



## Strawberries By The Ton

Strawberry growing isn't new to Taranaki, and a lot of commercial growers have come and gone, but the Elliott brothers at Waitara are determined to succeed where others have failed. It has been a struggle to get going, and this year, the two young chaps, Duncan and Donald Elliott, are in a position to market some of the best berries we have seen for sale. From now on, their roadside stall is selling choice strawberries seven days a week. With the peak period approaching, they will require the services of some 30 pickers every day. Strawberry-growing is a hazardous and chancy occupation, with the birds taking about 10% of the crop, disease accounting for another portion, wet weather could account for a further diminishing, and then there is the plain thief. It all adds up to a business that could cost them plenty. On the same side of the ledger, the plants, which are new each season, cost about £160, and the polythene, on which the strawberries grow, costs a similar amount. Fertiliser accounts for another big portion of the costs in producing these large berries, which, if all goes well, could amount to several tons. Our admiration is with Duncan and Donald for the energy and hard work they have put into their business, and we would commend these boys and their products to you. The stall is at the Tikorangi turn-off, just north of Waitara on the main road. Our picture shows five of the pickers, from left, June Elliott, Nina McIvor, Ian Cole, Ann Armstrong, and Rita Taylor.



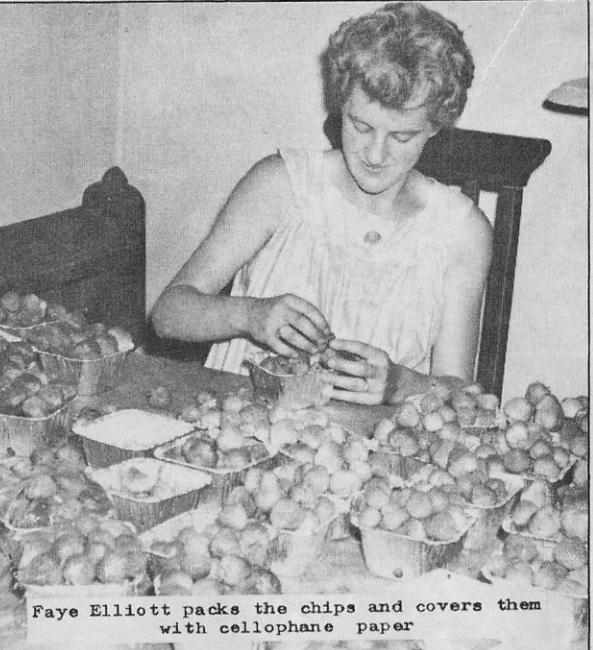
Duncan on the look-out for thieving birds



Donald serves a regular customer, Rev Aldworth



The brothers hoe the onions, a crop that is new to Taranaki as a commercial proposition, after their day's work on the strawberries.



Faye Elliott packs the chips and covers them with cellophane paper

The two brothers, Duncan and Donald, with their young wives, are a team of workers whose only rest is when they retire at night. It is a dawn-to-dark job with little respite during the summer season, but is rewarded by the number of regular customers they get from all parts of the province. If hard work is the formula for success, then they can't fail.



Ann Armstrong packs the chips into boxes for transport to market. Very often, the berries reach the market only a matter of two hours after picking.



## *Wedding Bells*

Above: POLLOCK-UHLENBERG. At St. Patrick's Church, Eltham, Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Uhlenberg, Eltham, to Constable Frank William, third son of Mr and Mrs J. Pollock, Matapu. The bridesmaids were Kathleen Uhlenberg, a cousin of the bride, Ann Uhlenberg, a sister of the bride, and Teresa Leuthard, NP. Best man was Maurice Perrett, Eltham, and the groomsmen were Michael Uhlenberg, a cousin of the bride, and Neville Pollock, a brother of the groom. Future home of the couple will be Wellington.

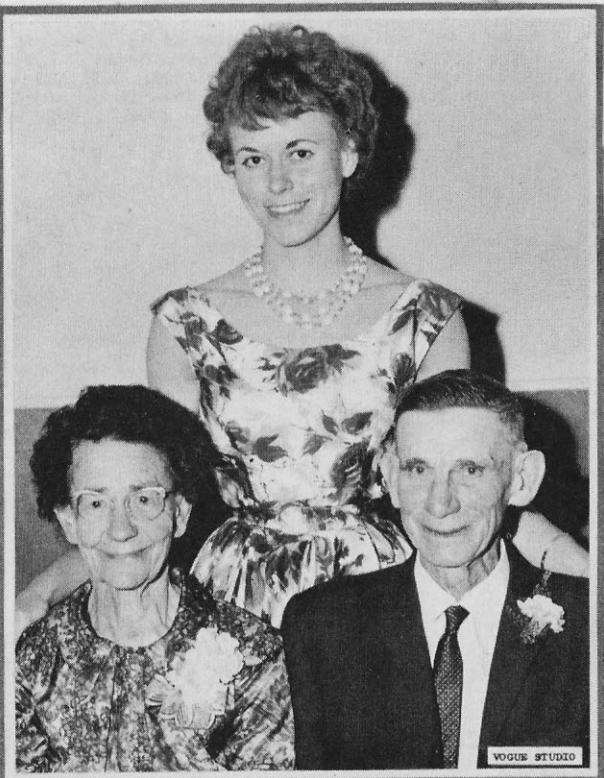
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### COMING OF AGE

Below: Sylvia Jean, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.J. Andrews, Waitara, with the key of the door, presented to her at her coming-of-age party held recently.

### GOLDEN WEDDING AND 21ST BIRTHDAY

Below, right: At the golden wedding celebrations of Mr and Mrs Dick Knuckey, Waitara, which was attended by over 100 relatives and friends, the occasion was doubly celebrated, for their grand-daughter, Rosaleen Knuckey, who is shown with them in this photograph, attained her majority on the same day. Rosaleen is the daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Knuckey, Waitara.



## Celebrations

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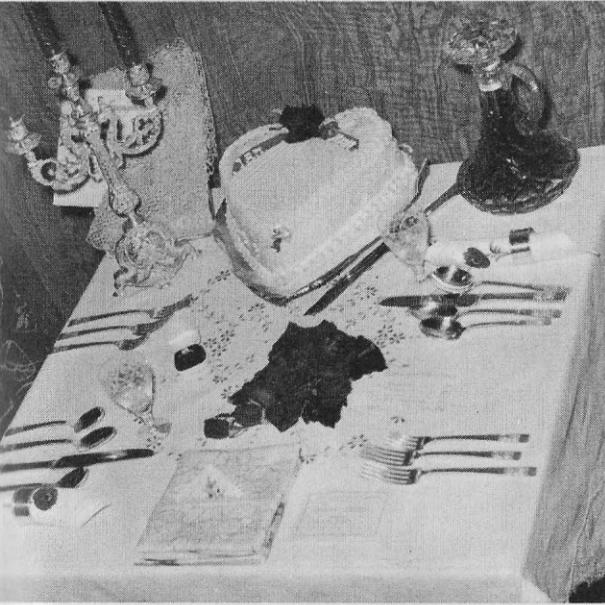


## Old New Plymouth

Here are two old photographs of New Plymouth given to us by an old resident. They show, as a centre of interest, the old Opera House, which was known at some time as the Theatre Royal. The photograph below was taken in 1900, and shows the Egmont Street corner, before the AMP building was erected. The old theatre seems to be a fairly large building, but disaster overtook it on the night of July 22nd, 1916, when it was burned to the ground, as is shown in the photograph above, taken the morning after the fire.



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## C.W.I. International Day

The centre recently ran their annual International day, with a competition for a decorated table, the theme this year being a wedding. The day, as in the past, proved a success, with many CWI women from all parts of the province attending. The winning display was entered by the Fitzroy-Puketotara branch, above. Second prize went to the Moturoa ladies with their display at above, right. Third place went to the Centre CWI whose display is shown below.

Below, right: Convener of the International Day, Mrs D. Rogers, examines one of the very fine ornaments from other countries which were on display.



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## *Wedding Bells*

**Above: MAC-WALKER.** At St.Mary's Church, NP, Valerie, third daughter of Dr. and Mrs G.E.Walker, NP, to Peter Boyd, only son of Mr and Mrs B.Mac, Auckland. Matron of honour was Glenys O'Keeffe, NP, and the bridesmaids were Kay Walker, sister of the bride, NP, and Suzanne Rich, NP. The best man was Frank Standish, Auckland, and the groomsman, Bill Flynn and Marti Jakich, both of Auckland. The future home of the couple will be Whangarei.

**Below: COOKE-INSULL.** At St.Mary's Church, NP, Margaret Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.R. Insull, NP, to William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.Cooke, Wellington. Matron of honour was Jan Wadsworth, Blenheim, and the bridesmaid was Rosemary Insull, sister of the bride, NP. The best man was Brian Cardiff, and the groomsman was Gary Edwards, both from Wellington. Future home of the couple will be Wellington.



## Greyhound Racing Proves Popular

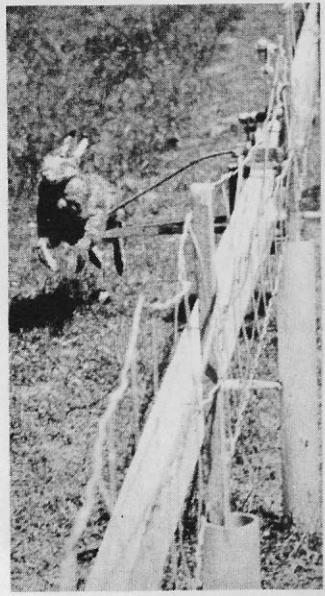
After a lapse of about 20 years, greyhound racing, as an organised sport, came back to the province with a good meeting at Inglewood's Jubilee Park recently. The attendance figure was in the region of a thousand, which augurs well for the future of the sport. Little short of £1000 has been spent on the track and mechanical hare, and with the support the sport deserves, the future of the club and greyhound racing seems assured. The organisation for this meeting was good, and races were run with very little hitch.

**Above:** Start of a race, as the trap opens to release eight dogs, all muzzled, who streak after the mechanical hare at speeds of up to 40mph.

**Right:** Coming into the bend the greyhounds raced seemingly with intelligence.

**Below:** Nearly as many cars for the "dogs" as there was for the "Greatest Show on Earth".





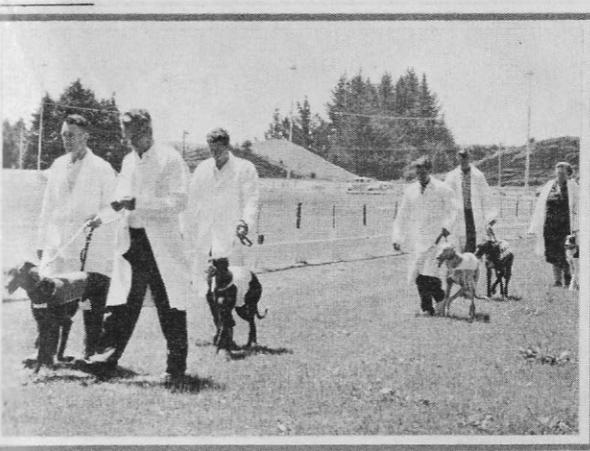
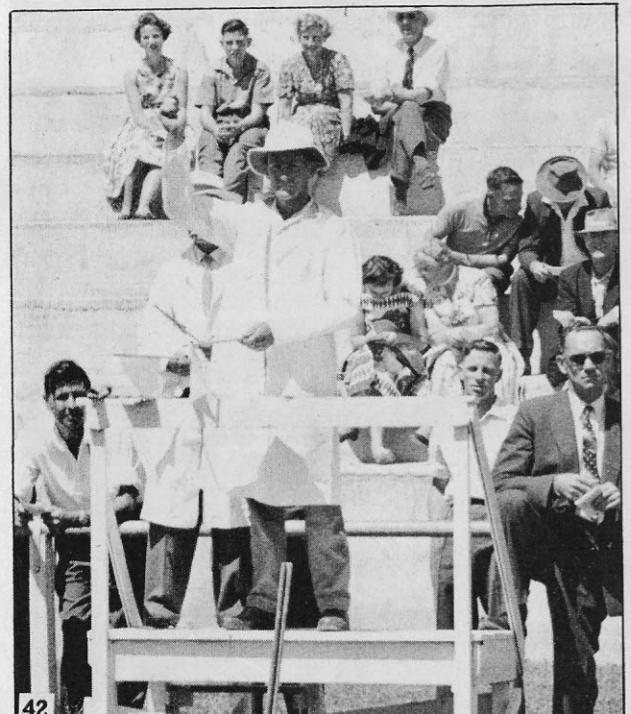
A crowd of well over 1000 attended the inaugural meeting of the Greyhound racing at Jubilee Park, Inglewood, recently. No doubt the beautiful weather had something to do with the attendance, but the racing was most interesting, with plenty to watch all the time. The mechanical hare was a source of amazement for those who had never seen one before.

Above: This is the little chap that the dogs chase at 40mph, though they have no hope of catching him, as he is capable of speeds in excess of 100mph.

Above, right: Part of the crowd which attended this first meeting.

Below, left: The judge at the finishing line holds his coloured flag aloft, signalling the winner's colour to the stewards.

Below, right: Here we show three of the fastest dogs, running a bit wide on the bend, but always just ten yards behind the hare.



Above, left: Starters are led to the trap for a race, and are paraded before the spectators.

Left: Into the traps go the dogs, complete with muzzles, the idea of which is to stop them from fighting each other.

Above: Owners and trainers together with their dogs in the ring prior to a race.

## Summer — Forty Years Ago

Below: Here's an old photograph loaned to us by Mr Norm Handley of what the kids did on the beach nearly 50 years ago. For those who can remember, these are Mr P. Flannagan's donkeys giving the children of 1910 a thrill.

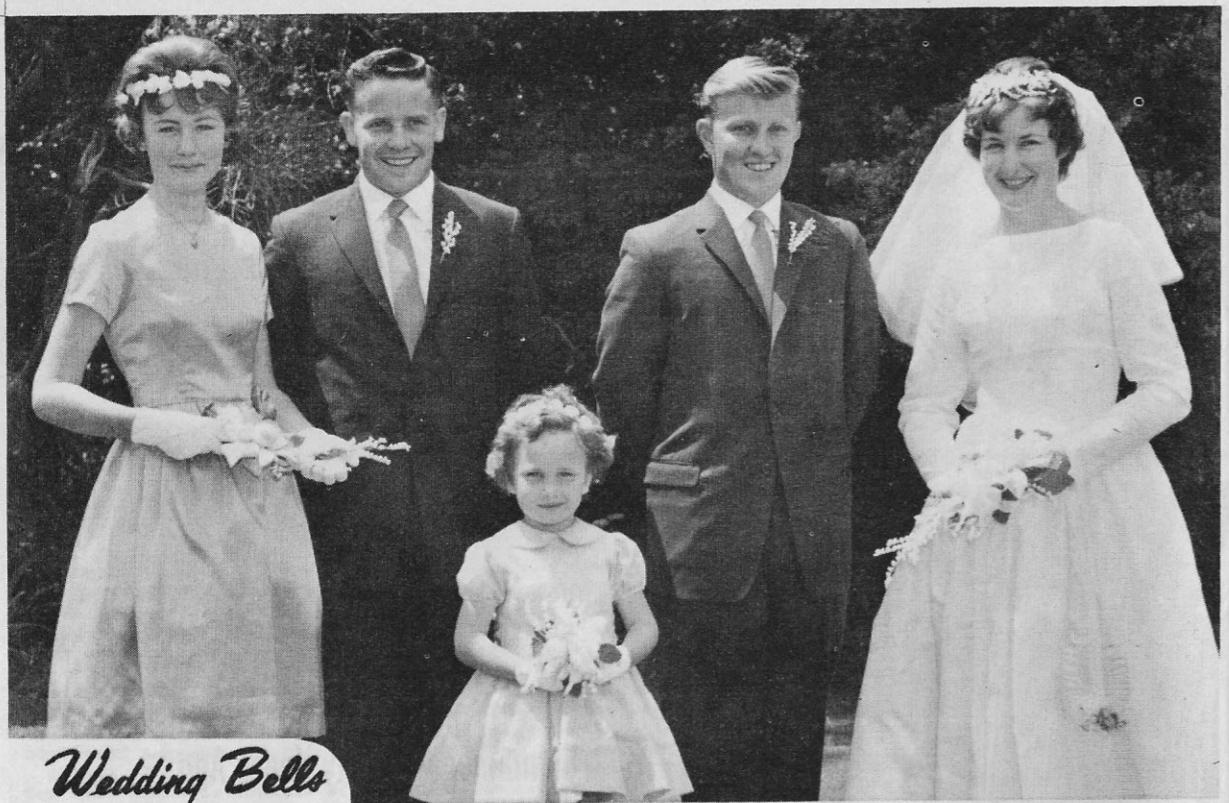


## Christmas Greetings

Once again the holidays have come round, and with this issue we close for 1962. We have had much pleasure in compiling your "Photo News" for you, and it is our hope that you have had as much pleasure in reading it.

As the holiday approaches, we hope that each and every one of you will have a happy time, whether you go away on holiday or not. We wish that the weather will be kind to you, and that you will return to your allotted tasks much refreshed.

The staff at this office of "Photo News" wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a bright and prosperous New Year.



## *Wedding Bells*

Above: ENGLEBRETSSEN-BEHL. At St.Patrick's Church, Kaponga, Janice Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.Behl, Kaponga, to Charles Ross, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.Englebretsen, Gisborne. The bridesmaid was Lois Behl, sister of the bride, Kaponga, and the flower girl was Debbie Elstone, cousin of the bride, Palmerston North. Best man was Joe Duckett, Kaponga. Future home, Gisborne.

Below: FULTON-GILLETT. At the Presbyterian Church, Inglewood, Carol Jean, third daughter of Mrs and the late Mr S.Gillett, Inglewood, to Gary Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.Fulton, Waitara. Janet Gillett, sister of the bride, Inglewood, and Yvonne Austin, Inglewood, were the bridesmaids. Colin Sampson, Waitara, was the best man and Jeff Wells, Huirangi, was the groomsman. Future home of the couple will be Waitara.



## Jaycees Present "Startime"

The New Plymouth Jaycees recently ran a charity show at the Opera House, "Startime '62" and devoted the proceeds to the YMCA Building Fund. As a result of this very fine effort, a considerable cheque will be handed over to the YMCA. The show itself was excellent, and contained many of the top record and radio personalities of New Zealand.

Above, from left: Some of the artists who appeared were Lorraine Bishop, a local lass with a ton of charm and personality, the Watson sisters from Waitara, always good entertainers, and Jill Thomas, a Wellingtonian with a very pleasant voice.

Below, from left: Stewart Horsburgh, a New Plymouth vocalist who is well known to thousands of dance fans, Walter Lavarré, expert at balancing and ex-NZ gymnastic champion, of Wanganui, and the ever popular Rusty Greaves.





## Opunake Savage Club's Show, "Sno Joke"

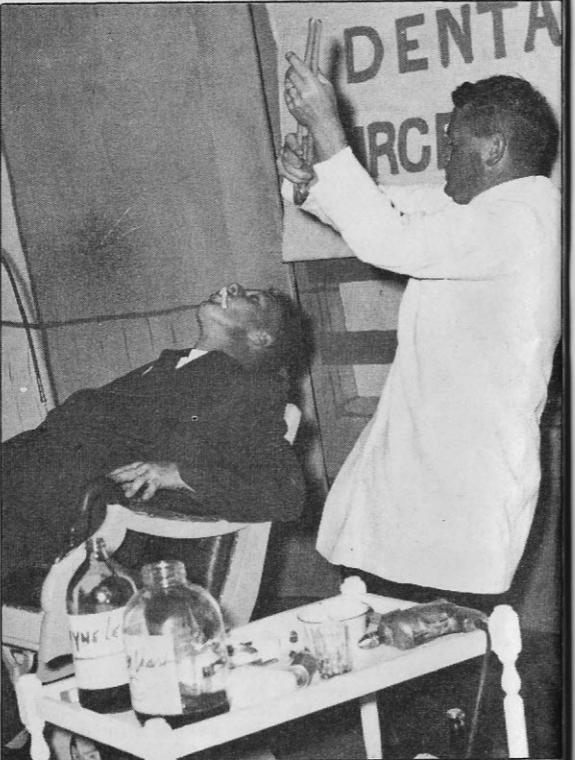
The annual Savage club concert at Opunake is one of the most popular events on the social calendar. This year, the theatre was full as it has ever been for this lively revue. It is a credit to a Savage club with only 40 members that they could produce such talent.

Above: These were the fairies...glad there's none like them at the bottom of our garden...! They are savages J.Collins, R.Chadwick, J.Fisher, and C.Hill.

Above, right: Savages D.Lewis and W.Payne in a sketch about the dentist chair.

Below: Ever seen a more mixed bag of skiffle groupers?

Below, right: Ted Douthett, a guest artist from the Stratford Savage club, entertained with his magic.



### Engaged

Above: BETTS-WHITTAKER. Thelma Faye, only daughter of Mrs T.Whittaker, NP, to Donald Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs S.H.Betts, NP.

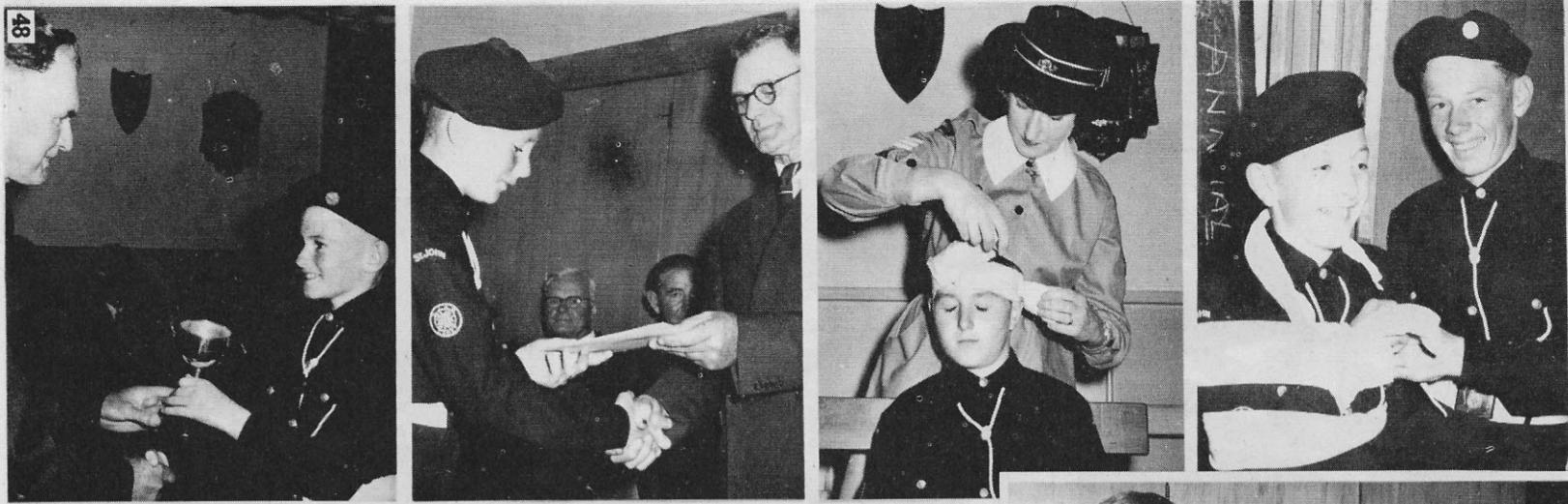
Below: CLEAVER-BURKITT. Verena Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J.Burkitt, NP, to Neil Cleaver, only son of Mr and Mrs L.G.Smith, NP.

Above, right: HINZ-DAVIDSON. Lorraine Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A.Davidson, Durham Rd., Inglewood, to John Bernard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L.Hinz, Kaimiro.

Right: MOORBY-HAIGH. Patricia Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.Haigh, Rahotu, to Errol James, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.Moorby, Okato.

Below, right: JOYCE-MORRISON. Dorothy Joan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.Morrison, NP, to Barry John, second son of the late Mr and Mrs R.Joyce, Eltham.





## St. John Ambulance Brigade Anniversary

The Hawera Branch of the St. John Ambulance and nursing divisions recently celebrated their 25th anniversary with a function at which service medals and certificates were presented.

Above, left: Cadet L.Mallet, receives a trophy from the Mayor, Mr F.W.Finer.

Above: Cadet K.Lowe received a certificate from the Mayor.

Above, right: Cadet G.Riley is bandaged by Mrs K.Paget.

Above, extreme right: Cadets P.Donovan and J.Leishman enjoyed the demonstrations.

Left: District Commissioner R.A.Wall presented examiner's certificate to Mr B.Paget.

Below, left: An award was also made to his wife, Mrs K.Paget.

Right: Dr. T. Fitzgerald was presented with the second bar to his service medal.

Below, right: The district officers: R.Fordyce, R.Wall, and Dr. H.Law, all of New Plymouth.

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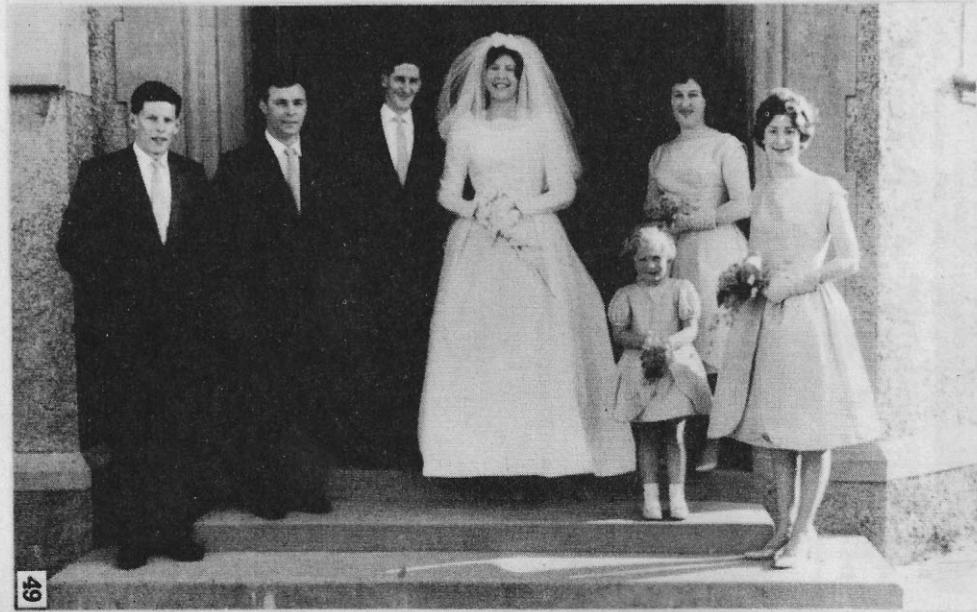


## Thanks Parade By Y.M.C.A. Boys

The second Friday street parade we have had recently was organised by the YMCA as a thanksgiving parade, in appreciation of the way in which the townspeople have given and promised donations for the construction of the new Gymnasium Stadium. It was a parade headed by clowns with trumpets, and followed by practically the whole of the YMCA membership. The rear was brought up by the senior members performing on parallel bars on the deck of a moving truck.

## Wedding Bells

Left: HOWARD-PETERSON. At St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, Colleen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Peterson, formerly of NP, to Rolly, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.Howard, Whangarei. Matron of honour was Mrs M.Martin, NP, and the bridesmaid was Fay Howard, sister of the groom, Whangarei. Denise Hansen, Otorohanga, was the flower girl. Best man was Don Martin, NP, and the groomsman was Barry Stuart, Rotorua. Future home of the couple will be Hamilton.





## Ferndale Play Area Officially Opened

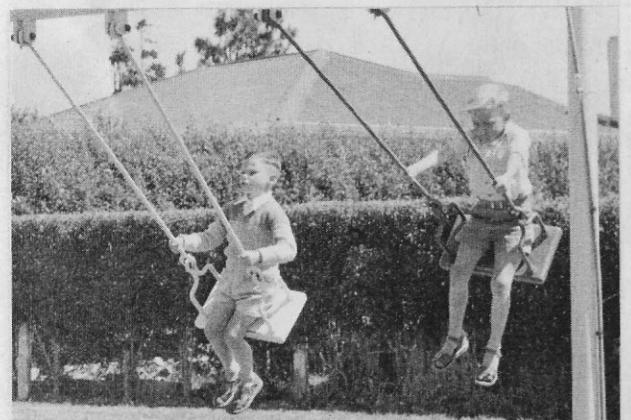
At the Ferndale play area, much hard work and organisation by the local parents has culminated in the opening of a fine new open space where the children can enjoy their play-hours to the full. The official opening was performed by the deputy-Mayor, Mr W. Dean.

Above: At the gala opening the pipe band attracted a large following of children.

Below: The equipment provided was quickly put into use.

Right: Mr Booker, chairman of the committee, speaks at the official opening.

Bottom: Part of the large crowd which attended this function.



## Wedding Bells

Above: O'KEEFE-PEEL. At St. Luke's Methodist Church, Westown, Judith, youngest daughter of Mrs J. and the late Mr Peel, NP, to Donald, youngest son of Mrs and the late Mr D.O'Keefe, NP. The bridesmaids were Cynthia Stuck, NP, and Jocelyn Inderbitzen, NP. Rex Jensen, NP, was the best man, and Gary Patten, Auckland, was the groomsman. The flower girl was Susan Bellringer, NP. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

Below: GROWCOTT-BURCH. At the Baptist Tabernacle, NP, Annie Burch, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Harry Smith, Yorkshire, England, to William, son of Mr A. and the late Mrs Growcott, NP. Matron of honour was Adrienne Marshall, NP, and the best man was Jack Nisbett, NP. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.





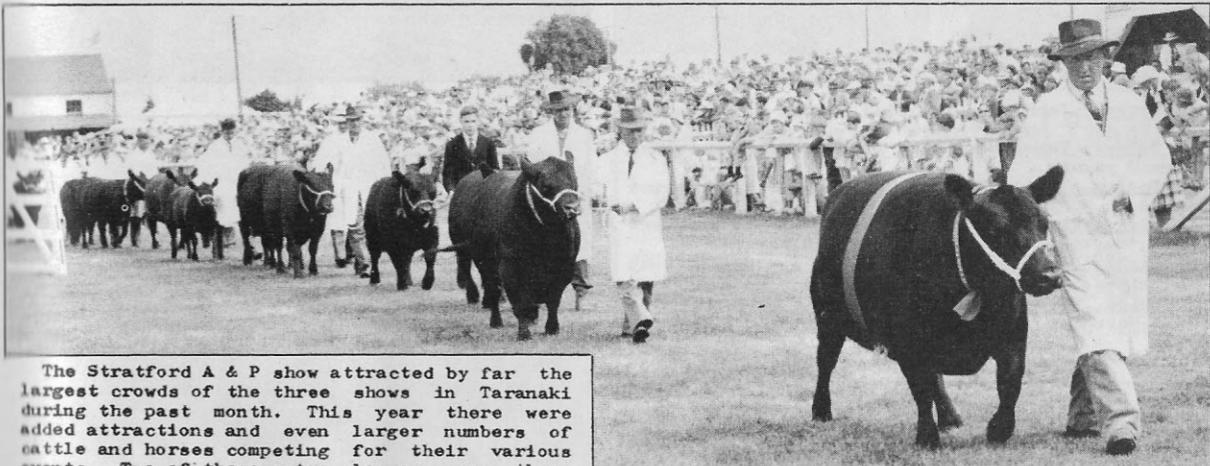
## Golf and Scout Champions

Above: Champions of the New Plymouth Ladies' Golf Club, whose season has recently concluded, are, from left, Mrs Hannah Trass, senior, Mrs Dorothy Brown, intermediate, Joyce Hall, junior, and Mrs Pauline Lepper, the C grade champion. Here they show the trophies they won.

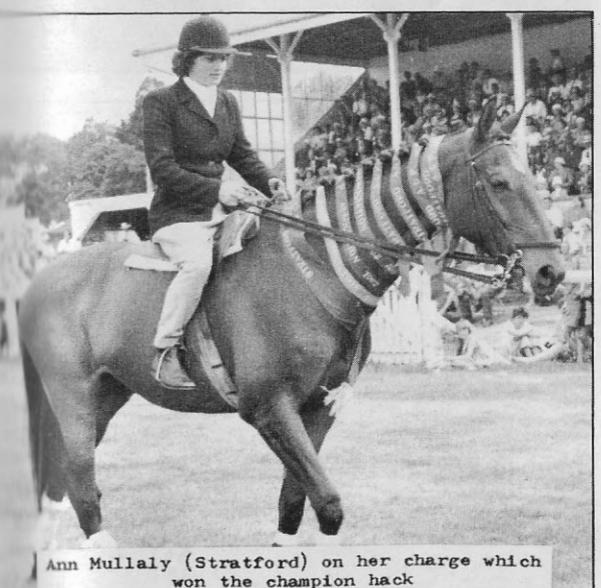
Below: At a recent Camporette, these boys of the Fitzroy scout troop won the Hedges Camping Cup for their all-round efficiency at the camp. From left, they are David Creery, Barry Christiansen, John Hood (patrol leader), John Hawkins, and Robert Archibald (second).



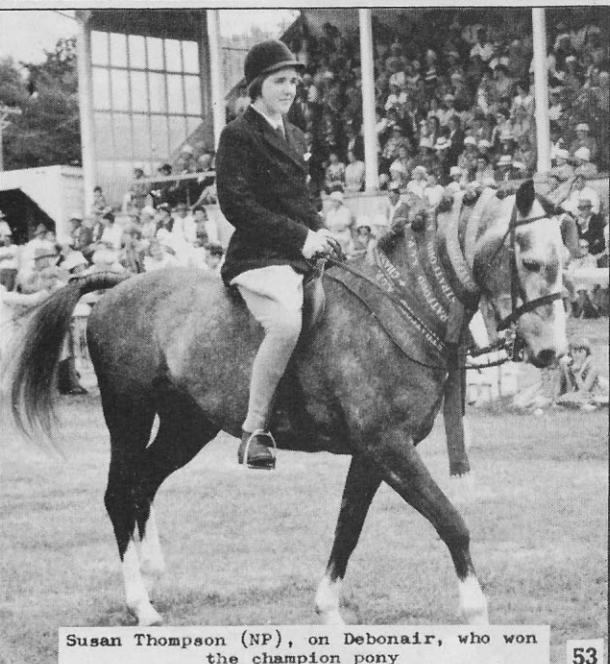
Stratford A. & P. Show



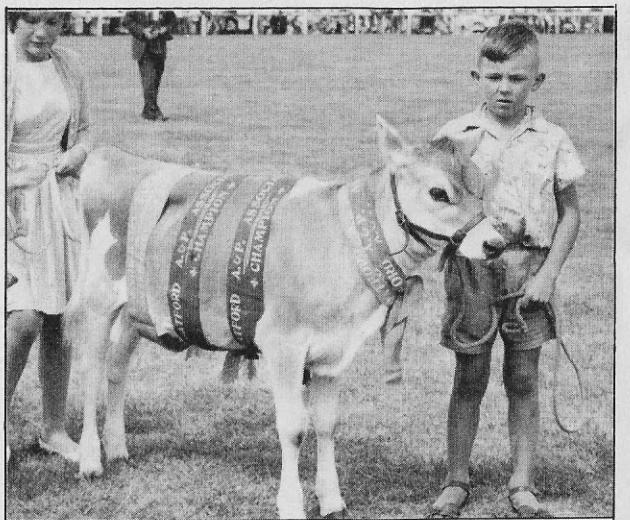
The Stratford A & P show attracted by far the largest crowds of the three shows in Taranaki during the past month. This year there were added attractions and even larger numbers of cattle and horses competing for their various events. Two of these extra classes were those for Belted Galloway cattle, top picture, and the Aberdeen Angus cattle, above. Both classes look as if they will become a permanent feature of this show.



Ann Mullaly (Stratford) on her charge which won the champion hack



Susan Thompson (NP), on Debonair, who won the champion pony



Above: John Elms (Manaia), with his champion calf.

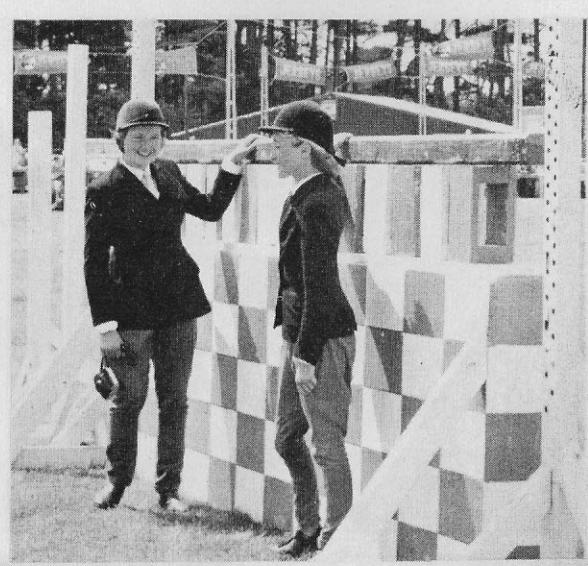
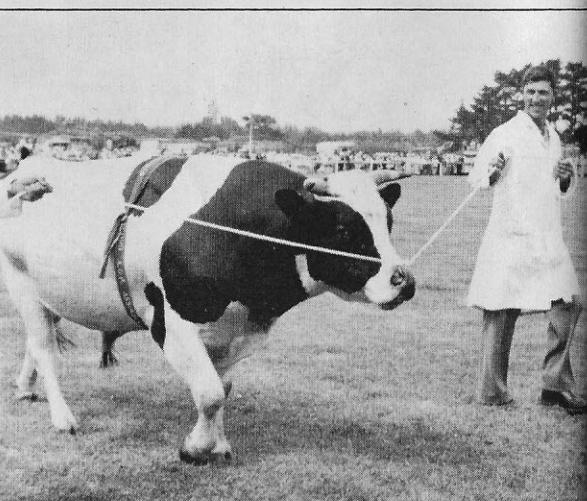
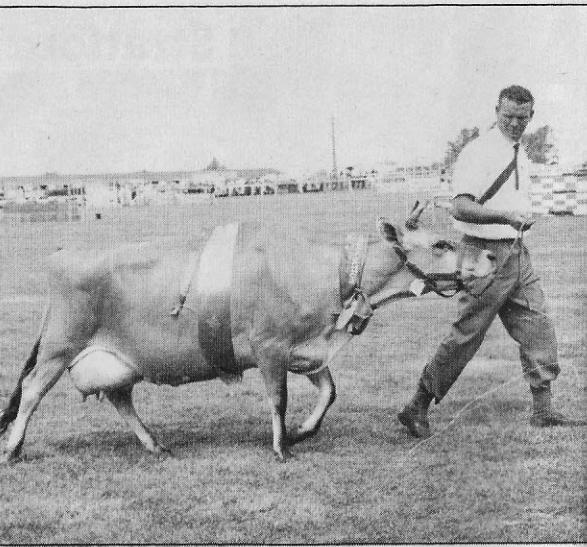
Below: There were only three pet lambs in the grand parade.

Bottom, left: Trotting has become a permanent feature of the Stratford show.

Above, right: Champion jersey of the show was not too easy to lead in the grand parade.

Right: Champion Friesian cow was a magnificent specimen.

Below, right: Champion Friesian bull owned by C.A. Marchant and Son, Stratford.

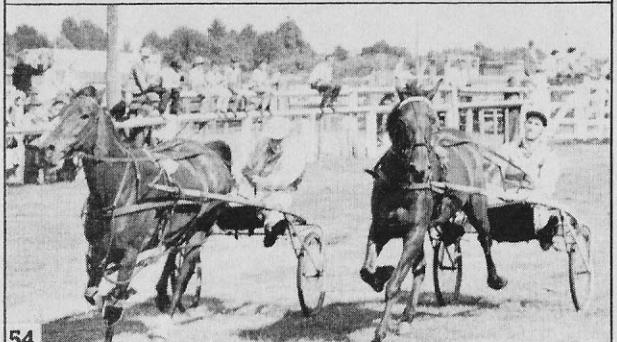


## Fine Jumping at Stratford Show

The Olympic Pony Jump at the Stratford show produced problems for the judges, as the youngsters were jumping too well. The jump-off caused the fences to be raised again and again, with a final height of 4ft. 10ins. to be cleared. The eventual winner was Jill Trask, above, left, on Bold Alladin. Second was M. Healy on Vulcan, left, and third place went to Susan Thomson on Debonaire, below, left.

Above: Two young riders stand by the jumps which went up to this phenomenal height.

Below: The Army display at the Stratford show was a target of attractions for the young boys of the district. Here, one of the army's latest weapons is getting a thorough inspection from some enthusiastic young boys.





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## *Engaged*

Above, left: **HUGHES-PUTT**. Norma, only daughter of Mrs and the late Mr M.N.Putt, NP, to Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.H.Hughes, NP.

Left: **SIMON-FLYNN**. Faye Elsie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs B.Flynn, Waitara, to Rodney Norbert, son of Mr and Mrs N.Simon, Eltham.

Below, left: **HIGGINS-ROBINSON**. Cynthia Gaye, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.Robinson, Kaimiro, to John Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs B.J.Higgins, Nelson.

Above: **BROADMORE-MARTIN**. Ngaire Weavers, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.E.Martin, NP, to William Alan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.G. Broadmore, NE.

Below: **KRUTZ-PROUD**. June Lorraine, youngest daughter of Mrs W.F.Proud, NP, to Morris Newton, only son of Mr and Mrs R.J.Krutz, NP.



The New Plymouth Marching Association recently conducted their annual championships at Pukekura Park. It seems that unless more girls come forward this sport will be fast dying out. There were only seven teams, one of which was a midget team, in the championships. This marching is a very fine and healthy sport, but for some unknown reason, it is certainly on the wane in this province. It was not so long ago that the New Zealand champions were from Inglewood, but since then the sport has not boomed like it should have done.

Above: Roebuck's Nevillettes, a junior team who did well in their march.

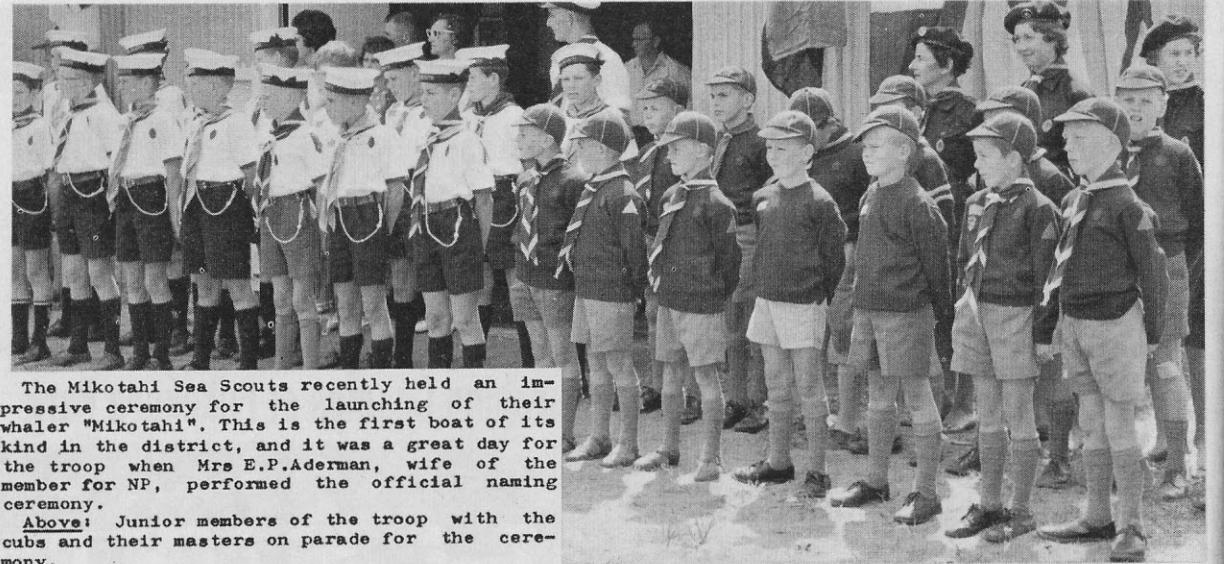
Right: Josteps (Hawera) have always been well to the fore in marching championships.

Below: Roebuck's Musketeers, a junior team whose precision won much applause.

Bottom: Members of all the competing teams sit on the grass and await the judges verdict.

## **Marching Champs at Pukekura Park**





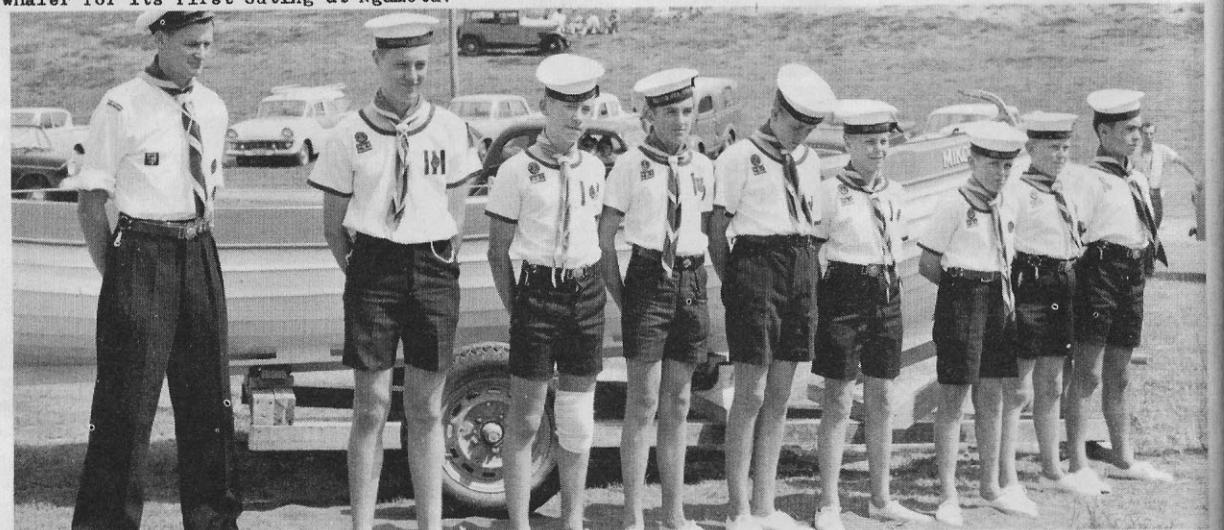
The Mikotahi Sea Scouts recently held an impressive ceremony for the launching of their whaler "Mikotahi". This is the first boat of its kind in the district, and it was a great day for the troop when Mrs E.P. Aderman, wife of the member for NP, performed the official naming ceremony.

Above: Junior members of the troop with the cubs and their masters on parade for the ceremony.

Below: Senior crew members stand by their new whaler before the launching took place.

Bottom: Junior crew members watch from the beach as their senior counterparts take the new whaler for its first outing at Ngamotu.

## Sea Scouts' New Boat Launched

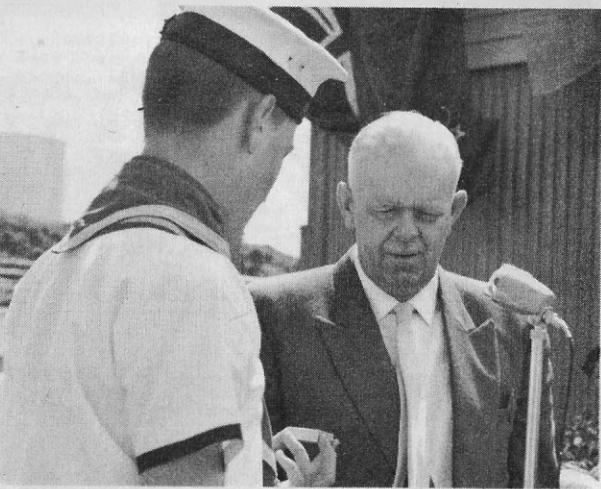


Above: Senior members of the Mikotahi Sea Scout troop take their new whaler down to the sea for the first time.

Below: Breaking the traditional bottle over the bow, is Mrs Aderman, who made an expert job of the christening.

Right: Mr Stone, chairman of the committee was the recipient of a "Thanks" badge in appreciation of his work for the boys.

Below, right: Mayoress, Mrs A.G. Honnor, comes ashore after the official part of the proceedings, to watch the launching.





## Surf Season Opens At Oakura

Oakura beach was crowded for the opening of the surf season, when the NP Old Boys Club ran a series of races and lolly scrambles for the kiddies, plus their usual attractions of races for the surf boys and girls, and demonstrations in different types of resuscitation. With membership well up to standard, the club is looking forward to another record season on the beach. The pictures on this page show the interest shown by the youngsters and their parents in this annual opening day.

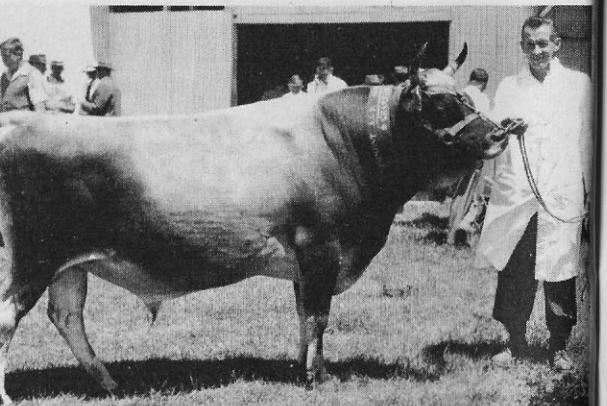


## Wedding Bells

Above: THORNE-PITTAMS. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H. Pittams, NP, to Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tony Thorne, NP. The bridesmaids were Lesley McLean, Auckland, Judith Ellis, Te Awamutu, and Pat Thorne, sister of the groom, NP. Colin Harvey, NP, was the best man, and the groomsmen were John Waller, NP, and Bob Thorne, a brother of the groom, NP. Future home of the couple will be Waitara.

Below: WITHY-WEST. At St. John's Anglican Church, Dannevirke, Marion West, late of Tikorangi, to Ian, son of Mr and Mrs W. Withy, Dannevirke. The bridesmaids were Gillian Thowson, Dannevirke, and Valerie West, NP. Best man was Bill Hockley, Dannevirke, and the groomsman was Bruce Bassett, Dannevirke. Stephanie Stuart, Dannevirke, was the flower girl. Future home, Dannevirke.





## Hawera A. & P. Show

Here we show some of the champions at the recent Hawera A & P show.

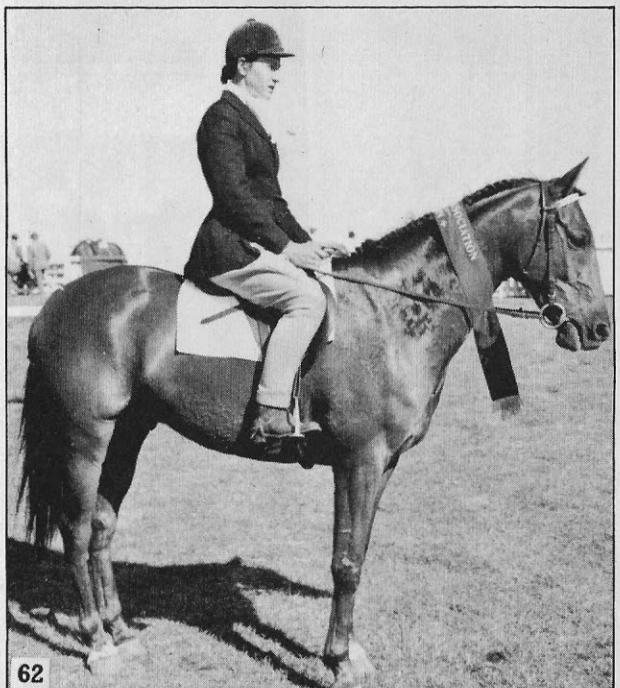
Above: Messrs Purdie and Barkla with their reserve champion jersey bull Croftwest Masterpiece.

Below: Sherry Holmes (NP), winner of the champion jumping competition.

Above, right: Mr L.F.Morgan, Mangatoki, with champion Jersey bull, Glamorgan Rex's Victor.

Right: Sue Cawston (Napier) with her champion pony.

Below, right: Miss S.Duncan makes a fine picture as she takes one of the higher jumps.



Children were very evident in various competitions at the Hawera A & P show recently. Here we show some of them competing in various activities at the show.

Above, left: Calf class in the cattle ring where the children performed like old stagers.

Left: I.Candy and C.Robinson, both New Plymouth, competing in the Irish Jig at the National dancing competitions.

Below, left: Rae Stamppea and Sylvia Kara, both Hawera children, enjoy their ride on the big wheel.

Above: One of the stands in the industrial section exhibited a very attractive setting of water lilies in a pond.

Below: Dawn Ogle, Hawera, with her pet, Bamby, as she brings up the rear of the grand parade.



## N.T. Scout Hangi and Concert

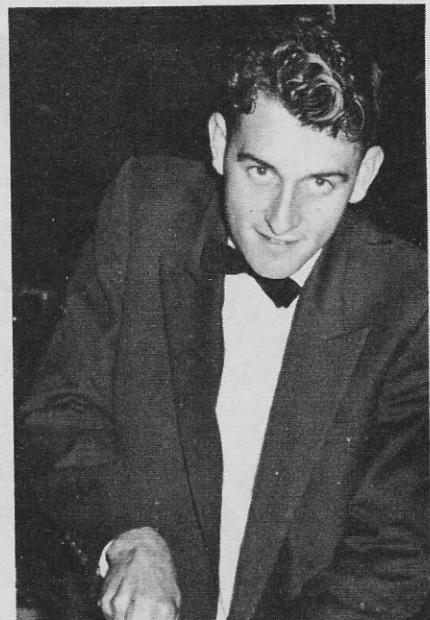
The North Taranaki group of scouts recently held a hangi and concert at Lepperton. The evening started with a scrumptious feast at 6.30p.m. when appetites were satisfied with generous helpings of a varied menu. Following this was a camp-fire concert, at which the boys provided the items, to the amusement of the large crowd which attended. The pictures on this page show the audience, who joined in the camp-fire singing with gusto.



## BEST SAILING WATERS IN N.Z.

New Plymouth is considered by all the local yachtsies and by a vast majority of visiting sailing craft owners to possess some of the best sailing water in New Zealand. The picture here, taken from the Yacht Club's launch gives some idea of the view obtained by local yachties. Small wonder that New Plymouth is a must for some holiday-makers who own yachts.





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Above, left and centre: Two scenes from the Opunake Savage Club's revue "Sno Joke".

Above: Eric Mitchell, son of Mrs F.C. Batty, Hawera, cuts the cake at his 21st party recently. Left: Cousins who recently celebrated their 21st birthdays were Joan Allan and Helen Southcombe. Our photograph shows them with their parents.



### New Harbour Board Offices

A fine new home for the administration of Harbour Board affairs is the new office building at Port Taranaki. Built on the site of the old Seamen's Rest, it is a much needed addition to the Board, with its present programme of expansion.