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.

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

Right: Sonja Keijzer, Jo 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?
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. Guilissson 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.

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 Fleming, Wellington, and Bill Fraser, Lower Hutt were the groomsman. 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 Kinnett, 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.
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.
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. Robin Bon, 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, Sinclair, only son of Mr and Mrs A. S. Taunt, Manaia.

Santa Claus Comes To Stratford

The streets were packed down one of the alleys on His Highness' side. The crowd had grown rapidly that there were no more doors open in this part of the street.
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: 3rd N.P. Company brought in a lamb for their sketch.
The cream of New Zealand's racing men were 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.
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.

Inglewood Marching Chumps

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

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

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

This was the leader of.....

...Stratford's Scottish Society Pipe Band

A RIOT OF FUN AT THE INGLEWOOD MARCHING CHUMPS

Inglewood Mothers' Club were a sight for sore and tired eyes...Grrrr.

Ten Green Bottles hailed from Inglewood

Ingledwood Ladies provided an Old Crooks team

Smart leader of...
Wedding Bells

Above: GIBSON-McCUTCHEON. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Margaret Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.Y. McCUTCHEON, Ohura, to Errol, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.D. GIBSON, Palmerston North. Lynette McCUTCHEON, a sister of the bride, Ohura, and Lynette Hayward, N.P., were the bridesmaids. Barry Maxwell, Otokanga, was the best man, and Bill Batchelor, Eltham, was the groomsman. 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.

Below: 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.
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.
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.
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 year 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.

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

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

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

Like most sports, the season has to end sometime, and to mark this occasion, the N.P. Amateur Cycling Club recently held a very enjoyable social and presentation of prizes in the RSJ 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.

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

Kevin Hill

Tommy Dhili

Trevor Walshaw

Gary Standing

Harry Mckee

Ashley Goodwin

Philip Rutherford

Dick Gordon-Staples, senior points winner
Bill Laurent (Waitara) easily clears in one of the many jumping events.

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

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

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.

OF INTEREST TO......

Ex-Residents of Gisborne, Nelson and Wanganui.

Copies of current issues of "Gisborne Photo News", "Nelson Photo News", and "Wanganui Photo News" are available from AVERY'S BOOKSHOP, 77-79 DEVON STREET.
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.

Wedding Bells

Above: UNCLE-GROWCOTT. At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Joy Alison, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Growcott, New Plymouth, to Raymond (Bonnie), 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 groomsman. 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., Dulcie Wheeler, also N. P., Royce Vogt, a brother of the groom was the best man, and Cyril Tamati, N. P., was the groomsman. Patricia Phillipson was the flower girl. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.
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.
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. Aidan'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 C.W.I 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 C.W.I Centre, above, second place was gained by the Warea C.W.I. above, right, and the third place went to the Moturoa OVI'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.

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.
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 Lankshear and Derek Priest, pupils of Omata school, have a look at the compass on the bridge of the Yarra.

Thrill of Yachting

Ever seen 'Yatch' races down the beach? It looks like fun. Take me somewhere exciting out this place! It's a great idea for next holidays. I promise not to loose sight of the boat.