

# PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAMMES



BBC Photograph

**STANLEY HOLLOWAY**, the Yorkshire comedian and originator of "Old Sam," giving one of his famous humorous monologues. Cecil Madden, the producer, apparently enjoys the joke. Stanley Holloway broadcasts in the "Starlight" feature of the BBC's Overseas programme at 1.45 a.m. British Summer Time each Friday morning



## From Hussars Regiment

**LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. BOWES** (above) who will conduct the band of the 1st Battalion, Auckland Regiment, in a studio recital from 1YA on October 3, received his training as a military bandsman in the band of the 8th Royal Irish Hussars Regiment and he has held his present position with the Auckland regimental band since it was resuscitated some ten years ago. For some time prior to that the band had hardly been more than a name but it was reconstituted on sound lines and is now at full strength. Instruments alone are valued at £1,100. At the present time the band has a strength of 32 players and to provide against the calling up of any members there are 10 cadets in training. Besides his work with the regimental band, Lieut. Bowes is well-known for his leadership of the Auckland Blind Institute band which has so often toured New Zealand.



**BETTY HARDIE** (soprano), is one of three local artists who will be featured in 3YA's programme from 9.18 p.m. on Sunday, September 29. Miss Hardie will be giving her first performance in front of the 3YA microphones. She has selected a group of songs by Haydn and Mozart. Although she is on the threshold of her musical career, she has already had considerable experience. She is a member of the Christchurch Operatic Society, and has taken part in productions of "The Belle of New York," "The New Moon," and "Faust"



Spencer Digby photograph

**MERLE GAMBLE**, soprano, will be the vocalist featured by 2YA with the NBS String Orchestra in a programme to be given from 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1

Major F. H. Lampen, from 2YA every Sunday afternoon, was himself one of the brains abroad for some time, although he has spent most of his life in his native town of Oamaru. He had two years with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force during the last war. He was a member of a reinforcement which had to be diverted because of submarine danger through Egypt, Italy, and France.



Alan Blakey photograph

**DORIS SULLIVAN** (mezzo-soprano), who was scheduled to give a recital of modern English art songs from 1YA on September 25, studied pianoforte under Felix Swinstead, and singing with Percival Driver, at the Royal Academy of Music, London. Her photograph appears above

He spent three months in Italy near Genoa, close to Byron's house and another house in which Dickens wrote "The Christmas Carol." These experiences provided him with material of which he made profitable use as a free-lance writer.

Latterly he has turned his hand to the preparation of material for broadcast.



## N.Z. Brains

**BERNARD MAGEE** (above) who is presenting the series "New Zealand Brains Abroad," in conjunction with

## Air Force Queen

**MARY PRATT**, Dunedin contralto, a popular artist over 4YA and now equally well known from 4ZB, sang recently for the local drive for patriotic funds and is Air Force Queen for Dunedin's money-raising carnival. On September 13 we published a picture of Jessie McLennan, Navy Queen. Some listeners in Dannevirke were so im-



S. P. Andrew photograph

**MARY PRATT**

## Promising Young Pianist

**TESSA BIRNIE** (left) who will be giving a piano recital of Debussy compositions from 1YA on October 4, is a young artist who has made a good start in her musical career. She is only sixteen and she gained her licentiate of the Royal Schools of Music at the unusually early age of 15, receiving favourable commendation from the examiner, Dr. Frederick Staton. A pupil of Owen Jenson (himself well known to listeners), she has broadcast frequently, has taken part in chamber music presentations and recently gave her first public recital with marked success.



**TESSA BIRNIE**