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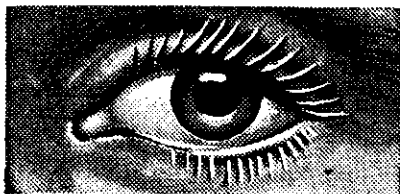


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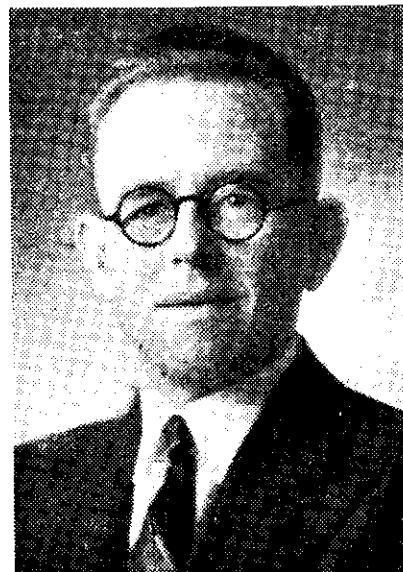
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Orchestral Season Will End With a Flourish

FIVE piano, violin, and 'cello concerto performances by visiting and local guest artists will be included in public concerts which the National Orchestra will present in Auckland and Wellington during the last weeks of the 1949 orchestral season. One of the works is a piano concerto by Henry Shirley, of Auckland, which is still in manuscript and has not yet been performed anywhere. It will be played by the composer himself at a lunch-hour concert by the Orchestra in the Auckland Town Hall on either November 16 or November 18.



Alan Blakey photograph
HENRY SHIRLEY
A premiere at mid-day

At the conclusion of its South Island tour the National Orchestra will travel to Wellington, and on October 22 will present a concert in the Wellington Town Hall. The feature of the evening will be Aleksandr Helmann's playing of Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 3 in D Minor (see also page 8). On November 1, in the Wellington Town Hall, a second concert will include a performance by the visiting 'cellist Peers Coetmore of E. J. Moeran's 'Cello Concerto, which was specially written for her. She is the composer's wife. The Orchestra's last Wellington concert will be on November 5.

Leader as Soloist

The Orchestra will travel to Auckland to present a series of concerts starting on November 15, at the Auckland Town Hall. The first concert will include a performance of a violin concerto, which has yet to be finally selected, by Vincent Aspey, the Orchestra's leader. On November 18 a second concert in the Town Hall will include another presentation of Moeran's 'Cello Concerto by Peers Coetmore. Henry Shirley's Piano Concerto will be presented in a lunch-hour concert on either November 16 or November 18.

After this the Orchestra will go into recess until next season, although there

will, as before, be studio recitals by the district groups during most of the summer.

Over the Alps

The Orchestra's visit to the West Coast starts on Monday, October 10, with a concert in the Regent Theatre, Greymouth. The programme will include Dvorak's Symphony No. 4 and Edward German's *Welsh Rhapsody*. Two schools concerts will be presented in Greymouth on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, October 11. At the Regent Theatre, Hokitika, the Orchestra will give a schools concert and an evening concert on Wednesday, October 12; and at the Victoria Theatre, Westport, a schools and an evening concert will be given on Thursday, October 13. Two schools concerts will be given in the Majestic Theatre, Nelson, on October 17, and an evening concert on October 18. The last South Island concert will be presented in His Majesty's Theatre, Blenheim, on October 19. As usual, each concert will be broadcast by the district station.



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