



THINGS TO COME—



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CONVICTS in an American gaol are allowed to stage their own radio programmes. The competition for Outside Broadcaster, we are told, is terrific!

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THE fact that a musician's boots squeak doesn't mean that he has music in his sole.

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POLAR explorers don't like radio thrillers. These send cold shivers down their backs.

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To those who like their reading plain and four-square,

James Joyce's "Ulysses" was rather a nightmare; While the recently published "Finnegan's Wake" Bears even closer resemblance to a literary earthquake.

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THIS week's crazy headline: "Croonette With Loveliest Ankles Marries." Perhaps she left the church under a line of arched insteps.

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SOME people find farming talks depressing. They don't like harrowing details.

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A BANDLEADER recently got a fit of coughing in front of the microphone—but luckily the publicity boys were there to give him another pat on the back.

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In some radio thrillers there are so many murders, we think the characters should be given in order of their disappearance.

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A COMPOSER had his latest compositions stolen ... just a few snatches of song?

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AN English seaside concert party comedian remarked that he'd had some decent audiences in spite of the bad weather—so friendly, in fact, that he finished up by calling one audience by his christian name.

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ANNOUNCERS go to school to learn their BBC?

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A RADIO actor was once a messenger-boy—that's why his delivery is so perfect.

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AN American magazine last month coined the word "fuhrious." A reader's reply: "Adolf my hat to 'fuhrious'; it gets in Mein Herr."

THE Department of Internal Affairs and its Physical Welfare Branch are fighting the peace as usual. The early morning broadcasts of physical jerks may be heard daily from the main stations at 7 a.m., as before. They are now in the seventh series and building a better and brighter nation every week.

Brown Against White

Dr. Elizabeth Bryson has something to say on the brown bread versus white controversy in her next talk about "What Shall We Eat?" She takes a strictly non-partisan view of the problem and has some facts which listeners may not have heard from more jealously enthusiastic dietitians. Wholemeal seems to win by a short kernel, but judge for yourselves. "Our Daily Bread" will be broadcast by 2YC at 8.42 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3.

Our Phlegm

It's a question which came first, the British phlegmatic tradition, or the phlegm itself. At all events, our artist insists that the tradition is there and, apropos of a talk to be given from 2YA on Friday, October 6, at 8.40 p.m., reminds us that Drake fiddled with



his bowls while the Armada burned. At least, that's what Bill (the office boy) calls it. For Bill, history is at present limited to the arrival of "Boomps-a-Daisy!" in New Zealand. But our more serious minded adherents might tune in to W. Feilding's talk about "The Game of Bowls," and profit thereby.

Eggs and Cheese

Spring is evidently coming even to Dunedin, for the A.C.E. schedule a talk for 4YA at 3.15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, on "Spring Dishes Using Eggs and Cheese."

Cows will now be contemplating the first green shoots of Taieri grass, with Taieri cheesemakers contemplating the cows, and the A.C.E. contemplating both. And hens will be laying for dear life to get the prices down, with October so joyfully close. Remember your protein, listeners, and listen to this one.

Riding Round London

While John Watt bowls along the busy modern streets in ancient hansom cab, other BBC commentators follow the story of tandems, growlers, cabs, horse buses, hansoms, taxis, and omnibuses in the development of "London's Traffic." That is the title of a BBC recording to be played from 3YA on Tuesday, October 3, at 8 p.m. It's an amusing story. The first horse buses, for instance, were a French idea and supposed therefore to have an added appeal for persons of the "utmost refinement of taste." Magazines and periodicals were provided for the delectation of passengers, and a gentleman of "irrefutable propriety" was appointed to attend them as conductor. The BBC people are especially good at this sort of thing.

For Animals

To St. Francis of Assisi everything living was something to be loved. He preached to the birds, and he addressed the sun and moon as brother and sister. When in his last illness they cauterised him, he spoke to the burning iron as "Brother Fire," and reminded him that he had always loved him. The Annual Animal Week is to be celebrated shortly, and there is to be a talk at 2YA on Friday evening, October 6, at 7.40 p.m. by Mrs. A. D. Houston, who entitles her subject: "The Story of St. Francis of Assisi in connection with the World Day for Animals."

Hercules Up-to-date

Station 3YA is to begin a new serial at 8.31 p.m. on Thursday, October 5. "The Twelve Labours of Hercules" is a modern version of the Greek myth. Miss Eleanor Holmes refuses to marry Hector Cousins, nicknamed "Hercules," until he has performed 12 tasks she has set him. A lucky chance adds finance and Bartholomew, the butler, to Hercules' physical assets, and he wins through in 12 episodes. The prologue will be broadcast next week.

On Kissing

"English ladies are divinely pretty and too good-natured. They have an excellent custom among them, and wherever you go the