

use at Christmas, wrote his *Carol Symphony*, based entirely on five traditional Christmas melodies. The symphony is in the usual four contrasted parts, the first being a joyous tune on the strings which soon becomes a counterpoint to one of the most widely-loved of Christmas hymns, *Adeste Fideles*. The cheery carol, *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*, is the theme of the second movement, the third is built on *Lullay* and *The First Nowell*, and in the last movement *Here We Come a-Wassailing* is heard. *Carol Symphony* will be broadcast from 2YA on Tuesday, December 23, at 9.30 p.m.; 4YA on Christmas Day, at 11.0 a.m., and from 2YH on Monday, December 29, at 9.30 p.m. It is played by the London Radio Orchestra under Denis Wright.

Empire Programme

THE Empire reunion programme *Men of Goodwill* which the BBC will broadcast on Christmas Day will be picked up and rebroadcast from 2YA and the four ZB stations at 2.0 a.m. on Boxing Day and repeated over the main National stations at 9.0 a.m. The programme, which will be introduced by Sir Laurence Olivier, will present a vivid panorama of the world as it is on Christmas Day. From Britain, a farmer from an East Anglian farm, a Durham miner, and a Cockney will each tell how they are enjoying their austerity Christmas; commentators from the old battlefields of Alsace will tell how the people from that part of France are rebuilding their war-ravaged villages and schools; Christmas among the troops of British-occupied Germany will be described by another commentator; yet another will talk from Warsaw. Greetings from a weather ship in mid-Atlantic will be followed by messages from the Commonwealth and the Colonies, and finally listeners will hear from Washington the voice of Sir John Boyd Orr, speaking from the United Nations. At 3.0 a.m. His Majesty the King will broadcast his Christmas message, which will be heard again from the main National and the four ZB stations at 7.15 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Boxing Day.

With the ZB'S

TO celebrate the Christmas season all ZB stations and Station 2ZA will stay on the air till 1.0 a.m. on Christmas Day to broadcast greetings and seasonal music.

Station 12B will hold a Christmas Eve party at 11.30 p.m.; Station 2ZB will broadcast a special programme including some of the principal recordings requested during the year at 11.15 p.m.; Station 3ZB will broadcast at midnight a session called *Merry Christmas to You*; Station 4ZB's programme at 11.45 p.m. will be called *As Time Goes By*, and from Station 2ZA, at 11.45 p.m. listeners will hear *Carols by Candlelight*, followed by three-quarters of an hour of *Music, Mirth and Melody*. In addition, Station 3ZB will present a broadcast from the children's ward of the Christchurch Hospital on Tuesday, December 23, at 4.45 p.m.

Both Stations 12B and 2ZB held a "toy week" this year with the idea of gathering in Christmas presents for distribution to children. In each case gifts arrived in thousands; 12B estimated that it had received between 7,000 and 8,000 articles. The toys will go to Auckland orphanages. Station 2ZB also received a good response, and the toys were distributed to children.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Features and Plays:

- 1YA, 7.40 p.m.: "The Lovely Lady of Bethlehem" (play).
- 1YA, 9.30 p.m.: A Dramatized Christmas Story (relayed from Myers Park).
- 2YA, 11.30 p.m.: "This the Happy Morn."
- 3YA, 10.45 p.m.: The Carolers (Studio programme).
- 4YA, 8.30 p.m.: "Round About This Time" (NZBS play).
- 4YZ, 8.15 p.m.: "A Christmas Carol" (Dickens).

Music and Carols:

- 1YA, 7.30 p.m.: "Christmas Symphony" (Schiassi).
- 2YA, 7.30 p.m.: Christmas Songs (Studio recital).
- 2YH, 11.30 p.m.: "Music for Christmas" (BBC programme).
- 3YA, 7.53 p.m.: "Christmas Concerto" (Corelli).
- 3YA, 8.9 p.m.: The People Sing (from the Civic Theatre).
- 3YA, 9.30 p.m.: "I Sing of a Maiden" (BBC programme).
- 4YA, 11.45 p.m.: Carols.
- 4YZ, 2.15 p.m.: "Christmas Oratorio" (Bach).
- 4YZ, 11.45 p.m.: Songs of the Season (4YZ Choristers).

Religious Services:

- 1YA: Midnight Mass—St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- 2YA: Midnight Mass—St. Gerard's Church.
- 3YA: Midnight Mass (Anglican — St. Michael's Church).

CHRISTMAS DAY

Features and Plays:

- 1YA, 3.0 p.m.: "A Christmas Carol" (Dickens).
- 1YX, 7.20 p.m.: "Mr. McKenzie Goes On."
- 2YA, 11.0 a.m.: "Santa Claus Rides Again."
- 2YA, 8.28 p.m.: "The Plot to Overthrow Christmas" (Corwin).
- 2YD, 8.5 p.m.: "Dick Whittington."
- 2YH, 8.0 p.m.: "The Man Who Bought Up Fairyland" (BBC).
- 2YN, 7.6 p.m.: "The Story of the Three Wise Men" (Charles Laughton).
- 3YA, 2.0 p.m.: "A Christmas Carol" (BBC).
- 3YA, 8.0 p.m.: "A Reputation for Benevolence" (NZBS play).
- 3ZR, 8.0 p.m.: "Thine Inheritance" (play).
- 4YO, 5.20 p.m.: "Mr. Pickwick's Christmas" (Charles Laughton).

Music and Carols:

- 1YA, 7.30 p.m.: Christmas Music.
- 1YX, 9.40 p.m.: "A Ceremony of Carols" (Britten).
- 2YA, 7.15 p.m.: "Bethlehem" (Boughton).
- 2YD, 7.33 p.m.: Christmas Parties.
- 2YH, 9.0 a.m.: Cavalcade of Christmas.
- 2YH, 7.15 p.m.: "Bethlehem" (Boughton).
- 2YN, 7.0 p.m.: "Christmas Overture" (Taylor).
- 3YA, 9.30 a.m.: Christmas Music of the Masters.
- 3YL, 8.32 p.m.: "The Miracle" (Humperdinck).
- 3ZR, 11.0 a.m.: Cavalcade of Christmas.
- 4YA, 11.0 a.m.: Carol Symphony (Hely-Hutchinson).
- 4YA, 2.43 p.m.: "Music for Christmas" (BBC programme).
- 4YA, 8.0 p.m.: "Bethlehem" (Boughton).
- 4YO, 9.0 p.m.: "I Sing of a Maiden" (BBC).
- 4YZ, 11.0 a.m.: Carillon Recital of Christmas Music from St. Paul's.
- 4YZ, 2.15 p.m.: Organ Recital of Christmas Music (St. John's Church).
- 4YZ, 7.30 p.m.: "I Sing of a Maiden" (BBC).

Religious Services:

- 1YA, 10.0 a.m.: Combined Service.
- 1YA, 11.0 a.m.: Anglican Service.
- 3YA, 11.0 a.m.: Methodist Service.
- 3ZR, 5.0 p.m.: The Christmas Service.
- 4YA, 7.0 p.m.: Combined Christmas Service.

BOXING DAY

- 2YA, 12B, 2ZB, 3ZB and 4ZB, 2.0 a.m.: "Men of Goodwill" — a rebroadcast of the BBC's Empire Christmas programme, followed at 3.0 a.m. by the King's Christmas broadcast. The King's Message will be heard again from the main National and the four ZB stations at 7.15 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., and the Empire programme will be repeated at 9.0 a.m. by the main National stations.

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