

## Around The Nationals

**W**HEN Broadcasting was first taken over by the New Zealand Broadcasting Board the first band to perform from the studio was the Salvation Army Band conducted by Major H. C. Goffin, whose association with radio dates back to the days of station 2YK. The first band march to be heard was one of Major Goffin's compositions, "The Red Shield." Another of Major Goffin's compositions is "The New Zealand Warriors' March," which is often played before the London News. On Friday, May 1, at 9.25 p.m., listeners to 2YA will again hear the Wellington City Salvation Army Band, but this will be the last time that it will play under the baton of Major Goffin. He has been promoted to the rank of Divisional Commander for the Salvation Army in Southland and Otago, with his headquarters in Dunedin.

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**D**URING the 17th and the early 18th century English musicians had a great reputation on Continental Europe and very many of them held positions at the courts of princes. Thomas Arne was one of a flourishing School of English writers of string Sonatas, and one of his Sonatas will be played by Zillah Castle (violin) and Ronald Castle (virginal) from 2YA's studio on Monday, May 4. Other items will be a Sonata for the Treble Recorder and Virginal written for these early instruments by G. F. Handel, and an early French composer, Caix d'Hervelois, will be represented by a Prelude, and "La Christine," a sprightly French dance.

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**I**T has been said that a great contralto is one of the rare phenomena in the world of art. A generation may produce thirty excellent basses, a like number of baritones, and even more sopranos, but it will bring forth a mere handful of tenors, and perhaps one great contralto. A beautiful voice may not be combined with the brain and musical sensibility needed to make a distinguished artist. In combining voice, brains, and beauty, Maria Olczewska has the qualities that make an outstanding opera singer. She will be heard in a group of songs from 4YA on Friday, May 8, at 9.33 p.m.

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**R**EADERS may have been intrigued by the title of a new series of morning talks on Tuesdays from 3YA—"Susy Jones, American." Susy Jones is a typical American child of the wage-earning class, a mixture of Welsh, Scots, English, Spanish, German, and perhaps one or two other nationalities as well. She lives near San Francisco, she goes to school and, over a series of talks, she grows up and goes to college and university. Her home, her family, her food, and all the everyday happenings in her life are described by Mrs. Louise Clarke in these talks from 3YA. The second in the series will be on Tuesday, May 5, at 11.0 a.m.



**BING CROSBY** will be 38 years old this Saturday, May 2, and Station 2ZB is dedicating a special birthday programme to him at 7.45 p.m. Here is Bing with his four sons, Lynne, Gary, Phillip and Dennis



**PHYLLIS LAWSON**, soprano, will sing five songs from 2YA's studio on Monday, May 4, at 8.20 p.m.

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## PEOPLE IN THE



**BERT HOWELL**, well known Sydney band leader, is the man behind "Bert Howell Presents," a new musical programme from the ZB stations



**W. R. HARRIS** will discuss the achievements and future of the Young Farmers' Club movement in a talk from 4YZ next Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.



**GEORGE AND ERIC**, compères of the ZB programme of which are seen in the