

Around The Nationals

AN appeal to listeners who follow the *You Asked for It* session not to ask for any more has been made by Station 2YD. Every Saturday night, almost since the station began broadcasting, this session has been a popular feature. For a second time, the organisers have had to call a halt. They have more material now than they can handle, and have asked listeners to make no more requests until decks have been cleared again for action. This session has attracted a remarkably big fan mail, and one which has been consistently large.

MR. MULHOLLAND, who has been called the "Churchill of New Zealand," is not the only country lad with an imported title. W. E. Crewes, who is to sing from 2YA at 9.37 p.m. on Friday, September 19, has been called the Peter Dawson of New Zealand. Whether he deserves this listeners must decide for themselves when he broadcasts next week. He is already well enough known in broadcasting. His business takes him up and down New Zealand, and it is sure that he will be asked to broadcast if he ever stays long enough in one place. He has sung frequently from all the YA stations, and from 4YZ. Although he is a native of Wellington, he has actually sung more outside the Capital City. He learnt his singing after the last war, when he studied in England before he returned to New Zealand for demobilisation.

CHILD prodigies are common enough as singers or instrumentalists, even as composers, but tender years seldom carry enough weight to inspire great orchestras. However, there has been a handful of exceptional cases. One of these was Richard Hageman, who was appointed assistant conductor at the Amsterdam Royal Opera House at the age of 16, and became senior conductor when he was 18. He has since become prominent in America, and is now working for Paramount Film Studios. Mary Owers, whose photograph we published recently, will sing two of Hageman's best-known songs from 2YA at 8.9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16. Mrs. Owers is going to sing in a concert with the NBS String Orchestra, and appears again in the same programme at 8.26 p.m.

A NATIVE of the Shetland Isles is George Morrison, who will sing "Songs That Have Sold a Million" with Rosaleen Hickmott from 2YA on September 17. He began to learn singing in New Plymouth, and was recommended by his teacher, W. L. Hay, to go to Wellington. There he has studied with Stanley Oliver, and achieved competition success. He has broadcast twice before and at last year's competitions (where he won several classes), Dr. Stanton was impressed by his voice. Rosaleen Hickmott, who sings with Mr. Morrison in this feature, has been heard on the air before, and is beginning to make a name for herself with a fine lyric soprano voice trained by the Sisters of Mercy at St. Mary's Convent.



Green & Hahn photograph
MARGARET HAMILTON, contralto, is one of the studio artists featured from 3YA on September 20



ALFRED WALMSLEY will conduct the Royal Dunedin Male Choir in a concert on Monday, September 15, portion of which will be relayed by 4YA

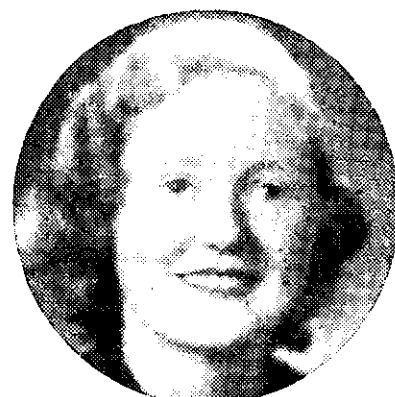


"THE TOPPER" is the name under which a well-known Dunedin racing authority conducts a session of turf news and hints from station 4ZB at 9.45 p.m. every Friday



Spencer Digby photograph
DIANA CRAIG was recently appointed to the announcing staff of Station 2ZB. She has had extensive broadcasting experience

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Alan Blakey photograph
RACHEL MAWHINNEY, soprano, will give a studio recital from 1YA on Friday, September 19. She will sing six songs by Hugo Wolf



Spencer Digby photograph
ISA ANDERSON, pianist, will give a studio recital from 2YA on Tuesday, September 16. She will play compositions by Bach and Mendelssohn



IAN WATKINS, left, adds a touch of "atmosphere" to broadcast from 4ZB every Monday afternoon at 3.30. Hamer, 4ZB's Home Service p