

New Voice at 4YA

REX SAYERS, who was recently appointed by the NZBS as announcer-in-charge, Station 4YA Dunedin, has had well over 10 years of broadcasting experience. He was born in Christchurch, and educated at the Marist Brothers' Vermont Street School and the Sacred Heart College, Auckland. Before he joined the NZBS staff in 1937 he had been broadcasting in New Zealand for some years as a play-producer, vocalist, conductor of children's sessions and narrator, and he was also pianist with his own dance band, heard from 1YA.

He was well known to Auckland theatre audiences, for he appeared in repertory productions and in the Auckland Operatic Society's presentations of many musical comedies. During the second World War he served overseas with Divisional Signals and later formed the Divisional Concert Party, "The Kiwis Concert Party" (in the Pacific) and produced and appeared in all their shows throughout the South Pacific area.



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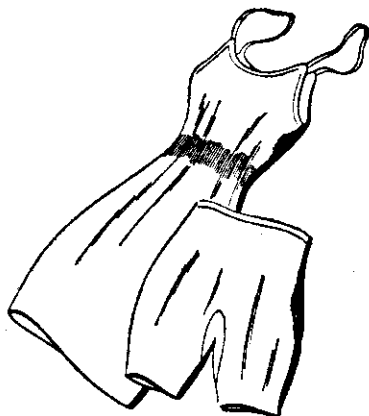
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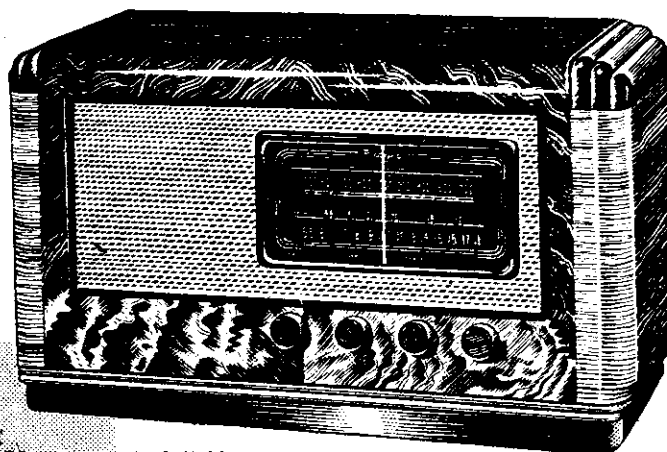


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