

Around The Nationals

THE first of a series of bright and amusing recorded talks on daily life in South Africa will be presented from 1YA on Sunday, June 15. The speaker is Professor J. Y. T. Grieg of Witwatersrand University, who, as a regular broadcaster for the South African Broadcasting Corporation, has perfected his own style of imparting information without pain. In fact the casual listeners will be so captivated by the Professor's chats about the bathing beauties on Durban beach, the wages of domestic servants, the race meetings, meals on trains, and the fashions of all those handsome women in Johannesburg, that they had better be on their guard. The professor comes from Johannesburg and makes no bones about his on-sided enthusiasm for his home town. He visited New Zealand some months ago.

THE band of H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division, which will present a band music programme from 3YA at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, is conducted by Major F. J. Ricketts, who was in New Zealand as conductor of the band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, which was one of the highlights of the South Seas Exhibition in Dunedin in 1925. Major Ricketts has written a good deal of fine band music under the pen-name of "Alford," and the three pieces to be heard from 3YA will be his own compositions.

ETHEL NEAME, who will give a short talk on Basketball to the girls in 4YZ's Children's Session on Friday, June 20, started playing as a fourth grade player only in 1934, but soon graduated to first grade and has represented Southland for five years, captaining the team for the last three years. She has represented the South Island four times and captained it twice, and played in the New Zealand team which toured Australia three years ago, so she knows her subject.

JUNE CLARKSON who is going to sing songs by Schumann and Brahms from 1YA on June 20, has just turned 21 and this will be her first solo appearance before the microphone. She is, however, a member of the Auckland Dorian Choir and was in the chorus for *Faust* when the opera was presented in Auckland during the Centennial Music Festival season there. She is also a member of several musical clubs and has sung for the Society of Registered Music Teachers.

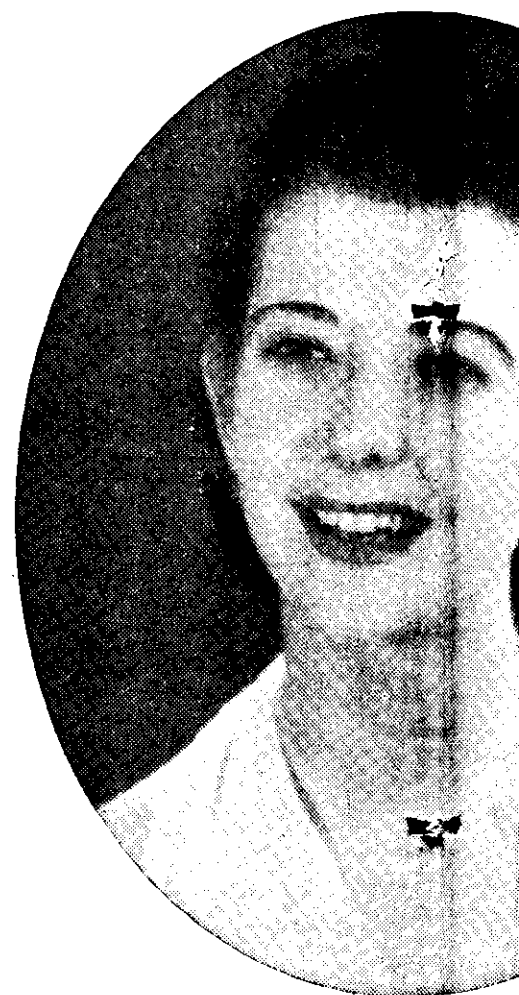
LOVERS of serious music will be offered several fine programmes from 2YA next week. On Sunday afternoon there will be the first of a series of "music by Chopin," and on Sunday evening a number of extracts from the operas. On Monday evening Vincent Aspey and Jean Clarkson will present from the studio Beethoven's *Spring Sonata*, following half an hour of Ravel, and on Tuesday there will be the NBS String Orchestra as well as recordings of music by Handel and Dvorak.

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BBC photograph

DONALD FINLEY, Australian-born theatrical designer, recently interviewed the cast of "Dear Brutus" in a BBC programme for Australia and New Zealand. This picture, taken in John Gielgud's dressing-room shows, from left to right: Donald Finley, John Gielgud, Margaret Rawlings, Ronald Ward and Mary Jerrald



BETTIE DICKSON, young Adelaide dramatic "The Youth Show" in a new series of dramatic episodes. "The Youth Show" is heard from all 2B stations.



MADAME WINNIE FRASER, soprano, sings two groups of songs from 4YA's studio at 8.11 and 8.43 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. They include the well-known "When All The World Is Young Lad"



ETHEL NEAME will talk to girls on basketball in the children's session from Station 4YZ on Friday, June 20. Miss Neame is a Southland, South Island and New Zealand basketball representative