

## Australian Programmes

### Times Corrected for N.Z.

Thursday, April 2.

STATION 2FC, 9.30 p.m., 9.37 p.m., and at intervals throughout the evening, the A.B.C. Military Band; 9.40 p.m. and 11.11 p.m., Alfred Wilmore and Myra O'Neill, duets; 10.4 p.m. and 11.4 p.m., Joyce Lang, harpist, and Inez Lang, violinist.

2BL, 9.30 p.m., "His House in Order," a play by Sir Arthur Pinero, to be presented by the H. W. Varna Company; 11.10 p.m. and 11.24 p.m., John Warren, tenor.

3LO, 9.30 p.m.: "Fifteen Minutes of Period Music." 9.45 p.m.: Dance items, interspersed with vaudeville numbers.

8AR, 9.45 p.m.: Programme of selected recordings.

Friday, April 3.

STATION 2FC, 9.30 p.m.: Wagner's prelude to "Parsifal." 9.40 p.m.: "Good Friday," a play in verse, by John Masefield. 11.45 p.m.: Meditation music from the studio.

2BL, 9.30 p.m. and 10.3 p.m.: G. Vern Barnett, organist. 9.37 p.m., 10.20 p.m., and 11 p.m.: Hulstone Park Choral Society. 9.44 p.m. and 10.37 p.m.: Carl Budden Morris, pianist. 9.56 p.m. and 10.49 p.m.: Leonore Gotsch, soprano. 10.13 p.m. and 11.7 p.m.: Albert Caza-bon, violinist.

3LO, 9.30 p.m.: Programme as given for 2FC.

8AR, 9 p.m.: Relay from St. Paul's Cathedral of "The Crucifixion." 10.15 p.m.: Sacred concert, relayed from Bal-laret Hall.

Saturday, April 4.

STATION 2FC, 9.30 p.m.: The A.B.C. Players present "Pandora's Box," a radio revue. 10.30 p.m. and 11.15 p.m.: Jack Lumsdaine. 11.1 p.m. and 11.25 p.m.: Douglas Graham, comedian.

2BL, 9.30 p.m., and at intervals throughout the evening, the A.B.C. Dance Band. 9.37 and 11.14 p.m.: Bar-end Harris, baritone. 9.51 p.m. and 11.31 p.m.: Bob Strother, entertainer. 11 p.m. and 11.48 p.m.: Billie Oresswell, popular vocalist.

3LO, 9.30 p.m.: "April Antics," No. 2 of the "Monthly Reviews."

## B Class Stations

LAST week we published a letter from Mr. H. Booth denying on behalf of the B class stations that a recent deputation of their organisation to the Postmaster-General had raised the question of sponsored programmes as we had stated on the authority of an informant. We find that Mr. Booth's statement is correct and our informant on this occasion was in error. An injustice was therefore done Mr. Booth last week, which we have pleasure in rectifying.

3AR, 9.30 p.m.: Relay of concert by the Mount Pleasant Old Scholars' Association.

Sunday, April 5.

STATION 3LO, 9.30 p.m., 10.4 p.m., and 10.21 p.m., St. Augustine's Band. 9.40 p.m. and 10.57 p.m.: John Hobbs, baritone. 9.47 p.m. and 10.50 p.m.: Stanislaw de Tarczynski. 10.14 p.m. and 11.26 p.m.: Colin Thomson, tenor.

3AR, 8.30 p.m.: Divine service from St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. 10 p.m.: Relay from 2BL.

Monday, April 6.

STATION 3LO, 9.30 p.m.: "A Dream of Egypt," a musical fantasy. 10 p.m.: "Gala," a novel entertainment. 11.8 p.m. and 11.37 p.m.: "Jack and Jill Propriety Unlimited" will entertain. 11.22 p.m. and 11.44 p.m.: Syd. Hollister, comedian.

3HR, 10 p.m.: Programme of dance music and variety.

Tuesday, April 7.

STATION 3LO, 9.30 p.m.: "Sea Shanties, sung by members of the Ship Lovers' Society. 10 p.m.: Chamber music by the A.B.C. String Quartet. 10.30 p.m.: "U.S. and Us," a talk by Mr. Herbert Brookes, late Commissioner-General for Australia in the United States. 10.5 p.m.: A.B.C. Wireless Military Band numbers, interspersed with novelty items.

3AR, 9.50 p.m.: Programme of studio reproductions.

Wednesday, April 8.

STATION 3LO, 9.30 p.m.: "You Never Can Tell," a four-act comedy by Bernard Shaw. 12.5 p.m.: Dance items. 3AR, 9.50 p.m.: Concert by the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind.

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## Radio-Equipped Police Patrol

### Exciting Experiences

THE police of West Australia are having the same exciting experiences with their wireless equipped patrol cars as has been the case in Sydney and Melbourne during the past four or five years.

Just before radio was provided for the use of the police, the Department was equipped with a patrol car of some-



MR. JOCK LOCKHART, a popular 3YA comedian, who is appearing on the programmes this week. It will be remembered that during the Christmas holidays he broadcast from other N.Z. stations.

what ancient design, and on one memorable occasion a party of detectives in this car had the experience of seeing a party of motor bandits outdistance them on a straight road in a new modern car. The wireless patrol is now provided with a car capable of nearly one hundred miles an hour.

Recently as the patrol was quietly purring along the streets of Perth a call from headquarters advised that a burglar was working in a house at Claremont. At the moment the police car turned into the street a man dodged into a receding alcove, but he was just too slow to escape notice. He was subsequently captured, and is now in gaol.

On one dark night a trio of motor thieves, finding themselves being overtaken by the police wireless car, sud-

## Taxing American Listeners

### Attempt Fails

AN important legal precedent has just been established in American radio law by the decision of a Federal Court. The Court was called upon to test the validity of a law passed last year by the State of South Carolina providing for a graduated wireless tax on wireless sets. This was the first law passed in the United States attempting to raise revenue by this means. It proposed to levy all owners of receiving sets in South Carolina an annual tax rising progressively to a maximum of 3.50 dollars (10s.) per set.

The Federal District Court for the Eastern District of South Carolina held that the law was unconstitutional, as being an interference with inter-State commerce (which is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government) and could not, therefore, be enforced. It held that Station WBT, a party to the action, was engaged in inter-State commerce, as its programmes are received beyond the confines of its State of domicile.

A decree was granted restraining the collection of the proposed tax on receiving sets. A special Court, consisting of three judges, heard the arguments of counsel. The action was brought by Station WBT, of Charlotte, North Carolina, a retail wireless dealer, and a broadcast listener.

denly stopped in a cloud of dust, placed the car cross-ways on the road, stirred up more dust, and ran into the scrub. The object, of course, was to cause the patrol car to collide with the abandoned car, and the attempt was very nearly successful.

Several times within the last few weeks the Perth Police, by responding to an urgent call by wireless, have captured thieves with the booty still in their possession. Altogether, the wireless service is proving a potent ally to the custodians of law and order.

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