

## AROUND THE STUDIOS.

## IRISH TENOR'S REFUSAL

*Film Offer Made To Danny Malone—Little Old Lady Of Dunedin—Popeye's Voice Comes To New Zealand—Grand National Broadcasts—News From All Stations*

**D**ANNY MALONE, Irish tenor at present touring the YA stations under engagement to the NBS, has been starred in several films made by English studios. Just before he left Auckland a little over a week ago, he received a cable from a leading British film producing company offering him an engagement to take the starring singing role in a new film, "The Mountains of Mourne." As his touring contracts will keep him tied up for some months yet, Mr. Malone reluctantly had to refuse the offer, which would have meant a large sum. Danny Malone lives in London, finds an abundance of work there to keep him going the whole year round. His present tour is being made partly as a holiday.

**P**LEASANT gesture on the part of the organisers of the South Dunedin community sing last week was the inclusion of "Little Old Lady" on its programme, specially for the benefit of Mrs. Emma Harries, of South Dunedin. Mrs. Harries, just turned 104, is probably the Dominion's oldest resident. As soon as the singers learnt the reason for the number they sang it with vigour and enthusiasm. The main city "sing" also remembered Mrs. Harries. "Many Happy Returns of the Day," "Put a Little Springtime in the Winter of Their Lives," and others, including "Little Old Lady," which Mrs. Harries might well consider her song. Mrs. Harries was born in London on July 18, 1834, and came to New Zealand after 20 years in Australia in 1888, landing at Port Chalmers.

**T**HE big racing week of the year for the Grand National starts in Christchurch on August 6. Announcers on the sporting side of 3YA will tell the public all they want to know about the events. The first meeting will be the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's meeting at Addington on August 6, the other trotting fixtures being August 10 and 12. The Grand National Steeplechase is on August 9 and the Grand National

Hurdles on August 11. The final day at Riccarton is August 13. On August 5 Mr. Fred. Thomas will talk from 3YA on "Reminiscences of Early Grand Nationals."

**M**ANY a lad and many a man can thank 1ZB for getting them a job because of the "News from the Placement Service" session broadcast every morning at 6.45. The Placement Officer, for long a popular and informative speaker on Friday evenings, recently transferred his attention to each week-



MRS. EMMA HARRIES.  
... Dunedin's Little Old Lady,"  
aged 104, was given radio honours  
at community sing.

day morning. Men whose names are on the service's books are told to listen for the bulletin which advises them where each job is and invites them to present themselves there at a given time to start work. The conscientious effort on the part of the Placement Officer makes this a boon to the community.

**B**EFORE radio became domestic musical societies in New Zealand had to depend on house seating capacity for their support. But to-day it is a poor society that is not put over the air, now and then, to sing to an audience a thousand-fold greater than that in the theatre. On August 3, the Royal Christchurch Musical Society, conducted by Mr. Ernest Jenner, will appear at the Radiant Hall, and several of its offerings will be broadcast by 3YA. These include three Handel choruses for choir and orchestra, and two motets

for chorus and string orchestra. The soloists, culled from the top ranks of Christchurch artists, are Mr. Clive Hindle, baritone, who will sing two Shakespearean songs; Miss Millicent Jennings, who will present Italian songs with violin obbligato by Miss Gladys Vincent; Miss Vincent herself, in Sonata in B Minor, by Respighi; and Mr. Jenner, pianist. The society to-day is regaining a good deal of its glory of 20-odd years ago.

**T**HE humble harmonica has recently sprung from comparative obscurity to a place of eminence among instruments. The fine recordings by Larry Adler undoubtedly brought this erstwhile "toy" to the forefront. Wellington has several harmonica bands. One of these, Claude Jupp's band, will broadcast from the 2YA studios on August 4.

## Musical Ball

**F**ORTHCOMING seventy-fifth anniversary of the Dunedin Choral Society will be marked by an event unique in Dunedin. Apart from the attractive musical and choral programme the society is staging a musical ball. Besides the engagement of an augmented dance orchestra, there will be a full symphony orchestra of 16 players to render special dance numbers.

## Rising

**D**UNEDIN-BORN tenor, Denis Dowling, whose fame rapidly spread in New Zealand and Australia, has now obtained his A.R.C.M. diploma at the Royal

## "POPEYE"

HIS "VOICE" VISITS  
NEW ZEALAND

**T**HE familiar, deep, weather-beaten voice of "Popeye the Sailor Man," wholesale consumer of spinach and favourite star of movie cartoons, was heard from 1ZB last Monday night.

It was no recording, but the real, live Popeye, Billy Costello, voice of the old wire-whiskers with the strong arms.

On Monday night Mr. Costello, star of the new Frank Neil Revue Company which opened at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, called in to 1ZB and did his turn before going to the theatre.

He is to make one broadcast in each centre while his show is on tour.