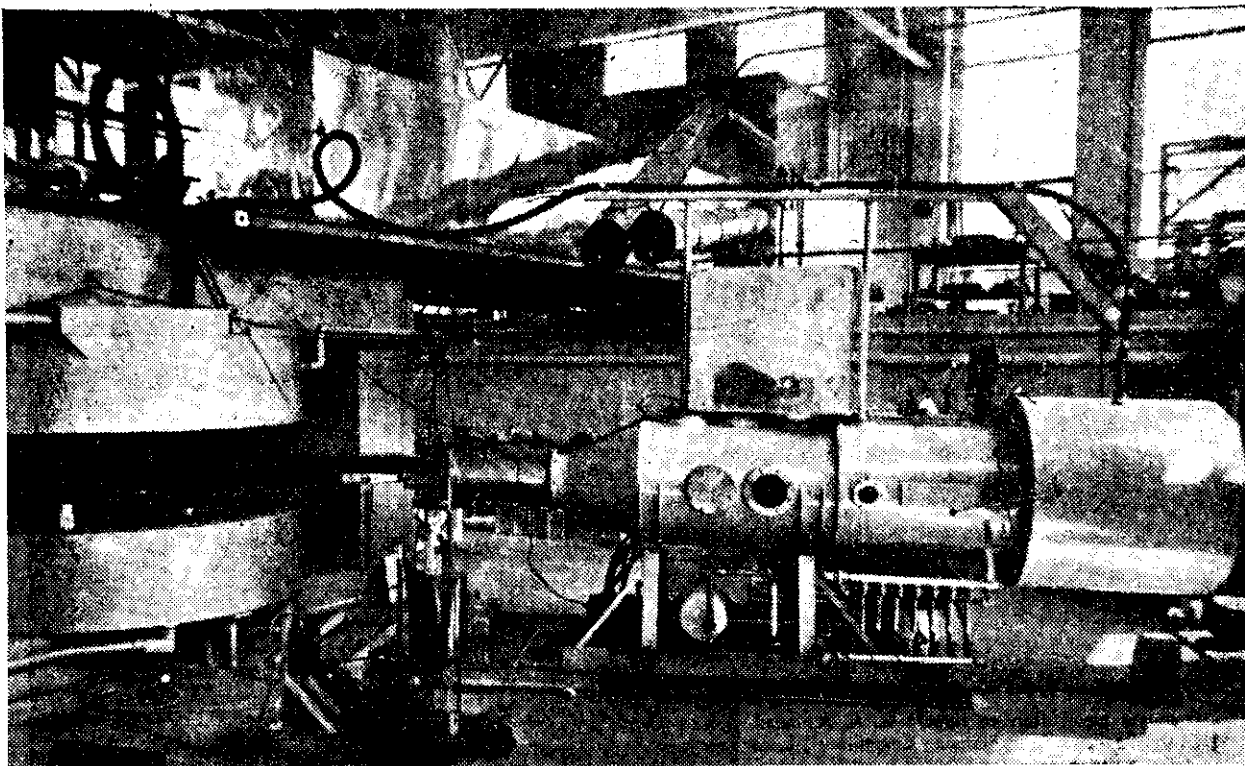




THE cyclotron above is in the nuclear physics section of Cambridge University's famed Cavendish Laboratory—once directed by New Zealand's Lord Rutherford—which is described by commentators in a new BBC programme entitled *Scientific Research*. Listeners are taken to the observation shelter of a high tension set in the nuclear physics section; they hear how the electron microscope is being used in bacteriological research; and are taken to the field station where radio astronomy, the newest science to be developed at the laboratory, is providing information on activity in outer space. The Cavendish Laboratory has a close connection with radio, for it was Maxwell, the foundation director, who first worked out mathematically a comprehensive theory of radio waves. *Scientific Research* is being heard this week from 4YC (at 8.1 p.m. on April 22), and from 4YA (at 2.0 p.m. on April 26). It will be broadcast later from other National stations.

WONDERS IN THE BACK ROOM

"The Old Curiosity Shop"

JANETTE SCOTT, whose picture is on the cover of *The Listener* this week, realised one of her ambitions last year when she played Little Nell in a three-part radio adaptation of *The Old Curiosity Shop*. Though this was her first dramatic role on the air, she had already done a good deal of broadcasting in sound and had acted as announcer in television programmes for children. She had also appeared on the stage. But New Zealanders will know her best for her work in films. The daughter of the

character actress Thora Hird and James Scott, a musician, she started her film career at the age of two, and when she was ten she had the leading part in *No Place for Jennifer*. Since then she has become even better known through *No Highway in the Sky*, *The Magic Box* and *The Galloping Major*.

First broadcast by the BBC about the middle of last year, *The Old Curiosity Shop* was adapted for radio by Mabel Constanduros, one of the best-known names in British radio, both as actress and writer. The producer was Cleland Finn.

Writing in the *London Star* after he had heard the first instalment, Maurice Gorham said: "It is no easy job to reduce a Dickens novel to three one-hour instalments without depending heavily on a narrator, but this first programme seemed to me likely to succeed equally with those who know the book and those who don't. My guess is that the story of Little Nell will prove almost as moving on the air as it did in print."

The Old Curiosity Shop is to be heard first on Saturday nights from 3YC, starting at 9.32 p.m. this Saturday (April 25).



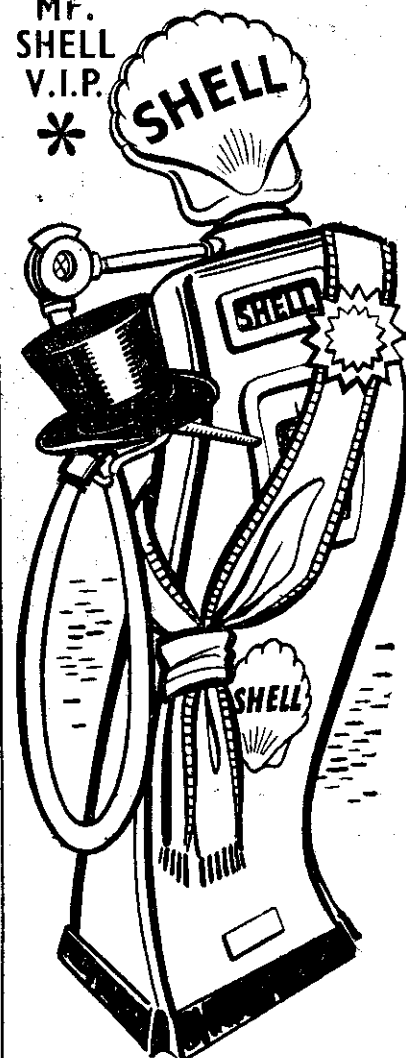
WELL known on the London stage before settling in Australia, Winifred Hindle (above) plays the unconventional Aunt Emily in *Never Let Me Love You*, an Australian serial at present broadcasting from 2XN each Wednesday and Friday at 9.15 a.m. Miss Hindle has performed with such notables as Emyln Williams, Michael Redgrave, Cicely Courtneidge, Godfrey Tearle and Angela Baddeley. The story of *Never Let Me Love You* centres round the Jordan sisters, Connie and Barbara, and Craig Adams, the man they both love. Its conflicts arise from this triangular situation, and from the fact that the young and beautiful Connie is terribly disfigured after a motor accident. The serial was written by New Zealander Gordon Grimsdale, and produced in Sydney by Rob Roberts and another New Zealander, Hilda Scurr.



Little Nell and her grandfather

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