

"UNCLE PERCY"

AMONG his musical friends, the late Percy Pitt, conductor and composer, was affectionately known as "Uncle Percy." At one time the Director of Music to the B.B.C., he had a large share in raising British music to the honourable position it holds to-day. Inside the B.B.C. a "Pitt" programme could be readily accepted as a real contribution to the week's work, and needed no supervision, for it was already planned with such perfection and catholicity of taste, such a happy gift of proportion, and such a real sense of beauty and appropriateness, that no editing could improve it. New Zealand listeners may have equal confidence in tuning-in to any selection Percy Pitt conducts on the records.

CLERK TO CONDUCTOR

TO-DAY an outstanding figure in the world of music, there was a time when Dr. Leo Blech was an obscure clerk in a counting house. Born in 1871 at Aix-la-Chapelle, he has earned his living since he was sixteen. He endured his uncongenial work for four years, and then the big break came—he followed his irresistible desire for a musician's life, beginning his studies at the Royal School of Music. Here he failed to see "eye to eye" with his teacher, Bargiel—step-brother of Clara Schumann—so he left the school in the following year. It was obvious that he was breaking away from the traditional school of music, but, nevertheless, he was invited shortly afterwards to become conductor of the

Municipal Orchestra in his native town, but he stuck to his studies.

PREMIUMS TO PIANO

FOR five years Norman Long was an insurance clerk, but from his trafficking in premiums, covers, risks, policies, and what-not, he turned his attention stage-wards. Not that Norman has altogether finished with "taking risks" (some of his records are a bit on the saucy side!); but for all that, he has one asset that is denied hearers of his records. This is his bright smile and his sparkling eyes. Apart from his undoubted pianistic abilities, Norman Long has an excellent voice and diction. This is especially marked in his brilliant performance in "We Can't Let You Broadcast That!"

**RESULT OF "PUZZLE PIE," NO. 89.**

The winning competitor in this contest is

MISS M. BOYD,

32 Lorne St., Wellington.

Her solution, containing three errors, was the most nearly correct one received, and the **PRIZE OF £75 IN CASH** is therefore awarded to her.

Prize money will be posted on Monday, May 6.

Can You Solve This Simple Puzzle?

Don't miss this splendid one-week competition! It is just a short and easily-worded paragraph about Brigands, which appeared in a New Zealand newspaper some time ago, and has now been put into puzzle form by our artist. The opening words "A Gang . . ." will tell you what it is all about—and for the rest, the wording is simple and the sense of the sentence will help you. Each picture or sign may mean part of a word, one, two or three words, but not more than three. Errors are calculated on the basis of the number of words wrong.

Solve the puzzle carefully and write your solution **IN INK** on one side of a sheet of paper. Add your name and residential address, and post the entry to:—

"PUZZLE PIE" No. 91.

BOX 950, G.P.O., CHRISTCHURCH.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

All entries must be postmarked not later than **TUESDAY, APRIL 30.**

The First Prize of £75 will be awarded to the competitor whose solution of the paragraph is correct, or most nearly correct. In case of ties, the prize-money will be divided, but the full amount will be paid.

Sealed Solution and £75 Prize-money is deposited with "Truth" (N.Z.), Ltd. A postal-note for 1/- must accompany each initial entry and 6d. each additional entry. Stamps not accepted. Any number of attempts may be sent on plain paper. Alternatives in single entries will be disqualified. Post Office addresses not accepted. Results will be published on Friday, May 10.

SOLUTION TO "PUZZLE PIE," NO. 89.

Paragraph from the "Otago Witness," March 18, 1914.

"A jar of whisky was taken out through the windows, and the thief, or thieves, partook of some of the liquor, per medium of a pannikin attached to the water supply tank. The jar, containing most of the liquor, was left on the platform."

£75 WON