

Around The Nationals

MISS NONI WRIGHT who is conducting the evacuee children session, under the title of *Hello, Children*, from London, every alternate Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. (New Zealand time) (with a re-broadcast by the YA stations the following evening at 5.30), is a well-known Auckland. Before she went to England in 1936 to continue her studies in dramatic art, Miss Wright was prominent in Auckland amateur dramatic circles, and played leading parts for the Auckland Little Theatre Society, the Grafton Shakespeare and Dramatic Society, etc. Within six weeks of her arrival in London, she was engaged to tour England with a company which numbered among its members such headliners as Marie Tempest, Dame Sybil Thorndyke, and Ursula Jeans. Later she played parts with the Croydon, Brighton and Cambridge Repertory Theatres. She was also chosen to play the part of Lady Macbeth at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon. Miss Wright then turned her attention to radio work, and has recently been placed in charge of programmes broadcast to New Zealand from the BBC. She also broadcasts regularly to New Zealand troops in the Middle East, as well as to those stationed in England. She personally helps to write and record the parents' messages for the *Hello Children* session, and writes and broadcasts the announcements and linking material. At the outbreak of war Miss Wright transferred from London to Bristol and then to Cleve some seven or eight miles from Bristol. This makes it necessary for her to travel to London the day before the fortnightly broadcast which is given at 7.30 a.m. Because of the disruption of traffic by bombing she was late one morning and all the windows and doors were blown out of the hotel where she was staying. Now she sleeps at Broadcasting House the night before her New Zealand broadcast. Miss Wright married Mr. F. N. Lloyd Williams, of London, and has a son two years of age.

IT is not very long since Dr. F. Turner returned from a tour overseas. With him he brought memories of such spectacular features of the American landscape as the Grand Canyon of Colorado, which he is going to describe for the benefit of 4YA listeners at 7.12 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, in the first of a series of similar talks. Dr. Turner is a lecturer at Otago University and views landscape with an eye more expert than that of the average tourist. Geology is his specialty, so that knowledge and observation will here be combined for the further benefit of 4YA's listeners.

WHEN she is at home at Mount Eden, Ada Lynn's name is Mrs. Woolhouse. She will sing from 1YA on August 9.



Green & Hahn photograph
GRACE TORKINGTON (right) and Millicent Jennings, are known to 3YA listeners as "Ballad Singers." Miss Torkington will be heard separately in a group of soprano songs from 3YA at 8.26 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5



NONI WRIGHT, formerly of Auckland, who conducts the BBC session "Hello Children," for British evacuees in New Zealand



MISS R. E. BROWN (contralto) will sing in an orchestral and ballad broadcast to be given by 4YZ at Invercargill at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7



ADA LYNN, soprano, will sing a bracket of four songs from the 1YA studio at 8.35 p.m. on Saturday, August 9



Alan Blakey photograph
DAWN HARDING, mezzo-soprano, will sing from 1YA studio at 8.5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6. Her four songs "Sports Quiz" shows (from left) "The Rep", Maurice, A. R. Blarney, Ewan MacFarlane, Miss Valmai Fleming and Jim Williams



THIS PICTURE of Aunt Daisy (centre) with Mrs. Noel Adams, Women's Division of the Farmers' Union, and Barbara, was taken in Wellington recently at which Aunt Daisy entertained 100



"THE REP" cross-examines some well-known golfers. This picture shows (from left) "The Rep", Maurice, A. R. Blarney, Ewan MacFarlane, Miss Valmai Fleming and Jim Williams