

that Mr. O'Shea is in hospital, and his friends among Dunedin listeners will naturally join in wishing him a speedy recovery. Mr. O'Shea is a prominent member of the Otago Rugby Football Union and is on the executive of the Otago Radio Listeners' League. In the meantime, his place is being filled on Friday nights by Mr. P. Vallis, who, incidentally, has been stroke and manager of the Otago rowing eights in recent years.

### Without a Wobble

ALMOST as soon as they had stepped off the Main Trunk express, the touring party of radio artists, comprising Thea Philips, lyric soprano, Eileen Boyd, contralto, Vincent Ryan and Freddy Cholmondeley, humorists, Dave Howard, saxophonist, and Senia Chostakoff, tenor, who are making a New Zealand tour of the YA stations, were in the 1YA studios, busy rehearsing for their respective recitals and turns. This is Thea Philips's first visit to New Zealand, and she says that if Auckland is as nice as Wellington, then she is going to enjoy her stay there. A lyric soprano of fine quality voice, Miss Philips had the honour of singing in the role of Elisabeth in Wagner's opera, "Tannhauser," before the late King George and Queen Mary at Covent Garden, the performance being con-

ducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. On that occasion a famous English critic described her as "the soprano without a wobble!"

### Band Broadcasts

TRUE to its promise to listeners to obtain the services of the Dunedin City Tramways Band for a further studio recital, station 4ZB featured the band in one of its programmes last week. It has always been recognised that a brass band supplies the people's music, so broadcasts by any of these combinations usually find favour. In its library the Tramways Band has a variety of concerted and solo items that have been made available to the public only on occasional Sunday afternoons, or at special functions, but now, through the offer of 4ZB being accepted, it is able to play to a wide audience seated in their own homes.

### Honour

WHEN Dr. J. C. Bradshaw, celebrated organist of the Christchurch Cathedral, says of a musician that New Zealand should be proud of her, it is something she may treasure throughout her career. This is a verbal honour that has fallen to the lot of Grace Wilkinson who, after a short visit to Christchurch, will set out again this month on her return to Australia and

England to continue her musical studies. She was farewelled at a morning tea function organised by the Christchurch branch of the Music Teachers' Association of New Zealand. Dr. Bradshaw, who is the president, said that Miss Wilkinson, a Christchurch girl, had helped to put New Zealand on the map! Her Christchurch friends looked forward to hear of her further triumphs.

### Fine View

THE staff of 3YA has something, scenically, over everybody else in New Zealand engaged in broadcasting and all its ramifications. From the administration floor, where Mr. J. McKenzie, station director, holds sway, there is a magnificent view of the Southern Alps. True, the foreground is composed of delicate shades of rusty iron roofs, and the tall and rugged grandeur of the city destructor smoke-stack, but, beyond, there is aesthetic compensation. After Christchurch's bout of snow the other day a perfect nor-west arch formed, and its contrast with the snow-clad mountains was remarkable. Many overseas artists, Florence Austral among them, have praised the view.

### Licenses

CONSIDERING the fact that wages and conditions have improved so greatly during the past few months and that times generally are brighter, it is difficult to understand why there should be between 1200 and 1300 radio listeners who have so far failed to renew their licenses. According to the Auckland radio inspector this is the largest number of non-renewals for a long time past. He confided to the writer that his department was now starting to round up the slackers and the pirates. During the next few weeks there will be quite a large number of prosecutions for operating unlicensed radio receivers brought in the Police Court.


### Football

LANCASTER PARK is to be on the air again shortly, in fact, on August 19, when 3YA will tell listeners all about the Canterbury v. Manawatu Rugby contest. Later the Canterbury team will flit to Timaru to play South Canterbury on August 22, Southland at Invercargill on August 26, and Otago at Dunedin on August 29. A broadcast from the southern station will keep Canterbury au fait with shield matters.

### Composers

WHAT is known as a "New Zealand Composers' Programme," is to be submitted to 4YA listeners on August 19, when a variety of works by many of the prominent musical figures in the South Island will be played. Three of the composers are Dunedin residents, and a fourth was, until some months ago, when he shifted to Invercargill, and the fifth is claimed by Christchurch. Compositions by Dr. V. E. Galway, Dunedin city organist, Miss Marna Service, who is associated with one of the Dunedin dailies in a musical capacity, and Miss Mabel Little, also of Dunedin, will be among the featured works, which will also include some by Miss May Burnes-Loughnan, of Christchurch, and Mr. C. A. Martin,

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