



THINGS TO COME

A Run Through The Programmes



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Old and New

Here we present a very ancient joke—the joke about the amateur paper-hanger. He steps in the paste. He tangles in the paper. He falls off the ladder. He sticks to the ceiling. He is a permanent character in slapstick humour, and one of Mr. Punch's best stand-bys until Hitler, and even Hitler



was once a paper-hanger. However, there seems to be no reason why an amateur should make a mess of hanging paper. At least, the A.C.E. think not. In fact, they are going to tell us exactly how it should be done. Wives will hear the talk at 3.15 o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, August 22, from 4YA. If they relay the information to their husbands, and hurry to get paper before the last of it is sunk at sea, the seasonal springtime might well be welcomed with a touch of brightness in the home.

Local Talent

Where does new musical talent come from? How do station directors find new local talent for the programmes? Listeners will be able to answer these questions in part for themselves when 2YA begins broadcasting selected sections of the Wellington Competitions Society's annual festival. The opening programme of the competitions will be relayed from the Wellington Town Hall at 8.18 p.m. on Saturday, August 23. In each of the musical centres of New Zealand the local competitions are the big chance for up-and-coming musicians. They are also a splendid opportunity for the general public to judge for themselves how our talent is developing. Listeners will have a special interest in these programmes.

Masters in Lighter Mood

An attempt to meet the wishes of the many listeners who have complained about a dearth of good music after 10 p.m. is to be made by the YA stations, beginning next week. A sequence of programmes has been arranged so that on each night of the week (except Tuesday), between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., one YA station will be broadcasting a feature session to be called *The Masters in Lighter Mood*. Station 1YA will broadcast this on each Wednesday and every

fourth Saturday. Station 2YA will have it on Thursdays and every third Saturday; Station 3YA on Fridays and every second Saturday; and Station 4YA on Mondays and every first Saturday of the month. Next week 1YA has the Saturday programme on August 23, which is the fourth Saturday. The fifth Saturday, August 30, will be missed out. Where repetitions of the excerpts from Sundays *With the Boys Overseas* session are scheduled, the duration of the new programme will be reduced as required, and on Saturdays sports results will probably cut into it by about 10 minutes. Popular classics will be the mainstay of the session.

Earls, Aunts, and Uncles

A comedy of situation will interest serial fans when 2YA begins next week to broadcast a new serial called *Team Work* (Wednesday, August 20, at 7.53 p.m.). The hero comes into an earldom. En route to sit in the country seat he argues with a policeman and is arrested. To help him out a friend, of American origin, and fortunately very like the new earl, agrees to deputise. At the country seat he finds that two unpleasant uncles and two unpleasant aunts are already sitting, and determined to remain so. He gives as good as he receives, and does his best to encourage them to leave. Released from prison, the earl himself arrives, and the two of them set



to work on the relatives in earnest. The uncles and aunts are properly confused by the presence of two earls who are never seen together and who pretend there is only one.

Undercurrent of History

"Now, if ever, we ought to be able to appreciate the whole importance of the stand which was made by our forefathers against the House of Stuart. All around us the world is convulsed by the agonies of great nations. Governments which lately seemed likely to stand during ages have been on a sudden shaken and overthrown. . . . Europe has been threatened with subjugation by barbarians. . . . Meanwhile in our island the regular course of Government has never been for a day interrupted. . . . And . . . it is because we had freedom in the midst of servitude that we have order in the midst of anarchy."

These were the words of Thomas Babington Macaulay as set down in his

History of England about halfway through the nineteenth century. We feel that the listener can be offered no more eloquent introduction to Professor F. L. W. Wood's talk on "Parliament's Fight Against the Stuarts" to be delivered from 2YA next Monday. The same theme, democracy versus tyranny, progress versus conservatism, seems to dominate English history.

Homage to U.S.A.

Nothing could be more topical and proper at this stage of the war than the *Homage to U.S.A.* programme which is scheduled for broadcast by Station 4ZB, Dunedin, next Sunday, August 17. The programme, which is dedicated to the New Zealand section of the British-American Co-operation Movement, has been devised by L. E. Strachan of the CBS head office programme department, who will be one of the compères. Quotations are included from speeches by Mr. Churchill, President Roosevelt, the Right Hon. R. G. Menzies (Prime Minister of Australia), the Right Hon. Peter Fraser (Prime Minister of New Zealand), Sir Harry Batterbee (High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand), Sir Philip Gibbs (author and war correspondent), and H. F. von Haast (well known New Zealand solicitor). The other ZB stations will broadcast the programme on subsequent Sundays, 3ZB on August 24, 2ZB on August 31, and 1ZB on September 7.

SHORTWAVES

THE Duke of Hamilton succeeded to the title last year. He is the only peer who has broken his nose five times.—*Daily Herald*.

ONLY the thin tight line of Hess's mouth betrayed the fact that he was a Nazi like the rest of them.—*Daily Express*.

WE have supped so full of horrors, perhaps the word "tragedy" should be reserved for the overthrow of States and ruin of great cities.—*Clive Bell, regretting the death of Gertler*.

I GO through days that I wouldn't wish on a dog.—*Martinelli, of the Metropolitan Opera*.

I HOPE they never succeed in tapping atomic power—it will be a hell of a day for civilisation.—*Professor Bush*.

STATIC

BLITZ wife: What's that bundle you're hiding behind your back? Just as I thought, another suit. Here I haven't a thing to drink in the house and you go spending all your clothes' coupons on more suits.

R.A.F. personnel, we understand, since Mr. Churchill's announcement that Germany must be attacked more heavily from the air, are no longer disrated if pamphlets are dropped in dart form.

"DOES a shell often explode by accident?"
"No, only once."

GOLFER: What is wrong with me today?
Caddie: Mister, you ain't got rhythm.

THE married man has to make the money first; then his wife has to make the money last.