

LETTERS FROM LISTENERS . . .

A Petition Regarding Jazz and Crooning

To the Editor.

Sir,—Seeing that the voting scheme proved so successful, may I suggest the corollary, viz., that all your readers who voted against crooning should be enabled, again through your interesting paper, to register a petition to the Broadcasting Board praying that crooning and jazz may be broadcast only during the various dance sessions, and never on Sundays?

It occurs to me that a simple way of doing this would be to insert in our forthcoming issue of the "Radio Record" a small form to be signed by all who object to crooning and jazz generally; this to be worded as you deem best. It could then be cut out of the paper and forwarded to you as the other voting papers were. I am told that the Broadcasting Board are always glad to know what the license-holders prefer if it is possible.—I am, etc.,

J. D. PARKIN.

Timaru.

The First White Women to Reach New Zealand

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am reading with interest the articles in the splendid "Radio Record Annual."

In the article "Goodwill Greetings to the Natives of the Pacific," written by Major-General Sir George Richardson, K.B.E., C.B., he states that on Christmas Day "in 1814 Bishop Marsden preached his first sermon to the Maoris at Pahiia, in the Bay of Islands." The Rev. Samuel Marsden (not Bishop Marsden) preached his first sermon at Oihi, a few miles within the northern head of the Bay of Islands, not at Pahiia, which is some miles from the spot marked by the Marsden Cross.

In Mona Tracy's article "Lincoln Bell and Others," she states: "In 1833 John Bell, of Sydney, landed on the island (Mana). He took with him (also) his wife, one of the first white women ever to reside on the savage shores of old New Zealand."

I will mention the names of some women who arrived in New Zealand a

considerable time before 1833.

In the brig Active, which arrived at the Bay of Islands on December 22, 1814, the following were passengers:—Mesdames Kendall, Hall, King and

1823, Mesdames Williams, Fairburn, and Turner arrived.—I am, etc.,
OLD SETTLER.

Pahiia.

A Lesson to Speakers From Bernard Shaw

To the Editor.

Sir,—Regarding the B.B.C. Advisory Committee on spoken English referred to in the "Radio Record" of November 23, of which Mr. George Bernard Shaw is chairman, when the latter was here recently and gave his brief broadcast talk he (perhaps unconsciously) gave many Dominion speakers a lesson when he referred to the Government instead of the usual "Guvverment" that we hear. Perhaps public speakers (and announcers) who see this will note the difference.—I am, etc.,

W.B.

Wanganui.

Correspondence

Radio Journal Admirer (Dunedin): Thanks. We had heard that one.

P.J.L. (Wanganui): Considerations of space will not permit of our including a series such as you desire at present, but your suggestion will be kept in view.

Regular Listener (Wellington): We have found that the present layout of the programmes is the most satisfactory from both readers' and advertisers' standpoints. The arrangement you suggest does not take the advertisements into account at all.

Reader (Ashburton): The programme you mention was unavoidably rearranged after the "Radio Record" went to press.

A.D. (Geraldine): The date for the opening of the new 1YA transmitter is not yet definitely settled. It will probably be toward the end of next month.

J.H. (Timaru): See article on page 15 in this week's issue.

Public Trust Office's Statement

ESTATES of a value of £383,585 were reported and accepted for administration by the Public Trustee during the month of October. On March 31, 1934, the total value of the estates under administration by him was £60,706,493, and the new business for the seven months ended October 31, 1934, was £3,620,185, compared with £3,175,854 for the corresponding period last year. Grants of administration made by the court in favour of the Public Trustee numbered 111 for the month.

During the month 348 new wills appointing the Public Trustee-executor were deposited for safe custody by living testators, and 328 existing wills were revised to provide for changes desired by testators. The total number of wills now held in the Public Trust Office is 82,701.

TOO SMALL

B.B.C. Overflowing from Broadcasting House

With the opening of the new British station at Droitwich the B.B.C. announced that many changes were to be made in the arrangement and presentation of the programmes. This new system has called for a great deal more rehearsing of programmes than was necessary before, and this, with the handling of new orchestras and increasing numbers of artists, is making Broadcasting House feel very small—literally, that is, for there are not enough studios available for the various presentations now arranged.

Already, the B.B.C. makes use of St. George's Hall, an offshoot of the parent building, where many orchestral programmes are presented, and now the engineers are working on the conversion of a building in Maida Vale, where a former skating rink is to be made into the largest studio in England. It will be 125 feet long and 72 feet wide, with a gallery seating 150 people; the stage will accommodate the B.B.C. orchestra, with its 119 musicians, and the B.B.C. Chorus, of 260 voices. In addition, the new studio boasts vestibules, for artists waiting to perform, comfortable waiting rooms, and all the B.B.C. recording units, by which programmes can be recorded as they are broadcast, and then played over immediately afterwards for the benefit of the producers—and, of course, they can be used again from other stations, or sent to various parts of the Empire.

If at any time anything should happen to destroy Broadcasting House—which certainly is not a very likely eventuality—the B.B.C. would be able to carry on from this new studio in Maida Vale.

Hansen. On August 12, 1819, in the American brig General Gates, Mrs. Butler, wife of the Rev. John Butler, and Mrs. Kemp, wife of Mr. James Kemp, reached New Zealand. In 1822 Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. Cowell arrived. In the ship Brampton, which anchored in the Bay of Islands on August 3,

SENTIMENT IN STAMPS

Stamp collectors the world over are noted for their enthusiasm. But the noblest enthusiast is the purchaser of Health Stamps, of which the new issue is now on sale. With these stamps, price 2d. each, you buy a little sentiment as well as actual postage value. The extra penny goes to the local fund for Health Camps caring for needy and under-nourished children.