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# THINGS TO COME

## A Run Through The Programmes

**B**IOGRAPHIES of Sir Hubert Parry reveal that into his 60 years of life he crowded more different kinds of activity than would seem possible when we consider his immense musical output. As well as taking an active interest in the more dangerous branches of athletics (and suffering all possible injuries short of those immediately fatal), he busied himself with the concrete details of household management. But fortunately for us the "gathering and storing of apples and pears, re-boiling of mildewed jam and making of mince pies in the absence of the cook," did not occupy the whole of Sir Hubert's day and listeners will be glad that he found sufficient time to compose his "English Suite for Strings" which the 3YA orchestra will perform at 7.58 on Wednesday, September 23.

### Good News

Next week looks like being a worthwhile one for music lovers. For instance, it will be good news to many that Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* will be played from 3YA next Wednesday. As the whole symphony takes considerably over an hour to play it is not often heard on the air. And those who like Schumann will be glad to see two Schumann programmes from 3YA this week. On Monday at 9.25 p.m. the Capet String Quartet will play Schumann's *Quartet in A Minor*, and this will be followed by his song "Dedication" and three piano pieces played by Eileen Joyce. On Sunday, September 27, Moira McIlrevey, soprano, will sing a bracket of songs by Schumann at 8.24 p.m.

### Historical Highlights

Food gives nourishment but salt gives savour, and there is many a wholesome historical event that has had to be cooked up with its grain of salt before presented for classroom consumption. If Nelson had never clapped his glass to his sightless eye, or if Canute had quietly put his shoes on and gone home when the tide came in, if Alfred had had a talent for cake baking and Drake had left his game of bowls at the first hoot of the Armada alarm, where would the history books be? Stories of Drake roll like his drum through English history and literature and in the new 42B feature *Mutiny on the High Seas* on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8.45 p.m., we look forward to hearing more about Drake than that he is in his hammock and a thousand miles away.

### Something To Bite On

"What is New in Dentistry?" is the question which F. Winston Craddock will ask—or rather, is the subject which he will open up in his talk from 4YA next Tuesday. And need we say how happy we are that we will not be in the chair on that occasion? For ourselves, as vic—, as members of the lay public, we can't imagine anything new at all.

Even what we might term the affiliated advertising isn't new—"Do you Suffer from Halitosis?" What the copywriters turn out to-day was written ages ago by the best copywriter of them all,

*Thy tooth is not so keen  
Because thou art not seen,  
Although thy breath be rude.*

That, of course, does not mean that Mr. Craddock will not tell us a new thing. There are no limits to the ingenuity of



human beings and, after all, dentists are human beings, however hard it may sometimes be to believe that they are. We may even learn of a new Guaranteed Immovable Denture for Regimental Sergeant Majors and B.O.S's.—though we should be sorry to hear that. Life has few enough compensations as it is.

### Rest And Be Thankful

It is only fair, we feel, to point out that "The Housewife Gardens According to Plan" (A.C.E. talk, from 1YA, 2YA, and 3YA next Monday) is a statement of theory and not of fact. No housewife we have ever come across gardens at all. Quite frequently you find an Informed Circle saying that Hitler is recklessly hurling panzers across the Don, or the Donetz or the Eastern Dvina, but not even the most hero-worshipping Narzee would be daft enough to think that Hitler did that himself. He passes the buck to Bock, who passes it to the engineers—who (if the German army is in any way like our own) pass it on to the P.B.I. Similarly, when the housewife gardens, it

simply means that she suddenly has certain ideas (usually hazy ones about vitamins) and forthwith orders her husband-man to produce the goods. However a variable factor has recently entered into such calculations (if one can so dignify the processes of feminine ratiocination). The exigencies of the military situation now conspire to place many husbands out of their wives' reach (Non nobis, etc.), so that the latter may even yet be driven to garden as well as to plan. Anyway, with land girls all over the country stepping so nobly into the breeches, husbands can surely rest, and be thankful for small murphies.

### "Sweet Singer"

Swinburne said of Robert Herrick, "We have only to remember how rare it is to find a perfect song, good to read and good to sing, to appreciate his unique and unquestionable excellence." The greatest lyric poet of his day must perforce write of love. Yet Herrick was a bachelor, telling the tomb-maker to write over him

*"Chaste I lived without a wife,  
That's the story of my life."*

Herrick's fancy, however, created an ideal maid and called her Julia. From his Vicarage on the edge of Dartmoor he decked with a hundred dainty rhymes her eyes, her hair, even

*"... her leg,*

*White and hairless as an egg."*

The fashionable composers of Herrick's day (early 17th century) eagerly set his "Julia" and other poems to music; but not for 300 years did a composer do so as successfully as Roger Quilter. His "To Julia" Cycle (Op. 8) will be broadcast from 2YA by W. Roy Hill at 7.50 p.m. on Friday, September 25.

### Eureka!

If the A.C.E. can only respond to the challenge of the peace as it has responded to the challenge of war, there will be no holding it. Take the talk scheduled for broadcast by 1YA and 3YA on Thursday of next week—"Meals that Cook Themselves". What new wonder will the association introduce us to next? From there to "Dishes that Wash Themselves Up" should be only a minor step and what halcyon vistas does that not open up? Self-peeling onions, ever-fresh eggs, non-registering gas-meters, self-cleaning chimneys, ubiquitous potatoes... the mind reels at the prospect.

## SHORTWAVES

**W**HEN a person says a thing is civilised, he often means nothing more than that he is used to it.—Margaret Halsey.

**T**HE shorter the hours the longer the income.—George Ade, quoted by Dr. K. Sheen, 4YA.

**T**O approach Alaska you must criss-cross Canadian and American borders. You see the British flag and the U.S. flag fluttering side by side, United nations in the true sense of the word, and both flags are guarded by the friendliest of officials.—Elsie Ruff, 2YA.

**T**O the Nazi, the most incredible thing about the incredible English is that the State pays the head of the Opposition instead of putting him to death.—Emil Ludwig.

**F**ROM China the western world gained the Mariner's compass and gunpowder, paper, playing cards and paper money, silk and porcelain.—National Service Talk.

**A** DISCIPLE once asked Socrates whether it was better to marry or not to marry. "Whichever you do," replied Socrates, "you'll regret it."—Readers' Digest.

**D**OROTHY THOMPSON has discovered the secret of perpetual emotion.—Sir Wilmot Lewis.



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