

Continuing Her Tour

Miss Harry at 3YA

HAVING fulfilled her engagements at 1YA and 2YA, to the great pleasure of all listeners, Miss Edith Harry will appear at 3YA next Wednesday evening, May 14.

Miss Harry is a charming pianiste and her pianoforte solos have been no less enjoyable than her singing. At 3YA she will play Rachmaninoff's "Melodie in E" and three numbers by Chopin, "Polonaise in A," "Nocturne in E Minor" and "Waltz in G Flat." Her vocal numbers on this occasion will include two songs by Mr. R. A. Horne, of Christchurch, "Slumber Song" and "Ave Maria." Others will be Lawrence's "Achal by the Sea" and three of her own compositions, "The Young Rose," "Virginian Love Song" and "Boat Reverie."

A Scottish Soprano

Broadcasting Artist of Note

THE visiting Scottish singer, Miss Gretta Don, who will sing for the Wellington Harmonic Society on Saturday evening, May 10, when the concert was broadcast by 2YA, will be heard from 3YA on Thursday, May 15.

Miss Don has made a special study of the singing of the melodious "Songs of the Hebrides." She has sung extensively for the B.B.C., and has also sung in America. As a broadcasting artiste her singing is delightful.

Included in the six lovely Hebridean songs which Miss Don will sing at 3YA will be "Kirsteen," one of the songs not frequently heard. To an air from Skye, Kenneth Macleod put Gaelic words which Mrs. Kennedy-Fraser has translated. The looker-on asks Kirsteen: "Who will walk with thee by the deep blue sea?" "Who will be by thy side at the high spring tide, walking with his bride?" And lastly, "When thou, grown frail, fare with Binne Bheul, who'll fail with thee sail?" Binnie Bheul ("Mouth of Music") is, explains the writer, "one who needed neither rudder nor sail, but only the wish of her own heart to carry her in her own barge to where the sun never sets, the wind never rises, and the music never ceases."

It is not alone in Scottish songs that Miss Don has earned distinction. She studied singing in Edinburgh and London, where she also attended the London School of Opera. She has given recitals in Edinburgh, London, Bourne-mouth, etc., and sung in opera with Glastonbury players. She has appeared in oratorio with the Reid Symphony Orchestra, the Leeds Symphony Orchestra, the Scottish Orchestra, and other societies.

Miss Don will be singing from 4YA on Sunday, May 18, when the programme will also be broadcast by 3YA.

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W.E.A. Offers Opportunity to Listeners

DISCUSSION CIRCLES TO BE FORMED

COMMENCING this month, two series of talks (six each) will be broadcast by Mr. N. M. Richmond, B.A. (Director of the W.E.A.), from 1YA. Many listeners must have felt, after listening to a talk, that they would like to discuss various points raised by the speaker. In view of this the W.E.A. is prepared to assist in the formation of wireless discussion groups. It will supply each group beforehand with outline notes of the lectures, together with suggested questions for discussion, so that each member will be able to follow the subject-matter clearly and take part in a discussion by the group.

All that is required is a good group-leader, good wireless reception, and a silent and comfortable meeting place. Where group listening is not possible, it is quite effective if the members listen in their own homes and then meet later on for discussion. (This overcomes, for example, any difficulty in meeting on the same night as the broadcast, or at that particular time of day.) The group-leader will be invited to keep touch with the lecturer by sending in reports, and asking questions, or making criticisms and suggestions on behalf of the group. If individual members wish to send in written answers to any of the questions, the lecturer will also be glad to criticise them as far as he can. A charge of 1/- per member for each series will be made to cover cost of the notes and correspondence involved.

Individual listeners who wish to participate in the scheme, but cannot join a group, are invited to do so on the same terms. Sample copies of the notes to the first talk will be sent free on application by prospective group-leaders and others, and group or individual subscriptions should be forwarded early to ensure receipt of the full notes as they are issued.

1st series of talks—Life and Labour in the Nineteenth Century: (1) English life in the Eighteenth Century; (2) The Revolution in Agriculture and Transport; (3) The Industrial and Commercial Revolution; (4) The New Life in Town and Country; (5) Workers' Movements; (6) The Course of Opinion.

2nd series.—Problems of Capital and Labour: (1) Causes of Industrial Unrest; (2) The State and the Worker; (3) The Trade Union Movement; (4) The Wage System; (5) The Machinery of Industrial Relations; (6) Industry and the Democratic Ideal.

Hints for Study.

(1) The lecturer cannot say very much in twenty minutes. Many listeners may want to pursue the matter further and make a study of the subject, either individually or through discussion with others. The outline notes, which will be supplied, are meant to assist this object.

(2) Read the notes through carefully both before and after the talk. The preliminary reading will enable you to follow the talk much better, and the subsequent reading will help towards a discussion of the points suggested. The success of the discussion itself will depend a great deal on the choice of a good leader or chairman.

(3) It need scarcely be said that, if you want any real grasp of the problems dealt with, a good deal of further reading is necessary. A few books are suggested at the end of each outline, and the W.E.A. may possibly develop a library scheme whereby such books would be made available to circulate among the groups. It all depends on the demand which is expressed.

Address all correspondence to the Director, W.E.A., Old Grammar School, Auckland.

Sun Spots and Radio

Maximum Every 11.4 Years

TO radio listeners the question of sun spots is a very interesting subject. Researches and the analysis of astronomical records for the last 100 years have shown that the intensity of sun spots waxes and wanes. The maximum is reached every 11.4 years. This peak

has just been passed and the intensity of the sunspots will be on the decline for the next 5½ years. In connection with the above, which is not advanced by astronomers as having direct bearing on radio reception, New Zealand radio listeners will recall how a few years ago, when sunspots were at their minimum, they had no difficulty in tuning-in regularly to KGO (California) and other U.S.A. stations on a three-valve set. It was very likely due to the increase in the sunspots that from then on KGO gradually slipped beyond the capabilities of that receiver.

Rugby Football

British Team's Tour

NOW that permission has been given to broadcast the matches played during the coming tour of the British Rugby team, lovers of sport throughout New Zealand can look forward to an unprecedented year. The visit of the British team will be the greatest event which has yet happened in broadcasting in New Zealand.

The first match of the tour will be played at Wanganui on Wednesday, May 21. The four Tests will be broadcast from all stations simultaneously, but those provincial matches which are to be broadcast will be covered by the

New Uncle for 3YA

A NEW radio uncle in the person of Mr. T. Vernon Griffiths, M.A., Mus-B., has been enrolled at 3YA. Mr. Griffiths is lecturer on music at the Teachers' Training College, Christchurch. He will be a distinct acquisition to the children's sessions. In Radioland he will be known as "Uncle Charlie." He will conduct the sessions every second and fourth Saturday.

On the Map

THE living-room of a lighthouse on a lonely part of the New Zealand coast forms the unusual scene of "Cape Forlorn," the new drama by Frank Harvey, which has just been produced at a London theatre.

AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY OF WELLINGTON

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 13, at 8 p.m.

Following the presentation of the annual report and election of officers for the new year.

MR. PRESTON B. BILLING

will give a demonstration of one of the latest All-electric Sets.

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