





TARANAKI'S BEST BEACH GIRLS

Here are the placegetters in the Miss Taranaki Beach Girl contest, run at the New Plymouth Old Boys' SLC carnival at Oakura Beach on New Year's Day. A large crowd attended, and showed their approval of the judge's choice. From left, 2nd place went to Janet Plummer (New Plymouth), winner Nannette Collinson (Stratford), and Sheryl Mackay of Patea, who came third. Vital statistics can be supplied by the surf club members.



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OUR COVER

Summer fun. That's the word for the enjoyment that has taken place at the Waitara swimming pool during the holiday season. Here Suzanne Welsh sits on the springboard while Robyn Ngaia goes in over the top. Great fun for the kids. Makes us wish we were young again.

BACK COVER. Here one can see a ton of progress that has taken place on the Power Project over the last few months. Almost every week the site looks different, with all the ings taking shape.

GOLDEN WEDDING. Left: Alf and Ruby Mayo, Plympton Street, New Plymouth, cut the anniversary cake that marks fifty years of happy married life.

21st BIRTHDAY. Below left: Christine Drewery, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Jones, New Plymouth, with sister Heather, hubby Ian, Elaine and Marlene, and Mum and Dad, at her 21st birthday party.

ENGAGED. Below: PUTT-NEILL. Lynda Neill, Eltham, daughter of the late Mr P. Mehaltrick, to Lloyd, son of Mr and Mrs L. G. Putt, Eltham. (*David Paul Studios*).

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MISS BROOKLANDS CONTESTANTS

Seventeen girls are currently facing the judges in their quest for the title of Miss Brooklands, 1972. Who will it be? We don't know, at the time of writing, but by the time this issue is published, the winner will be known. Must say they are all very lovely girls. ABOVE LEFT-Cheryl Butler. ABOVE CENTRE-Renn Black. ABOVE CENTRE-Renn Black. ABOVE RIGHT-Denise Roberts. LEFT-Denise Quin. RIGHT-Suz-anne Musker. BELOW LEFT-Jill Craig. BELOW CENTRE-Pauline Milham. BELOW RIGHT-Christine Sole.





And here's the remaining nine of the seventeen lovely contestants. We took these pictures at the garden party recently held for contestants and par-ents, and were impressed by them. These could be the hardest to judge, since we think them the best collec-tion for the title rat

since we think them the best collec-tion for the title yet. ABOVE LEFT—Denise Erikson. ABOVE CENTRE—Barbara Smith. ABOVE RIGHT—Virginia Mackay. LEFT—Sharon Coe. RIGHT—Catherine Sandford. BELOW, FROM LEFT— Linda Stone; Rachael Metcalf; Barbara Hedditch; Suzanne Chard.







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At the present, the pub with no beer, but only for another month, before the new hotel at Bell Block opens its doors for business. This recent picture was taken from the air, and shows the numerous parking spaces available for patrons, plus the complete layout of the area.



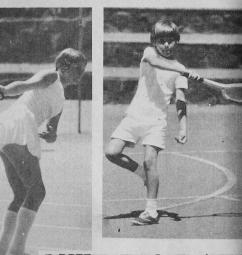
BUDDING STARS OF THE COURTS

The recent junior tennis tournament, organised by Cook and Lister Ltd, was a huge success, with entries larger than they have ever been. The tourney lasted for days, and some very promising youngsters were discovered.

ABOVE—A rest and a banana in the shade, between sets. ABOVE RIGHT—Waiting their turn on the courts at Waiwakaiho are these budding tennis stars. RIGHT—The competitors took turns at umpiring, and made quite a good job of it too. CENTRE RIGHT—K. Hancock had a very good backhand. FAR RIGHT—Diminutive R. Chamberlain returns one from the base line. BOTTOM LEFT— Jane Webley . . . every inch a tennis player. BOTTOM CENTRE—Marie Garcia keeps a firm eye on the ball. BOTTOM RIGHT—The LaRue brothers were a formidable pair.









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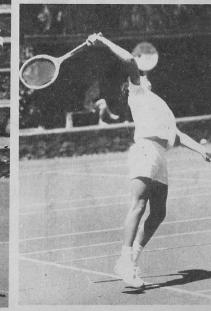




ABOVE, FAR LEFT—S. Portway was ready and waiting for her opponent to serve. ABOVE LEFT—Jan Marshall keeps her eye on the ball as she executes a backhand shot. ABOVE RIGHT—M. Coulton plays a neat forehand volley. ABOVE, FAR RIGHT— G. Armstrong seems to have played his way out of his shirt. BELOW LEFT: G. Wilmshurst, caught by our camera during a service. BELOW—Joanne O'Keefe. RIGHT—After a hard game, a sit in the shade is most welcome. BELOW RIGHT—Here's that Armstrong boy again, still losing his shirt.









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Left: CORBETT-TRANSOM. At the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fitzroy, Laurel Katherine, youngest daughter of Mr G. Transom, Rotorua, to Mark Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Corbett, New Plymouth. The matron of honour was Sue Transom, Rotorua, and the best man was Basil Lawrence, New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth. (Vogue Studios).

Below: CLOUGH-AUSTIN. At St Andrew's Anglican Church, Inglewood, Christine Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Austin, Inglewood, to Brian Harvey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Clough, Inglewood. Matron of honour was Lois Gyde, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and the bridesmaids were Joy and Carol Blackbourn, Inglewood. Best man was David Clough. brother of the groom, Inglewood, and the groomsman was Graham Mist, New Plymouth. Future home, Inglewood.







ENGAGED

Above left: BARRON-WILLIAMS. Anne Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A. Williams, Okato, to Raymond Hector, third son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Barron, Okato. (Vogue Studios).

Left: BROWN-STONE. Sandra, third daughter of Mr and Mrs E. J. Stone, New Plymouth, to Wally, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. E. Brown, New Plymouth. (Vogue Studios).

Below left: WINDLEY-MUSKER. Sandra Lynn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. R. Musker, New Plymouth, to Brett Ernest, only son of Mr and Mrs E. V. Windley, Wellington.

Above: HARKNESS—KING. 'Kaye, third daughter of Mr W. A. King, Inglewood, and the late Mrs N. King, to Geoffrey, second son of Mr and Mrs B. V. Harkness, Inglewood. (Vogue Studios).

Below: RANFORD-BROWN. Margaret Alison, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. O. Brown, Kaponga, to Keith John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. T. Ranford, Stratford. (Vogue Studios).



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Ábove: BATES-ESPINER. At St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Manaia, Fay, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. Espiner, Opunake, to Kelvin, son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Bates, Manaia. The bridesmaids were Marilyn Kennett, Manaia, and Christine Priest, Manaia. Best man was Clyde Espiner, Opunake, and the groomsman was Garry Gamlin, Inaha. The flower-girls were Denise Grant and Michelle Hobbs. Future home, Manaia. (David Paul Studios).

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Below: FISHER-GRIMMETT. At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Leigh, eldest daughter of Mrs K. Grimmett, New Plymouth, to Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs P. Fisher, Auckland. The bridesmaids were Lesley Grimmett, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and Sue Patterson, Palmerston North. Sandra McLauchlin was the flower-girl. The best man was Dem MacCormick and the groomsman was Jock Carnachan, both of Auckland. Future home, Hamilton. (Vogue Studios).





PUB WITH NO BEER-YET

We were privileged to look through and photograph the new hotel at Bell Block recently, and things were taking shape, with workers moving along with a sense of urgency to have everything ship shape by the end of the month, for the gala opening. There's no doubt about it, visiting Americans will have no complaints about this fabulous hotel. Nothing has been overlooked, with everything functional in its own way. And if the service matches the building and its decor, then Taranaki will be able to boast the best hotel in the country. One thing's for sure, we'll be along to sample the brew and the service. This type of hotel is long overdue, where accommodation is just as important as the bar trade, and judging from what we saw, they should both be five star plus.

ABOVE—This is the view of the hotel from the main road. BELOW—The attractive pebble garden at the main entrance is a striking feature. BOTTOM LEFT—The swimming pool in the accommodation wing . . . hope they can get some clean water for it! BOTTOM RIGHT—Looking from the dining room, through to the conference room. The large hole in the ceiling is for a gigantic chandelier.





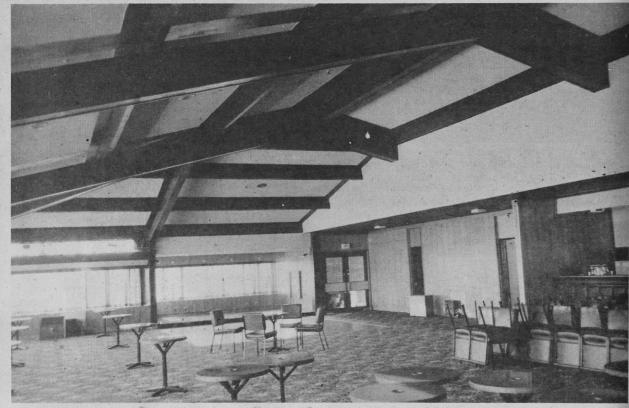






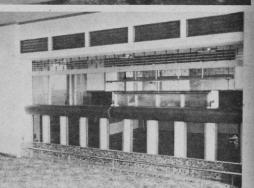
ABOVE—This is the main hotel block with its first-class accommodation, fit for a king too. BELOW LEFT— Here's the lounge of the main suite. Better than being at home, for some. BELOW RIGHT—The beautiful styling in some of the suites, with everything that one could want away from home. CENTRE LEFT—Here is the typical bedroom . . . modern simplicity is the theme. CENTRE RIGHT—Just a corner of a very modern and bright kitchen. BOTTOM—This is the bar block, as seen from the car park area, where there is parking for about 200 cars.





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ABOVE-Not yet furnished, the Southern Cross lounge will be a most comfortable place to spend an evening with friends. Lofty, bright and tastefully decorated, it has magnificent views from the many windows. RIGHT: The house bar is probably one of the most up-to-date house bars in the country. Afraid this photograph won't do it justice. BOTTOM-Much behind the scenes activity will take place here, the large and modern kitchen, where almost everything is of stainless steel.





Right: WATT-DALTON. At the Knox Presbyterian At the Knox rresbyterian Church, in January, Bar-bara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Dalton, Rahotu, to Bobs, son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Watt, Invercargill. The bridesmaids were Gwenda Parry and Jenny Allen, both of Wellington. Best man was Peter Dalton, New Plymouth, and the groomsman was Don Ogle, New Plymouth. Future home, Inglewood. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).

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C Left: HANFORD-SNOWDEN. At the Okato Methodist Church, Carolyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Snowden, Okato, to Philip, second son of Mr and Mrs R. A. Hanford, Wanganui. The matron of honour was Ngaire Grundy, sister of the bride, Welling-ton, and the bridesmaid was Robyn Snowden, sister of the bride, Okato. Best man was Alan White, Wanganui, and the groomsman was Brian Grundy, Wellington. The flowergirls were Wendy Snowden and Kursty Stokes. Future home, Wanganui. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).

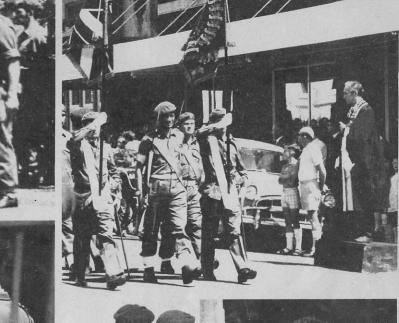
SCULLY-ARMSTRONG. At the Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Gail, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. G. Armstrong, New Plymouth, to Des, second son of Mr and Mrs T. Scully Gore. The bridesmaids were Prue Lewis and Lesley Still, both of Hastings. Best man was Lindsay Divers, Gore, and the groomsman was David Fergie, Gore. Future home. Hastings. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).





The 5th Wellington, West Coast, Taranki Infantry Battalion marched to Pukekura Park, where the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D. V. Sutherland, inspected them and took the salute when the battalion recently visited the city to show its new colours, presented by the Governor-General, at Wanganui. ABOVE—The Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D. V. Sutherland, inspects the ranks at Pukekura Park, and stopped to talk, LEFT, to many of its members. BELOW—Taking the salute outside the Council Chambers. RIGHT—Cages? Not exactly. Just wait-ing inside the gates of Pukekura Park. TOP RIGHT— Parading the colours with the Mayor on the saluting base. FAK RIGHT—Penny for your thoughts, Mum. BOTTOM RIGHT—The parade approaches the City Council offices, led by the band.













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Above: KEHELY-MURRAY. At St George's Anglican Church, Patea, Valerie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. T. Murray, Patea, to Roger, son of Mrs R. Kehely, Patea. Matron of honour was Patricia Owens, Staveley, and the bridesmaid was Kay Murray, sister of the bride, Patea. Best man was Neil Fowler, Whenuakura, and the groomsman was Bernard Reilly, Masterton. The flower-girl was Clare Murray, Hawera. Future home, Patea. (David Paul Studios).

Below: MORTLOCK—POPE. At the Hawera Methodist Church, Linnette, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Pope, Hawera, to Graeme, son of Mr and Mrs B. W. Mortlock, Normanby. The bridesmaids were Lindsay Finer and Christine Pope. Best man was Lesley Ogle and the groomsman was Barry Sorenson. (*David Paul Studios*).



YEARS OF WORK YET

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This latest aerial view of the whole of the Power Project gives some idea of the immensity of the project, and how much progress has been made. It looks to us like there's a ton of work to be done yet before we see smoke belching out of the country's tallest chimney. It is evident from this picture just how much work has been done. In fact, there aren't many people who can remember what the place used to look like before this major work started.

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15,000 AT WAITARA CARNIVAL

The Waitara Promotions Society certainly knows how to attract a crowd, for they had 15,000 turn up at their recent Sunday Carnival. There was something for everybody during the day, with the special attraction of Snow White and some of Disney's characters, direct from Auckland. This naturally attracted plenty and, with their antics on stage, it provided a highlight for the children . . . and some adults. ABOVE—Here is just a small part of the crowd who squeezed up tight to the stage in the hot afternoon sun. BELOW LEFT—Charming Snow White received rousing applause. BELOW CENTRE—Mickey, the mouse with all the answers. BELOW RIGHT—Goofy had the kids in fits of laughter.





Opunake firemen won a fine trophy for the 4-man team event



Kathy isn't quite so sure that she can make the go-kart stop at the appointed place







Poor old mokes, they worked as hard as anybody



Beach buggy rides were very popular with the kids

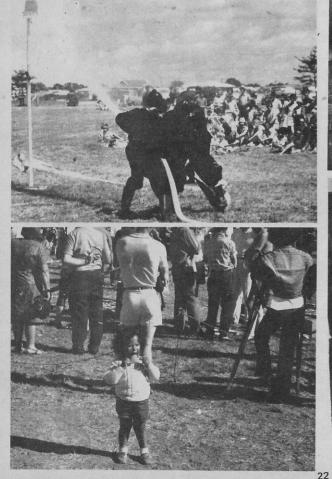


And the lolly scrambles, like the Pied Piper, brought kids from miles away

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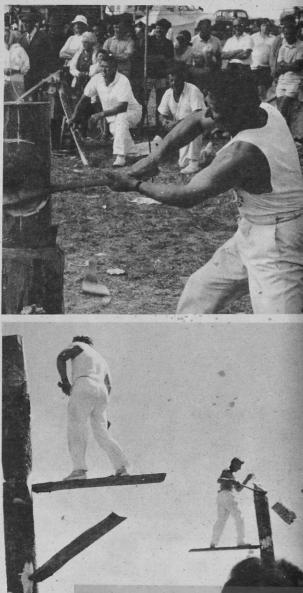




There was every kind of entertainment imaginable at the Waitara Carnival and to cover everything we would have needed another twenty pages. The Taranaki firemen worked like beavers to win for their brigades the many trophies, and the choppers got through tons of timber in their events.

LEFT—Sawing through a twelve-inch block would have been too much for us on such a hot day.

have been too much for us on such a hot day. BELOW—Like chopping through a ten-inch trunk . . . much too much on a hot Sunday afternoon unless, of course, you're good at it, then you might have made some money. CENTRE LEFT—Waitara A team were a smart combination in the firemen's competi-tions. BOTTOM RIGHT—Jigger chopping has always intrigued us, and we've never seen one of them fall yet. BOTTOM LEFT—Lone ranger.







ABOVE—There were also plenty of side shows at Waitara which, incidentally, were well patronised. Here the hoop-la stall did a roaring trade and, while the prizes weren't flowing over the counter very fast, it was as fair a go as we've seen for a long time. BELOW LEFT—Junior's first try on a trampoline and, though we only caught him a few inches off the canvas, he did manage to get higher than that. BELOW CENTRE—Yes, Pop, we know how you feel. Hot, tired and broke! BELOW RIGHT—Cor, stone the crows. If we tried that, we'd finish up without any feet.



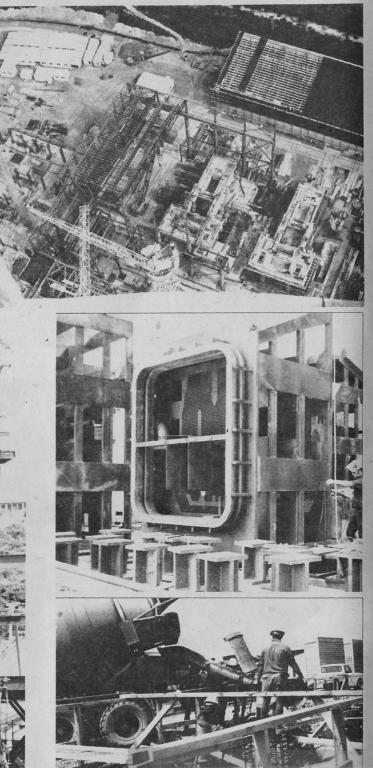


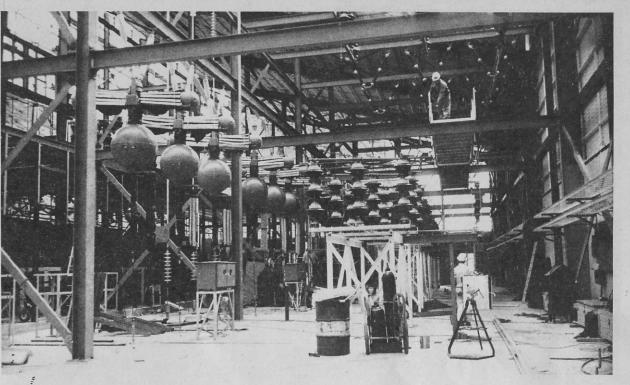


A trip to the Power Project would convince anyone that the amount and convince anyone that the amount and immensity of the job is something that has to be seen to be believed. So vast is everything that is growing up around the place, that one gets the feeling of being a dwarf. It isn't hard to realise that millions of dollars have been spent and many millions more will go into the buildings. RIGHT—This is the view of the laby-rinth of buildings as seen from the top of the chimney, 650 feet above ground level. BELOW—A maze of steel work that makes men look like ants.

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BIG JOB GOES ON





ABOVE-A complexity of equipment that is completely foreign to the layman makes up the interior of one of the power houses, which is a hive of industry around the clock. BELOW LEFT-Builders by the hundreds seem to be doing things all over the place and, to our untrained minds, look like an army of ants at work. BELOW RIGHT-Cranes are working on the site, lifting and placing bits and pieces, and it is a wonder to us that everything is put into the right places.

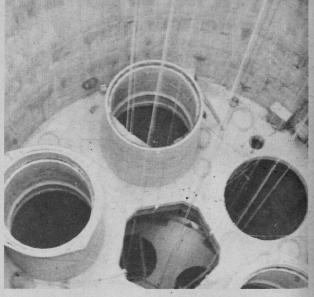


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From the top of the power station chimney, 650 feet above sea level, one gets a wonderful view of the city and surrounding countryside and, looking over the side, the whole project lays itself bare, so that one gets an idea of the placement of all the various buildings that are taking shape.

are taking shape. ABOVE—Viewed from the chimney top is the new information building on the look-out area, now nearly completed. ABOVE RIGHT—Looking back down the chimney, this is what one sees — the five flues. RIGHT—Workers on the site take a break for morning tea. BELOW—Hundreds of sheets of steel have gone down to make up the base of the two storage tanks, shown BELOW RIGHT.







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Right: JONES-MAIL. At St John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Mail, Normanby, to Colin, son of Mr and Mrs M. Jones, Hamilton. The bridesmaid was Mary Philpott, Hastings, and the best man was Lester Cole, Wellington. Future home, Wellington. (David Paul Studios).

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Left: ZENDLER-SEEBECK. At St Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Carolyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Seebeck, Hawera, to Ross, son of Mrs E. Zendler, Brisbane. The bridesmaid was Angela Robinson, Hawera, and the best man was Rod Andrews, Auckland. (David Paul Studios).





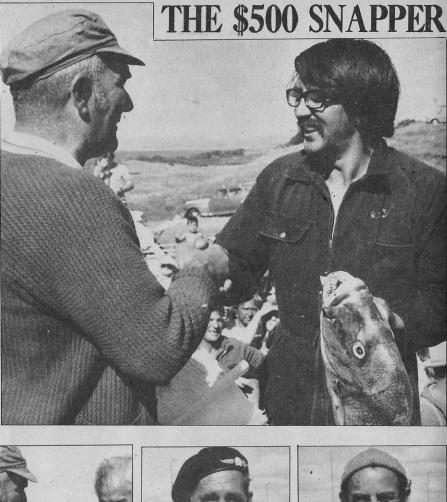


Left: McGOFF-CHRISTMAS. At the Fitzroy Catholic Church, Raewyn Teresa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Christmas, New Plymouth, to Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs H. McGoff, Wellington. The bridesmaids were Denise Christmas, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and Sandra Coleman, New Plymouth. Best man was Brian Simmons, Wellington, and the groomsman was Bill Krogh. Future home, Wellington.

Not that the price of fish has risen that much, but just that \$500 was the trophy for that \$500 was the trophy for the largest snapper caught at the Waitara Surfcasting Club's fishing day at Epiha Road Beach. Winner of the big cheque was Waitara's Howard Jones, shown here receiving his reward from club president Bob Soffe. BELOW—Jack Kilmister, Waitara, got the second money of \$40. BELOW CENTRE LEFT—

BELOW CENTRE LEFT-Best stingray went to Jack Waiwiri. BELOW CENTRE RIGHT-D. Skelton, Wanganui, got himself a \$10 snapper. BELOW RIGHT-R. Healy caught a \$20 snapper.











Despite the fact that there were 15,000 at the Waitara Carnival on this same day, the Waitara Surfcasting Club still attracted 600 rods to their fishing day at Epiha Road. To our minds this proves how popular fishing is, for competitors travelled long distances to take part in the contest. Not that there were too many fish caught. It was still, nevertheless, rated a great day both weatherwise and organisationwise. . Judging by the results and popularity of the contest, the prize for the heaviest snapper next year could be \$1000. This, we feel, will attract even more people to the beach, and this year there would have been upward of 2000. ABOVE—This was the scene at the presentation of prizes at the end of the day. RIGHT—Eight-year-old Sandra Purdie of Waitara went home with \$60 and a torch, won for the best variety, best woman, and youngest entrant. BELOW—The exodus from the beach begins as weigh-in time draws near.

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➤ OAKURA SURF CARNIVAL ★

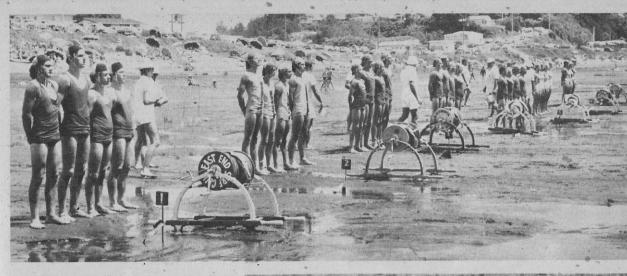
Oakura Beach proved the most popular during the holidays, partly due to the organised events which took place there. Mostly these were run by the New Plymouth O.B.S.L.C. Festivities started with a monster Beach Carnival on New Year's Day, followed some days later by a Surf Carnival where teams from near and far competed for honours. Features of the days were the huge numbers of people who came to watch the activities, all credit going to the organisers.

ABOVE LEFT—East End Ladies do their thing on a drowned girl. ABOVE RIGHT—Then it was the turn of the Fitzroy Ladies. BELOW & BOTTOM—Part of the beach competition for the men were races of a novel kind, where fitness counted most. Here's a couple of pictures of the boys during their novel races.





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ABOVE-Teams line up for inspection in the four-man events at the Oakura Beach surf carnival. RIGHT-Now, surf clubs can't keep running, and doing the good they do, without the support of the public, so the boys of the New Plymouth Old Boys' team went round the beach with a blanket, and the response for the day was fairly good. When one remembers the time devoted by these club members in beach patrol, it becomes obvious that they perform a great public service and anything they collect on a carnival day such as this, is well deserved. BELOW-East End members rewind the reel after their four-man event. BELOW RIGHT—Taranaki's Sportsman of the Year, Brian Marsden, was the judge for the recent Miss Holiday Beach Resort, and is seen here with carnival organiser Nev Dixon.









BIER-UND WEINFEST



The old fashioned recipe for a happy evening would be wine, women and song. Well, there wasn't much wine, but there certainly were plenty of women, the singing was lusty, and the beer flowed free. What a night it was, at the Bavarian beer festival in the Army Hall. Over 600 of them went home happy and contented. Our congratulations to the newly formed Bavarian Entertainment Club and the New Plymouth Pukekura Lions.

ABOVE—There were chains (human) singing their way round the hall nearly all the time. LEFT—Even Don Murray with his team of Te Atutu bowlers spent a happy evening. BELOW LEFT—Waitress Joanne Naylor fills the glass of Kingsley Sampson. BELOW— If Wendy Williams is a sample of waitresses in Bavarian beer gardens, then we're off to that country, smartish! Here she smiles as she serves Graeme Duff.



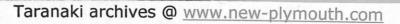
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ABOVE – Five of the seventy waitresses who served drinks during the Bavarian evening. They were all members of the Country Girls', and a darned good job they did too. Good job we didn't stay, or we would have been sloshed, transport strike or no transport strike! ABOVE RIGHT—Jeanette Finney serves more grog to John Foreman . . . lucky chap! RIGHT—And the band got everyone up dancing, on the sawdust-covered floor. BELOW—Band on top and bar underneath. Great idea too. BOTTOM RIGHT—Four happy revellers smile for our camera.











Wally Entertains Aussie Visitors

We've had a swag of Aussie visitors in New Plymouth recently. First there were the Australian girl golfers, and these were followed by the Lions' Exchange group from across the Tasman. We followed them round a bit and enjoyed their comments about our beautiful district.

and enjoyed their comments about our beautiful district. ABOVE—Here's the group at Wally. Gray's. They look what they are, a fine group of young folk. ABOVE RIGHT—Louise got herself a momento of her visit. BELOW LEFT—Wally displays a typical Maori pose. BELOW RIGHT—Pukekura Lion president Mike Brooke with Terry Lynch. BOTTOM LEFT— Louise Sue and Norimere intervent by Wolky's cominger.

Mike Brooke with Terry Lynch. BOTTOM LEFT— Louise, Sue and Ngaire are intrigued by Wally's carvings: BOTTOM RIGHT—Ngaire takes a further look at another of the carvings









Whilst in the city, the Lions' Exchange visitors from across the Tasman were taken up to the look-out and the new information centre being built there. Things are done on a large scale in Australia, but they were all very impressed with the power station project and could hardly believe their eyes when they looked at its immensity.

ABOVE—Here they view the whole area from the look-out terrace. BELOW—The hosts waiting with cars to transport them to the museum, where they were shown a little bit more of the history of the Maori and the district. BOTTOM LEFT—Museum curator Rigby Allen explains some detail to the visitors. BOTTOM RIGHT—Big smile for our cameraman from Sue Walker and Debbie Mills.



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Over 400 marching girls from all parts of the North Island recently competed at the Inglewood and Taranaki marching champs at Jubilee Park, Inglewood. With the weather being kind, it was spectacular for the two days of the comps. ABOVE—Winners of the junior championship, Tom's Paulotte Guards of Hawara PELOW=St John

Tom's Paulette Guards, of Hawera. BELOW-St John men had very little to do, but what they did was mainly cases of fainting. BOTTOM LEFT—One of the teams being put through its paces. BOTTOM RIGHT-Tom's team getting ready for their display.







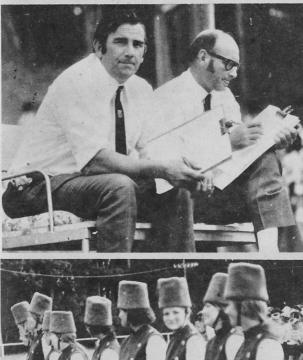
ABOVE—New Plymouth's Golden Conquerors gave a fine display. BELOW—Good marching was a feature of the champs.















To run such a marching championship, many judges and helpers are needed, and with this sport there seems to be no shortage. The whole organisation ran as smoothly as a well-oiled clock. ABOVE LEFT—Fall-in and inspection judge Mr Plumb measures distances. ABOVE—Two of the many judges who needed runners to relay score sheets. LEFT—Two more of the judges who devoted much of their spare time to the sport. BELOW LEFT—Team ready for uniform inspection, and standing in the hot sun would be a fair trial for some of the young girls. BELOW—No doubt about it, some people had plum jobs, though it wasn't all honey, sitting in the sun to judge the girls. judge the girls.





MOTO CROSS A THRILLER

Some of the best scramblers in the world were on view at Beach Road, Omata, for the Moto Cross on Boxing Day. It was a day of grand racing with thrills and spills coming fast and frequent on one of the most difficult tracks in the country. A very large crowd were rewarded, for their visit, with some great riding on the part of both N.Z. and U.K. riders. ABOVE—Start of the main race. BELOW—Getting up a 2-in-1 hill at 50mph gives one quite a lift at the top. RIGHT—Alan Collison, Palmerston North, was the most spectacularly successful New Zealand rider. BOTTOM LEFT—U.K. rider Randy Owen showed complete mastery over his machine. BOTTOM RIGHT—Laurie Love, Wanganui, comes to grief, but is soon up and away again.





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NEAT CAR WASHERS

The Skellerup Netball girls needed funds, so they organised a car wash, which was well patronised, and small wonder, with such beauty to wash one's car. ABOVE—When we arrived, Barbara Izett was waiting for a customer, and almost before we could get out, she was onto the job with a will, and is shown ABOVE RIGHT, working hard to get all the road film off. RIGHT—Sharlene Mills wasn't afraid to soil her hands on the dirtier parts of the car either. BELOW—Karen Colson, complete with brush and soap, got on with the scrubbing to make our car look almost new. BELOW RIGHT—In the rear, Alice Moffat polished the windows, while Christine Jury got to work on the windscreen. We reckon this was money well spent, as they did such a grand job.





Carnival Night For Waitara Kids





Enthusiasm seems to be the quality of most Waitara people, for when the Promotions Society organised a children's competition of drawings and dressing up as Disney characters, the response was marvellous. Kids from far and near came for the many excellent prizes available and the night resulted in attracting many more people to the town than is usually seen on a late shopping night. MBOVE Here are a lot of the entries in the dressing up part of the show, and some of the costumes were absolutely fantastic. We guess that parents had spent many hours in the manufacture of these fine characters. LEFT-Here's some of the competitors in the drawing competition. BELOW LEFT-And here are a few more. BELOW RIGHT-Snow White and one of the dwarfs. Wel, whatever they are, they looked lovely.



















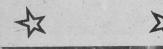




ADVENTURE INTO THE WORLD OF THRILLS

Little Dena Tubb of Omata, who came to Ngamotu Beach for the day, had one of the best days of her life when she explored the magic world of adventure on the slide in the children's playing area. All on her own, she strode off to the slide.

BELOW—With a smile of expectancy of what was to come. Getting up the steps, RIGHT, was perhaps one of the hard things to do but, not deterred, she got to the top, BELOW CENTRE, without too much trouble. Once at the top, FAR RIGHT, Dena gingerly swung her legs into the appropriate position before her hair-raising first attempt. BELOW RIGHT—The biggest thrill came when Dena came down with a rush and, to prove how much she loved it, did the journey without hands.









BOWL OF BROOKLANDS 7000 Watch Great Show

Great night at the Bowl with Soloman King, American baladeer. 7000 customers went away very happy after Soloman had returned for encore after encore. With supporting artists of a very high calibre, the show was definitely the best so far this year at the Bowl. Predominant in the audience were the younger age group, but being oldies ourselves, we can honestly say that this was a show that would have been enjoyed by everybody.

ABOVE—Here is the heavyweight entertainer Soloman King in the middle of one of his encores. ABOVE RIGHT—Here he is getting some very good backing from the Yandall sisters, a very good combination. RIGHT—The Sam Pehi family group were entertainers that had just about everything, including a brilliant item from the youngest member of the family. BELOW—Every seat was filled for this very fine show.







ON THE BEACH

It's amazing how many photographs one can take, in a wander round the beach at this time of the year. It's a lensman's paradise.

ABOVE—The stream at Oakura Beach is once again damned up but, as usual, to no avail. BELOW— What a way to live, just lying in the sun and sea, no matter about swim shorts either. RIGHT—We couldn't wait to see what the other side was like as they were only half cooked. BOTTOM CENTRE—Waiting to launch the Queen Mary, Mum? BOTTOM RIGHT— They tell me there's oil in Taranaki. Just see if I can



find some!







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TOURING GIRL GOLFERS BEAT LOCAL BOYS





The touring Australian Girls' Golf

Team had a remarkable run in Taranaki, and finished up their visit

the boys off their game!







GREATEST "OPEN" FINAL EVER



There have been tight finals before, but none with such atmosphere as this one between Paritutu's Doug Rowlands and Palmerston North's Kevin Wing. It was a real cliff-hanger of a game, right up to the last end.

ABOVE LEFT—Winners were A. Everleigh, C. Griggs, W. J. Broughton and Kevin Wing. ABOVE RIGHT—Runners-up were Doug Rowlands, Alan Crow, Alan Boulton and Eddie Cameron. LEFT—Doug chalks the board as the game nears its end. RIGHT—That should keep the sun off. Good for riding bowls too. BELOW LEFT: Skips shake hands after the battle. BELOW CENTRE—Pairs winners Colin Simonson and Don Corby. BELOW RIGHT—Runners-up in the pairs, George 'Hansen and Jack Rowe, Tauranga.





"OPEN" CANDIDS

One thing's for sure, this Open tournament keeps on creating records. This year it is the biggest in New Zealand, and it had the best weather, plus the nicest crowd of visitors one could imagine. They did their best to see that a local team won right up to the final. We never heard one groan or moan on the green. Great sport, this bowls.

ABOVE—There are various ways of beating the heat. The male found the simplest way, but the ladies couldn't follow suit, so they settled for sunshades. LEFT—You're foot faulting mate! RIGHT—Yes, skip, we know the feeling. BELOW LEFT—Now we wonder what the attraction is here! BELOW RIGHT—When we took this picture, we feel sure the dog said "This would be the largest area of shade around here."

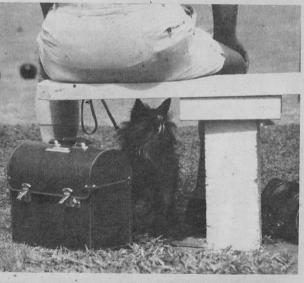




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ABOVE LEFT—Right, Wilf. Don't forget to take your foot away when the bowl is greened. ABOVE RIGHT—What's wrong, Dave? You look worried? Did the skip put one down on the wrong bias? LEFT—At this stage, Alan, bet you never thought you'd fight another final. BELOW CENTRE—Long day, mates. Might as well have a rest. BELOW RIGHT— Nice easy job the lead's got. Shove up a couple of touchers and sit and talk to the wife. BOTTOM LEFT—Third equal went to a popular team from Carlton, skipped by Bunny Burrows. BOTTOM RIGHT—Strange how all the leads seem to find a couple of girls to sit by when they've played their bowls!



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TARANAKI BEACH MUMS

At the New Year Beach Carnival at Oakura there was a Miss Taranaki Beach Resort title at stake. This created interest, and was followed by a Mrs Beach Resort, and this created even more interest, as the contestants paraded before the judges. Glad they never asked us to judge, for the beach Mums were all so charming. Anyway, here's a selection of six of the entrants. Don't look too hard, Dad, they're all married women.





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DOWN BY THE SEA

ABOVE—Yachts of the New Plymouth and visiting clubs get ready to put to sea for their annual regatta at the beginning of the new year. The weather was excellent for the racing, though the breeze wasn't quite as strong as they would have liked it. RIGHT—Big sister helps little brother with a creation in sand. The idea is to build your own pool on the beach, where you can at least keep one end cool. BOTTOM—Now don't some fellers get all the luck? Happy as Larry, being lifted in and out of the water. And, with the rather large sea running, someone had to be there to keep him out of trouble!







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Right:

CORBETT-DAVIDSON. At St Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. P. Davidson, New Plymouth, to Terry, elder son of Mr and Mrs E. Corbett, New Plymouth. Matron of honour was Lorraine Millman, New Plymouth, and the bridesmaids were Jill Penwarden, Wellington, and Carol Edwards, New Plymouth. Best man was Ronnie Millman, New Plymouth, and the groomsmen were Graeme Corbett, brother of the groom, New Plymouth, and Peter Johnston, New-Plymouth. The flowergirls were Shona and Donna Rutherford, New Plymouth. Future home. New Plymouth.





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At St Mark's Methodist Church, Feilding, Dawne Margaret, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Grant, Feilding, to Brian William, only son of Mr and Mrs W. N. Davies, New Plymouth. Matron of honour was Marion Odlum, Morrinsville, and the bridesmaids were Lois Davies, sister of the groom, New Plymouth, and Linda Grant, Feilding. Best man was Alan Andrews. Kaponga, and the groomsmen were Philip Le Grove, Lower Hutt, and Alan Gordge, Kaponga. The flower-girls were Janine and Toni Odlum. Future home, New Plymouth.

Left: DAVIES-GRANT.

Weddings

Left: FAIRWEATHER GALVIN.

At St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Anne Galvin, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R. K. Berridge, New Plymouth, to Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Fairweather, Waverley. The bridesmaids were Molly Fairweather, sister of the groom, Waverley, and Susan Galvin, sister of the bride, New Plymouth. The best man was Graham Aiken, Waverley, and the groomsman was Steve Barrow, Waverley. Future home, Waverley. (Vogue Studios).



We've been to most of the Rodeo events at Stratford,' but never before have we seen such mean mounts. They must all have had bad tempers from having to be ridden on a Sunday. The riders certainly had their hands full as one after another got unseated by these 'ornery critters.

'ornery critters. ABOVE—See what we mean? Not satisfied in un-seating his rider, this wild pony gave him a kick in the rear for good measure. ABOVE RIGHT—Spectators had so much to see, one watching the ring and the other the yards. RIGHT—Yet another comes to grief, and boy, was that ground hard! BELOW—The bulls were just the same, mean tempered and most un-co-operative. BELOW RIGHT—Calf roping wasn't quite so hectic, but even these youngsters put up a good chow show



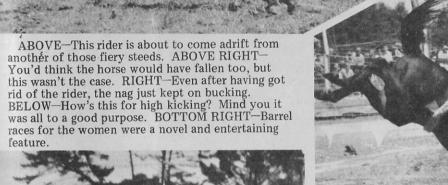


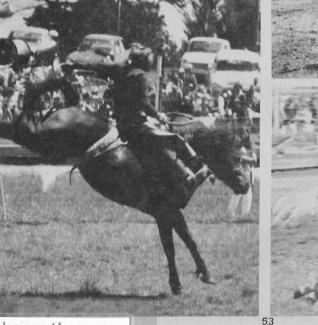




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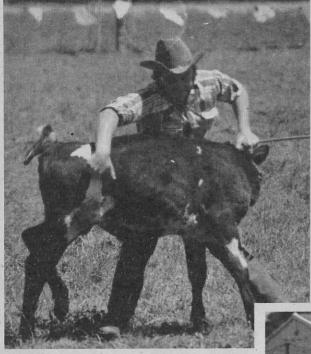
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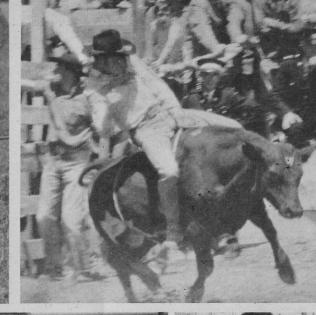








ABOVE—In the calf roping, it proved very hard to get your charge down and tied if he felt he didn't want to. All this added to the day's entertainment for the good crowd who watched the rodeo. ABOVE RIGHT—Doesn't look as though this rider is going to last very long on the back of this miserable steer does it? RIGHT—Nor will this rider enjoy his ride, for the nag had other ideas about a Sunday afternoon step out. FAR RIGHT—You can almost read the rider's mind, and we would agree with him. BELOW—First you've got to catch your calf, and this wasn't easy either. BOTTOM RIGHT—Nearly there, and one of the riders will drop onto the calf's back.







Right: BERRY-GEORGE. At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Jennifer Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. P. George, New Plymouth, to Bruce Winston, fourth son of Mrs W. Berry, Christchurch, and the late Mr Berry. The bridesmaids were Judith Sommerville, Inglewood, and Sally George, sister of the bride, New Plymouth. Best man was Ian Thomson, Christchurch, and the groomsman was David Crone, Inglewood. Jillian Berry was the flower-girl, and Simon Berry was the page boy. Future home, Scotland. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo). Married

Left: ROBSON-DALY. At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Christine Jennifer, daughter of Mr M. Daly, New Plymouth, and the late Mrs J. Daly, to Paul Lindsay, son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Robson, Stratford. The bridesmaid was Juliana Caroline Julian, New Plymouth, and the best man was Richard Robson, brother of the groom, New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).



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Left: McLAKEN-LAY. At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Janette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. G. Lay, New Plymouth, to John, second son of Mr and Mrs I. McLaken, Masterton. The bridesmaids were Judy Watts, Matamata and Vicky Eyers, Tirau. Best man was Paul Wiseman, Palmerston North, and the groomsman was Neil Mc-Laken, brother of the groom, Masterton. Future home, Masteron. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).

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NOT MUCH GROWTH AT OAKURA

From this aerial picture there doesn't seem to be much in the way of growth in the Oakura district. This area should make a wonderful place to live, yet the growth rate, to us, seems very slow. Judging by the amount of space, there is at least plenty of room to expand. With its fine expanse of beach, it is a wonder that there aren't many more people living here, only eight miles from the centre of New Plymouth.

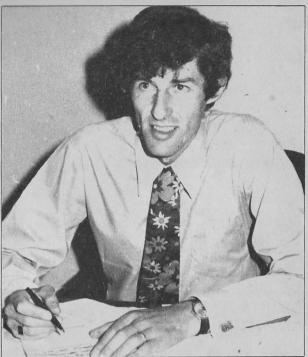
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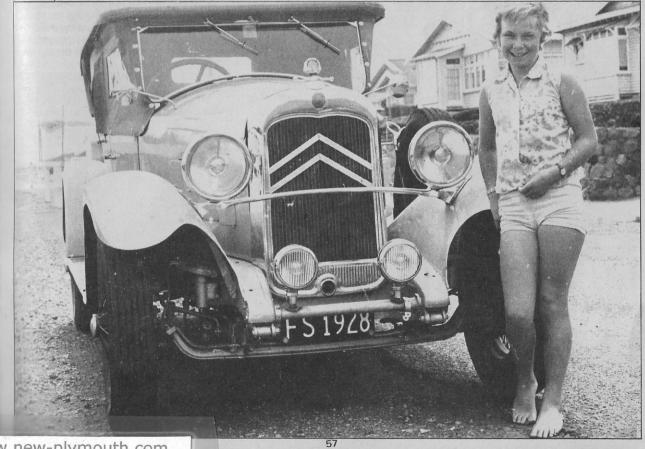
FAREWELL, PATRICK CONNELL. 'Suppose it was inevitable for a man with your capabilities to move on to higher plains.

Let us say right here and now. You've done as much for New Plymouth as anyone, and a darned sight more than most, without kudos or prejudice. You've been unselfish and shown bias to none, despite the fact that you've had an uphill struggle to get recognition for the service you have provided. We, personally, will be sorry to see you leave us, but happy in the knowledge that you have found a niche perhaps more suited to your talents. Good luck Pat. We will miss your cheery co-operation which, to us, has been second to none.

1928 Citroen For Rally

BELOW—Young Nicki Stevenson, daughter of Fraser Stevenson, proudly stands behind Dad's vintage Citroen, which has just been restored for the national Vintage Rally, taking place soon in the South Island. If the driving and navigating is as good as the restoring, then you can't fail to win a trophy of some sort.







KAIMIRO FANCY DRESS

Almost the last social function for the 1971 school year at Kaimiro was the fancy dress ball. It was an occasion when all the children and their parents could get together for an enjoyable evening's entertainment, and enjoy it they did, for the kids delighted in dressing up, and there

was an assortment of characters to be admired by all. Here are but a few of them, the sweet things.



Right: CORDERY-THOMPSON. At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Gail Linda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Thompson, New Ply-mouth, to John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. L. Cordery, Hamilton. Matron of honour was Marilyn Stachurski, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and the bridesmaid was Bev Ansley, New Plymouth. Best man was Marinus Koppe, New Plymouth, and the groomsman was Hugh Cordery, brother of the groom, Hamilton. Future home, New Plymouth. (Squire-Terry Finnerty



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Left: ATTRILL-DRAKE. At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Lynette, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. H. Drake, New Plymouth, to Francis Attrill, second son of Mrs McCutcheon, New Plymouth. The matron of honour was Kathy Yandle, New Plymouth. and the best man was Lawrence Attrill, brother of the groom, Australia. Future home, New Plymouth. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo)





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J. Cave, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Lynne Kay, New Plymouth, Christine Rutherford, Tauranga, and Wendy Cave, sister of the groom, New Plymouth. Best man was Robert Prince, New Plymouth, and the groomsmen were Neil Smith and Garry Manson, both of New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth. Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).





FIRST ROTARACT BALL

First ever Rotaract Ball took place just before Christmas, and was a well-attended and organized function, enjoyed by all, and certain to be repeated this year.

ABOVE LEFT-Bev Russ and Alistair Dore. ABOVE CENTRE-Geoff and Karen Eales. ABOVE RIGHT—Andrew Jones and Bernadette.Hickey. BELOW LEFT—Wendy Marshall and Ralph Broad. BELOW CENTRE— Royce Mackinder and Christina Flannagan. BELOW RIGHT—Trevor Lowe and Kathie Marsh. BOTTOM LEFT—Don Patten and Valma Carter. BOTTOM RIGHT-Diana Quay and Philip Crothall. (Vogue Studios).













MARRIED. Above right: BRASH—STEVENSON. At St Mary's, New Plymouth, Jocelyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Stevenson, New Plymouth, to Graham, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. G. Brash, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Erika Brash and Louise Stevenson. both of New Plymouth. The best man was Russell Florence and the groomsman was David Brash, both of New Plymouth. Future home, Kawakawa.

21st BIRTHDAY. Above left: Nola, daughter of Mr and Mrs.W. O. Wilmshurst, Hawera. (David Paul).

SILVER WEDDING. Right: Mr and Mrs F. Dallinger, Hawera.

FOUR GENERATIONS. Below: These are great-grandmother Mrs E. McCarthy, Auckland, with baby Tony, grandfather Mr C. J. McCarthy, New Plymouth (at back), and Dad, Mr J. McCarthy, New Plymouth.

SHIP AHOY! Below right: A great little ship to play around with in shallow water, seeing it's overloaded. This is what we call having holiday fun. Hope you came to nothing worse than . wet bottoms, boys! (Vogue Studios).





CITY OF TREES

This photograph, showing the heart of the city, reflects the foresight of the older settlers, in the planting of trees. There wouldn't be another city in New Zealand with so many trees growing near to the centre. Herein lies the beauty of this green city of ours, for as more homes are built and the city sprawls its way into the country, trees are left to grow and enhance the natural beauty of the whole area.

FOUR GAMES TO FIND WINNER



The Taranaki WBC recently finalised their singles' champion of champions, and the eventual winner and runner-up played each other no fewer than four times. Which is what one might call a marathon.

RIGHT—The eventual winner was Flo Fussell, Inglewood. LEFT—Runnerup after the marathon was Riverside's Jessie Hodge, who played consistently good bowls throughout. BELOW LEFT: Beaten in the semi-final was Waiwaka's Helen Randell. BELOW RIGHT— Another losing semi-finalist was Mary-Dymond, Hawera.





ARMY CHOPPERS AT BELL BLOCK

Getting to be a usual sight these days are two RNZ Army Iriquois helicopters. They call from time to time, and use this airport as a re-fuelling stop. Here they are taking off again, after their short stopover.





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Engaged

Above left: O'ROURKE-HINE. Susan Christina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. W. Hine, New Plymouth, to Rory Shane, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. C. O'Rourke, Timaru. (Vogue Studios).

Left: BLAKELOCK—AYTON. Joy Marie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Ayton, Waitara, to Michael George, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Blakelock, Waitara. (Vogue Studios).

Above: MAXWELL-RUMBALL. Mavis Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. M. Rumball, Inglewood, to Richard, youngest son of Mrs B. Maxwell, Inglewood, and the late Mr J. R. Maxwell. (Vogue Studios).

ECLIPSE

Nearly at the half-way stage, the shadow of the earth can be clearly seen as it passes over the face of the moon in the recent eclipse.

