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ALL-NEW ZEALAND QUIZ

Points System Will Keep Good Men Up

QUIZ," according to the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, means an odd or eccentric person—a person of ridiculous appearance (now rare); it doesn't say how rare. But modern radio has given the word a new meaning, for there is nothing even faintly absurd in winning a substantial number of guineas for exercising one's wits in front of a microphone. Nobody is omniscient and no one knows the answer to every poser, yet the well of cash and fame seekers on which radio draws for its quiz sessions never runs dry.

Starting at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, and continuing on the five following Saturdays at the same time, the NZBS (all National and Commercial stations) will present listeners with the most ambitious type of quiz to date, in that every province in New Zealand will put up a team of four contestants. And from this large number of aspirants will emerge the holder of the New Zealand "Quiz Title" and a prize of £30.

The first week's broadcast will be in the form of provincial trials. For example, Dunedin will play off a 4YA team against a 4ZB team. In the smaller centres where there is only one radio station, two teams will play off in that station's studio to decide the provincial representatives. The four competitors with the best scores will then constitute the team to represent the province in the next week's round. Each round up to the final will be an elimination test till, in the final round, four people remain to compete for the title.

Originally it was intended to hold this contest purely on a team basis, with province eliminating province. But it became evident that that method could result in unfairness, for a brilliant performer whose team mates were weak might be eliminated from the contest in the early stages. So a points system was adopted to ensure that the best performers would have a chance of fighting their way to the final.

Interest in this quiz will be cumulative. By the time the fifth week is reached, the North Island and South Island representatives will have been found and their match will be broadcast in a national link. Then, in the sixth and final round, the four with the biggest scores will appear in a knock-out competition. Not only the champion will receive a cash prize; all contestants who reach the microphone will be paid a guinea for each appearance; those whose knowledgeability takes them into the North and South Island teams will pick up five guineas each; and the best four in the inter-Island teams will receive ten guineas each.

Questions by Experts

The questions have been compiled by a panel of experts, and to preserve a uniform standard throughout the contest, one set of queries will be used for all matches in each week. Judges have been appointed for every match in the originating broadcast centres and, for the final contest in Wellington, there will be three judges.

Here is the broadcast programme for the six weeks:—

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"THE LISTENER" CROSSWORD

(Solution to No. 409)

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Clues Across

- This king might have said, "I'm sad" in spite of his famous touch.
- Lion man in name only.
- "This quiet sail is as a noiseless wing, To waft me from —" (Byron).
- Certain part of 10 across.
- Having plenty of spare time.
- Yes, ran! (anag.)
- Ballet to music by Walton.
- Hero's cot destined to go up in smoke.
- Tasman?
- So true, Marie — although rash.
- " — , thy name is woman!" ("Hamlet," Act 1, Sc. 2)
- The glory that was Greek?

Clues Down

- Current fashion over the pigs' quarters.
- Product of a master mind?
- Lively.
- Recesses made by inches.
- Satin, Amy, is my chief support.
- "I have — long enough; my way of life Is fall'n into the sea, the yellow leaf." ("Macbeth," Act 5, Sc. 3)
- Burns considered it inferior to simple faith. (6, 5)
- Lacking in ceremony in a lion farm.
- Listens (anag.)
- This weather was evidently something to make a song about.
- Jokes for horses?
- South African journey?

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