

ing artist is required. Believing that they should be allowed to do musical things on their own, a group of Christchurch women three or four years ago formed the Liederkrantschen—a choir of women only—conducted by Mr. Alfred Worsley. Just to show they can present a programme of lieder and other musical attractions as well as the men, the Liederkrantschen is to broadcast from the 3YA studios on June 3. The choice of works promises an excellent programme.

For Nothing

WAS it Mark Twain who complained sardonically about the farmer who thought a couple of pumpkins would get him a half-column of free publicity in the paper? I think it was. Now, years after, in a somewhat dif-



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ferent sense, Station 3ZB is meeting with a similar experience as regards sports. There has been a growing impression in certain quarters that this station's excellent sports session is a vehicle for free publicity for anything from baseball to snakes and ladders. While the station is ready to help along sports in general, it does not seek to represent any particular branch. It remains entirely impartial.

Pitcairn Request

PITCAIRN ISLANDERS will hear their first request radio session from 2ZB on June 26. Time will depend on reception conditions.

Band Broadcast

ON Sunday next, Wellington's Salvation Army Band will broadcast the first of a series of monthly programmes—time, 9.30 p.m. Contest-winning Wellington Boys' Institute Silver Band will be heard on the first Sunday in June.

In A Piggery

SCHEDULED for presentation by 3ZB last week-end was a trip through a pig farm. But this farm was no ordinary establishment for the production of bacon. The owner, Mr. James Simpson, of Southbridge, is the winner of the Bledisloe Cup, valued at £75, for the best bacon judged at Smithfield, and Mr. Simpson's hundred pigs of aristocratic lineage struck 3ZB as being just the thing for an unusual

sidelight. Arrangements were made, even, for one of the porkers to give voice to the wide world.

Opera

OCCASIONALLY the NBS presents listeners with excellent artists in excerpts from famous operas. Occasionally, too, a complete work is given. But the musical vehicles are generally favourite pieces divorced from the whole, and so well-known that they elay a trifle. It is therefore pleasing that 3YA will stage recordings of a very seldom-heard work, "The Marriage of Figaro," on June 5.

Autograph Craze

SOME years ago George Bernard Shaw's signature was worth £20. Now it is difficult to sell for £2, because of the many postcards he is in the habit of writing. This autograph-hunting business is one, however, which can be very remunerative. In Britain alone, there are said to be over 1000 people who make a good living as autograph collectors. In America it is estimated there are 50,000 men and women professionally engaged in the autograph market. One Christchurch woman who knows the habits of autograph-hunters too well is Aunt Pat, Miss Maynard Hall, of 3YA. Every week child listeners and grown-ups send her approximately 20 books for the signatures of herself and the various "uncles" attached to the station.

2YA Play

STAYERS-AT-HOME on Wednesday, June 1, will be able to enjoy a play by Edmund Barclay, called "The Girl with the Tattered Glove." The band of Wellington performers presenting this play are known as the Co-Operators. 2YA will broadcast at 9.5 p.m.

Talented Family

UNUSUALLY talented are Wynne (piano), Claire (violin), and Lois (cello) Simpson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Simpson, of Christchurch. Wynne, at the age of 13, brilliantly played the Liszt E Flat Concerto with the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra at 4YA, and two years ago won the national pianoforte championship at Wellington Elsteddod, embracing all classes under 21 years. Claire has won praise from Szigeti, and her section in the recent Christchurch competitions, and Lois came through a Royal Academy examination with honours. Mrs. Simpson was a well-known Auckland pianist, whilst Mr. Simpson is director of Christchurch's 3ZB.

"Locals"

FOUR very well-known Christchurch artists will entertain 3YA listeners on May 29 in a well-balanced programme. Miss Nancy Estall, fine 'cellist, and Mr. H. G. Glaysher, harpist, will give a combined recital. They will be followed by Miss Cecily Audibert, noted soprano, whose experience on both the professional and amateur concert stage is apparent in all her work, and Miss Althea Harley-Slack,

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