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old parlour game of *Truth or Consequences* which American radio has built up in the last few years.

During the prize-giving ceremonies an eyebrow or two were raised in disapproval when the compere apologised for the bad weather—but dropped again when he, realising the risk he ran from a crack with the flat of a claymore—softened the gibe by saying he had probably brought the rain from Wellington. It was a sticky moment but rapidly forgotten in the excitement of seeing so much going for so little.

Put at Their Ease

Many people had applied for inclusion in the quiz but only eight or so could be selected. These hopefuls were interviewed by the compere during the afternoon. They were asked their occupations, whether they were married or single and if they would agree to co-operate and make it an evening's fun. They were assured that nobody's dignity would be made to suffer unduly in the cause of publicity and that whatever happened there would be prizes for all. But there was no hint of what questions would be asked or what penalties might be exacted.

While no one was asked to tax his general knowledge very far beyond the line of duty, one unfortunate drew a question as to the nature of the Pragmatic Sanction. Another couldn't remember the famous cry of the French Revolution. A common word with three sets of double letters in succession was elusive and the naming of the five oceans actually drew a blank. Other questions were: Who was New Zealand's first woman Member of Parliament? What are the gaits of a horse in their correct order? Give the name of a famous Greek who was monarch of Egypt. Who is Mrs. George Montgomery in professional life? (though

the compere hummed snatches of "Dinah," nobody guessed Dinah Shore). Naming of the colours of the spectrum in their proper order was easy meat for one competitor, but when it came to giving the colour associated with the words skin, paint, cross and tape, the answer "red" was missing, though the compere went out of his way to assist by an occasional hint and gave ample time for cogitation.

Penalty—A Dive

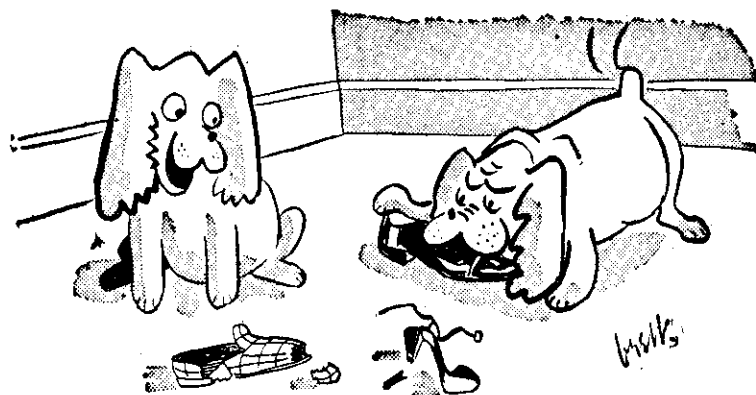
The penalties were taken in good part, even to a dash for the municipal baths to drag a fish out of the deep water, a young couple's re-enactment of their marriage proposal and an Irishman's version of how, if he was Mayor, he would welcome Mr. De Valera to Dunedin. At the end of the half-hour, the box of chocolates was still glinting on its stand. The audience was invited to try for it—the first person on the stage to be the winner. The rush was over in seconds and by then patrons were convinced that their earlier suspicions had been unjustified.

Next day *Posers, Penalties and Profits* was table talk all over New Zealand. *The Listener* has been told by the Commercial Division of the NZBS that applications for the remaining shows have reached such figures that the lists have to be closed. The quiz has yet to be presented at the Majestic Theatre, Wellington, on Thursday, May 13, and the Regent Theatre, Palmerston North, on Thursday, May 20. It had already reached Christchurch when we went to press and it will make return trips to Dunedin on May 27; the Regent Theatre, Christchurch, on June 3; Majestic Theatre, Auckland, on June 10; and the Majestic Theatre, Wellington, on June 17. It will be recorded and broadcast by all the Commercial stations and 2ZA at 9 o'clock on each evening of performance.



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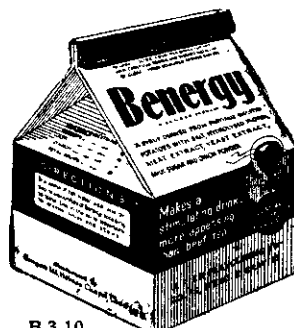
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