

FROM THE PROVINCES

Radio Rooms in Public Libraries

Suggestion to Make Broadcasting an Ally of Reading—Posed as Blind "Peter" and Nearly Got Away With It—Christchurch Anticipates its "Operatic Invasion" on July 29.

THERE is, of course, little need to stress the importance of radio as a means of raising the standard of culture and recreation for young people, who, for one cause or another, left school with their education incomplete. "The Radio Record" was told in Christchurch last week that radio could be made an ally of reading. A city business man expressed the view that the Government, while endeavouring to increase the number of homes possessing sets, could make public libraries a "link-up." There were thousands of people in New Zealand who lived in boardinghouses, flats, who worked for others and who could not get near a set, he said, and suggested that the Public Library should set aside a radio room where listeners, as well as readers, could absorb the world's culture. Both "A" and "B" stations could be reached, he added, and it would not be stretching things too far financially if two rooms were provided. A week or two of experience would solve the whole problem, for listeners would soon make up their minds.

A GOOD story is going the radio rounds in Auckland just now concerning a man who has recently been posing as "Peter," the blind man, so well and widely known to listeners as the cheerful foil to Gordon Hutter at all wrestling matches in the Town Hall. It is said that this man attended a suburban social gathering of an orphans' Club and made a speech. They made a big fuss of him until a member of the Auckland Boxing Association arrived late and exposed him as an impostor. After apologising and admitting that he was not the real "Peter," he was allowed to go.

SOMETHING in the nature of an operatic invasion will take place at 3YA, Christchurch, on July 29. Florence Austral, together with some other great stars, including John Amadio, Browning Mummery and Sydney de Vries, will give listeners considerably more enjoyment than their license fee covers. Everybody musical knows all about the great Austral. Amadio was born in Wellington, and at the age of 12 played a flute concerto for the Wellington Orchestral Society, with Alfred Hill as conductor. At 15 Amadio was engaged as principal flautist to the Italian Grand Opera Company then touring Australia. His great opportunity came through the first Melba Grand Opera Company, and thereafter success followed success—in Rome, Berlin and New York. Critics say that Amadio has done more than any other artist living, by his flawless perfection of tone and interpretation, to vindicate the flute as a solo instrument. Charity concerts will come a little later.

Arbor Day

ALTHOUGH the Governor-General, Lord Galway, will speak from the Wellington station on August 3 on "Tree Planting and Preservation of Native Trees," his remarks will also be broadcast by 4YA on that occasion. This will mean that his Excellency will reach a larger audience, and additional interest will therefore be taken in the talk, which is to be given in connection with the Arbor Day proceedings, a nation-wide effort to encourage the growth and preservation of native trees. School children will be taking part in the Arbor Day observance, and probably some arrangements will be made by local masters for their pupils to listen to the Governor-General's remarks.

Community Sings

COMMUNITY singing is tremendously popular in Auckland just now, particularly this last couple of weeks during the cold and stormy weather which prevailed. Last week's "sing," in the Town Hall, drew an attendance of 8000. Real enterprise was shown by the committee in arranging with the well-known music firm of Allan and Company, of Melbourne, to specially print an entirely new book of songs. More than 2500 have already been sold at 6d. a copy. The committee every few weeks receives advance copies of the latest songs from Australia. Again this year the popular song leader is Mr. Vernon T. Drew, who each week receives hundreds of letters

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T R A W L 35

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To Drag.

A Second Marriage.

E 43

O 24

L E 26

Lithe.

A Shell Containing Seeds.

An Opening.

E 23

O O 15

U Y 38

An Enclosure

A Place for Wild Animals.

Uneven.

21

S 31

One of a Tribe.

Pieces of Solid Metal.

TOTAL REQUIRED 303.

Instructions: All that has to be done is to fill the blank spaces with the appropriate letter. Thus, for "to drag" there are three words, "Trawl," "Trail" and "Drill" of which only "Trawl" gives the 35 points required. Deal with the other words in the same way.

CONDITIONS.—Every solution opened and examined. The prize of £25 will be paid to the competitor who sends in the correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided. Every effort has been made to avoid true alternatives, but in the event of any being found competitors are advised to put in additional entries 1/- each. Extra diagrams will be sent on application. Plain paper or your own diagram accepted. Please enclose 4d. stamped, addressed envelope for results and copy of our next puzzle. The prize money and sealed solution have been lodged with "Radio Record." To all competitors who forward correct solutions the full entrance fees will be repaid together with their share of the prize money. Results published in this paper August 14. Entries close Thursday, July 30, 1936.

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