

March 23, the date of the founding of the province, is a holiday, and it is always kept up. One of the big attractions of the day is a special concert and celebration held in the Early Settlers' Hall, to which descendants of the pioneers come along in force. This year will be the ninetieth anniversary, and the celebrations should be gayer than usual. At any rate, listeners will have a chance of deciding for themselves whether such an auspicious occasion is celebrated as fittingly as possible for 4YA will broadcast part of the proceedings from 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 8 till 9 in the evening.

Classic Steeples.

ALL ZB stations will relay from short wave the running of the Liverpool Grand National, world classic steeplechase, from Aintree on Saturday, March 26, at 8.25 p.m. (local time). This will be the 97th race and entries include Rock Lad, Canadian Champion, and two American horses, Battleship and What Have You. Approximately fifty horses will jump 30 fences over the four and a half miles course.

Trio.

THE popular Max Scherek Trio will be heard next Friday in a chamber music recital from 4YA. Two numbers of special interest to listeners will be Trio in D Minor, by Mozart, and a fantasy, Trio in C Minor, by Frank Bridges.

Escaped.

THOSE who work in a radio station meet interesting people. Early one evening last week, Mr. Eric Waters, programme organiser at 1YA, was standing by the main entrance door when a well-spoken but plainly-dressed man of about 35 approached him, and asked if he could broadcast a talk that evening on the subject of the Foreign



Legion. At such a late hour it was impossible to arrange an engagement. The visitor was a greaser and a member of the crew of an overseas ship in port. He had served with the Foreign Legion for three years and then, as he said, he got sick of the life and escaped. Since then he had been sailing around the world, being unable to remain longer than a couple of months on shore.

"Blood Money"

OUT of the ordinary was the radio play, "Blood Money" at 1ZB last week. Written by the talented Miss Marie Conlan, B.A., of the station's programme staff, to focus attention on the Voluntary Blood Donors' Association, run in conjunction with the St.



WELCOMED TO BERLIN.

... Former New Zealand broadcaster, J. N. Sellers (standing right background), son of Mr. H. R. Sellers, Wellington, photographed in the Berlin shortwave studios.

John Ambulance Association, the story told of a man and his wife who were on a visit to Paris when the latter met with a street accident. A blood transfusion saved her life. Action moved from the street into the operating theatre of a hospital and listeners heard an explanation of the full operation of a blood transfusion, a feature of which was the technical accuracy.

From 6 To 12

STATION 1ZB now gives its listeners 18 hours' entertainment on seven days of the week. Starting on Sunday last the station came on the air at 6 a.m. and signed off at midnight. Previously the station operated on Sundays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. The Sabbath now starts at 6 a.m. with bright music, and at 8 a.m. the time and tides and weather report are given.

"Alice" By Radio

"HAVE you read 'Alice in Wonderland'?" the "Record's" Christchurch representative took the trouble to ask several Christchurch people the other day. Some, who should have known better, confessed that they had not while others were not too sure. This literary gem is to be given in a dramatised form from 3ZB in weekly instalments. "Alice" is played by Hazel Hogg, the "Ugly Duchess" by Grace Green, and the "Mad Hatter" by Jack Maybury. David Horne, Jim Walshe, Bob Lewis, Jacqueline Thompson and Esma Beri are also in the cast.

Sunday Sessions

CHILDREN'S Sunday sessions have always been one of the best ZB station features, and 3ZB, Christchurch, is no exception. They are conducted by Mr. Fred Simpson, station director, and deal with the fascinating

subject of Greek myths and legends. Expertly produced, with musical accompaniment, they regularly attract a big block of adult listeners.

Rhythm

FOR many weeks the 3ZB novelty orchestra has been delighting listeners. Now it is having a spell for a period as the members have had their recreational week-ends spoiled by their radio engagements. They were missed from the programme last Sunday, but their place is being taken for a while by the Studio Syncopators—two pianists who have rhythm down to the very fine art. Last Sunday night the station scheduled a relay from a film at the Civic Theatre and another relay is to feature June Bassett (known as the "Christchurch Gracie Fields") in popular songs, with Mrs. Warrilow at the Civic organ.

On Leave.

WHILE Mr. J. Mackenzie, station manager for 3YA Christchurch, is on annual leave, Mr. Allan Young, programme organiser, is in the managerial chair, and attending to all the wants of the many callers at the station.

Wagner's Music.

ALTHOUGH a good deal of Wagner is heavy, there is much of his work that is really delightful. Next week's "Masterpieces of Music" from

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