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"OUR best piece of sheer luck in France was the discovery of a really first-class French landlady, who didn't speak English but did listen to us speaking French," said Meredith Money when we talked with him about his visit to France, discussed in the talks series *To Live in France*, being

heard from 3YA (Tuesday), and 2YA (Sunday), and later to be broadcast from other YA stations. "Our landlady, at least 70, but an extraordinary youthful 70, wasn't given to telling sensational stories of the Occupation, but we knew beyond a doubt that she must always have behaved as a patriotic Frenchwoman," Mr. Money said. "It was evident that she had seen illusions shattered without becoming cynical."

Margaret and Meredith Money graduated in the same year from Canterbury University College, she in history, he in French, and for a time after they were married they worked together at the Temuka District High School. "We

had in mind going to France on a teaching exchange, which carried some £20 a month at that time," Mr. Money told us. "When Margaret was granted a French Government bursary we were on top of the world."

Besides teaching in France, Mr. Money did a year's course in phonetics, a shorter course in French pronunciation, and a section of a doctorate course in French composition. Until she went down with mumps—for which part of the treatment was champagne, thoughtfully prescribed by a French doctor—Mrs. Money worked on research into the French interest in New Zealand. Mr. Money thinks it a pity that the superficial and strictly limited picture of Parisian frivolity is the one most widely circulated by films and the Press. "The essential tough vitality of the French has been rarely described successfully in English," he said. "The combination of virility and ideas seems often to sound unrealistic—and, after all, most people won't wait to be told."

Back from France, Mr. and Mrs. Money both joined the staff of Avonside Girls' High School, "where our joint efforts earned some money to pay off our debts." Now Mr. Money is on the staff of Christchurch Boys' High School, and they have a daughter, Jocelyn, whom they are not teaching French, "because we know it doesn't really last." Mr. Money has been heard in other broadcasts, about France and about phonetics, and he has done adult education work in French and produced pronunciation lessons for French Broad-



MARGARET MONEY



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casts to Schools. "If you feel we should have a hobby," he added, "gardening isn't it, perhaps because we have a new section to break in."

"I AM of Scottish parentage and Manchester birth and upbringing," says Beryl Reid, whose creation, Monica, the girl friend of Archie Andrews, will be heard again in *Archie's the Boy*, a BBC *Variety Parade* programme to be broadcast from YA stations, 1YZ, 3YZ and 4YZ this Saturday MONICA (August 4). Beryl says that Monica is a relic of her later days at high school, and the Monica frock and hat which she still uses in her turn with Peter Brough are actually the gym-slip and straw boater which link her with her last two years there.

Declaring in the *Radio Times* that Monica is one of the most distinctive characters in radio, George A. Greenwood said that "Beryl Reid is a genius in her way, in the sense that Marie

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SHARING the commentary with Winston McCarthy in the Springboks v. Wanganui-King Country match at Spriggen's Park on August 8, is the 2XA commentator Norm Nielsen (left). Norm began Rugby refereeing in Wellington in '41, transferring to the Wanganui Referees' Association in '45. Besides his commentating, Norm conducts the Sports Sessions from 2XA. Mark Comber (right) has been connected with New Plymouth sports broadcasting since the days of the old station 2YB. With a record of more than 37 years of sporting activity, Mark's interests also include boxing, cricket and wrestling. He will be heard on August 11 sharing the commentary on the Springbok v. Taranaki match at New Plymouth.

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