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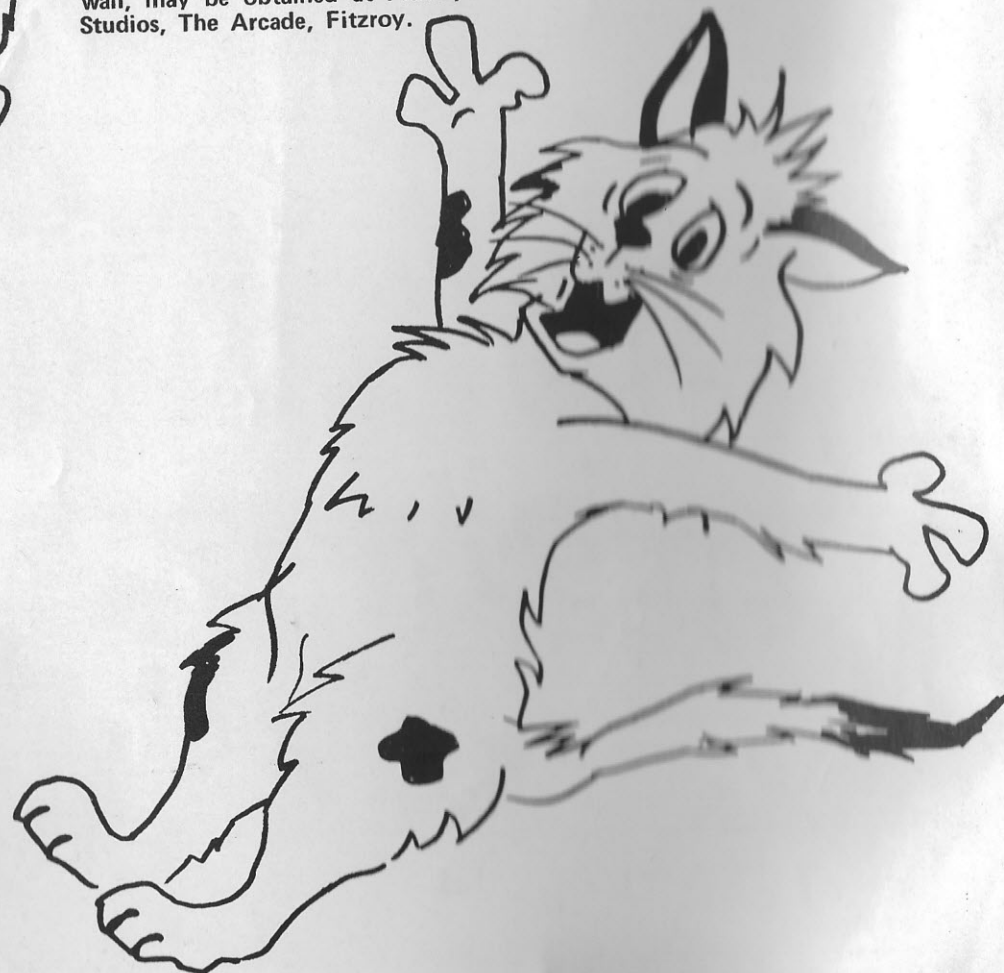
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We call the cat pictured on this page 'Kool Kat'. Cute isn't he? Prints of the various Kool Kat expressions, including those on this page, framed, with a coloured background and ready to hang on the wall, may be obtained at Fitzroy Studios, The Arcade, Fitzroy.



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Established in 1957

SOMETHING NEW.... Photo News is about to introduce an entirely new type of contest to readers. Called the 'Numbers Game' the contest will run over the period of one year and will feature a very worthwhile major prize, worth several hundred dollars, plus several consolation prizes and lots of INSTANT prizes throughout the term of the contest. Keep reading Photo News for more details.

PHOTO NEWS AWARDS

Nominations are requested from members of the public for our annual Photo News Awards. Photo News Awards are in four sections — Valour, Citizenship Arts & Sciences and the Citation Award.

Any resident of Taranaki may nominate another for any of these awards. Awards are as follows....

VALOUR.....
for personal acts of bravery, especially in an endeavour to save life.

CITIZENSHIP.....
for service to the community and/or organisations, endeavours to improve the environment or way of life, and for acts or services not recognised by other awards.

ARTS & SCIENCES.....
for specific talent in, or services to the Arts, Science or Music.

CITATION AWARD.....
given to companies or organisations who by way of development of a product or service, or by collective efforts, have helped to improve the way of life or environment, or who have offered service to the community that it is felt deserves recognition.

Details of your nomination should be sent to P.O. Box 427, New Plymouth.

Would Bernadine Dodunski of Inglewood, a consolation prize winner in a recent Photo News contest please contact Photo News at your earliest opportunity.

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Miss March Photo News is Susan Reed of New Plymouth. Sue lists her main interests as swimming, modelling and netball. She describes herself as a lover of the great outdoors.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE YOU'LL SEE
Tennis Champs, The Demolition
Derby at the Stock Car Track, The
Harry Secombe and Cilla Black
Shows plus all our regular features.



The Big O. seemed a lot happier on this visit.



"Friends" of Studio One fame opened the show.



He performed most of his old hits, like "Penny Arcade", "Pretty Woman" and "Crying".

ORBISON SHOW

Roy Orbison has grown a little plumper since we last saw him, but he has lost none of his magical vocal qualities. An entertainer from a long way back, Orbison knew how to keep his audience happy, and he did just that. He performed all of his hits from way back and closed on perhaps his biggest hit "Pretty Woman". The only disappointment was the small crowd of roughly 1,500, but then it is a long time since Orbison had a hit and it would only have been those who remember the sixties who would remember him.



Roy Orbison carries a bit more weight than when we last saw him.

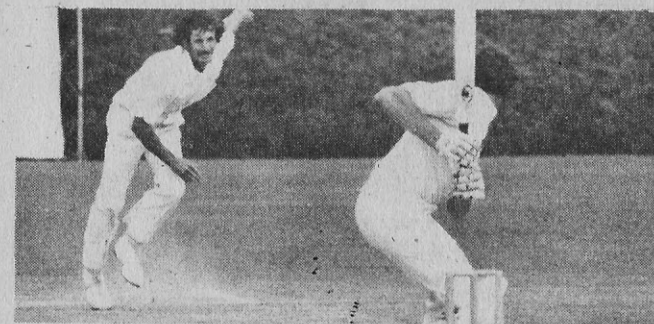


Orbison brought his own backing band. Pictured is Bass guitarist Terry Widlake.

CRICKET

NEW ZEALAND v. THE REST

A Pukekura Park 'turner' reduced the New Zealand Versus The Rest cricket trial on February 7-8 and 9th, to a spinners' dream and a batsmans' dread. Although the pitch left a lot to be desired as a first class strip, bad shots and lack of application contributed to the downfall of many of our test hopes. However, there was some entertaining cricket for the knowledgeable spectator and, while The Rest took the match honours, the NZ side was not without its talent.



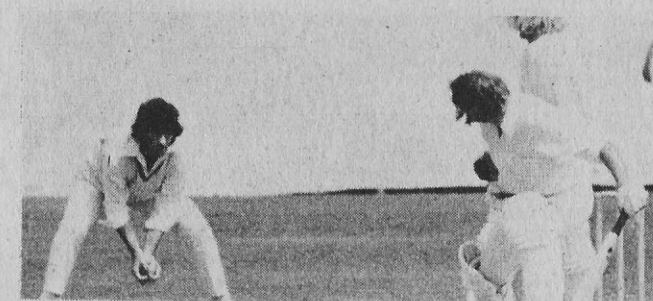
D. Hadlee bowls to J.V. Coney (The Rest).



The Rest opening bowler L. Cairns hits D. Hadlee for six and wins a bottle of champagne, BUT.....



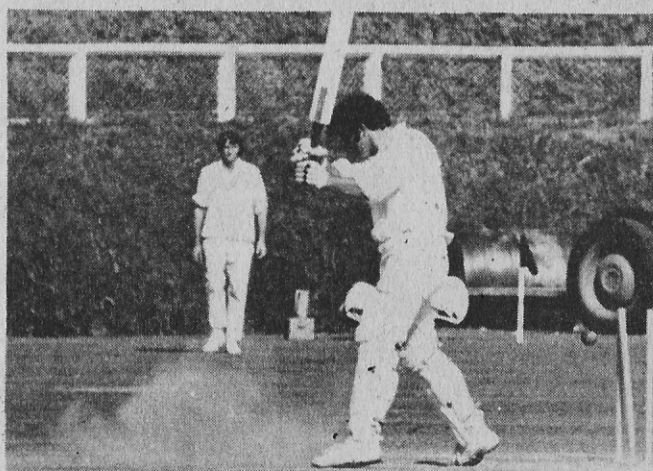
R. Anderson (The Rest) watches as B. Hastings (right) dives in attempting a catch. At slip is NZ captain B. Congdon, the wicketkeeper is K. Wadsworth and in the background is D. Hadlee.



NZ slip fieldsman J. Parker (left) takes a catch to dismiss Anderson off the left arm spinner, D. O'Sullivan (right) while wicketkeeper Wadsworth watches.



Hadlee follows through as R.W. Anderson (The Rest) plays the ball into the covers.



.....Hadlee has his revenge as he bowls Cairns for a whirlwind 37.



NZ's J. Parker plays very correctly with, from left, J. Coney, J. Edwards, R. Anderson, K. Campbell and wicketkeeper W. Lees waiting for a mistake.



Noeline Elms of Inglewood in a backstroke event.



M. Laurel of Waitara competes in the Boys 14 and Over backstroke.



S. Spice competes in the Boys 12 & Over backstroke.



P. Linley of Inglewood in the Girls 13 & Over backstroke.

swimming at stratford

A swimming Carnival was held at the Stratford Public Swimming Baths on the last Sunday of February. There was a good number of entries in all events and entrants came from all over the province to compete in the Carnival.



G. Parkinson in Boys 12 & Over backstroke.



D. Mills of Pungarehu in a heat of the Girls 13 & Over backstroke.

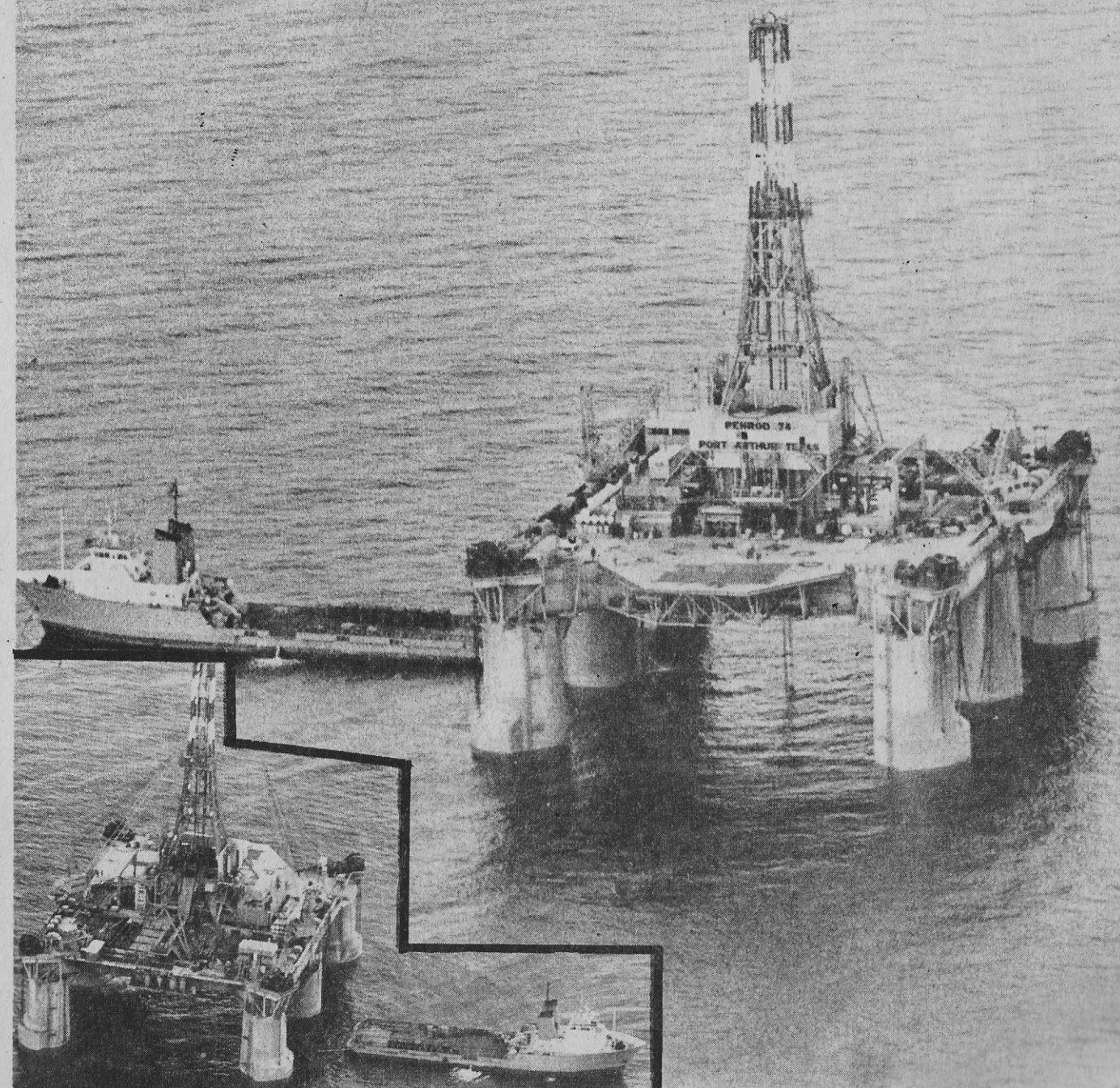


Swimmers wait their turn to compete in the Girls relay.

THE GREAT OIL SEARCH

PENROD 74.....one of the marvels of the modern world, is now drilling the first of a series of exploratory wells off the Taranaki coast. Who knows what lies beneath the seabed? Of one fact we can be sure — Penrod is geared for discovery.

The massive off-shore drilling rig is one of the most advanced in the world. The platform is equipped with the latest and largest drilling machinery and living conditions for the 92 men are in keeping with the other up-to-date facilities. Penrod will be used off the coast for several months.





Change over time during the Beach Relay.



An Old Boys team member wins the Beach Relay.



John Power races for the beach at the end of the Paddle Board race.



The Mairangi Bay (Auckland) beltman propels himself towards the water like a rocket at the start of the Senior Six Man R & R Event.

Surf Champs.

The Taranaki Surf Life Saving Championships were held in the middle of February at Oakura Beach. The event was staged over a two day period (Saturday and Sunday) and attracted entries from Auckland, Wellington and Palmerston North in addition to the Taranaki teams. It was noted that the Palmerston North team were very strong and will obviously provide a strong challenge at the National Surf Life Saving Championships.



The Neo Prene tube race.



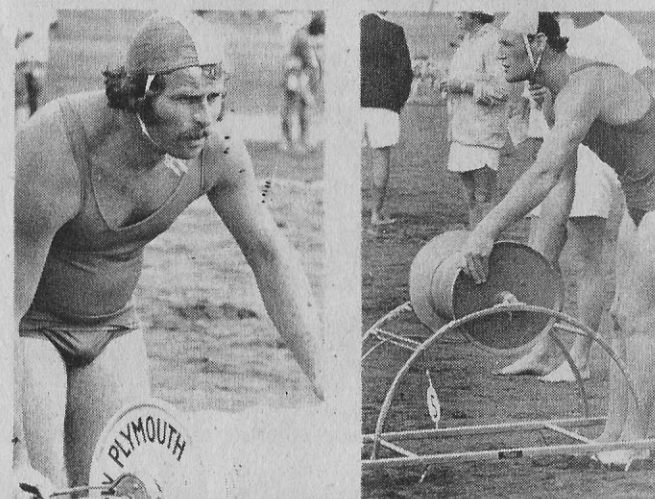
Old Boys won the Junior Paddle Board race.



The Island Bay team who competed in the Senior Six Man R & R Event.



Graham Hasse of Old Boys feeds out the line.



Old Boys reelman keeps his eye on the swimmer.



East End's Brian Walsh on the reel.



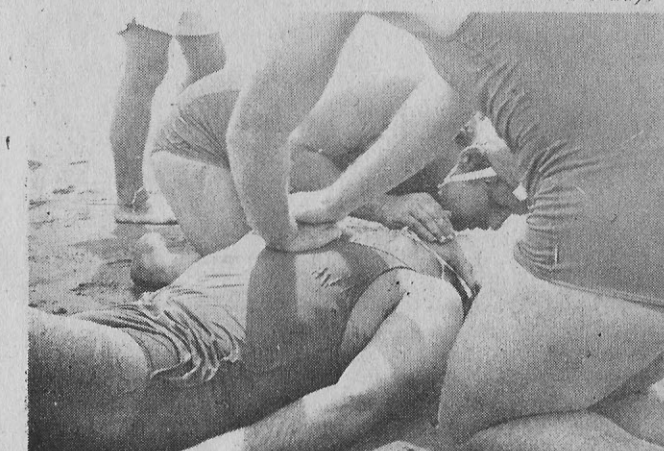
The Old Boys Canoe nears the beach.



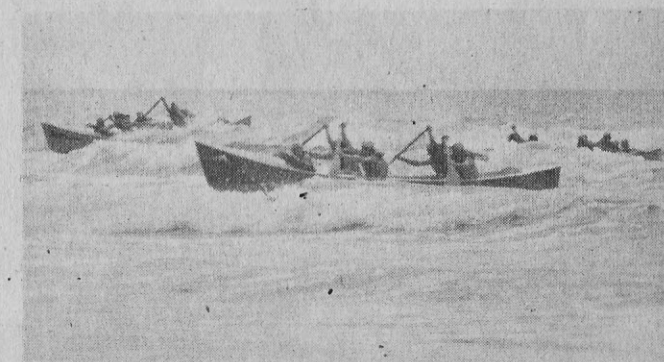
The East End boat crashes through a wave.



Old Boys compete in the Four Man R & R event. Old Boys were by far the most successful team on the day.



Fitzroy with their patient onshore —Senior 6 Man R & R.



near the beach at the end of the canoe event.



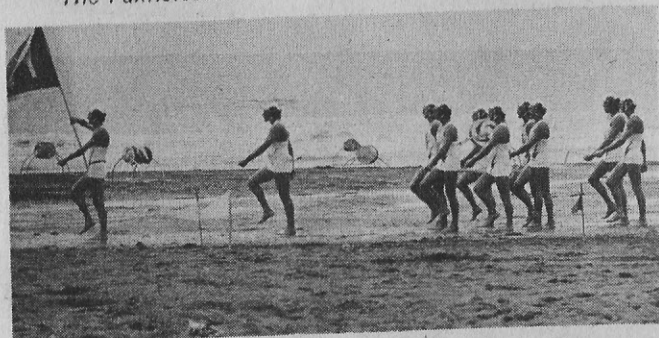
The Waitara team finishes the boat race.



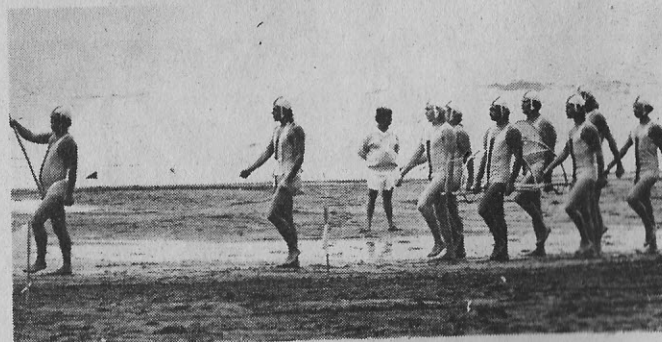
The Palmerston North boat — a team to watch.



Fitzroy won the senior boat race.



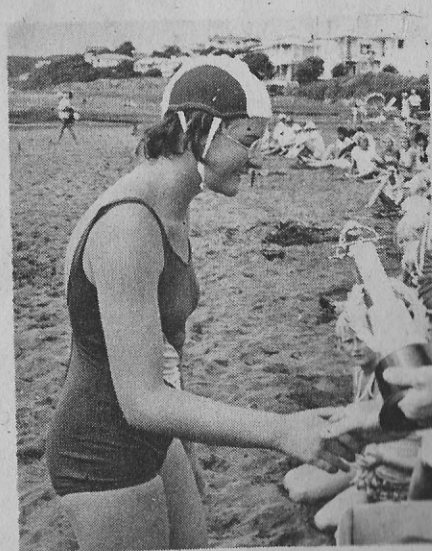
Fitzroy during the march past. Nine men from Fitzroy were selected to represent the province at the Nationals and with the team only consisting of 14, they dominate.



Opunake during the march past. The Opunake team's major success of the day was winning the canoe race.



Russell Philp of Fitzroy.



Lyn McSweeney of Old Boys.



Russell Moffat of Fitzroy.



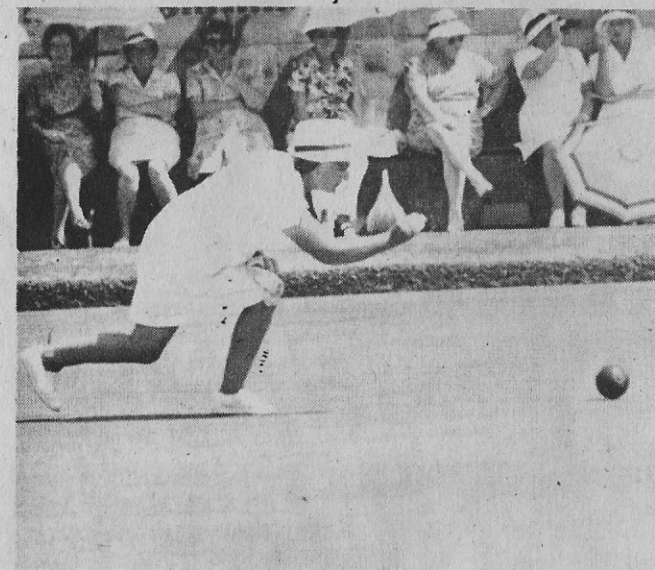
Castlecliff (Wanganui) pictured during the march past.



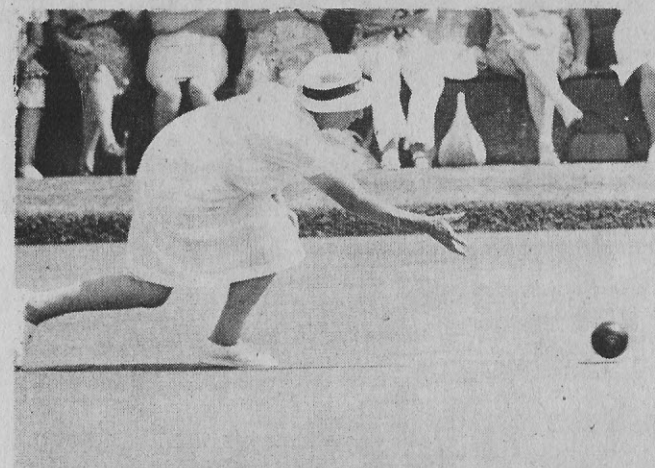
*East End Juniors during the march past.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Taranaki Centre Womens Bowling Championships were held last month on greens in and around New Plymouth. Pictured on this page is the final of the Women's Fours played between Mrs Ruby Hammond's team (who were the eventual winners) and Mrs McKee's team.



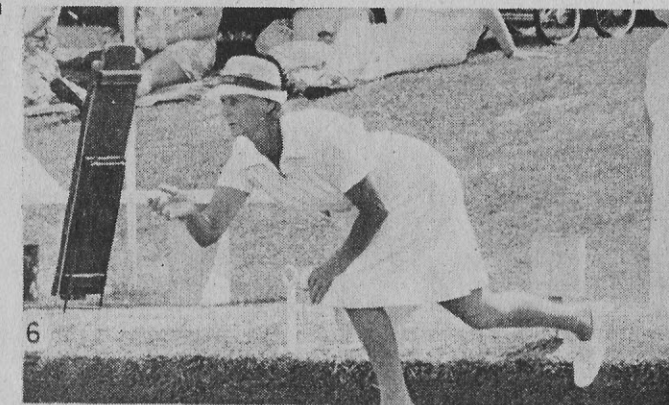
.....and Mrs McKee tries to better it.



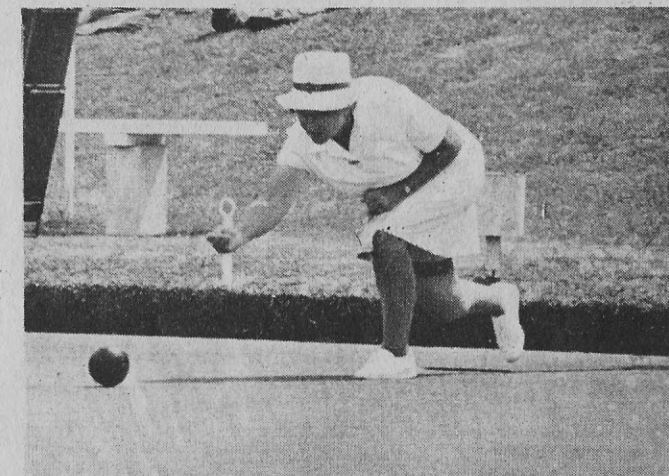
A member of Mrs Hammond's team plays a careful shot.



The two teams gather and discuss the position of the bowls.



Mrs Hammond plays a winning shot.....



A fast shot from Mrs McKee's team.



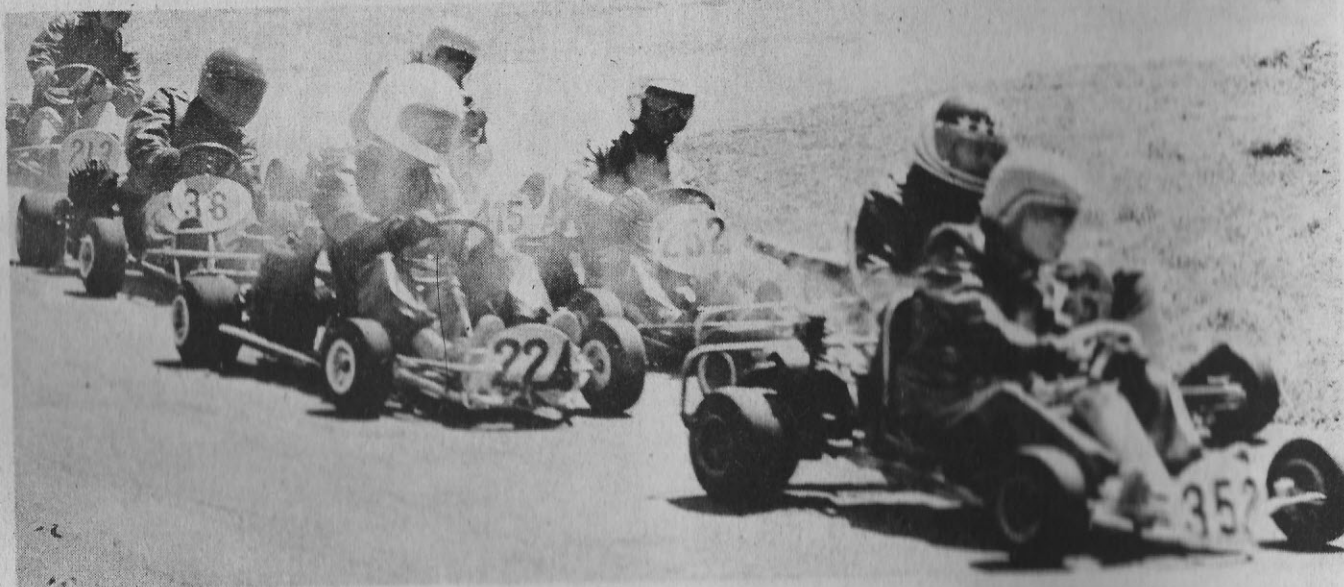
Mrs McKee's team replies with an equally careful shot.



Rod Smith and Terry Hayman seemed to be closely fighting each other position most of the day.



Nelson Jones gather speed as he comes out of the corner.



A new race has just commenced and at this stage competitors are all bunched up.

Gold Star Meeting

The Taranaki Kart Club held their Gold Star Meeting a few weeks ago at their Waitara track. The feature event was the Champion of Champions race which was finally won by W. Brown. Three races from the days events are pictured on these two pages.



Gordon Brown leads Nelson Jones out of the corner.



Gordon Brown and David Silver watch the finish.



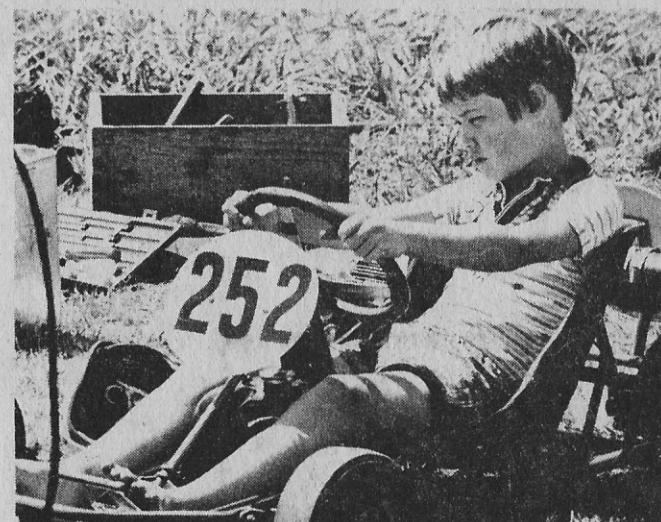
Gordon Brown comes into collision with another Kart and together they slide.....



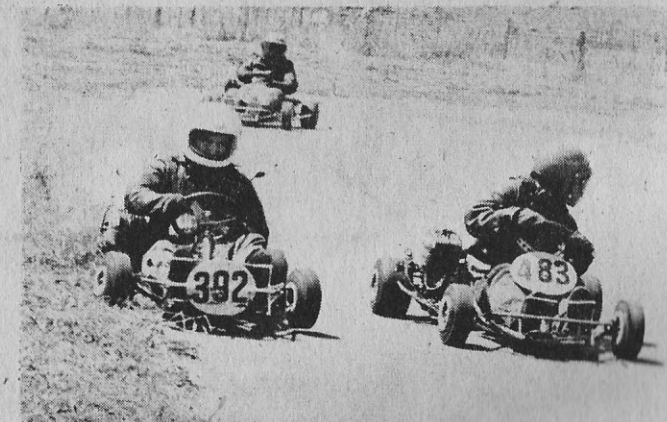
.....ending up in the grass like this.



Lance Chapman checks his machine over.



For this kid, sitting in the Kart conjured up dreams of high speed racing and glory at the finish line.



Terry Hayman slides off the track while Rod Smith gathers speed for the straight ahead.



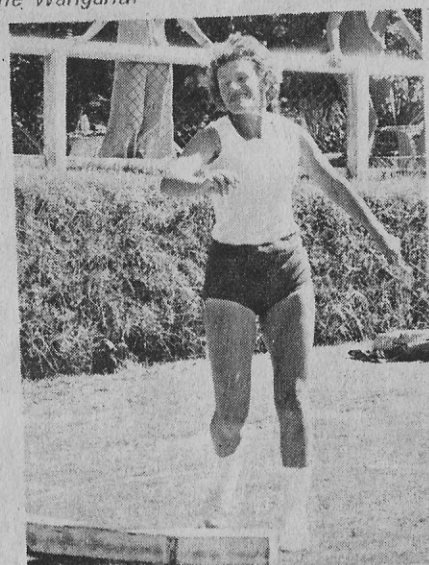
Linda Elliason of Kaponga takes the baton ahead of Janet Stokes of Waitara in the relay. The Wanganui team appears at right of picture.



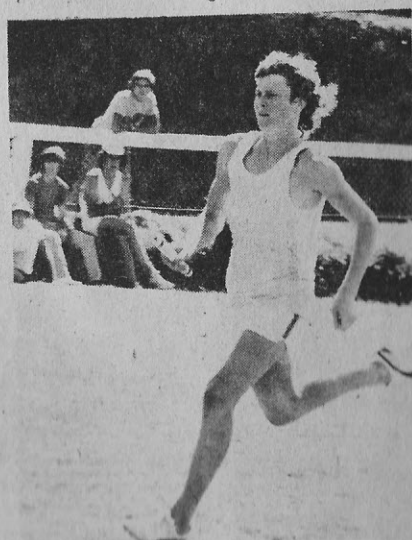
M. Simpson of Waitara competes in the shot putt.



Shane Hartley of New Plymouth makes ground on the Wanganui team during the relay.



Gwen Rapley's Shot Putt scores points for the Inglewood team.....



Ready to pass the baton to the next runner after an excellent sprint.



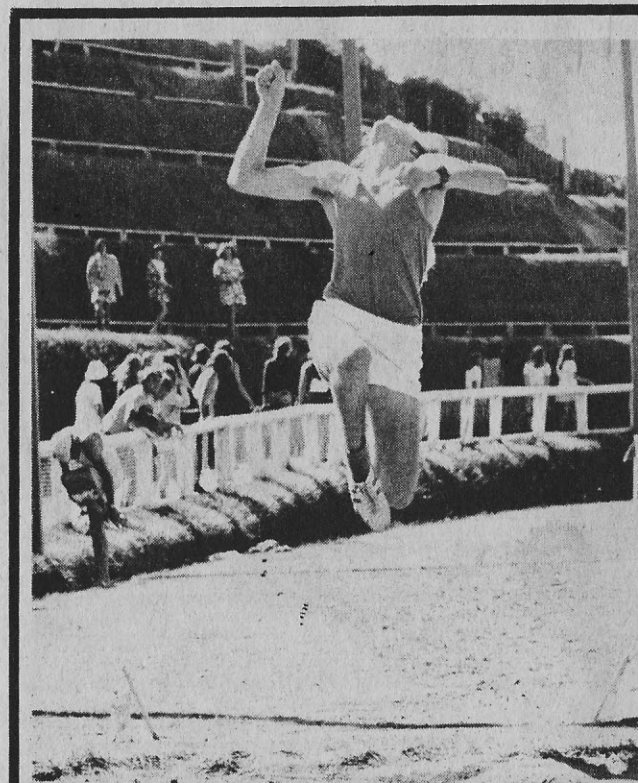
and her sister Christine Sole adds a few more points to the team's tally.



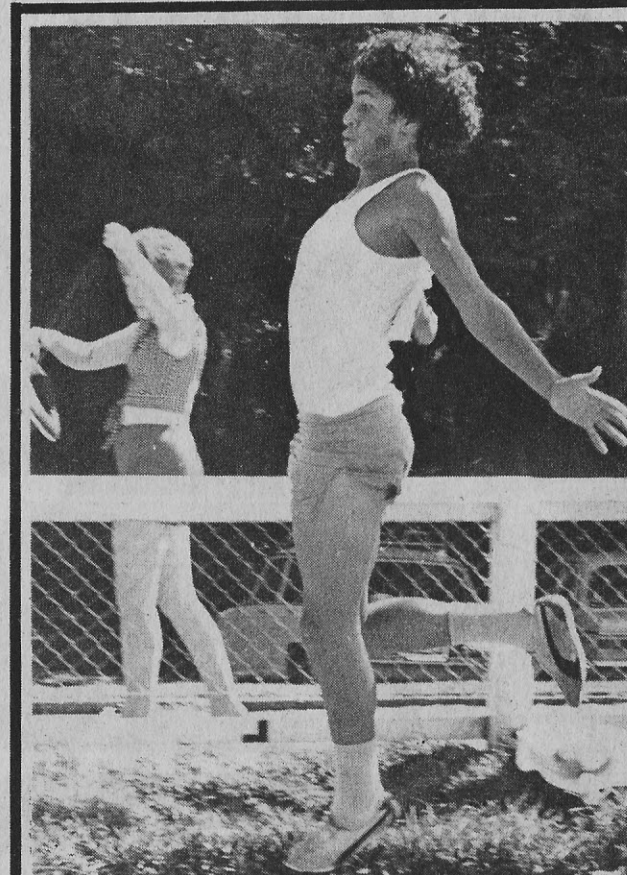
Feilding's V. Te Oka carries the baton at high speed.

Athletic Champs.

West Coast District Athletic Championships were held last month at Pukekura Park. Teams from Manawatu, Wanganui and throughout Taranaki turned out in full strength for the event and it almost looked like a miniature New Zealand Games at one stage. A close look at those competing revealed some great new talent developing and it will not be long before these young athletes become the New Zealand stars of tomorrow.



Using a motor drive on our camera at the rate of 3 1/2 pictures per second we are able to capture a sequence of pictures of competitors during their peak of action. On this page we have used the motor drive during the long jump event. Pictured here is a Taranaki athlete in the long jump.



Photographed from the side, V. Te Oka of Feilding shows a very dramatic style in the long jump event.



NEW CANOE

The Fitzroy Surf Club last month took delivery of a brand new Surf Canoe. Simply called US after the product name of the sponsor, Johnson's Wax, NZ Ltd, the new canoe was taken for a test run on completion of the appropriate speeches and was pronounced "a beauty" by those who rode in her.



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Entertainment News, Views and Reviews

TV OR NOT TO BE

While it is appreciated that the NZBC has been 'fair game' for many critics over the years, and not really wanting to fall into the same trap, Now Sound feels that; it being the eve of the new look for radio and television an appraisal of our broadcasting and television Corporation's offered fare to the public is warranted.

We feel that the lack of competition is largely responsible for the poor quality of both radio and television in this country and that the introduction of a second TV channel will not alter things overly much. Certainly the powers that be are trying to kid us into believing that the two channels will operate in competition to each other (even to the degree of buying programmes) but, because both are government owned, we find that one a little hard to swallow. We can't see them passing up discount opportunities of bulk purchasing and feel that this so called policy is merely window dressing.

TV has many problems in this country and we wonder just how much of the blame lies with the attitude of those who run the station. Such common faults as faulty cross-overs between stations, mistakes in presentation, especially news, innumerable film breaks (are films checked before transmission?), poor quality and at frequent intervals no sound at all, equipment breakdowns, and poor timing of programmes, all lead to a large vote of NO CONFIDENCE in the NZBC.

It is not for us to say where the blame lies but it could well be an attitude by staff and the only way to correct this situation is to inject real competition. Look what happened to NZBC Radio in the centres where they had their first ever real opposition in the form of private radio.

Also look at the centres through New Zealand where there is no opposition from private radio. In these places the NZBC Radio stations are almost all poorly run, suffer from poor presentation and an almost apparent "couldn't care less" attitude. In the centres where private radio operates, the NZBC Radio stations have pulled their socks up and as a result operate a much improved station giving the public a better deal.

But it is not only the public who deserve a better deal. So also do the advertisers who shell out real gold to advertise on tele and radio. The best produced commercial in the world can still be ruined by operator error. It is appreciated that Government policy dictates the direction of broadcasting. Changes in such Government policy must have an affect on the staff of Radio and TV at all levels. This affect could be a resignation to not knowing where we are going, or going one way until the next change of Government and then yet another change. This in turn could show up to the viewer as operator mistakes and poor presentation, both in radio and television.

Perhaps the blackest day for New Zealand television was the day that the Labour Party came to power. It was they who refused to allow a privately owned second TV channel even though the recommendation was for a private second channel.

So until the next change of Government, it seems as if the TV viewer will have to continue accepting the common "goofs" from his box with such comments as "we regret the poor sound quality" and "normal transmission will resume as soon as possible".

(all views and comments expressed in the above story are the personal opinion of the writer)

Any comments from readers on the above subject will be welcome as Now Sound would like to hear the opinions of Mr. Average TV Viewer.

WORST TV COMMERCIAL

This months nomination for the Worst Tv Commercial of the Year Award, is the Knights Castile Commercial.

The child's voice is totally insipid and grates on the nerve base at the top of the spine with the words.... "skin smoother".



ELVIS-A New Album.

* * * new albums

GEORGE McRAE.....Rock Your Baby.....RCA 1-0501

McRae must rate as one of the best newcomers of the last twelve months. An American negro, he has that unique negro quality to his voice and regularly performs his own brand of musical calisthenics throughout his repertoire. With Rock Your Baby for openers, this album also features a fist full of tracks of equal power. Picks are I Can't Leave You Alone, Make it Right, Somebody Like You and of course the title track.

ELVIS PRESLEY....Elvis, Live on Stage in Memphis.....RCA 1-0606.

Elvis should be riding the crest of a wave of nostalgia with the current return to the sound of before. But Elvis has never stopped riding the crest of his own wave since way back in the fifties. New fads and styles have not altered his millions plus sales of most everything he produces and this album will probably head the same way. He returns to his beginnings with material like Jailhouse Rock and Hound Dog, plays with words and music on I Got a Woman, touches on religious songs and quips with both his audience and his backing orchestra.

TONY CHRISTIE....From America With Love....MCA7572

As the title suggests, this album was recorded in America - with the exception of two tracks. In Los Angeles to be precise. Material includes Vado Via, The Most Beautiful Girl (great track), Drift Away (a so-so cover), Tequila Sunrise (an extremely beautiful and tender song) Mary Lee (nice ballad) and A Lovers Question. The album is good value and the production is excellent.

DOLLY PARTON....Bubbling Over....RCA 1-0286

There's a few import Quad records starting to appear and this is going to please those with the appropriate quad gear, to no end. This disc is such an import. While the singer does precisely nothing for me (she sounds like oh so many other "you-ah" southern US girl singers) never-the-less some good material is included. Bubbling Over is quite catchy, while Travelling Man gives memory to the best of Jeannie C. Riley and I'd really like to hear someone like Charlie Pride sing Alabama Sundown.

TERESA BREWER...Good News.....Signature 0598.

The Good News is that the backing band on this album "Yank Lawson & Bob Haggart Jazzband" is really quite something else. They must rate as certainly one of the best. Teresa Brewer sounds like the 1930's and at times very much like the Late Marilyn Monroe. Don't get me wrong, this album is really enjoyable. I simply love Button Up Your Overcoat. Sunnyside Up is also good news and likewise You're the Cream in My Coffee. -And that band, they are great.



WOT'S ON

March

- 19- Paraplegics Social, Merrilands Hall, N.P.
 - 19- Opunake Racing Club's Meeting at Hawera.
 - 19-22- Quincy Conserve at Westown Hotel, N.P.
 - 20- "Carry On Barbara" at Opera House, N.P.
 - 21-22- "Merry Minstrel Show", Opera House, N.P.
 - 22- Whitehead Shield Rifle Shoot, Rewa Rewa Range
 - 22- Taranaki Secondary School's Athletic Champs at Stratford High School.
 - 22- Old Time Dance, Senior Citizens Hall, N.P.
 - 23- Car Club Ladies Daylight Trial.
 - 23- Pipe Band Recital at Pukekura Park, N.P.
 - 25- West End Croquet Club's 50th Jubilee.
 - 27-29- "Gaslight" at Opera House, N.P.
 - 28-31- McDonald Family Reunion, Manukorihi Pa, Waitara.
 - 28-31- Westown School Jubilee at School, N.P.
 - 28-31- Ex-P.O.W.'s Golf Tournament.
 - 28-31- Inglewood School Jubilee.
 - 28-31- Catholic Maori Hui at Francis Douglas, N.P.
 - 29- Trotting at Hawera.
 - 29- Opunake Pony Club Gymkhana.
 - 29- North Taranaki Power Boat Day, Major Regatta at Lake Rataipiko.
 - 29- Stock Car Races at Stratford.
 - 30- North Taranaki Power Boat Club's Closing Day, Lake Rataipiko.
 - 31- Trotting at Hawera.
- ## April
- 1- Guides and Brownies Pancake Race in N.P. Mall.
 - 2- Car Club's One Hour Night Trial.
 - 5- Trotting at New Plymouth.
 - 5- Okato Toastmistresses Charter Evening, Hempton Hall, Okato.
 - 12- North Taranaki Cage Bird Show (young birds), Methodist Church Hall, Waitara.
 - 12- Stock Car Races at Stratford.
 - 13- Carillion Recital, New Plymouth, 2-9 pm.
 - 14- C.A.S. Concert - String Trio Bel Arte.
 - 15-19- Little Theatre Production, N.P.

WOT'S ON AT THE MOVIES

STATE THEATRE, New Plymouth.

- March 19-20- That's Entertainment.
- 21-24- Ash Wednesday.
- 25-27- Soldier Blue & Mucho Callahan (double feature).
- 28 to April 7- Blazing Saddle.

Sunday Movies at the State.

- March 23- Dirty Dozen.
- 30- The Longest Day.

MAYFAIR THEATRE, New Plymouth.

- March 19-20- Jonathon Livingston Seagull.
 - 21-27- The Odessa File.
 - 29 to April 10- The Dove
 - 11-17- Serpico & Cyclone Tracy (double feature).
- ### Sunday Movies at the Mayfair.
- March 30- Return of Sabata & Red Baron (double feature).
 - 30- (Late Show) Scars of Dracula & Horrors of Frankenstein (double feature).
 - April 13- Frenzy.

REGENT THEATRE, Hawera.

- March 19-20- The Sting.
 - 21-24- One Armed Boxer & When Taekwondo Strikes (double feature)
 - 25-27- Gunfight at O.K. Corral
 - 29th to April 10- Airport 1975.
- ### Sunday Movies at the Regent in Hawera.
- March 23- Lawrence of Arabia.
 - 30- Billy Jack.
 - 30- (late show) Curse of Frankenstein & Big Cube (double feature).
 - April 4- May God Forgive You, I Won't.

REGENT THEATRE, Stratford.

- March 19-20- The Three Musketeers.
- 21-27- The Sting.
- 29 to April 8- Airport 1975.

Sunday Movies at the Regent in Stratford.

- March 23- Black Belt Jones.
- 30- Dad's Army.
- 30- (Late Show) Frankenstein & Mothra (double feature).

BEER FESTIVAL

The Car Club held a Social at their clubrooms, last month, in the form of a Beer Festival. There was a full turn-out of club members along with a number of invited guests and one of the most noticeable things about the event was that almost everyone arrived early.



Mr and Mrs J. Taylor.



John and Dianne Parkinson.



Mr and Mrs D. Blackburn.

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS-

THE EDITOR WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU AT ANY TIME - IF THERE IS SOMETHING "COMING UP" CONTACT US



Lindsay Sheard just didn't believe that story.



Wayne Gray.



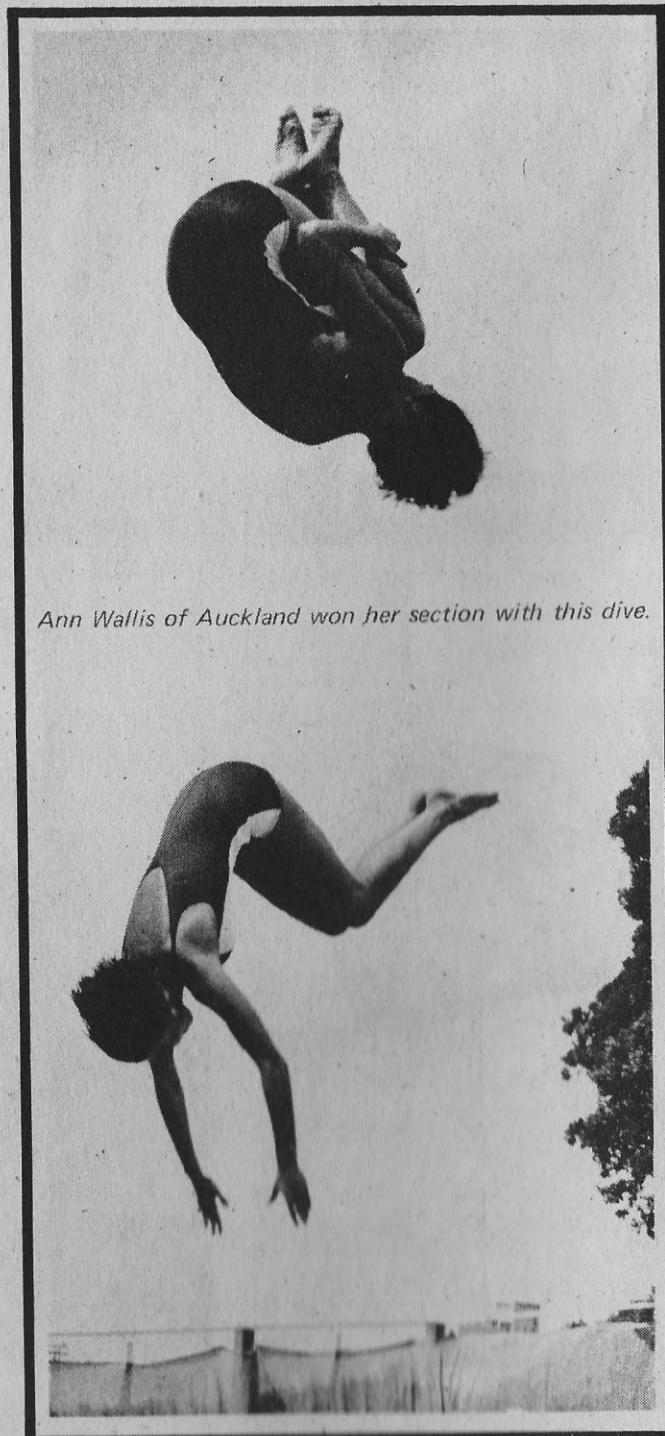
Mrs Wills pours out another beer.

DIVING CHAMPS.

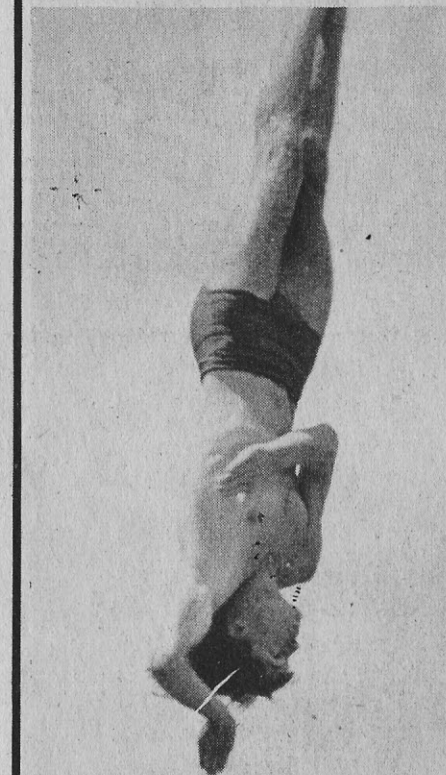
The 1975 New Zealand Age Group Swimming and Diving Championships were held this year at the Kawaroa Pool in New Plymouth, between February 21st and 23rd. Photo News concentrated our camera on the diving events and shot sequence pictures, using a motor drive attached to the camera.



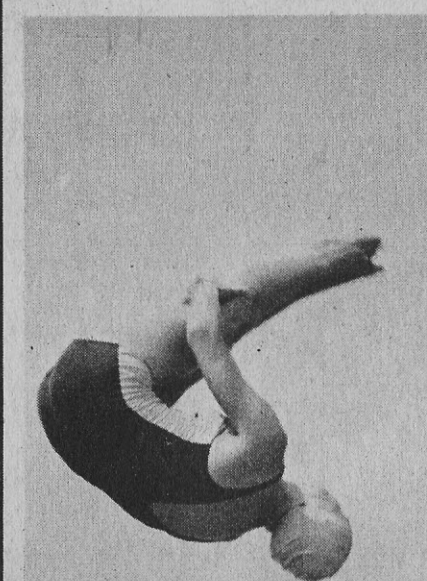
This sequence of pictures is of Maree Gibbs of Poverty Bay. Almost perfect grace and style is evident throughout her dive.



Ann Wallis of Auckland won her section with this dive.



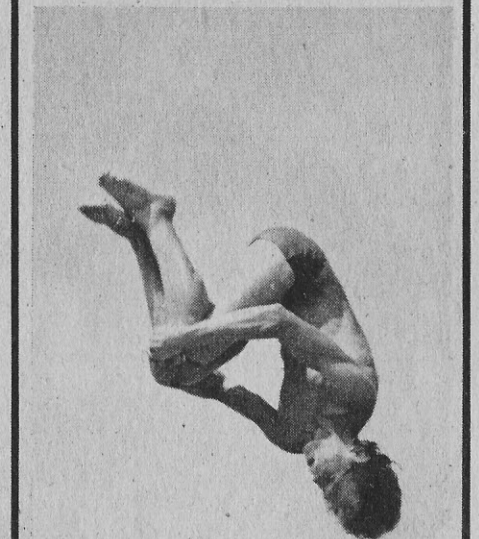
Graeme Shaw of the Waikato is caught in mid-air at two stages of his dive.



Ann Fargher of Waikato competed in the Girls 16 Years, section.

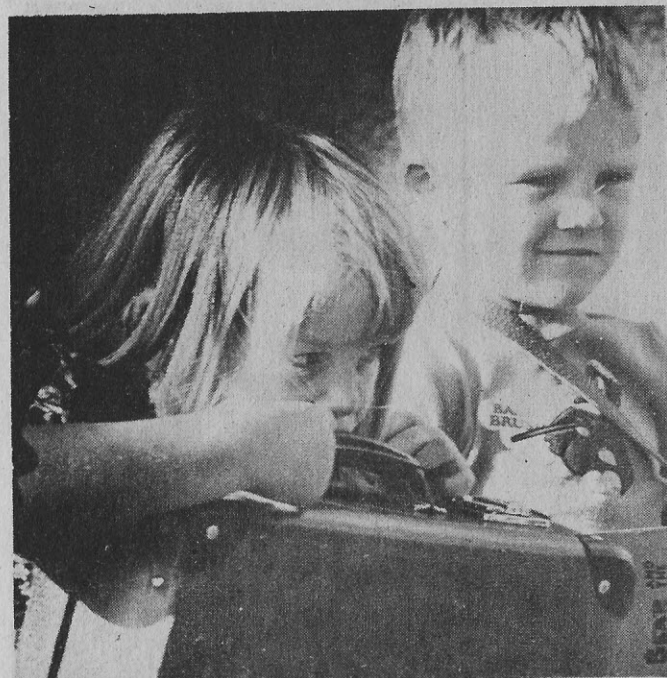


Also in the Girls 16 Years, section was Donna Smith, also of the Waikato.

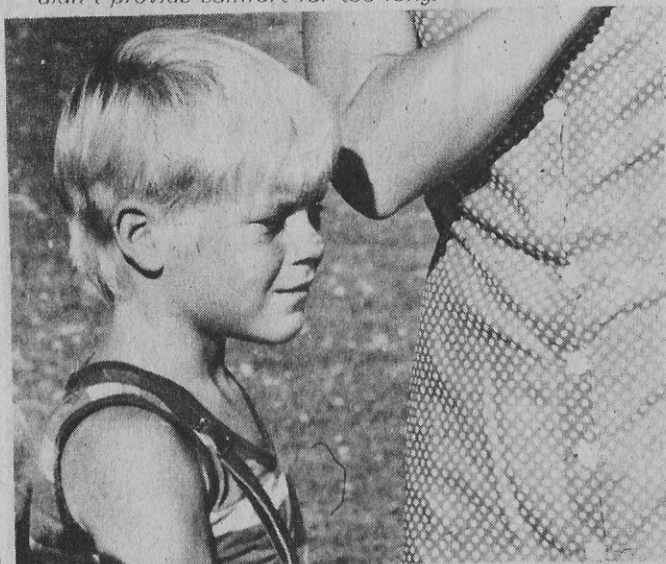


Clive Knight of Hawkes Bay—Poverty Bay, competed in the Boys 15 Years, section.





Wanting to disappear she hid behind her case but that didn't provide comfort for too long.



For this young kiddie it was just too much. He broke down and cried.



These two were well prepared with school bags and loads of confidence.

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

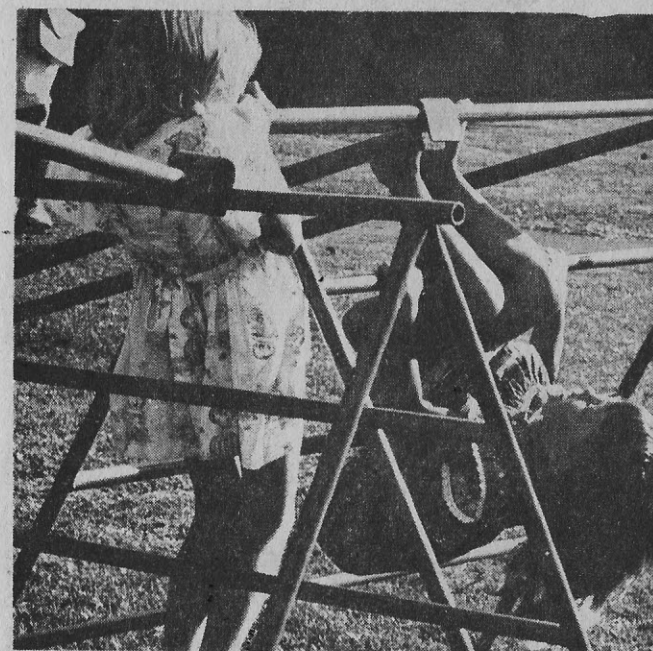
Going to school for the first time can be a very unnerving experience for a youngster. We observed a bunch of newcomers early in February and found that their expressions told the story better than a thousand words.



Close to tears as he leaves Mother and prepares to enter the classroom.



Shy and unsure of the future.



For these two it was fun on the 'Jungle Gym'.



A helpful word of encouragement helped this youngster.



Meeting new friends was in itself a great experience.



This lass took it all in her stride—no worries.



He was unsure of it all but, never the less was unafraid.



Holding close to mother.

NOEL McKAY at the Westown

Noel McKay is certainly one of the best entertainers to have come from New Zealand and is possibly just about the finest female impersonator in the world. New Plymouth had the opportunity of seeing him again last month during a one week season at the Westown Hotel.

Those with long memories remembered him as part of the "Kiwi Diggers Revue" which toured New Zealand at the end of World War Two. He has lost none of his magic since those days and has greatly increased his reputation as an entertainer. McKay is now based in Sydney. The management of the Westown report that the Lounge Bar in which McKay performed usually caters for a young crowd but that during McKays one week season many older people were seen; mostly we assume those who were familiar with the Noel McKay magic.

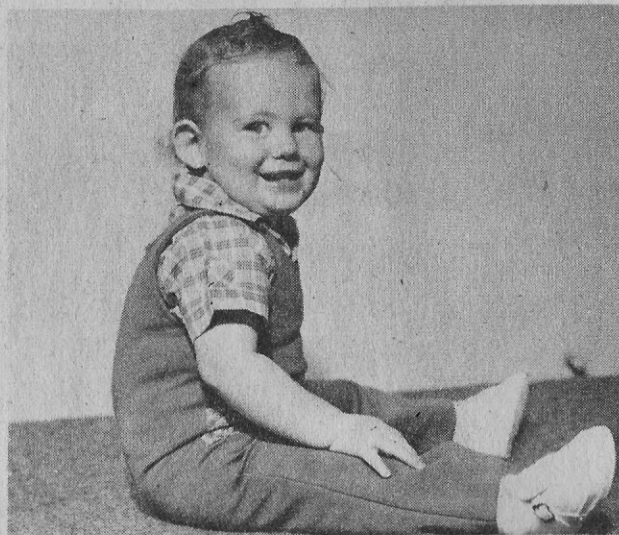


As an entertainer Noel McKay is first rate: as a female impersonator he would have few peers.



BABY PHOTO CONTEST

Entries are really starting to pour in for this years Kiddy Photo Contest. Pictured here are a very few of those who have been entered in the last month. There is still time to enter your child, but act now, while there is time.



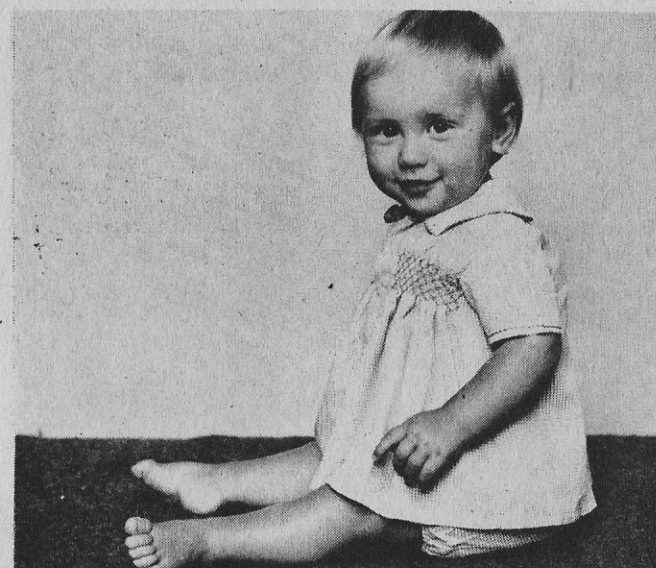
Lyle Robbins, age 12 months.



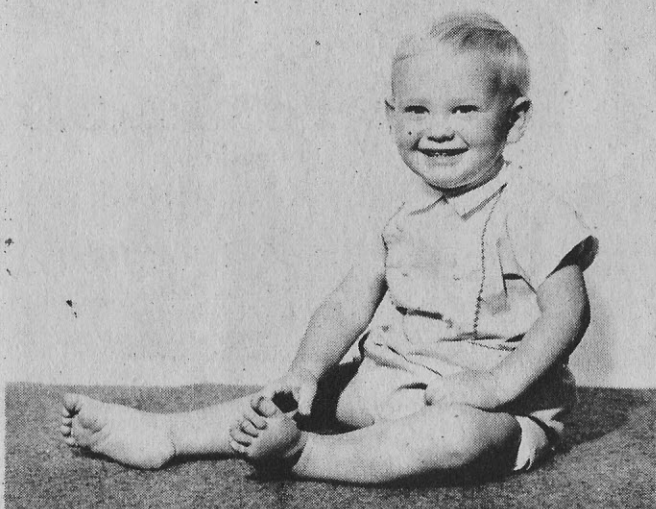
Nigel Davey, age 13 months.



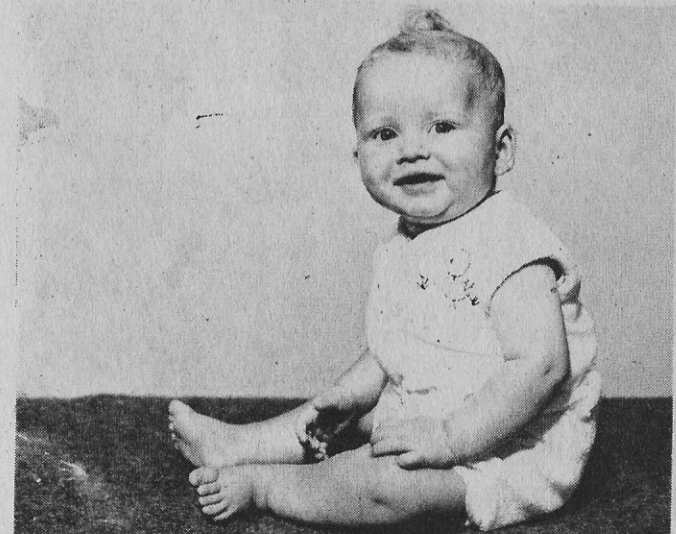
Jason Hurley of Hawera, age 3½ years.



Matthew Jans, age 10½ months.



Tony Western, age 19 months.



Mark Camieron, age 8 months.

1975 Bank of New South Wales-Photo News CHILD PHOTO CONTEST

1st

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2nd

A large size hand coloured, framed picture of the child you entered in the contest. value \$37-00.

3rd

Hand coloured miniature of the child you entered in the contest. value \$24-00.

CONDITIONS

- 1.... All photos for the contest must be taken by Fitzroy Studios, New Plymouth.
- 2.... A Sitting Fee of \$6-50 will be payable at the time the photos are taken and this price will include one 6 X 4 print of your choice which will be entered in the contest. This print may be re-claimed after judging is complete.
- 3.... Any child may be entered in the contest provided he or she is between the age of 6 months and 6 years. Photos will be judged in sections according to age and then section placegetters will be judged against each other to find the eventual winners.
- 4.... Staff of the Bank of New South Wales, Photo News and Fitzroy Studios will not be eligible to enter their children.
- 5.... All photos for the contest must be taken between January 6th, 1975 and April 30th, 1975. Judging will take place as soon as possible in May and results will be published in the May or June issue of Photo News.
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Gymkhana

The second Gymkhana of the season to be held at Stratford, took place in the middle of February. As usual a large number of entries in almost all sections were received and the Stratford Pony Club considered it a very successful day. Pictured are a few of the entries in both the junior and senior sections.



Enjoying a double are Carolyn Watson and Jane Higham, both of Stratford.



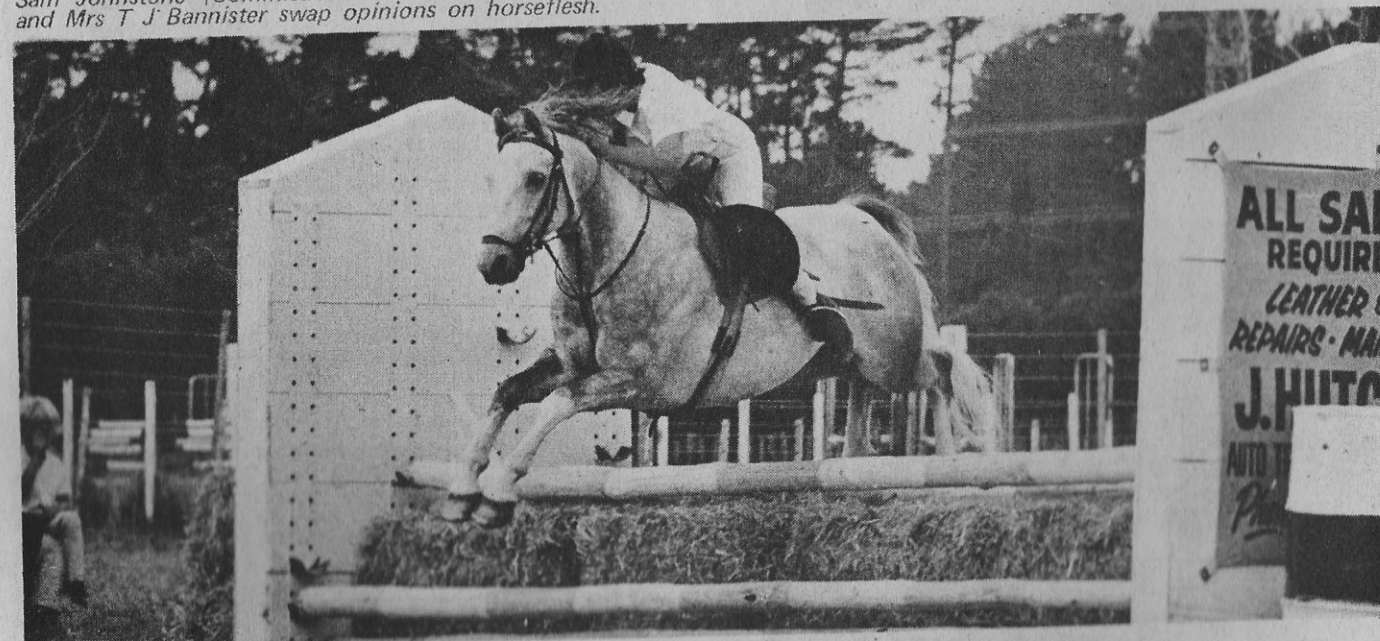
Belinda Wakeling of Eltham on Misty Blue.



Sam Johnstone (Commissioner of Stratford Pony Club) and Mrs T J Bannister swap opinions on horseflesh.



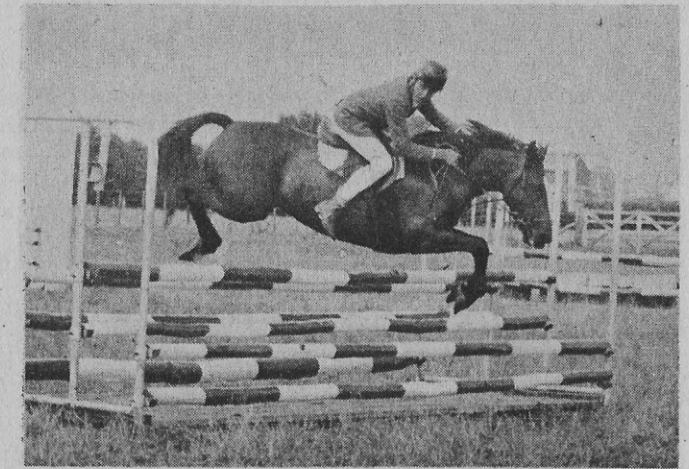
Lorraine Watson (Stratford) thought it a huge joke when her horse Bronze Nugget joined the St John Unit.



Marise Perry takes Paramount Misty Morn. over the fourth jump during the Consultation event (Novice Ring).



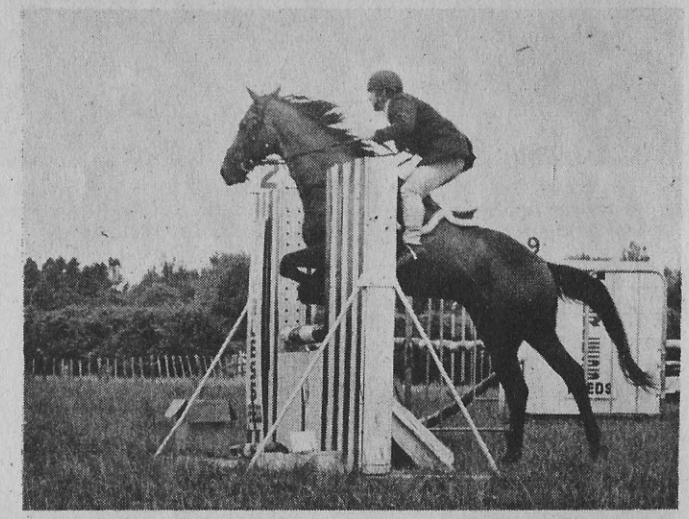
Linda Riley and Paul Chitty competed as partners in the Rescue/Relay event.



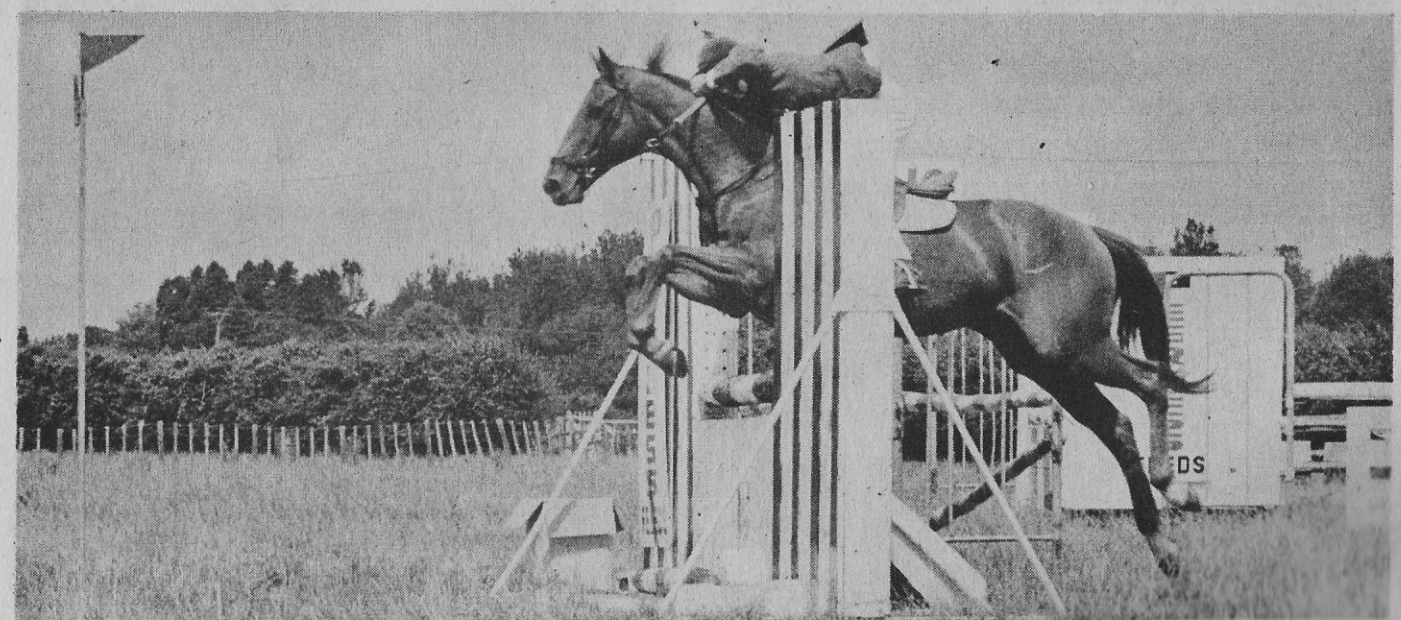
Ian Corkill and Jill Chitty competed as a team in the Rescue/Relay.



John Nelson of Midhurst takes Pizzaro over a fence.



Bruce Clarry of Opunake won the "Take Your Own Line" event on Simonsen.



Shaun Brannigan of Patea jumps Killarney during the "Take Your Own Line" event for hacks.

OUR PART TIME ARMY

For some two weeks last month, members of the New Zealand Territorial Force Volunteers were camped at the top of Puniho Road, Okato and involved in training exercises in the area.

The majority of those encamped were from New Plymouth and Hawera, but a fairly large contingent from Wanganui was also present along with some from Palmerston North and Levin.

Photo News spent a day recording the activities of the Army and the following pages picture some aspects of the training involved for the Territorials.



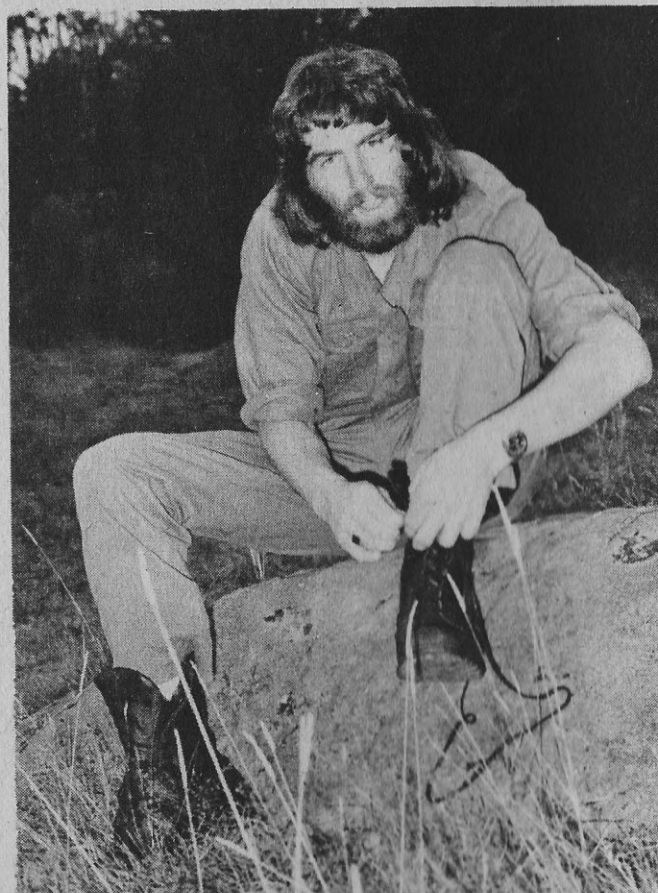
The site of the camp, photographed from a helicopter. The arrow marks the entrance, near the end of Puniho Road. Tents can be seen in the scrub and these continue for some distance out of the picture. The large tents at bottom left of the picture are Mess tents and the cookhouse.



One of the first shocks we received when we entered the camp, was to see New Zealand soldiers, in US Army equipment. Much of the gear still has the letters US stamped on it.



While we were at the camp, two officers of the Fijian Army landed by helicopter. They were to spend a few days as guests of the New Zealand Army at the camp and observe the exercises. Pictured is Major Cerewale meeting 2nd lieutenant G.S. Lewis of Levin, watched by Lt. Colonel Buadrome.



Private Pat. Fake of New Plymouth in civvie life is a spray painter at the Power Project. In today's Army long hair and beards are not forbidden, though we gained the impression that the more traditional 'short back and sides' was still favoured.



A Company (New Plymouth) spent the day on patrol, or as the Army calls it, contact drill. We went along for part of the exercise with them. Here they prepare to leave camp.



When 'enemy contact' was established, soldiers fanned out through the area and advanced with caution, using every scrap of cover to protect themselves.



Included on the patrol was a bren. In this picture the bren is 'giving covering fire' while the rest of the patrol break to the left.



With 'the enemy' all but routed, part of the patrol goes in at a 'rush' to clean up a final pocket of resistance.



The patrol spreads out and advances at the ready.



Armed and extremely dangerous (if you are the enemy that is)



Radio contact is maintained throughout the operation.



The helicopter training involved a 'dummy run' initially, in which soldiers learned embarkation and disembarkation procedures under assumed 'battle conditions'. After the 'dummy run' (during which the chopper did not leave the ground) the procedure was repeated but with the chopper actually flying a circuit of the area.



embarkation was at the double.



As can be seen in this picture, space is at a premium in a chopper. It is quite easy to fall or trip when you are heavily laden with equipment, so careful training is quite essential.



G. Porter of Wanganui signals the chopper pilot as he prepares to land.



Once inside the chopper there is still a correct way to do everything, including holding your rifle.



Members of B Company (Hawera) wait their turn for a flip in one of the two choppers involved in the training.



..... and the helicopter hovers a few feet above the ground with doors open and soldiers ready to disembark.



Mortar drill in the field was part of the training too.



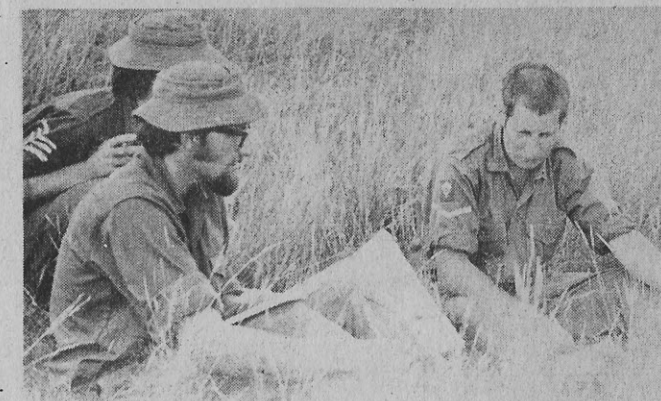
After dinner, the officers and sergeants of each company are briefed for the following days activities. At the same meeting, a check is made on morale and any complaints are aired and the necessary action decided.



Food was excellent. On this day, the evening meal consisted of roast beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes plus apple pie and custard.



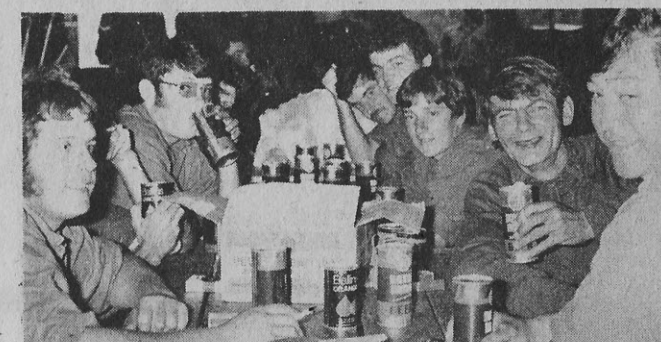
And in their tent before lights-out, men read or write a letter home. Most of the tents were three or four man. This was the only large tent in which about ten or twelve men slept.



And in the field, this recon. unit were studying map reading and location of landmarks.



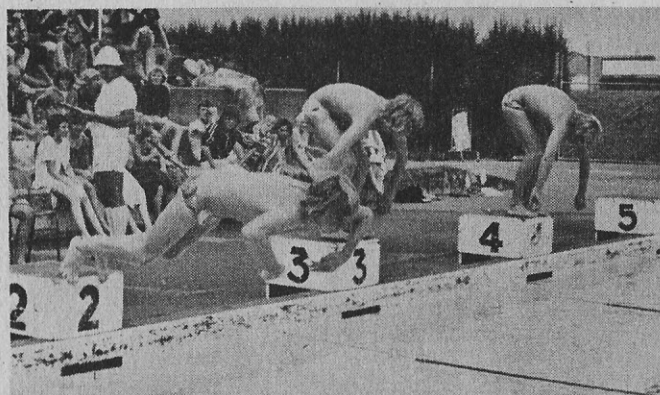
The last duty of the day was a parade at which sergeants passed on to the men, the orders for the following day.



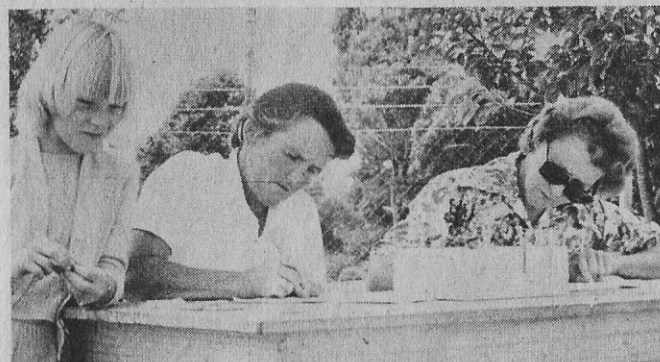
For the enlisted man, beer is freely available in the mess tent after duties are finished for the night.



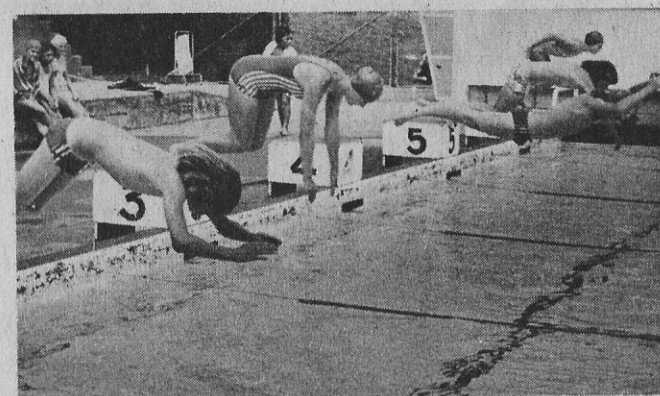
Men of the Hawera Company erected this net at their campsite and when the days work was over it was used as another means of relaxation.



The start of race one. Results were David Wright, 1st, Ian Webster, 2nd, and Glen Adams 3rd.



Coral Smith watches Mesdames Lowe and Smith, enter results of the events.



Into the water at the start of race three - 110 yards freestyle. First was Mathew Klenner, Kirstine McFarlane was second and third was Gary Wingar.



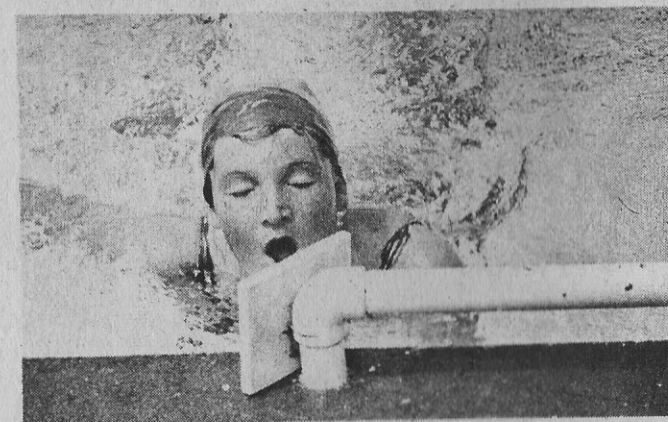
Interested spectators all...David Laurence, Clive Smith, Peter Jones, Alister Kapu and Reggie Golf.

swimming carnival

The Waitara Swimming and Surf Life Saving Club held a swimming Carnival at the Waitara Pool last month. A large number of entries were received from many clubs throughout Taranaki and the weather was most kind. Pictured are a few of the participants in the Carnival.



The finish of race five. Robert Laurie (lane 6) was first, Margaret Leatherby (lane 4) came second and Karen McKenzie (lane 3) came third.



This swimmer won the seventh race...110 yard freestyle.



Relaxing at the pool's edge are Sharon Barlow, Linda Gall, Anna Miekeviwiss and Helen Wood.

RAFT RACE

Early in February, a Raft Race was held at Ngamotu Beach. The event attracted thirty seven craft and the object was to raise funds for Surf Life Saving Clubs throughout Taranaki. Craft were required to race from the beach to a buoy near the Breakwater, and then back to the beach.



Egmont Electric Power Board's raft comes home to win the event.



Rotaract's entry makes it back to the beach.



As the race ended, floor bombs, apples, tomatoes, peaches (all half decomposed) were hurled at other craft.



The start - and thirty seven rafts head for the breakwater.



The Anchor and Ellis raft nears the finish line.



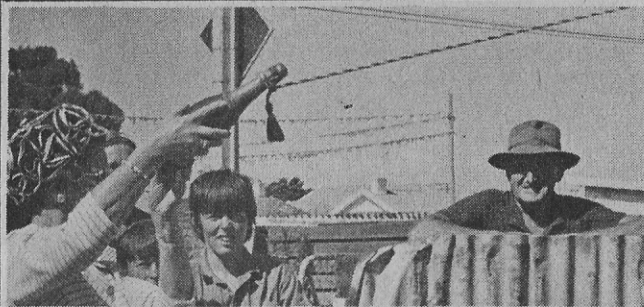
The crew of the NP Power Boat Club thought the whole race to be hilariously funny.



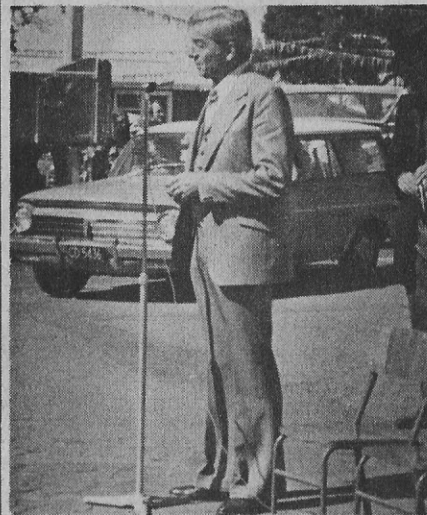
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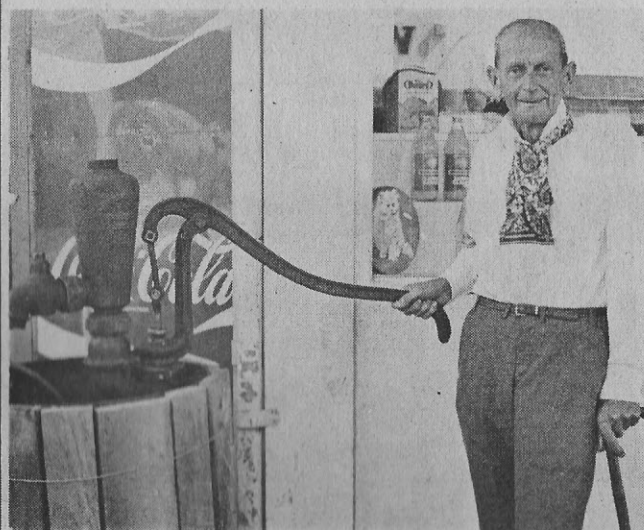
CELEBRATIONS



Mrs Sutherland repacted the christening of the township of Fitzroy, by breaking a bottle of champagne. The original ceremony was performed (exactly 100 years previously, to the day and time) by Jessie, daughter of the then Mayor, Mr. Carrington.



First to speak was David Thompson, who brought up the controversy of traffic lights; he was followed by Ron Mells, who made a presentation to Mr Sutherland of a red, green and orange candle (representing traffic lights). Denny Sutherland then spoke, congratulated Fitzroy on attaining its century and closed by stating that the City Council was to meet the Fitzroy Businessmen's Association and at the meeting he might "just tell them what they can do with their candles".



Toby Moore (CBA Fitzroy) demonstrates the use of an old style hand water pump.



One of the exhibits of the Pioneer Village which was set up at Fitzroy during the celebrations was a blacksmith shop.

The Fitzroy Centennial Celebrations were held in the middle of last month over a four day period. The event got underway on February 19th with the re-enactment of the christening of the township of Fitzroy. A Pioneer Village was set up with exhibits such as a Blacksmith's shop, weaving and spinning exhibitions, thatching and pit sawing. In addition almost all of the stores in Fitzroy dressed their windows with exhibits appropriate to the occasion. On the Friday the auction of sections was re-enacted and the whisker growing and Victorian dress competitions were judged by Ron Barclay. The celebrations were climaxed on the Saturday evening with a Ball.



Fitzroy Studios window display featured new and old style wedding photography in addition to pictures of the Fitzroy area years ago.



Ray Dikle of Fitzroy Cycles displayed this old "Penny Farthing" and he did his best to ride it, awkward though it was.



Fitzroy Footwear Repairs displayed old style footwear.



In White's, this Colonial soldier was on display.



School children from schools in the area came through Fitzroy under the guidance of their teachers and inspected the window displays. No doubt it was an excellent educational exercise.

Fitzroy Centennial



Many people dressed in appropriate clothing for the period. Pictured on this page are a few whom we saw in Victorian dress. Above... Gentleman Ron Phillips escorts his wife and Mary Fitcher down a busy Friday night street.



even children got into the Victorian dress act.



Raewyn Anderson looked rather cute despite her heavy dress.



Eddie Burnett (Aroa Store) was quite dapper.



Many of the dresses worn were black.



Pat Cadman looked very distinguished.

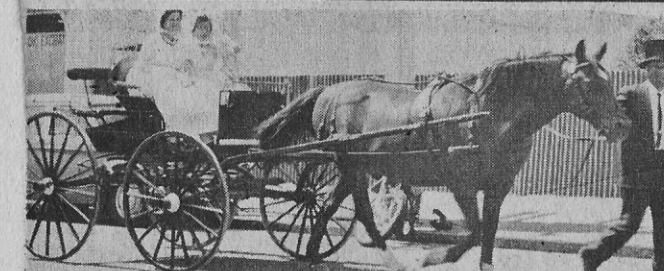


This hat relived the past.



A quiet chat, just as in days gone by.

Celebrations



"Lady Smart" and her "bridesmaid" arrive for the Victorian Wedding.



The marriage of "Lady Smart" to "Lord Fitzroy".



The "Victorian Wedding Party" pictured at the afternoon tea in the Fitzroy Hall on Wednesday afternoon.



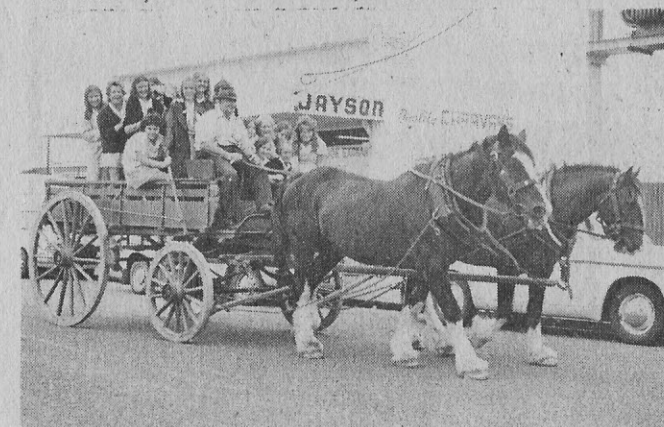
Mr Nolan conducted the "auction" of Fitzroy sections.



Ron Barclay judged the Victorian Dress competition, which was won by Grace Rowland. (pictured extreme right).



Neil Cleland (centre back) won the whisker growing competition.



Lou Muggeridge of Opunake, who still works a six horse team, brought three of his horses and a cart and dray up for the celebrations. On the Friday afternoon, he gave children rides in the horse drawn vehicles.



OLD FITZROY



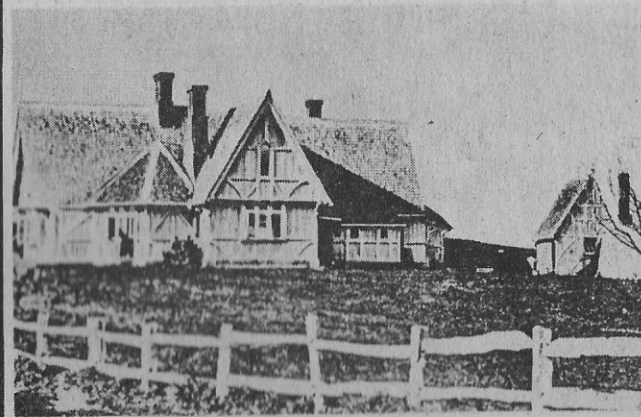
A reproduction of a painting showing the Volunteer encampment on the banks of the Waiwakaiho River in 1887.



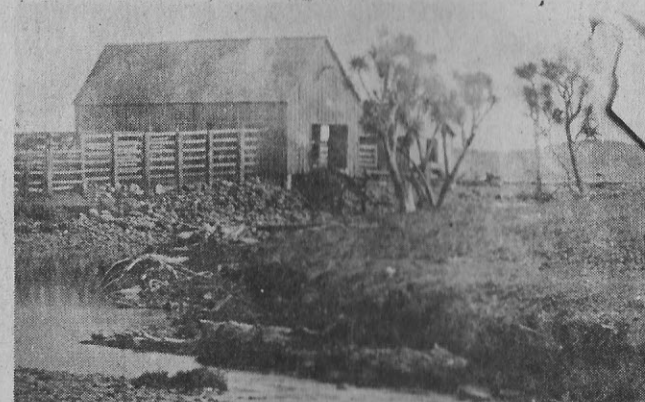
The original Henui Church. This Anglican Church was later replaced by the church pictured opposite.....



The original church was built in 1845. In 1911 it was replaced with this building and named Holy Trinity.



This building is now the Gables. It was previously a Colonial Hospital and sited where the Girls High School now stands.



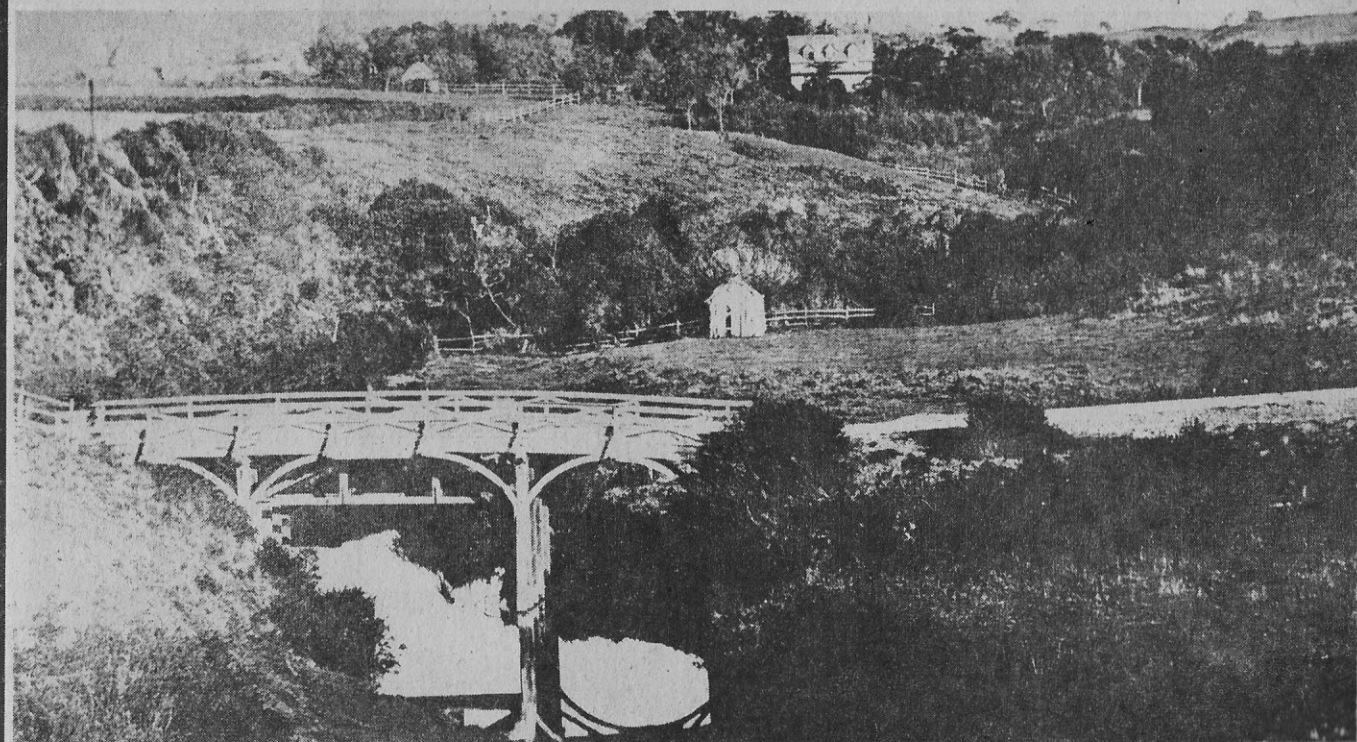
The original Abattoirs at the mouth of the Te Henui River.



A reproduction of a sketch of the Raimiti Pa, on the banks of the Waiwakaiho River. The sketch was drawn in 1857.



The original toll gates between New Plymouth and Fitzroy. They were sited on the corner of Devon and Watson Streets.



Bridge of the Henui River. The picture was taken around 1844. The house in centre background was the residence of the Hon. Scotland. At extreme left of picture (only just visible) stands the Gables, then a Colonial Hospital.

CENTENNIAL BALL



Mr and Mrs Vern Morris.



Mr and Mrs Don Andrews.



Dave and Maureen Moki.



Bill and Ann Brotherson.

The Centennial Ball was a fitting climax to the Fitzroy Centennial Celebrations. Around 250 people attended the Ball, which was held in the Bell Block Hall and most people seemed to be in fairly good spirits. The only complaints we heard were about the band, but the happiness of those who attended seemed to overcome these complaints.



Mr and Mrs Ray Upson.



Mr and Mrs Ron Phillips.



Roy and June Yearbury.

TIKI WAS SPLENDID

The childrens show 'Tiki and Things That Go Bump in the Night' was one of the few performances at the Bowl of Brooklands where the facilities and space available was used to its full capacity. Although the show was entirely mimed to pre-recorded music and speech, it is doubtful if any of the children who attended would have noticed this. The performance itself was quite delightful and certainly must rate as one of the best childrens shows we have ever seen. It is therefore all the more disappointing that so few took the opportunity to attend, even though the programme was staged on two nights.



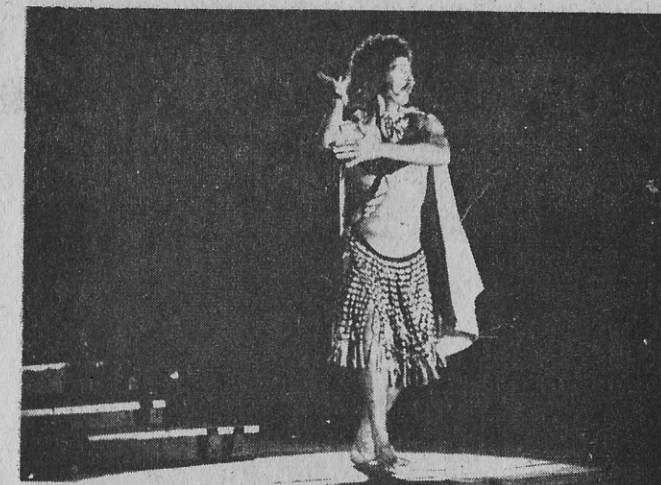
Tiki and Ethel escape the naughty tree spirits with a quick row across the lake by boat.



Ethel was a hit with the audience especially when she enticed them to join in vocally.



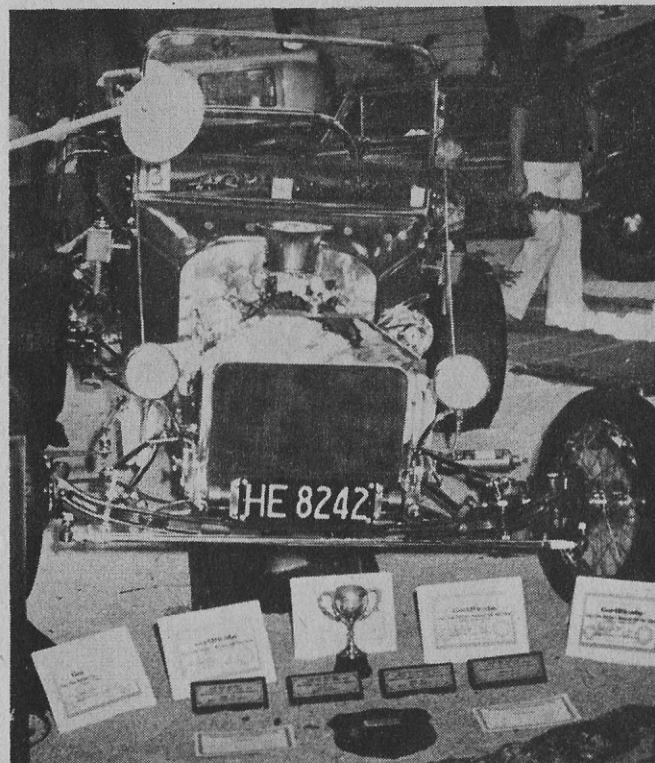
Tiki, Kiwi, Moa and others members of the cast, are mirrored with ghostly reflections in the Bowl's lake.



Central character in the panto. was Tiki. He becomes seperated from his mother and the panto tells of those he meets and the adventures he had on a long journey in search of her.



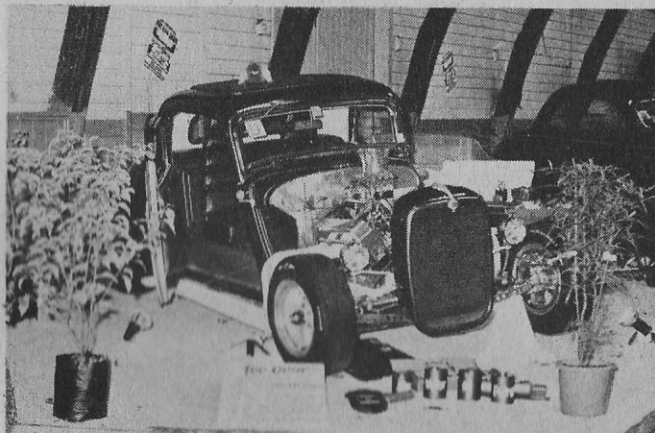
A shy Princess bows her head before Tiki's mother.



Shane Dumbell's (NP Rodders Inc) 23T Ford Pick-up.



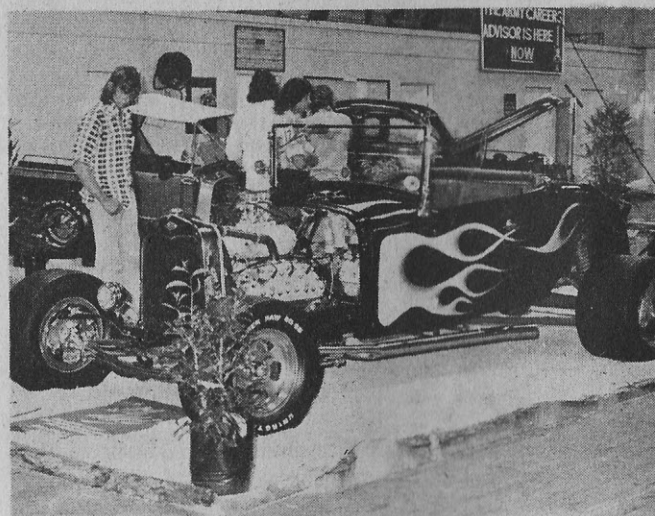
Terry Vaughan's (West Auckland Street Rods) 23T Ford is powered by a VW motor.



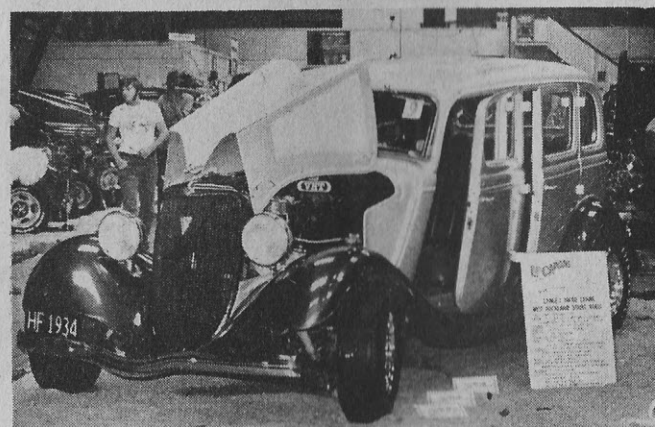
Craig Houston's (NP Rodders) 1933 Ford Coupe.

ROD SHOW

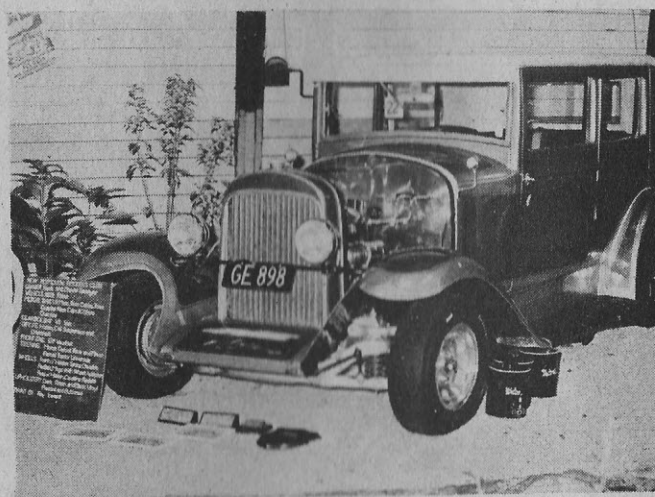
New Plymouth Rodders Inc., promoted their own Rod Show in the A & P Winter Show buildings last month. For the Rodders, it was a very rewarding experience for they received entries from many parts of the North Island, as far afield as Gisborne and Auckland.



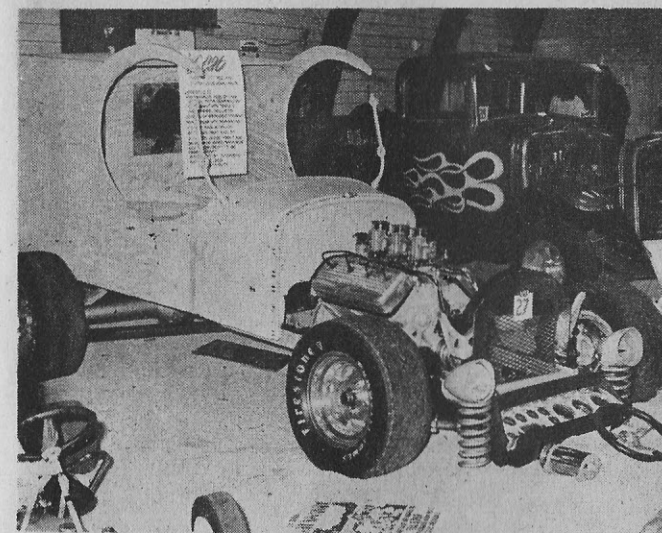
This 1930 Ford A Roadster is owned by G.R. Parks of Scenic City Rod and Custom Club.



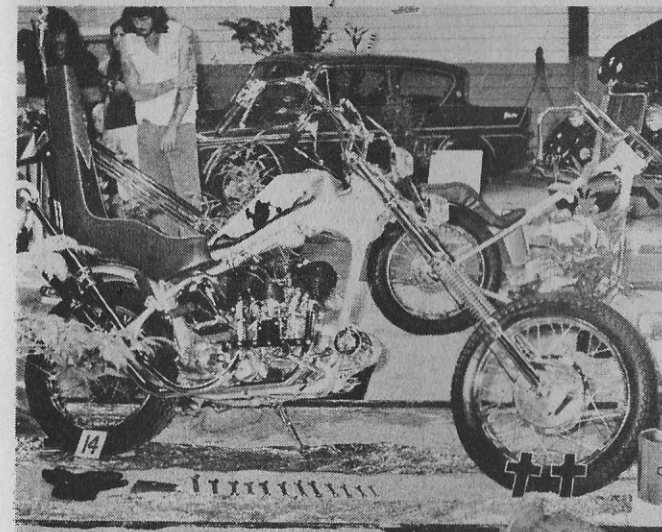
This "Mr Capone" was entered by Jackie Crane of West Auckland Street Rods.



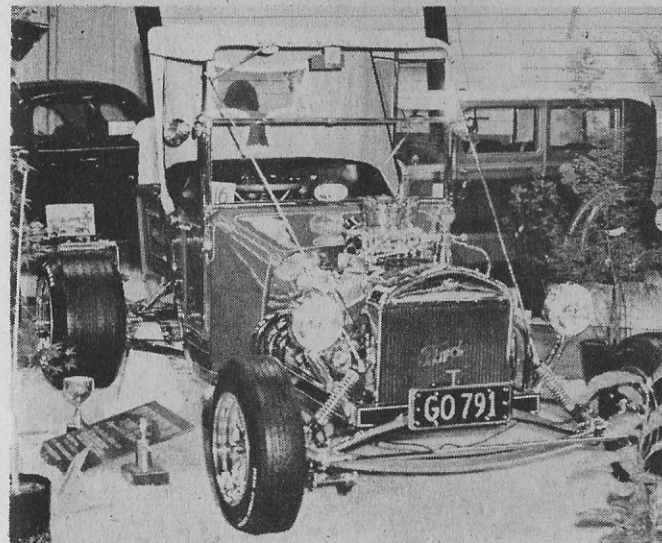
Ross Spranger of NP Rodders owns this 1929 Essex.



Dave Coxhead and K. McLeod of Scenic City Rod and Custom Club own this Dodge "C" Cab.



This was something really different. A 1942 Indian Chopper, owned by Neil Robinson of Scenic City Club.



Frank Pitcher of Surf City Rodders (Gisborne) brought over his 23T Ford.

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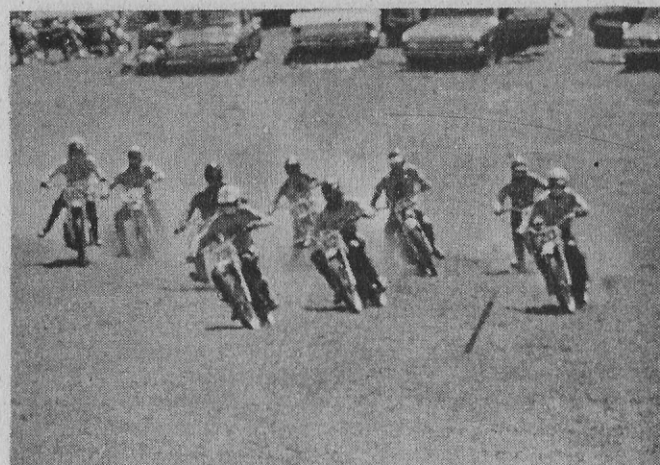
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The start of the course and riders move out.



Dennis Goodwin flies through the air with the greatest of ease and lands on his front wheel.



Steven Ward and Dennis Goodwin running almost neck and neck.

SCRAMBLES

Members of the North Taranaki Motorcycle Club staged a Scramble at Veale Road, just out of New Plymouth, last month. Proceeds from the event went to a local Kindergarten. A reasonable crowd attended the days events, showing that there is a considerable amount of interest in this area in the sport.



The pack of bikes follow a downhill course.



Well known rider, Reg Dixon was there too.



Keith Merewether lands, front wheel first.



Guy Merewether looks quite graceful as he is airborne.



Craig Siddall wheelstands his machine.



An anxious moment for G. Williams.



Craig Siddall takes his bike over some rough country.



Gary Soffe wheelstands as he crests a hill.



Visitors for the Celebration were Tom and Pat Hotter.



Jim and Pam Prince of New Plymouth.



Lew and Mrs Morgan of New Plymouth.



Mr and Mrs Tony Le Grove of Stratford.

ROTARY CELEBRATES

On February 10th, 1975 the New Plymouth Rotary Club was formed with an initial membership of 20. Fifty years later (last month to be precise) the club, now with a membership of 84, held a celebration to mark their first fifty years. The celebrations took the form of a dinner which was followed by a dance. Speeches were made to mark the occasion, and the celebrations were held in the New Plymouth War Memorial Hall.



Bill and Dawn Marshall. Bill is the President of the New Plymouth club.



Tom and Patricia French. Tom is Vice President of the New Plymouth club.



Claude and Joan Drury of Fitzroy.



Carol Norman and Lin Tempest of Fitzroy.



Roy and Joy Mulrooney of Fitzroy.



Russell and Jean Moller of New Plymouth.



Stuart and Mabel Hayton of New Plymouth.



Mr and Mrs Bruce McIntyre of New Plymouth.



Bert and Joy Tilley of New Plymouth.



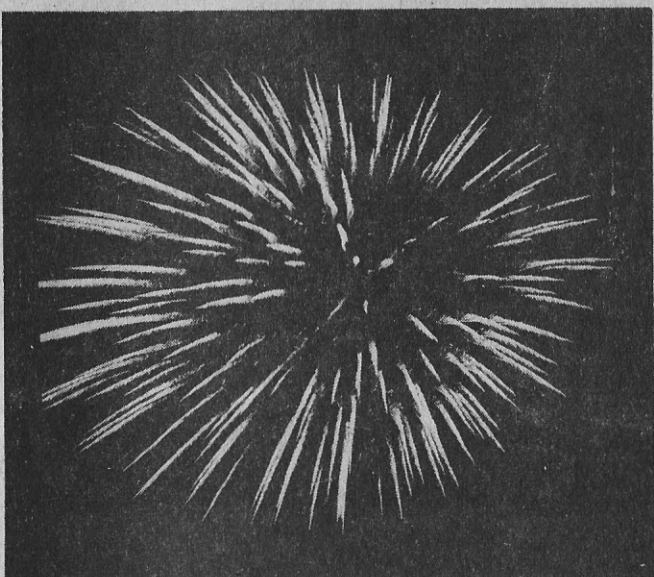
Mr and Mrs Ian Young of New Plymouth.



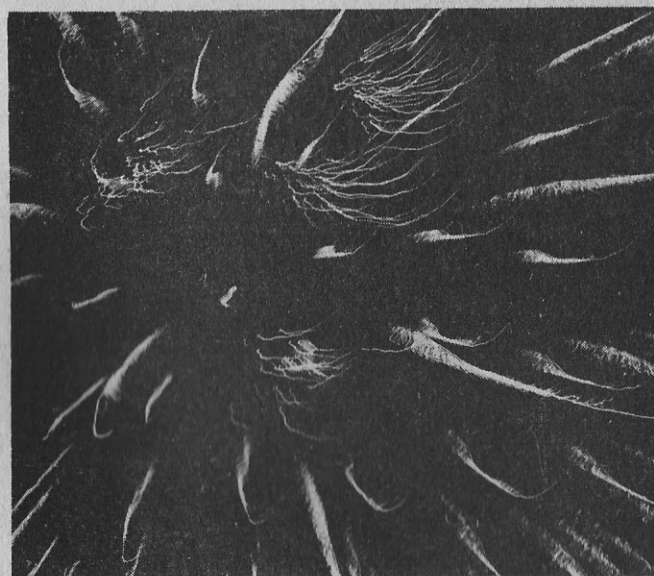
Esme Lind, Sheila and Nelson Firth of Fitzroy.



Members of the C & W Club opened the show.

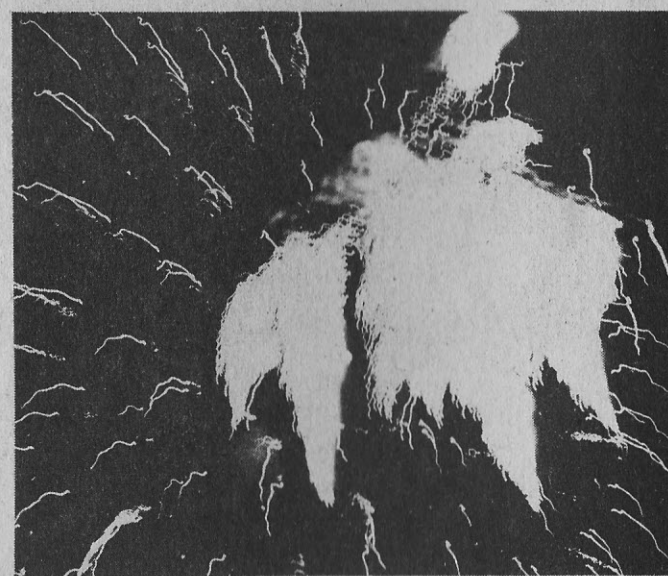
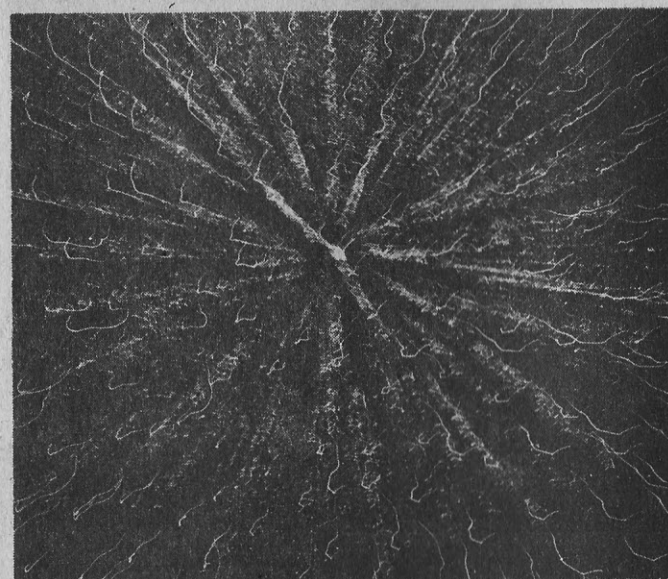


The display was both spectacular and colourful. Rockets were perhaps the most colourful but the ground area display was none the less dramatic.



FIREWORKS Display

The Fireworks Display at the Bowl of Brooklands has become an annual event. It is always a spectacular and colourful night and this year's display was just as exciting as past performances. Members of the Taranaki Country and Western Club opened the show with a short bracket of songs, then after interval the fireworks display commenced and lasted for about three quarters of an hour.



YFC Cabaret

Inglewood Young Farmer's Club held a Cabaret last month at the Mangorei Hall. The hall was literally packed, quite early in the evening and there were few who left to go home until the early hours. It all just goes to show that when country people have a night out, they really make the most of it.



Linda and Parker really enjoyed the evening.



Colin Gee and Dianne Elmes.



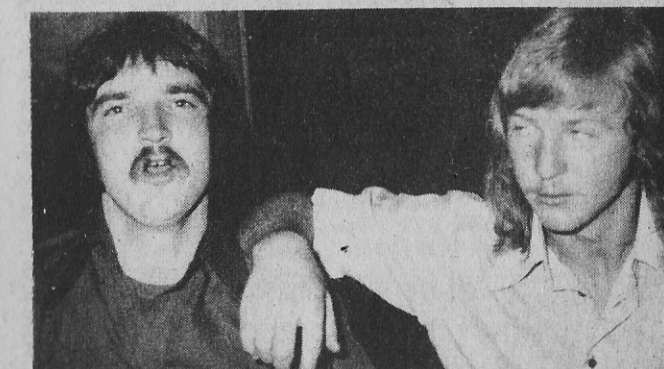
Ben Corney and Ann Gower.



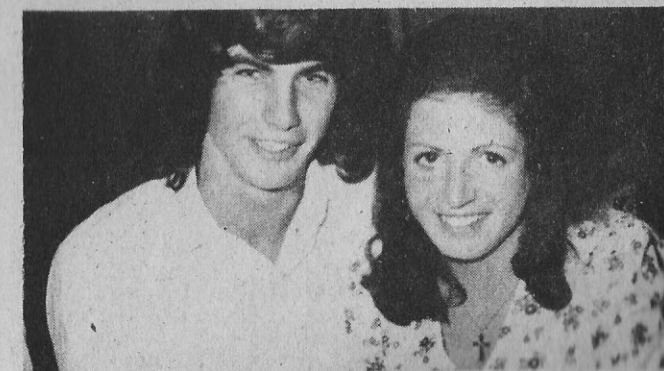
Mr and Mrs Baker had a ball.



Chris Smith and Marlene Gee.



Rodney Mischefski and Maurice Rumbal.



Bryan Fabish and Catherine Maltzig.



John Calvert and Pauline Mitchell.



Liz Jones and Graeme Richardson.

SOCIAL

Employees of Robert Stone who work in the Foundry Department held a small social in the Tasman Hotel early this month. While it was only a quite small social, it was very obviously a highly enjoyable night out for all concerned.



Mr and Mrs Brooking.



J. Archer and R. Old.



Vi and Eddie Milne.

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FIRE Fire completely gutted the Service Department of Gray and Inch Ltd., in Fitzroy. As can be seen from the pictures above and below, the damage was extensive and much valuable plant was destroyed along with two vehicles. It was fortunate in a way that the fire did not spread to other areas.



'Come Alive, New Zealanders'.....the theme of the Ministry of Recreation and Sports campaign for this year. The idea is to motivate people both young and old to get up and go.

It is true that people like to remain individuals and that a majority dislike attempts to organise them. Thus it would be fair to forecast that only a few will 'Come Alive'. There are, in the City of New Plymouth alone, many hundreds of clubs and organisations - some with flourishing membership, others barely functioning but there are outlets for most known activities.

A comprehensive list of contacts is held at the Public Relations Office and a special 'Leisure Line' will operate throughout March - longer if justified - to allow people who want to 'Come Alive' to seek advice and / or contacts. The number to ring is 88 - 803 between 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and on Saturday morning.

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"It wasn't a blue movie, it was in black and white."

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I'm becoming rather interested in the game of croquet. I had occasion to watch a number of games during both the Hawera and New Plymouth tournaments this year and found the action quite intriguing.

Croquet isn't wholly a women's game: in fact most of the country's top players now are men. The skill required to manipulate the croquet balls around the lawn and through hoops is considerable. In fact the game is essentially one of touch, judgement and angles. It reminds one of snooker and billiards.

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A NEW RESIDENT DROVE INTO PUKEKURA PARK LATE ONE AFTERNOON: CAME TIME TO LEAVE, ONLY TO FIND THE MAIN GATE SHUT AND LOCKED. THE NEWCOMER, WITH WIFE AND YOUNGSTER, HAD A TERRIBLE JOB FINDING THE HOLDER OF THE SPARE KEY - 'T' WAS A CASE OF SHUTTING THE DOOR BEFORE THE HORSE BOLTED.

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"I'M AFRAID YOUR DINNER WILL BE BURNED TONIGHT, DARLING," said wife to husband. "WHAT'S THE MATTER. DID THEY HAVE A FIRE AT THE DELICATESSEN?"



Mrs Marshall of Tauranga plays a slow careful shot.



A sharp quick shot is enough for this Whangarei player who is competing in the Singles.



Mrs Bremer plays in two clubs... Hawera and Parks.

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

The annual Croquet Tourney held in New Plymouth took place last month. Competitors from many parts of New Zealand took part in the Tournament which was held on several greens in the area and lasted for just over a week.



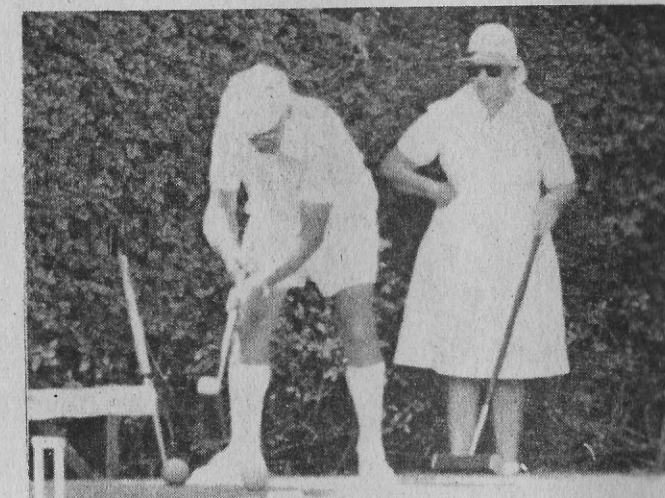
Mrs Boyce belongs to the South Taranaki Croquet Club.



Mrs E. Wood, a player in the Doubles event.



Mrs Bensley of New Plymouth send the ball close to the hoop.



Mr and Mrs Dyer of Whangarei. They were the only husband and wife team present.



Mrs Bremer of Hawera shows what its all about in this picture.

competition results

HERE ARE THE RESULTS OF LAST MONTHS "SEE THE STARS" Competition.

A double pass to the Harry Secombe Show plus a copy of a Harry Secombe LP goes to....

Valma Jean Knight, New Plymouth.
Karen Wells, Stratford.
Helen Harrison, Eltham.

A double pass to the Cilla Black Show plus a copy of a Cilla Black LP goes to....

Mrs Hanscombe, New Plymouth.
Mrs C. Anglesey, Okaiawa.
Mrs L. Humphreys, New Plymouth.

Consolation Prizes of a Cilla Black LP goes to....

Bernadette Aylward, Okato.
Jane Kennedy, New Plymouth.
Georgina Johns, New Plymouth.

We trust those of you who won prizes to the shows, enjoyed your night out and thank the many hundreds of you who entered this contest. Thanks also go to Christopher Cambridge Productions and EMI Records Ltd, for making this contest possible.



"Imperious had a reason for that smile, he won a lot of prizes - and thats no bull!"



D. Maxwell starts his chop.



A demonstration of 'The Jigger Chop' was given by Dan McPhillips and Doug McCardy.



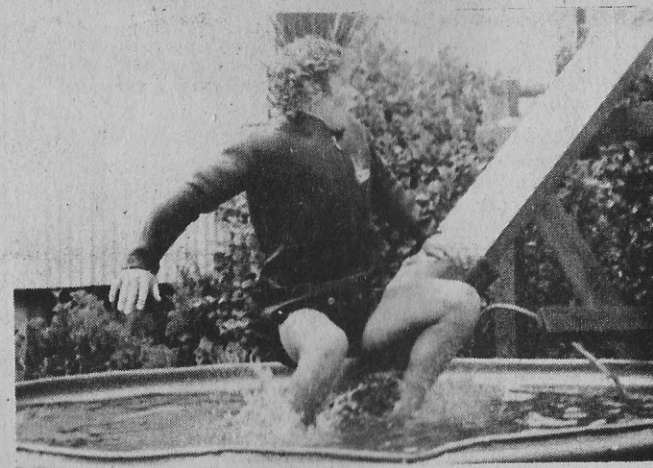
Jeff was the clown.....

A & P SHOW

It may have been miserable weather for this year's A & P Show at New Plymouth, last month, but this did not deter people from attending. In fact thousands came to enjoy the day, visit the many stalls, view new equipment and watch the many exhibitions of skill, livestock and produce.



Linda Kreger and Sharon Lilley entered the Highland Dancing and performed well.



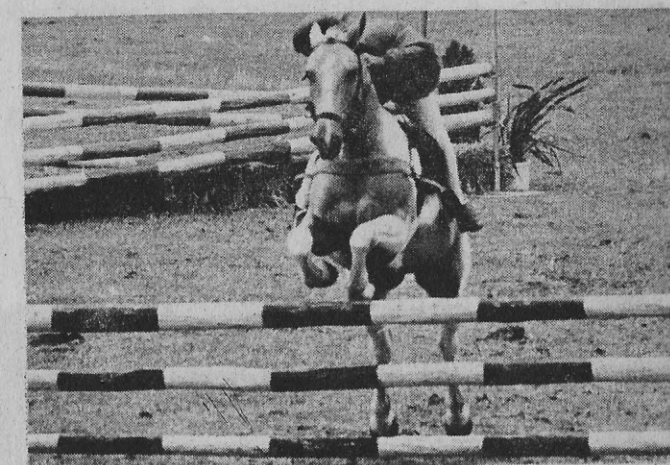
.....and he got drowned.



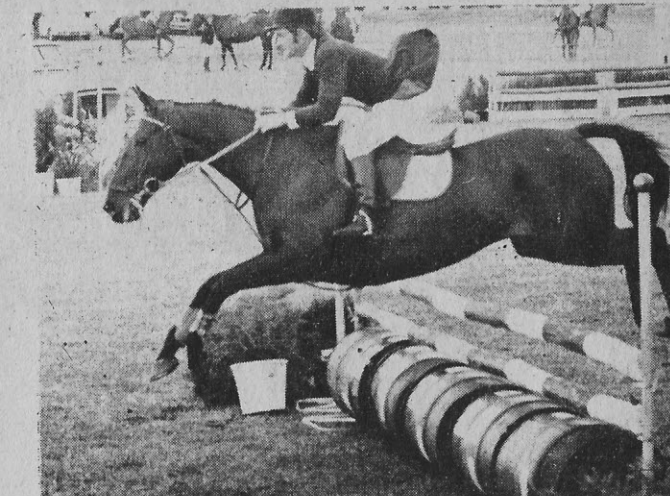
"Bette" performed very well in the trials. She is owned by Mr W.E. Forbes.



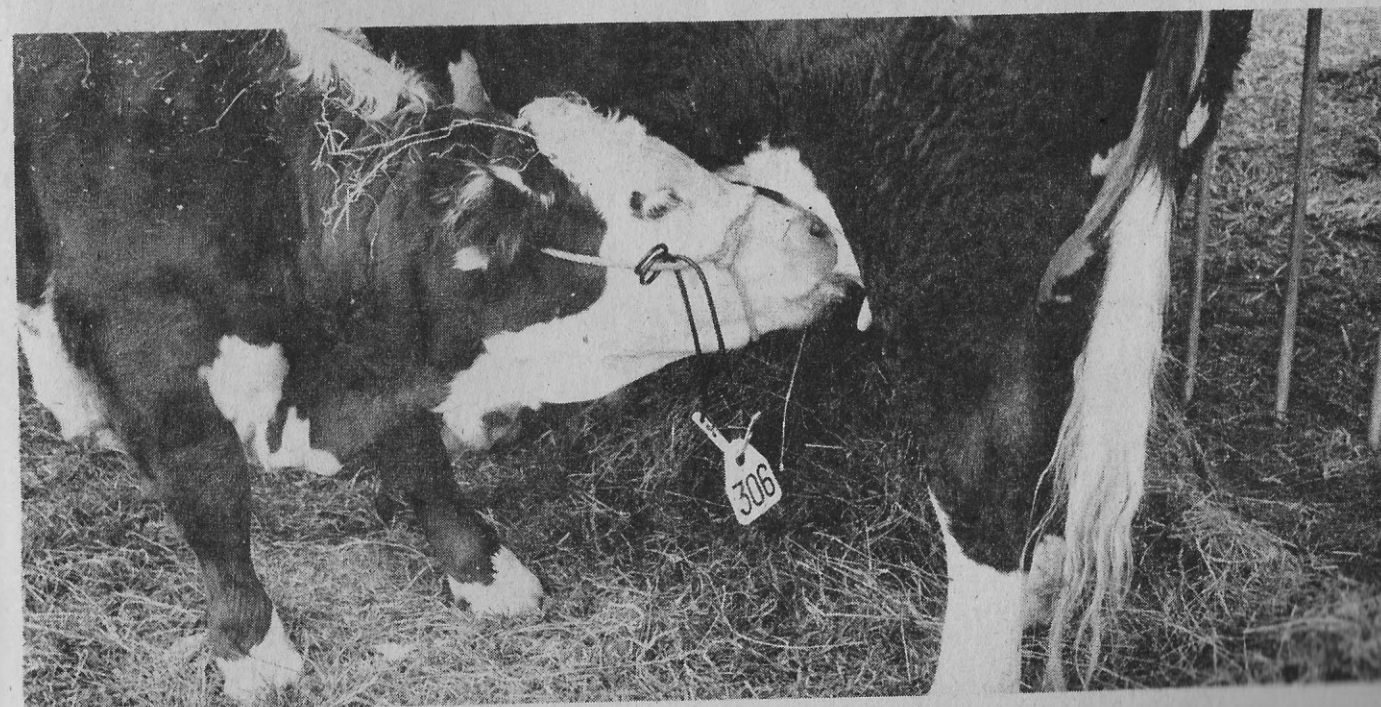
Peter Miles clears a hurdle on 'Goldfinger'.



Miss Holmes entered 'Tiger Bay' in the jumping.



P. Myers guides "Turpin" around the course.



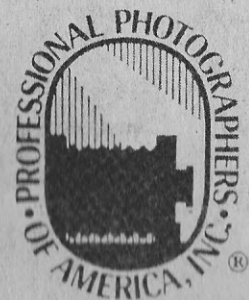
Even royalty needs sustenance and 'Cynthia the eighth' drinks her fill.

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Rifle Shoot

The Smallbore Rifle club held a Long Range shoot at the Rewa Rewa Range in New Plymouth last month. We went along and were quite fascinated with the equipment that riflemen use for the business of shooting. Like many hobbies, it certainly must prove to be quite expensive for these men were well equipped.



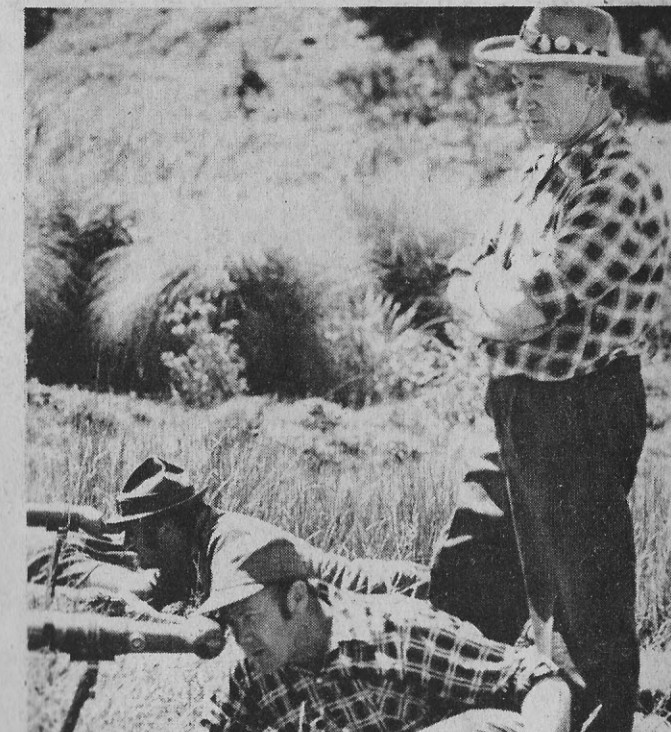
Peter Williamson shoots off a burst. He scored well too.



"Where the heck's that bloomin' noise comin' from".



Graham Gray put up a very creditable tally.



Alex Swanney watches while scores are checked.



Stuart Greentree keeps a close watch on things through this rangefinder.



Bob Benteen prepares himself for his shoot.

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train leaves tracks

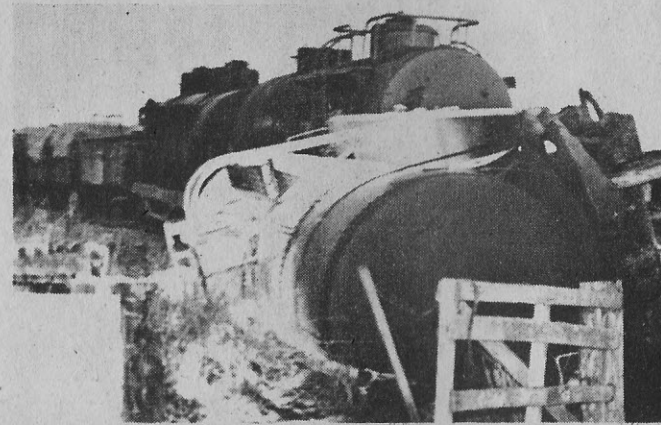
The recent derailment at Normanby could have been a major disaster if it hadn't been for the smooth and efficient operation carried out by the Hawera Fire Brigade and Police. The derailment just north of Normanby Station occurred at 3-20am. When the Fire Brigade arrived, the potential danger presented by an overturned petrol tanker spilling its load of 7,000 gallons of premium grade petrol was considerable. The immediate problem was to right the tanker without igniting the fuel.



A general scene of the derailment looking south towards the Normanby Rail Station.



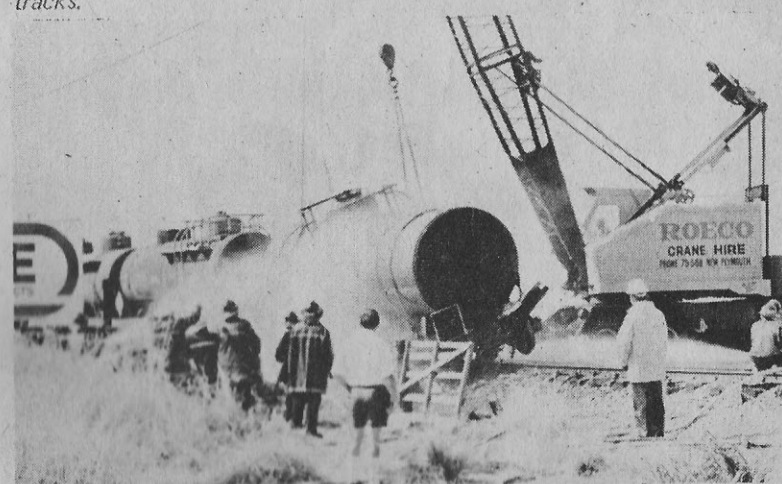
Upon impact, goods spilled out of the wagons alongside the tracks.



The overturned tanker covered with foam.



A difficult problem. Petrol continues to leak from the overturned tanker.



A crane was called in to lift the tanker back onto the track. As the lift goes on, firemen keep up a steady stream onto the tanker.



One of the tricky jobs involved with the clean up - workmen carry away a box of high explosives which were carried by the train.

jubilee

South Taranaki Womens Division of Federated Farmers held their 50th Anniversary recently in Hawera. Part of the festivities included a parade of various styles and trends of fashion throughout the years.



The Hooper Plaque was presented to Mrs Nan Laurence by Mrs Hooper.



South Taranaki President of WDF, Mrs A. Hooper, presented a cheque for \$2,572 to the organisations Dominion Vice-President, Mrs Val Tarrant at the Jubilee. The money will go towards leptospirosis research.



Pictured during the parade of fashion styles are... Left, Jan Bergisson, Centre "The Charleston Era", and Right, Jan Burgess on joins Justina Sweetapple for a Hula display.



Later on came "The Can Can" and.....



....."Flappers".



Taranaki may have lost the Christie Cup to Hawkes Bay, but the local side gave Hawkes Bay a hard time during the play. Hawkes Bay won 14 matches to 10 when the teams met at Hawera. Pictured above is the Taranaki Representative Tennis team which met Hawkes Bay at Hawera.



Mark Johnston of Hawera won two titles at the Hawera Park Bowling Club recently. Mark, who has only been playing for three seasons won the club singles (third year in a row) and the Senior singles.



Hawera's King Edward Park Pool has been a very popular place for the young fry over the past few months. With the advent of warm weather, kids in their hundreds have been attracted to the water. Pictured by one of the fountains are Tina Rolls, Howard Rolls, Erica Graamans and Stuart Rolls.

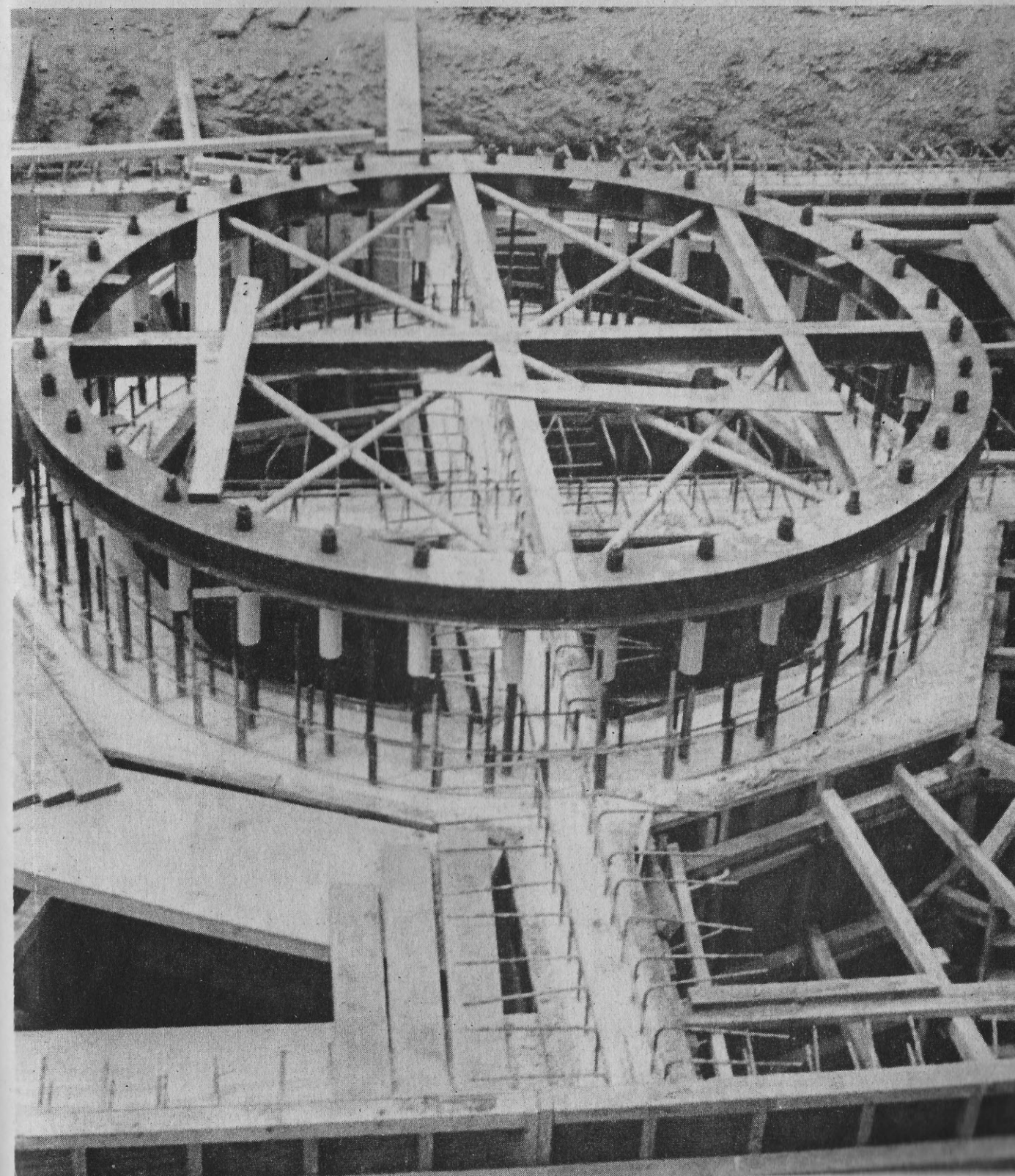


101st... Mrs E.M. Woolliams, recently celebrated her 101st birthday. Friends and family gathered with her as she cut the traditional birthday cake.

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new tower

By the time this magazine hits the newstands, this new tower at the Kapuni Gas Plant will be nearly completed. Pictured below are the foundations for the new regenerator tower which is due for completion at the end of March. The towers are used in the carbon dioxide removal process of the gas treatment, and the towers are designed on a honey-combed structured base which is designed to give extra strength to the construction.



signed for fun

There's a farmer down Puniho way who is very handy with a paint brush and who decided to brighten up his hayshed a bit. The shed roof is now decorated with sketches and the title "Honeymoon Lodge Love Nest". One sign says "Cot Wanted" while others are titled "Brat" and "Pot". The shed is easily seen from the main road south between New Plymouth and Opunake and is close to the Puniho Road turn-off and Jensen's Store.



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honored

The Rahotu Branch of W.D.F.F. recently honoured six of its members. The ceremony took place at the homestead of Mr and Mrs Washer (Mrs Washer is the Branch President). Five members were presented with the Honours Bar and one member received a Life Membership.



Members who received the Honours Bar were (from left), Mesdames A. Gibson, Betty Billing, Madge Jarman, Alma Stokes and Miss Winnie Weaver.



Mrs Linda Berrett receives her Life Member Badge from President, Mrs Washer.

Swimming Carnival

The Highlands Swimming Club held an Open Carnival at the end of February. A fairly large number of entries were received in most events and the day was made quite pleasant by warm sunshine which was all the more enjoyable as it followed a rather unsettled period of weather.



E. Ferris competes in the Over 13 backstroke.



Mothers of competitors, Pat Taunga and Joan Sole.



L. Barry slices through the water in the Over 13 backstroke



Hine Parata did quite well in the Over 13 freestyle event.

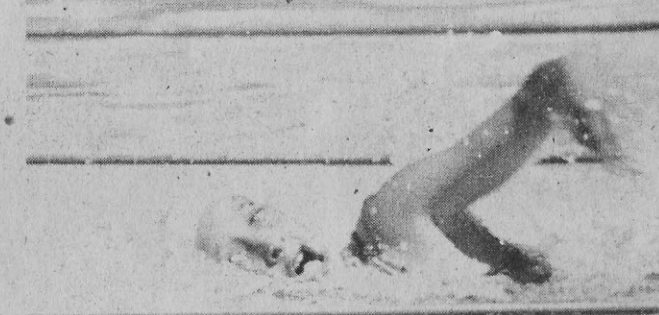
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Raewyn Kenny won the Under 13 Freestyle event

RECENT WEDDINGS



WETTON-LUCAS.....At the Presbyterian Church, Waitara, Christine Gayle, daughter of Mr and the Late Mrs A.S. Lucas of Waitara, to Gavin John, son of Mr & Mrs J.A. Wetton of Bell Block. The attendants were Erica Heppell of Waitara, Janine Yardley, also of Waitara, Graeme Wetton of Bell Block and Pat Kershaw of Waitara. The couple will live in Waitara.



HOUSTON-PEPPERELL.....At Whitely Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Rhonda, daughter of Mr & Mrs E.L. Pepperell of Auckland, to Craig, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Houston of New Plymouth. The attendants were Deborah Pepperell of Auckland and Alister Wells of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home in New Plymouth. (Fitzroy Studios)



PROFFIT-AUSTIN.....At the Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Lynette Ann, daughter of Mr & Mrs N. Austin of Bell Block, to Jeffery Clive, son of Mr & Mrs C. Proffit of Huinga. The attendants were Joy Stallard and Judith Pree of Stratford, Janet Klenner and Judy Dodunski of Inglewood, Brian Stallard of Stratford and Colin Foley and Trevor Proffit both of Huinga. The couple will live at Huinga.



SMITH-WHEELER.....At St Josephs Church, New Plymouth, Carmel Marie, daughter of Mr & Mrs L.F. Wheeler of New Plymouth, to David Gregory, son of Mr and Mrs L.A. Smith also of New Plymouth. The attendants were Helen Jackson, Mary Wheeler, Peter Jackson and David McGiven, all of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home in New Plymouth. (Fitzroy Studios)

Children's Corner

With Grace.



Dot to Dot.



RIDDLES

- Question — Why is the letter E lazy?
Answer — Because it is always found in bed.
- Question — What tree never bears leaves?
Answer — A Shoe-tree.
- Question — If an elephant had measles, what would a rabbit have?
Answer — Long ears.
- Question — Which fish carries a weapon?
Answer — A Swordfish.
- Question — What is a bull called when he is sleeping?
Answer — A Bull-dozer.
- Question — If two is company and three is a crowd, what is four and five?
Answer — Nine.
- Question — When is a car not a car?
Answer — When it turns into a Garage.



PEACE

One of the things about living in the country is the peace and serenity to be found. The scene pictured is typical of this serenity and was taken at Awakino. Fishing is one of the favourite forms of relaxation for local residents and in this picture we see a youngster in pursuit of this ageless relaxation.

