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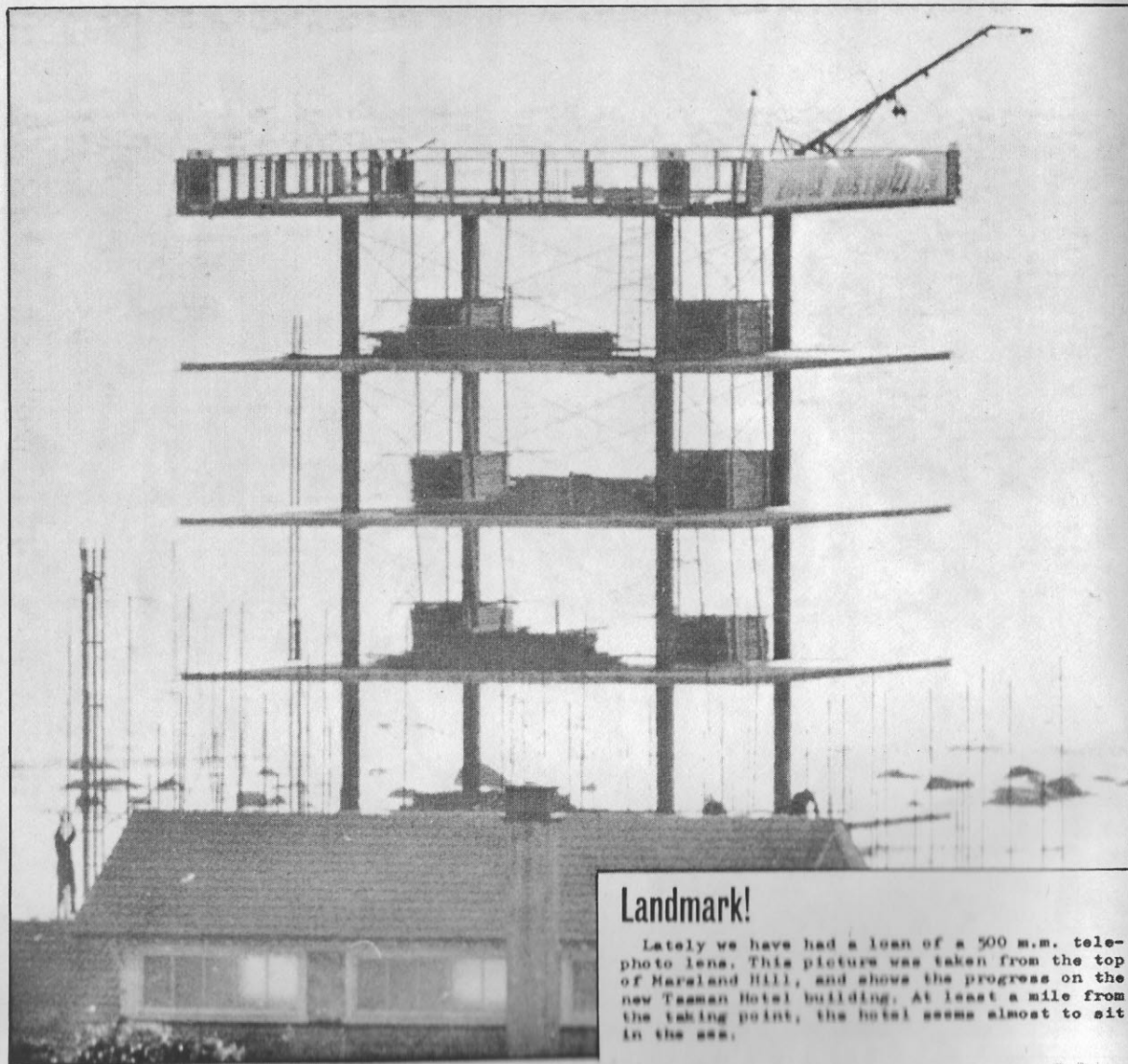
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OUR COVER

Nothing seems to make a more appealing picture than children and animals. Here we have Dierdre Murtagh, aged four, with some six-week-old Siamese kittens, which were bred by Mrs D.A. Connell, Brooklands Road, New Plymouth.

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Landmark!

Lately we have had a loan of a 500 m.m. telephoto lens. This picture was taken from the top of Marsland Hill, and shows the progress on the new Tasman Hotel building. At least a mile from the taking point, the hotel seems almost to sit in the sea.



Line-up of Beauty

The Miss New Zealand contestants recently paid a visit to New Plymouth in a touring show. We produce here a photograph of them taken at a reception at the Criterion Hotel. See if you can pick which one will be Miss New Zealand. Above: From left, Jonette Ballantyne (Poverty Bay), Angela Thorpe (Otago), Gaye Sinclair (Marlborough), Diane Chambers (Auckland), Barbara Harris (Northland), Kay Wilde (Wanganui), Maureen Kingi (Miss NZ 1962), Pamela Walker (Hawkes Bay), Lois August (Manawatu), Regina Scandrett (Canterbury) and Elaine Miscall (Wellington).

Below, left: Mrs A.G. Honnor enjoys a joke with some of the lovely girls.

Below: Miss Brooklands (Adrienne Bond) chats with Miss Auckland and Miss Wellington.



Wedding Bells

Right: FAKE-HOGAN.
At the Opunake Catholic Church, Anna, the younger daughter of Mrs M. Hogan, Opunake, to Allan, elder son of Mrs W. Fake, Opunake. Elaine Marquis, Mokaui, was the bridesmaid, and Melvine Fake, a brother of the groom was the best man. The future home, Opunake.

Below: BAKER-FLEMING.
At St. Mary's Church, NP, Dorothy, the only daughter of Mr M.P. Fleming, Rahoitu, to Neville, youngest son of Mrs A. Baker, Urenui. The bridesmaids were Beverley and Glenys Price, Wellington, two cousins of the bride. George Verry, Wellington, was the best man and Jim Phillips, Tiko-rangi, was the groomsmen. Future home of the couple will be Palmerston North.



VOGUE STUDIO



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"Dry Rot"—Repertory Play for New Plymouth

The New Plymouth Repertory Society are producing the farce "Dry Rot" at the Opera House for a three-night season beginning on June 24th. This popular comedy should be a successful venture for the society, as they have chosen a popular light production, which should suit the taste of most.

Above, left: Thomas Jackson and Jane Wright in a scene from the farce. **Above, right:** Jill King and Peter Tulloch are two of the younger members of the cast. **Below:** Scene taken at one of the rehearsals, with, from left, Wyonne Cave, Thomas Jackson, Ina Rout (producer) Rodney Charters and Jane Wright.



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St. Mary's (Hawera) Debutantes

These seven charming debutantes recently presented at the St. Mary's Hawera Anglican Ball, are, from left, Carol Hetherington, Janet Slater, Julie Maddaford, Dorothy Sulzberger, Gladys Claland, Madalene Frost and Elaine Ogle.

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DAVID PAUL STUDIO

Above: LOCKLEY-MACKIE. At the Kaponga Presbyterian Church, June, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A.Mackie, Kaponga, to James, third son of Mr and Mrs H.J.Lockley, Okaiawa. Marion Lockley, sister of the groom, was the bridesmaid, and John Chard, Rahotu, was the best man. The future home of the couple will be Hawera.

Below: PLANT-ALEXANDER. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Heather, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.Alexander, Te Roti, to Michael, youngest son of Mrs E.L.Plant, London. The bridesmaids were Shirley Alexander, cousin of the bride, Hawera, and Maureen Ogle, Normanby. Eric Whiting, Otorohanga, was the best man. The future home will be Hamilton.

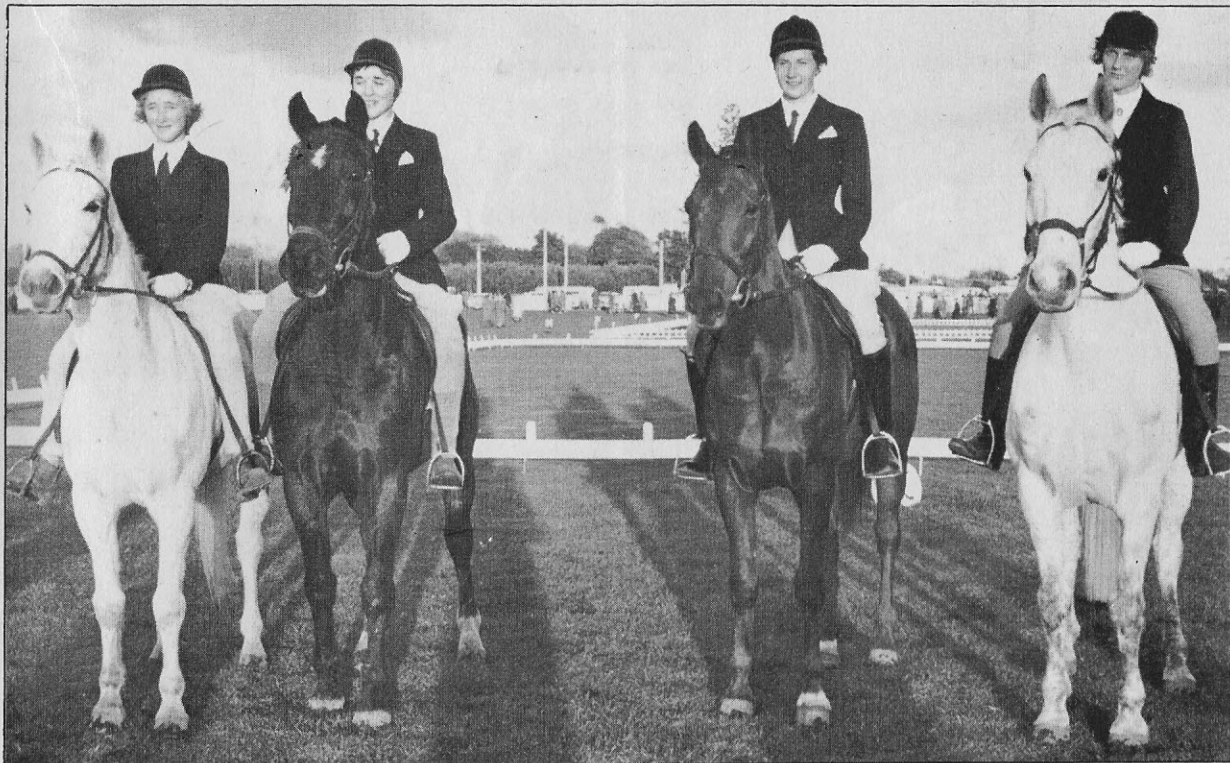


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N.Z. Pony Club Championship

Hawera Showgrounds was the venue for the recent NZ Pony Club championships. Entries from all parts of NZ made this one of the most successful meetings held. The weather was, for most of the time, not of the best Taranaki variety, but this did not deter the riders from putting on an exhibition of very good riding. On this page we show in action the winner of the A.1. cup, Jennifer Dunn, on Holyport, as she clears one of the many difficult jumps.

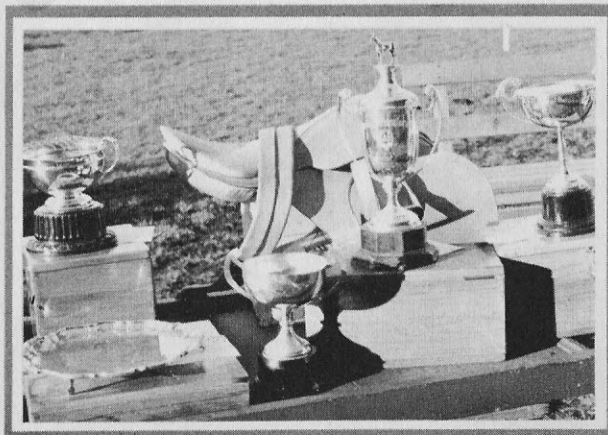


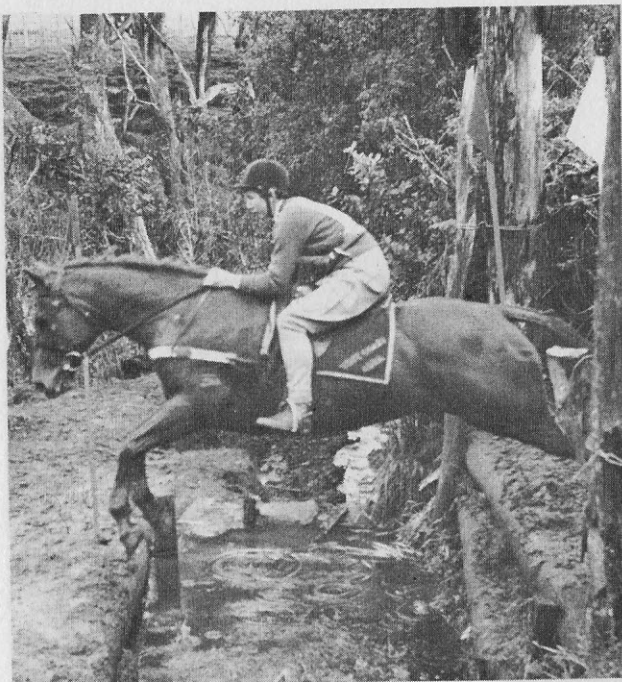


For the first time, the Taranaki team won the team contest at the recent NZ Pony Club Championships, held at Hawera. They topped the poll in competition with twelve other teams from over the country. Our photograph above shows the Taranaki team. From left, Sally Thomson on Grey Fella, Susan Thomson (NP) on Bold Alladin, Sherry Holmes (NP) on Amberlite and Elizabeth Smith (Carllyle) on Mystery.

Left: Jane Wilson, Wairoa, on Sir Winston, being presented with the Dorothy Campbell Trophy by Mrs Dorothy Campbell herself.

Below: These are the handsome trophies competed for at the championships.





Above: Kathleen Archer (Wangamui) on Shillelagh negotiated a ditch with success in the cross-country event.

Below: Margaret Andrews (Rotorua) with her horse, Lady Pearl, part company.

Above, right: President of the NZ Pony Clubs, Mr D.M.Lamb, presents the A1 cup to Jennifer Dunn, South Canterbury.

Below, right: Elizabeth Irving (Marlborough) on Cabaret takes the water-jump, which included model ducks.



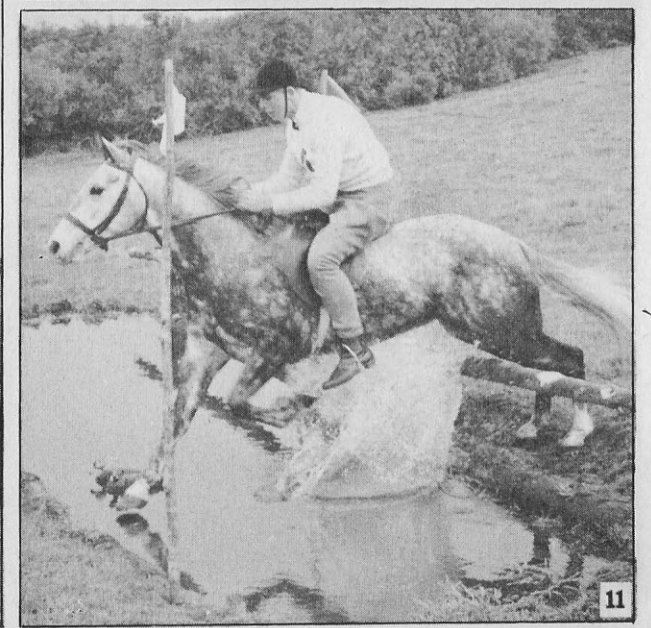
Above: Much work was done by club members in preparing jumps. Here, some club members are shown digging a pit which was eventually filled with water.

Below: Briefing for some of the helpers was held each day.

Above, right: Water jump was a source of interest with its ornamental ducks.

Right: Margaret Greenside (Heretaunga) on Danny Boy finished third in the A1 cup event.

Below, right: Russell Player (Hutt Valley) on Stardust kicks up a spray in the water-jump.





Wedding Bells

Above: BURGHAM-CARMICHAEL. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Betty Dawn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.Carmichael, NP, to Peter William, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.R.Burgham, Toko. The bridesmaids were Jocelyn Willis, NP, and Meryl Carmichael, sister of the bride, NP. Neil Burgham, brother of the groom, Toko, was the best man, and Bob Martin was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be Toko.

Below: TAYLOR-McCALLUM. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Lyn Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M.McCallum, NP, to Graham Stuart, third son of Mr and Mrs C.M.Taylor, NP. The bridesmaids were Yvonne Cowan, NP, and Janette Taylor, sister of the groom, NP. Les Howarth, NP, was the best man, and Jem Taylor, NP, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. Future home, New Plymouth.



Schoolchildren on Holiday

The recent May holidays for children has been one of the kindest on record, with near perfect weather for the whole of the time. Children in the city have enjoyed a diversity of entertainment, organised by various groups, while other children have been content to play around, some with a football, and others with their dolls. The Forest and Bird Protection Society organised trips for its junior members, and the photograph above was taken when the children paid a visit to Paritutu to glimpse the scenery and learn about wild life. **Below:** Others, with a more academic turn of mind went along to the library, where Miss J.Valentine entertained them with reading from books.





Fitzroy Concert Aids I.H. Children

During the May school holidays, children of the Fitzroy area have been hard at work with a street stall and an organised concert to raise funds for the I.H.C. This effort is one which shows that children today have many good points. With a total of £14.18.0. handed over, the I.H.C. have much to be thankful for to the children of the Fitzroy area.

Above: Part of the well-filled hall for the concert.

Right: Magician Len Willoughby performed to the delight of the children. Also in the picture are Roger Baddeley, Glen Miller, organiser of the concert, and Lyndsey Stone.

Below: Len hands over the money to Mrs R. May, wife of the president of I.H.C., watched by Mrs E. Miller and son Glen.



Indoor Bowlers' Tenth Birthday

The YWCA indoor Bowls Club recently celebrated their tenth birthday with an informal party after an evening's bowls, when two celebration cakes were cut to mark the occasion.

Above: Two foundation members, Misses Ivy Papps and Clarice Chivers, cut the two cakes.

Above, right: Jerry Adams, the oldest foundation member blew out the candles.

Right: Foundation members at this social gathering.

Below: This is the hard working committee of this small but happy club.



Wedding Bells



Left: JULIAN-HOSKIN. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Shirley, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.Hoskin, Okato, to Don, only son of Mr and Mrs S.R. Julian, Warea. Lyn Julian, a sister of the groom, and Heather Hoskin, a sister of the bride, were the bridesmaids. Richard Hall was the best man and Ivor Hoskin, brother of the bride, was the groomsman. Future home will be Warea.

Below: EDLIN-THOMPSON. At St Mary's, NP, Shirley Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C.Thompson, NP, to Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs C.Edlin, Eltham. Ruth Pullinger and Kaye Edlin, sister of the groom, were the bridesmaids. Barry Babbage was the best man and John Lee was the groomsman. Caroline Hills, NP, was the flower-girl. The future home, Eltham.



Engaged

Above, left: SPEDDING-COLTART: Carolyn, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C.Coltart, Opunake, to Brian, only son of Mr and Mrs E.Spedding, NP.

Above: PETERSON-SEARS. Kathleen May, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H.Sears, Okato, to Michael Eric, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E.C. Peterson, Foxton Beach.

Left: FURZE-TAUNT. Theodora May, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs T.B.Taunt, Stratford, to Douglas James, fourth son of Mr C. and the late Mrs Furze, Awatuna.

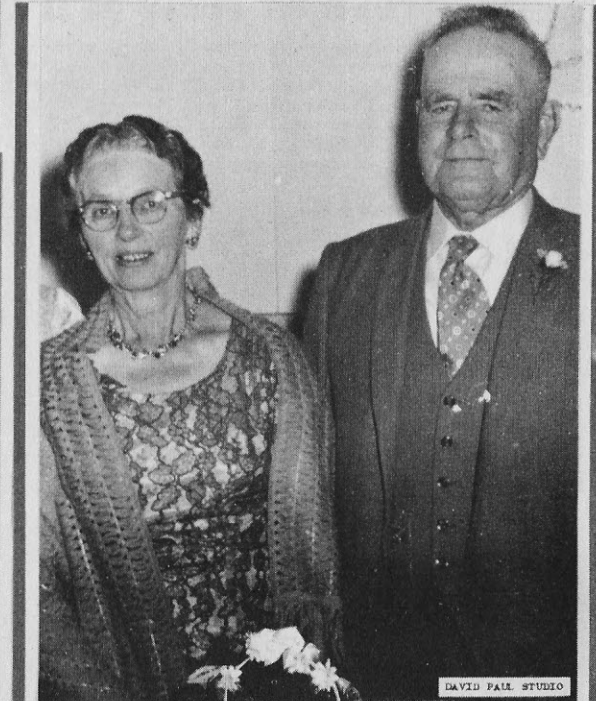


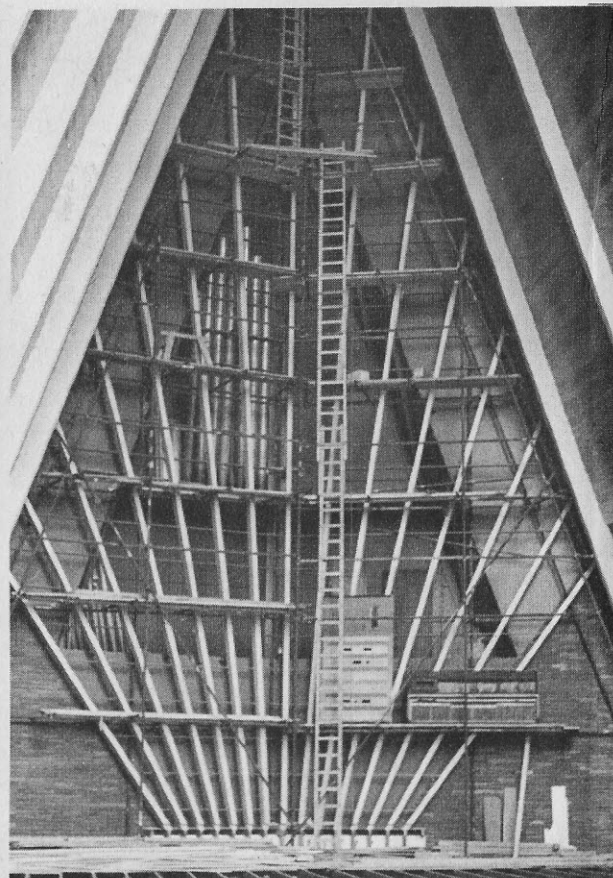
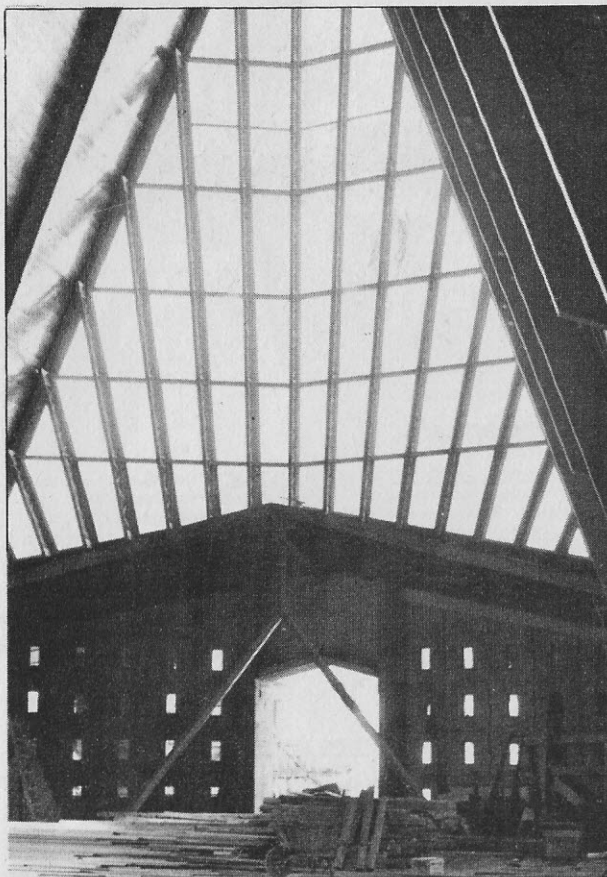
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Below, left: ARDEN-COOKSON. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Lorna, daughter of Mrs M.Drake, NP, to James Arden, Pukearuhe.

GOLDEN WEDDING

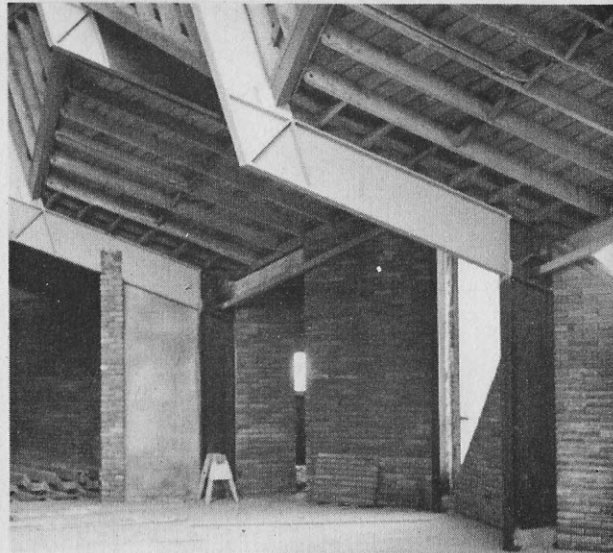
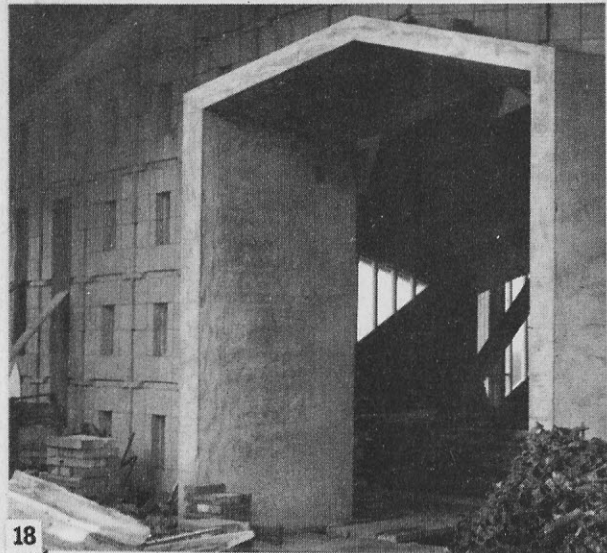
Below: Mr and Mrs T.J.Hurley, Hawera, who recently celebrated their golden wedding. Here the couple are shown with their celebration cake.





Progress at New Whiteley Church

Though not evident from the street, work is proceeding apace on the new Whiteley Methodist Church, right in the heart of the city. A visit to the interior gives a feeling of vastness, with plenty of space above. This impression can be gauged from the photograph above, right, which shows a ladder right into the top of the building. Above, left: A view from the interior, looking towards the entrance. Below, left: Outside the main entrance. Below, right: The inside of the building, showing the strangely shaped walls.



Wedding Bells

Above: KEITH-SKELTON. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Waitara, Janice, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.Skelton, Waitara, to Eric, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K.Keith, Waitara. The bridesmaids were Faye McKenzie, Motumi, Maureen Keith, sister of the groom, and Shirley Skelton, sister of the bride. Vic Surray, Waitara, was the best man, and the groomsmen were Mike O'Carroll, NP, and Earl Keith, brother of the groom, Waitara. Home of the couple will be Waitara.

Below: ANSLEY-SMITH. At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr Smith, Waitara, to Trevor, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.Ansley, NP. Margaret Ansley, sister of the groom, and Avis Saywell, NP, were the bridesmaids. The groom's brothers, John and Frank, were best man and groomsmen. Future home will be Auckland.





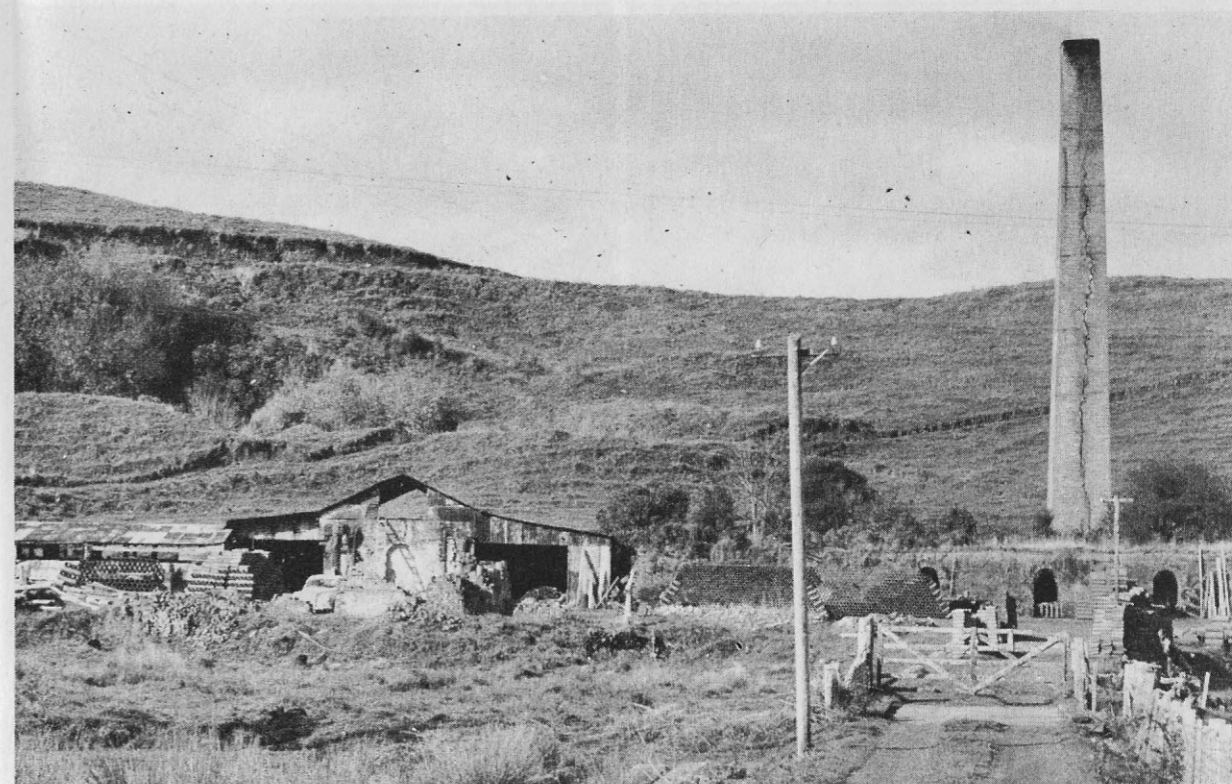
2XP Women's Hour Goes To Urenui

Often heard, but seldom seen, are the producers of the every-day programme, Women's Hour. Recently, to introduce the voices of the Hour, 2XP took its air to the people of the country, 2XP took its women's hour for a trip to Urenui. The local hall was packed with women who wanted to see the faces of the voices they had heard so often.

Above: The general scene of the stage set-up during the recording of the programme.

Right: Here is the man Douglas Elliott who so often talks about the garden. His talk, though short, was most instructive as he was able to show samples of shrubs to the audience.

Below: Experts' panel for the programme "What's My Line" look a very serious group, but this created a little fun for the audience. From left the panel of experts was Bob Forsythe, Mark Comber and Mrs Ruby Lake. On the right is the conductor of the panel, Marama Koea.



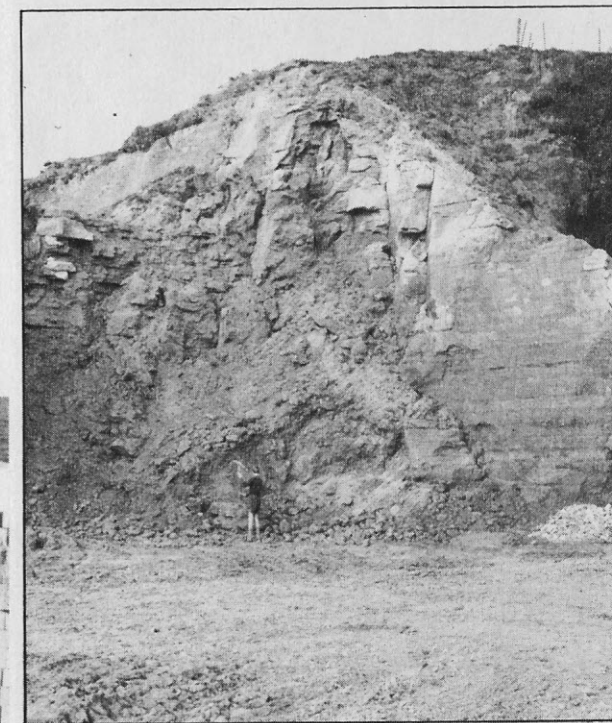
Douglas Brickworks A Thriving Industry

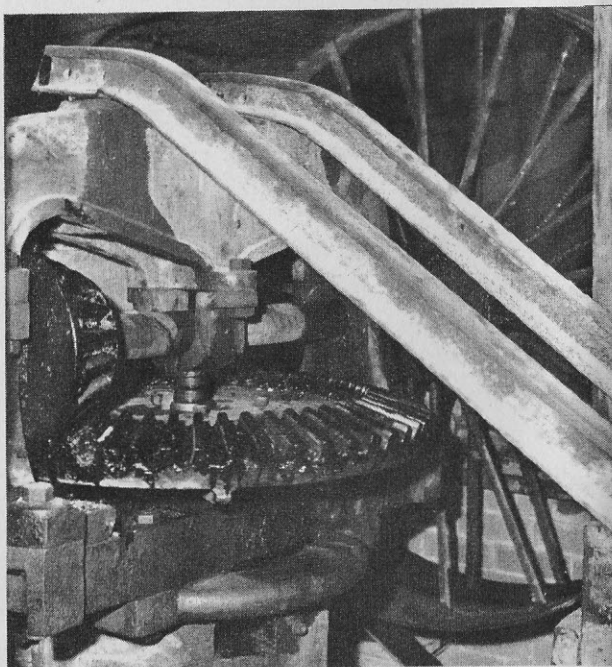
The thirty-seven-year-old Douglas brickworks provides a landmark with the 110-ft. chimney at Douglas. And for 24 hours each day the chimney belches smoke, which means that the kilns are full of either bricks or tiles. Here, then, is an industry that is as busy as it has ever been with thousands of tiles produced each week by one of the hardest-working staffs we have seen for a long time. Though the actual works is no glamour building, it is a hive of industry with men working round the clock to keep the kiln fires going. All that is produced in this factory is made from clay which is right on the doorstep, just thirty yards from the back door. It is a hillside which has been worked for 37 years, and is gradually receding as the clay is taken into the works to make bricks and tiles.

Above: The works themselves nestle snugly under a ridge of hills which supply the clay for their products.

Below: Piles and piles of bricks and tiles are ready for despatch to all parts of the North Island.

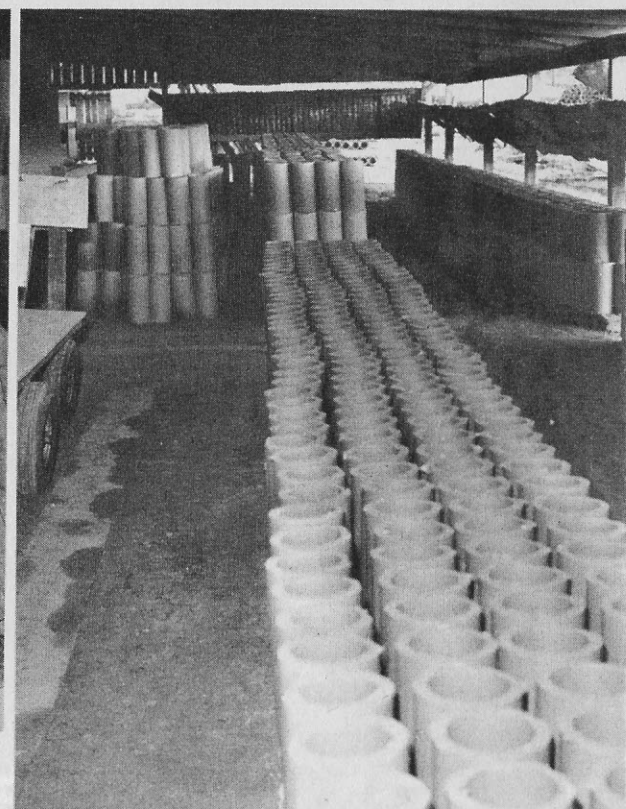
Below, right: Face of the cliff from which the raw material is obtained.





Round-the-Clock Workers at Douglas

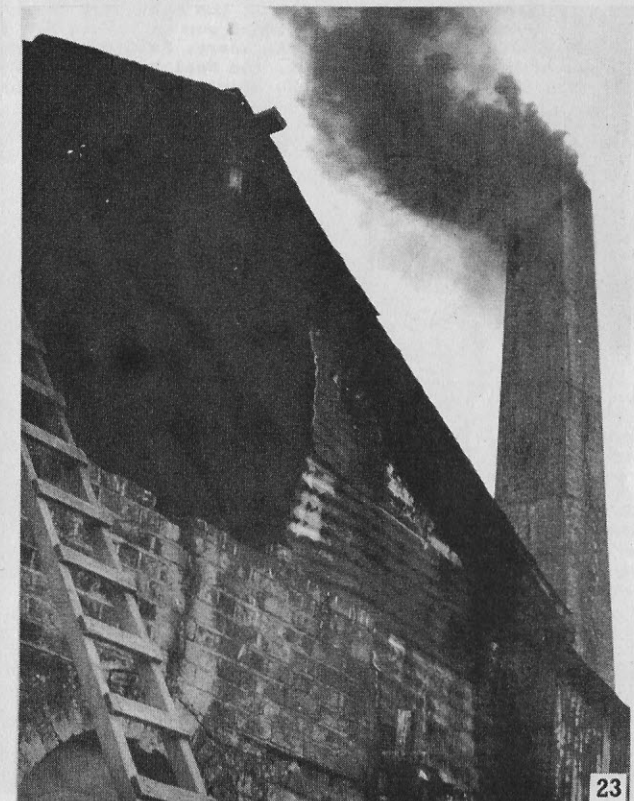
For the making of bricks and tiles, the clay is brought in from the hillside at the back door, and weathered to make it of the right consistency. It is then shovelled onto a conveyer belt, above, left, by Ron Kyte from where it goes to the giant mincer, above, right, to be forced down a pipe and cut into lengths, below, left, by Dick Lampitt. The pre-cut pipe is then removed from the machine to stand before going through the kiln. Bruce Cameron, below, right, is the man who moves miles of pipes each working day.



Above: From the mould to the stacking shed, the pipes are wheeled on specially-built wheelbarrows. Here Dick Lampitt wheels the wet tiles to be stacked before going into the kiln.
Above, right: Rows and rows of tiles ready for the furnace.

Below: Dick's brother, Harry Lampitt, feeds the fires with coal. This requires the handling of tons of coal, and is a round-the-clock job.

Below, right: The top of the kiln is overshadowed by the 110-ft chimney, which in itself contains 52,000 bricks. For the past 37 years, the works has produced bricks and tiles, but never have they been so busy as they are today.





Wedding Bells

Above: KELLY-WILSON. At St. Mary's Church, Hawera, Lorna Margaret, daughter of Mrs and the late Mr A.W.Wilson, Hawera, to Roger William, son of Mr and Mrs W.E.Kelly, Stratford. Matrons of honour were Mesdames A.Miller and J.M.Lang, sisters of the bride, and the bridesmaid was Susan Black, Hawera. Best man was Deane Kelly, brother of the groom, Stratford, and the groomsman was Gilbert Sorensen, NP. Rosalie Miller, Hawera, was the flower girl. Future home of the couple, Stratford.

Below: MUGGERIDGE-COOK. At the Methodist Church, Hawera, Gaye, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Cook, Hawera, to Arnold, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.Muggeridge, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Dawn Campbell, Te Awamutu, Judith Geary, Palmerston North, and Jennifer Hingston, Eltham. Graham Kehely, Auckland, was the best man, and Noel Muggeridge, Rahotu, and Des Baxter, Hawera, were the grooms-men. The future home of the couple will be Hamilton.



KENT ROAD W.D.F.F. 30th BIRTHDAY

The women of the Kent Road W.D.F.F. recently celebrated their 30th birthday. During the celebrations, many of the foundation members were present.

Left: The first president of the Kent Road branch, Mrs M.G. Parker, had the honour of cutting the celebration cake. Behind her are some of the foundation members

Right: The present executive of the branch. From left, Mesdames J. Wood (vice-pres), E. Smith, G.L.Parker (the president), A. Peters (treasurer), O.Batten (vice-pres), and R. Jordan (secretary).



Right: Presidents of the branch since it was formed 30 years ago. From left, Mrs G.L.Parker, the present president, Mrs R. Jordan, Mrs C.R.Parker, Mrs S.Campbell and Mrs M.G.Parker. Just as a thought, this branch should be re-named the Parker branch.



KAPUNI SCHOOL JUBILEE



The Kapuni school have just celebrated their 75th jubilee, when hundreds of ex-pupils attended what was a highly successful week-end.

Above: The cake was cut by Mrs E.R.Putt, Ota-keho, one of the first-day pupils.

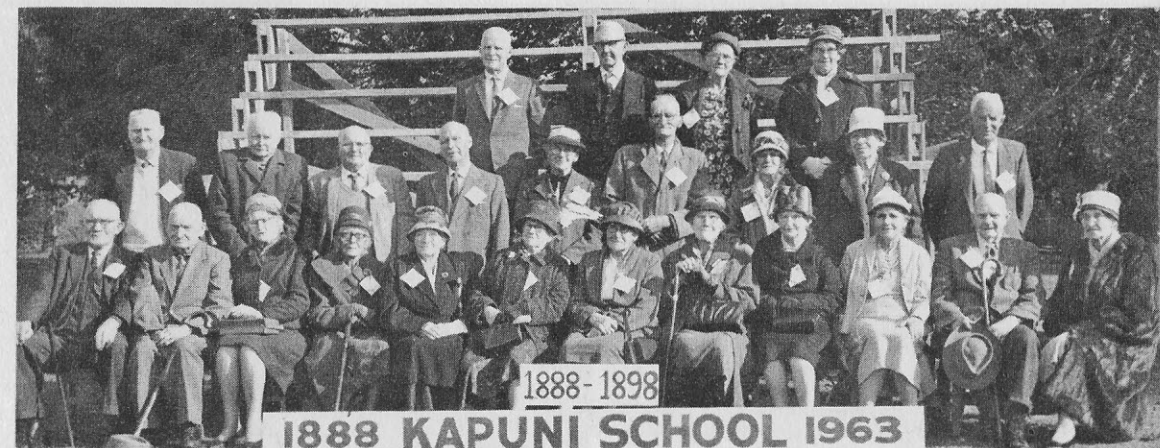
Above, right: The first decade, comprising Mrs Symes, Charles Tait, Mrs Wright, Bob Wills and Mrs E.R.Putt.

Below: Part of the large crowd at the official opening ceremony.

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1888-1898



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1888 KAPUNI SCHOOL 1963



1899-1908

Top: The second decade of pupils who attended the school between 1888 and 1898. Wonder if they ever thought that their district might some day be a vast oil field?

Above: Third decade of pupils up to 1908. Each decade got bigger as the date approached the present day.

Below: Chairman of the jubilee committee, Ernie Scott, delivers his address of welcome at the official opening ceremony, backed by ex-teachers and committee men and women.

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NPBHS Jazz group, comprising Hamish Anderson, Darcy Lange and Rodney Charters, was the most popular item with the pupils.

1400 At Taranaki Post-Primary Music Festival

About 1400 Taranaki post-primary pupils filled the Stratford Memorial Hall for the annual music festival. Each school attending provided an item and there were several massed items which must have thrilled the small audience. Unfortunately, a much larger hall would be needed to provide the room for more spectators to enjoy this very well organised festival.



John Bayfield, NPBHS, was conductor for the massed choir.



Opunake HS performed a canoe poi



Mass of children covered the floor of the hall



Girls watch and listen while the boys sing



Above: The Patea District High School rendered "The Rolling Sea" and were a joy to listen to.

Above, right: The Waitara High School Maori Club provided an item that was particularly well-received.

Below: Hawera Technical High School Maori Group were also very good and provided the audience with some fine Maori music.

Below, right: Sacred Heart Girls' College, NP, sang the Madonna's Lullaby.



ITEMS BY SECONDARY PUPILS

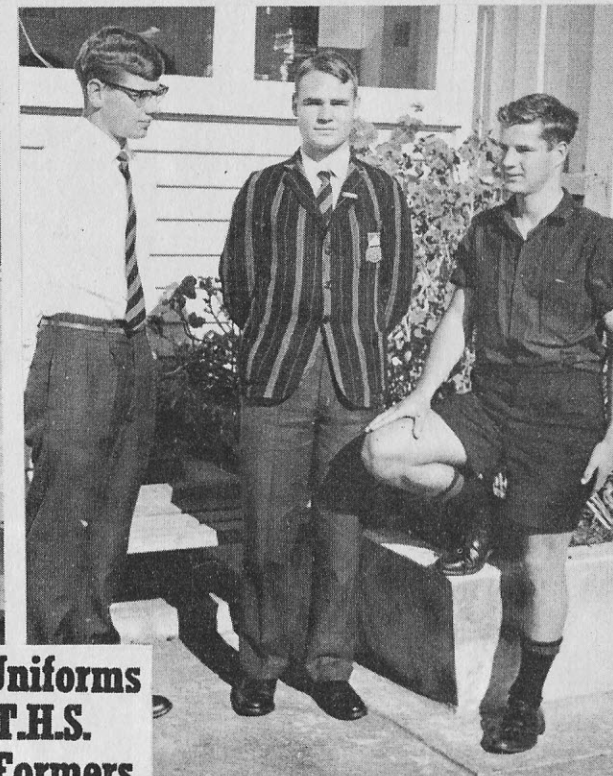




Wedding Bells

Above: WALKER-POLLOCK. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Pollock, Hawera, to Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Walker, Te Kuiti. The bridesmaids were Laura Pollock, sister of the bride, Tauranga, and Gaewyn Toy, Hawera. Brothers of the groom, Stan and Keith, were best man and groomsman. The future home will be Hawera.

Below: CUSTERS-MACKENZIE. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Mary, youngest daughter of Mrs and the late Mr D. MacKenzie, NP, to Willem, second son of the late Mr and Mrs Custers, Holland. Matron of honour was Jean Black, N.P. sister of the bride, bridesmaid was Jane Black, NP, and the flower girls were nieces of the bride, Mary and Kathleen Black, NP. Peter Custers, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. Future home will be New Plymouth.



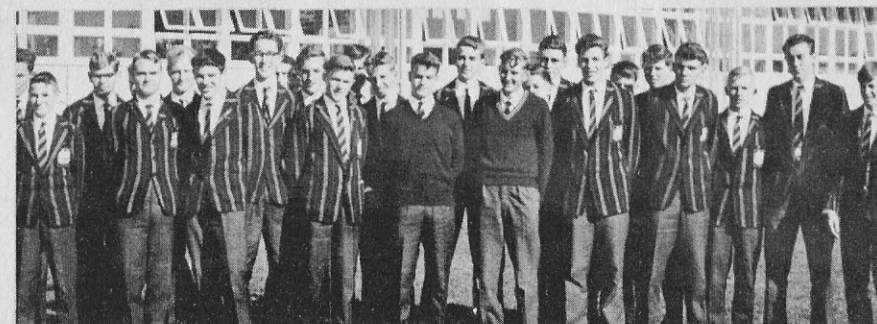
New Uniforms For S.T.H.S. Sixth Formers

On this page are pictures of the new uniform worn by the 6th formers of the Stratford T.H.S. This, we feel, is a step in the right direction, for these older pupils looked very smart and modern in their dress, particularly the girls in their neat pleated skirts and the white blouses. The pupils themselves seemed very proud and keen on this change from gym tunics and short trousers. We hope that the Stratford school has set a standard which other schools will soon follow.

Above: Helen Thomson left, and Moya Scown right, wear their new uniforms and compare them with Jennifer Campbell, centre, who is dressed in the old style.

Above, right: Again here are the comparisons of the boys' uniforms. From left, William Oldfield and Milton Holland in their new uniform compared with the old worn by Noel Lord.

Right: All the girls and boys posed for these photographs of themselves in their smart new uniforms.





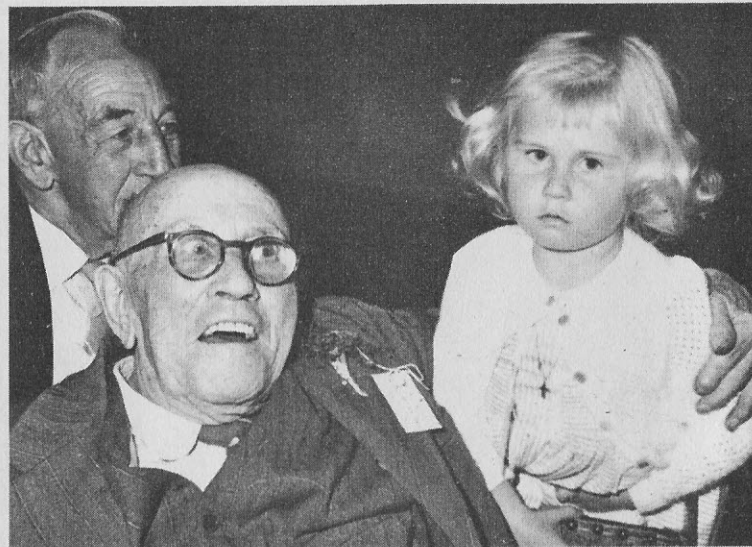
200 ATTENDED THE JOHNSON FAMILY REUNION

Over 200 people sat down to a meal in the Fitzroy Hall to celebrate the reunion of the Johnson family. It recalled the arrival of William and Jane Johnson 100 years ago from the old country.

Above: Mrs Anne Paynter (Stratford), one of the original descendants cuts the celebration cake at the gathering.

Above, right: Percy Johnson, at 91, the oldest of the Johnson family with one of the youngest, Sabrina McDonald, from Lower Hutt.

Right: Scene at the hall as 200 of the Johnson descendants sit down to dinner.



Coming of Age

Right: Clarence, son of Mr and Mrs Thoumine, New Plymouth, poses for the camera with his parents on the occasion of his 21st birthday held recently.



Taranaki Catholic Debutante Ball

The Taranaki Catholic Debutante Ball was held recently in the Stratford Memorial Hall, when 28 debutantes were presented to the Most Rev. Dr. O.N. Sneddon, Auxiliary Bishop of Wellington. It was a well-organised presentation, with the finale a massed curtsy, shown in the bottom photograph. The hall was filled for this very popular social event.

Below: Some of the audience watch as the debutantes are presented.

Above, right: Escorts wait their turn to take their charges to be presented.

Centre, right: Official party and Dr. Sneddon receive one of the debs.





Taranaki's Catholic Debutantes

Above: Back row from left, Margaret Schuler (Eltham), Patricia Coleman (Hawera), and Raewyn Emb-ling (Kaponga); front row, Joan Ulemberg (Eltham), Colleen Walsh (Opunake), Ann Guneen (Stratford) and Michelle Barford (Opunake)

Below: From left, back row, Janice Butler (Kaponga), Frances Potroz (Cardiff) and Irene Andreoli (Kaponga); front row, Ann Julian (New Plymouth), Dianne Smith (Hawera), Adrienne Davison (Hawera) and Anne Wellington (Stratford)



Above: Back row, from left, Carole Tipler (Eltham), Therese Tipler (Eltham) and Gail Lamb (New Plymouth); front row, Margaret Smith (Manaia), Beverley Smith (Manaia), Mary Dravitzki (Manaia) and Angela Meier (Ngaere).

Below: From left, back row, Alison Tumoana (Hawera), Fay Fraser (Stratford) and Maureen Barrett (New Plymouth); front row, Frances Moosman (Stratford), Sally Farmer (Manaia), Constance Hewes (Hawera) and Patricia O'Leary (Manaia).

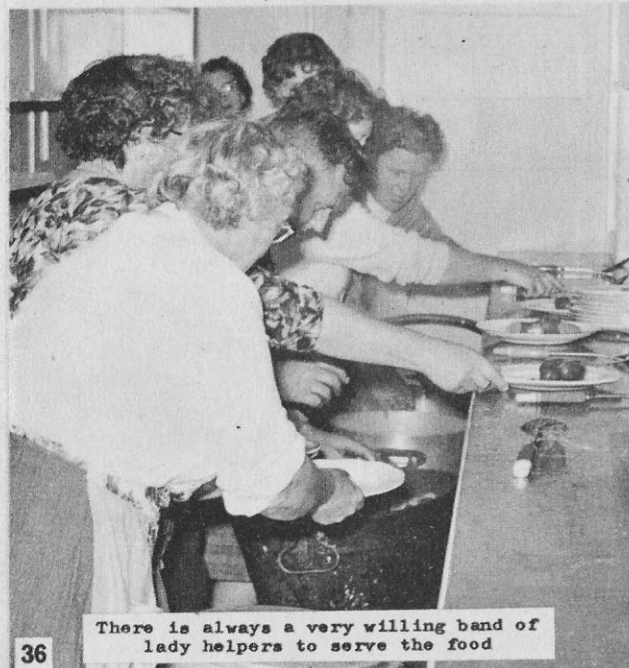




Crowd in the hall before the meal began

Y.M.C.A. Mother and Son Banquet

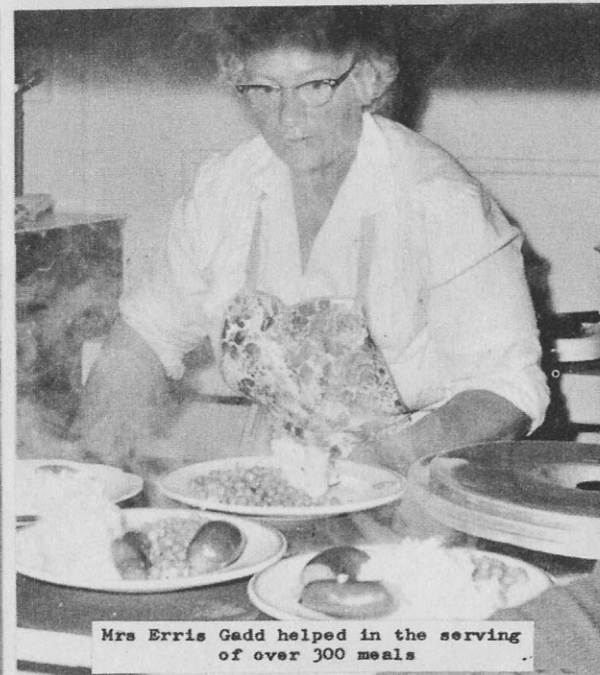
The annual mother and son banquet at the Agricultural Hall was, as usual, a crowded affair with every seat taken and every sausage eaten. This year, the mothers of the primary boys only attended, and yet over 300 sat down to a meal. These banquets are becoming increasingly popular as the membership of the YMCA increases year after year.



There is always a very willing band of lady helpers to serve the food



Every table was jam-packed full



Mrs Erris Gadd helped in the serving of over 300 meals



Mum tells Peter to sit still and he will get served all in good time

Great excitement for the primary "Y" boys at their annual banquet, not because they were out to tea, but because they could take their mums along too. We focussed on one little chap, and got a series of pictures which tell the story of that exciting meal they had at the YM banquet. The subject of this series is Peter Woods, who had to enlist the help of his mother, Mrs Kath Woods, to cut up the sags.



"Mum," says Peter, "they seem to be rationing this food a bit, not as much as usual".



"Coo, Boy, will I make short work of this!"



And Peter did make short work of it. He told us that he was looking forward to the time when he would be a senior and could take Dad along.



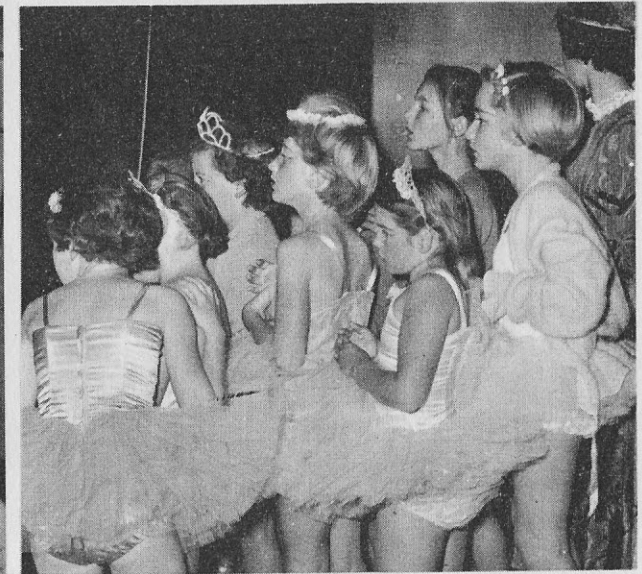
Gregory Martin, Mark Stevens and Darryl West smile for our cameraman as they devour their food.



Wedding Bells

Above: HANCOCK-JORDAN. At Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, Shirley May, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D.Jordan, Midhurst, to John Barry, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.V.Hancock, Cardiff. The bridesmaids were Margaret Hancock, sister of the groom, and Betty and Heather Jordan, sisters of the bride. Maureen Armstrong was the flower-girl. Dennis Jacobsen, Cardiff, was the best man, and John Jordan, brother of the bride, was the groomsman. Future home, Stratford.

Below: STENING-DONALD. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Donald, Omata, to Barrie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.N.Stening, NP. The bridesmaids were Evelyn Dillon, Hamilton, and Barbara Donald, sister of the bride, Hawera. Ian Lander, NP, was the best man, and David Stening, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. Future home, Bell Block.



St. Mary's Competitions

Once again the St. Mary's competitions proved the most popular attraction for children in their May school holidays. A feature of the competitions this year was the very high standard attained by the competitors, who came from far afield to attend. The judges all remarked that the standard was as high as at any other competitions.

Above, left: Deborah Walker (NP) makes a pretty picture as she waits her turn in the wings of the Memorial Hall, where all the dancing was held. **Above, right:** So keen are the youngsters that each competitor is carefully watched from the wings. **Below, left:** Mark Old and mother, Mrs V.Old, together with dancing teacher Edna Shirtcliffe, go through the programme. **Below, right:** Carol McNeil (NP) was another who made a pretty picture for our photographer.





First Class Talent Displayed

The St. Mary's competitions are fast becoming the most popular competitions in the North Island, as year after year entries rise and competition becomes keener as some of the country's best dancers seek honours.

Above: Mrs V. Old prepares her daughter Diane before her curtain call.

Above, right: Mrs K. Loasby (NP) gets the hair style right for her ballet-dancing daughter Diana.

Below: Two of the judges, Delores Thomas (Lower Hutt) and Mr G.R. Wells (Cambridge), are seen here at the final night demonstration concert at the Opera House.

Below, right: President of the competitions, Mr R.T. Harris, prepares the numerous trophies for presentation.



Above, left: The Beryl Quay dancers, who won the ballet group open section for the 10th time. This school has won this trophy every time they have entered. The dancers are, from left, Gaye Topping, Verena O'Brien, Beverley Murray, Beryl Quay, Christine Bone and Elvie Harrison.

Above: Robyn Wilkinson (NP), winner of the violin section under 14 scholarship.

Below, left: Carol Honeyfield (Okato) winner of both skipping and tap classes under 14.

Below, centre: Nancy Brown (Pungarehu) who won the under 8 Tap dancing scholarship.

Below: Marilyn Cornwall won both scholarships for speech and character.



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The Demonstration Concert

For the demonstration concert and the presentation of trophies for the St. Mary's Competitions, the Opera House was filled with parents and friends of the contestants. A very fine programme was witnessed, with credit to both the performers and organisers.

Above: This is the song and dance team which won the open section. From left, Georgie Tito, Deborah Walker, Janice Bishop and Diane Old.

Below: Winners of the Nendl Creative dancing: Shirley Darby (senior) and Ann Clyma (junior).

Above, right: Nanette Collinson (Stratford) won a fine trophy for National dancing.

Right: Scene on stage at the Opera House as the trophies were presented.

Below, right: Winners of the pianoforte duet, Beverley Powell (left) and Carol Paul (right), with the donor of the cup, centre, Christine Harris.



Above, left: Pauline Owens and Karan Williams (NP) winners of the under 12 skip duo.

Above, centre: Pauline Owens also won the fancy dancing scholarship.

Above, right: Raewyn Prestidge, winner of two scholarships for ballet and tap.

Below, left: Two girls who won a cup each: at left, Susan Martin won the vocal scholarship and Ruth Garlick the sight-reading cup for singing.



MARRIED

Below: HAMLING-REED: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, N.P., Shirley Marlene, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.Reed, Stratford, to Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs W.Hamling, NP. The future home will be New Plymouth.





Col. Murray Cup Competition

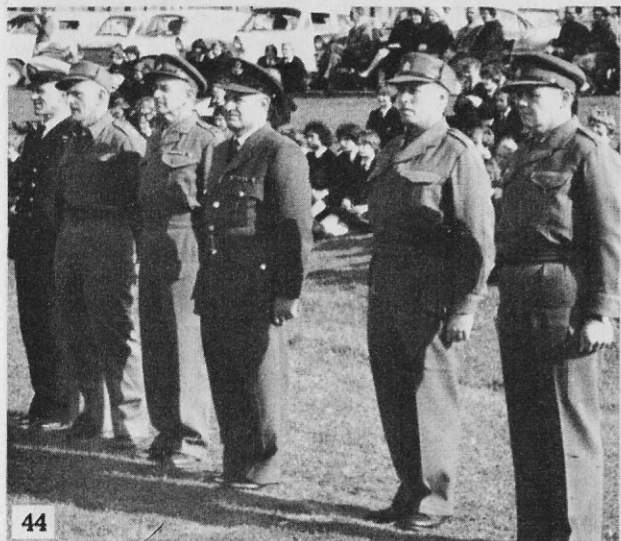
The annual Col. Murray cup competition for the cadets at the Stratford THS proved that some very hard work had gone into the training for this popular competition. The standard of drill was higher than usual, according to the judges.

Above: Taking the salute was Col. T.T. Murray, centre, with the Principal, Mr T.R. Chadwick, and Sqd-Ldr. R.B. Crawford.

Below: Line-up of cadet battalion officers.

Above, right: All ranks were inspected by Col. Murray.

Below, right: Congratulations to the commander of the winning platoon, Under-Officer John Granville, No. 3 Platoon, A company, winners for the second time.



Above: Donor of the cup, Col. Murray, personally congratulated the boys of the winning platoon, No. 3 of A company, who had won the cup for the second time.

Below: The weather was kind for this afternoon, and the whole of the school, plus a good muster of parents, were present.

Bottom: The boys proved their smartness when they marched past the saluting base.



Wedding Bells



Left: WELLS-LATHAM.
At St. Mary's Church, NP, Virginia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. Latham, NP, to John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Hec. Wells, Okato. The bridesmaids were Joclyn Latham, Deborah Latham and Rowena Cuff. Jim Wells, Okato, was the best man. Future home will be Okato.

Below: PAYNE-LASH.
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Nan, third daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D.Lash, NP, to Terry, third son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Payne, Bell Block. The bridesmaids were Lesley Gyde, NP, and Joan Hannon, NP. Geoff Naumann, NP, was the best man, and Murray Payne, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. Future home will be New Plymouth.



St. Andrew's Ladies Celebrate Church Centenary

During the recent St. Andrew's Church centenary celebrations, the members of the Ladies Guild from St. Andrew's and other Presbyterian Churches in New Plymouth held their own afternoon to celebrate this very important occasion.

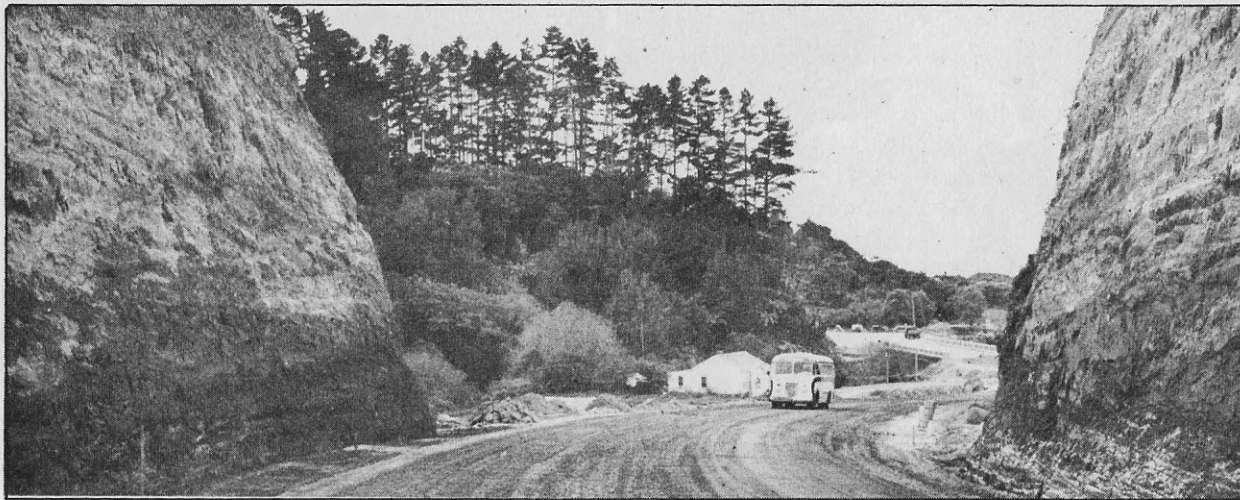
Above, left: Miss J. McLeod (NP) had the honour of cutting the celebration cake.

Above: Mrs S.C. Read shows the ladies the beautifully iced cake, watched by Mrs R.S. Street.

Below: Some of the foundation members of the Guild are here shown at afternoon tea.

Bottom: Happy little gatherings to talk over old times were a feature of the celebrations.





Roadworks at Onaero Near Completion

Re-aligning of the road at Onaero, now that the new bridge is in use, has been a major job for the road-makers. A very large cutting has been made, just north of the bridge, as shown in the photograph above, and when sealed will make a fine highway. From the bridge, looking south, the roadwork is now proceeding with the new road on the right of the picture, below, and showing the old road with its sharp corners, on the left of the photograph. A general view, from the bridge, looking north through the new cutting is shown in the bottom picture. Much work has been carried out here, with little inconvenience to traffic, and when completed, will help in a vast improvement in the main north highway.



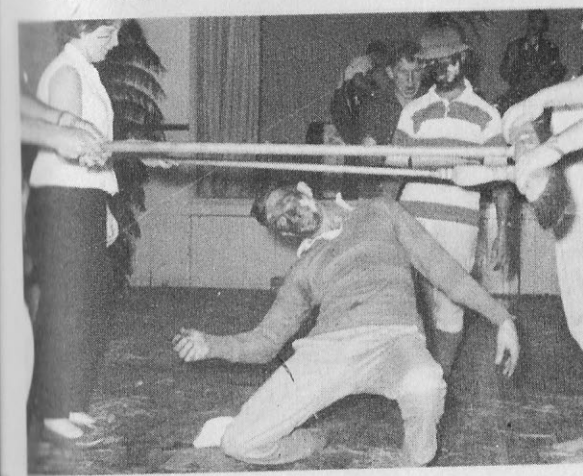
Jaycee Barn Dance

Bell Block Hall was the venue for the recent barn dance, organised by the NP Jaycees. The hall was crowded for this popular event.

Top, left: Happy crowd of revellers are, from left, Margaret James, Betty Dalglish, Betty Potts, Vanessa Harris, Nola Bland and Joan Hay.

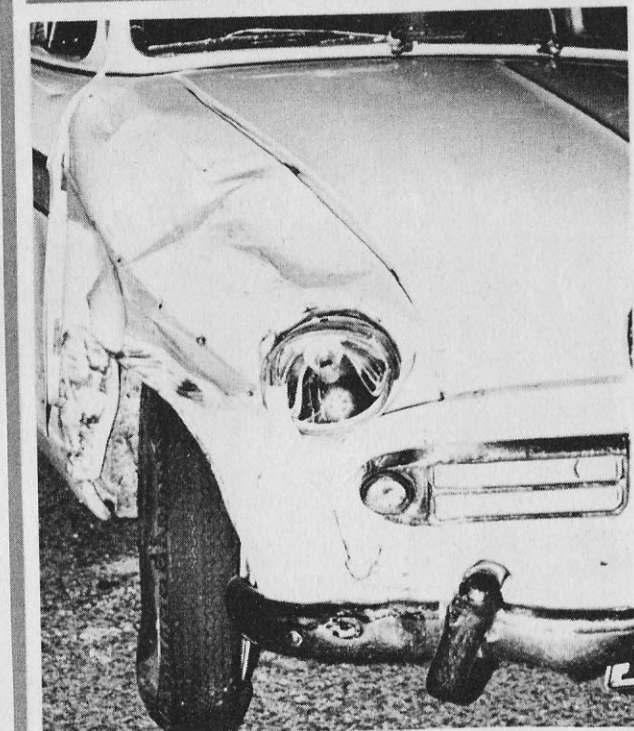
Above: Another happy crowd, from left, Eric Richmond, Patricia Burt, Margaret McDonald, Derek Hay, Lorraine Robinson, Ron Brooker, Steve James and Neil Harris.

Below: Kelvin Eaton tries his luck under the Limbo bar.



INTERSECTION SMASH

Late on a recent Saturday night these two cars, above and below, came into collision at the intersection of Dawson and Fulford streets. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, but both cars had to be towed away from the scene.



Married

Right: LASH-McMILLAN.
At the Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Minnetta, third daughter of Mr and Mrs M. McMillan, NP, to Terry, 2nd son of Mr and Mrs E. Lash, NP. Joan Humphries, Bell Block, was the bridesmaid, and Chris Jensen, NP, was the best man. Future home, NP.

Below: COOK-RAMSAY.
At St. Mary's Church, NP, Josephine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.S. Ramsay, NP, to Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs M. Cook, Palmerston North. The bridesmaids were Rosalie Cook, sister of the groom, and Robin Ballintyne, Auckland. The best man was John Ramsay, brother of the bride, and the groomsman was Ron Thomson, Palmerston North. The flower girl was Ann Pepper. Future home, Palmerston North.



Handwork Competition

An exhibition and competition of handwork, run by the Guides and Brownies of NZ was recently held at the Taranaki Museum, where judging took place to find representatives to go forward to the national finals. Here, we reproduce some photographs of winners of various sections.

Above: Embroidery winners. **Right:** the winning entry by Mrs R. Bolton, and second place-getter left, by Mrs N. Weir.

Below: Exhibition of handwork displayed reached a very high standard.

Above, right: Dressed dolls were a feature of the display.

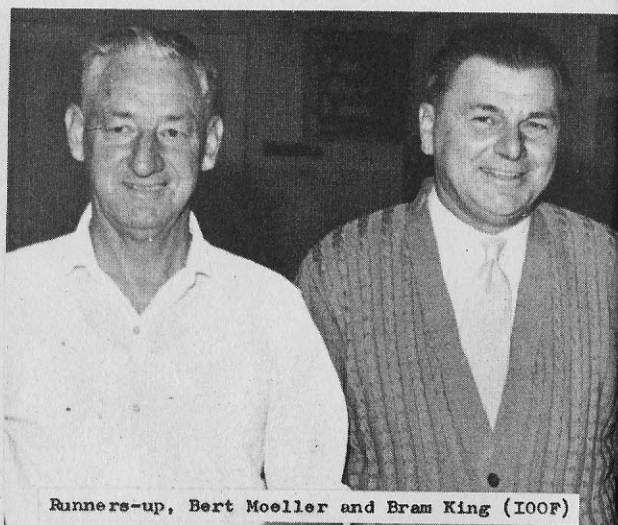
Right: In this group were prizewinners in sections for tapestry: Mrs B. Harkness, doll, Mrs M. Longbottom, rabbit, L. Horner 2nd, cart, Mrs J. Payne 3rd, and gollywog, Barbara Harkness.

Below, right: Painting in its section won the first prize. The artist was D. Wynyard.





Winners, Molly and Frank Denham (Vogeltown)



Runners-up, Bert Moeller and Bram King (IOOF)



Third place went to Roy Clarringbold and Mrs Nell Sole (Rotokare)



Fourth place to Vilma and Wilkie Johnston of the Mangorei club

132 Entries for Central Division Pairs

The annual Central Division Pairs tournament attracted 132 teams of which 36 qualified. Starting at 9am, the last four teams played strenuous bowls continuously until nearly midnight, when the finals were played. And the finals provided some of the best bowling seen in the Central Hall for a long time. Positions changed with almost every bowl, so keen and accurate were the players. A crowd of about 200 watched these interesting games.



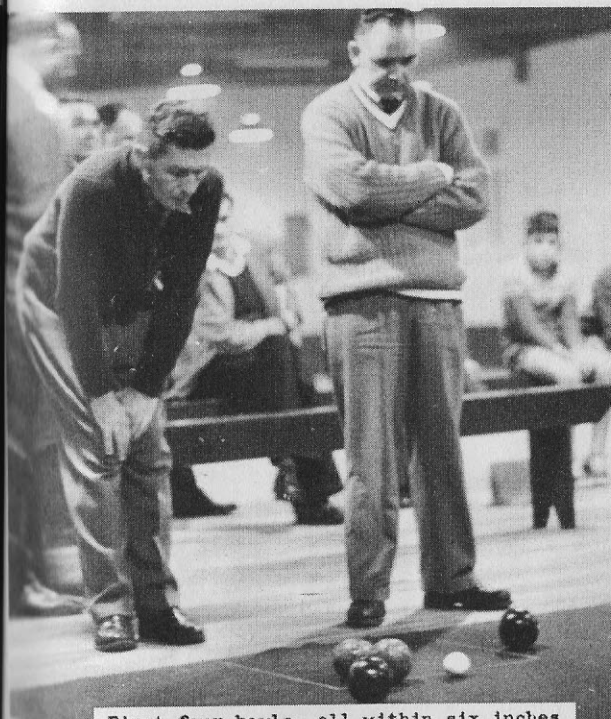
Frank Denham concentrates



Nell Sole looks doubtful



Molly Denham...concentration

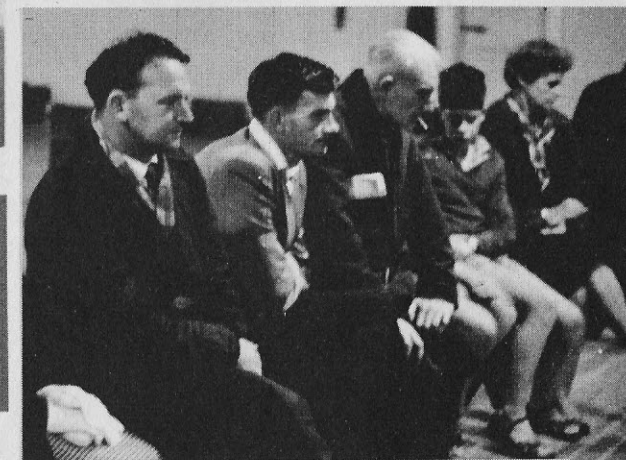


First four bowls, all within six inches of the kitty, and the heads got tighter

About 200 people remained until nearly midnight for the finals of the Central Division's annual Pairs tournament, which attracted 132 teams. Interest was so great that at any time during the play one could have heard a pin drop, so quiet were the spectators. Heads were about as tight as they could be, with the services of an umpire often called for.



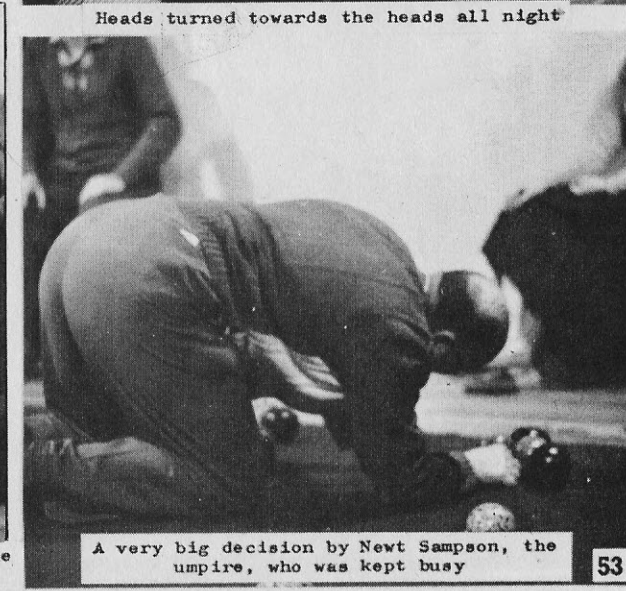
A lovely way to spend an evening



Heads turned towards the heads all night



Umpire Newt Sampson was called on for some very difficult heads to measure



A very big decision by Newt Sampson, the umpire, who was kept busy

Right: EVANS-RAILL.

At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, NP, Fay, third daughter of Mr and Mrs P. M. Raill, Koru, to Elden, only son of Mr and Mrs V. Evans, Kaitia. The bridesmaid was Carol Raill, sister of the bride, and the best man was Michael Raill, brother of the bride. Lyn Cocker, Pukerue, was the flower-girl. Future home, Hastings.

Below: ROBERTS-DAVIES.

At Holy Trinity, Fitzroy, Jean, 4th daughter of Mr and Mrs E.M. Davies, NP, to Keith, 2nd son of Mrs and the late Mr J.B. Roberts, Huinga. The bridesmaids were Shirley Davies, sister of the bride, and Helen Roberts, sister of the groom. The groom's attendants were his brothers, Oliver and Allan Roberts. The flower-girl was Carol Megchelse, Huinga. The future home, Huinga.



Wedding Bells



Married

Right: DUNCAN-ADAMS.

At St. Mary's Church, NP, Jennifer, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Adams, NP, to Rodney, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. Duncan, NP. The bridesmaid was Caroline Adams, sister of the bride, NP, and the best man was Alistair Duncan, brother of the groom, NP. Future home will be New Plymouth.

Below: STOKES-SMITH.

At St. Mary's Church, Hawera, Valerie, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Smith, Hawera, to George, only son of Mr and Mrs G.F. Stokes, Ohangai.



Coming of Age

Below: Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. Dettling, Ohangai, recently celebrated her coming of age in the Ohangai Hall. She is here seen receiving the traditional key from her father.





Boys Brigade Celebration Relay

Celebrating eighty years, the Boys Brigade relay, with a message for the Governor-General in Wellington, passed through Taranaki recently. The relay was started way up north, and with boys of the Brigade running continuously night and day, eighty of them in Taranaki, the message finally arrived on time in Wellington. New Plymouth's own celebration was held on the steps of the library where the runners were met by the Mayor, Mr A.G. Honnor, who read the message to the Governor-General.

Above: Brigaders of the province lined the ramp to the library as a guard for the three runners who came from the north.

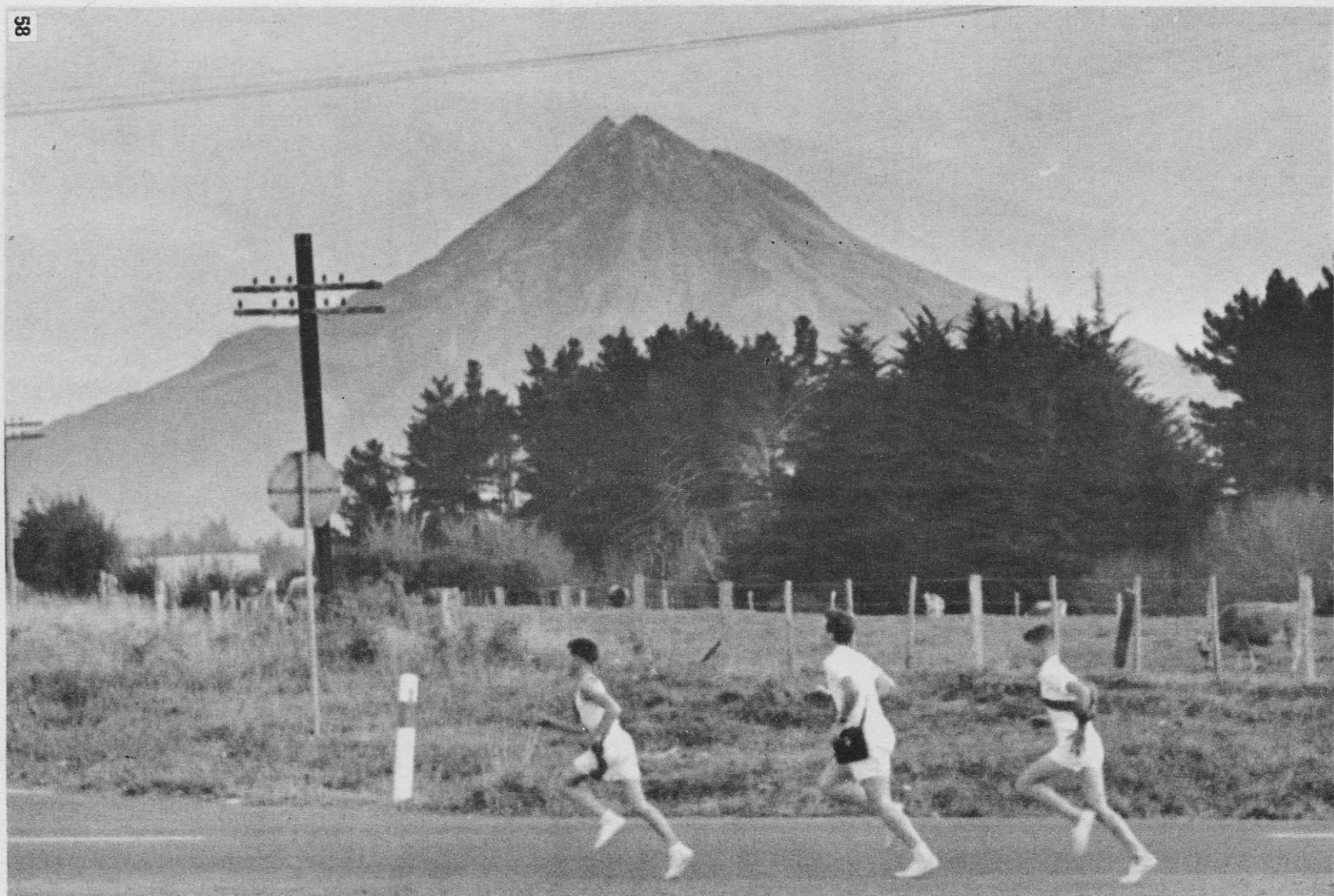
Below: Life Boys were there too, with a fair sprinkling of the shoppers who happened to be in the town.



Above, left: The message being read by the Mayor, Mr Honnor, who was accompanied by the president of the Taranaki group of B.B. Lieut. Don Kirkland. Below, left: The three runners who brought the message to New Plymouth, Graham Collins, Murray Andrews and Terry Corbett. Top, right: The three runners arrive and pass through the guard of honour. Above: Baton and satchel change hands from Murray Andrews and Terry Gillbanks. Below: Silver baton is handed to the Mayor on the library steps.



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BOYS BRIGADE MESSAGE PASSES MT. EGMONT

Out of the city and away south along the main highway went the Boys' Brigade message, which is here shown passing Taranaki's symbol, Mt. Egmont. This picture was taken just before another change-over at Egmont Village, where three more boys of the 1st Okato Company took the message on to Inglewood.



Left: Three runners of the Okato company leave the steps of the NP Library on a further stage in the journey south of the Boys' Brigade relay.

Centre, left: Lt.D.A.Hill watches while runners sign their log at a changeover at Egmont Village.

Below, left: From left, these runners are Patrick Barr, Lyndsay McFetridge, Ian Andrews, Ken Strachan, Wilf Sears and Kevin Flay.



21ST BIRTHDAY

Above: Valerie, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C. Whitehouse, NP, is here shown with her parents on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

ENGAGED

Below: DRAKE-CARTWRIGHT. Beverley Joyce, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N.H.Cartwright, NP, to Allan James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.J.Drake, Oakura.





Wedding Bells

Above: MacINTYRE-MACKINTOSH. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Mary Phoebe, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs I.F.Mackintosh, NP, to Donald Ross, elder son of Mrs and the late Mr R.MacIntyre, NP. Sisters of the bride, Josephine and Shona Mackintosh, were the bridesmaids, Harold Neilson, Hunterville, was the best man, and Garth MacIntyre, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

Below: ROBERTSON-HARRIS. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Annette Rose, third daughter of Mrs D.Harris, NP, to Gordon Spence, second son of Mr and Mrs P.J.Robertson, Waitara. The bridesmaids were Lorraine Harris, sister of the bride, NP and Lorraine Harvey, NP. Douglas Macdonald, NP, was the best man and Trevor O'Donnell, Eltham, was the groomsman. Future home, Eltham.



Celebrations

Above, left: Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs M. Slater, Auckland, ex-NP, cuts the cake at her 21st birthday party held recently in NP.

Above, centre: Kevin Graeme Rogers, son of Mrs C.Savage, Stratford, who recently attained his majority.

Above, right: Gilbert Stanley, son of Mr and Mrs S.N.Elliott, NP, who recently celebrated his 21st birthday.

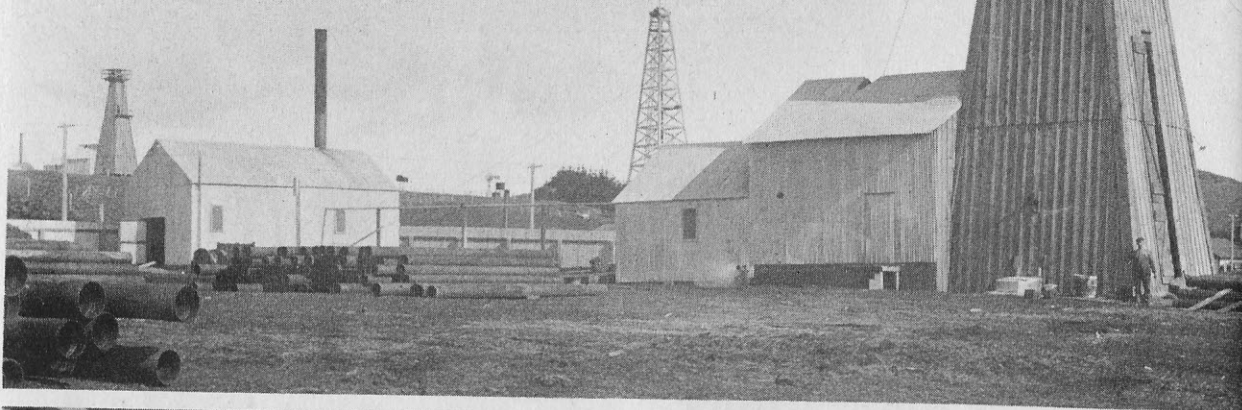
Left: Mr G.W.Ludeman presents the key of the door to his daughter Marlene who celebrated her 21st birthday at Inglewood recently.

Below: Mr and Mrs Halsie Wood, NP, who recently celebrated 25 years of married life.



1902 Taranaki Oil Venture Was A Failure

One of the first real oil ventures in Taranaki was started in the Ngamotu area at the turn of the century. Big things were envisaged for the province as a result of the drilling that had been taking place. Some three or four years of preparation had gone into the finding of oil and the formation of an organisation with enough cash to float a company. The well was officially opened when a party of Members of Parliament came to New Plymouth for this important occasion. It was run by a company operating under the name of Watkins and Fox, but unfortunately did not last very long, as the quality of the oil, plus the amount of grit in it, spoiling the expensive pumping machinery, soon had the company in difficulties. The work closed down after a very short life, and virtually brought to standstill the oil industry in the province right up to the present time. The top photograph shows the exterior view of the well, while the picture below is the inside of the workshop where the containers for petroleum were made.

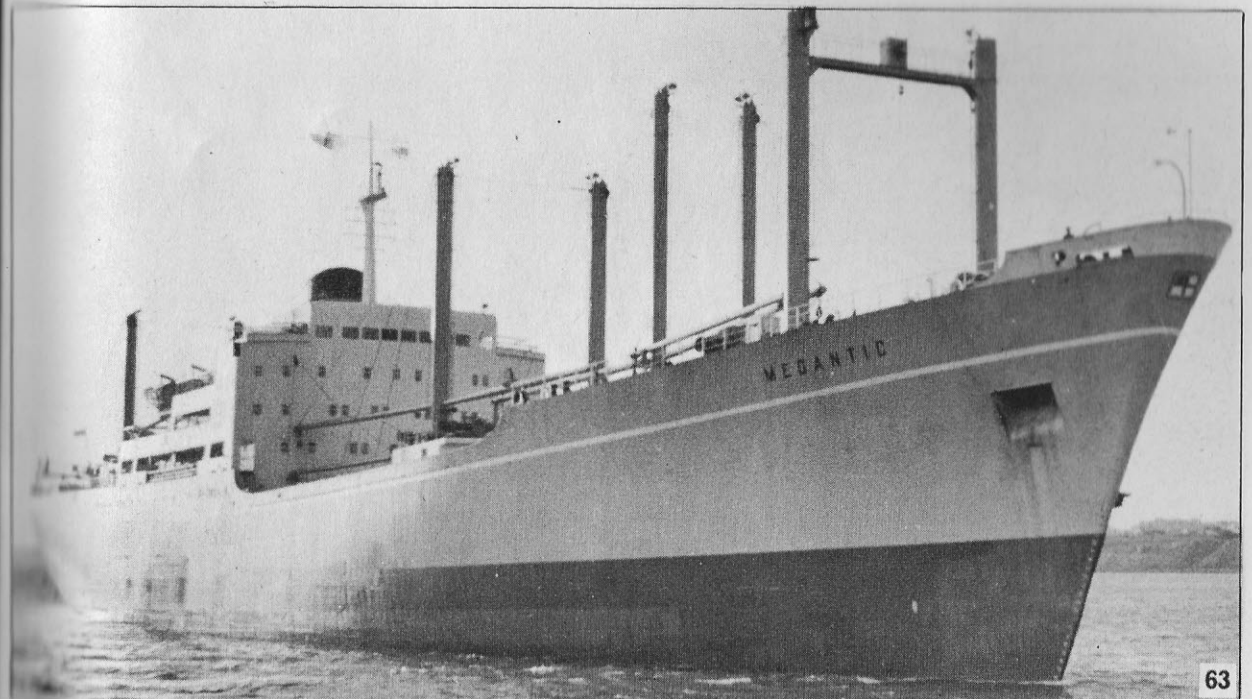


1900 VISIT TO TARANAKI BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

It was a red letter day for New Plymouth when this party of Members of Parliament visited the city in the early 1900's for the opening of an oil well. We have not, unfortunately, been able to identify any of these gentlemen, who if still with us, would say, "I told you there was oil in Taranaki!"

NEW SHIP VISITS PORT TARANAKI

The new freighter Megantic on her first visit to Port Taranaki is shown as she enters port. It boasts the new house colours for the line, and looked quite smart and modern.





Wedding Bells

Above: HAGAN-MARTIN. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Rei, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W.Martin, Okato, to Colin John, only son of Mr and Mrs A.J.Hagan, Hawera. Sisters of the bride, Judith and Lois Martin, were the bridesmaids. Geoff Robinson, Wellington, was the best man, and Gary Cundy, Pahiatua, was the groomsman. Future home will be Auckland.

Below: GOSSE-JAMES. At St. Luke's Methodist Church, Westown, Connie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C.James, NP, to Brian Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.T.Gosse, Nae Nae. The bridesmaids were Margaret Wilson and Rae Walsh, both of Auckland. Best man was Graham Whitehead, and the groomsman was Bill Camp, both of Wanganui. Future home will be Auckland.



Above: BRIMELOW-DICK. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Lynette Joy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs K.B.Dick, NP, to John, elder son of Mr and Mrs F.Brimelow, Opunake. The bridesmaids were June Dick, sister of the bride, and Erris Brown, NP. Basil Brimelow, brother of the groom, Opunake, was the best man, and Paul Raybould, Opunake, was the groomsman. Future home will be Opunake.

Below: LAWSON-JURY. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Patricia Dawn, second daughter of Mr and Mrs N.G. Jury, NP, to George Wilson, second son of Mr and Mrs G.Lawson, Huntly. Matron of honour was Jocelyn Hart, NP, and the bridesmaid was Lorraine Lawson, sister of the groom, Huntly. Alan McCutcheon, Otaki, was the best man, and Ivan Lawson, brother of the groom, Huntly, was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be Hawera.



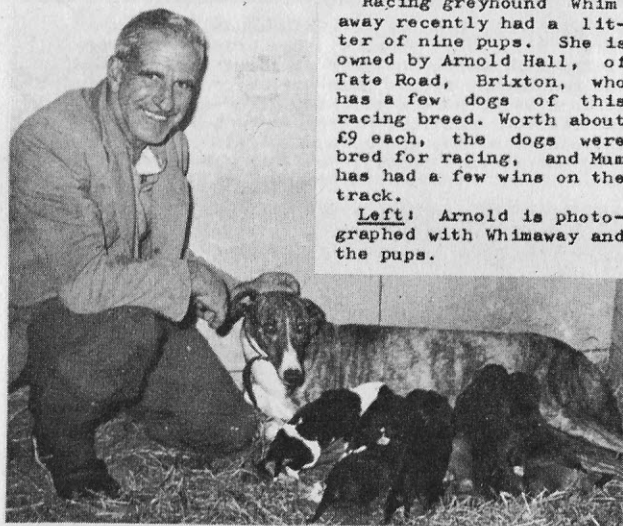
Local Greyhound's Litter of Nine



Proud Mum with her litter of nine

Racing greyhound Whimaway recently had a litter of nine pups. She is owned by Arnold Hall, of Tate Road, Brixton, who has a few dogs of this racing breed. Worth about £9 each, the dogs were bred for racing, and Mum has had a few wins on the track.

Left: Arnold is photographed with Whimaway and the pups.



Valerie Reader and Gary Hall are helpers with the rearing of the pups



Just a handful at the moment



BACK COVER



Colour came to Opunake for the annual brass and pipe band championships. Here the massed pipe bands parade through the main street.

Quiet Beach

One of the lesser-known beaches in Taranaki is the one pictured here. It is the beach at Puke-aruhe. Quite often one has to wade through a lagoon to get on the beach, but it is well worth the effort. The beach is never crowded, even in the height of the holiday season.

