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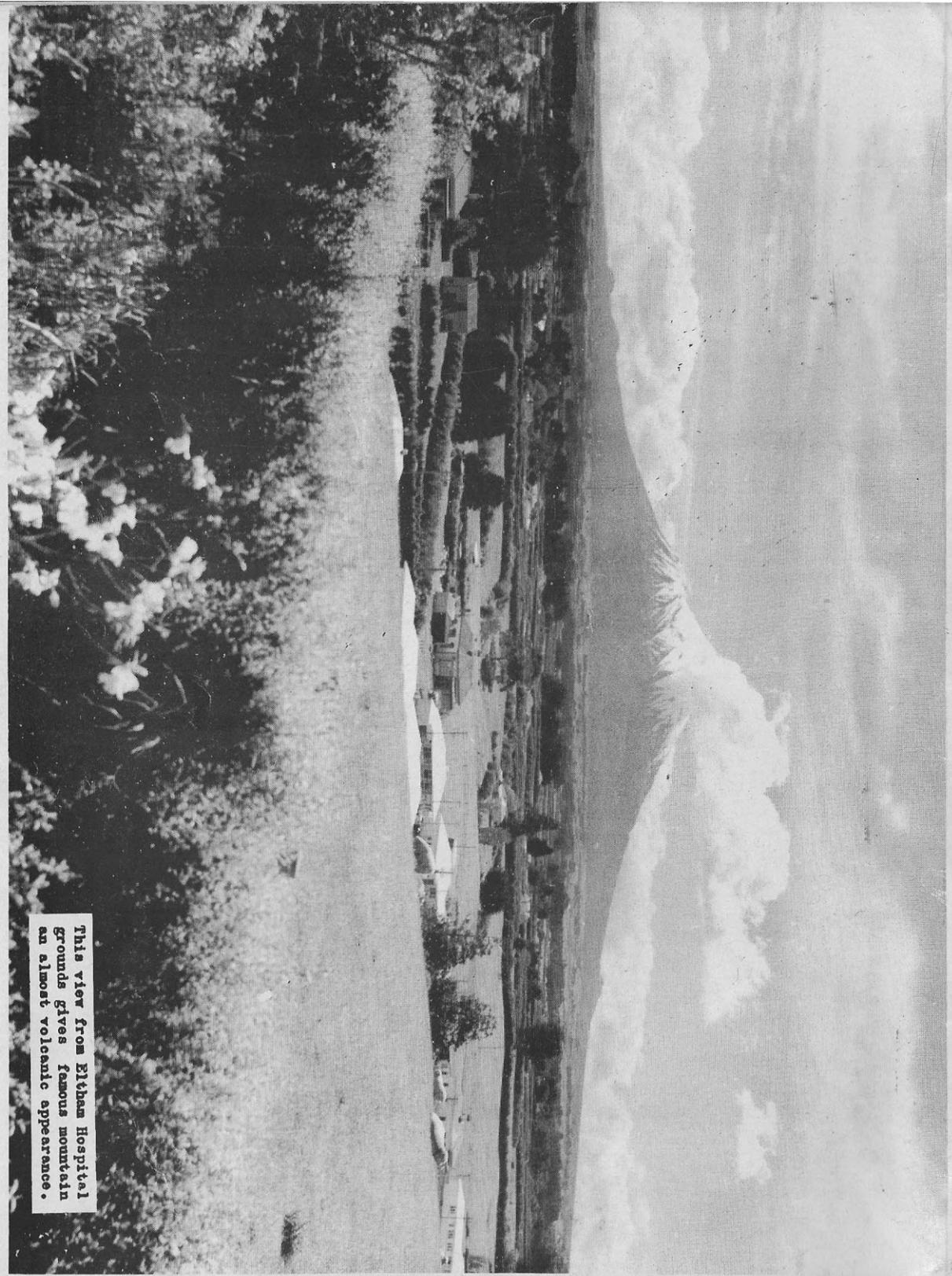


*Christmas
Time!*

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL READERS

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This view from Eltham Hospital grounds gives famous mountain an almost volcanic appearance.

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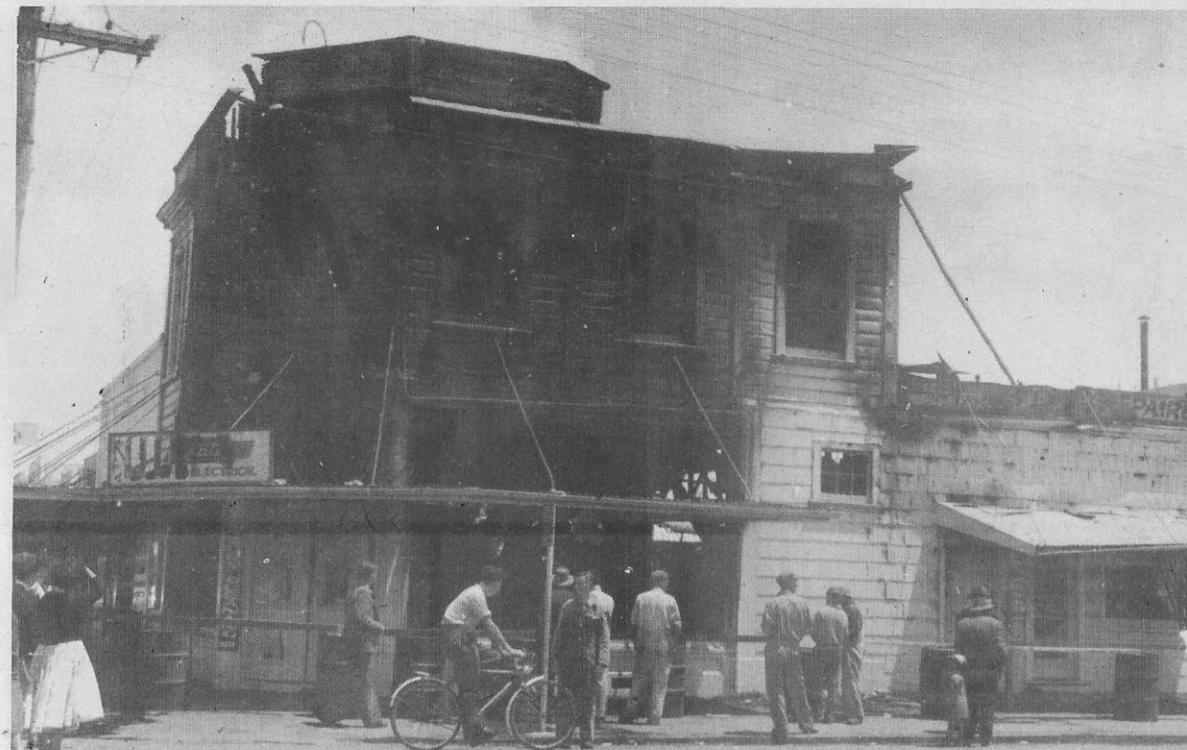
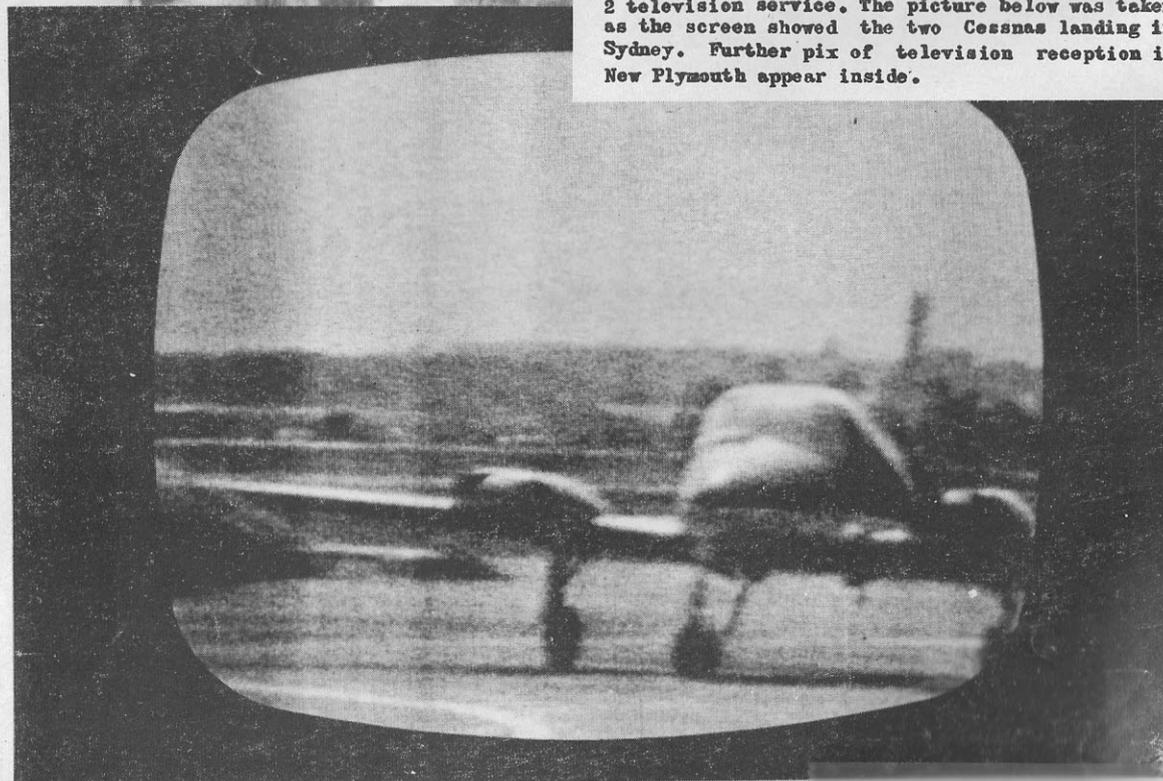
THIS MONTH'S COVER

Left: Christmas is almost with us and, of course so is the gentleman with the flowing white beard. Cover picture was taken at de Burg Adams Masonic Lodge Xmas Children's Party. Further pix from this and other Xmas functions appear inside.

TELEVISION LINK COUNTRIES - FAMILY.

A unique link was established 3 weeks ago when the families and friends who bade farewell to the two Cessna aircraft leaving New Plymouth airport in the morning watched a television newsreel of their arrival at Mascot, Sydney, that night.

A large group of interested people gathered at the Taranaki Daily News' experimental television receiving station to view the 9pm (New Zealand time) newsreel transmitted from the ABC's Channel 2 television service. The picture below was taken as the screen showed the two Cessnas landing in Sydney. Further pix of television reception in New Plymouth appear inside.

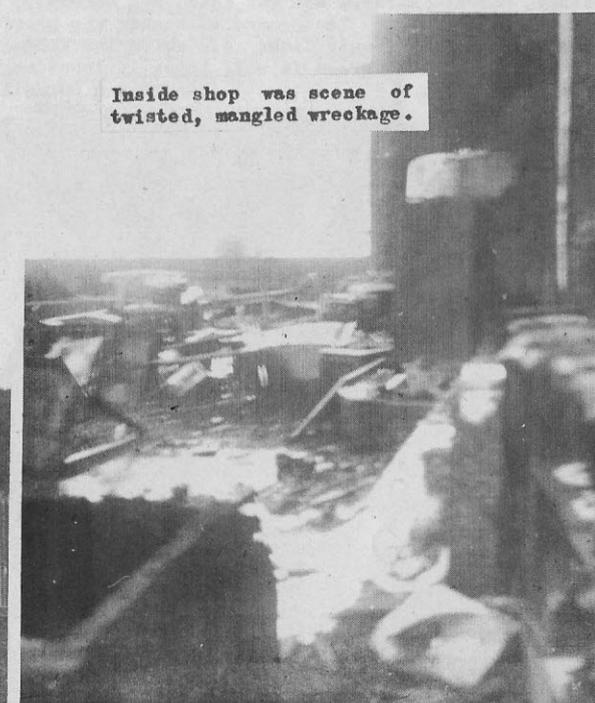
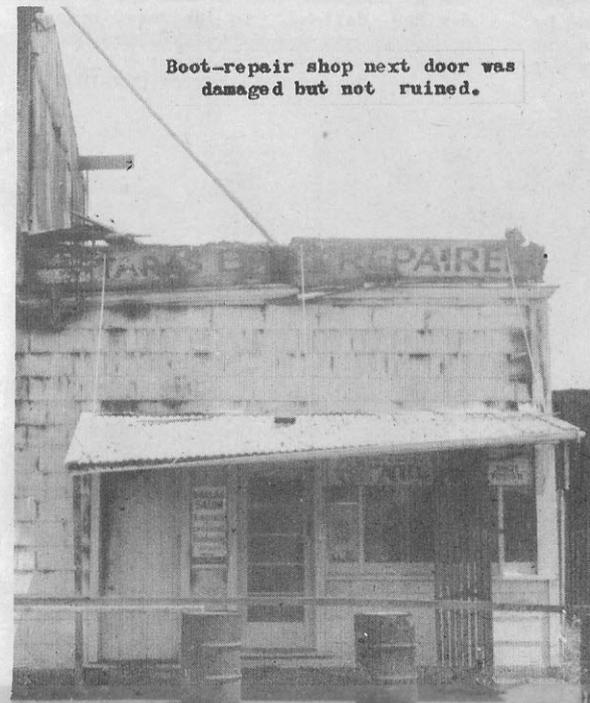


Fire!

Chaos and destruction was what greeted Waitara residents as they passed the corner of Queen and McLean Streets on a recent Monday morning. What had been the previous day, Mr R.B. Thompson's Belltone Radio Services was completely destroyed and with it the hundreds of pounds worth of radio equipment and electrical appliances. Mrs W. Grant's hairdressing salon on the top floor was also a complete write-off.

Boot-repair shop next door was damaged but not ruined.

Inside shop was scene of twisted, mangled wreckage.





Wedding Bells

Above, left: **DARNEY—TUCKETT.** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Pamela Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. James Tuckett, Tainui Street, to Ian Barry, son of Mrs O. Darney, Barrett Street, and the late Mr Darney. Future home, New Plymouth. The guard of honour was provided by the Pukekura Park Tennis Club, of which the bride is an active member. The groom is well known in local rugby and cricket circles. (CHARTERS & GUTHRIE).



Above: **HALF—VAN DER ENG.** At St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Joanna, third daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Van der Eng, Holland, to Johannes, second son of Mr and Mrs N. Half. Future home, Lemon Street, New Plymouth. (KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID).



Left:— **NICOLL—ROEBUCK.** At St Mary's Anglican Church, Valerie Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.C. Roebuck, Bayly Rd., to Lewis James (Jim), only son of Mr and Mrs L. Nicoll, Okato. Future home: New Plymouth. The bridesmaids are Patricia Roebuck, the bride's sister and Lynette Edlam, a cousin of the bride. Best man: Murray Woods. (SWAINSON'S STUDIOS).

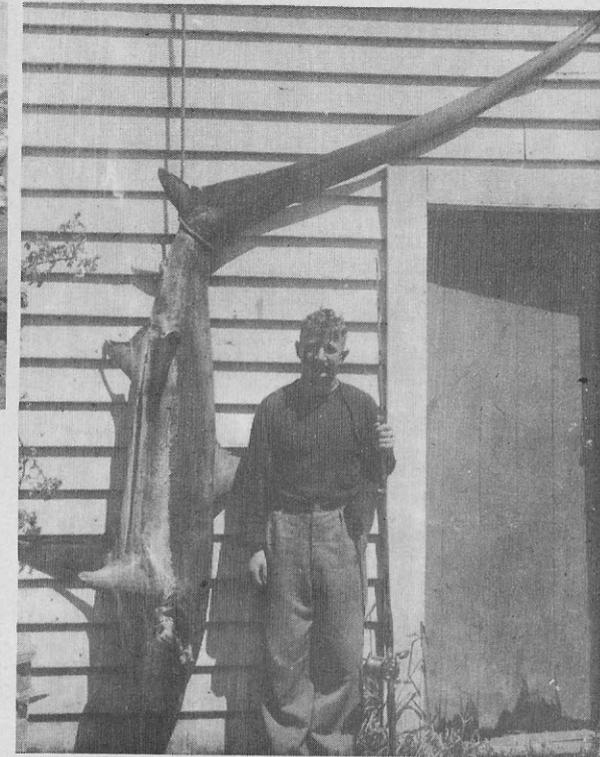


SHUCKS!—SHARKS!

Just that exclamation was heard amongst the huge crowd at Ngamotu Beach on the day of the Boat Show when a small boat beached carrying an enormous thresher shark. It was the prize catch of Ernie Hine, Carrington St. After a 3½ hour battle some 6 miles off shore Ernie managed to drag in this 212lb. monster on a flimsy 37lb. nylon line, carrying merely a small schnapper hook.

To bring in such a large shark, which measures—1ft 9ins. from tip to tail, on such a light line is thought to be world record.

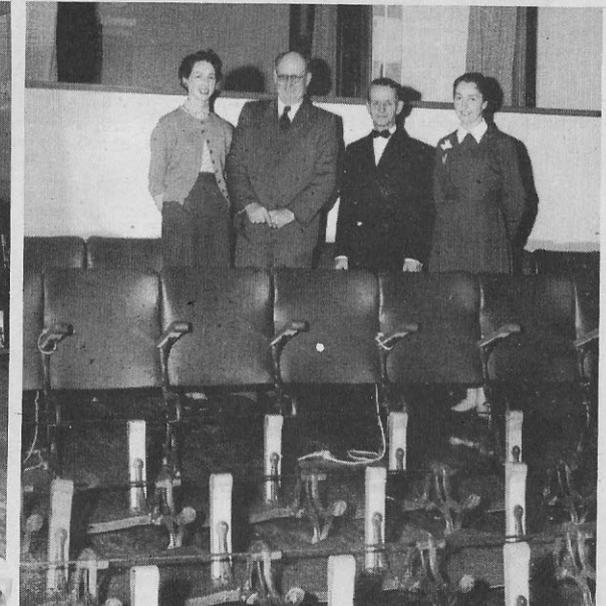
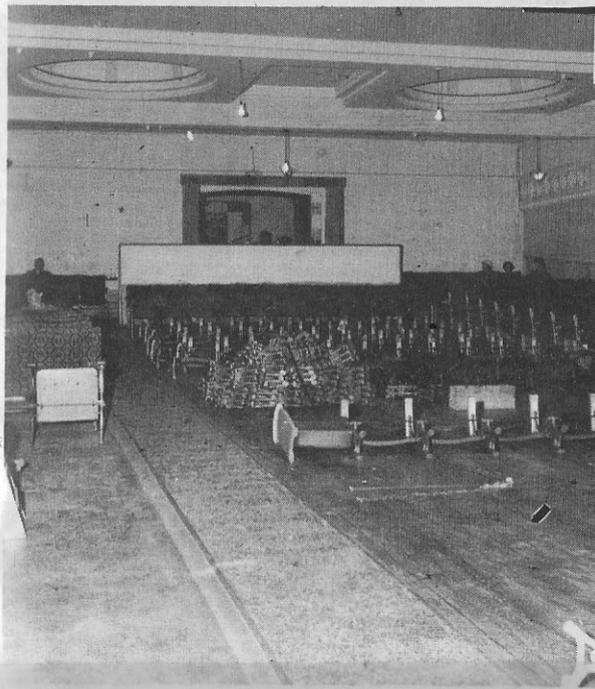
As can be seen from the picture, the tail of a thresher shark is at least as long again as its body. No friend to meet when bathing.

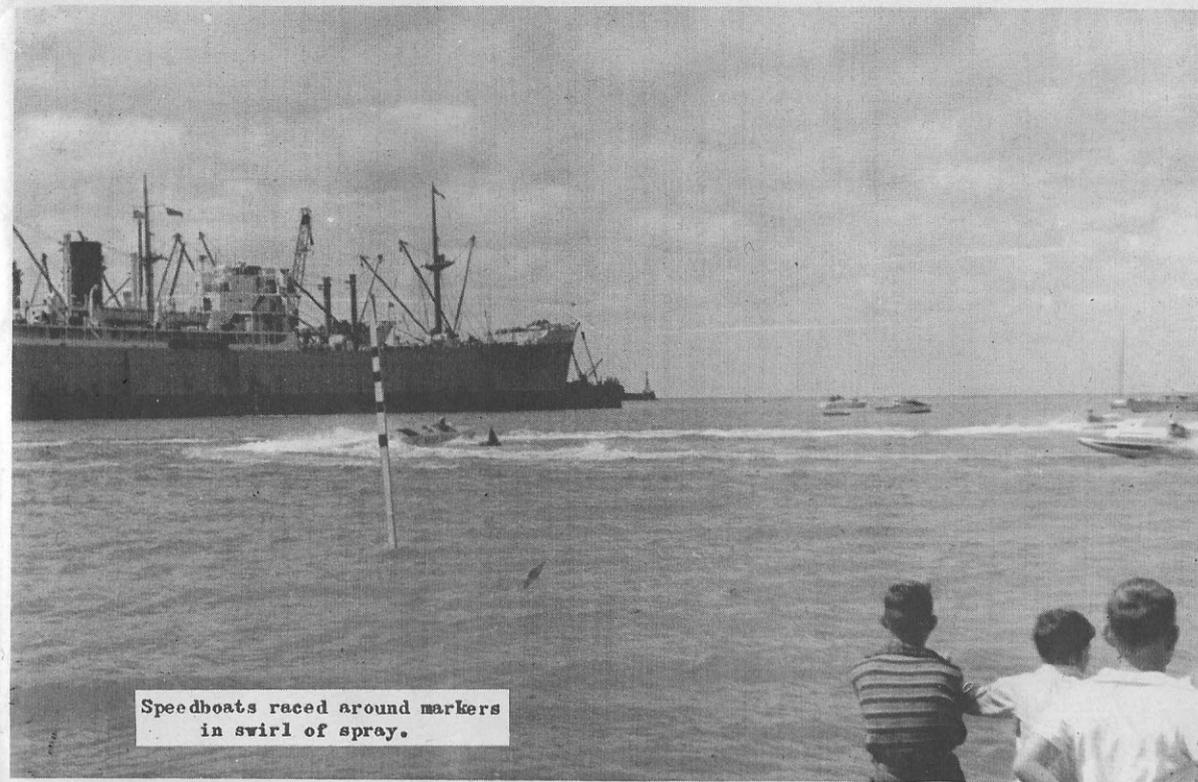


THEATRE WITHOUT SEATS

Bottom left: This was the sight with which patrons of the Mayfair Theatre were greeted recently. Centre block of seats were collapsed during reupholstery operations.

Bottom right: Theatre staff survey scene: Miss Marie Leech, Mr Wray, Mr Cottier (relieving manager), and Mrs Murtagh.





Speedboats raced around markers in swirl of spray.

BOAT SHOW

With perfect weather and only the elections to compete with as a counter-attraction, the big Boat Show on Ngamotu Beach last month was a huge success. The display of speed-boats and motor-launches, pictured above, attracted much attention, especially with boating enthusiasts.

Right: Judges, using truck-tray as stand, had busy day.

Bottom left: Alan Harnish's latest launch, "Lady Sheryl", was study in grace and power.

Bottom right: Young boys found speedboats a constant source of attraction.



Running repairs.



Tension shows on faces of large crowd.



CRAIG STUDIOS



Tractor was vital piece of launching equipment.



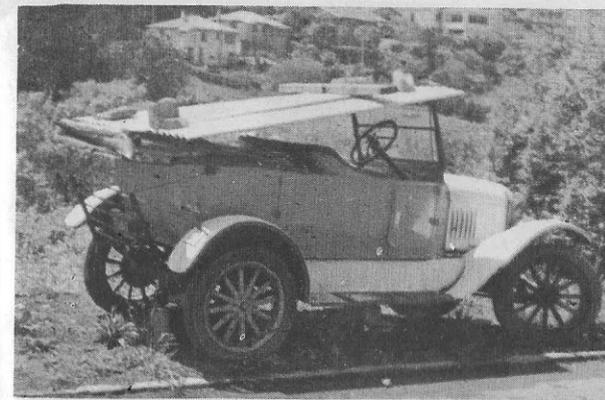
Boy preferred own boat.



Wedding Bells

Above: McCready-STOCKMAN: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Betty Morwenna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Stockman, Atkinson Road, to Bruce Albert, 3rd son of Mrs H.V. McCready, Carrington Rd. and the late Mr. McCready. Future home: New Plymouth. The matrons-of-honour were Mrs Ken Tecker and Mrs R. Snowsill, the bridesmaid Miss Isabel Bint, the best man Mr Don Prentice and the two groomsmen Don and Robert McCready, both brothers of the groom.

Below: DIX-JAMES: At Fitzroy Methodist Church, Veta Doris, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert James, Chilman St., to Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Loveridge, Bell Block. Future home: New Plymouth. The bridesmaid is Miss Flora Gordon and the best man Mr George James, brother of the bride. (SWAINSON STUDIOS).



Rolling Camera



Three ages in transportation are depicted here.

Above: Two Rahotu schoolboys using horse transport.

Above left: Derelict "T" Ford bears only vague resemblance to Henry's original.

Left: A recent Australian visitor parked in Devon Street sports New South Wales registration plates.



Above: Rahotu school boy, Melvyn Lowry, moves into festive headgear well in advance of Christmas.

Left: The skirl of martial pipes wafting through the still air on a recent Sunday morning, sent a "Photo Newsmen" to Rugby Park to discover what was on. It turned out to be the City of New Plymouth Highland Pipe Band going through their paces.



PANTOMIME

For many generations, especially in England, Xmas and pantomime have walked hand in hand. Some, in fact many, class pantomime as a dying art.

Certainly it has nothing like the following of past years, but that pantomime can be and, indeed, still is a first class entertainment medium, was amply proved a fortnight ago when both the Girls' High School and Sacred Heart Convent produced pantos which were highly successful and a happy entertainment for both performers and audience.

The top and middle pictures are from the High School's Opera House production.

The Dickens-like octet in the bottom picture, are soloists from Convent panto.

(HENRY MCGEE CANDID)



"ROSE MARIE" SIDELIGHTS

Left: Whether it's trombone or Murray Hewson suffering from strain of long season, is anyone's guess. Certainly something's "all shook up".

Right: Soloists Erika Lagore and Averil Brandon pictured backstage with bouquets presented on final night. (PICTURES BY CRAGO STUDIOS)



FAMILY RE-UNION

Below: When Misses Irene and Ella Geisler, from Australia, paid a rushed four hour visit to New Plymouth recently, it was an opportunity for Mr and Mrs Stockwell, Ngamotu Road, to make the acquaintance of two nieces they had not previously had the opportunity of meeting. In fact, it was a chance for a general family gathering all round. Pictured from left to right, outside Criterion Hotel, where they met, are: Miss Irene Geisler, a sister in Sydney Women's Hospital, Mr. George Stockwell, son of 78 year-old Mr. Oscar Stockwell, Mrs G. Stockwell, daughter-in-law, Mrs O. Stockwell and Miss Ella Geisler, Melbourne, a Wrens Petty Officer. (PICTURE BY CRAGO STUDIOS).

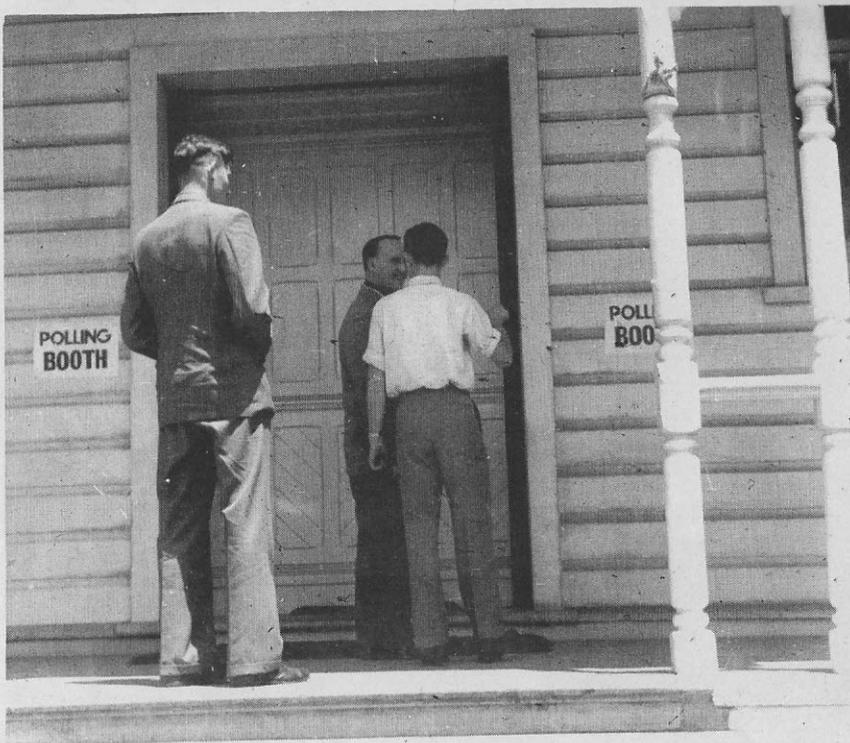


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ELECTION DAY

After a short yet intensive election campaign, came the day, Nov. 30th, for electors throughout New Zealand to cast their vote. Although the day brought a change in government, voting, in New Plymouth at least, was orderly and without any unhappy incident.

Courthouse was city's main booth, (left) where voter was shown into court-room for normal votes (bottom left) and into a side booth (bottom right) for special voting.



When polling booths closed at 7pm, booth clerks started work. Left: Clerks brought their ballot boxes to courthouse where they were placed in charge of returning clerks.

Bottom left: Chief Returning Officer for New Plymouth, Mr. Fyfe, checking totals with his assistants Mrs. Fyfe and Mrs. Tomasi.

Bottom right: The three New Plymouth candidates; K.G. Lattimer, E.P. Aderman M.P., and R.M. Barclay, pictured in Radio 2XP studio shortly after result of election had been announced.





Married

Above:- KLENNER-RADICH: At Sacred Heart Church, Inglewood, Kathleen Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Radich, Miro St, Inglewood, to Frank Geoffry, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.R. Klenner, Fitzroy. Future Home: Inglewood.

The best man is David Klenner, brother of the groom.

Groomsman: Brian Radich, Petone, brother of the bride.

Bridesmaids: Monica Hutcheson, Inglewood and Margaret Hewes, Hawera.

Below:-RIELLY-COLLINS: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Lesley June, youngest daughter of Mrs T.M. Collins, Exeter St., to Barry Patrick, 2nd son of Mr and Mrs R. Rielly, Lemon Street.

Future home: New Plymouth.

The matron-of-honour is Mrs Brian Masters, Wanganui, and the bridesmaid Miss Vivian Collins, both sisters of the bride. Mr Eric Mace, Omato, is best man and Mr. Noel Northcott is groomsman.

(CHARTERS AND WUTHRIE).



Roaming Camera

Above: When matters of "The Doggie in the Sputnik" were of world-shattering moment, this sign, scrawled in the masking paint on the window of an empty shop in Devon Street, was responsible for a great deal of amusement among passers-by.

Left: This picture, taken at N.Z. Golf Champs. at Palmerston North, shows Mr. F.S. Johns, Barrett St., President of N.Z. Golf Association, making presentation to Kel Nagel, this year's Open Champion.



Bottom of Page
Eleven year old Elizabeth Jones, Rakumoana, took this photo of her two pets, Frith, her pony, and Clover, the calf.

Surely it is very seldom one sees a pony and calf so fully contented with each other's company.



WIDENING DEVON STREET

Work has all but been completed on the widening operations on Devon St. West. Pictures on this page were taken on a recent Saturday morning as contractors were finishing off their last sweep.

Left: Grader with odd-angled blade smoothed off cliff-face, to exact angle.

Below: Bulldozer followed to sweep away spoil for grader's next cut.



Bottom left: Bulldozer driver, Ross Cooney, displays intense concentration.

Bottom right: Foreman Bob Hindley on loader scooped up spoil to load on to waiting trucks.



On roads throughout Taranaki the sign at left is prominently displayed - an indication of the work going into the improving of our roads.

Pictures on this page were all taken within a 10 mile radius of the city.

A survey of road works throughout the district would easily fill a whole issue of "Photo News".

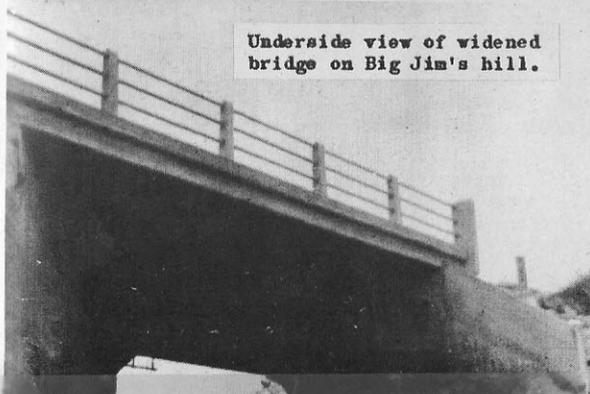
Colin Waitere and grader at work on Inglewood highway.



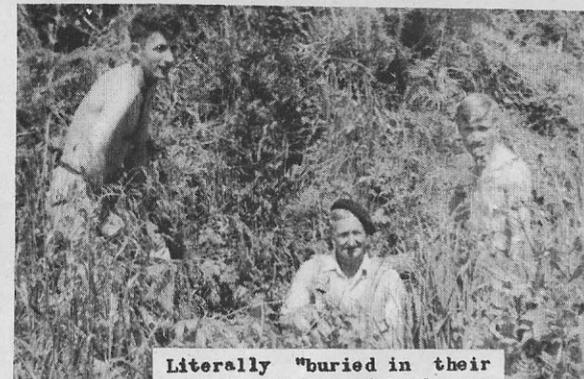
Railway maintenance gang at work on Inglewood line.



Underside view of widened bridge on Big Jim's hill.



Widening Liardet St. to reduce traffic congestion.



Literally "buried in their work." Ministry of Works men Doug McLellan, Skipper Dick Astwood and Dave Fawcett.



Final touches to bridge atop Big Jim's hill near Waitara.



Buses and large vehicles now pass over bridge with greater ease.



THE BIG CALF DAY

After elimination calf days at schools throughout the district, the North Taranaki Calf-Rearing Championships were held at Waiwakaiho showgrounds. Calves and their young charges came from all over the district to parade before the judges (above), whose task of awarding the numerous prizes was no easy one.



Bernice Hunger, Lepperton, won senior grand championship



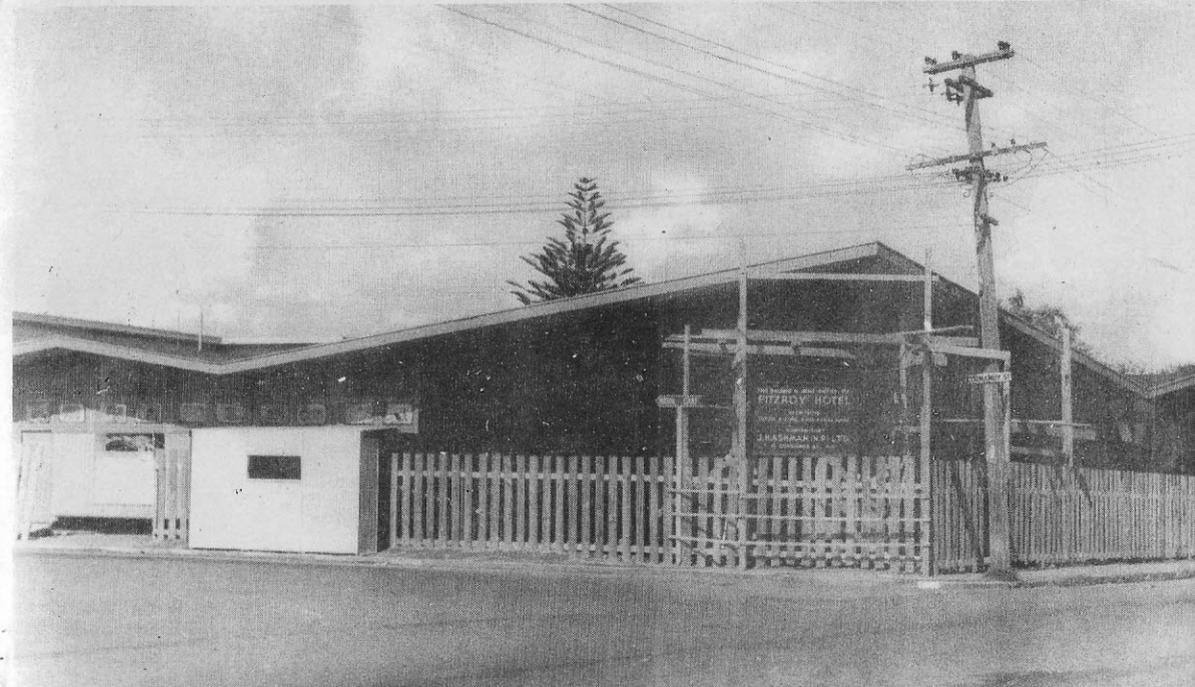
Mayoress Mrs Honnor handed out prizes to winners.



"Ha! I'll raise better ones myself when I'm older!"



"Every bit as good as a pillow" claim Rodney Sears and Keith Clement of their companion.



NEW BUILDINGS

Previous issues of "Photo News" have indicated the tremendous building boom vibrating through New Plymouth. This same building boom is having its effect in other parts of Taranaki too.

Above: The unusually designed Fitzroy Hotel gradually takes shape.

Below: A group of local girls enjoy the afternoon sun outside Eltham's recently-built library.



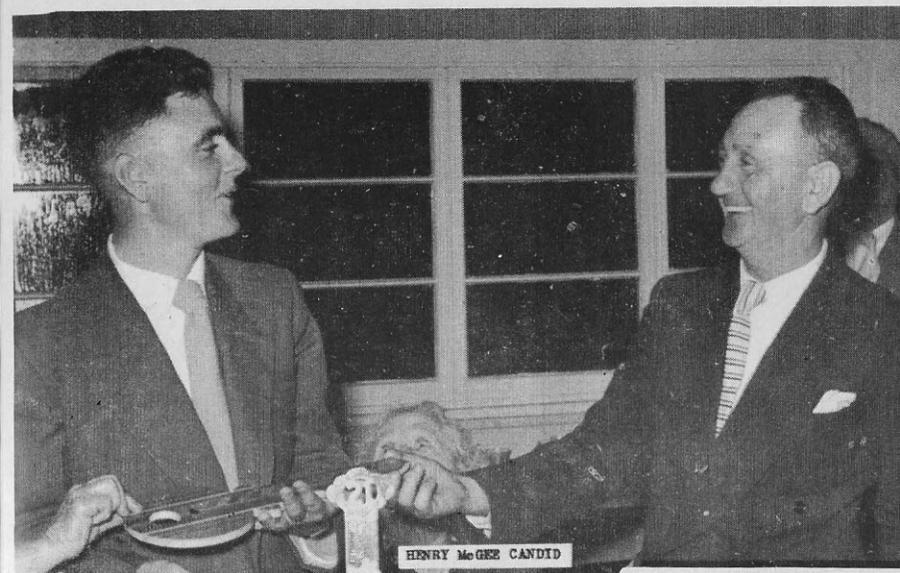


Eltham...

Although relatively small, Eltham plays an important part in Taranaki's economy. On the back cover of this issue is a view of Mount Egmont as it can only be seen from Eltham.

Above: Main Street of Eltham as seen from verandah of Central Hotel.

Below: Looking back on Eltham from hospital hill.



Coming of Age

Left: Mr. L.L. Koorey handing over the traditional key of the door to his son Larry, on the occasion of his 21st birthday celebrated at Ngamotu Beach Palladium.

Below left: Gordon Travers pictured cutting the cake marking his 21st year at a party held last month.

Engaged

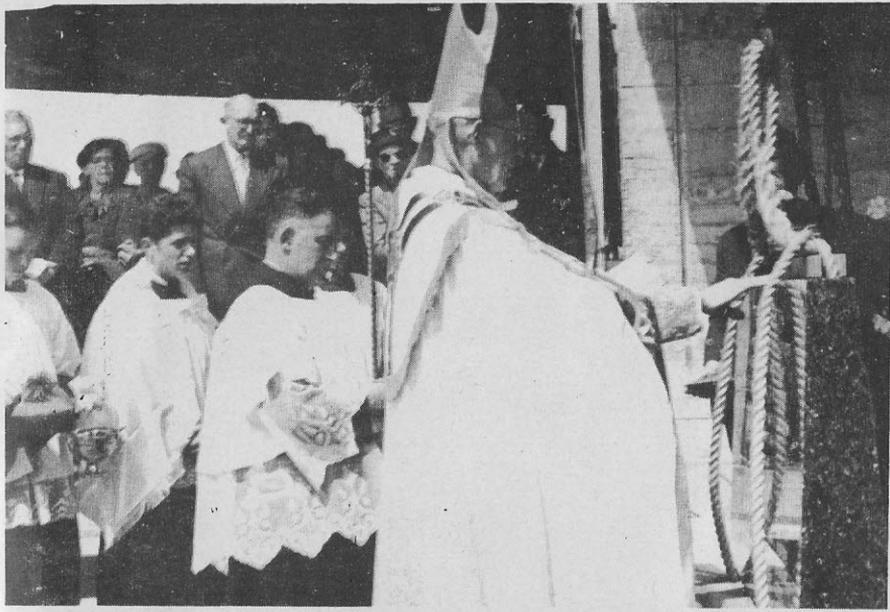
Below: A scene at the party marking the engagement of Miss Gillington and Mr. Wisnewski.





Inglewood...

Matai St., Inglewood on a
quiet mid-week afternoon.



FOUNDATION STONE LAID

Early last month, the Most Reverend P.T.B. McKeefry D.D., Archbishop of Wellington blessed and laid the foundation stone of the new Francis Douglas Memorial College in New Plymouth.

This college, which is expected to be completed and ready for use by the beginning of 1959, will be a secondary school catering for 100 boarders and 200 day boys.

Above: After the blessing Archbishop McKeefry places the stone in position on the foundations.

Left: A small section of the huge crowd which attended the ceremony. It was estimated at about three thousand.

(Pictures by Henry McGee).



BIRTHDAY

The Waitui Women's Division recently celebrated its fourth birthday. Part of the day's activities was a luncheon at Pukekura Park where this picture was taken. (Picture by Henry McGee)



SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW PLYMOUTH

After flying the 10,000 mile journey from the United States to New Zealand, two Cessna 310 aircraft landed at New Plymouth airport at 3.50pm on the 29th of Last month. They are the smallest and lightest aircraft ever to have completed the flight across the Pacific from U.S.A. to New Zealand. They were piloted by Messrs. M.N.King and P.L. Lightband of New Plymouth and the navigators were A.A. Tapp and W.R. Withers of New South Wales.



Air traffic controller G.H. Downes was kept busy guiding aircraft in under poor conditions.



The weather helped little to mark this historic occasion. Intermittent driving showers and strong, gusting westerly wind made the moment a difficult one for aircrew, airport officials at the crowd of nearly 100 which was at the airport to greet the arrivals.



Australian navigator W. Withers takes first look at crowd.



Capt. M.N. King is greeted by his mother on arrival.



Mr Scott, fire officer, at the ready.



Aircraft takes wide sweep over drome before landing.



Taxiing in to hangar after landing.

Main Street

Picture taken in New Plymouth
shows busy scene in Devon St.





A time for greetings and congratulations all round.



Capt. King removes personal luggage.



Capt. P.L. Lightband receives welcome home from father.



Young airmen were soon aboard.



"The works" came under the critical surveillance of these young enthusiasts.

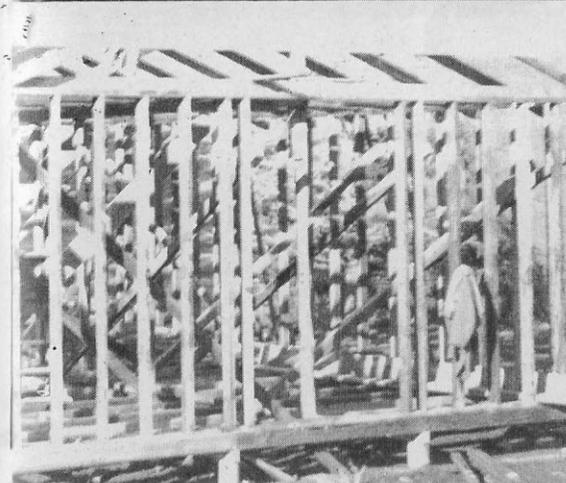
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Married

GIBSON-GILMOR:— At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Olive May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Gilmor, Rahotu, to Arnold George Gibson, 2nd son of Mrs A.Bilski, Inglewood. The bridesmaid is Miss Illma Richardson and the best man Clarence Gibson, brother of the groom. The wedding group is pictured above with parents of the bride and groom.

Below:— MARSHALL-GEORGE; At St. Chad's Church, Westown, Verna George, Westown, to Perry Marshall, Napier. They are to make their home in Napier. The matron-of-honour is Mrs.T.Dougherty. The best man is Mr W.Marshall, brother of the groom. (PICTURES BY CRAGO STUDIOS)



"SIX-WEEK" CHURCH

It's a fact! The solid, dignified building pictured above took just six weeks to build from the laying of the foundations to the driving home of the last nail.

This is the Church of St. James, Matau, some 30 miles North-East of Stratford, dedicated last August by the Rt. Rev. J.T. Holland, Bishop of Waikato.

Left: A shot taken as the church was first taking shape.

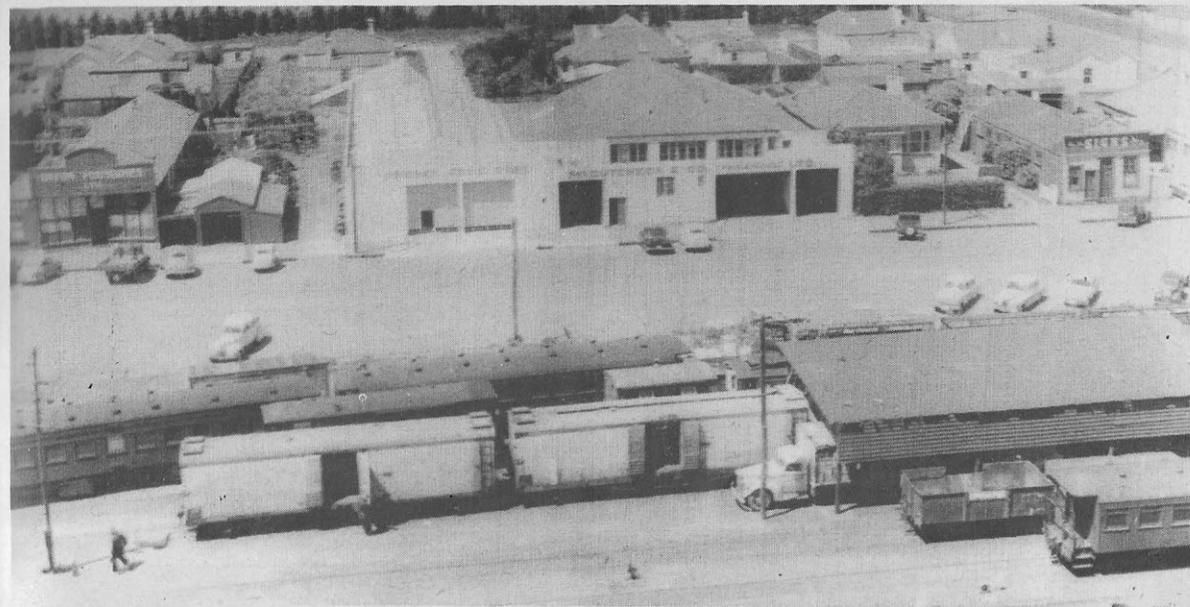
Below left: At work high in the rafters.

Below right: Even the hardest workers need a break and here we see two of the builders enjoying morning "smoko" on the partly completed roof.



Stratford...

The two views of Broadway, Stratford's main street, pictured on this page are taken from the top of the Post Office clock, as town bathed in early afternoon sunshine.



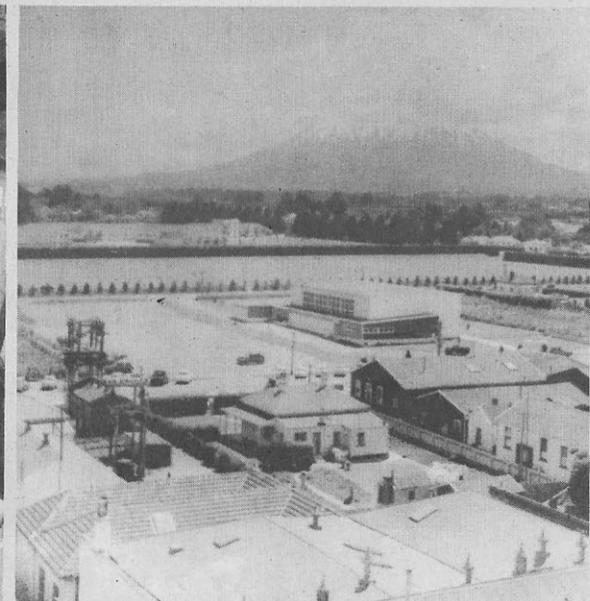
Above; Being a junction, Stratford railway station handles a heavy turnover of passengers and rolling stock.

Below left; Lines of goods wagons are indication of business passing through station.

Bottom left; Pin-sized pedestrians as seen from top of town clock indicate size of structure.



Below; Mount Egmont dominates horizon as viewed from town clock. Little wonder that Stratford is known as "The Mountain Town".





View of choir from circle.

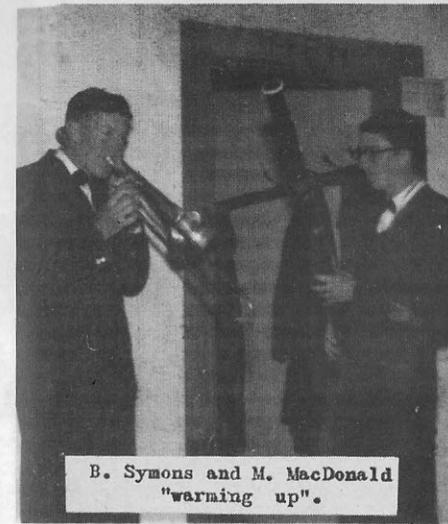
CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Towards the end of last month the New Plymouth Choral Society (Inc.) presented a concert in the Opera House, the main portion of which was devoted to Sir Edward Elgar's dramatic choral work "Banner of St. George." This was in honour of the centenary of the composer's birth in 1857.

The second half of the concert included the Elysian Singers performance of Henry Purcell's "Masque in Dioclesian" and "Three Tone Pictures", namely, "Pukekura Park", "The Mountain", and "Ngamotu Beach", composed by Canon K. Liggett who also conducted the orchestra and choir.

Although relatively small, the audience made up for lack of numbers by their warm and spontaneous applause, especially for Canon Liggett's "Three Tone Pictures".

The concert reached a rousing ending with both choir and audience joining in the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory."



B. Symons and M. MacDonald "warming up".



Violinists O. Mills, P.C. Smeaton and C.L. Harris tuning up in dressing room.



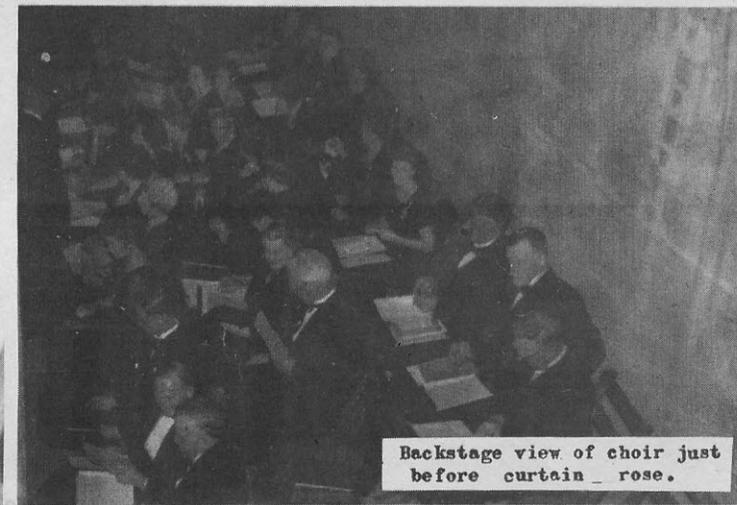
Elysian Singers on stage.



Canon Liggett and orchestra.



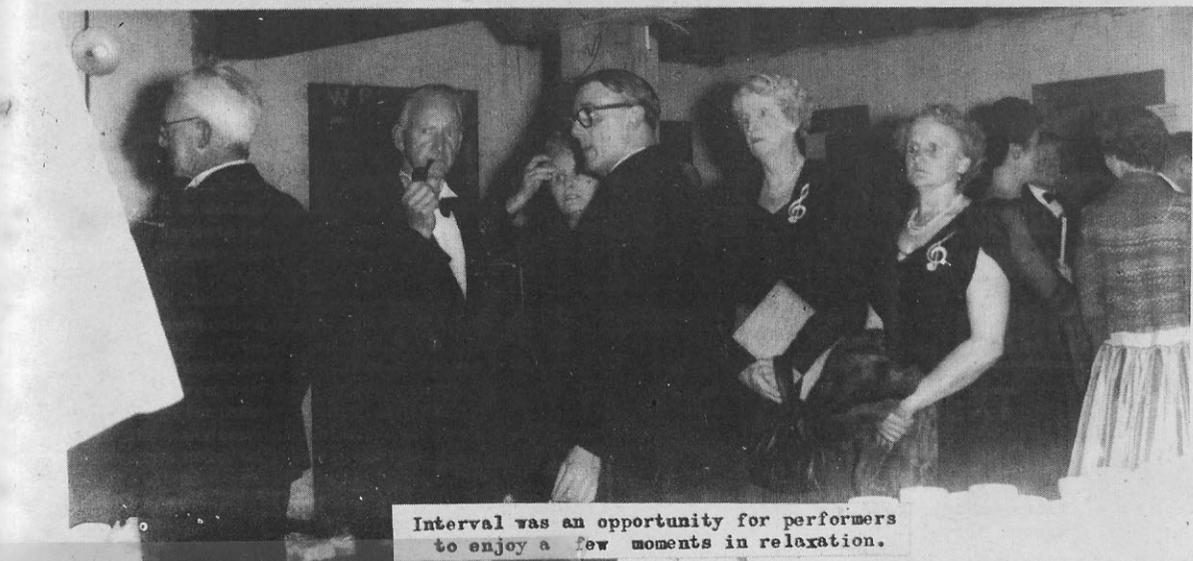
Piccolo player A.C. Barnes checking his instrument.



Backstage view of choir just before curtain rose.



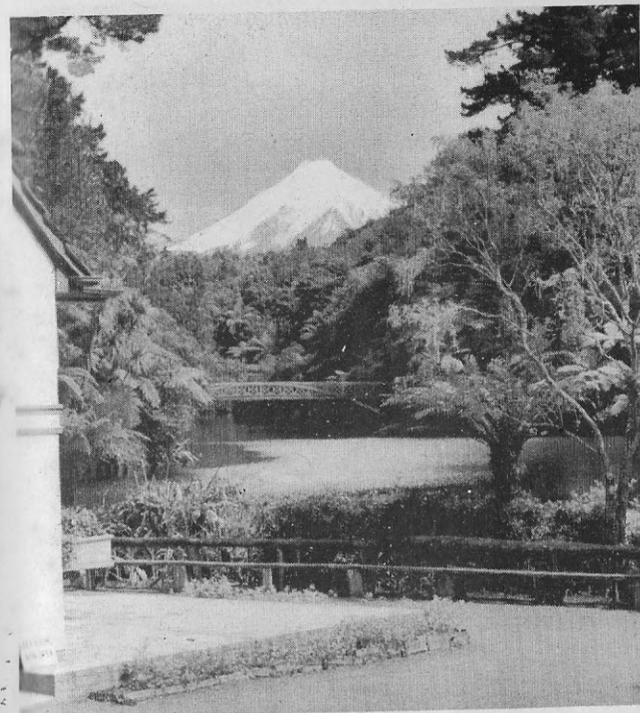
Audience was appreciative.



Interval was an opportunity for performers to enjoy a few moments in relaxation.



Mount Egmont
 A view of Taranaki's Mount Egmont taken on the road to the North Egmont Hostel.



Town and Country

Above: World-famous view in Pukekura Park, with distant Mount Egmont framed above Poet's Bridge and mirrored in the park lake, will be admired by thousands of visitors this summer.

Right: Devon Street, New Plymouth — the hub of Taranaki's busy capital.

Below: Sheep and cattle graze on the lush pasture of hill country in the southern environs of New Plymouth.

