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TARANAKI'S TV STAR

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ABOUT THE COVER

The young man tied up in knots on this month's cover of "Photo News" is New Plymouth's Peter Crago, contortionist and pianist.

Just as Taranaki people in many fields of endeavour have established a reputation for getting places, Peter has climbed close to the top of the tree in the entertainment business. Read more about him on pages, 38, 39 and 40.

Personal

Below:- Mr Maurice Cave, adult education tutor and organiser for Taranaki-Wanganui since 1949, who is retiring from that post to become senior talks officer with the N.Z. Broadcasting Service. Mr Cave takes up his new position on June 1.



AN APOLOGY —

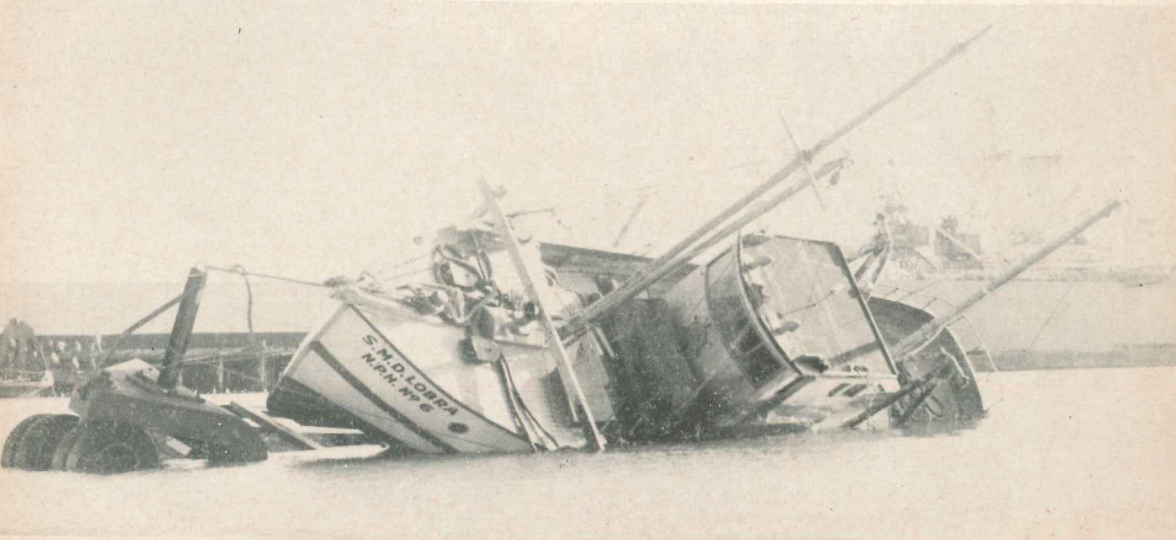
The staff here at "Photo News" feel that we owe our readers an apology. We simply did not anticipate the heavy demand for last month's issue. The result: Many news agents had sold out the day of publication, and readers had to wait until further supplies were printed during Easter. We would be grateful if you would place a regular order with your agent, so that we can assess the future demand more accurately.

— AND AN INVITATION

We would like all Taranaki cultural, sporting, and other community organisations to have a fair share of the space available in the pages of "Photo News". Secretaries who are interested are invited to write (Box 427) or phone (6101).

Roaring Camera

Harbour Board plans to beach the trawler Lobra went a little astray when she heeled over on the cradle a few yards from the shore at Ngamotu Beach. Hauling her back on to the cradle was a long, involved job.



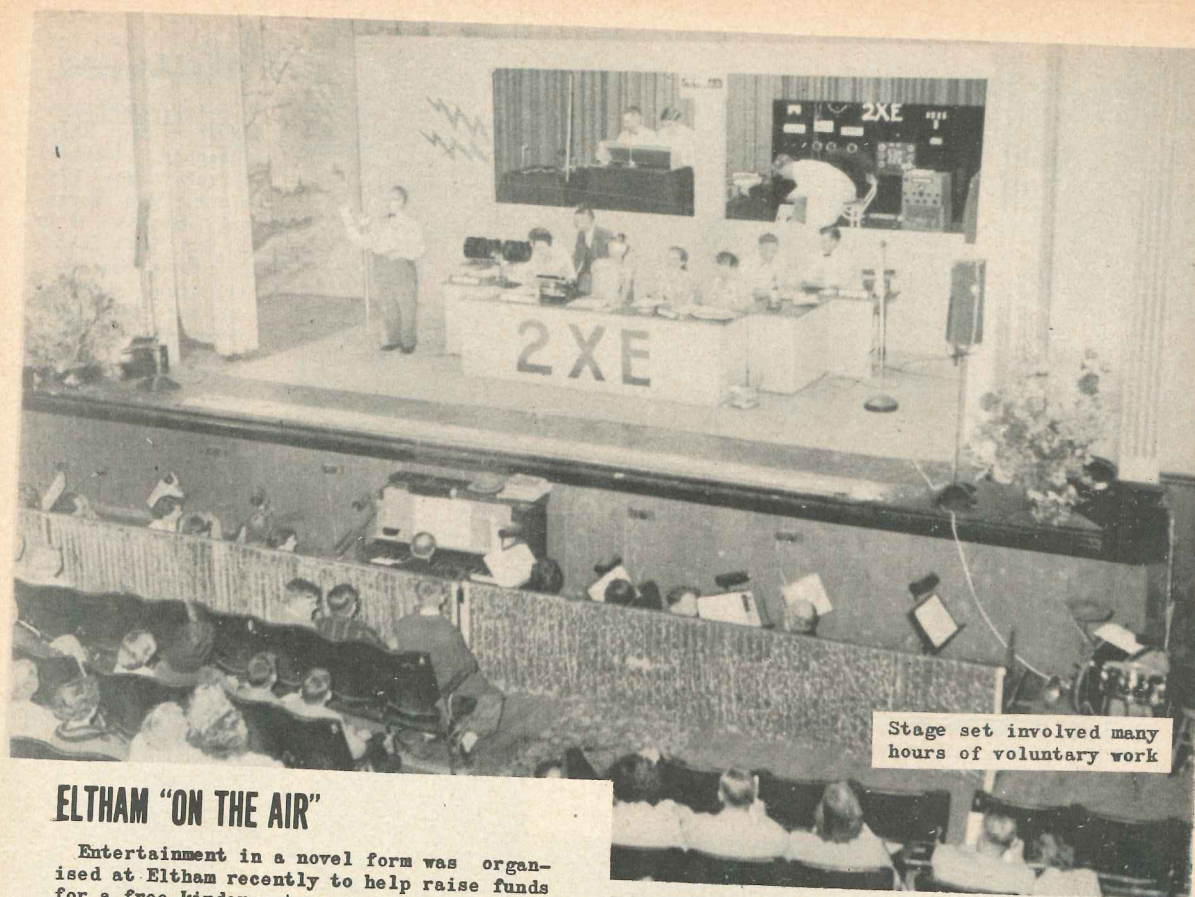
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Stage set involved many hours of voluntary work

ELTHAM "ON THE AIR"

Entertainment in a novel form was organised at Eltham recently to help raise funds for a free kindergarten.

It took the form of a revue in which a mock radio station, "2XE", was the key. Highlights included singing commercials, a women's session, the news in Maori, and other features gently satirising the N.Z. Broadcasting Service.

Right: Hawera singers Mr P. Powell, Miss Jean Douglas, Miss Olga Ward, and Mr John Brough, were popular.



Co-producers Mr Claude Harrison and Mrs Jack Brown





Married

Below:-**EDGECOMBE-SCOTT:** At Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Ra: Marie, only daughter of Mr & Mrs H.V. Scott, 163 Powderham St., to Ivan, only son of Mrs Edgecombe, Devon Street West.

Pictured left with the bride before she left for the church are the chief bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Scanlan, and Miss Nita Edgecombe (bridegroom's sister).

Future home: New Plymouth.

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Below:- **McGRATH-THOMSON:** At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Joy Shirley, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Thomson, 21 Lorna St., to Patrick Joseph, youngest son of Mr & Mrs P.J. McGrath, Greymouth.

Future home: South Island



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS



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Hugh Roberts (O.B.) leaps in line-out



RETURN OF RUGBY

Rugby got away to a fine start for 1957 when Tukapa and Old Boys fought out a five-all draw in New Plymouth.

It said much for the early-season fitness of the players that the pace was hot from start to finish, and although the bigger forwards were beginning to look weary in the last few minutes of the game, they never let up.

Both sets of backs drew the applause of the spectators for their attacking, enterprising approach.

Above:- Tukapa players cover well as Old Boys winger Bob Jones attempts to break through with the ball. About to tackle him is J. Cook.



Old Boys' Doug Crofskey (No.4) forces Peter Joyce into touch near the corner flag. Behind Doug is prop. Ivan Flavell.



QUEST FOR SINGERS

Taranaki singers will again have a chance to test their talents against those of other New Zealand artists in the 1957 Mobilsong talent quest, entries for which opened recently.

Organised by the N.Z. Broadcasting Service, the quest is designed to foster singing talent in this country.

Mr Ken Bullen, a New Plymouth baritone, won the Taranaki final in last year's contest. Other Taranaki finalists of 1956 are pictured on this page:-

Left:- Miss Maureen Wilson, soprano, of Mahoe.

Right:- Miss Jeanette Lloyd, soprano, of Havelock.

Below left:- Mr Walter Gale, baritone, of Stratford.

Below centre: Mr Leonard Irving, tenor, of New Plymouth.

Below right:- Miss Shirley Lovegrove, soprano, of New Plymouth.

Pictures by Douglas Elliott.



Personal

Above:- Mr Barry Dempster, younger son of Mr N. Dempster, 17 Sanders Avenue, New Plymouth, celebrated his coming of age recently. He is pictured with his father and his sister, Miss Rae Dempster.

Above right:- Miss Valerie West, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. West, 35 Record St., pictured with her brother, Donald, at a party celebrating her 21st birthday.

Right:- Miss Elizabeth Mary George, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs A.B. George, Paraiti Rd., Bell Block, whose engagement has been announced to Brian Francis, only son of Mr and Mrs L.B. Riley, Mokauiiti, King Country.

Below:- Mr and Mrs R. Thurlow, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at Waitara recently. In picture below right Mrs Scott, of Wanganui, who was a flower-girl at the wedding, presents Mrs Thurlow with a horseshoe.



KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID



P. CLIFFORD ALLEN



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Married

Left:- NICHOLLS-GENDALL: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Margaret Elaine, only daughter of Mr & Mrs A. E. Gendall, 211 Carrington St., to John Victor, 2nd son of Mr & Mrs Mark Nicholls, Te Awamutu.

The bride & groom are pictured left with their parents. Future home: Nelson.

Below:- KRUMENACHER-TAHERE: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Miss Mary Tahere, sister of the Rev. W. Tahere, Breakwater Rd., to Mr Joseph Krumenacher, Switzerland. Future home: New Plymouth.



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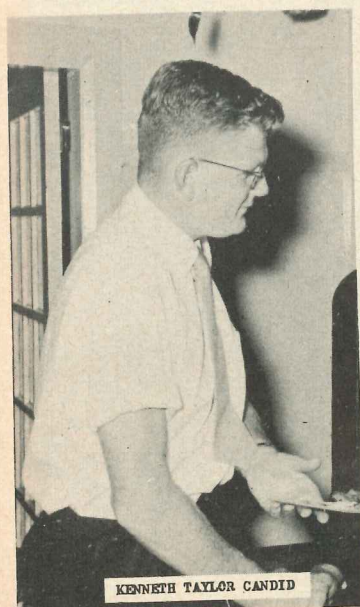
Coming of Age

Left:- Mr Vic Surrey, of Waitara, pictured as he cut the cake at his 21st birthday party recently. Above, fellow-workers of the Waitara telephone exchange, who attended the party.

Below left:- Mr Jeffrey Major, son of Mr & Mrs J.W. Major, 3 Barrett St., who celebrated his coming of age at Burgess Park.

Below centre:- Mr Ron Hareb, son of Mr & Mrs J. Hareb, 175 Courtney St., celebrated his 21st birthday at the home of his brother, Mr John Hareb, Pioneer Rd. Ron is pictured here with his mother.

Below right:- Mr John Wilson, of Inglewood.



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Headmaster, Mr G.J. McNaught, addresses big gathering at the roll call.

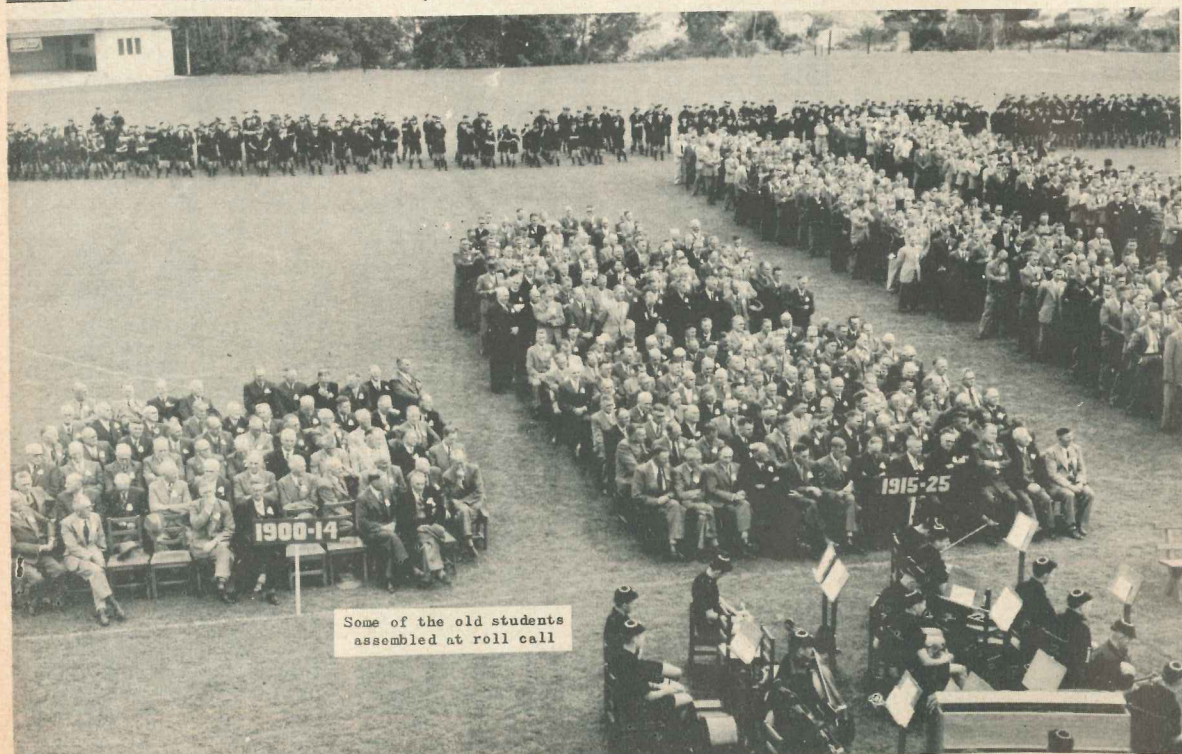


HIGH SCHOOL JUBILEE

PICTURES BY CHARTERS & GUTHRIE

From cities, from towns, and from farms throughout New Zealand, former pupils of the New Plymouth Boys' High School streamed to Taranaki at Easter to join in celebrations marking the seventy-fifth jubilee of the founding of the school.

It was a memorable occasion, mostly joyful, but at times solemn, such as at the dedication of a new memorial hall, erected to commemorate the old boys who lost their lives at war. The hall is pictured above during the ceremony.



Some of the old students assembled at roll call



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Above:- Shrine and memorial window in new hall. The wreaths were laid on behalf of the old boys, the school and the next of kin.

Above right:- Mr H.R. Billing, O.B.E., who was chairman of the Board of Governors for 32 years, pictured at a gathering of first-decade old boys.

Below:- Sir William Jordan with Mr L.M. Moss, present chairman of the Board of Governors.



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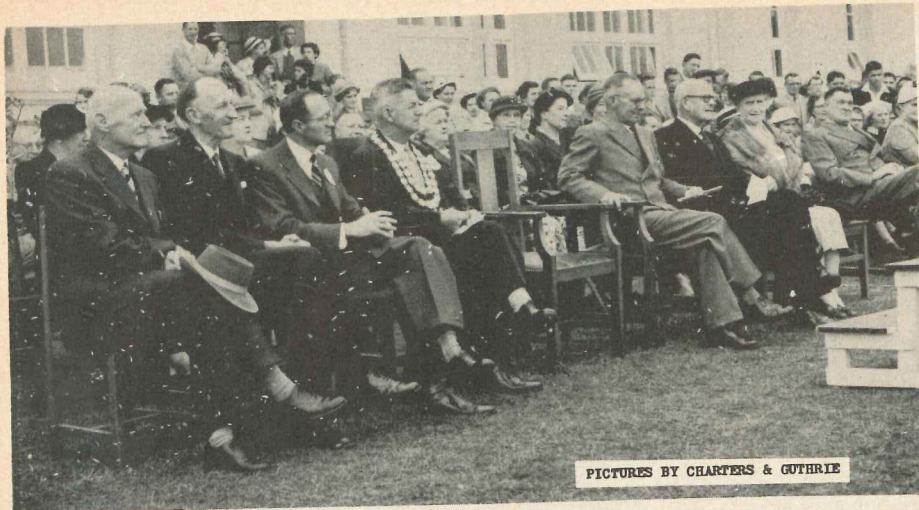


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Above:- Oldest ex-pupil at the jubilee was Mr E.L. Humphries, who attended when it first opened in 1882. He is pictured with Mr McNaught.



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Left:- Among the guests at the roll call, left to right: Mr Harley, S.M.; Mr E.P. Aderman, M.P. for New Plymouth; Dr I.D.Auld, president of the Old Boys' Association, the Mayor, Mr A.G.Honnor; Mr L.M.Moss, chairman of the Board of Governors; Sir William and Lady Jordan.

Right:- Five McDiarmid brothers were present at the jubilee. Three of them, Messrs G.N., A.M., and C.L. McDiarmid, are pictured here on the right-hand side of the front seat.

Below:- School was gaily lit for the celebrations.



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The jubilee ball, at which 11 debutantes were presented to Sir William and Lady Jordan, was a feature of the celebration.

Left:- Miss Margaret Insull, on arm of proud father, approached dais and (above) curtsies before them.

Below:- The debutantes: Misses Mary Honnor (seated), Janet Fookes, Margaret Insull, Beverly White, Laura-Lee Ritai, Judith Brown, Rowan Davies, Glyndyr Davies, Shirley MacDiarmid, Raewyn Pease (seated); centre, Diane Hutchen.



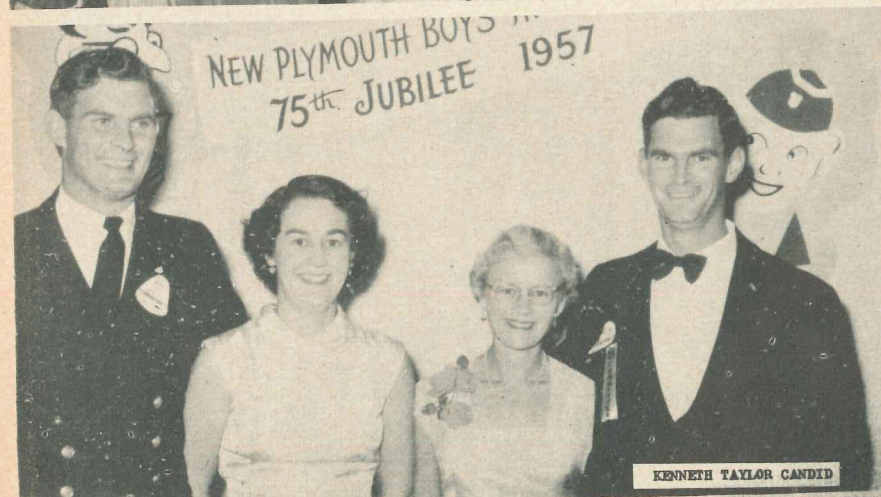
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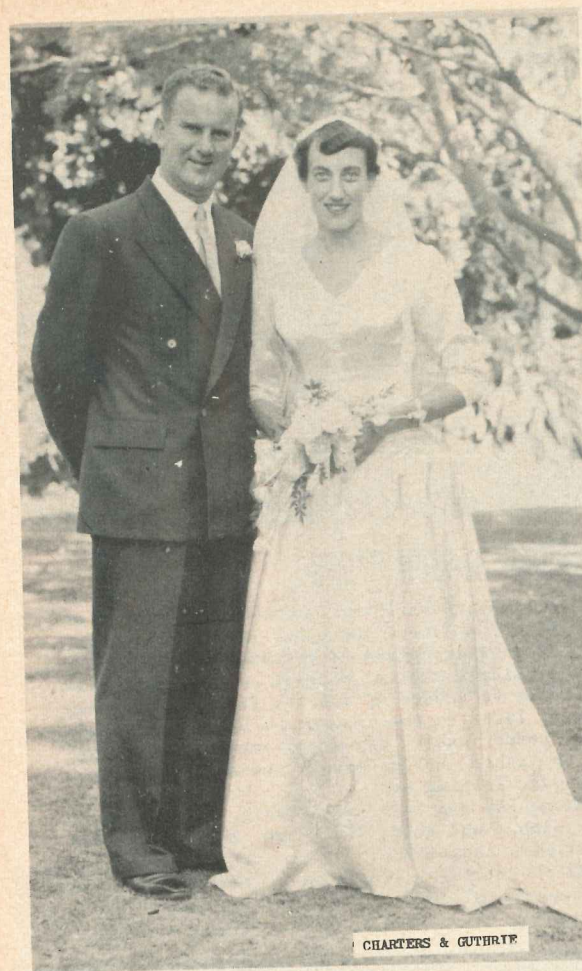


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Above:- Pictured together at the ball: The Most Rev. D.M. McDiarmid, Lady Jordan, Dr. Auld, & Mrs. Auld. Other pictures on this page were also taken at the ball.



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CRAGO STUDIOS

Married

Above:- BEVINS-GABLE: At Stratford, Valerie Joy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gable, 4 Birdwood Avenue, New Plymouth, to Turner, youngest son of Mr and Mrs V. Bevins, of Stratford.

Attendants pictured below are: Miss Jean Stewart, chief bridesmaid; Miss Audrey March, and Miss Janice March. The flower-girls are Gaylene Taylor, a godchild of the bride, and Susan Buchanan, a niece of the bridegroom.

Future home: Hihiroa.

Left:- CARR-THOMAS: At Whiteley Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Elaine Mertle, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs B. Thomas, 16 Oriental St., to Gordon Eric, youngest son of Mr & Mrs E.G. Carr, Hutchins St., Waitara.

Future home: New Plymouth.



CRAGO STUDIOS



Harriers begin first run of season.



I. Sampson, D. Smith and I. Kurth set off down slippery track.

HARRIER SEASON OPENS

New Plymouth harriers turned up in force at the Welbourn School the other day for the opening of another season of running.

They didn't run in earnest — their main object was to loosen up muscles for serious runs ahead later in the season — but the seniors went round their six-mile course at a "jog" which looked brisk enough to a "Photo News" observer looking on.

Among the starters was C. Keig, treasurer of the club, who holds the New Zealand senior half-mile championship.

As the picture below shows, the course took the harriers across a stream, but they didn't complain. It was all in the afternoon's sport.



A chance to cool off

Members of the club executive, pictured at Welbourn School before the start of the season race, are:—

Back row, left to right: T. Verney jun., vice-club captain; T. Verney sen.; I. Kurth, club captain; L. J. Sexton, handicapper; C. Humphries sen.; and R. J. Smith.

Front row: C. Humphries, C. Keig, treasurer; A. B. Harris, president; and A. A. Hodder, secretary.

Officials of the club are making efforts to draw more youngsters into the club, and already the membership includes a fair number of boys.

Below: Stream adds to cross-country flavour of course.



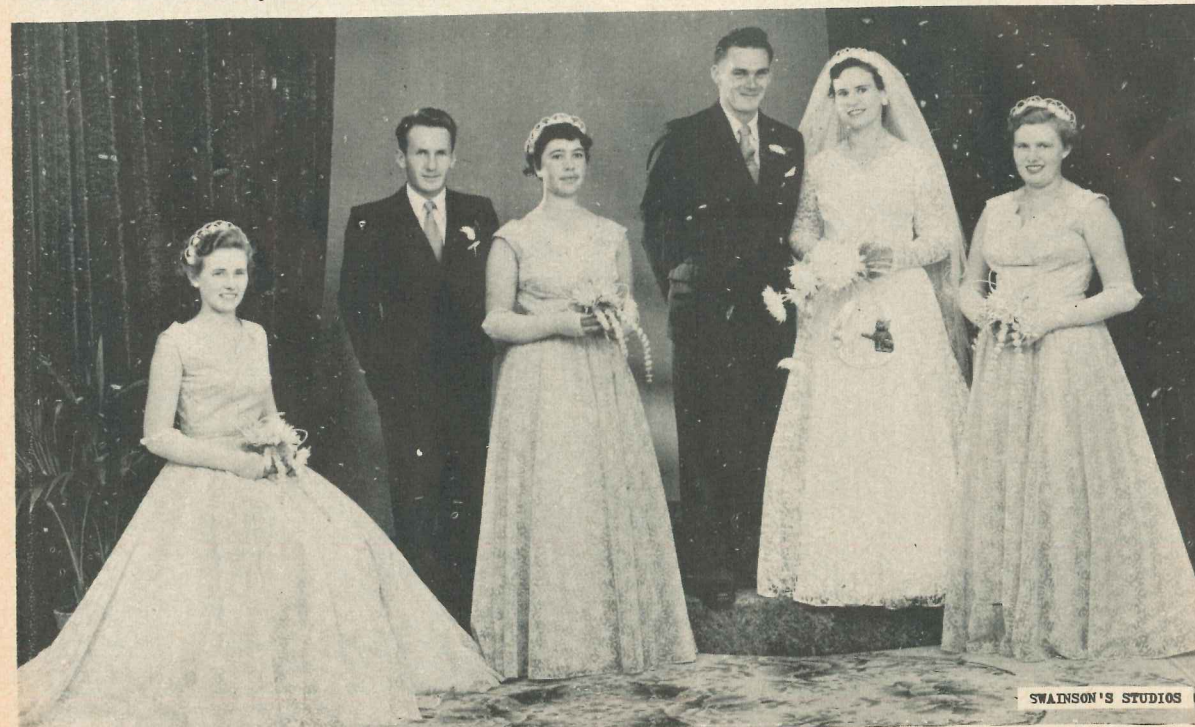


Married

Above:- **McKINNA-TAYLOR**: At Westown, Shirley Margaret, third daughter of Mr and Mrs J.Taylor, 533 Mangor Road, to Cameron Craig, only son of Mr and Mrs N.McKinna, 373 Carrington St. The attendants were Misses Eunice and Louise Taylor, Mr Donald Healey, of Waipukurau (best man), and Mr Robert Flemming, of Huntly.

Below:- **LUXFORD-GOWER**: At St.Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Muriel Elsie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.F.Gower, 2 Dale St., to Oliver John, youngest son of Mr & Mrs T.G.Luxford, Auckland. The bridesmaids were Misses Ruby Gower (cousin of the bride), Barbara Mackay and Betty Payne, and Mr Rex Lacey, Hamilton, was best man.

Future home: New Plymouth.



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Golden Weddings

The unusual situation of four couples each celebrating their golden weddings during the same week occurred in New Plymouth recently.

Left:- Mr & Mrs A. Quail, 56 Leach St. They celebrated the event with a dinner party.

Above:- Mr & Mrs J.J.Arthur, 13 Bayly Road, who marked the anniversary with a party.

Below left:- Mr & Mrs S.J.Hird, Turehu St. A reception in their honour was held in Pukekura Park, where — 50 years ago — Mr Hird promised his bride that they would live in New Plymouth when they retired.

Below:- Mr & Mrs G.J. Lawrence celebrated their anniversary in their home in Rawhiti St., Vogeltown.



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New Plymouth's Cenotaph

THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC

In a spirit of dignity and quiet reverence, citizens of Taranaki gathered in centres throughout the province on Anzac Day to honour their war dead.

But mingled with the solemnity of the anniversary was a feeling of comradeship & friendly reunion amongst the men who fought together shoulder to shoulder.

In New Plymouth, members of the public & ex-servicemen turned out in force to take part in a moving, impressive ceremony. The parade was one of the largest ever held in the city.



Boys sound the "Last Post" at special children's service in Te Henui cemetery.



R.S.A. president Mr Warren Saunders leads contingent of First World War veterans through Devon Street.

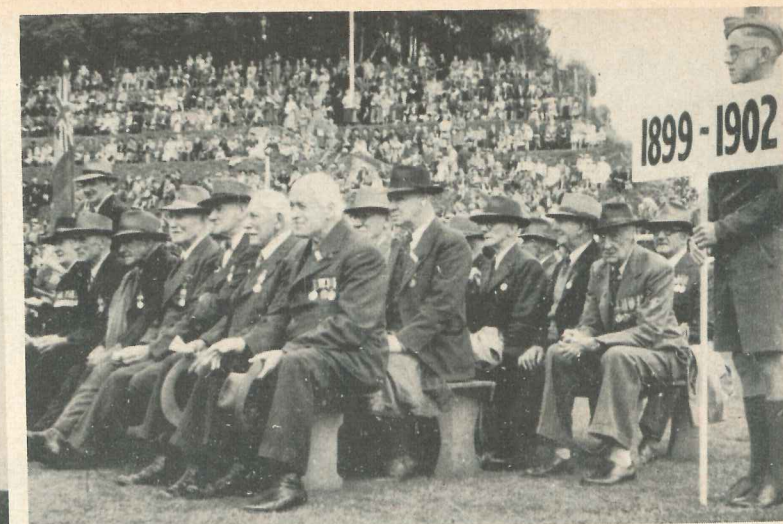


Above:- Mr Warren Saunders, president of the New Plymouth RSA, addresses gathering in Pukekura Park.

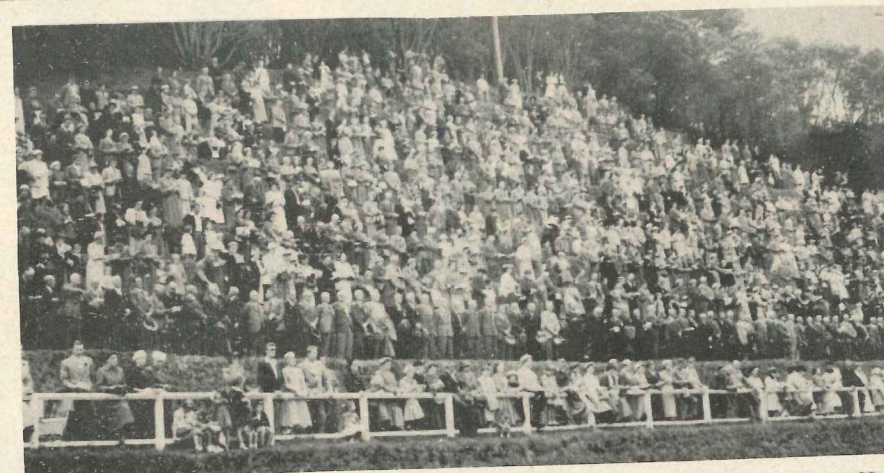
Right:- View of the western bank of the park is an indication of the size of the crowd which attended the memorial service. All four banks were packed almost to capacity.

Below:- Presbyterian Minister, the Rev. S.C. Read, conducting the service.

Below right:- Colour party of the W.W.C.T. Regiment.



Above:- Ranks of the South African War veterans are dwindling, but there are a good muster of them at the service.





World War I



World War I



World War I



World War II



World War II



World War II



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World War II



Officers & men from
survey launches



W.W.C.T. Band



Lieut.-Colonel A.Castelli
leading Army contingent



Territorials



Ex-navalmen



Territorial colour guard



Territorials



A.T.C. cadets



Boys' Brigade



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Girl Guides



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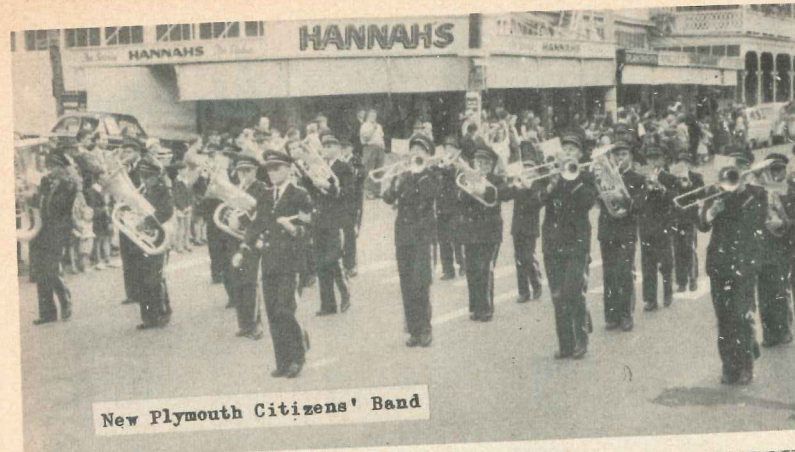
Girls' Life Brigade



Brownies



Girls' Life Brigade



New Plymouth Citizens' Band



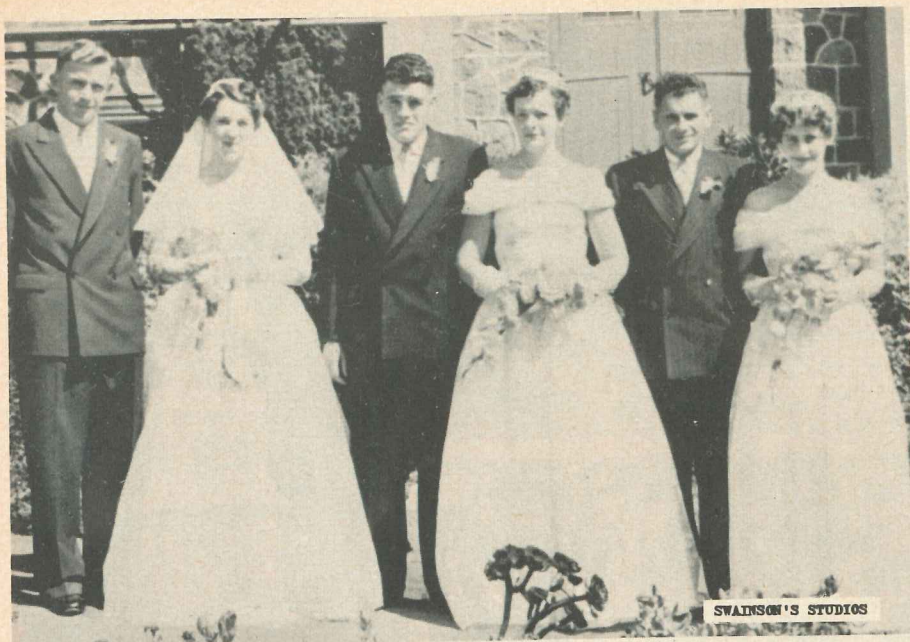
Children lay wreaths at Te Henui



Inglewood Memorial



Children look solemn as they sing hymn at Te Henui service.



Married

JAMIESON-STOCKMAN:
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Rae, youngest daughter of Mrs. & the late Mr M.C. Stockman, Lepperton, to Ian, son of Mrs M. Jamieson, Vogeltown.

The attendants were: Chief bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Alp; bridesmaid, Miss Coleen Raymond; best man, Mr Harry Alp; groomsman, Mr Nev. Moverley.

Future home: New Plymouth.

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Right:- DARBYSHIRE-JOHNS: At St. Nicholas' Anglican Church, Rahotu, Shirley Fay, third daughter of the late Mr & Mrs O. Johns, Rahotu, to John Robert, second son of Mr & Mrs W.R. Darbyshire, Hawera. Attendants pictured below are Miss Jean Pollock & Miss Waveney Johns.

Future home: Hawera



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SWAINSON'S STUDIOS



Giant tree crashes to the ground

Timber!

Tense moments for two New Plymouth timber contractors, Norm. Bright and Alf. West, ended in Devon Street the other day when a giant pohutukawa tree crashed to the ground — right where they had planned it should fall.

The trick was to ensure that the branches didn't carry away power lines as the big trunk toppled.

Using power saw and wedges with expert precision, the men drew a large audience as they went about their task. And there was a spontaneous round of applause when the operation was completed.

The tree, situated on Mr J. Somerton's property next to the State Hotel, was 40 years old



Chips fly as power saw bites into trunk



Norm Bright & Alf West



Above:- View of Devon Street in the 1860's.
Below:- Frederick Carrington, who arrived at Wellington in 1840 and came to New Plymouth to lay out the settlement a year later.
Right:- Octavius Carrington was assistant surveyor to his elder brother.



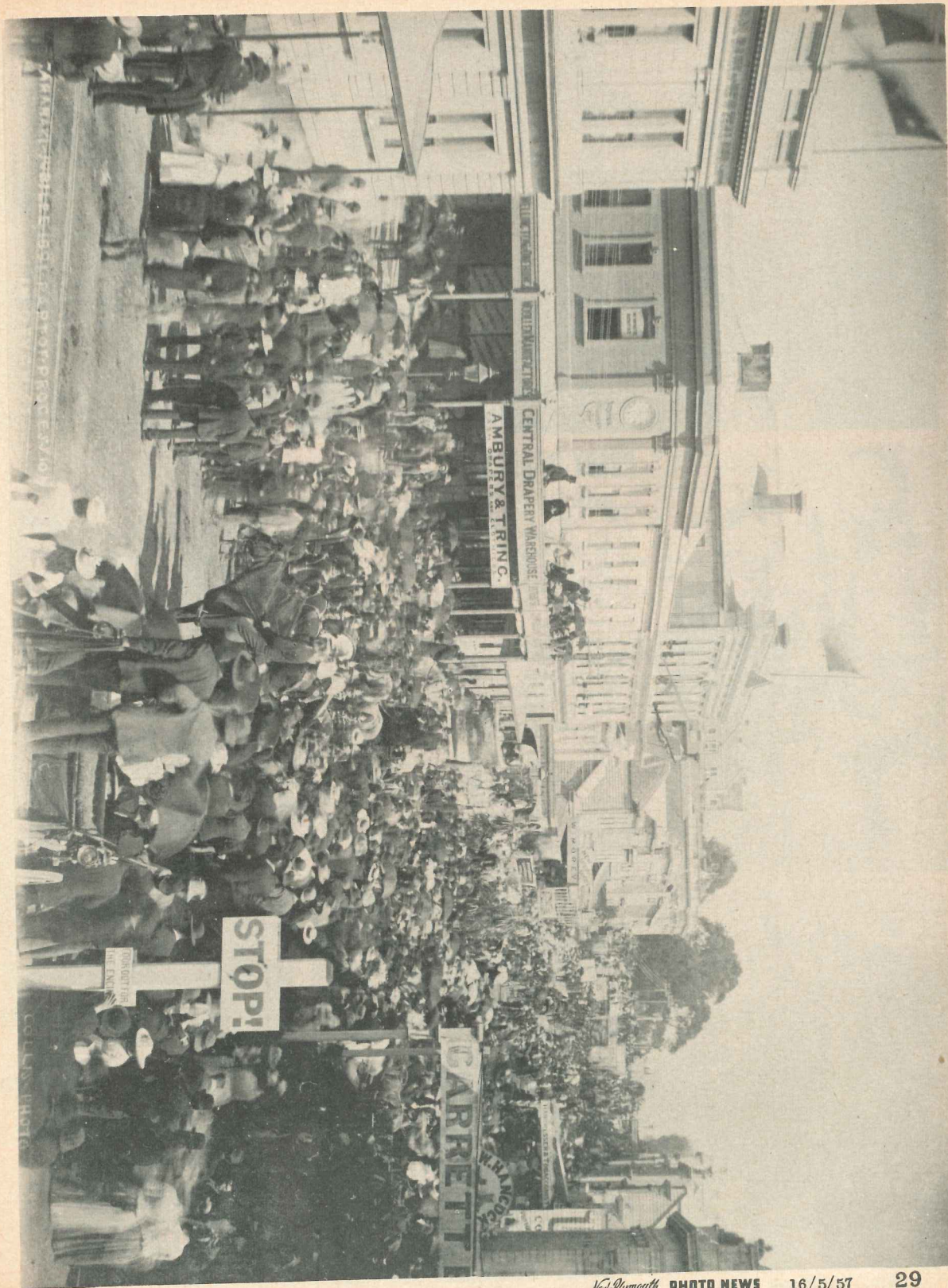
Pictures

FROM THE PAST

When Taranaki celebrated Anniversary Day recently with a pageant, there were a few settlers who gathered to pay tribute to the memory of Frederick Alonzo Carrington.

The "father of New Plymouth", Carrington was responsible, as chief surveyor to the Plymouth Company, for the original lay-out of the city.

OPPOSITE PAGE; He could look back on 50 years of progress when this jubilee picture was taken in 1891. Note railway track across Devon Street.





RUGBY HI-JINKS

PICTURES BY HENRY Mc GEE

Hilarity on the highest level was the tone for Auckland Grammar's Rugby invasion of New Plymouth Old Boys at Easter.

The Auckland boys failed in their attempt to win the Ballcock Trophy back from Old Boys, but after the barbecue at Omata which followed the match, they voted the trip to Taranaki well worthwhile.

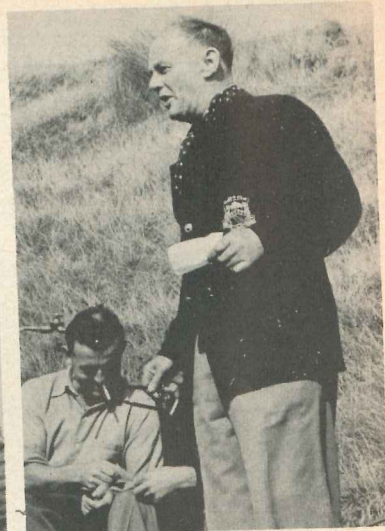
Above: All Black Ross Brown receives the trophy from club president Bob Richardson. Looking on is the coach of Old Boys seniors, Ray Grace.

Above right: Ex-All Black Mr Handley Brown announces "Chatham Islands team". Among his picks: S.G. Holland, W. Nash.

Left: Alan Rodgers, Auckland Grammar coach, & Reg. Belcher at the "microphone".



Happy group at the barbecue



Auckland Grammar's "drinking blue".

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Coming of Age

Left: Miss Annette Barraud, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.M. Barraud, of Wanganui, celebrated her 21st birthday with a party at Burgess Park. Annette, a nurse at New Plymouth Public Hospital, is pictured above with fellow-nurses.

Below left: Mr David Bright, son of Mr and Mrs J. Bright, of Pungarehu, celebrated his coming of age recently.

Below: This happy family group was taken on the occasion of the 21st birthday of Mr Eric Stanford, Buller Street. With him are his parents, Mr & Mrs B. I. Stanford, his sister Maureen, and his younger brother Rex.



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Roaring Camera

Right:- Young Lindsay Ward looks pretty pleased with himself in this picture. And he has good reason to be — it's his christening day. What's more, he's wearing the same gown that his Grandad, Mr B.G. Harvey, wore when he was a baby. Above, Lindsay's parents, Mr & Mrs C. Ward, of Westown, give him a hand to cut the cake.

Below:- That scrum looks as rugged as anything the All Blacks and Springboks could turn on. Roaring "Photo News" camera spotted the boys practising at Manaia, where a new playing field is being added to the Park.

Below right:- Dawn Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H. Darby, 27 Bedford St., Fitzroy, whose engagement to Malcolm Thomas, eldest son of Mr & Mrs M.T. Neale, 34 Drake St., has been announced.



Married

Above:- PATENE-NUKU. At St. Joseph's, Waitara, Shirley, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs R. Nuku, Nivia Rd., Bell Block, to Mr R. Patene, son of Mrs P. Patene, Parihaka.

Right:- MOORE-PAYTON: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Valerie Mary, only daughter of Mr & Mrs T.W. Payton, 18 Norman St., to Thomas Albert, son of Mr & Mrs F.E. Moore, Belfast.

Attendants: Misses Kathleen Yeates and Joan Hopkins; Messrs Desmond Payton and Bob Payton. Brenda Cochrane, Okato, was the flower-girl.

Future home: Wellington.





Mrs Margaret Neve revived many memories with First World War songs. Accompanist was Mr Trevor Hoskin.

EX-SERVICEMEN GET TOGETHER

At a gathering which is probably unique in New Zealand, 1800 ex-service men and women met in the Coronation Hall, New Plymouth, on Anzac Day to sing, laugh, and chat about their wartime experiences.

Regular afternoon teas on Anzac Day were begun here by the late Mrs Ann Burgess, and in recent years they have been carried on, with ever-growing success, by the R.S.A.



South African War veterans enjoyed themselves. In right foreground is Mr Arthur Sadler, their secretary.



Brigadier G.H. Clifton, D.S.O. & two Bars, M.C., was the guest speaker.



Above: Ex-service women, most of them former nurses, were well represented. They received a resounding cheer during the roll call.

Right: A section of the ex-servicemen entertain with a song. On extreme left (standing) is Mr Jack Joll, past president of the New Plymouth R.S.A.

Below: A group of Diggers and Kiwis.

Below right: Mr Arthur Owen, well known New Plymouth ex-serviceman, sang to the gathering.





Mrs L. Burgess, a foundation member, cuts the birthday cake, which was iced by Mrs Anderson, Mangatoki.

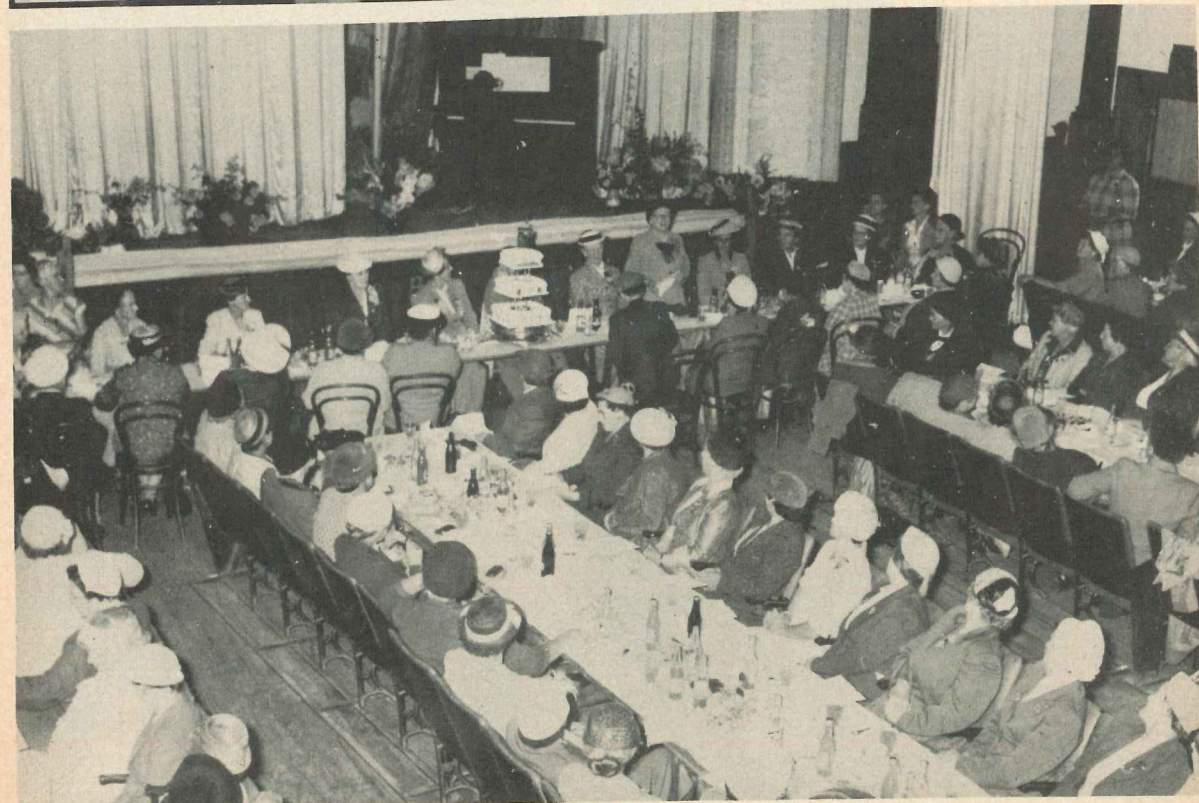
Silver Jubilee

Members of Women's Institutes throughout Taranaki centred on Inglewood last month to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of their district federation.

Over 300, including the Dominion president, Mrs Martin, of Dunedin, attended a luncheon in the Inglewood Town Hall, and a concert & dance was held in the evening.

Inglewood was chosen for the venue as it was there that the movement first became established in this province 28 years ago. The federation was formed three years later.

Below: Members at the luncheon in the Town Hall.



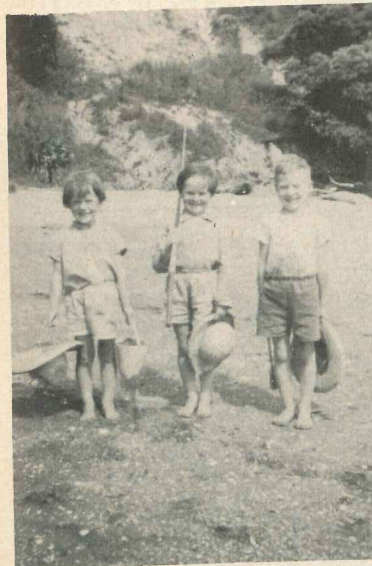
Render's Pictures

Above:- A seven-year-old school-boy — Nigel Charters, of Ridge Lane — took this splendid picture of the survey M.L. boats at Port Taranaki. Used by the Navy in oceanographic work, the launches are fitted with echo-sounding gear which traces the depth of the sea floor.

Right:- Jim Mackie, of Richmond Rd., Inglewood, sent in this picture of himself with catch at Coromandel.

Left:- Mr Mackie's children, Donald, Allison, and Carolyn, joined in the sport.

Below:- Striking study by Alfred Larsen of 1400 ewes being used to tramp in newly-sown grass seed on a farm in the Pehu district.





NEW PLYMOUTH'S TELEVISION STAR

When an 11-year-old New Plymouth boy read an article on contortion in an Australian magazine, the stage was set for the beginnings of a career which was to take him to the top in the world of show business.

Peter Crago, who celebrates his 22nd birthday this week, is now a high-ranking performer in Australia, with a guest appearance on television amongst his impressive list of successes.

Peter, the son of Mr and Mrs Eric Crago, Carrington Street, was interested in magic early in his career, as the picture right shows. But he decided to focus his attention on contortion. He was so successful that he toured New Zealand with Ophir Rees at the age of only 15, and was performing in Sydney within 12 months.

Below: Peter with his father after their arrival in Sydney.

Above: Peter is dressed as a cat in this routine from an Australian show.



When the startling X-ray picture below right was shown to doctors they had a hard time trying to identify the "disease" — until they saw the photograph below.

It was believed to be the first time in Australia that hips, skull and spine had been photographed on one X-ray plate.

Ability to turn himself almost inside-out has put Peter in the company of entertainers like Tommy Trinder and Joy Nicholls.

Right:— Peter's act on piano is probably the most unusual tea-drinking posture on record.

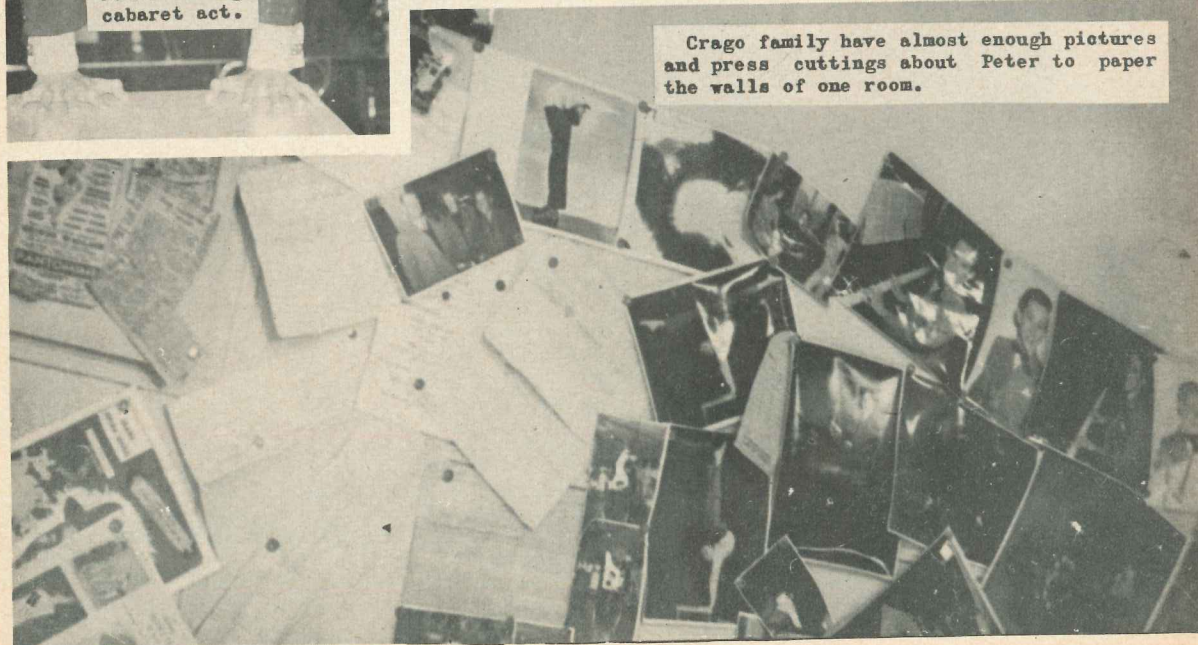




Peter during cabaret act.



Above:- Peter learnt music as a schoolboy, is now an accomplished boogie woogie pianist. He has composed some of his own numbers, including "Egmont Boogie", which he has recorded. The picture was taken at Surfers' Paradise, Queensland.



Crago family have almost enough pictures and press cuttings about Peter to paper the walls of one room.



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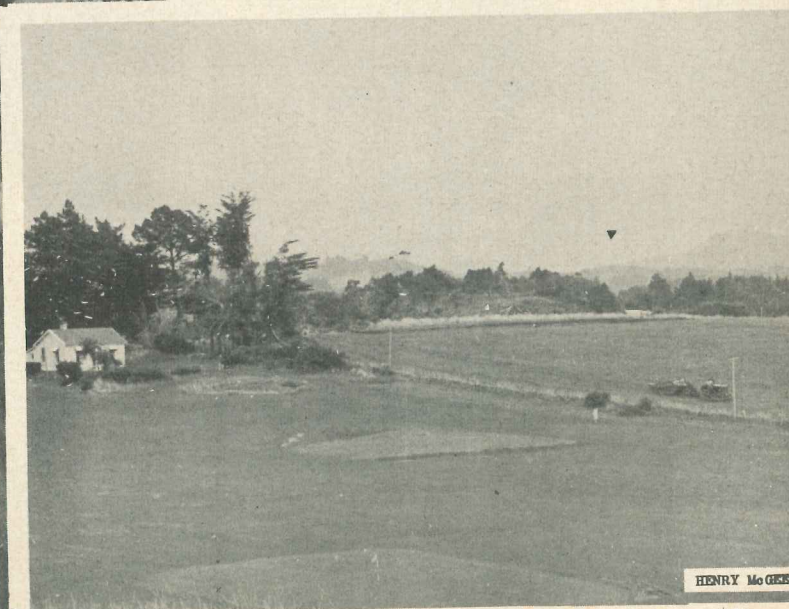
Roaring Camera

Above left:- Larry Peterson, of Rata Street, Inglewood, seems to be putting all he's got into the task of cleaning up that bone. And the chances are that there'll not be a shred of meat in sight when he puts it down. The picture was sent in by Terry Peterson.

Above:- The roar of a tractor engine at the West-own Gold Club's links recently marked the first stage in the erection of the £260,000 Francis Douglas Memorial College in New Plymouth. A lot of excavation work has to be completed before actual construction can begin.

Picture below shows the site earmarked for the college.

Left:- Bill Veale, well known New Plymouth barman, was the life of the party in this unusual apparel. It happened during a dressing competition.



HENRY MO GEE



Wedding Bells

Left:- PATERSON-CREAN: At Knox Presbyterian Church, Inglewood, Nola Elvy, daughter of Mr & Mrs M.Crean, Windsor Rd., Inglewood, to Robert Ian, son of Mr & Mrs Dougall Paterson, Tarata.

Pictured below with the bride are the matron of honour, Mrs Ivy McKay, and bridesmaid, Miss Joan Paterson. Future home: Masterton.



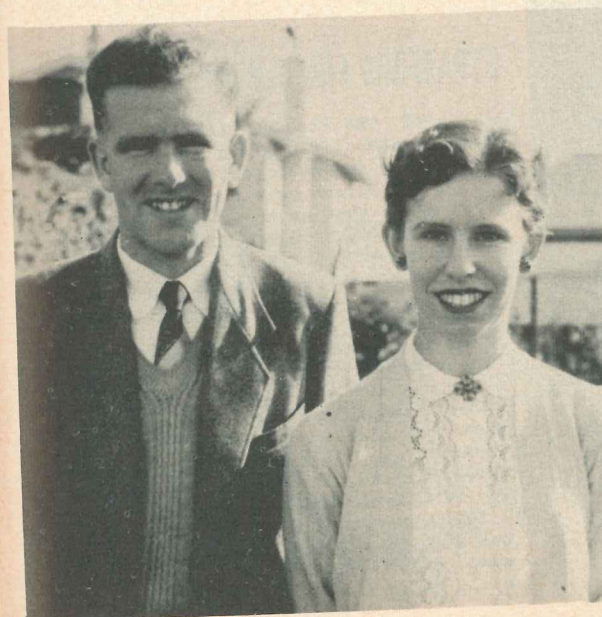
Engaged

Above:- Miss Betty Dawn Williamson, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs J.Williamson, Smart Road, whose engagement to Stanley Joseph, only son of Mr & Mrs C.S.Keast, Maude Road, Mangorei, has been announced.

Right:- Beverley Dawn, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs C.C.Rose, Barrett Road, Omata, who has become engaged to Richard Woolcott, second son of Mr & Mrs H.W.W.Stephens, St.Vincent St., Nelson.

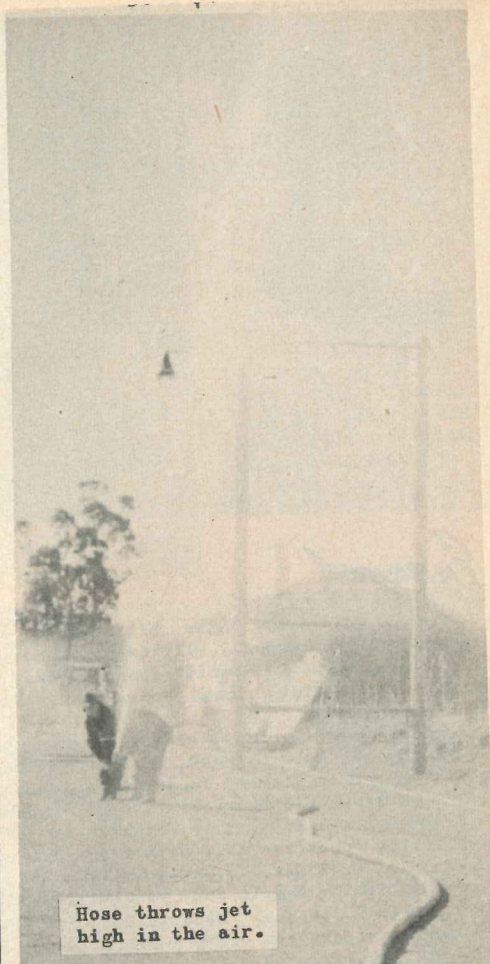
Below:- Beryl Mary, only daughter of Mr & Mrs C.Burkett, Pendarves St., to Alfred James, eldest son of Mr & Mrs J.H.Cave, Chilman St.

Below right:- Angela Ann, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs S.J.Karam, Ntamo Rd., to Raymond George, youngest son of Mr & Mrs A.Lyes, Newton Street, New Plymouth.





Graham and Bryan crack on the pace as they go through training routine.



Hose throws jet high in the air.

STRATFORD FIREMEN ARE CHAMPIONS

One of the finest records in fire brigade competitions in New Zealand belongs to an enthusiastic band of men at Stratford who have proved over and over again that anything the big brigades can do, they can do better.

Winners of the N.Z. championships in 1948, they still hold the Dominion record of 44 sec. for the suction-pump event.

And in a special demonstration for "Photo News", they actually clipped their own record by six seconds!

The team pictured left, with some of their trophies, comprises: Back row, Robert Ryan, Graham Bryan, Trevor Jones; front row, Graham Thame, and Barrie O'Donnell.

They never seem to tire of practice, and when they demonstrated the suction pump event a second time they were still below the record, by 2 sec.



The Stratford station, completed a year ago, is one of the most modern in the country, with up-to-date, comfortable quarters for the four men who live in the building.
Above:- Tom Hawley hangs out his washing.

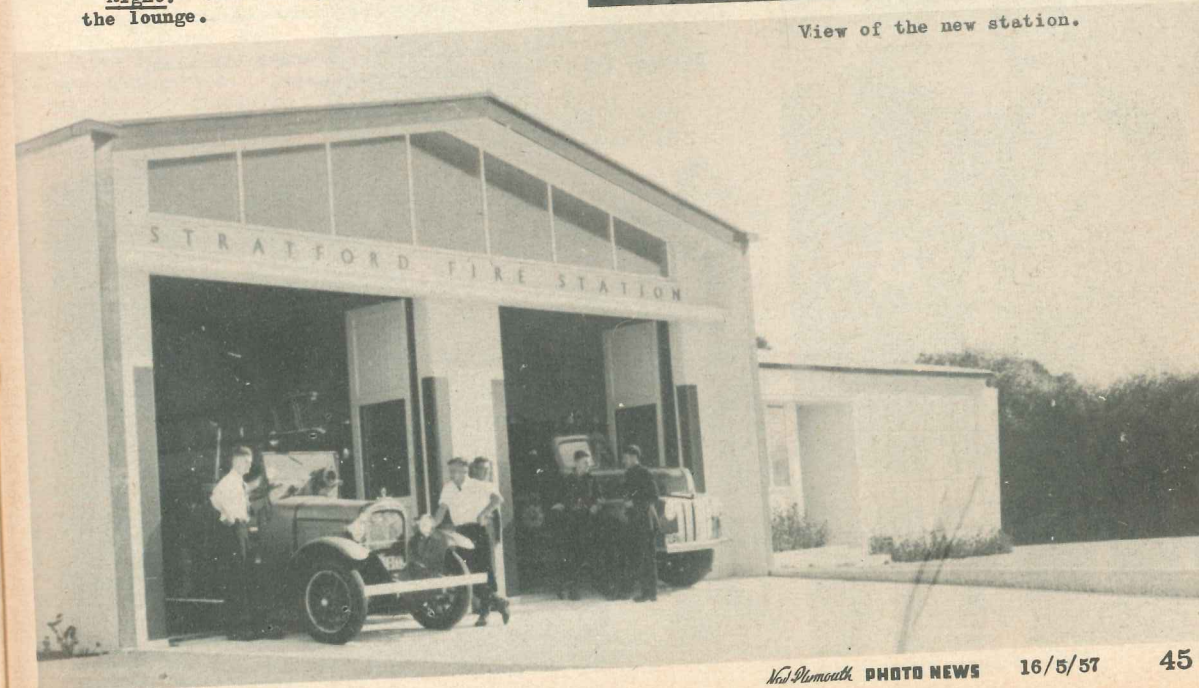
Right:- Max Clough relaxes in the lounge.



Chief officer, Mr W.G. Brocklebank.

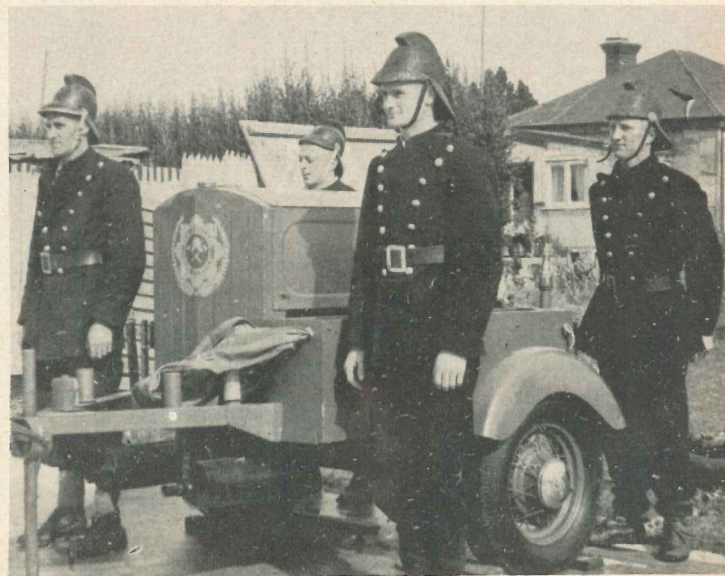
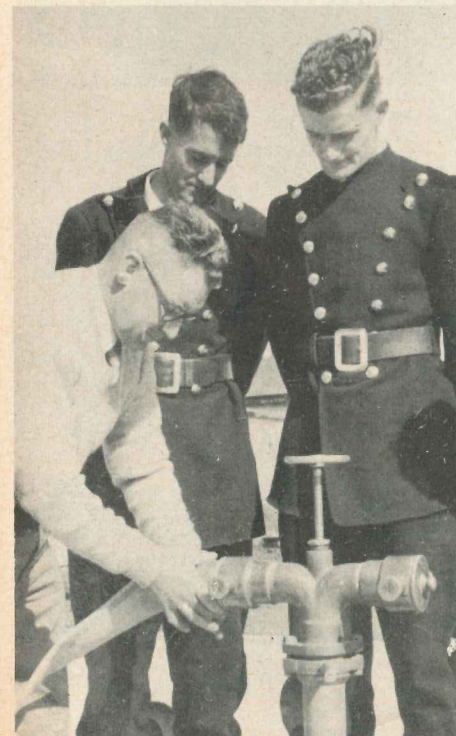


View of the new station.





Above left:- Barrie O'Donnell, brigade custodian, at water controls during record-breaking run.
 Above:- Split-second timing goes into quick change of the hose coupling.
 Left:- Third officer Jack Davis coaches the team.
 Below:- Team beside suction-pump gear.



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Junior champion, Mrs B. Hardy

BOWLS TROPHIES

The annual presentation of trophies at the Riverside green marked the end of women's bowling for the season.

The top prize — the senior championship — went to Mrs A. Graham, who also holds the provincial title.

Above:- Pictured with cup for winner of first-year competition is Mrs C. Wood. With her are Mrs Jamieson & Mrs Brokenshire.

Right:- Champion pairs: Mesdames O. Barnes and J. Grey.



Mrs Graham

Bowlers at prize-giving ceremony





David Cook
in action.



Tom Nottingham at start
of handicap race

MOTOR-CYCLE SCRAMBLE

The thrill of motor-cycles vying in high-speed competition drew a big crowd to the North Taranaki Motor Cycle Club's scramble at Beach Road, Omata.

Outstanding over the course was David Cook, of Stratford, pictured left as he guides his machine over the winding track.

Cook, who is New Zealand 350 c.c. miniature T.T. champion, easily won the eight-lap feature race for the Crago Cup, & was also first home in the 350 c.c. scratch race.



Starters in Crago Cup race



Te Toke, winner of the
Mikotahi Handicap, has
injured hand bandaged.



Above: Dave Morshead, third in Crago
Cup race, takes a bend.

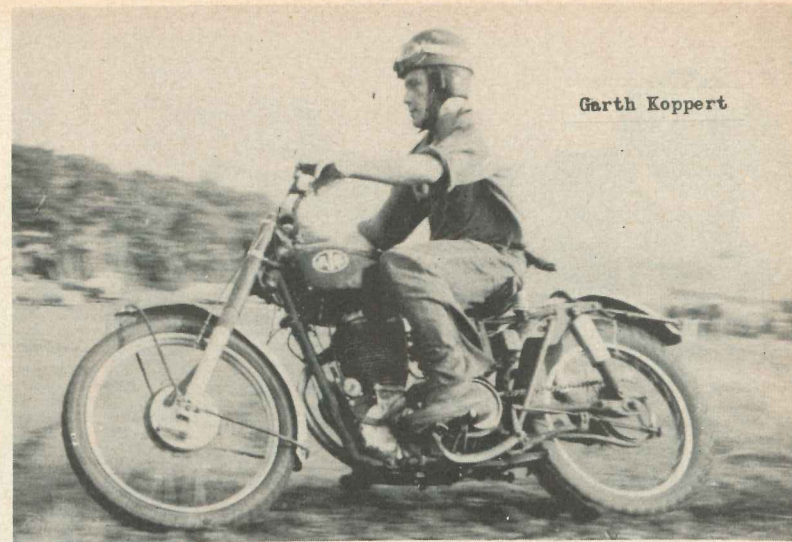
Below: Monty Pratt has throttle wide
open as he prepares for climb. Machine
at left of picture has broken down.

Below left: David Cook with the
Crago Cup.





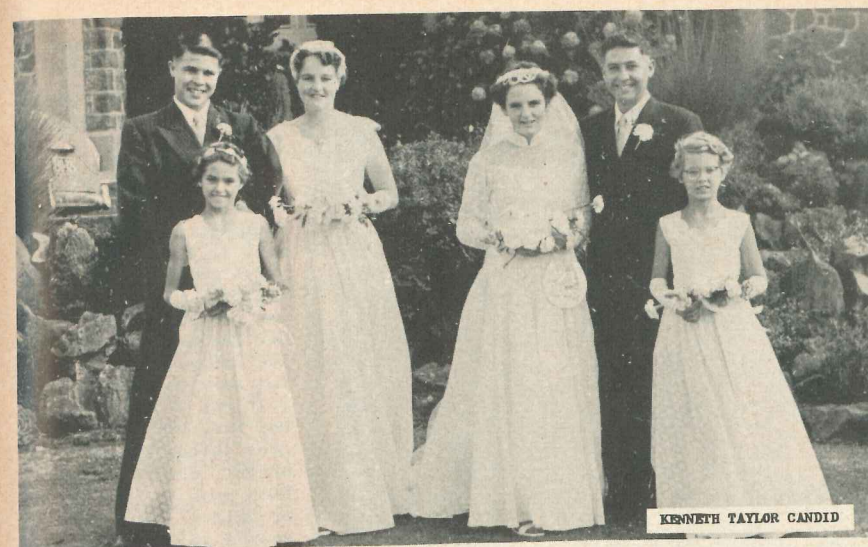
Bruce McKay



Garth Koppert

Right:- Officials of the club, pictured after the scramble, are: Back row, Ces. Riches; Roy Nicholson, the starter; Mrs Brian Fieldes, treasurer; Don McNeill, president; Don Rutherford, club captain; front row, Kirke Payne, timekeeper; Brian Fieldes, secretary; Johnny Callender, commentator; and Lloyd Palmer, Referee.

Below:- Course, on Mr E.D. Ansford's property, has ideal vantage points for spectators.



KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID

Married

Left:- HEATLEY-RICHARDS: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Miss Patricia Richards, to Maurice Charles, eldest son of Mr C.O. Heatley, 40 Bayly Rd., New Plymouth.

The best man was Mr Gary Heatley, and Miss Lorna Putt was bridesmaid.

The flower-girls were Raewyn and Glenys Heatley.

Future home: Omata.



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Above:- LIDDALL-JOHNSON: Miss O. Johnson and Mr Peter Liddall, who were married recently in the Presbyterian Church, Urenui. The reception was held in the Waitoitoi Hall.

The bride is pictured right with her attendants.



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Miss W. Knight, provincial secretary, lights the 31 birthday candles

PARTY FOR GUIDES

More than 200 Girl Guides and Brownies gathered in New Plymouth recently to celebrate the thirty-first anniversary of the founding of the movement in this city.

The guest of honour was Miss K. Ellett, who was presented with the New Zealand Good Service Badge for outstanding service to Guiding.

It was a happy birthday tea, with lots of good things to eat and bright entertainment. Each pack of Brownies or Guides company presented an item.

The pictures on this and the following page are Price's Candid's.



Left:- The district commissioner, Mrs B.L. Joll, and Guide Jeanette Hall give the Girl Guide salute. Standing between them is Miss Ellett, who received the good service badge.

Above left:- Mrs Bellringer receives warrant from Mrs Joll.

Above:- A group of Guides enjoying their tea.

A recent step forward for Guiding in New Plymouth was the formation of a new cadet company for older girls.

Idea of the company is to fill the gap during the years when girls are becoming too old to be Guides, but are a little young to take over the full responsibilities of leadership.

Four members of the new company who attended the birthday tea are pictured below.

The movement expects to draw its future leaders from these companies.



Above:- Guides and Brownies watching a company entertain after the tea.

Below:- These Guides look well pleased with the spread laid out on their table.

Below left:- A group of Brownies.





Loading gear into Land Rovers.

SEARCHERS IN ACTION

Taranaki's Search and Rescue Organisation, headed by Mr Dave Rawson, of the Taranaki Alpine Club, sprang into action when two deerstalkers went missing near the Whangamomona district.

In the cold, dark hours of early morning, members of the organisation assembled in New Plymouth and began an intensive search which lasted for three days before the missing men were found, safe and well, by a party from Wanganui search headquarters.



Mr Rawson briefs his men on plans for the search.



Searchers receive instructions before setting out for Whangamomona.



Above:- Land Rovers lined up in Coronation Hall, ready to set out on search. At left, Mr Rawson and assistants study map.

Top right:- Searcher has wireless set strapped round waist.

Right:- Major Rawley and Sergeant Cooper secure spare wheel to Land Rover.



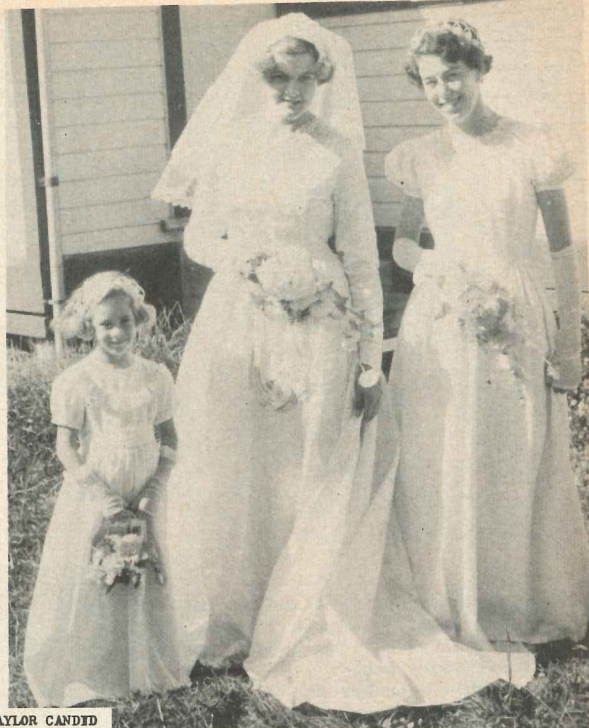
Eve Throssell, Alpine Club secretary, issues Ron Shorter with slasher



Ron Carr, Gary Keenan & Alex Draper leaving on search



KENNETH TAYLOR CANDED



Married

Above:- BENNETT-WEBSTER: At St. Luke's Anglican Church, Bell Block, Colleen, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs J.L. Webster, Bell Block, to Peter Bennett, youngest son of Mr & Mrs J. Bennett, Dannevirke.

Pictured with the bride left are the matron of honour, Mrs J. Webster, Pungarehu, and her daughter Julie. The bride was formerly a nursing sister at Dannevirke Hospital.

Future home: Eltham.

Left:- VERRY-HOSKIN: Miss N. Hoskin, and Mr M. Verry, who were married recently at the Presbyterian Church, Waitara. The reception was held in Brixton Hall.



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CROQUET CHAMPIONS

The outstanding record of having won, not only N.Z. Croquet Council silver buttons for club supremacy, but also the Taranaki champion of champions title, belongs to three members of the New Plymouth Croquet Club, Mesdames A.W. Crone (A-grade), A.H. Thomas (Intermediate) and B.T. Whittaker (B-grade).

To the team pictured right goes the distinction of having won the coveted Dr Home Rose Bowl for the Pukekura club for the first time. Left to right, they are: Mesdames H.W. Broad, F.A. Bamford, R.C. Eden, and A.J. Thompson.

Above:- The president of the New Plymouth club, Mr R.M. Shield, is the only male croquet player in the city. He has been a croquet enthusiast for 20 years, and claims it is a more fascinating game than bowls, which he also plays.

With the season now closed, the New Plymouth club's lawn is to be topdressed in preparation for the North Island championships, which are to be played here next January.



Members & visitors at closing day of the New Plymouth club



Modern decor gives restaurant night-club atmosphere



Mrs Waterman (right) welcomes friends to the opening.

DANCING AND DINING

Dancing and dining (but not wining) Continental-style has come to Taranaki with the opening in Devon Street, New Plymouth, of the "Windmill".

It was the public relations officer, Mr Eric Handbury, who first thought up the idea. He considered that the city should have a restaurant open at nights which could cater for overseas tourists and other visitors.

Two Dutch settlers, Mr & Mrs N. Waterman, took up the challenge.

The pictures on this and the following page were taken by Charters & Guthrie at the official opening.



Guests at official opening included Mayor and Mayoress, Mr & Mrs A.G. Honnor



Public relations officer Mr Eric Handbury and Mrs Handbury on the dancefloor (centre)



Mrs Waterman entertains

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FRIEND A

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Married

Right:- McIVER-CASH: At the Presbyterian Church, Inglewood, Lesly Valma, youngest daughter of Mrs & the late Mr T.L.Cash, Egmont Rd., Kaimior, to Ronald Frederick, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.McIver, Egmont Road.

Miss Myre Furze was bridesmaid, Mr Pat Morrissey was best man and Eileen Cash 'was flower-girl.

Below, the Rev. R.E. Leggott looks on as the couple sign the register.

Future home: Kaimiro.



CHARTERS & GUTHRIE



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Right:- CROW-SEED: At the Methodist Church, Waitara, Miss Shirley Seed to Mr Bob Crow. The reception was held in the Brixton Hall.



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CHARTERS & GUTHRIE



Moving Camera

Members of the New Plymouth Amateur Cinematograph Club made a special feature of their last annual meeting, which coincided with the tenth anniversary of the club. Pride of place was taken by a birthday cake which sported a realistic model of a movie camera.

The cake was cut by Mrs Neville Wilks (above left), whose husband, the founder of the club, was elected patron the same night.

Above:- Club president Mr Russell Clearwater (right) presents the Syme Rose Bowl to the winner of a movie competition, Mr A.L.Gibbons, of Te Rata.

Left:- Miss Betty Ann Norris, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.J.Norris, 16 Leach St., New Plymouth, who celebrated her 21st birthday recently at Kawaroa Bungalow.

Below:- Young Waitara folk who took part in the Methodist Easter camp at Rahotu.



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CRAIG STUDIOS



TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

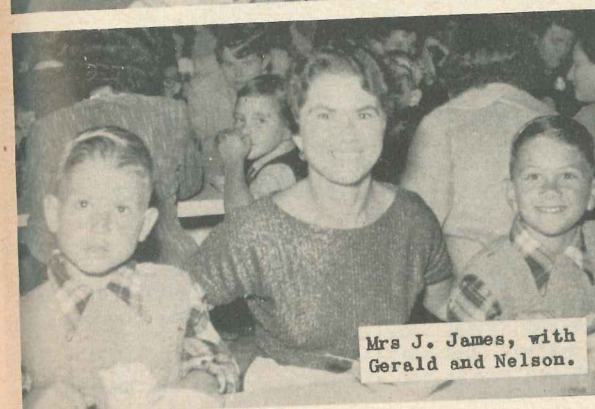
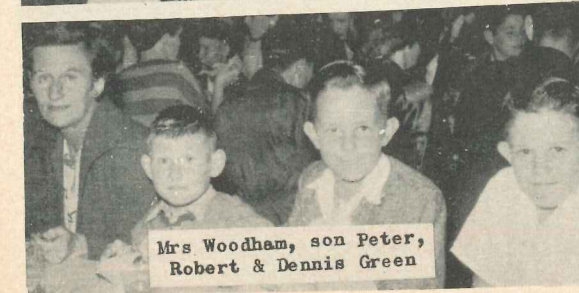
New Plymouth sons had a chance to pay tribute to their mothers when the Y.M.C.A. held a mother-and-son banquet in the city recently. About 270 boys were present with their mothers.

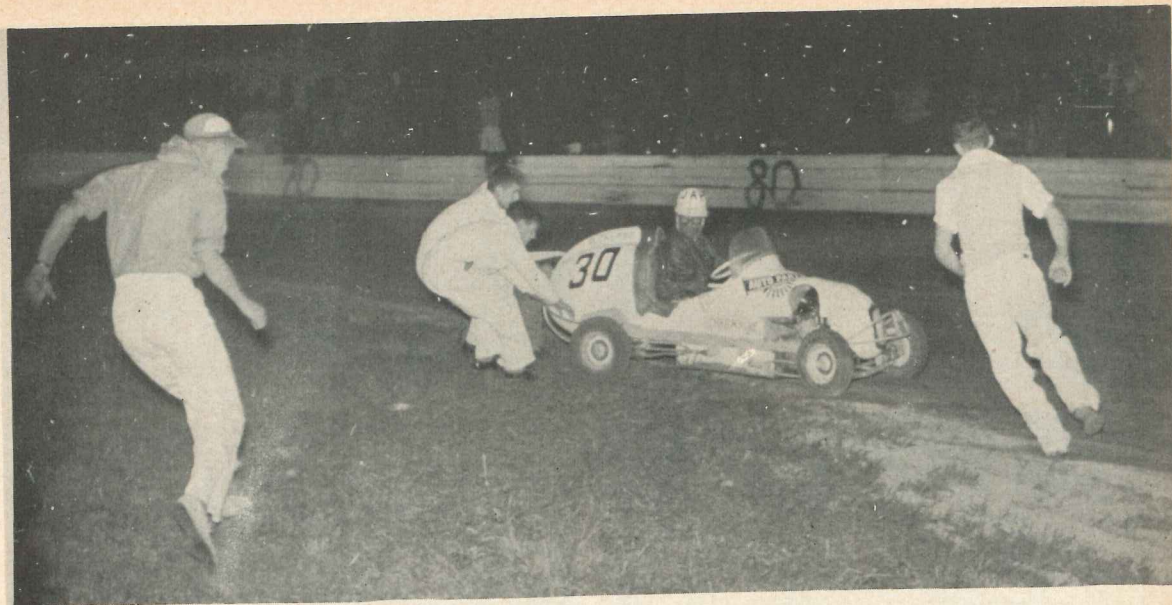
Above left:- Mr R.L.Cooper, Y.M.C.A. president, addresses the gathering. Beside him is Mr Barry Reilly.

Above:- Mr Douglas Elliott was among the guests.

Left:- Mr Brian Jury paying tribute to mothers. Mrs T.H.Sadlier replied.

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THRILLS — AND SPILLS — AT THE SPEEDWAY

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A midget racing car crashed through the safety fence and slightly injured four spectators at the Waiwakaiho Showgrounds, New Plymouth, during the Taranaki Midget Car Racing Club's Easter meeting. Scene of the crash is pictured below following the arrival of the ambulance.

It was the only incident in which spectators were involved, but thrills, and sometimes spills, are commonplace to the men who drive the cars. Above, club men run to the aid of a driver who has spun off the track in the New Zealand T.Q. championship at Waiwakaiho.

To provide full protection for spectators, the club is at present raising funds for a new safety fence.

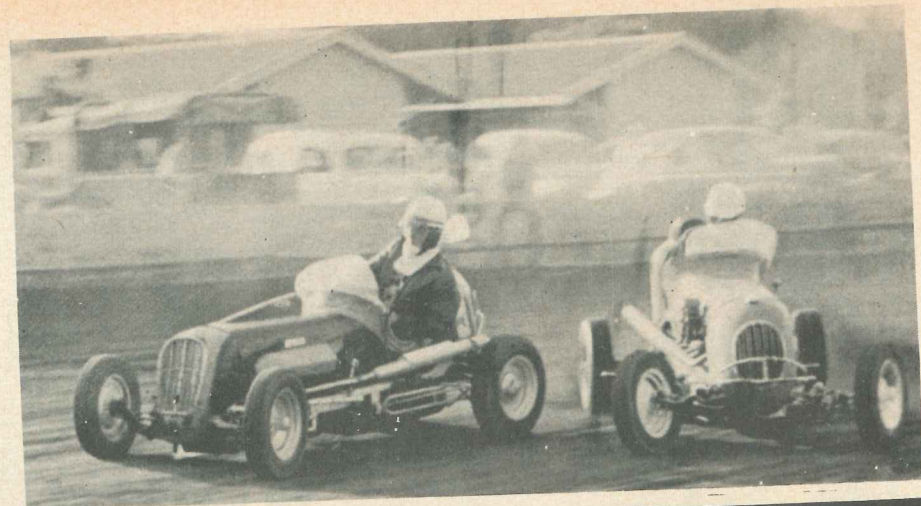


The lure of speed and spinning wheels attracts women as well as men.

The club officials pictured below are (left to right): Gwen Cresswell, Vi Cresswell and Betty Inch.

Right:— A moment of tension ... Driver on the outside swerves to avoid spinning car on a bend.

Despite the thrills of the speedway, however, serious accidents to drivers are rare.



Doug Millins, Rotorua, receives championship ribbon for TQ title from Mrs Eileen Amor.



Drivers and crews at the N.Z. championships



Married

Above:- CLOUGH-FRANK: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Mavis Gwendoline, twin daughter of Mr & Mrs O.L.Frank, Ngamotu Rd., to Ronald Mervyn, youngest son of Mr & Mrs E.J.Clough, Paynters Avenue, Fitzroy. The attendants were: Bridesmaids, Misses Jean Frank and Enid Clough; best man, Mr Ian Cheyne; groomsmen, Mr Cliff Coles; flower-girls, Lorraine Frank and Maree Clough. Future home: Bell Block.

Below:- WOOLFORD-HOWAT: At the Presbyterian Church, Opunake, Barbara Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Howat, Tasman St., Opunake, to John Charles Telfer, elder son of Mrs F.M.Woolford, Young Rd. Attendants pictured with the bride are Mrs M.Briscoe, Pico Pico, and Miss C.Ward, Opunake. Joan Woolford is the flower-girl.



Wedding Bells

Right:- ORR-HARRIS: At St. Andrew's, Inglewood, Phyllis Merle, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs L.W. Harris, 22 Brown St., Inglewood, to Neville Ross, elder son of Mr & Mrs E. Orr, Pawa St., Inglewood.

The attendants (left to right) are: Miss Yvonne Harris, Mr Ian Besley, Miss Faye Beadle, Mr Mervyn Addison, Miss Elva Orr, and Mr Ian Barnard.

Future home: Pungarehu.



Below:- RUSSELL-PETERSON: At the Methodist Church, Inglewood, Allison Ann, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs R.J.Peterson, Rata St., Inglewood, to Douglas William, only son of Mr & Mrs W.Russell, Richmond Rd., Inglewood.

Future home: Inglewood.



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CHAMPION YACHTIE

Enjoying a sail off New Plymouth in the 18ft yacht Thunder are Gerald Taylor, Geraldine Rutherford, and Barry Slyfield at the helm.

In Thunder, Barry won the Taranaki open championship and his club's open championship for craft of 14ft and over.

The picture was taken by Murray Mitchell.



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