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Sir,

- I see from a leaflet picked up at the Tower Hall that you want our opinion on the BBC programmes.
- What I value most of the BBC is the absence of commercial advertising. (That definitely cheapens all broadcasts.) However, too much "stories" ^(fiction) which are NOT educational. Too much "play-acting", Too many "soaps".
 - I don't know anything about Internet & digital TV.
 - Commercial services - definitely NO!! Radio Times goes up every year - costs too much! Keep the price down!
 - No, the services have come down, trying to keep up with Commercial TV - low-class tastes.
 - My main grouse is the intrusion of JAZZ into Radio 3. Ever since the time of Kenyon ^{down so} it has not been improved. Radio 3 is for educated and cultured people who want to hear good music. Jazz should be confined to Radios 1 and 2. I particularly HATE the unbroken 2½ hours of jazz on Radio 3 between 4 and 6.30 pm on Saturdays & have to tune to Woman's Hour on Radio 4 in desperation. Every night I have to wait until 12 or 10 o'clock to hear civilised music after 9.30 pm. I DON'T want to hear African or Arabic street music or (even worse) cowboy songs to guitar. Such programmes should NOT be put on Radio 3.
 - Being over 75, I don't have to pay for TV licence. If I had to, I would throw ^{my} TV away because of the large number of rubbishy programmes, i.e. soaps.
 - People setting programmes should not play down to the tastes of the uneducated proletariat, whatever their origins and colour.
 - This is still a very CONSERVATIVE country and we don't want to hear left-wing programmes. Eradicate

labour opinions & return to your original charter,
ie, being UNPOLITICAL in the best of tests.

Unfortunately, we have no say how programmes are
made up. If anybody complains in a letter to the
Radio Times, your editorial team makes excuses
for everything. Put some worthy niddle-class people
of the public or your listeners' pencils & let them
repute your standards, otherwise they will sink
lower and lower.

Yours etc,

A. Saville (Ns)

You can see from the letter A.R.E.D. after my
name that I am a classical musician, a
qualified piano teacher,

I will NOT pay extra for any special BBC
services or pay for a box to be installed.