised actuality broadcasts from the British Isles by the Right Honourable Clement Attlee, the Right Honourable Winston Churchill, the Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, and other important public figures.

From the British Broadcasting Corporation came the documentary "Battle for Britain," commemorating the anniversary of that event. Favourable listener reaction to this programme was very marked. Other programmes dealt with such subjects as Easter customs; the need for the utmost conservation of electric power; origin of Friday the 13th; the arrival of the British air-freighter; leap year, under the title "Leave it to the Girls"; the postmen's drive in the sale of health stamps; the story of the Victoria League; a story of the arrival of Santa Claus; a descriptive survey of 1947 fashions; singing by the Fijian cricketers; the origin of April Fool's Day; His Majesty's mails, portraying one hundred years Post Office history in Otago; and the broadcast of the re-enactment of the landing of the pioneers at Port Chalmers; the broadcast of the Centennial fireworks display in Dunedin; and the covering of the New Zealand Brass and Pipe Band Championships.

Considerable interest was taken in quiz programmes, and the Inter-Dominion Quiz between New Zealand and Australia was certainly a highlight of the year's programmes. The New Zealand team of four competitors included three who had taken part in various ZB quiz programmes, and, although the Australian team won by a margin of two points, the decision was in doubt until the final round.

*Special Events.*—Some stations, in association with advertisers, devoted time to entertaining children on the 5th November. At 1ZB a very successful function was broadcast, and an ambitious fireworks display took place on the top of Mount Eden. It is estimated that some fifty thousand people witnessed the display. The Commercial network also made a special effort to provide Christmas cheer for orphan children, and listeners were asked to assist by contributing suitable toys and books. The results were very satisfactory, and several thousand articles were brought into the stations. In many instances listeners purchased goods for donation to this appeal. In one centre well over three thousand suitable books were donated by listeners, and more than two thousand assorted toys, some of them of a valuable nature, were distributed. Unfortunately, the poliomyelitis epidemic restrictions prevented the arranging of entertainments at the various orphanages, but in every case the toys were distributed.

*Women's Sessions.*—Women's sessions carried the maximum amount of advertising permitted, and, as with other sessions, there was a waiting-list of advertisers wishing to purchase time. A commencement was made with the complete reorganization and consolidation of women's sessions, and a Supervisor of Women's Sessions was appointed