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which is at present being broadcast by National Stations, is at 30 an experienced radio man and journalist. After war service in the Pacific

AWARD Islands and the United WINNER Kingdom, he spent several years with the Sydney Sun before going to Canada. From 1947 to



NEVILLE FRIEDLANDER "A stubborn typewriter

1951 he was producer in charge of the Pacific Service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, which is familiar to shortwave listeners in New Zealand who tune to weekend broadcasts from Montreal. During his CBC stay, Neville Friedlander was presented with a Canadian Radio Award for production (1948) and a Columbus. Ohio, Radio Award for promoting international goodwill. At present he is Education and Public Relations Officer of the New South Wales Anti-Tuberculosis Association. His nights and weekends, he tells us, are spent battling with a stubborn typewriter, trying to put together short stories and radio plays.

Owen Jensen

! N.Z. COMPOSER

COMPOSITION is more or less a "spare time activity" with Owen Jensen, who is better known as pianist, conductor, lecturer, teacher and critic. Nevertheless, he has an impressive list of works to his credit. They include Variations for Piano, an orchestral overture, and songs and incidental music for radio plays. His Serenade for Clarinet and Piano, which is included in the series of Music by New Zealand Composers now being broadcast from YZ stations, was written at one of the Cambridge Music Schools as a contribution to a programme by the School's composers' group. It is intended to be more or less satirical, and was written for the clarinettist George Hopkins, who jogged the composer's elbow from time to time and persuaded him to include some of the effects that the clarinet can bring off so well. Divertimento for Violin and Clarinet, which is included in the same series, was written for George Hopkins and his wife Helen to fit those musical occasions when a pianist might not be handy.

Owen Jensen took an active part in Auckland's musical life for a number of years, before moving down to Wellington in 1952. As a pianist he was for ten



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years studio accompanist at 1YA, and he has made numerous broadcasts as a soloist and as a member of chamber music groups. He was founder and first conductor of the Auckland String Players, the Auckland Little Symphony, and the Auckland Choral Group. In 1953 he toured New Zealand for the Federation of Chamber Music Societies as accompanist to the violist Robert Pikler. He now lives in Wellington, and in addition to his other activities writes witty and often provocative articles on music, and reviews of concerts for the daily and weely Press.

AMONG the curiosities of a songwriter's life was the recent experience of Fred Rauch, the Viennese author of the lyrics for "Answer Me, My Love, one of today's most popular tunes. The melody was originally composed by Gerhard Winkler, a resident of Berlin, and

Fred Rauch wrote the THAT SONG words under the title Mutterlein Weisst Du AGAIN Noch, Wie's Fruher War ("Mother Mine, Do You Remember, Times Gone By?). In France, where it soon caught on, the song was titled "Graziella." In the Netherlands they called it "Moeder Nijn," and in the

Scandinavian countries "Lille Mor." The first English version was titled "Answer Me, Lord Above." In America the title was changed to the one we know out here, "Answer Me, My Love," and recorded by Nat King Cole. Soon "Answer Me" became a hit in America, its success spread back to Europe, and German listeners began asking for a German version of the English lyric. Who should they turn to? Naturally, Fred Rauch was the ideal man for the job, so he set to work and turned out a new version of the words he had originally written himself, which had changed considerably in their journey around the world.

"NOTHING in our national character strikes me so forcibly as the change it has undergone in my lifetime," said Helen Wilson in a Listener symposium on the New Zealand character a year or

so ago. Helen Wilson, O, PIONEERS! who is now 86, tells the story of her life in a programme in the NZBS series Port-

rait from Life (all YAs and 3YZ, 11.0

a.m., Wednesday, November 10). It is as rich and full a story as any in this country, beginning with her childhood on a Timaru sheep station in the 1870s, and continuing with her marriage to C K. Wilson in Levin. and her years as a pioneering house-wife in the North HELEN WILSON



Island. She also has much to say, as she did in her book, My First Eighty Years, about the political and social life of the last half-century which she and her husband, who became M.P. for the King Country, were much involved in. Despite failing eyesight, Mrs. Wilson is still a remarkably alert and upright woman, with lively memories and a vigorous manner of describing them.

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"DOCKET money is an essential for boys and girls, but it should be earned."—That was the opinion given to Grace Green (at centre) by this group of 13 and 14-yearold boys who took part in the first session of "Thirst for Knowledge," which is being heard from Station 3ZB at 5.30 p.m. every Tuesday. The programme takes the form of a round-table discussion among four children (between the ages of 11 and 15) on such subjects as "Pocket Money," "Time To Go To Bed," and "Types of Punishment at School and Home." Each broadcast is chaired by Grace Green.

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