

A Run Through The Programmes



welcome change when the opposite process is applied. The celebrated "Lambeth Walk" is presented à la prima donna in the BBC recorded feature "The Fol De Rols." For your further enlightenment: the "Fol De Rols" is one of the most celebrated concert parties in England. The show will be heard from 2YA on Friday, August 18, at 8 o'clock.

Marvellous Middleton

"You cross a lettuce and a cucumber, and up comes Mr. Middleton." When they start making music-hall jests like this about a man in England he is really famous. C. H. Middleton is the B.B.C. gardening expert. He has a loamy voice and a way with him. If there is a more attractive radio speaker anywhere on the planet you have not yet heard of him. One of his gardening talks has been recorded and will go the round of the National stations. Station 4YA will have the good luck to broadcast this at 9.25 p.m. next Monday.

On With the Dance

If you want to brush up your dancing watch for the new recorded dancing lessons soon to be broadcast by ZB stations. Conducted by no less an authority than Victor Sylvester, dancing expert of the BBC, these dancing lessons will be broadcast at 10.15 p.m. on Tuesdays to Saturdays.

A Clown Keeps Laughing

Some clowns might laugh with tears in their eyes, but most of them are as happy as they look, and the NBS found a particularly cheerful soul for a Job of Work interview to be broadcast from 4YA on Friday, August 18, at 8.45 p.m. He has had one or two misfortunes—one accident caved in his chest, broke a wrist, and cracked his skull—but he has seen a good part of the world and helped to make most of it laugh. He is retired now, although he can still ride a one-wheel bicycle and pick up a shilling with a stockwhip; but looking back has nothing but interest for him, as those who listen to him will learn.

He Excelled

Next to writing a paragraph which will get past the sub-editor, writing a short story is the most exacting of literary arts. Stacy Aumonier knew just what to put in a short

story and, more important, just what to leave out. Galsworthy confessed himself amazed at the richness and precision of his observation, the poignancy of his irony, and the humane breadth and tolerance of his feeling and philosophy. Through the courtesy of the B.B.C. and Aumonier's widow, the NBS has dramatised versions of two of his finest stories. "The Fall" was heard last week from 4YA and will be repeated from 2YC at 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 19.

The Old Grape Vine

Someone once said, "Everything changes except change," which means, of course, that almost everything changes. "Family Tree," a play by Philip Wade, is a study in changing and unchanging things and presents a picture of a conservative family living in an old manor in England. Pride of them all is a magnificent grape vine which they tend from year to year; and while domestic storms rock the



security of the family, while vicissitudes take their toll, and while their beloved old house comes within an ace of being lost forever, the vine continues to flourish in the rich soil. The play treats of many things, of the intolerance and selfishness of snobs, of simple country folk, and of young people in love and



an understanding woman called Agatha. "Family Tree" will be presented from 4YA Dunedin on Sunday, August 13.

Mister Brown

"Will you sing something, Mr. Brown?" asks the hostess, and Mr. Brown, though he has every intention of singing, stoutly deprecates the suggestion. And Mr. Brown of 1890 very likely lives again in Mr. Brown of 1939. From 1YA on Thursday, August 17, at 9.5 p.m., he may hear himself caricatured, for Mr. Brown probably attended the balls of the season when he was not being bashfully forward at the musical evenings. Mrs. Isabell Cluett's memories of the 'nineties will be continued with an Old Time Dance this week and an Old Time Musical Evening next week.

Not Enough People?

Not very long ago the nations were afraid of over-population. Now it is the threat of decline of which they are afraid. There has been such a swing in migration in the last few years that Britain has been receiving more people from the Dominions than she has sent to them. Actuaries and economists have some startling calculations about ageing populations and the fall in totals. H. V. Hodson, who is editor of "The Round Table," and was for some time on the staff of "The Economist," will discuss these problems in a talk to be given from 3YA on Tuesday, August 15, at 9.5 p.m.

London's River

The Thames flows through England's greenest fields and London's grimmest slums. There is not a yard of its banks which has not seen history made, youth and beauty passing by, age and decay following. Of all rivers it is surely most dear to Englishmen. For them "Earth has not anything to show more fair." With song, music, and dialogue, the B.B.C. production "London's River" follows down the quietly flowing waters. It is to be broadcast from 3YA at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15.