## A Run

# Through The Programmes

and then plays the record so that listeners may study the construction of the music. If you would like to know more about great music, and why it has lasted down the years while most of the music of to-day lives for a month and then is forgotten, tune in to 4YA, Dunedin, on Monday, July 17.

#### You'll Enjoy These Chestnuts

The older the joke, the better it goes. We can't remember who wrote that, but it is exemplified by the new 4ZB feature, "Bed-time Stories for Adults," presented by Uncle Percy every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 p.m. Uncle Percy is already well known to 4ZB listeners through his Sunday evening children's sessions. He is a real old-timer and can spin a yarn with the skill that is only acquired by years of experience.

#### Cavalier of the Rose

To those people to whom the name Strauss means only waltzes, the opera "The Cavalier of the Rose" (Der Rosenkavalier), by Richard Strauss, will prove a revelation. It is one of the most colourful operas written in the last fifty years, with a really good story that everyone will enjoy. You will find also that one of the principal parts is taken by Lotte Lehmann. In a recent performance of this opera at Sadler's Wells, the Ranfurly singer, Denis Dowling, was called on suddenly to replace another singer who was ill. Listen to 4YA, Dunedin, on Sunday, July 16.

### How "West Wind" Began

A certain evening recently was the second anniversary of the radio serial "Wandering with the West Wind," by W. Graeme Holder. Mr. Holder tells how the idea for these episodes was discovered. He was listening to some records, and one of them was called "West Wind." That gave him the start, and he had soon begun a series of tales about the wanderings over the face of the earth of an old artist-philosopher, The Wayfarer. The Wayfarer is an old bachelor, a humorous fellow, who is able to laugh at himself and his failings, and whose travels take him to all parts of the globe, known and outlandish. He comes across quaint customs and modes of living, meets all sorts of interesting people, has adventures and amusing experiences in places as opposed as Bechuanaland and the Bosphorus. He observes all things with the calm rumination of an old savant, seeing all, knowing all, and just saying enough to make one realise what great fun life really is. A

feature of his wanderings is the weird music he hears in different lands, from the clang of Chinese crash cymbals to the wail of the Gaita of Spain. Another episode of "Wandering with the West Wind" will be broadcast from 1YA Auckland on Thursday.

#### **English Gentleman**

You have probably heard the song about the "fine old English gentleman." Perhaps too, you have already made the acquaintance of Captain Geoffrey Somerset, the modern "soldier of fortune" who has taken upon himself the duty of guardian of the mythical Balkan state of Borovnia. This devil-may-



care aviator, who enjoys the privilege of being rude to Borovnia's queen, will be heard in an exciting escapade on July 18, from 3YA Christchurch.

#### **Old Masters**

If you are susceptible to the mellow tones of the 'cello, be sure to listen in to 2YC on Thursday, July 20, at 9.5 p.m., when Claude Tanner will play a group of compositions by old masters. In London, Mr. Tanner was a sub-professor at the Royal Academy of Music, and he has played with the big orchestras there. In Wellington he has played numerous concertos with the Wellington Symphony Orchestra. He is a brilliant exponent of his instrument, and his programme includes compositions by Bach, Handel, Leclair, Gluck, and Madame Marin-Marais.



#### The Voice of Wellington

"Wellington Speaks," conducted by Gladstone Hill, is a novel weekly broadcast by 2ZB. The session is broadcast on Tuesdays at 12.30 p.m. from the assembly platform of the Wellington railway station, and affords an opportunity for the "men in the street" to air their views on topics of current interest. These "vox pop" programmes are regular features of both commercial and non-commercial stations in Australia, the United States and England.

#### Catch That Spy!

The sinister designs of two brothers and their gang of spies, one of whom is a beautiful girl, matched against the British Secret Service; the apparently foolish dandy, Roger Milray, playing a lone and dangerous hand against inscrutable Orientals; intrigue and death in the hidden places of a great city—you will hear more about all of these if you listen to the serial, "Singapore Spy," episode 12 of which will be presented from 2YC Wellington, on Wednesday, July 19.

#### Other People's Lives

Probably you have seen those little notices in the "Personal Column" of your paper? Sometimes they are pathetic, sometimes enigmatic. Have you ever wondered what lies behind "B———. Come home quickly or it will be too late. J———.", or the many little bits of other people's lives which come into that column every day? "Personal Column," another episode of which will be heard from 3YA Christchurch on Thursday evening, is a dramatic conception of the comedy and tragedy behind those brief sentences which appear among the advertisements of a daily paper.

#### The Spice of Life

If thrilling experiences are the spice of life there is spice in the lives of most people. Nearly everyone, as Lord Northcliffe said, has had something in his life that would "make the front page." This fact explains the popularity of "Thrills," a series of which another episode will be heard from 4YA Dunedin on Wednesday.