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Recent Broadcasts from Popular B Station

A few paragraphs
dealing with the
activities of Wel-
lington's B Station,
2ZW.

THE R.S.A. programme, which is provided for the entertainment of ex-service men (and those who care to listen) is proving a great success on Mondays. At this type of entertainment the station director of 2ZW seems to be perfectly at home, which perhaps is not to be wondered at, seeing that he was one of the Great War's early birds, and was, at various times either an eye-witness or a performer in the entertainment world on active service.

ON a recent morning 2ZW was raided by the postmen of Wellington, who took charge of the microphone, and gave to listeners quite an interesting and humorous entertainment. The reason for this was in the fact that the "posties" had challenged Christchurch in a great clothing drive for the relief of distress in Wellington.

ON a recent Saturday, 2ZW listeners were treated to a broadcast talk by the Rev. S. Varcoe Cox, who is just returned from a conference in Europe. The Rev. Varcoe Cox gave an interesting account of his visit to Obera-



MISS LILIAN HANHAM,

a popular Christchurch soprano, who will be heard in two classical solos from 3YA on Wednesday, August 9.

magau, the home of the Passion Play, and recounted some very interesting facts in connection with the choosing of talent for this wonderful performance.

THE Vacuum Oil Company sprang a complete surprise on a recent

Tuesday when, contrary to the usual serious broadcast, they launched a coarser programme. This was heralded by a real live street organ, and a real Cockney playing the mouth-organ. Altogether, this programme was an outstanding success.

A BROADCAST which evokes a large correspondence to the station is the wrestling. Alf Jenkins is the target for much controversy. Some listeners object to his "I bid youse all goodnight"; others concede that his English is more than excused by his realistic narrative. That the wrestling broadcast is popular with the majority of listeners there can be no shadow of doubt.

THE wave-length of the new short-wave station at Radio Excelsior (situated fifteen miles from Buenos Aires) is to be 30 metres.

IN February, the New York Electrical Society arranged and Dr. W. F. G. Swann carried out, a broadcast which ought to appeal to astronomers. Some of the little-known "cosmic rays" were trapped after they had penetrated a 360-ton steel vault 40 feet underneath a 36-storey building! The rays were caused to ionise the air particles and generate a minute electric current, which was then amplified and broadcast over a network of seventy radio stations. The noise was somewhat romantically described as the birth cries of atoms born in interstellar spaces probably a million years ago.