

Fairfield Gutter Frog "Chirps Instead Of Croaks"

Is there some queer creature with a frog's head and the legs of a cricket lurking in the gutters of Hall Street, Fairfield?

One of the residents seems to think so. Her night's rest has been disturbed by cricket-like croakings — or frog-like chirpings?

Mr H. J. Dunscombe thinks they are frogs—the noisiest in Melbourne. They arrived on Good Friday after some particularly heavy rain, he said, and they had been there ever since.

Mrs P. Baldwin supported this view. Her husband had caught one a few days ago. It was small and

FOUR - YEAR - OLD Allan Johnson fishing for frogs in a pool in Hall Street, Fairfield.

brown, like those recently found in Kew, she said.

Miss P. Lewin thought that they were crickets. Mrs M. Johnson thought that they were a cross between the two.

A cameraman and reporter went looking for them. Four-year-old Allan Johnson helped; but it was no use. All they saw was a lot of water in the gutters, mud and a few old cigarette packets — but no frogs.

It amused one resident. "Frogs," he said, "that's a good one. There are plenty of shell-backed snails and stray cats, but no frogs."

