

As It Used To Be . . .

Just as fire fighting methods have changed, and equipment become more streamlined, so have the needs of a fire station altered. Picture below shows New Plymouth's Central Station, in a building now occupied by St. Elmo Private Hotel, as it was at the turn of the century.



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News of "Photo News"

It was no doubt a surprise for many of our readers, as it was to us, to learn that as a result of the recently-applied import restrictions, the existence of this magazine was threatened. The position was that, while we were carrying good stocks of the materials needed for its production and were assured of reasonable supplies in most lines, we were caught almost without stocks of sheet process film. This is a small part of our requirements, but an essential one. Our ration for 1958 was enough to keep us going for only three months.

A number of approaches were made to the Minister of Customs, Mr Boord, the Minister of Industries and Commerce, Mr Holloway, and other authorities. At the same time representatives of the photographic industry, which was also affected, made representations. As a result, the Government decided to provide the industry with 100% of 1956 purchases, instead of 50% as contained in the original restrictions.

In the case of "New Plymouth Photo News", which had no 1956 allocation, it is required that a special application be made. We anticipate that this will be granted. The position then will be that both "Gisborne Photo News" and "New Plymouth Photo News" will be published as usual.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

A "fireman's eye" view such as many a small boy dreams of taking in.

No one seems very sure now whether our fire-fighting corps has 75 years of service behind it, 85 years, 91 years, or even more. Of one thing we are certain, however: whatever its vintage, the New Plymouth Fire Brigade has come of age.

The anniversary celebrated last month was an opportunity for the people of New Plymouth to show their appreciation of the work of their brigade and "Photo News" joins in a tribute in the pages of this issue.



HENRY MOORE CANDID

Coming of Age

Left: Alden Adlam, eldest son of Mrs Ray Adlam, Carrington Road, and the late Mr. Adlam, who celebrated the attainment of his majority with a party at Hurworth Hall.

Below: Miss Valerie Armstrong, pictured with her parents, Sgt. Major and Mrs A.B. Armstrong, Eltham, whose 21st birthday was celebrated with a party in the Pipe Band Hall, Eltham.



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Rotarians Confer

Rotarians from all parts of the 294th district assembled in New Plymouth last month, for their annual conference, New Plymouth being this year's host club.

The conference was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Cobham (above).

Left: President of Rotary Club of New Plymouth, Mr. M.G.B. Harvey, with Mr. Halsey B. Knapp, Farmingdale, New York, official representative of President of Rotary International.



Left: FRENCH-AGER.
At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Patricia Helenor, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Ager, Normanby, to Graham Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs T. French, Waihi Road, Hawera. Bridesmaids were: Miss Aileen Davies, Geo, Miss Jennifer Rae, Stratford, and sister of the bride, Miss Mary Ager. The best man was Mr Alan Sharp, Hawera and the groomsmen, Roland and Garry Walker, Eltham.

Married

Below: CLARKE-OLSEN. At the Baptist Church, Dorothy Euphemia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P. Olsen, Carrington St., to Ross Kelvin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. Clarke, Belt Rd. The attendants are: Miss Joan Smith, Hawera, Miss Jean Olsen (sister of the bride), Miss Marlene Clarke (sister of the groom), Miss Beverley Flavell, Mr Dennis Goldsworthy, Auckland, and Mr Ron Wilson. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



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Doug Mitchell, Hamilton



George Platt, Whangarei

All Shot Up!

No, your Photo Newsmen was not being "got at" as pictures above might suggest: he was trying to get a "clay-bird's eye view" of two leading competitors in the New Zealand Gun Clubs' Association's North Island Clay Target Champs, held at the New Plymouth Club's range at Bell Block last month.

"Gunmen" pictured above were winner and runner-up, respectively, of a special £75 trophy shoot.



These boys kept the birds flying



N.P. Gun Club President Mr. A.A. Hammond hands out trophies to winners



CRAGO STUDIOS

Equestrian Trio

Above: Horses play an important part in the lives of the three sisters pictured here—Catharine, Elizabeth, and Sue Nolan, Smart Road, New Plymouth, with their ponies Inky, Star, and Skipper decorated with award banners.

Nurses Celebrate

Below: Group of nurses pictured in Criterion Hotel lounge at a dinner held to mark their success in recent State Finals.



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FLANNAGAN CUP

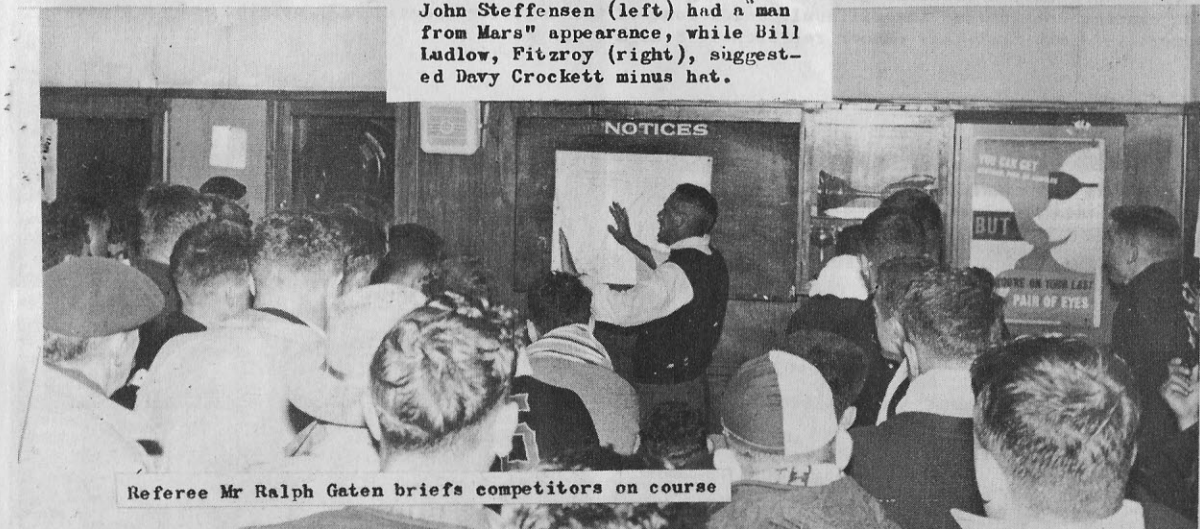
Gruelling Contest

Every year, towards the end of the swimming season, Taranaki's sturdiest swimmers, plus visiting swimmers, gather at Port Taranaki for one of the toughest contests in the book — an open sea swim.

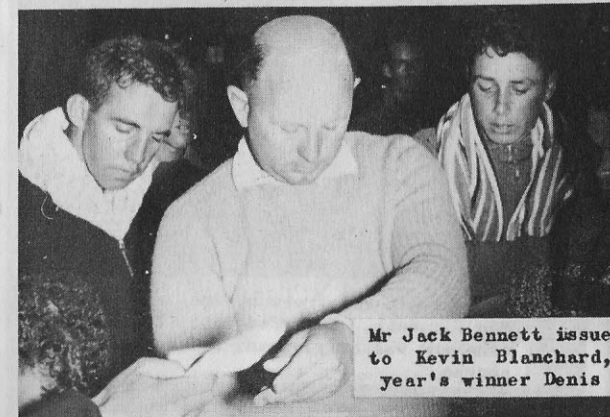
Leaving from the harbour, competitors head for the open sea, complete a three mile course and return to the sheltered waters between Newton King and Moturoa wharves.

The weather is traditionally unkind to the Flannagan Cup race and this year was no exception. A cold, brisk wind, whipping up the surf, made the already cool, overcast, showery conditions even less inviting.

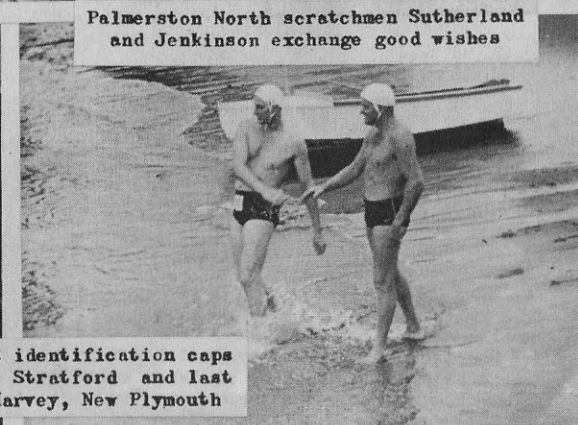
Swimmers ensured their warmth before the swim with a wide variety of coverings. Eventual winner John Steffensen (left) had a "man from Mars" appearance, while Bill Ludlow, Fitzroy (right), suggested Davy Crockett minus hat.



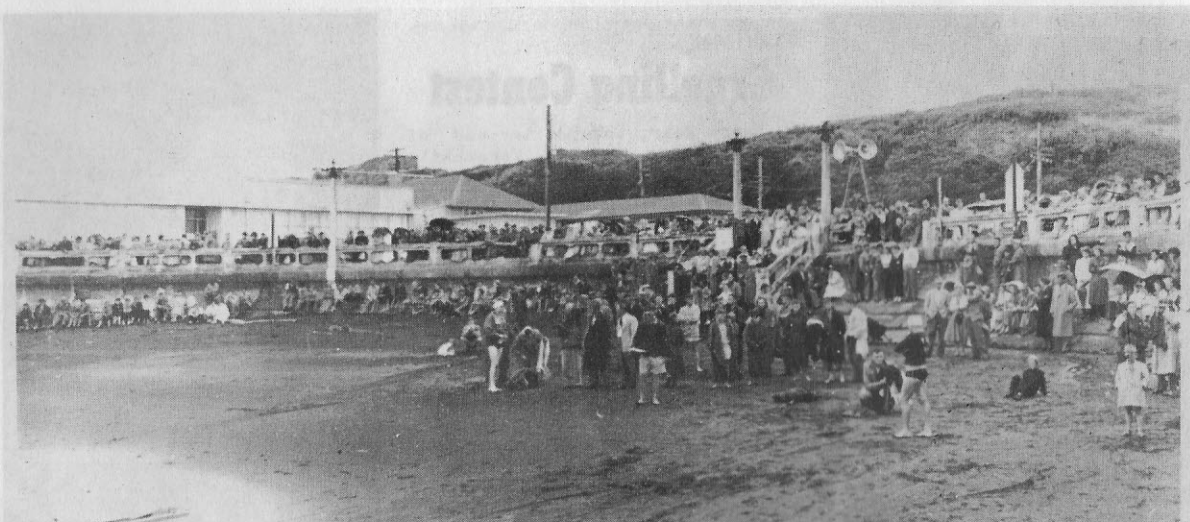
Referee Mr Ralph Gaten briefs competitors on course



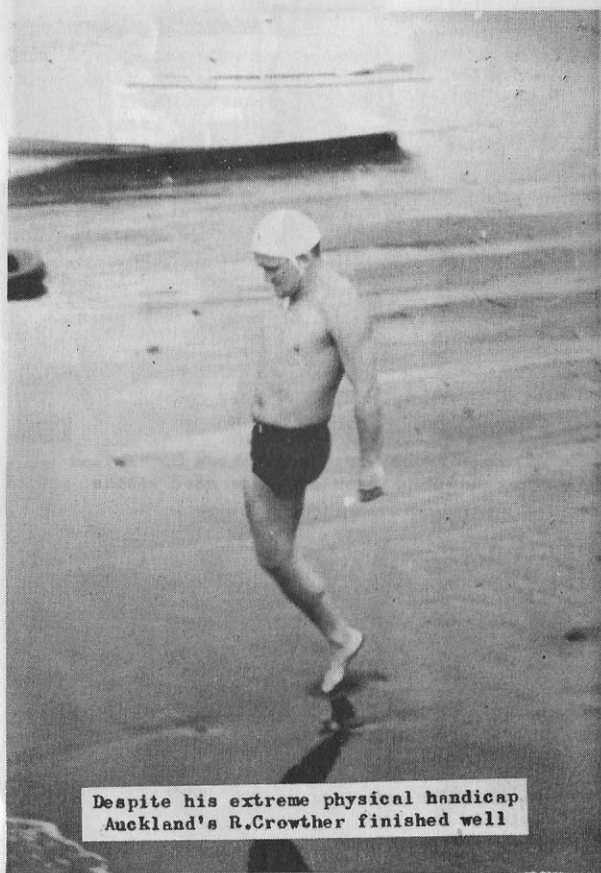
Mr Jack Bennett issues identification caps to Kevin Blanchard, Stratford and last year's winner Denis Harvey, New Plymouth



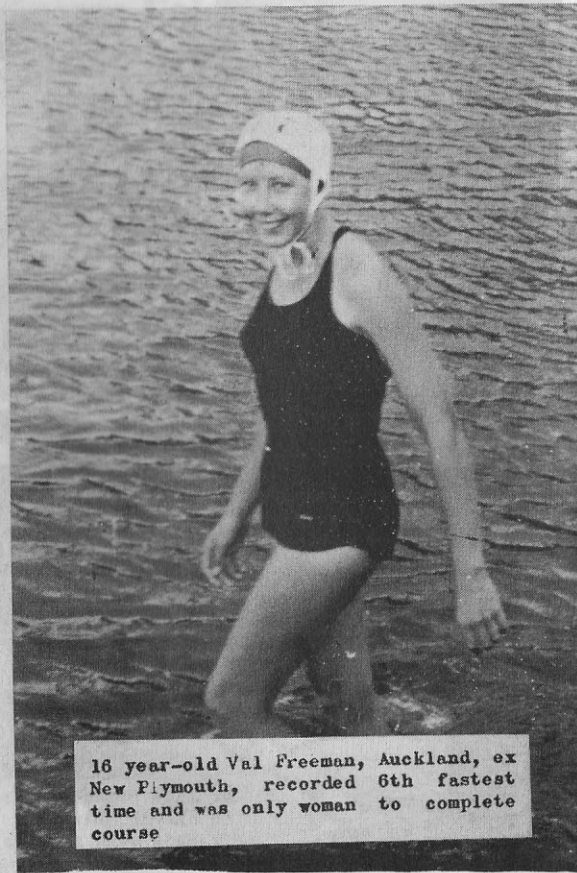
Palmerston North scratchmen Sutherland and Jenkinson exchange good wishes



Despite unfavourable weather conditions, several hundred people gathered at the port to wish the competitors all the best as they set out on their challenging course.
There were only 8 scratchings from the original entry of 45. 37 swimmers started and 28 completed the course. Considering the difficult conditions of the day, the considered opinion of previous competitors was that this number represented a high average.



Despite his extreme physical handicap Auckland's R. Crowther finished well



16 year-old Val Freeman, Auckland, ex New Plymouth, recorded 6th fastest time and was only woman to complete course



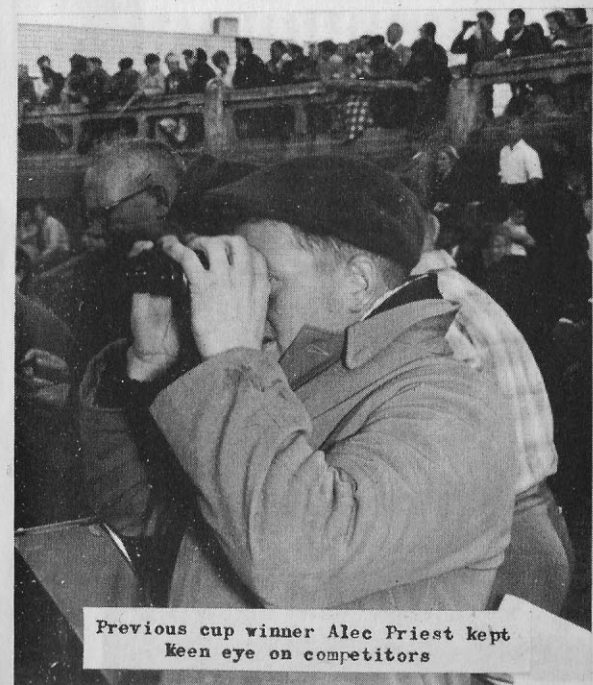
Proud winner John Steffensen, East End, wears triumphant smile on leaving water



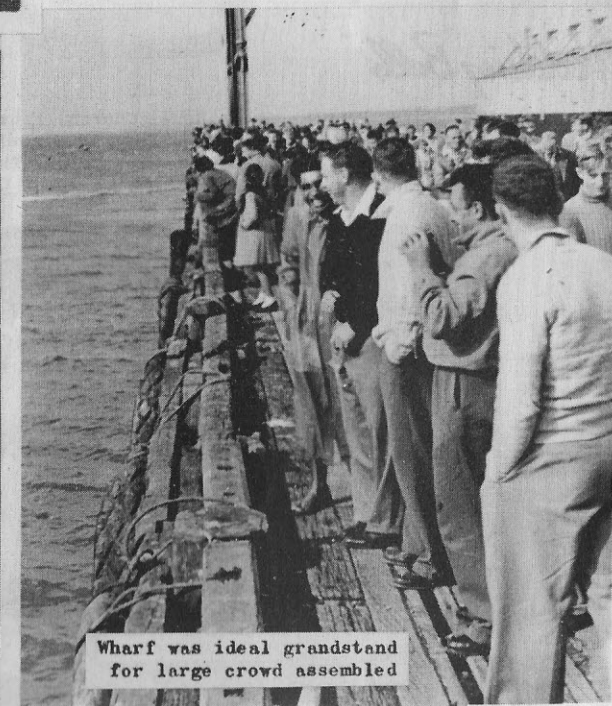
Taranaki Centre President Ray Lovett congratulates NO.2 J. McLean Old Boys



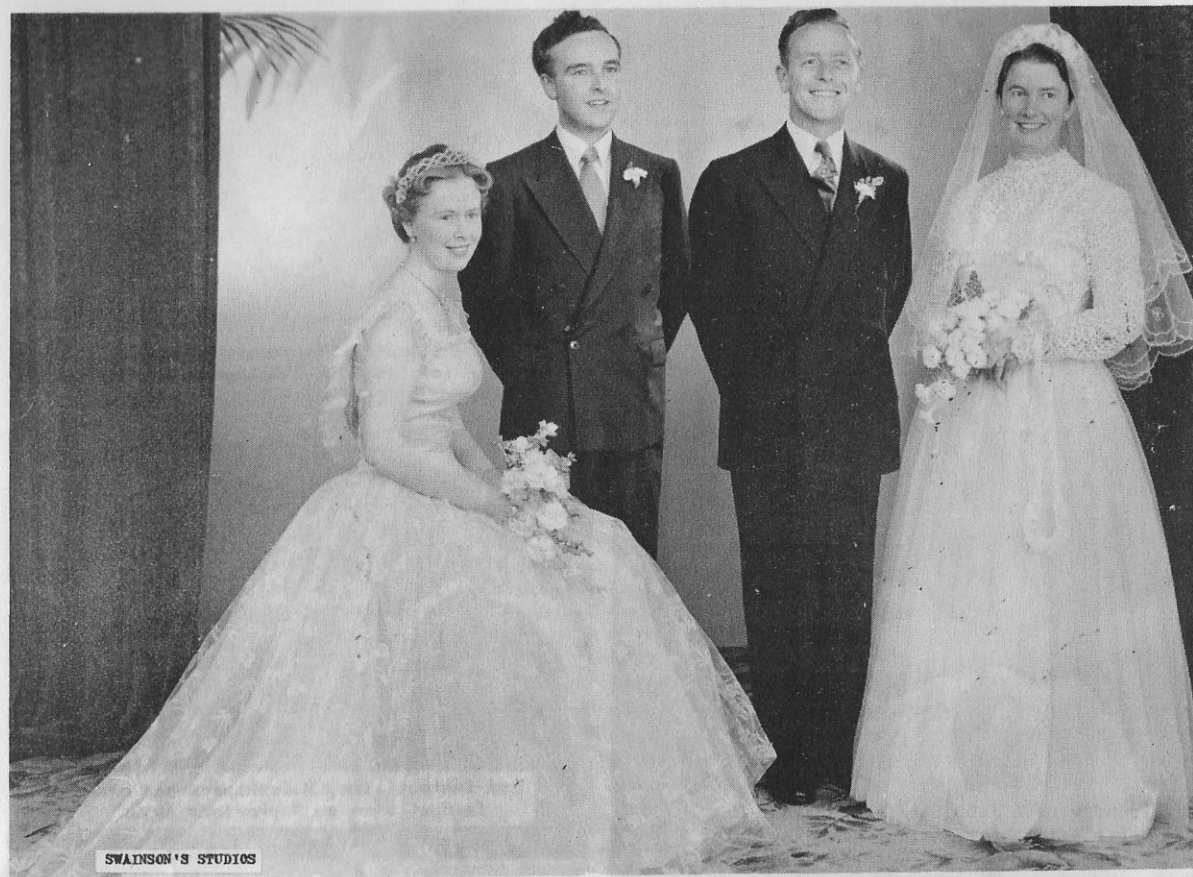
2nd fastest time, R. Jenkinson has made fastest time on 3 previous swims



Previous cup winner Alec Priest kept keen eye on competitors



Wharf was ideal grandstand for large crowd assembled



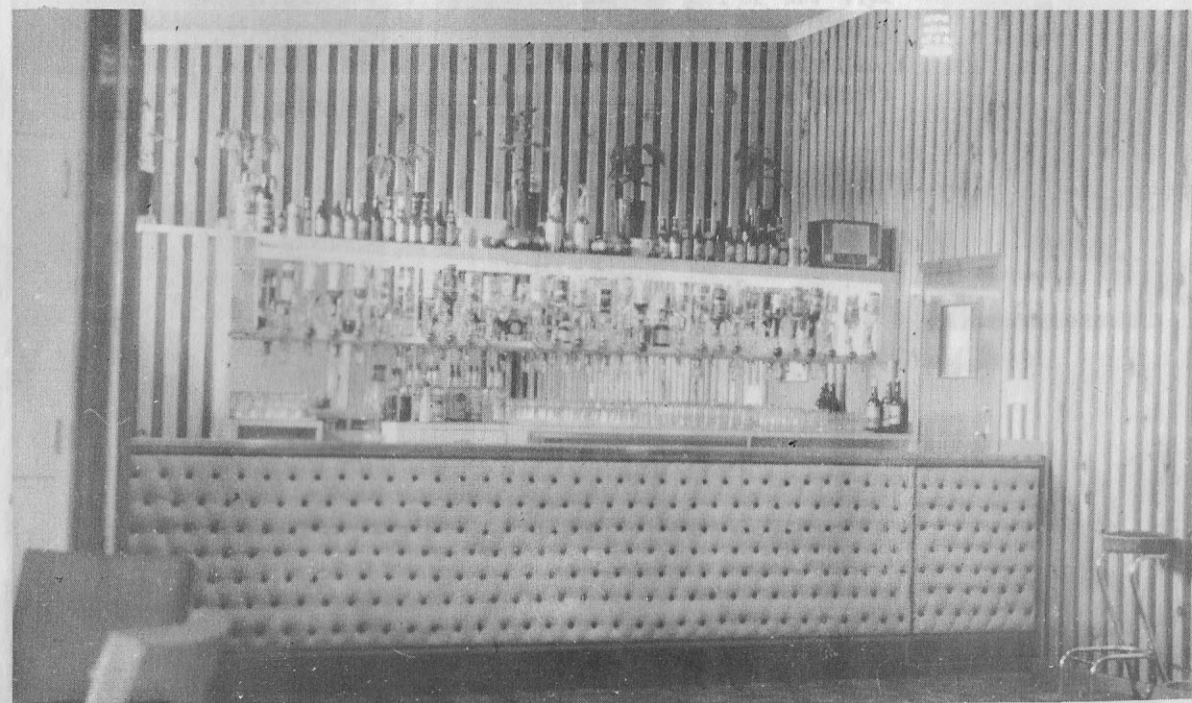
Wedding Bells

Above: GEENDINNING-FARMER: At Te Henui Church, Fitzroy, Freda Marion, younger daughter of Mrs H.W. & the late Mr Farmer, to Lawrence Raymond Glendinning, England. The bridesmaid is Miss Patricia Nolan and the best man Mr Don Morgan. **Below:** The bride and bridegroom, who will live at Bayswater, Auckland, are pictured with the Te Henui Church choir of which the bride was a member.

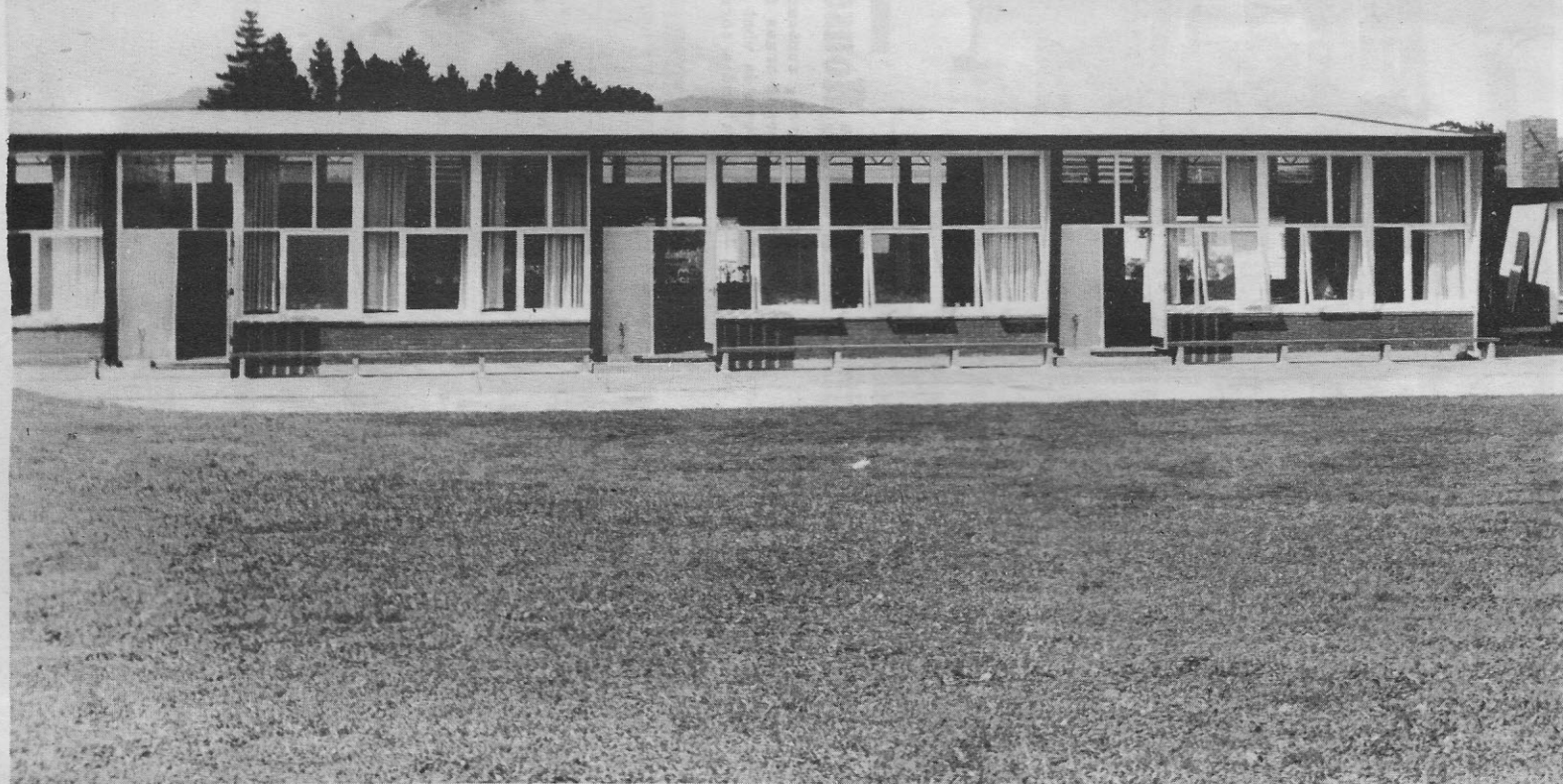


Modernised Facilities in Public Houses

As hotels throughout the country steadily introduce plush, contemporary-furnished lounge bars, it would seem that the "good old days" of bare board floors, brass foot-rails and cuspidors, are fast becoming history. Taranaki evidence of this trend towards what some call "civilised drinking", are pictured here: State Hotel's new "Rainbow Bar" (above) and a corner of Fitzroy's new ultra-modern hotel (below).



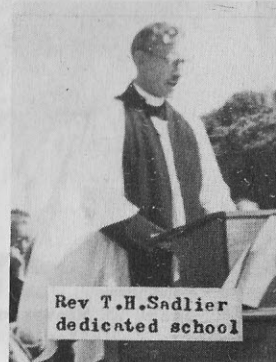
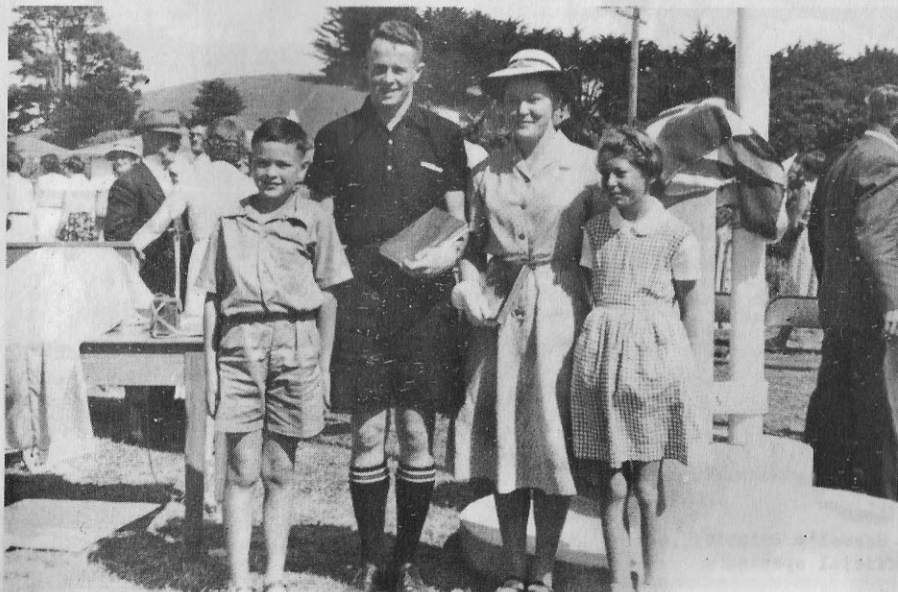
SPOTSWOOD SCHOOL





Students Perform Opening Ceremony

Something of a break from tradition was witnessed in New Plymouth last month, when the new Spotswood School (pictured on previous page) was officially opened by two students. Margaret Wyatt, head girl of New Plymouth Girls' High School and Brian Davey, head boy of New Plymouth Boys' High School, both considered it a great honour to be asked to declare the school officially open. They are pictured below with the new school's senior pupils, Murray Falconer and Ruth Fitzpatrick, who presented them with a gift in memory of the occasion.





Bright, airy quality of Spotswood School's classrooms is shown in this study taken during a reading lesson



Chairman of Taranaki Education Board Mr P.C.Hill

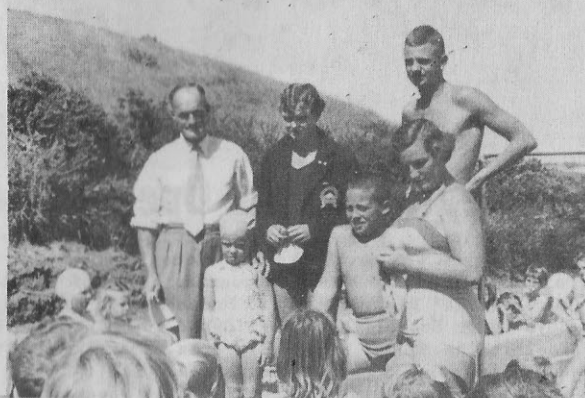


School Committee Chairman Mr R.M.Mills



Not only the Spotswood School, but the new baths were opened, this honour being reserved for Miss E. Dowling, Taranaki President of Royal Life-saving Society, pictured at left.

Following Miss Dowling's official opening, swimming demonstrations were given by Shirley Strombom and by Mark Saxton (right).



Scene at Spotswood School's swimming pool prior to official opening



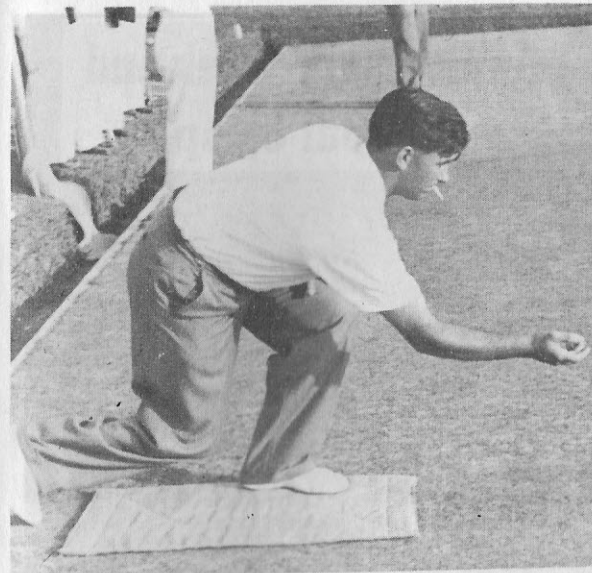
Married

Above: SCHULTZ-MOULDEN. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Elsie Hilda Maude, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Moulden, 37 Lyn St., to Douglas Trevor, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Schultz, Massey Street. Patricia and Margaret, sisters of the bride are the bridesmaids, and a cousin of the bride Raewyn Okey is the flowergirl. The best man is Mr Clive Hughes, Palmerston North and the groomsman, Mr Barry Gilbert, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.



HENRY McGEE CANDID

Left: FROST-FAULKNER. Pictured here cutting their wedding cake are: Margaret Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.L. Faulkner, Tukapo St., and Edward Larry, son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Frost, Dawson Street, who were married at St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.



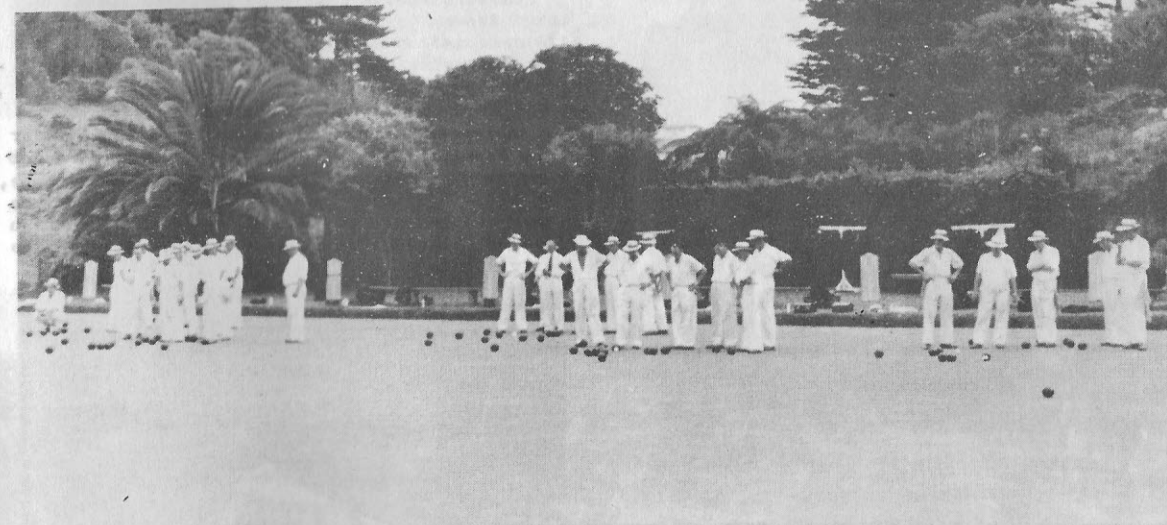
Public Service Bowls

Public servants from all Government departments gathered at East End Bowling Green on a scorching Saturday afternoon last month for their annual bowling tournament.

Left: Brooky, skip of winning Public Trust four.

Bottom left: Victorious Public Trust four.

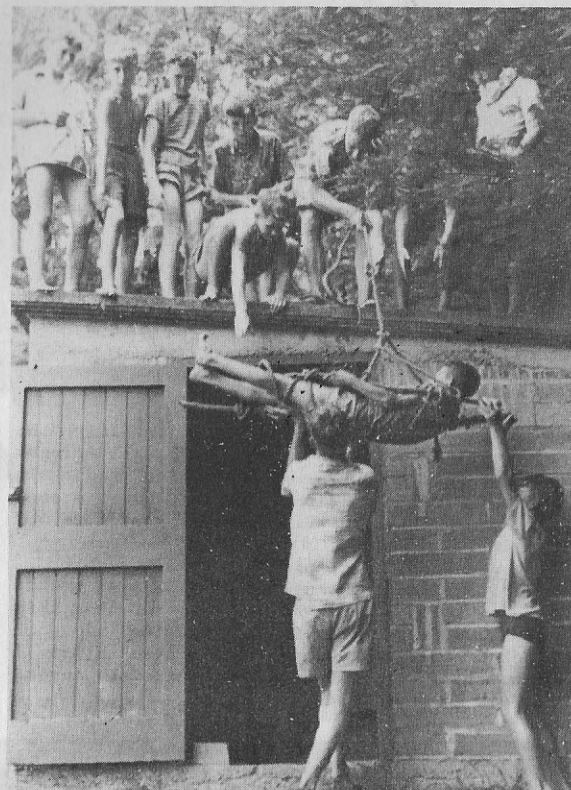
Bottom right: Runners-up, J. Downes' Railway goods No.2 team.



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"Patient" trussed into makeshift stretcher



One of the most important requirements of good scouting is a thorough knowledge of first-aid to the injured and, consequently, handling of a wounded man played an important part in the scouts' commando course. Each group was required to lift their "patient" to the roof of a building and safely down the other side.



....right to the top....



.....and safely down other side.



KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID

Wedding Bells

Above: DOBBIN—MARTIN. At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Dawn Iris, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.W.Martin, 16 Pheney Road, Omate, to David, son of Mr and Mrs W.J.Dobbin County Antrim, Northern Ireland. A sister of the bride, Gae Martin, is the bridesmaid, and the best man is Rex Hall, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.

Below: PEASE—BULLIFF. At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Shirley Dorcas, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H.Bulliff, 159 Gill Street, to Graham Laurence, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.R.Pease, Hawera. The Central Cub Pack, of which the bride is Cubmaster, appeared as a surprise guard of honour. The couple will live in Hawera.



KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID



Coming of Age

Left: Miss Rose Card, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A.Card, Glasgow Street, Wanganui, receiving the key from her father at a party held at Baden Powell Hall, Wanganui.

Above: Joyce Margaret, third daughter of Mr and Mrs T.E.Eliason, Rama Road, Manaia, who recently celebrated her twenty-first birthday with a dance party at the Auroa Memorial Hall.

Right: Miss Gillian Nearey, daughter of Mrs A.E.Nearey, 2a Sackville St., New Plymouth, whose birthday party was held at her home. Fellow staff members of the State Hotel are pictured here with her.



Young Farmers Compete

North Taranaki finals of the Young Farmers' Club National Radio Leadership Contest were held recently in the studios of Radio Station 2XP, New Plymouth. Picture taken through studio window (centre page) suggests that judges found contest almost as harassing as did the contestants.

Bottom left: Judges - Messrs G.Kroon, F.L. Knowles, T.F.A.Shankland, W.Marsh.

Bottom right: Contestants - D.Bolger, D.Harvey, D.Smith, H.Wellington (the winner), D. Slater and question-master H.Smith.





Official portrait set in beautiful Pukekura Park

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Booksellers' Conference

For their 37th annual conference, members of the Associated Booksellers of New Zealand, from Whangarei in the north to Gore in the south, converged on New Plymouth. It was of little surprise that looming high on their agenda was the matter of import restrictions and their drastic effect on the import of books and magazines. Referred to at some length in the president's opening statement, this vital subject set the tone for the bulk of the conference.



Booksellers assembled in Whiteley Hall at official opening of conference



Special cake moulded in shape of open book



Above left: At the official opening, Whiteley Youth Centre. His Worship the Mayor, Mr Honnor, Mr J. Gardner, Stratford, Taranaki representative on Booksellers' Council, and president of Booksellers' Association, Mr R. Parsons.

Above right: Mr Dick Griffin, publishers' representative, and Mr Les Harvey, ex London "bobby", author of "London Policeman", now a member of the New Zealand Police Force at Hastings. One delegate to the conference roused no small measure of laughs when he suggested the ideal title for picture: "Cops and robbers!" Other pictures on this page were taken at a buffet supper held in Pukekura Park kiosk on final evening of the conference.



President's wife Mrs Parsons cut cake



M.C. Jack Corrigan



Youngest delegate Barry Hastings, Matamata



Married

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Urenui Sports

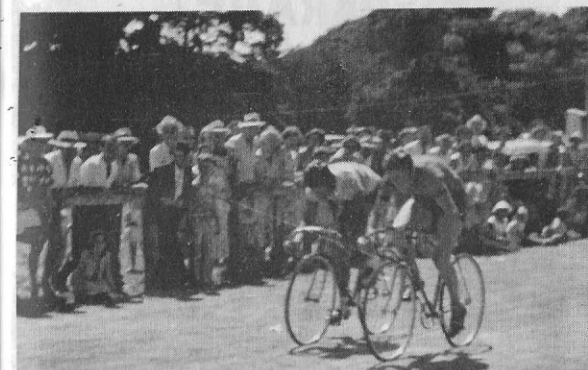
Pictures by Edsel D. Rogers from the Urenui Combined Districts' Sports Day.

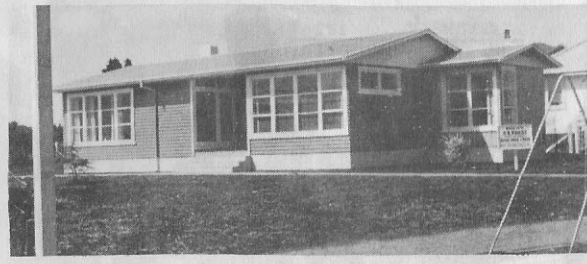
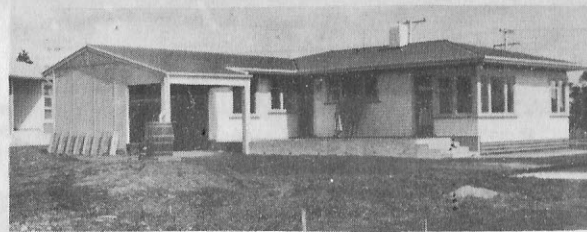
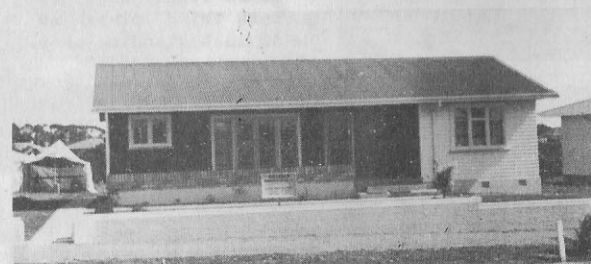
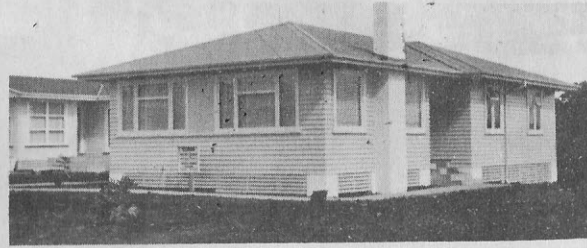
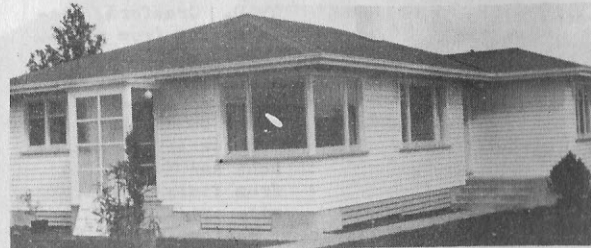
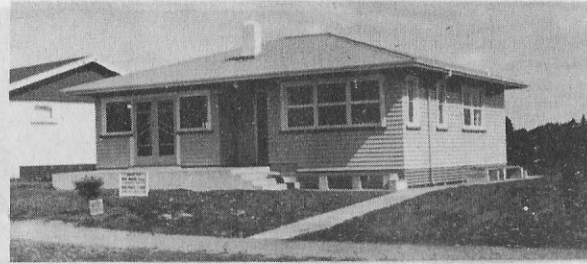
Left: Chain sawing event, which was won by D. Crawford, pictured 2nd from right.

Below: Last two competitors in teams chop, won by J. Stachurski on block 7.

Below left: Wharehoka and Sanger 5yds. from finish line in 3 mile cycle race.

Bottom left: A. Sole makes final blow to take third place in 12 inch standing chop.





PARADE OF HOMES

Many thousands paid visits to Budleigh Street last month to make a thorough inspection of the 11 furnished homes in New Plymouth's "Parade of Homes".

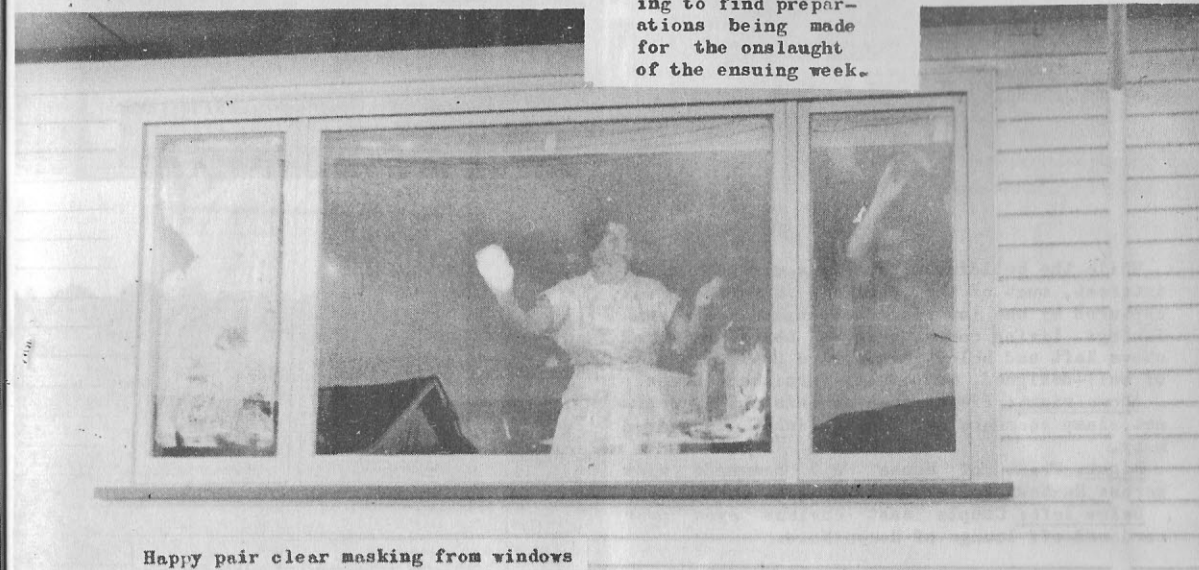
"Photo News" made its first visit the day before the opening to find preparations being made for the onslaught of the ensuing week.



Furnishings arrive



Final touches to wallpaper



Happy pair clear masking from windows



Even gardens were not overlooked



Last but not least the doorstep



Novel sign showed way to refreshment tent

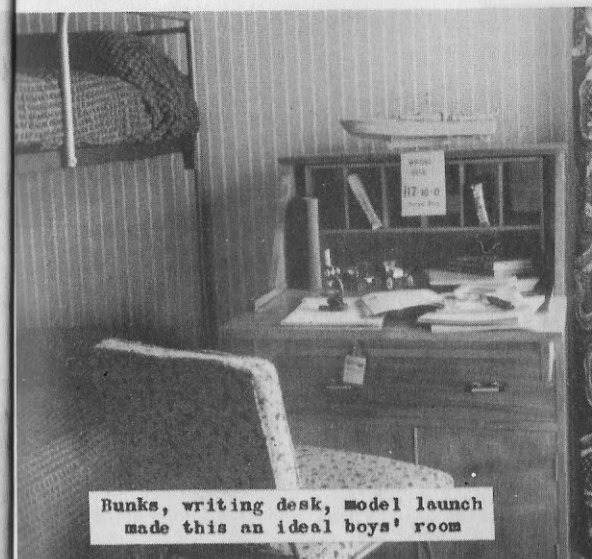


While the buildings themselves were of great interest, much of the public's attention was captured by the interior decorations and furnishings. Living rooms, such as those pictured above left and below right, were prime examples of well-designed, tastefully furnished, homes.

Above right: Pieces such as this china cabinet, lamp standard and fruit basket attracted many.

Right: Front of House No.6 commands view across Huatoki Valley.

Below left: Couple cast envious eyes over cordoned-off lounge of House No.4.



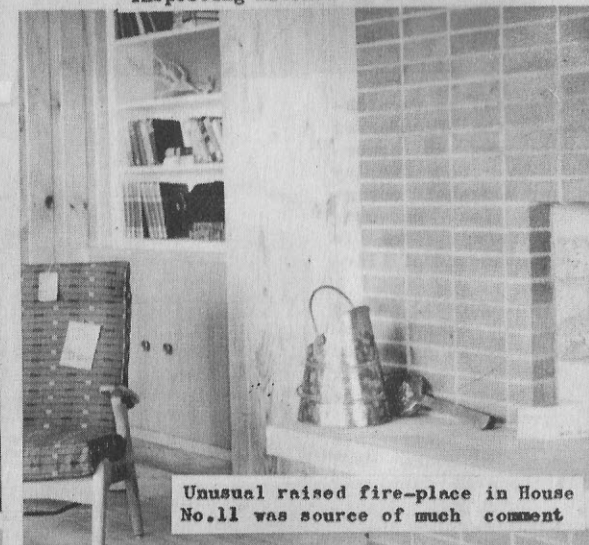
Bunks, writing desk, model launch made this an ideal boys' room



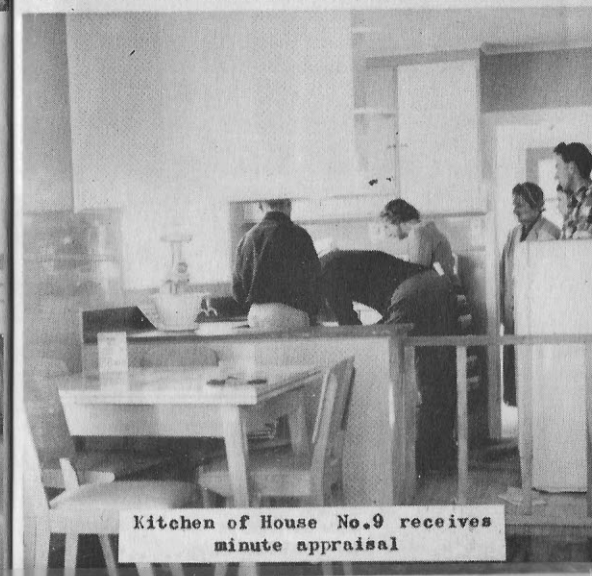
Inspecting kitchen of House No.10



Kiddies made full use of swings



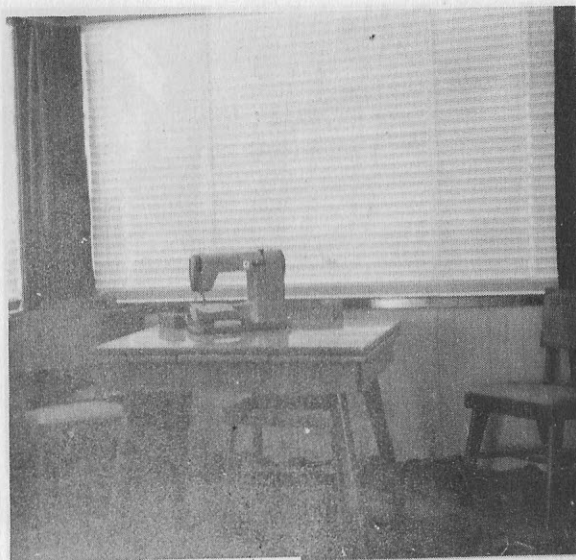
Unusual raised fire-place in House No.11 was source of much comment



Kitchen of House No.9 receives minute appraisal



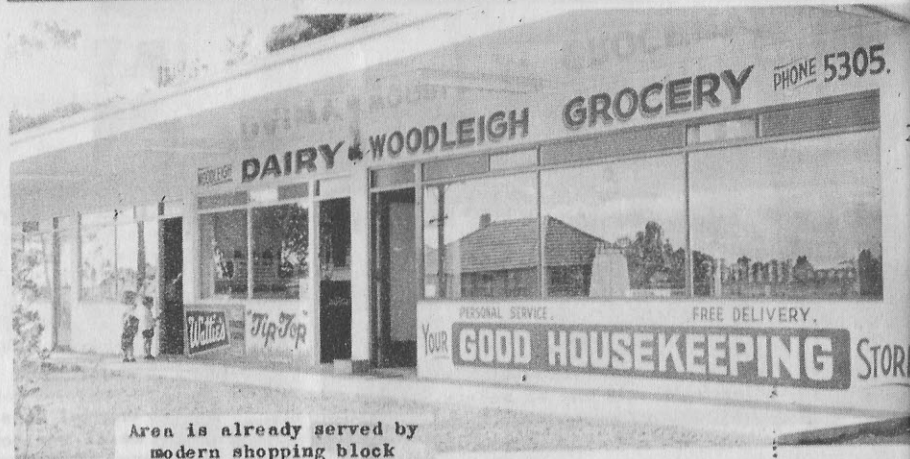
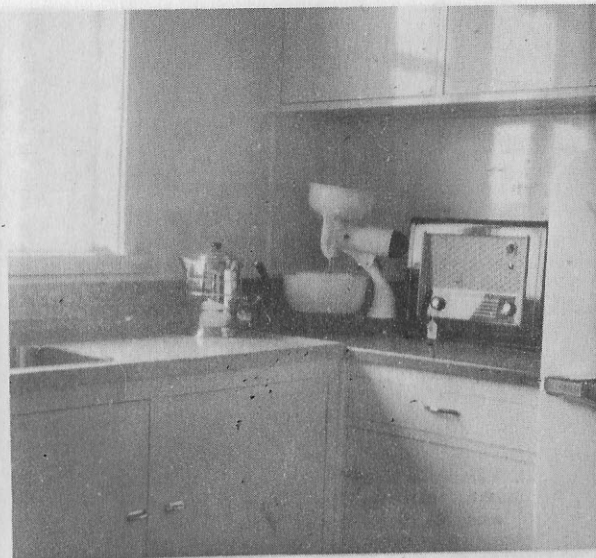
Twin bedroom suite in House No.8



As well as furnishings, the Parade of Homes was an opportunity to display many household accessories fast becoming necessary items in our standard of living.

Dining rooms in two houses (above and below left) displayed automatic sewing machines as well as dinette suites.

Above right: This corner of House No.3 Kitchenette displayed electric jug, mixer, radio, refrigerator.



Aren is already served by modern shopping block



"Now let's see: the booklet says....."

Wedding Bell

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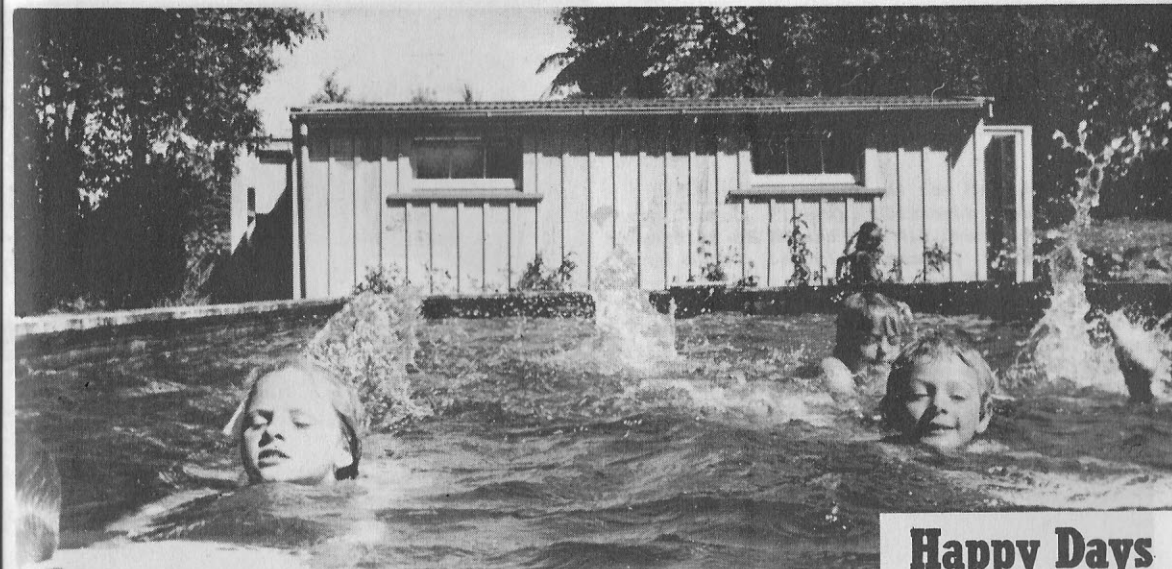
P. CLIFFORD ALLEN



Fashions on Display

Principal feature of a recent Plunket Day was a parade of fashions, compered by Pat Bell McKenzie and headed by Maree Leadbetter, Miss Brooklands 1958.

Models in the parade, pictured here are: Pat Gunn (above left), Joan Lancaster (above right), Maree Leadbetter (below left), Sonia Sisovich (below right), Margery Murray (bottom left) and Young Karen Barnden (bottom right). While charming all others present, they failed to attract the attention of the young male in foreground from his absorbing comic book.



Happy Days

If the happy, smiling faces pictured here are any criterion, then the pupils of Egmont Village School certainly find their school days are happy days.

Above: The sunny afternoon was an ideal time for these young ones to engage in swimming lessons.

Left: No, this picture isn't upside down: these boys are simply defying gravity on the school's new monkey bars.

Below: Foundations of new Egmont Village School alongside the present building.

Egmont Village celebrates the school jubilee next month.

