



Four be-ribboned horsewomen in the grand parade

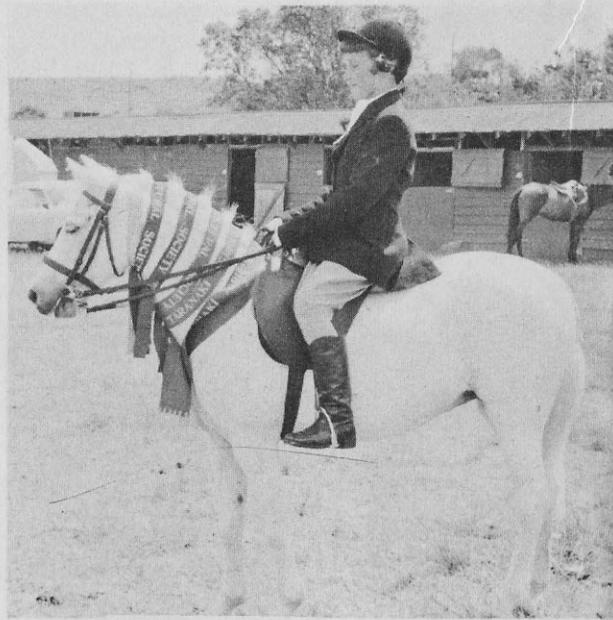
New Plymouth Show A Great Attraction

It would appear that the New Plymouth Show officials have made a wise move in bringing the show date forward to December. Entries were as large as any other year, and attendances were perhaps a little higher, but the thing that we thought good, was the number of attractions that brought the crowds along. This is fast becoming the most popular show in the district.



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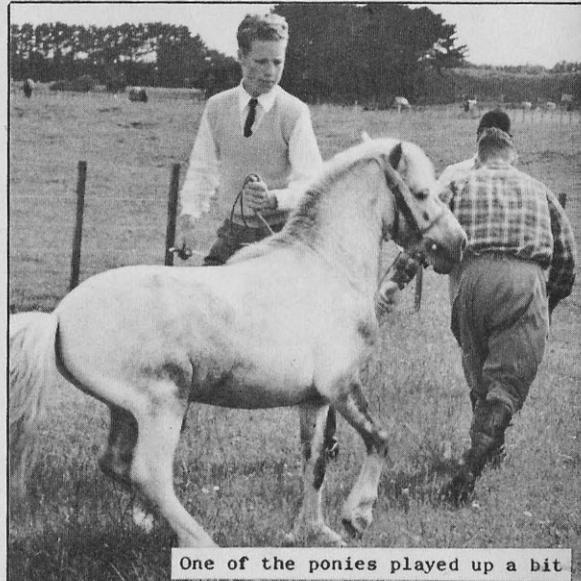
Ringside seat for the grand parade



Lanferie Kibble on her champion pony



Highland dancing drew large entries



One of the ponies played up a bit



Above: The sheep shearing contests drew some of the largest crowds during the two days of the show.

Right: Sonja Keijzer, Joy Baker, Fiona Connell and Christine Brill, all of N.P., enjoy their hot dogs, despite the hot weather.

Below, left: Baby foal was the admiration of many of the children.

Below, centre: A Dorset Horn ewe which gained more than one prize ribbon.

Below, right: Champion Dorset Horn Ram. How do they see where they are going?



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AT N.P. SHOW



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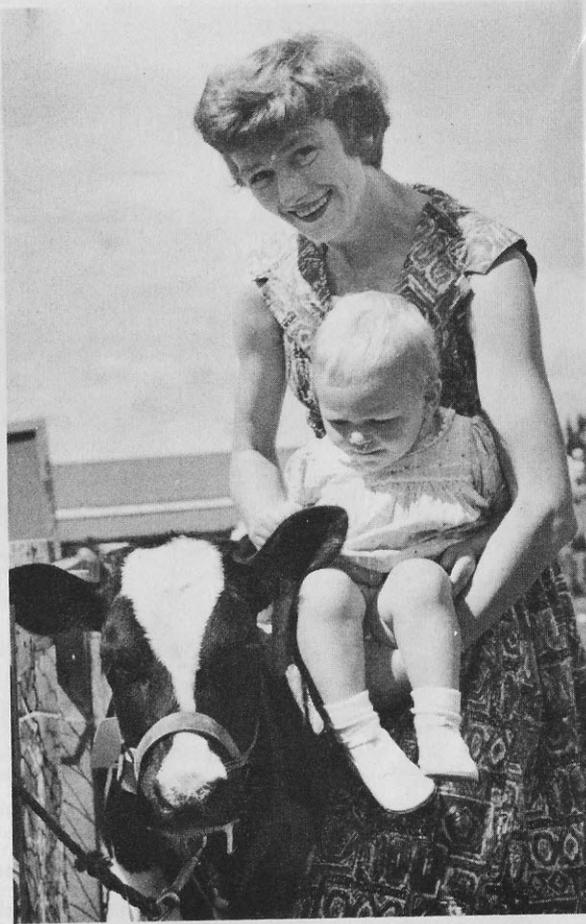
VISITORS FLOCKED TO N.P. SHOW

Though primarily a show for the country folk, the New Plymouth show still attracts thousands of town dwellers, in fact, they far outnumbered the country people. This is largely due to the fact that the organisers have instituted so many and such varied attractions.

Above: Grant Voulaire and Carolyn Booth sit in the boot of a car to eat their ice cream.

Above, right: Mrs D.Guillosson introduces her baby daughter Karen to one of the many calves at the show.

Below: When all the exhibits were in the ring for the grand parade, the ring was filled, and the interest shown by the general public was amazing. Practically everyone in the showgrounds watched the grand parade.

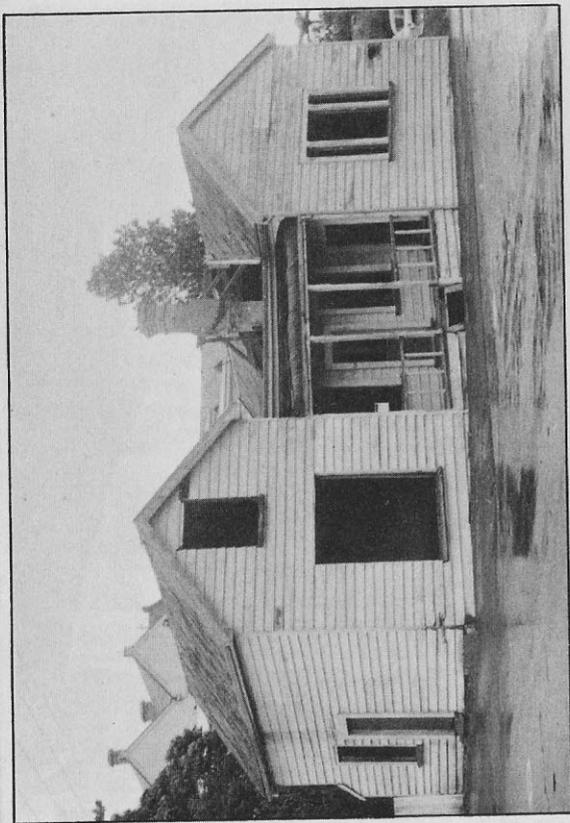


Wedding Bells

Above: MacGIBBON-TOMPKINS. At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Rayna, second daughter of Mr and Mrs K.P.Tompkins, New Plymouth, to Bruce Rodda, only son of Mr N.J. and the late Mrs MacGibbon, Wadestown, Wellington. The bridesmaids were Margaret Insull, N.P., Gilda Tompkins, a sister of the bride, Erina Kelly, N.P. and Margaret Tompkins, also a sister of the bride. Jack Hollings, Wellington, was the best man, and Bill Flemming, Wellington, and Bill Fraser, Lower Hutt were the groomsmen. The future home of the couple will be Wellington.

Below: YARDLEY-GUTHRIE. At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Marilyn Joyce, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A.Guthrie, New Plymouth, to Stuart Walter, second son of Mr and Mrs G.E.Yardley, New Plymouth. Lynette Kinzett, N.P., and Margaret Oliver, N.P., were the bridesmaids. Ian Yardley, a brother of the groom was the best man, and Ron Landers was the groomsman. Carla Durinck and Diane Saunders were the flowergirls. The future home will be New Plymouth.



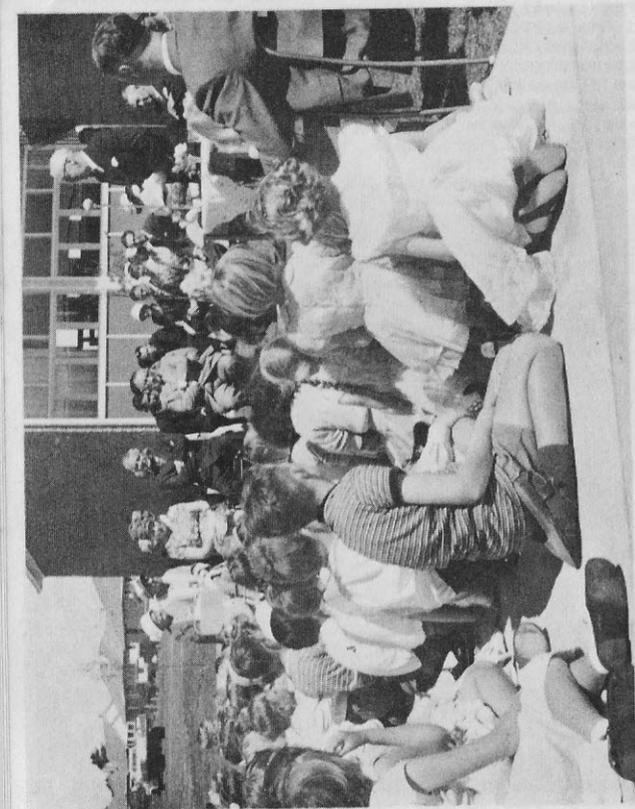


Roving Camera

Above: The Minister of Education, Mr Tennent, speaking at the official opening of the new Marfell Block school. When the minister arrived, he was greeted by a guard of honour, formed by the pupils of the school.

Above, right: To make way for the new courthouse building, one of the city's oldest wooden houses is now being demolished. Known as the "Grog Shop" it has close association with the regiments engaged in the Maori wars.

Right: Members of the Opunake High School Cadet Battalion proudly display the Riddiford Cup, won by the school for being the most efficient cadet unit in the Central Military District.



Presentation

Above: Mr C.W.Green, (left), president of the North Taranaki Province of Federated Farmers, presents Mr L.D.Hickford, a past president, and Mrs Hickford, with a large chiming clock, in appreciation of Mr Hickford's 14 years as the president of the federation.

CELEBRATIONS.

Left: Jack and Nina Holmes cut the cake at a function celebrating twenty-five years of wedded bliss recently.

Below: Young Thomas Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Bishop, Fitzroy, cuts the huge cake marking the celebration of his third birthday.





BERNARD WOODS STUDIO



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Engaged

Above: Heather Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J.Deacon, N.P., to Lester Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.J.McDowell, Upper Hutt.

Below: Jocelyn Myra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.Robinson, N.P., to Roger Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Harvey, Inverell, Australia.

Above, right: Diann June, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.Young, N.P., to Caleb William, only son of Mr and Mrs C.Wyatt, N.P.

Right: Brenda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Law, N.P., to Ian Howard, only son of Mr and Mrs A.H.Coad, N.P.

Below, right: Brenda Margery, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L.Webby, Opunake, to Alfred Sinclair, only son of Mr and Mrs A.S.Taunt, Manaia.



Yes, I think he's coming

The children milled around in their hundreds for the issue of the free ice cream



Here he is, complete with two beautiful white reindeer.



Santa Claus Comes To Stratford

The festive season came to Stratford, when Santa Claus rode down Broadway on his sleigh. The children were out in their thousands, because the word had gone round that there were free ice creams to be had, and the youngsters didn't want to miss out on anything that was going free.



Life Boys Xmas Party



And Concert

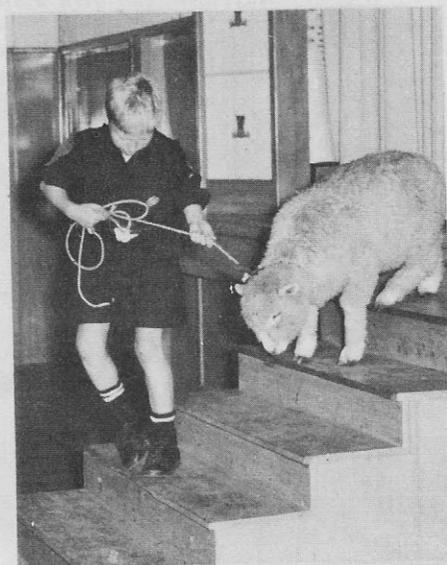
New Plymouth and Waitara companies of the Life Boys recently combined for their concert. St Andrew's Hall was filled to capacity with parents and friends for the entertainment provided, and this was of a very high quality, despite the fact that the boys had had little time for rehearsals.

Above, left: Boys of the 1st (NP) company had a choir that was both entertaining and pleasing to the ear.

Above, right: First Waitara company boys, Darcy Snowden, John Theobald, Jim Stinson, Neil Fletcher and Graham Whittaker performing a neat sketch.

Left: Boys of the 3rd N.P. do their act.

Right: 2nd N.P. Company brought in a lamb for their sketch.



Married

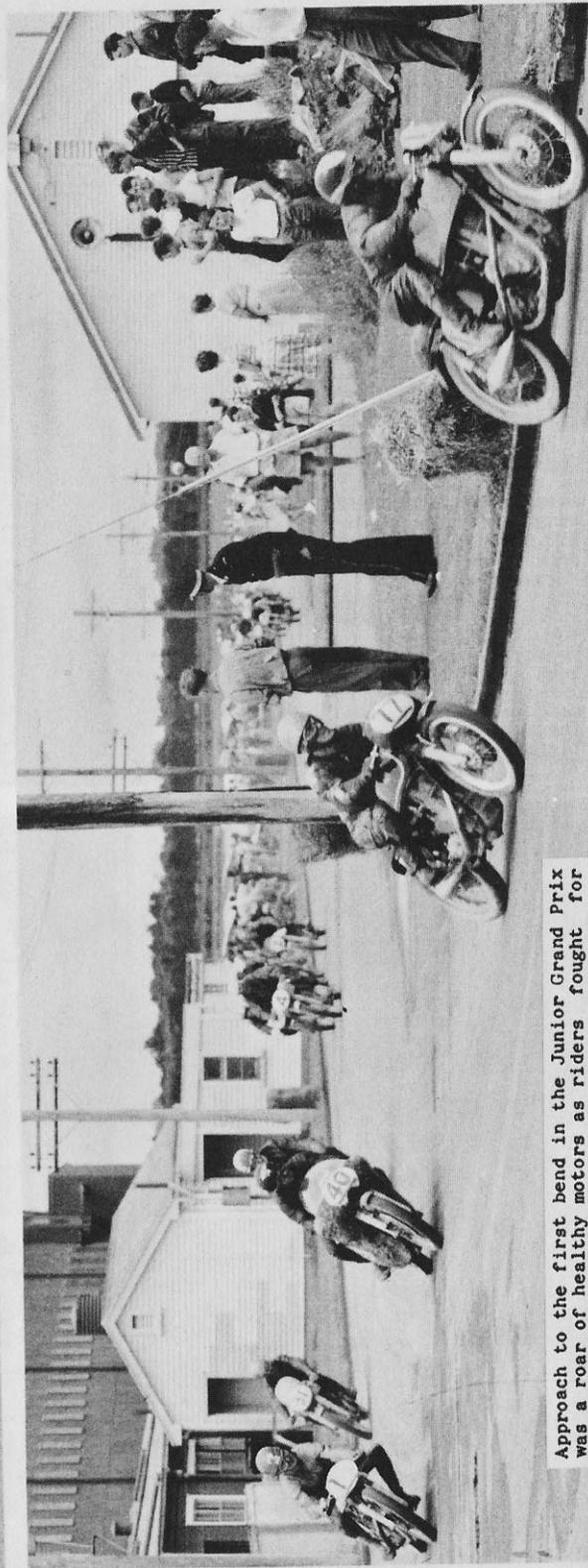
Right: GAUSTAD-SINCLAIR. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Jean Christine, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Sinclair, N.P., to Owen Alexander, the youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. P.C. Gaustad, N.P. Jeanette Birch, N.P., was the bridesmaid, and Evan Raven was the best man. Urti will be the future home of the couple.

Below: SILCOCK-COLESON. At St. Luke's Methodist Church, N.P., Rosalie Fay, the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.D. Colson, N.P., to Joseph Heatherington, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Silcock, Nelson. The bridesmaids were Trixie Street and Maureen Rogers, the best man was Archie Creerar, and the groomsmen were Ian Eggers. The future home will be Thorpe, Nelson.



Exciting Grand Prix Racing

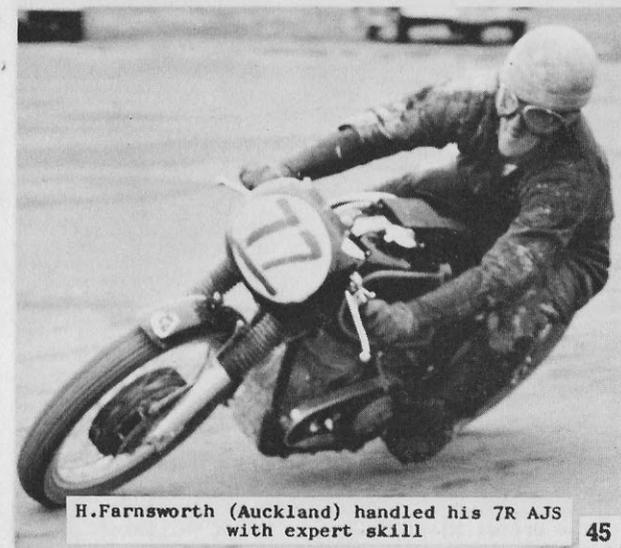
With course and lap records being broken, the annual Grand Prix meeting at the Bell Block aerodrome last week was a thrill from first to last race. Much credit is due to the NTMCC, who organised this very fine meeting. The whole programme went off without a hitch of any kind, with plenty of exciting racing for the whole of the afternoon. Left: G.Skilliton and R.Larson (Napier), winners of the Taranaki side-car championship. Right: H.Anderson (Ohinewai) rode brilliantly to win both senior and junior grand prix races.



Approach to the first bend in the Junior Grand Prix was a roar of healthy motors as riders fought for an early lead. Winner was No.1, at far left.



P.Pawson (Mount Maunganui) rode well during the meeting



H.Farnsworth (Auckland) handled his 7R AJS with expert skill



Spectators kept well back behind the ropes



G.Boyd (Wellington) came a greaser at the gravel bend

The cream of New Zealand's racing men were seen in action at the Grand Prix meeting at the Bell Block airport last week. One of the loose gravel corners proved the undoing of some of the riders, but the more experienced men stayed in their saddles. Not a scratch was suffered by any of the riders during the meeting, despite the number of spills.



Up the kerb and over goes another rider



This was the leader of.....



....this team of under-dressed "girls"

Inglewood Marching Chumps

In our job of putting this book together, we have seen many funny things, usually organised for fund-raising. But now we have seen what we think was one of the funniest sights of all.... the Inglewood Marching Chumps, organised by the Inglewood RSA women's section. It developed into such a howl of laughter from start to finish, that ribs were aching from too much merriment. Marching teams from other RSA branches provided a full and fun-packed evening's entertainment, interspersed with items worth going to see on their own.



Even the judges, Mr E.Harford, Mrs J.Scanlan, and Mr B.Wicksteed, couldn't contain their mirth



The Urenui Misfits, led by Mrs H.Whittaker.....



....with the rear brought up thus.



Smart leader of...



...Stratford's Scottish Society Pipe Band

A RIOT OF FUN AT THE INGLEWOOD MARCHING CHUMPS



Inglewood Ladies provided an Old Crocks team



Ten Green Bottles hailed from Inglewood



Inglewood Mothers' Club were a sight for sore and tired eyes...G-rrr!

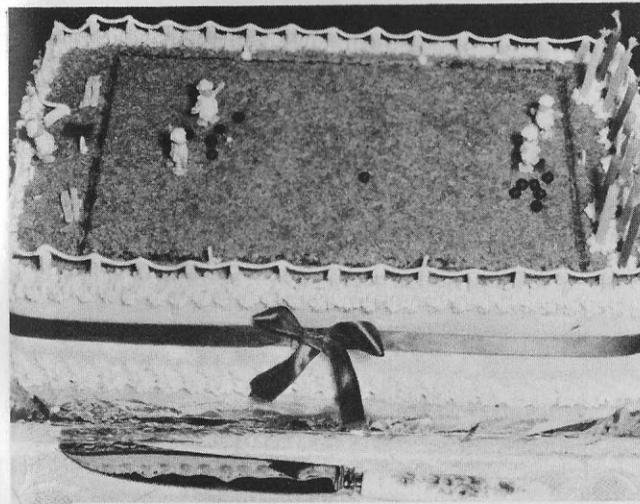


Wedding Bells

Above: **GIBSON-McCLURE.** At the Whiteley Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Margaret Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.N.McClure, Ohura, to Errol, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.D.Gibson, Palmerston North. Lynette McClure, a sister of the bride, Ohura, and Lynette Hayward, N.P., were the bridesmaids. Barry Maxwell, Otorohanga, was the best man, and Bill Batchelor, Eltham, was the groomsmen. The future home will be New Plymouth.

SCOUT CONTINGENT FOR JAMBOREE

Below: The New Plymouth contingent for the New Zealand Scout Jamboree in Dunedin. Drawn from nine groups, these first-class scouts and three scoutmasters will spend seven days in camp at the jamboree next month.



Tarata Women Bowlers Celebrate Tenth Birthday

Probably the smallest women's bowling club in the province is the Tarata club. Yet, they have the most friendly spirit we have seen anywhere. We had the privilege of attending their tenth birthday celebrations recently, and were amazed at the wonderful atmosphere that prevailed. This is true of most country clubs, but none more so than of the Tarata ladies.

Above: The beautiful birthday cake, made in the form of a bowling green.

Right: The club's first president, Margaret Paterson, cut the cake with the present president Aline Elliot.

Below: The full muster of members, small in numbers, but large in their hospitality.





N.T.M.C.C. Scrambles

The North Taranaki Motor Cycle Club holds a series of scrambles that are growing increasingly popular. On every Sunday the club holds a meeting, a crowd of up to 2000 people goes along to see these boys in action.....and action it is, with machines being ridden over all sorts of country, both rough and smooth. Spills are not infrequent, but none are serious, adding to the enjoyment of the spectators.

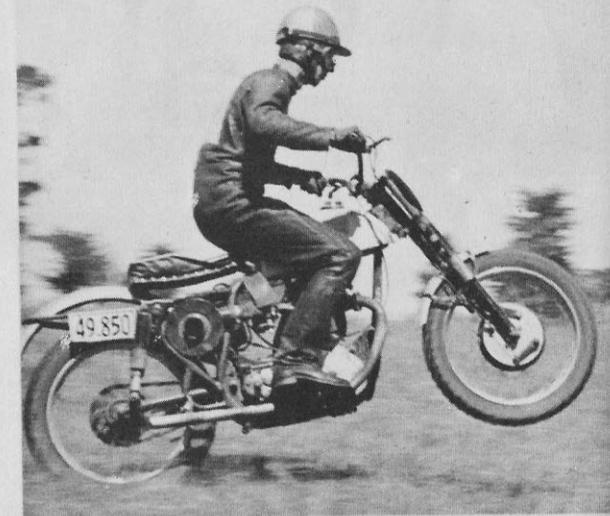
Above: Competitor Merv Hohia gets involved in a weighty argument with two of the officials.

Above, right: Dave Moorhead came out of retirement because he missed the sport so much.

Right: Tom Nottingham gets as many jumps out of his two-stroke as any of the bigger machines.

Below: Merv Hohia goes down the straight on one wheel only.

Below, right: Visiting Australian rider Les Turnbull performed well, and made the local boys go a bit faster.



Married

Right: JORGENSEN-AUSTIN. At a private ceremony, Mavaureen Joyce Austin, only daughter of Mrs I. and the late Mr J. Magrath, N.P., to Noel Harold, son of the late Mr and Mrs Jorgensen, N.P. Matron of honour was Rosemary Magrath, N.P., and the best man was Ray Jorgensen. Future home, New Plymouth.

Below: STANDING-ORDISH. At St. Mary's Church, N.P., Bernie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H. Ordish, N.P., to David Edward, only son of Mrs and the late Mr Standing, Harrow, England. Anita Edgecombe was the only bridesmaid, and Bruce Shadbolt was the best man. Future home will be New Plymouth.





Fitzroy Surf Club's Races

With the beach unsuitable, the Fitzroy Surf Club annual beach races had to be transferred to the N.P. racecourse. Unfortunately, the meeting was very poorly supported, although the organisers worked ceaselessly to make the day a success.

Above, left: This was about the sum total of the crowd that went to the races.

Above, right: Starters in the birdcage for one of the many well-patronised events.

Left: There were two sheep to be won, though they didn't bring in as much money as they should.

Right: A meagre crowd patronised the tote.



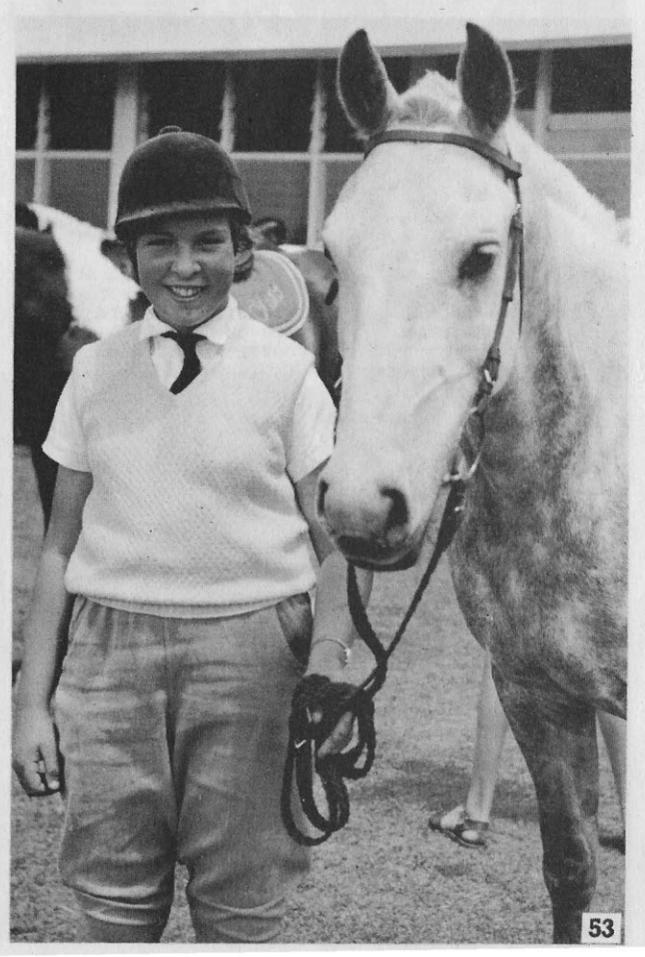
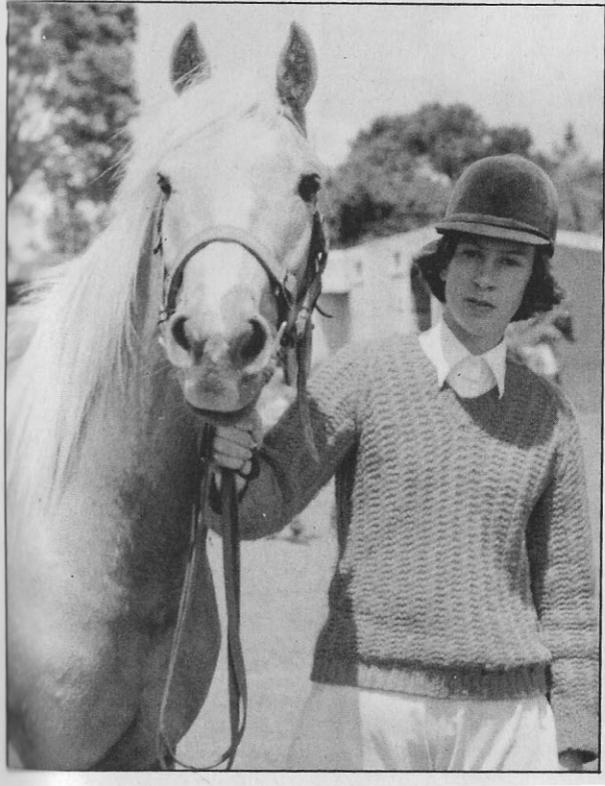
Despite the small crowd, some very good racing was witnessed, with finishes as close as on any race course.

Above: Judges for the day were, from left, Percy Stainton, Tom Fryer, and Les Mace.

Above, right: Winner of the second race was Mr J. Parrish's Might Be...It did.

Below: One of the prettiest horses we have seen for a long time was Golden Ridge, owned by Mr V. Sadler, New Plymouth. Here he is with Eileen Yeates.

Below, right: Winner of the first race was Rum, ridden and owned by Peggy Ann Lane, Okato.





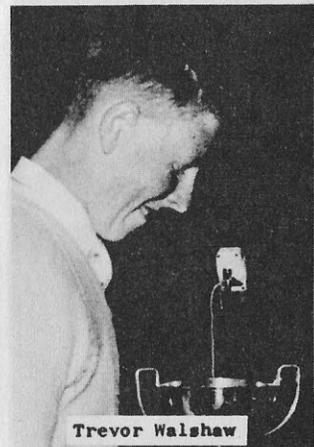
President Ernie Scott gets a trophy from his charming wife, who presented the cups and certificates.



Kevin Hill



Tommy Deihl



Trevor Walshaw

N.P. Cyclists' End-of-Season Prize-giving

Like most sports, the season has to end sometime, and to mark this occasion, the NP Amateur Cycling Club recently held a very enjoyable social and presentation of prizes in the RSA Bowling Club hall. The support enjoyed by this club was very evident by the number present, a credit, we would say, to the fine band of officers of the club.



Gary Standing



Harry McKee



54 Ashley Goodwin



Philip Rutherford



Dick Gordon-Staples, senior points winner

The Stratford Show



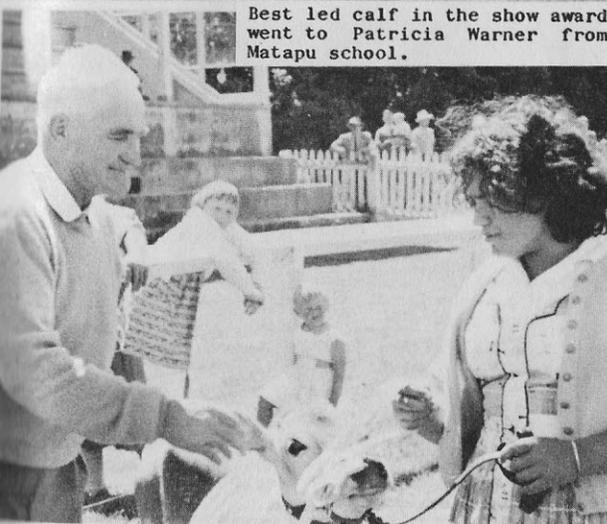
Grand parade of calves, which were of very high quality

Stratford people can consider themselves lucky in that they nearly always seem to get the best of weather for their annual A and P show. This luck of theirs held out this year, when record numbers of people and entries went to make this one of the best shows at Stratford for many years.

Nearly every school in the district was represented



A champion many times over was the calf owned and groomed by Christine Sharrock of the Kaimata School.

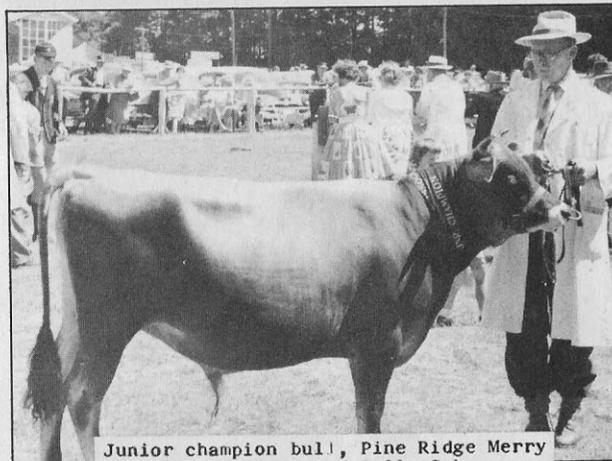


Best led calf in the show award went to Patricia Warner from Matapu school.

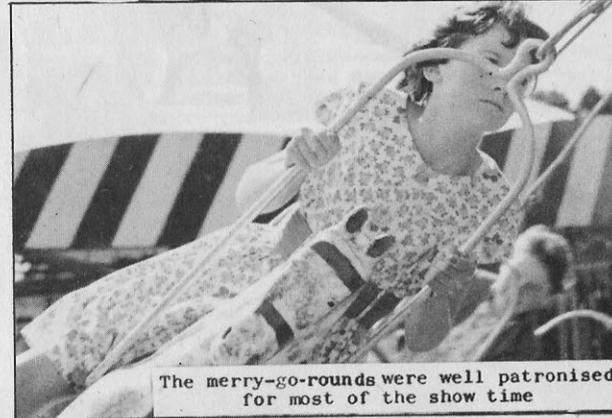




STHS pupils enjoy the competition where they were the judges of a dairy beast



Junior champion bull, Pine Ridge Merry Boy, owned by R.W. Bell, Oakura



The merry-go-rounds were well patronised for most of the show time

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Bill Laurent (Waitara) easily clears in one of the many jumping events



MIXED EVENTS AT STRATFORD

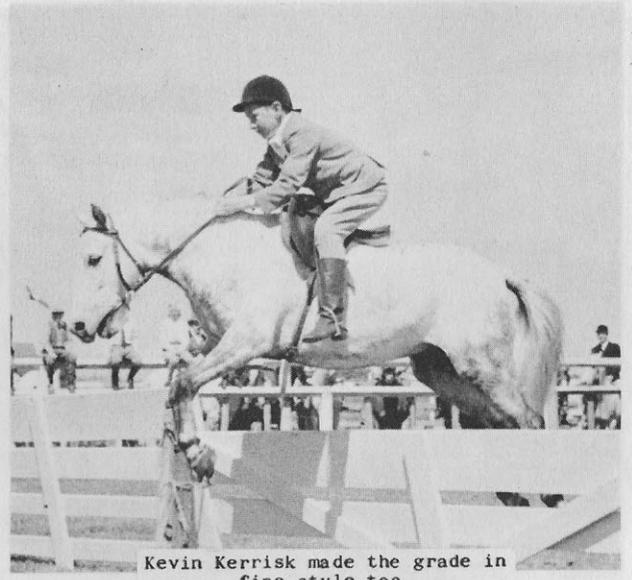
Here we reproduce a series of mixed pictures, which give some idea of the variety of events that make Stratford's one of the most popular A & P Shows in the province.



Gwen Halford (Pihama), reserve show champion, with her calf covered in ribbons she had won.



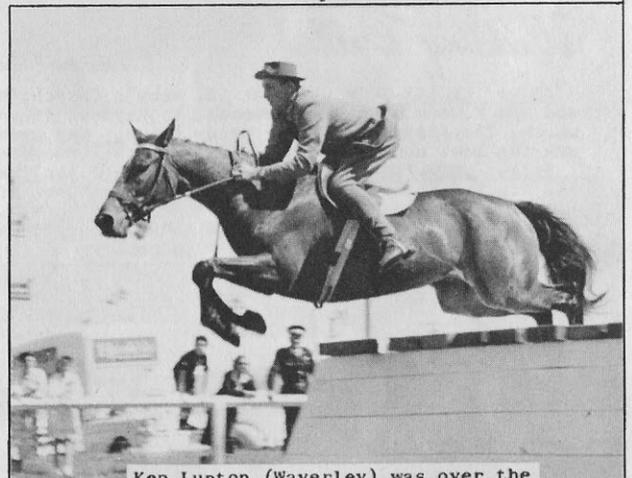
This pony found it easier to go round than over the fence



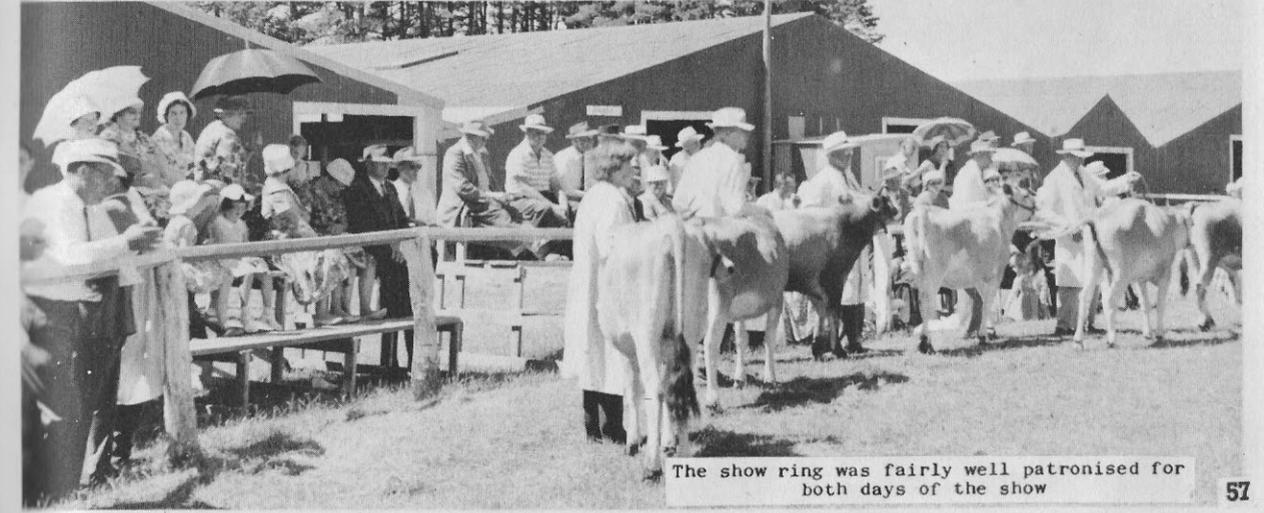
Kevin Kerrisk made the grade in fine style too



John Bates (Inglewood) has the makings of a good horseman



Ken Lupton (Waverley) was over the jumps in what seemed a hurry



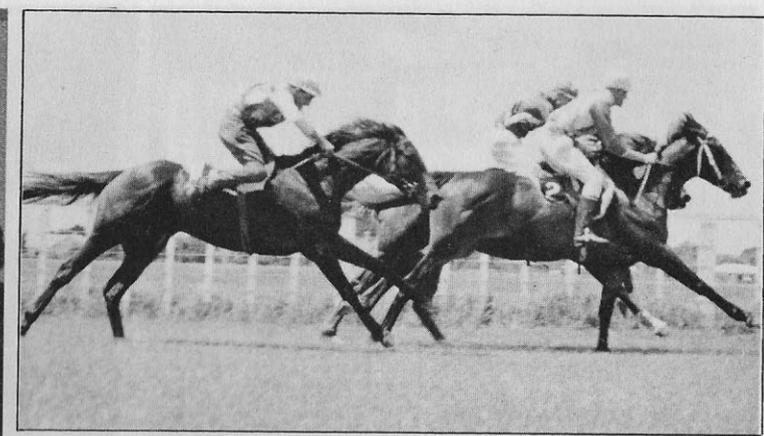
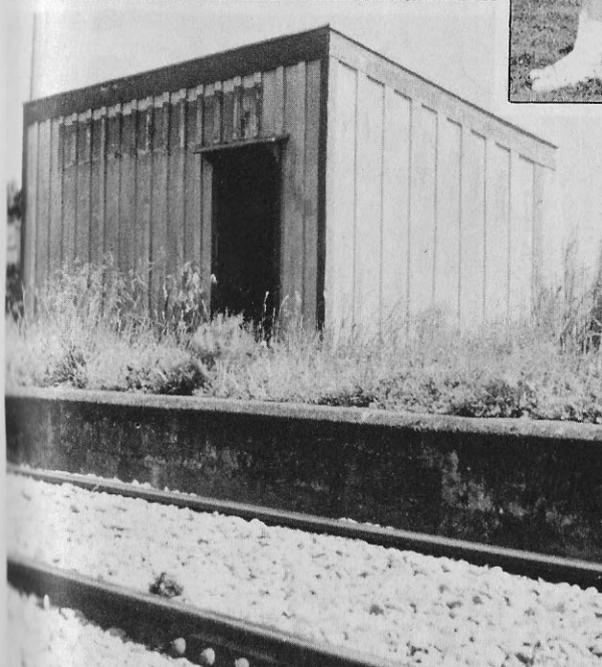
The show ring was fairly well patronised for both days of the show



Wedding Bells

Above: UNCLES-GROWCOTT. At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Joy Alison, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F.Growcott, New Plymouth, to Raymond (Bennie), only son of Mr and Mrs R.G.Uncles, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Wendy Dixon, Kay Growcott and Lesley Walker, all N.P. Bobby Skipper was the best man and Arthur Dixon was the groomsmen. Future home will be New Plymouth.

Below: VOGT-FLORIAN. At the Fitzroy Catholic Church, Marie Filiata Florian, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F.Jenkins, N.P., to Brian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.Vogt, N.P. The bridesmaids were Merle Collins, N.P., and Eunice Wheeler, also N.P. Royce Vogt, a brother of the groom was the best man, and Cyril Tamati, N.P., was the groomsmen. Patricia Phillipson was the flowergirl. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



Roving Camera

Above, left: Jennifer Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.N.Johnson, Western St., New Plymouth, is shown in this photograph, cutting the cake to mark the celebration of her 21st birthday, watched by her niece, who was just tall enough to see the cake.

Left: Platform tickets are no longer needed for the station at Corbetts Road, Bell Block, as it is due for demolition. It is one of those stations that have outlived their usefulness and is no more than an eyesore at the side of the track.

Top, right: Mr J.Parrish's horse, Might Be, just scrapes home by a short head in the second race at the Fitzroy Surf Club's picnic meeting.

Above: Roebuck's Majorettes, New Plymouth, who recently contested a marching title at Jubilee Park, Inglewood. The leader is Lynn Hatcher.



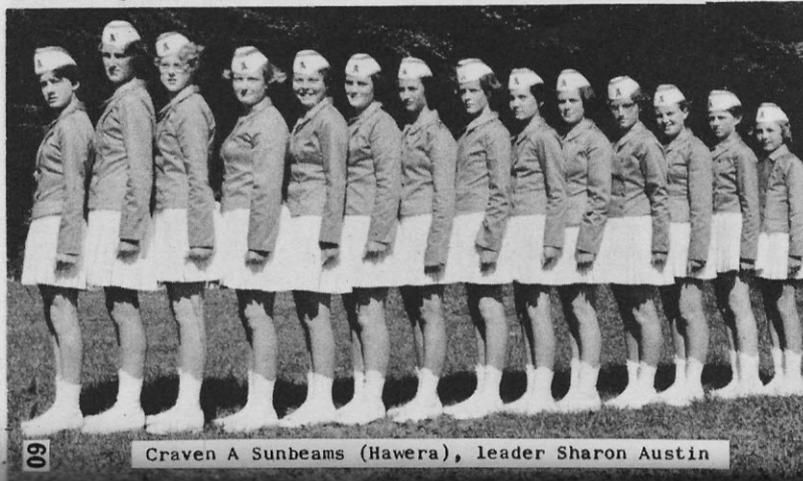
Robinettes Midgets (Hawera), leader Marylin Terrilll

Marching Champs At Inglewood

A competition was recently held at Jubilee Park, Inglewood between all the marching teams in Taranaki, to choose those to represent the province in the National Championships. We wish those chosen much success in their aim of a national title. On this and the next page, we reproduce all those teams that took part in the competitions.



Mortlock Majors (Stratford), leader Glenice Belcher



Craven A Sunbeams (Hawera), leader Sharon Austin



Egmont Seniors (Hawera), leader Pauline Butler



Mortlock Minors (Stratford), leader Judy Belcher



Joystep Juniors (Hawera), leader Lynn West

TARANAKI'S MARCHING TEAMS



Roebuck's Novelettes (NP), leader Raewyn Millman



Mortlock Brigadiers (Stratford)
leader Lesley Dey



G.L.B. Christmas Party

The Sixth New Plymouth Company of the Girls' Life Brigade have had an early Xmas party this year. Our cameraman went along to this party at St. Aiden's Hall, and got the pictures on this page of the girls in the process of clearing the laden tables. One thing's for sure, that not one of the girls went home hungry.

Below, right: Barbara Wilson and Susan McKenzie, two of the senior brigaders, cut the Xmas cake.



C.W.I. International Day

The annual CWI International day proved the usual success, with courts from practically every institute in the district entered for the day's competitions. First place went to the display by the CWI Centre, above, second place was gained by the Warea CWI, above, right, and the third place went to the Moturoa CWI's display, below. Other courts, which earned money for the institute, represented popular songs, one of which took our eye, below, right. It was "Lady of Spain", by the Tikorangi Institute.



H.M.A.S. Yarra Visits Port Taranaki

Following the arrival and departure of the frigate HMNZS Taranaki, the province was lucky to see yet another warship. This time, it was the Yarra, one of Australia's newest home-built ships. Much the same as the Taranaki, it created plenty of interest for both old and young, when it was thrown open to visitors. We personally found the crew of the Yarra particularly friendly, and helpful in every way. The port could be proud to play host to this very fine ship and its company.



Slim, and speedy-looking, the Yarra was conspicuous by the height of its mast



Children of the Omata School group on deck for a picture by our cameraman



Kath Sears and Marea Mason, off duty for the afternoon, stopped on deck to get a picture for their album.



As on most newer ships of any navy, the crew have reason to be proud of their adopted home. It is no exception with Australia's frigate, the Yarra. She made a very favourable impression during her short stay at Port Taranaki, and those who were lucky enough to make a tour of inspection will have noted the tremendous pride in the ship shown by the crew.

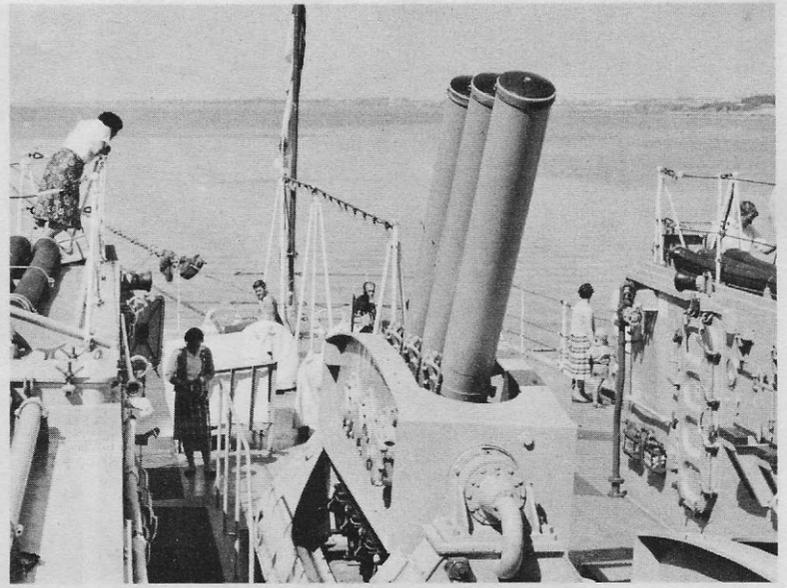
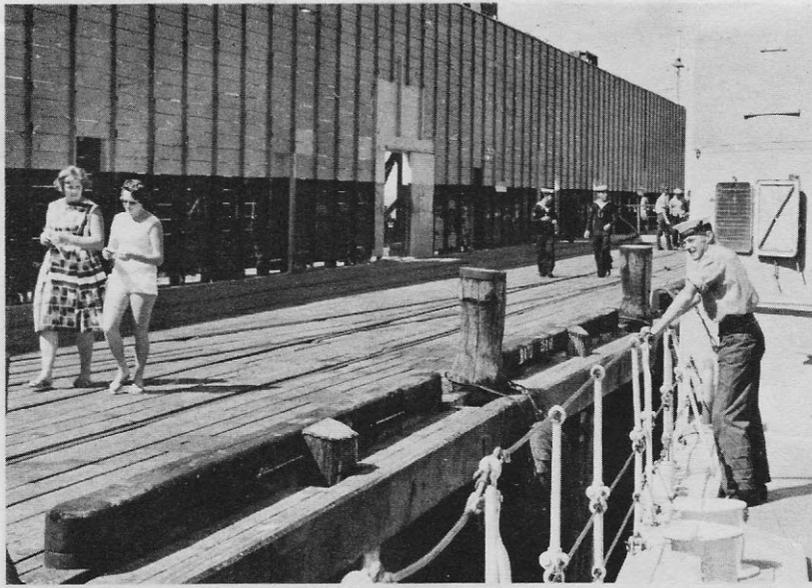
Above: A fine picture of the Yarra, as she ploughs her way through a heavy swell whilst sailing at speed.



Ship's crest and motto



Francis Douglas boys had fun climbing up and down the ladders



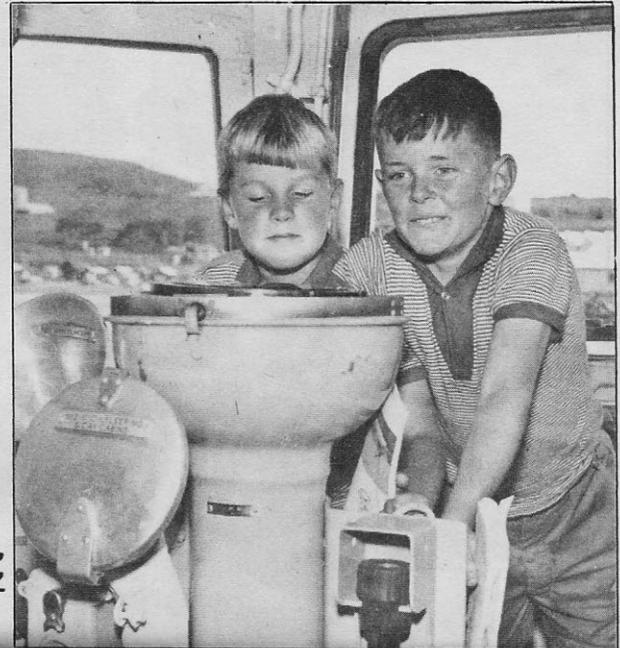
**ROVING AROUND
THE PORT**

Above, left: Two of the visitors to the HMAS Yarra walk down the wharf, watched by one of the crew on duty. We wonder what his thoughts are. Perhaps he thinks New Zealand girls more attractive than those back home. Who knows?

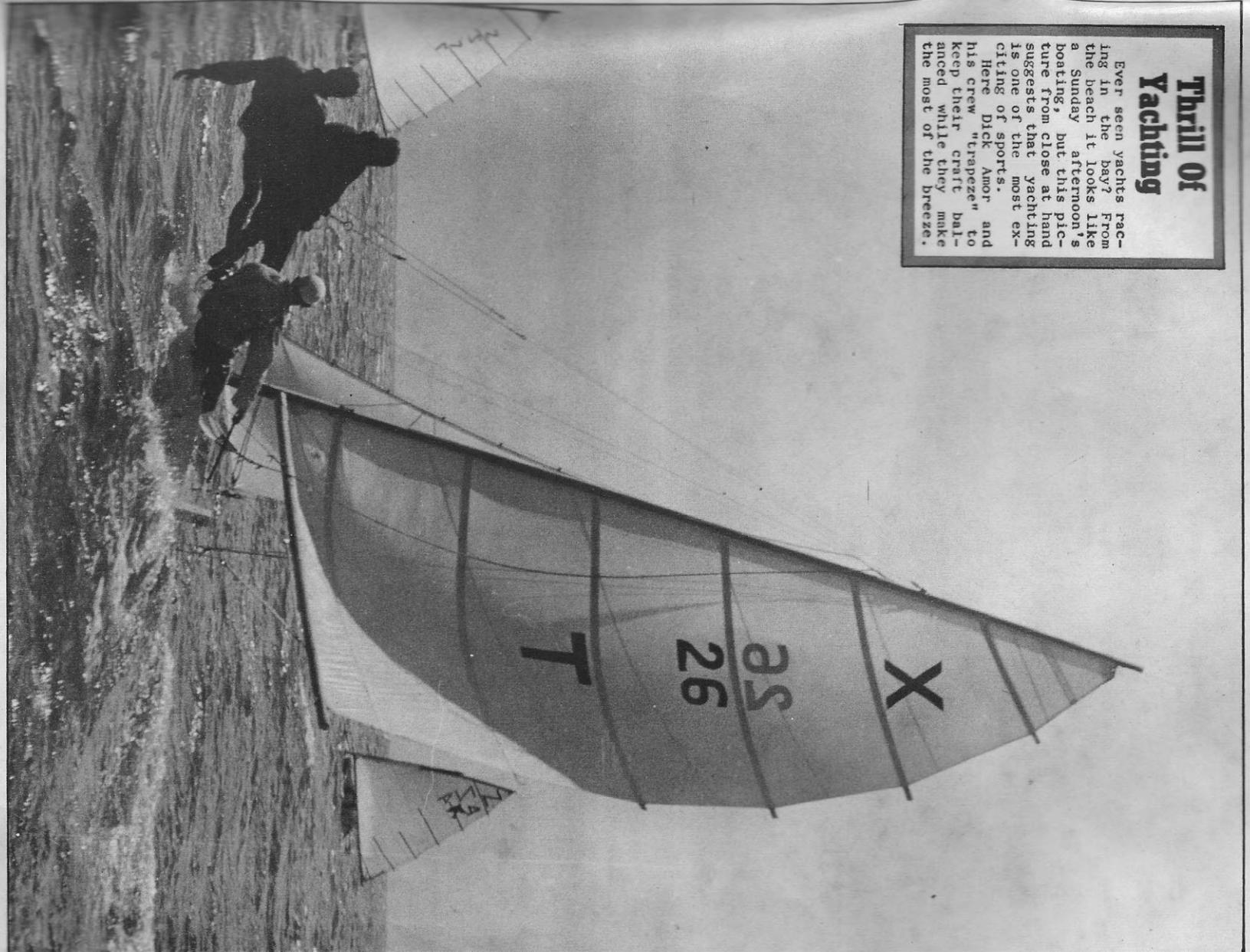
Above, right: Part of the lethal end of HMAS Yarra, with her cluster of mine-throwers on the after deck.

Left: Whilst visitor after visitor was inspecting the Yarra, the Harbour Board's dredge was busy on the other side of the wharf, keeping part of the basin clear.

Right: Dennis Lank-shear and Derek Priest, pupils of Omata school, have a look at the compass on the bridge of the Yarra.



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**Thrill Of
Yachting**

Ever seen yachts racing in the bay? From the beach it looks like a Sunday afternoon's boating, but this picture from close at hand suggests that yachting is one of the most exciting of sports. Here Dick Amor and his crew "crapeze" to keep their craft balanced while they make the most of the breeze.