

# E IN THE PROGRAMMES



from 1YA at 8.16 p.m. on



KENNETH MELVIN, author and producer of the new session, "Music of the Masters." heard at 9 p.m. on Wednesdays from all the Commercial Stations



BBC photograph  
ROOK, famous British film star, broadcasts frequently to North America in the series "Britain Speaks." He is here seen talking with J. W. MacAlpine, of the BBC's North American talks section, before one of his broadcasts



PHYLLIS COOMBS (soprano): She will give a recital from 3YA at 8.10 p.m. on Monday, February 23



VINCENT ASPEY will be solo violinist when the NBS Orchestra broadcasts the Brahms Concerto in D Major from 2YA on Tuesday evening, February 24



S. P. Andrew photograph  
THE REV. H. W. NEWELL will speak on "The Student Christian Movement" from the main National Stations and 3ZR at 3.15 p.m. on February 26



Alan Blakey photograph  
MARY MARTIN will be heard in a violin recital of six items from 1YA at 7.49 p.m. on Friday, February 27

## Items From The ZB's

AN addition to the 4ZB announcing staff is Len Chivers, recently returned from overseas and discharged from the 2nd N.Z.E.F. He embarked for Egypt with the 26th Rifle Battalion in August, 1940, and after nine months of sand, heat and flies, sailed with the expedition for Greece. In a dive-bombing attack during the withdrawal, his right arm was shattered by machine-gun fire from a diving 'plane, and it was more by good luck than anything else that he was among those evacuated to Crete. He sailed in a hospital ship for Egypt just three days before Crete was invaded, and now an empty right sleeve bears witness to his service. But he has overcome his handicap with amazing rapidity, and has already mastered the rather complicated controls and turntables of the announcer's desk.

"CRAZY CLARRY" is still conducting *Mixed Grill Jackpots* from 2ZB at 7.45 p.m. each Tuesday. It's a wonder that Clarry himself is not tongue-tied by now, after his numerous attempts to tongue-tie his victims, but there doesn't appear to be any likelihood of that.

THE Radio Theatre producers, Reg. Morgan, Dudley Wrathall and Arthur Collins, are busy on a new series of programmes soon to be released from 12B. The schedule at present envisages a Monday programme under Reg. Morgan's direction, which will incorporate a talent quest for youthful artists. On Tuesday evenings, Arthur Collins will present a series of productions of the novelty show variety, which promise to be as entertaining as his former series, *From Where To-night?* On Wednesdays the Reg. Morgan production *Lavender And Old Lace* will be heard, the scripts of this being written by Marie Conlan. Thursdays will be set aside for Dudley Wrathall's variety programmes, and on either Friday or Saturday evening there will be a "Surprise Night" presentation, which will be the responsibility of all three producers. Sunday evening's programme from the Radio Theatre will incorporate the highlights of the week woven into a serial story.

JOAN SUTHERLAND (whose photograph appears opposite) and her secretary Lorna King, are at present busy on plans for the 1942 programme of the 12B Happiness Club, and activity will begin again this month after the holiday recess. The past year saw the fourth presentation of the club's annual pageant in the Auckland Town Hall, and the proceeds from this fair and pageant went towards the support of ten local charities and provided children's Christmas cheer into the bargain. Large sums of money raised by the Happiness Club have been directed towards the Soldiers' Parcels Drive, and hundreds of soldiers' comforts have been knitted by members of the club. During the year over 1,000 parcels were sent to the troops from this 12B organisation.