

AUSTRALIAN NOTES.

Gracie Fields' Australian Session

Special Broadcast Next Sunday — New Zealander from 2UE—New B.M.A. President from 3LO.

GRACIE FIELDS is coming to Australia. No—not in person, but by wireless-telephone, on Sunday, October 6, at 8 p.m., when by the courtesy of British Empire Films, the Empire's most popular star will deliver a message of goodwill to Australian listeners and sing for us excerpts from her latest film, "Look Up and Laugh." This novel broadcast will be heard over station 2UW. Remember the date, October 6 at 8 p.m., and make sure your dial is turned to 2UW. (Fuller details in advertisement on page 23.)

THE big subject of the week, selected from happenings the world over and frankly discussed, is a feature talk by Mr. F. E. Baume from 2UE each Friday night at 11.0. It's no mere "say so" when Mr. Baume is referred to as one of the favourite personalities radio has featured—maybe it's that he always hits on a topic that concerns you and me and the folk we know, or just that he has the gift of holding the interest, whatever the subject. But "the proof of the pudding"—and when he recently concluded his series of "Pros and Cons" talks, popular demand (which makes itself felt in every mail poured into a radio station) brought F. E. Baume back for further broadcasts.

THE layman took more than usual interest in the British Medical Association's annual general meeting which was held in Melbourne recently. This conference attracted many of the leading surgeons, specialists and general practitioners of the world to Melbourne, and their discussions laid bare the wonderful advances which have been made in medical and surgical science. Australians are also proud to think that Sir James Barrett was honoured by election as the president of this august body, so listeners tuned in to hear this eminent man analyse the achievements of the conference in a special talk, relayed through 3LO, at 11.20 p.m. on Thursday, September 26.

THE broadcast by 2UW on Saturday night, October 5, of a real woolshed dance is creating an amount of interest, more especially so as the particular woolshed in question was actually the scene of an attack by the bushranger, Ben Hall. On Tuesday night, October 1, at 11.20, and again on Thursday night, October 3, at 11.20, short talks are being given from 2UW on the history of the old homestead itself.

THE regular and, to say the least, popular feature, "Man Through the Ages," which has been running for weeks now from 2FC, is continued this week, when the rise and fall of Napoleon will be dealt with. This series is entitled "Napoleon Bonaparte, Cor-



WHEN GRACIE FIELDS BROADCASTS NEXT WEEK . . . Sydney Arnold will introduce her to 2UW listeners. Mr. Arnold is the popular announcer at station 2UW, Sydney, one of the stations that has been linked up with London for a rebroadcast of Gracie Fields' special programme next Sunday evening at eight o'clock (New Zealand summer time).

sican Commener, becomes Emperor of the French." It will be an interesting "looking back," as although we have similar strong and vigorous personalities in the world to-day, we are too apt to take them for granted without realising that they and we are making history, which to the future generations will be studied as avidly as we have learnt to study the Caesars, the Cromwells and the Napoleons of our school-day text-books.

WHEN Harold Williams, the famous Australian baritone, was out here a few years ago on a concert tour, he sent concession tickets to all the big football clubs. Many people wondered why, until it was explained that he himself had been a first-class footballer in his younger days. His singing is that type that appeals especially to men by its sincerity, its manliness and its lack of frill. He will be heard in a 20-minute recorded recital from 2GB on Sunday morning, October 6, at 11.30 a.m., and listeners will find that his singing, as revealed by his latest records, has gained much in strength and clearness of enunciation, since last he was heard in this country.

THE writings of A. A. Milne have for a very long time been successful as stage productions, and on Tuesday 3AR will present "The Truth About Blayds," a play which has been adapted for radio and produced by the experienced Frank D. Clewlow. This sketch will be heard at 10.0 and will provide an entertaining ninety min-

utes. The whole action takes place round the Blayds' residence in London and is thoroughly typical of the playwright's inimitable style.

KRAUSMEYER and Cohen, the new Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening feature from 2GB, has everybody guessing—listeners and the studio staff as well. The mysterious Mrs. Bender, who toys so effectively with the heart of Herman Krausmeyer and causes poor Cohen to have one brain-storm after another, has everybody's curiosity working overtime. Not only is the part she plays in the lives of Krausmeyer and Cohen a strange one, but her personality as an actress in the show is so far a complete mystery. While no homes have been wrecked in quarrels over her true identity, or anything like that, there's certainly plenty of speculation going on around the radios tuned to 2GB of an evening. "Krausmeyer and Cohen" is broadcast each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening at 10.45 p.m. from 2GB. "Tune in and hear them, some time."

ANOTHER industry is being developed in Australia in the manufacture of handset telephones. Some time ago Amalgamated Wireless carried out a comparatively small trial order in this line for the Postal Department and the company is now working on an order to manufacture 15,000 sets. The instruments are of the handset type and production will be spread over six months, delivery beginning last month.