

all-rounder of the English tour by the Australian cricket eleven, will be featured in a cricket talk on March 31, from the same station. Fairfax was, of course, one-time holder of the fifth wicket record of 183, made in partnership with Don Bradman. The remaining talks on sport in this series have not yet been announced.

Never Too Hot

IT may be hot in Christchurch, with the city sweltering after a day's nor'-wester, but the young dancers take it literally in their stride. The next relay by 3YA of old-time dancing will be heard on March 19, by Colin Campbell's orchestra.

Dance Music

DICK COLVIN'S band has been heard from 4YA frequently in the past, and its numbers have been very popular with listeners. So much so, indeed, that for a period from the beginning of March, this famous recorded dance band will be heard every Wednesday evening supplying the whole of the music for the dance hour, 10-11. There will, of course, be the usual interludes of vocal items.

After Touring

NOEL NEWSON, brilliant young Christchurch pianist, recently made a tour of the Australian broadcasting studios. He told the "Record" on his return, a week or two ago, that he preferred the Dominion studios to those of the Commonwealth for several reasons. Artists, he considered, worked under better conditions in New Zealand. Mr. Newson will make his first appearance at 3YA, after his trip abroad, on March 13. The same evening Miss Daisy Perry, contralto, and Mr. Francis Bate, 'cellist, present a recital.

"Our Street"

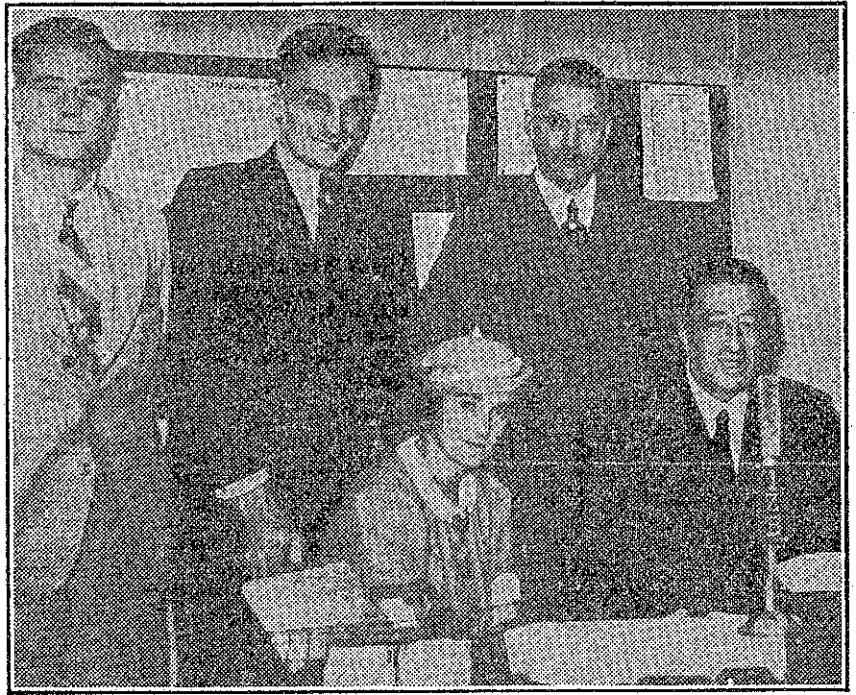
WELL-KNOWN as one of the bright lads of Chischurch, Mr. Denis Glover runs the Caxton Press, which is famous, or notorious, for the advanced poetry it publishes, and he writes him-



self. Mr. Glover is down to speak at 3YA on March 10 and March 24 on "People in our Street." Listeners will have to wait to find out what is behind this cryptic title, but one may be sure there is a barb in it somewhere.

Masterpieces

QUILTER'S "Children's Overture" will be the highlight of "Masterpieces of Music" from 4YA on March 17. Dr. T. Vernon Griffiths will be in charge of the session. As if the overture were not sufficient of an attraction, there will



VON LUCKNER AND HIS COUNTESS AT 1ZB.

... Top row: R. Talbot, W. Elliot (station director) and Major Blackett, who took the Count from New Zealand in the Willochra.

also be presented Bach's Concerto in D Minor for two violins.

Top Rankers

DURING the next few days several Christchurch performers, all in the top rank of their profession, will be heard from 3YA studios. They include the pianist, Miss Althea Harley-Slack, who will give a recital on March 16. Miss Slack is a favourite with Christchurch audiences. She endeared herself three or four years ago to Christchurch competitions performers for her sympathetic treatment of their accompaniments.

For P.W.D. Men

CONTROLLER of the Commercial Broadcasting Service, Mr. C. G. Scrimgeour announces that station 2ZB would shortly begin a series of special sessions for workers in P.W.D. camps throughout the Dominion. The object, Mr. Scrimgeour said, was to give the members of these lonely outposts of progress, radio entertainment on lines that he thought could fairly be claimed as something quite new. Many of these camps, in both islands, were cut off almost entirely from civilisation. The sessions would be held weekly and would deal with every camp in the Dominion in turn. The sessions would begin within the next few weeks and would be conducted by Mr. J. H. Ingley, formerly a P.W.D. official and now a member of the headquarters staff of the Commercial Broadcasting Service.

Wilson Of 4ZD

THOUGH 4ZD may be only a small station, it is big on ideas. Ray Wilson, programme organiser, has a brain which moves, and since he went to the station he had introduced unlimited variety of novelties. He inaugurated the famous "Listeners' Hour," which proved so popular it now takes a full three hours of the Wednesday night

transmission to put across. The feature, composed exclusively of request numbers, celebrated its first birthday recently and was given a new name, "Your Hit Parade." A new series entitled "Lights Out," is in production. Here is novelty, for the series consists of 15-minute thrillers to which audiences are asked to listen in darkened rooms! Shortly, another new series dedicated to the radio operators of the world will be presented. Aptly named "S.O.S.," this will tell the story of unsung heroes of land and sea. Ray Wilson thinks up the plots and writes the sketches, and he long ago proved he wields a facile pen. Right now, too, he is busy planning the winter schedule.

Artistry

THE artistry of 'cellist David Lissermann has been an outstanding feature of recent 2ZB International Celebrity Trio broadcasts. Associated with him are Philip Cohen (violin) and Henri Penn (piano).

Hard Boiled

EARLY morning announcers at 4ZB, Lionel Sceats and Len Bates, have a new method of timing boiled eggs. The other morning they gave instructions for "soft boiling" eggs. Said Lionel, "Now, are you ready with that egg: well, pop it into the boiling water when this record starts. Are you ready? Go." But Lionel forgot to tell his listeners that the egg should have been taken out when the record finished, and he did not notice his omission for some ten minutes, when the eggs no doubt would have had to be cracked with a pick.

Spell It!

PRELIMINARY organisation for 2ZB radio spelling bee is well under way. Introduced as a novelty broadcast on one of the larger American stations a few years ago, such