

★ A Walk Through a City Garden ★



★ AN interview with Mrs. Florence Langdon, creator of this pleasant hillside garden at Eastbourne, near Wellington, is one of the programmes in a new *Women's Hour* series. *We Choose a City Garden*, currently broadcasting from ZB stations. This colourful garden was literally carved out of a wilderness. Gardening experts from each of the ZB stations have chosen a contribution to the series. George Dean, of Auckland, takes listeners on a tour of Dan Averill's garden at Henderson, a one-fifth acre plot which in seven years has been made so attractive that Auckland's sightseeing buses regularly stop there. D. Combridge, of Christchurch, talks with T. Armstrong about the latter's perfectly-planned quarter acre at Riccarton. Dunedin's contribution is the somewhat larger garden of a retired farmer, Mr. Teschner. There is an entire half-acre of rock garden, 3500 plants, and strutting peacocks. *We choose a City Garden* plays in the *Women's Hour* from all ZB stations for the next three Mondays.

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PROMOTED since he was last heard from commercial stations as Officer Crosby, the genial policeman at right is now principal player of *Sergeant Crosby*, a feature currently playing from 3ZB, 4ZB and 2XA, and soon to start from 2ZA. In real life he is Marshall Crosby, an actor with a lifetime of vaudeville and musical comedy work behind him. Crosby first "broke into radio" when 2SM, Sydney, gave him a job as announcer. "I was the most colossal failure that ever tried to be an announcer," he says. "Everyone offered a happy thanksgiving when I went back to the stage." Later auditioned for production work by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Crosby was more successful. He has now forsaken the stage entirely for radio.

In *Sergeant Crosby* the old vaudeville hand administers the law from the small-town police station at Leasville. With an inexperienced assistant, Constable Magley, he deals with the problems and peccadilloes of such Leasville characters as the snooty Mrs. Ponsonby Brown, the grasping shopkeeper, Candale, the local medico, Dr. Sackvale, and a young newspaper reporter, Julian Porter. Because of his long service to the community, Crosby has the confidence of most of Leasville, but there are a few who would like to see a stricter interpretation of regulations. The good sergeant is anything but orthodox in the methods by which he assists his fellow citizens. Each episode of *Sergeant Crosby* is a complete adventure in itself, but through them



MARSHALL CROSBY
The Sergeant is Unorthodox

all run the humanity and humour of the sergeant and the intimate flavour of small towns anywhere. Listeners will get to know the principal features of Leasville—its busy market day on High Street, its hotel, the Victoria Lodge, its newspaper, *The Gazette*, and the neighbouring towns of Parkhurst and Renbrough.

Sergeant Crosby plays from 3ZB on Saturdays at 5.30 p.m., and from 4ZB on Mondays at 7.45 p.m. It begins from 2ZA on Tuesday, March 31, at 10.15 p.m. and will be heard on Tuesdays and Thursdays thereafter.

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