

ed, microphones and all. A lead-in had been prepared—a bumper lead-in—and Eric's wedding went over the air. He is national construction engineer for the NCBS. Nobody was more surprised at this than Mr. Gillman.

Caste

PROFESSOR JAGAN NATH (manager of the Indian hockey team, prefers to be interviewed on the air rather than to give straight talks. He will give a talk, however, on the "Caste System" in India from 2YA on July 23.

Purely Personal

THROUGH pressure of business, Mr. Pat Lawlor has had to discontinue his "Purely Personal" talks from 2ZB Wellington. His final talk on July 16 was his twenty-ninth from the station, one of the longest contracts worked by anybody not permanently employed by the commercial stations. During his series, Mr. Lawlor has in-

RESOURCE !

WHEN Alexander Kipnis was told that the chiming clock in the Dunedin Octagon was almost immediately above the Town Hall Concert Chamber in which he was to sing, he was slightly perturbed. During his Australian tour, chiming clocks had sometimes interfered with his recitals. It had happened in Hobart where the clock, sounding very clearly, was tuned to the key of C major. This was particularly annoying when he was singing a Schubert number in D major. So Mr. Kipnis did what very few singers would have done. He promptly transposed the song from D major to C major, thus effecting synchronisation with his persistent orchestral accompaniment.

roduced into his talks nearly 400 well-known New Zealand personalities. Anybody discussing personalities is naturally treading on dangerous ground, but with Mr. Lawlor's extensive newspaper experience to guide him, nothing but favourable comment was received from listeners.

Own Compositions

FORMERLY a member of the ship's orchestra of the giant ship Empress of Britain, which visited New Zealand some months ago, Mr. Thomas Gray, violin-cellist of experience, is at present in Auckland. He has an engagement at 1YA, and will be featured on the concert programme on Saturday, July 30, playing three of his own compositions. "A Simple Melody," "A Bed-time Story," and "Lullaby."

Studio Orgatron

NEW feature from station 4ZM is the presentation of items on the Everett Orgatron. This orgatron, which has all the volume and tonal qualities of a large pipe organ, has been installed in the studio, and two 15-minute broadcasts are made during the Sunday night transmissions. Performances to date have been given by Messrs. Arthur Pywell, Athol Wise and Axwell Newton. Mr. Arthur Pywell is well known to radio listeners for his periodic broadcasts on the Christie organ of the Empire Theatre from 4ZB.

Return from Abroad

Mr Trevor Lane by "Monterey"

MR. TREVOR LANE, who has been in England and on the Continent for ten months, will return to New Zealand by the Monterey on July 25. After leaving England, Mr. Lane developed appendicitis and underwent an operation at Capetown, where he was in hospital for three or four weeks.

While in London, Mr. Lane interviewed many prominent people in literary, film and dramatic circles, and we received recently from a well-known writer the following appreciative lines:—

"I was recently introduced to a young visitor from New Zealand... and they began to tell me about this remarkable young man—how he had bearded the mighty in their dens and interviewed half the world in a few weeks. Already he had seen, among many others, Miss Gracie Fields, Mr. Alexander Korda, Mr. George Formby, Lord Alfred Douglas, Leslie Howard, Dr. Merton Hodge, Mr. Victor McLaglen, Mr. Hector Bolitho, Mr. Derek Patmore, Mr. Victor Gollancz—the list was interminable, almost unbelievable. . . .

"So I decided, as he was returning to New Zealand almost immediately, I would write these few lines and let his readers know of the regard developed for him here. New Zealand has good reason to welcome him back as one of its best journalists and interviewers."

Maori Recordings

NEW series of Maori recordings made recently by 2ZB includes traditional chants and hakis previously not available to any Europeans. The Maori library at 2ZB is now reputed to contain as fine a collection of authentic Maori recordings as are to be found in any part of the world.

In The States

AMERICAN policy to-day is largely dictated by what George Washington or Alexander Hamilton or Thomas Jefferson said at the end of the eighteenth century. This is one of the points made in a talk that is to be heard at 3YA on July 25 by Mr. S. K. Ratcliffe, who recently visited New Zealand. Mr. Ratcliffe visited New Zealand annually for 25 years and was invited to lecture at the famous universities of Yale and Cornell. He speaks of American politics from first-hand knowledge that gives added significance to what he says about "Roosevelt and America" to-day. Mr. Ratcliffe is a practised broadcaster, well known to listeners in England.

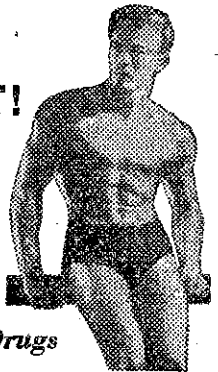
Drama League

SEVENTH annual festival of the British Drama League (New Zealand branch) will be held in the Wellington Town Hall on August 9 to August 13. Dramatic work offered by any entrant must be a one-act play or extract from a longer play, but must not exceed 40 minutes in performance. Entries must be sent to the Area Secretary not later than July 18.

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