





Wedding Bells

Above: HOFFMANN-MAGILL. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Beverley Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Magill, Kaupokonui, to Neil, eldest son of Mrs P. Hoffmann, NP, and the late Mr Hoffmann. The bridesmaids were Beverley Hoffmann, sister of the groom, NP, and Christine Woolliams, NP. The best man was Alan Hoffmann, brother of the groom, Wellington, and the groomsmen were Eddie Brouwers, NP, Vicki Magill, Manurewa, was the flower-girl. Future home, New Plymouth. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

Below: KEEGAN-LILE. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, NP, Patricia Joan, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. B. Lile, Huirangi, to Michael Anthony, youngest son of Mrs C. Keegan, NP, and the late Mr Keegan. The bridesmaids were Joan Lile, twin sister of the bride and Betty Lile, sister of the bride, both of Huirangi. Louis Vjnsen, NP, was the best man, and Philip Cottam, NP, was the groomsmen. The future home will be New Plymouth.



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OUR COVER

You might not believe this, but one of our readers sent us this Christmas cake, and out popped Lynn Hill, ready for the sun and surf of our long-awaited summer. We think Lynn looks cute as a cake decoration...keep your eyes open for her on the beach, she'll look even cuter!

BACK COVER

Picture of Mount Egmont from Dudley Road, Inglewood. We often wonder if the pimple is the cause of all our poor weather!

Celebrations

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Above: Mr and Mrs John Magrath, NP, with their two children, Michael and Michelle, on the occasion of the christening of Michael.

Left: Mrs Helen Hardgrave, NP, who recently celebrated her 70th birthday, is shown cutting the cake specially baked for the occasion.

ENGAGED

Right: McNAMARA-THOMAS. Shirley, eldest daughter of Mrs E.R. Thomas, Eltham, to Gary, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. C. McNamara, Manaia. (DAVID PAUL).

Below, right: HAMMERSLEY--MCELROY. Pam, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. L. McElroy, Kaponga, to Emmett, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B. Hammersley, Kaponga. (DAVID PAUL).

MERRY CHRISTMAS... and a very bright and prosperous New Year to all our faithful readers. May 1966 bring even better things to you all.





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Below: REYNOLDS-ROEBUCK. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Denise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. Roebuck, NP, to Gordon, only son of Mr and Mrs E. Reynolds, NP. The bridesmaids were Helen Roebuck, sister of the bride, NP, and Irene Reynolds, sister of the groom, NP. Bill Robinson, Wellington, was the best man and Percy Bengie, Wellington, was the groomsmen. Future home, Auckland.

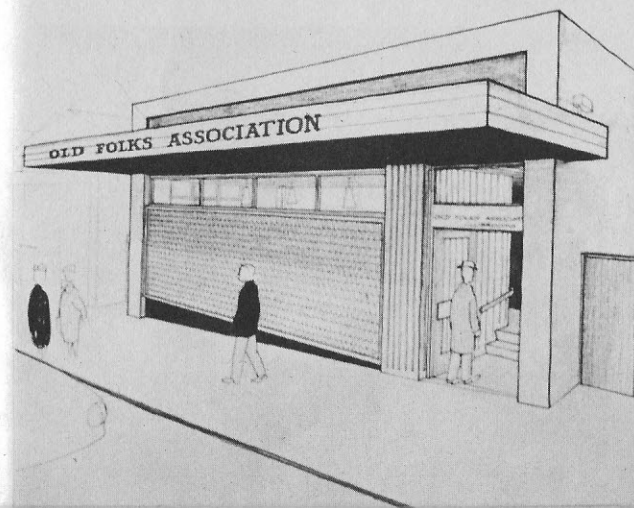


Rotarians' Film Premiere

The Minister of Health, Mr D. N. McKay, was recently in the city. On the evening of his visit, he was a guest at the film premiere, of the movie "Ipress File". The premiere was organised by the NP Rotary Club to raise funds for the new proposed building of the NP Old Folks. Their need is now so much greater, with the present building recently gutted by fire. **Above:** Official party in the foyer of the Mayfair Theatre. From left, the Mayor of NP, Mr A. G. Honnor, Mrs Honnor, Mrs and Mr McKay, Mr J. S. Webster, Rotary Club president, and Mrs Webster, and Mr B. McIntyre, organiser.



Guests at the show were Mrs E. P. Aderman, wife of the member for NP, shown here with her sister-in-law, another Mrs Aderman from Australia.



Frontage of the proposed new Old Folks' building



Also attending were Mr and Mrs Sing Sarten and Mr and Mrs Leo Cole, all NP.



Woodleigh C.W.I. Xmas Party

Photographs on this page were taken at the annual Xmas party of the Woodleigh C.W.I. Above: Mesdames Dorothy Rogers and Jean Adams had the job of distributing presents to everyone. Below: Four of the branch's older members present were Mesdames K.Lippiatt, Rene Bendall, Newton Allen and Ivy Smith. Above, right: Major-general L.K. Lockhart gave a short address. Right: Children of members were given a good tea. Below, right: Mrs Ella Patchett cut the Christmas cake.



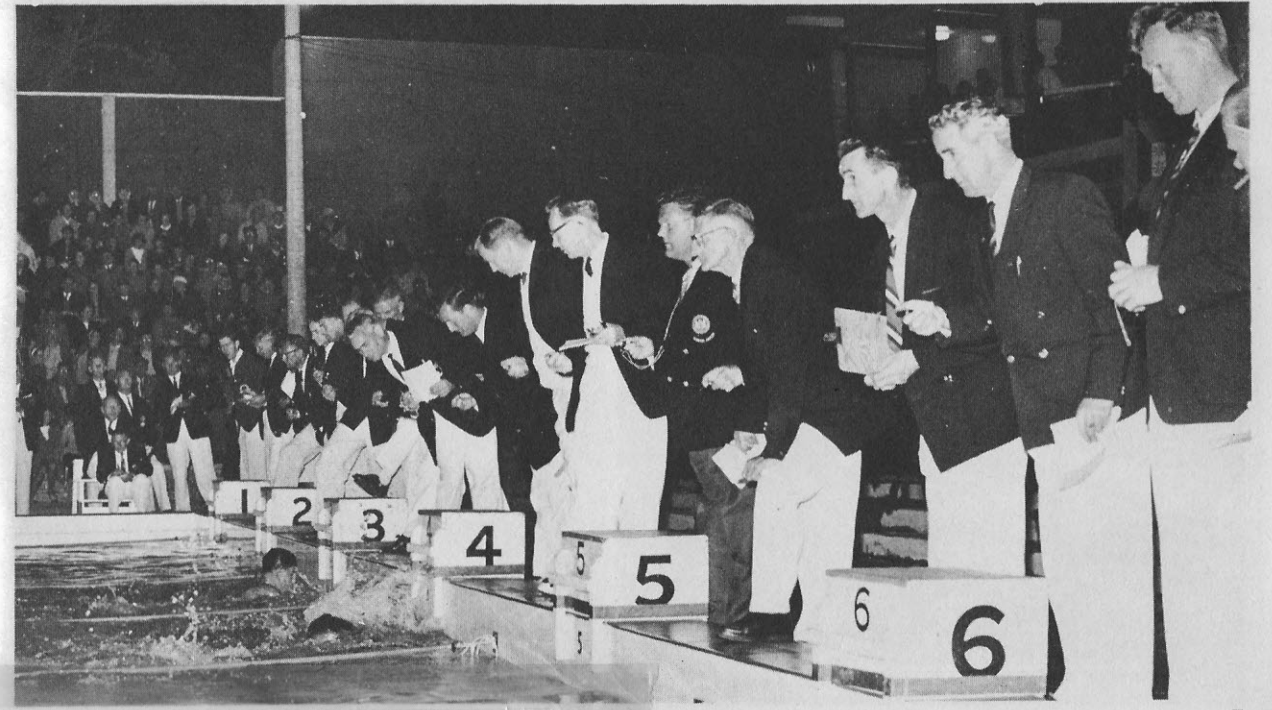
Inter-Centre Swim Carnival At Kawaroa

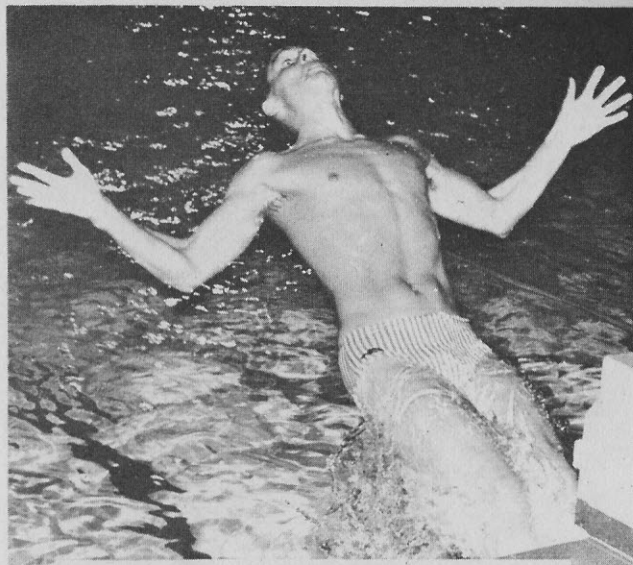
The recent inter-centre swimming carnival at the Kawaroa pool gave Taranaki just the kind of competition that they so badly need. It proved a successful night for the local swimmers, there being no fewer than ten new Taranaki records written into the books by six of the province's top swimmers. A crowd of over 1000 saw what proved to be one of the best programmes yet seen in the city.

Above: Elizabeth Andrews (Taranaki) winner of the senior ladies' diving event.

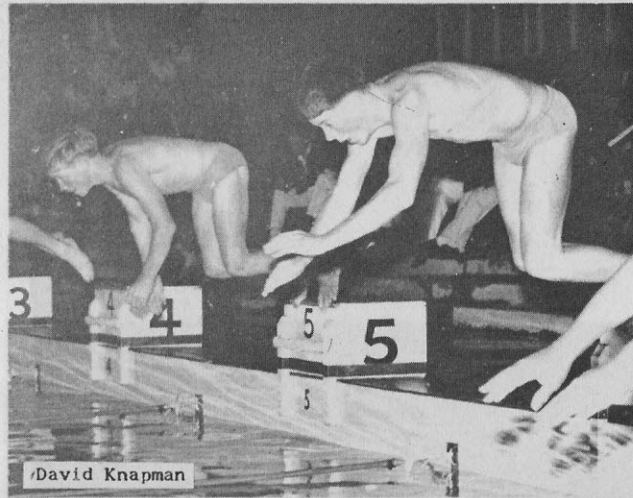
Above, right: Jennifer Lawler (Wgtn.) came second in the senior diving event.

Below: Never before have we seen so many officials at a swim carnival.

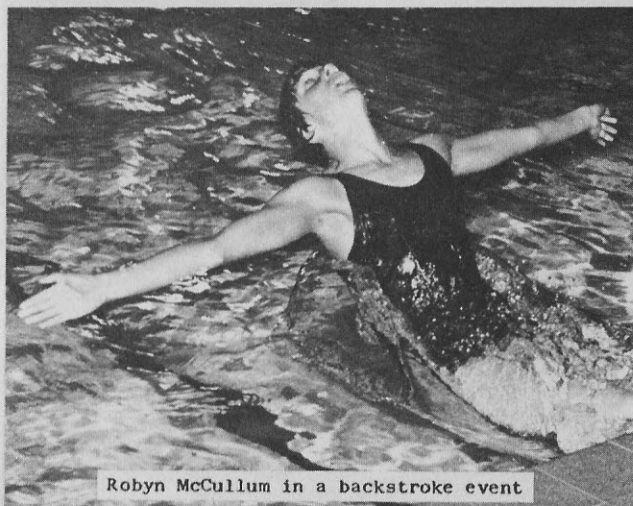




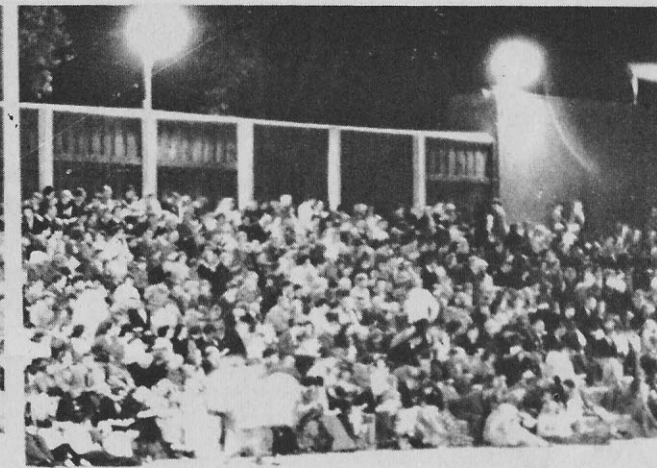
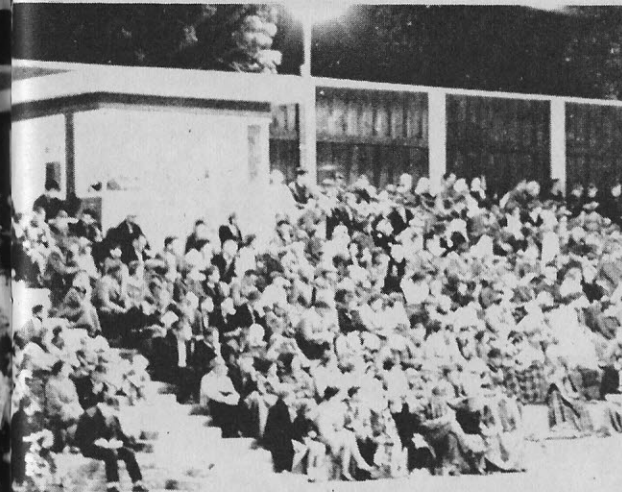
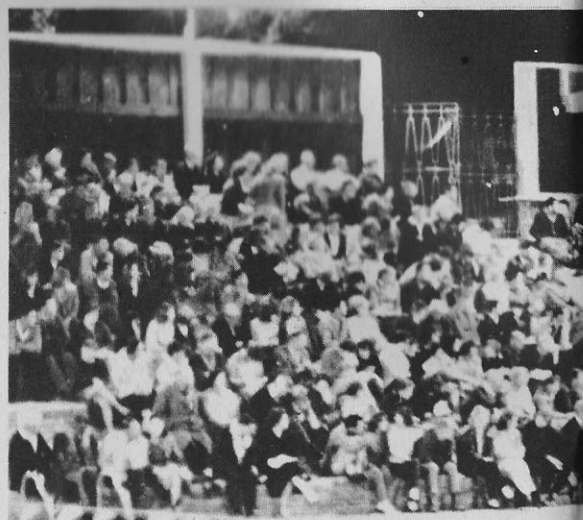
Barnett Bond starts in the backstroke event



David Knapman

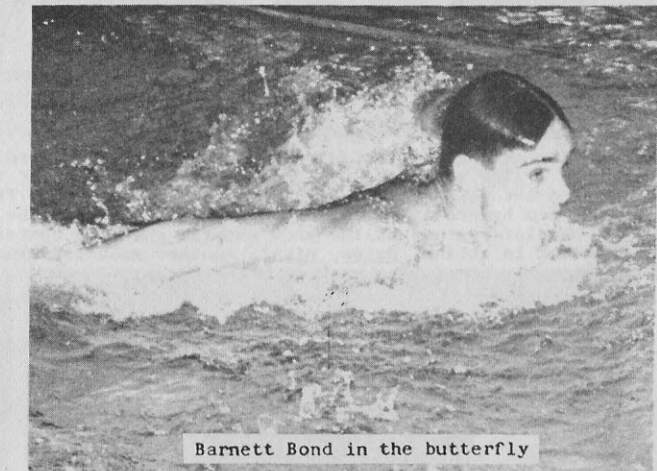


Robyn McCullum in a backstroke event



KAWAROA'S LARGEST GALLERY

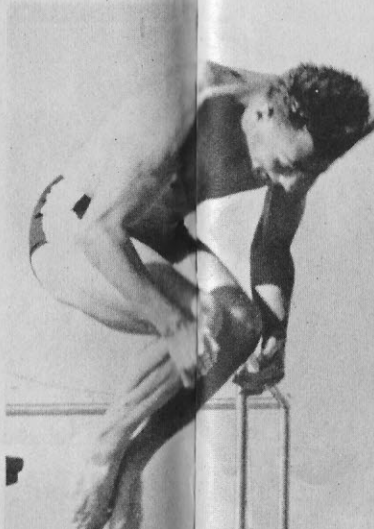
Above: Part of the crowd of 1000 who watched one of the best swimming carnivals ever seen in this province at the Kawaroa pool. The evening was fine, but cool for the spectators, but nevertheless the programme was a good one with many of the top swimmers of the country competing. Six Taranaki swimmers, Barnett and Stephen Bond, Geoff Patterson, Graeme Dempsey, Jennifer Froggatt and Mary Lile, broke Taranaki records, which augers well for the coming national championships later in the year. The province finished third as a team in the inter-centre competition for the Norman Oldershaw trophy, which was won by Wellington, with Auckland second.



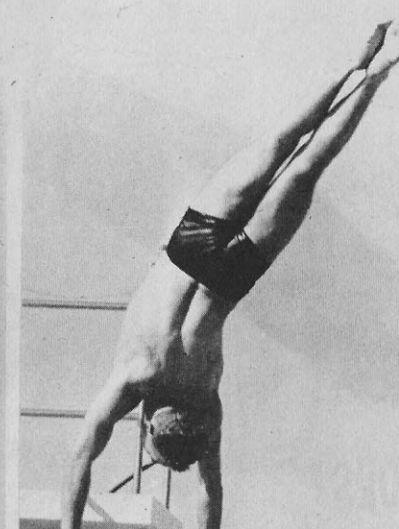
Barnett Bond in the butterfly



Jennifer Lawler (WGTN), second in the senior diving.



Robin Hood, winner of the senior men's diving.



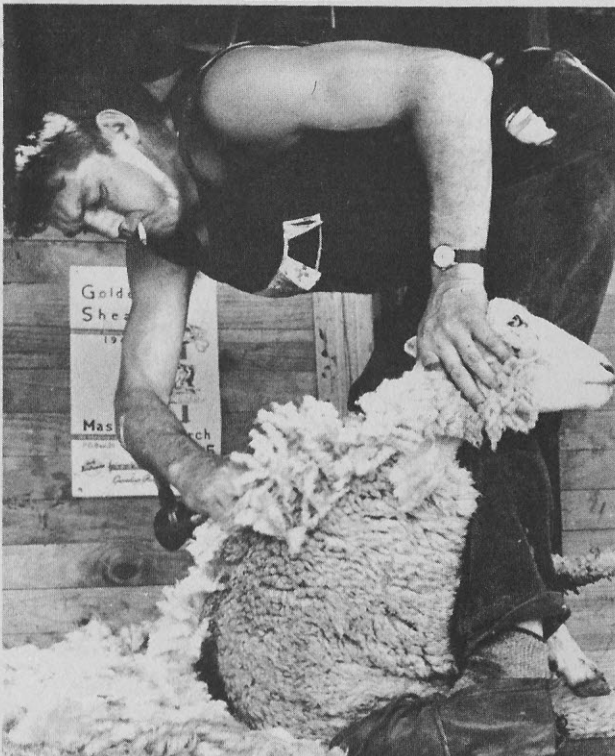
Arthur Brake (Wgtn), second in the senior diving.



Karen Davidson, breaststroker.



Fine weather attracted one of the best crowds seen at the New Plymouth show for some years. Both days of the show were fine and sunny. A feature of the show was the large number of entries in the horse events, particularly the pony section. **Top:** The local Pipe Band headed the grand parade, and watched by nearly all attending. **Above:** Part of the pony section in the grand parade. **Below, left:** A popular feature of the show was the shearing contests. Here is the world record holder, Colin Boshier in action. **Below, right:** Another good performer with the shears was J. Weston.



The dog sections of the NP Show rated plenty of interest, with competitors from all over the North Island.

Above: The dog section had a grand parade of their own.

Below: Each breed had good entries. Here the Labradors receive their winners' certificates.

Right: Having won two cups for his master, this Boxer rests on his laurels.

Below, right: Not many people round the trade exhibits, except the youngsters having slides.



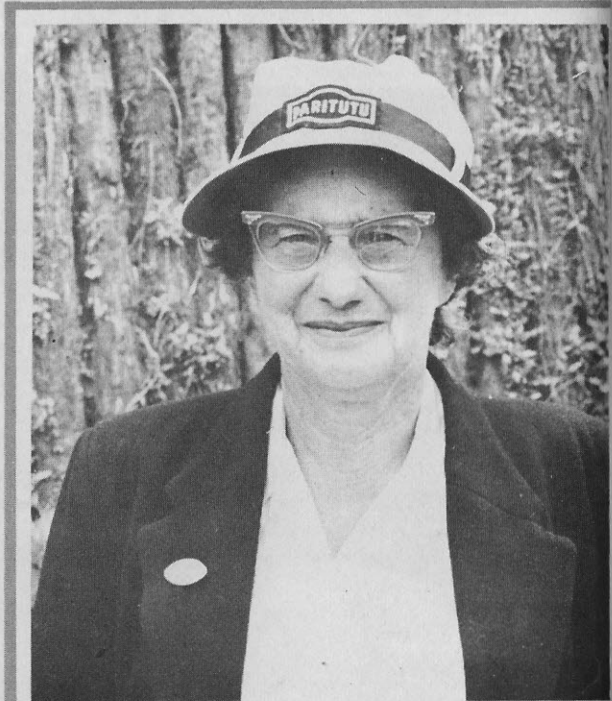
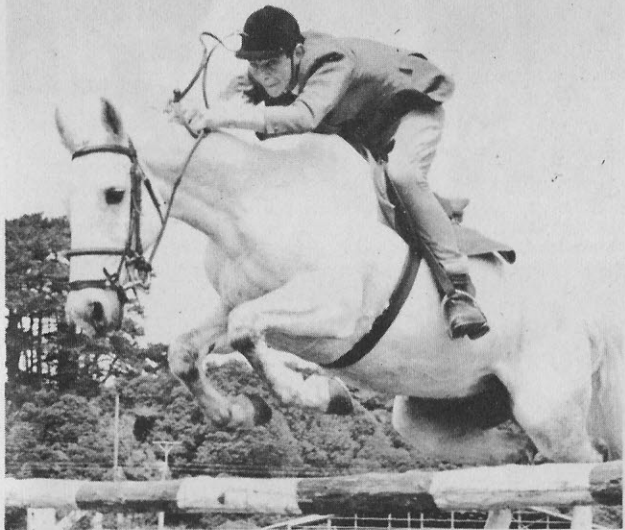
AN APOLOGY

In our last issue we published a picture of Mr Turchi receiving a Scouts Thanks Badge, and said this was only the second one given in the city. This should have been only the second one in the Westown troop. Our apologies for this mistake.





Above, left: Sherry Holmes on Amberlite, winner of the International Jump. Left: Ken Hunter, Hawera, on Beau Gueste and below, left: Pauline Tiki on Lucky Steve. Above: Sherry Holmes receives her ribbon for her win in the International Jump, the main event of the show.



Passed Umpire Exam

Above: Mrs Ivy Dawrant (Paritutu) was the only successful candidate in the recent Bowling Umpire's examinations conducted in the province.

Married

Right: FAWKNER-BROWN-SON. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Branda Ruth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V. Brownson, NP, to John James, only son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Fawkner, Hamilton. Matron of honour was Barbara Shepherd, Palmerston North, and the bridesmaids were Evelyn Brocklehurst, Palmerston North and Dineke Van de Berg, Stratford. Best man was Neville Withers, Taihape, and the groomsmen were Roger Purchase and Al Shepherd, both Palmerston North. Future home, Palmerston North.



Left: MCKOY-CORKIN. At Holy Trinity, Fitzroy, Noeline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Corkin, NP, to Colin, twin son of Mr L. McKoy, Whakatane, and the late Mr McKoy. The bridesmaids were Carol and Denise Balsom, both NP. Brian Goldsworthy, NP, was the best man. Future home, New Plymouth.

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Right: CRESSWELL-SIMPSON. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Lesley Lorraine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Simpson, NP, to Kenneth Archie, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.K. Cresswell, NP. The bridesmaids were Kaye Remington, NP, and Marise Rowe, NP. Best man was Graham Stace, NP, and the groomsmen were Allan Culling, NP. Future home, New Plymouth.





Old Folks' Hall Guttred By Fire

An early morning fire in the city recently gutted the Old Folks' Hall in Liardet Street. But for the quick action of the Fire Brigade, the hall would have been a total loss. As it was, the fire had a good hold when the brigade arrived, but they managed to confine the blaze, which is believed to have started in the kitchen. So near to the holiday season, this was a very sad blow to the senior citizens of this district, but renovation work has begun, and a temporary hall, the Whiteley Hall, is in full use by the members. Above: Many of the members knew nothing of the fire until they arrived for their daily game of bowls or cards. Below: Fire members stand around some of the wreckage. From left: Mesdames E. Grant, F. Cave, E. Truman, E. Beale, V. Johns and L. Baker.



Above: Treasurer of the Old Folks' Association, Mr Joe Harvey, with Mrs E. Brewer surveys the damage in their kitchen after the disastrous fire which gutted their hall recently.

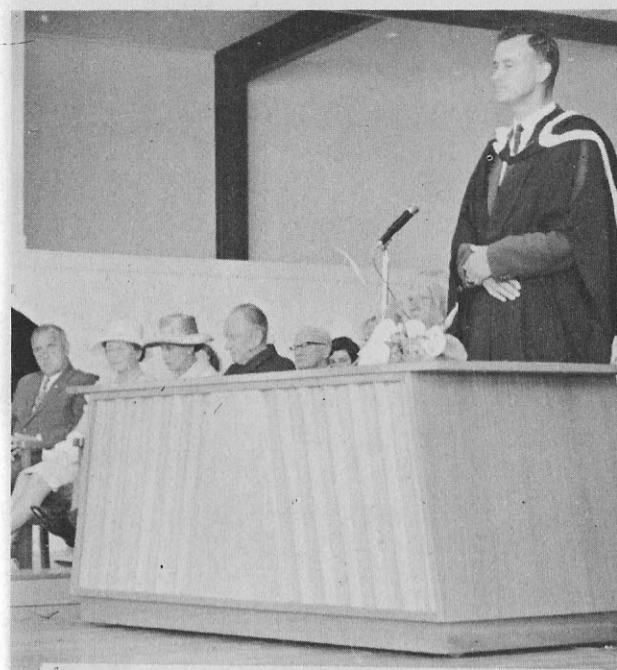
Below: This was once the stage of the Old Folks' Hall. Very little of the furniture and fittings were saved, and many old records were lost forever. The piano was an almost total wreck as were some instruments left in the hall by a dance band.





New Assembly Block For Stratford T.H.S.

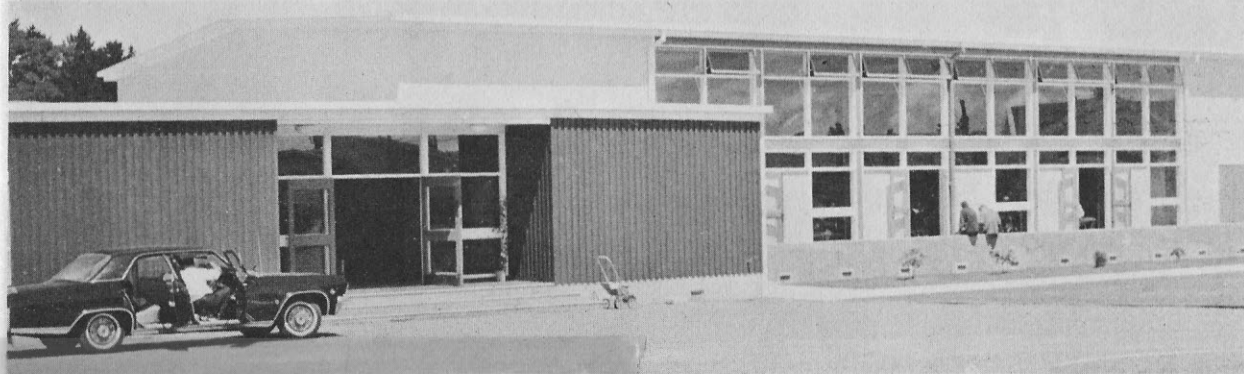
The Minister of Education, Hon A.E.Kinsella, recently opened the new Assembly Hall and Administration block at the Stratford T.H.S. The hall for this occasion was filled with pupils and parents, and the stage was holding a further 60 in the official party, above. The ceremony was short and to the point, with short speeches the order of the day. Chairman of the appeal committee, Mr H.C.B.Scott, is shown in his opening address in the picture above. Below: Entrance of the hall affords a good view of the mountain through the doorway, shown in the picture below.



Above: Principal of the Stratford T.H.S speaks at the official opening of the school assembly hall. Above, right: Minister of Education, Hon A.E.Kinsella, performed the official opening. Below: Honours board in the foyer showed head prefects and dux of the school. Right: Modern in design with pot plants to help. Bottom: The new hall and part of the new administration block.



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Life Boys End-Of-Year Party

The annual break-up party of the 5th NP (St Margaret's) Life Boys was recently held. Presentations were made to the boys, whose parents were there as guests of the evening. Above, left: Gregory Riches received the cup for the best-behaved boy during the year from the chaplain of the company, Rev. W.C.A. Kitto. Above, right: Three boys to receive their certificates were, from left, Donald Lykles, John Beu and Donald Ingram. Below: To entertain their parents, the boys performed one of the Beatles numbers.

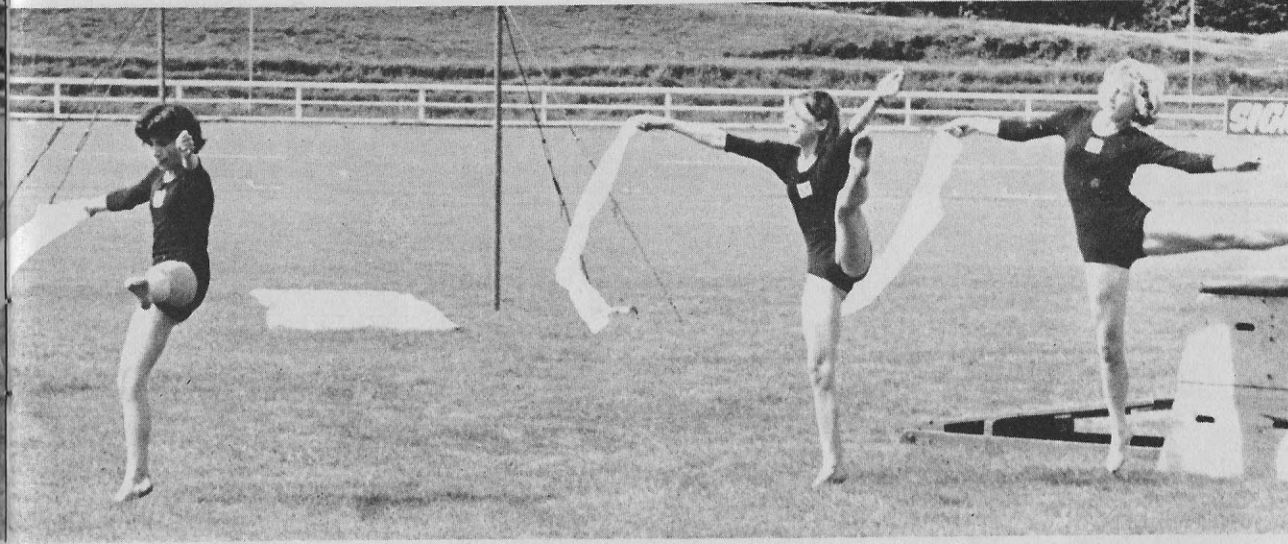


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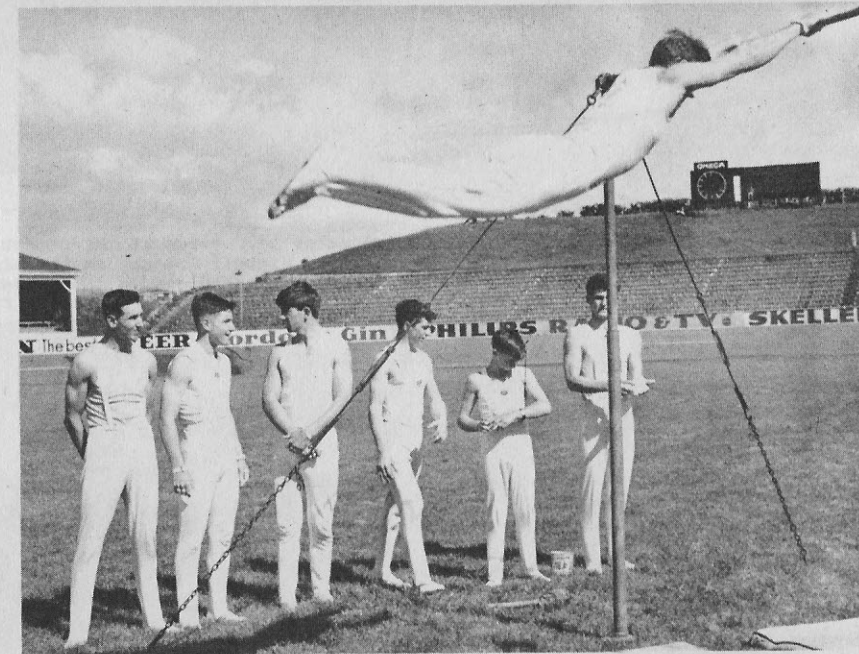
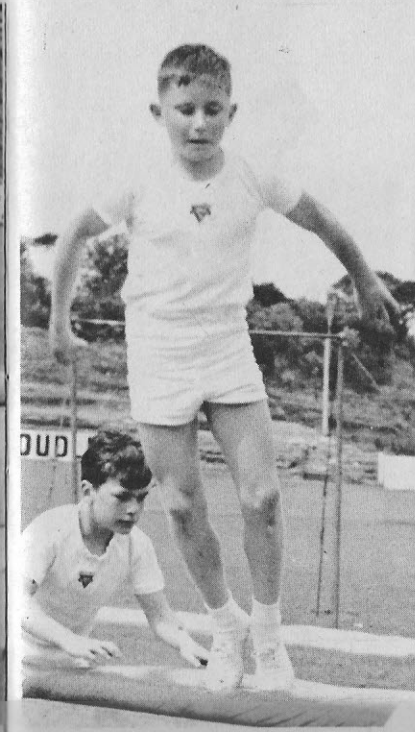
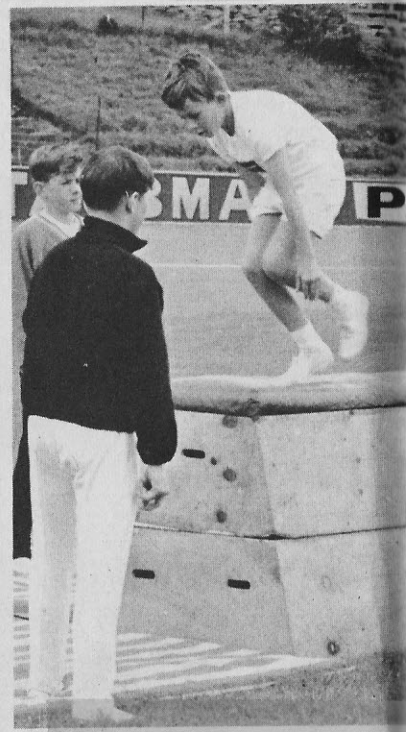
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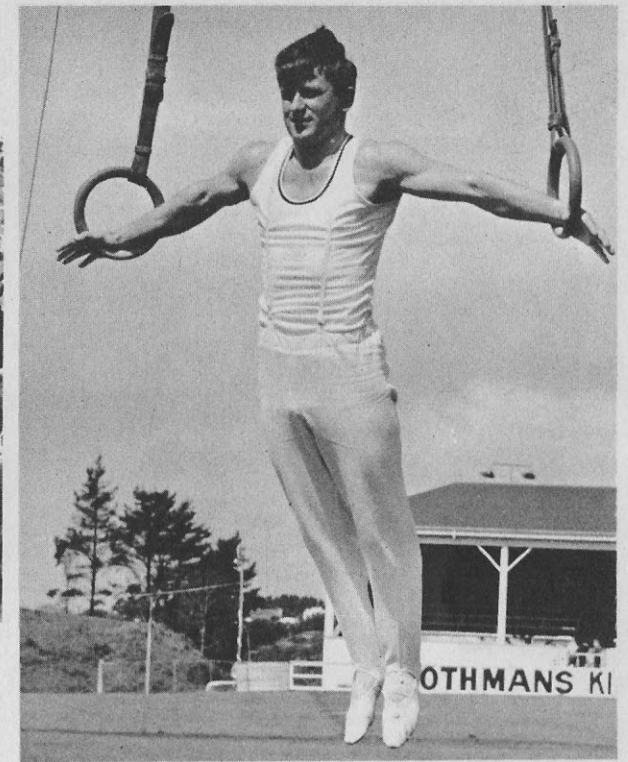
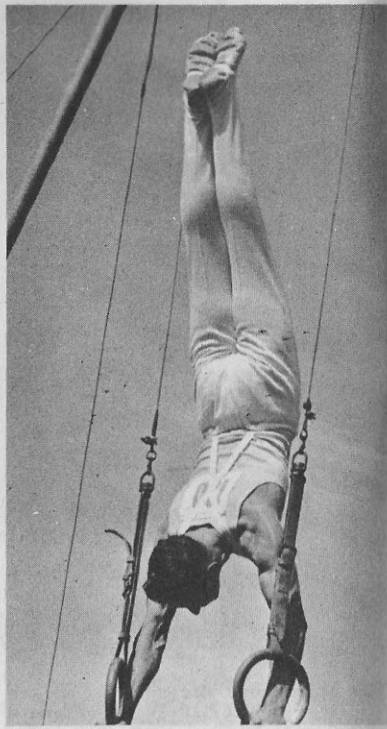
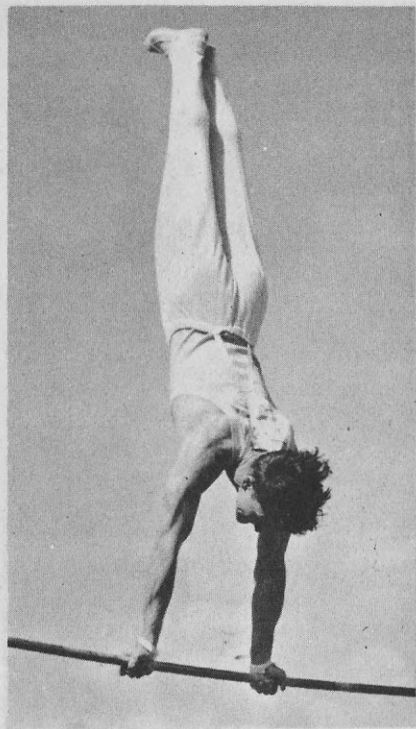




Y.M.C.A. Gym Frolics At Rugby Park

So popular has the YMCA Gym Frolics become, that more spacious Rugby Park for this year's performance with the weather...who hasn't been lately?...It was a success. The performers gave sparkling displays, right from the preliminary to the senior men and women. The first performance goes one of the juniors. Look for the help of her senior men awaiting their turn in their performance. Below, from left: The Junior boys showed their skill on the horse, and appeared to be particularly well-trained and in top condition.





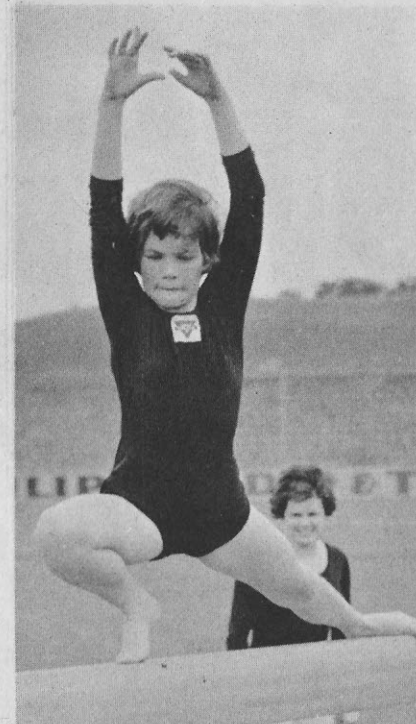
GYM FROLICS PERFORMERS

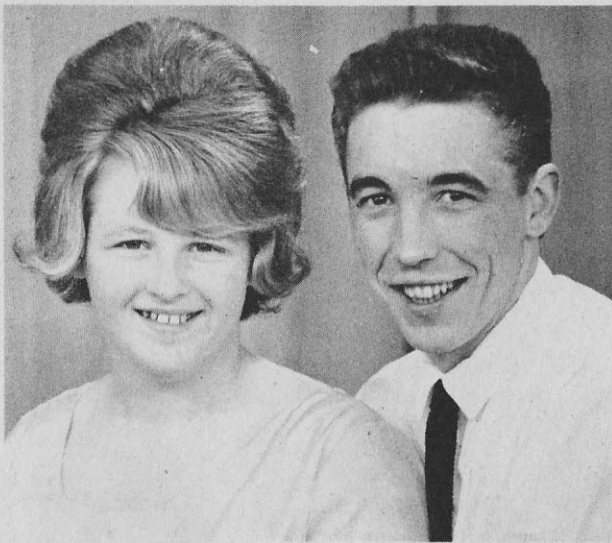
On this page are some of the outstanding performers at the recent Gym Frolics organised by the YMCA and held at Rugby Park. Above, left: Michael Ranger, on the high bar gave a fine display. Above, centre: John Barker performed many difficult exercises on the rings. Above, right: Brian Jury was equally good on any apparatus. Below, left: Christine Thacker, a first-year gymnast, performed well on the horizontal bar. Below, centre: Francine Dove. Below, right: Junior boys on the horse.

LARGE CROWD AT GYM FROLICS

About 1400 people saw the recent YMCA Gym Frolics at Rugby Park, in cold and windy weather. Above: Part of the reasonably large crowd in the terraces of the park.

Above, right: John Ramsay performs one of the most difficult exercises on the rings, the crucifixion. Below: Junior boys go over their commando course.





Engaged

Above: GUSH-COOKSON. Margaret Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs H. J. Ardern, NP, to Wayne Alan, eldest son of Mrs J. M. Gush, NP, and the late Mr F. T. Gush. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below: SHARPE-HINE. Gaylene Lynette, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Hine, NP, to John Malcolm, only son of Mr and Mrs E. R. Sharpe, Omata. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Above, right: DONALD-SWAN. Lynette Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. F. Swan, NP, to William James, only son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Donald, Omata. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Right: LINDSAY-ELLICE. Fay, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. C. Ellice, NP, to David Frank, youngest son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Hayes, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below, right: HEY-DENHAM. Faye Janice, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. A. Denham, NP, to Edwyn Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Hey, Kapinga. (VOGUE STUDIOS).



Y.W.C.A. Mother And Daughter Dinner

The ever-popular Mother and Daughter dinner held at the YWCA in Powderham Street was graced this year by a visitor from the Phillipines, Miss Nina Wong, who is the Youth Worker for the YWCA in Manilla. Miss Wong is shown in the picture above, in the centre, with the president of the NPYWCA, Mrs F. Brown. Below: Board members of the YWCA acted as helpers and waitresses for this annual occasion. Shown in the two pictures on the right are the participants of this dinner.



"Africa Dances"

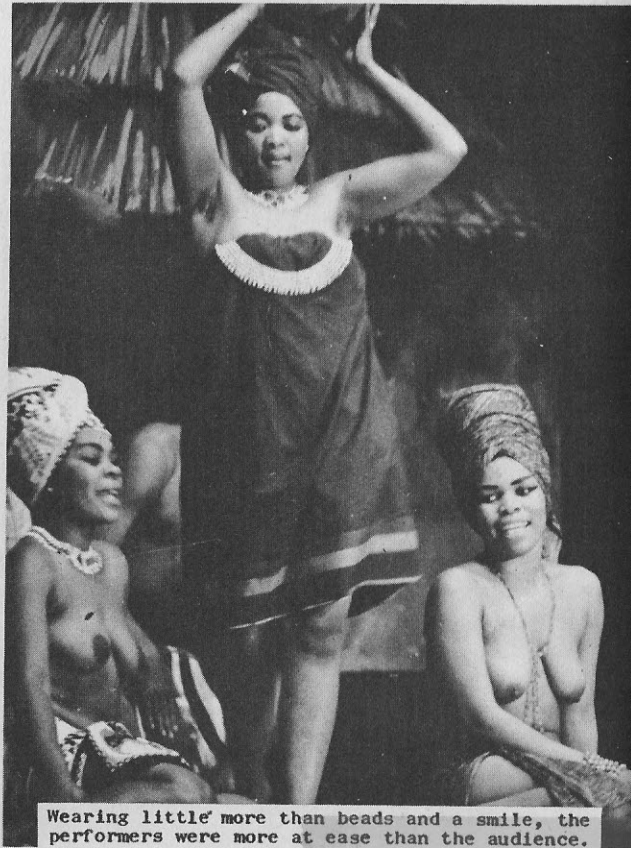


Witch doctor, Jimmy the Rainmaker, prostrates himself at the feet of the great chief.

Seldom has Taranaki seen such dynamic dancing on a stage as that provided by the touring Africa Dances Ballet Company. The much-talked-of bare-breasted women and men in brilliant warriors' costumes put on a show which startled the audience with its authenticity, bringing the ring and drum beat of the jungle to the stage of the Opera House. It was spectacular, to say the least, yet without understanding a word, either spoken or sung, the meanings could easily be followed by the audience.



Devil-man



Wearing little more than beads and a smile, the performers were more at ease than the audience.

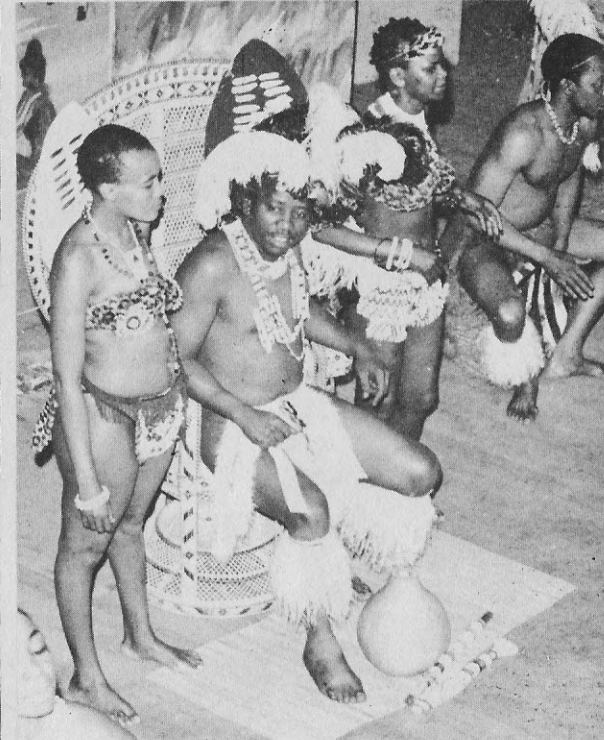
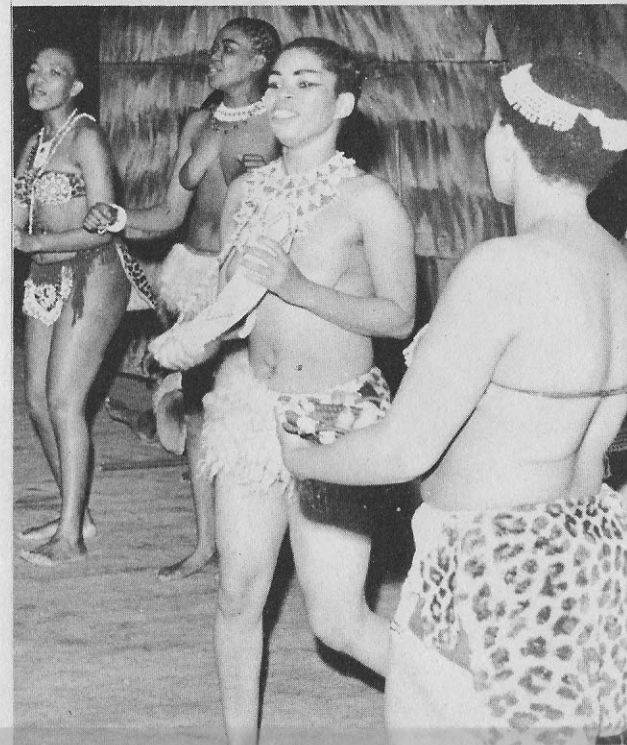


AFRICAN DANCERS WERE GOOD

Such scenes as the sacrifice of the maidens, above, left, was so realistic that one was in a sense carried away by the authenticity of the acting. Below, left: Some of the maidens of the show were not only good dancers, but they had very good voices.

Above: Strange line-up of chorus girls, never before seen at the Opera House, and probably never to be seen again.

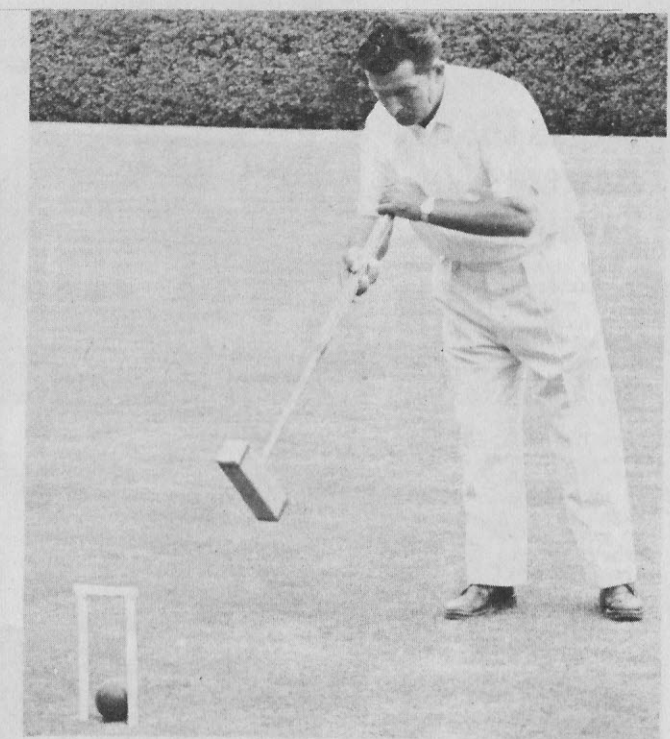
Below: The big chief with his retinue was the centre piece on stage for the sacrifice of the maidens.





N.Z. Silver And Bronze Croquet Singles Championship

New Plymouth was the venue for the recent NZ Silver and Bronze singles championships of the NZ Croquet Association. The tournament attracted players from all parts of the North Island, with two or three coming from the south. Prior to the start of the tournament, which lasted for a week, the photograph, above, of all the competitors was taken at the NP Croquet Club, headquarters for the championships. Below, left: The tournament was officially opened by the Mayor of NP, seen in the picture with other officials.



Eventual winner, Mr P. A. Rudolph (Nelson).



Mrs M. Crone (NP)



Mrs H. G. Jordan (NP)



Mrs K. Wollett (Ohakune)

Smash Hit For Hawera Savages

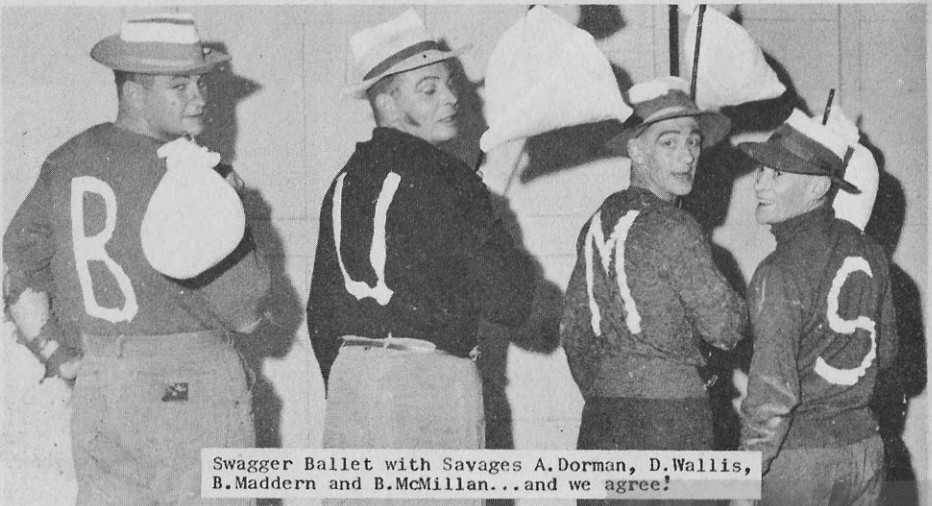
Once again, the Hawera Savage Club, with their revue "All Mix't Up" have provided the district with one of the best stage shows seen during the winter. Producers M. Grace and L. Hawkins had done a terrific job with the show, which must have been thoroughly enjoyed by all who saw it. Might be a good idea to give the Bowl of Brooklands to the Hawera Savages...they'd put on a show that would please everybody.



Colourful show in this scene called Lady of Spain



The bull runs amok on the stage, to the delight of the audience



Swagger Ballet with Savages A. Dorman, D. Wallis, B. Maddern and B. McMillan...and we agree!



Above: Alpine Capers by the chorus at the Hawera show consisted of Savages A. Dorman, C. Peters, B. Maddern, D. Wallis, R. Broyden, G. Weir, P. Simpson and R. McMillan.

Below: No Savage show would be complete without its pakeha haka team, and this one was good. Bottom: The Harmonica Band must be one of the largest anywhere in the country. It was ably conducted by Savage C. Thompson.



Herman Munster, alias Savage Hairy Hormone.



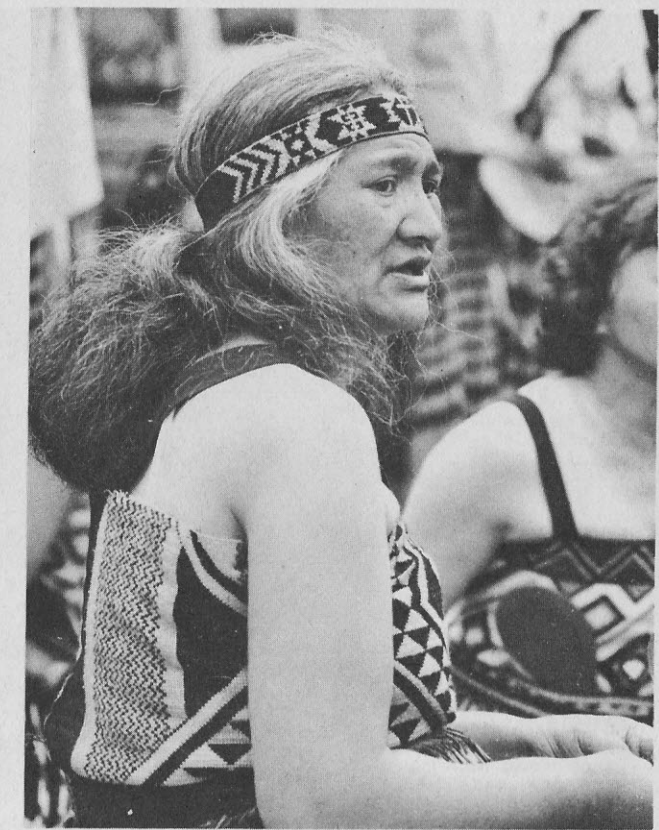
HAWERA SAVAGE SHOW (Continued)

Above: The only woman who had anything to do with the show was Betty Clark. She had spent many hours making the costumes and the bull's head. Well done, Betty!
Below: "Kings of the Road" D. Clarke, K. Jackson, N. Pease and J. Wharehoka.
Above, right: Savage "Hairy Hormone" otherwise known as Herman Munster.
Below, right: Members of a witty sketch "New Arrivals" were Savages M. Dymond, M. Grace, L. Hawkins and D. McCormick.



POLISHED ENTERTAINMENT AT HAWERA
Above: Much thought and costuming went into most of the sketches, as was the case with this one, "Break-up Day".
Right: "Talking Dog" was another clever item, here performed by Savages M. Dymond, C. McGurk and W. Burroughs.
Below: Make-up men had a ton of work to get through. Here Lincoln Rowland makes up the face of Russ Broyden.
Below, right: Choir in the "Stained Window" were very good.





"Hinemoa And Tutanekai" At The Bowl

One of the most ambitious productions yet, and with the solid backing of the Maori people of the province, "Hinemoa and Tutanekai" had its first full dress rehearsal at Brooklands Bowl recently. Despite heavy rain during the rehearsal, things went smoothly and the producer, Mrs N. Leatham, Hawera, said how pleased she was with this, the first meeting of the full cast, numbering something over 300. All the actors in this production are drawn from the Maori population of the province, and they have been practising in their various groups for many weeks now. This should be one of the most colourful and musical presentations ever to grace the stage at the Bowl of Brooklands, and from what we saw at rehearsal, would recommend it to you.

Above: Chorus of Maori maidens during one of the poi dances. Left: Part of the cast of 300 stands out in the rain during rehearsal. Below: Some idea of the size of the cast is gained from this picture. Many children will be taking part. Above, right: Awaiting a cue for appearance on stage. Below, right: Principals in full costume during the rehearsal.

