

CANTERBURY NOTES.

Gene Sarazen Praises "Andy" Shaw

Famous American Golfer Pays Some Compliments in a Broadcast Interview From Christchurch—Radio Concert to Assist Rotary Club's Christmas Fund—Woolston Band From 3YA.

A NOVELTY in the form of a radio interview was given from 3YA last Thursday night at ten o'clock between the chief announcer and the famous American professional golfer, Gene Sarazen. In the course of his talk he remarked that coming into Lyttelton harbour that morning at 5 a.m. was one of the most beautiful sights he had ever seen. He gave some anecdotes of his world tour, and remarked that that morning he had played 18 holes against Scott in Timaru. His praise of "Andy" Shaw and his playing was unstinted. Although only 32 years of age, Mr. Sarazen remarked that he was considered a veteran in America, and he said that the man who has the best chance of becoming a champion golfer is the caddy. He said he would make the Americans laugh when he got back when he told them that golf is only played this side of the world in the winter time, as the game is played in the States all the year-round, although it is much warmer there. He leaves Christchurch for Dunedin and Invercargill and, as he likes the Scots, he was most anxious to get there. He considers New Zealand a wonderful tourist country, and concluded his interview with the hope of seeing many golfers the following day, and "if there are any questions you want to ask me or autographs, I will be only too pleased, as I am at your disposal."

NEXT Saturday night, December 8, the Christchurch Commercial Travellers Choir will have charge of the microphone for a concert to be given in the Radiant Hall, the proceeds being in aid of the Rotary Club's Christmas Hamper Fund. This will be relayed by 3YA, and the first hour will feature a minstrel show, when listeners will hear well-known minstrel melodies, the fun being provided by

the usual corner man. In the second part, the choir will be heard in glee numbers and solos by members, and Mr. Arthur Lilly will be the conductor. As the Commercial Travellers always put on a bright and entertaining show, listeners can be assured of a good evening.

THE Woolston Band, conducted by Mr. R. J. Estall, gave their first broadcast from 3YA since their return from Australian triumphs last week. It will probably be of interest to listeners that during their next recital from the studio on December 17 the band will play the "Severn Suite," for which they secured first place in the Australasian contest, the playing of which was very favourably commented on by the adjudicator.

ON Wednesday, December 12, the first portion of the programme will be relayed by 3YA from the Radiant Hall on the occasion of a concert by the Christchurch Orchestral Society, the assisting vocalist being Mr. Ernest Rogers, tenor. At 9.3 the Zenith Players will be heard in a dramatic sketch entitled "The Mask of the Red Death," and at 9.30 a further episode in the life of a Japanese House Boy and his Employer entitled "All Aboard." Another one of the super-station series is featured for 9.45, entitled "An Itching Palm is a Sign that Money is Coming Your way."

ON Friday, December 14, another hour with Gilbert and Sullivan will be presented by 3YA—probably the most popular of all their works—"The Mikado." Another theme programme will be presented in the second portion entitled "The Genesis of Jazz," and will be narrated by Mr. T. A. Shankland.

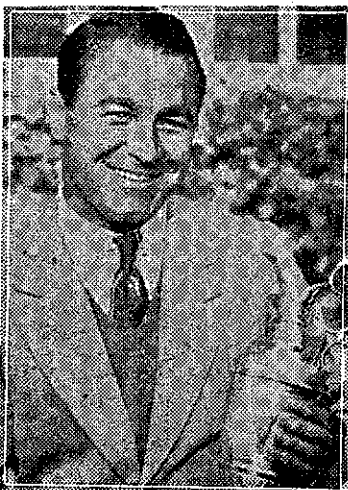
ONLY a small margin divided the two teams in the recent radio debate between Canterbury College and Otago University, the subject of which was "The Pen is Mightier than the Sword." The Canterbury debaters who took the affirmative were Messrs. C. F. Hart, leader, H. J. Thompson and M. F. Foate, the Otago team comprising Messrs. L. F. Moller, leader, W. J. Mead and C. E. H. Pledger. The judge was Mr. E. J. Anderson, the well-known Dunedin solicitor.

WOMEN and men alike in Christchurch were thrilled with the successful broadcast of the Royal wedding service. The chief topic of conversation the next day on the street, in tram-cars, and anywhere, was, "Wasn't the broadcast of the wedding splendid?" An editorial in an evening paper said: "The radio broadcast of the brilliant ceremony was wonderfully successful. In spirit, millions sat within the historic abbey of Westminster and imaginations would be sluggish that were not stirred by the happiness and splendour of the occasion, and by the wonder of radio that could bring so intimately before the peoples of many lands an event in which they were deeply concerned."

SPEAKING of radio "jams," Mr. C. R. Russell, well-known radio engineer, said the other day that a few months ago there was considerable bother in Europe because of a station at Luxembourg, which lies between Germany and France, "jamming" French and British stations. Usually when it happened accidentally, an unpleasant whistling noise was heard in the receiving set, but done deliberately the station responsible could cause all sorts of weird sounds. "All you have to do to 'jam' another station," Mr. Russell said, "is to adjust your transmitter to the frequency of the station you want to interrupt, and 'let her go.' There is not much difficulty in finding a certain wavelength. I have often noticed interference from a code station in an Empire shortwave broadcast."

HE stated that beam wireless was not so subject to interference of this nature, because it was more directional and more concentrated. It was by no means immune, however. "It is quite often that a message is broken by static, but if you get some of it through, you can generally get the rest," he added.

GIVEN real protection, and no more quotas or subsidies, the individual manufacturer and merchant will do more than any board to develop the home market.—Sir Arnold Wilson, M.P.



PRaised NEW ZEALAND PLAYER.—On the left is Gene Sarazen, the famous American golfer, who is at present playing a series of exhibition matches in New Zealand. On the right is "Andy" Shaw, the New Zealander, whose play was praised by Sarazen in a broadcast talk from Christchurch.