

As It Used To Be . . .

Just as fire fighting methods have changed, and equipment become more streamlined, so have the needs of a fire station altered. Picture below shows New Plymouth's Central Station, in a building now occupied by St. Elmo Private Hotel, as it was at the turn of the century.



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News of "Photo News"

It was no doubt a surprise for many of our readers, as it was to us, to learn that as a result of the recently-applied import restrictions, the existence of this magazine was threatened. The position was that, while we were carrying good stocks of the materials needed for its production and were assured of reasonable supplies in most lines, we were caught almost without stocks of sheet process film. This is a small part of our requirements, but an essential one. Our ration for 1958 was enough to keep us going for only three months.

A number of approaches were made to the Minister of Customs, Mr Boord, the Minister of Industries and Commerce, Mr Holloway, and other authorities. At the same time representatives of the photographic industry, which was also affected, made representations. As a result, the Government decided to provide the industry with 100% of 1956 purchases, instead of 50% as contained in the original restrictions.

In the case of "New Plymouth Photo News", which had no 1956 allocation, it is required that a special application be made. We anticipate that this will be granted. The position then will be that both "Gisborne Photo News" and "New Plymouth Photo News" will be published as usual.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

A "fireman's eye" view such as many a small boy dreams of taking in.

No one seems very sure now whether our fire-fighting corps has 75 years of service behind it, 85 years, 91 years, or even more. Of one thing we are certain, however: whatever its vintage, the New Plymouth Fire Brigade has come of age.

The anniversary celebrated last month was an opportunity for the people of New Plymouth to show their appreciation of the work of their brigade and "Photo News" joins in a tribute in the pages of this issue.



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Coming of Age

Left: Alden Adlam, eldest son of Mrs Ray Adlam, Carrington Road, and the late Mr. Adlam, who celebrated the attainment of his majority with a party at Hurworth Hall.

Below: Miss Valerie Armstrong, pictured with her parents, Sgt. Major and Mrs A.B. Armstrong, Eltham, whose 21st birthday was celebrated with a party in the Pipe Band Hall, Eltham.



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Rotarians Confer

Rotarians from all parts of the 294th district assembled in New Plymouth last month, for their annual conference, New Plymouth being this year's host club.

The conference was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Cobham (above).

Left: President of Rotary Club of New Plymouth, Mr. M.G.B. Harvey, with Mr. Halsey B. Knapp, Farmingdale, New York, official representative of President of Rotary International.



Left: FRENCH-AGER.
At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Patricia Helenor, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Ager, Normanby, to Graham Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs T. French, Waihi Road, Hawera. Bridesmaids were: Miss Aileen Davies, Geo, Miss Jennifer Rae, Stratford, and sister of the bride, Miss Mary Ager. The best man was Mr Alan Sharp, Hawera and the groomsmen, Roland and Garry Walker, Eltham.

Married

Below: CLARKE-OLSEN. At the Baptist Church, Dorothy Euphemia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P. Olsen, Carrington St., to Ross Kelvin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. Clarke, Belt Rd. The attendants are: Miss Joan Smith, Hawera, Miss Jean Olsen (sister of the bride), Miss Marlene Clarke (sister of the groom), Miss Beverley Flavell, Mr Dennis Goldsworthy, Auckland, and Mr Ron Wilson. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



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Doug Mitchell, Hamilton



George Platt, Whangarei

All Shot Up!

No, your Photo Newsmen was not being "got at" as pictures above might suggest: he was trying to get a "clay-bird's eye view" of two leading competitors in the New Zealand Gun Clubs' Association's North Island Clay Target Champs, held at the New Plymouth Club's range at Bell Block last month.

"Gunmen" pictured above were winner and runner-up, respectively, of a special £75 trophy shoot.



These boys kept the birds flying



N.P. Gun Club President Mr. A.A. Hammond hands out trophies to winners

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Equestrian Trio

Above: Horses play an important part in the lives of the three sisters pictured here—Catherine, Elizabeth, and Sue Nolan, Smart Road, New Plymouth, with their ponies Inky, Star, and Skipper decorated with award banners.

Nurses Celebrate

Below: Group of nurses pictured in Criterion Hotel lounge at a dinner held to mark their success in recent State Finals.



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FLANNAGAN CUP

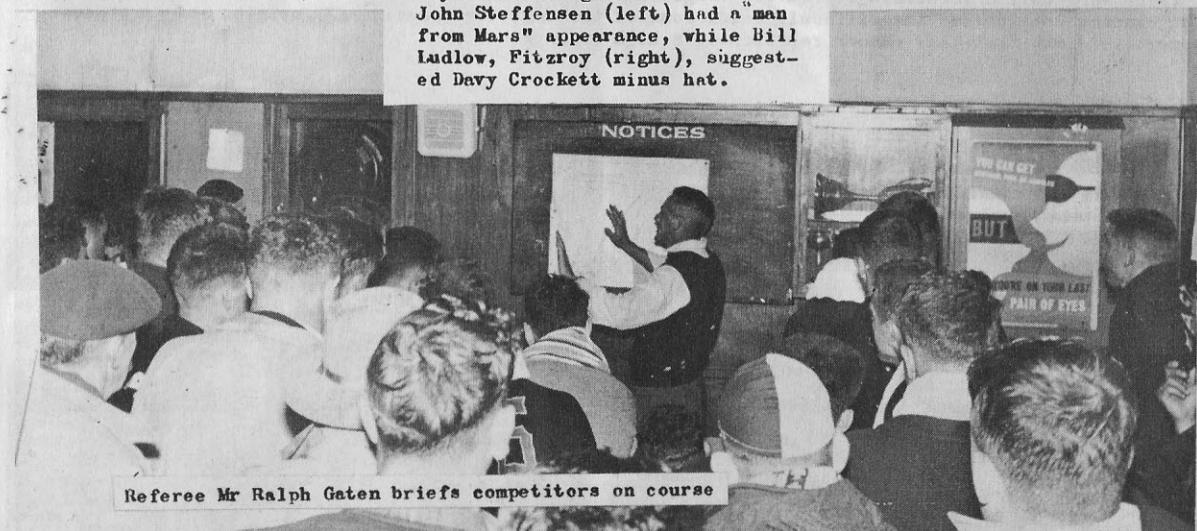
Gruelling Contest

Every year, towards the end of the swimming season, Taranaki's sturdiest swimmers, plus visiting swimmers, gather at Port Taranaki for one of the toughest contests in the book — an open sea swim.

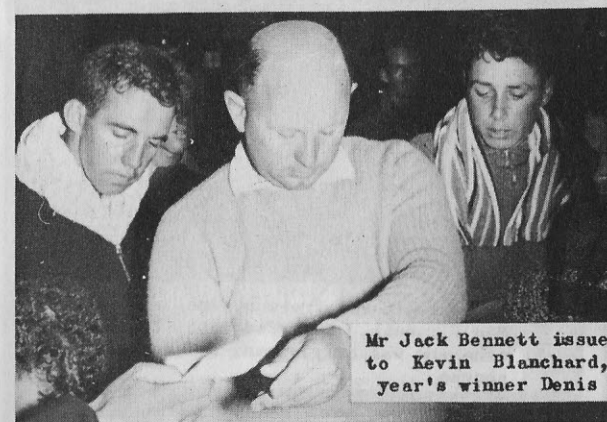
Leaving from the harbour, competitors head for the open sea, complete a three mile course and return to the sheltered waters between Newton King and Moturoa wharves.

The weather is traditionally unkind to the Flannagan Cup race and this year was no exception. A cold, brisk wind, whipping up the surf, made the already cool, overcast, showery conditions even less inviting.

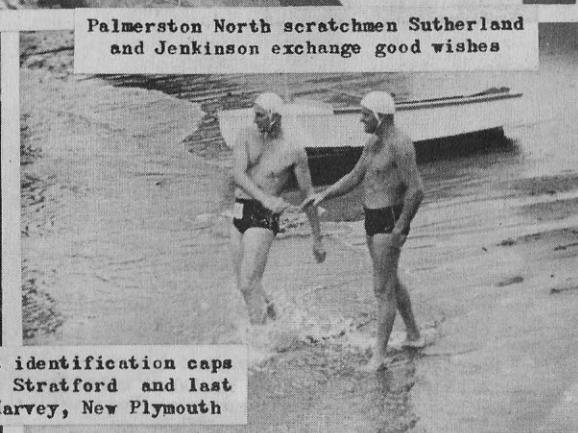
Swimmers ensured their warmth before the swim with a wide variety of coverings. Eventual winner John Steffensen (left) had a "man from Mars" appearance, while Bill Ludlow, Fitzroy (right), suggested Davy Crockett minus hat.



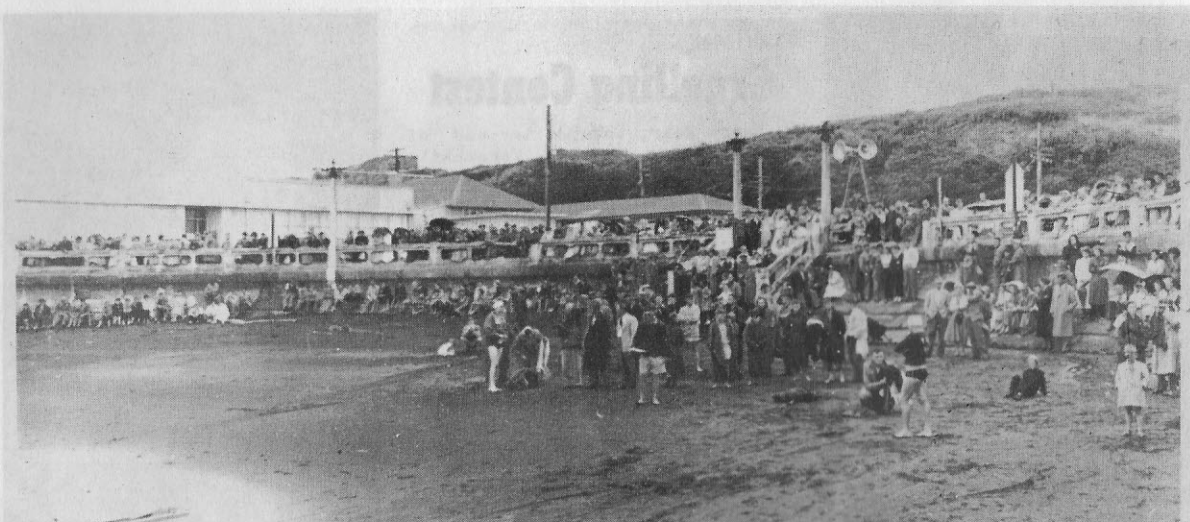
Referee Mr Ralph Gaten briefs competitors on course



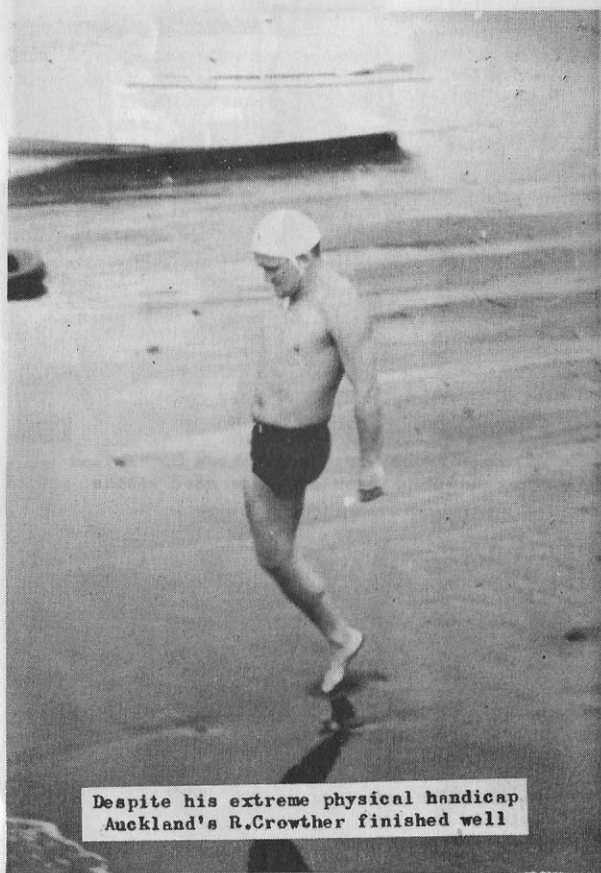
Mr Jack Bennett issues identification caps to Kevin Blanchard, Stratford and last year's winner Denis Harvey, New Plymouth



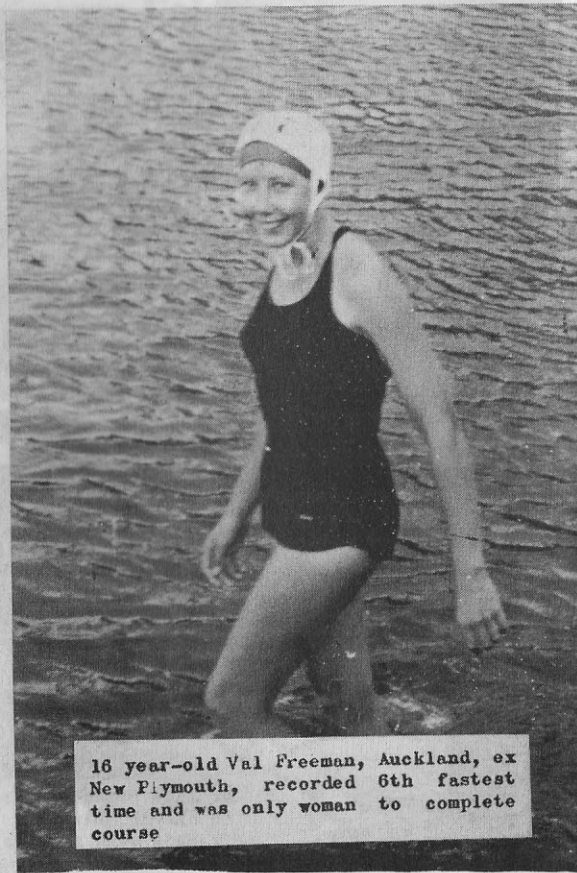
Palmerston North scratchmen Sutherland and Jenkinson exchange good wishes



Despite unfavourable weather conditions, several hundred people gathered at the port to wish the competitors all the best as they set out on their challenging course.
There were only 8 scratchings from the original entry of 45. 37 swimmers started and 28 completed the course. Considering the difficult conditions of the day, the considered opinion of previous competitors was that this number represented a high average.



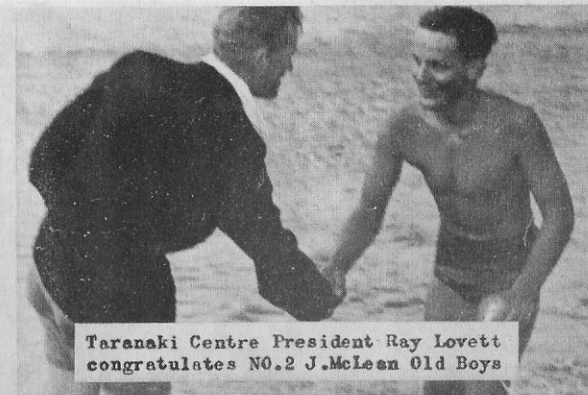
Despite his extreme physical handicap Auckland's R. Crowther finished well



16 year-old Val Freeman, Auckland, ex New Plymouth, recorded 6th fastest time and was only woman to complete course



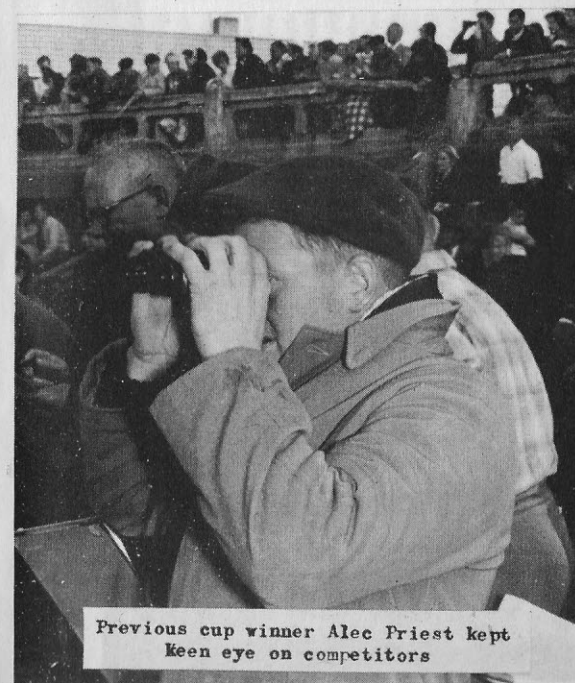
Proud winner John Steffensen, East End, wears triumphant smile on leaving water



Taranaki Centre President Ray Lovett congratulates NO.2 J. McLean Old Boys



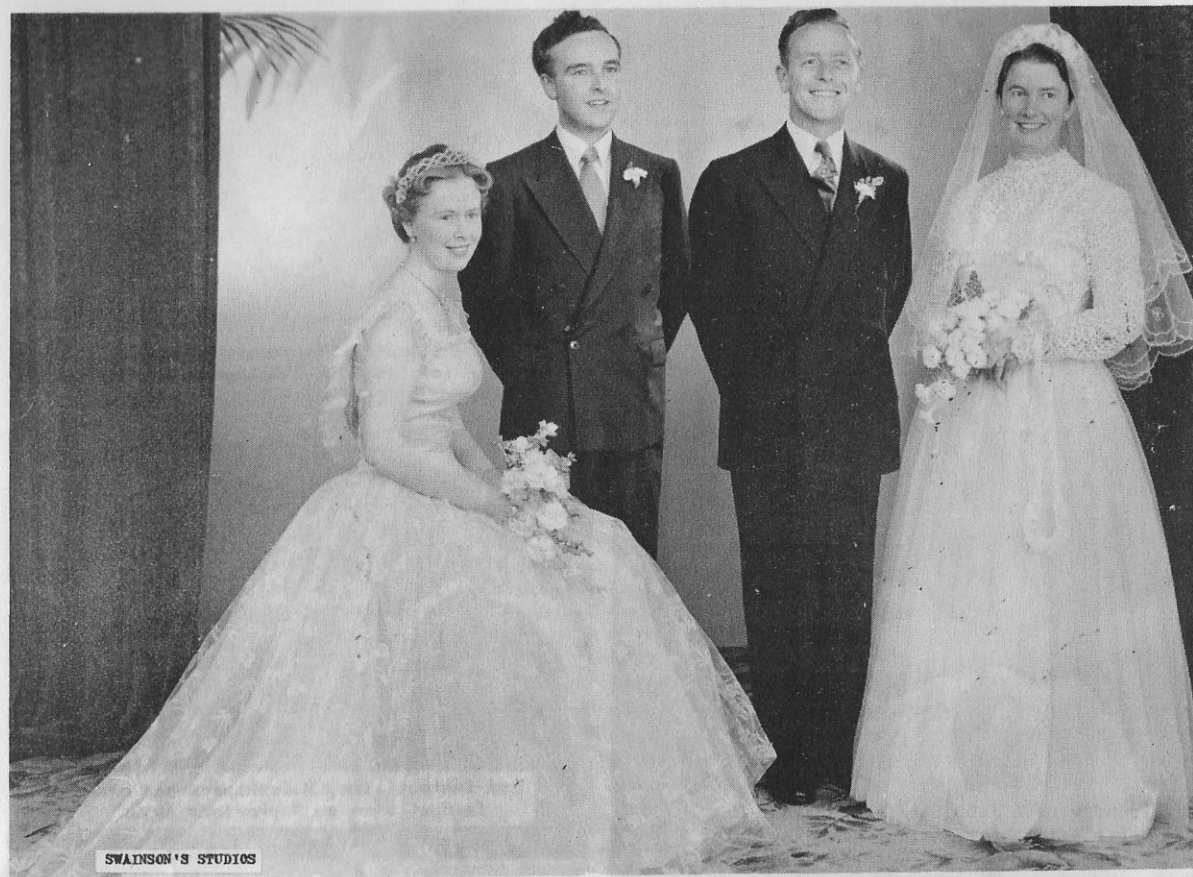
2nd fastest time, R. Jenkinson has made fastest time on 3 previous swims



Previous cup winner Alec Priest kept keen eye on competitors



Wharf was ideal grandstand for large crowd assembled



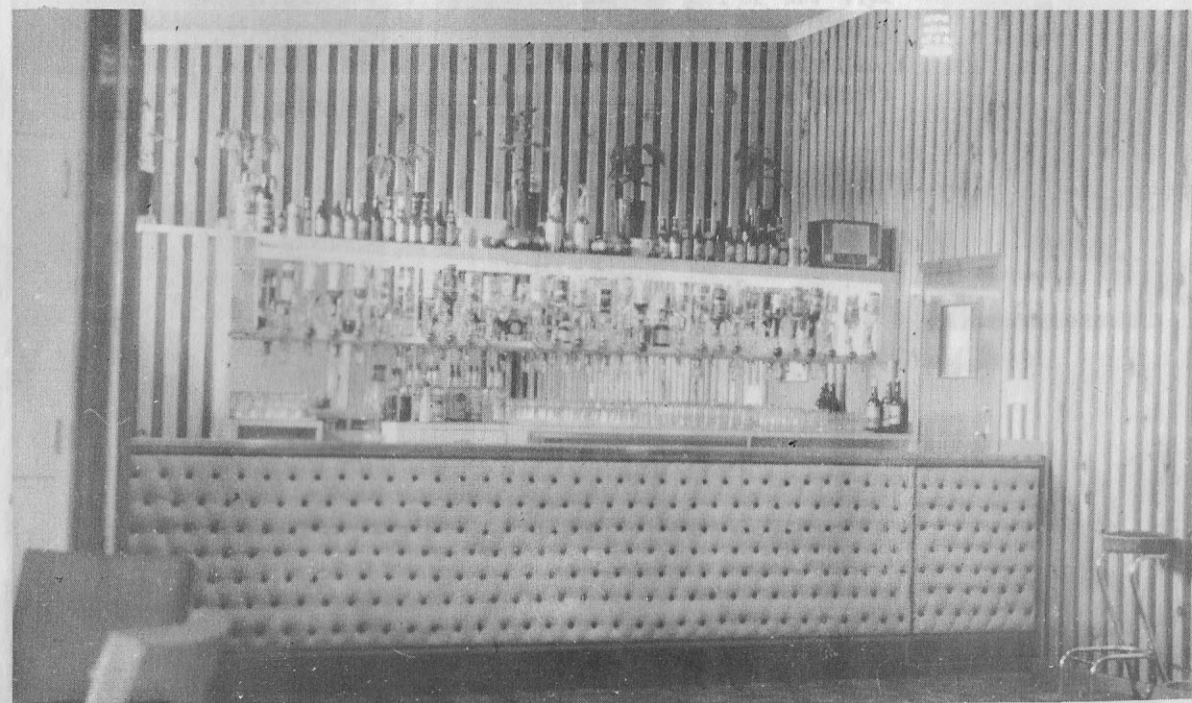
Wedding Bells

Above: GLENDINNING-FARMER: At Te Henui Church, Fitzroy, Freda Marion, younger daughter of Mrs H.W. & the late Mr Farmer, to Lawrence Raymond Glendinning, England. The bridesmaid is Miss Patricia Nolan and the best man Mr Don Morgan. **Below:** The bride and bridegroom, who will live at Bayswater, Auckland, are pictured with the Te Henui Church choir of which the bride was a member.



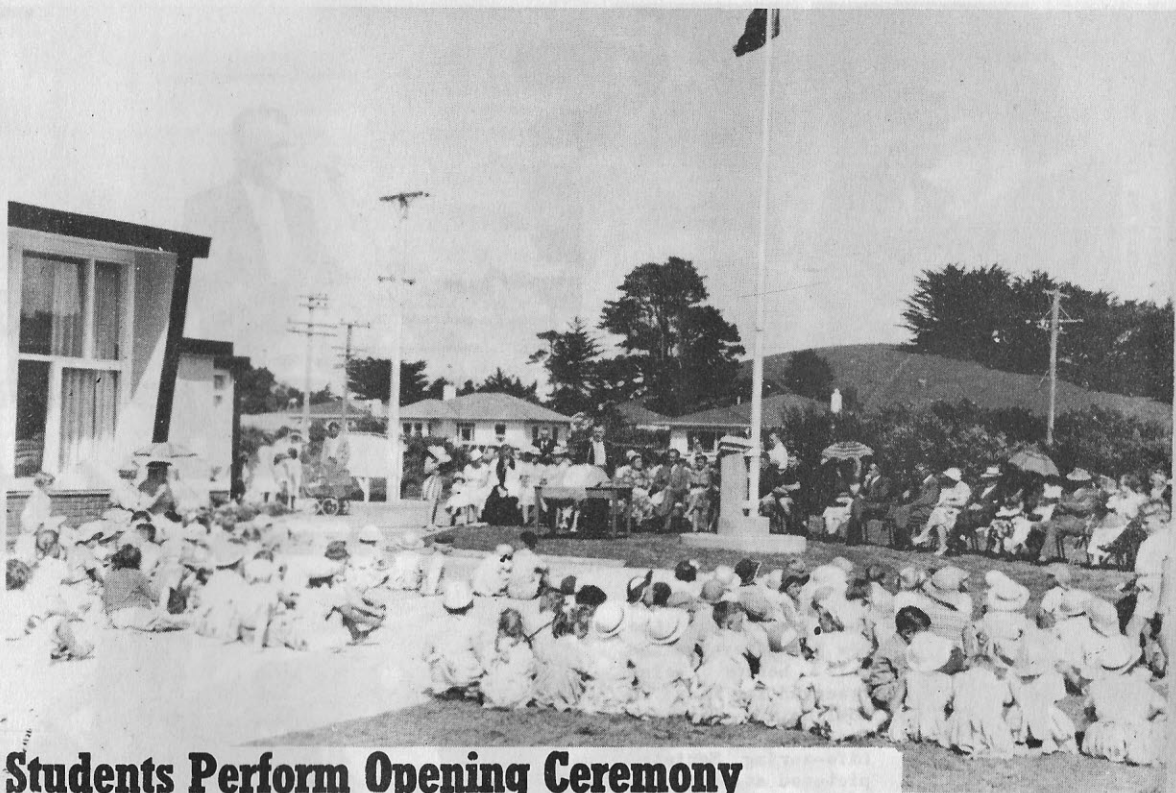
Modernised Facilities in Public Houses

As hotels throughout the country steadily introduce plush, contemporary-furnished lounge bars, it would seem that the "good old days" of bare board floors, brass foot-rails and cuspidors, are fast becoming history. Taranaki evidence of this trend towards what some call "civilised drinking", are pictured here: State Hotel's new "Rainbow Bar" (above) and a corner of Fitzroy's new ultra-modern hotel (below).



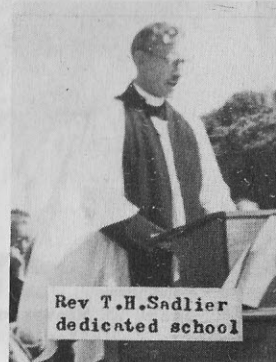
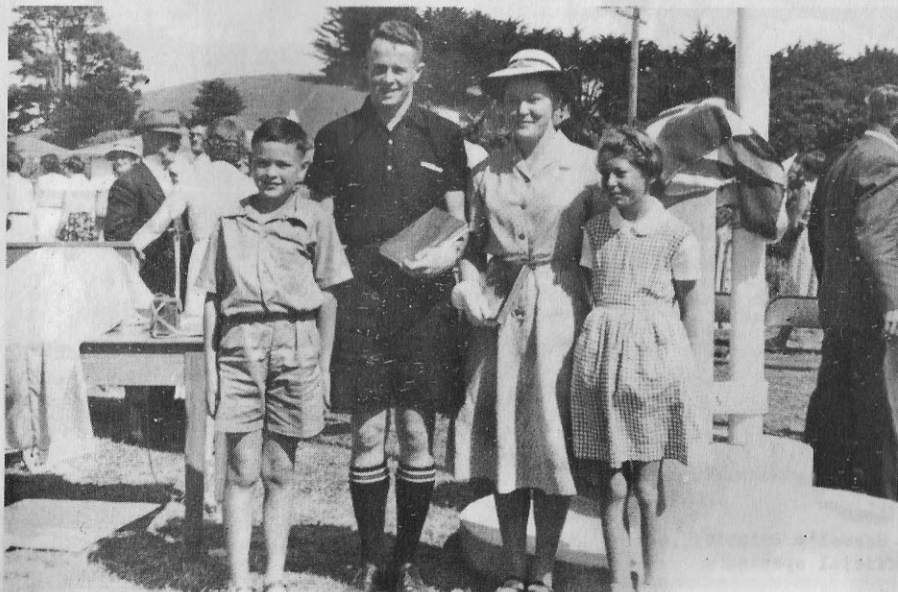
SPOTSWOOD SCHOOL





Students Perform Opening Ceremony

Something of a break from tradition was witnessed in New Plymouth last month, when the new Spotswood School (pictured on previous page) was officially opened by two students. Margaret Wyatt, head girl of New Plymouth Girls' High School and Brian Davey, head boy of New Plymouth Boys' High School, both considered it a great honour to be asked to declare the school officially open. They are pictured below with the new school's senior pupils, Murray Falconer and Ruth Fitzpatrick, who presented them with a gift in memory of the occasion.





Bright, airy quality of Spotswood School's classrooms is shown in this study taken during a reading lesson



Chairman of Taranaki Education Board Mr P.C.Hill

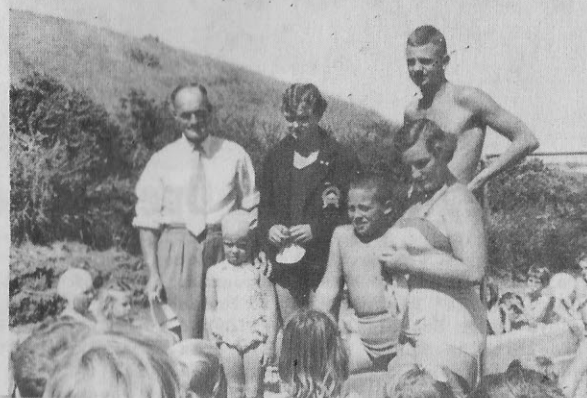


School Committee Chairman Mr R.M.Mills



Not only the Spotswood School, but the new baths were opened, this honour being reserved for Miss E. Dowling, Taranaki President of Royal Life-saving Society, pictured at left.

Following Miss Dowling's official opening, swimming demonstrations were given by Shirley Strombom and by Mark Saxton (right).



Scene at Spotswood School's swimming pool prior to official opening



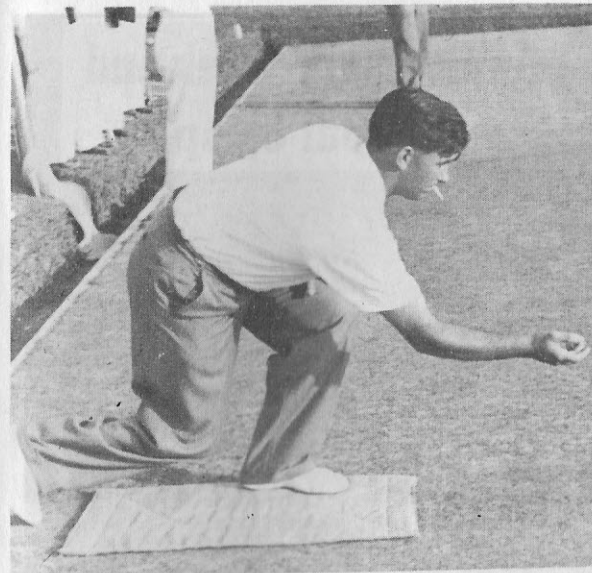
Married

Above: SCHULTZ-MOULDEN. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Elsie Hilda Maude, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Moulden, 37 Lyn St., to Douglas Trevor, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Schultz, Massey Street. Patricia and Margaret, sisters of the bride are the bridesmaids, and a cousin of the bride Raewyn Okey is the flowergirl. The best man is Mr Clive Hughes, Palmerston North and the groomsman, Mr Barry Gilbert, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.



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Left: FROST-FAULKNER. Pictured here cutting their wedding cake are: Margaret Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.L. Faulkner, Tukapo St., and Edward Larry, son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Frost, Dawson Street, who were married at St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.



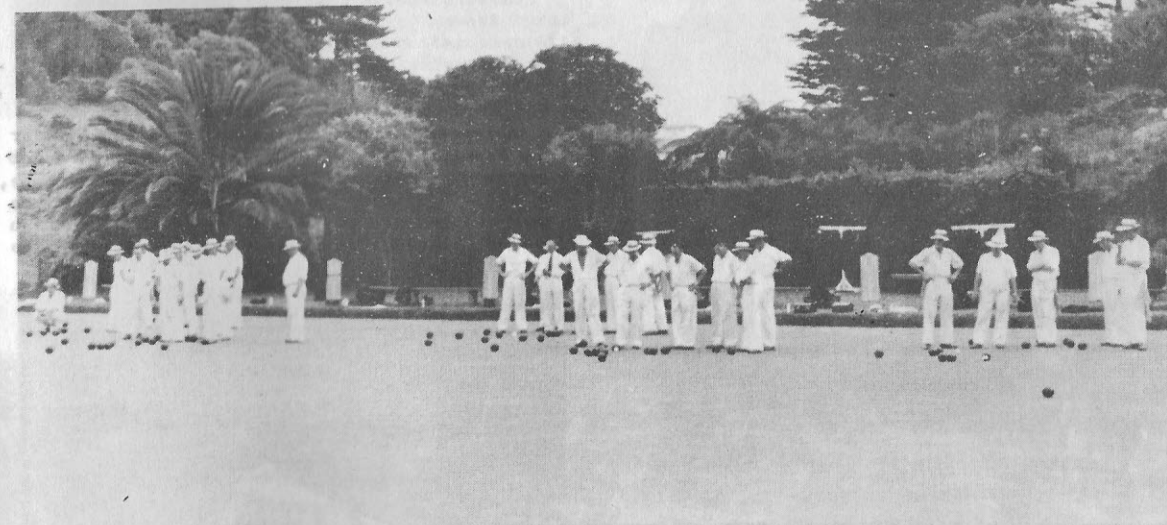
Public Service Bowls

Public servants from all Government departments gathered at East End Bowling Green on a scorching Saturday afternoon last month for their annual bowling tournament.

Left: Brooky, skip of winning Public Trust four.

Bottom left: Victorious Public Trust four.

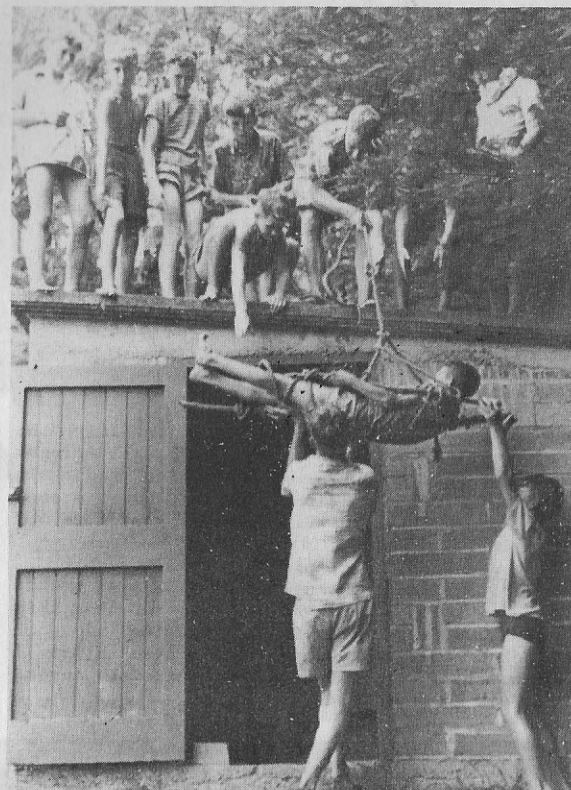
Bottom right: Runners-up, J. Downes' Railway goods No.2 team.



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"Patient" trussed into makeshift stretcher



One of the most important requirements of good scouting is a thorough knowledge of first-aid to the injured and, consequently, handling of a wounded man played an important part in the scouts' commando course. Each group was required to lift their "patient" to the roof of a building and safely down the other side.



....right to the top....



.....and safely down other side.



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Wedding Bells

Above: DOBBIN—MARTIN. At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Dawn Iris, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.W.Martin, 16 Pheney Road, Omate, to David, son of Mr and Mrs W.J.Dobbin County Antrim, Northern Ireland. A sister of the bride, Gae Martin, is the bridesmaid, and the best man is Rex Hall, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.

Below: PEASE—BULLIFF. At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Shirley Dorcas, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H.Bulliff, 159 Gill Street, to Graham Laurence, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.R.Pease, Hawera. The Central Cub Pack, of which the bride is Cubmaster, appeared as a surprise guard of honour. The couple will live in Hawera.



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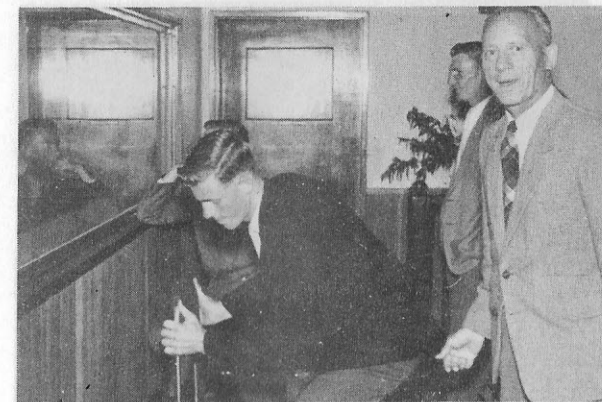


Coming of Age

Left: Miss Rose Card, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A.Card, Glasgow Street, Wanganui, receiving the key from her father at a party held at Baden Powell Hall, Wanganui.

Above: Joyce Margaret, third daughter of Mr and Mrs T.E.Eliason, Rama Road, Manaia, who recently celebrated her twenty-first birthday with a dance party at the Auroa Memorial Hall.

Right: Miss Gillian Nearey, daughter of Mrs A.E.Nearey, 2a Sackville St., New Plymouth, whose birthday party was held at her home. Fellow staff members of the State Hotel are pictured here with her.

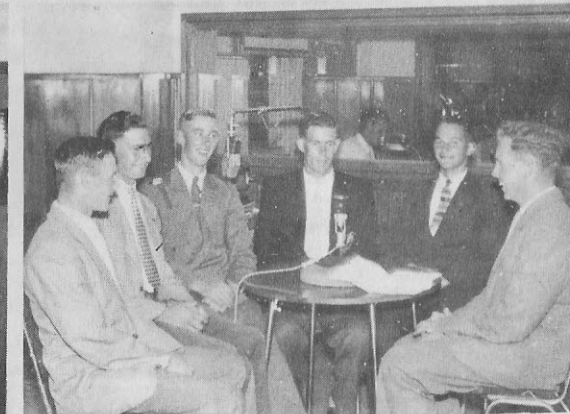


Young Farmers Compete

North Taranaki finals of the Young Farmers' Club National Radio Leadership Contest were held recently in the studios of Radio Station 2XP, New Plymouth. Picture taken through studio window (centre page) suggests that judges found contest almost as harassing as did the contestants.

Bottom left: Judges - Messrs G.Kroon, F.L. Knowles, T.F.A.Shankland, W.Marsh.

Bottom right: Contestants - D.Bolger, D.Harvey, D.Smith, H.Wellington (the winner), D. Slater and question-master H.Smith.





Official portrait set in beautiful Pukekura Park

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Booksellers' Conference

For their 37th annual conference, members of the Associated Booksellers of New Zealand, from Whangarei in the north to Gore in the south, converged on New Plymouth. It was of little surprise that looming high on their agenda was the matter of import restrictions and their drastic effect on the import of books and magazines. Referred to at some length in the president's opening statement, this vital subject set the tone for the bulk of the conference.



Booksellers assembled in Whiteley Hall at official opening of conference



Special cake moulded in shape of open book



Above left: At the official opening, Whiteley Youth Centre. His Worship the Mayor, Mr Honnor, Mr J. Gardner, Stratford, Taranaki representative on Booksellers' Council, and president of Booksellers' Association, Mr R. Parsons.

Above right: Mr Dick Griffin, publishers' representative, and Mr Les Harvey, ex London "bobby", author of "London Policeman", now a member of the New Zealand Police Force at Hastings. One delegate to the conference roused no small measure of laughs when he suggested the ideal title for picture: "Cops and robbers!" Other pictures on this page were taken at a buffet supper held in Pukekura Park kiosk on final evening of the conference.



President's wife Mrs Parsons cut cake



M.C. Jack Corrigan



Youngest delegate Barry Hastings, Matamata



Married

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(PICTURES BY HENRY McGEE CANDID.)



Urenui Sports

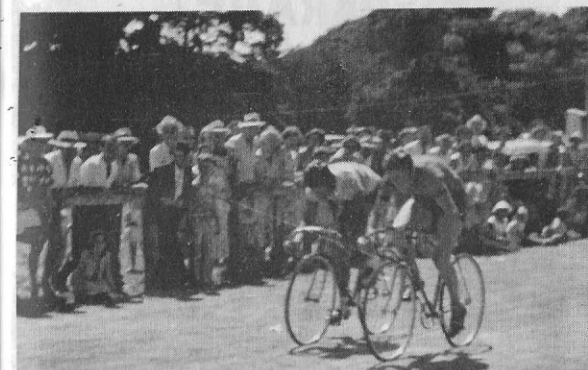
Pictures by Edsel D. Rogers from the Urenui Combined Districts' Sports Day.

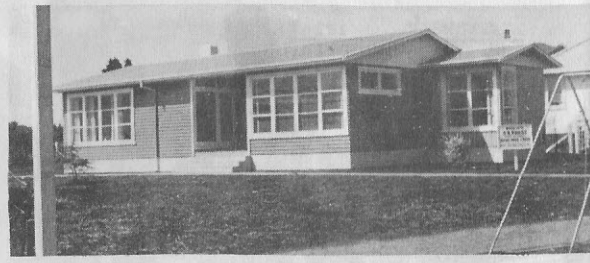
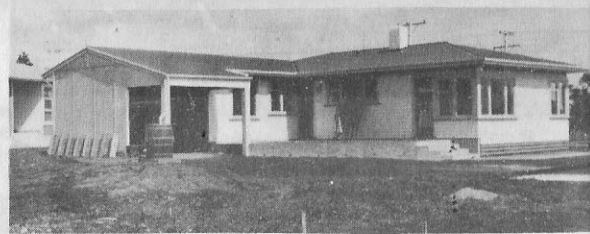
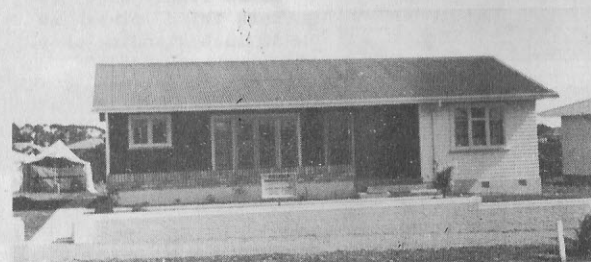
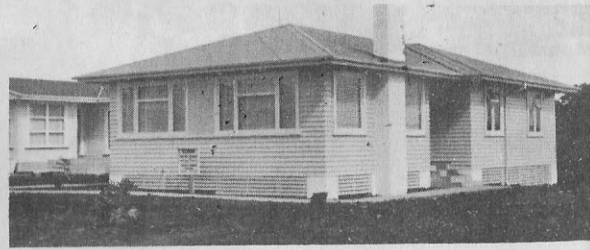
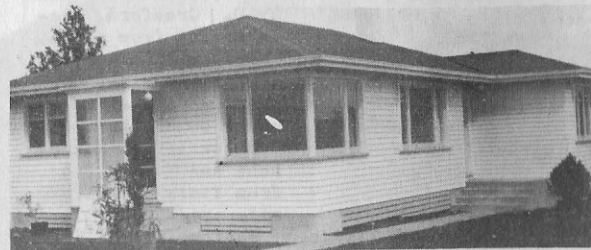
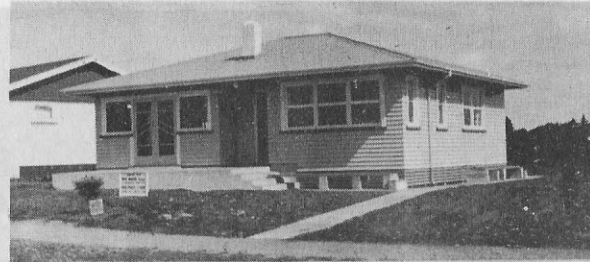
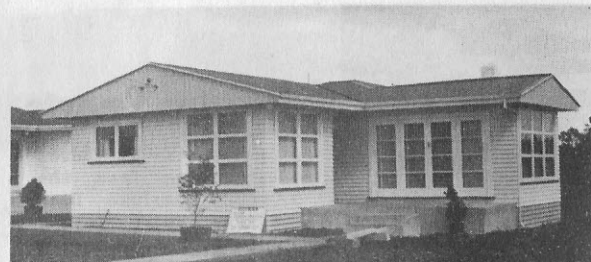
Left: Chain sawing event, which was won by D. Crawford, pictured 2nd from right.

Below: Last two competitors in teams chop, won by J.Stachurski on block 7.

Below left: Wharehoka and Sanger 5yds. from finish line in 3 mile cycle race.

Bottom left: A.Sole makes final blow to take third place in 12 inch standing chop.





PARADE OF HOMES

Many thousands paid visits to Budleigh Street last month to make a thorough inspection of the 11 furnished homes in New Plymouth's "Parade of Homes".

"Photo News" made its first visit the day before the opening to find preparations being made for the onslaught of the ensuing week.



Furnishings arrive



Final touches to wallpaper



Happy pair clear masking from windows



Even gardens were not overlooked



Last but not least the doorstep



Novel sign showed way to refreshment tent

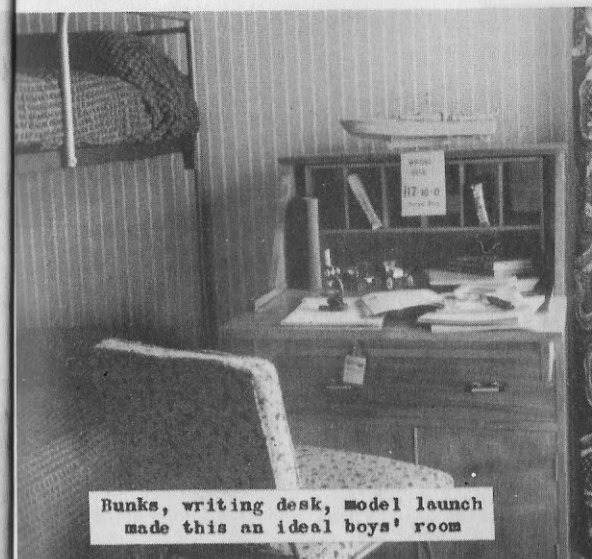


While the buildings themselves were of great interest, much of the public's attention was captured by the interior decorations and furnishings. Living rooms, such as those pictured above left and below right, were prime examples of well-designed, tastefully furnished, homes.

Above right: Pieces such as this china cabinet, lamp standard and fruit basket attracted many.

Right: Front of House No.6 commands view across Huatoki Valley.

Below left: Couple cast envious eyes over cordoned-off lounge of House No.4.



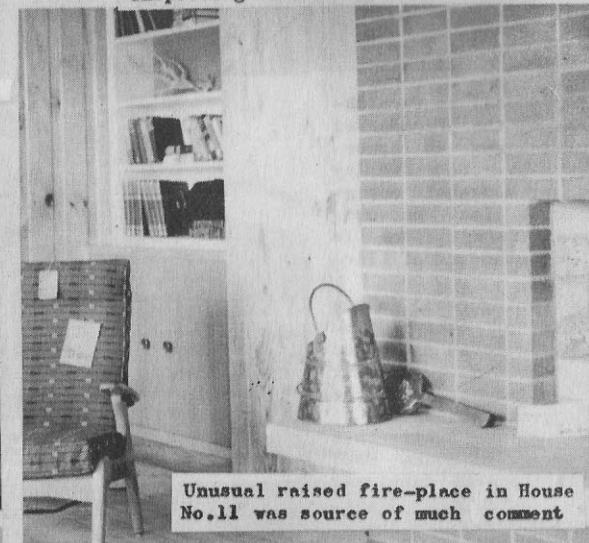
Bunks, writing desk, model launch made this an ideal boys' room



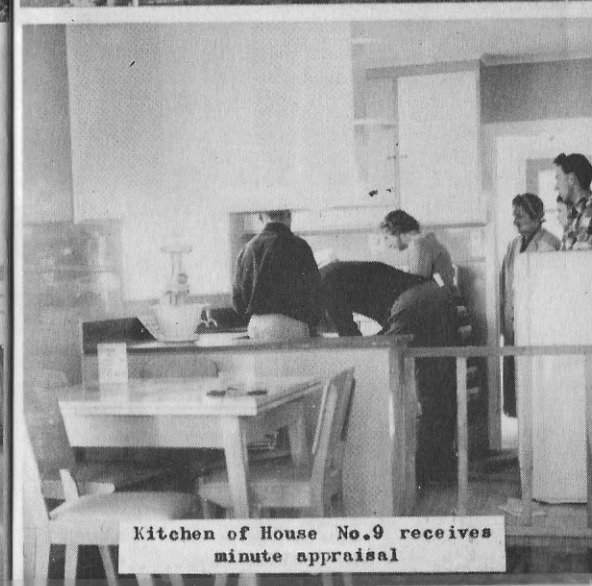
Inspecting kitchen of House No.10



Kiddies made full use of swings



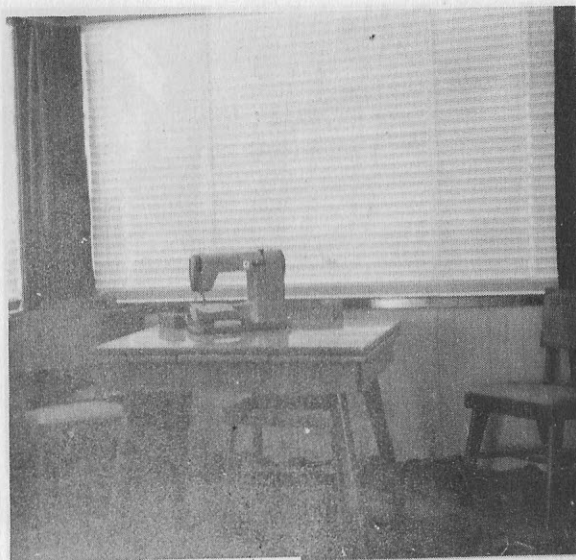
Unusual raised fire-place in House No.11 was source of much comment



Kitchen of House No.9 receives minute appraisal



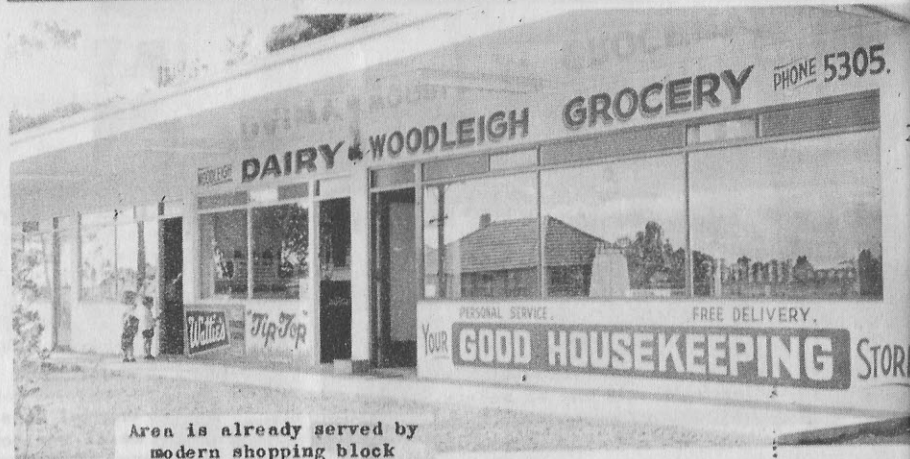
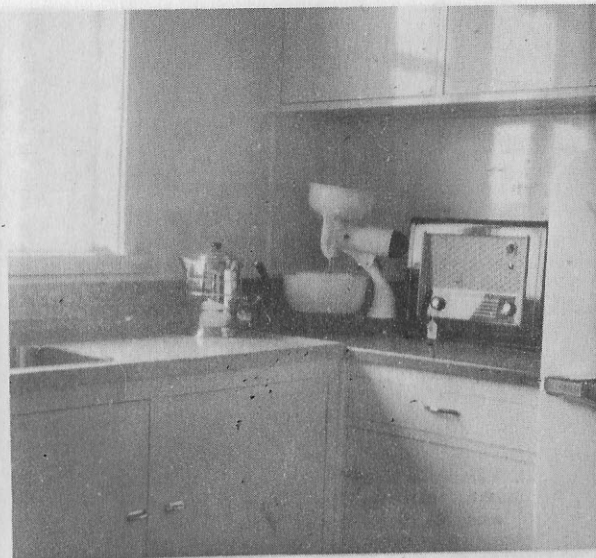
Twin bedroom suite in House No.8



As well as furnishings, the Parade of Homes was an opportunity to display many household accessories fast becoming necessary items in our standard of living.

Dining rooms in two houses (above and below left) displayed automatic sewing machines as well as dinette suites.

Above right: This corner of House No.3 Kitchenette displayed electric jug, mixer, radio, refrigerator.



Aren is already served by modern shopping block



"Now let's see: the booklet says....."

Wedding Bell

Left: HURLIMAN-GRYLLS. At St. John's Bosco, Dorothy Mavis, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs N.O.Grylls, 28 Drake Street, New Plymouth, to Charles Frederick, second son of Mr and Mrs A.Hurliman, 102 Omata Road, New Plymouth. Future home: Inglewood.

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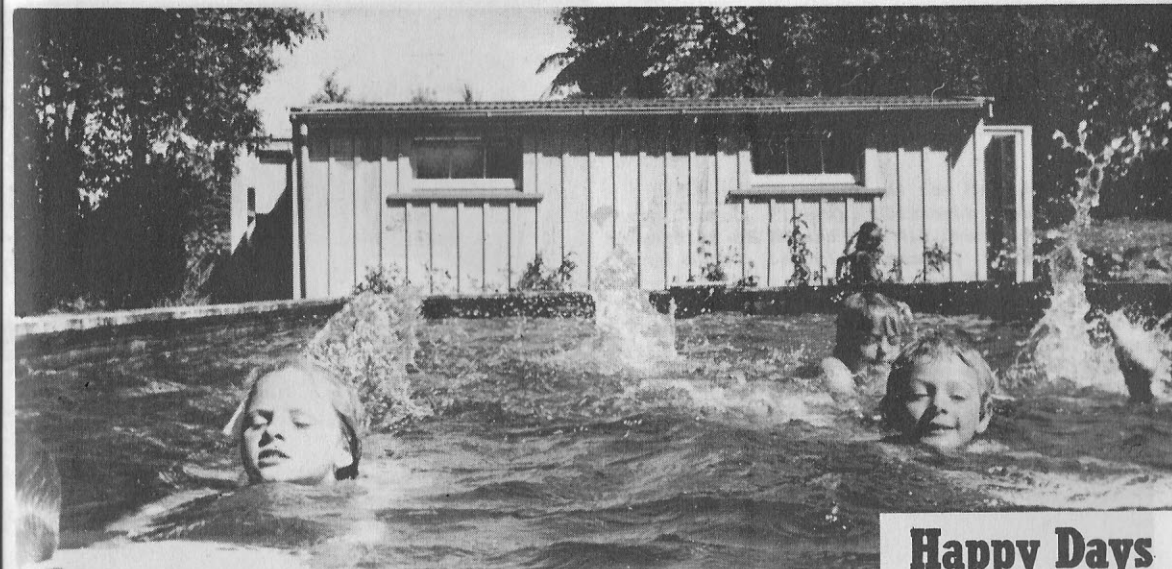
P. CLIFFORD ALLEN



Fashions on Display

Principal feature of a recent Plunket Day was a parade of fashions, compered by Pat Bell McKenzie and headed by Maree Leadbetter, Miss Brooklands 1958.

Models in the parade, pictured here are: Pat Gunn (above left), Joan Lancaster (above right), Maree Leadbetter (below left), Sonia Sisovich (below right), Margery Murray (bottom left) and Young Karen Barnden (bottom right). While charming all others present, they failed to attract the attention of the young male in foreground from his absorbing comic book.



Happy Days

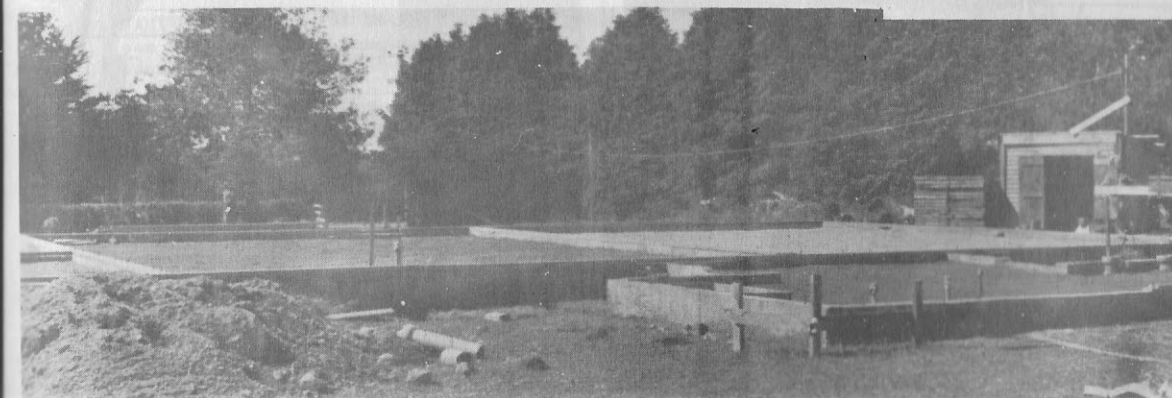
If the happy, smiling faces pictured here are any criterion, then the pupils of Egmont Village School certainly find their school days are happy days.

Above: The sunny afternoon was an ideal time for these young ones to engage in swimming lessons.

Left: No, this picture isn't upside down: these boys are simply defying gravity on the school's new monkey bars.

Below: Foundations of new Egmont Village School alongside the present building.

Egmont Village celebrates the school jubilee next month.





High School Cricketers

The great "King Willow" hath not the attraction to the general public of "Great God Ranfurly", but, nevertheless, it 'l has its knot of devotees.

When the Boys' High School 1st XI were playing their annual match against Wellington on their school grounds recently, spectators consisted mainly of players and students. There were, however, small groups of "Old boys" who followed the play with more than a passing interest.



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Right: JAMIESON-COLEMAN. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Joan Lilian, second daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Coleman, Masterton, to John Arthur, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Jamieson, Te Awamutu. The bridesmaids were, the bride's sister Noreen and the groom's sister, Dawn. Mr Terry Cross, Auckland, was the best man and Mr Don Wilson, Te Kuiti, was the groomsman. Future home: Puketutu, near Te Kuiti.



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Married

Left: RILEY-GEORGE. At the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fitzroy, Elizabeth Mary, the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.B. George, Paraiti Road Bell Block, to Brian Francis, only son of Mr and Mrs L.B. Riley, Mokaiti. Mrs May Coulton and Mrs Iris Tidswell, both of Manaia, were matrons-of-honour, Miss Anne Cochrane, Hastings, bridesmaid, Mr Cedric McAdam, Te Kuiti, best man, and the groomsmen were Maurice Keane and Bob Willers. The future home of the couple will be Reporon.



Central Fire Station as it appears today on corner of Liardet and Courtenay Streets.

FIRE BRIGADE ANNIVERSARY : How Old Is It?

Here is a question many people are still asking, which well they might, for the brigade seemed to grow several years older with each passing day. It was first announced that the New Plymouth Fire Brigade was to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1883. Within a few days it became 12 years older: 87. Not satisfied with the rapidly increasing maturity, researchers revealed that the brigade was founded at a public meeting on November 26, 1866; age now 91½.

Picture below shows Fire Engine House in 1886, at the ripe old age of 20. Fire House was then situated near the present site of the Royal Hotel.



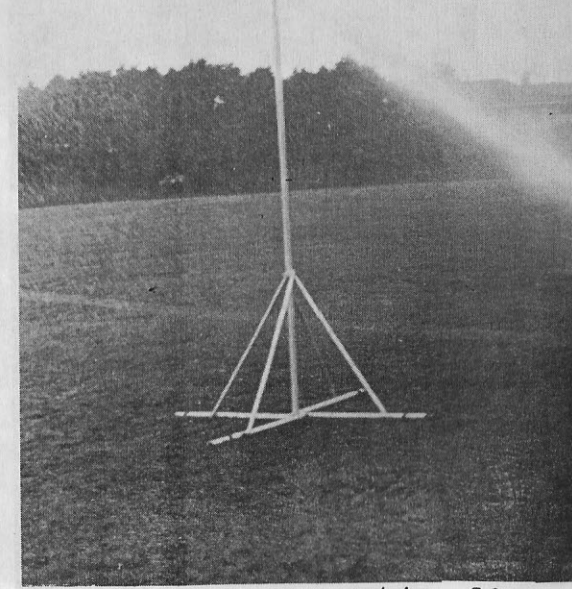
Run in conjunction with New Plymouth Fire Brigade's anniversary, the Taranaki District Junior Fire Brigade Championships were held in the grounds of Highlands Intermediate School.

Above: Firemen around Inglewood Brigade's pump tender, prepare for next event.

Below left: Racing off to start a pump event, which concluded the day's competitions.

Below right: Powerful jet from hose swings in to remove tin on top of pole, the target for such events.

WARNING: Don't place yourself in front of a playing fire hose: "Photo Newsmen" was almost drowned taking this picture!





A social evening marking the 75th, 87th, 91st (or even older) anniversary of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade, was held in the Old Folks Hall on the evening following the junior championships.

The occasion was also an opportunity for district firemen to congratulate Deputy Chief Fire Officer D.S. Butcher, of Stratford Brigade, on his recent election as president of the United Fire Brigades' Association (pictured left).

Below: Mr. Butcher presents Morton Shield and cups to his own winning Stratford team.

Bottom of page: Chief Fire Officer C.H. Carey, Patea Freezing Works Brigade, for 25 years secretary of Taranaki U.F.B.A. and who last week completed 50 years' active service.



Fireman Crow, Inglewood, President Taranaki U.F.B.A., present Hawera Team with Crabtree Shield awarded for coiled hose event.



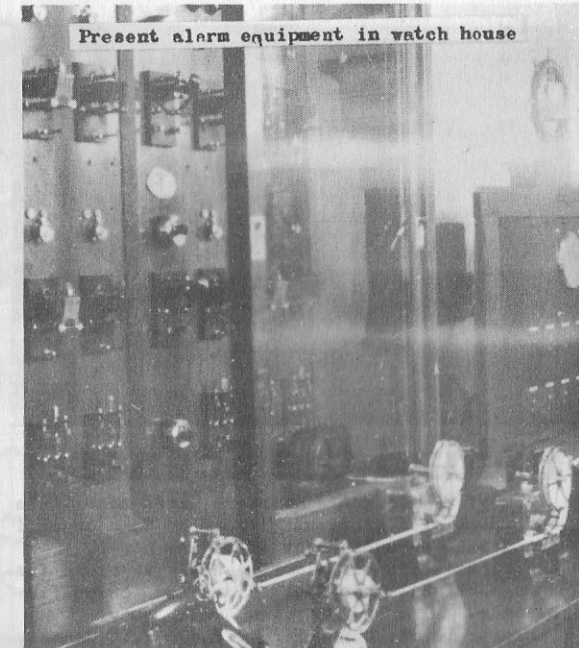
Victorious Stratford Team with trophies.



Off duty firemen relax over game of snooker



Descending traditional "greasy pole"



Present alarm equipment in watch house

Fire-fighting methods and techniques have altered vastly and, in many cases, become more streamlined and effective. Modern equipment may not have made the present day fireman's task an easier one, but certainly he has more efficient weapons to use against his enemy.

Below: This picture from the Fire Brigade's historical collection, the exact date of which is uncertain, indicates a vast change in the brigade uniform.





Behind the Scenes

Above: Single men's quarters are neat twin bed rooms over station. Firemen on 24 hour call are within seconds' reach of engine house.

Fire officers are almost equally as close for emergency calls, in flats alongside main fire station.

Right: Deputy Chief Fire Officer H.T. Genese, in lounge of his private flat.

Below left: Mrs Hartley tends garden behind flats.

Right: Chief Fire Officer L.F. Hartley in his station office.



How often have you heard the question— "What does a fireman do when there's no fire?"

One of the answers is found in the vigilance and care with which he keeps his equipment ready for instant use.

Left: Fireman Eustace checks and numbers new hose.

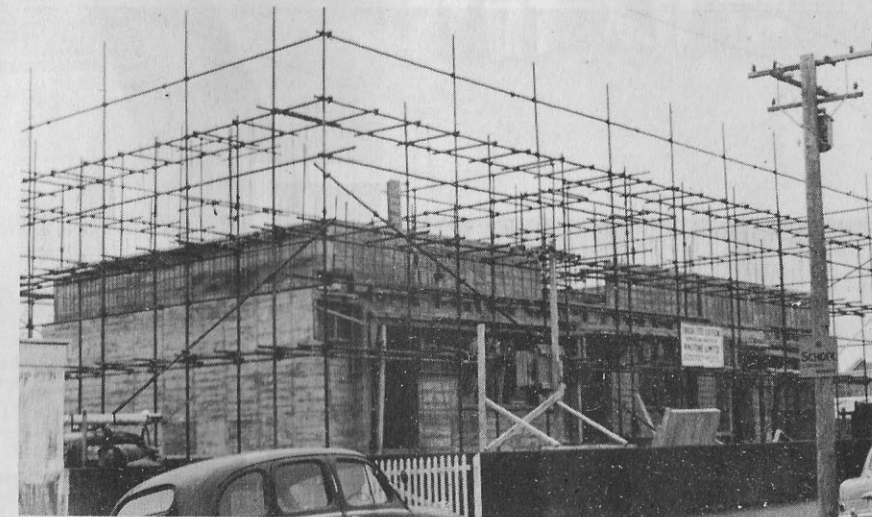


Above: Standard fireman's equipment hangs on convenient hooks in engine house ready for men to pick up on the run when alarm is sounded.

Right: To add yet further to the brigade's facilities, firemen's flats are being constructed behind fire station, fronting on to Courtenay Street.

Below right: New Plymouth Fire Brigade Central Station as it appeared at turn of the century. Today's electronic and automatic alarm units were then unknown.

Alarm was raised by handbells, such as that hanging on left of station building.



Married

Right: CROMARTY-POLETTI. At Whiteley Methodist Church, Patricia Rae, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Polletti, Bell Block, to Donald McKay, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N. Cromarty, Wanganui. Future home is Christchurch.



CHARTERS & GUTHRIE



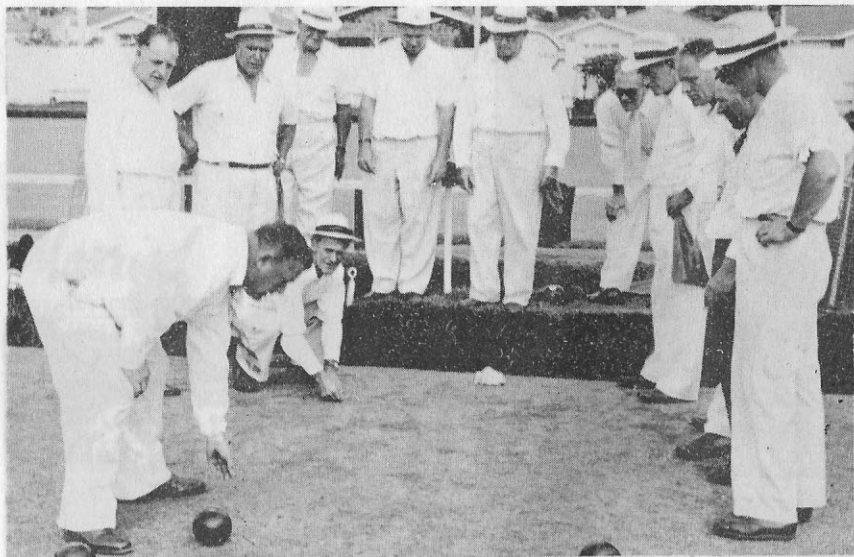
Left: JONES-BENNETT. At Perry Barr, Birmingham, England, Nancy Jean, second daughter of Mrs S.E. Bennett, New Plymouth and the late Mr Herbert Bennett, Bristol Road, Inglewood, to Ray, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Jones, Worksop, Derbyshire, England.



Doing Camera

Above: The scene at Westown Bowling Club during playoff of the recent Trades' Tournament.
Below: Rev. P. Burns, vicar of Mokau, presenting Leila Bassett Cup to Lynette McNeice, president of Awakino School's Junior Red Cross Circle, at school break-up last year.
The Leila Bassett Cup is awarded annually for the best portfolio produced by a Junior Red Cross circle in one and two teacher schools throughout the Dominion. Since its inception six years ago, the cup has been won by North Taranaki circles three times: by Rataipiko in 1956 and Ahititi in 1953.





L.V.A. Bowls

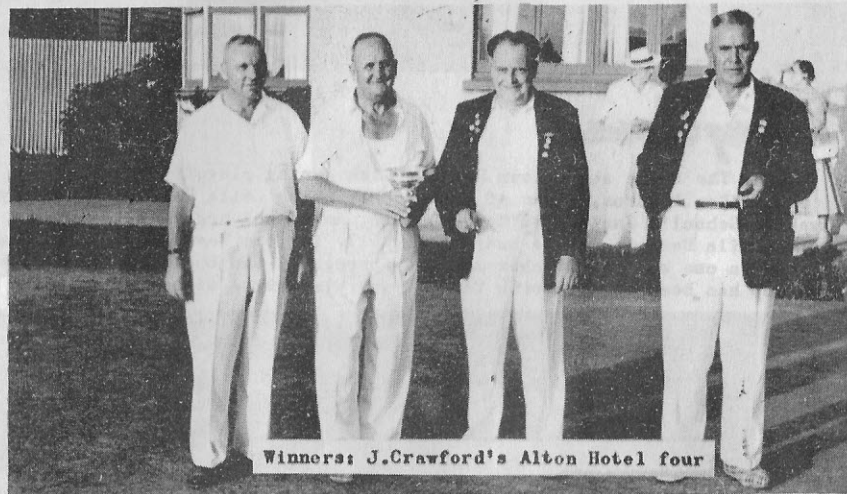
New Plymouth bowling club was host to licensed victuallers from all Taranaki recently for a somewhat informal tournament, which brought its full share of surprises.

The wide variety of expressions offered the camera by bowling publicans are seldom witnessed on any bowling green.

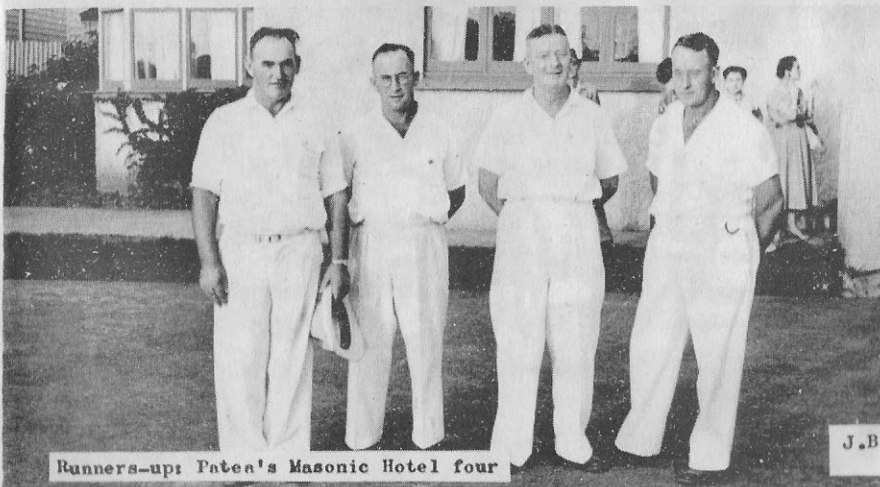
Left: "No giveaways here; we'll measure the head". (PICTURES BY HENRY MCGEE CANDID.)



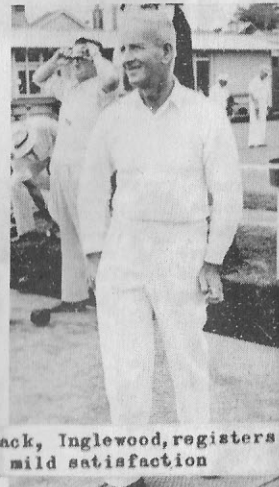
K. Nodder, New Plymouth



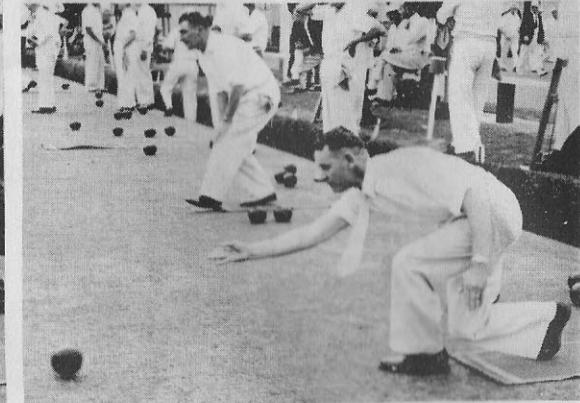
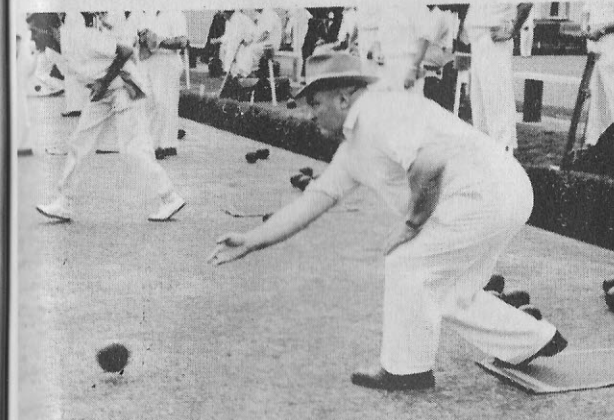
Winners: J. Crawford's Alton Hotel four



Runners-up: Paten's Masonic Hotel four



J. Black, Inglewood, registers mild satisfaction



Above left: Breakwater Hotel's Jim Gardner moves into attack with grim determination.

Above right: Ray Chatterton, Fitzroy Hotel, bowls with the poetic polish of an expert.

Left: "We'll sit this one out": Chas. Acheson, Imperial; P.N. Lile, State Hotel; J. Butler, Butler's Reef, Oakura

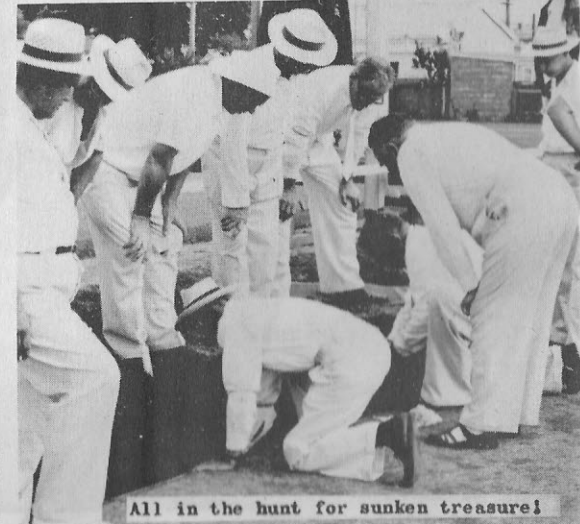
Right: Fascination, concentration, or desperation? One, if not all three, emotions seem wrapped up in this study of W.J. Bates, Bridge Hotel, Waitara. (PICTURES BY HENRY MCGEE CANDID.)



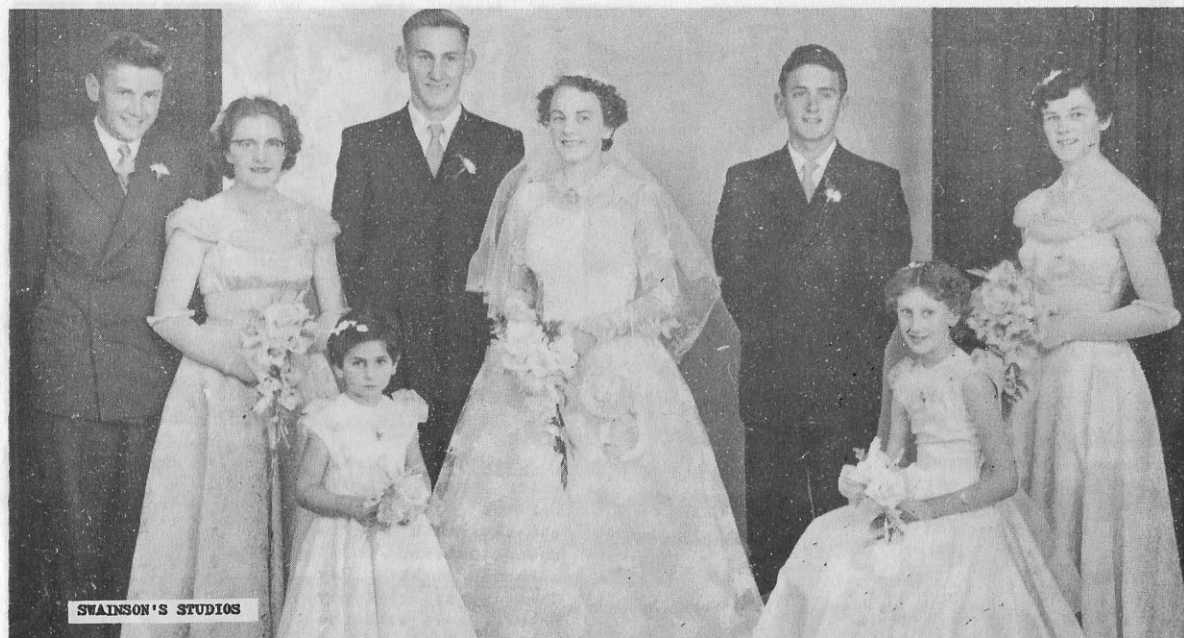
Grosvenor's M.G. Hansen



"Wot! No creams?" Royal Hotel's Ernie Clode has own idea of dress and bowler's stance



All in the hunt for sunken treasure!



Wedding Bells

Above: SANGER-MAGEE. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Eileen Lois, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Magee, New Plymouth, to Donald Leonard, second son of Mr R.J. Sanger, Omata and the late Mrs Sanger. The attendants are; Mrs Hosie Waitara, (Matron-of-honour), Miss Faye Lawrence, (Bridesmaid), Koula Yiannett, Beverley Sanger, sister of the groom (flowergirls), Mr Colin Richardson, cousin of the groom, (best man), Mr John Magee, brother of the bride, (groomsman). Future home: Clawton St., New Plymouth.

Below: TROLOVE-STRONGE. At St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Opunake, Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Stronge, to Peter Richard, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs R.M. Trollove. The bridesmaids are Miss Berrie Stronge and Miss Margaret Blane and the flowergirl is Beverley Bennett. The best man is Mr Barry Syewart and the groomsman, Mr John Christie. After a trip over seas the couple will live at Pihama.



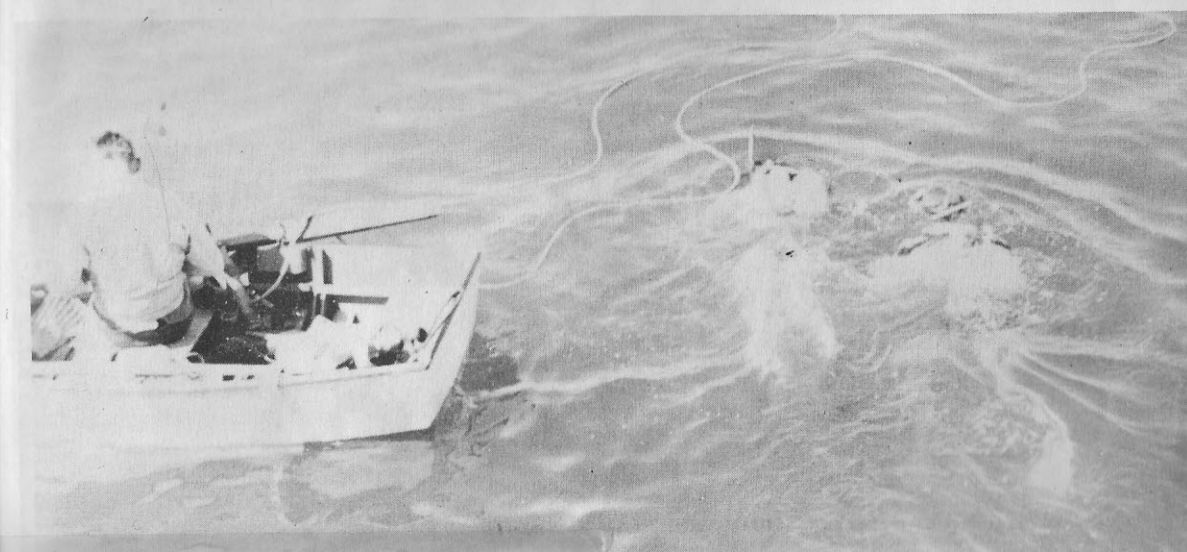
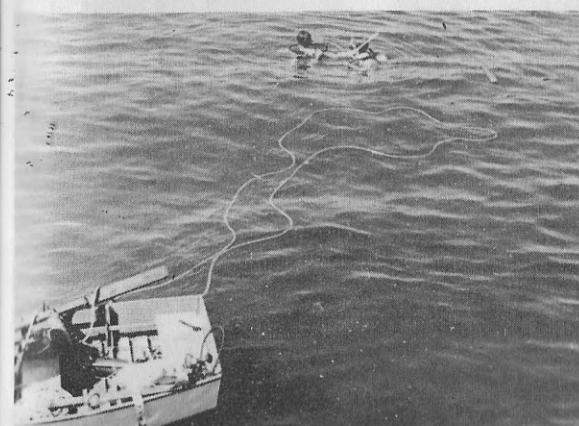
Frogs — or Mermaids?



Neither. When 12 members of the New Plymouth Under-water Club gave a display of their aquatic art on a Sunday afternoon last month, over 200 spectators on Moturoa Wharf were tempted to ask the question heading this page.

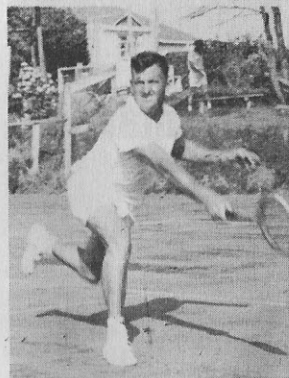
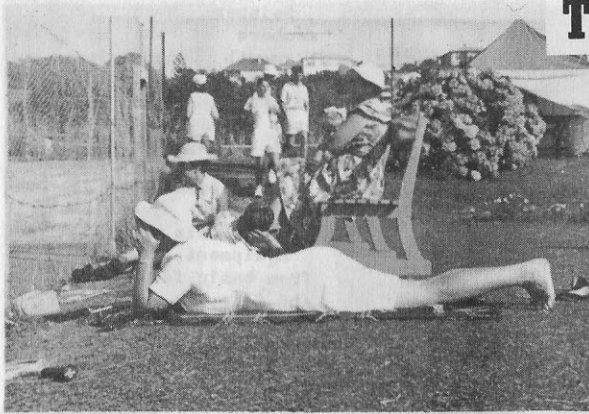
Equipment ranged from basic face mask and flippers to complete rubber suit and aqualungs, two divers working on air-lines from a motor pump in boat.

To enable the public to see their display, divers worked in about 10 feet of water, but some have dived to depths in excess of 100 feet.

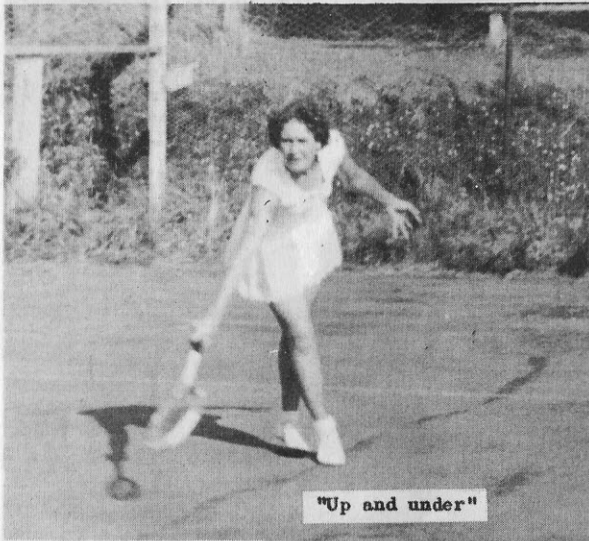


Tennis Champs

Tennis is a "hot" game at any time—hard court championship tennis, even hotter—when the sun mercilessly beats out its ultra-violet too, then the temperature soars to something approaching a cannibal "cookpot". Such was the case with the Hard Court Tennis Championships held over anniversary week end. Some spectators, regardless of others, surrendered fully to the heat (left).



Backhand on the run



"Up and under"



Mutual congratulations



The doubles final match was a hard, closely contested fight, with displays of fast, forcing tennis from both sides of the net.

Above left: Doubles winners, Miss Stephanie Fields and Basil Newland, with trophies.

Above right: Runners-up, Richard Purser and Miss Helen Christie, not with trophies, but with equally satisfying "cool-off" soft drinks.



"Just a group of veterans," they told Photo Newsmen.





Coming of Age

Above left: Miss L. Wheller, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.F. Wheller, 71 Lorna Street, who celebrated her birthday with a party in the Westown Hall.

Above right: Jeanette Edith, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D.Lloyd, 10 Grant V.C. St., Hawera, whose New Year twenty-first birthday was celebrated by friends and relatives at the home of her parents.

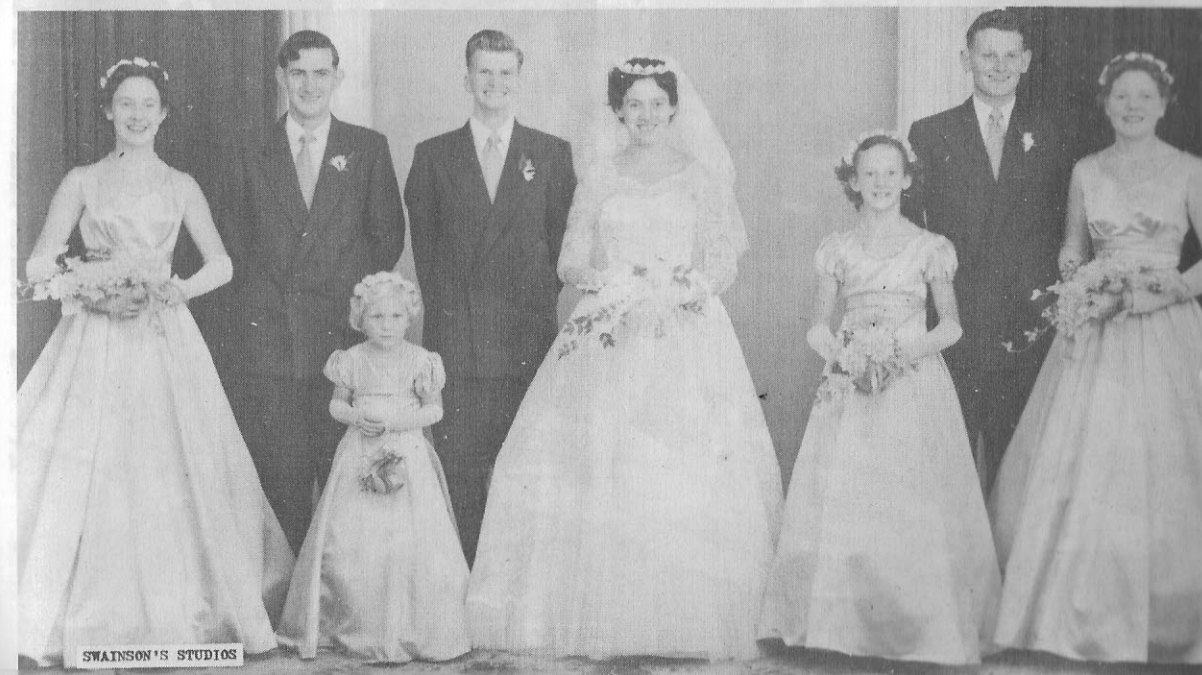
Left: Miss B.Wells, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.Wells, of Surrey Hill, Oakura, celebrated her coming-of-age with a party in the Oakura Hall.

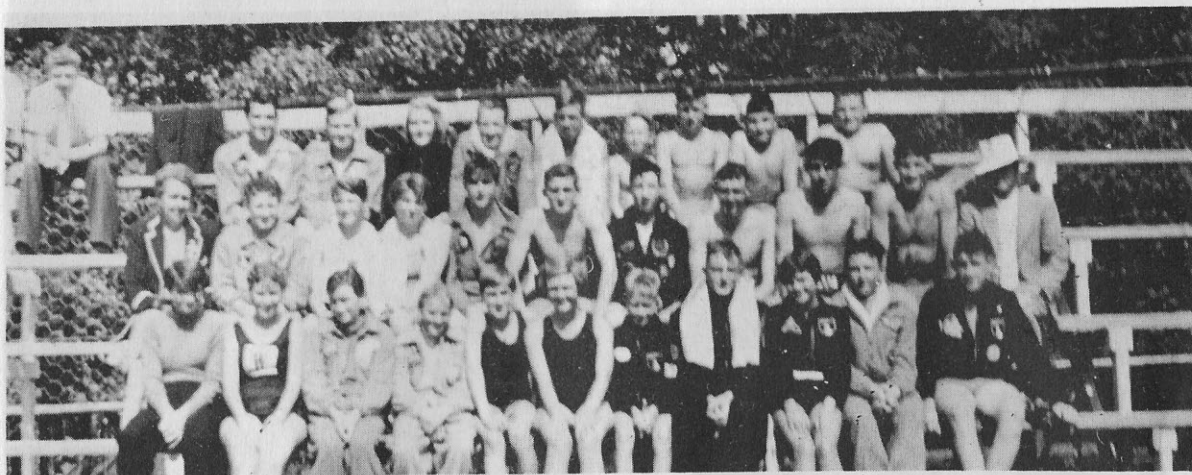


Wedding Bells

Above: JURY-PRENTICE. At the Whitely Memorial Methodist Church, Rae Lynette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.Prentice, 21 Aubrey St., to Ross Leon, eldest son of Mrs R.Hodgson and the late Mr G. Jury. The bridesmaids are Miss Pam Prentice, cousin of the bride, Miss Marion Jury, sister of the groom. Vicki King, niece of the bride, is the flowergirl and the groom's attendants are his brother Mr Viv Jury and Mr. Mel Hoskins. Future home: New Plymouth.

Below: JULIAN-HARRISON. At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Merle Elaine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.R.Harrison to David Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.N.Julian, Leach St. The bridesmaids are Miss Aline Harrison and Miss Glennis Richards, the flowergirls, Elvie Harrison and Linda Grafton. The best man is Mr Gary Williamson and the groomsman, Mr Brian Terry. Future home: New Plymouth.





Inter-Provincial Swimming

Spectators at Stratford Municipal Baths witnessed five records being broken during the Inter-Provincial swimming carnival between Wanganui and Taranaki centres for the Robson Shield. By the narrow margin of 115 points to Taranaki's 106, Wanganui retained the Robson Shield for another year.

Above: Wanganui visitors pictured shortly after their arrival at Stratford.

Below left: Taranaki swimmers take a few moments rest while watching other competitors.

Below right: Messrs J.B.Cotterill, M.P. and President of N.Z.A.S.A., and R.Lovett, President of Taranaki centre.



D. Albrechtsen (T)



H. More (T)

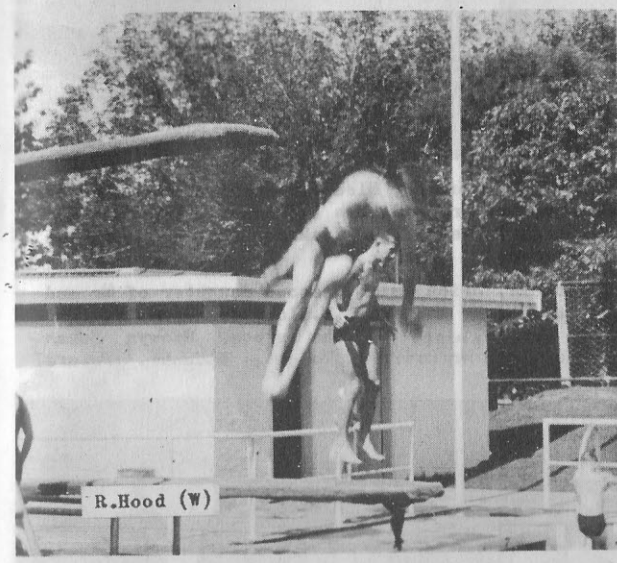


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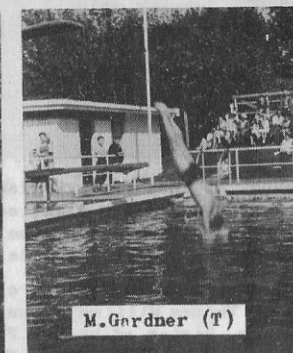


S. Pargeter (W)

Spectators' interest focussed on the diving events. Both centres have divers of a high standard. Particularly outstanding was the precision displayed in the diving of R. Hood, Wanganui, below left, previous title holder and this year's winner. Entrants in senior men's and women's dives are pictured here, marked (T) for Taranaki and (W) Wanganui.



R. Hood (W)



M. Gardner (T)



W. Park (W)



Section of crowd at Stratford Municipal baths



Wedding Bell

Above: FULCHER-FREDERICKSON. At Knox Presbyterian Church, Inglewood, Elsa Florence, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E. Frederickson, to William Alex, second son of Mr and Mrs L. Fulcher, Taupo. The bridesmaid is Miss Rosalie Burrows, Inglewood, the flowergirl, Wendy Frederickson, the best man Mr Arthur Frederickson. The future home of the couple is Ngaere.

Below: CLOUSTON-McCULLUM. At the Methodist Church, Opunake, Erica Janet, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J. McCullum, Opunake, to Thomas William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Clouston, Opunake. The attendants are: Alwyn McCullum, sister of bride, Pamela Morris, niece of the groom, Rae'wyn Johns (flowergirl), niece of the bride, Mr John Smith, Waverley, and Mr Geoffrey Vooght, Opunake. Future home: Opunake.



Mountain Town Carnival



Throw a wooden ball through this clown's mouth and that scandalously attired male at far left was felled from his perch into water tank awaiting him (below).



The swimming club's fund-raising novelty (above) was but one of several stalls and sideshows operated by Stratford sports clubs to add to the entertainment offered by Stratford's Athletic, Axemen's and Cycling Club's "Mountain Town Carnival". The day at the showgrounds started at 10 am with horse events and continued through a programme of chopping, cycling, running and trotting.

Below left: M. Jensen, Matau, 2nd in 11 inch and winner of main 12 inch chop.

Below right: Jack Stachurski receives Ned Shewry Cup from club patron Mr G.W. Gowen, Stratford.





CRAGO STUDIOS

Nowing Camara

Above, left: Well! Isn't that just like a woman? Some say you're never too young to start, and, when it comes to headgear, it seems 10-months-old Janine Andrews, 313 Carrington Street, believes in just that philosophy. What matter if it's just a sewing basket? It could be all the rage around 1980 or so.

Above, right: Mrs S.J.Cooper, New Plymouth, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Mrs Cooper has six children living, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. She is surprisingly active for all her 90 years, does her own housework and shopping, and tells us she can still touch her toes without bending her knees.

Below: The tea-party scene from "Pygmalion", which the New Zealand Players will bring to New Plymouth on May 5 and 6. Left to right: Charles Walker, Leon Sinden, Barbara Leske, Marie Collett, Peter Brian, Freda Wilson, Brigid Lenihan, and Jeannette De Montalk.



Weighing up the prospects



Awaiting starter's orders



With military-like precision to the starting line

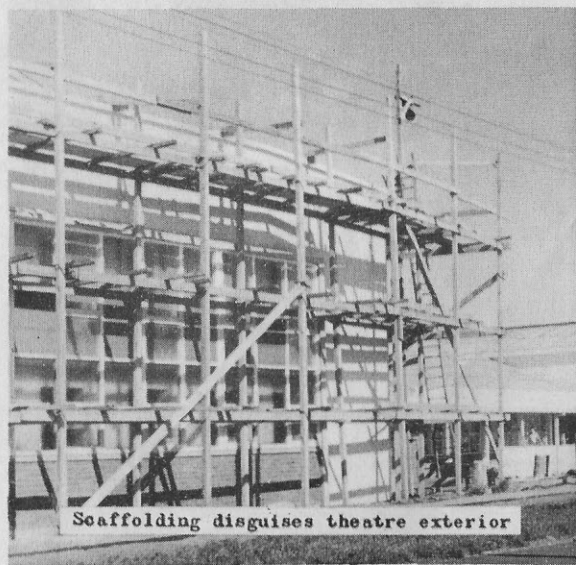
Athletes Supreme

The New Plymouth Boys' High School Annual Sports Day brought forward some fine young athletes in equally fine performances.

Working on the old principle that the younger ones can always learn from the more experienced, the old students decided to display their prowess, resulting in more than a little amusement for spectators and students.

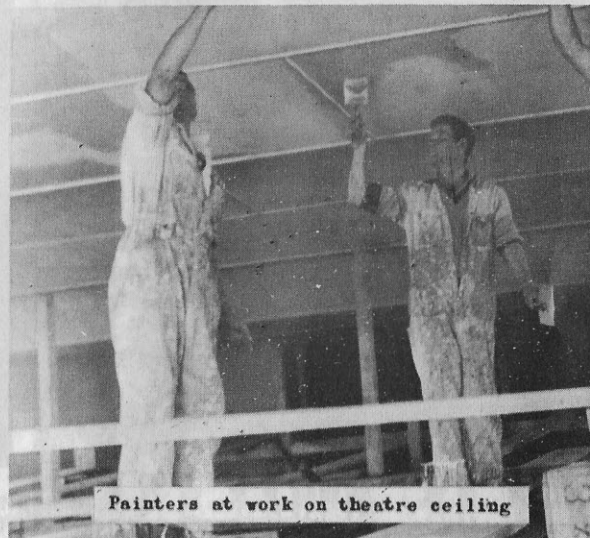


Murray Mitchell (nearest camera) streaks home the winner



Scaffolding disguises theatre exterior

Tribute to Enterprise



Painters at work on theatre ceiling

Hawera's Community Centre

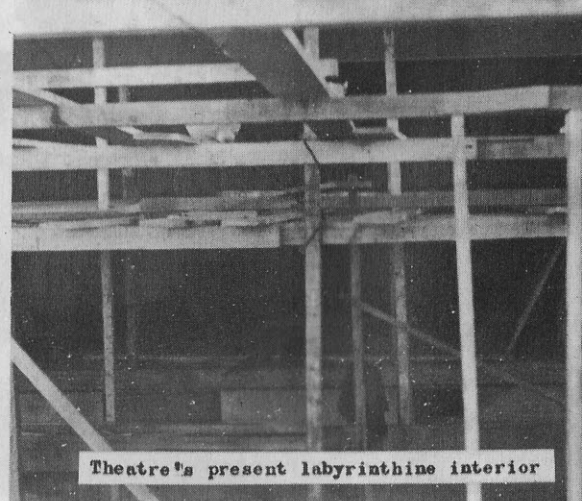
The long range plans of the people of Hawera, set afoot several years ago with a social survey on how best to serve the community with a War Memorial, are fast coming to fruition.

The social survey showed public preference for a community centre incorporating facilities for numerous community activities.

When "Photo News" visited the centre last month, workmen were busy on finishing touches and, although much work yet remains to be completed, the camera was able to record an impression of what might well become an example for the rest of the country.



Impressive covered way links theatre with main hall



Theatre's present labyrinthine interior



Above: The main hall and ball-room, almost completed, but for a few minor interior additions, presents a spectacle already impressive in design and finish. Highly polished panelling on far wall contrasts ideally with broken ceiling and modern lighting.

Below: View of supper lounge looking toward entrance from main foyer. Floor in this picture is strewn with the cast metal lettering which will form the main exterior sign on building to be a source of pride to the whole district: the "Hawera Community Centre".



Wedding Bells

Above: THOMPSON-PUTT. At the Okato Methodist Church, Denise, third daughter of Mrs M.E. Patt, Okato to Peter William, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Thompson, Opunake. Pictured with the bride is the matron-of-honour, Mrs Rosalie Barriball, New Plymouth, and the bridesmaid, Miss Iris Thompson, Opunake. Future home: Okato.

Below: TRYE-McGREGOR. Heather, youngest daughter of Mrs W.J. McGregor, Okau, to Mervyn, youngest son of Mr and Mrs N.M. Trye, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids are Miss Janice Astwell and Miss Jean Holway.



W.D.F.F. Anniversary

The North Taranaki Provincial, Women's Division, celebrated its Silver Jubilee recently with a ceremony at Fitzroy Public Hall.

Delegates and executives from all branches gathered to honour this landmark in one of the country's largest and most influential women's organisations.

Above: Mrs C. Parker Snr. was honoured for her years of service with provincial life membership, is seen here being presented with badge by Dominion President Mrs Eastwood.

Left: A view of crowded Fitzroy Hall.

Below left: Provincial President Mrs James, Inglewood, stood behind Jubilee cake while tracing history of Taranaki Provincial.

Below: Mrs H.R. Marsh, New Plymouth, lights cake's 25 candles.

Bottom of page: Immediate Past Provincial President Mrs J.K. Black, Awakino, holds smoking candles.





Transport Drivers Confer

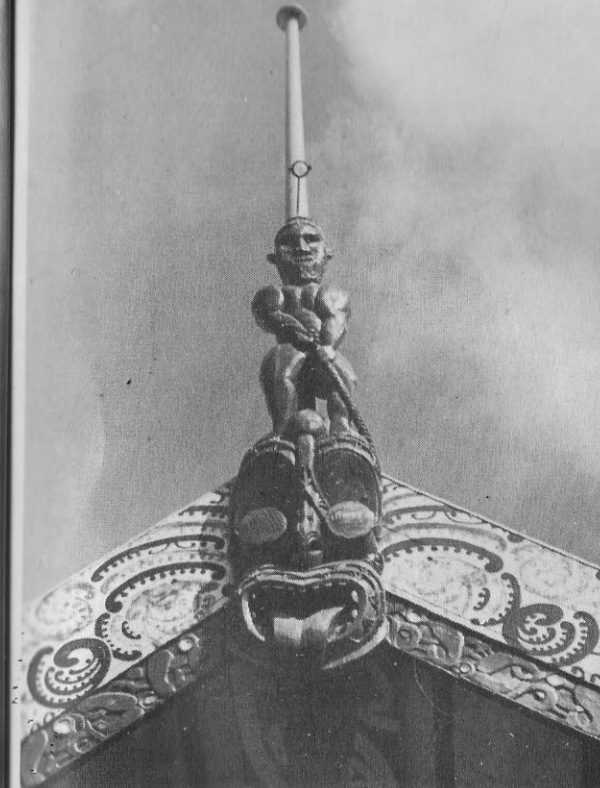
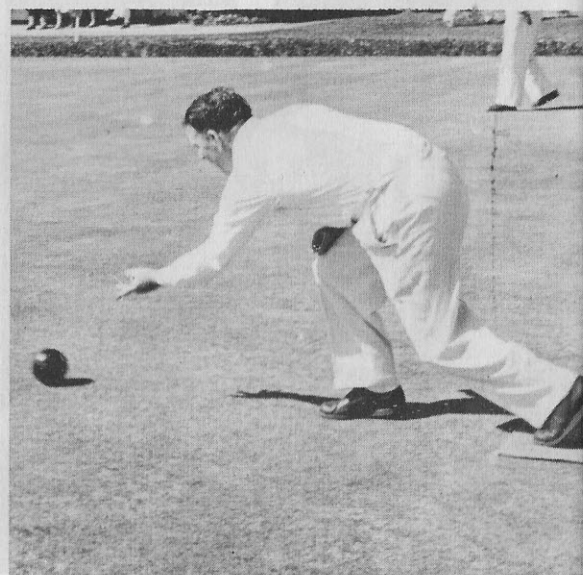
New Plymouth has rightly been dubbed a "conference town" of late. The past several weeks have seen conferences and re-unions of many and varied organisations held here.

Picture above shows members of Taranaki Drivers Union, hosts for the annual conference of the New Zealand Drivers' Federation.

Champion Bowlers

East End green was the venue recently for the play-offs to decide Taranaki's "Champion of champions" in singles and pairs bowls.

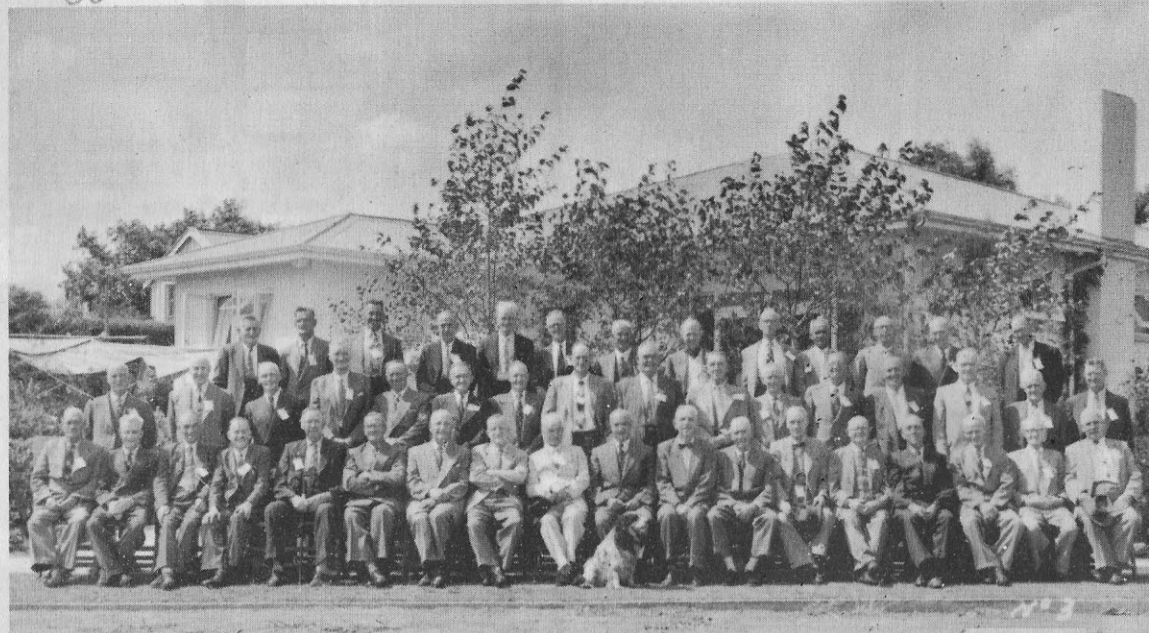
Winner of the singles and, therefore, champion of champions, was the invincible L. Spurdle (below left) and his runner-up (below right), near invincible left-hander, Henry McGee.



Maori Conference

Manukorihi Pa was the focal point for over 100 delegates and associates to the New Zealand Maori Trust Board's first Dominion Conference to be held in Taranaki. Officially each of the six boards represented had two delegates, but wives and supporters soon raised numbers to the century mark.





Rolling Camera

Above: Delegates to the bi-annual reunion of 7th Battery N.Z.F.A. held recently in New Plymouth.
Below: This sartorially resplendent group is so dressed for Inglewood Wesley Bible Class' Fancy Dress dance. From left to right they are: back row - Enid Clough, Harvey Wellington, Vivienne Goodwin, Bruce Fenwick, Lewis Frank, Annette Rosser, Gordon Francis and Ngaire Codd. Front row - Evan Goodwin, Brian Rosser, Rev. Christian, Fred Gill, and Graham Gill.



Postscript Test

Remember the class cricket at Bell Block Airport between Bell Block and Mangorei Dairy Factories featured in your last issue of "Photo News"? The same spot was the venue of an equally gripping battle for cricket supremacy last month; this time Bell Block factory staff were matching their prowess against their Waitara opponents. The two teams are pictured above.

Victorious Marching Girls

Below: Roebuck's Musketeers, complete with shield and trophies, pictured at the time of their triumphant return from Palmerston North, having won the New Zealand Junior Championship. This is believed to be only the second occasion when the New Zealand Junior Championship shield has been held by a New Plymouth team.



C.W.I. Day

Left: When the Country Women's Institute held a sale day in New Plymouth on a recent Friday, this sale table, outside the Bank of New Zealand on corner of Devon and Brougham Streets, was kept busy by passing shoppers making their purchases from the varied range of foods and household goods offered.