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Okato's New Clock Dedicated

The centennial memorial clock at Okato was dedicated at a ceremony attended by hundreds of local and ex-Okato people. The unveiling was performed by two of the oldest residents of Okato, Mrs Alice Fox (left) and Mr L.Andrews, second from right. They were assisted by Mr Keith Roebuck, right, and the acting chairman of the centennial committee, Mr H.Paul. This heralded the start of a week-end never to be forgotten by the people of Okato and district, when the town played host to over 15000 visitors.

Ex-N.P. Boy In Australia

Right: Ex-NP boy Laurie B.Davis (Nobby to his friends) who left New Plymouth in 1925 for Sydney. Nobby is an old boy of the NP Central School, and has successfully owned butcher shops in Sydney and Port Kembla before going into the steel industry. His interests include Surf Life Saving clubs, one of which he has been made a life member. He is also a keen bowler, and hopes to play against the touring NZ team on their forthcoming tour of Aussie. We like to hear from any ex-Taranakian now residing overseas, especially as we get compliments about the publication. Nobby still maintains an interest in the province, firstly because his sister, Mrs R.G.Capon, lives in Waitara, and secondly because he has become a regular reader of "Photo News".



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Four Generations

Above: In our photograph we show four generations. From left: grandmother Mrs V.Goodwin, great-grandmother Mrs H.Haine, Lynette Berry and mother Mrs I.Berry.

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OUR COVER

Popular girl, popular car. That's what we think about this month's cover. The girl, Marie Cronin is a keen basketball player, and was one of the Miss Brooklands contestants. The car, the Triumph 2000, has become Britain's most popular car with its fine styling and sparkling performance. They're both good-looking, aren't they?

BACK COVER

One of the most colourful floats in the recent Okato Centennial Parade, that of the Catholic Women's Institute.



CHIEF COOK'S ASSISTANT

Young Geoffrey, 2-year-old son of Mr and Mrs M.White, Waitara, got into mother's mixing bowl and a bag of flour. This picture was the result, with Geoffrey at the start of a messy job. It appears that Geoffrey is taking this seriously.



Engaged

Above: BATES-WEBBY. Pamela Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H.Webby, Eltham, to Bruce John, son of Mrs A.H.Bates, Stratford. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below: VINSEN-FOOTHEAD. Margaret, elder daughter of Mrs Foothead, Petone, and the late Mr Foothead, to Louis, only son of Mr and Mrs Bill Vinsen, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Above, right: LITTLE-HICKEY. Valerie Jean, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.D.Hickey, Patea, to Ross William, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. Little, NP.

Right: MUNDT-CULPITT. Beverly June, youngest daughter of Mrs N.M.Burr, Auckland, to Dennis Bruce Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.H.Mundt, Hawera.

Below, right: ROGUSKI-MACARTNEY. Joy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.Macartney, Stratford, to David John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.V. Roguski, Te Wera.



Above: Mr and Mrs Tom Murdock, NP, are shown here on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary with their bridal party of 25 years ago. From left: George Taylor, Tom and Freda Murdock, Lorna Taylor and Joe Lowe.

Above, right: Married at St. Mary's Church, NP, were Barbara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.F.Jury, NP, to Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs R.Hinton, Stratford.

Below: Mr and Mrs J.H.Sampson, photographed on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. (VOGUE).

Below, right: Donald, son of Mr and Mrs R.E.Gyde, Inglewood, is shown with his mother and father at his 21st birthday party. (VOGUE).



Celebrations





Patea Spectacular

A total of £1666 was raised in 6 weeks by the nine contestants in the recent Patea Spectacular carnival, finalised by a parade and sports day. Much interest was aroused and the organisers are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Above: The parade moves up the main street, led by the float, "Let's Go A-Head". (PHOTOS BY ALDOR FILMS).



Carol Parkinson, Miss Patea Spectacular, is chaired by members of the band, who were her sponsors.



Queen for a day: Carol Parkinson and her maids



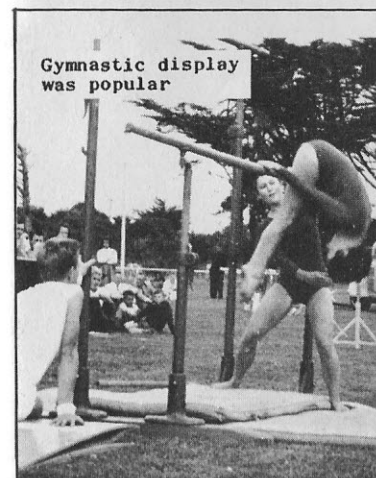
Chopping events at the sports day



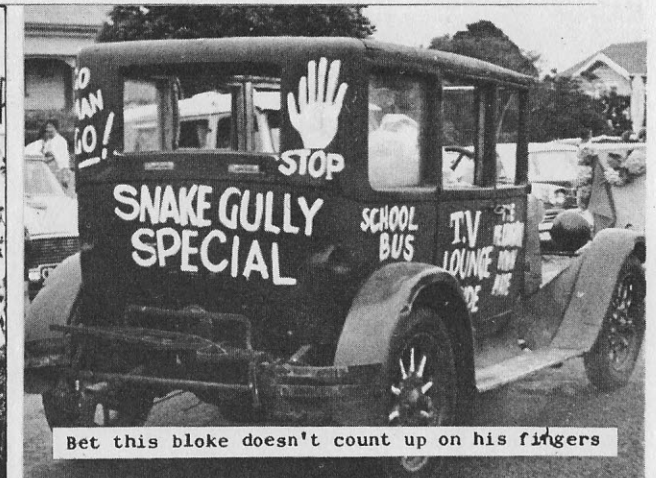
Presentation to Carol Parkinson, shows the Mayor Mr Prince, Mrs A.Hall and Miss Campbell (NP).



Official party



Gymnastic display was popular



Bet this bloke doesn't count up on his fingers



Winning float, Irish House, entered by the Hibernian Society, Patea.



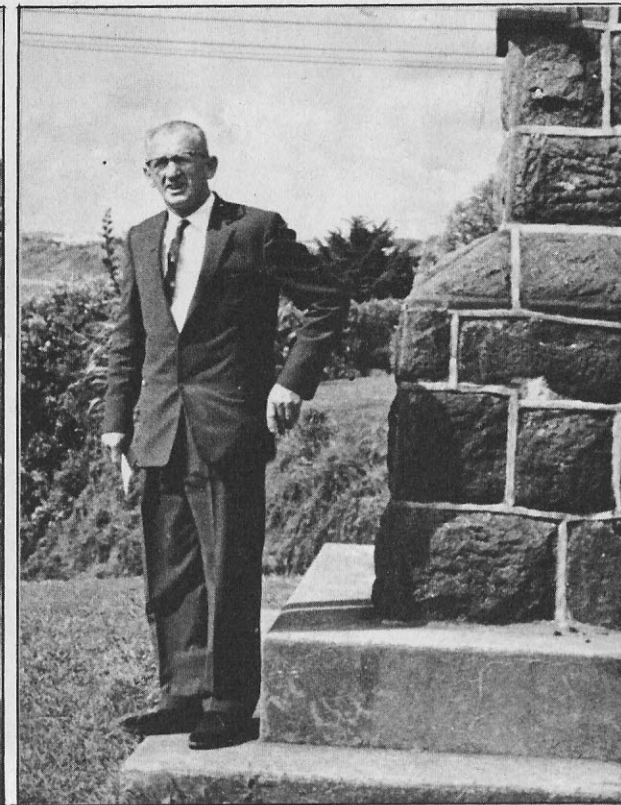
Side-show alley was popular



Wedding Bells

Above: WILSON-WILLS. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Adrienne Kay Wills, only daughter of Mrs N.Eva, NP, to Robert Boyd, third son of the late Mr and Mrs Wilson, NP. The bridesmaids were Lynette Howe and Cassie Boyle, both NP. Best man was Brian Goldsworthy, NP, and the groomsmen were Selwyn Wills, brother of the bride, NP. Future home, New Plymouth.

Below: FRANCIS-HAMBLYN. At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M Hamblin, NP, to Barry, only son of Mr and Mrs L.Francis, Koru. The bridesmaids were sisters of the bride, Lynnette, Marce and Christine Hamblin, all of NP, and Janet Francis, sister of the groom, Koru. Colin Sampson, Rataipiko, was the best man and Brian Holt, NP, was the groomsmen. Future home New Plymouth.



105th Anniversary Of Battle

The New Plymouth Historical Society recently celebrated the 105th anniversary of the Battle of Waireka with a short ceremony at the Pioneer Road Memorial attended by about fifty people. This was followed by a special commemoration at the Memorial Hall.

Above: A commemoration spray of flowers was placed on the memorial by Mrs M.Rau, a member of the committee, accompanied by Mr W.Christoffel, vice-president of the society.

Above, right: Speaker at the function was Major G.T.Secombe, MBE, DCM.

Below: Society's president, Mr E.R.Andrews, speaks at the function to the gathering.



Captain Mrs G.Baker speaks to the gathering



Rahotu Guides 5th Birthday

Many Guides from troops at Okato and Opunake attended the 5th birthday of the Rahotu company. Among the guests were many parents, ex-Guides and past-presidents of the committee. After an evening of games for the Guides and Brownies, an elaborate supper was served.



First president, Mrs H.Wright, came all the way from Douglas to enjoy the evening and cut the birthday cake.



Mrs L.Butler, the president, lit the candles.



Mrs J.Burson, another past president, fanned out the candles on the cake.

MASTER PRINTERS SOCIAL IN N.P.

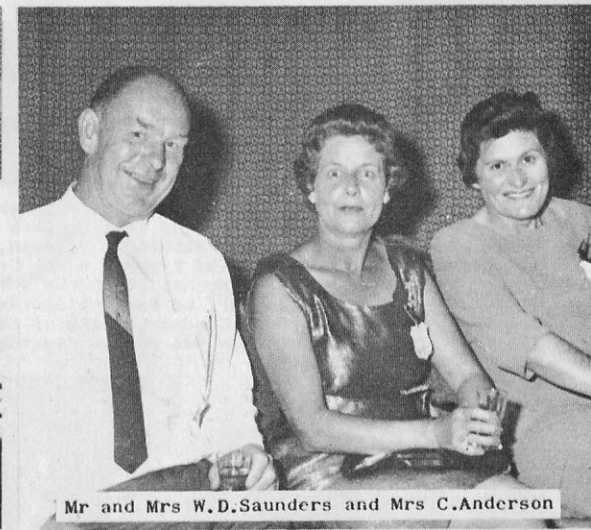
Master Printers from all over NZ recently held their annual conference in the city, and concluded their business with a grand social evening. Many friendships were made, and many old friendships were renewed. We show on this page some of the local printers at the social event.



Mr and Mrs R.Brinsley and Mr and Mrs A.West



Mr and Mrs H.Rix and Mr and Mrs R.W.Bagshaw



Mr and Mrs W.D.Saunders and Mrs C.Anderson



Mr and Mrs J.Porteus and Mr and Mrs M.Officer



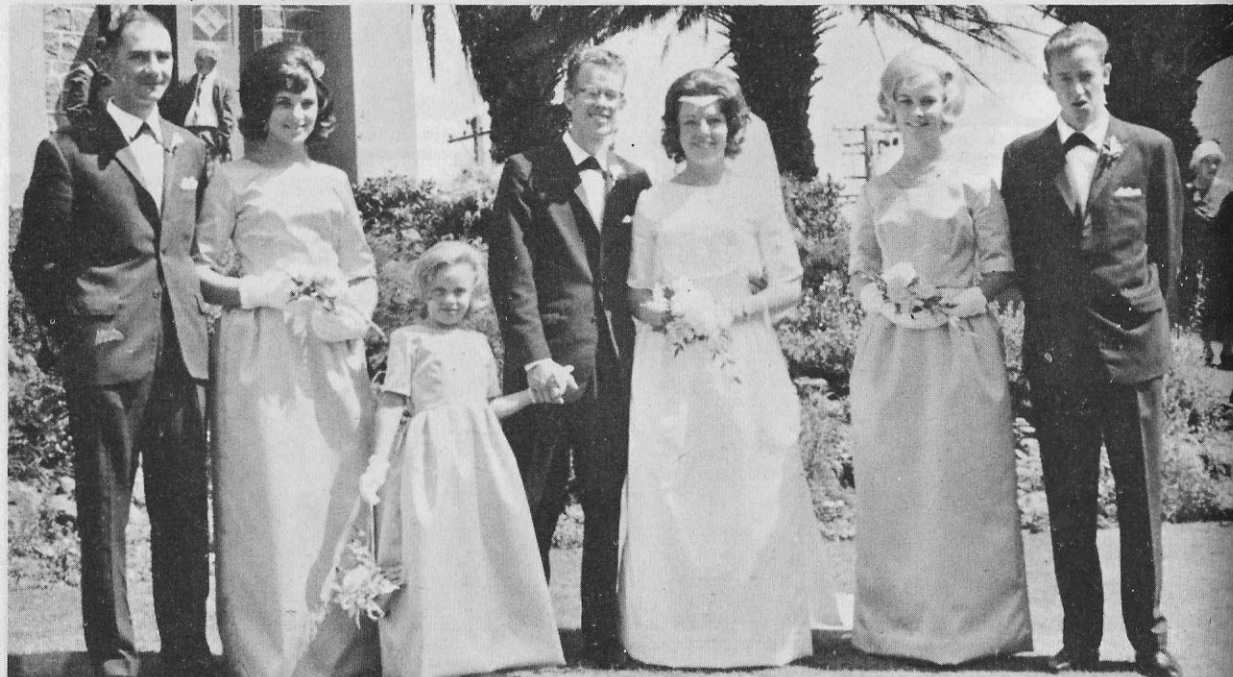
Mr and Mrs D.Rush and Mrs J.Ekdahl.



Wedding Bells

Above: WORKMAN-McMILLAN. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Wendy Marion, youngest daughter of Mrs L.M. Penwarden, NP, and the late Mr Ivon McMillan, to John, only son of Mr Noel Workman, NP. Matron of honour was Barbara Johnston, Opunake, and the bridesmaid was Glenys O'Neill, NP. Best man was Ross Scouller, NP, and the groomsmen were Graham Telfer, NP. Future home, NP.

Below: WAGSTAFF-BENEFIELD. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Colleen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs H.E. Benefield, NP, to Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.B. Wagstaff, NP. The bridesmaids were Carol Inskip and June Goodwin, both of Okaiawa. Best man was John Wagstaff, brother of the groom, NP, and the groomsmen were Mervyn Jamieson, Oakura. Jennifer Wright, NP, was the flowergirl. Future home, New Plymouth.



Rahotu Sports Day

Blessed with reasonable weather, the Rahotu sports day was a fair sort of success. For the spectator, there was a varied programme which had something for every taste, while for the active, there was plenty of competition in the many events.

Above: Basketball drew a large field of teams probably trying themselves out for the coming season.

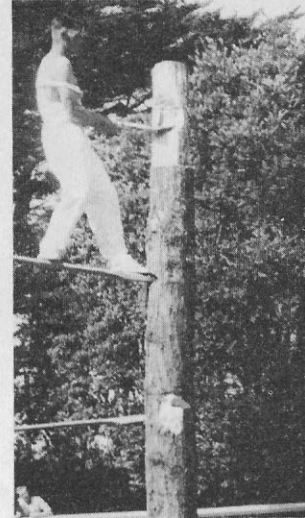
Above, centre: Not often seen in this part of the country was the jigger chip.

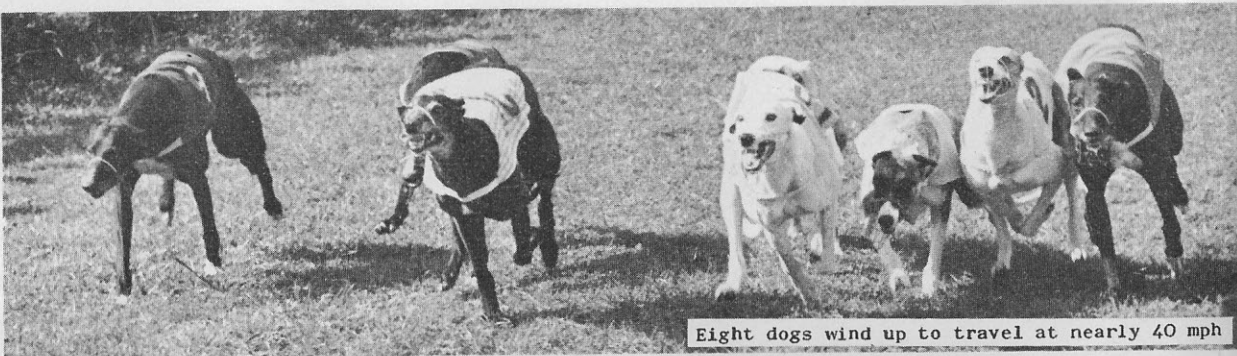
Above, right: Busiest man of the day was Colin Williams.

Right: Most enthusiasm was aroused for the married women's race.

Below: The Auroa Pipe Band provided music that was much appreciated by the crowd.

(PIX BY HENRY MCGEE).





Eight dogs wind up to travel at nearly 40 mph

Greyhound Racing Draws Big Crowds At Inglewood

Large crowds are being drawn to the meetings of the Inglewood Greyhound Racing Club, and the most recent meeting included the NZ Invitation Stakes, in which six of the best dogs in the country competed. Starters in this race included dogs from Auckland and Christchurch with the result that some very fine racing was seen.



Winner of the Invitation Stakes: Susie Rathgar, owned and trained by Sylvia Hodgson (Auckland).



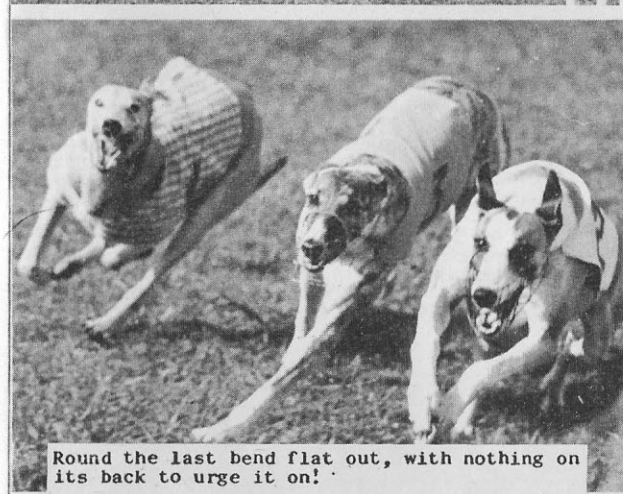
NZGRA president Ben Bray presented the trophy to Sylvia Hodgson.



So popular has greyhound racing become, that the NZBC sent a cameraman to cover the meet.



Starters for the big race are paraded



Round the last bend flat out, with nothing on its back to urge it on!

GREYHOUNDS (continued)

A programme of thirteen races provided a good Sunday afternoon's entertainment for the crowds attending. As a sport, we think this a good way to imitate the "sport of kings" and could be a good source of revenue for the State, if a tote was allowed. Many representations have been made with regard to betting but each appeal has fallen on stony ground. Frankly, we can see no more harm in gambling on a greyhound, than on a racehorse.



Part of this large crowd watch the start of a race



Engaged

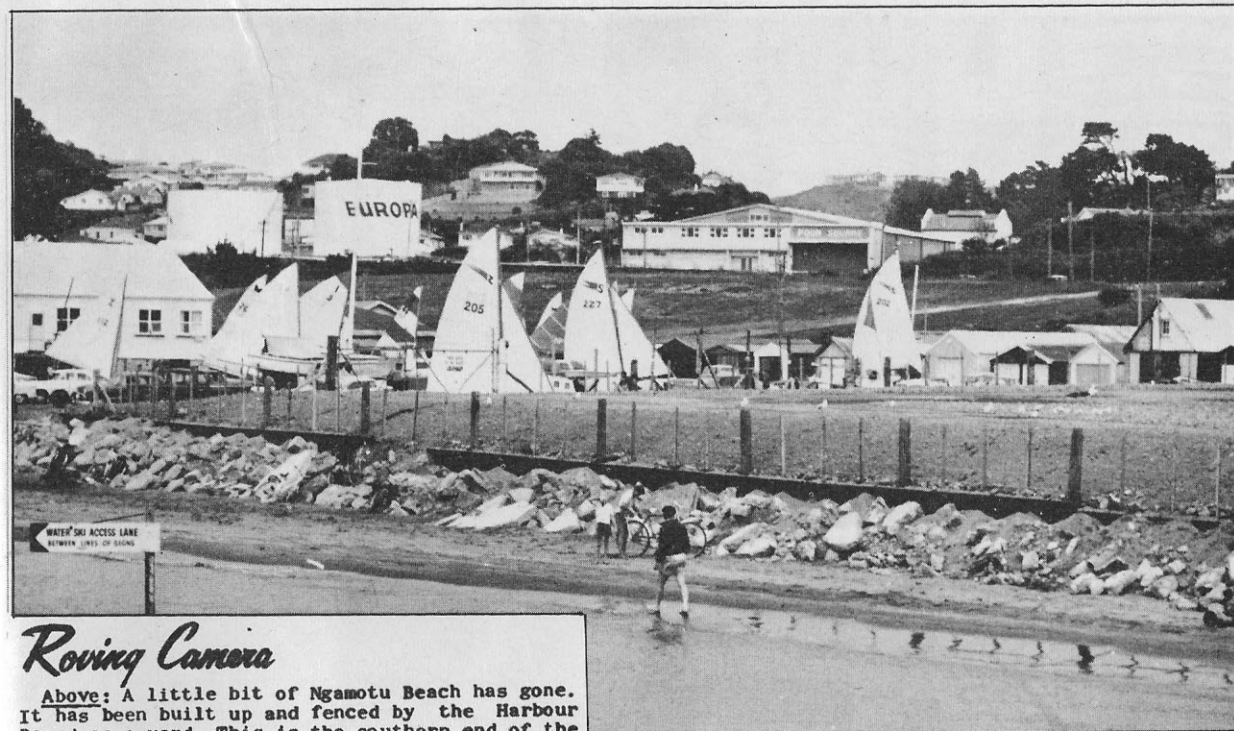
Above: PRICE-GRACE. Beverly Joyce, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C.D.Grace, Gore, to Frank Edward Price, elder son of Mr and Mrs T.S.A. Marsh, Waitara. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below: BUNNING-FISHER. Marlene, second daughter of Mrs E.Fisher, Stratford, to Milson, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.Bunning, Inglewood. (VOGUE).

Above, right: MCKOY-CORKIN. Noeline Mary, the younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H.Corkin, NP, to Colin Douglas, twin son of Mr L.A.McKoy, Opotiki, and the late Mrs McKoy. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Right: STEWART-CORNEY. Sandra Joy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A.Corney, NP, to John Francis, second son of Mrs M.E.Stewart, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below, right: GREEN-BATTEN. Anne Lorraine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs O.R.Batten, NP, to Trevor Owen, twin son of Mr O.M.Green, Koru, and the late Mrs Green. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

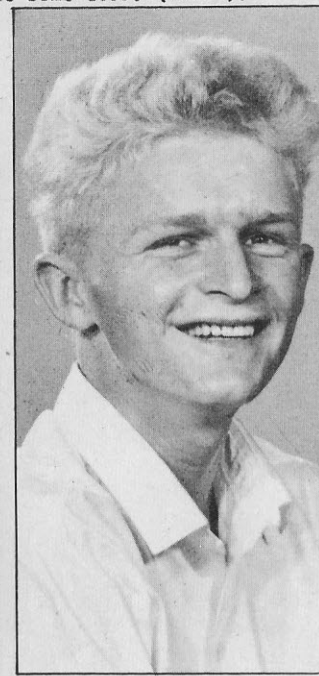
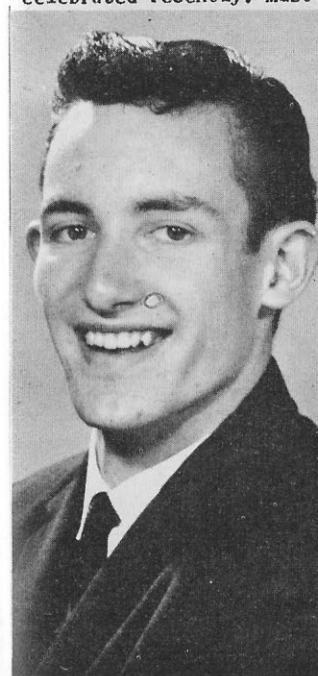


Roving Camera

Above: A little bit of Ngamotu Beach has gone. It has been built up and fenced by the Harbour Board as a yard. This is the southern end of the beach and will have no effect on the popularity of the beach, as this area was little used by holidaymakers.

Below: Two young New Plymouth men who have been given short contracts to appear in Auckland cabarets. The beginning of bigger things? Well, we hope so. Ray Hopkinson, left, and Garry Priest. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below, right: The key of the door for William Gooch, on the occasion of his 21st birthday, celebrated recently. Must be some door. (VOGUE).





Wedding Bells

Above: SALISBURY-CARDIFF. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Marian, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Cardiff, NP, to Frederick David, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. Salisbury, NP. The bridesmaids were Geraldine Putt, NP, and Linda Cardiff, sister of the bride, NP. Best man was Tony Zieltjes, NP, and the groomsmen were Kevin Newsome, NP. The little flower-girls were Suzanne Cardiff, NP, Christine Cardiff, Hamilton, Susan Barlow, Auckland, and Eleanor Pigott, NP. The future home will be Masterton.

Below: MCFAYGEN-MCCULLOCH. At the first Church, Taumarunui, Margaret Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. McCulloch, Taumarunui, to Douglas Gordon, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. McFaygen, Kaitieke. The attendants were, from left, Robin Henry, Taumarunui, Alistair Guye, Kaitieke, Jean McCulloch, Taumarunui, Edward McFaygen, Linden, the bride and groom, Raewyn Grubener, Owthanga, Trevor Rink, Taumarunui, Beverley Powell, NP, and James McCulloch, Taumarunui. The flower-girl was Lynette Carran and the page boy was Nigel McFaygen. Future home, Kaitieke.



Married

Left: GRAPES-BAKER. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Pamela Ann, 3rd daughter of Mr R.H. Baker, NP, to Robert Donald, 2nd son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Grapes, Napier. The bridesmaids were Janice Bishop, NP, and Wendy Sole, NP. Lloyd Beech, Wellington, was the best man. Future home, New Plymouth.

Below: BATTEN-WHITTLE. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Marlene Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F.E. Whittle, NP, to Eric Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Batten, NP. The bridesmaids were Peggy George, NP, and Winifred Batten, NP, sister of the groom. Russell Hume, Palmerston North, was the best man, and Don Young, Wellington, was the groomsmen. Future home, New Plymouth.



River City, Wanganui.



Marching Championships

Seldom has there been a larger gathering of girl marchers than there was for the recent Stratford and New Plymouth championships, held recently in these two towns. Twenty-two teams took part in the championships, providing the spectators with some very good marching indeed. It would appear that marching is coming back into popularity again, with such a gathering as was seen. One thing that was very noticeable was the high standard of the performances given, right from the midgets to the seniors.



Plaza Playdates, Stratford.



Broadway bandoliers, Marton.

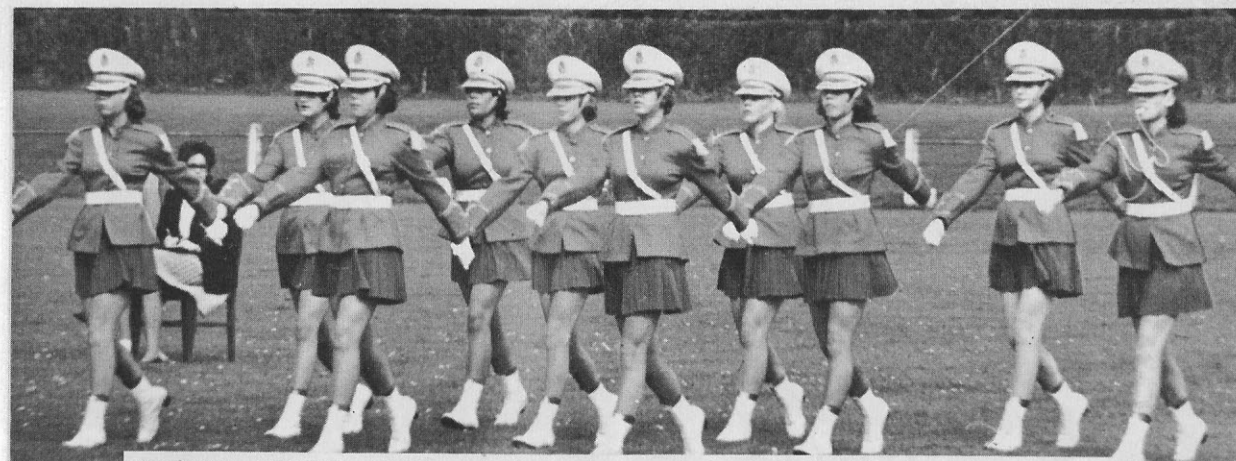


Judges Bernie Plumb and Yvonne Austin.



Capt J.J.Corkill another of the judges.

Tom Ruakere, president of the Stratford association, and the trophies.



Starlight, Putaruru, winners of the senior events at both Stratford and New Plymouth.



Skylarks, Palmerston North.



Kia Ora, Stratford, march past as Capt. J.J.Corkill takes the salute.



Commanders, another team from Palmerston North.

Casualty is carried off the field



Ian McKendrick judges the Starlight team from Putaruru: leader, J. Brandon.

MANY CASUALTIES AT MARCHING

It wasn't the heat, so it must have been the pressure of competition that made so many of the girls faint at the marching championships. The St. John women were busy reviving the girls as they flaked out. Just goes to show there must be a terrific strain when participating in the championship events.



Roebuck's Majorettes, NP: leader, Glenys Sanson.



McKenzie's Midgets, Stratford, on the march.



Winning leader: J. Brandon, Starlights, Putaruru.



Avanette leader, C. May, whose team won the junior section of the championships.



Midget winners were Avanette Midgets, Wellington. Here, H. Burnette, the leader, gets her team's trophy.

Grandma's Day At Waimea



Who says that grandma is too old to cut capers these days? Don't believe it. The Waimea Women's Bowling Club recently held a grandma's tourney, and they had lots of fun and games. As a matter of fact, our photographer was the only man present, and didn't feel at all safe with all these frolicsome fillies. This was the first of what will become an annual tournament, and should prove as popular as any other tournament. Above: President Granny Marj Piggott addresses the first-ever grannies' tournament players.



Gran Piggott got involved in an argument with a couple of the younger grannies.



Walking sticks should be barred on the green!

Wedding Bells

Right: CORBETT-STONE.
At St. Mary's Church, NP, Jacqueline May, second daughter of Mr R.E. Stone, Auckland, and Mrs F.E. Phillips, Cambridge, to Henry John, second son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Corbett, Waitara. Rosemarie Phillips, sister of the bride, Cambridge, was the bridesmaid and Ernest Corbett, brother of the groom, Waitara, was the best man. Future home will be Waitara.



Below: SAMPSON-BERRY.
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Yvonne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Berry, NP, to Trevor, second son of Mr and Mrs L. Sampson, NP. Bridesmaids were Dawn Weston and Patricia Hill, both NP, and Cleone Worth, Auckland. John Berry, brother of the bride, Sydney, was the best man and Ray Clarke, Huirangi, and Geoffrey Berry, brother of the bride, NP, were the groomsmen. Future home, NP.



New Citizens Take Oath



More local people took the Oath of Allegiance at the recent naturalisation ceremony held at the Memorial Hall lecture room. Some fifty of the more interested citizens attended to wish these new New Zealanders well. **Above, left:** David-Moral wore national costume for the ceremony. **Above, right:** Mr and Mrs Ken Collier with their children Maureen and Michael receive their certificates from the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr A.G. Honnor. **Below:** Mr Willem Custers and his wife swear their oath. **Below, right:** Mr and Mrs Rama Unka (Laxman) and their son Vallabh.





Okato Remembers

To begin the centennial celebrations at Okato, the morning of the first day was devoted to a short ceremony at the Cenotaph and the new town clock as a mark of respect to those of the district who had passed on. Above: The local RSA paraded to the Cenotaph for this short ceremony. Below: Wreath-bearers from various organisations in front of the Cenotaph. Below, right: Arms presented and the standard was lowered during the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille.

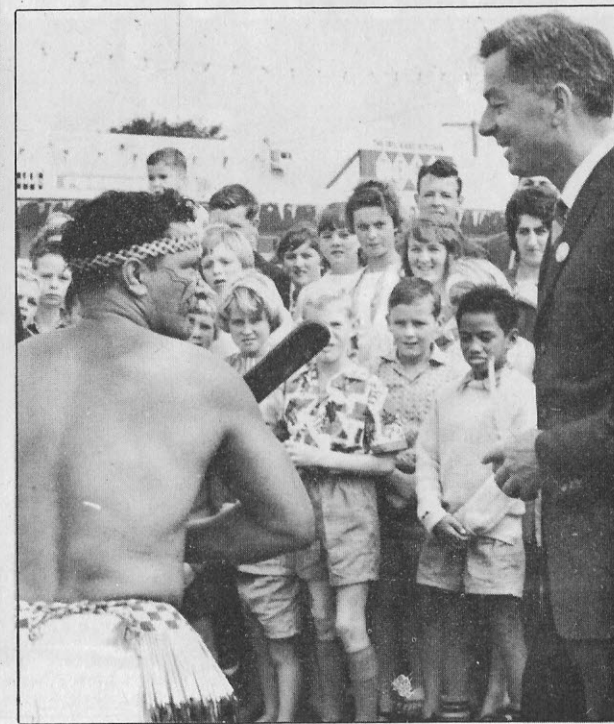


Above: Seats were provided for the older people, some of whom had come from far away to attend the celebrations.

Below: Sonny Keepa, a member of the Maori welcoming party for the official speaker, Mr D.S. Thompson, MP for Stratford, placed the two white feathers of peace at Mr Thompson's feet.

Right: An RNZAF Vampire jet caused necks to be craned skywards.

Below, right: With the two white feathers of peace in his hands, Mr Thompson smiles his approval of the Maori welcome.





Wedding Bells

Above: **JONES-WELLS.** At St. Mary's Church, NP, Patricia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Wells, NP, to Colin David, third son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Stratford. The bridesmaids were Lloma Brennan and Heather Sole, both NP. Peter Coles, Douglas, was the best man and Richard Deathm, Stratford was the groomsmen. Jocelyn Beattie, Alton, was the flower-girl. Future home, Toko.

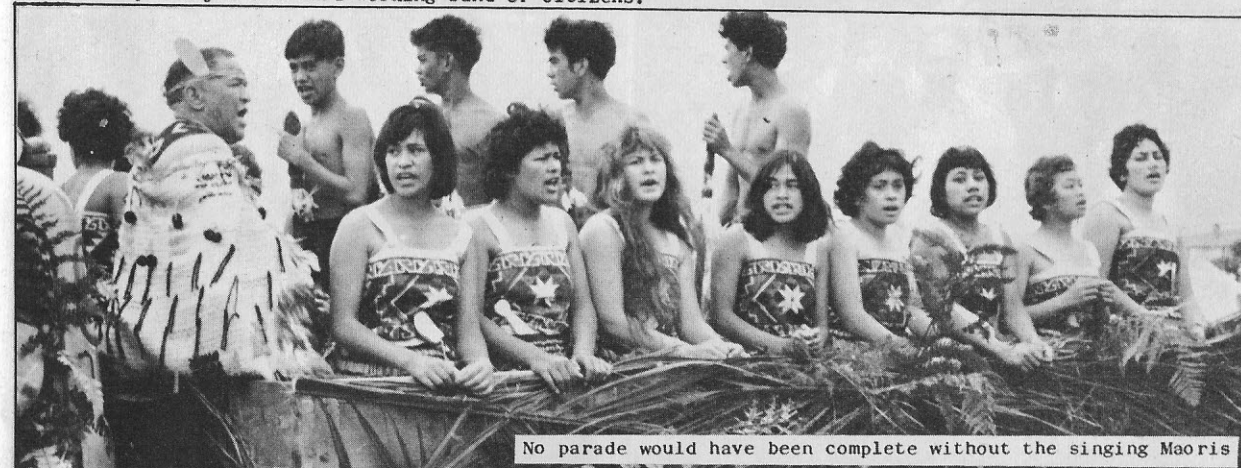
Below: **HUGHES-CURRIE.** At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Gail Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.W. Currie, NP, to Keith William, second son of Mr and Mrs C.H. Hughes, NP. The bridesmaids were Norma Hughes, NP, Maxine Needham, Patea, and Glennis Howells, Hastings. Best man was Jack Harwood, Inglewood, and the groomsmen were Graham Hughes, brother of the groom, NP, and Lawrence Cameron, Waitoa. Future home, NP.



The crowd was four deep for nearly 2 miles

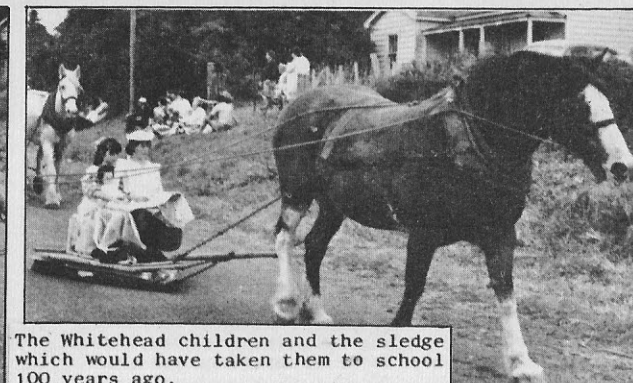
115 FLOATS IN OKATO CENTENNIAL PARADE

No words of ours would do justice to the wonderful parade at Okato, celebrating 100 years of life in the district. Tremendous effort and thought must have gone into the floats of this parade, a parade that must surely make the people of Okato stick out their chests with pride. The organisers and those taking part are worthy of the highest praise for a parade that has put Okato in an enviable position as the township with the most loyal inhabitants. With a population of about 400, most of whom were in the parade, Okato provided a wonderful show for the estimated 15,000 visitors who crowded the streets. We offer our sincere congratulations to Okato for a job well done by a loyal and hard-working band of citizens.

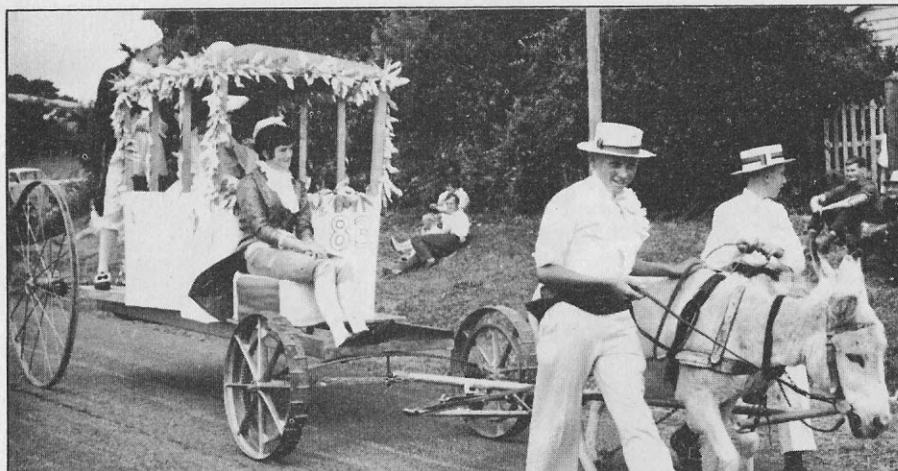


No parade would have been complete without the singing Maoris

"Schoolboy" Charlie Hodge had trouble with his show calf.



The Whitehead children and the sledge which would have taken them to school 100 years ago.

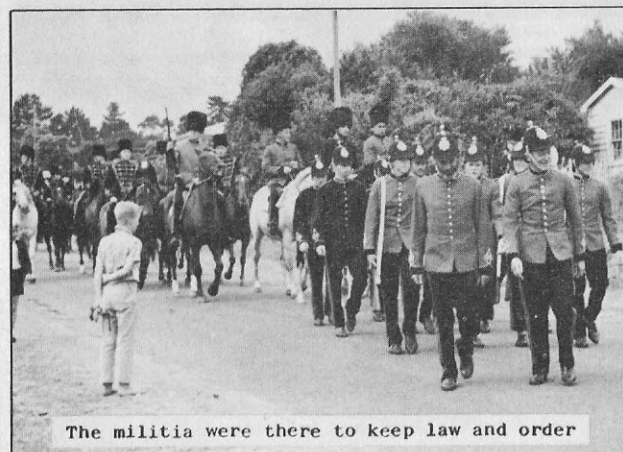


Young Anglicans' float required a ton of thought, led by Michael Corbett with Merridee Haylock on the box seat!

PEOPLE IN OKATO PARADE



Bridal party of 100 years ago with Pat and Michael Goodin, Lois Hurley and Colleen Gooding, plus Dobbin.



The militia were there to keep law and order



Crude contraption which went like a bomb.



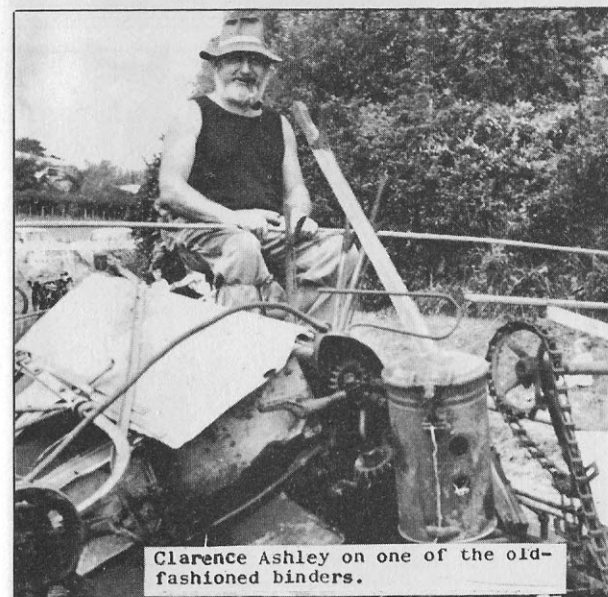
Mrs Nona Heydon (nee Fox) with her two children. The Fox family were one of the earliest settlers in the district.



Mr and Mrs Archie Sears and grandma Sears with their descendants. Another of the town's earlier settler families.



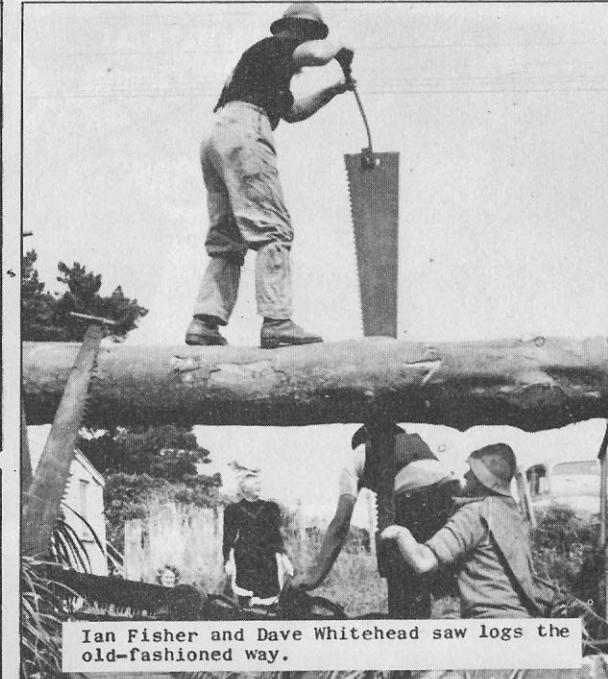
Three horse-power carrier



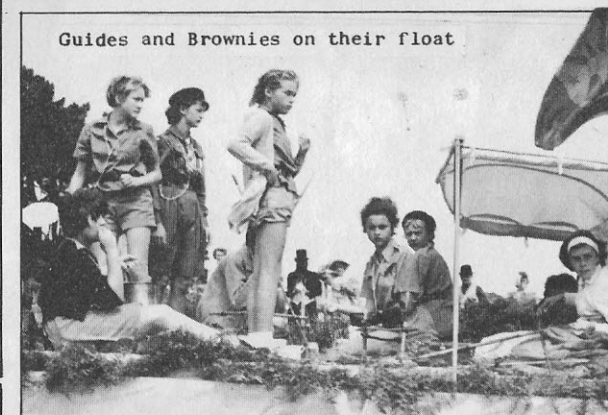
Clarence Ashley on one of the old-fashioned binders.



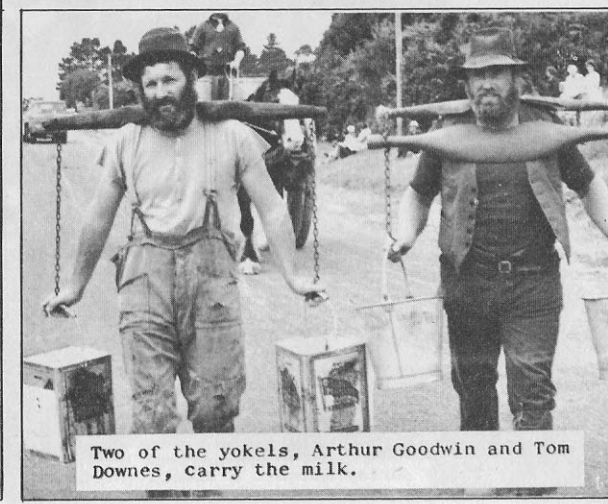
Mr and Mrs Len Andrews, Okato's oldest married couple, in their gig.



Ian Fisher and Dave Whitehead saw logs the old-fashioned way.



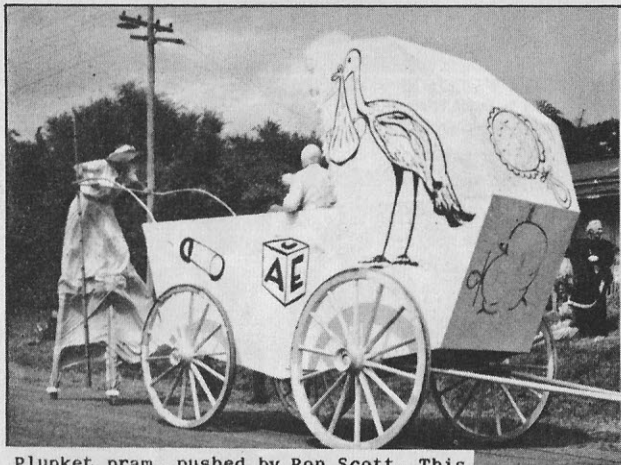
Guides and Brownies on their float



Two of the yokels, Arthur Goodwin and Tom Downes, carry the milk.



Young "Cor! Those young wives didn't half cut the capers!"



Plunket pram, pushed by Ron Scott. This was one of the best in the show.



Kerry Hurley hitches a ride...the cheat.



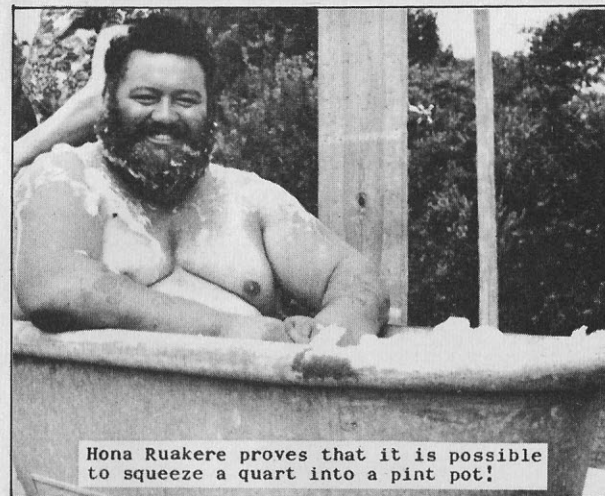
Raewyn Lucking helped in the brakes department of the Okato Basketball float.



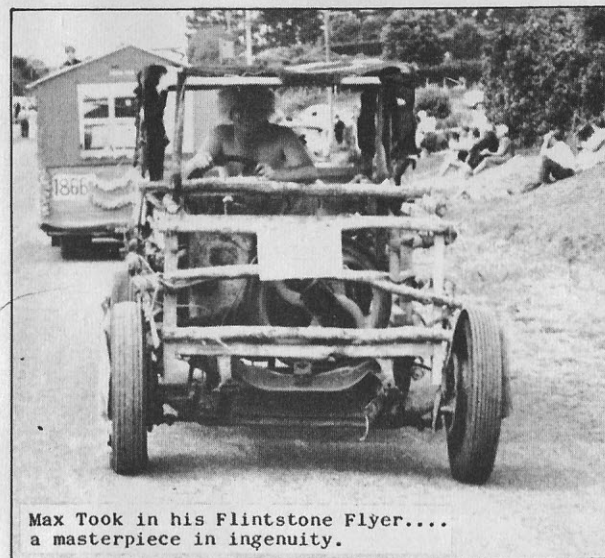
Mr and Mrs Errol McCabe in their phaeton



Tumahu WDF float was a corker



Hona Ruakere proves that it is possible to squeeze a quart into a pint pot!



Max Took in his Flintstone Flyer.... a masterpiece in ingenuity.



On a bicycle built for one....clown.



Beth Pease and Pauline Bright made very attractive mermaids.



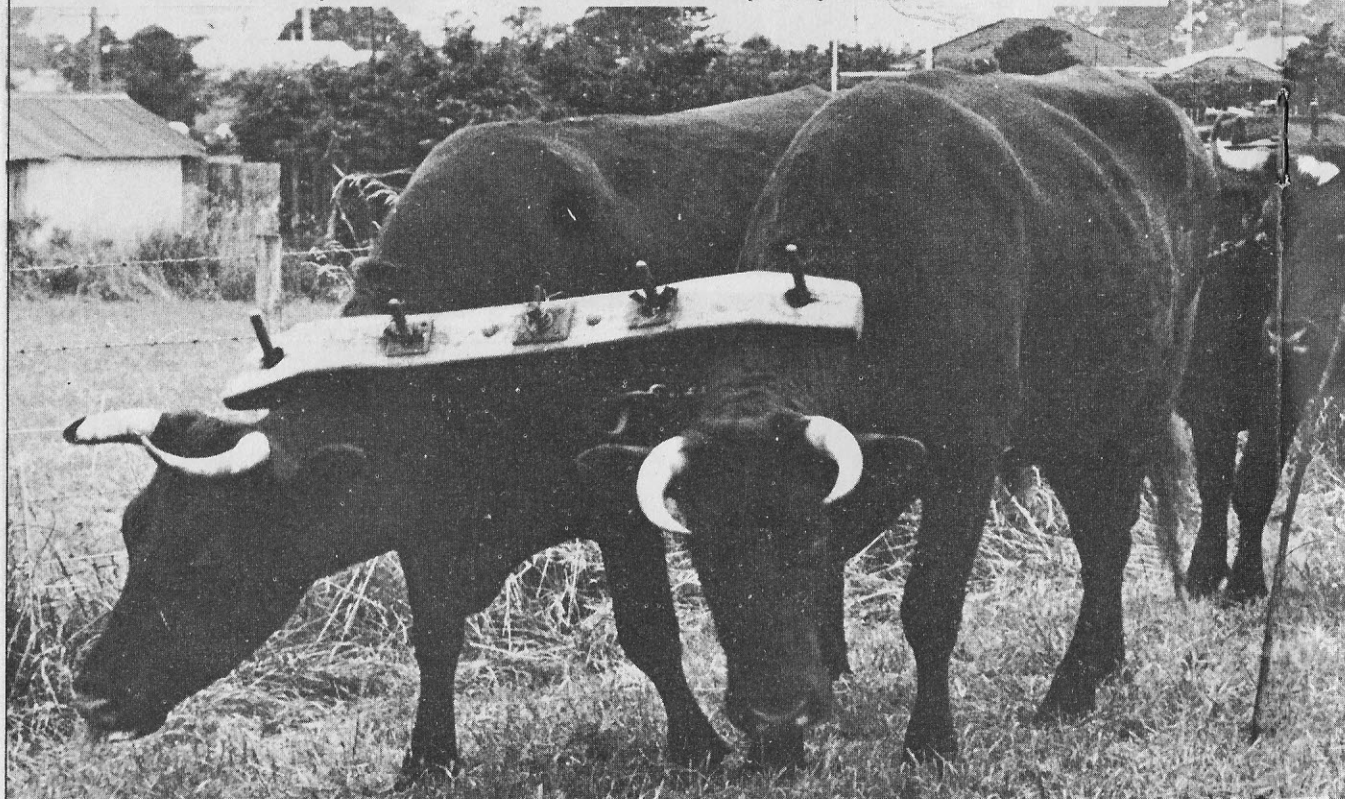
Okato WDF float with Mesdames Clements, Rook and Cocksedge.



The Okato Bowling green was closed for the day!

GOING BACK A HUNDRED YEARS

Bob Thomas and his bullock team were perhaps the most noteworthy effort in the Okato centennial parade, in that it took months of training to get this team into shape. Even after getting the team to near-perfection, one of Bob's bullocks died, leaving him with more hurried training. We think that Bob did a grand job both with the bullocks and with his beard...in fact, this picture could have come from grandma's photo album of 100 years ago. It is doubtful if a scene such as this will ever be seen again in Okato. Below, left: Some of the surviving early settlers to the district who were either born or lived in Okato prior to 1900. Below, right: The 1900-1915 decade proves that, like soldiers, old Okatonians never die. (Photos by Henry McGee).





Okato Candids

(By Henry McGee)

The centennial balls, one for the young in one hall, and another for the not-so-young in another, were both the successful affairs they were meant to be. The dancing was a trifle different, but the spirit was the same.

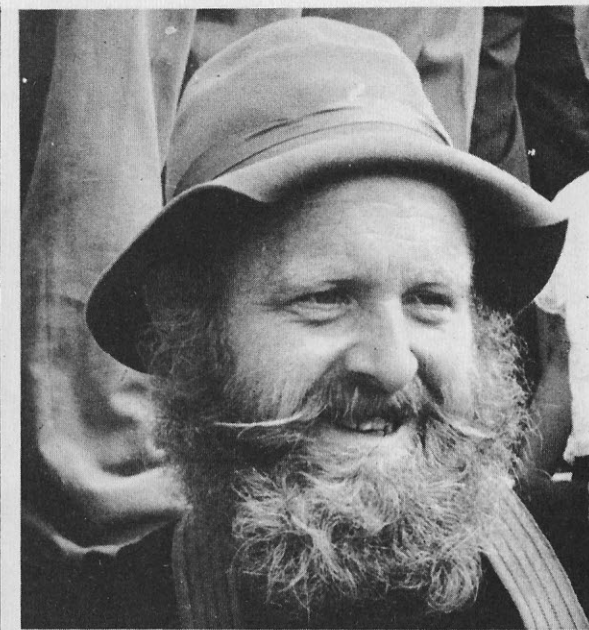
Above, left: Mixed bag here, which could have been at home in either of the halls.

Left: Mick Goodin and his "escort" chose the ball for the older folks.

Below, left: Informality was the keynote for the celebrations.

Above: Preparing the hangi was no small task.

Below: Len Andrews and cobbler of the past exchange greetings.



OKATO CELEBRATIONS

Left: Celebration cake was cut by the two oldest pupils of the Okato school. They were Mesdames Eva Clark (NP) and Catherine Walker (Hawera) who were pupils at the school in 1886.

Above: After months of cultivation, the winner of the beardie stakes was Dave Whitehead. His was a bosker beard....wonder if he slept with the whiskers over, or under, the sheet?

Below: These were the fifteen finalists in the beardie stakes. Never have we seen such a collection, some white, some red, some no colour at all. They were neat, straggly, long, short and shaggy. (Photos by Henry McGee).



Married

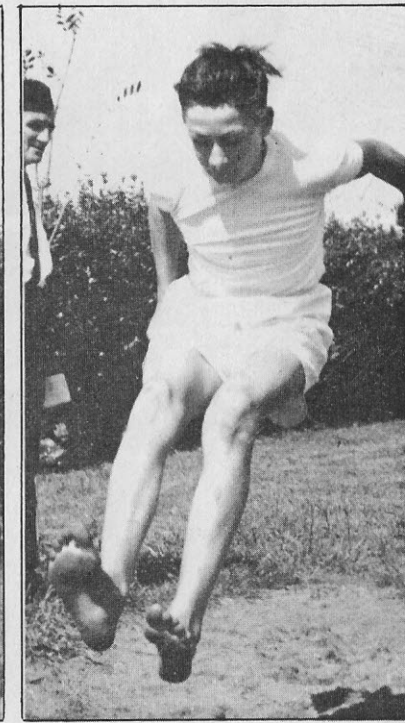
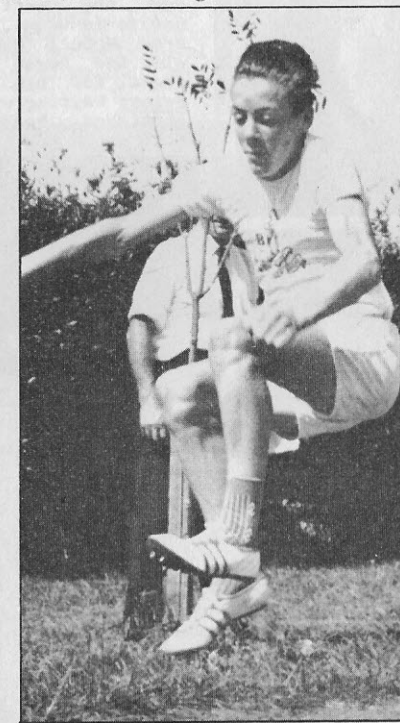
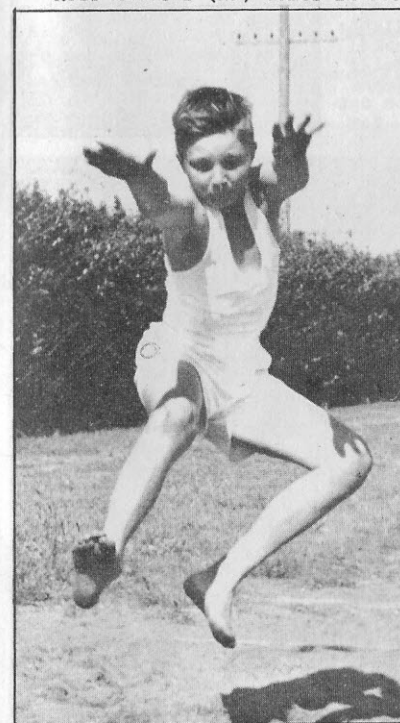
Right: HOWIE-RICHARDS. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Anne Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H. Richards, NP, to Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs W. F. Howie, Ohura. The bridesmaids were Noeline Aldridge, Ohura, and Susan and Linda Pancred, NP. The best man was Graham Short, Ohura. Future home, Ohura.

Below: DUNCAN-ALMOND. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Denise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G. R. Almond, NP, to Nigel James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Duncan, NP. The bridesmaids were Jeanette Simonsen, NP, and Coralie Duncan, sister of the groom, NP. Roger Duncan, brother of the groom, Auckland, was the best man, and Mark Wilson, NP, was the groomsman. Future home, New Plymouth.

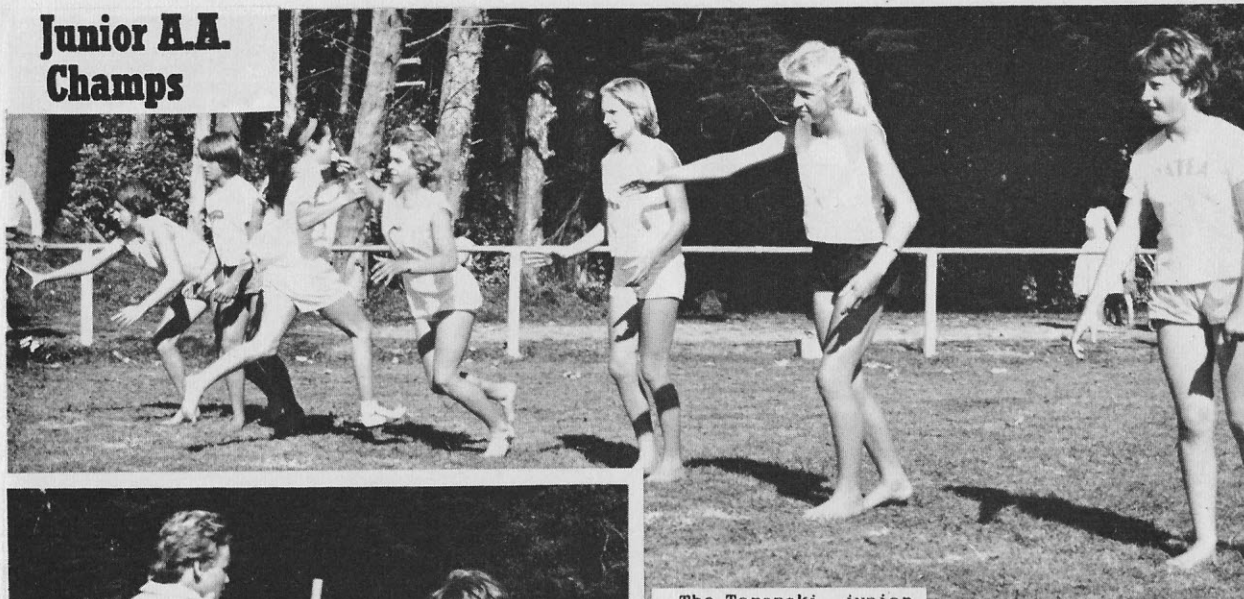


Taranaki Boys Brigade Party

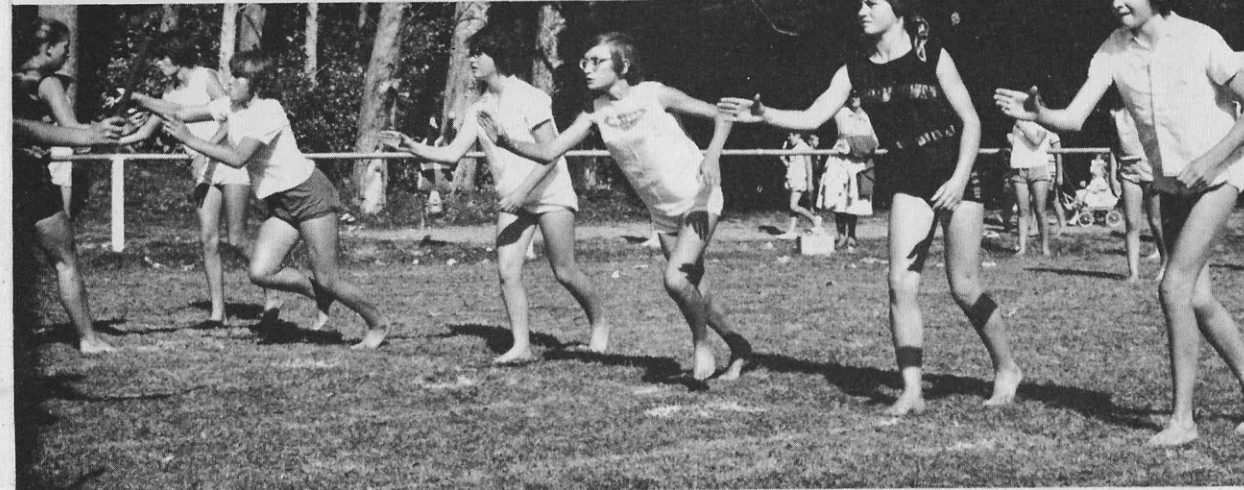
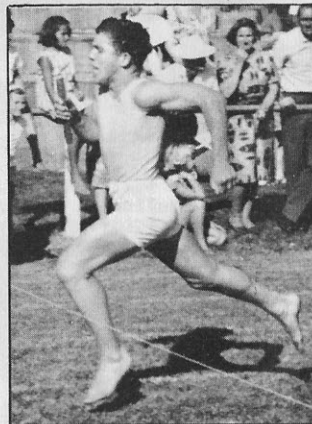
Waitara was the venue for the annual Taranaki Boys' Brigade sports. The boys came from all parts of the province, and enjoyed the day competing against different companies. **Above:** There was a large entry for the shot put event. The boys line up to take their turn as they watch fellow competitor Lloyd Ashworth (NP). **Below, left:** Graham Aldridge (NP) competing in the long jump event. **Below, centre:** Douglas Reader (Stratford) did well for his company during the sports. **Below right:** Ross Andrews (NP) comes in for a barefoot landing.



Junior A.A. Champs

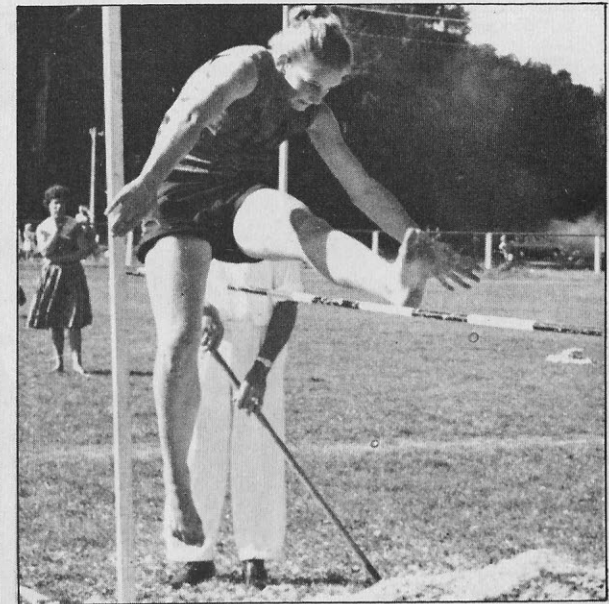


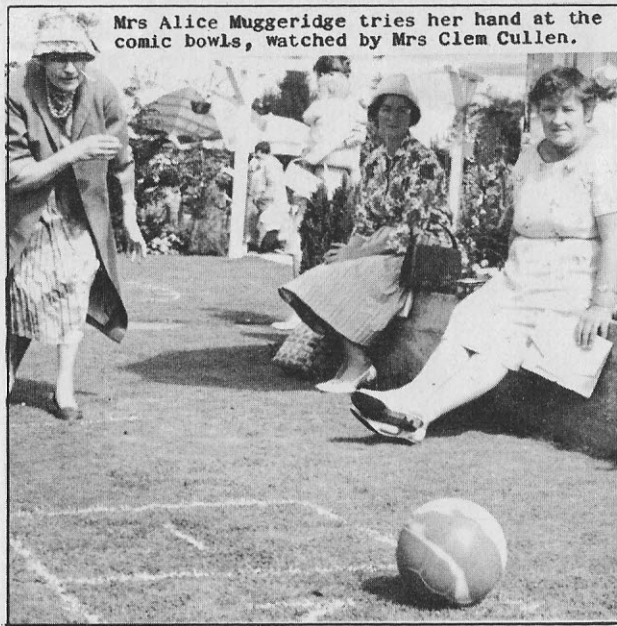
The Taranaki junior athletic championships recently took part at Jubilee Park, Inglewood. Some very good performances were witnessed, with competition keen for every event. Above: Girls' relay in progress brought all kinds of grimaces from their team mates. Left: Here is a perfect take-over in the relay races, which were run up and down the track, and not as is usual. Right: Bruce McCall (Opunake) wins the boys' relay event for his team. Below: Waiting with outstretched hands for the baton.



BUDDING CHAMPIONS

Many budding champions were recently on view at the Junior Athletic Championships at Inglewood. Here are some of those youngsters in action. Above: Last leg, and winner of the final of the girls' relay was Linda Rawlinson (Stratford). Below: Shona White (Pihama) just scraped the bar in the high jump event. Above, right: G. Meyers (Manaia) clears with inches to spare. Right: S. Garnett (Patea) got over, but only just. Below, right: Judith Woodward (Inglewood) had room to spare.





Mrs Alice Muggeridge tries her hand at the comic bowls, watched by Mrs Clem Cullen.



Andrea Rowe and Tracie Harrison at the picturesque wishing well.

Fitzroy Plunket Garden Party

Mrs Mavis Wey, Bell Block, whose son is a competitor in the current Fitzroy plunket baby contest, recently organised a garden party to raise funds for her carnival baby. The party was a huge success, with many of the local women helping with stalls and produce. It would seem that Mrs Wey's committee are all out to win the competition and to help swell the funds of the Fitzroy plunket. Though rain did interfere with the proceedings later in the afternoon, it came after a fair sum had been collected.



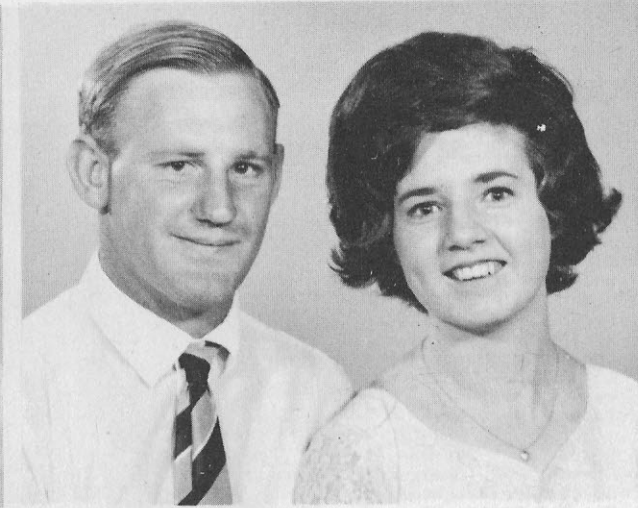
Fortune-teller Eileen Elliott sees the future for Mrs Shirley Sole.



Plant table was laden with good things



Mavis Wey and helper Lillian Wallace



Engaged

Above, left: GREEN-LANCASTER. Maxine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.Lancaster, Waitara, to Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H.T.Green, Waipukurau. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Left: DOBBIN-FURZE. Cheryl Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J.Furze, Okato, to Terence Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs V.J.Dobbin, Rahotu. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below, left: COOK-GYDE. Audrey, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E.Gyde, NP, to Colin, second son of Mr and Mrs V.Cook, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Above: SHOTTER-REEVE. June, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J.F.Reeve, NP, to Ean, son of Mrs E.Shotter, Okato, and the late Mr Shotter. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below: NEWMAN-LOVERIDGE. Heather Alexis, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J.Loveridge, Urenui, to Peter John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E.F.Newman, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).



Married

**Right: BUTLER-TOWNS-
END.** At St. Luke's Meth-
odist Church, NP, Max-
ine Freda, the eldest
daughter of Mr and Mrs
M. Townsend, NP, to
Robert Peter Butler,
only son of Mr and Mrs
J. Mackey, Wellington.
Beryl Townsend, sister
of the bride, NP, was
the bridesmaid, and
Lenny Koha, Taumarunui
was the best man. The
future home, NP.

**Below: COOPER-THOM-
SON.** At St. Mary's
Church, NP, Margaret
Joy, elder daughter of
Mrs W.I. Scott, NP, and
the late Mr J. J.W.
Thomson, to Bruce
Matthew, elder son of
Mr and Mrs Mc.A. Cooper,
Wellington. The brides-
maids were Karen Neale,
and Jennifer Scott,
sister of the bride,
both NP. John Leith,
Te Wera, was the best
man and Laurel Patter-
son, NP, was the
flower-girl. Future
home, Kaingaroa.

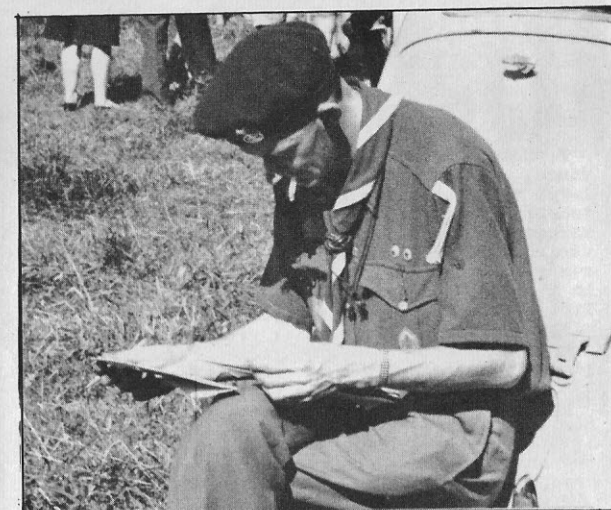


SCOUT AND CUB COMPETITION DAY

The local companies
of Cubs and Scouts re-
cently took part in
their annual inter-
troop competitions at
the Lepperton school.
To us, it seemed that
there were hundreds of
boys about, with activ-
ity buzzing in every
direction. **Right:** Per-
haps one of the keen-
est packs was the Lone
Cubs, shown here per-
forming their cry.



Resting between the various competitions



Scoutmaster Keith Savage adds up the points



The chariot race was the highlight of the competitions



Large Crowd At Waitui Sports

Probably the most popular sports in the province, Waitui lived up to its reputation when a large crowd attended the annual events. A not-too-bright day still brought out one of the largest crowds of the day. It could be the variety that draws the crowd, because there's every type catered for, with the largest entry in the chopping and basketball competitions. In fact, some choppers came from as far as 200 miles to compete, so popular are the sports.

Above: Some idea of the large crowd can be gauged by this picture as the competitors for the underhand chop prepare their blocks.

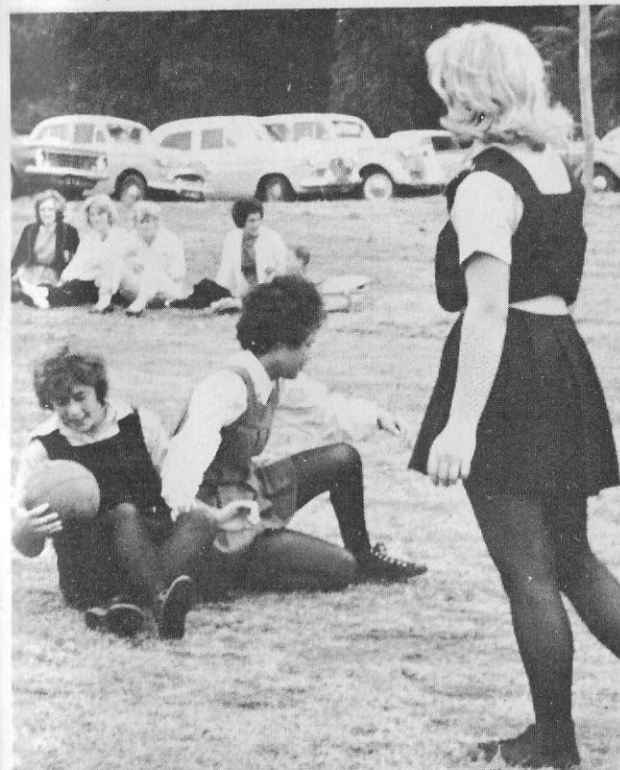
Below: Motor-cycle racers turned up in good numbers to give the crowd their money's worth in some very good racing. Many of these boys, new members of the club, are still at school. A credit to the club in creating such interest.

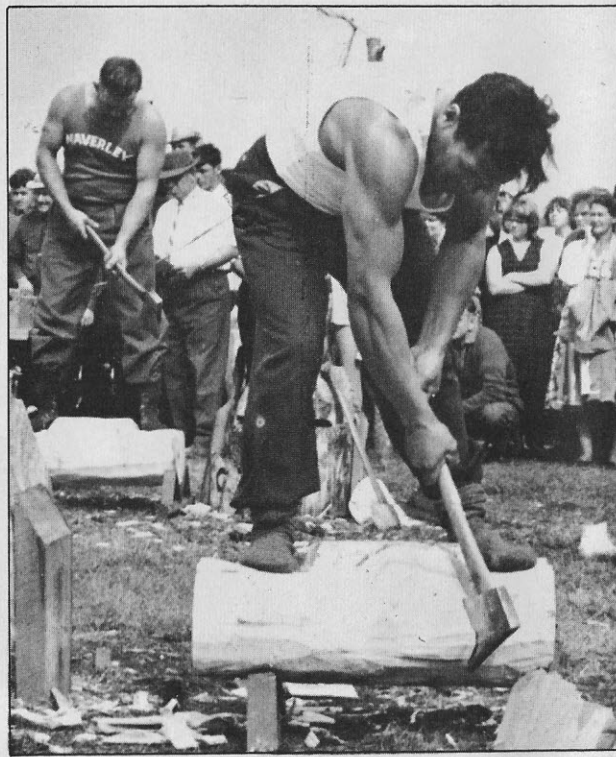
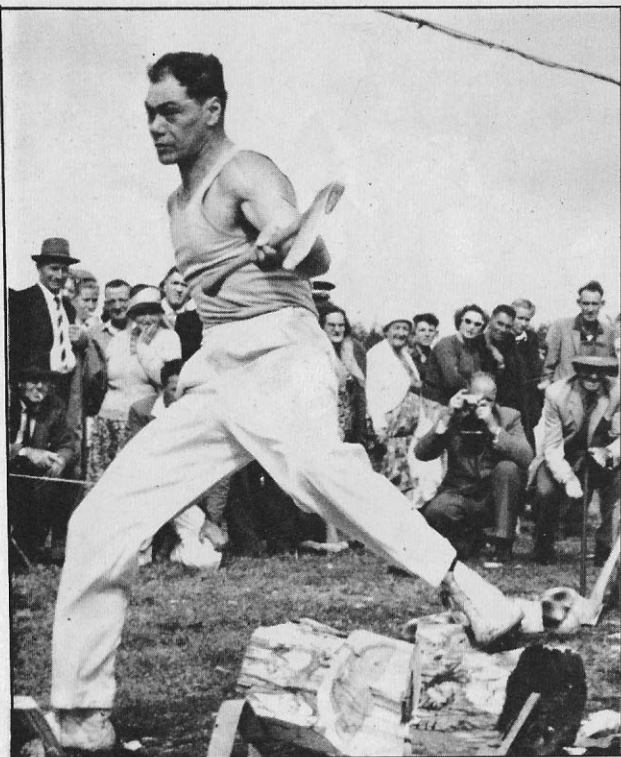
Right: Captain of the winning team, Atiawa, Waitara, Nancy Freakley receives her winner's medals from the president, Jim Stachurski.



ATIAWA WIN BASKETBALL AT WAITUI

Showing superior off-season training, the Atiawa team from Waitara won the challenge cup at the recent Waitui sports. Judging by this performance, this team will be hard to topple in the coming season. Above: This is the team which beat Ratapiko in the final: seven very fit and happy-looking girls, with a contented coach too. Below, left: It wasn't the greasy ground that made them tumble, just the keen competition. Below, right: Atiawa player looks as though she is running with the ball, but in actual fact she was only turning.





WAITUI SPORTS (continued)

Above, left: Zane Jacobs, Tokoroa, falls from his block in winning the open underhand chop. Zane was one of many choppers from outside the province competing at the sports.

Above, right: Bill Wynyard, Ohura, took a chance wearing only his socks. We would probably have chopped our feet off.

Below, left: Fred Karam draws his block for one of the many chopping events.

Below, right: Glenys Hill, captain of the Ratapiko basketball team, which was runner-up in the tournament. President Jim Stachurski presented the medals.



Coming of Age

Above: Dianne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs V.Pivac, Manaia, celebrated her 21st birthday with Mr C.A.Burke, who was celebrating his 80th birthday.

Below: Dexter John, second son of Mrs R.Epping, NP, shown with his mother at the party. (VOGUE).

Above, right: Marion, third daughter of Mr and Mrs V.P.Goodwin, NP, is shown with her parents. (VOGUE).

Below, right: Elizabeth Dawn and Lesley Diane twin daughters of Mr and Mrs E.M.Taylor, Waitara, who recently attained their 21st birthday.





Wedding Bells

Above: **WOOD-JONES.** At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, NP, Janet Margaret, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Jones, Okato, to Russell Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.A. Wood, NP. The bridesmaids were Brenda Wiper, NP, and Lynette Jones, sister of the bride, Okato. Brian Aimes, NP, was the best man and Darryl Wickens, NP, was the groomsman. Future home, Okato.

Below: **JOHNSTON-DEANE.** At St. Mary's Church, NP, Susan Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Deane, NP, to Trevor Raymond, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Johnston, Palmerston North. Matron of honour was Janny Tait, Strathmore, sister of the bride, and the bridesmaid was Christine Deane, sister of the bride, NP. The best man was Brian Johnston, brother of the groom, Wellington, and the groomsman was Ernest Wallace, Palmerston North. Future home, Palmerston North.



Married

Left: **TROTT-MOODY.** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Jennifer, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W. Moody, Hawera, to Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs B. Trott, Hawera. The bridesmaid was De-Ane Robson, Hawera, and the best man was John Moody, Hawera. Future home, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL).

Below: **SHARPE-HAYMAN.** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Valerie Joyce, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H. Hayman, Okaiawa, to Lindsay Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs R. Sharpe, Oeo. The bride's sisters, Doreen and Noelene Hayman, Okaiawa, were the bridesmaids. Neville Sharpe, brother of the groom, Oeo, was the best man and John Walker, Oeo, was the groomsman. Bride's sister, Kathleen Hayman was the flower-girl. (DAVID PAUL).

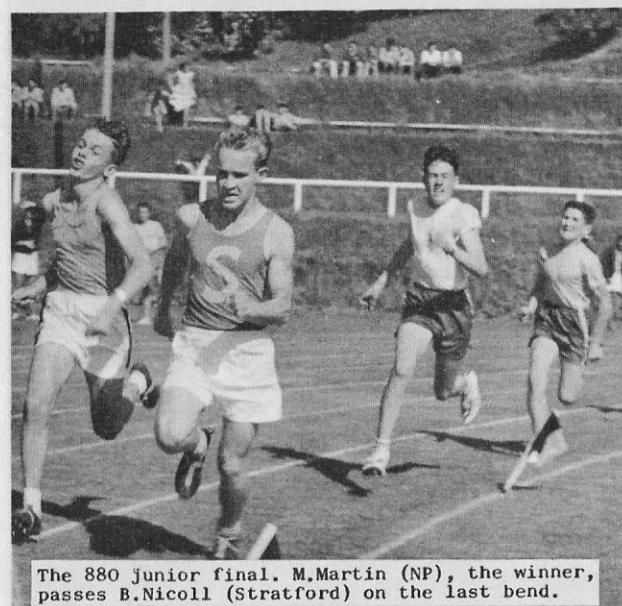




Senior 100 finish, with P.Rowe (NP) 1st and B.McCready (Stratford) 2nd.



First hurdle in the intermediate event

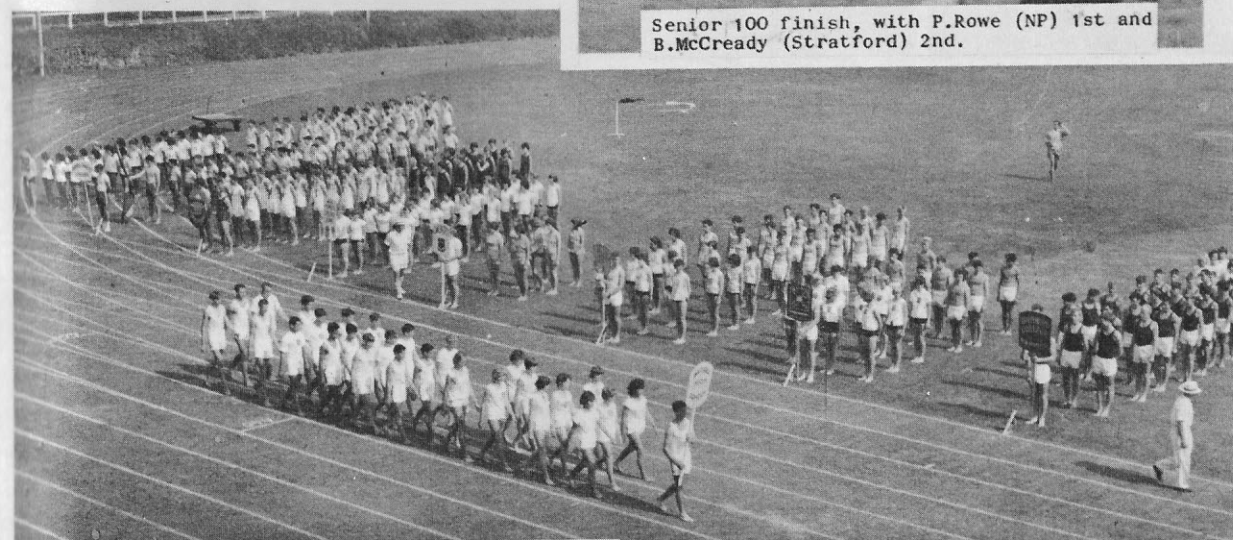


The 880 junior final. M.Martin (NP), the winner, passes B.Nicoll (Stratford) on the last bend.

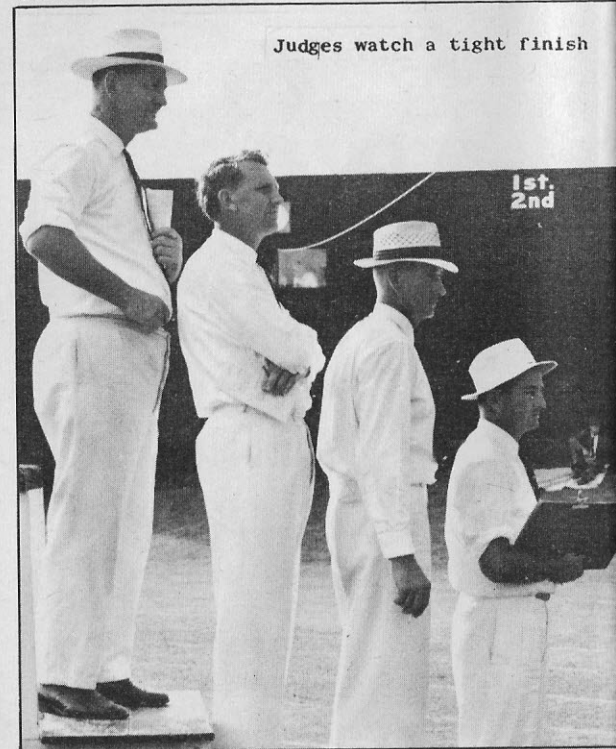
Inter-Secondary Schools Athletic Championships

Pukekura Park, NP, was the venue for the recent inter-secondary schools' annual athletic championships. Some very fine performances were put up, and as is usual at these meetings, records were broken...seven this year.

Above: Fast becoming the glamour event of the championships, the senior mile provided plenty for the spectators to cheer about. Here the large field is strung out over the track at the start of the event.

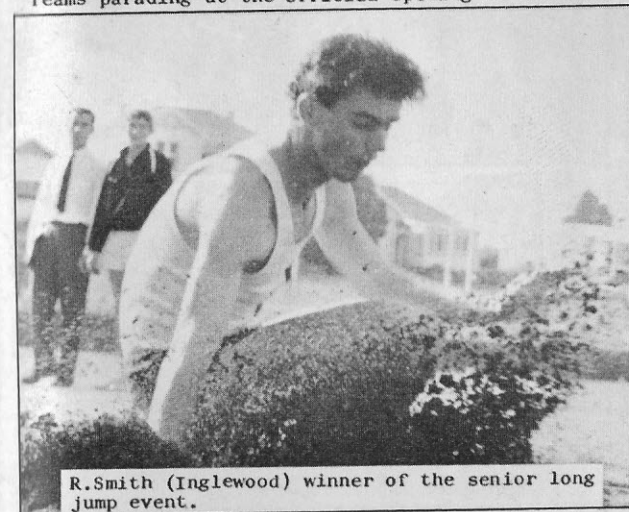


Teams parading at the official opening of the meet



Judges watch a tight finish

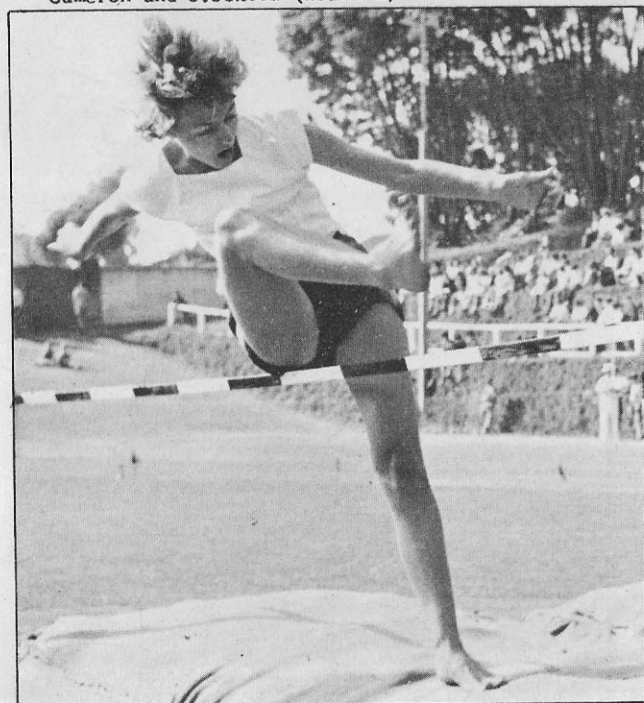
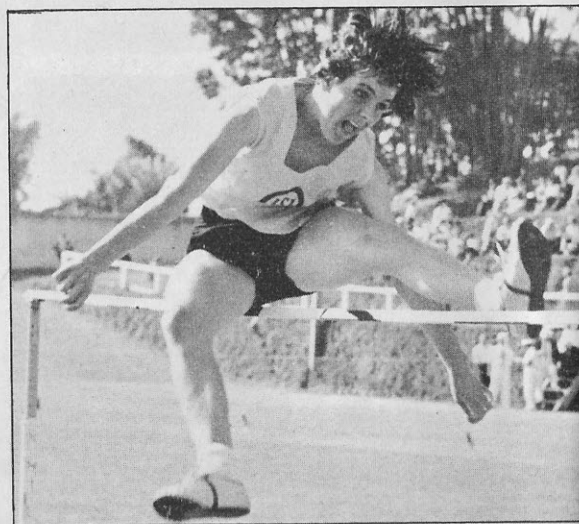
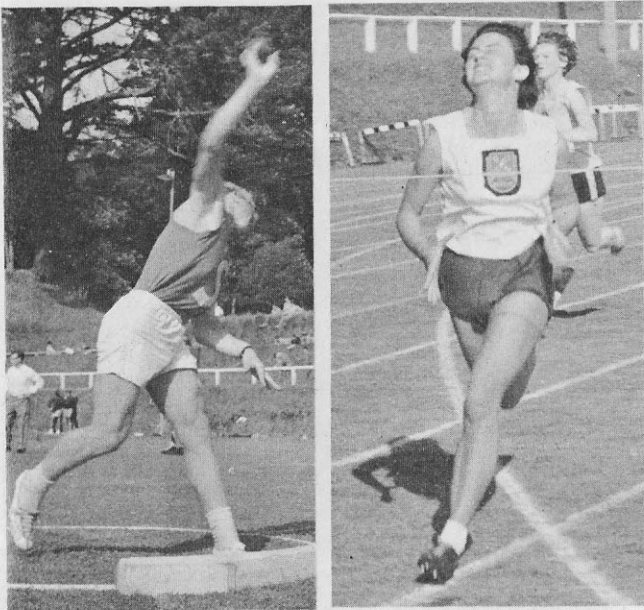
1st.
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R.Smith (Inglewood) winner of the senior long jump event.



First change in the intermediate boys' 440 relay



INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

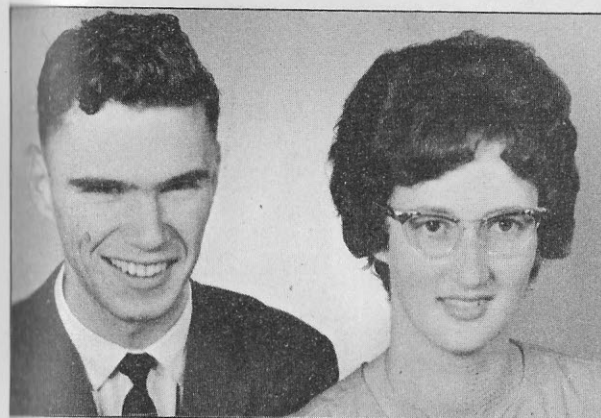
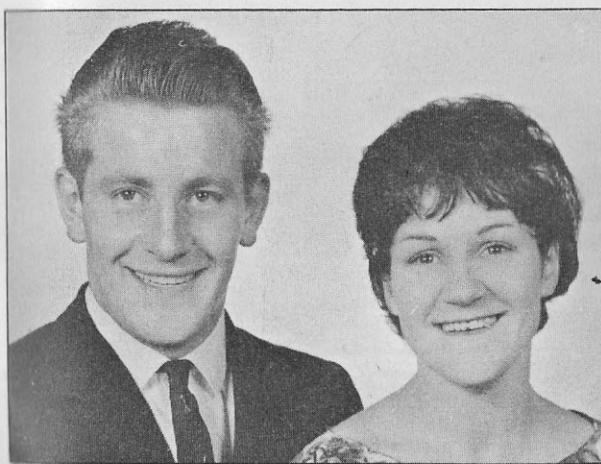
Here are some of the champions at the recent Inter-Secondary Schools athletic championships.

Above, from left: K.Read (Stratford), winner of the shot putt and creator of a new record. V.Herbert (Patea), winner of the 150 yard race. Winner of the 880 senior title, V.Duoba (Francis Douglas College), B.Dombroski (Patea), 440 intermediate winner.

Below: Jill Strombom (NP) winner of the senior high jump event.

Right: S.Fraser (Opunake) second in the senior high jump event.

Below, right: Junior 440 relay change with J. Cameron and J.Sexton (Waitara).



Engaged

Above, left: STUART-PERRETT. Shirley Dawn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.E.Perrett, Hawera, to Barry Winston, second son of Mr R.W.Stuart, Eltham. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

Left: NEALE-STOPPARD. Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.Stoppard, Hawera, to Richard, second son of Mr and Mrs B.Neale, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

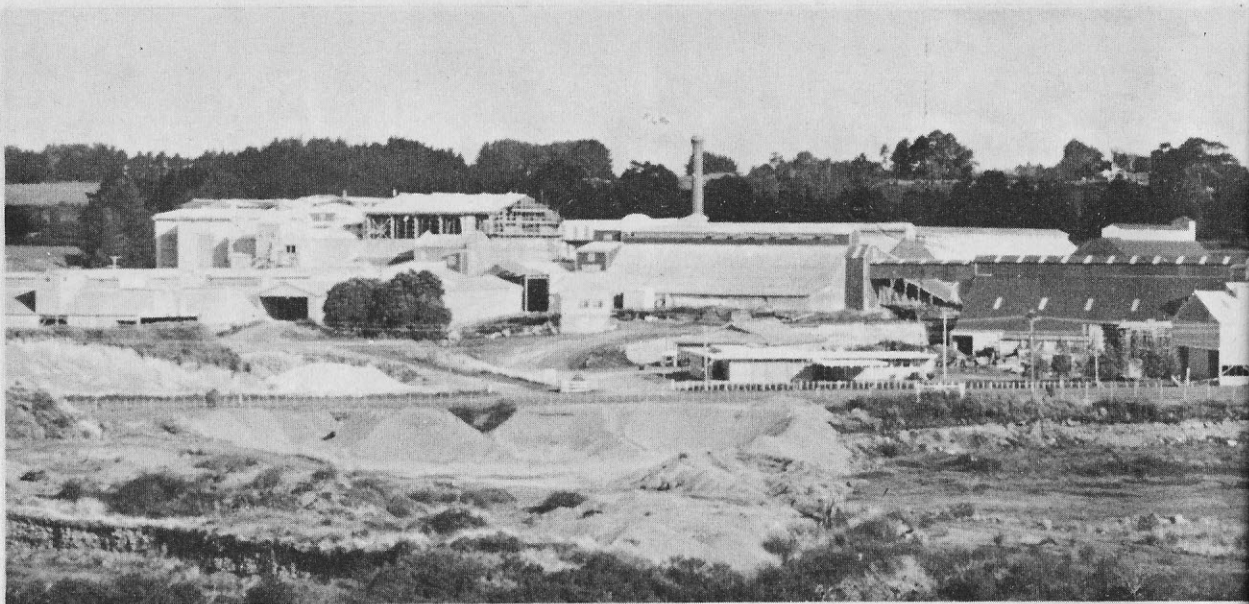
Below, left: GADSBY-INGRAM. Winifred, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.Ingram, Kapuni, to Garth, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.Gadsby, Manaia. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

Bottom, left: LINN-WILLIAMS. Jean Lorraine, only daughter of Mrs M.Knapman, Hawera, and the late Mr F.Williams, to Jeffrey Frederick, second son of Mr and Mrs A.E.Linn, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL).

Above: BOLGER-KURIGER. Anna Josephine, younger daughter of Mrs R.Kuriger, Oaonui, and the late Mr J.Kuriger, to David Patrick, youngest son of Mrs C.Bolger, Rahotu, and the late Mr D.Bolger. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

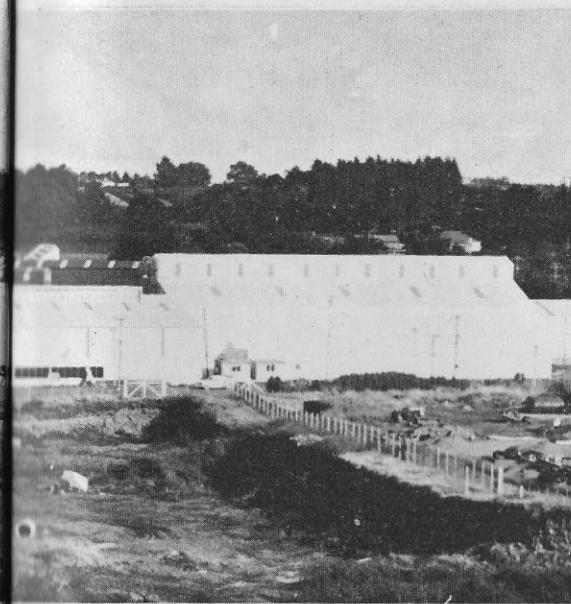
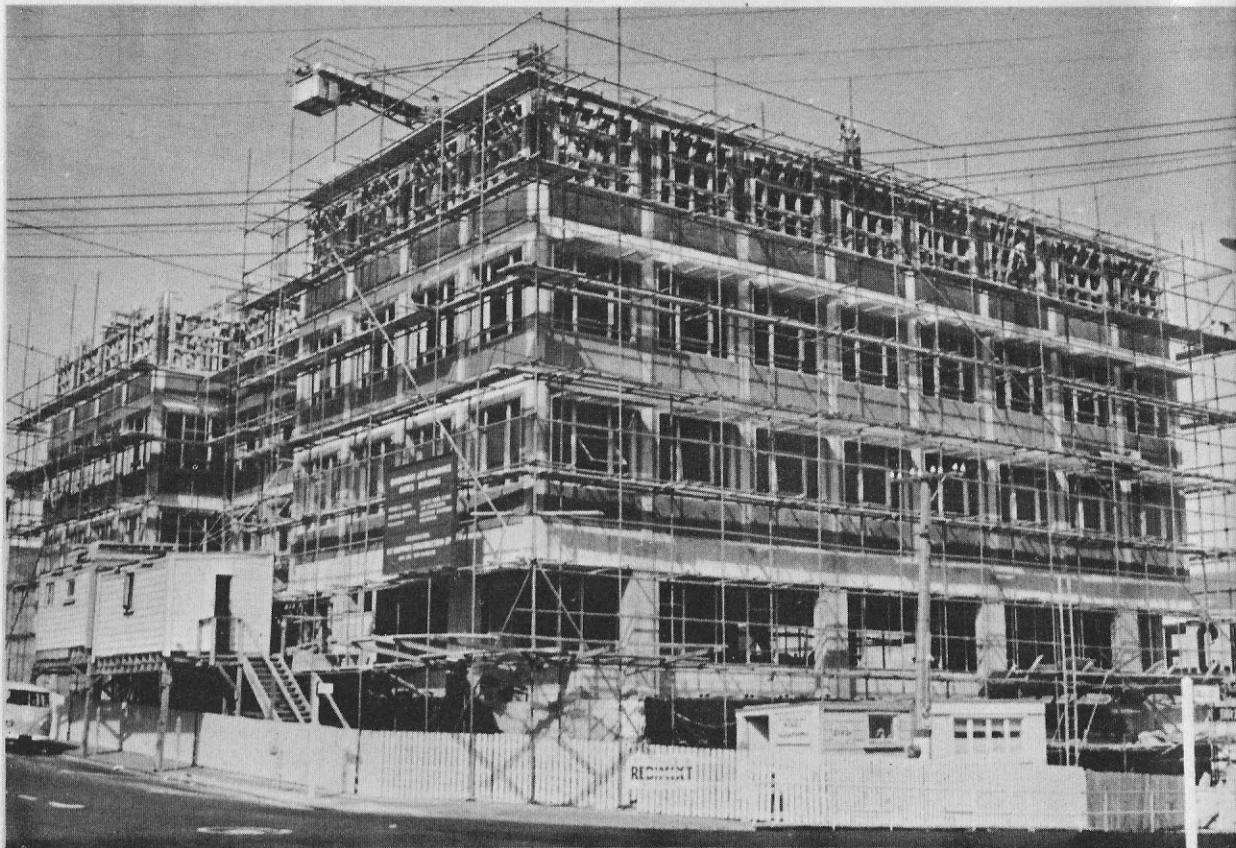
Below: GREEDY-WINTER. Jean Edith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E.Winter, NP, to Graeme Sidney, only son of Mr and Mrs S.E.Greedy, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).





Progress Of New City Buildings

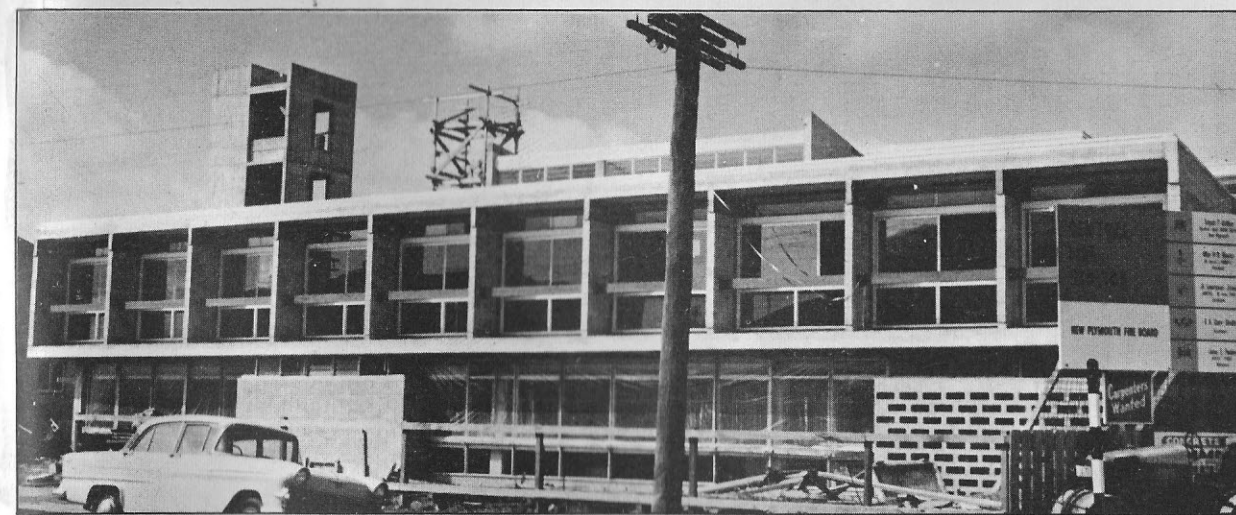
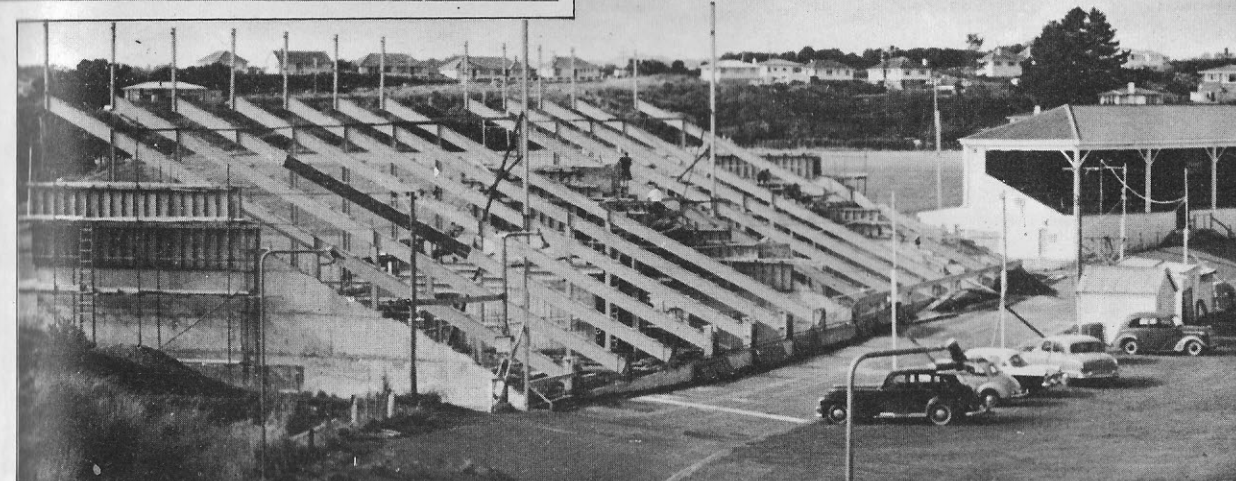
Though not always noticed by the average man good progress is being made on major building works within the city. In the photograph above, there have been some pretty massive extensions made to Fertilizer Works at Smart Road. The newest building, the acid plant, can be seen on the right with other extensions going on in other parts of the site.



Another building that seems to grow almost daily is the Government Life Building on the corner of Gill and Liardet Streets, below, left. Now well on into the fifth floor, this building will be a landmark when completed.

Yet another building that is not very much noticed by the man in the street, is the new grandstand going up at Rugby Park. The building is now well on the way and will be in use before the end of the present Rugby season. This large stand dwarfs the old one, which is seen in the photograph below.

At the bottom is another building that is to serve a very useful purpose within the community. This is the new Fire Station on the corner of Courtney and Liardet streets. It has reached a stage where one can look forward to its opening.



Married

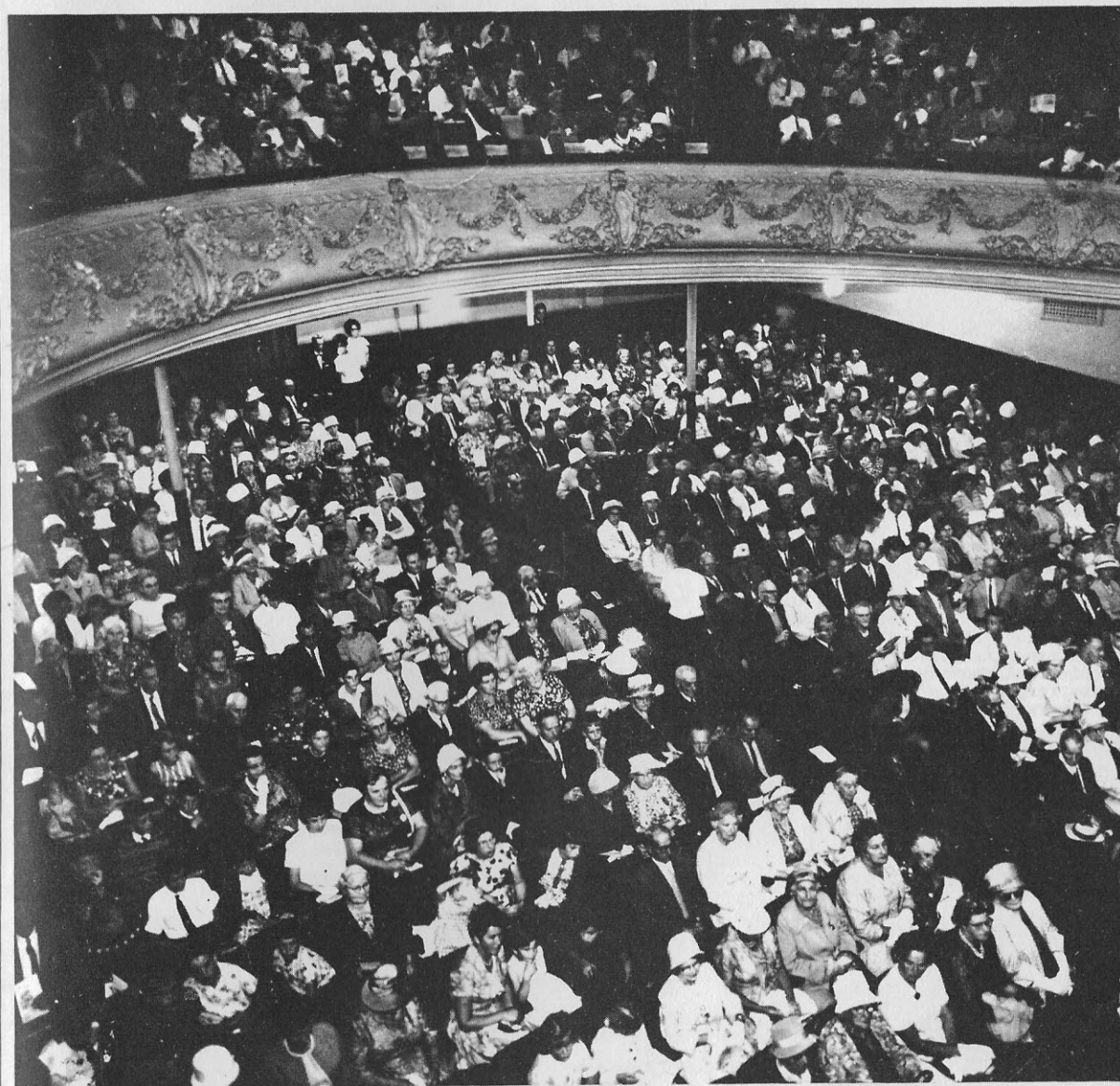
Right: BROWN-ROBERTSON. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Heather, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Robertson, NP, to Roger, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Brown, Hamilton. Ailsa Robertson, sister of the bride, Auckland, was the bridesmaid, and Graham Spencer, Nelson, was the best man. Future home, Hamilton.

Below: CORBAN-WEIR. At St. Luke's Church, Shona Anne, eldest daughter of Mrs D. Weir, Ohura, to Peter, third son of Mr S. Corban, Ohura, and the late Mrs Corban. The bridesmaids were Gillian Hurley, NP, and Judith Weir, sister of the bride, Ohura. Dennis Bishop, NP, was the groomsmen. Future home, Ohura.



Evangelist Packs Opera House

"Dead Men To Tell Tales" and "What I Saw in Russia" are two of the recent shows that have packed the Opera House for three shows on two consecutive Sundays. So great was the crowd that wanted to see these shows, that the area around the Opera House resembled Rugby Park on a shield day. The programmes were of such interest that future shows of this nature are assured of full houses.



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Molly Novak (president) and Pauline Burn at work on the wishing well.

Floral Art At Its Best

The NP Floral Art Club recently staged an exhibition in the Memorial Hall. To say that it was a good show does no credit, but all who saw the exhibits agreed that it was one of the most colourful shows yet seen in the hall. Nothing was forgotten in this most attractive display of flowers, shrubs and arrangements of flowers.



Mrs Gwenda Brown cleans up before the arrival of the general public.



Shrubbery displays were in the capable hands of Mrs Gwenda Brown and a happy band of helpers.



Mrs L. Christie at work on her water dell



Arrangements of flowers



Roving Camera

Above: Here's something that we in New Plymouth don't often see! Late in March the weather cleared and we saw that Egmont was still there. Shocking weather it's been though, hasn't it?

Right: Here's some people that worked like galley slaves to feed all the visitors to the recent Okato Centennial celebrations.

Below: Members of the Taranaki Auto Association were caught by our camera hard at work digging the water jump for the recent sports at Inglewood.

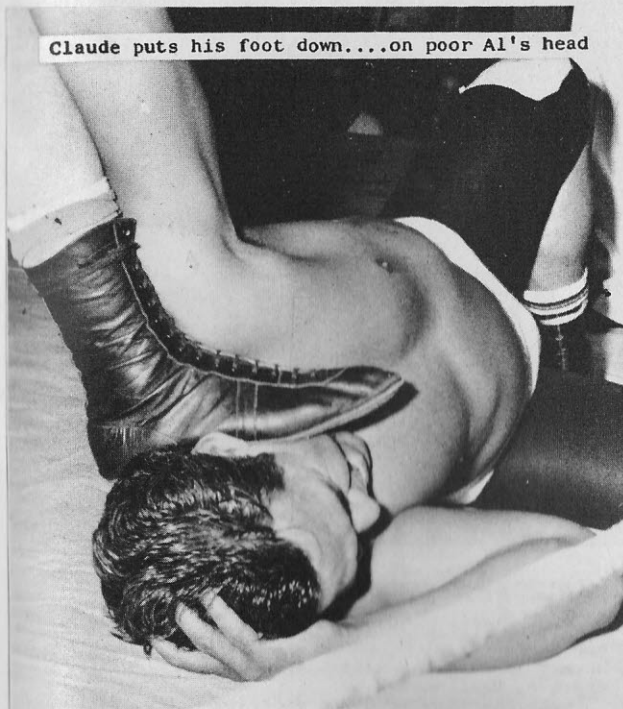




Married

Left: MOORE-REYNOLDS. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, NP, Susan Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Reynolds, NP, to Neil Douglas, only son of Rev and Mrs W.E. Moore, Helensville. Matron of honour was Patricia Wiffin, Wellington, sister of the bride, and the best man was Dudley Greenaway, Auckland. Future home, Auckland.

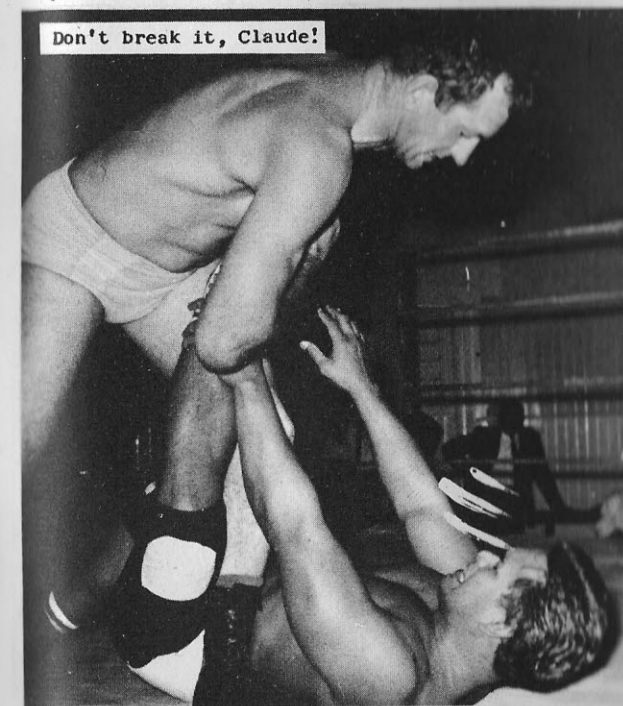
Below: WILLS-PAYNTER. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Gael Edna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Paynter, NP, to Keith George, only son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Wills, NP. The bridesmaids were Susan Ruth-erford, Wellington, and Barbara Fleming, NP. Graham Lawrence, Okato, was the best man, and Earl Foreman, Waitara, was the groomsmen. Future home, New Plymouth.



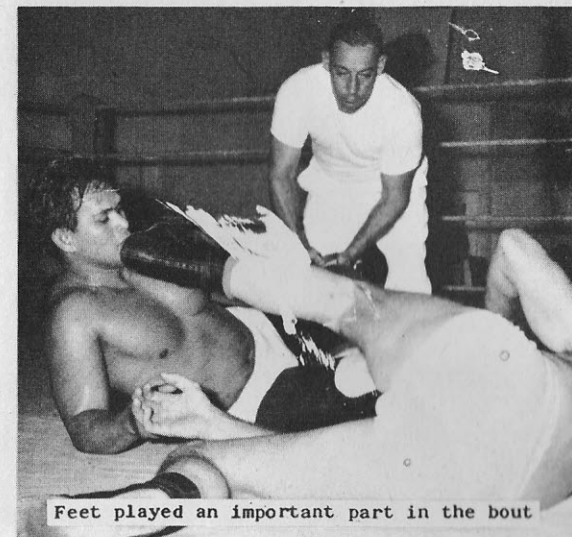
Claude puts his foot down....on poor Al's head

Professional Wrestling

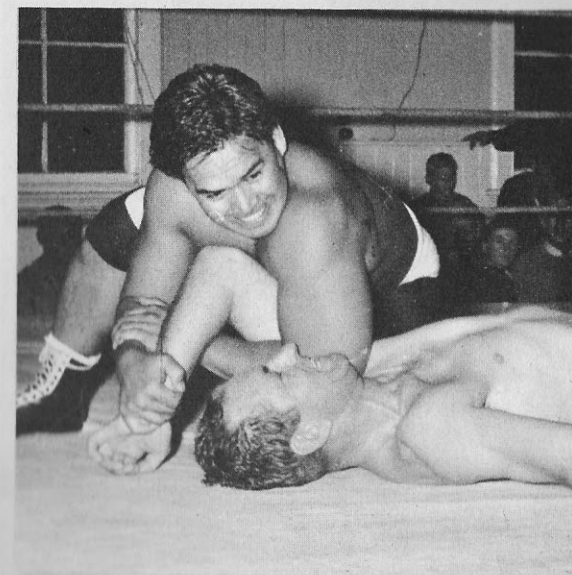
The fight fans of New Plymouth were treated to a rare feast of wrestling when two Samoans met two NP men. In the main bout, photographed on this page, Claude Webb, NP, beat Al Wendt by two straight falls. It was an interesting match and provided plenty of action for the spectators.



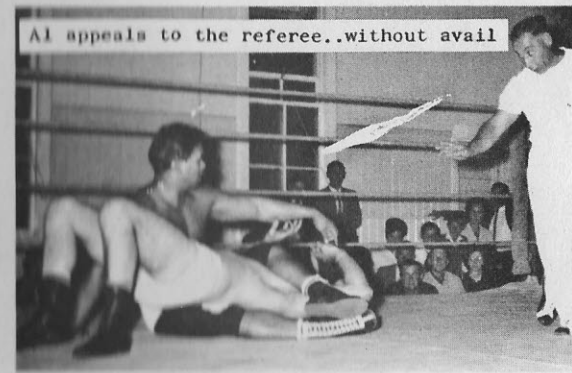
Don't break it, Claude!



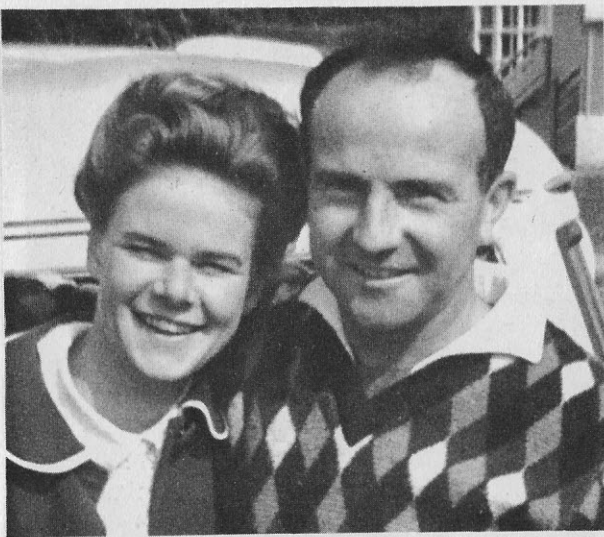
Feet played an important part in the bout



Claude was on the receiving end of this arm-lock



Al appeals to the referee..without avail



Engaged

Above, left: **SANDBROOK-PELHAM**. Lynette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Pelham, NP, to Norman Sandbrook, eldest son of Mrs K. Beattie, Nae Nae, Wellington.

Left: **FRANKLYN-MCLEOD**. Valerie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. McLeod, NP, to Bruce, only son of Mrs T. Moran, NP, and the late Mr W. Franklyn.

Below, left: **BUCKLEY-BEVINS**. Gillian Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.K. Bevins, Stratford, to Colin Raymond, son of Mr and Mrs E. Buckley, NP.

FAREWELL

Above: Denise, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H. Watson, NP, who was recently given a farewell party before leaving NP on transfer.

80-YEAR-OLD

Below: Charles Burke, Manaia, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday. Charles doesn't look a day over 60 to us. Congrats, Charles!



V. Conaglen (NP) performed well in the broad jump

Catholic Schools Sports

After a postponement from a previous date, the Catholic primary schools' sports were held at Stratford recently in conditions which were not of the best variety. In fact they were terrible. Despite the cold wind and intermittent rain, the kids seemed to enjoy themselves and put up some very good performances. (PHOTO-ART).



Final of the boys' 50-yard race showing Maarten van Hattum and Henri Slaats.



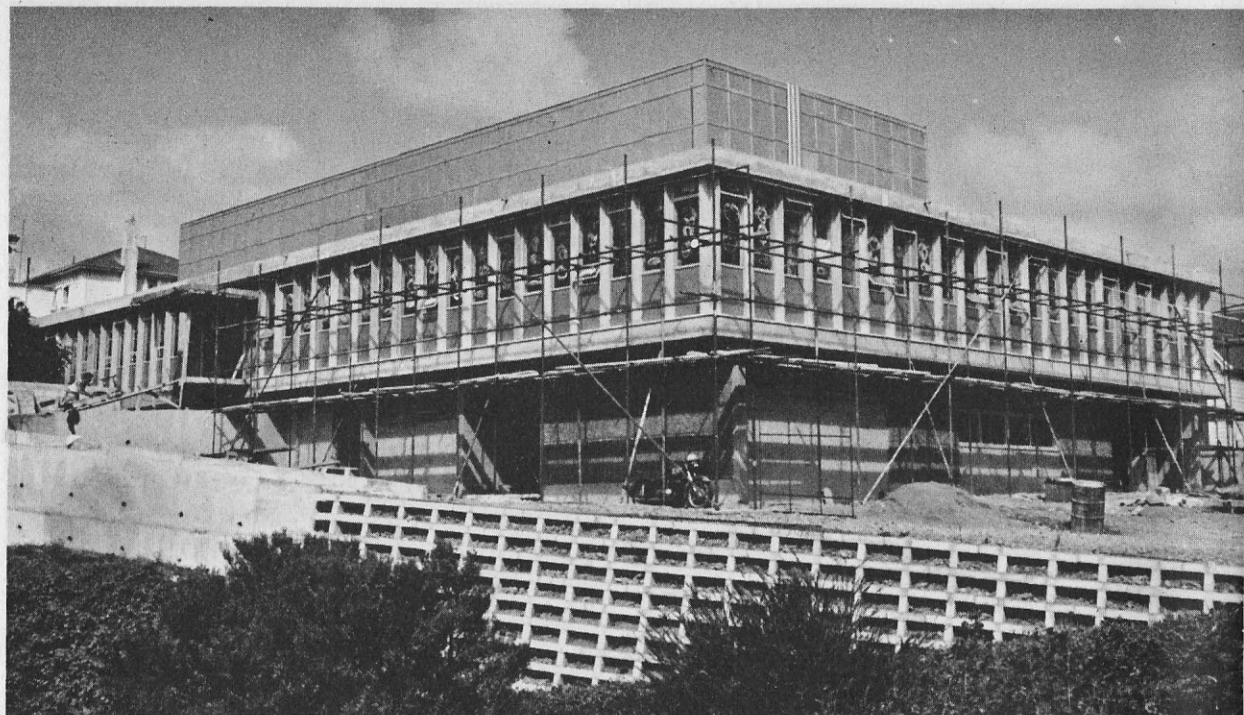
St. Joseph's last runner wins the relay.



St. Joseph's won the boys' relay too.

Raincoats were frequently used

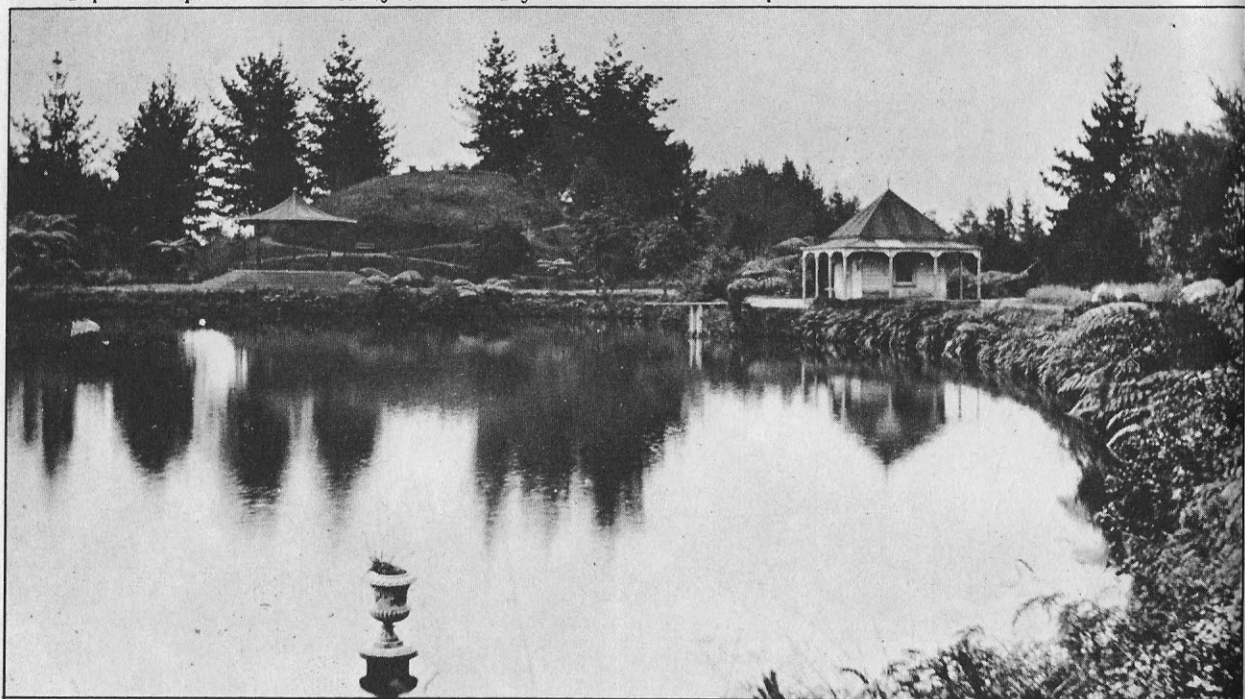




New 2XP Building . . . Old Pukekura Park

Above: A very imposing building indeed is the new 2XP building on the corner of Powderham and Courtney streets. Modern in design, it only awaits the final touches, and the installation of its technical equipment. Then it will be ready for occupation, probably somewhere around August-Sept.

Below: We can't tell you when this old photograph of Pukekura Park was taken, but our guess is that it would be more than forty years ago. It's a far cry from this photo, with the lake looking nothing like as attractive as it does now, to the present day, with shrubs and trees playing an important part in the beauty of the city's most attractive spot.





You'll Never See This Again

Here's a picture which will never again be recorded. It is a view at the Okato Centennial celebrations, as the crowds arrived for the 115-float parade. Parking was at a premium, and cars from the New Plymouth side of the town were parked as far as the eye could see...in fact, some of the late-comers had to walk for over a mile. It will at least be another 100 years before a scene like this is recorded again.