



High School Cricketers

The great "King Willow" hath not the attraction to the general public of "Great God Ranfurly", but, nevertheless, it 'l has its knot of devotees.

When the Boys' High School 1st XI were playing their annual match against Wellington on their school grounds recently, spectators consisted mainly of players and students. There were, however, small groups of "old boys" who followed the play with more than a passing interest.



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Right: JAMIESON-COLEMAN. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Joan Lilian, second daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Coleman, Masterton, to John Arthur, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Jamieson, Te Awamutu. The bridesmaids were, the bride's sister Noreen and the groom's sister, Dawn. Mr Terry Cross, Auckland, was the best man and Mr Don Wilson, Te Kuiti, was the groomsman. Future home: Paketutu, near Te Kuiti.

Married

Left: RILEY-GEORGE. At the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fitzroy, Elizabeth Mary, the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.B. George, Paraiti Road Bell Block, to Brian Francis, only son of Mr and Mrs L.B. Riley, Mokauiti. Mrs May Coulton and Mrs Iris Tidswell, both of Manaia, were matrons-of-honour, Miss Anne Cochrane, Hastings, bridesmaid, Mr Cedric McAdam, Te Kuiti, best man, and the groomsmen were Maurice Keane and Bob Willers. The future home of the couple will be Reporon.



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Central Fire Station as it appears today on corner of Liardet and Courtenay Streets.

FIRE BRIGADE ANNIVERSARY : How Old Is It?

Here is a question many people are still asking, which well they might, for the brigade seemed to grow several years older with each passing day. It was first announced that the New Plymouth Fire Brigade was to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1883. Within a few days it became 12 years older: 87. Not satisfied with the rapidly increasing maturity, researchers revealed that the brigade was founded at a public meeting on November 26, 1866; age now 91½.

Picture below shows Fire Engine House in 1886, at the ripe old age of 20. Fire House was then situated near the present site of the Royal Hotel.



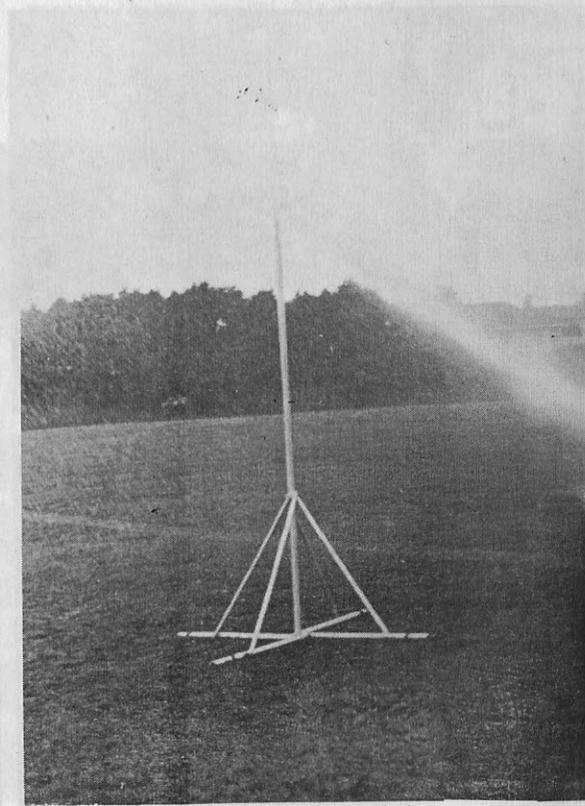
Run in conjunction with New Plymouth Fire Brigade's anniversary, the Taranaki District Junior Fire Brigade Championships were held in the grounds of Highlands Intermediate School.

Above: Firemen around Inglewood Brigade's pump tender, prepare for next event.

Below left: Racing off to start a pump event, which concluded the day's competitions.

Below right: Powerful jet from hose swings in to remove tin on top of pole, the target for such events.

WARNING: Don't place yourself in front of a playing fire hose: "Photo Newsmen" was almost drowned taking this picture!





A social evening marking the 75th, 87th, 91st (or even older) anniversary of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade, was held in the Old Folks Hall on the evening following the junior championships.

The occasion was also an opportunity for district firemen to congratulate Deputy Chief Fire Officer D.S. Butcher, of Stratford Brigade, on his recent election as president of the United Fire Brigades' Association (pictured left).

Below: Mr. Butcher presents Morton Shield and cups to his own winning Stratford team.

Bottom of page: Chief Fire Officer C.H. Carey, Patea Freezing Works Brigade, for 25 years secretary of Taranaki U.F.B.A. and who last week completed 50 years' active service.



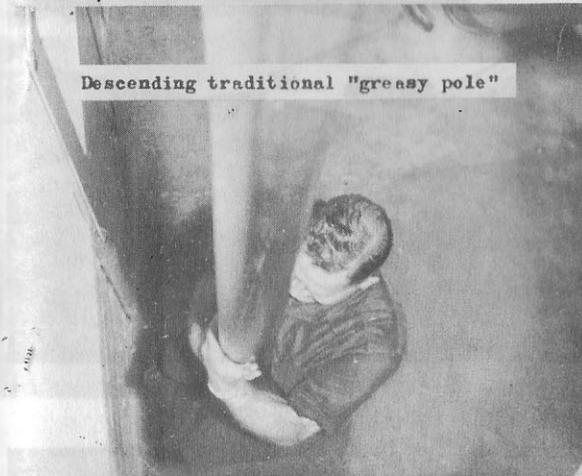
Fireman Crow, Inglewood, President Taranaki U.F.B.A., present Hawera Team with Crabtree Shield awarded for coiled hose event.



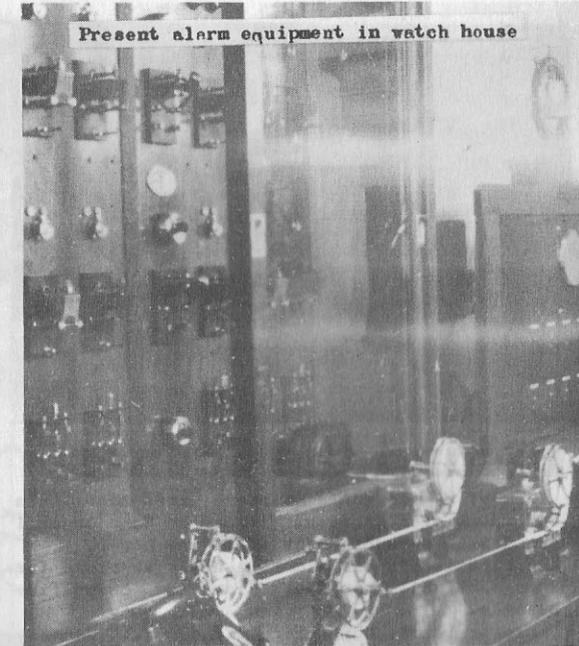
Victorious Stratford Team with trophies.



Off duty firemen relax over game of snooker



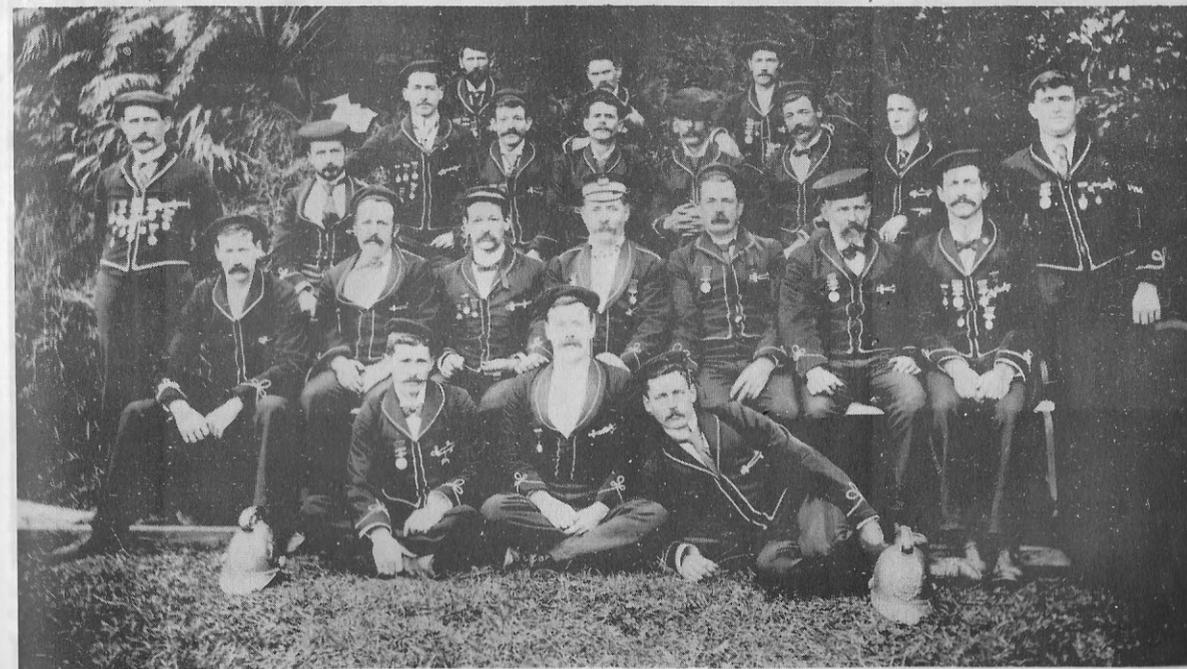
Descending traditional "greasy pole"



Present alarm equipment in watch house

Fire-fighting methods and techniques have altered vastly and, in many cases, become more streamlined and effective. Modern equipment may not have made the present day fireman's task an easier one, but certainly he has more efficient weapons to use against his enemy.

Below: This picture from the Fire Brigade's historical collection, the exact date of which is uncertain, indicates a vast change in the brigade uniform.





Behind the Scenes

Above: Single men's quarters are neat twin bed rooms over station. Firemen on 24 hour call are within seconds' reach of engine house.

Fire officers are almost equally as close for emergency calls, in flats alongside main fire station.

Right: Deputy Chief Fire Officer H.T. Genese, in lounge of his private flat.

Below left: Mrs Hartley tends garden behind flats.

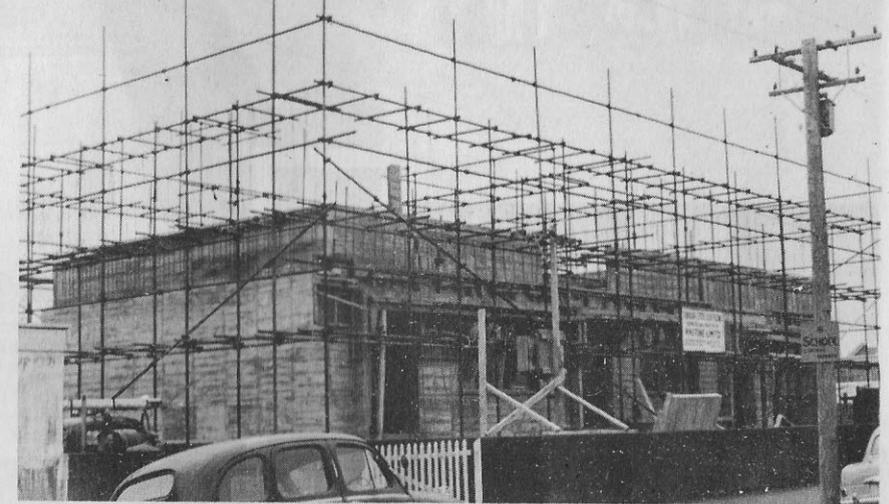
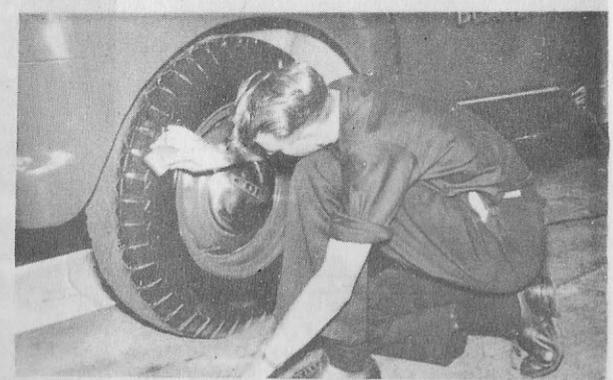
right: Chief Fire Officer L.F. Hartley in his station office.



How often have you heard the question—"What does a fireman do when there's no fire?"

One of the answers is found in the vigilance and care with which he keeps his equipment ready for instant use.

Left: Fireman Eustace checks and numbers new hose.



Above: Standard fireman's equipment hangs on convenient hooks in engine house ready for men to pick up on the run when alarm is sounded.

Right: To add yet further to the brigade's facilities, firemen's flats are being constructed behind fire station, fronting on to Courtenay Street.

Below right: New Plymouth Fire Brigade Central Station as it appeared at turn of the century. Today's electronic and automatic alarm units were then unknown.

Alarm was raised by handbells, such as that hanging on left of station building.



Married

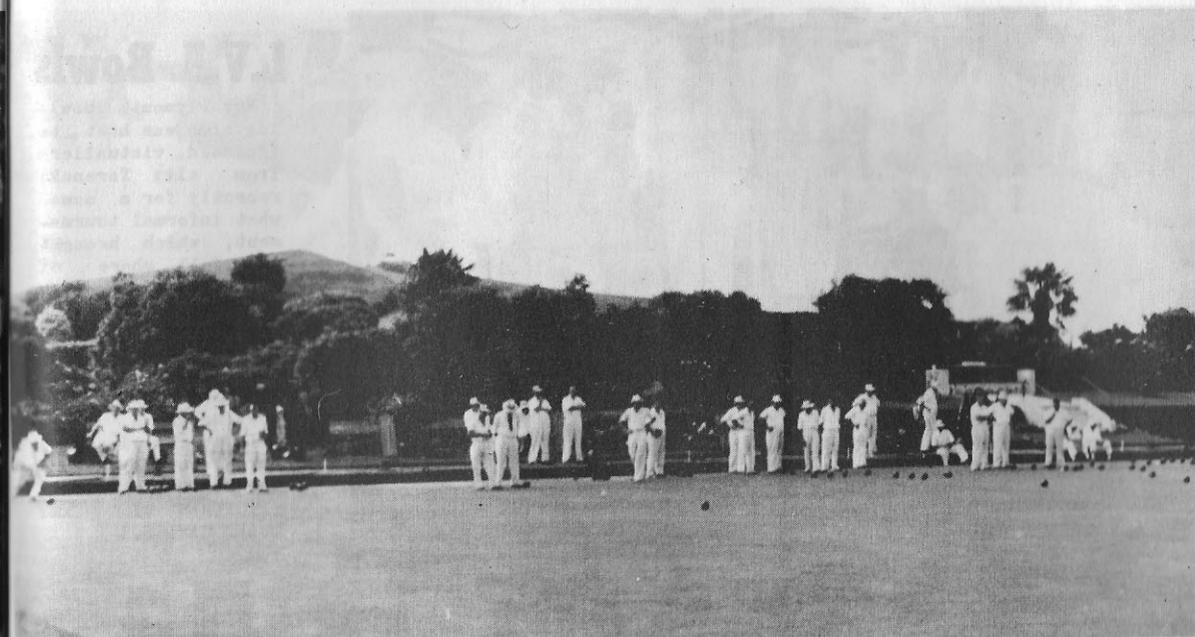
Right: CROMARTY-POLETTI. At Whiteley Methodist Church, Patricia Rae, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F.Polletti, Bell Block, to Donald McKay, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.Cromarty, Wanganui. Future home is Christchurch.



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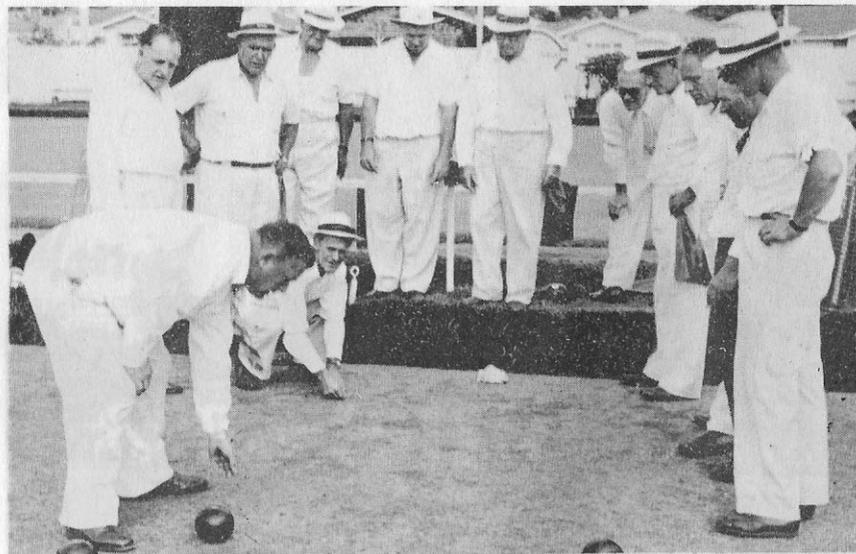
Left: JONES-BENNETT. At Perry Barr, Birmingham, England, Nancy Jean, second daughter of Mrs S.E.Bennett, New Plymouth and the late Mr Herbert Bennett, Bristol Road, Inglewood, to Ray, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W.Jones, Worksop, Derbyshire, England.



Doing Good

Above: The scene at Westown Bowling Club during playoff of the recent Trades' Tournament.
Below: Rev.P.Burns, vicar of Mokau, presenting Leila Bassett Cup to Lynette McNeice, president of Awakino School's Junior Red Cross Circle, at school break-up last year:
The Leila Bassett Cup is awarded annually for the best portfolio produced by a Junior Red Cross circle in one and two teacher schools throughout the Dominion. Since its inception six years ago, the cup has been won by North Taranaki circles three times: by Ratepiko in 1956 and Ahititi in 1953.



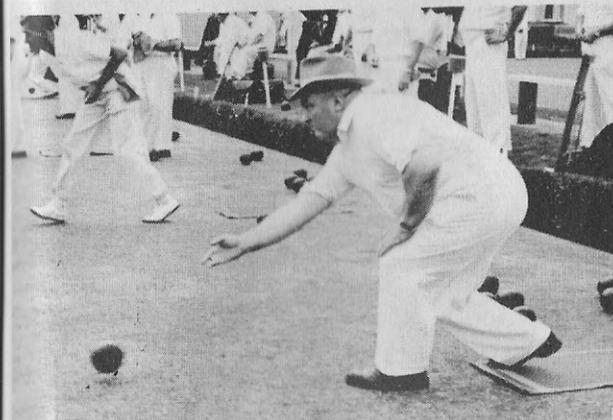


L.V.A. Bowls

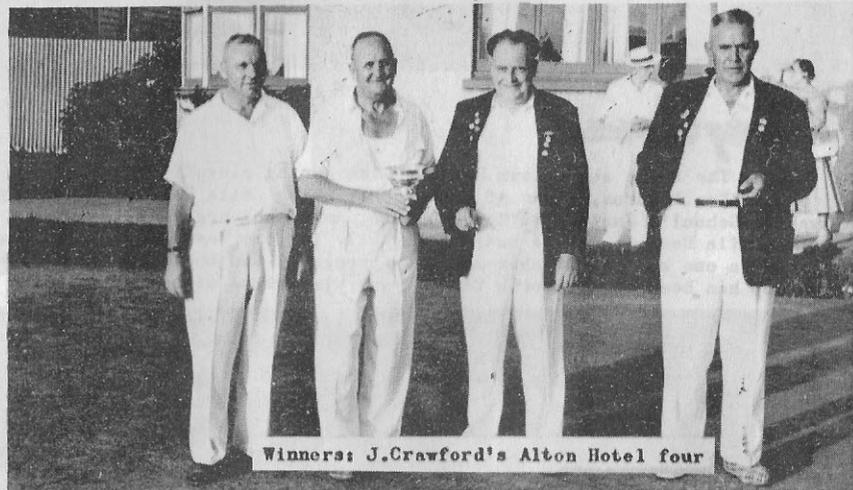
New Plymouth bowling club was host to licensed victuallers from all Taranaki recently for a somewhat informal tournament, which brought its full share of surprises.

The wide variety of expressions offered the camera by bowling publicans are seldom witnessed on any bowling green.

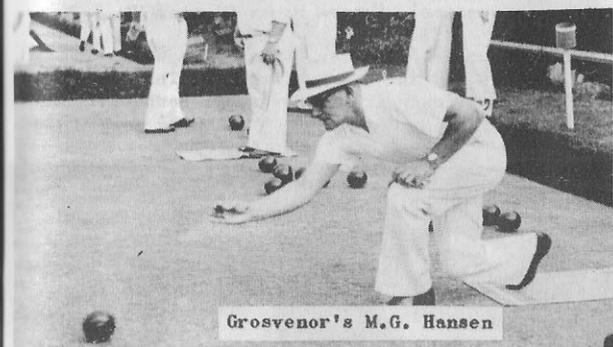
Left: "No giveaways here; we'll measure the head".
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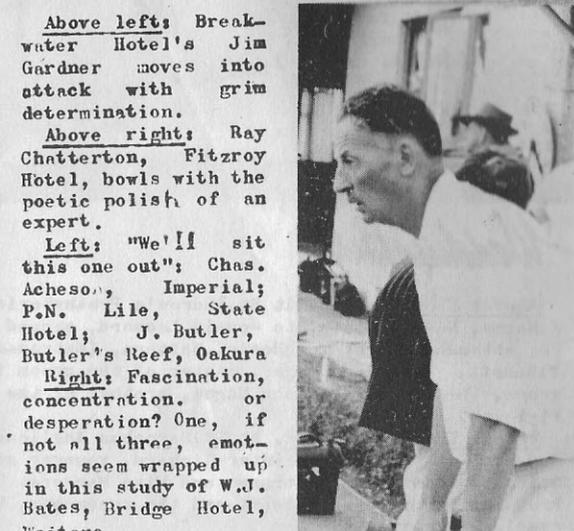
K. Nodder, New Plymouth



Winners: J. Crawford's Alton Hotel four



Grosvenor's M.G. Hansen



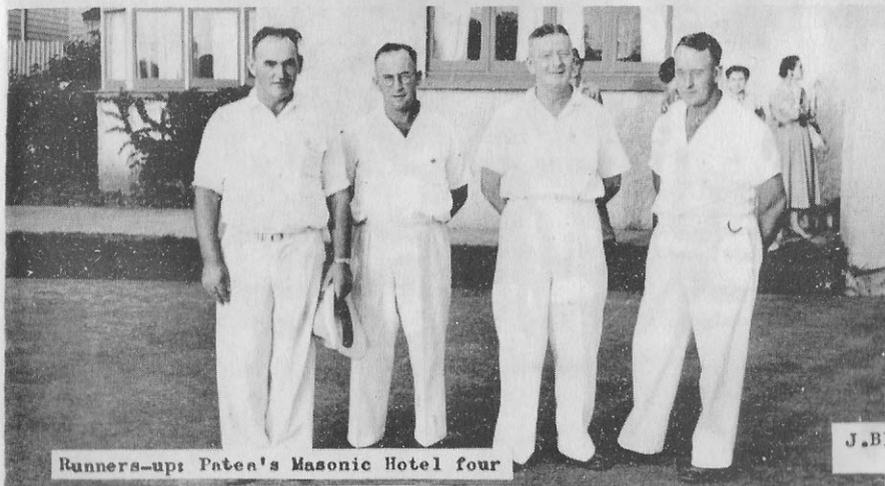
Above left: Breakwater Hotel's Jim Gardner moves into attack with grim determination.

Above right: Ray Chatterton, Fitzroy Hotel, bowls with the poetic polish of an expert.

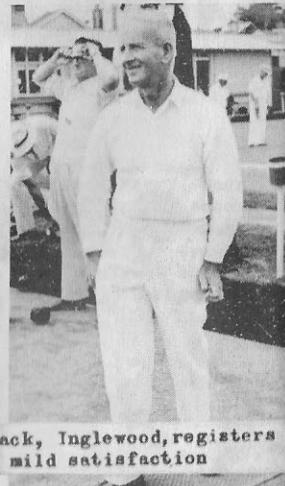
Left: "We'll sit this one out"; Chas. Acheson, Imperial; P.N. Lile, State Hotel; J. Butler, Butler's Reef, Okura

Right: Fascination, concentration, or desperation? One, if not all three, emotions seem wrapped up in this study of W.J. Bates, Bridge Hotel, Waitara.

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Runners-up: Patea's Masonic Hotel four



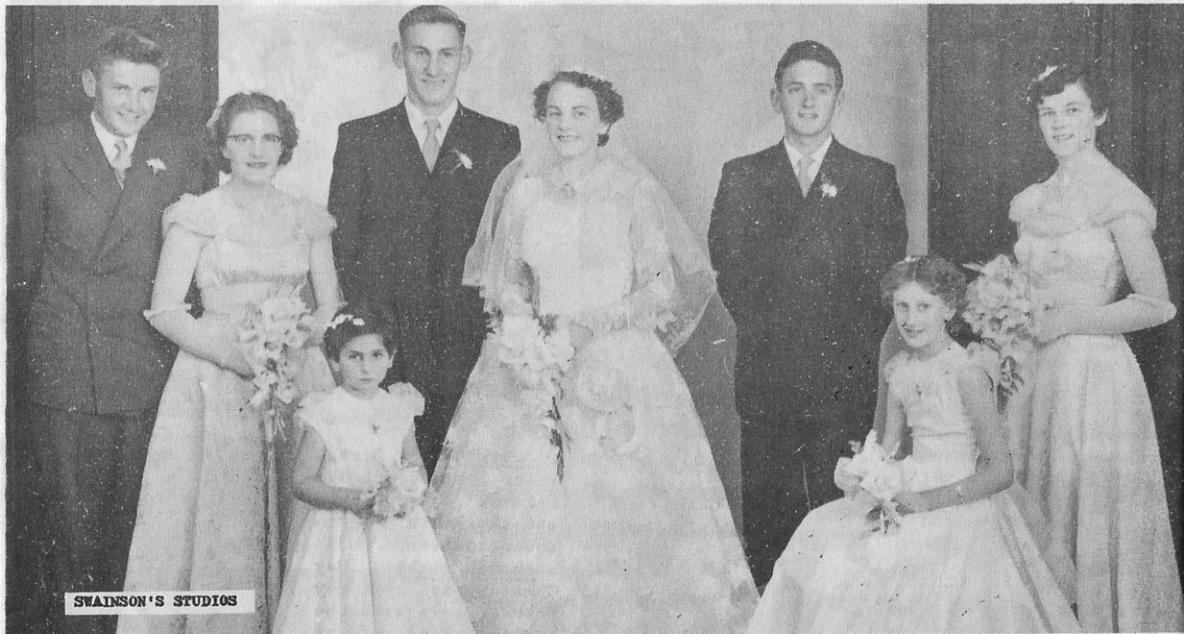
J. Black, Inglewood, registers mild satisfaction



"Wot! No creams?" Royal Hotel's Ernie Clode has own idea of dress and bowler's stance



All in the hunt for sunken treasure!



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Wedding Bells

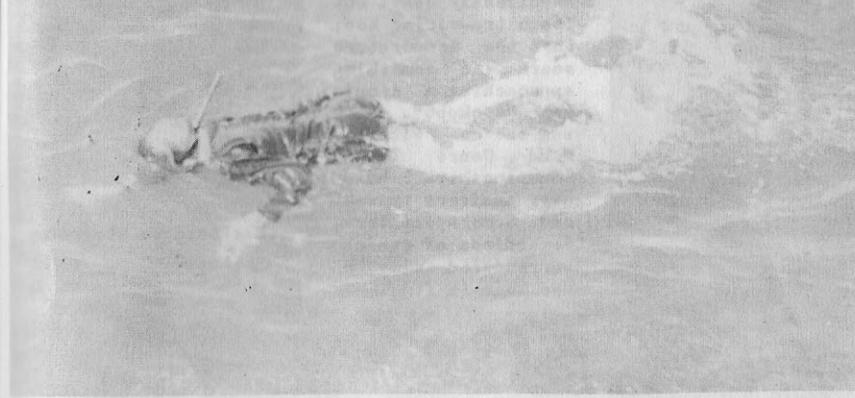
Above: SANGER-MAGEE. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Eileen Lois, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Magee, New Plymouth, to Donald Leonard, second son of Mr R. J. Sanger, Omata and the late Mrs Sanger. The attendants are; Mrs Hosie, Waitara, (Matron-of-honour), Miss Faye Lawrence, (Bridesmaid), Koula Yiannett, Beverley Sanger, sister of the groom (flowergirls), Mr Colin Richardson, cousin of the groom, (best man), Mr John Magee, brother of the bride, (groomsman). Future home: Clawton St., New Plymouth.

Below: TROLOVE-STRONGE. At St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Opunake, Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. Stronge, to Peter Richard, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs R. M. Trolove. The bridesmaids are Miss Berrie Stronge and Miss Margaret Blane and the flowergirl is Beverley Bennett. The best man is Mr Barry Stewart and the groomsman, Mr John Christie. After a trip over seas the couple will live at Pihama.



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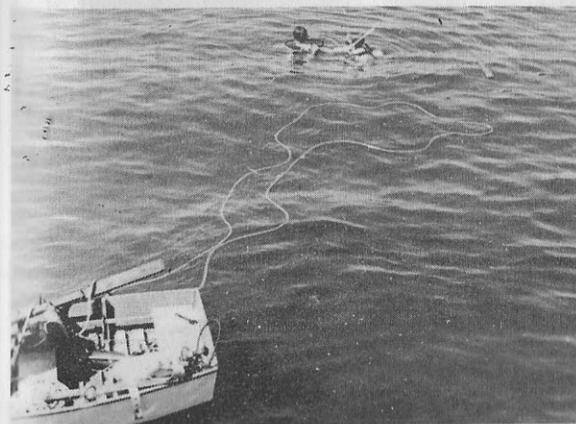
Frogs — or Mermaids?



Neither. When 12 members of the New Plymouth Under-water Club gave a display of their aquatic art on a Sunday afternoon last month, over 200 spectators on Moturoa Wharf were tempted to ask the question heading this page.

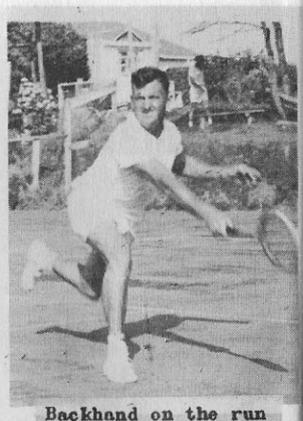
Equipment ranged from basic face mask and flippers to complete rubber suit and aqualungs, two divers working on air-lines from a motor pump in boat.

To enable the public to see their display, divers worked in about 10 feet of water, but some have dived to depths in excess of 100 feet.

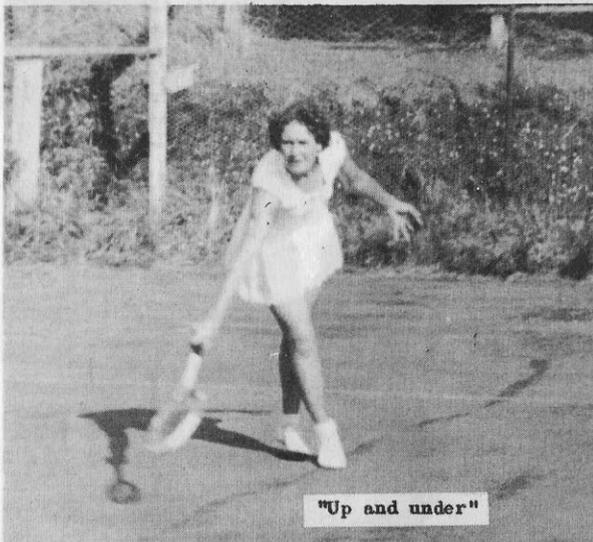


Tennis Champs

Tennis is a "hot" game at any time—hard court championship tennis, even hotter — when the sun mercilessly beats out its ultra-violet too, then the temperature soars to something approaching a cannibal "cookpot". Such was the case with the Hard Court Tennis Championships held over anniversary week end. Some spectators, regardless of others, surrendered fully to the heat (left).



Backhand on the run



"Up and under"



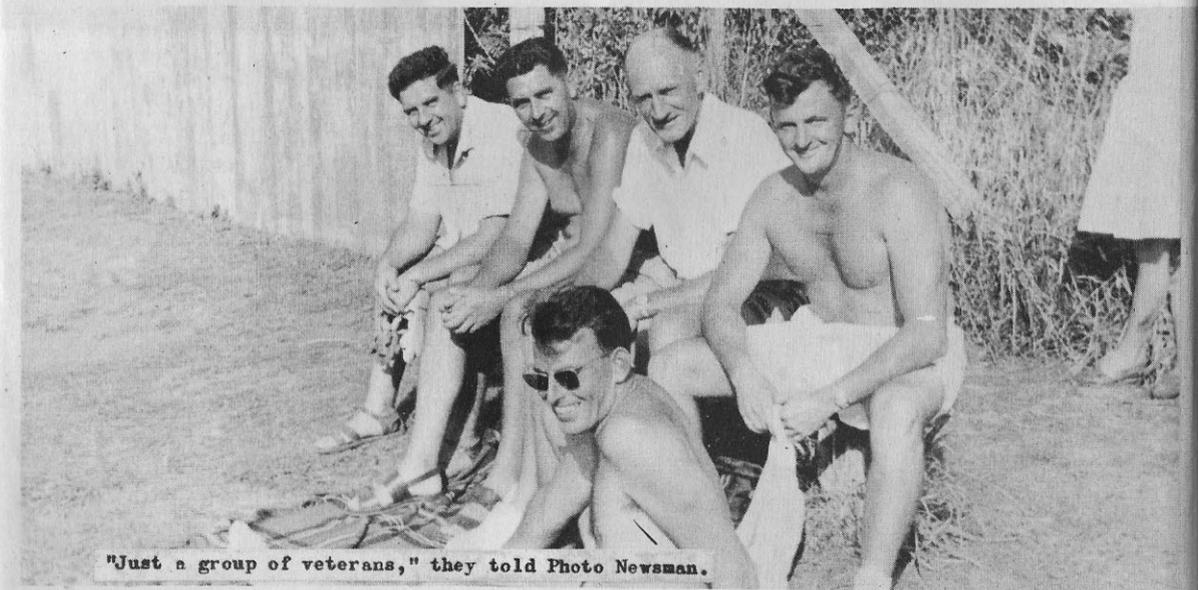
Mutual congratulations



The doubles final match was a hard, closely contested fight, with displays of fast, forcing tennis on both sides of the net.

Above left: Doubles winners, Miss Stephanie Fields and Basil Newland, with trophies.

Above right: Runners-up, Richard Purser and Miss Helen Christie, not with trophies, but with equally satisfying "cool-off" soft drinks.



"Just a group of veterans," they told Photo Newsmen.





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Coming of Age

Above left: Miss L. Wheller, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.F. Wheller, 71 Lorna Street, who celebrated her birthday with a party in the Westown Hall.

Above right: Jeanette Edith, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D.Lloyd, 10 Grant V.C. St., Hawera, whose New Year twenty-first birthday was celebrated by friends and relatives at the home of her parents.

Left: Miss B.Wells, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.Wells, of Surrey Hill, Oakura, celebrated her coming-of-age with a party in the Oakura Hall.

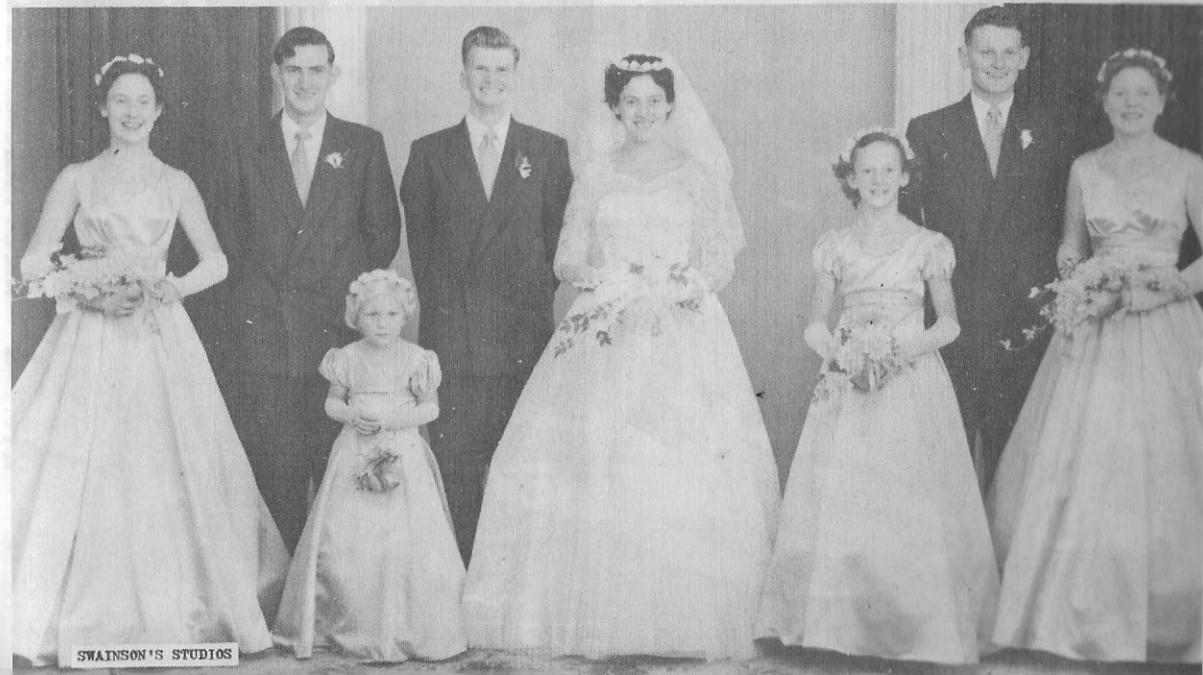


Wedding Bells

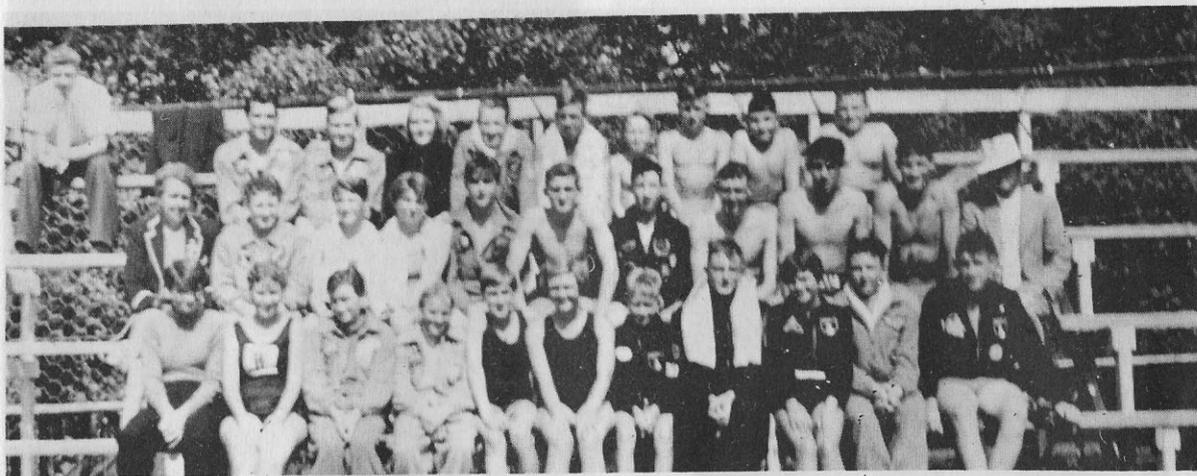
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Above: JURY-PRENTICE. At the Whitely Memorial Methodist Church, Rae Lynette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.Prentice, 21 Aubrey St., to Ross Leon, eldest son of Mrs R.Hodgson and the late Mr G. Jury. The bridesmaids are Miss Pam Prentice, cousin of the bride, Miss Marion Jury, sister of the groom. Vicki King, niece of the bride, is the flowergirl and the groom's attendants are his brother Mr Viv Jury and Mr. Mel Hoskins. Future home: New Plymouth.

Below: JULIAN-HARRISON. At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Merle Elaine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.R.Harrison to David Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.N.Julian, Leach St. The bridesmaids are Miss Aline Harrison and Miss Glennis Richards, the flowergirls, Elvie Harrison and Linda Grafton. The best man is Mr Gary Williamson and the groomsman, Mr Brian Terry. Future home: New Plymouth.



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Inter-Provincial Swimming

Spectators at Stratford Municipal Baths witnessed five records being broken during the Inter-Provincial swimming carnival between Wanganui and Taranaki centres for the Robson Shield. By the narrow margin of 115 points to Taranaki's 106, Wanganui retained the Robson Shield for another year.

Above: Wanganui visitors pictured shortly after their arrival at Stratford.

Below left: Taranaki swimmers take a few moments rest while watching other competitors.

Below right: Messrs J.B.Cotterill, M.P. and President of N.Z.A.S.A., and R.Lovett, President of Taranaki centre.



D. Albrechtsen (T)



H. More (T)

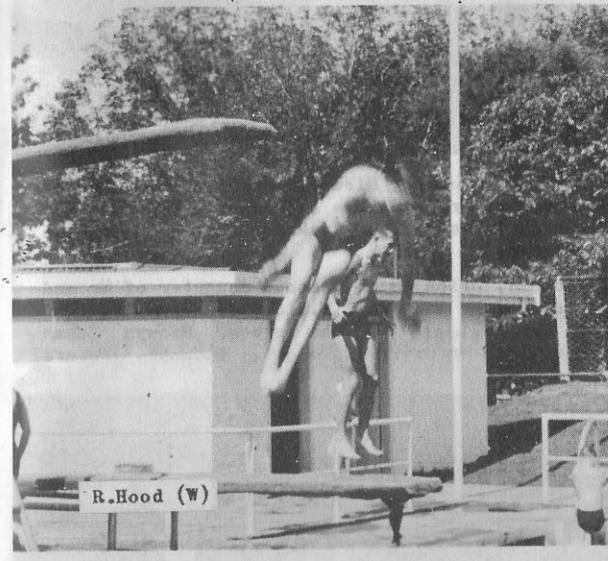


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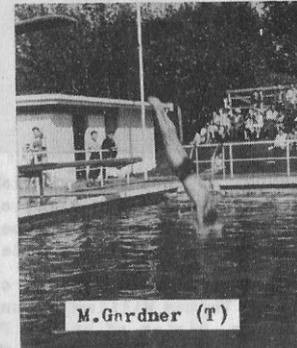


S. Pargeter (W)

Spectators' interest focussed on the diving events. Both centres have divers of a high standard. Particularly outstanding was the precision displayed in the diving of R. Hood, Wanganui, below left, previous title holder and this year's winner. Entrants in senior men's and women's dives are pictured here, marked (T) for Taranaki and (W) Wanganui.



R. Hood (W)



M. Gardner (T)



W. Park (W)



Section of crowd at Stratford Municipal baths



Wedding Bell

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Above: **FULCHER-FREDERICKSON**. At Knox Presbyterian Church, Inglewood, Elsa Florence, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E.Frederickson, to William Alex, second son of Mr and Mrs L.Fulcher, Taupo. The bridesmaid is Miss Rosalie Burrows, Inglewood, the flowergirl, Wendy Frederickson, the best man Mr Arthur Frederickson. The future home of the couple is Ngaere.

Below: **CLOUSTON-McCULLUM**. At the Methodist Church, Opunake, Erica Janet, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J.McCullum, Opunake, to Thomas William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.W.Clouston, Opunake. The attendants are: Alwyn McCullum, sister of bride, Pamela Morris, niece of the groom, Rae'wyn Johns (flowergirl), niece of the bride, Mr John Smith, Waverley, and Mr Geoffrey Vooght, Opunake. Future home; Opunake.



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Mountain Town Carnival



Throw a wooden ball through this clown's mouth and that scandalously attired male at far left was felled from his perch into water tank awaiting him (below).



The swimming club's fund-raising novelty (above) was but one of several stalls and sideshows operated by Stratford sports clubs to add to the entertainment offered by Stratford's Athletic, Axemen's and Cycling Club's "Mountain Town Carnival". The day at the showgrounds started at 10 am with horse events and continued through a programme of chopping, cycling, running and trotting. Below left: M.Jensen, Matau, 2nd in 11 inch and winner of main 12 inch chop. Below right: Jack Stachurski receives Ned Shewry Cup from club patron Mr G.W.Gowen, Stratford.





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Noving Camara

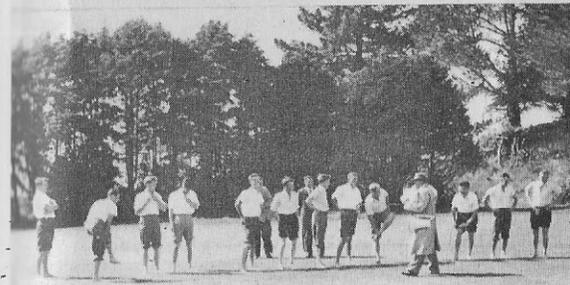
Above, left: Well! Isn't that just like a woman? Some say you're never too young to start, and, when it comes to headgear, it seems 10-months-old Janine Andrews, 313 Carrington Street, believes in just that philosophy. What matter if it's just a sewing basket? It could be all the rage around 1980 or so.

Above, right: Mrs S.J.Cooper, New Plymouth, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Mrs Cooper has six children living, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. She is surprisingly active for all her 90 years, does her own housework and shopping, and tells us she can still touch her toes without bending her knees.

Below: The tea-party scene from "Pygmalion", which the New Zealand Players will bring to New Plymouth on May 5 and 6. Left to right: Charles Walker, Leon Sinden, Barbara Leske, Marie Collett, Peter Brian, Freda Wilson, Brigid Lenihan, and Jeannette De Montalk.



Weighing up the prospects



Awaiting starter's orders



With military-like precision to the starting line

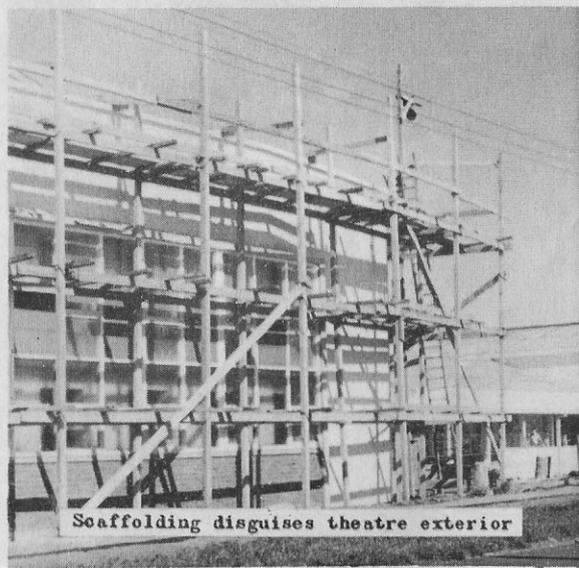
Athletes Supreme

The New Plymouth Boys' High School Annual Sports Day brought forward some fine young athletes in equally fine performances.

Working on the old principle that the younger ones can always learn from the more experienced, the old students decided to display their prowess, resulting in more than a little amusement for spectators and students.

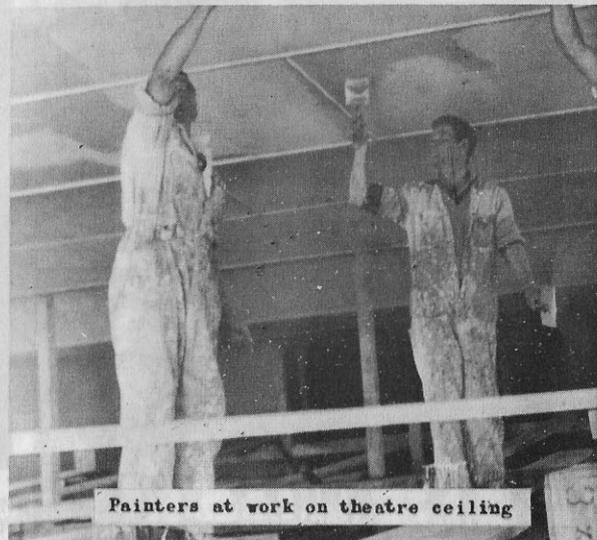


Murray Mitchell (nearest camera) streaks home the winner



Scaffolding disguises theatre exterior

Tribute to Enterprise



Painters at work on theatre ceiling

Hawera's Community Centre

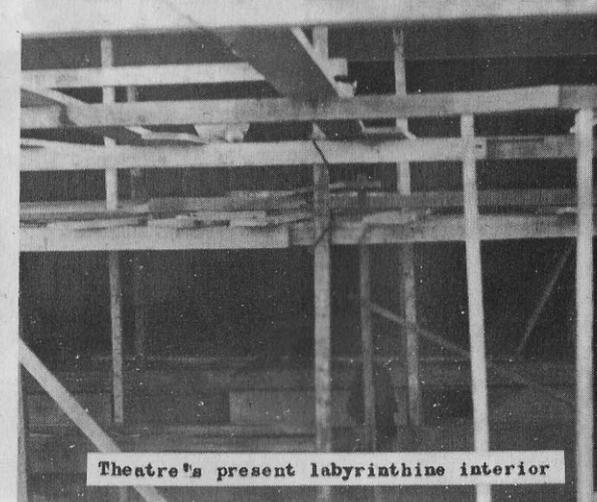
The long range plans of the people of Hawera, set afoot several years ago with a social survey on how best to serve the community with a War Memorial, are fast coming to fruition.

The social survey showed public preference for a community centre incorporating facilities for numerous community activities.

When "Photo News" visited the centre last month, workmen were busy on finishing touches and, although much work yet remains to be completed, the camera was able to record an impression of what might well become an example for the rest of the country.



Impressive covered way links theatre with main hall



Theatre's present labyrinthine interior



Above: The main hall and ball-room, almost completed, but for a few minor interior additions, presents a spectacle already impressive in design and finish. Highly polished panelling on far wall contrasts ideally with broken ceiling and modern lighting.

Below: View of supper lounge looking toward entrance from main foyer. Floor in this picture is strewn with the cast metal lettering which will form the main exterior sign on building to be a source of pride to the whole district: the "Hawera Community Centre".



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Wedding Bells

Above: THOMPSON-PUTT. At the Okato Methodist Church, Denise, third daughter of Mrs M.E.Putt, Okato to Peter William, second son of Mr and Mrs J.Thompson, Opanake. Pictured with the bride is the matron-of-honour, Mrs Rosalie Barriball, New Plymouth, and the bridesmaid, Miss Iris Thompson, Opanake. Future home: Okato.

Below: TRYE-McGREGOR. Heather, youngest daughter of Mrs W.J.McGregor, Okau, to Mervyn, youngest son of Mr and Mrs N.M.Trye, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids are Miss Janice Astwell and Miss Jean Hol-loway.



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W.D.F.F. Anniversary

The North Taranaki Provincial, Women's Division, celebrated its Silver Jubilee recently with a ceremony at Fitzroy Public Hall.

Delegates and executives from all branches gathered to honour this landmark in one of the country's largest and most influential women's organisations.

Above: Mrs C.Parker Snr. was honoured for her years of service with provincial life membership, is seen here being presented with badge by Dominion President Mrs Eastwood.

Left: A view of crowded Fitzroy Hall. **Below left:** Provincial President Mrs James, Inglewood, stood behind Jubilee cake while tracing history of Taranaki Provincial.

Below: Mrs H.R. Marsh, New Plymouth, lights cake's 25 candles.

Bottom of page: Immediate Past Provincial President Mrs J.K.Black, Awakino, holds smoking candles.





Transport Drivers Confer

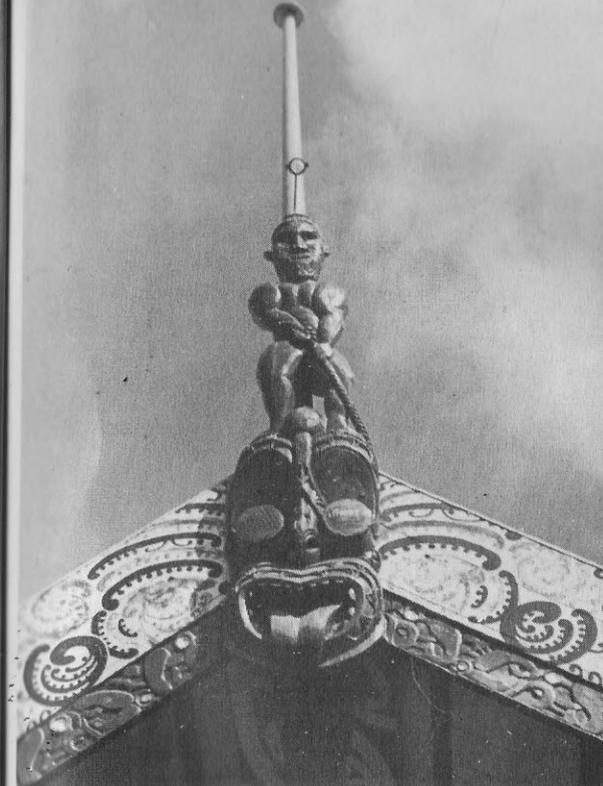
New Plymouth has rightly been dubbed a "conference town" of late. The past several weeks have seen conferences and re-unions of many and varied organisations held here.

Picture above shows members of Taranaki Drivers Union, hosts for the annual conference of the New Zealand Drivers' Federation.

Champion Bowlers

East End green was the venue recently for the play-offs to decide Taranaki's "Champion of champions" in singles and pairs bowls.

Winner of the singles and, therefore, champion of champions, was the invincible L. Spurdle (below left) and his runner-up (below right), near invincible left-hander, Henry McGee.



Official table

Maori Conference

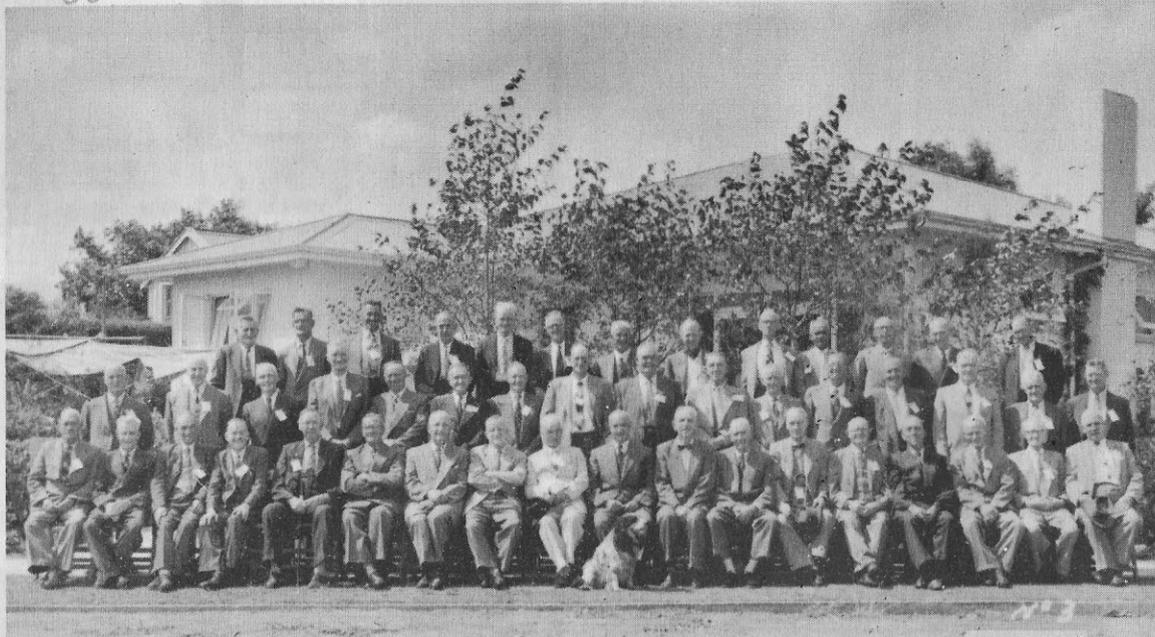
Manukorihi Pa was the focal point for over 100 delegates and associates to the New Zealand Maori Trust Board's first Dominion Conference to be held in Taranaki. Officially each of the six boards represented had two delegates, but wives and supporters soon raised numbers to the century mark.



"Welcome"



Conference in session



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Roaming Camera

Above: Delegates to the bi-annual reunion of 7th Battery N.Z.F.A. held recently in New Plymouth.
 Below: This sartorially resplendent group is so dressed for Inglewood Wesley Bible Class' Fancy Dress dance. From left to right they are: back row - Enid Clough, Harvey Wellington, Vivienne Goodwin, Bruce Fenwick, Lewis Frank, Annette Rosser, Gordon Francis and Ngaire Codd. Front row - Evan Goodwin, Brian Rosser, Rev. Christian, Fred Gill, and Graham Gill.



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Postscript Test

Remember the class cricket at Bell Block Airport between Bell Block and Mangorei Dairy Factories featured in your last issue of "Photo News"? The same spot was the venue of an equally gripping battle for cricket supremacy last month; this time Bell Block factory staff were matching their prowess against their Waitara opponents. The two teams are pictured above.

Victorious Marching Girls

Below: Roebuck's Musketeers, complete with shield and trophies, pictured at the time of their triumphant return from Palmerston North, having won the New Zealand Junior Championship. This is believed to be only the second occasion when the New Zealand Junior Championship shield has been held by a New Plymouth team.



C.W.I. Day

Left: When the Country Women's Institute held a sale day in New Plymouth on a recent Friday, this sale table, outside the Bank of New Zealand on corner of Devon and Brougham Streets, was kept busy by passing shoppers making their purchases from the varied range of foods and household goods offered.