

AROUND THE STUDIOS.

"I JUST DON'T SEEM ABLE"

Gladys Moncrieff's Hoodoo—NBS Tour Was Due—Anzac Day Ceremonies In The Cities—Hamlet From Station 2YA—Easter In The North—News From The Commercials

SINGER Gladys Moncrieff once said: "I've been going abroad for years, and as soon as I make up my mind, and begin arrangements to leave, someone comes along with another contract. I just don't seem able to get away."

On the eve of her departure for a tour of New Zealand's National stations, Miss Moncrieff met with the car accident which left her with a fractured thigh, fractured left leg, compound fracture to the left arm, and concussion. It is thought that it will be some months before her recovery is complete, and consequently her arrival in New Zealand is postponed indefinitely.

Listeners throughout the country will hope that further unpleasant incidents do not arise and cause this well-loved star to say once again: "I just don't seem able to get away."

ANZAC Day memorial service, arranged by the Wellington Returned Soldiers' Association, will be broadcast by 2YA from the Citizens' National War Memorial in Lambton Quay. The ceremony will begin at 2.30 p.m.

FIRST hour of 2YA's evening programme on Anzac Day will be devoted to a carefully-selected arrangement of recordings given the caption, "Happy War-time Memories." Even a general upheaval such as that of 1914-18 has its lighter moments (as Bruce Bairnsfather showed), and the material chosen for 2YA's presentation will revive memories of these.

IT is not 4YA's intention to miss much of the celebrations being held in Dunedin on Anzac Day, and three different relays will be carried out. At 2 p.m. the ceremony at the memorial column in the Queen's Gardens will be covered, and at 3 p.m. the Returned Soldiers' service in the Town Hall will be broadcast. The final presentation will be made in the evening, when the service from St. Paul's Cathedral will go on the air at 7.30.

IN common with other main national stations, 3YA will observe special hours on Anzac Day, opening at 9 a.m. and continuing until 12 noon, and again from 1 p.m. onward. Relays from the King Edward Barracks will broadcast the citizens' memorial service under the auspices of the Christchurch Returned Soldiers' Association, when



TEMPLE WHITE
... Presents his Tudor Singers in their first performance on the air from 2YA.

the address will be given by the Rev. L. B. Neale, of Dunedin. At 7.30 p.m. another relay will be from the Christchurch Anglican Cathedral, where a special service will be conducted by both the Toc H movement and the R.S.A. "Twenty-four Hours," a specially-recorded drama of the nations, will be presented at 9.5 p.m. This is an NBS production.

LOVERS of William Shakespeare will have opportunity of hearing "Hamlet" from 2YA on Sunday, April 24, at 9.5 p.m. This is yet another of the NBS productions.

TWO further plays will be broadcast on Wednesday, April 27. The first, "The Fatal Step," described as a problem play for broadcasting, was produced by the NBS, and is followed by "The Apothe-

cary," a drama in cameo, by George Edwards and Company, the Australian group of players.

OVER the Easter holiday period 1YA handled a number of outside relays. There were so many, in fact, that 12M had to be brought on the air on several occasions to cover sports fixtures, such as the inter-Varsity tournament. As Gordon Hutter was engaged on Easter Saturday and Monday describing the Auckland Racing Club's big carnival at Ellerslie, Mr. Maurice Brown, publicity officer for the inter-Varsity tournament, acted as commentator for the eight-oared boat race, the University athletics and the basketball. For the next two week-ends 1YA will be engaged on racing relays. The Avondale Jockey Club's autumn meeting is set down for Saturday and Wednesday, and on the following week the two days' meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club will be held. Gordon Hutter, of course, will be at the microphone in each case.

Varsity Debates

THE inter-Varsity debating season of 1938 opens on April 28. It is possible that this year there will be more debates than usual, and the idea will be that each college shall debate with each of the others if it can be fitted

HIS EIGHTH CRUISE

OFFICIAL ENTERTAINER TO THE "EMPRESS"

MAKING his eighth cruise on a luxury liner, Frederick English, the well-known English baritone, professional entertainer on the Empress of Britain, broadcast a recital of art-songs from 1YA during the big ship's stay in Auckland last week as he did at Wellington the previous week.

Mr. English's family is evidently gifted in the arts, for his son, a professional cellist and graduate of Trinity College, is a member of the Empress of Britain's orchestra of 14 players, while his daughter is well known in London as a designer of tapestries and art work.

Everywhere his ship goes Mr. English gives recitals.

During the visit of the Canadian ship to the Dutch East Indies he broadcast from the new Java radio station when the temperature in the studio was 96 in the shade!