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ABOUT THE COVER

Garden City, Paradise Playground, Scenic City whatever the title one likes to confer on New Plymouth, there's no denying its natural charm and rich beauty.

By publishing on our cover this month a picture of Mr Alec Purdie's begonia house at Fitzroy, "Photo News" takes an opportunity of paying a tribute to one of many residents who, quietly and unobtrusively, are enhancing that natural beauty, and helping to spread word of the city's attractions abroad.

For further begonia pix, see pages 38,39.

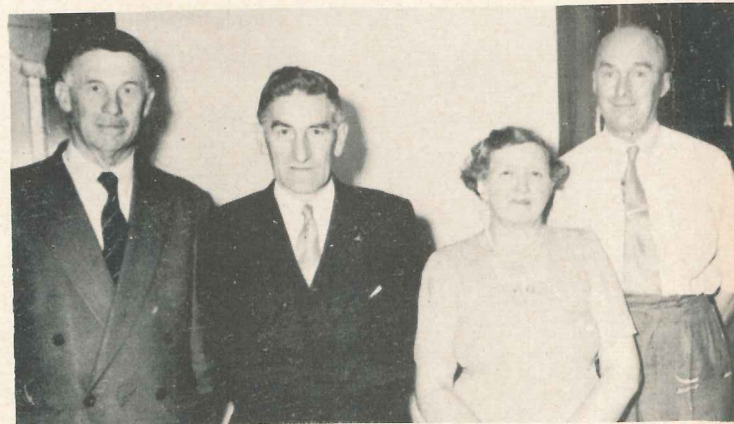
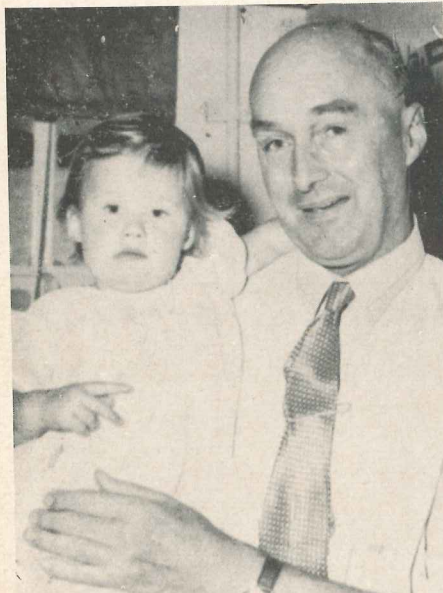
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Left:- Mr L.C.Simmonds, pictured with his grand-daughter, has retired from the position of Postmaster at Waitara after 42 years in the Post & Telegraph Department. He was appointed to the Waitara post in 1953.

With him in the group above are Mr G.J.Howard, Chief Postmaster, New Plymouth; Mr W.R.Yardley, Mayor of Waitara; and Mrs Simmonds.



Left: This fisherman at Port Taranaki really intended the bait for an unsuspecting fish, but he didn't mind sharing some of it with a hungry dog.

Below: Mr Wilfred Richardson, Powderham St., who has retired from the employ of McLeod & Slade, Ltd., after more than 50 years' service. He plans to leave soon for Britain.

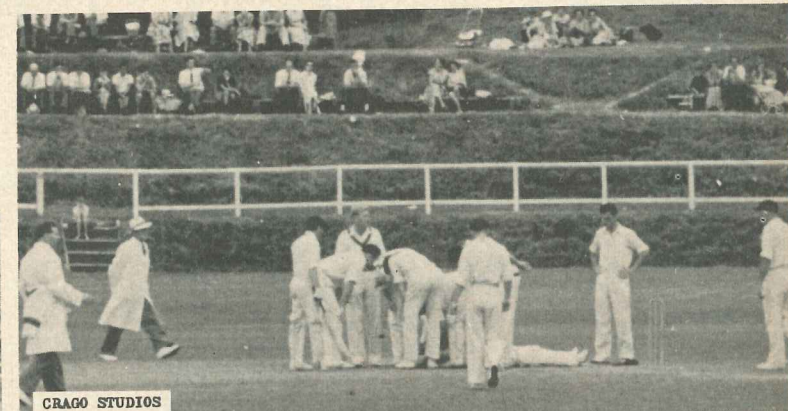


The captains: Harry Cave (C.D.) and Neil Harvey (Australia).

Right: Central Districts opening batsman J.Guy slumped to the ground in second innings when ball rose sharply from bat and struck him on face. But after a spell he returned to the wicket and batted well.



J. Guy



CRAGO STUDIOS



Autograph-hunters "ambush" Aussie manager Mr J.Norton

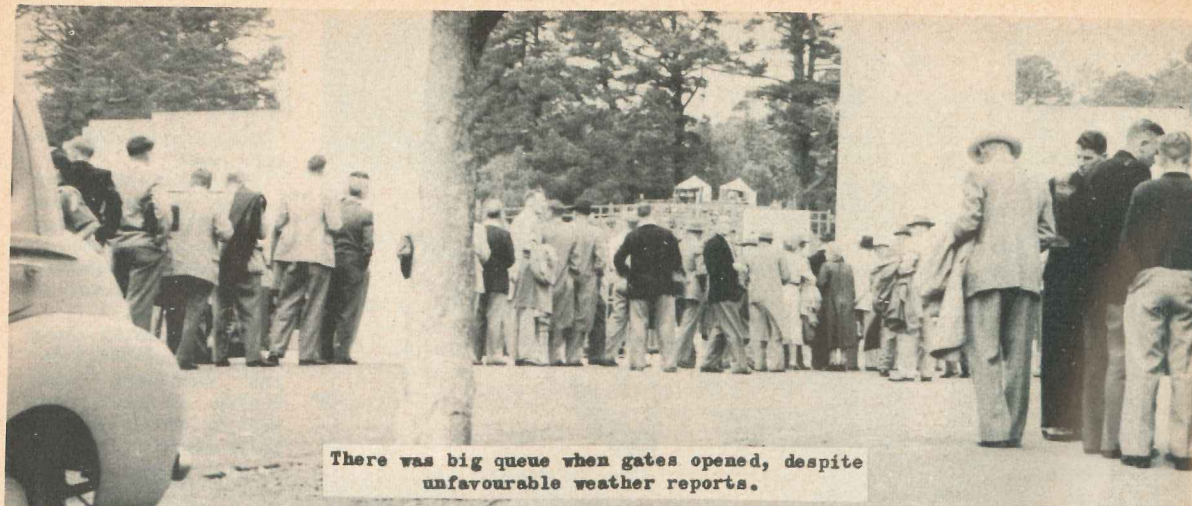
THE AUSSIES IN NEW PLYMOUTH

Who said cricket's a dull game?

It's been said often enough, of course, but certainly not after the touring Australians' match against Central Districts at Pukekura Park.

It was a match long to be remembered: For the thrilling six-making of Beard, the bowling of Benaud, the knife-sharp fielding of both teams, and for dozens of other side-lights and highlights which kept Taranaki cricket-lovers happy from start to end of the match.

And it was one of the biggest boosts ever for Taranaki cricket.



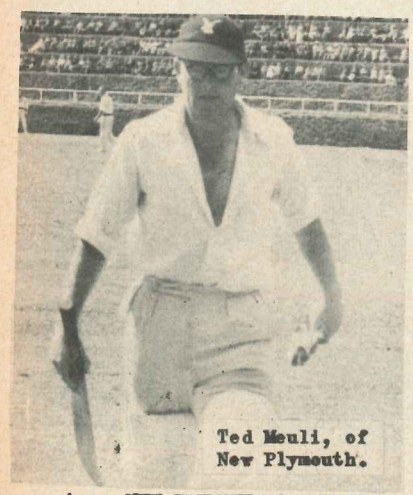
There was big queue when gates opened, despite unfavourable weather reports.



Spectators absorbed by the play



Right: D.Beard earned tumultuous applause from crowd for his dashing attack on the Australian bowling. He scored 57 runs in as many minutes in the first innings.



Ted Meuli, of New Plymouth.



Groundsmen tended loving care on the wicket



CRAIG STUDIOS

Above:- The Australian and Central Districts teams photographed together outside the pavilion. They are: Standing, Mr D.McLeod, (C.D. manager) J.Marriott (C.D.), J.Guy (C.D.), N.O'Neill, N.Harvey, R.Benaud, I.Meekiff, W.Watson, P.Berge, B.Jarman, J.Martin, R.Gaunt, L.Kline, J.Drennan, R.Simpson, Mr J.Norton (Australian manager), H.B.Cave (C.D.); kneeling (all Central Districts), E.Meuli, N.Harford, D.Bowden, I.Colquhoun, D.Beard, R.Brown, G.Buist, D.Tarrant, and K.Smith.
Below:- A section of the big Saturday crowd on the south bank.





Wedding Bells

Left:- SINCLAIR-BROOM-FIELD: At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Dawn Isobel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.Broomfield, Tarurutangi, to Lawrence, youngest son of Mrs & the late Mr T. Sinclair, Fitzroy.

The bridesmaids were Misses Valerie Shirtcliffe (Hawera) & Melba Hancock (Lepperton).

Mr Eric Stanford was best man and Mr Don Murphy was groomsman.

Future home: New Plymouth.

SEND A
FRIEND A
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Right:- KEIJZER-REED. At Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth, Yvonne Adrienne, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs K.N.Reed, Plympton Street, New Plymouth, to Bert, elder son of Mr & Mrs J. Keijzer, Pungarehu.

Future home: Hawera.

Below:- SMEATON-HALE. At Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Dawn Lucy, only daughter of Mr & Mrs Les Hale, Mangorei Road, New Plymouth, to Wallace Graham, youngest son of Mrs & the late Mr J.McL.G.Smeaton, Bell Block.

Future home: New Plymouth.



Mr D.G.Stark chats
to Captain Phipps



CRAIG STUDIOS

Cocktail Party

The visit of the cruiser H.M. N.Z.S. Royalist to port Taranaki meant a happy reunion for Mr H.J.Colbert, accountant of the National Bank, New Plymouth.

Twenty years ago he and the commanding officer of Royalist, Captain Peter Phipps, D.S.C. & Bar, V.R.D., were bank clerks together in Wellington. Captain Phipps left the bank for the Navy shortly before the outbreak of war.

Mr & Mrs Colbert are pictured with Captain Phipps, above right, at a cocktail party aboard the ship.



Dr & Mrs R.N.Wallis
with ship's surgeon



SCHOOL SPORTS AT WAITARA

Conditions were ideal for the Waitara Central School's annual sports meeting. The sun was shining brightly, there was only a whisper of a breeze ... just the right day for Dad to leave the lawn mower and relax.

But with young thirsts to be quenched, helpers in the soft-drinks stall had little time to rest. Pictured left are Mrs Brown & Mrs Wright.

Right: Mr and Mrs R. Todd.



P. CLIFFORD ALLEN



It's no use closing the gate. Dante would still follow you.



Miska plunges in to hold "criminal" by the arm. Dogs were not frightened off by stick or blank cartridges.

BAD NEWS FOR CRIMINALS

Criminals with respect for their own safety will shy well clear of two wonder-dogs seen at action in Pukekura Park, New Plymouth, the other day.

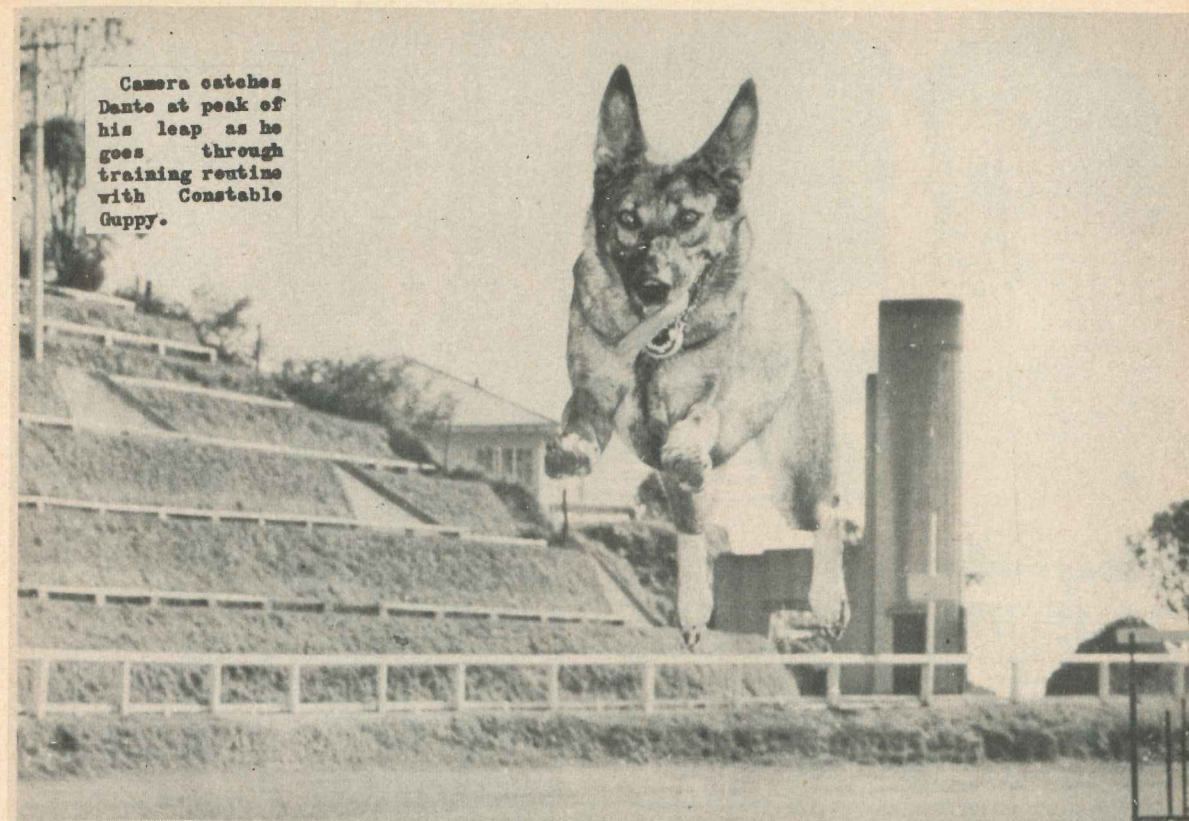
Both police dogs, Miska and Dante proved to all who saw the display that any tangle between a criminal and one of these "canine cops" is likely to be most unhealthy for the man.

Sergeant F. Reilly, formerly of Surrey, put the dogs through their paces, and Constable C. Guppy, Upper Hut, acted as "guinea pig" in the manhunt sequences.



Spectators were absorbed by training methods.

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Camera catches Dante at peak of his leap as he goes through training routine with Constable Guppy.



Over the hurdles

Dogs are trained not to savage fugitive, merely to hold him by the arm. If he ceases all efforts to escape, dog will release the grip, but stays close at hand in case the criminal, unwisely, makes a second bid for freedom.



Ready for action.



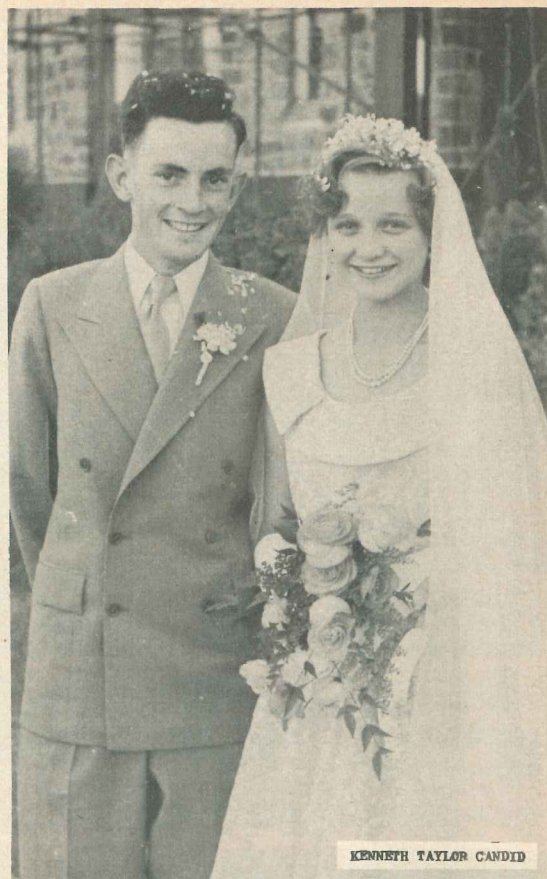
Wedding Bells

Above:- **HILL-VICKERS:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Nela Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs C.C. Vickers, Upper Barrett Rd., to Robert William, eldest son of Mr & Mrs R.S. Hill, Mangorei Rd.

The attendants (pictured below) were: Chief bridesmaid, Miss Merle Harrison; bridesmaids, Misses Doris Vickers & Loris Hill; best man, Mr David Julian; groomsmen, Messrs Noel Twidell & Ron Vickers.

Future home: New Plymouth.

Right:- **MCLEOD-SNOWDEN:** At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Sheila, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Snowden, to Norman, son of Mr & Mrs W. McLeod, Coronation Avenue. Future home: Waitara.



Rolling Camera

Left: The school dance season opened again recently when Central House of New Plymouth Boys' High School organised a dance in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall.

Musicians among the boys have formed a band, provide their own music.

Below: A group of girls photographed at the dance.

Below: First girl home in Flanagan Cup harbour race this year was Miss Judith Harvey, of Old Boys Swimming Club.

She is a sister of John Harvey, who won the cup.

Always a popular event, the race drew a particularly large crowd to the fore-shore this year.



Right: "Dig this, man!" little Alison Arms seems to be saying as she goes to town on baby grand. She is daughter of Mr and Mrs Alec Arms, of Waitara.





N. Wolfe (N.P.) heads off N. Harris (N.P.) in final of intermediate 100yds

FINE PERFORMANCES AT SCHOOL SPORTS

Taranaki's secondary school athletes were in top form when they gathered at Victoria Park, Stratford, for the annual championships.

No fewer than 17 records were broken, & another was equalled, despite a stiff, unfavourable breeze.

Nine schools, including the new Inglewood District High School, were represented.

An impressive march past before the events gave the meeting an Olympic atmosphere which was in keeping with the quality of the performances.

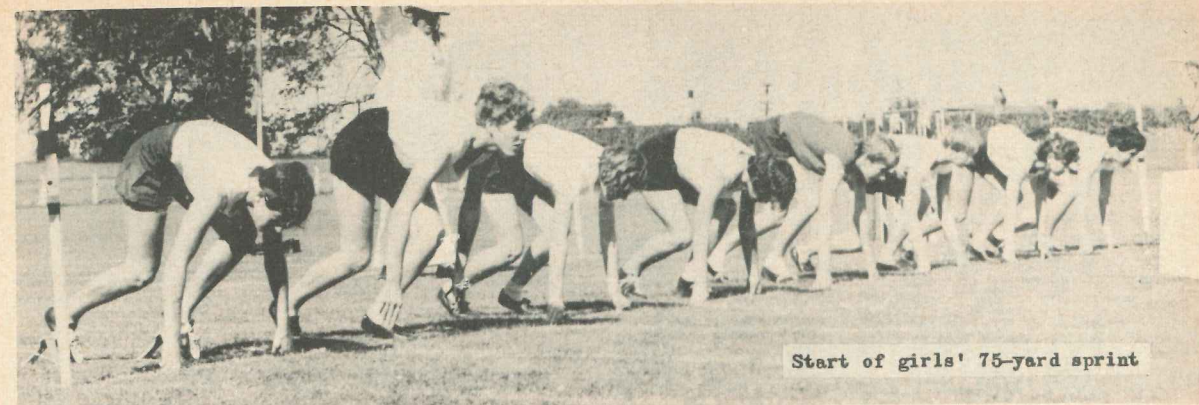


High jump was close tussle.

Below:-L. Penn congratulates R. Johns on winning senior 100yds. Johns also won the 120yds hurdles and the broad jump. Penn, runner-up in 100yds, later won 220yds in record time. Both are from New Plymouth Boys' High.



B. Penny (N.P.) was second in shot put



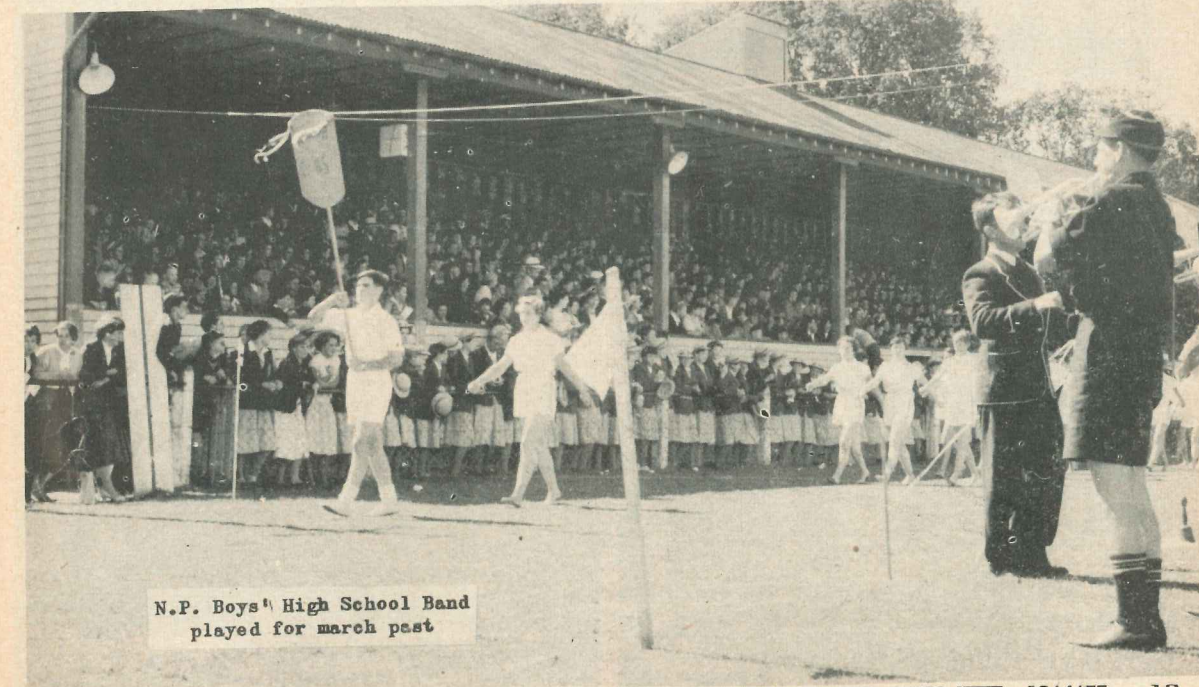
Start of girls' 75-yard sprint



Mr A.W. White, manager of the meeting.



Host team, Stratford



N.P. Boys' High School Band played for march past



Waitara



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N.P. Girls' High



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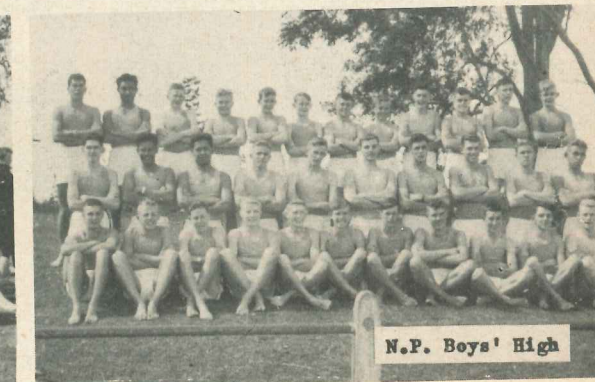
St. Mary's



Inglewood



Hawera



N.P. Boys' High



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS

Married

Left:- **SAYWELL-NEAL:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Hazel Nilma, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs D.A. H.Neal, Frankley Road, to Raymond Frederick, eldest son of Mr Tom Saywell, Waitara.

The attendants were: Miss Pat Bristo, chief bridesmaid; Miss Avis Saywell; Miss Maelene Elaine; Mr Leo Neal, best man; and Mr Leslie Frost.

The couple will make their future home at Oakura.

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EVERY
FOURTH THURSDAY



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS

Left:- **LAWSON-MORGAN:** At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Ailsa Daws, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs W.H.Morgan, Lynmouth, to Trevor Desmond, son of Mr T.Lawson, Papatotote, Future home: Waipu.

Below:- **DAY-BEER:** At Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth, Nola Andrey, youngest daughter of Mrs & the late Mr G.M.Beer, 44 Bracken St., to William, son of Mr & Mrs Tom Day, Manaia. Future home: Haveria.



HENRY Mc GEE

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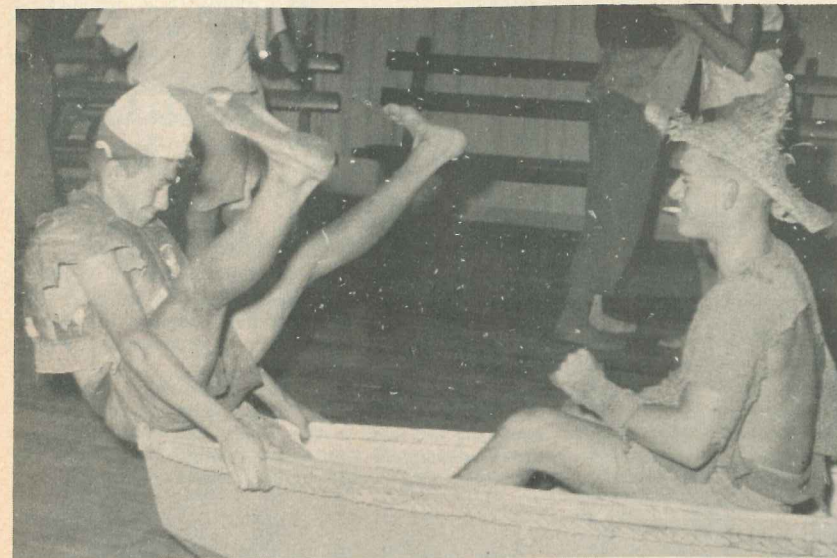
SHIPWRECKED—

The dishevelled but merry-looking group in the picture right are members and friends of the New Plymouth Yacht Club.

But the reason for their rather tattered state was not the tornado. They were attending the club's shipwreck dance, and went along dressed to suit the occasion.

Below: Brian Thomas is about to become marooned.

Pictures by Crago.



Mr and Mrs
Eric Stead



Mr and Mrs
Jock Flett

—AND HARD UP

Determined not to be outdone by the "yachties", members of the Aero Club staged an hilarious show of their own — a "hard up" dance.

Garbed in anything but their Sunday best, members gave a good exhibition of what the best-dressed man is not wearing this season.

Below: Originality won Mrs Dave Avery the prize for best costume.

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Future home: New Plymouth.



KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS

Right:— PRENTICE-SMART: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Cushla Lyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.L. Smart, Somerset St., to Terence Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Prentice, Lorna Street.

Future home: New Plymouth.



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS

Roving Camera

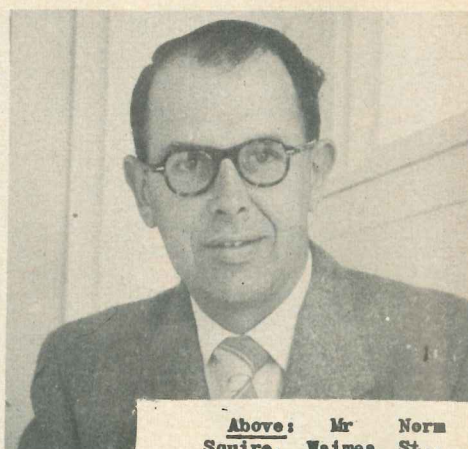
Right: Young women pictured here modelling smart gowns took part in a mannequin parade as part of the New Plymouth Kennel Club's fund-raising canine carnival.

Below: Reconstruction of the premises of Thomas Avery and Sons, Ltd., has created a lot of interest in Devon Street. Clever building procedure has enabled the store to remain open throughout the project.

The building was damaged by fire last year.



CRAIG STUDIOS



Above: Mr. Norm Squire, Waimea St., who has left New Plymouth after 22 years as a photographer in the city to take up an executive position in Auckland with Agfa (N.Z.) Ltd.

He was a member of the vestry of the West New Plymouth Anglican Church, a West End bowler, and a committee member of the Westown Home and School Assn.

Left: Mrs. M. Graham, Taranaki women's bowling champion, about to leave for N.Z. championships. With her are Mrs. A. Feek, Mr. Graham, Mrs. R.J. Brokenshire, and Mrs. D. Clouston.



Tornado!

A tornado which swept across western New Plymouth in a 30yd path last month brought destruction and terror to the city.

But from the wreckage rose a fine community spirit which will be remembered as long as the tornado itself.

Even before the rising sun had given a clear picture of the devastation, the huge task of restoring order was well underway.

Amateur carpenters rubbed shoulders with tradesmen as hammers and saws were put to work.

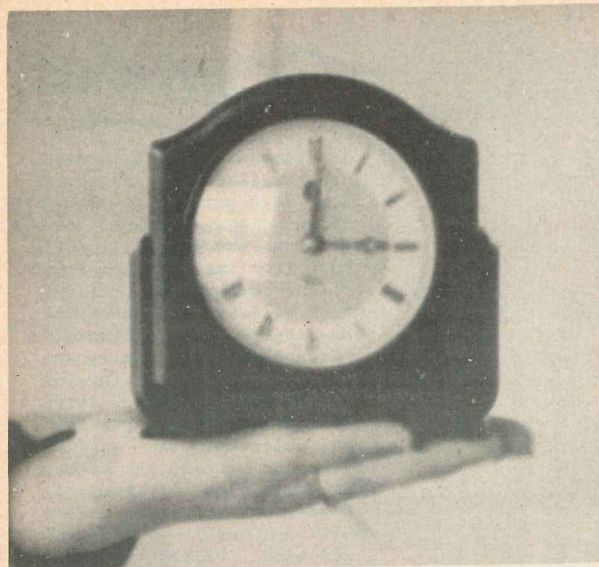
Victims of the tornado were remarkably cheerful as they assessed their losses, hammered a nail into place, or handed a cup of tea to a toiling helper.



Launch Penguin broke adrift, was salvaged undamaged.



Corrugated iron, timber, were scattered over properties at Ngamotu Beach. House in foreground was almost completely de-roofed. Picture was taken by "Photo News" a few hours after tornado struck.



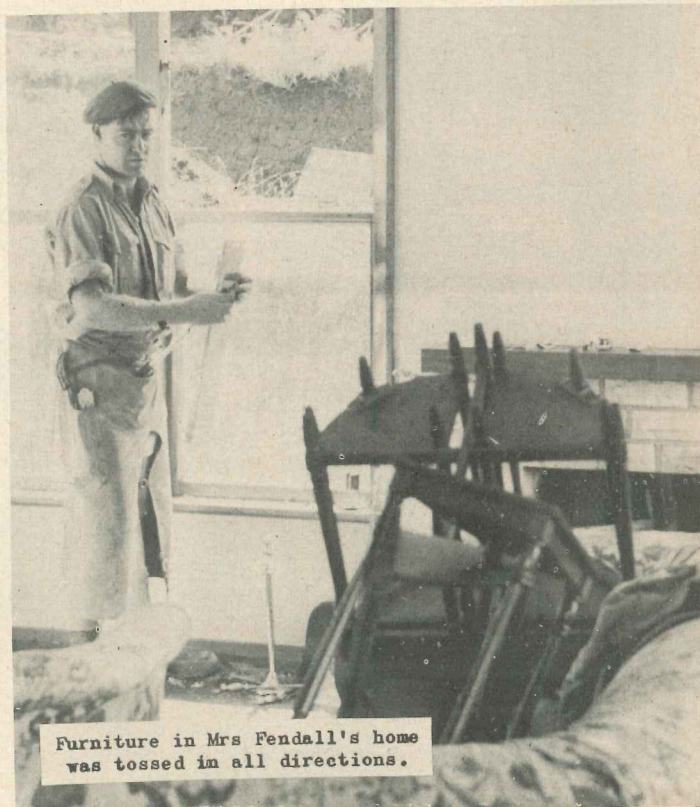
Early estimates placed the total damage at £50,000, but it may have exceeded that by many thousands of pounds.

Above:- Mr & Mrs R.S. Fendall's home in Havlock Place was one of the worst affected. Electric clock in their kitchen pinpointed the exact time when the tornado struck.

Right: Mrs Fendall manages a smile as she is photographed with battered lampstand.



Ngamotu resident helps with repair of roof.



Furniture in Mrs Fendall's home was tossed in all directions.



Yacht club lounge was torn to shreds



Yacht club secretary Derek Woodhead surveys the damage.



Some of the wreckage from yacht club building



Corrugated iron piled up against trees by force of tornado



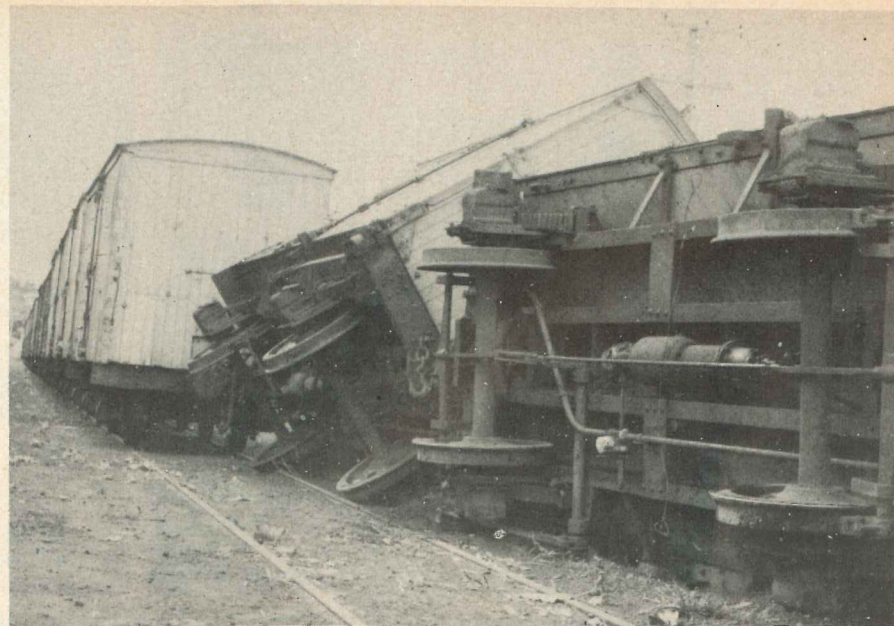
Brian Thomas climbs to tree to retrieve sheet of iron.

These refrigerated railway wagons, tossed off the line near the Pioneer Road crossing, illustrate graphically the force with which the tornado swept up from Ngamotu Beach.

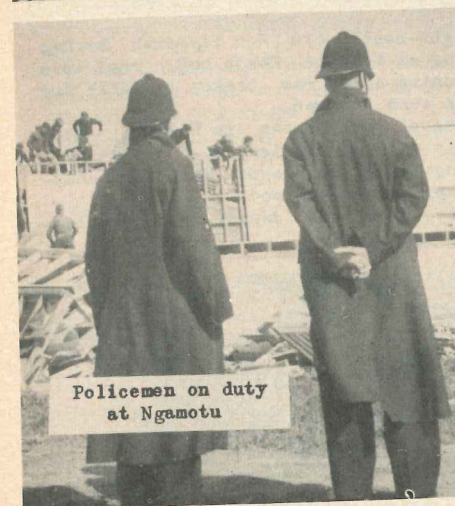
A bus shelter at the same crossing was smashed and the wreckage hurled on to the track.

From Breakwater Road, the street running parallel with the rail tracks, the tornado leap-frogged to Have-lock Place, then to the Wallath Road area of Westown.

Below: This house was the hardest hit in the Ngamotu Beach area. Sheets of iron were blown hundreds of yards.



Red Cross provided welcome tea for volunteer workers on yacht club building.



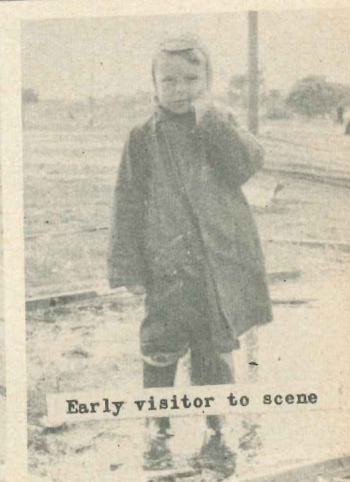
Policemen on duty at Ngamotu



Repairing roof of oil company shed



Union Construction Company's factory, Breakwater Road, was badly damaged



Early visitor to scene

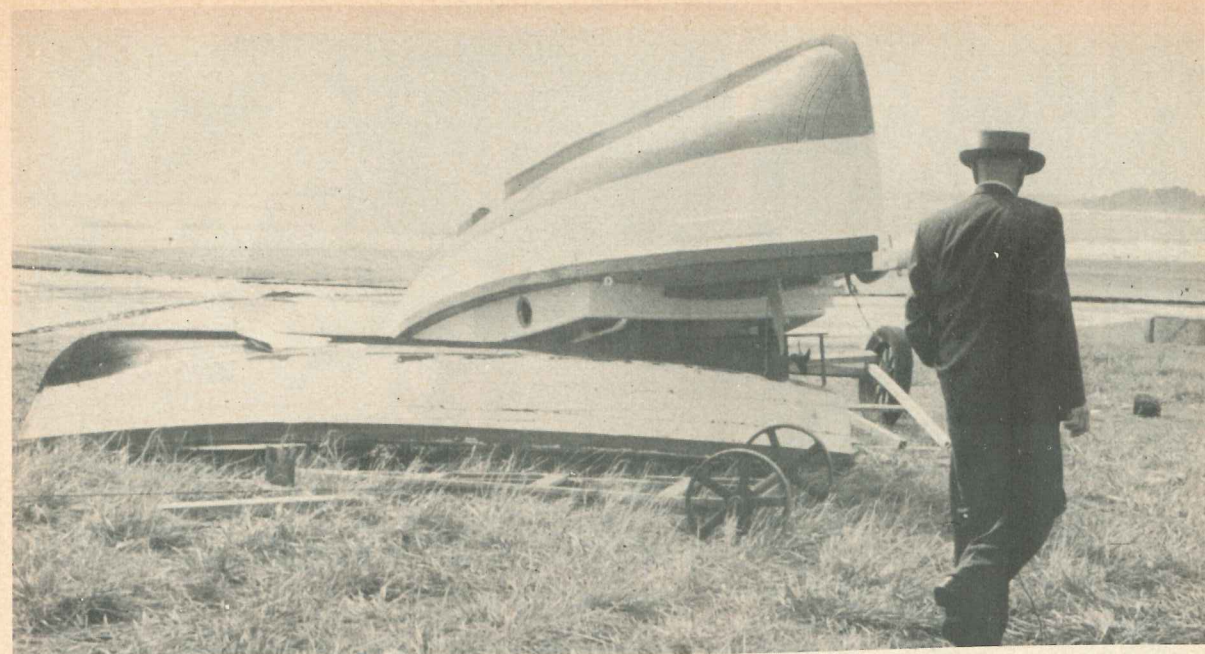
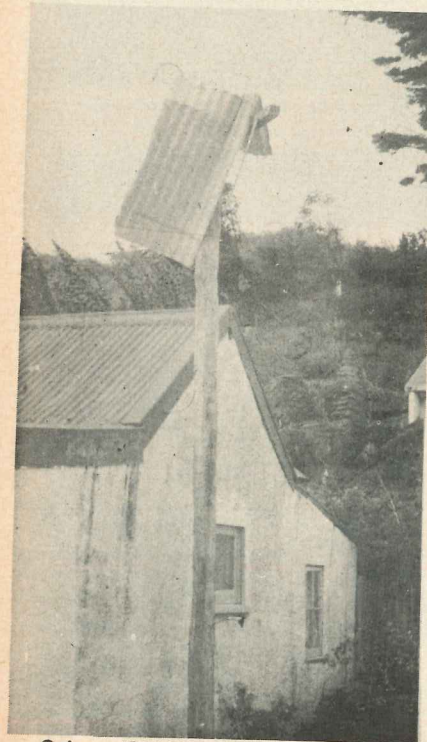


Left:- Eight-months-old New Plymouth Rowing Club building at Ngamotu Beach had roof torn away. One racing skiff was broken in half and three others were damaged.

Above:- One of two houses in Wallath Road which were in path of the tornado.

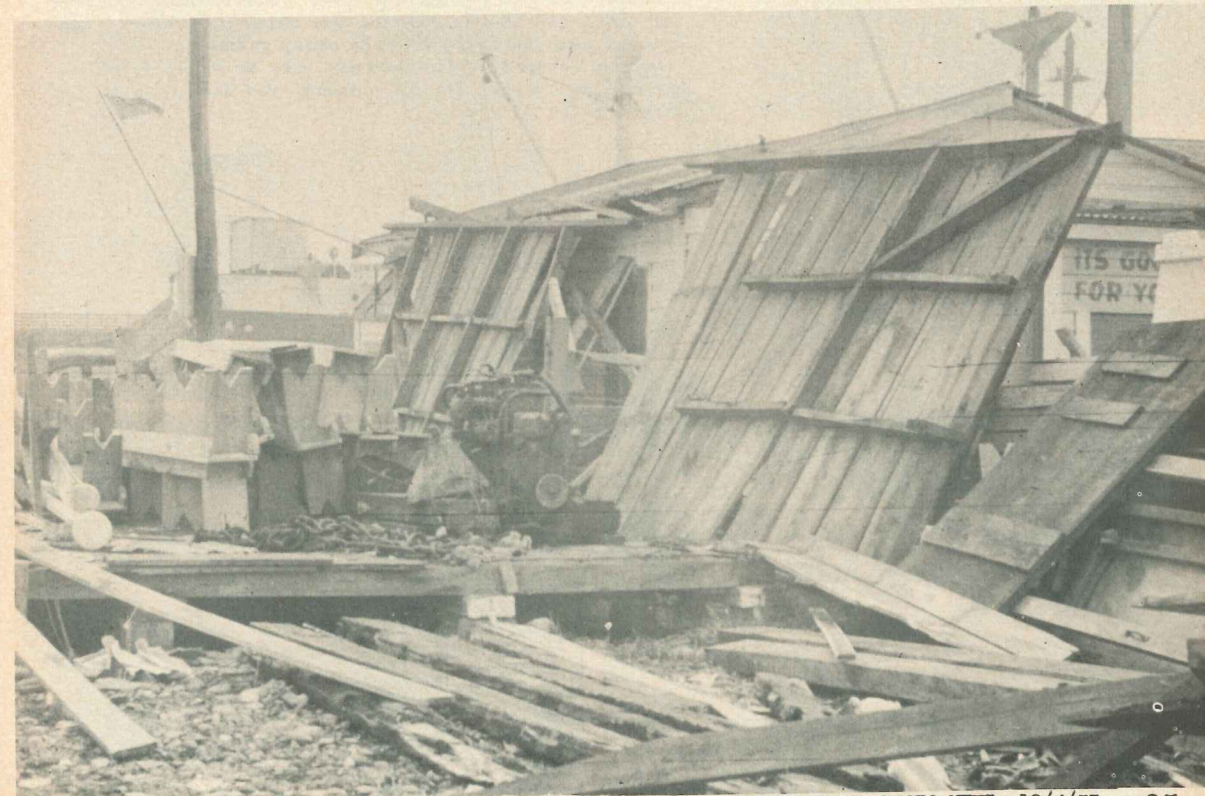
Below:- Huge trees in Blagdon Road were snapped as if they were matchwood.

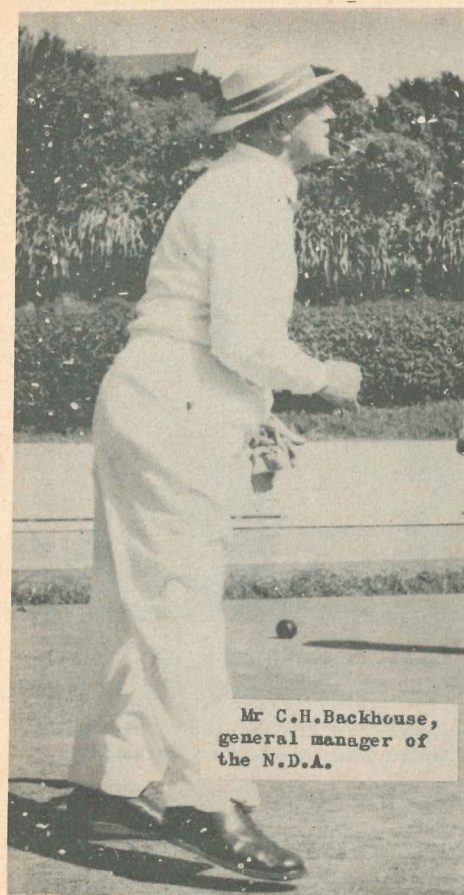
Below left:- Iron was deposited on poles, trees, telegraph wires.



Above:- Many small craft met the fate of the two pictured here at Ngamotu Beach, but fourteen successfully rode out the storm. In one case a dinghy was carried 30 yards across the road and deposited on the front lawn of a home.

Below:- This scene of almost unbelievable havoc marks the beginning of the tornado's destructive path. It is the remains of an old shed at the landward end of Newton King wharf, Port Taranaki.





Mr C.H. Backhouse,
general manager of
the N.D.A.



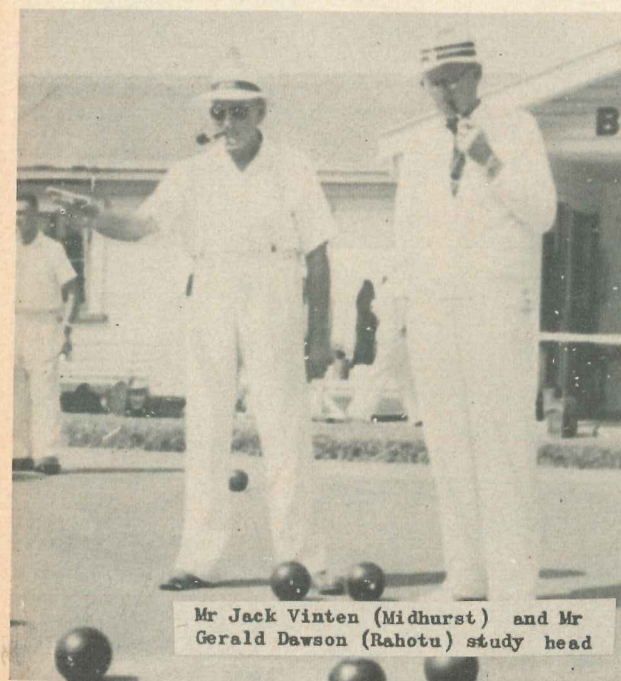
Mr Guy Bell, Herd
Improvement Society
chairman.

DAIRY MEN ON THE GREEN

For the first time in years, North Taranaki dairy men prayed the other day that it wouldn't rain. Reason: The National Dairy Association had planned a big bowls tournament for them at the Paritutu green, New Plymouth. In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, the weather was bright and sunny, and dairy factory executives descended in force on the city.

South Taranaki has held similar tournaments before; for the North it was a trial one which proved so successful that it is to be held every year.

Below: Veteran of the tourney was Mr Hugh McCullum, general manager of Tariki company, who has been in the industry for 52 years.



Mr Jack Vinten (Midhurst) and Mr
Gerald Dawson (Rahotu) study head



Mr Bill Mitchell
(Oanui) & Mr Alex
Hutchins (Rahotu).



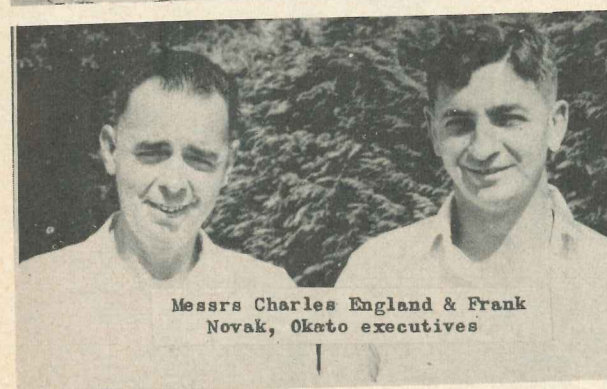
Above: Wives of Paritutu Bowling Club members provided refreshments for the dairy men. From left to right, they are; back row, Mesdames E.Brier, E.Martin, W.Sanger, R. Smallman, & L.Hancock; front row, Mesdames K. Murtagh, K. Christensen, C. Whalen, & D. Cleaver.



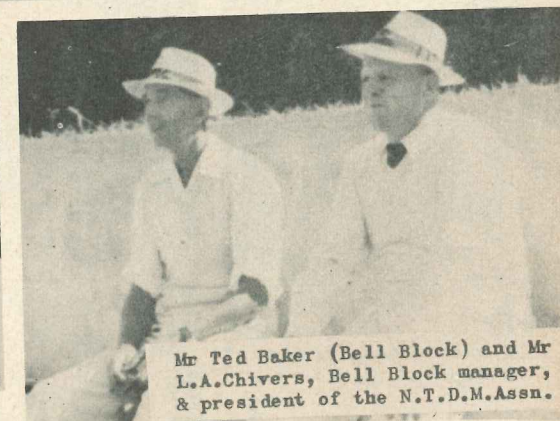
Opunake secretary, Mr
Laurie Brennan



Team from Midhurst



Messrs Charles England & Frank
Novak, Okato executives



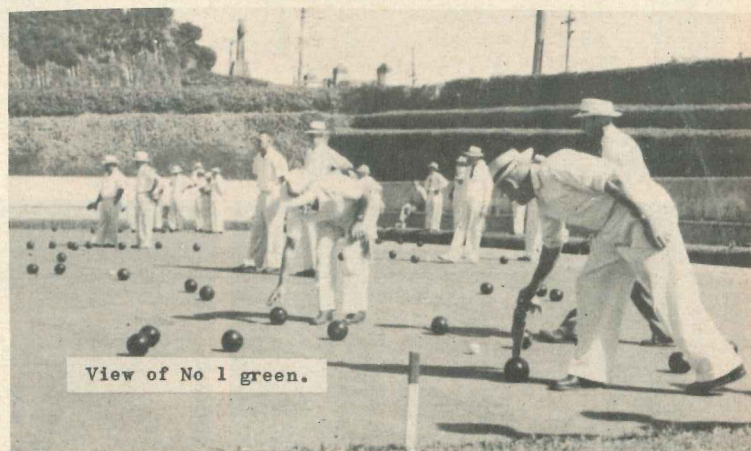
Mr Ted Baker (Bell Block) and Mr
L.A. Chivers, Bell Block manager,
& president of the N.T.D.M. Assn.



Above: Mr Ted Baker sends down a bowl. General manager of the Waitara (Taranaki) Dairy Factory, Mr Baker is believed to be the youngest executive in N.Z. holding that position.

Top right: Pictured in the National Dairy Association group are Messrs Backhouse, W.Kilpatrick, J.Roberts, & W. Newton.

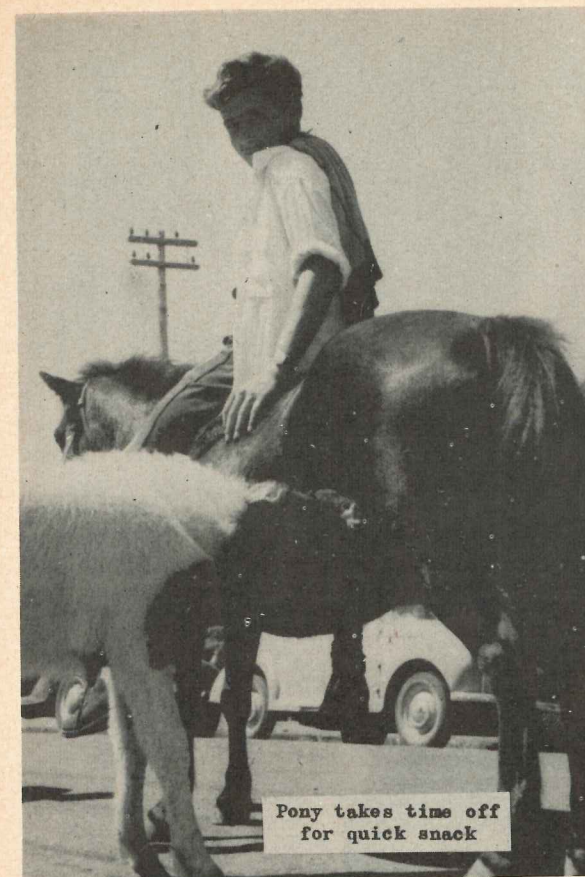
Below right: Mr W.Fairweather, local N.D.A. manager, is pictured at left of front row with Waitara & Titirangi bowlers.



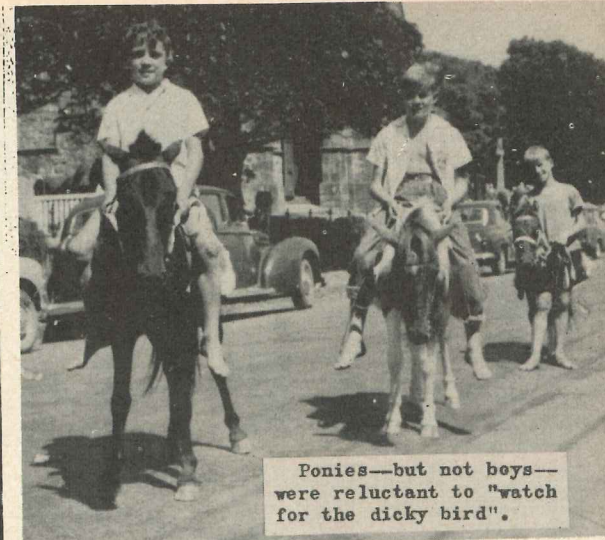
View of No 1 green.



Mr Eric Hewitt, general manager at Stratford



Pony takes time off for quick snack



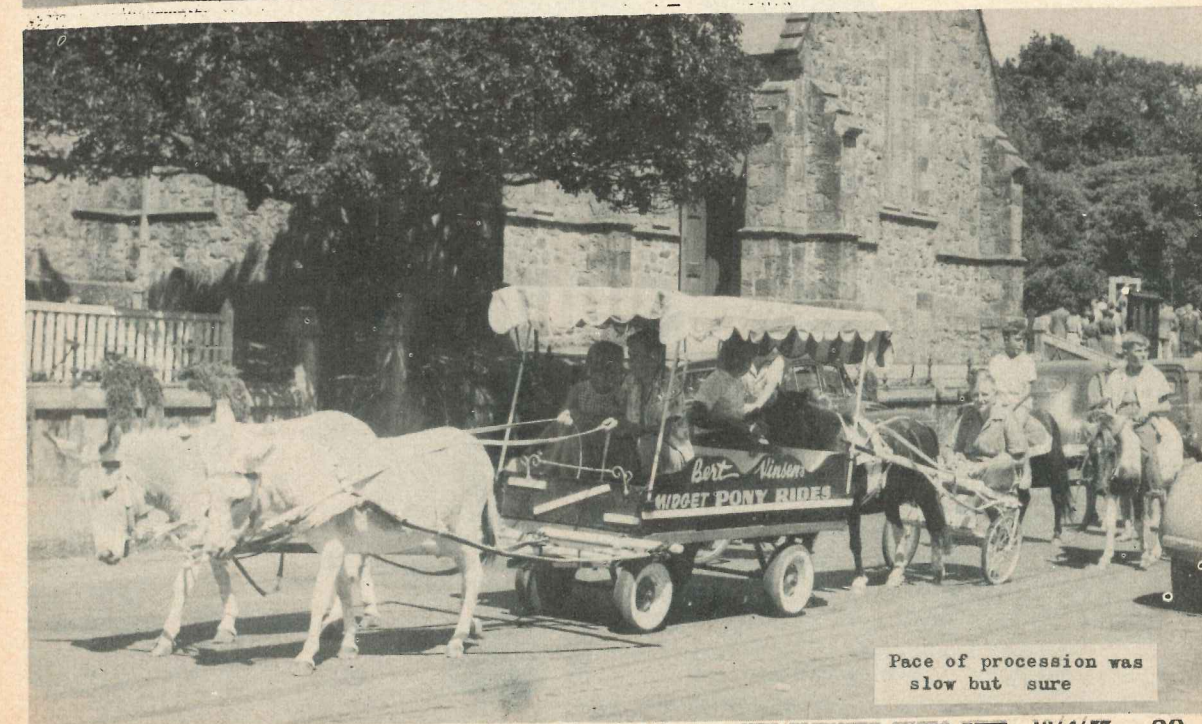
Ponies—but not boys—were reluctant to "watch for the dicky bird".

MIDGET-PONY PARADE

Some youngsters thought a circus had arrived in town when they saw a line of ponies, complete with gaily-painted carriage, passing along Vivian Street, New Plymouth.

But others have become used to the sight of Bert Vinsen's menagerie, on its way somewhere to do a job for charity.

Ponies have been the hobby of Mr Vinsen for years, and he finds they are a good way of entertaining children and raising money for charitable organisations at the same time.



Pace of procession was slow but sure

WAR ON DISEASE

The Department of Health's mobile X-ray unit — an important weapon in the continuous war against tuberculosis and other diseases, is conducting a survey of Taranaki.

Aim of the unit is to detect disease in its early stages.

Mr F.C. Parr, pictured right as he prepares to X-ray a Waitara man, can handle seven people every 10 minutes. Already many thousands of Taranaki residents have visited the unit.

The organiser, Mr R.C. Trownson, has been concentrating on business and industrial firms, but a series of open days will be held in New Plymouth next month to enable housewives to be X-rayed without appointment.

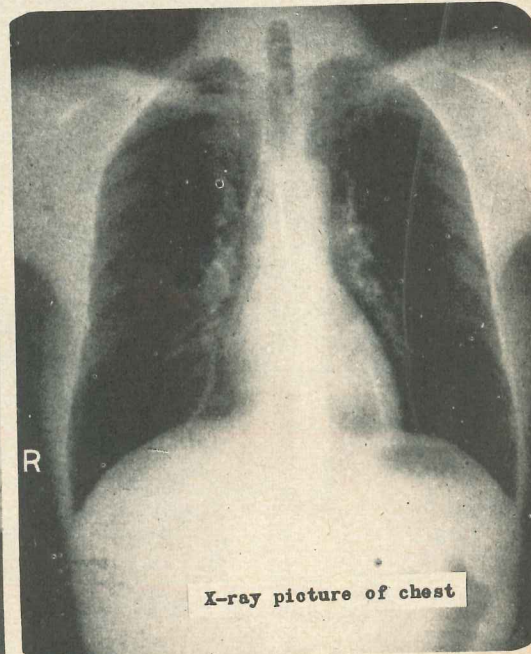
Children under 15 are X-rayed only on the advice of a doctor or public health nurse.



Young man ready to be X-rayed. Clothes do not need to be removed.



Waitara man hands in appointment card to Mrs I.M. Hawkins.



X-ray picture of chest

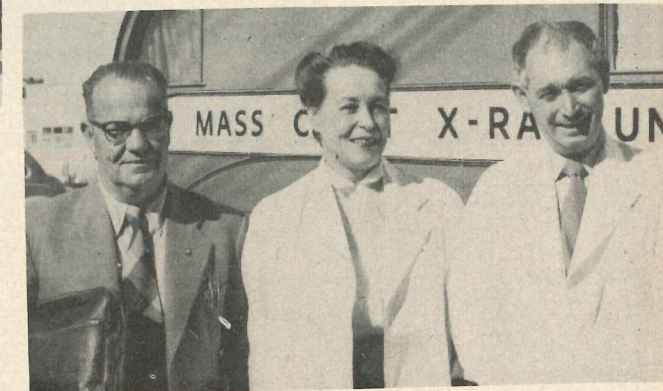


Above right:— To protect himself from powerful X-rays, Mr Parr operates from behind "lead glass" window. Equipment in the unit is up-to-the-minute, allowing no chance of mistaken identity with X-ray plates. Results of all X-rays are treated with strict confidence.

Above:— Unit outside the Waitara freezing works.

Right:— Mr Trownson, Mrs Hawkins, and Mr Parr.

Below:— Unit has smooth, modern lines.





GIRLS' MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Marching girls from throughout New Zealand centred on Pukekura Park, New Plymouth, recently for the national marching championships.

The standard was high, but Taranaki was well to the fore and carried off three prizes.

Left, Rachael Josepha, of Vanguards, Inglewood, receives trophy from the Leader of the Opposition, Mr W. Nash, for gaining first place equal in leadership contest.

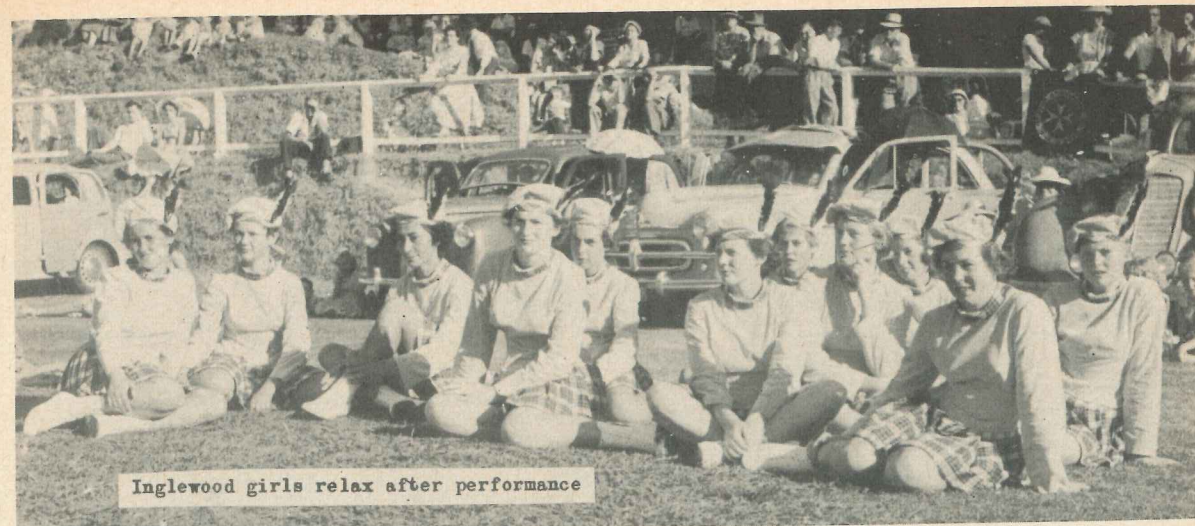
C. Curd, of Vanguards, was champion marker, and the team was third in the championships.



Judges were placed strategically on a high perch.



Roebucks', New Plymouth, took the leading role in trooping of the colour.



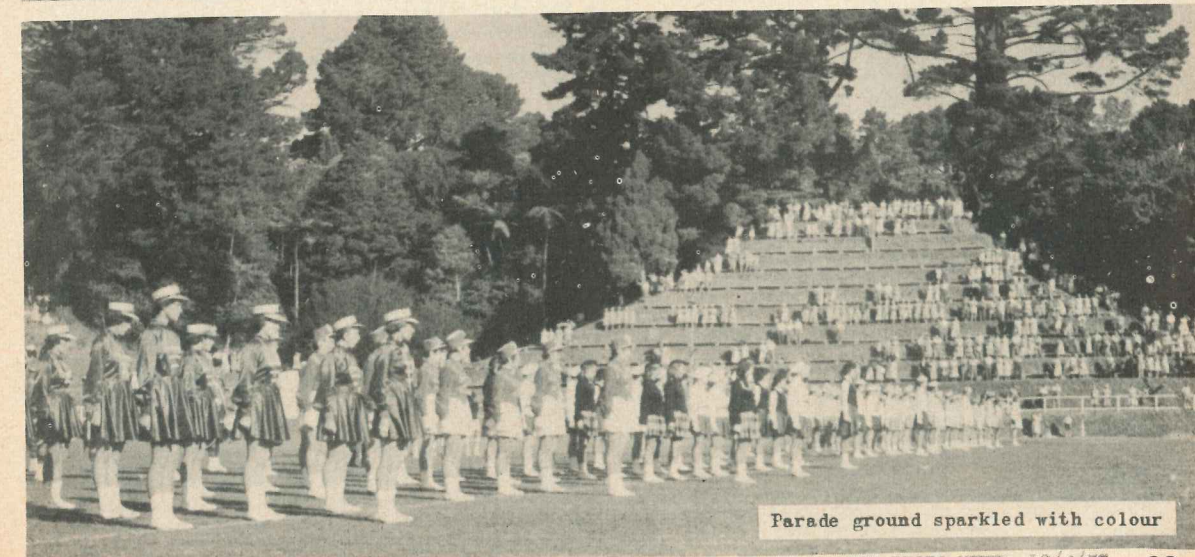
Inglewood girls relax after performance



Rachael & Lorene Lahood



Champions: Scottish Hussars (Auck.)



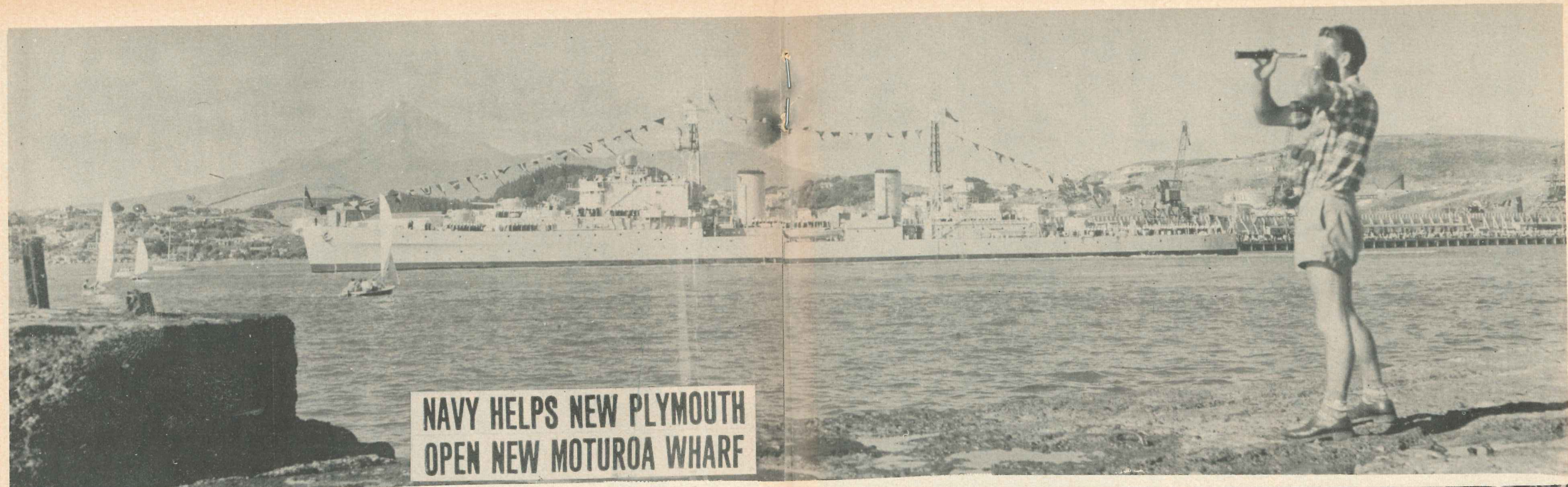
Parade ground sparkled with colour

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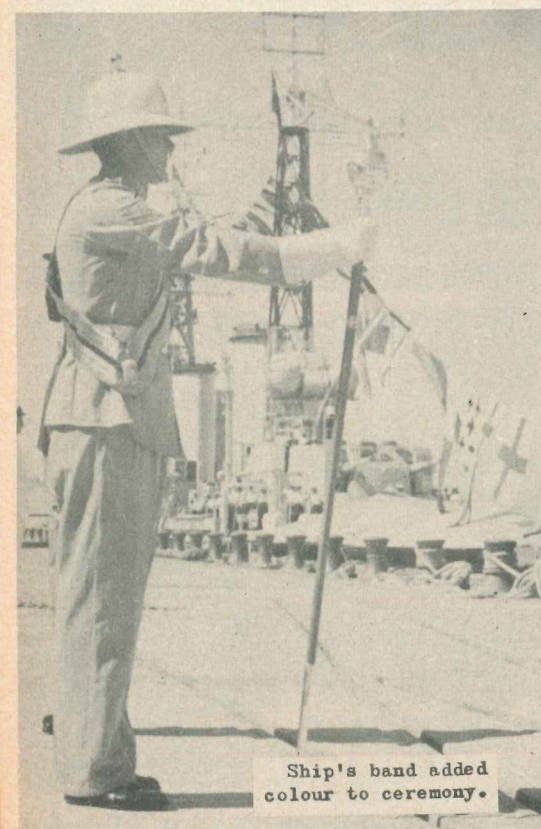


NAVY HELPS NEW PLYMOUTH OPEN NEW MOTUROA WHARF

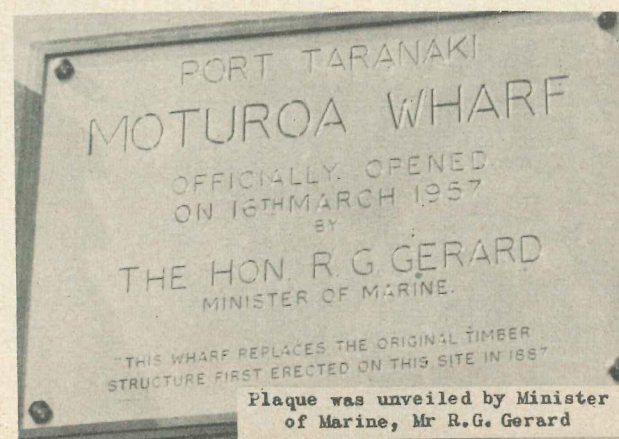
Saturday, March 16, was an important day for the people of New Plymouth — and, indeed, for the whole district. Not only was the new Moturoa Wharf to be opened at Port Taranaki; the Navy was sending along its atomic-age flagship, H.M.N.Z.S. Royalist, to lend a hand with the ceremonies.

The public responded well to the double treat; so well, in fact, that officials had great difficulty in organising the huge crowd which gathered at the new wharf to take a close look at the cruiser. Up to that date, it was the largest crowd the ship had attracted during her tour of New Zealand ports.

In the magnificent panoramic view above,* taken by Rowan Guthrie, Royalist is "fully dressed" as she becomes the first vessel to berth at the £600,000 Moturoa wharf.



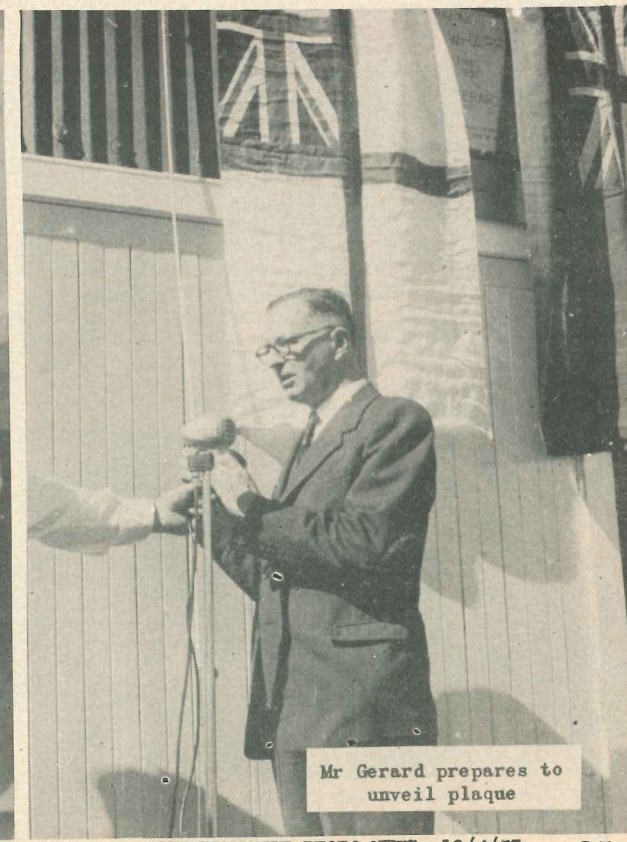
Ship's band added colour to ceremony.



Plaque was unveiled by Minister of Marine, Mr R.G. Gerard



Ship's commanding officer, Captain P. Phipps, addresses gathering at wharf.



Mr Gerard prepares to unveil plaque



Above: Chatting together on new wharf are (from left): Mr Don Mcntyre, Parliamentary secretary; Mr Gerard; Mr H.E.Blyde, chairman of the Taranaki Harbour Board; and Mr W.Nash, Leader of the Opposition.

Right: Mr Blyde, pictured during his address. He told the gathering that the amount of cargo handled by Port Taranaki since 1939 had increased by almost 200 p.c., & that the trade figures for the last two years had both created records.

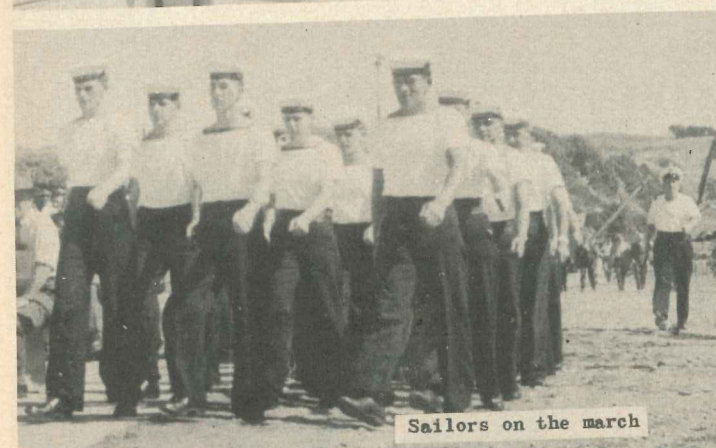


Part of the crowd at opening ceremony

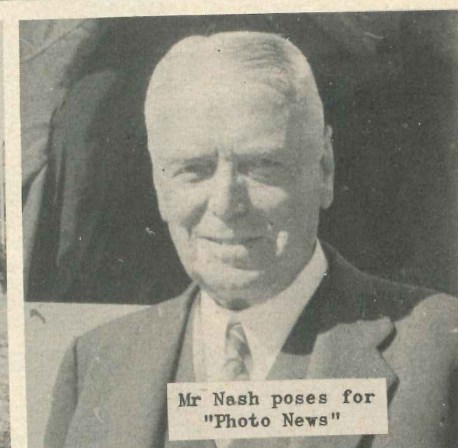
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Mr Gerard inspects guard of honour.



Sailors on the march



Mr Nash poses for "Photo News"



This picture was taken before big rush started

BEGONIAS ARE HIS ONLY LOVE

Begonias don't come by the bunch at Mr. Alec Purdie's nursery in Queen's Road, Fitzroy — they come by the mile.

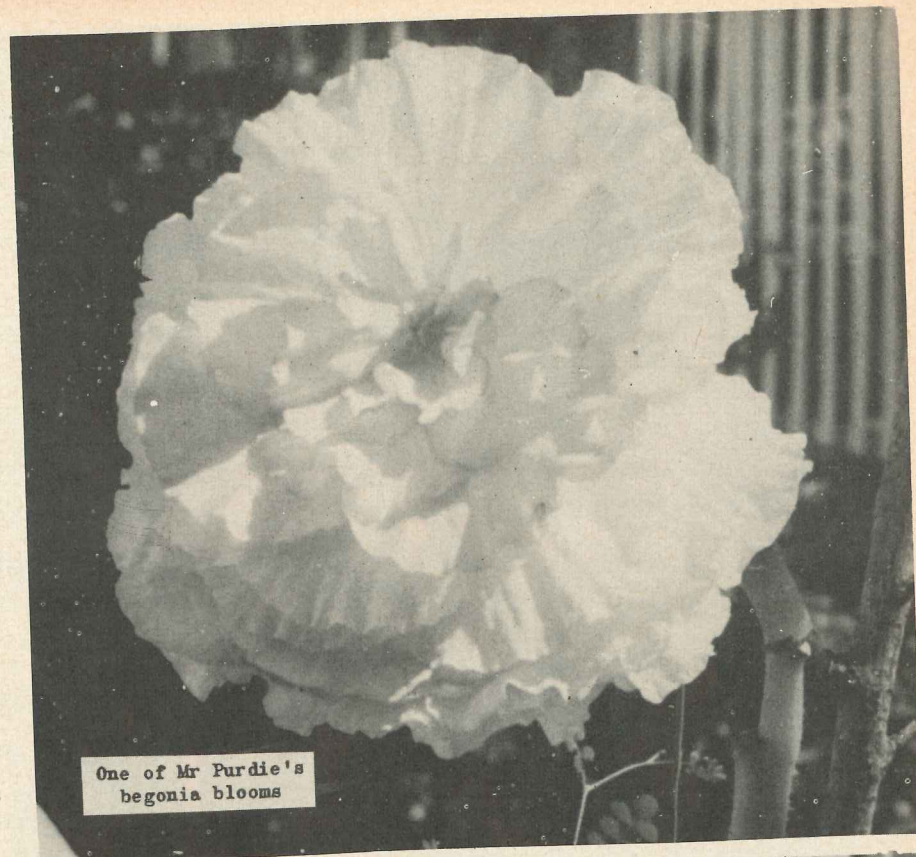
His "lath-house", pictured on the front cover of this issue, is 330ft long, and contains row upon row of plants.

Mr Purdie has never married, but he showers all the care of a devoted husband on his 50,000 begonia blooms.

Some claim that he has the finest collection in the Southern Hemisphere.

The "lath-house", erected 12 months ago, has already become one of the showplaces of New Plymouth.

The plants were grown from specially selected seed imported from U.S.A. & Britain.



One of Mr Purdie's begonia blooms



Mr Purdie at work in his glass-house



Visitors admire fine display of begonias.



This bloom is white, with pink edges. There are hundreds of varieties of shades in the nursery.



As a boy in Waitara, Mr Purdie was a keen gardener, and though his first job was on a farm, he carried out his ambition to become a nurseryman.

Above right: Mr Mark Nicholls, one of Mr Purdie's assistants, pictured in the "lath-house".



Mr Purdie



Group of blooms



High-speed start to surf race

SURFERS IN ACTION

Fitzroy surfers had a bitter-sweet experience at the last carnival of the season on their home beach.

They retained the Moorhead Cup for six-man rescue and resuscitation, but they lost the Patea Beach Shield to their keenest rivals, East End.

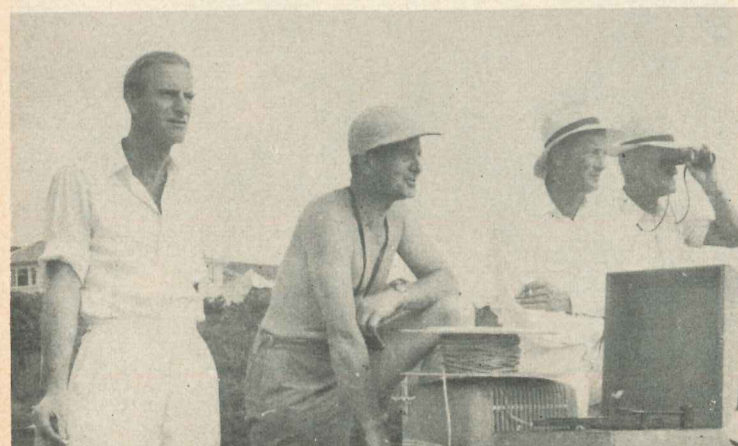
A feature of the day was the presence of Tom Logan, a former Fitzroy surfer, who was visiting New Plymouth as an officer aboard H.M.N.Z.S. Royalist.

Tom was a member of the six-man team which won the N.Z. championship for Fitzroy in 1951.

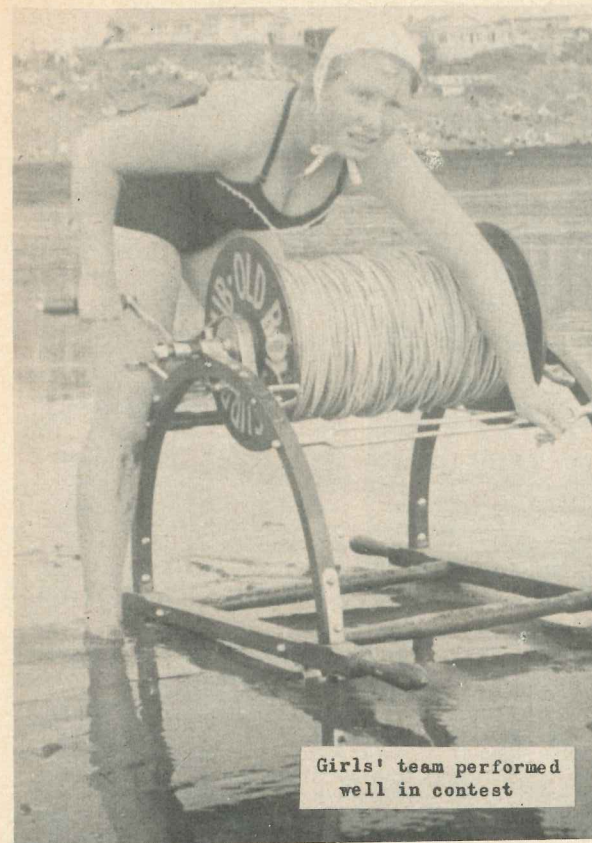
Below: Club officials watch progress of a junior event.



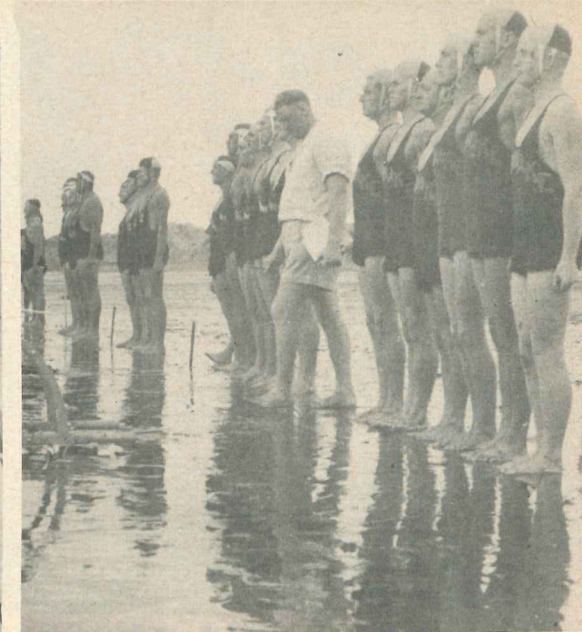
Fitzroy beltman heads for water



Tom Logan



Girls' team performed well in contest



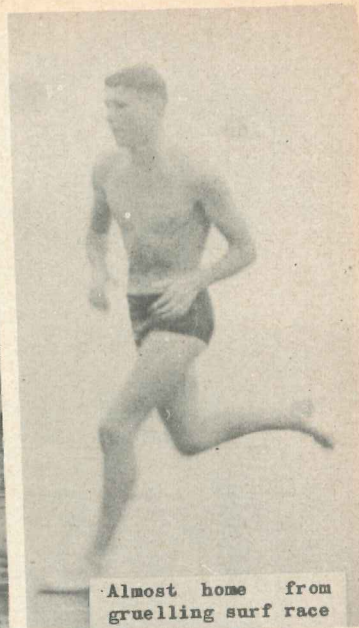
Importance of alert, well-trained surf teams was graphically illustrated during the carnival when two swimmers got into difficulties. Genuine rescue and a mock rescue were taking place simultaneously. Picture below shows line being run out as beltman races to swimmers' assistance.

Above: Teams lined up for inspection. Nearest camera are Opunake men.





Judge keeps close watch on resuscitation technique.



Almost home from gruelling surf race



Competitors relax after tiring event



Bringing back "patient"



Sandhills provided good vantage point



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Coming of Age

Above: Mr R. Ross, of Pio Pio, receiving key from his father on occasion of his 21st birthday.

Left: Miss N. Ayson, whose coming of age was celebrated at the Palladium, Ngamotu Beach.

Below left: Miss H. Tuuta, who celebrated her 21st birthday at Urenui Pa.

Below centre: Miss Beverley Robinson, of Ohura, came of age recently. She is a nurse at New Plymouth Hospital.

Below right: On the occasion of her 21st birthday, Margaret, daughter of Mr & Mrs P. A. Chapman, Warea, announced her engagement to John, son of Mr & Mrs R. J. Luckin, Okato.



HENRY McGEE



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Y.M.C.A. members gave impressive display.



Dutch boy and girl were big hit.

ANNIVERSARY PAGEANT

One of the most inspiring Anniversary Day ceremonies ever presented in New Plymouth drew 5000 people to Pukerua Park.

Organised by the Public Relations Office, it took the form of a pageant, tracing the historical and social development of the province.

Twenty-four organisations were represented, and the 210 participants in the parade embraced 15 different nationalities.

Because of its success, the pageant is now being considered as an annual event for New Plymouth.

Below: Cards carried by groups of different races spelled out "Taranaki".



Figures clad in appropriate period costumes (above and below right) took the role of pioneers who landed at New Plymouth in the ships Amelia Thompson & William Bryan.

Further early-New Zealand atmosphere was given by the Maori concert party of the Oeo-Manaia-Otakehu Young People's Club.



Spirited haka leader



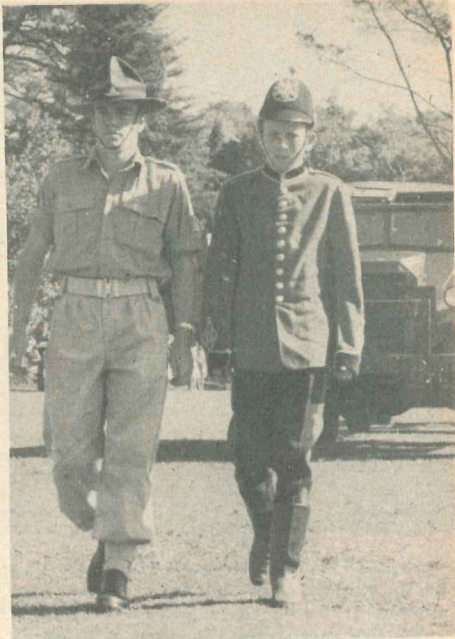
Poi dances had rhythm, grace



Swiss group was expert at yodelling items



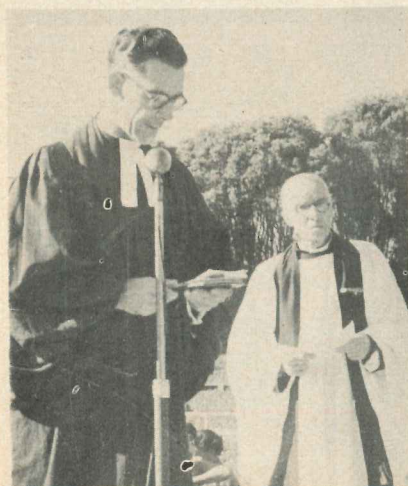
Above: Six members of the Taranaki branch of the N.Z. Founders' Society. They are all descendants of pioneers.
 Right: Contrast is shown between uniforms of old armed constabulary and present-day Army.
 At conclusion of the pageant a service was conducted by the Rev. W.H. Greenslade and Archdeacon G.H. Gavin, who are pictured at the bottom of the page.



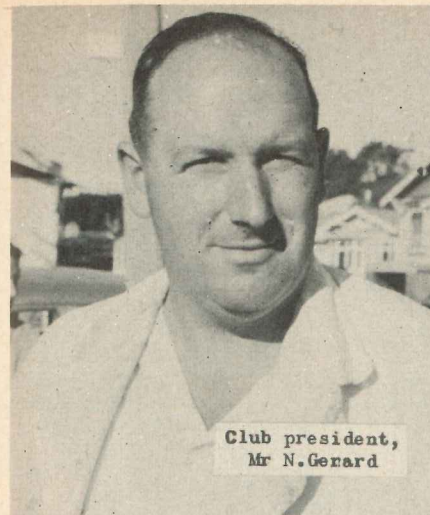
Wales was well represented



There was special cheer for nurses.



Caledonian Band on parade



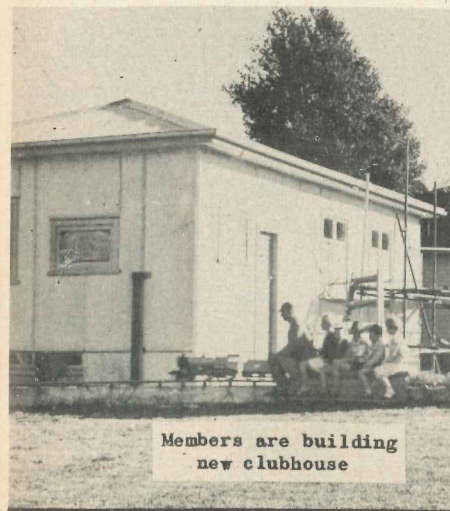
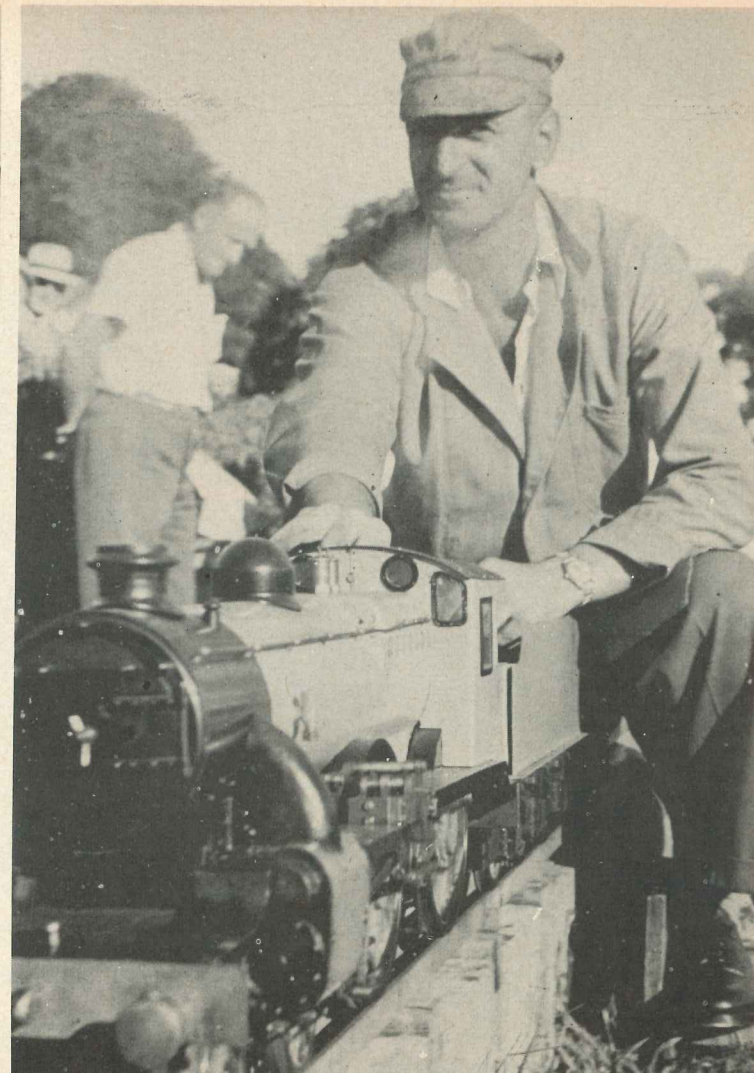
Club president, Mr N. Gerard

MODEL MAKERS

Love of trains is usually associated with small boys, but in New Plymouth there's an enthusiastic band of men — 35 of them in all who would never agree that model trains are just "kid's stuff."

Members of the New Plymouth Model Engineering Society, they have found a fascinating and absorbing hobby in constructing and operating models.

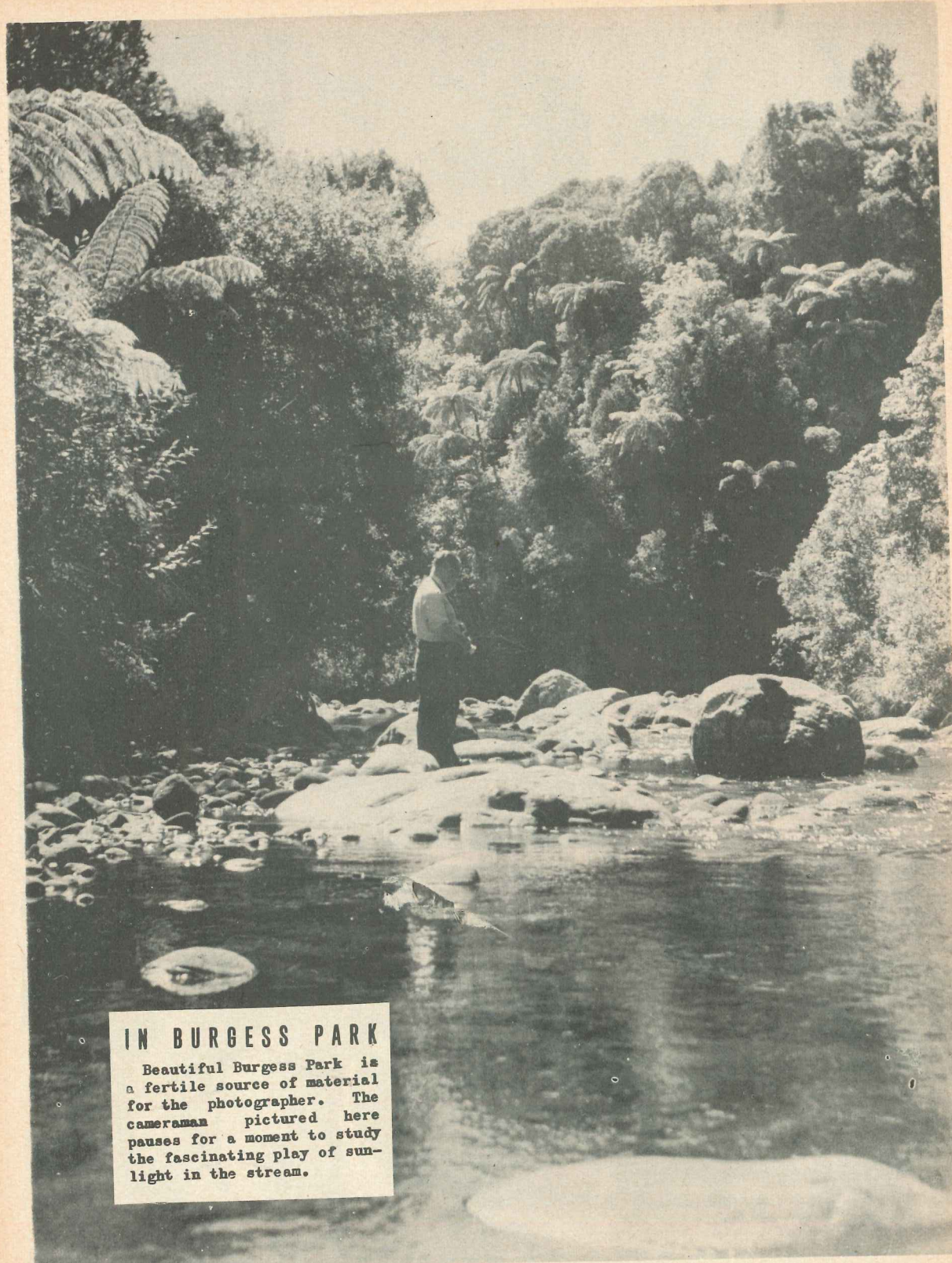
And the models, of course, are more than mere toys. The locomotive pictured right, with Mr G.E. Sutherland at the controls, is capable of carrying quite large loads, a fact which is a source of never-ending pleasure to the local children who are taken for rides almost every weekend.



Members are building new clubhouse

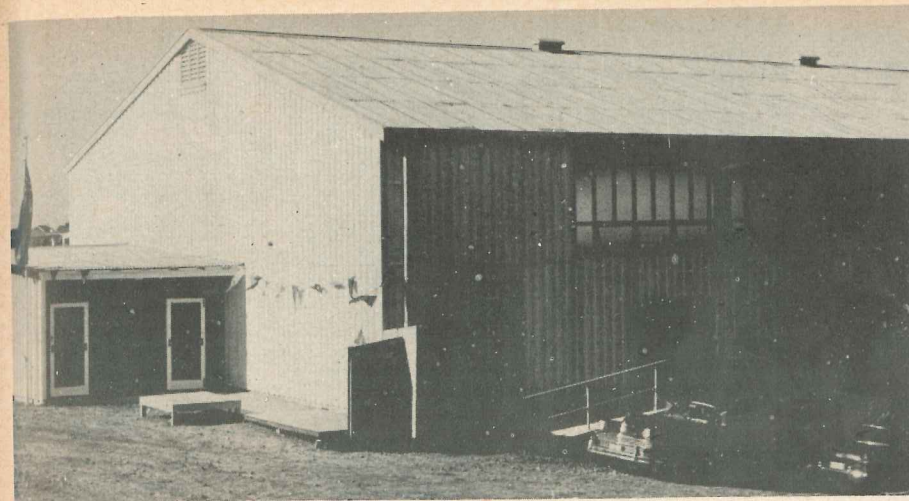


Children find rides thrilling



IN BURGESS PARK

Beautiful Burgess Park is a fertile source of material for the photographer. The cameraman pictured here pauses for a moment to study the fascinating play of sunlight in the stream.



NEW GYMNASIUM

The Star Rugby Club saw the fulfillment of years of effort when its £24,000 gymnasium, designed as a War memorial, was opened in New Plymouth recently by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr S.W. Smith.

The building, regarded as one of the best of its type in N.Z., is pictured left on its site at Rugby Park. Below:- Mr Smith opening the building.

Photographed by Henry McGee.



Mr Don Parkin, club president



Foundation member, Mr John Abbott



Big crowd gathered for opening

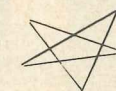
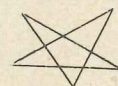


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Right: It was a warm, sparkling day up Frankleigh Road way, and these children, chatting together in the sun, probably wouldn't have cared if the school bus hadn't even shown up. Picture was taken at Govett Av. corner.



CRAIG STUDIOS

The Community Arts Service will open its season in New Plymouth with the visit next month of the New Zealand Ballet Group, which has enjoyed good support on previous visits to this city. Below: Valerie Whyman, one of the dancers, and right, Poul Ghatt, Danish-born producer for the group.



Left: The Aroa family, of Carrington St., New Plymouth, got together for the first time in 19 years when younger son Clarence, of Sydney, arrived home on holiday recently.

His father, Mr Bob Aroa, was a Taranaki County inspector for 24 years.

Mr and Mrs Aroa are pictured here with their sons, Ernest (Auckland) & Clarence, and their daughter, Mrs Rita Gamble (Opua).

Married

Right:- MURPHY-FARQUHAR: At Whiteley Church, New Plymouth, Betty Margaret, third daughter of Mr and Mrs G.C.H. Farquhar, 28 Vivian St., to Mr Patrick James Murphy, New Plymouth.

Future home: 32 Carrington Street.



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Left:- DOOGUE-PETERSON: At Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Cathleen Mary, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs H.G. Peterson, 3 Princes Street, to Peter, elder son of Mr & Mrs E.P. Doogue, Seatoun, Wellington.

The attendants, pictured below with the bride and groom, were Mrs E. Nisson, sister of the bride (matron of honour); Miss Helen Buckley (bridesmaid); Mr Geoff. Fuller (groomsman); and Mr Anthony Doogue, brother of the groom (best man).

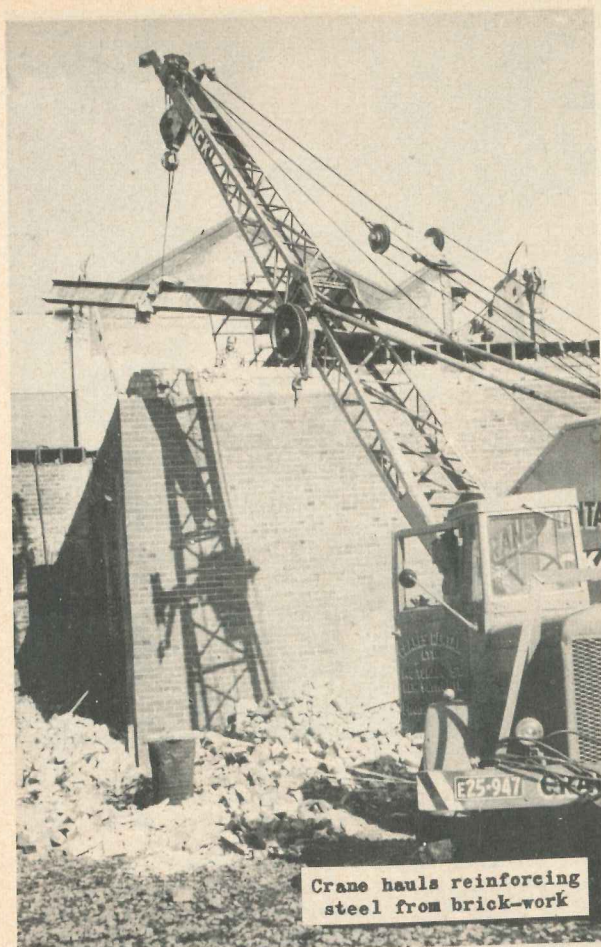
Future home: Auckland.



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Crane hauls reinforcing steel from brick-work



Ruins reminded some onlookers of Napier earthquake

WRECKERS AT WORK

One of New Plymouth's most absorbing — and certainly most spectacular — entertainments this month has been the demolition of the old library and museum building in King Street.

Though the show wasn't put on for the public's benefit, hundreds have paused every day to study the progress of the demolition gang.

And progress has been fast; so much so, in fact, that these pictures are already out of date.



Despite mechanical aids, there was plenty of muscle work, too



There were plenty of bricks to chip, as the work got underway.



Crane lowers section of floor to the ground.



This wall was pulled out soon after picture was taken

The building was completed in two parts, the first in 1905 and the second in 1911. Kauri and rimu timber recovered from the window frames was found to be in excellent condition.

The site, along with the adjoining land until recently used as a car park, will be used for the new £250,000 library and museum.



Hammer sends chips of brick flying.

Red Carriage for a Bride

A fire engine served as a taxi, and a fireman's axe was used to cut the cake when Miss Joan Cropp, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Cropp, Waitara, was married recently.

Reason for the novel trappings was that the groom, Mr L.M.Field, is a member of the Porirua Fire Brigade.

Waitara firemen decided to do something about it, and P. Clifford Allen was on hand to record the scene in pictures.

Below: Firemen form impressive guard of honour.



Above:- Sprinkled with confetti, newly-weds seat themselves in the fire engine for drive from the church to the reception.

Below:- Bride and groom share handle of fireman's axe as they cut the cake together.



Roaring Camera

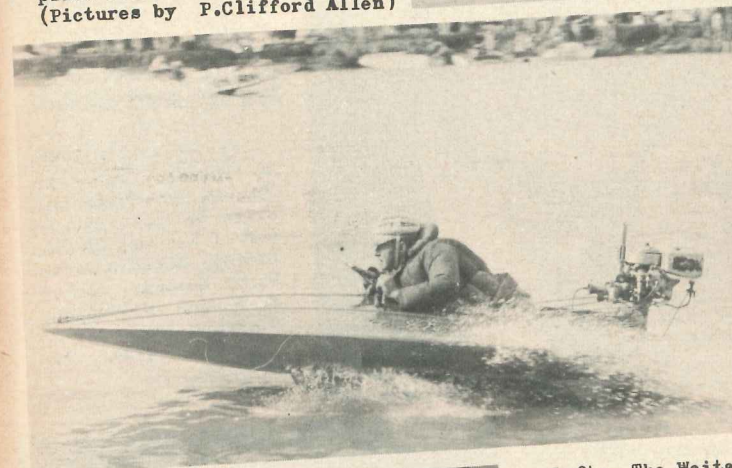
A swollen river, dotted with driftwood, made conditions difficult for drivers in the North Taranaki Power Boat Club's third speedboat regatta of the season at Waitara.

Despite solid competition from outside drivers, E.Cooper, New Plymouth, won the 75 cubic inch V-bottom championship of N.Z. in H.McNeil's "Marlin".

Below: K.Vickery's Sea Devil was third in midget hydroplane event.
(Pictures by P.Clifford Allen)



Big crowd watched races from river bank



Spray flies as boat rounds buoy

Left:- The Waitara Bowling Club held a party recently to celebrate its 50th jubilee. Mrs M.Johns cuts the cake.

Below:- The Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr A.G.Honnor, doesn't believe in taking things at face value. When he saw a cooking display at the "Do It Yourself" exhibition recently, he tied an apron round his waist and got some first-hand instruction as to how the gadgets work.



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Wedding Bells

Left: SUTTON-DIFFEY:
At Whiteley Memorial
Church, New Plymouth,
Olive Barbara, daugh-
ter of Mr and Mrs W.
Diffey, Stratford, to
Barry Edward, son of
Mr & Mrs N. Sutton,
Glenpark Avenue.
Future home: New
Plymouth.

Right:- CARDIFF-HAMILL: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Church, New Plymouth, Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs H.N. Hamill, Frankley Road, to Richard, elder son of
Mr and Mrs A. Cardiff, Vogeltown.
The bride's attendants pictured below are Misses Lyn-
ette Hamill (cousin of bride), Nola Eaton, and Marion
Cardiff (groom's sister).
Future home: New Plymouth.



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Coming of Age

Left:- Mr Peter Chapman, who celebrated his 21st birthday
recently, pictured at his party with his sister, Shirley.
Above:- Mr Bruce Larsen, whose coming of age was cele-
brated in a woolshed at his home in Uruti. Beside him in
picture are his parents, Mr & Mrs H.V.A. Larsen.
Below left:- Mr Bruce Beggs, son of Mr & Mrs D. Beggs,
Smart Road, cutting his birthday cake.
Below centre:- Miss Margaret Brien, daughter of Mr & Mrs
J.P. Brien, Somerset Street.



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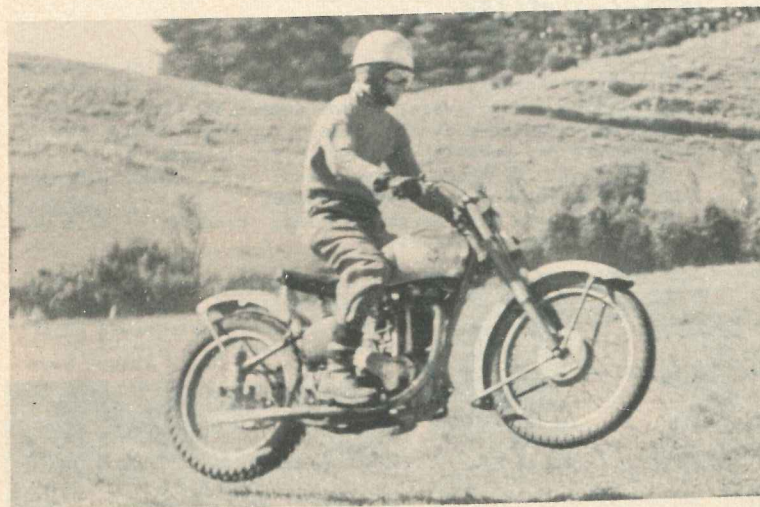
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MANGOREI SPORTS

There was entertainment aplenty at the annual sports meeting organised this month by the Mangorei Hall committee to raise funds to help pay the upkeep of the hall.

Motor-cycle races and pony-jumping events were just a few of the attractions which drew a large crowd to the grounds.

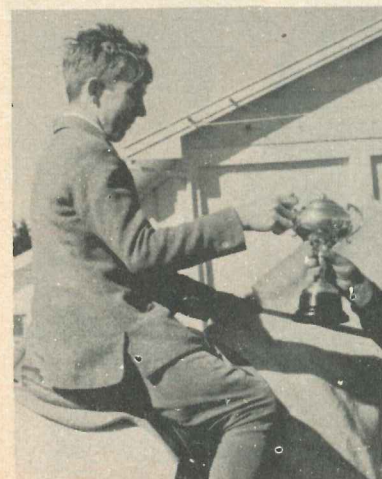
Eric Crago, who was on hand with his camera, caught the contrast between the stylish jumping of the pony (right) and the leap of the motor-cycle as it rounds a bend.



Below:- Smooth running of the sports was a tribute to the organising work of the committee. Left to right, they are: K. Dravitzski, secretary, L. Mace, J. Dravitzski, O. Hall, and N. Ross, chairman.

Below left:- R. Rayward, who received cup for winning the open pony-jump.

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Rowing Camera

Above:- The faces of these little girls are a study of intense concentration as they dance to the skirl o' the pipes. They were taking part in the national dancing competition held in conjunction with the Herworth sports.

Right:- It was another style of dancing altogether when boys from H.M.N.Z.S. Royalist arrived in town. This sailor tosses local belle high in the air in lively rock 'n' roll movement.

Below:- Mr Murray welcomes Clifton Rowing Club four home to Waitara after winning the coveted fours title at the N.Z. Championships. In group below right are: Back row, Olympic representatives R. Laurent & P. Lucas; front row, T. McKeon, J. Hide (cox), and P. Montgomerie.

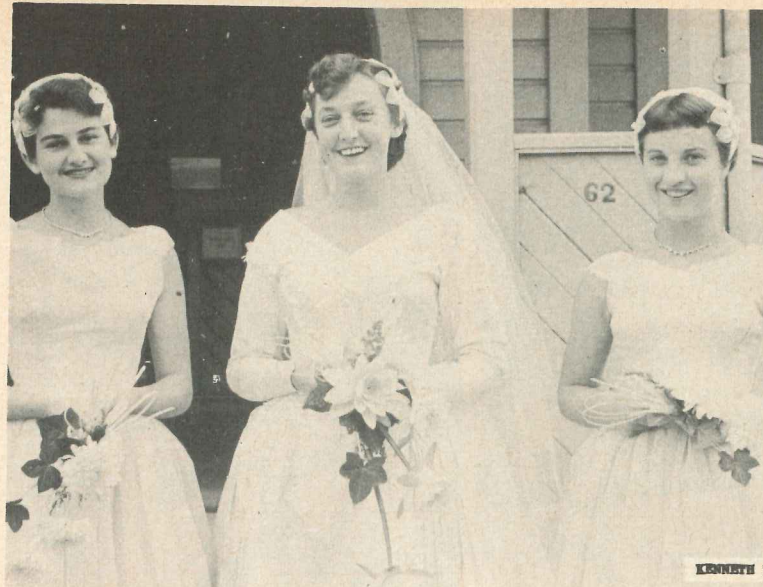


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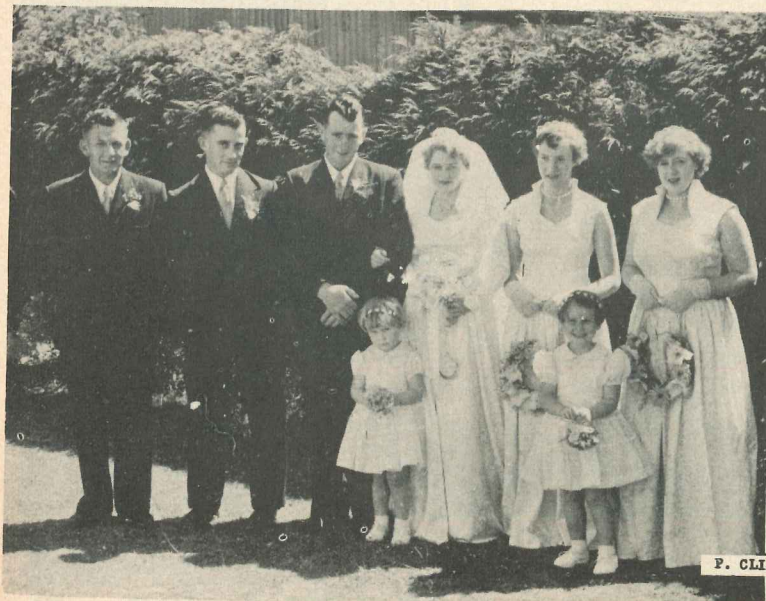


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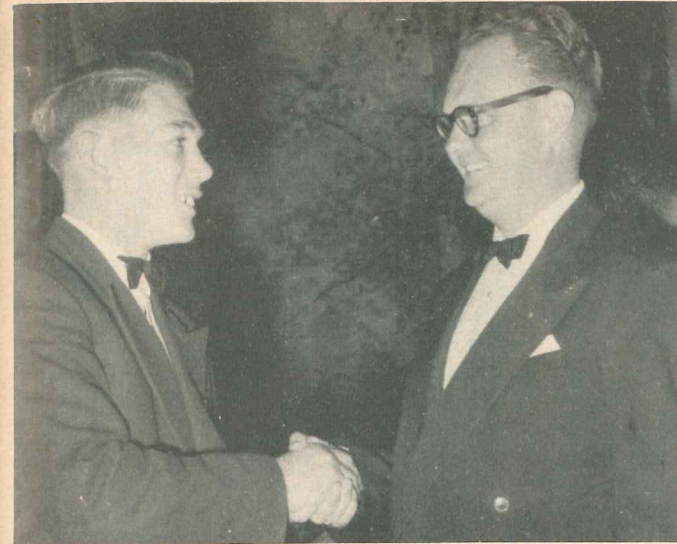
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Above:- **PETERS-CHAPMAN:** At Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth, Jill, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.J. Chapman, of Tainui House, to Hugh Ray, third son of Mr and Mrs H.H. Peters, Kent Rd. Pictured above with the bride are Miss Eve Palmer and Miss Janet Aroa (chief bridesmaid). Future home: New Plymouth.

Below:- **MCCRACKEN-BURNETT:** At Inglewood Methodist Church, Janice June, second daughter of Mr and Mrs N.J. Burnett, Waitui, to Noel, second son of Mr and Mrs P. McCracken, Inglewood. The bridesmaids were Misses Kathleen and Judith Burnett. Mr Evan Benton was best man, and Mr Doug Bishop was groomsmen. The flower-girls; Sheree and Lois Benton.



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END OF A QUEST

Minutes ticked by in near-silence as a group of young men & women on the stage of the New Plymouth Opera House fidgeted nervously.

The big moment had almost come when the judges would announce their verdict in the Taranaki-wide talent quest.

Then came the roar of approval from the audience as John Brough, of Hawera, was announced as the winner for his eloquent rendition of "Shorten'n Bread".

Above left: Colin King, of Waitara, one of the organisers of the talent quest, congratulates John (right) on his win.

Above: Second prize went to Miss B. Leyden, also of Hawera.



Third-prize winners: Poyhi sisters, of Okaiawa



Competitors await judges' decision



Married

Above:- WHALEN-HILDRED: At Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth, Beth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hildred, Baring Terrace, to Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs C. Whalen, Breakwater Road.

The bride's attendants were Miss Alison Goble, of Inglewood, and Mrs Jennifer Mack, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.

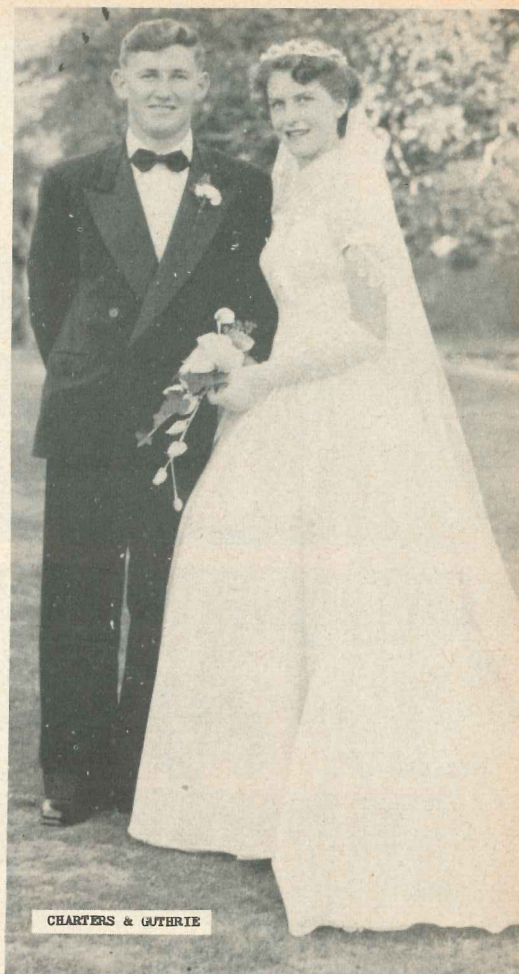
Below:- HALE-JURY: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Shirley, second daughter of Mr & Mrs L.M.Jury, Urenui, to Trevor, second son of Mr and Mrs S.J.Hale, Mahoenui.

The attendants were: Matron of honour, Mrs Val May; bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Jury; best man, Mr Geoff. Hale; groomsmen, Mr David Pryme; flower-girl, Raewyn Jury; page-boy, Maurice Jury.

Future home: Mahoenui.



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Right: Contractors had a big job on their hands when a pohutakawa stump on the St. Joseph's Church property, Devon St., had to be moved.

A bulldozer pushed one side and a truck-winch pulled the other to get the stump on to a conveyor, a result which was achieved only after careful, patient work.

Workmen on the site estimated the stump to weigh around 11 tons.

Picture below shows how the stump covered all the available space on a big, 16-wheel conveyor.



Below: The Country Girls' Club, of Inglewood, celebrated its 5th birthday party recently. The honour of cutting the cake went to Miss Shallard. Below left, members who attended the party.



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CRAGO STUDIOS

Married

Above:- DAGG-WOOD: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Colleen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. Wood, Korito, to Mr Thomas Dagg, of Dunedin.

Below:- FLEMING-STEEL: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Kathleen, only daughter of Mr & the late Mrs Steel, Wanganui, to Leo Lawrence, youngest son of Mr & Mrs M.F. Fleming, formerly of Mokau. The attendants: Matron of honour, Mrs Patricia Marshall; bridesmaid, Miss Colleen Fleming; best man, Mr Philip Fleming, groomsmen, Mr Steel.

Future home: Mercer.



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SWAINSON'S STUDIOS

Above:- HENDERSON-PEARCE: Twin married twin in St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth recently. The bride was Jocelyn Ava, twin daughter of Mr & Mrs J.A.C. Pearce, Vivian Street.

Donald George, twin son of Mr and Mrs K. Henderson, Hine Street, was the groom.
Future home: New Plymouth.



Mr Robertson bids the girls "bon voyage".



Valerie

LONDON-BOUND

Three New Plymouth girls now on their way to London are fulfilling a joint ambition by setting out on an eighteen month's tour of Britain and the Continent.

Former classmates of New Plymouth Girls' High School, they started planning the tour two years ago; finally left N.Z. in the Southern Cross last week.

The girls are Miss Gael Robertson, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Robertson, Tor St.; Miss Judith Leech, daughter of Mrs A.E.R. Gilbert, South Rd.; and Miss Valerie Titter, daughter of Mr & Mrs W. Titter, Mangorei Rd.

The pictures are Kenneth Taylor candid.



Gael



Judith



Married

Above:- FRANK-EARLEY: At Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth, Beverley, second daughter of Mr & Mrs L. Earley, 8 Oriental St., to Bruce, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E.M. Frank, who are at present visiting Britain. Future home: New Plymouth.

Married

Right:- KRETSCHMAR-BRYENTON: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Lynette, daughter of Mr & Mrs Charles Bryenton, Woodville, to Leonard, son of Mr & Mrs M. Kretschmar, Fitzroy.

Future home: New Plymouth.

Below:- de WAARD-ROWE: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs H.W. Rowe, Lyn St., to Jacob, son of Mr & Mrs W. de Waard, Armersfoort, Holland.

Future home: Westown.

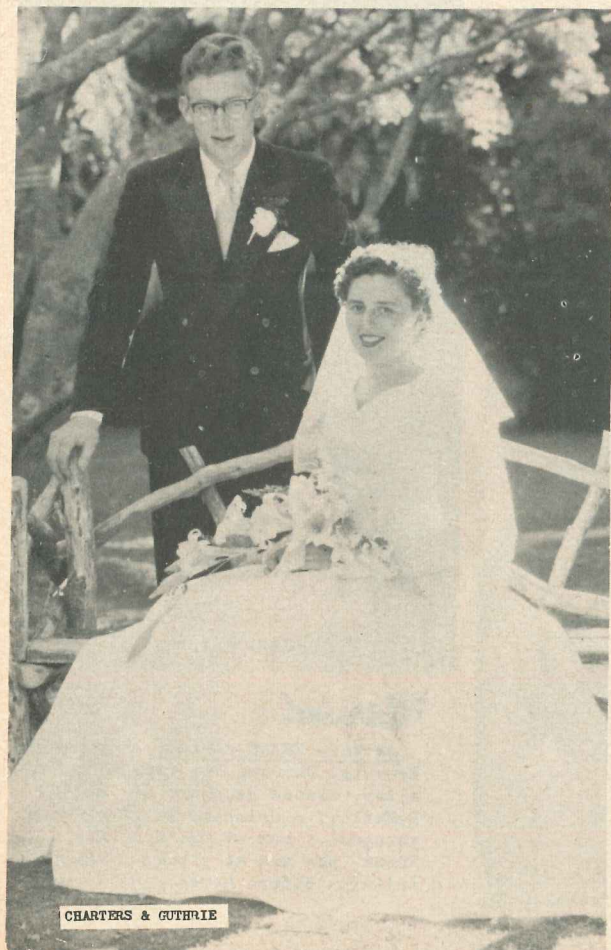


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Below:- LAKE-BERTRAND: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Tui, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Bertrand, Urenui, to Brownie William, youngest son of the late Mr & Mrs R. Lake, Mokau. Future home: New Plymouth.



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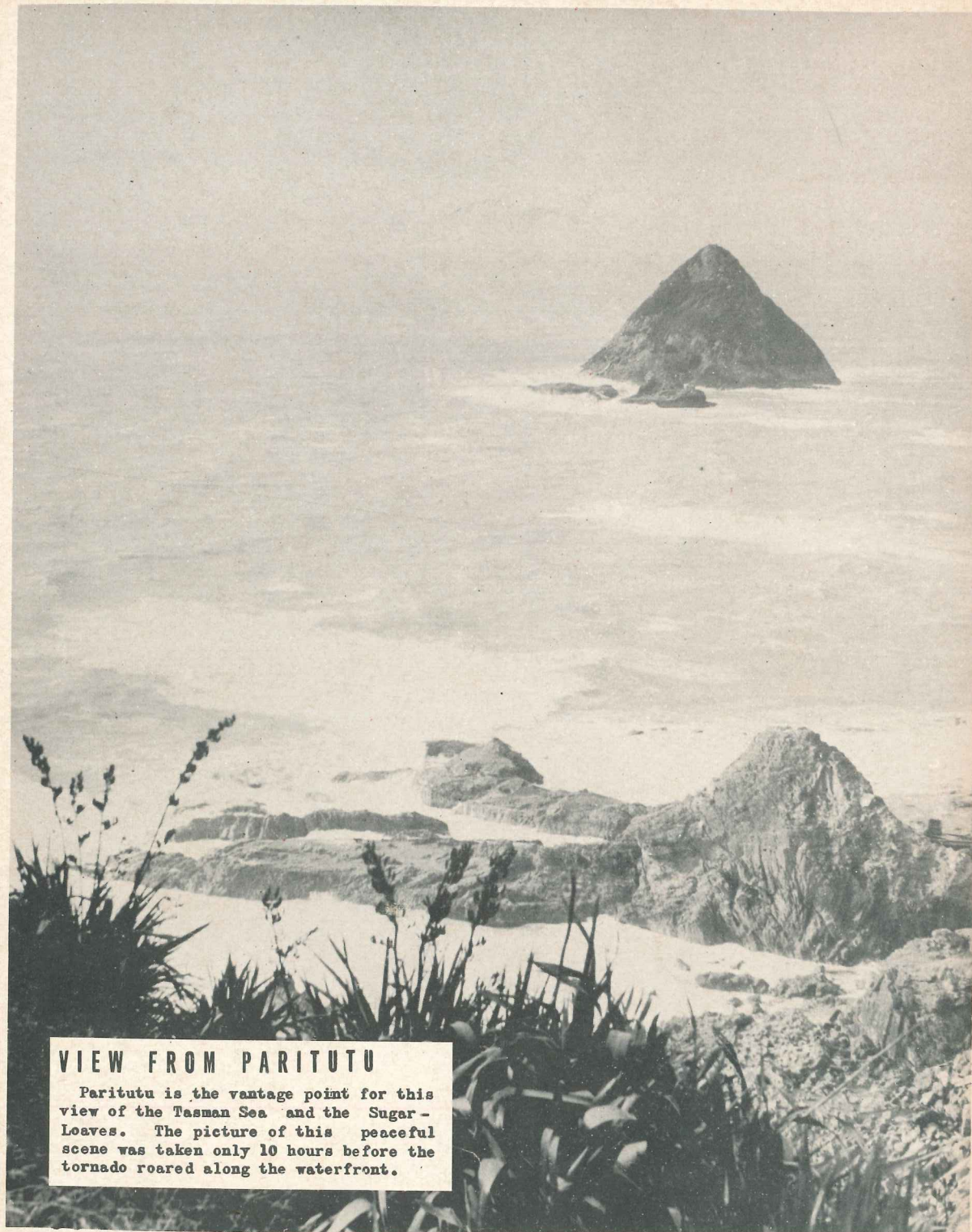
Above, left: Ingrid Bergman returns to the American screen in triumph to star in the hit drama, "Anastasia".

Above: Esther Williams has a dramatic role in "The Unguarded Moment".

Left: Virginia McKenna meets again the man she learned to love in the jungle in "A Town Like Alice", in which she is starred with Peter Finch.

Right and below: The New Zealand Players bring Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" to the Opera House early next month. Handsomely mounted and superbly presented, it is sure to be well received.





VIEW FROM PARITUTU

Paritutu is the vantage point for this view of the Tasman Sea and the Sugarloaves. The picture of this peaceful scene was taken only 10 hours before the tornado roared along the waterfront.

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