

# Clarrie Paine of 4YZ

ANYONE who has seen a *Children's Session* from the inside will know how much work goes into it and those who know Clarrie Paine (Uncle Clarrie), who is heard six nights a week from 4YZ, say that boundless energy and a complete zest for everything he does are what keep him going. Letters in a steady stream reach him from as far away as Cape Reinga, and he has identified thousands of stamps, insects, creatures dredged up with oysters—even the skull of a cat. The questions he is asked—not always by children—are just as varied.

Among those who help Clarrie Paine in the *Children's Session* at Invercargill are Olga Sansom, curator of the Southland Museum, Book Lady (Elsie Nelson), Colin Diack, who gives gardening talks, Mr. Stamp Man and Mr. Travel Man. Clarrie Paine's weekly Quiz, in which selected school classes compete, combines entertainment and information. So far 20,000 questions have been asked, and more entries are received than can be handled. Girl Guides, Cubs and Boy Scouts contribute regularly to the monthly Guide and Cub nights which help many lone Guides and Cubs in Southland.

Clarrie Paine is never happier than when running a programme, like *Story-time* and *Play Night*, which gives scope for his interest in acting, for his active association with the theatre dates back to 1917. Among his other interests are the St. John Ambulance (Railway



Division), the kindergarten and Home and School Association, and visiting at hospital, health camp and Scout camp.

## Easter for Children

AFTER the success of the Royal Tour programmes for children broadcast on link from YA and YZ stations, these stations are to link for an Easter Children's Session which will originate in Wellington. It will be heard at 5.15 p.m. this Thursday (April 15). There will be three items in this special programme. First, some verse by Muriel Remick, *The Royal Easter Eggs*, will be read by William Austin. This will be followed by John Longmire's *Hymn for Assembly* ("Oh Life, That Makest All Things New"), sung by the studio choir conducted by T. J. Young; and the programme will end with Oscar Wilde's story *The Selfish Giant*, read by John Lee, who is a member of the company which is playing *Dial M For Murder*.

## ★ "YOUR BIRD. SIR. I THINK!" ★



STATION 1YZ Rotorua, which has dealt fairly with anglers during the present season (by way of news bulletins, forecasts and regular panel discussions), this week begins short series of talks for those sportsmen who are now looking forward to the opening of the shooting season on May 1. There will be three broadcasts in the series. The first will be heard this Thursday, April 15, at 7.0 p.m., when J. F. Thomas, President of the Bay of Plenty Rod and Gun Club Federation, will speak on "Scope for Shooters in the Rotorua Acclimatisation District." The second talk, "The Shooter in Preparation," will be by J. D. Rivet, President of the Whakatane Rod and Gun Club, and the third (which is really a documentary programme) will be contributed by officers of the Wild Life Division of the Department of Internal Affairs. This broadcast, entitled "Game Galore," will describe the breeding and liberation of game for the 1954 season.

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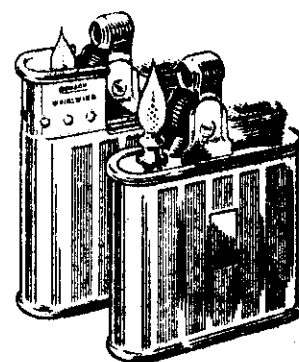
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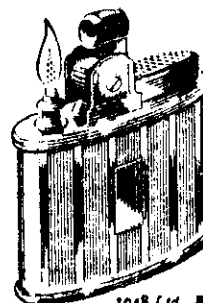
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