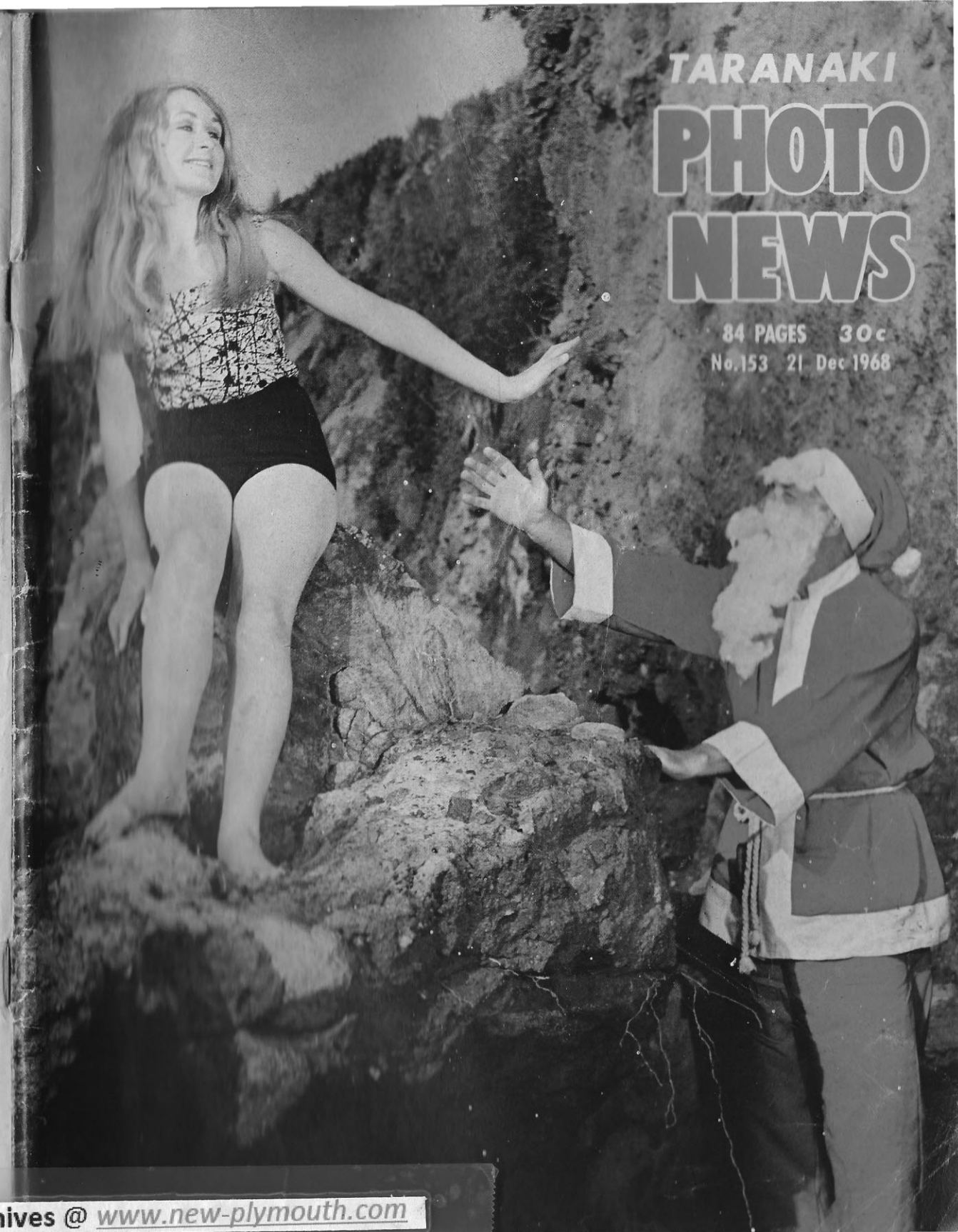
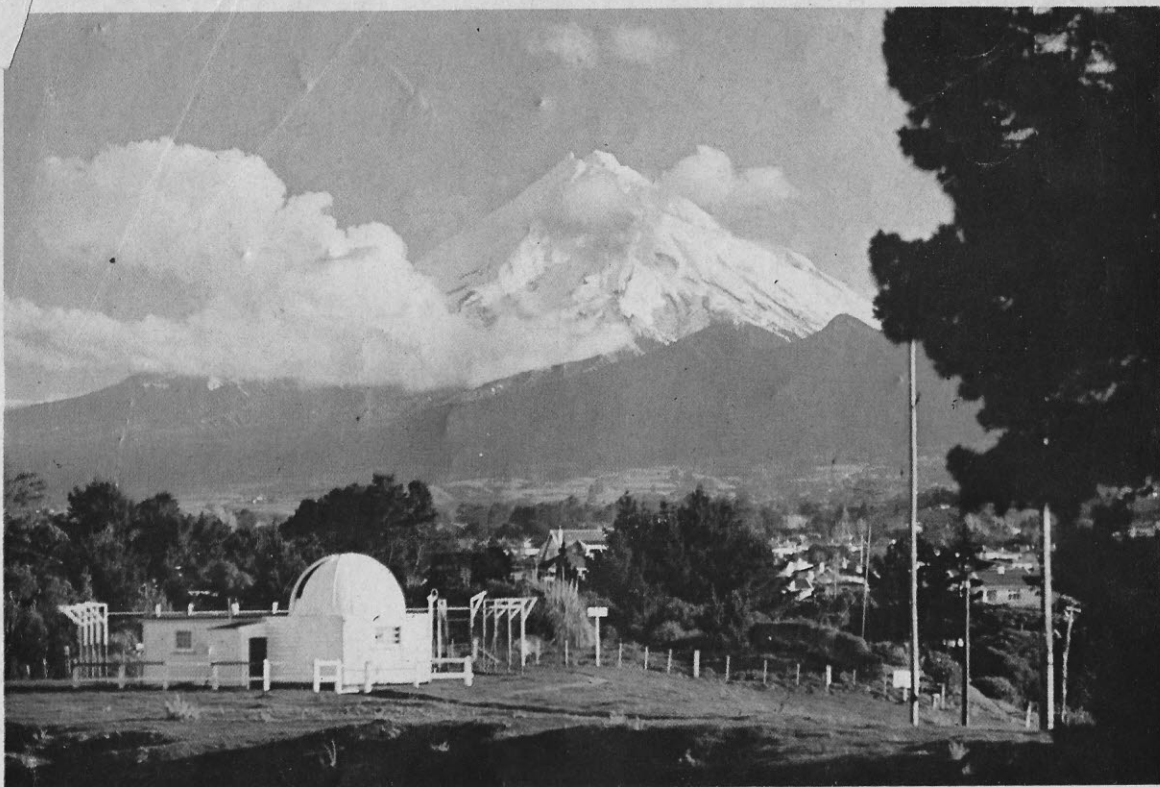


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Bride of the Month



Set in the beauty of the rhododendron dell at Brooklands Park is our lovely bride this month, Margaret, second daughter of Mr and Mrs N.C. Batten, NP, who was recently married to John, youngest son of Mrs W.J. Allen, NP, and the late Mr Allen, at St. Michael's Anglican Church, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS)



Season's Greetings

Once again the holiday season is upon us, and it is our pleasure to extend to all our readers the compliments of the season.

Yet again, it has been a fruitful year, answering the calls for a photographer. We've enjoyed meeting so many new people, as well as the countless old friends made during the course of our work.

1968 has brought its worries, but we feel sure that 1969 will be brighter for all.

It is our constant aim to serve the public of Taranaki, and this we do with the help of our friends who ring and tell us of various functions taking place.

Best wishes for the festive season and prosperity for 1969 to you all,

Reg Eves,
(EDITOR).

CELEBRATIONS



Left: Cutting her 21st birthday cake is Anne, the daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Hunter, NP.

Right: Celebrating 25 years of married life are Mr and Mrs R.G. Scott, NP.

Below, right: Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.G. Scott, NP, to shown with his family on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

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OUR COVER

Well, it is the festive season, and you would expect Santa to pop up any-old-where. Here, we find him on the beach at Oakura, just as Sue Thacker was enjoying the first of the summer's sun. Santa and Sue make a pretty picture, don't you agree?

Back Cover

Top: Town view of Egmont with its winter coat, taken from the Marsland Hill, with the observatory in the foreground.

Bottom: Just past now is one of the most colourful sights in our city. Down at the Pukekura Park Rhododendron Dell there has been a mass of bloom and we have produced just one of the gorgeously coloured rhododendrons.





Engagements

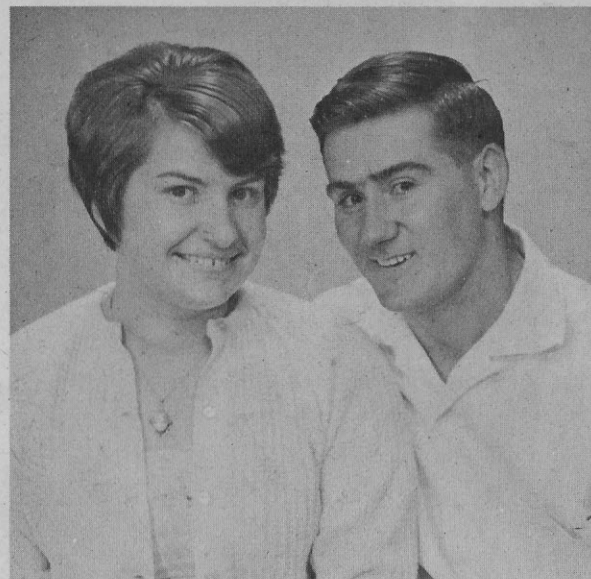
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Above: LANGMAN-GILSHNAN: Judith Marilyn, third daughter of Mrs L.J. Gilshnan, NP, and the late Mr Gilshnan, to Brian William, eldest son of Mrs D.R. Langman, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Left: BARRIBALL-KEEN: Stella Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Keen, Wellington, to John, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Barriball, NP. (VOGUE).

Below, left: RELF-MANNING: Heather Rae, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.R. Manning, Waitara, to Graeme Russell, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L.C. Relf, Waitara. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

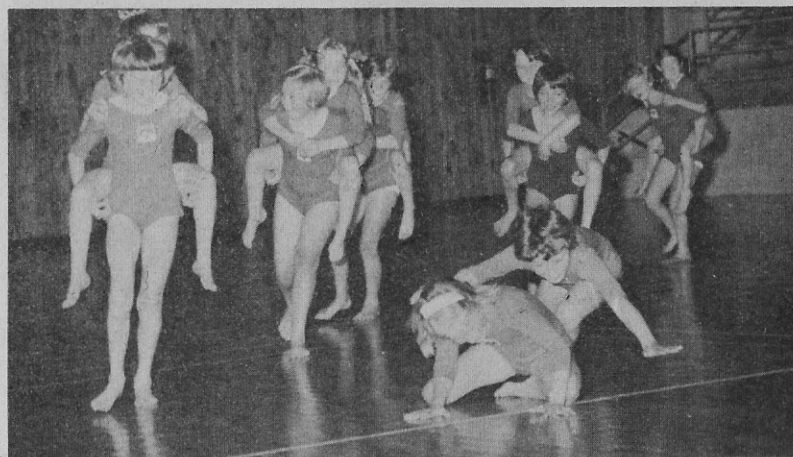
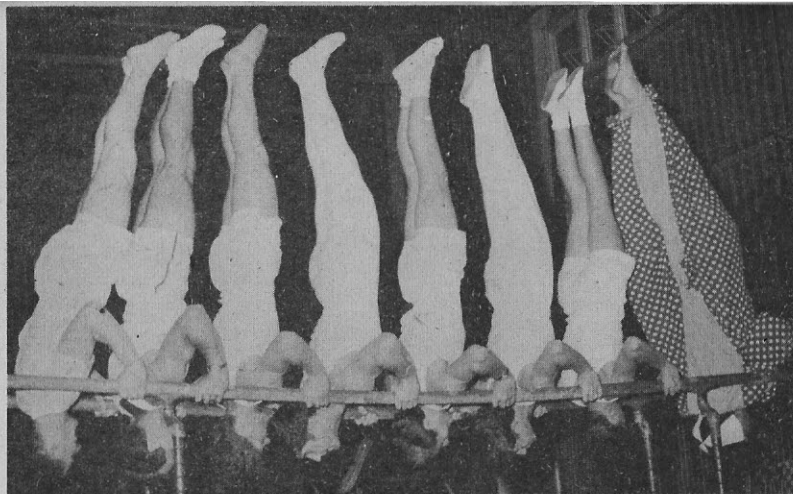
Below: RICHARDS-PINKNEY: Mavis, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.C. Pinkney, Stratford, to James Errol, only son of Mr and Mrs R.S. Richards, Stratford. (VOGUE STUDIOS).



CIVIC RECEPTION

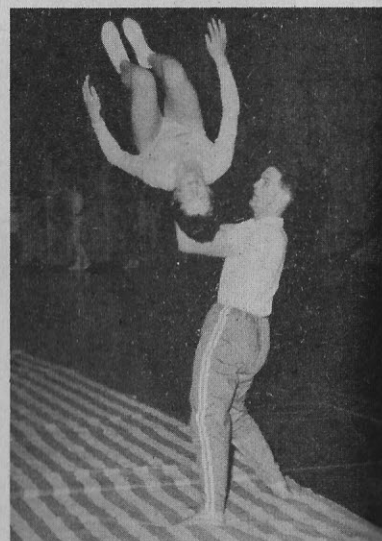
A civic welcome was recently accorded the Governor-General, Sir Arthur Porritt, who was accompanied by his wife, Lady Porritt, and daughter Joanna. A large lunch-time crowd attended this function, held in fine weather. Above: The Vice-Regal party arrives in the Rolls Royce, and what a car, it is too! Below: Sir Arthur is escorted to the dais by the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D.V. Sutherland. Bottom: Mayor Sutherland welcomes the distinguished guests. Also in the welcoming party were Mr and Mrs R. Barclay, the member for NP, and Mr L. Hickford, chairman of the County.



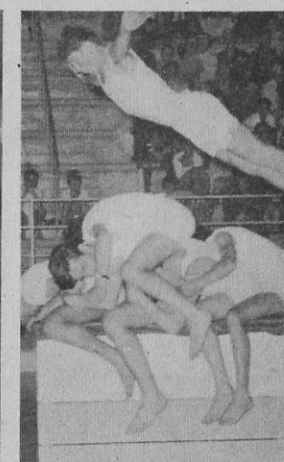
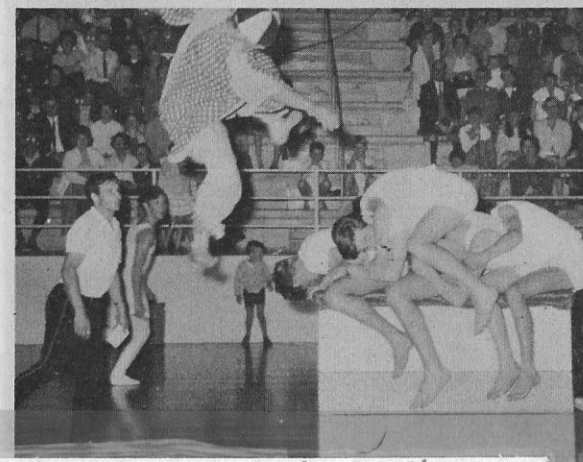
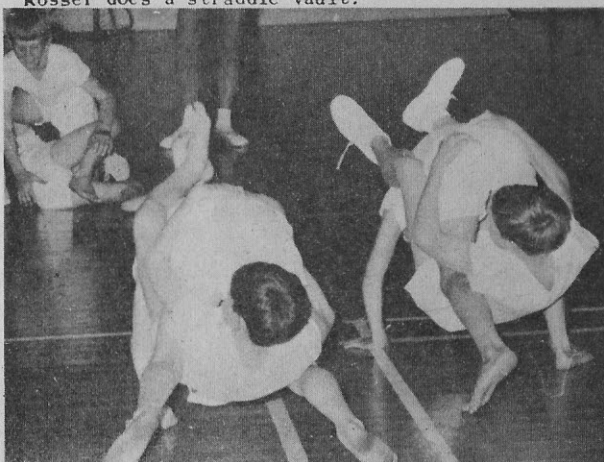
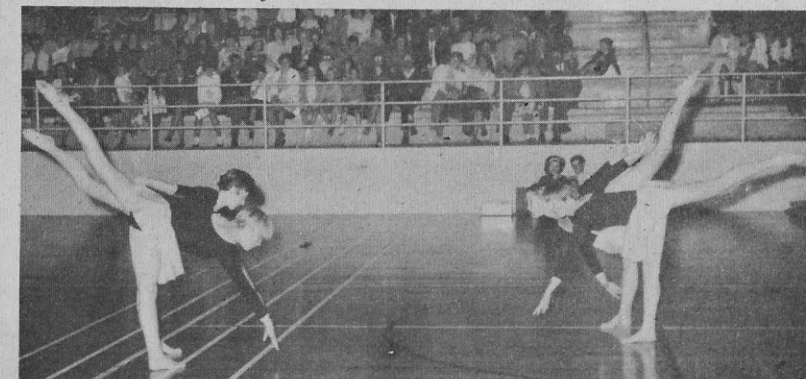


GYM FROLICS

Some 750 people saw this year's gym frolics at the YMCA. Called "Kids Galore", the display was certainly that as the hundreds of children who belong to the YMCA all took part in this very interesting display. Top, left: Senior members wind up a good showing on the parallel bars. Above: The "Giddy Girls" junior primary lasses were involved in a series of circle games. Above, right: Jeff Norton flies over a heap of junior Hi-Y boys. Right: Trevor Creagh helps Jeanine Revell in a demonstration back somersault. Bottom, left: Senior primary boys show how to do the "monkey-carry". Below, right: Lola Rosser does a straddle vault.



Above, left: Paul Manning and Robbie Booth were the comedians of the trampoline. Above: Jeff Olsen and Trevor Bishop demonstrate how to climb with unevenly distributed weight. Left: Clowns Trevor Creagh and Marshall Taylor provided the laughs. Below: Modern rhythm gymnastic exhibition. Bottom, left: Clowns' performance was both agile and amusing. Bottom, centre: Rob Wheeler showed the crowd how not to prevent exposure. Where did you find the top part Rob? Bottom, right: Doug Hill dive rolls over a pyramid of YM boys.





Wedding Bells

Above: REEVE-HARRISON: At the Anglican Church, Kaponga, Valerie Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. Harrison, Kapuni, to Brian Ernest, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. M. Reeve, NP. The matron of honour was Gaillie Jenkins, sister of the bride, NP, and the bridesmaid was Lois Reeve, sister of the groom, NP. The best man was Vivian Wilson, NP, and the groomsmen were Colin Harrison, brother of the bride, Kapuni. Future home, NP. (DAVID PAUL STUDIO).

Below: GOW-SORENSEN: At St Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Shirley Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Sorenson, Normanby, to Alistair, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Gow, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Alison Webber, Wellington and Paula Hammond, Hawera. The best man was Bryan Gates, Hawera, and the groomsmen were Noel Cresswell, Palmerston North. Future home, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL STUDIO)



OKATO MODELS

The Okato District High School had a capacity audience to watch its mannequin parade. The composed manner of the young models as they paraded gave the show a touch of professionalism. **Above,** from left: Karen Oke, Denise Colman, Judith Hill, Kathleen Black and Beverley McKay. **Far left:** Patricia Phillips. **Left:** Barbara Magon. **Right:** Patricia Hunt. **Far right:** Robin Snowden. **Below,** from left: Barbara Luckin, Barbara Hardy, Leone Phillips, Margaret Redding, April Bannister.





Above: Another official, Miss Mollie Purdue, looks at a display of fair linen including altar cloths and embroidered bookmarks. Above, right: Here is a Spanish leather wine jack, used for storing and pouring wine in the 17th century. Left: Another baby's cradle, this time a rocking one, used in 1720. Right: Found in the drawing-room of our ancestors would be this carved cabinet with its wine containers and tobacco box. Below: A section of the crowd, as viewed from the stage, which streamed through every day of the exhibition. Garden chairs were provided as resting places and huge brass vases were filled with flowers, both adding to this beautifully arranged show. Below, right: A brightly embroidered banner featuring Saint Mary, encased in pattern work. This serves as a church decoration.

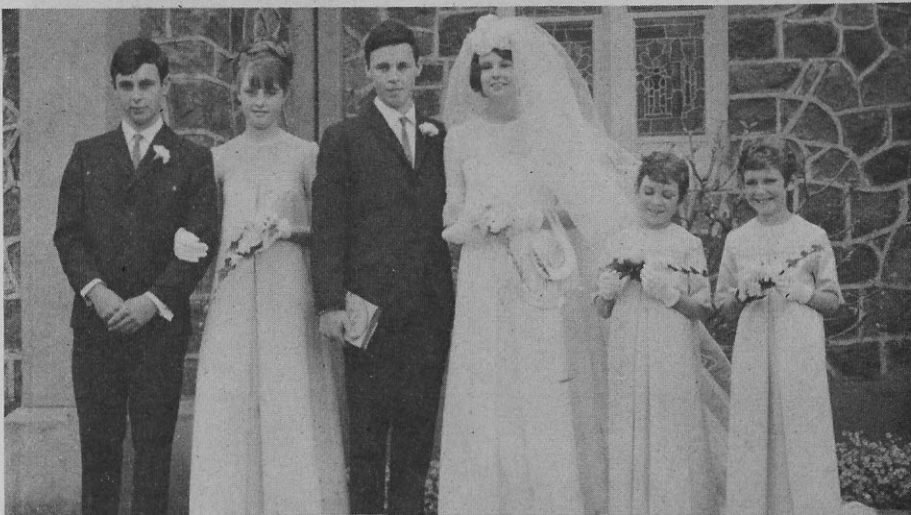


Excellent Antique Display

ST. MARY'S CELEBRATIONS.

Part of St. Mary's 125th Anniversary celebrations was an antique exhibition, set up in the War Memorial Hall, displaying many privately owned articles as well as museum pieces. Credit must go to Mrs Strang and her helpers for this wonderful showing of antiques, which, in the spacious Memorial Hall, looked very effective to the large number of people who attended it, with the pieces on show set out as "rooms" in different corners of the hall. Top: One of the officials, Mrs Joan Kirkby, looks at a pair of Dutch silver serving spoons, part of a dessert course from the Hepplewhite period. Top, right: A bride from the mid-Victorian era. Above: Intricate pieces of jewellery and lace from the mid-eighties. Right: Mrs A. Talbot, dressed for the part, works on this 100-year-old spinning wheel. Below: Christening gowns, all used in St. Mary's, and all being over 100 years old. Below, right: A swinging cradle, used to rock our grandparents to sleep.





Married

Left: FISHER-WALSH: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Caroline Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs V.C. Walsh, NP, to John Phillip, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Fisher, NP. The bridesmaid was Sandra Walsh, sister of the bride, NP, and the best man was Peter Fisher, brother of the groom, NP. The junior twins were Pamela and Paulette Love, NP. Future home, NP.



Right: NEVIN-JAMES: At Our Lady Star of the Sea, Catholic Church, Opunake, Julene, second daughter of Mr and Mrs I.L. James, Opunake, to John Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Nevin, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Goodin, Auroa, Julie Horgan, Opunake, and Dianne James, sister of the bride, Opunake. The best man was Ernest Fevre, Awatuna, and the groomsmen were Michael James, brother of the bride, Opunake. Future home, Opunake.



Left: McCULLOUGH-PURDIE: At St. John's Anglican Church, NP, Lynne Marjorie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H. Purdie, Waitara, to John Francis, third son of Mr and Mrs J.F. McCulloch, NP. The bridesmaids were Margaret Clare, and Colleen Oman, both Waitara. The best man was William McCulloch, brother of the groom, Wanganui, and the groomsmen were Eric McCulloch, brother of the groom, NP. The flower-girl was Kay Purdie and the page boy was Steven Purdie, both Waitara. Future home, Dannevirke.



About People

Above, left: Miss Leah Beattie is photographed with her parents, Mr and Mrs R. Beattie, and family, at a farewell party in her honour as Leah is leaving for Nigeria to work in the Sudan Interior Mission. **Above, right:** Congratulations to Mrs I.A.E. Balsom, NP, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Mrs Balsom, in her younger days, was a schoolteacher in Taranaki. **Below, left:** A four generation photograph with great-grandmother, Mrs Sophie Davies, holding little Trina Blackmore, grandmother, Mrs Kuni Hansen, left, and mother, Mrs Margaret Blackmore, standing. **Below, right:** Another four-generation photo. Great-grandmother, Mrs R. Corkin, holds baby Christine. Beside her is grandmother, Mrs O. Balsom, and mother, Mrs J. Stevenson at back.



WE'RE HAVING A HOLIDAY ... BUT...

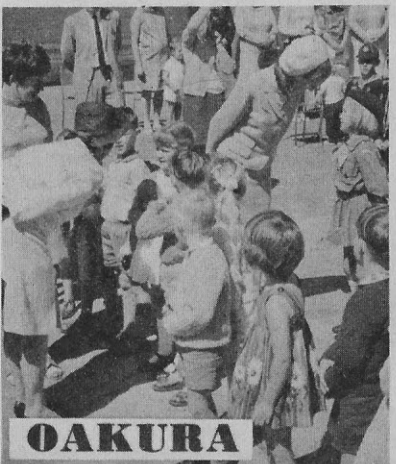
Our next issue won't be published until mid-February so in the meantime we're having a rest, butwe would still like to know what's going on. If you've got anything photographic that won't wait till February, then ring 35583 and we'll come out of hibernation for a while.

OMATA



VICE-REGAL VISIT TO COASTAL SCHOOLS

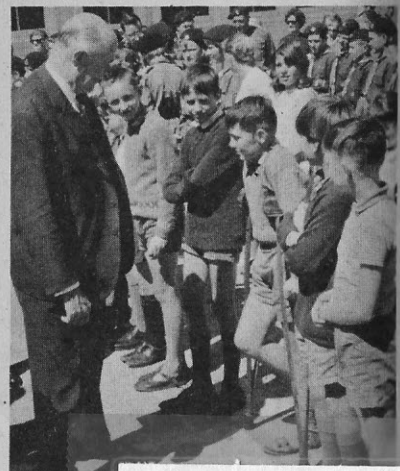
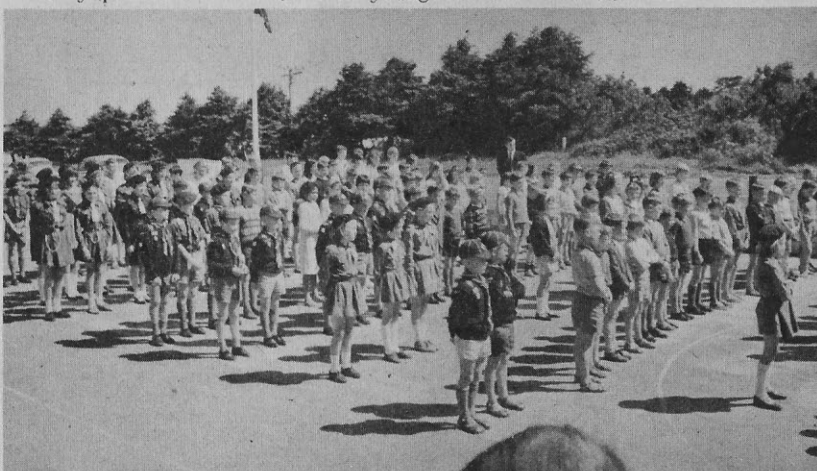
The Vice-Regal party during their recent visit to the province spent a very busy day touring the coastal schools from Omata to Manaia. Needless to say, it was a thrill for the children who were enjoying the first-ever visit of a Governor General to that district. Our photographers followed Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt from Omata to Opunake where we recorded the pictures on this and the next three pages. First stop, Omata, where the three members of the Porritt family mingled with and talked to the children.



OAKURA



Next stop, Oakura, where the children were all lined up, below, to greet the Governor-General. Above, left: Lady Porritt had a kind word to say to primary girls and below, right, Sir Arthur has a sympathetic word for this youngster with a broken toe.



WAREA

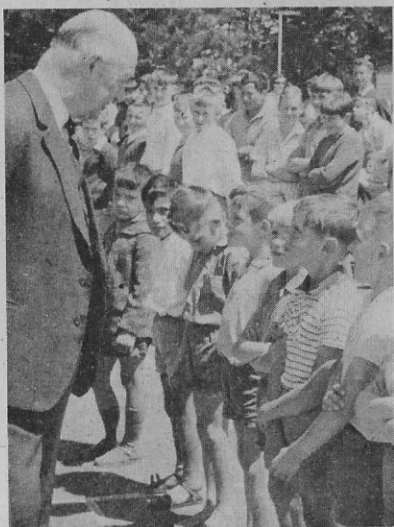
The third stop for Their Excellencies was Okato and before the speeches were made, Esther Manu gave Miss Joanna a bouquet, above, left, and head girl, Felicity Bannister gave one to Lady Porritt, above, centre. Above, right: Sir Arthur meets the boy prefects. Below centre: Primary children wait in turn to meet Lady Porritt. Below, right: Joanna made a hit with all the children. Bottom: Sir Arthur talks about the significance of the badges on these pupils' berets.



OKATO

Warea school, though small in size, gave the party a warm welcome and the children chatted with Lady Porritt quite freely, below, left: Below, right: The pupils and adults applaud Sir Arthur's speech.





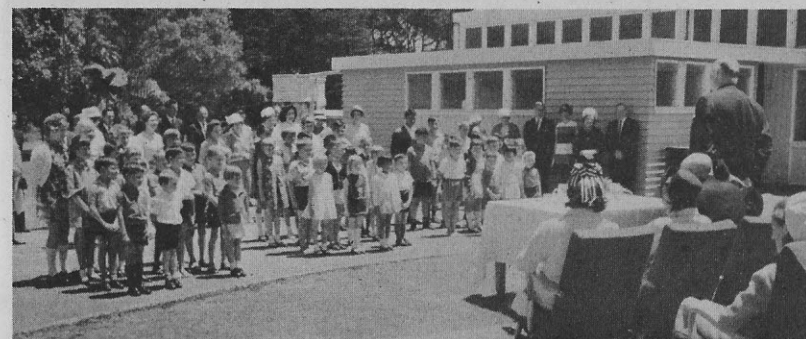
PUNGAREHU

Left: These Pungarehu pupils will remember this day for a long time. Above, centre: Young and old, it didn't matter, they all got a hullo from Sir Arthur. Above, right: A playful tickle from Joanna delighted these lads. Below: Perfect lines from the pupils. Below, right: Another lucky boy.



RAHOTU

The sixth school to welcome the party was Rahotu, and a very warm welcome it was too. Again the Vice-Regal visitors mingled freely with the children.



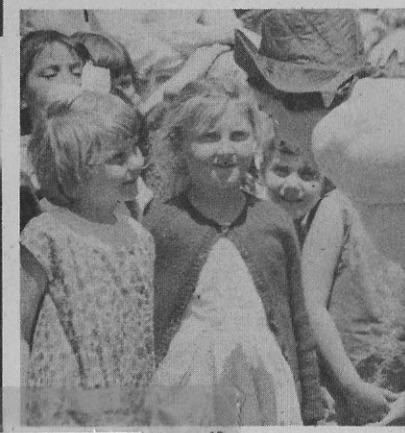
OAONUI

Oaonui, the smallest school, but there was still the warm sunshine, wonderful welcome and opportunity for the children to meet the party.



OPUNAKE

Below: Primary, as well as Secondary pupils were present for Sir Arthur's visit. The children were intrigued with Lady Porritt and the boys got on quite well with Miss Joanna too!!!!





Married

Left: WEENINK-JACK: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, F. Muriel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jack, Scotland, to Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs P.C. Weenink, NP. The bridesmaid was Lesley Rutherford, Taihape, and the best man was Robert Hooper, Inglewood. The flower-girl was Susan Sealy, Christchurch. The future home, Hawkes Bay.



Right: FULTON-PELHAM: At the Fitzroy Catholic Church, Jillian Joan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N.C. Pelham, NP, to Ross Brian, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. Fulton, Waitara. The bridesmaids were Margaret Richardson and Elizabeth Horton, both NP. The best man was Jeff Wells, Huirangi, and the groomsmen were Bill Cameron, Waitara. The flower-girl was Susan Plant, NP. Future home, Waitara.



Left: MCKENNA-PRESTON. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Connie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Preston, Taumarunui, to Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. J. McKenna, Wanganui. The bridesmaids were Maureen Peri, Inglewood and Alwyn McLeod, NP. The best man was Tom Hay, Wellington and the groomsmen were Francis McKenna, brother of the groom, Wanganui. The flower-girls were Donna McKenna and Anne Preston, both NP. The page boys were Vaughn and Wayne McLeod, NP. Future home, NP.



CHURCH FAIR

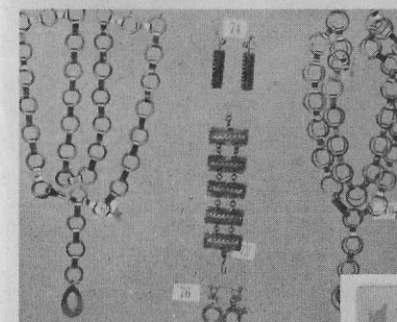
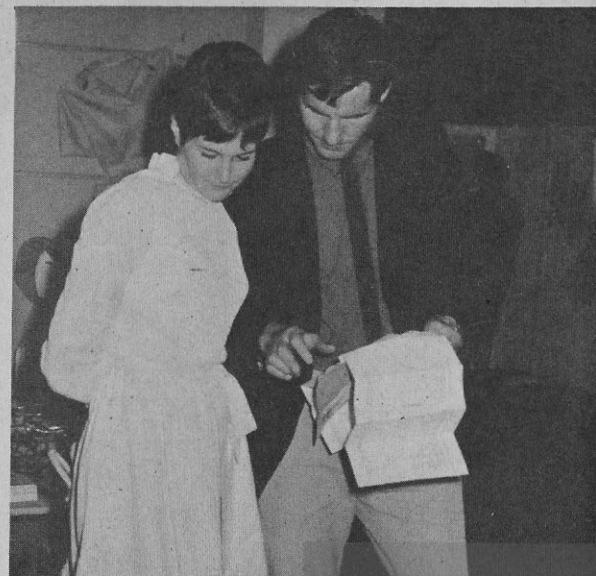
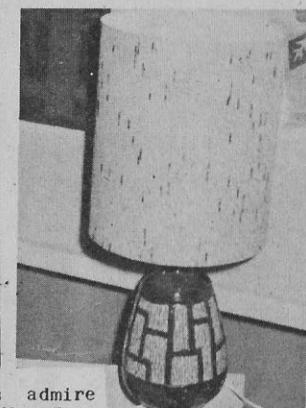
The Fitzroy Methodist Church fair was a big success with bargains galore for the many who supported it. **Above, left:** The Rev R.E. Fordyce slipped into a quiet corner to read his newspaper. **Above, right:** White elephant stall was well patronised. Katrina Rowe and Joan Smithers discussing their purchase with Mary Jackson. **Right:** Will I or won't I? Katrina Rowe takes time in making up her mind. She is attended by Miss J. Fenwick. **Below, left:** Tony and Katrina Brosnan. **Below, centre:** Grant and Gail Thompson mind their niece, Lynda Stewart. **Below, right:** If a book is worth buying it should be interesting--Kevin Greig engrossed in his prospective purchase.





Handcraft Exhibition

Three NZ artists recently held an exhibition of their work in the NP Art Gallery. The artists, Mae Hodge, Wellington, Thelma de Lancy-Green, NP, and Audrey Lissette, Levin, worked for months to make enough objects to exhibit. Left: The three ladies discuss the relative merits of one of their articles on display. Right: This cloth has a Maori motif as its basic design. Centre, left: This reminds one of the rock paintings. Centre, right: A hand-made water set. Below, left: Pauline Quinn, Stratford, and Margaret Ogden, NP, look at the catalogue. Below, right: Rosemary Hawthorne and Lance McEldowney discuss a probable purchase.



Top, left: Mesdames E.Hill and C.Copps admire the work. Top, centre: Andrew and mother, Mrs Joan Clark, with grandmother, Mrs H.J.Foreman, Alton, showed interest in a display. Top, right: Many of the designs on the cloths had a Maori origin. Above, left: Mexican pancho was a real eye-catcher with its gay colours. Above: Some of the fine pieces of jewellery. Above, right: Handmade lamps are a rarity. Left: Linked jewellery, somewhat out of the ordinary. Right: A beautifully made urn. Below, left: Handbags, another feature of the display. Below, centre: A cloth which featured rock drawing motifs. Below, right: It looks like a Taniwha.





MARRIED

Left: HALL-HOTTER: At Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Helen Ruth, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hotter, NP, to Ian Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs V. Hall, NP. The bridesmaid was Frances Crouch, sister of the groom, NP, and the best man was Ron Hall, brother of the groom, NP. Future home, Waiouru. (VOGUE).

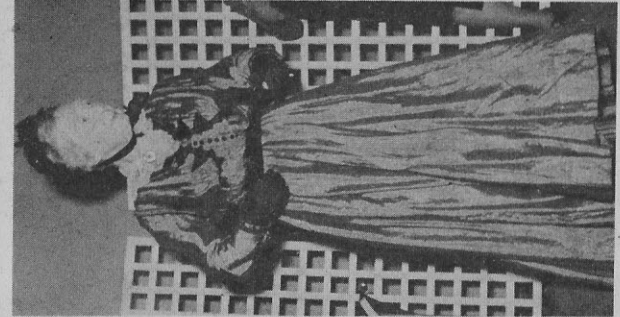
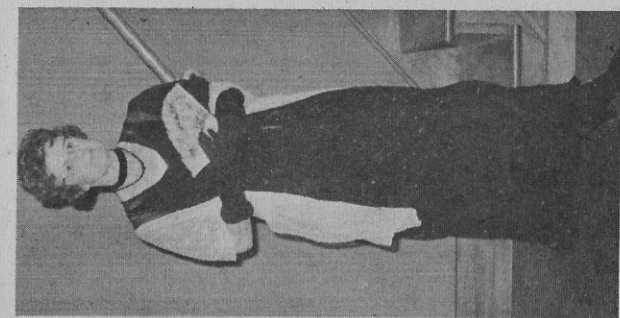
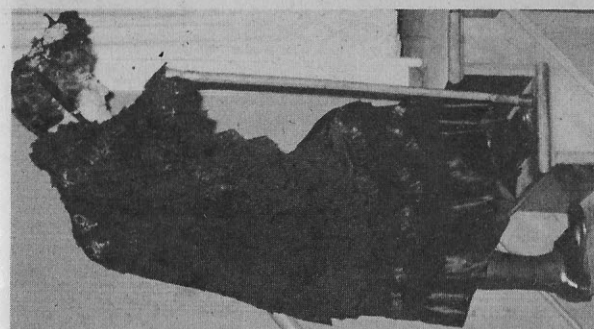
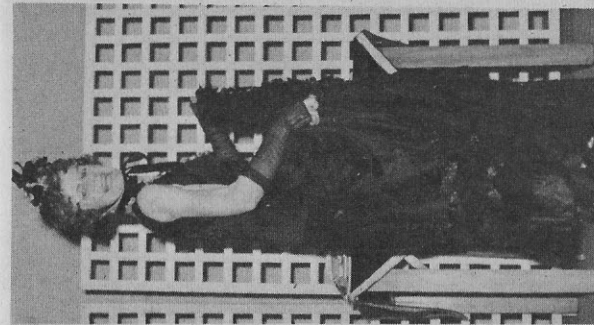
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Waitara Jaycee Xmas Party

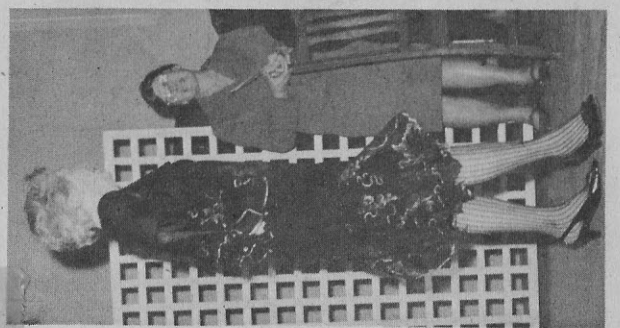
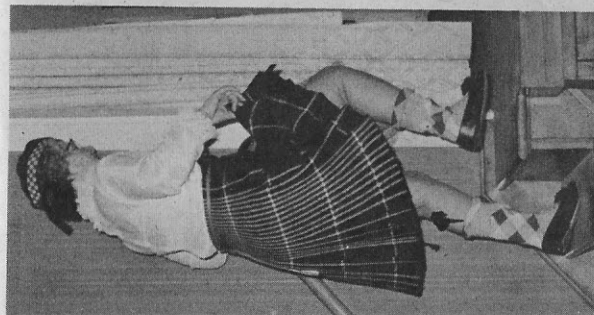
The annual Waitara Jaycee Christmas party took the form of a fancy dress "do" and a very successful one it was too, with everybody well costumed and entering into the spirit which pervaded the party. Here are some of the jubilant Jaycees and their wives. **Right:** Colleen Johnstone. **Centre, right:** Karen Duckett who portrayed Charlie Chaplin. **Far, right:** Blair and Natalie Hutor. **Below:** John Cunningham and Robyn Eriwata. **Below, centre:** Tom and Seanus Whelan. **Below, right:** Jan and Neal Strawbridge. **Bottom, left:** Jill and Doug Page, for export only. **Bottom centre:** Half and half team. **Bottom, right:** Frances McLean and Roger Ireland.





Oldies on Show

The League of Mothers held a mannequin parade with a difference at the Whiteley Hall. All the clothes modelled were from past eras. Some were at least 100 years old. Above, left: Thelma Caughley in an early period nightdress. Above, centre, left: A bright red nightshirt for the "gentleman", Lucille Ennor, and black nightie for the lady, Daphne Gibson. Above, centre, right: Melva Ashworth makes her entrance carrying a "pottie". Above, right: Daphne Gibson is all dressed up for the ball. Left: Hoots mon! Ye would nae catch a bonny Scottish ladie doin' up his suspender here. Right: Miro Genn twirls her skirt. Below, far left: The roaring twenties for Miro. Below, left: "Here comes the bride", Peggy James, with Florence Hancock as the groom. Below, right: Granny Melva Ashworth, dressed in 1860 clothes. Below, far right: Lillian Newland daringly shows her garter.



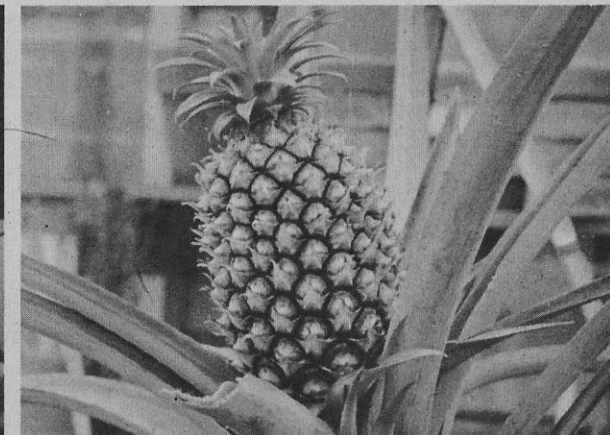
Far left: Miro Genn shows the embroidery work on her dress. Left: "Knees up mother Brown" by Florence Hancock. Right: It's that little old lady again, Melva Ashworth, making her grand entrance at the parade. Far, right: She's removing her cape to show her dress off to the amused audience. Below, from left, Miro Genn, complete with stockings from that period. Miro appears again in clothes a little older. Granny grew tired of her old outfit so she got a new one and added a shawl and fan. Melva models clothes from around the 1900s. Then we see Miro has removed her cape to display a fashionable dress from "way back". Lastly, here we have Melva ready for the ball.

WEDDINGS



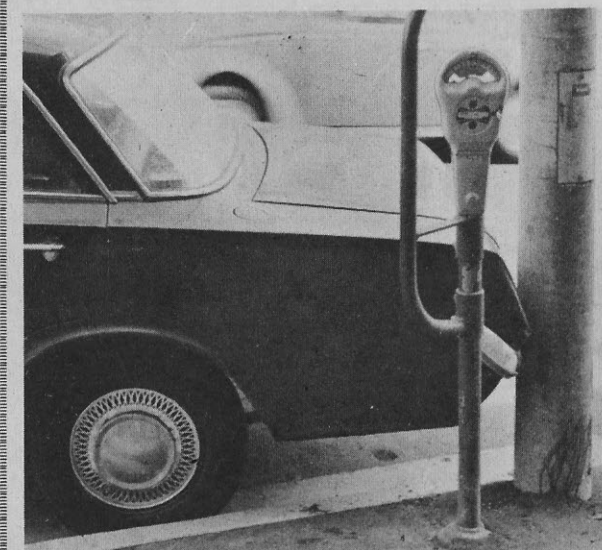
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Local Orchids

George Kibby of Young Street, NP, has grown in his glasshouse several brightly coloured orchids and a good sized pineapple. The orchids vary in colour from pastel pink to one of a startling orange hue. The fragile-looking flowers have a most appealing beauty all their own. The pineapple is quite sizeable for one grown locally although it does not appear to be quite ripe yet. **Above, left:** One of the delicately coloured orchids. **Left:** The spots on one petal of each flower give them a most unusual appearance. **Below, left:** The attitude of this group of orchids gives them the appearance of open mouths. **Above:** The pineapple looked quite appetising though not yet ready to eat.



ODD SHOT

Somebody is going to be pleased! This is what happens when your handbrake is not properly applied. The unfortunate driver of this car returned from her shopping trip to find the car had run back and crashed into a power pole. Lucky it did! The pedestrian crossing is only a few feet from this particular parking space. Wonder what hubby said? It pays to get these things checked, especially before the holiday period.

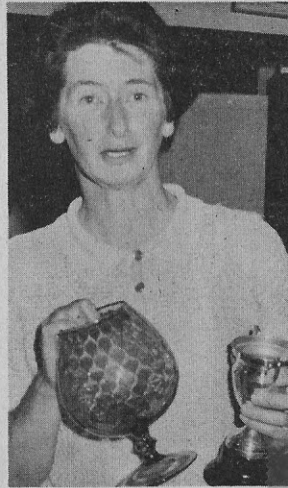


Westtown Ladies' Golf Presentation

The Westtown lady golfers held their closing day recently and presented the individual winners with trophies won during the year. The ceremony was held following their closing day tournament. The champions appeared to be very popular with club members and a good deal of enthusiastic applause followed each presentation. This club always seems to have hundreds of trophies, so many that most members receive a prize of some sort. Above, left: Winner of the senior championship, Janet Horn. Above, centre: A merry twosome, Glad Ennis and Valene Paterson, the junior champ. Above, right: Paramount cup winner, Muriel Abraham. Left: Joyce Brown, intermediate champ. Right: Judy Kirkland, winner of the Ōkoari cup. Below, from left: Gwen Morgan, Grandmothers' cup; Jean Whittle, Bowie cup; Pauline Burn, Captain's four-some; Jewel Hill, Millar cup.



Above, left: The four champions of the Westtown Ladies' Golf Club are Janet Horn, senior; Joyce Brown, intermediate; Val Paterson, junior; Esta Souber, limit. Above, right: Gwen Green received the Olive Turnbull Memorial putting cup. Left: Club Captain, Glad Ennis, congratulates Gwen Morgan, Grandmothers' cup winner. Right: Coad Trophy winner, Glad Ennis. Below, left: Esta Souber won the limit championship cup. Below, centre: Alison Connell, Simpson cup winner. Below, right: Olga Savage won two trophies, the Garcia Rosebowl and the Nielson cup.





Married

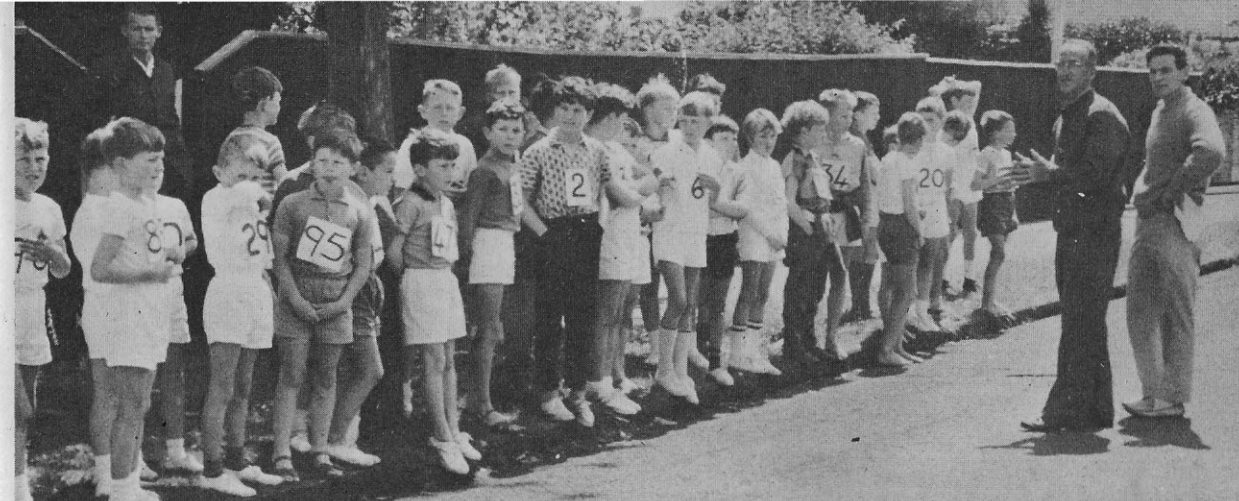
Left: RAWLES-SMITH: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Pamela Ann, the second daughter of Mr and Mrs T.G. Smith, Hawera, to Phillip Graham, third son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Rawles, Hawera. The bridesmaid was Carol Smith, sister of the bride, Hawera, and the best man was Colin Muir, Hawera Future home, Hawera. (David Paul)



Right: QUINCE-UPSON: At the Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Diane Alma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Upson, Hillsborough, to Clive John, only son of Mrs S. Quince, Lithgow, Australia, and the late Mr Quince. The bridesmaids were Joy and Helen Upson, sisters of the bride, Hillsborough, and Melva Phillips, Opunake. The best man was Ian McManus, Australia, and the groomsmen were Barry Upson, brother of the bride, Hillsborough, and Brian Hellier, Hillsborough. Future home, Lithgow, Australia.

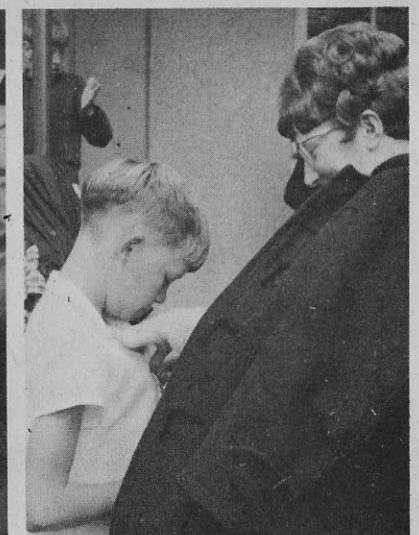


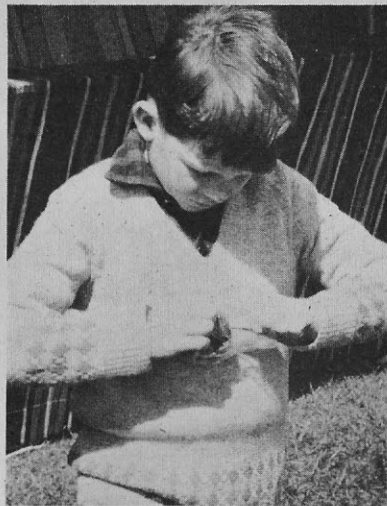
Left: STACHURSKI-THOMPSON: At St. Philomena's Catholic Church, NP, Marilyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Thompson, NP, to Kevin, youngest son of Mr J. Stachurski, NP, and the late Mrs Stachurski. The bridesmaids were Gail Thompson, sister of the bride, NP, and Sonja Keijzer, NP. The best man was Brian Crowley, NP, and the groomsmen were Iden Stachurski, brother of the groom, NP, and David Taylor, Waitara. Future home, NP.



BOY WALKERS

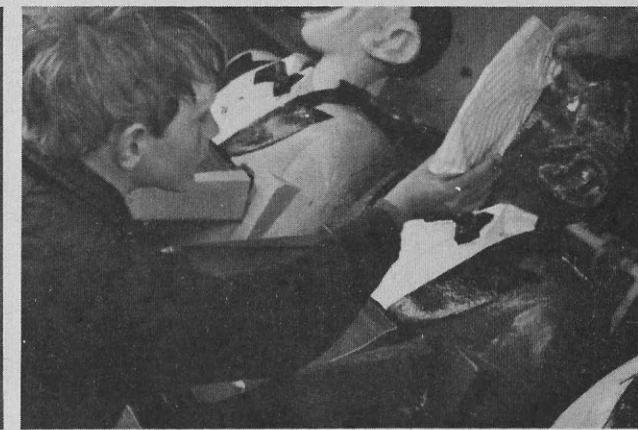
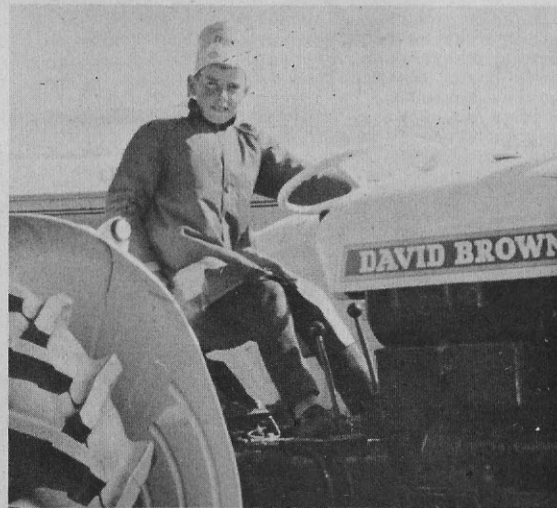
Youngsters from many parts of Taranaki competed in the annual Coca Cola sponsored walking race which started from Pukekura Park and covered a block of city streets. This race, now an annual event, has become very popular and attracts a larger entry each year. **Above:** Fred Mancer gives the boys their instructions for the race. **Below:** Ready to go. The boys line up at the start with the seven-year-olds, who were first away, in front. **Bottom, left:** Linda Cann pins John Barriball's number on. **Bottom, centre:** Stephen Novak watches as Fred Mancer attaches his identification. **Bottom, right:** Linda Cann with Martin Stevens.





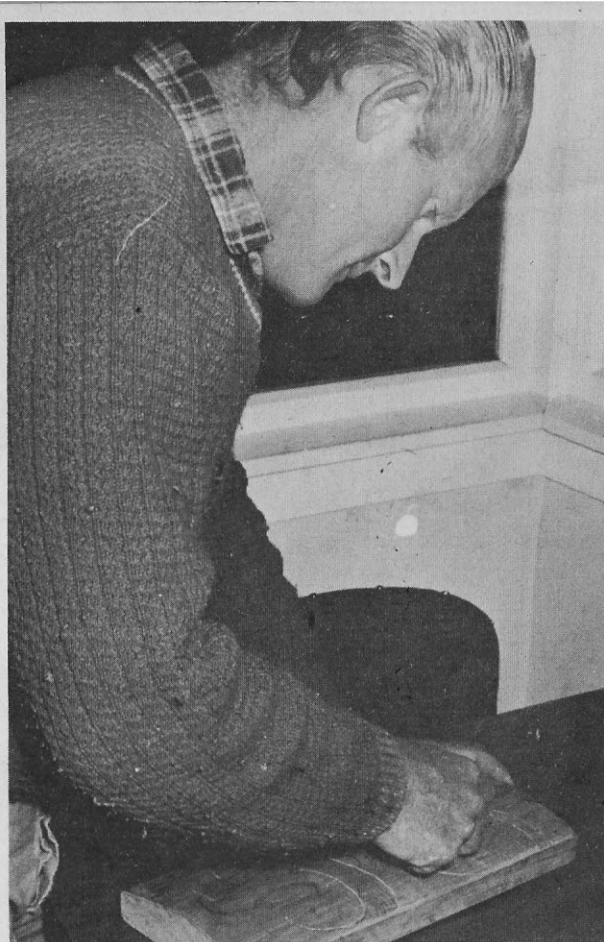
Hawera Show

Despite the bitter weather, a large crowd enjoyed the annual A&P show, which was held, as usual, in the Hawera showgrounds. The numerous side shows, exhibitions and competitions offered something for everybody but unfortunately our camera could capture only a few of the people who visited the show. Far, left: A big hotdog for a little girl but Shirley Herewini seemed to be able to manage. Left: Geoffery Sarten had trouble getting the wrapper off his toffee apple. However we're sure the struggle was really worth it. Below, left: Sue Cornwall and her horse, Heron, looked in winning form. Below: Steven Beauchamp, high up on an exhibition tractor, smiled for our camera. Bottom, left: Saralie Tait and Gunsmoke. Bottom, right: Murray Grantham, Craig Dunlop and Leanne Smith had fun on this grader.



Among the various aspects of the Hawera A & P show was the rifle range which demanded skill and accuracy from any young lad. Above, left: Gary Eccleshall steadies his hand and shows us how. Above, right: David Lochart was a lucky winner, and here he receives his prize. Below, left: Station Officer Len Mychael did a marvellous job in selling raffle tickets for this trailer which contained everything from a bike to a can of peaches. Below, centre: Shirley Harper pauses for a bite of her waffle...they're fattening, you know! Below, right: A lovely smile from Linda Gibson who obviously enjoyed her ride on Donald Duck. Bottom: Jimmy Stannard and Peter Cochran looked like professional drivers in the dodgems.





Australian Woodcarver

Australian Allen Bass is a man with an unusual hobby. He does Maori carving when time permits. For the past two years he has done approximately a dozen or so carvings, most of which have been sent home to Australia as presents for his friends and relatives. When he became interested in Maori carving his friend Melville Manu taught him the way to execute this intricate work. After Allen has done a carving, using only totara wood, it is stained and coated with varnish three times. The result is a very attractive decoration. Above, left: Allen working on one of his latest carvings. Above: Two completed works. Below, left: Allen with two of the meres he had completed. Below, centre: A closer view of the mere showed how professional Allen's work was. Below, right: A teko teko, which would be a very welcome ornament in any home.



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SKATING CLUB PRESIDENT FAREWELLED

President for the past two-and-a-half years of the NP Amateur Roller Skating Club, Bruce Hay was recently farewelled at the club's annual presentation evening. Bruce and his family are moving to Auckland where we know the first thing they'll look for will be a skating rink. Prior to his term as president, Bruce devoted many hours in helping to establish what is now reckoned to be the best skating rink in NZ. His going will be a sad loss to the club. In our photograph, he is shown with his wife and children, Russell, Beverley and Lynette, with the cocktail cabinet which was presented to them.



"MESSIAH" PERFORMANCE FILLS WHITELEY

Even with additional seating, the Whiteley Church was overcrowded for the two performances of Handel's "Messiah". It is a long time since such a fine rendition of this work has been heard in NP. It was conducted by Canon Austin Charles who was supported by top grade soloists and members of the Lindsay String Orchestra from Wellington, with H.R. Ashworth at the organ and a special choir of forty-six voices, all local people. Proceeds of this very successful concert will go to the National Council of Churches' Christmas appeal.

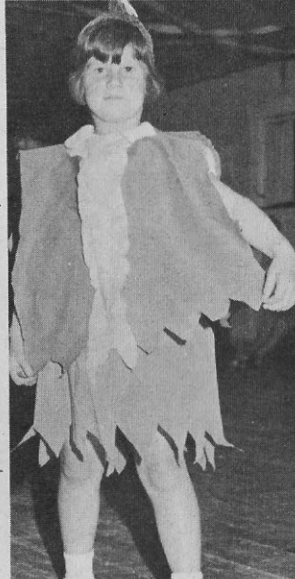


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Hawera Fancy Dress

The annual fancy dress ball of the Hawera Old Time Dance committee was recently held with the usual successful organisation. Above: from left: Some of the revellers: Geraldine Hall, senior section winner, Lynda Thompson, second in the junior section. Karen Hooker, "swaggy". Mrs Sait was pianist in the band. Left: Deborah Hooker. Right: Colleen Davy, and far right: Michael Davy. Below, left: Family group with Carol, Marianne, Malcolm and Judith White. Below, right: In this group are Denise Hooker, Gordon Andrew, Mrs Hooker and, in front, Karen and Deborah Hooker.



GIRLS BRIGADE NATIVITY PLAY

The First Hawera Company of the Girls' Brigade held its end of season presentation of awards at St. John's Church Hall. From the point of view of presentations alone, the evening was a success, but also on the programme was a Nativity play presented by the girls of the company. This was both colourful and a delight to the audience. Above: Biblical characters, suitably dressed, played the manger scene, while below we show a group of angels.

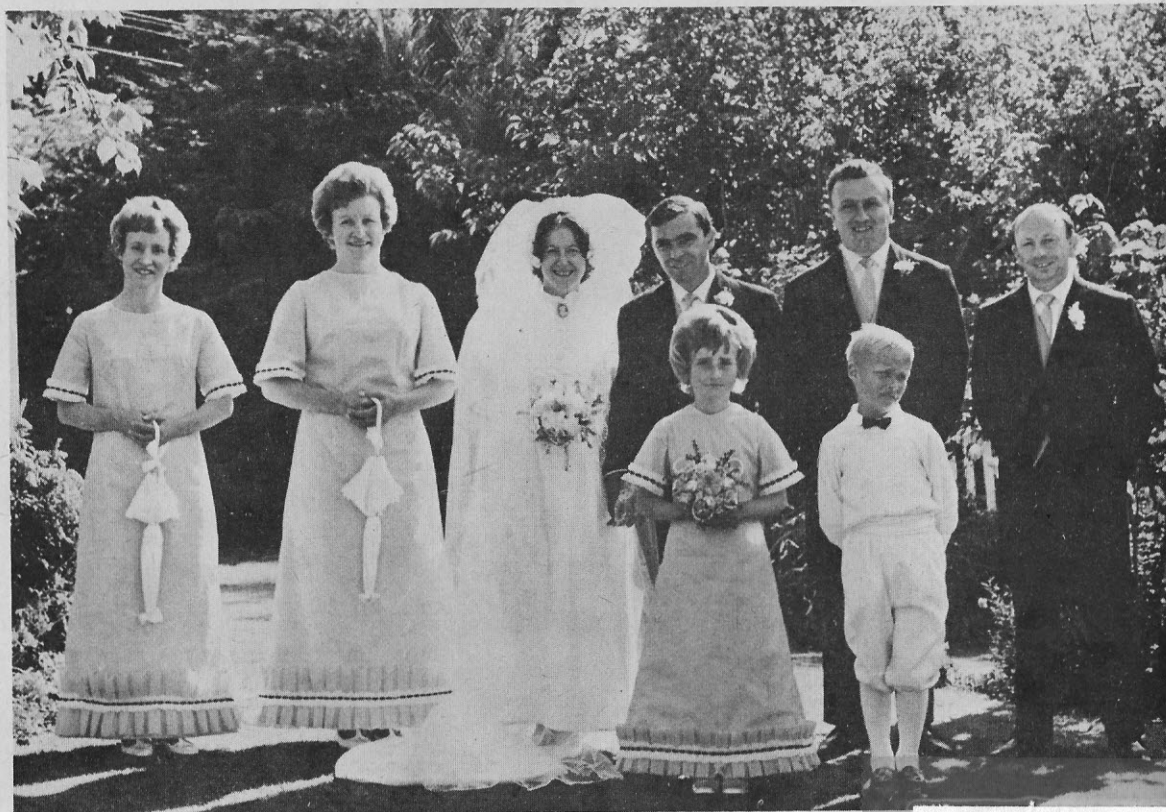




Married

Left: ANDERSON-GIBBONS: Recently married in Patea, Annette, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gibbons, Patea, to Peter, twin son of Mr B. Anderson, Patea, and the late Mrs Anderson. The matron of honour was Judy Alan, NP, and the best man was Wayne Minton, Patea. Future home, Patea.

Below: MCCOLL-DIVANE: Recently married at Patea, Cushla, third daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Divane, Patea, to Ross, youngest son of Mr and Mrs K. McColl, Wellington. The matron of honour was Kathleen McColl, sister of the bride, Patea, and the bridesmaid was Patricia Divane, sister of the bride, Patea. The best man was Sandy Park, Wellington and the groomsmen were Don Gilmen, Titirangi. The flower-girl was Tracy Divane, sister of the bride, Patea, and the page boy was Kevin McColl, Patea.



ABOUT PEOPLE

Above: Cynthia Wolland, nee Robins, has probably got the largest collection of trophies for national dancing in NZ. During her fifteen years as a dancer, she has collected cups from all parts of NZ, and in this photograph of Cynthia are displayed 77 cups, 250 medals, and 10 championship ribbons. These are just part of her huge collection. Cynthia, who recently married, now lives in Auckland. **Above, right:** Mr L. Brennan, Opunake, who was recently elected as chairman of the Taranaki Hospital Board. **Right:** Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Hall, Hawera, who recently celebrated her 21st birthday. (DAVID PAUL). **Below, left:** Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.I. Deacon, is shown with her parents at her coming of age. **Below, right:** Maurice, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Stan Betts, receives the key of manhood from his father. (NORMAN SQUIRES).



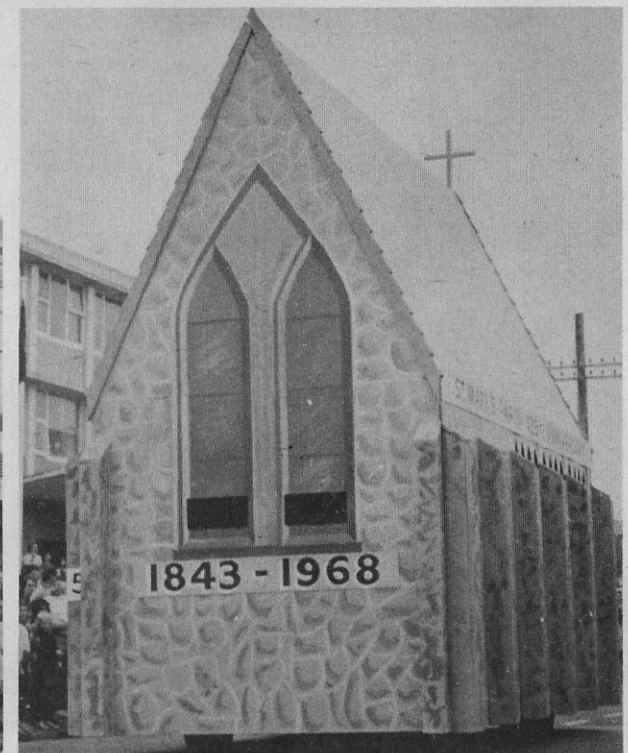


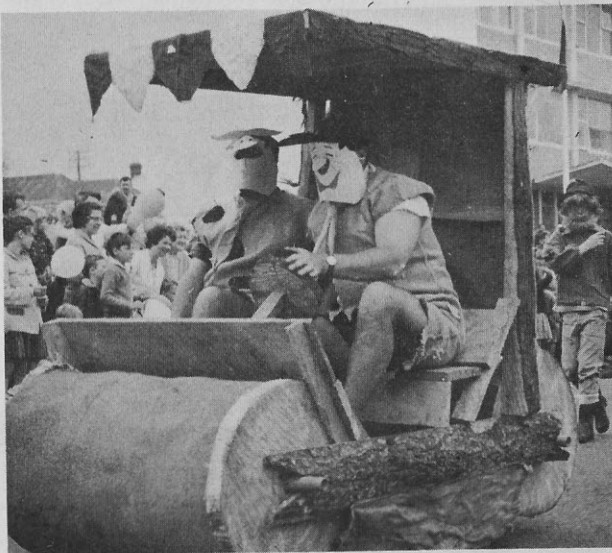
Best Yet N.P. Parade

Congratulations to the NP Lion's Club for its wonderful street parade. This, without a doubt, is the best parade that NP has ever seen, and now that we have had such a spectacle, it is to be hoped that each year it will become bigger and better. We've seen in our city many parades during the last decade but none had such an effort on the part of the entrants as this one. The procession attracted some 30,000 people to Devon and Powderham Streets and we feel sure that all went away with nothing but admiration for those who took part. Above: The Lions Club float contained children in a variety of national costumes. Below, left: Sue Rodgers, in period dress, on this magnificent float of Whites Ltd. Below, right: A nursery rhyme theme was used by Purser Brothers.



Above: So this is the house that Jack built? Well, Jack Jones and Jack Sandford, you've made a good job of it. Above, right: Biggest bug we've ever seen in Devon Street and it looks as though it has bugged its keeper. He's a sorry-looking bloke. This Jaycee float was at least original. Below: Part of the largest crowd ever seen in Devon Street. Right: Coinciding with the anniversary, the St. Mary's float drew a lot of attention. Below, right: No parade is complete without its team of marching girls.



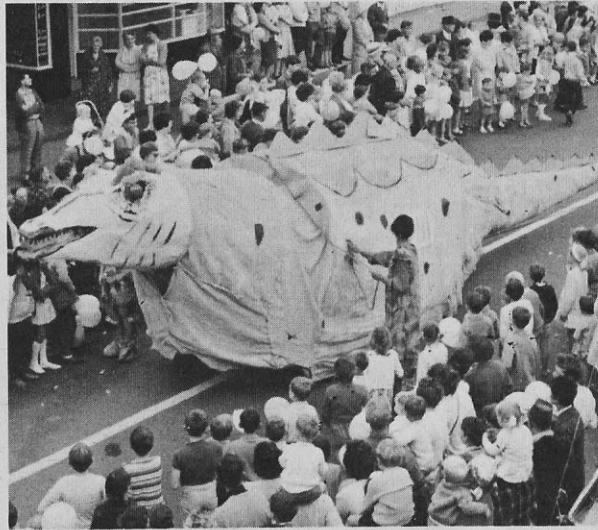


Above, left: The Farmers Co-op float had a fairy-tale theme and was a delight to the thousands of children along Devon Street. Wonder how that bus got into the parade? Left: Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble rumble down Powderham Street. Below, left: Here's the man whom all the children had waited for, Santa Claus, who had arrived by helicopter prior to his joining the parade. Above: One of the many single features of the parade, a trick cyclist. In the procession there were many more like this character plus men with grotesque heads who all helped in their own small way to make the parade the success that it was. Below: Another float into which a lot of thought had gone was that depicting the Queen of Hearts.

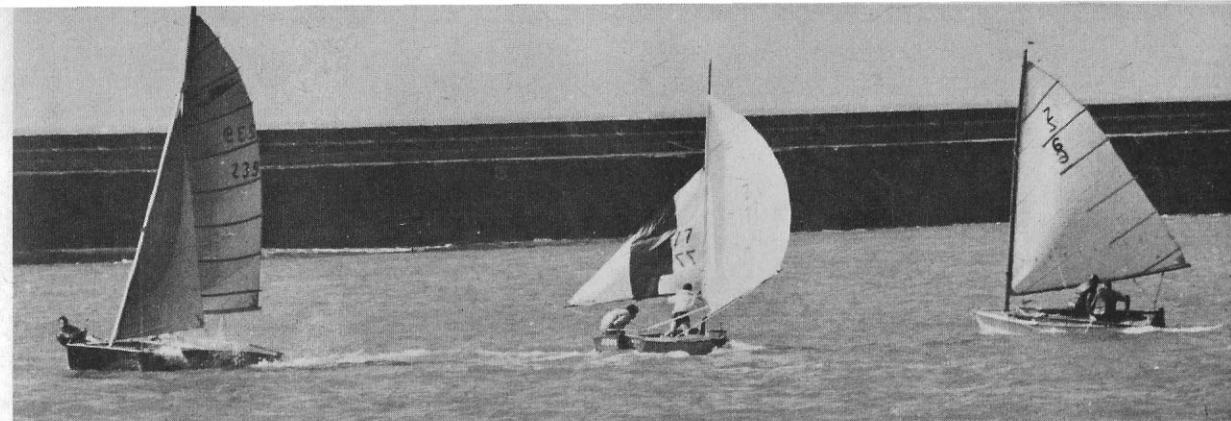


Above, left: The Waitara Lions Club float was in our opinion one of the best and it must have been strongly constructed to carry over thirty large Maori folk. Left: YMCA float was another one which had to be a tower of strength with goodness knows how many YMCA members aboard. It resembled a city bus during the rush hour. Below, left: The A & P Society entry contained the four contestants for the Pastoral Queen quest. Above: Me looking miserable? No wonder, they haven't even promised me a bone for my appearance in the parade. Below, centre: Even these weird contraptions took many hours to build before their performance. Below, right: Skating Club members supported the parade.



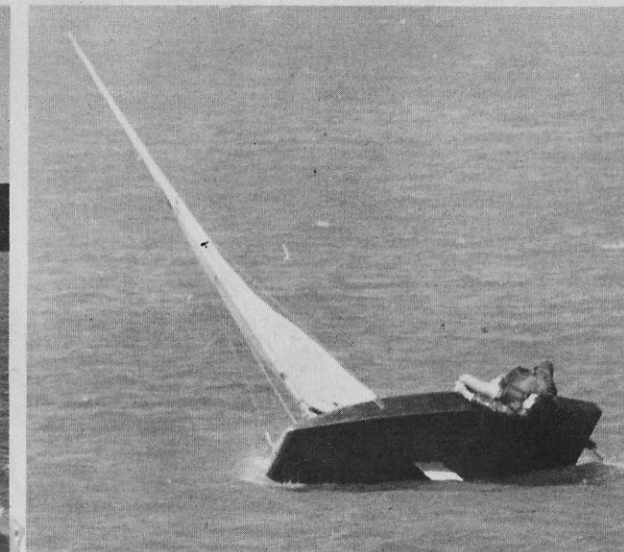


Above, left: A comedy act on wheels. Above, centre: The Martians have arrived. Above, right: Here we have Fred Flintstone's pet Dinosaur, Dino. Below: The children received free balloons and a closer look at one of these monster heads. Bottom: Here we have a float full of children dressed up as animals. Looks as though they are enjoying themselves. Right: The NP Amateur Roller Skating Club's float was a schoolroom complete with blackboard, clock and dunce's hats. Bottom, right: The Taranaki Savings Bank entered this float and a very effective one it was too!



IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR YACHTIES

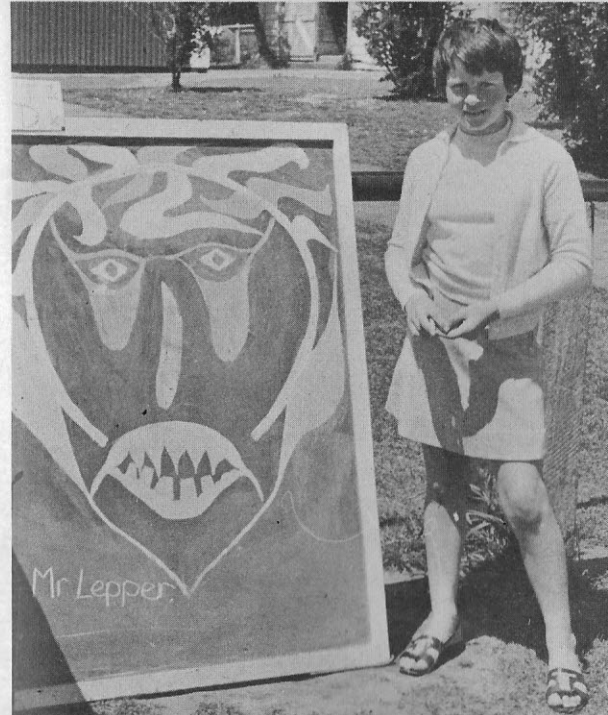
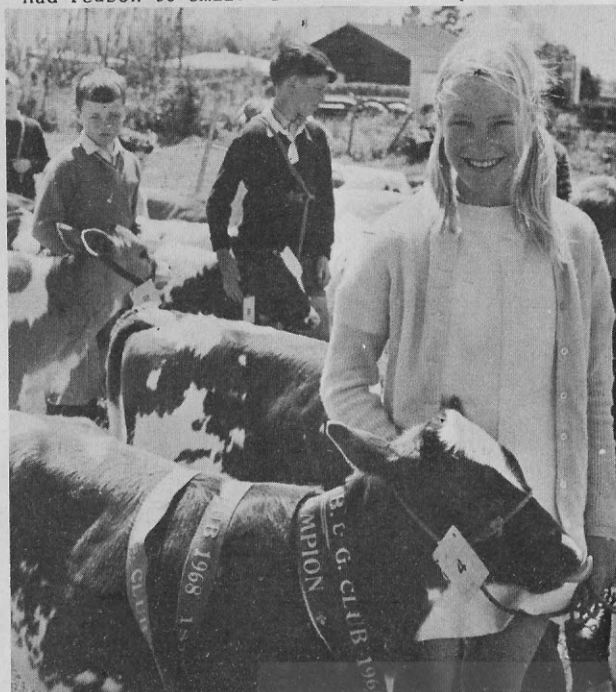
With a stiff breeze in the air, it was no wonder the harbour was filled with sails one recent Sunday afternoon. Conditions were ideal and afforded the opportunity of thrilling races. Top: Rounding a buoy are, from left: Catamaran "Tamoure" (L.Slight), "Zeus" (H.Hodges) and "Merlin" (G.Tremlett). Above: Away from the breakwater the yachts caught the benefit of the strong breeze. From left: "Sunburst" (A.Hayton), "Conflict" (C.Harvey), and "Witchcat" (A.Busby). Below, left: Catamaran "Cougar Cat" (D.E.Paul) and "Haumoana" (J.Wilson) race under the breakwater, as rough seas break over the wall. Below, right: This youthful yachting had trouble keeping on an even keel.





Lepperton Calf Day

After several postponements, the Lepperton Calf Day was held in glorious sunshine and eighteen entries were received for the show. **Above, left:** Neville Hellier leads his calf. **Above, centre:** Dennis Lepper, committee chairman, presented young Stephen Hall with a second-place ribbon. **Above, right:** The smallest entrant, Stephanie Portway, smiles for the camera. **Left:** Vivien Rumball, Shirley Gannaway and Rosalind Snowden dispensed drinks and ice cream. **Below, left:** Glenys McCaul's calf took first place for condition. **Below:** Robyn Hall had reason to smile--she had the champion calf.



Above: Jan Lepper waits for someone to come and pay to rub Dad's name off the "ugly man" board at the Lepperton school's annual calf judging day. We hope she didn't wait too long. **Below:** Robyn and Stephen Hall, a brother and sister combination, won the senior and junior champion calves respectively.



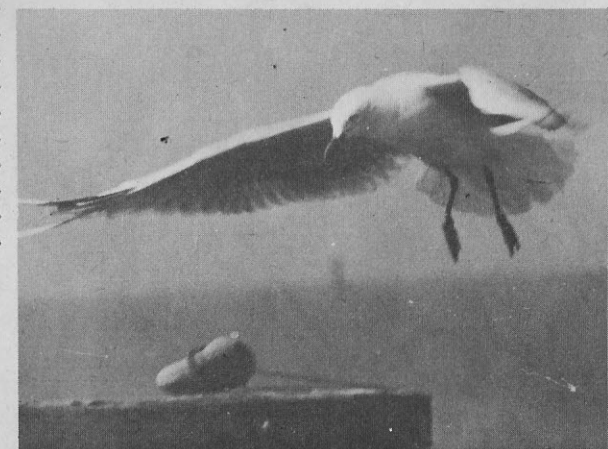
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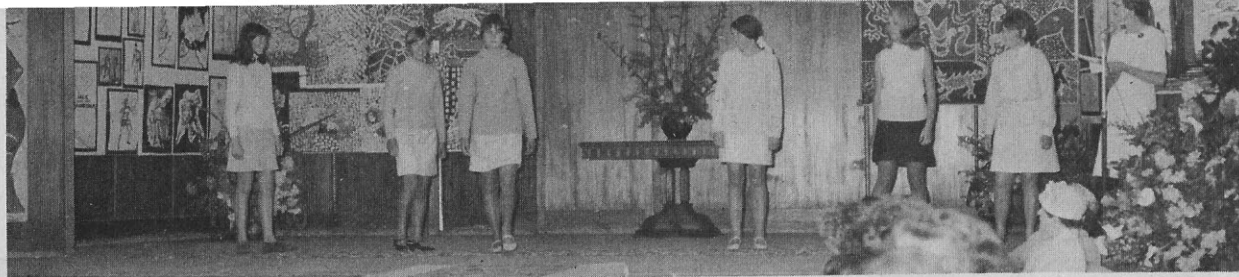
Fishing on the wharf at Port Taranaki, not only does one have to keep eyes and mind on the business of fishing, but also on the bait. The greedy seagulls swoop down from all quarters in an effort to grab a morsel. This one, caught by our tele lens, was fooled as the bait was only a stone.



Golden Wedding

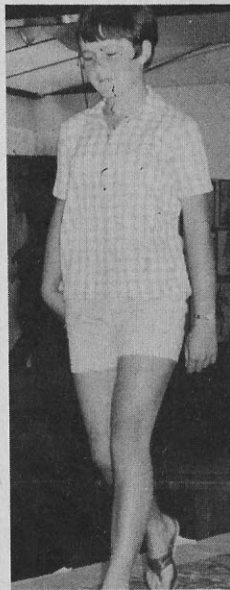
Mr and Mrs Douglas Rootes who have lived all their married life in the Hawera and Patea district as farmers and storekeepers, recently celebrated their golden wedding. Both Mr and Mrs Rootes have devoted themselves to the district and have been associated with many clubs and societies. They have four children and ten grandchildren who attended the celebration.





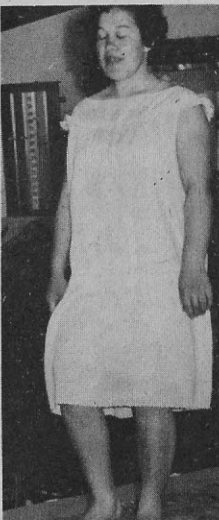
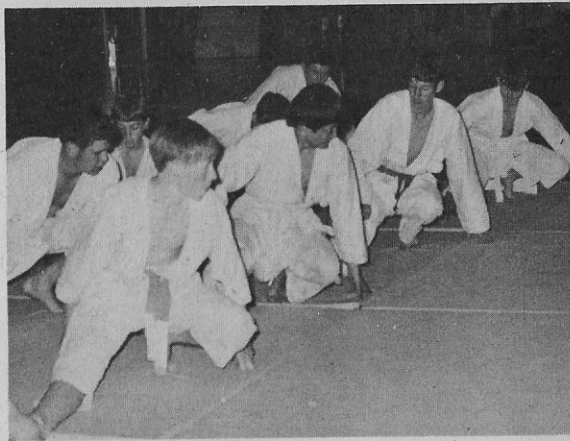
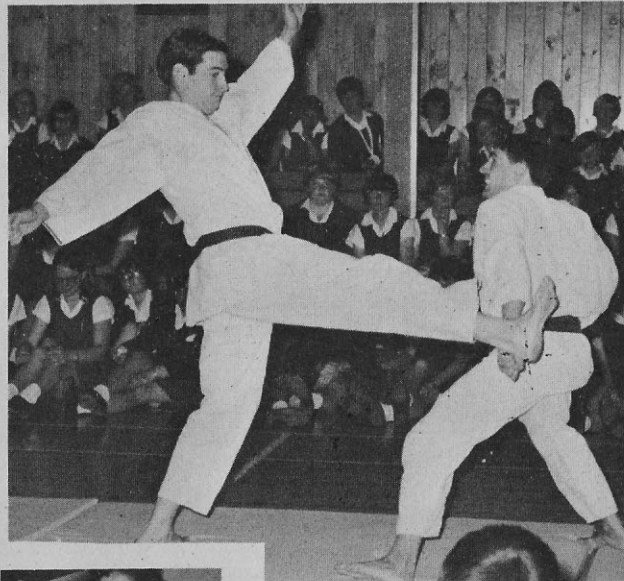
HAWERA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Hawera High School held an end of term open day for parents during which it staged a variety of displays of work undertaken by the scholars in the past year. These included a mannequin parade and a gymnastic display. All the clothes in the parade were made and modelled by the girl pupils. **Above:** Models awaiting their turn to parade. **Below, from left:** Heather Fowler ready for spring. Jillian Dilks all set for the surf and sun. Dianne Nuku must be proud of her sewing. Joyce Crothers dressed for a date. Jocelyn Howell in a set for summer. **Bottom, from left:** A cute twosome shown by Lorraine Henderson. Colleen Peacock could win any game in this outfit. Lorraine Peters looked smart. Lorraine Carlson appeared a little shy as she modelled her nightie. Lyn Carlson shows a lovely pair of legs.

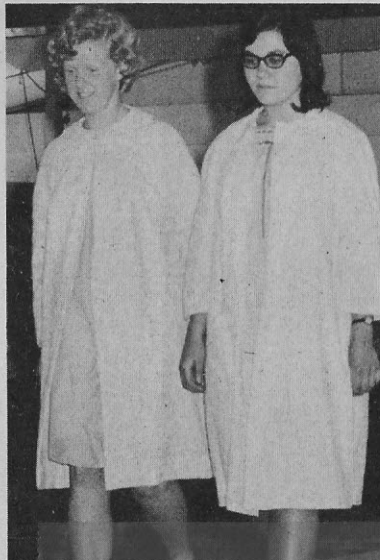


Budding mannequins perhaps, but most important of all is the fact that the clothes modelled by the girl pupils of Hawera High School were all handmade by the wearers. Dressmaking is an important part of the school curriculum for these girls who will no doubt benefit from this in their future life. The parade began with third formers displaying night attire, followed by clothes worn by senior girls. **Above, from left:** Faye Locker looks ready for bed. This model pulls back her brunchcoat to show the audience a summer nightie. Janet Quigley completed her bed attire with a toy dog. Christine Jones is right in fashion with this outfit. Rae Jones, off to the beach. **Far, left:** They're getting shorter and shorter. **Left:** Ann Smith. **Right:** Anne-Shirley Archibald is off to have a wash. **Below, from left:** Another lass prepared for hot summer nights. Here is another young model complete with towel and slippers. Marie Evans looks attractive in her pants and top, as do Mandy Riley and Linnette Hayman.





Prior to the mannequin parade at the Hawera High School, the parents witnessed a fine display by the school's gymnasts and karate experts. This was a most enjoyable exhibition, showing that some first-class instruction is available to the pupils. Above, left: Girls' performance was of a very high standard. Above: Karate, as shown by the boys, is a sport where physical fitness counts. Far left: Warm-up exercises are very important in karate. Bottom, left: During the demonstration there were bodies flying in all directions. Left: Beverley Rangiwangana models the nightdress she made. Below, centre: Maria Brooks is ready for play in her outfit. Below: Joyce Crothers and Heather Fowler had matching outfits.



OPUNAKE GUIDES

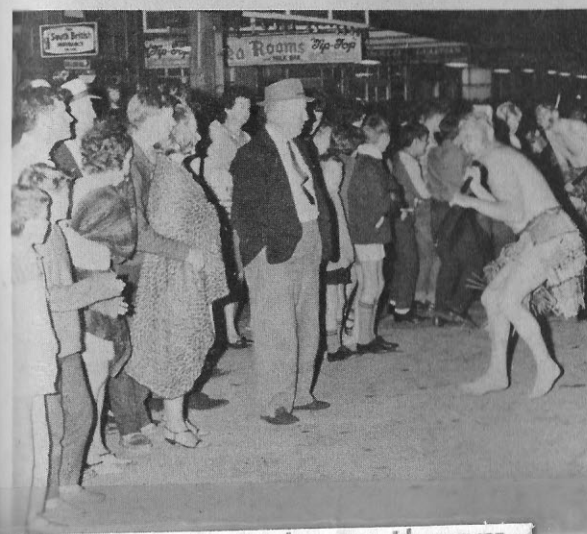
A large crowd attended the end of year social of the 1st Opunake Guide Company. During the evening, many honours were presented prior to items by the girls. This very strong company has a wealth of talent which was displayed in the variety of the items. Above: Major awards of first-class badges went to these six girls who already appear to have plenty of decorations. They are, from left: Christine Horgan, Angela Sayer, Joy Alty, Kathy Robinson, Beverley Gernhoefer, and Judith Cornford. Left: Two young lasses who gained their "Friend of the deaf" badge, something which is quite unique in Guiding, were Janice Ashley and Lynette Fisher. To earn these badges, the girls had to learn the deaf and dumb language which they displayed for our photographer. Below: The company assembled on stage during the presentations.





Stratford Parade

Stratford took on a carnival atmosphere for the parade through the town run in conjunction with the A&P Pastoral Queen Quest. The show, attended by thousands, was the best ever seen in Stratford, and we would like to comment here on the particularly good behaviour of the crowd in that they kept well back and left the roadway clear for the parade with the result that everyone had a grandstand view. Above: Toy train which brought Santa must have taken many hours of building. Right: Winner of the Pastoral Queen contest, Jill Corbett, on the Aero Club float. Below: The Flying Nun certainly amused the crowds. It was an ingenious effort. Below, right: The Flintstones charging up Broadway.



Above, left: Donkeys and miniature trotting rigs delighted the children. Left: Stratford Trotting Club float with a life-size horse as the model. Below, left: Stratford Savage Club members mingled with the crowd. Above: Master Butcher's float gave away a lot of free meat. Below: Children's pets also paraded. Bottom, right: Junior marching team took the business seriously.





Following the street parade in Stratford was a concert in the Memorial Hall, where the twenty-one entrants for the Pastoral Queen Contest were introduced to the public. Above: Mr. E.J. Corlett, chairman of the Stratford A & P Association, is shown ringed by the princesses during his welcome speech. Below, left: The Stratford Savages didn't belie their name. Below, right: Some floats represented a country garden. Bottom: The Stratford Savage haka party performing at the concert.



Wedding Bells

Above: WITHEY-WATERS: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Jennifer Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Waters, NP, to Tony Raymond, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.H. Withey, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Raewyn Withey, sister of the groom, Hawera, and Raewyn, Pam and Linda Waters, sisters of the bride, NP. The best man was Neil Waters, Hawera, and the groomsman was Ian Meyer. Future home, Hawera.

Below: COBB-HEAP: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Phyllis, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. Heap, NP, to Norman, fourth son of Mr and Mrs E.W. Cobb, Wainuiomata. The bridesmaids were Kate McKenzie, and Valerie Whittaker, both NP. The groom's attendants were his brothers Derek, best man, and Neil, groomsman, both Wellington. Future home, Oakura.

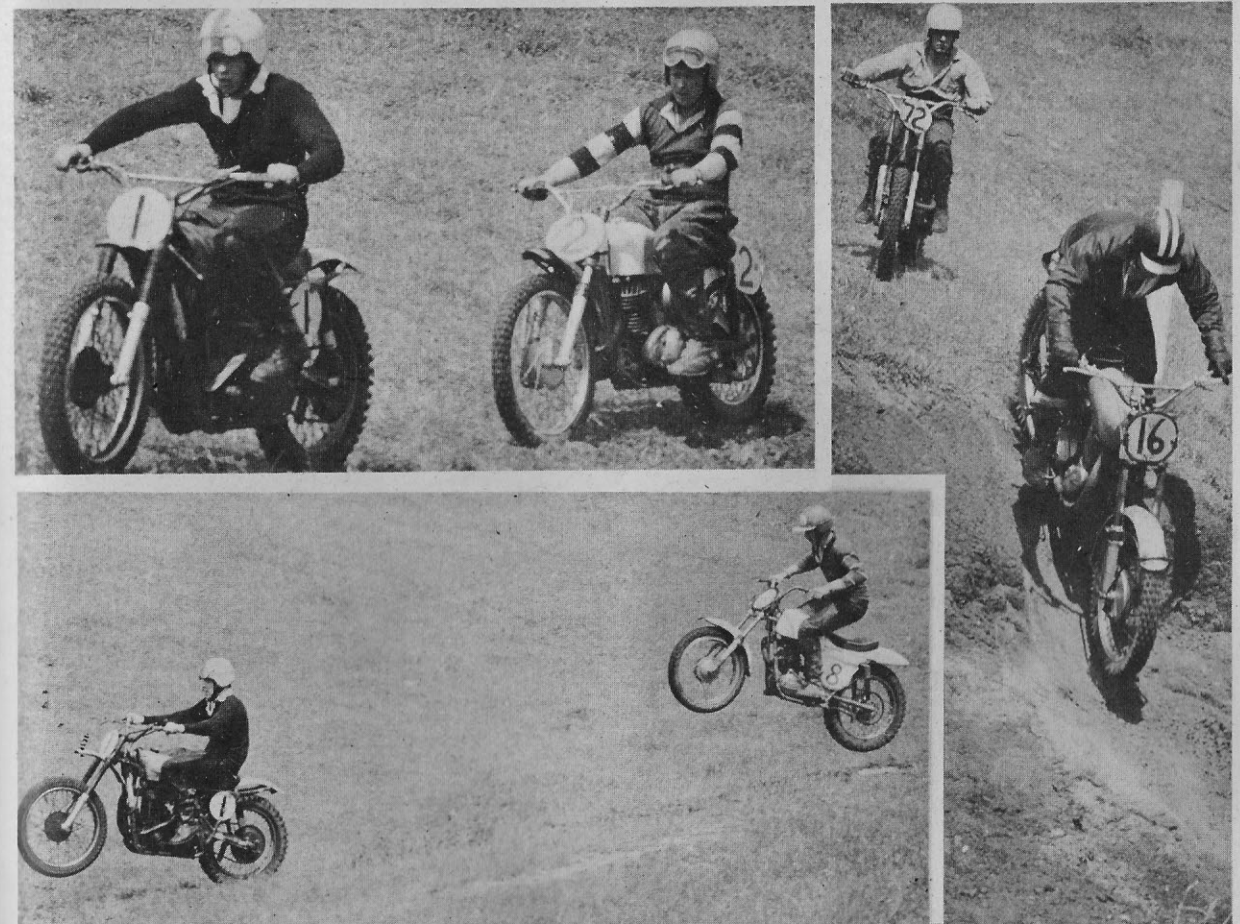




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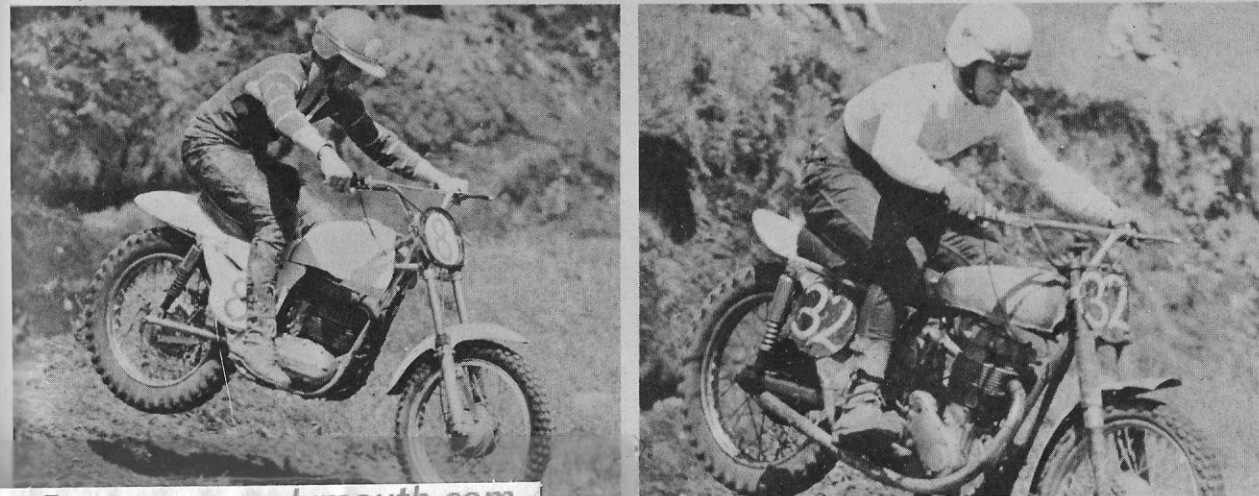
Above: Number 8 squadron of the ATC which was formed in 1941 to supply the RNZAF with personnel had not had a reunion since its inception. About 200 local youths passed through this unit from 1941-1946. The first ever reunion of this group took place at the home of the Commanding Officer, Ft. Lt. E. P. Croll, where this picture was taken. Mr Croll and his wife, who also had a close association with the unit, are shown seated centre, surrounded by ex-unit members.

Below: Another wartime unit to hold a reunion, this a 25th, was the number 1 Radar group comprising RNZAF and RNZN personnel. It was a mixed formation stationed at Oakura. Members came from as far away as Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington, for this, their third meeting since hostility ceased. (Norman Squire).



SCREAMING SCRAMBLERS

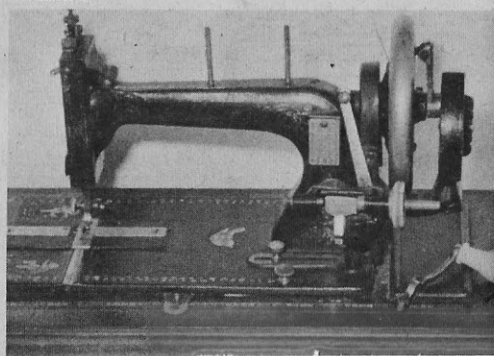
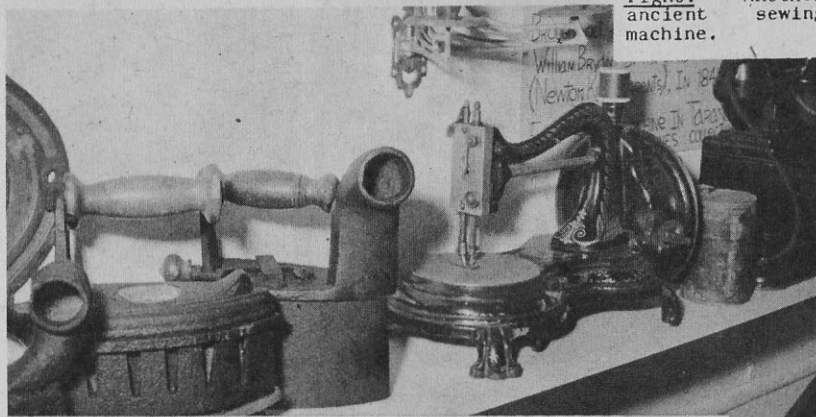
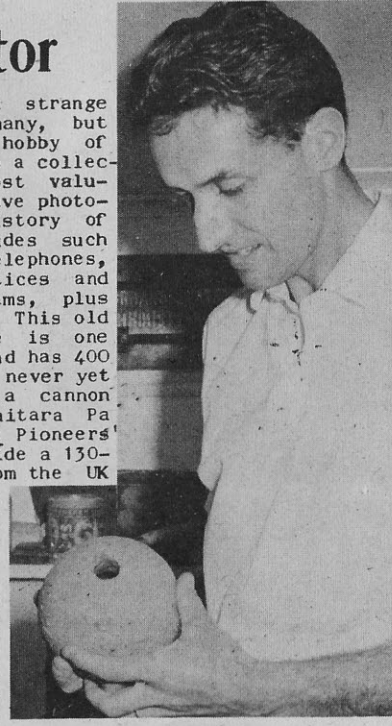
Des Carter's property on Junction Road is an ideal place for a thrilling scramble. With steep hills and hollows, plus a fine view for spectators of the whole course, this would be the best circuit in the province. **Top, left:** Reg Dixon heads Ray Christiansen in the main event. Reg won the race with Ray a close second. **Above, right:** Maurice Sattler goes down the side of a hill followed by Mike Hignett. **Above:** Four wheels and only one on the ground! Reg Dixon leads flying Don Baker. **Below, left:** Don Baker caught again with his wheels off the ground. This young rider appears to be a star performer of the future. **Below, right:** Ivan Manderson, Stratford, had a successful day with many minor placings.



Ardent Collector

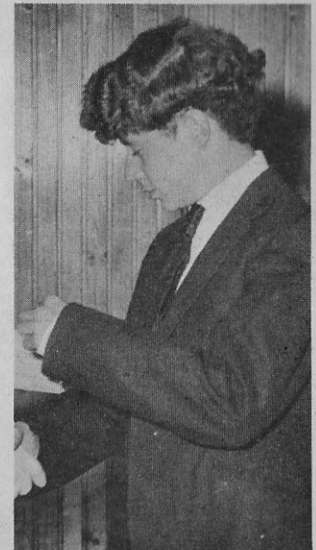
Since we asked for people with strange hobbies, we've been informed of many, but one of the most intriguing is the hobby of Kelvin Hynes, South Road, NP. He is a collector and though we didn't see his most valuable objects, we were shown and have photographed some relics of the early history of Taranaki. His collection includes such items as irons, sewing machines, telephones, Maori artifacts, phonographs, notices and number plates off the old NP trams, plus many other pieces of value. Left: This old Edison phonograph of 1903 vintage is one that is in perfect working order and has 400 cylinders (records), some that have never yet been played. Right: Kelvin holds a cannon ball fired from HMS Niger at a Waitara Pa during the Maori wars. Below, left: Pioneers' irons, both gas and coal, alongside a 130-year-old sewing machine brought from the UK

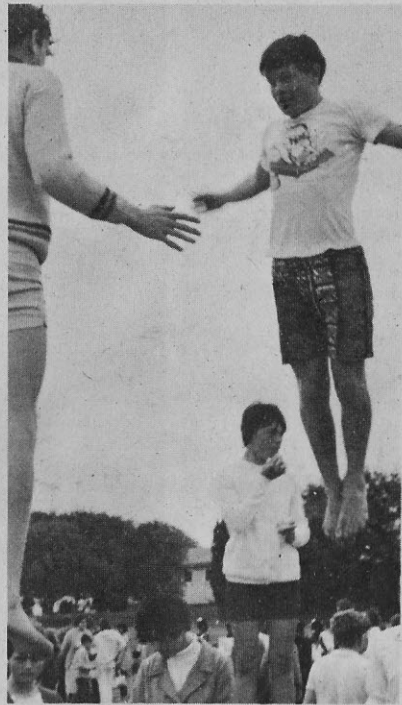
by forefathers of the King family. Below, right: Two of the many old telephones. Bottom, left: Maori artifacts and anchorstones were numerous, all having been found on Taranaki beaches. Bottom, right: Another ancient sewing machine.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS AT Y.M.C.A.

A great future, that's what we predict, for these recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards which were presented to them by the Mayor and Mayoress of NP, Mr and Mrs D.V. Sutherland, at the YMCA. These lads, all YMCA members, passed their tests with flying colours. Above: Mrs Sutherland presented the certificate of a bronze award to Adam Wratislav. Above, centre: Geoff Gilbert received a bronze. Above, right: Tim Gould won the coveted gold. Right: Gavin Giles, bronze winner. Far right: David Williamson, another bronze winner. Below, from left: Pat Corbett, silver; Tim Dwyer, another gold winner; Roger Fenton, the third gold winner, and Stephen Holyoake, recipient of the silver. We endorse the remarks made by the Mayor at the presentations, that these boys have every opportunity of becoming outstanding citizens by showing that they have employed their leisure hours to such a worthy purpose. Well done, boys!





GIGANTIC GALA

Waitara people must know a good gala when they see one because even in the pouring rain a large crowd patronised the Waitara Central School gala. Obviously a good deal of thought from parents, teachers and pupils went into making this event so successfully organised. There was a little for everyone but, as our pictures show, we think the children had the most fun. Above, left: Ian Luderman couldn't have missed this putt. Above, centre: Gary Limmer and Ian Franklyn fly high on the trampoline. Above, right: Complete with a coconut and Indian warpaint, Robert O'Keefe entered the best Indian head-dress contest. Below, left: One of Gaye Topping's dancing pupils, Alison Steen, gives our photographer a smile. Below, centre: Jody Bingley won the best Indian maiden prize. Below, right: Ian Parker, the brave clown, waits for someone to unbalance his seat, making him fall into the tub of water underneath.



WHAT A SMASHER !

How lucky can you be? We're betting that the owner of this 1100 is thanking his lucky stars that he wasn't in it when this crash occurred. Due, we understand, to a brake failure, the truck careered across Devon Street, just north of the Morley Street intersection, into this 1100 making it a complete write-off, and pushed it back into another parked car. Fortunately, no-one was injured in this rather spectacular pile-up. Above: Broadside view shows how serious it could have been had the driver been in the car. Below: Front-on view of the badly bent 1100.





Stratford Show

Good attendances marked this year's Stratford A&P show. Fine weather on Friday was a contrast to Saturday when the opposite made its mark on the attendance figures. Above, left: Dave Kilsby watches as Godin Ashenhurst, all the way from Scotland, buys a raffle ticket. Above, right: Wonder what interested this group. Right: Friendly bull? Craig has a ride on this prize-winning bull while dad, Lindsay Morgan, leads him round. Below: Ross and Mark Tabeck were subbathing under the watchful eye of mother when this photo was taken. Below, right: Youngsters from South Taranaki schools parade their pet calves before judging.

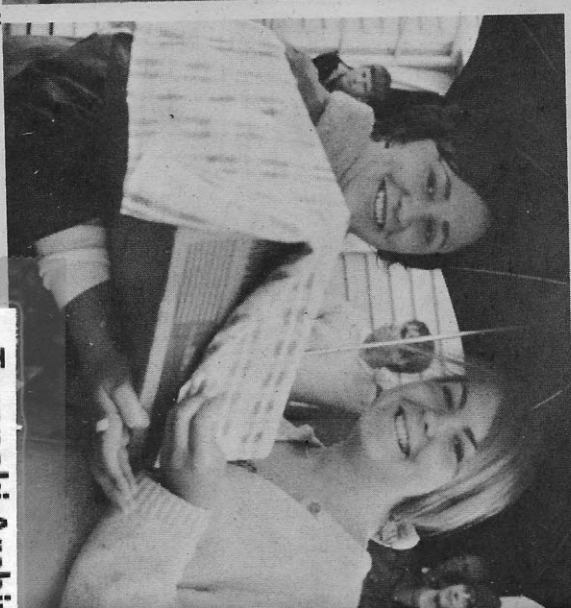
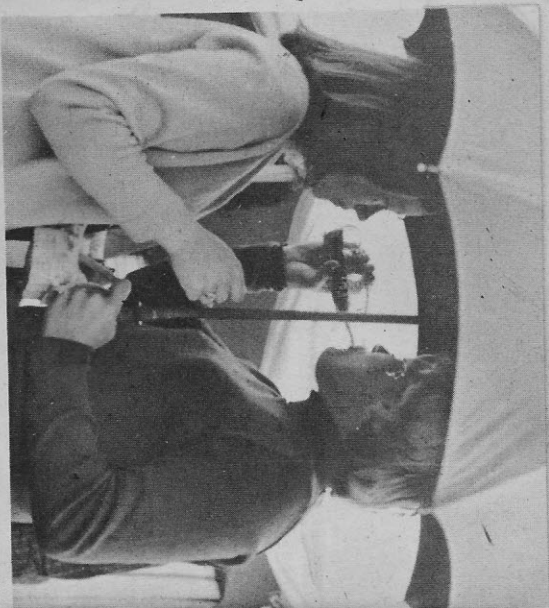


Above: Our photographer caught Katherine McDonald grooming her pet calf, Sally. Above, right: Vanessa Coster plays with a shoe as she waits for her mother to come back to their side show. Right: Whether he can read or not Roy Hooker certainly seems interested in that booklet. Far, right: The RNZRN had a demonstration van at the show too. Chief Petty Officer Noel Flesher, Auckland, was in charge. Below: Allan Wilson waits his turn to enter the ring with his pet calf. By the look on his face you'd think he was bored, but we bet his mind was on what he was missing at school. Below, right: Children line up ready for the calf judging.



FITZROY GALA

Fitzroy Surf Club held a gala day at Fitzroy beach in most unpleasant conditions. Heavy rain caused the postponement of the "Miss Fitzroy Beach" contest and the sandcastle competition, but these events will be held later in the year, when it is hoped we will get some summer. Above: This slot car track proved a big attraction despite the rain. Right: Ann and Mary Lile enjoyed themselves drinking fizz under an umbrella. Below: Robin Webster managed to sell a raffle ticket to Edwin Andrews. Below right: Maree Clow and Jenny Knapman under the "brolly", selling bread rolls.



Married

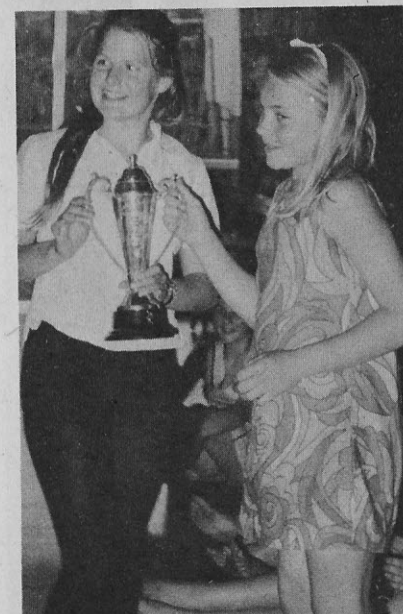
Above, left: **BARBER-WARD:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Tilda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.M. Ward, NP, to Brent, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L.R. Barber, Wellington. The bridesmaids were Janna Barber, sister of the groom, Wellington, and Sue Thompson, NP. The best man was Roger Slee, Wellington, and the groomsmen were Brian Irving, NP. Future home, NP. (Norman Squire)

Above: **ROSE-JAMIESON:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Dianne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.W. Jamieson, NP, to Bryan, second son of Mrs E. Rose, NP, and the late Mr Rose. The matron of honour was Colleen Baird, NP. The bridesmaids were Joan Hannon and Helen Jamieson, sister of the bride, both NP. The best man was Berny Lile, NP, and the groomsmen were Norm McDonald, Okato. Future home, Wellington.

Left: **GILMOUR-TUNNAGE:** At Whiteley Methodist Church, Jocelyn Isobel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Tunnage, NP, to Bruce Cranston, only son of Mrs H.M. Gilmour, NP, and the late Mr F.C. Gilmour. The bridesmaid was Anne Urquhart, NP, and the best man was Peter Gerrard, NP. Future home, NP. (Norman Squire)



Erica Lagore recently held, in her dancing studio, the Christmas break-up and presentation night for her intermediate and senior creative dancers. Certificates of merit for progress, attendance, help during the year, and ability were presented by Mrs Lagore and we are only sorry we can't print photos of all the prize-winners. Left: The group as a whole posed on the studio steps. Below, left: Jayetta Valentine looks at her certificate as does Diane Johns, below, right: Below, from left: The scholarship for the year went to Flora van Paassen presented by last year's winner, Karen Arbuckle. Shirley Rowlands, Alison Holyoake and Catherine van Paassen. Bottom, from left: Vivianne Manning receives a certificate for her 9th year in succession with 100% attendance. Cheryl Stonnell was thanked for help as a teacher during the year. Paula Stonnell and, lastly, Karena Lambert.



DANCING AWARDS



FIRE DESTROYS OLD HANGAR

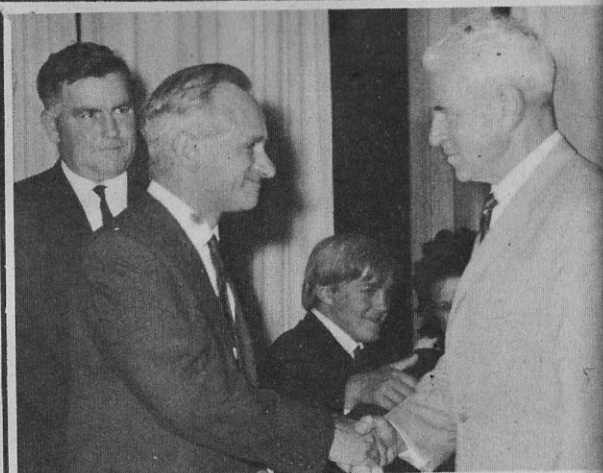
The hangar at the old airport at Bell Block, used for pipe wrapping in the Kapuni gas project, was recently burned to the ground. The fire, which was first noticed in the early hours of a Saturday morning, had taken a good hold by the time the New Plymouth brigade arrived. By then, the brigade had to content themselves with saving surrounding buildings. Machines from Inglewood and Waitara were called in to assist but the hangar was a blazing inferno and past saving. Above: Taken the following morning, this photograph shows little but a heap of twisted metal with small fires deep in the wreckage still burning. Below: There were numerous barrels of pitch in and around the building which were just fuel for the fire and very hard to contain once alight. Bottom: Since the hangar was a blazing inferno, it is miraculous that the brigades managed to save this wooden building.





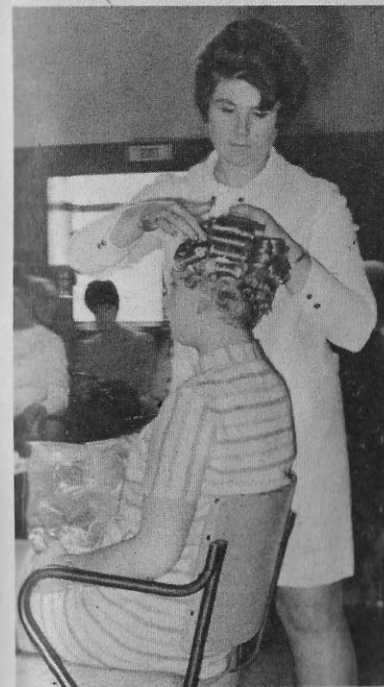
Waitara Music Festival

It's always a feast of good music out Waitara way, and the High School's recent festival was no exception. The whole show was a well-produced, easy-to-listen-to concert, enjoyed we feel sure by the large number who attended. Top: The school massed choir in action. Above: Maori items are of a very high standard. Below: Special choir was a rare musical treat.



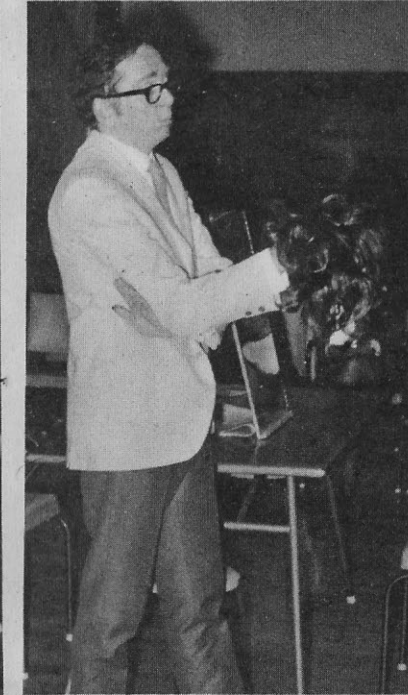
Chief Traffic Officer Farewelled

Transport Department staff from many parts of New Zealand recently came to the city to farewell Mr J.H.R. Semple, chief traffic officer of the Taranaki-Wanganui area. Many glowing tributes were paid to Mr Semple, with a presentation being made to him, as our pic shows, by the NZ Traffic Commissioner, Mr Polashek.



EXPERTS SHOW HOW

In the NP War Memorial Hall recently a demonstration and general get-together of Taranaki hairdressers was held. Lyndsay Loveridge, having won the national competition in Auckland, gave a display of first-class hair styling for day wear and then converted it to an evening style. Winner of the Taranaki competition, Judith Allen, also showed the large audience how hair should be cared for and styled properly. Above, left: Lyndsay takes the rollers out of her model's hair in preparation for the final style. Above, centre: Judith and her model are nearly finished. Above, right: Lyndsay's model, Beverley Lines, shows us the beautiful evening style. Below, left: Judith's model, Heather Wadsworth, parades for the audience. Below, centre: A talk was given by this professional hairdresser from Auckland, Mary Pohlen. Below, right: Howard Sinclair explains about wigs and wiglets.



Engagements Announced

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LEIVESLEY-POWELL: Beverley May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.F. Powell, NP, to Erroll Lloyd, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.L. Leivesley, NP. (VOGUE)



HICKEY-WISNEWSKI: Lois Jacqueline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Wisnewski, Opunake, to Kevin John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K.J. Hickey, Opunake. (VOGUE)



BECK-WYSS: Margaret Pauline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A.A. Wyss, Ngaere, to Alan Ward, the second son of Mr and Mrs M. Beck, Rotorua. (VOGUE)



LILLY-MacKENZIE: Helen, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs S.N. MacKenzie, NP, to Timothy, youngest son of Mr C.J. Lilly, NP, and the late Mrs E.R. Lilly. (VOGUE)



WILSON-BRACEGIRDLE: Darien Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.T. Bracegirdle, Kaimata, to Allen Bertram, youngest son of Mr and Mrs B.H. Wilson, Omata. (VOGUE)



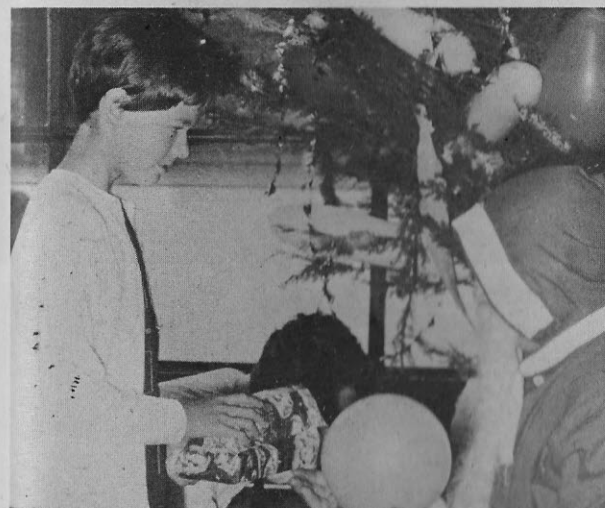
DANCE-HAMMOND: Judy Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.T. Hammond, NP, to Warren James, only son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Dance, Auckland. (VOGUE STUDIOS)



BENTON-CROCKER: Marilyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Crocker, NP, to Morris, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Benton, Tarururangi. (VOGUE STUDIOS)

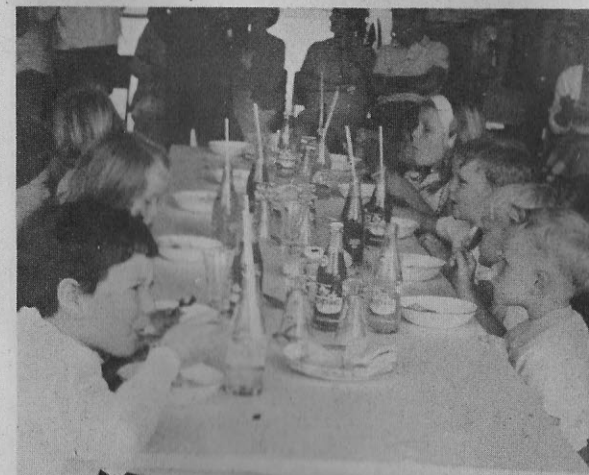


OLIVER-WEBBY: Judith Nancy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. Webby, Pihama, to Christopher James, youngest son of Mrs U.E. Oliver, Marton, and the late Mr A. Oliver.



Fire Brigade Xmas Party

The NP Fire Station looked very different a short time ago when it was filled with dozens of children for the annual Christmas party. The programme started with some races and our picture, *top, left*, shows the tiny tots getting ready to run. After the games came the eats, and *top, right*, the children certainly loved the goodies in front of them. *Above:* When Santa came, the presents were given out and here Karen Powell receives hers. *Above, right:* Tony Hughes tells Santa what a good boy he has been. *Below:* Another race which had to be run under a tarpaulin was won by Karen Taylor. *Below, right:* Kathleen Squires and Eleanor Pickett show each other their presents.





Above, left: Girls of the sixth form of the NP Girls' High School who were guests at the recent ball, held for the girls of that form.

Below, left: Golf isn't the only game played out Kaitake way. This bunch of golfers ..men, we'll have you know, were the star turns of the club cabaret recently held. We've already mentioned to DVS about putting them on with the NZ Bally coy at the Bowl, but we think they might bring the house down!

Above: Gathering of official umpires of the Taranaki Women's Bowling Association at the NP Club green recently. From left: Mesdames D.Evans, Hawera, D.Constable, NP, Z.Sole, NP, S.Winters, Paritutu, F.Price, W.Jones and J.Coates, all Oakura, and P.Cockburn, Hawera. C.Paul, Okato, was absent.

Below: Here are some of the pupils of the Spotswood College who were enjoying the end of term ball at the assembly hall. Smart lot, aren't they? (HENRY MCGEE PHOTOS).

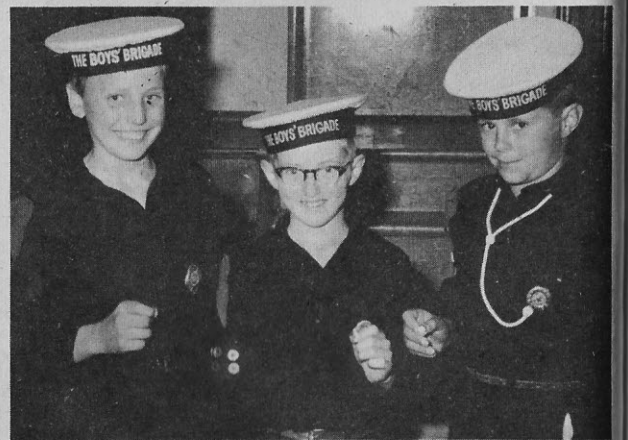
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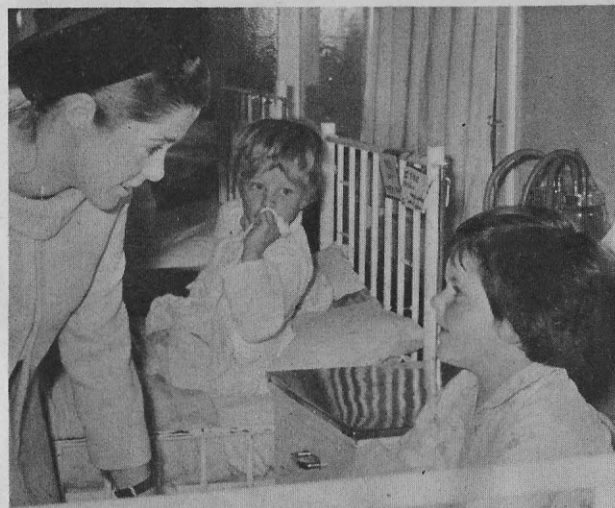
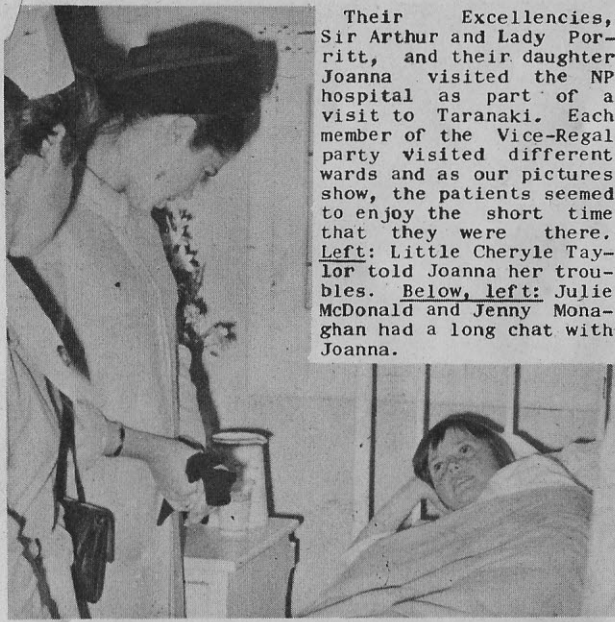


Okato B.B. Presentations

Final function of the year for the first Okato Boys' Brigade company was the presentation of certificates and badges won during the year, as well as the awarding of two Queen's badges to two members of the company. The Okato company is probably one of the largest and strongest companies in the province, if the demonstrations we saw are any criterion. Above: Brent Webley receives his Queen's badge from Mr A.Sears, president of the Taranaki BB Group. Above, right: Graham Putt was another to win the highest award in the BB Movement. Right: Team boys Ross Corbett, Stephen Burroughs and Wayne Putt won the gold star. Below, left: Record for the company? Mr Les Cabey, one of the first enrolments of the company, with his son David, a member of the team section. Below, right: This surely must be a record. Five members of one family in the one company. From left: Nyall, Ross, James, Peter and Michael Corbett.



Their Excellencies, Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt, and their daughter Joanna visited the NP hospital as part of a visit to Taranaki. Each member of the Vice-Regal party visited different wards and as our pictures show, the patients seemed to enjoy the short time that they were there. Left: Little Cheryle Taylor told Joanna her troubles. Below, left: Julie McDonald and Jenny Monaghan had a long chat with Joanna.



Mary Coombe was intrigued with Joanna's friendly nature and concern.

HOSPITAL VISIT



Lady Porritt and Mr Jury obviously found something amusing to talk about. In the background Mr Smith relaxes after having spoken with her.



Mr Farquhar was another lucky patient to meet Lady Porritt.



The Vice-Regal party leaves the hospital, accompanied by Sister Storey who had previously shown them through the wards.



Scout Presentations At Huatoki and Wellbourn



At a simple ceremony in the Vogeltown School Hall, two leaders of the Huatoki Cub pack were presented with the wood badge. To earn this badge Murray Richards and Gwenn Halford had to sit a home studies theory and practical test after taking a short course at Tatum Park, Levin. The latest recipients of the award also received certificates and a scarf, making them members of the Gilwell Scout troop, England. Above, left: The NP Commissioner for Cubs, Mrs Alice Colman congratulates Gwenn Halford after presenting her with her award. Above, right: Mrs Colman places the wood badge round Murray Richard's neck. Below, right: Members of the Huatoki skiffle group entertain the audience before the presentation. The Wellbourn Scout troop presented two of their members with Chief Scout awards. Ian Holyoake and Ian Pritchard are seen, below, left, receiving congratulations from Scout leader, Michael Tett.





Special Celebration Service at St. Mary's

Climaxing a week of celebrations at St. Mary's Church, NP, was the special thanksgiving service, attended by Their Excellencies the Governor-General, Sir Arthur Porritt, Lady Porritt and daughter Joanna. Another very distinguished visitor to our city for the celebration was the Archbishop of NZ, the Most Rev. N. A. Lesser, who gave the sermon on this occasion. Above, left: On arrival, Sir Arthur was met and conducted in to the church by Archdeacon K. Liggett. Above, right: It was a happy occasion for the Bishop, who accompanied Joanna Porritt into the church. Below: The church was filled for this service, but many people in the grounds heard the service through loudspeakers strung in the trees.



Engagements

Above: REVELL-KEIJZER: Sonja, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Keijzer, NP, to Wayne, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Revell, NP. (NORMAN SQUIRE)

Above, right: CLELAND-HERBERT: Beryl, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Herbert, NP, to John Cleland, twin son of Mrs J. Grafton, NP, and the late Mr F. Cleland. (NORMAN SQUIRE)

Right: GOODING-HUNTER: Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Hunter, NP, to Michael, second son of Mr and Mrs G. E. Gooding, Palmerston North. (NORMAN SQUIRE)

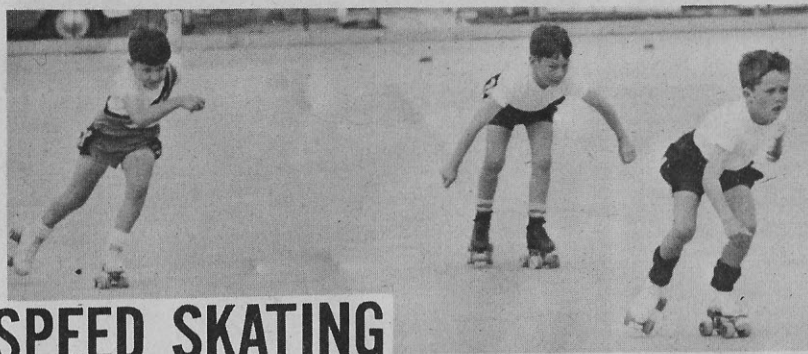
Married

Below: GINEVER-CHRISTIANSEN: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Kerry May, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K. N. Christiansen, NP, to Geoffrey James, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Ginever, Auckland. The matron of honour was Patricia Taunga, sister of the bride, NP, and the bridesmaid was Philippa King, Auckland. The best man was John Raggett, NP, and the groomsmen were Graeme Barsanti, NP. The flower-girl was Kim Taunga, NP. Future home, NP.

QUEEN'S BADGE WINNER

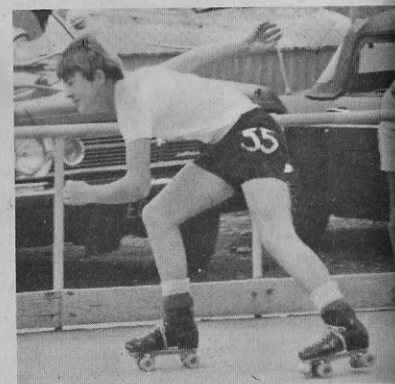
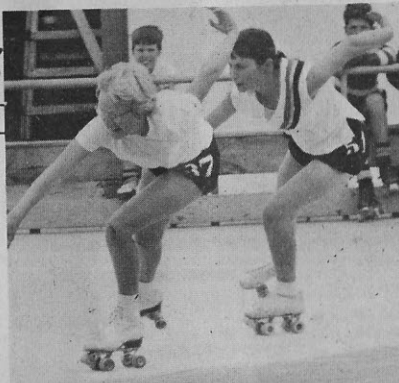
Below, right: The Boys' Brigade Queen's Badge was recently presented to Cpl. Phillip Herbert of the 4th NP company by Mr R. Velvin.





SPEED SKATING

The seventh speed aggregate races were recently held at the East End rink in ideal conditions, attracting competitors from many other cities. Above: Kindergarten racers were from left: Mark Ulrich, Hastings, Greg Landreth, Stratford, and Steven Burmester. Above, right: Sid Ray powders the rink. Below: K.Liffiton, NP, and D.Urlich, Hastings, in a girls' race. Below, right: J.Christiansen, NP, at speed. Below, left: Heat in the mile event led by Robert Loader, NP. Bottom, left: Kindergarten girls D.Bailey and J.Cole. Centre: D.Fenwick, NP, and R.Seddon, Christchurch, in the mile. Centre, right: D.Weir, NP. Bottom, centre: B. Edwards, Wgtn, heads R Fenwick, NP. Bottom, right: Senior mile heat led by W.Petterson, Wellington.



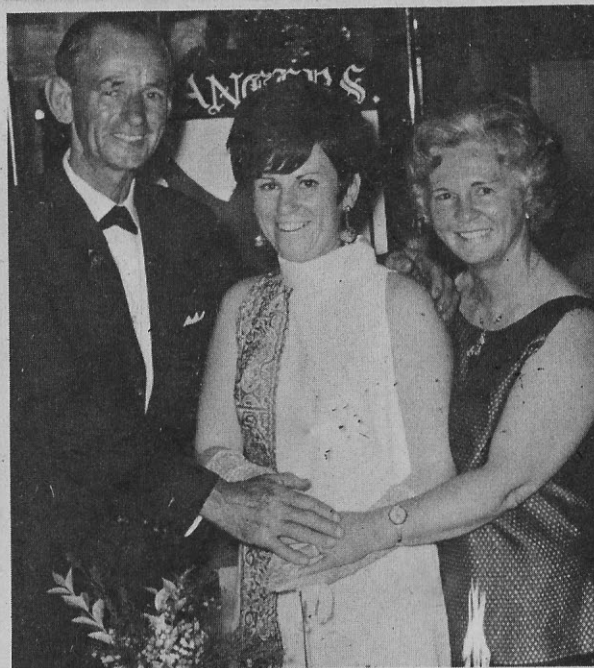
Weddings

Left: McMILLAN-BELCHER: At St.James's Presbyterian Church, NP, Judy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A.Belcher, NP, to David, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. McMillan, NP. The bridesmaids were Jocelyn McGrath, NP, and Caroline Belcher, sister of the bride, NP. The best man was Kevin Pascoe, Hastings and the groomsmen was Ian McMillan, brother of the groom, NP. Future home, NP.

Below: GYDE-PHILPOTT: At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Jennifer Francis twin daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H.Philpott, NP, to Murray Edward, second son of Mr and Mrs R Gyde, Inglewood. The matron of honour was Pauline Ward, sister of the bride, Waikanae, and the bridesmaids were Jocelyn Gyde, sister of the groom, Inglewood, Wendy Scott, Ngaio, and Suzy Sampson, Wellington. The best man was Donald Gyde, brother of the groom, Inglewood, and the groomsmen was Colin Jury, Inglewood. Future home, Auckland.



CELEBRATIONS



Top, left: Evelyn May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Maindonald, Waitara, who recently attained her majority, is shown with her parents and brother, Dennis.

Above, left: John, son of Mr and Mrs L. Grant, NP, cuts the cake helped by parents at his 21st birthday.

Left: Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs G. Johns, NP, is surrounded by his family at his coming of age party. They are, from left, Helen, Sharron, Anne, Mrs Johns, Anthony, Mr Johns, Anthony's grandmother and Phillip.

Below, left: Tama Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs T. Tuirirangi, NP, is photographed on the occasion of his 21st birthday with his grandfather, who celebrated his 78th birthday, and his grandmother.

Above: Karen, with her parents, Mr and Mrs A. F. Dombroski, Inglewood, at her 21st birthday party.

Below, centre: Mitchell Graham Tuuta, Urenui, gives us a 21st Birthday smile as he cuts his cake.

Below, right: Mr and Mrs A. Foster, NP, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

(HENRY MCGEE PHOTOS)



CHAMPION DANCERS

Ballroom dancing is a graceful art not often practised today but Joan and Don Gadsden, pictured above, wouldn't give it up for the world. This couple, who have their own dancing studio in Tukapo Street, are the recent winners of the "Rising Star" Ballroom Dancing Championship which was held in Takapuna. It is thought that Joan and Don are the first NP professional ballroom dancers to ever win such a title as this. (VOGUE STUDIOS)