

*New Plymouth* **PHOTO NEWS**





## Four Generations

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Our photographer was recently invited along to a christening party. There he found a family which could boast four generations, not only on one side, as is so often the case, but four generations on both sides. The four generations on the female side are shown right with great grandmother, Mrs Florence Eddleston, grandmother Mrs Edith Gardner, who is nursing Stephen Andrew Mack, with mother Mrs Jennifer Mack on the right.

Above: Not only did we get this four generations photograph, but our cameraman was quick to record the kiss of brotherly love given to Stephen by his 2-year-old brother Tony. It would appear that they will be the best of coppers later in life.

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### OUR COVER

This month, we have pleasure in presenting one of the prettiest covers ever. Not only is there beauty in the subjects, but so much beauty in the location, the Cherry walk, at the rear of St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth. To get the beauty into this picture, we asked Lorraine Johns and Heather Henderson to model two of the very fine dresses from McGruer's (N.E.) Ltd. Lorraine is modelling an Alice Edwards creation and Heather a Horrockses cotton. Both are shown to their best advantage, accompanied by Princess, a lovely Collie owned by Mrs L. Mitchell of Fitzroy.

### BACK COVER.

A slightly different view of New Plymouth, taken from the new vantage point at the top of Scott Street, a turning off Ngamotu road. Views from this new point are as good as anywhere else in the province, and its popularity is such that it is almost impossible to get a park during any fine week-end.

## Greetings to Our Readers

We extend our very sincere greetings at this festive season to our thousands of readers in the four corners of the earth, this being the last issue of "Photo News" for 1960. We would also like to take this opportunity of offering our sincere thanks for the increasing and loyal support, you, the readers, have given to this widely-read, up-to-the-minute magazine.



PICTURES BY CRAIG STUDIOS.

## Bouquets For "South Pacific" Personalities

The final night of the highly successful "South Pacific" was a night for presentations, mostly for the very excellent work done behind the scenes. The cast got together and loudly voiced their very high regard for every back-stage worker from the producer down to the lowest stagehand.

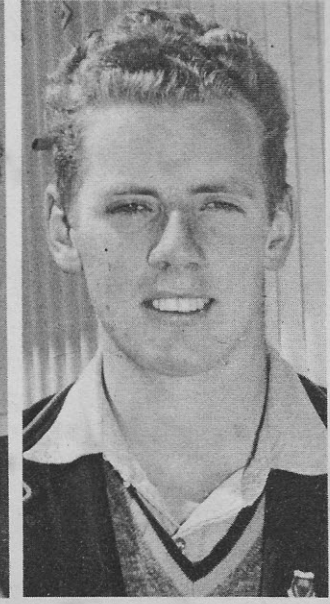
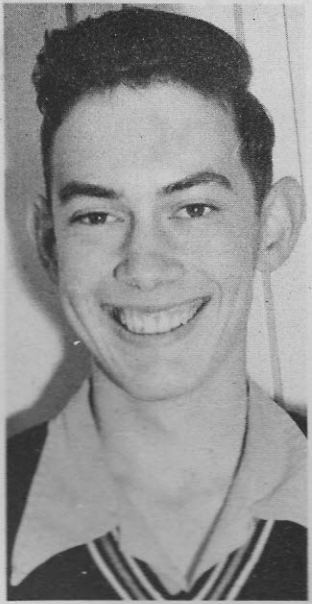
Above, left: Leading lady, Josephine Brunet, presents a bouquet to producer Cidey Strang.

Right: Comic Michael Sullivan shows our cameraman just how full a sailor can get.

Left: Cleaning off the greasepaint for the last time are Neil Burgham and Doug Page.

Below: Leading man James Healy presents a gift to the hard-working wardrobe mistress, Dorothy Henderson, known affectionately as Hendy.



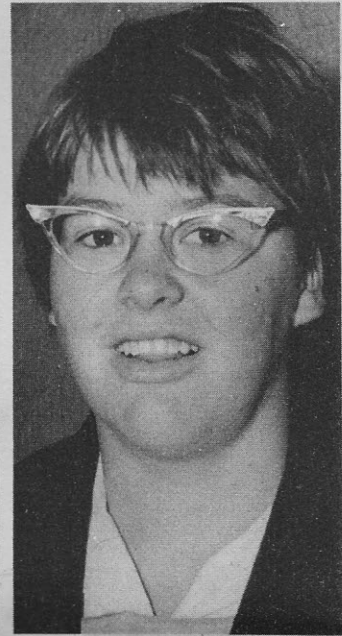
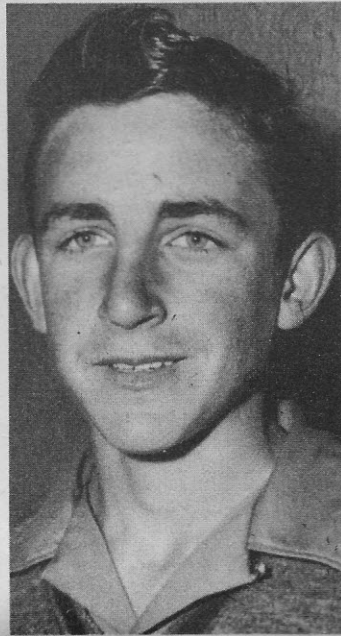


### High School Dux Winners

Above, from left: Rodney Arms, Waitara High School. Next year Rodney will attend the New Plymouth Boys' High School as an upper sixth form pupil. Jennifer Wilson, New Plymouth Girls' High School. Next year she will begin studying for her Bachelor of Arts degree at the Auckland University. John MacPherson Miller, New Plymouth Boys' High School. John will study next year for his science degree. Jennifer Cumming, Spotswood College. Jennifer is a third former and will continue next year, taking a professional course. Noel Ashton, Inglewood High School. Next year Noel will study for his science degree at the Canterbury University.

Left: Dux of the Stratford Technical High School is Carole Ann Sheehy.

Right: Graeme Bourke and Wendy Todd, top boy and girl respectively of the Patea District High School.



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### Shipwrecked Dancers

The 20th Century Club recently held a shipwrecked dance, and the photographs on this page are some of the get-ups to be seen at these very popular dances.

Above, from left: Eileen Hutton and Michael Keegan. Wog Wally Taylor. Skipper Monty Julian. Les Woolcott and Glenys Pelham. You can wreck us any time with Kay Mullally.

Below, from left: Barbara Hume and Johnnie Marshall couldn't care less at being shipwrecked. Mr and Mrs Locke, winners of the competition. Athol Goddard getting ready for a rainy day. Gay Harnish and Royle Hutton.





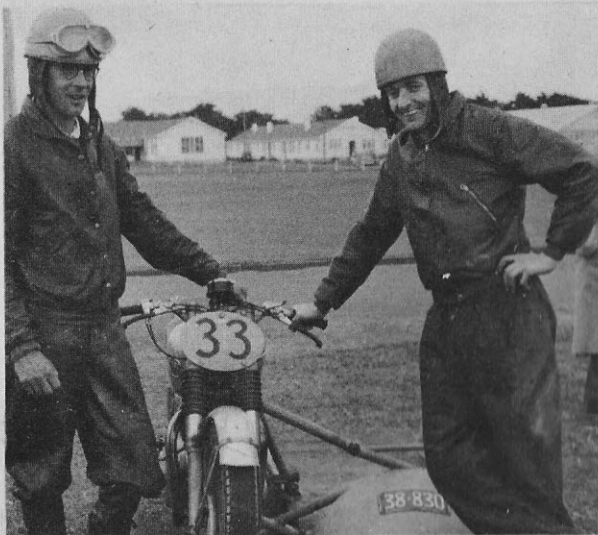
## Thrilling Grand Prix Racing at Bell Block

For those who did brave the cold weather, the North Taranaki Motor Cycle Club's Grand Prix racing at the airport proved a well-spent afternoon, with thrill upon thrill as the riders scorched round the track at speeds in excess of 90 mph. The riding ability is so good now that there were only two spills during the whole meeting, neither of them serious. In the back straight, machines accelerated from 10 to 90 mph in a matter of 200 yards. The riding, particularly of the winners, was superb.

Above: The field for the 350 Grand Prix gets away found the first bend with W.Wetzel (Lower Hutt) leading the eventual winner Forrest Cardon (Auckland).

Below: Taranaki sidocar champions for the fourth year in succession, R.Philps and J.King (Palmerston North).

Below, right: Winner of both Junior and Senior Grand Prix...Forrest Cardon (Auckland) on one of his Manx Nortons.



### GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS

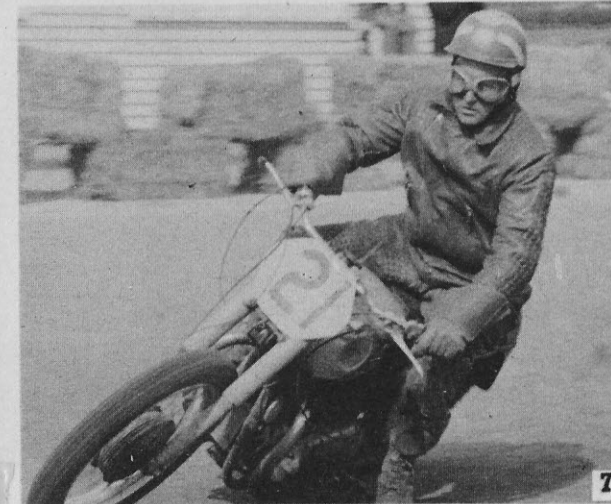
Above: Joe George (NP) makes a few adjustments between the races.

Above, right: Lloyd Palmer, one of the hard-working officials, takes things easy between races.

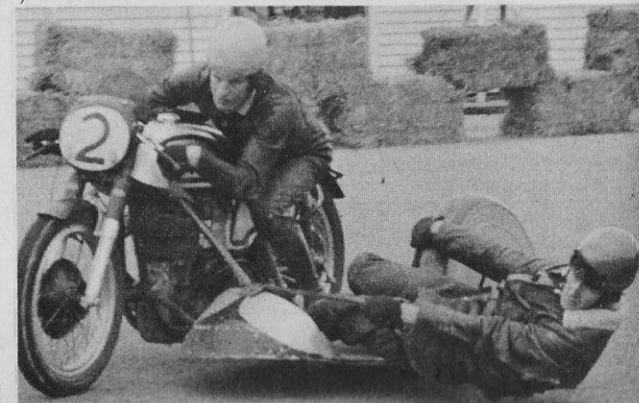
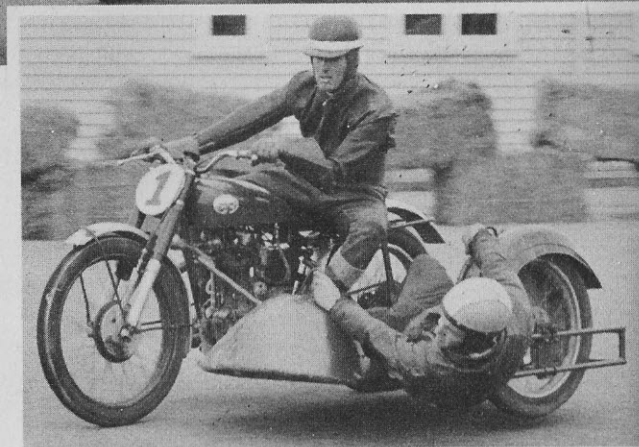
Right: Who would want to be a passenger in one of these sidecars? D.Farr and O. Bridge (PN) (34) lead G.Skilton and R.Larsen (Napier).

Below: J.McKay (Auckland) comes to grief and is passed by N. Kingsford (Ngatea).

Below, right: Dave Gardner (NE) on a hack road machine won the over 351cc handicap.



# Local Riders at Grand Prix



**Top:** A stern struggle went on in the Junior Grand Prix between W.Wetzel (Lower Hutt) and the winner of the event Forrest Cardon (Auckland).

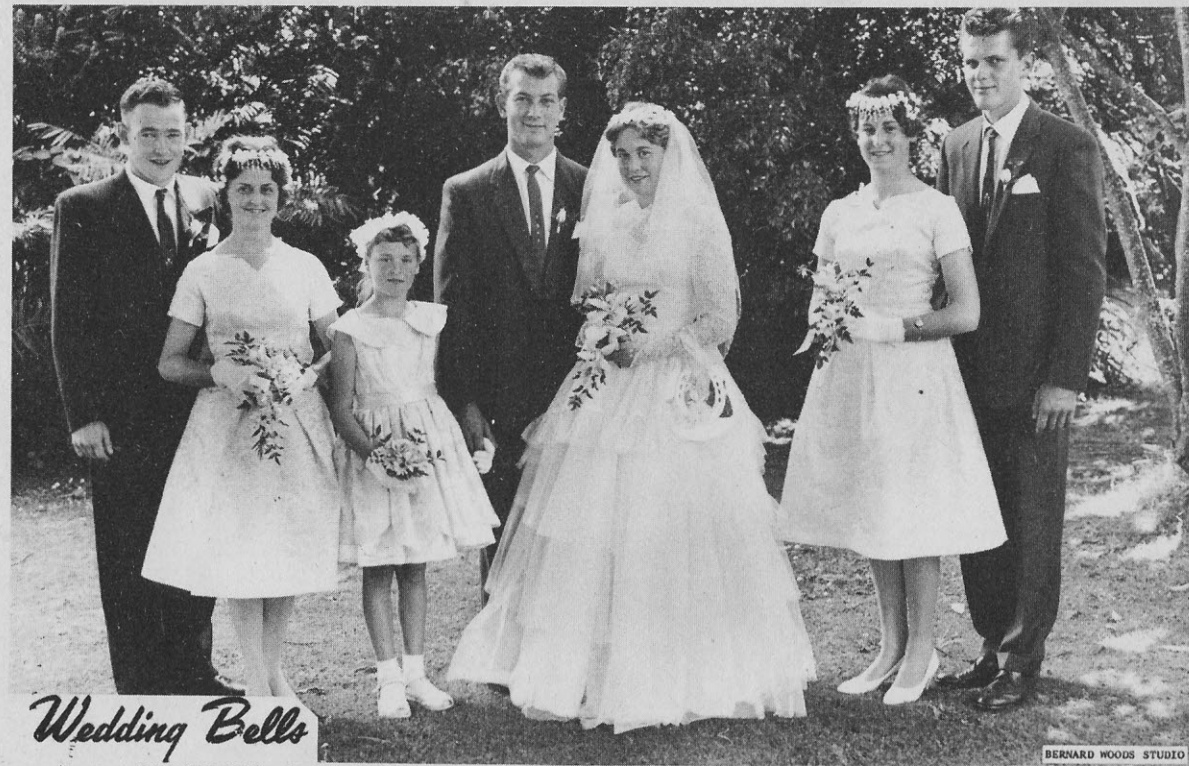
**Above:** Another duel that was enjoyed by the spectators was that between R.Philps and J.King (PN) championship winners and G.Skilton and R.Larsen (Napier).

**Below:** C.Nixon (Egmont Village) gave a good account of himself during the meeting.

**Above, right:** New Plymouth's only sidecar hopes, Bruce Ovenden and Dave Reader, were doing extremely well, until engine trouble forced their early retirement from racing.

**Right:** F.Sollitt and D.Persons (Wanganui) were another pair who rode hair-raising races.

**Below, right:** Ashley King (NP) handled his very fast machine with the skill of the experts to take minor placings.



## Wedding Bells

**Above: DON-MISCALL.** At the Whiteley Youth Centre, New Plymouth, Judith Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G.Miscall, New Plymouth, to Maurice, son of Mr and Mrs E.H.Don, Auckland. The bridesmaids were Dianne Miscall, sister of the bride, and Barbara Don, sister of the groom. Reg Moore, Auckland, was the best man, and Russell Miscall, a brother of the bride, was the groomsman. Christine Miscall, another of the brides sisters, was the flowergirl. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

**Below: VAN-DEN-BOS--BISHOP.** At the Opunake Methodist Church, Betty, second daughter of Mr C.R. and the late Mrs Bishop, Oaonui, to Frank, second son of Mrs and the late Mr Van Den Bos, Amsterdam, Holland. Faith Benny, Wellington, a cousin of the bride, was the bridesmaid, and Dan Davies, Oaonui, was the best man. The future home of the couple will be Oaonui.





## £1000 Damage in Fire

About £1000 worth of Christmas stocks of canned goods and soap powder and other grocery lines were destroyed by fire in a store at the back of the Maypole Stores premises in Dawson Street, New Plymouth. The firemen brought the blaze under control in a short time, despite strong gusty winds at the time of the outbreak.

Left: Having got the main fire under control, the firemen rip off bits of timber around the roof to make certain that their job has been properly completed.

Below, left: Of two cats caught in the fire one was never found, but the other victim, seen here resting in the grass, was badly burned and had to be destroyed by the SPCA.



### GOLDEN ARROW CONTEST.

The New Plymouth Archery Club and the Public Relations Office have got together with a contest to see how many people over the age of 17 can stand or otherwise crowd on to a three-foot circle. Our picture shows the Archery club trying out this crowding, when they could only get 17 on the circle. With a prize of £75 at stake, we are going round looking for all the wee people of New Plymouth. The YMCA Gymnasts ought to do well at this; they are expert at building pyramids.



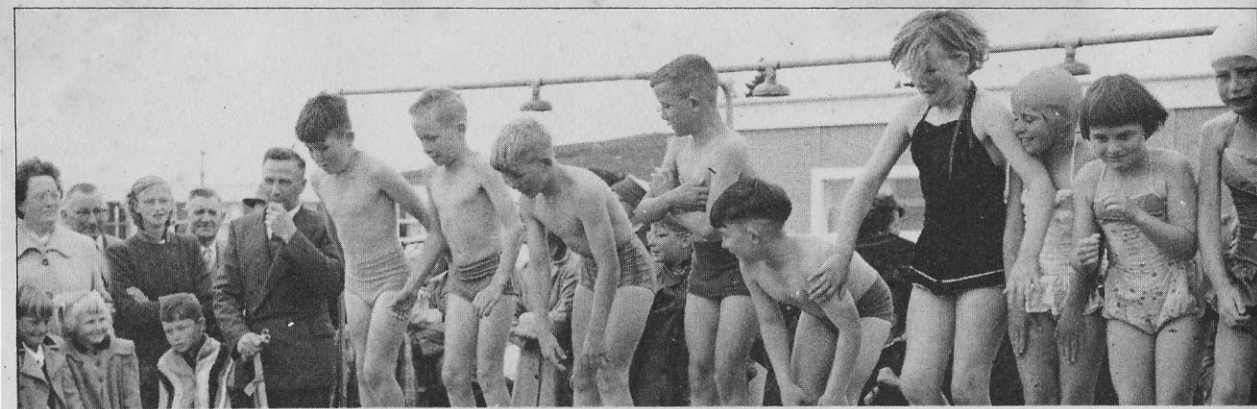
## High School on the March

To conclude their year's military training, cadets from the New Plymouth and Stratford High Schools, totalling some 200 boys, took part in a live shoot at the Rewa Rewa range recently. Those not taking part in the shoot had the "honour" of marching from the school to the range, and enjoying the day's sunshine, just sitting on the grass watching the live shell shoot.

Above: The High School army, nearly a thousand strong, marches through Fitzroy on their way to the Rewa Rewa range.

Below: After that route march, they just sit in the sun and watch. It certainly was a nice day for a picnic.





## Merrilands School Baths Opened



More than 1200 man hours of voluntary labour have gone into the construction of the new Merrilands Primary School Baths. These baths are among the few in Taranaki to have a filtration plant.

**Top:** Senior pupils await the orders of the headmaster before taking the plunge into these fine new swimming baths.

**Above:** Mrs P.C.Hill, wife of the chairman of the Taranaki Education Board, prepares to cut the ribbon, whilst senior pupils, Marlene Gattton and Bruce Hutchings await honour of first swim.

**Below:** The day was, to say the least, bleak. This did not dampen the enthusiasm of the children who wanted to test their nice new pool. It could have been warmer in the water than out.



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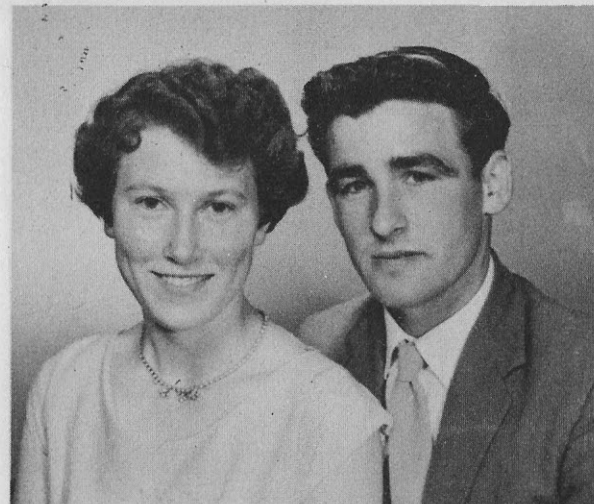


## Engaged

**Above, left:** Shirley-Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.T.Pentecost, New Plymouth, to James Barry, younger son of Mr and Mrs E.J.R. Pepperell, New Plymouth.

**Above:** Gail Annetta, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.T.Attrill, New Plymouth, to Gordon Noel, only son of Mr and Mrs C.Webb, Tuakau.

**Below, left:** Mary Eileen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.T.Stachurski, Inglewood, to Raymond, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.H.Coombe, Stratford.



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## 1500 Attend Gym Frolics

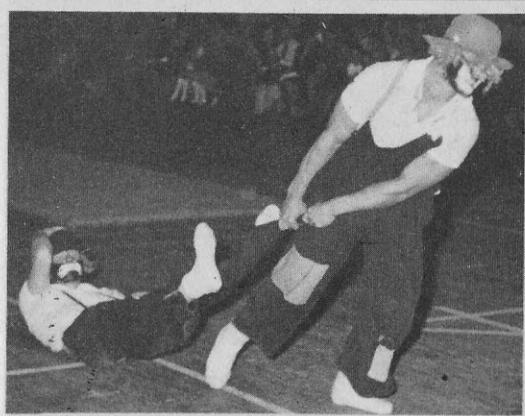
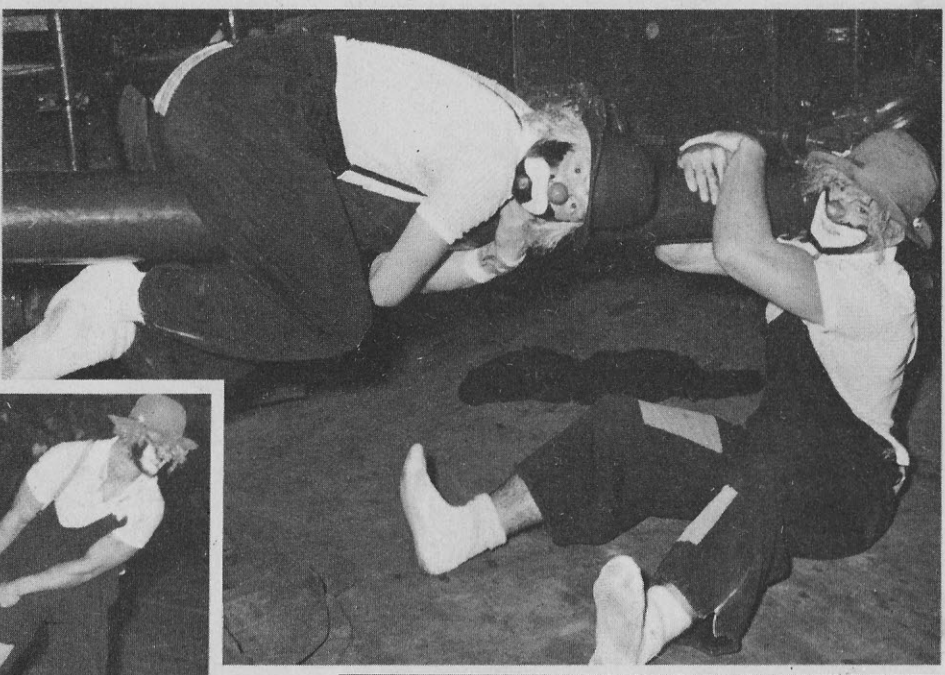
The largest attendance ever, something like 1500, turned up to watch the annual YMCA show, "Gym Frolics" at the Army Hall, New Plymouth. Over 250 performers went to make this one of the best and brightest shows ever performed by gymnasts in Taranaki. Precision in movement and perfection in timing, plus a touch of comedy and a feminine item, added up to the perfect show. The association secretary and physical instructor, Dennis Oliver, can be well proud of his boys for the show they gave the public.

Above: The opening chorus, including all the YMCA gymnasts, from the tiny Y's to the senior men  
Below: Pyramid-building by the boys of the Hi-Y group. These boys are very talented, and didn't waste a second in changing from one pyramid to another.

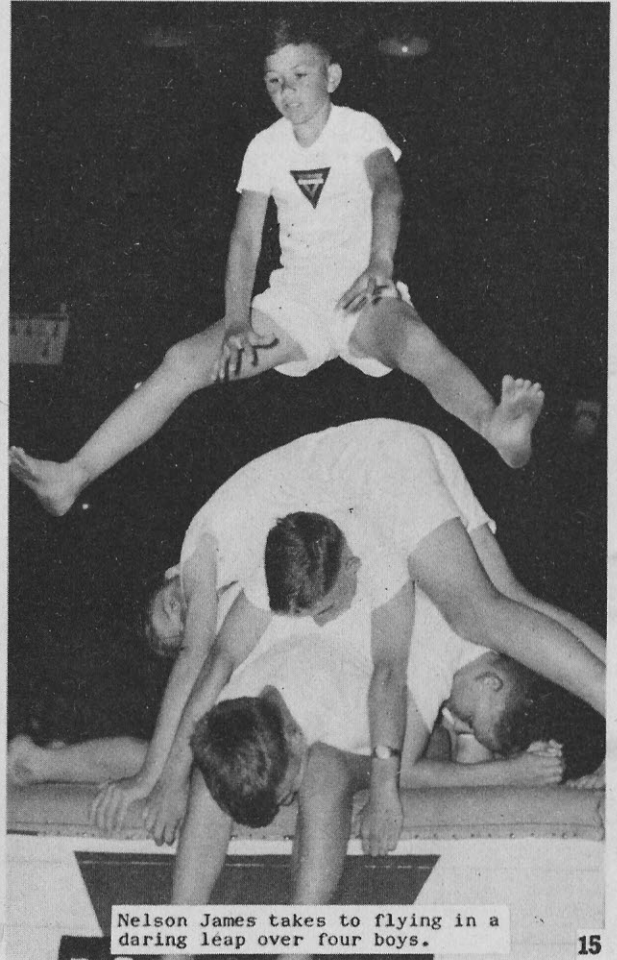


## Performers In "Gym Frolics"

Highlight of the recent "Gym Frolics" was the clowning of two of the best tumblers in New Zealand, John McCready and Jim Blair, shown right as they cling to one of the army's 25-pounder guns prior to their act, and below at the end, come off the floor.



June Stuart, Heather Shortt and Sandra Andrews of the Palmerston North Ladies YMCA Gym team gave a fine performance.



Nelson James takes to flying in a daring leap over four boys.





**FUN AND FROLICS AT GYM DISPLAY.**

**Above:** A daring somersault over the horse, as general secretary Dennis Oliver watches in case of an accident.

**Above, right:** Boys of the Hi-Y performed some amazing pyramids during their item.

**BROWNIES' GOOD DEEDS.**

These members of the Pukekura Pack brought good cheer to the old people in the Rangimarie Homes recently. The youngsters distributed flowers and gifts to the home residents and then gave a 1½-hour concert.



*Roving Camera*

**Above:** Busy scene at the recent North Taranaki Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs annual calf rearing championships at the showgrounds in New Plymouth. Our photograph shows the interest taken by the children's parents in coming from all parts of North Taranaki to watch these championships. Two rings were in operation when this picture was taken, with the junior ring nearest camera.

**Below:** It's not often one sees the Benedicts dressed in shirtsleeves for dancing. They are usually impeccably dressed in evening suits and dresses, white gloves...in fact the lot. But this was a different occasion. This was the Christmas party dance of the Vogeltown Benedicts Club, and the dancers entered into the spirit with jackets off and sleeves rolled up. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.





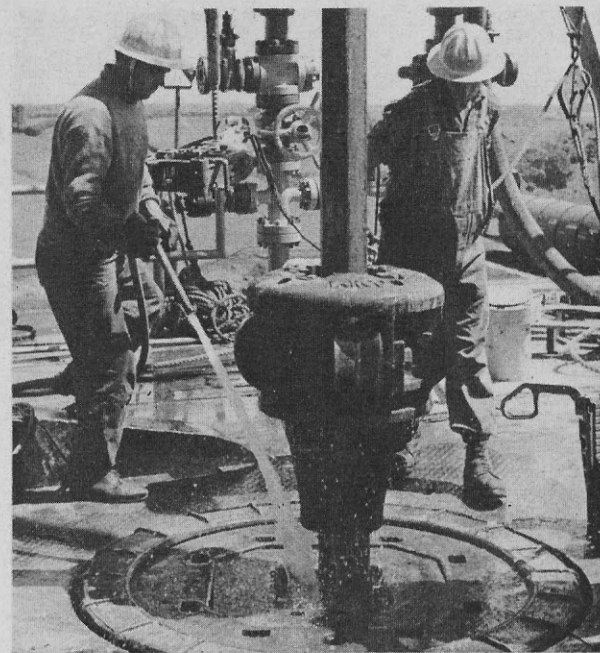
## Happiness Club Entertains

The New Plymouth Happiness Club are doing wonderful work with their entertaining. Recently they paid a visit to Waitara, where they entertained the old folk of the town in the Memorial Hall.

Above: The Happiness Club Choir performing one of their many delightful numbers.

Below: Hula girls were Vera McLeod, Vi Moorcock and Nell Jennings...and a sprightly dance they performed, worth travelling miles to see.

Below, right: Mrs Phyllis Loveridge is a very accomplished player on her piano-accordion.



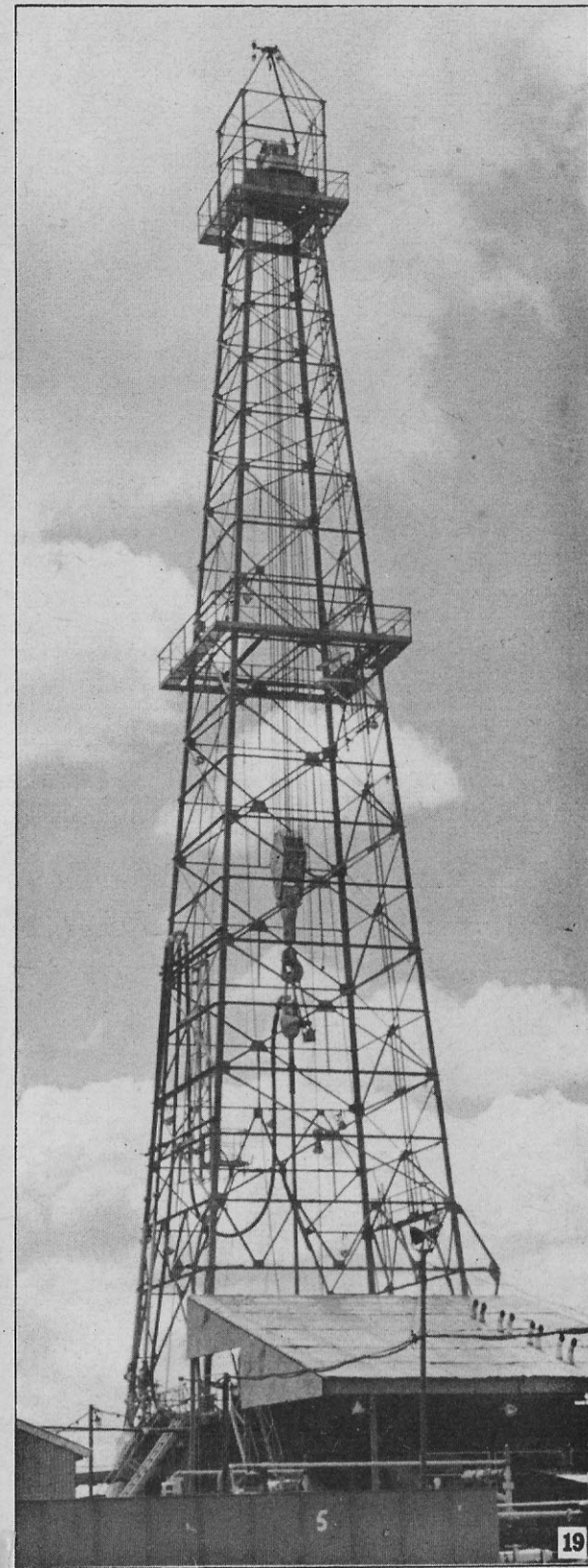
## Drilling Starts at Tikorangi

After much trouble encountered in the shaft, drilling at the oil site at Tikorangi is now in progress. Due to the nature of the crust penetrated, the walls of the shaft were constantly collapsing, but the difficulty was soon overcome, and drilling is now under way.

Above: A drill is withdrawn from the shaft, and washed with high pressure hoses.

Below: This is only part of the mass of paraphernalia and machinery that is erected on the site of the drilling.

Right: New landmark for the residents of Tikorangi. For many years, the wealth of this area has come from the top soil—perhaps in the not-too-distant future, it will come from beneath.





## Wedding Bells

**Above: KEIG-KNUCKEY.** At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Meridee June, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W.Knuckey, Mount Maunganui, to Crelin, only son of Mrs C.M.R. and the late Mr A.Keig, New Plymouth. Jean Boddie, Eltham, and Hinemoa Baird, New Plymouth, were the bridesmaids. Mervin Alsweller, New Plymouth, was the best man, and Tom Verney, New Plymouth, was the groomsmen. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

**Below: TRAVERS-SURREY.** At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Barbara Faye, second daughter of Mr and Mrs K.Surrey, New Plymouth, to Gordon Edward Noel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H.E. (Bert) Travers, New Plymouth. The bride's sisters, Mrs Jean Jackson, Uruti, and Irene Surrey, Hamilton, were the bridesmaids, and Leone Jackson, Uruti, was the flowergirl. The groom's brother Maurice Travers was the best man, and Llewellyn Jones, Oaonui, was the groomsmen. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



## The Boat Show

The annual Boat Show held at New Plymouth is fast becoming a very popular rendezvous for the man...and his wife...who likes the sea. This year's show contained some very fine craft, due we think to the vast number of people who have been busy building something to go to sea in.

**Above, left:** Attracting much attention was this nearly-completed boat.

**Above:** Mrs R.Crerar and daughter Annette were interested in this very fine launch.

**Left:** Ride in the breeches buoy for Ian Bell.

**Below:** Josephine Brunet, star of the "South Pacific" show, modelled the latest in beach wear to an enthusiastic audience.





### Champion of Champion Calves

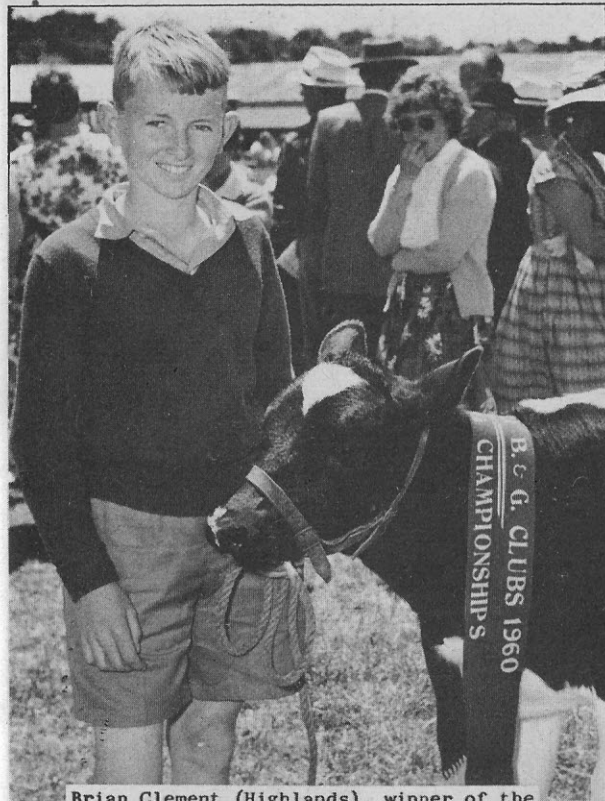
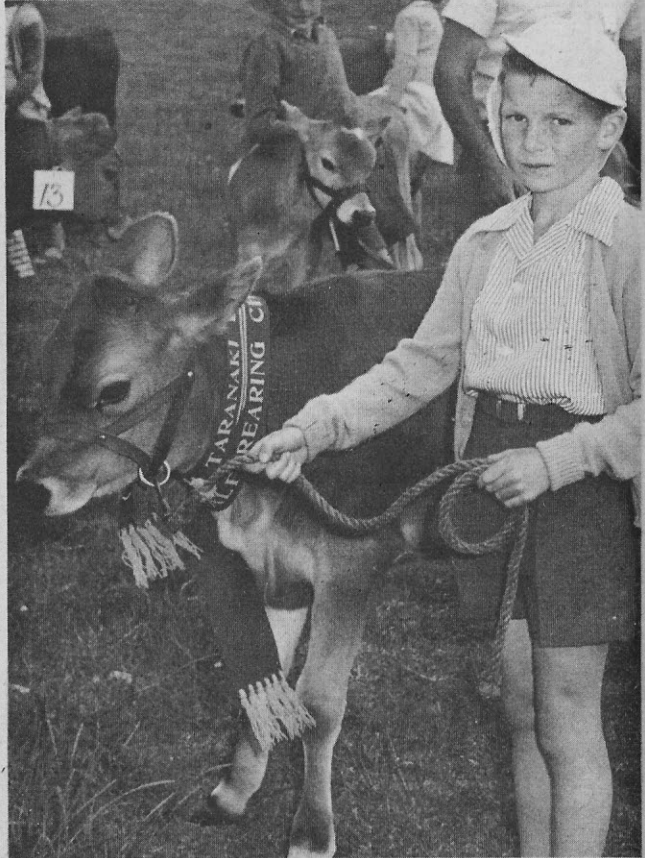
The North Taranaki Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs finalised their calf-rearing championships at the showgrounds recently, with a muster of over 200 calves. Competition was keen, providing the judges with man-sized headaches.

Above: President of the A & P Association, Mr H.J.Kaye, presents the championship cup to Errol Collingwood (Kaimata).

Above, right: Junior champion was Kevin Gall (Tikorangi).

Below: Tariki children who swept the board in the Junior Pedigree Friesian Condition class. From left: Colin Knowles (1), Roger Knowles (2) and Marlene Martin (3).

Below, right: Julie Adamson (Egmond Village) pets her calf whilst waiting her turn to enter the show ring, with little brother Leonard twigging the ear of her charge.



Brian Clement (Highlands), winner of the Senior Pedigree Friesian Condition



Eileen Murphy helping Lois Whitehead (Okato) prepare her calf



Maureen Kitchen (Oakura) makes a fuss of her charge before entering the ring



A few of the 200 calves at the championships.

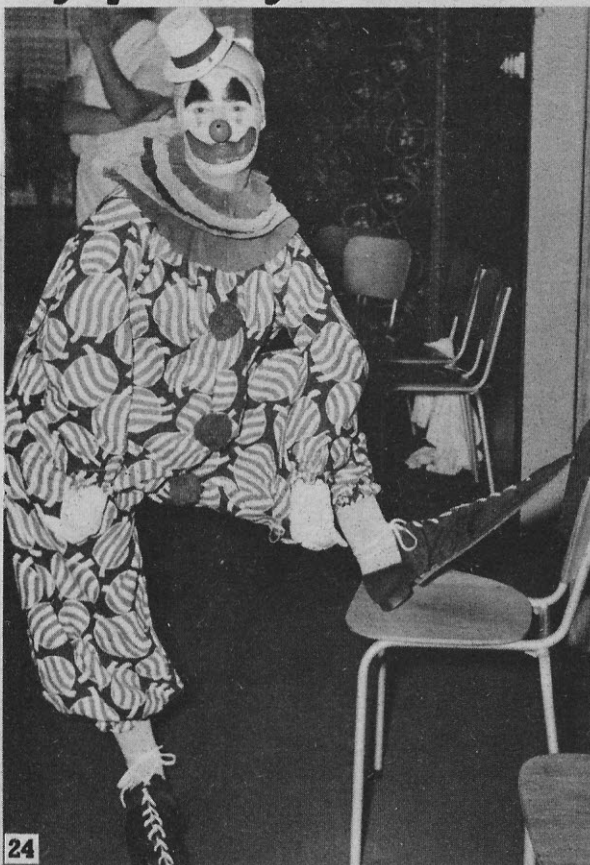


## Jaycette Jollifications

A bit early for Xmas parties, but the Jaycette girls got their heads together and organised a fancy dress party which was well-attended and a huge success. Some of the dresses were absolutely fabulous, the participants going to no end of trouble to be the best dressed for the night.

**Above:** Our photograph of some of the revellers gives an idea of the variety of fancy dresses.

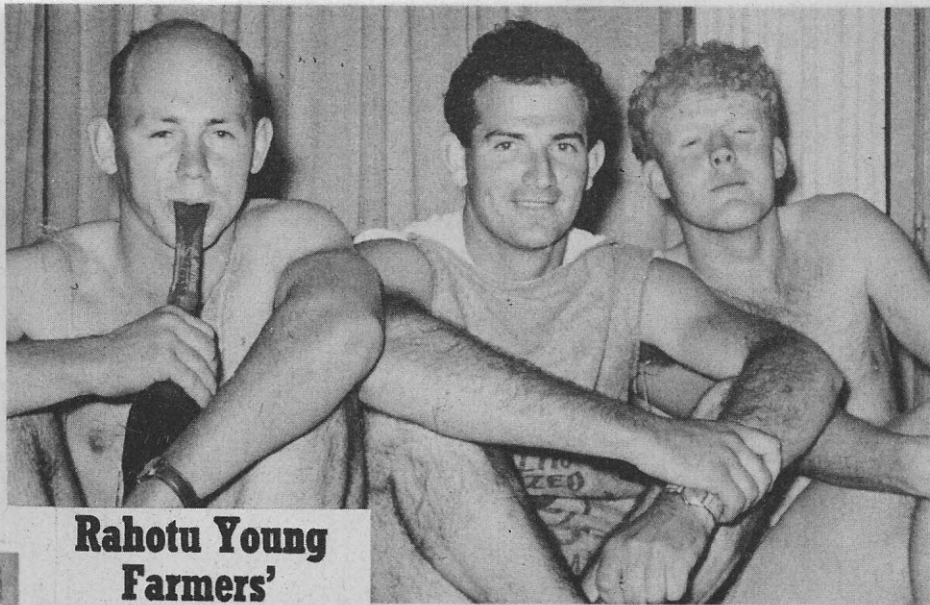
**Left:** Annette Macdonald was suitably dressed from the top of her head to the tip of her toes.



### BOYS' BRIGADE MEDAL WINNER

**Below:** Corporal Peter Gardner proudly displays the Queen's Badge, highest award a cadet can obtain, after a presentation ceremony recently. The badge is being admired by the company's chaplain, the Rev. D.W. Rushbrook.





## Rahotu Young Farmers' Concert

The Rahotu Young Farmers' Club has got something that no other club seems to have. It is evident when they produce a concert. Their fund of wit and humour seems to be inexhaustible. No wonder they pack the hall, each year. Mind you, the Country Girls' do their share in this laughter show. You might call the Rahotu lads hay seeds, but to us, who have seen their concert, we would say they are very slick chicks. One of their items was a baby show, and the Plunket would be very proud of these bonny types.

**Above, left:** Mum, Mary Heather, & Les Lewis as the cheeky chick.

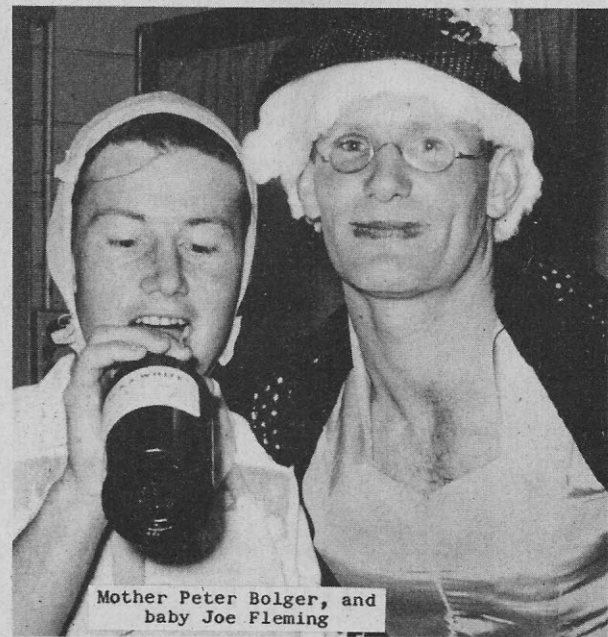
**Above:** Awaiting the judge are Maurice Sinclair, Leo Hickey and Peter Riddell. (PIX BY FRANK ANTILL)



Tramps Snow Lowry and Pat Barrett



Peter Maxwell..hay-seed



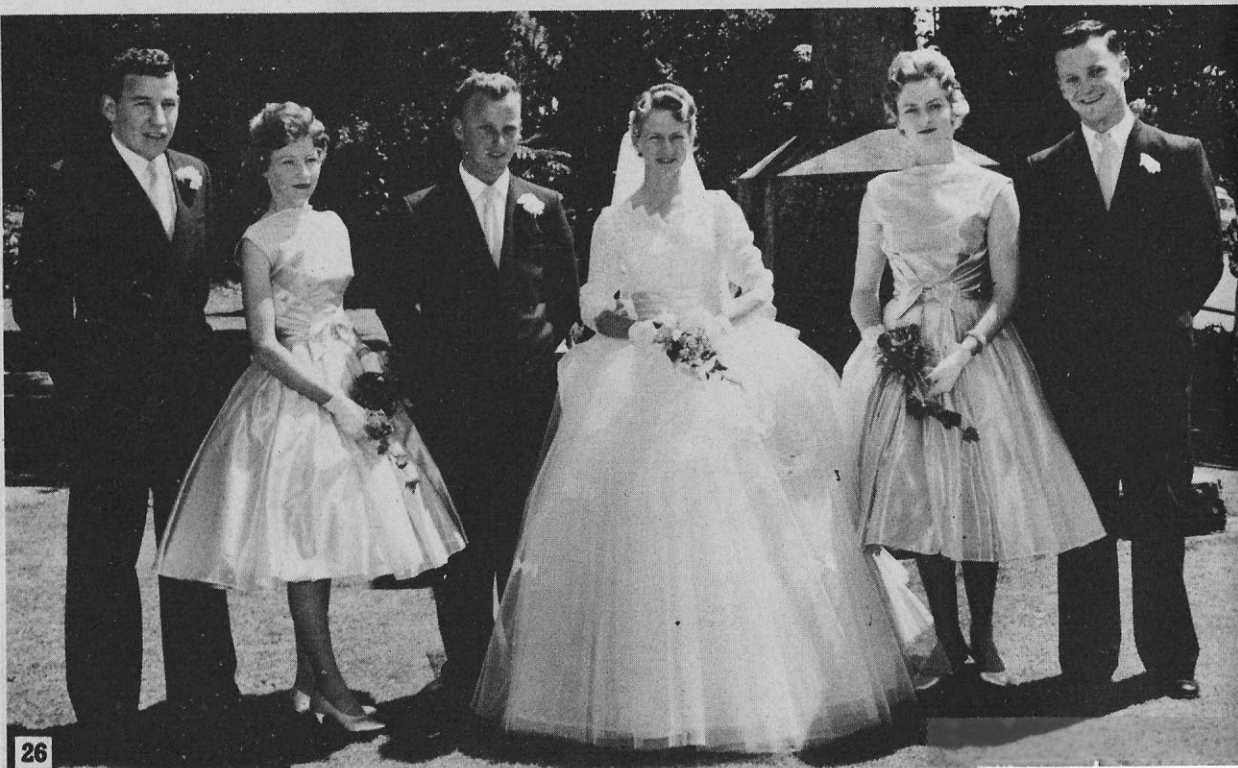
Mother Peter Bolger, and baby Joe Fleming

# Married

**Right: KNOX-ANSLEY.**  
At St. Barnabas Church, Opunake, Eva Claudia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Ansley, Opunake, to Roydon Wallace, only son of Mrs L. Knox, Opunake. The bridesmaid was Patricia Ansley, sister of the bride. Best man was Ray Vooght, Opunake. Flowergirl was Janice Bevans, and the page boy was Graham Ansley, brother of the bride. The future home of the couple will be Pihama.



**Below: VICKERS-BERRY.**  
At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Annette Marion, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M. Berry, New Plymouth, to Bruce Samuel, 2nd son of Mr and Mrs K.C. Vickers, New Plymouth. Jeanette Macdonald and June Berry were the bridesmaids. Ken Vickers was the best man and Barry Gower was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



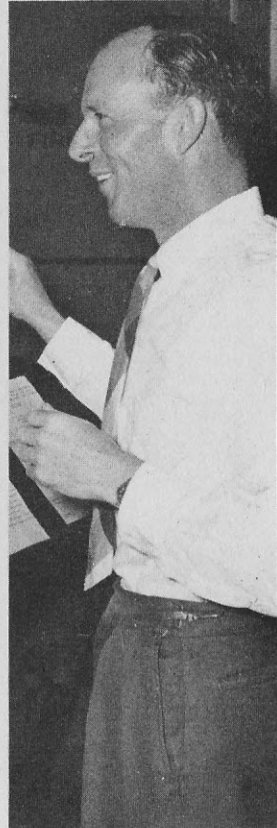
Jeff Neave who dipped out on both his questions.



Theological student Harold Jensen got 50% right.



Housewife Audrey Scott answered 2 toughies to be the quiz queen.



Quizmaster Dick Barlow

## Gift Quiz at 2XP

A new departure for our radio station is the weekly sponsored Gift Quiz. We went along on the first night, and found the studio full to bursting point with people, but mostly kids. The highlight of the evening was the success of the young fry, when the older folk failed on a question.

**Below:** Part of the large crowd that filled the studio, with just as many outside, looking in through the windows.





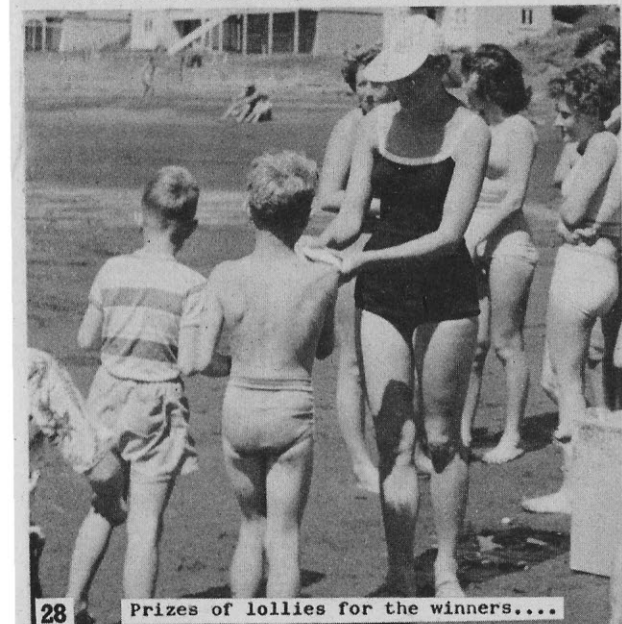
Tiny Tots race...."Go girlie, they went thata way"



Not-so-tiny tots needed no direction finder or urging

### N.P.O.B. Surf Club Opening

Fun & games were the order of the day at the official opening of the N.P.O.B. Surf Club's 1960-61 season at Oakura Beach. There were about 500 people present to witness the sports and demonstrations. It was a great day for the kids, who were, as usual, well catered for with beach races and lolly scrambles.



Prizes of lollies for the winners....



....and for the pretty girls



### SCRAMBLE...!

The beach at Oakura was a mass of children running hither and thither for the lollies that were scrambled by the members of the N.P.O.B. Surf Club at their official opening.

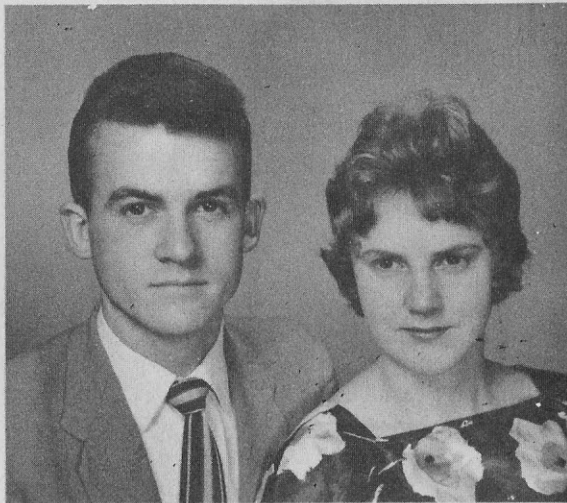
**Top:** Sweets go into the air and the kids take off in the general direction.

**Above:** Splashing across the river didn't present any hazards to the kids in this very hectic scramble.

**Below:** The quarry is found, and a dive made to ensure that they get at least one lolly.







### Engaged

Above, left: Marie Patricia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs O.V. Hall, N.P., to Mervyn Oliver, eldest son of Mrs E.Carr, N.P.

Left: Betty Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J.Benton, Bell Block, to James Henry, only son of Mr and Mrs B.J.Herbert, Waitara.

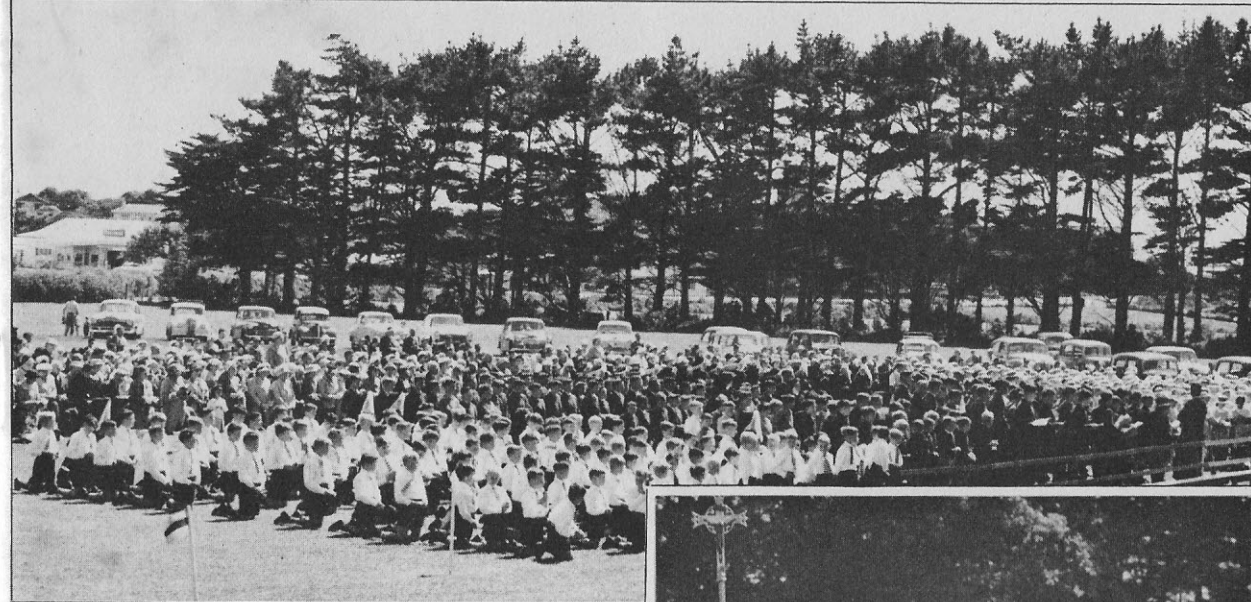
Below, left: Gae Ernestine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.Martin, Tikorangi, to Ernest John, second son of Mr and Mrs J.Cox, N.P.

Above: Kathleen Ellen Klenner, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.Symmans, N.P., to Peter Reginald, 2nd son of Mr R.E. and the late Mrs Goodchap, N.P.

Below: Marion Kathleen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W.Hopkins, N.P., to Graeme Herbert, only son of Mrs J.M.Thomson, Nelson.



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### Catholic Centennial

In brilliant sunshine, over 2000 Catholics gathered at the St. Joseph's School grounds, New Plymouth, for the solemn pontifical high mass celebrated by the Most Rev.P.T.B.McKeefry, Metropolitan of New Zealand, to mark the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Taranaki's first residential priest.

Above: Part of the vast crowd at this solemn ceremony.

Right: The arrival of the priests at the Mass.  
Below: Besides the mass, hundreds took communion in the school grounds.

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## Apprenticeship Week Concludes

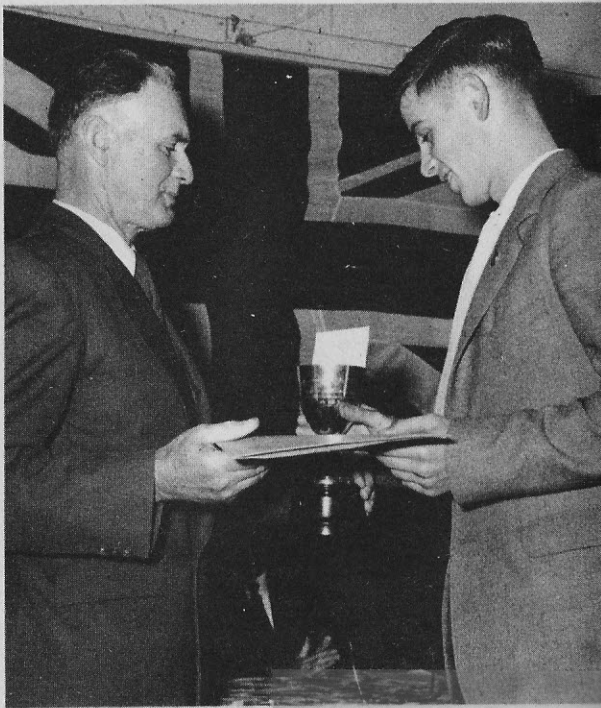
The Taranaki Apprenticeship Week was recently brought to a successful conclusion with the presentation of awards won during the year, at the Queen's Hall, New Plymouth. The interest shown in this very worthwhile programme was evidenced by the attendance of over 500 people at this popular evening. Each year, more and more parents and apprentices are realising the benefit of the organisation and its aims.

**Above, left:** The mayor of Hawera, Mr F.W.Finer, presented the prizes, and is shown here congratulating M.J.Riley (Hawera) on winning the Proctor Cup for the most outstanding apprentice in Carpentry and Joinery (trade certificate examinations).

**Above, right:** The Hayton Cup goes to I.A.Feasey (Hawera) for the highest marks in the trade certificate exam for the plumbing trade.

**Below, left:** The special prize of a "Rufa" square went to K.R.Sampson (New Plymouth) for the best Taranaki apprentice in roofing exercises.

**Below, right:** Winner of the McKechnie Cup, in the engineering trade, was G.Bluett (Hawera),



## N.P.A.R.C.C. Wind-up

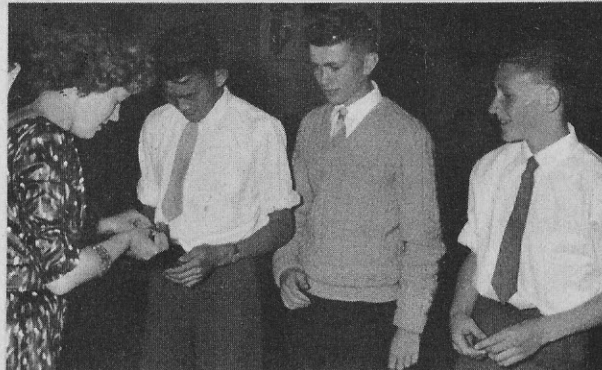
Prizes won during the season were presented at the club's annual social.

**Above, left:** Bob Wilson receives his trophies for the Taranaki and club championships from the president's wife, Mrs Scott.

**Above:** Club secretary John Cottam got the senior points prize.

**Left:** Best attendance buttons went to Eric Chang, Ian Gibson and Peter Cox.

**Right:** Sashes for Stuart Cottam for 3rd in the Taranaki champs and 2nd in West Coast Champs.



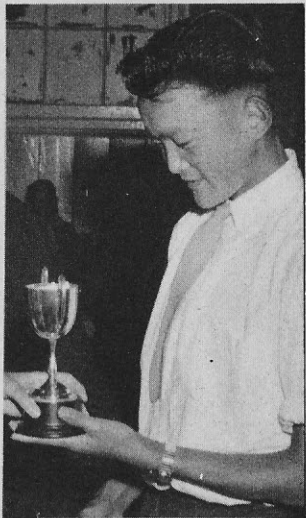
Bobby Gibson..B grade place points.



Gary Adlam..B grade Cox Cup.



Ronnie Hintz..winner of three trophies



Eric Chang..A grade colts points cup.



**PICTURE OF THE MONTH**  
**Strange Bedfellows**

We knew that cats loved birds, but it came as a bit of a shock to know that birds loved cats. This young feline has made a habit of parking himself in the budgie's cage, and normally, budgie doesn't mind. There are times, of course, when the cat gets the bird, and what we mean by that, is that the cat gets a few playful pecks on the nose, which means, get out and stay out. But pussy has found a friend and goes back for more. This very peculiar pair belong to the young members of the Thacker family of Doone Street, New Plymouth.