(continued from previous page) of former students. The culminating point of the hard work and eagerness to learn expended in rehearsals is the yearly public concert given at the Melbourne Town Hall. Soloists for the concertos are chosen after all Victorian schools have been told of the coming concert and every child has a chance to compete for the coveted roles.

The main works presented at the 1947 performance were the pianoforte concerto No. 1 by Beethoven, Symphony No. 5 (Beethoven), and Mendelssohn's violin concerto. Three young pianists—two girls and a boy—handled the Beethoven piano concerto in relay, giving an interesting sidelight on individual interpretation of this classic.

## Help for Promising Students

From money raised at these public concerts, practical help is given to the most promising students. The first grant of £50 has been made to Wilfred Lehmann, 18-year-old violinist, in recognition of his excellent leadership of the orchestra since its inception, and of his exceptional promise. He is doing a diploma course at the Melbourne Conservatorium and hopes to go to England later to study. As well as leading the orchestra, he has at rehearsals deputised as conductor for Bishop. Lehmann has to leave the orchestra now because his work prevents him attending Saturday morning rehearsals. The School Music Association plans to increase these grants as funds from these concerts grow, and it is also collecting children's compositions, which will be played by the orchestra. In this way student composers will have an opportunity of hearing their own work and receiving valuable criticism.

## SHORTWAVE HIGHLIGHTS

ALTHOUGH reported to be broadcasting on the 16- and 19-metre bands also, the Voice of the United States is at present being heard here on the 25-, 31- and 49-metre bands. Listeners will probably find that KRHO and KNBI are the strongest stations carrying these programmes.

Stations, Frequencies and Wavelengths (9.0-11.0 p.m.); KRHO (9.65 mc/s., 31.09 metres), KCBR (9.75, 30.77), KNBA (6.06, 49.40), KNBI (6.12, 49.02), Manilla (11.84, 25.34).

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Headlines in the Programmes: Sunday—9.0 p.m., Parade of Stars; 9.30, World News; 9.45, Radio Forum; 10.0, Symphony of the Air; 10.30, News and Press Opinion. Monday—9.0 p.m., Contented Hour; 9.30, World News; 9.45, Analysis of the News; 10.0, Popular Music; 10.15, Cavalcade of America; 10.40, Ladies Listen; 10.45, News and Press Opinion. Tuesday—9.0 p.m., Harvest of Stars; 9.30, World News; 9.45, Analysis of the News; 10.0, Fashions in Jazz; 10.15, New Roads in Science and Education; 10.30, Far East News and Press Opinion. Wednesday—9.0 p.m., Piano Playhous; 9.30, World News; 9.45, News Analysis; 10.0, Radio Theatre: 10.45, News and Press Opinion. Thursday—9.0 p.m., American Album of Familiar Music; 9.30, World News; 10.0, Fashions in Jazz; 10.15, Answers to Questions; 10.45, News. Friday—9.0 p.m., Parade of Stars; 9.30, News of the World; 9.45, Analysis of the News; 10.0, Time for Jazz; ...10.15, This Lead and its People; 10.45, News. Saturday—9.0 p.m., Top Tunes; 9.30, World News; 9.45, Analysis of the News; 10.0, Story—U.S.A.; 10.45, News.

ALEX LINDSAY, violinist, late London Philharmonic Orchestra, has relinquished his position as sub-leader of the National Symphony Orchestra and is establishing a teaching connection in Wellington. A further notice will appear in Wellington papers at the beginning of the academic year in February.—



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