



LESLIE ANDREWS
No stranger to opera

But when a member of the chorus surreptitiously produced an old iron saucepan to do the job, you can imagine what it was like for me—trying to maintain the heartbroken expression proper for Mimi's deathbed!"

Leslie Andrews had the distinction of appearing before the Queen in this year's Command Performance. BBC shows in which he has sung during the past two and a half years include Vic. Oliver's *This Is Show Business*, the series for young Commonwealth artists called *How Do You Do? Music for You*, and the immensely popular *Mid-day Music Hall*, which is produced by an Australian, Trafford Whitelock. He has also appeared in an Arthur Askey programme.

Back in 1945, Leslie gained his first stage experience with the now legendary Kiwis concert party. Then, after singing lessons from Sydney Conservatorium teacher Roland Foster, he broadcast from practically every Australian major radio station. He also appeared in a production of the Smetana opera *The Bartered Bride*. Then, as holder of a New Zealand Rebate Bursary, he came to Britain in 1948. Three years at the Royal College of Music set the seal on what is proving a career of which New Zealand can be very proud.

—MARJORIE PLUNKETT (London)

SHIELD CRICKET

TWO Plunket Shield cricket matches will begin on Saturday, December 25. They will be fixtures between Wellington and Auckland at Wellington, starting at 1.30 p.m.; and between Canterbury and Otago at Christchurch, at the same time. Stations 2YA and 3YA respectively will broadcast commentaries on the matches at intervals during each day of play. The scoreboards will be given at 7.0 p.m. from YA and YZ stations in the National Sports Summary. The ZB stations will broadcast the scoreboards at the lunch and tea adjournments and at stumps, and will give progress results at intervals during the day.

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If you are camping near a river in unfamiliar territory first obtain all the local knowledge you can. Learn if the swimming holes are safe, before you or your family take to the water. And remember New Zealand's rivers are usually swift-flowing, subject to rapid changes and deep scourings. Make sure the swimming area is free from snags that are dangerous to divers. Also keep in mind the danger of inflated rafts, inner tubes and toys. Children can be swept away by swift-moving currents.

BEACHES

Don't be the only one swimming at lonely beaches. There is always safety in numbers, so stay with the crowd. On patrolled beaches make sure youngsters swim in areas between the flags. Disaster seldom comes to swimmers in these areas.

BOATING

See that small boats are not overcrowded or used in rough water. People who can't swim should never be permitted in small craft. Teach youngsters to stay with the boat in the event of a capsizing.

FISHING

Net fishing particularly near river mouths can be dangerous, especially in unfamiliar areas. The safe way is to wear a life jacket at all times. Fishing from rocks and ledges also needs care. It doesn't take much of a wave to sweep you into danger.

YOUNG CHILDREN

See that young children are under constant supervision when playing in or near water. Also look for possible hazards in the immediate neighbourhood . . . pools, sumps, ditches, water tanks. Every summer such places take a toll of young life. Older children should not only be taught to swim as soon as possible but should also be taught life-saving and artificial respiration as soon as they are capable of receiving this instruction.



If you plan a camping holiday this summer you and your family can have all the water fun you want . . . if you exercise Water Wisdom.

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