

## "GOOD-BYE MR. CHIPS"

Station 2YA will present a radio adaptation by the NBS of James Hilton's novel at 9.28 p.m. on Sunday, November 24

(Our photograph is of Robert Donat in the M-G-M film version)



## AROUND WELLINGTON

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less. It is impossible that these men could use anything like this on you to cause this rhyming in your head. The trouble is, you see, that you remember these sounds and you are sensitive to them, and it seems to you that they are real."

"Cotton reel!" she said. "Only as big as a cotton reel? But the noise is very clear and loud, and the rhyming will not stop. Are you sure you haven't anything here that would stop it? Now, what I came in to find out was this: Can they give men an electric shock with one of these things?"

"Not without wires," I said. "They must have wires to make a direct contact." (I thought it best not to talk about technicalities, but keep the conversation simple.)

"Not without wires, you say," she said. (I had shouted that one.) "But have you anything here that would stop them?"

### Police and Doctors

I suggested that she lay a complaint about these men with the police, because at this stage it all seemed pretty hopeless. She said she had already been to the police, but the detective told her that they could never find the big man at home in his flat.

"Have you anything here that would stop it?" she said.

I explained that this matter was purely an affair of her memory playing tricks. It was an essentially impractical matter, and the best thing we could do, therefore, was take a practical view of the situation and block her ears with cotton wool when the rhyming started.

She said she had tried that.

I said it might be a good idea, when she found the men knew where she was and started on her with the surging of their apparatus, if she shifted.

"Did you say shifted?" she said, and her eyes twinkled.

Then she laughed again.

I asked if she had been to a doctor about it. "Yes," she replied. "Oh yes, I have been to the doctor. But doctors didn't know much about that sort of apparatus, you know. Not about noises. I saw that you were *The Listener* and I came in here because I felt sure you would have something that would stop it. I am so very disappointed that you have nothing for it. But perhaps it has not been discovered yet. I hope you

will let me know when you hear anything."

"Most certainly we shall."

Then I asked her if she did not think it might be a good idea if she tried some doctor who had a knowledge of noises as well as of doctoring.

"Oh no," she said. "I do not think so."

I asked her how she had got on with the doctor she had been to. What advice had he given her, and had she taken it as she should?

"Oh yes," she said. "I went to the doctor and he syringed my ears. But it had not seemed any good. Are you sure you have nothing that will stop it?"

And then, gradually, she went away, leaving another address, the sixth, also different.

## FORWARD THE GIRLS' BRIGADE!

AN organisation for young women which is growing rapidly in New Zealand is the Girls' Life Brigade, which was formed in England in 1902 to meet the need for a week-night activity for girls, and at the same time keep them in close touch with the Church. Since its formation it has spread all over the world, and is represented in nearly all denominations.

In New Zealand there are nearly 100 companies of the Brigade with a membership of over 2,700. It is recognised as a particularly suitable activity for Maori girls, and a number of Maori companies have been formed.

The motto of the Girls' Life Brigade is "To Save Life," and its work includes physical drill and games, first aid, home nursing, hygiene, infant care, life-saving, instruction in all arts and crafts, and, of course, close contact with the Church.

To enable members of the Girls' Life Brigade to help in any national emergency work, a syllabus of suitable work has been drawn up for the duration of the war, and girls are busy knitting for the forces and making clothing for refugee children.

In Dunedin the movement is particularly active, and besides organising concerts in aid of patriotic funds, it conducts a regular session from 4ZB every fortnight. Various companies take their turn in providing a quarter-hour programme during the children's session on alternate Monday nights.

## UNCLE TOM'S ASSIGNMENT



### DEDICATION DAY at the Friendly

Road next month will probably present the sight of a record number of Auckland babies waiting to be dedicated in a broadcast ceremony. The reason for this is that "Uncle Tom," the grand old man of the "Friendly Road," has been in Australia, and many mothers have been saving up their babies, as it were, for his return.

"Uncle Tom," whom Garmonsway has sketched above, returned the other day by flying boat.

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