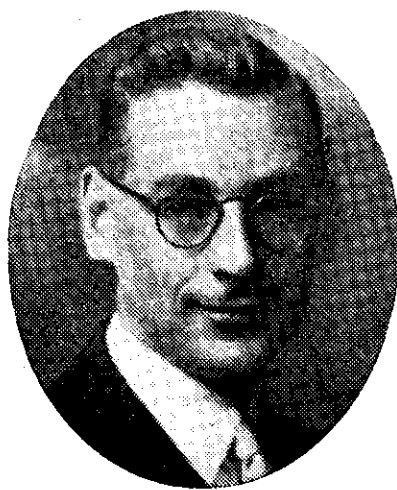


# PROGRAMMES



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JOY ASQUITH, contralto, will be heard from 1YA this Saturday, September 20. This picture was taken when she was awarded the title of "Miss New Zealand" at the Centennial Exhibition



DR. L. MALCOLM, of the University of Otago, gave a Winter Course talk from 4YA on September 16, his subject being "What is Life?"



HAROLD MEADE, well-known Australian radio player, is featured in "Behind Those Walls" heard from Station 2ZB at 8.45 p.m. on Tuesdays



JOCELYN TAPLEY is conducting the Bachelor Girls' session from Station 4ZB every Saturday morning. She is a sister of the New Zealand film star Colin Tapley



Alan Blakey photograph

ESTHER AND ZELDA SALAS will make their first appearance before 1YA's microphone on Saturday, September 27. They will sing five short vocal duets



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MERLE GAMBLE (soprano) who will take part in the 2YA studio programme, "Million-Airs," on September 24, at 8.14 p.m.



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FRANK CROWTHER, who will be conducting the NBS String Orchestra in its studio programme from 2YA on September 23

## Items From The ZB's

IF volume of mail is any indication *Whose is the Voice?* is one of the best received programmes ever broadcast by 2ZA Palmerston North. Since it has been on the air, 2ZA has received an average of 650 entries a week from all parts of New Zealand. The idea behind the session is a simple one. Two recordings of a well-known singer (Gracie Fields, to take an example), are placed among four recordings by other artists whose voices resemble hers in greater or lesser degree, and listeners are asked to select Gracie's numbers. This sort of problem is not as easy as it seems, and the number of correct solutions is surprisingly small.

**SPY EXCHANGE**, the ZB spy drama dealing with the activities of Germany's secret service in America during the last war, moves on to its third adventure, which is entitled *The Girl From Soho*. This new story is laid in the year 1917, toward the time when America was considering a declaration of war on Germany. Bradley Drake, an important member of the American secret service (and the hero of *Spy Exchange*), is faced with the task of outwitting an agent who has built up a dangerous organisation of saboteurs, and who has even laid plans for refuelling German U-boats in American waters. Plot and counter-plot follow in rapid succession, with the girl from Soho, a beautiful substitute spy employed by Bradley Drake, encountering many desperate adventures. Bradley Drake is played by the American radio star Jack Arthur, while Ronald Morse plays the part of the German agent Alexander Durbenoff. *The Girl From Soho* sequence starts from 1ZB on Thursday, September 25, and from the other ZB stations on successive Thursdays.

**THE What's That Noise?** programme is sailing along merrily at Station 1ZB, with the noises which listeners are asked to identify growing ever more puzzling and amusing. In a recent session, they were a lion roaring, the pouring of water into a bucket, striking a match and lighting a cigarette, peeling an apple and then biting and eating it, and shuffling a pack of cards. The week following, the noises were even more intriguing. They were breaking an egg into a bowl, drilling holes in metal, the ringing of a typewriter bell, tearing a piece of cloth, drawing a nail out of a wall, flipping the pages of a book, snapping an electric light switch, and blowing a nose. Phil Shone, who conducts the session, gives several clues to each noise. Those given for the breaking of an egg into a basin, for instance, were "First, you're liable to hear it in your home any hour of the day or night, second, every housewife knows it, and third, if she makes it three weeks later than she should, the effect on those nearby is likely to be distressing."