

lar in Balclutha—or so they told Mr. Percy James Blackman (Uncle Percy of the Sunday children's hour), who was arranging for the 4ZB concert party to pay a visit. However, pessimists were wrong. When the night came the Balclutha Town Hall was packed to capacity and the party received an enthusiastic welcome. Visiting artists were Mrs. Peter Dawson, Mrs. L. J. Blackman, Misses E. Wycherley, Rita Holmes, J. Holmes, Joy Asquith, Dorothy Sligo, Uncle Percy, Peter Dawson, Alex McDowell, Barnie McConnell and Jim Arthur.

Home Cabarets

MONDAY, Wednesday and Saturday nights are to see a new feature started at 3ZB. The dance session, under the heading of "The Cabaret Club," is to include recordings of prominent dance bands, besides one chosen guest artist. The cabaret atmosphere will thus be taken right into the home, and listeners will hear the laughter of dancers, cheery clink of glasses, the swish of frocks—the sounds that are part and parcel of the 1938 cabaret.

Change in Team

THE Wellbrock Brothers, of Christchurch—Walter, the singer, and Allen, the pianist—who have been featured frequently over 3YA, are together no longer, for Walter has been transferred to Auckland. The combination was scheduled to make its last appearance on June 27. However, it is possible that another singer will replace Mr. Walter Wellbrock. The brothers have for some time now supplied 3YA with interludes of excellent rhythmic singing and playing.

"Sings"

COMMUNITY singing in Christchurch, conducted this year by Jack Maybury, of 3ZB, assisted by Eddie Hegan and Norman Carson, is building up the Mayor's Relief of Distress Fund. The second sing of the season netted £68 and last week's £40 odd. Wintry weather accounted for the drop in the financial temperature. Mr. Maybury is putting all he knows into the work, even to the extent of making each sing "different." The other day he decided on a "Wild West" session, and appeared complete with cowboy outfit, but was stuck when it came to finding a bronco. He proposes to make every session characteristic of some type or nationality.

German Climbers

WHEN Mr. W. G. McClymont, well-known speaker from 4YA, toured England and the Continent in 1936, he did a good deal of alpine climbing in Great Britain and in Germany. About that time, a party of Germans had visited England to do some climbing, but, since German legislation prevented them leaving the Fatherland with very much money in their pockets, they had to fall back on the kindness of English clubs to enjoy themselves fully. In return they invited English climbers to visit Germany. It is of climbing with these German comrades that Mr. McClymont will speak from 4YA on July 19 and 26. First talk will be entitled "Climbing with the Anglo-German Party: Germany," and the second "Climbing with the Anglo-German Party: The Austrian Tyrol."

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CRIPPLED BARQUE PENANG IN DUNEDIN

ARRIVAL of the crippled Finnish barque Penang, off the Otago Heads, caused an almost unique stir in Dunedin. The berthing of the barque at Port Chalmers was the signal for a steady stream of curious sightseers to make the short journey to Port. When the Penang was towed to Dunedin, where repairs to her broken masts are being carried out, she at once became a most important attraction.

While the Penang was at Port, 4ZB carried on an excellent relay from the deck of the vessel, Alec McDowell donning the cloak of radio reporter for the occasion. Mr. McDowell is not very often heard in these relays, but he proved not only very capable, but by his questionings brought to light interesting sidelights another man might have missed.

The Penang arrived at Port Chalmers with her topmast and topgallant mast snapped off short, hanging over the side of the vessel in a confused mass of tangled spars, stays and shrouds, and lashed inboard to prevent being washed away. Captain K. V. Karlsson, speaking very good English with a strong accent, made the story of the accident sound over the air like a tale from Marryatt or Clarke Russell.

"I turned in about midnight," he said, "after a final look at the weather and the barometer. About 1 a.m. I was roused by a crash and, half-dressed, tore on deck to see what was the matter. I found a sudden squall had carried away the topmast and the topgallant mast, and that the starboard gunwale was awash.

"For a time I could not find out if the mast had gone or smashed through the deck. Had it been the latter there is little doubt the vessel would have foundered, and another case of vanished ship and crew would have been added to the unsolved mysteries of the sea.

"Only the starboard watch was on deck at the time, but I soon had all hands on deck and the wreckage firmly lashed in place. I could have simplified the job by cutting away the royal and upper topgallant yards, but I decided to save them if possible."

THE squall struck the Penang in latitudes 49 to 50deg. south, about 500 miles from Stewart Island. The captain decided to make for Otago Harbour for repairs, as it was in the general direction of his course for the United Kingdom. Repairs are expected to take about a month.

Captain Karlsson had some interesting things to say about hobbies. He claimed that the sailor had no real hobbies, for such things as carving model vessels and so on, the chief pastime of the crews, were considered part of a sailor's daily work. They aided him in learning "the ropes" more thoroughly.

IF a horse remotely resembling the one in the Haig statue had ever been born, Lord Haig would have been the last to have ridden it.—Lord Rosebery.



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