

artists were graciousness itself, and bore out the remark of a 3YA official, made to the "Radio Record" last week—"they are a pleasure to work for and with."

Too Early

IN connection with the relay of 4YA of the Pipe Bands from the Caledonian Grounds on Sunday, August 2, it is unfortunate that the programme should have run rather ahead of the advertised timing, owing to the absence of several hands. This probably resulted in the disappointment of a number of listeners who had decided to tune in for the massed band display. By the best information the National Broadcasting Service could obtain, the massed band performance should have occurred between 4 and 4.30 p.m., but owing to circumstances as stated above, it was presented before 4 o'clock, the relay station having no option but to take it when it occurred, and fortunately being in a position early enough to do so.

Good Treatment

CHRISTCHURCH has nothing to grumble about in the treatment it receives at the hands of the National Broadcasting Service. Again, on Aug-

ust 26, the Mayor's Relief of Distress Fund will benefit from a concert in the Civic Theatre in which Dora Lindsay, Scottish comedienne, will make a popular personal appearance. There's a wealth of talent on the programme headed by Senia Chostiakoff, and it will include such visiting stars, new to Christchurch, as Freddie Chomondeley (English humorist), Vincent Ryan (comedian), Dave Howard (saxophone-comedian), Eileen Boyd (contralto), and Thea Phillips (soprano). It's "whoopie for a bright show."

Joking Apart

RADIO artists who tell humorous stories have scores of followers whose one delight, it seems, is to pop along with something they think is quite new. "Have you heard this one?" they ask. Miss Dora Lindsay, who has told several very good ones from 3YA, has received hundreds of contributions from Christchurch. But her mail the other day contained one that was faintly "smoky." And the joke is that it came from an aged maiden lady.

Radio Newspaper

RADIO station 1ZJ Auckland claims to be the first station in New Zealand to introduce the radio newspaper. Starting from Monday, August 3, the

station changed its sessions to broadcasts consisting almost wholly of talks, given by experts in their different spheres. Out of the two two-hour sessions each week, only 12 minutes is taken up in musical interludes of the recorded variety. News of the day is reviewed and topical matters fully ex-

CONCERT TOUR SENIA CHOSTIAKOFF'S ENGAGEMENTS

After his present broadcast tour of New Zealand the exceptionally popular Russian tenor, Senia Chostiakoff, will be available for concert tour engagements in all centres. Secretaries of musical organisations are invited to address inquiries to

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plained. For instance, last week's Budget was dealt with from the point of view of the man in the street. Why the Government formed its National Health Service proposals was described by a doctor who prefers to remain anonymous, but who is recognised as an authority on such matters.

Versatile

HER Dunedin friends and the public generally were pleased to welcome back to the city, even if only for a short time, Miss Iris Mason, who was the pianist with the J. C. Williamson Comedy Dramatic Company, which ended its local season last week. Miss Mason was the young lady who presided at the console of the organ in the Empire Theatre for approximately 10 months a few years ago, and at that time she proved herself not only a clever organist, but quite an accomplished singer as well. Now she has had her chance to extend the field of her capabilities to play acting, as, on the night the company played "The Breadwinner" from 4YA, she was suddenly thrust into one of the parts to take the place of Miss Phyllis Baker, who was unavoidably absent. Although it was a small part, it called for an exacting interpretation, and Miss Mason very creditably gave it that.

"MARRIED BLISS"

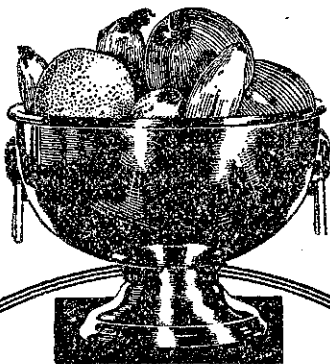
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