

Might Have Punched His Nose

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societies. This costs about 3/- a month, and although there is no compulsion about it, the Dutch must have a deep sense of honour, for it is extremely rare to find a listener who doesn't belong to the Labour, the Catholic, the Avro or the Protestant Society. These four groups have their time on the air allotted by the Government in proportion to their memberships. The Government-owned stations are hired out to the societies with staff, and the Government doesn't interfere in any way except in censoring politics from the air. There is half an hour a day allowed for advertising, time for which is hired out by the Government. There is a firm like Reuter's which provides news for broadcast always at the same times each day, no matter which society has the station at the time.

Probably the only "broadcasting village" in the world is quickly developing at a quiet little spot 14 miles from Amsterdam, where Avro have their studios. Houses have been built for such people as the members of the permanent orchestra—of whom there are 48 alone, and free motor-buses to Amsterdam are run half-hourly for the convenience of the broadcasting settlers. Other societies are also installing their artists in the village, for the societies get on very well together.

Dutch children, strangely enough, do not learn their own language at school. They are taught German and French, and pick up their mother tongue as they go along. Nine-tenths of the people of Holland nowadays, therefore, are really tri-lingual. But many such sidelights on life in Holland are being capably described by Mrs. Sydney de Vries in her broadcast talks in New Zealand, the first of which was given last Thursday night from 2YA. Seems to be a case of the husband doing all the singing and the wife most of the talking, what?

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Programmes for Week

SUNDAY, JULY 19: 10 a.m., selected classical recordings; 10.30, short sacred programme; 11, programme of light music; 12, close down.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22: 6 p.m., light musical programme; 6.30, The Smile Family in music, song and verse; also "The Musicbox" Mouth-Organ Band; 8, concert programme of miscellaneous recordings; 9, result of debate held last Thursday; 9.15, continuation of concert programme; 10, music that pleases; 11, close down.

THURSDAY, JULY 23: 6 p.m., light dinner music; 7, light vocal and instrumental programme; 8, some light music by Alfredo and his orchestra and the Continental Novelty Orchestra, with vocal interludes; 9, a medley, twenty-five years of musical comedy; 9.17, comedy and comedians; 10, dance music; 11, close down.

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