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OUR COVER

Spectacularly colourful is the only way to describe the setting for the Bowl of Brooklands production "Antony and Cleopatra". This was certainly the most colourful setting we have yet seen at the Bowl.

BACK COVER

Here is a picture that could well be historical. Our Ngamotu beach is likely to be used in the not-too-distant future for the extension of the port area.

Waiwakaiho Bridge

Below: Photographs old and new of the Waiwakaiho bridge. The old one is from a drawing, and we think the bridge did look like this in the distant past. The other picture is as the bridge looks today.



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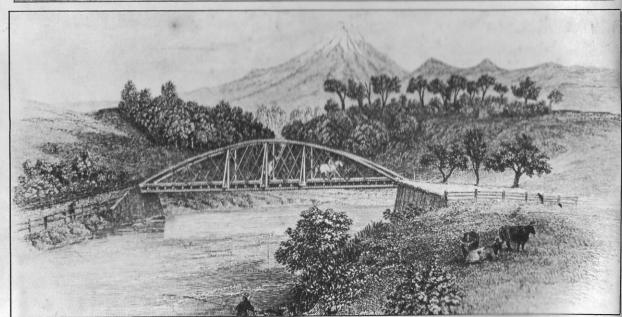
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Famous Shield Team Back In Action

Out of mothballs came the once-famous shield team of Taranaki to play a XV captained by Kevin Briscoe, and for a charitable cause. The old lads had lost a lot of their fire, but they did put up a good show against youth and vitality. Time and rest has played havoc with the fitness of some, but they all looked remarkably young for their years, and played as well as could be expected.

Peter Burke was still very prominent in the line-outs











celebrated their thirtieth birthday in the Memorial Hall with a social and dance at which members invited their husbands. Members and their husbands from all parts of the province attended this very gay function, which was, we feel sure, enjoyed by all.

Above: Part of the crowd listening intently as they were treated to some very fine items.

Below: Here is the very lovely birthday cake,

made by Mesdames J.K.Black, E.Clelland, and C. Parker.

Right: Les McKoy, husband of the secretary, was called on to do a few chores.

Below: Official guests included the president of the NZ WDFF.





30th Birthday Party





NATIONAL PRESIDENT AT WDFF BIRTHDAY

Above: Six past presidents of the North Taranaki Provincial of WDFF were present at the 30th birthday party at the Memorial Hall recently. From left, these are, Mesdames H.R.Marsh, the first president, M.Parker whose daughter-in-law is the present president, S.M.James, J.K.Black, H.Harris, and F. Miller.

Below, from left: The cake cutting ceremony was performed by Mrs H.R. Marsh, who lit the candles, Mrs C.Parker, the present president, who fanned the candles out, and Mrs T.M. Warson, the New Zealand president, who cut the cake.









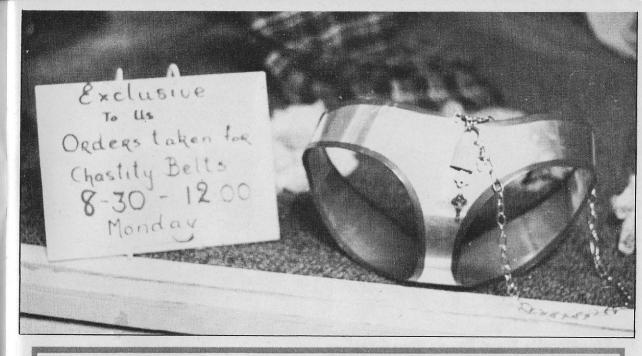
Left: HUMPHRIES-JOST.
At St Mary's Anglican
Church, NP., Lorraine
Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.
Jost, NP., to Charles
Edward, eldest son of
Mr and Mrs C.Humphries,
Bell Block. Gillian
Wanklyn, Waitara, was
the bridesmaid and the
best man was Allan
Jellyman, NP. Future
home, Bell Block.

Below: NEILSON-MAN-CER. At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP., Cherrill, only daughter of Mrs and the late Mr W.H.Mancer, NP., to Colin, youngest son of Mrs and the late Mr F. Neilson, Okato. The bridesmaids were Noeline Jenkins, Stratford, and Lois Neilsen, sister of the groom, Okato. Keith Wood, NP., was the best man, and Trevor Neilsen, brother of the groom, Okato, was the groomsman. Wendy Hill, Hamilton, was the flower girl. The future home, Okato.





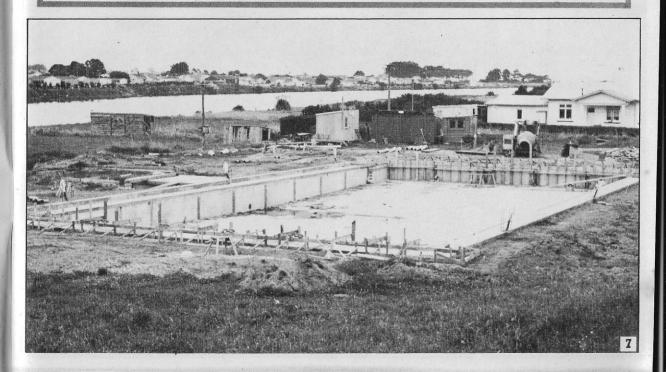




Roving Camera

Above: New Plymouth has been the scene of many sales lately, and we were wondering if this item had been old stock tucked away in a corner. Though highly polished, this belt caused quite a lot of interest as it rested in a shop window recently. Needless to say, the date of the sale was April the first!

Below! Work is proceeding apace on the new baths at Waitara. With the queen carnival steadily bringing in the necessary cash, it looks almost certain that the baths will open on time for next season, and debt free. Quite an achievement for a town as small as Waitara.





Stratford's Next Stage Production

The next production of the Stratford Repertory and Operatic Society is the thriller, "Dangerous Corner" by J.B.Priestley. It is produced by Howard Sinclair, and will run for a season at the Town Hall, Stratford on May 7, 8, 9, 10.

Hall, Stratford on May 7, 8, 9, 10.

Above: A scene from the play in which are appearing, from left, Patricia Braggins (Betty White-house), Tom Hawley (Robert Caplan), Elma Johnston (Olwen), Carol Longbottom (Freda Caplan), Margaret Holland (Maude Mackeridge) and John Sextus (Gordon Whitehouse).

Below, left: Carol Longbottom and Tom Hawley in a scene from the play. Below, right: John Sextus and Patricia Braggins play one of the intimate scenes. This will be a play worth seeing.









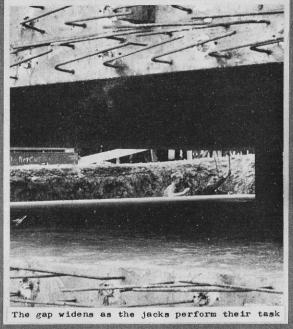
Press, radio, city council, and parliament were well represented at the initial lift

N.Z. Building History Made In City

For the first time in building history in New Zealand, floors were poured, sandwich fashion, and lifted into position by the very latest method of a type known as lift-slab. The new Tasman Hotel was the guinea pig for this achievement, and over the past few weeks, Riddick Bros. and Still, the builders, have been busy just making floors. Many people turned up to see history made, as the Australian firm contracted to lift the floor slabs, and commenced what seemed a mammoth task. This new technique in building was a revelation to most, as two floors at a time were slowly but surely raised up to their first levels.



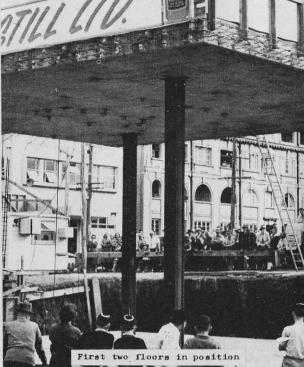


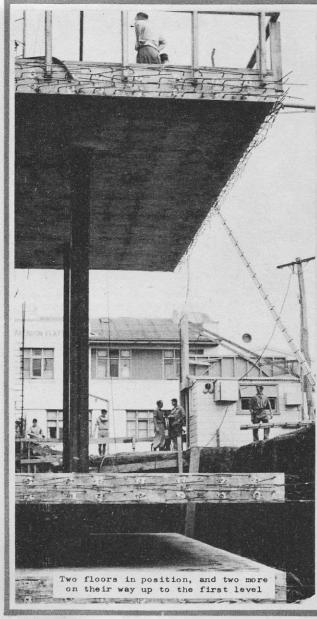


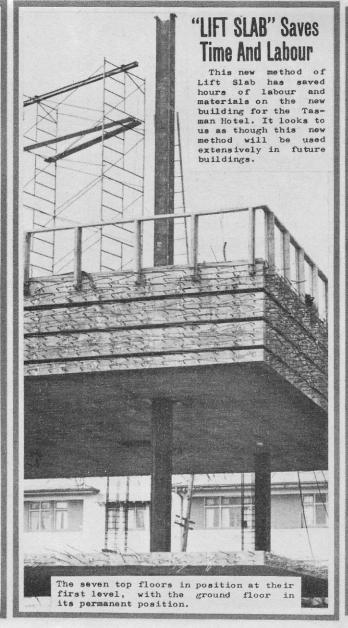
Eight Storey Hotel

The new Tasman Hotel is fast becoming a reality now that the floors are being raised to their respective levels. This new Lift Slab method is unusual, in that the floors are only held up by steel pegs 2"x 2½".











Lift Slab engineer Mr N.Blackburn of Sydney goes up the girder, to see to one of the lifting jacks.





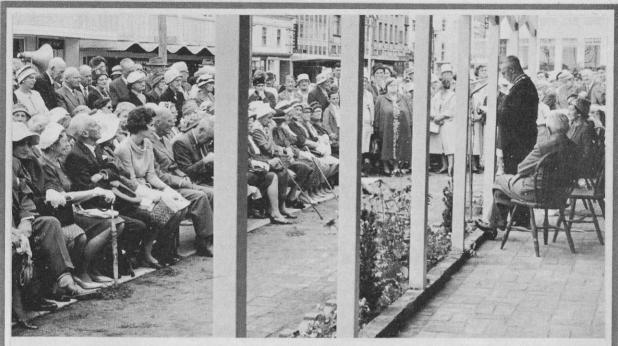


Wedding Bells

Above, left: ARMFIELD-STIMPSON. At St John's Anglican Church, Waitara, Barbara Joan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H.D.Stimpson, Waitara, to Leslie John, only son of Mr and Mrs S.Armfield, Melbourne. Patricia Fullarton, NP., was the bridesmaid. The best man was Ralph Trapnell, Brisbane. Karil Purdon, Waitara, was the flowergirl. Future home, Wellington.

Left: MORTON-PRICE. At St Paul's Church, Uremii, Jessie Margaret Price, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.Marsh, Uremui, to Peter David, eldest son of Mrs E.Morton, Onaero. Sharon Price, Uremui, sister of the bride, and Noeline Rowe, Waitara, were the bridesmaids. Bernard Goul, NP., was the best man and John Robertson, NP., groomsman. Joy Marsh, sister of the bride, Uremui, and Janice Frederickson, Inglewood, niece of the groom, were the two flowergirls. Future home, NP.

Above: CLEGG-STEVENSON. At the Fitzroy Methodist Church, Dawn Isobel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.Stevenson, NP., to Murray Kevin, third son of Mr and Mrs E.Clegg, Lepperton. Future home, Lepperton.



Richmond Cottage Officially Opened

Contributions from within Taranaki and further afield have all helped to make the Richmond cottage authentic for its recent official opening. Many of the pieces of furniture are historically interesting, being either linked with the Richmond family or other well-known pioneering families of the province.

Above: The Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr A.G.Honnor chaired the official opening to a gathering that included many who had links with the Richmond family. The gathering, which was only about 200-strong afterwards made a tour of the cottage. Below: Scene after the opening, as most of the people present queued to make a tour of the interior.









MORINI CONTINUE





Engaged

Above, left: O'BYRNE-SEXTON. Eleanor, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H.Sexton, Waitara, to Errol William, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.W. O'Byrne, Eltham.

Left: TAUNT-HIBELL. Patricia Margaret, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T.A.Hibell, NP, to James William, second son of Mr and Mrs T.B.Taunt, Stratford.

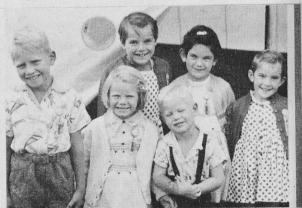
Below, left: HALL-BALLINGER. Glenys Lillian, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Ballinger, NP, to Alan William, only son of Mr and Mrs L.Hall, New Plymouth.

21ST BIRTHDAY

Above: Patricia Margaret, daughter of Mrs R and the late Mr Kane, NP, is shown here cutting her 21st birthday cake.

RATAPIKO JUBILEE CHILDREN

Below: Children of the very youngest generation who recently attended the Ratapiko school's 75th jubilee. From left, they are, at back, Ann Topping, Jennifer Hann, and Ruth Topping, and in front are William, Shirley, and Leslie Ward.











LAWSON COLLINSON

OLD PUPILS AT RATAPIKO SCHOOL 75TH JUBILEE

Many over-eighty ex-pupils attended the recent Ratapiko school's 75th Jubilee.

Above: Here is the second decade. It would seem that in those days girls outnumbered the boys by a considerable margin.

Centre, left: Bernard Fabish (Inglewood) and Peter Roguski (NP) exchange reminiscences.

Below, left: Rose Dravitski (NP), a 1st day pupil, and well over eighty, enjoys a joke with Louisa Rog-

uski, a pupil in 1895. Right: Making his speech at the official function is Joe Beisick, who claimed to be the oldest pupil.





Above: Some of the oldest ex-pupils of the Ratapiko school who were just content to sit and yarn. Naturally, this went on for most of the

Below: Listening to the speeches, which were notable for their precision, are some of the present-day pupils. To us, they seemed to take a lot more interest in the proceedings than one would expect.

Right: Mrs Elizabeth Claridge (NP), a fourth decade pupil, completes her registration at the secretary's table.

Below, right: Three ladies who found much in common are, from left, Mesdames Rose Bint (Waitara), Helen Butler (Waitotara), and Frances Dodunski (Inglewood).









Celebrations

Above, left: Janis, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E.Roberts, Te Awamutu, who recently celebrated her 21st birthday in New Plymouth.

Below, left: Joy, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.N. Hooker, Okato, seen here cutting her 21st birthday cake.

Right: Lloyd, son of Mr and Mrs D.L.Burke, Normanby, who recently celebrated his 21st birth-

Above: Four generations are shown here. From left to right, great-grandmother, Mrs 0.Crawford, mother, Mrs R.Scott holding baby Tracy, and

grandmother, Mrs H.P.Thomas.

<u>Below!</u> Three members of the Hawera Women's
Bowling Club who recently won high honours. Mrs M.Spragg, centre, won the Taranaki Champion of Champions singles title, and Mesdames I.George and I.Opie, winners of Women's Dominion Pairs Championship at Christchurch.





DAVID PAUL STUDIO



Above: ROBINS-EVANS: At the Anglican Church, Manaia, Elwyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P. Evans, Otakeho, to Raymond, second son of Mr and Mrs C.G.Robins, Matapu. Glenda Evans, sister of the bride, Otakeho, was bridesmaid. The best man was Nigel Preston, Normanby. Lynley Evans, sister

of the bride, Otakeho, was of tessmand. The test man was was right reston, normanly, Lynnet, of the bride, Otakeho, was the flower girl. The future home of the couple will be Matapu.

Below: CLEMENT-MOODY. At the Presbyterian Church, Normanby, Lynnette, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W.Moody, Hawera, to David William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.C.Clement, Te Roti. The bridesmaid was Jennifer Moody, sister of the bride, Hawera. Arnold Lloyd, Hawera, was the best man.





Uruti Sports a Popular Attraction

Gaining in popularity each year, the Uruti Sports Day is proving one of the best attractions in North Taranaki. The terraces were crowded for most of the day with families out to enjoy the sun and sports. The chopping events attracted entries from all parts of the North Taland.

Above: Finish of one of many races for the children.

Above, right: Youngest chopper we have seen yet is 11-year-old Brian Barry from Ohura. He was a starter in the boys' chop, and with a specially lightened axe looks the part as he cuts his way through his block. He didn't win

the event, but was a trier all the way.

Below: Fourteen blocks were in use for every
event in the chopping.







Above: Waitara's Mayor Yardley acted as judge for the tug-of-war, a new event for the Uruti Sports. This attracted all the kids in the arena

who yelled for their favourites.

Below: Dale McKerrow smiles for our camera as she wins the ladies' race.

Right: Member of the Waitara tug-of-war team puts all his energy into his team's victory.

Below, right: Ohura tug man hangs on against heavy odds at the other end of the rope.







Speedway Championships Were Family Affair

Three speedway championships were decided recently, and two of them went to the Rutherford boys, with Max winning the three-quarter midget class, and his big brother Don winning the midget section. The dirt track motor cycle championship was won by a young chap who has improved to become one of the stars of the speedway,

ed to become one of the stars of the spectrally David Gifford.

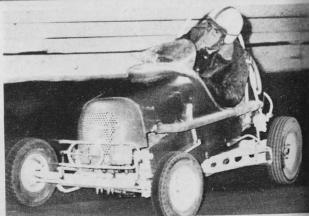
Above: Here are the three champions, prior to a lap of honour round the arena. From left, David Gifford, Max and Don Rutherford.

Right: Max Rutherford in his championship winning T.Q. during the race.

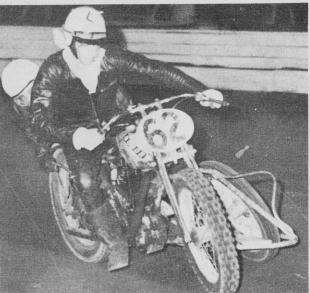
Below: Don takes the inside position from his

closest rival, Ray Cadman. Below, right: David Gifford puts his bike into a broadside during the championship race.









Above: The sidecar races are fast becoming one of the most popular events on a usually varied programme of thrills. Here Australian Ivan Turnbull and passenger Wayne Paul are seen in action on one of the corners.

Below: Another popular rider of the sidecars is Dave Gardner.

Above, right: One of the nicest-looking cars seen on the speedway is that owned and driven by Cecil Budd.

Right: Peter Jury, one of the oldest hands at the speedway game.

Below, right: Duel on dirt trackers between Bruce Ovenden (nearest camera) and Graeme







Married

Right: ROBSON-CAVE. At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Hazel Cave, New Plymouth, to James Robson, New Plymouth. The sister of the groom, Peggy Robson, Hastings, was the bridesmaid. Bill Verney, New Plymouth, was best man. Future home will be New Plymouth.

Below: NASMITH-WHEEL-ER. At St Mary's Anglican Church, NP., Eunice Noeline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.F. Wheeler, NP., to Graeme, only son of Mr and Mrs O. Nasmith, NP. Dorothy Grumwald and Ann Coplestone, both NP., were the bridesmaids. Graeme Cox, NP., was the best man, and Gary Carter, NP., the groomsman. Future home will be NP.







Silverware formed a large part of the collection

Auction Brings Buyers From Afar

Something like 700 people jammed the former home of Capt. and Mrs E. Rhodes in Ridge Lane. when the contents of their home came under the hammer. Buyers from all parts of the country were in town for this important sale, and not one lot was stood down, all being sold, and most at pretty good prices.



sale got started





Pony Club Cups Day

A very successful annual cups day for North Taranaki Pony Clubs was held recently at the New Plymouth racecourse. About thirty children competed for the cups, and some very good riding was seen.

Above: Diana Wynyard on Nico, with the Lance Wilson Memorial Shield.

Wilson Memorial Shield.

Below: Mr H.Browning, Hamilton, judge for the day, presents a cup to Joan Hannon for the best turned-out rider and pony.

Above, right: Derene Clements with the Egmont cup for the junior dressage event.

Below, right: Senior dressage cup went to Sherry Holmes, shown here being presented with the cup by Mrs May Naylor. the cup by Mrs May Naylor,









Above: Vaughan Ansford on Pete goes over one of the many jumps during the junior events.

Above, right: Some of the very fine trophies

which were competed for during the day.

Below: Winners of the team event for the Farrier Cup were, from left, Sally Thomson, NP,
Peggy-Ann Lane, Okato, and Diana Wynyard, NP.
The trophy was for both dressage and jumping. Below, right: Diana Wynyard, riding Nico, had









Above: HOSKIN-PATTERSON. At St John's Church, Hawera, Sylvia Pearl, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Patterson, Hawera, to Robert William, son of Mr and Mrs S.Hoskin, Eltham. The bridesmaids were Elsie Patterson, sister of the bride, Hawera, and Relwyn Crutch, Hawera. Blair Todd, Eltham, was best man, and Larry Ogg, Eltham, the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be Eltham.

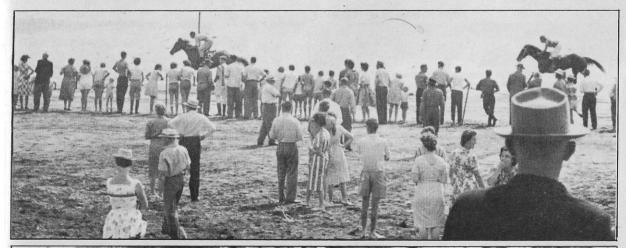
Below: THOMSON-HARNISH. At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Lois, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J.Harnish, New Plymouth, to Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomson, Hawera. Joy Harnish, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, was the bridesmaid. Maurice Boyd, Hawera, was the best man. The future home of the couple will be Australia.

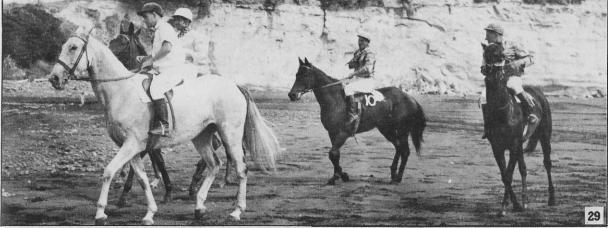


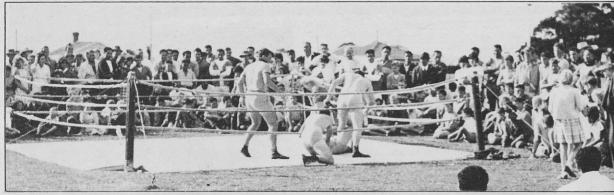


Waitoitoi Beach Races

It was unfortunate that there were so many functions on and that the attendance at the Waitoitoi Beach Races suffered. A very small crowd attended what is usually a very popular picnic race meeting. We estimate that there were very few more than 100 people to see the racing. Still it was, so far as the organisation was concerned, a very successful meeting. Above: Scene around the equalisator. Below: Finish of the Waitoitoi Cup with a dead heat by On Stage and Inkling. Bottom: The field for the Waitoitoi Cup return to the scales after the race.

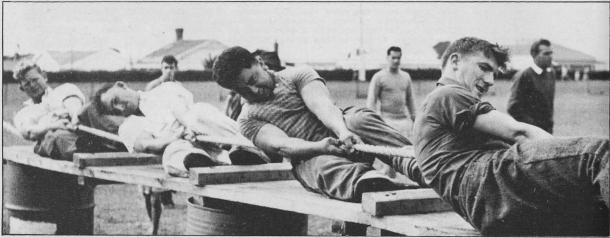






Combined Sports Day at Waitara

Combined sports clubs at Waitara recently staged a sports day which included athletics, cycling, greyhound racing, tug-of-war, softball and various other sports, in an effort to raise funds for improvements to the Camp Reserve grounds. It was a very fine effort, in that the grounds were almost filled to capacity with spectators, who enjoyed this very varied programme. Above: One of the most amusing attractions was a tag wrestling match. Plenty of fun and laughter here. Below: The Waitara tug-of-war team are here seen in action in the final of this contest. Bottom: A starstudded field of walkers, most of whom came from Hawera, competed in a very fast mile-race.







the combined sports meeting recently held at the Camp Reserve saw many events new to the public of Waitara. One of these was greyhound racing. On a course that was ideal for the racing, the hundreds present got a big thrill out of watching the dogs in action.

Above: Parade of contestants before one of the races.

Below, right: Travelling at speeds of over 40 mph, the dogs were graceful and thrilling to watch.

Below: The finish of the men's 220 yards final won by Brian Maxwell, by a head from Bill Cameron, with Michael Greenlees third.





Once again crowds lined the banks of the Waitara river to watch the programme organised by the queen carnival committee. This included a home-made raft race, which proved very entertaining from the spectator point of view, but not so for some of the competitors, as a few had to be towed, so cumbersome were the rafts.

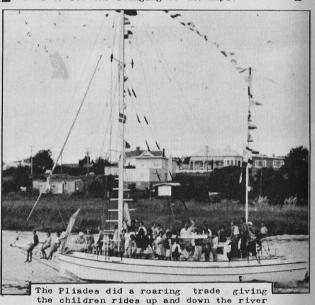
Some of the home-made rafts and their crews



Waitara's Queen Carnival



Hula dancing provided an attraction, especially for the children, who were there in their hundreds to see the swinging of the hips.





Above: HART-HOLDT. At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Marjorie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C.Holdt, New Plymouth, to William Hart, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Margaret Rosser, and Shona Thomas, both of New Plymouth. Maurice Peacock, New Plymouth, was the best man, and Graham Holdt, brother of the bride, New Plymouth, the groomsman. Raewyn George and Katherine Parr, both of New Plymouth, were the flower girls. New Plymouth is the future home of the couple. Below: LARSEN-COLLINGWOOD. At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Judy Mary Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G.Collingwood, Okoki, to Thomas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs H.V.S.Larsen, Uruti. Sybil Collingwood, sister of the bride, Okoki, and Jill Collingwood were the bridesmaids. The best man was Bill Laurence, Uruti, and the groomsman was Terry Bigham, Uruti. Future home of





Maori Week at Schools

Teaching children to appreciate the ways of Maori culture has been the object in the recent Maori week conducted by both Kaimiro and Dudley Road schools. The highlight of the week was the day on which the parents were entertained to a programme of Maori dances, games and culture. It was all the more remarkable as there is not one Maori pupil at either of these schools. The children applied themselves to the task with an eagerness not often seen in schools and programme both entertaining and delightful to watch.











All the pakeha children of the Kaimiro and Dudley schools dressed themselves for the parts they played in the recent Maori culture week. It was perhaps significant that the only Maori teachings that they had during the week came from Mesdames Taylor, who are shown in the picture below being presented with a token of the children's gratitude by one of the small pupils.







Three of the smallest in a performance of one of the many action songs



MAORI TEACHING WAS ENJOYED BY CHILDREN

The learning part of Maori week was really enjoyable, but the children seemed to enjoy most of all the hangi, which was the highlight of the week's lessons.

Above: The children get their rations from a

teacher who was dressed for her part.

Above, right: These two got their fair share of food from the hangi. Diane Zimmerman ate like a lady, while Eric McIvor had a lot to get through in a short time.

Below: Head teacher Howard Wilson prepares to carve the meat for the hungry mob.

Below, right: Carving was one of the arts which were taught during the week and here Kevin Zimmerman seems to be enjoying his work.









