

Minstrels

THE MINSTRELS (right) are an Auckland choral group formed in 1950 by the conductor, Harry Woolley, to broadcast light music. In the past seven years they have broadcast more than 60 programmes and, by the end of this year, they will have broadcast more than 500 part songs. On Sunday, October 13, the first in a series of six programmes by the Minstrels will be broadcast in the Main National Programme at 3.30 p.m. The series includes Negro spirituals, English folk songs, C. V. Stanford's "Songs of the Fleet," choral arrangements of well-known ballads and poems of Rudyard Kipling set to music by Sir Edward German.

Four of the Minstrels have won the Auckland Competitions Society's operatic aria contest in the past four years. They are Betty Helliwell, Donald McIntyre, Ian Morton and John Durham. Another member, Douglas Stock, was placed second in last year's Mobil Song Quest. The Minstrels' accompanist is Alan Pow.



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TWO of the South Island's top-flight bands combine to give the National Programme's Sunday morning Brass Band Concert this current week and next. They are Christchurch's Woolston Brass and Dunedin's St Kilda Municipal. In addition, three major works will be performed by a Dunedin All Star Band under the baton of W. H. Walden-Mills, well known as conductor for the Dunedin Choral Society.

The programme this coming Sunday—October 6—consists of the Grand March from Verdi's *Aida*, and Walford Davies's "Solemn Melody" (All Star Band), Rimmer's march, "Sons of the Wild" (Woolston), and the overture to Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld* (Massed Bands). On the following Sunday, October 13, listeners will hear Sibelius's tone poem, "Finlandia" (All Star), the Galop "Leaps and Bounds" (Woolston), Siebert's "Three Jolly Sailors," and Powell's march, "Cardiff Castle" (Massed Bands). Each of half-hour duration, the programmes were recorded during a concert in Dunedin's Town Hall on September 15.

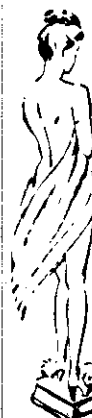


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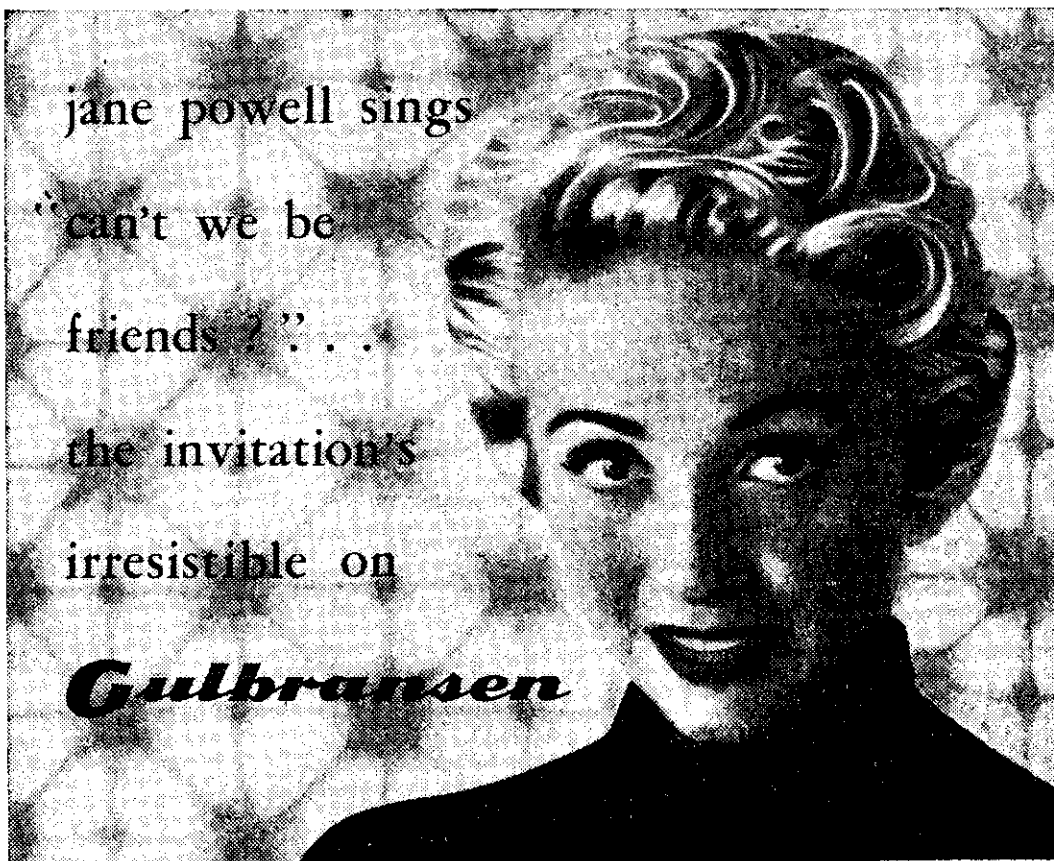
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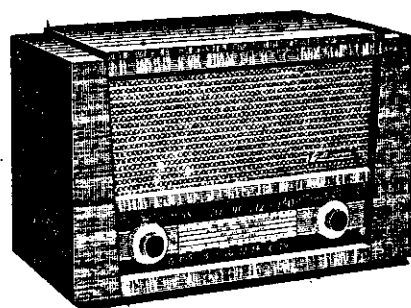
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