

Around The Nationals

PHYLLIS LAWSON, whose photo appeared last week on this page and who gave a recital from 2YA on May 4, is an Australian singer with a lyric soprano voice, and was trained by one of Melbourne's best known teachers, Elsie Carnegie. She has many notable performances to her credit—soloist in *Hiawatha* with the Melbourne Philharmonic Choir and the Symphony Orchestra under Professor Bernard Heinze, soloist at the Royal Victorian Liedertafel, and she has also given several concerts of her own in Melbourne. She was a member of the J. C. Williamson Gilbert and Sullivan Company, and played the leading role in the musical comedy *Wild Violets*. Although this was practically her first broadcast in New Zealand, she has sung for many years from 3LO and 3AR, Melbourne.

ONE of the youngest baritones yet to broadcast from 1YA is 17 year-old Kenneth Ayo, who will give a studio recital from the Auckland station this Saturday evening, (May 9), at 8.23. A brother of the bass, George Ayo, who has broadcast frequently from 1YA, Kenneth was born at Agra, home of the Taj Mahal, and came to New Zealand with his people in 1933. Now a pupil at the Hamilton High School, he started taking singing lessons two years ago, and already his voice has developed a surprising maturity and quality.

THOUGH Maurice Jacobsen may not be well known yet, he may well become so in the future. He has written much for the ballet, and his work, which is clear and concise, has been influenced by composers since Debussy. Until the outbreak of the war, he was working for a London firm, arranging and editing music. Listeners may hear a piano recital of his music played by Dorothy Hanify, from 4YZ this Saturday, May 9, at 9.28 p.m.

THROUGH unforeseen circumstances the serial *Gus Gray*, *Special Correspondent*, has had to be discontinued from 2YD, but it will be resumed at a later date. In the meanwhile a new feature, *Mr. Chalmers, K.C.*, will be heard from 2YD on Wednesdays at 9.5 p.m. Mr. Chalmers has to deal with a number of criminal cases, and the stories of these—the unravelling of the clues and the finding of the criminals—make entertaining listening.

"THAMAR," Balakirev's symphonic poem, which may be heard from 1YA on Sunday, May 10, at 9.48 p.m., is based on the story of a sorceress, who, living in a dismal mountain gorge, lures passing strangers to her castle, and feasts and entertains them for one night only. The next morning, their corpses are thrown into the raging torrent below, and the enchantress waits again at the window to wave her scarf to travellers through the gorge.



MAJORIE BENNIE, soprano, who will be heard in a studio recital from Station 1YA, Auckland, at 8.41 this Saturday evening, May 9



ANNE CAMPBELL, soprano from Timaru, will give a short recital from 3YA next Sunday evening



MOIRA COOPER-SMITH and HELEN GRAY, two well-known Auckland musicians, are members of the 12B Radio Theatre Orchestra, which presents frequent programmes over the station



ANNE LUCIANO, soprano, will sing four light songs from 1YA's studio on Saturday, May 16



RONALD MORSE, well known Australian radio player, has an important role in the new ZB serial "The Legion of Death"

PEOPLE IN THE



GEORGIE STERLING, young New Zealand actress, has appeared in films and radio in Australia, has a part in "Mighty Minnies." She is the Professor's secretary at the same time, Patsy, a wise-cracking American girl in "That Certain Son"



DULCIE DUNNINGHAM is now conducting 12B's "Marina," who is devoting all her attention to the new serial "Sally," Miss Dunningham was