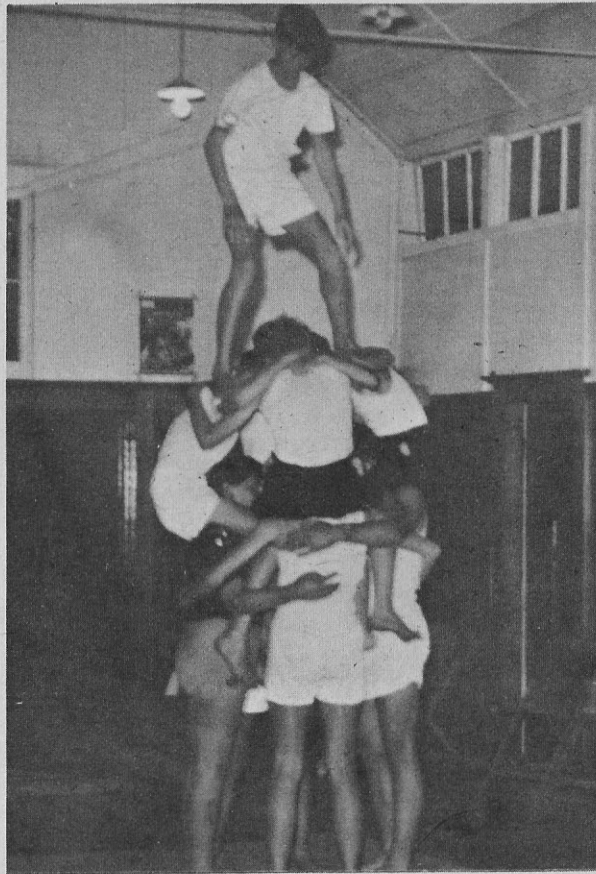




## QUEEN'S BADGE PRESENTED

The annual prizegiving of the 4th NP company of the Boys' Brigade was marked by the presentation of the company's seventh Queen's award in its ten years of existence. For a company so small, this is a remarkable achievement, reflecting great credit on the officers of the company. Above: Recipient of the Queen's Award, Cpl. Philip Alley, who is in his fifth year with the group, is presented with his award by the president of the Taranaki group, Mr Des Hill. Below: During the evening there was a display by the boys, who showed how physically fit they are. Above, right: Here they form a tower, while, below, they form a pyramid.



## N.Z. LEBANESE CELEBRATION

Lebanese people now living in Taranaki recently celebrated the 23rd anniversary of their country's independence with an evening at the Braemar Private Hotel as guests of the proprietor, Mr Russell Buchanan, and Mrs Buchanan. The guests included the retiring M.P. for New Plymouth, Mr E.P. Aderman, and Mrs Aderman, who has recently celebrated 23 years as a member of Parliament. Above: Some of the Lebanese who enjoyed native food and the company of their fellow countrymen. Right: Mrs Buchanan lit the candles on the celebration cake. Below: The honour of blowing out the candles fell to Mrs Aderman. Below, right: The cake was cut by Mr Aderman after a well-prepared speech.



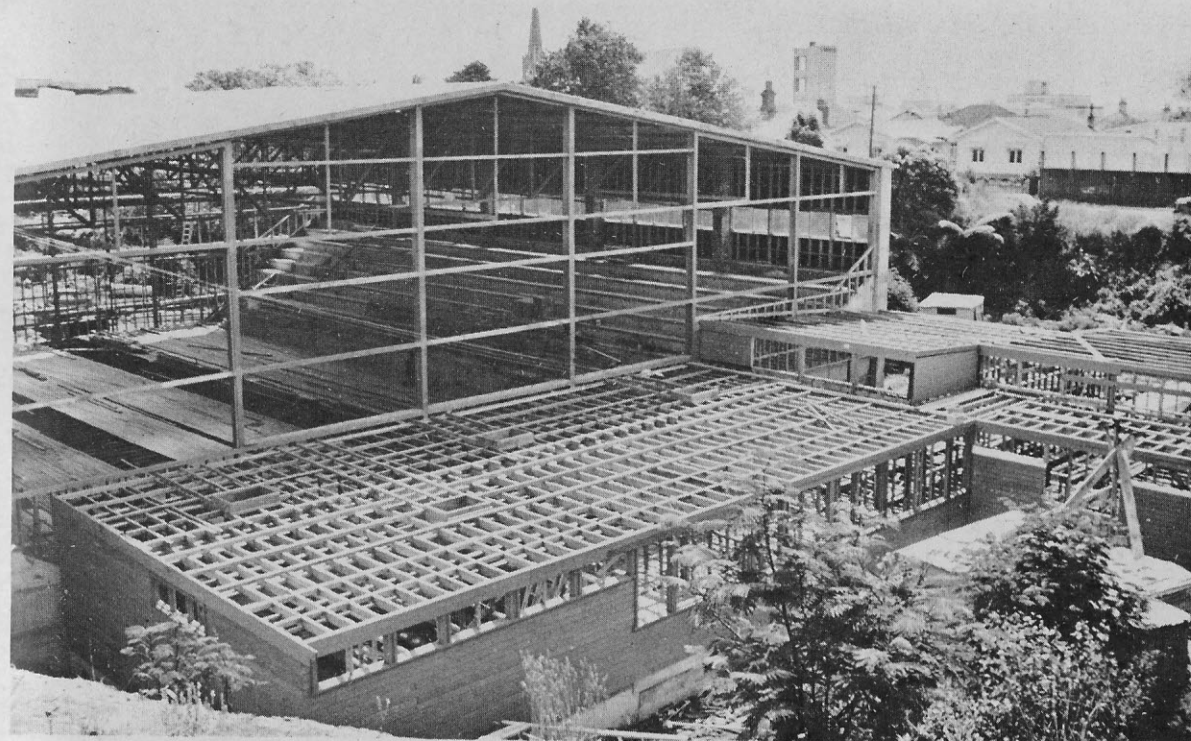
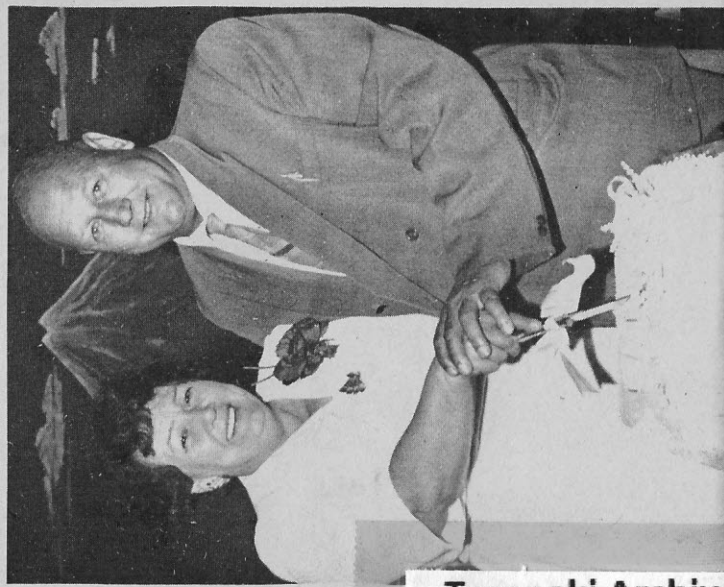


## N.P. PARENTS

All the mothers above held a reunion recently in the Whiteley Hall. They all attended the anti-natal exercises together prior to the births of their children, and had organised the reunion to compare notes on their children. By the look of them, the exercises must have done a lot of good, for the babies were the healthiest lot we've seen for a long time.

### SILVER WEDDING

The Hillsborough Hall was full for the silver wedding anniversary celebrations of Val and Newt Sampson. This popular couple were the recipients of some good-natured fun, when a few of their friends decided it was time they went through the wedding ceremony again. Left: Here the "parson" pronounces them legal-like. Far left: The happy couple cut their celebration cake.



## PROGRESS IN THE CITY

**Above:** Great strides are being made on the new YMCA stadium behind the Baptist Church in Liardet Street. Our photograph shows the progress which has been made since the start of the project, with the roof now in place and the adjoining facilities block nearing completion. It will be a great and proud moment for the YMCA to have its own home.

**Below:** At the cost of safety and progress, some more valuable free parking spots have been lost to the city. This picture, looking north along Powderham Street shows the new markings for Courtney and Carrington Streets traffic. According to reports, it will not be long before the whole of this road will be free of parking spots. This of course is necessary for the free flow of traffic, but something will have to be done soon to relieve the parking problem in the city. Friday shoppers will be driven to other towns to shop if the City Council doesn't hurry with some sort of plan for parking.





**CHRISTMAS IS HERE**

Here's a picture which reminds us that Christmas is very near...the time for peace on earth and goodwill to all men. And that's our wish to all the readers. The tableau was taken at the recent Catholic Women's League Christmas Party at the Old Folks' Rooms.



*Engaged*

**Above:** CROFSKEY-QUICKENDEN. Rosie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. C. M. Quickenden, Rahotu, to Brian, second son of Mr M. Crofskey, Opunake, and the late Mr Crofskey. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

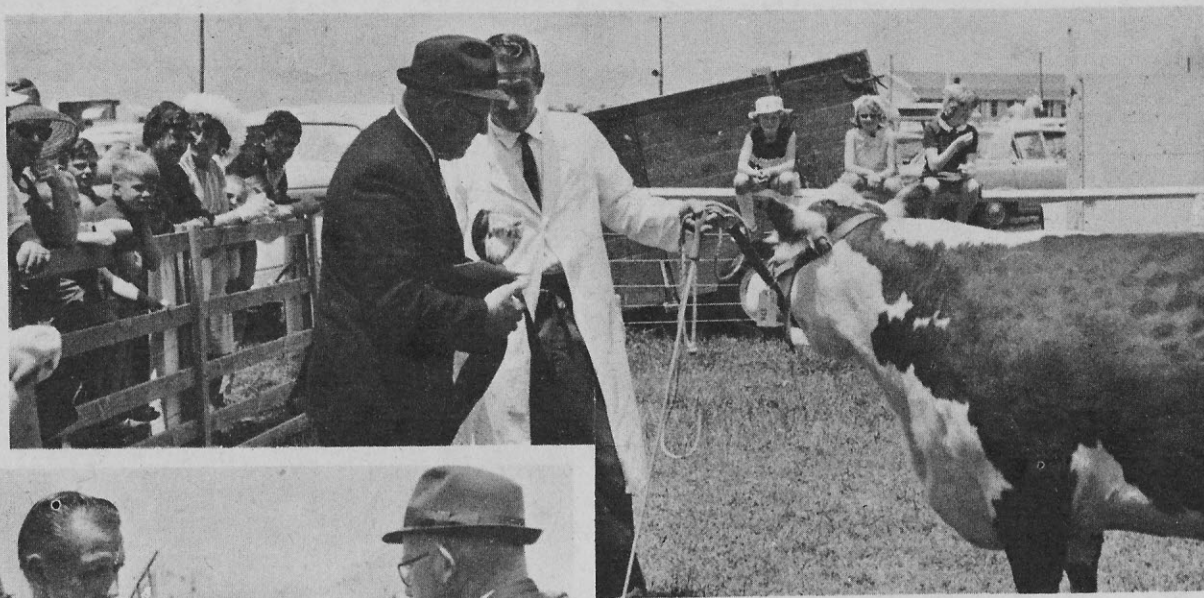
**Below:** FAULL-BERCICH. Diane Maria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Bercich, Auckland, to Allan Maxwell, son of Mr and Mrs L. Faull, Tikorangi.

**Above right:** POMANA-WILKINSON. Diane Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. H. Wilkinson, Mananui, to Wilson Ben, son of Mr and Mrs B. Pomana, Pokeno.

**Right:** GULLERY-WEBB. Sandra Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. S. Webb, Patea, to Lindsay Charles, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. N. Gullery, Waverley. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

**Below, right:** CORNES-DINGLE. Shirley, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. B. Dingle, Hawera, to Alec, second son of Mr and Mrs H. S. Cornes. Toko. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).



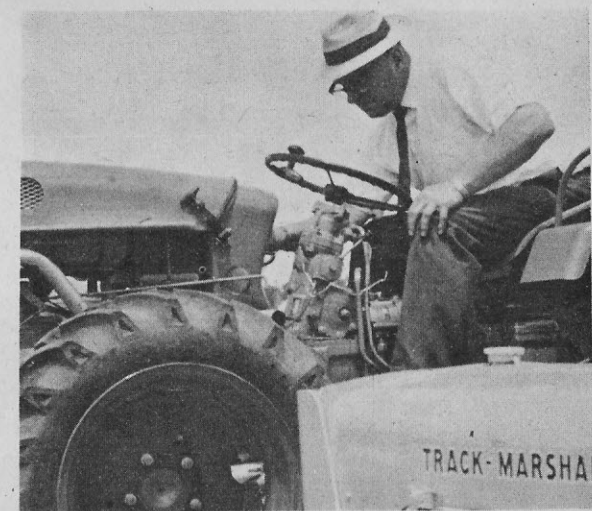


## STRATFORD SHOW

How lucky can some organisers be? After a week of rain and miserable weather, the Stratford show enjoyed two of the best days in November for their annual show. This of course brought the crowds out, and on the second day, there was one of the largest crowds seen for a long time - perhaps it was because it was polling day. The cattle and horse sections were well up on last year's number of entries. One of the features of the show was the number of cups and ribbons won by Mangatoki farmer, Lindsay Morgan. He is shown, *left*, receiving the cup for the best Hereford Bull. *Above*: Lindsay and the judge have a few words on the good points of his prize-winning bull. *Below*: Each of the cattle classes was well patronised.



*Above*: One of the features of the Stratford show is the trotting races always held there. Flying down the straight are three of the fast horses on show. *Right*: Mostly the small boys want to get the feel of a tractor, but this time our camera caught a farmer who was genuinely interested. *Below*: Looking up at what? Well it was escapologist Ian Joy. *Below*: There were dozens of cups to be won at the Highland dancing section of the show.





Above: Our candid camera caught these two bods walking round the Stratford show....must have been advertising something.

Below: The Vauxhall Viva created more than just mild interest.

Above, right: The chair-o-plane is not for the squeamish.

Right: Three pretty girls take things easy on the big wheel.

Below, right: Brother and sister on the roundabouts. You girls always need your big brother's protection.



## HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS AT RADIO TARANAKI

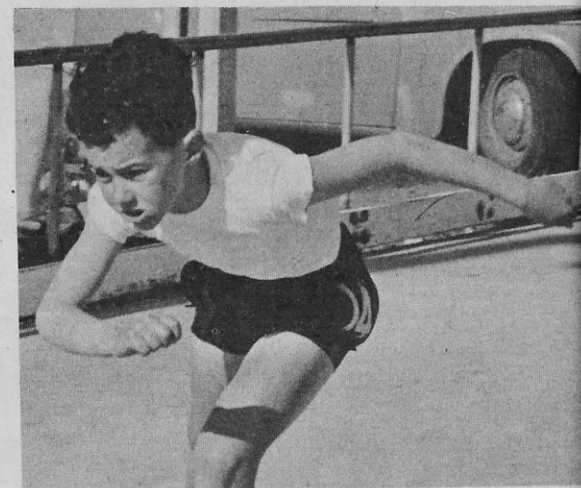
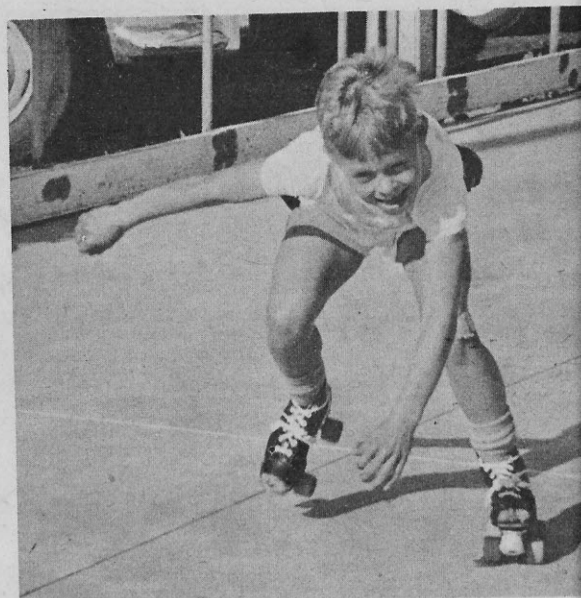
Sixth Form pupils from the Hawera THS recently took over duties for a day in all departments at Radio Taranaki in New Plymouth. They were given an opportunity of trying anything from announcing to office work. Above: John Newland spent some time announcing and news-reading. Below: Hazel Kerrisk and Stephen Kersey spent most of their time in the programme department. Above, right: Robert Johnstone and Robyn Luscombe in the news department. Right: Gillian Wrigley and some of the person to person copy. Below, right: Sandra McColl did some announcing.



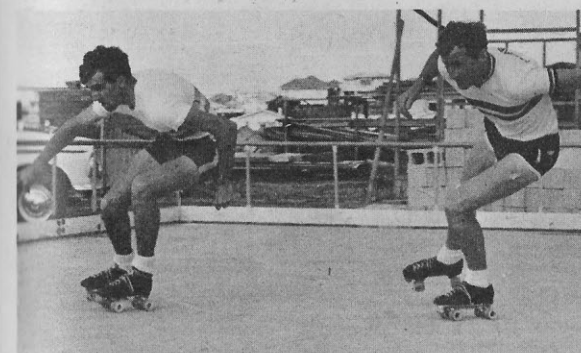


## SPEED SKATING FESTIVAL

Seven new records were set at the NP Skating Club's recent speed meeting. Above: Hayes, Stevens, Sands and Shackelford in a heat of the Intermediate 1/2-mile. Below: R.Loader and L. Benseman in a heat of the junior boys' 1/4-mile. Bottom, left: There were quite a few spills at the meeting. Above, right: Smiling winner in a kindergarten 2-lap event. Right: Kevin Cole was intent on winning. Below, right: But he had a tough tussle with Martin Downey.



Gerrard Landreth (Stratford) wins the kindergarten 2-lap event.



Brader and Eckersley fight out the finish in one of the semi-finals.



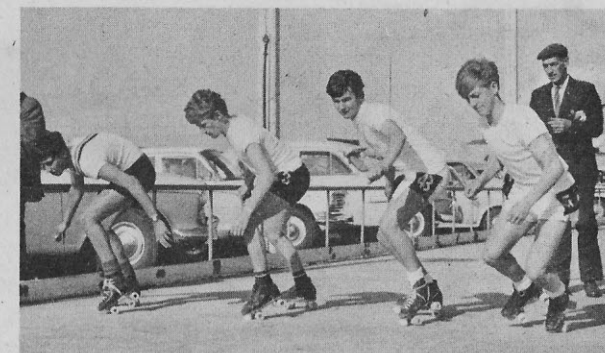
B. Eckersley, C. Brader and L. Chrighton in the semi-final of the men's 1/2-mile.



P. Theobald, P. Signal, D. Park and R. Shaw come round the bend just after the start of an intermediate race.



The same four nearer the finish.



Start of the intermediate boys' 1/2-mile final with D. Hayes, P. Signal, M. Stevens and D. Park.

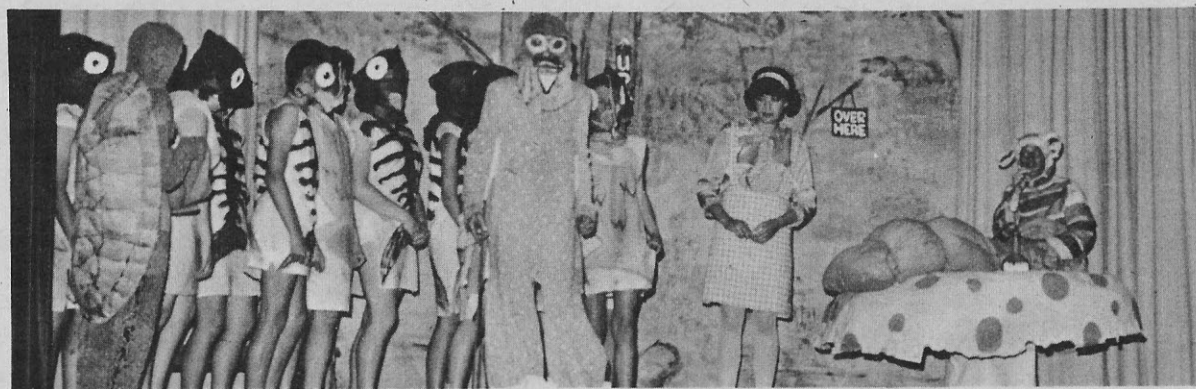


Starters in the final of the men's 1/2-mile championship event.



## WONDERFUL PANTOMINE AT WAITARA HIGH SCHOOL

Such pleasurable and professional pantomime from third and fourth form pupils we have never seen before. The Waitara High School can be justly proud of the quality of production, plus the idea of such colourful and enjoyable panto. Alice in Wonderland was presented, not as pure fantasy, but as a show with twists that could not fail to please. Congrats to all concerned, and particularly the producer-writers, Mrs Somervell and Mr Hinch. Above: Complete cast on stage for the finale. Below: This is a scene made from the original fantasy of the Alice story, and well done too. Bottom, left: The Go-Go girls added something to the story. Above, right: The Mad Hatters' tea party. Right: Dancers were of a very high standard. Below, right: The Queen of Hearts and her court. Bottom, right: The flowers which danced...and very effectively too.





## LIFE BOYS' PACIFIC DISPLAY

St. Andrew's Church Hall, NP, was recently filled to capacity for an evening organised by the Life Boys' which had a Pacific flavour. The idea was to raise money for Boys' Brigade extension work in the Pacific, and the magnificent sum of £22 was collected during the evening. A worthwhile effort on the part of the boys. **Above:** This was the scene in the hall, with not much spare room, especially for the audience. **Below:** The 4th New Plymouth team provided a Maori item, enjoyed by all, and performed by the boys so well that you wouldn't have known they were Pakehas.



**Above:** Life Boys from the first Okato team provided singing that was good, enjoyed by all. They chose music from the "Sound of Music".

**Right:** There was an action song, "What shall we do with a dirty Life Boy?" by the 6th New Plymouth team, which proved quite hilarious.

**Below, left:** National painting awards were presented by Rev. Lane Taharoa. Here Andrew McLaughlin, 3rd NP, receives his prize.

**Below, centre:** Robin Hill, 5th NP, gets his prize, plus a smile and handshake.

**Below, right:** Philip Harvey, 3rd NP, was another to receive an award in the National Painting competition. (PHOTOGRAPHS BY RAY BROOKING).







## Wedding Bells

Above: **BILLIG-THOMPSON.** At the Methodist Church, Inglewood, Beverley Doreen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Thompson, Tariki, to Terrence Albert, only son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Billig, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Colleen Thompson, sister of the bride, Tariki, and Faye Billig, sister of the groom, NP. The flower-girl was Gail Thompson, sister of the bride, Tariki. Best man was Peter Anderson, Cambridge, and the groomsman was Ian Thompson, brother of the bride, Tariki. Future home will be New Plymouth. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

## HAPPINESS CLUB GATHERING

As a start to the Christmas festivities, the Happiness Club recently conducted a very successful garden party. Here is a group of all the club members taken at the party. It's easy to see why they belong to the Happiness Club - one of the qualifications for membership is a bright and happy smile.

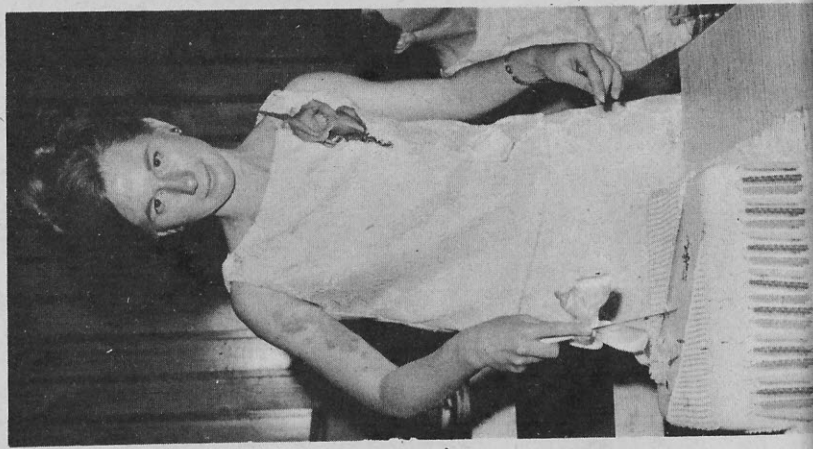
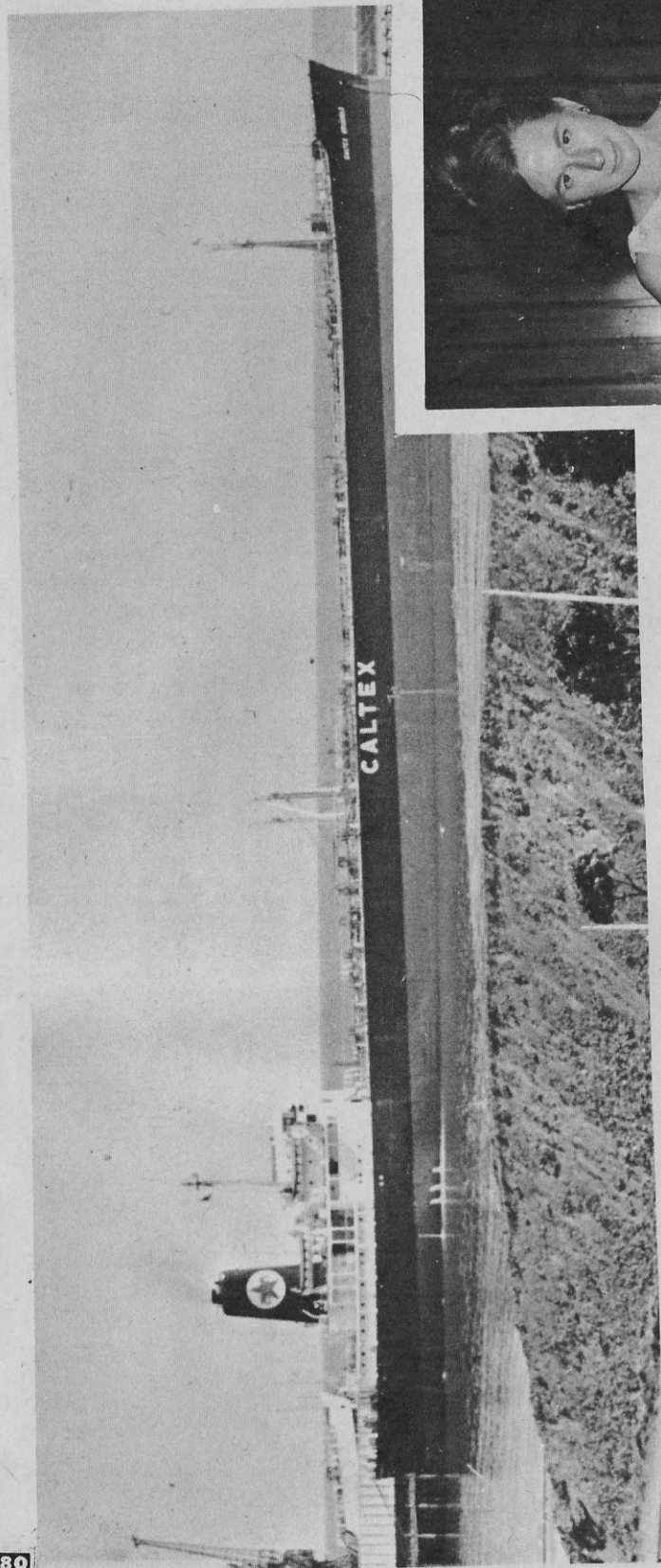


## WOODLEIGH C.W.I. CHRISTMAS PARTY



A very successful Christmas party was recently held by the Woodleigh C.W.I. Included in the afternoon's programme was a short sketch, a special tea for children and presents for everyone. Above, left: Ella Patchett and Pat Smith in a play, "The Obliging Ghost". Below, left: Children of the members enjoy their special afternoon tea. Above: The Christmas cake was cut by Mrs Quay, whose birthday it was, and the president, Mrs H.M. Bacon. Below: Specially decorated tables for this important occasion.





## LONGEST SHIP

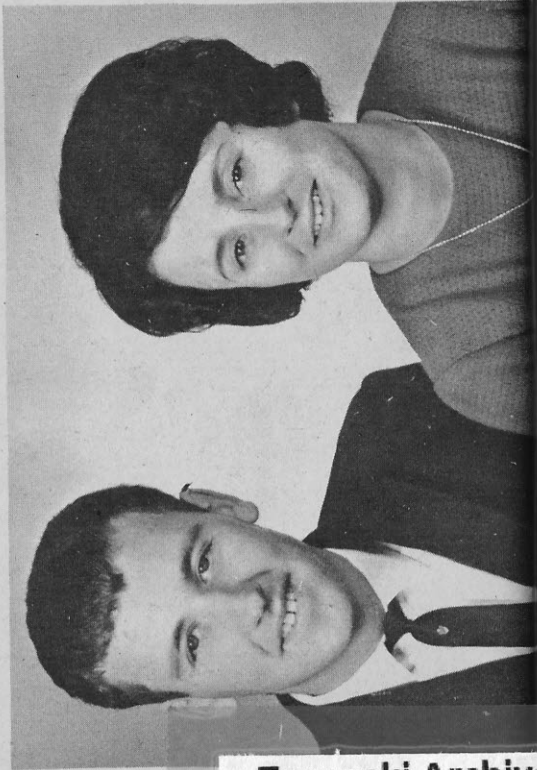
Yet another record was recently created when Port Taranaki received its longest ever ship. Here is the tanker Caltex Brussels. It has a gross tonnage of 16,660 tons, and is 596ft. 7ins. long.

### Engaged

Left: ALEXANDER-O'LEARY, Patricia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D. P. O'Leary, Riverlea, to Glenn, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. Alexander, Nelson. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

### Coming of Age

Right: Daphne, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. V. Jordan, Hawera, cuts the cake marking her 21st birthday. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).



# FORUM AND OPINION



## ART?

Letter from L. J. of Coronation Avenue, NP, says "I recently went along to the W. James' Art Exhibition at the museum and came away with the distinct impression that the poster advertising art was a complete misnomer. Where, may I ask, is the ART in scraps of metal, or what have you, just heaped or stuck together, with a price tag of between ten and twenty guineas? Surely this would be a fairly easy way of making a living... if one was lucky enough to find a mug to buy such so-called art. When my children were in primer classes at school, they brought home better looking objects than those on display. Is it the policy of the City Council to let the beautiful museum to anyone who cares to call him or herself an artist? Not all the exhibitions at the museum have been like this one, as I recall some very fine work by local artist Colin Nicholls. Then there was the exhibition by the three women, I forget their names, but their's was a true art exhibition. Isn't it about time the council looked very carefully at the sort of "Art" that is to be exhibited?"

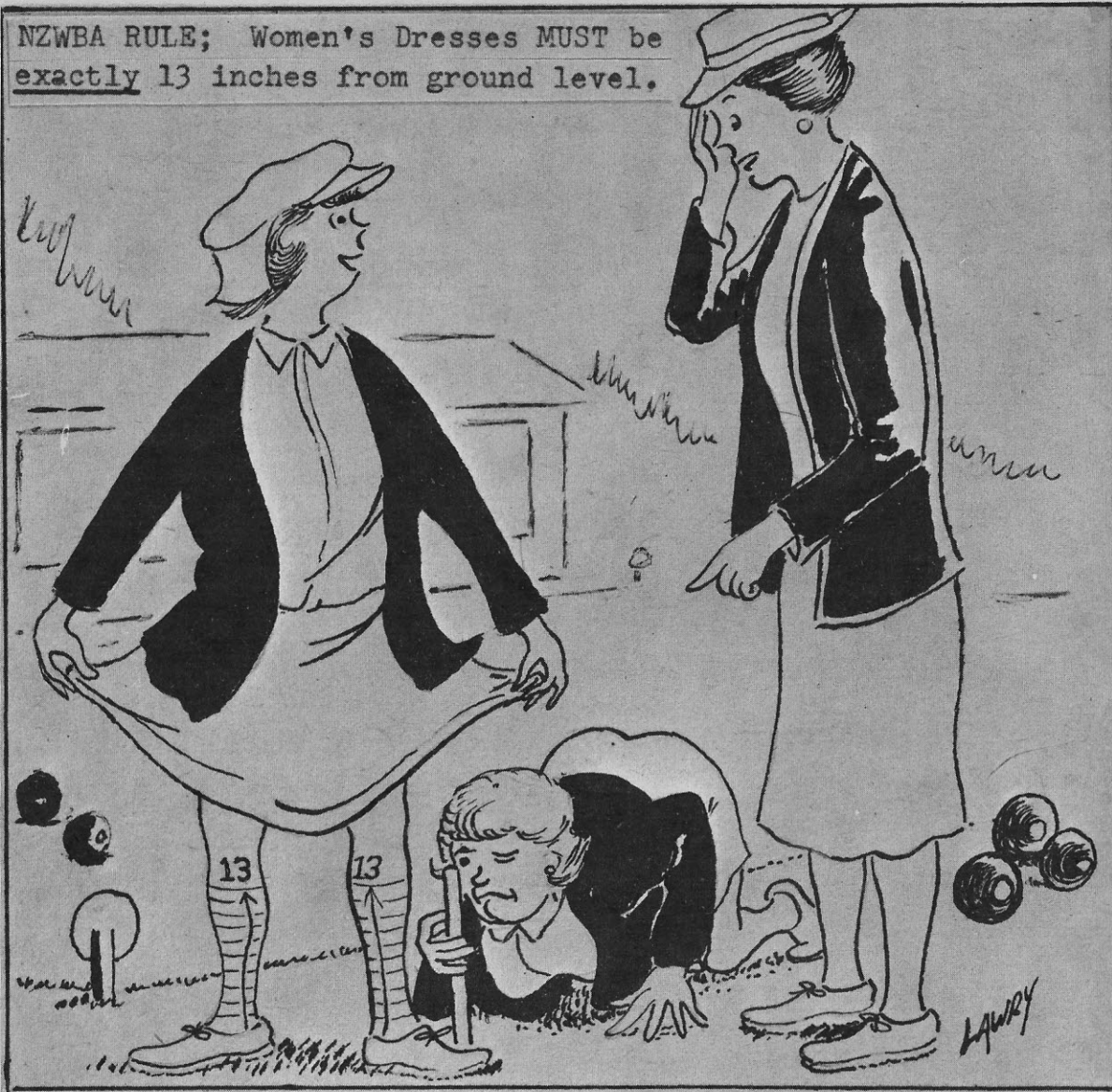
Left: This is one of the objects referred to in the letter. It is called "Relief in burnt Aluminium" and is priced at 22gns. Other pictures of the exhibition are to be found elsewhere in this issue.

## MUSIC . . . .

Top marks to the New Plymouth City Band and New Plymouth Orchestra for their idea of a Promenade Concert in the War Memorial Hall. It was a new idea and a good one. Everyone who went along came away with the feeling that this was a good thing for the city, and the informal atmosphere was more to the liking of the audience. This, plus good music by both combinations, made the evening one of the best musical treats so far this year. Well done, the organisers!



NZWBA RULE; Women's Dresses MUST be exactly 13 inches from ground level.



## RULES MUST BE OBEYED

"YOU KNOW WICKIE, THESE NEW REGULATION STOCKINGS ARE GOING TO SAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF BENDING FOR IVY AND INA!"

## PRESENTATION

Right: After over thirty years, a long time by any stretch of the imagination, Harold Tuson has resigned from the Scouting movement. Harold has been a conscientious and hard worker for the Boy Scouts, always on hand to help and advise when called upon. At a recent function to honour Harold, he was presented with an illuminated address, presented here by Mr George Hemmens, and a gift of crystal wear.



Something new was witnessed in the grand parade at the recent Hawera A & P show, with Basil Southcombe, huntsman of the Egmont Hunt, and his charges which seemed perfectly controlled on this occasion. They received a great ovation from the packed stand.

## HOUNDS AT HAWERA SHOW