

PROGRAMMES



S. P. Andrew photograph.
MARY PRATT, the Dunedin contralto, will sing a group of six songs by Brahms in the concert programme from Station 4YA, on Thursday, January 15



HAMILTON DICKSON, 'cellist, will be heard with Decima Hughson, pianist, in a joint recital from 2YA at 8.31 p.m. on Monday, January 12



GEORGE BLACKSHAW gives extraordinary talks on music in "Star Parade" (all ZB stations on Thursdays and Saturdays)



MRS. RHYNS MORGAN, mezzo-soprano, will give a studio recital from 4YA at 8.26 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13



MRS. F. R. THOMPSON gave a book talk from Station 4YA, Dunedin, recently

Items From The ZB's

THE series of four dramatised programmes explaining what free education means in New Zealand and playing from the ZB stations on Sunday evenings, comes at an opportune time of the year. Throughout the Dominion thousands of boys and girls have just finished their primary school education and thousands of parents must be pondering the problem of just which form of post-primary education is most suitable for them. New Zealand, as the first programme explains, is one of the few countries in the world where a child can have free education up to the age of 19 years, and the series explains in detail how parents may take best advantage of the facilities offering.

IN the first programme for instance there are conversations between head masters and several parents, each with different educational problems; between employers and applicants for jobs (designed to explain what educational standards employers in different businesses demand from an applicant for a junior position), and also dramatised pictures of life in post-primary schools. Details are given of the many specialised courses available in the high schools, technical schools and other secondary schools of the Dominion.

EVERY Saturday at 7.45 p.m. Doug Smith presents from 4ZB a musical quiz *Whose is the Voice?* which takes amusing advantage of the similarity between the voices of many well known artists. Plenty of people think they'd know the voice of Deanna Durbin or of Richard Tauber anywhere, but it's not as easy as that. The compere may present, for instance, recordings of the voices of several famous tenors—Herbert Ernst Groh, John Hendrik, Tito Schipa, and Richard Tauber, and ask competitors to state which are Tauber's. On Fridays at 6.30 p.m., Doug gives the results of the previous Saturday's session, and replays the records so that contestants may hear just how easily they were "fooled."

IN common with many big city organisations, Station 4ZB has recently suffered serious depletions of staff through members going into camp. Two voices well known to listeners to 4ZB are missing—those of Barend Harris, production manager, and Jack Bremner, chief announcer. "Topper," the station's racing expert, has been away ill for some weeks, but has been sending in his form reviews for broadcast by Bernie McConnell. A newcomer to 4ZB is Ngaire Cross, who comes from Central Otago, and conducts the "Bachelor Girls" session on Saturday mornings. She replaces Jocelyn Tapley, who is entering the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Tui Northey and her husband Jimmy McFarlane, are both back at 4ZB, after three months at 1ZB, Auckland. Tui, who broadcast in 1ZB Radio Theatre shows under the name of Terry Lee, conducts the 4ZB Children's Session every Monday afternoon.

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broadcasts in "Music Hall," a favourite
ve overseas transmissions