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the high mountains to Kukuanaaland, where they find an unknown native tribe and some most unusual characters—Gagool the old witch, Foulata the young girl, and even old Dom Jose, whose ragged plan had been the cause of the whole adventure.

A third programme for older children is the story of Robert Bruce, the Scottish king who is associated in legend with a spider and in history with the Battle of Bannockburn, where he defeated the English and freed Scotland.

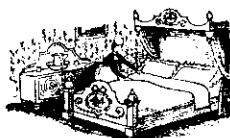
There will be several sessions of music and songs, mostly folk songs which children of all ages and their parents can enjoy. These will be both old and new, and from many countries. Most folk songs are old, but one musical programme going even further back than the folk tunes is *Pan the Piper*. This tells how a shepherd boy makes the first flute from river reeds, and how all the other musical instruments developed until the modern orchestra was formed.

The first week of the holidays, too, is Children's Book Week, when libraries and shops display the best new books for children. In this week there will be book reviews introducing some enjoyable holiday reading. As all good children know, we read books mostly for the pleasure of the stories in them, but as far as radio is concerned the best stories are those which are told. There will be plenty of stories in the holiday sessions. Gavin Yates will tell some of them, and others are from the BBC. One of these for the younger children is *Brother and Sister*, a fairy tale involving a witch and a magic spell and a handsome prince. Another is *A Crust of Bread*, about Jan, a peasant boy of Bohemia, who was a little too fond of eating the meat his family were too poor to buy, and how he was finally cured.



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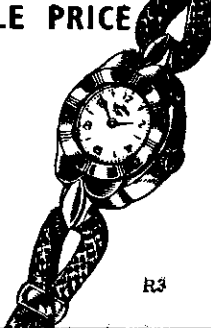
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