

# THINGS TO COME—



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**H**ITLER is said to be eating one meal a day as an example to the German public. Other reports say that the German public is eating one meal a day as an example to Goering.

**A** WITNESS in an English police court admitted that he rarely read the newspapers, but that he knew there was a war on. Another triumph for the Ministry of Information.

**I**T is reported that a Swedish scientist has invented a new "lie detector." A friend of ours is convinced that he married one.

**A** CAT-BURGLAR said in court that he was once a successful financier. Those were the days when he got in on the ground-floor.

**T**HE yellowish, darting lights grew brighter as the wind freshened. Soon a cloud of dense smoke billowed above the tree-tops. Figures hurried past him . . . there were cries of "Fire! Eire!"—*Short story.*

It's a bit thick the way some people blame Ireland for everything.

**I**'VE heard people—most of them surprisingly broad-minded in other respects—say that our men at the Front are given too much rum. It's all tummy-rot.—*Daily paper.*

Tommy will risk it, we imagine.

**I**F this is an all-wool rug, why is it labelled cotton? That, madam, is to fool the moths.

**"GERMANY to Woo Rumania for Essential Commodities,"** runs a newspaper headline. Oil Be Your Sweetheart.

**A**FTER consuming a four-course meal, a diner dashed out of a restaurant when presented with the bill. He evidently felt that, as he couldn't foot it, his only chance was to leg it.

**O**UR root crops constitute one of the major foot problems in time of war.—*Gardening article.* So does our corn.

**C**ONVERSATION piece:  
Where have you been?  
To the beauty parlour.  
Was it closed?

**L**IEUTENANT - COMMISSIONER J. LEVAN SMITH, who will give some personal impressions of General Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army, from 2YA on Founder's Day, July 5, at 7.40 p.m., was the last private secretary employed by the Army leader before his death. He acted in that capacity from 1907 until General Booth died in 1912. He then became secretary to General Bramwell Booth, visited Australia and New Zealand with him in 1920 and 1924, and last March came back here to take charge of the Salvation Army in New Zealand. Founder's Day celebrates the formation of the Army in 1865.

### Tramp

Listeners who have seen Ngaio Marsh's profile pictured by Spencer Digby in *The Listener*, will understand that, as usual, the picture drawn by Russell Clark for this item of radio news has very little to do with the author of the talk which 3YA will broadcast at 7.40 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2. Miss Marsh is going to talk about Traveller's Joy.



Although it will be traveller's joy as she has found it in her travels abroad, our picture of the tramp does suggest something of the spirit of freedom which is the joy of true travellers, whether men or women, tramps or tourists. Miss Marsh, as far as we know, avoided conducted tours, and travelled to no timetable. She also avoids the mundane when she talks about her experiences.

### He Says It's Easy

Although W. Graeme Holder, New Zealand radio-playwright, receives praise from all the English-speaking countries from which his work is broadcast, and, in fact, recently heard from the Australian Broadcasting Commission, that his work was considered pre-eminent,

he still fails to understand why more people do not do the same thing. In fact, every time he sees any one from *The Listener* he says it's easy, and asks us to encourage others to try it. He spends a lot of time himself doing just that; but so far there is only one Graeme Holder. Next Sunday, June 30, at 9.15 p.m., his play "Full Circle" will be broadcast by 1YA. On Friday, July 5, one of his new serials, "Thaddeus Brown, Retd." will begin from Station 2YD. This is the story of Thaddeus and his wife Olive, who must journey out of their Sleepy Hollow in a car which has been left to them on condition that it be used a specified amount. With them is Mr. Queeks, a neighbour.

### Reminder

Although a good deal of the tumult has died, there is still some shouting to remind New Zealanders that this is their Centennial year. Some of it will be heard from 2YA at 7.40 p.m. on Monday, July 1, when Martin Nestor is giving the second of his talks in the Winter Course series. This time, for his "Background of New Zealand" he has selected The Early Traders as a topic, and will discuss those people who began New Zealand colonisation almost before the Wakefields had heard of the country, who killed the seals, cut the flax, chopped down the trees for ships' masts, bought kauri gum, and traded trinkets with the Maoris in exchange for food. Mr. Nestor is now in the office of the Director of Publicity, but before then his work was with the Centennial Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs, so his talks come from wide knowledge of his subject, gained both as a hobby and a vocation.

### Cows For You

Listeners in towns and cities have no doubt heard of cows; but it is doubtful whether any great proportion of them are interested in the dear animals until they reach the bottle-on-the-doorstep stage. But there is more to a cow than the rattle of the milkman's van in the morning. There is more to a cow even than bailing it up and milking it. Just how much more townsmen may learn, if they are curious—and they should be—by listening to 1YA at 7.40 p.m. on Monday, July 1, when W. D. Corby, Advisor Officer of the Dairy Board, will discuss the Herd Improvement Plan. This is a nation-wide scheme, which aims at making every cow in New Zealand into a sort of Super-Daisy that milks gallons