## PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAMMES



ALTHEA HARLEY SLACK, D.S.C.M., pianist, studied for six years at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, gaining the coveted diploma for pianoforte playing. She is well-known to listeners through her pianoforte recitals from 3YA, 2YA, and 2BL Sydney. On Sunday, August 25, she will give a pianoforte recital from 3YA at 9.15 p.m.

## A Philosopher

WE'RE inclined to think that philosophers and their kind belong to the days of the ancient Greeks, and it's a shock to meet one in modern life and find that he's not a hoary old man with long white whiskers, walking about with his head in the clouds. In actual fact,



THIS is PHYLLIS ANCHOR, who is now giving the "Speaking Personally" talks for women over National stations. In this page last week we gave a brief account of Miss Anchor's career

many of our philosophers to-day are comparatively young men with their feet firmly planted on solid earth. Such a one is Dr. J. N. Findlay, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Otago. Dr. Findlay is a former South African Rhodes Scholar. He took his M.A. at Oxford and his Ph.D. at Graz in Austria, famous for its university. For some time he was lecturer in philosophy at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, a position he held at a time when feeling between the Afrikaans and the English was running very high. Dr. Findlay took up the chair of Philosophy at the University of Otago six years ago. Last year he went on a world tour to study philosophi-

cal problems in U.S.A., Germany, Scandinavia and England. He has the fortunate ability of being able to talk on the most profound and learned topics in a light and airy way that makes them easily understandable by the layman. If you don't



Green & Hahn photograph
RITA SIMPSON (above) hails from
Canterbury and she is certainly one of
the most promising young singers in the
south to-day. She will present a group of
ballads—by Sanderson, Besley, Somervell and Brewer—at 9.21 p.m. on Friday,
August 30, from 3YA Christchurch

believe that any philosopher is capable of doing this, listen-in for yourself to Dr. Findlay from 4YA Dunedin next Tuesday night at 7.30 p.m. His subject is "A Philosopher Surveys Scientific Methods."

## Agricultural Topics

ON the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, Canterbury Agricultural College broadcasts from 3YA Christchurch talks on farming topics.

Here are brief notes on the experts giving these talks, whom you have already heard or will hear in the near future at 7.35 p.m. on Thursday evenings:

Widely known in stock-breeding circles throughout the Dominion for his knowledge in the breeding of sheep, cattle and pigs is P. G. Stevens, Dip.Agr., Lecturer in Animal Husbandry at Canterbury Agricultural College. He has a wide personal experience of live stock farming, and while he was in charge of the animal breeding and stock work at the Feilding Agricultural College, he



Alan Blakey, photograph
H. CHRISTENSEN, who will conduct
the concert by the Auckland Artillery
Band at 9.15 p.m. on Thursday, August
22, from 1YA Auckland

gained for this institution a high reputation as a stock breeding centre.

The Supervisor of the Canterbury District Pig Council, H. McIntosh, is officer in charge of the pig improvement work in the Canterbury, Marlborough, Nelson and Westland areas.



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TRIO for Viola, 'Cello and Piano, by Johannes Brahms, will be presented at 8.34 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, from 1YA Auckland. The players are (left to right): Lois Walls (viola), Dora Judson (piano), and Lalla Hemus ('cello)



Choral Composer

NOT many English composers receive knighthoods, but Sir Granville Bantock (whose picture appears above) was one of the fortunate ones to be honoured by the King. He has had an interesting life, which began in London in 1868. After studies at the Royal Academy he started a paper called "The New Quarterly Musical Review," then toured the world as a conductor to a theatrical company, married a poetess, Helen von Schweitzer, and in 1934 became Chairman of the Corporation of Trinity College, London, A recital of Bantock's songs will be given by Audrey Holdgate, soprano, at 9.28 p.m. on Sunday, August 25, from 3YA Christchurch.

Colin How, consulting officer of the N.Z. Dairy Board for the South Island is one of the small band of men selected by the board this year to provide an essential service to farmers in the breeding of dairy cattle under the recently instituted National Herd Improvement Plan of the board.

Vance Hannah is stud shepherd at Canterbury Agricultural College, and he is well acquainted with the practical problems of sheep improvement.



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INTERESTING to layman and expert
alike should be the talk, "New Zealand's
Bread," by Dr. F. W. Hilgendorf (above),
which will be presented from 3YA
Christchurch at 7.35 p.m. on Tuesday,
August 27