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weather forecast, a regular piece of ritual. I didn't even know if the Stevensons had a radio.

Radio? they said, next morning. Yes, there's a radio somewhere. Is it in the basement or that big cupboard in Fred's room? We don't use it much, but we'll get it out if you like.

But they couldn't find the radio.

Ha ha! they said happily, in chorus. No radio! Oh, yes, they said, that's right, we lent it to Ferg when his kid had the measles. We must get him to bring it back.

The next two days were indeed grim. I chewed over my programme notes and worried myself into a quiet frenzy over what I was missing. When Ferg brought the radio on the third day I whizzed round like a P. and T. linesman after a thunderstorm, fixing the lead-in and changing the two-pin plug to a bayonet point. I mapped out a fine programme, switched on, heard the first few bars of a Sibelius symphony with which I had always wanted to become better acquainted, and the set blew a valve. That was a Friday night.

By Saturday afternoon I caught myself thinking, well, what if I do miss the BBC World Affairs talk? On Sunday I put my programme notes in the bottom of my suitcase and beat up hordes of young Stevensons with only a few moments' nostalgia for the radio. By Tuesday, when the Stevensons found another valve at the back of the kitchen drawer, the cure was almost complete; and when that valve in turn blew, after half-an-hour's service, I was able to join in the family carol. Ha ha! No radio! without a trace of rue in my voice.

Now I can take it or leave it. I've learnt what the off switch is for, and oddly enough, what I listen to I enjoy.

#### Programmes from 1ZB

THREE young Auckland performers, Josephine Maurant (soprano), Ron McConaghie (baritone) and David Galbraith (pianist) will be heard in 1ZB's *Music at Eight* session this Sunday evening, November 28. The soprano will sing Grieg's "I Love Thee" and Spohr's "Rose Softly Blooming," and the baritone's songs will be Handel's "Silent Worship" and Elgar's "Is She Not Passing Fair." David Galbraith will play Rachmaninoff's *Prelude in C Sharp Minor* and *Prelude in G Sharp Minor*.

THE 6.30 p.m. *Sports Quiz* which has been heard on Wednesdays, is to be replaced with another session called *Guess Who?* which will start on Wednesday, December 1. Four contestants will be heard at each broadcast and each in turn will be given clues about the identity of some famous person in sport. If the contestant is unable to supply the answer from the first clues, further hints will be given, but the amount of the prize-money will decrease correspondingly.

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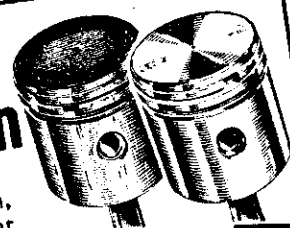
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