

DEATH OF D. T. VENABLES

THE death occurred on March 4 of Drayton Venables, L.T.C.L., for 11 years Officer-in-Charge of Station 2YD, which is distinguished for its large and



DRAYTON VENABLES

particularly individual following. In his younger days Mr. Venables had a fine baritone voice and was heard frequently in broadcast and concert recitals. Older listeners in the Whangarei district will remember him as a teacher as well as a performer. Mr. Venables started with broadcasting in 1926. At the old 1YA in Symonds Street he was station director, programme organiser and announcer and, when an artist failed him, he filled the gap himself. He possessed one of the finest private music reference libraries in New Zealand and from that he drew his immense knowledge, particularly of opera and ballet works. The many kind deeds for which he was known were not confined to members of the NZBS staffs, but extended to a wider field during the depression years when he appeared at countless charity concerts.

Jazz Club, BBC

NOW five years old, Humphrey Lyttelton's Band of non-professional musicians has represented Great Britain at International Jazz Festivals in Europe, broadcast regularly in the BBC Light Programme, and appeared on British Television and in films. About a year ago this band recorded for the BBC two half-hour programmes of jazz music which are now being broadcast from National stations of the NZBS. Among items listeners will hear are three Blues numbers, *The Saratoga Swing*, *The Muskrat Ramble*, and two numbers by Humphrey Lyttelton himself. The dancers taking part in these programmes are members of the Humphrey Lyttelton Fan Club, who were asked along to help create a real jazz club atmosphere. The first *Jazz Club* programme will be heard from 3YA at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, and the second from the same station during the following week.

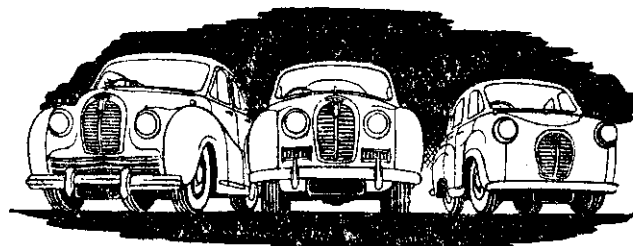
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