

School Holiday Programmes

BIG news for schoolboy footballers during the school holiday programmes (August 20 to 31) will be an exclusive interview (by Lance Cross, NZBS Sports Officer) with Dr. Danie Craven, Manager of the Springboks touring side. Tackled in mid-rush just before the Second Test, Dr. Craven answers questions put forward by boys at two Wellington schools. He will be heard at approximately 9.15 a.m. from all YA and YZ stations on Friday, August 31.

The school holiday programmes will take the place of the YA-YZ link Correspondence School broadcasts. There will be programmes to interest both seniors



DR. DANIE CRAVEN

and juniors, with the emphasis on entertainment rather than on reminding holiday-makers of sums and such.

In a talk to be heard on Monday, August 20, Ronald Syme, the noted New Zealand author who spends a great deal of time travelling around the world, will tell young listeners something of how he writes his books. "For more than twenty years I've been wandering round the world," he says. "I've listened to French trappers talking in Canada and Muslim priests in Africa calling the faithful to prayer. I've heard African Negroes singing their queer chants and Italian fishermen chattering in their boats. But even nowadays I prefer listening to talking. It's the best way to learn how to write conversation which sounds natural to the reader. . . Once I got out of a train in the middle of a red-hot desert and stayed in an Arab village for a month, because I wanted to learn something of how village Arabs lived. My friends who were waiting for me 200 miles away were quite upset. But now I know what an Arab meal of camel meat and rice and sweet tea without milk is like, and the way that *simba*, or storks, build their nests on the roofs of huts. Also that one must never touch food with one's left hand, or praise anything belonging to an Arab friend."

Keen young readers will also be interested in the Children's Book Week programmes, which will begin on Mon-

day, August 20. These will be part of the normal Children's Session broadcasts. And, as always in holiday programmes, there will be ideas on things to make and do. A good supply of drinking straws would come in handy for one scientific stunt, which tells how to make a double reed pipe and alter its tone by changing the length. There will be two senior and two junior quizzes, and an account of a journey by oil tanker from Singapore to Geelong, Victoria, made by William Roff on a recent trip to the East Indies. Crocodile hunting in the great Fly River of Papua will be described by Miss Vellacott-Jones, a Canadian woman, and the life of a radio-sonde operator in Canada's farthest-north weather station is told in a CBC documentary. There will also be stories for younger children, a serial adapted from Geoffrey Trease's *Silver Guard*, and a novelty item, *Let's Make a Rhythm Band*.

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