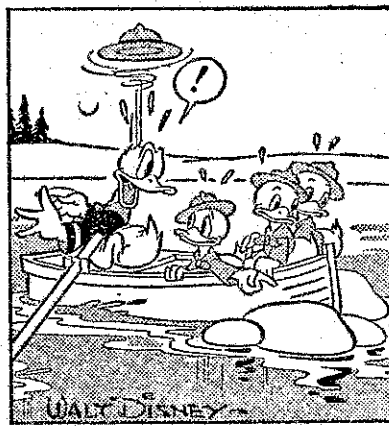
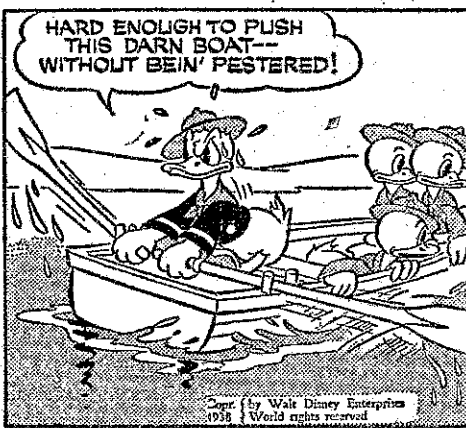
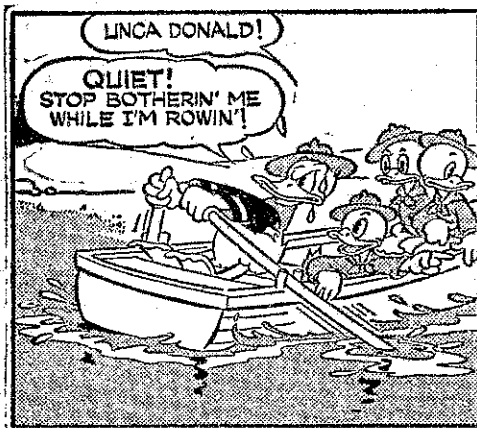


DONALD DUCK

by Walt Disney



STORY OF MAN THEY COULDN'T HANG

John Lee's Dramatic Escape From Death Enacted In New NCBS Feature

"FAMOUS ESCAPES," the new NCBS feature which commences from the ZB stations on January 26, promises to be something out of the ordinary in radio serials. The theme which underlies the whole series is the escape of mankind from some difficult situation, from peril, temporal or spiritual, from death. History is packed with famous escapes, and there is scarcely an adventure story, from Sir Walter Scott to John Buchan, in which an escape does not play an important part. The scope of the series is unlimited.

FIRST escape dealt with is perhaps the most famous of all—that of John Lee, the man they could not hang. Although thought by many to be innocent of the murder he was charged with, Lee was sentenced to death, but three times he stood on the scaffold to suffer the supreme penalty, and three times the machinery broke down. Common opinion was that some divine providence was intervening to save him from death, and he was eventually reprieved.

Another episode is concerned with a lesser known, but none the less dramatic escape, that of a Frenchwoman, Diane Traill. It happened during the Great War. While her husband is in the trenches Diane Traill is injured by a bomb, and left terribly scarred and disfigured.

She is afraid that her husband, who had so treasured her beauty, will cease to love her, and when she receives a message that he is wounded and wishes to have her with him, she goes in fear and trembling. But she finds he has been blinded, and will never know that she has lost her beauty.

An escape about which there is a certain amount of historical doubt, but which has nevertheless been dramatised, is that of Dan Kelly, the Australian bushranger.

Dan Kelly

AFTER exploits which were to make them renowned the world over, the Kellys were finally cornered at Glenrowan, and all shot down with the exception of Dan Kelly.

It is not certain that Dan Kelly really did escape, but there is sufficient evidence to make it dramatically legitimate to show his escape from the burning dwelling in which the gang was cornered. Alexander Korda's film "Katharine the Great" possibly inspired the episode dealing with the escape of that wily empress from a plot hatched by Russian nobles.

Other famous figures who play their part in this series are Elizabeth Barrett, who escapes,

thanks to Robert Browning, from parental tyranny as soul-destroying as any prison; Captain John Smith, one of the founders of Virginia, who is saved from death when Pocahontas, daughter of a Red Indian chief, decides to marry him; Drayfus, whom Zola rescued from Devil's Island, most terrible prison of all; Penelope, legendary Grecian matron who is saved from the unwelcome attentions of suitors by the opportune return of Ulysses from his wanderings.

All these, and many other historical figures besides, re-enact episodes from their lives.

4ZB Has Also Raised Funds For Hospital Radios

STAFFS of the Commercial stations are earning a very favourable reputation for their charitable work. During the original "Laugh of the Week" competition conducted over 1ZB, large sums were given to charity, and from time to time various functions and concerts are held in aid of worthy organisations.

Recently was announced the installation of radio equipment in the Christchurch hospital, through funds raised by 3ZB.

Station 4ZB, however, has not been backward in this connection, and last month a fine radio installation was officially handed over to the Queen Mary Maternity Hospital, Dunedin.

The station staff did fine work, and once again a "Laugh of the Week" competition contributed, with the result that after nearly £250 had been spent on the installation, a substantial amount remained to be handed over to the St. John Ambulance Association.

The equipment includes a dual receiver with speakers in the matron's room and nurses' common-rooms, in addition to 28 listening points for patients.

The bedside equipment consists of ear-phones with a switch which enables the patient to have the choice of one of two stations.

Expert Gordon Hutter Rests After Strenuous Days

BY the time this gets into print, Gordon Hutter, 1YA's expert sports announcer, will be among the sheep and horses on his brother's farm in Hawke's Bay, on a well-earned three-weeks holiday.

Gordon had a strenuous time over the Christmas and New Year holidays while most everybody else was enjoying themselves. Seven days' racing—four days gallops at Ellerslie and three days trots at Epsom—kept him fully engaged. Altogether he described for listeners from 1YA 56 races—eight on each of the seven days, then rushed into town to tell punters how their horses ran that day. On top of all this orgy of horse-racing, he was on hand and stood just outside the ring to

The Eyes Have It At 4ZB

ALTHOUGH on the air now for over a year, station 4ZB still has numerous interested visitors daily. Round about five o'clock the liftman has a busy time taking dozens of excited children every week-night up to the station. Each of the invaders has the same idea in mind, to make for the lounge and get as near as possible to the great glass windows giving an uninterrupted view into the studio, and they watch Jill and Peter at work. The children get double entertainment. Not only are the conductors of the children's session in full view, but every word they speak can be heard through the lounge speakers.

describe two big wrestling matches.

He left immediately after the fourth day at Ellerslie.

His voice will not be heard from 1YA again until January 20.



★CHIP OF THE OLD BLOCK.—The Rt. Hon. Earl Beatty, who injured his spine in the hunting field in England last February, is following the sun for his health. Son of the distinguished late Admiral, Earl Beatty follows naval interests, is chairman of the executive of the London Navy League, and will speak on naval defence during his tour of New Zealand. He arrives in Auckland with his wife, Countess Beatty, on January 23.

Suits The Men And The Employers Too

"IT is one of the greatest ideas we ever had," said Mr. T. A. White, Dunedin Placement Officer, when the "Record" asked him if the nightly announcement of vacancies put over from 4ZB had proved a success.

"It's hard to get men for certain jobs to-day," he went on, "but we have only to broadcast from the station that we have a particular

Marina Tells Them

MARINA's book talks from 1ZB every Tuesday morning at 11.30 are becoming by-words among Auckland book-lovers as a guide to their reading. Last week local libraries were inundated with requests for Daniel's Vane's autobiography, "Laughing Diplomat," which she mentioned as the best book of the year. Marina gives her reviews in a pithy, interesting manner, and, on occasions, actually introduces over the air, the author of the book she is reviewing. For instance, New Zealand authoress, Jean Hewitt was there when Marina reviewed her latest novel, "A Divorce Has Been Arranged," and the American yachtswoman, Mrs. Marion Rice Hart, was in the studio when her book, "Who Called That Lady A Skipper?" was reviewed. Marina herself has travelled extensively, brings a wide knowledge of world affairs to her subject.

vacancy, and in a day or so inquiries come in from all parts."

Inquiries come not only from Otago, but from all over the South Island. Both employers and employees are realising the value of the State Placement Service. Employers, in particular, are learning that the men sent along by the department are reliable, and fully qualified to take on any special job.

Men seeking work know that the department will find it for them if at all possible, and that the utmost will be done in their interests. Consequently the nightly radio announcements are tuned into by employers looking for men, and by men looking for work.

FORMERLY on the staff of the "Auckland Star," Phillip Soljak, brilliant young journalist who recently returned after a few years' experience in Fleet Street, has been engaged to give a series of three talks from 1YA.

His first, to be heard on Monday, January 16, will be called, "From Lambeth Walk to London Bridge." He has the reputation of being a fluent speaker.