

PERSONALITIES

ON THE AIR

WHEN you come from a brilliant family and have a name made famous by an elder brother, and reach success yourself, people are apt to say: "How easy! Flying start!" Yet Ronald Frankau only reached success after a gruelling time. "Frank Danby," the famous novelist, was his mother; Owen Hall, author of "The Geisha," was an uncle; Mrs. Aria, the fashion writer, was an aunt; Gilbert Frankau, author of "Peter Jackson, Cigar Merchant," is his famous elder brother. Ronald "arrived" after varying spells at Eton, a business college in Germany, in father's cigar business, studying singing at the Guildhall, a little farming in Canada, and journalism.

His amusing patter will be heard by 2YA listeners in the music, mirth and melody session on Wednesday, April 27.

BREEZINESS OF THE YOUNG.

One of the most penetrating of authors, critics and philosophers, Charles L. Buchanan, has written illuminatingly on Percy Grainger. This writer declared: "What I see in Grainger is a new age expressing itself. With all his partiality for what is vague, sensuous, subtle and ingratiating in art, he is, nevertheless, the incarnation of the bustle, the activity, the cheeky, breezy, informal quality of young and new people." After all, not



PERCY GRAINGER

... Comes on to the platform running.

many great pianists come on to the platform running, coming up the steps two at a time... but that's just Percy, the embodiment of restless, tireless energy.

On Thursday, April 28, 4YA has scheduled a half-hour Percy Grainger programme.

Illness Broke Into Career



VLADIMIR HOROWITZ

... Pianist son-in-law of Toscanini.

DAUGHTER of Arturo Toscanini, Mrs. Vladimir Horowitz, stated in a recent interview that her famous pianist husband underwent an operation for appendicitis in 1935. This resulted in complications that prevented his appearance on the concert platform for the past two years.

He has now fully recovered from his illness and will resume his career this coming June, when he will make gramophone records in London with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of his distinguished father-in-law.

Recorded recitals by Horowitz are scheduled at 2YA on Sunday, April 24, and at 3YA on Friday, April 29.

INSEPARABLES FOR THIRTY YEARS.

Charlie Naughton and Jimmy Gold, both Scots from Glasgow, have been inseparable for 30 years. There is one year's difference in their ages; both are happily married, with a son apiece. Charlie Naughton, who is always getting knocked about the stage, is reputed to be one of the best "fallers" in variety. In 1928 these comics were appearing in Milwaukee, U.S.A., on the same bill with another British double act, Nervo and Knox. The management, acting on a suggestion,

decided to allow each act to interfere with the other—hence the Crazy Gang.

Naughton and Gold will entertain in 4YA's music, mirth and melody session on Thursday, April 28.

NINEPENCE FOR A LESSON.

When a boy, Albert Sandler got his first fiddle—a cheap instrument given him by his father, a miserably poor shoemaker in the East End of London. Albert's first lessons cost ninepence each—and this placed something of a strain on the domestic financial resources—but dad and Albert waugled it between them. Albert soon knew as much as his teacher—so a change was made to a tutor who charged half-a-crown a lesson. This time the entire family "dubbed in" until the boy won a scholarship at the Guildhall School of Music. Now Albert has a luxurious home and a £2000 "Strad."

In 1YA's dinner music session on Saturday, April 30, Albert Sandler's Orchestra will entertain.

VALUE OF GOOD TOP NOTES.

A witty minor poet named Bond (Christian name not available) once wrote: *A very light tenor was singing "Top A" When the platform on which he was standing gave way; He had no intention of risking his crown, So he hung on his note till they lifted him down.*



RICHARD TAUBER

... Conducts the orchestra.

Joseph Schmidt has good top notes—so has Tauber. Who said tenors were jealous? Here's a gramophone record to prove they're not all small-minded.

While Joseph is singing at 2YA on Friday, April 29, Richard will conduct the accompanying orchestra.