

Auckland? "Oh, no, I was born in Reefton, on the West Coast," Margaret said. "But I went to school in Auckland, and was a librarian there for several years before doing some office work." Broadcasting, however, she made it clear was what she had always most wanted to do.

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**FOX-HUNTING** in inland Australia, seal-hunting off Newfoundland, and the Hale-End hold-up are not subjects you generally expect to hear a minister of religion talking about on the air, so there's a good reason for the subtitle—"The Unusual Experiences of an Unconventional Parson"—which 3YZ has given a series of talks by the Rev. D. B. Ashford, who discusses these topics and a few others besides. It's hardly surprising that Dudley Bright Ashford, as he prefers to be called, has not always been a parson, even an unconventional one. London-born, he has been in his time a dentist's apprentice, a bank clerk



**DUDLEY BRIGHT ASHFORD**  
In his time, many parts

and a teacher in London; a professor of psychology in Memphis, Tennessee; an inspector of **UNCONVENTIONAL** schools in Newfoundland; and a parson in Great Britain, the United States, Newfoundland, Australia and New Zealand. As if that were not variety enough, he retired from the ministry to four years as a factory manager at Rakaia.

A visitor to New Zealand as far back as 1908, Mr Ashford has been here continuously since 1931. In retirement he still keeps busy with relieving work as a Presbyterian minister, and when he isn't preaching he lives with his daughter and son-in-law on a farm near Ashburton, where he "keeps an eye on the ewes and weeds out the thistles." *A Man in His Time*, as his series of talks is called, was recorded in Grey-mouth, but by the time it takes the air Mr Ashford will have taken up his next appointment, at Kaitangata. There he will stay till the end of the year, when he expects to return to Britain. Mr Ashford's other topics in his broadcast talks are silk hats, violins and



**MARGARET ORSBOURN**

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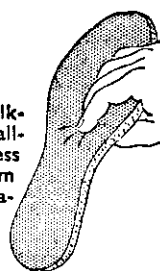
violinists, and the discovery of the Golden Mile in Western Australia, and listeners will find he discusses them in a racy and down to earth way.

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