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Bride of the Month



Set in the beauty of the rhododendron dell at Brooklands Park is our lovely bride this month, Margaret, second daughter of Mr and Mrs N. C. Batten, NP, who was recently married to John, youngest son of Mrs W. J. Allen, NP, and the late Mr Allen, at St. Michael's Anglican Church, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS)



Season's Greetings

Once again the holiday season is upon us, and it is our pleasure to extend to all our readers the compliments of the season.

Yet again, it has been a fruitful year, answering the calls for a photographer. We've enjoyed meeting so many new people, as well as the countless old friends made during the course of our work.

1968 has brought its worries, but we feel sure that 1969 will be brighter for all.

It is our constant aim to serve the public of Taranaki, and this we do with the help of our friends who ring and tell us of various functions taking place.

Best wishes for the festive season and prosperity for 1969 to you all,

Reg Eves,
(EDITOR).

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OUR COVER

Well, it is the festive season, and you would expect Santa to pop up any-old-where. Here, we find him on the beach at Oakura, just as Sue Thacker was enjoying the first of the summer's sun. Santa and Sue make a pretty picture, don't you agree?

Back Cover

Top: Town view of Egmont with its winter coat, taken from the Marsland Hill, with the observatory in the foreground.

Bottom: Just past now is one of the most colourful sights in our city. Down at the Pukekura Park Rhododendron Dell there has been a mass of bloom and we have produced just one of the gorgeously coloured rhododendrons.

CELEBRATIONS

Left: Cutting her 21st birthday cake is Anne, the daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Hunter, NP.

Right: Celebrating 25 years of married life are Mr and Mrs R. G. Scott, NP.

Below, right: Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. G. Scott, NP, to shown with his family on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

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Engagements

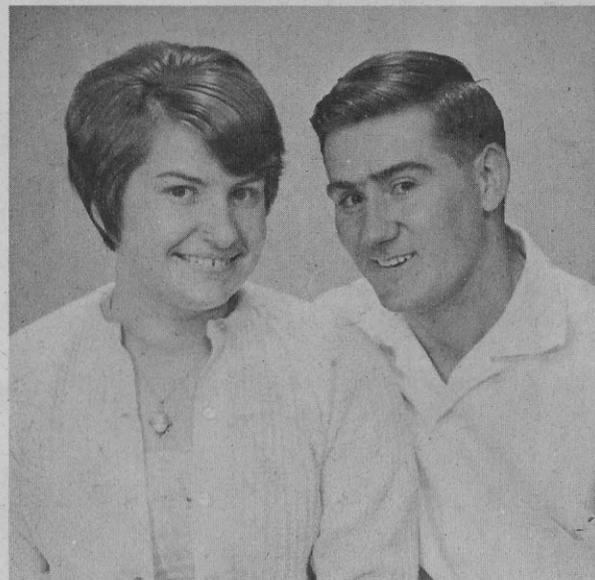
Above, left: BOUCHER-JENKINS: Carol Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.V. Jenkins, Bell Block, to Dennis Robert, younger son of Mr A.R. Boucher, NP, and the late Mrs Boucher. (VOGUE)

Above: LANGMAN-GILSHNAN: Judith Marilyn, third daughter of Mrs L.J. Gilshnan, NP, and the late Mr Gilshnan, to Brian William, eldest son of Mrs D.R. Langman, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Left: BARRIBALL-KEEN: Stella Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.Keen, Wellington, to John, only son of Mr and Mrs R.Barriball, NP. (VOGUE).

Below, left: RELF-MANNING: Heather Rae, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.R.Manning, Waitara, to Graeme Russell, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L.C. Relf, Waitara. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

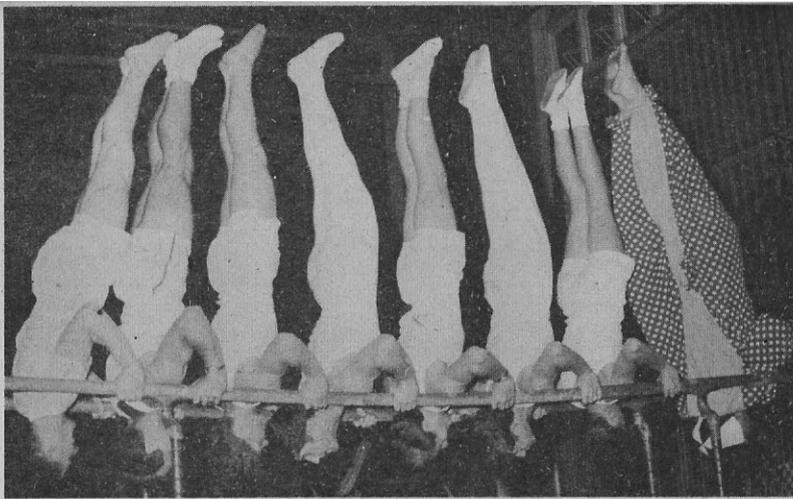
Below: RICHARDS-PINKNEY: Mavis, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.C. Pinkney, Stratford, to James Errol, only son of Mr and Mrs R.S. Richards, Stratford. (VOGUE STUDIOS).



CIVIC RECEPTION

A civic welcome was recently accorded the Governor-General, Sir Arthur Porritt, who was accompanied by his wife, Lady Porritt, and daughter Joanna. A large lunch-time crowd attended this function, held in fine weather. Above: The Vice-Regal party arrives in the Rolls Royce, and what a car, it is too! Below: Sir Arthur is escorted to the dais by the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D.V. Sutherland. Bottom: Mayor Sutherland welcomes the distinguished guests. Also in the welcoming party were Mr and Mrs R.Barclay, the member for NP, and Mr L.Hickford, chairman of the County.



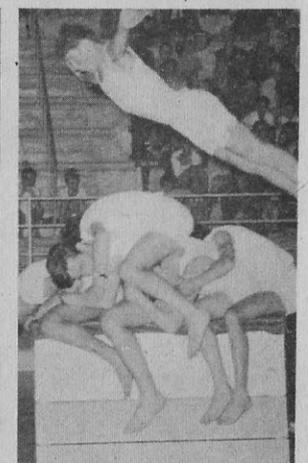
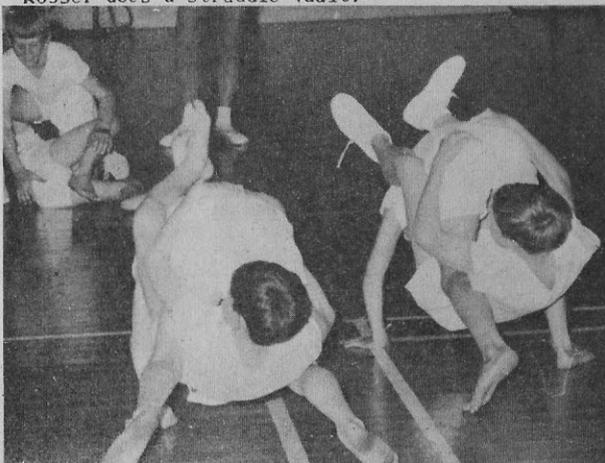
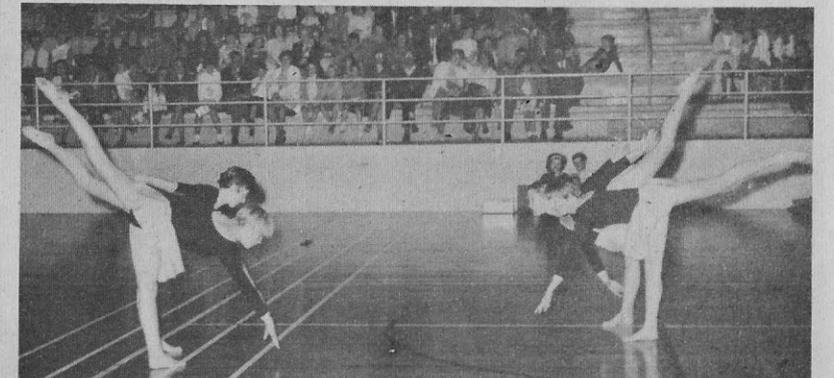
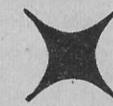


GYM FROLICS

Some 750 people saw this year's gym frolics at the YMCA. Called "Kids Galore", the display was certainly that as the hundreds of children who belong to the YMCA all took part in this very interesting display. Top, left: Senior members wind up a good showing on the parallel bars. Above: The "Giddy Girls" junior primary lasses were involved in a series of circle games. Above, right: Jeff Norton flies over a heap of junior Hi-Y boys. Right: Trevor Creagh helps Jeanine Revell in a demonstration back somersault. Bottom, left: Senior primary boys show how to do the "monkey-carry". Below, right: Lola Rosser does a straddle vault.



Above, left: Paul Manning and Robbie Booth were the comedians of the trampoline. Above: Jeff Olsen and Trevor Bishop demonstrate how to climb with unevenly distributed weight. Left: Clowns Trevor Creagh and Marshall Taylor provided the laughs. Below: Modern rhythm gymnastic exhibition. Bottom, left: Clowns' performance was both agile and amusing. Bottom, centre: Rob Wheeler showed the crowd how not to prevent exposure. Where did you find the top part Rob? Bottom, right: Doug Hill dive rolls over a pyramid of YM boys.





Wedding Bells

Above: REEVE-HARRISON: At the Anglican Church, Kaponga, Valerie Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. Harrison, Kapuni, to Brian Ernest, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. M. Reeve, NP. The matron of honour was Gaile Jenkins, sister of the bride, NP, and the bridesmaid was Lois Reeve, sister of the groom, NP. The best man was Vivian Wilson, NP, and the groomsman was Colin Harrison, brother of the bride, Kapuni. Future home, NP. (DAVID PAUL STUDIO).

Below: GOW-SORENSEN: At St Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Shirley Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Sorenson, Normanby, to Alistair, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Gow, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Alison Webber, Wellington and Paula Hammond, Hawera. The best man was Bryan Gates, Hawera, and the groomsman was Noel Cresswell, Palmerston North. Future home, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL STUDIO)



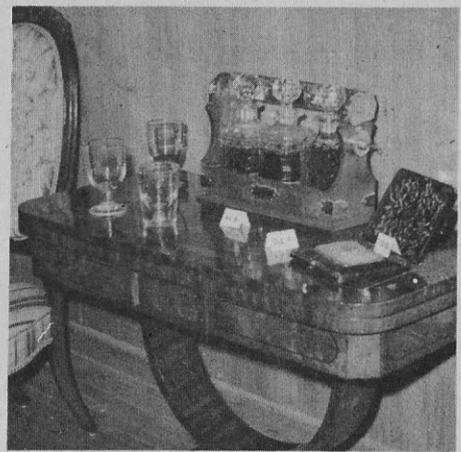
OKATO MODELS

The Okato District High School had a capacity audience to watch its mannequin parade. The composed manner of the young models as they paraded gave the show a touch of professionalism. **Above**, from left: Karen Oke, Denise Colman, Judith Hill, Kathleen Black and Beverley McKay. **Far left:** Patricia Phillips. **Left:** Barbara Magon. **Right:** Patricia Hunt. **Far right:** Robin Snowden. **Below**, from left: Barbara Luckin, Barbara Hardy, Leone Phillips, Margaret Redding, April Bannister.





Above: Another official, Miss Mollie Purdue, looks at a display of fair linen including altar cloths and embroidered bookmarks. **Above, right:** Here is a Spanish leather wine jack, used for storing and pouring wine in the 17th century. **Left:** Another baby's cradle, this time a rocking one, used in 1720. **Right:** Found in the drawing-room of our ancestors would be this carved cabinet with its wine containers and tobacco box. **Below:** A section of the crowd, as viewed from the stage, which streamed through every day of the exhibition. Garden chairs were provided as resting places and huge brass vases were filled with flowers, both adding to this beautifully arranged show. **Below, right:** A brightly embroidered banner featuring Saint Mary, encased in pattern work. This serves as a church decoration.



Excellent Antique Display

ST. MARY'S CELEBRATIONS.

Part of St. Mary's 125th Anniversary celebrations was an antique exhibition, set up in the War Memorial Hall, displaying many privately owned articles as well as museum pieces. Credit must go to Mrs Strang and her helpers for this wonderful showing of antiques, which, in the spacious Memorial Hall, looked very effective to the large number of people who attended it, with the pieces on show set out as "rooms" in different corners of the hall. **Top:** One of the officials, Mrs Joan Kirkby, looks at a pair of Dutch silver serving spoons, part of a dessert course from the Hepplewhite period. **Top, right:** A bride from the mid-Victorian era. **Above:** Intricate pieces of jewellery and lace from the mid-eighties. **Right:** Mrs A. Talbot, dressed for the part, works on this 100-year-old spinning wheel. **Below:** Christening gowns, all used in St. Mary's, and all being over 100 years old. **Below, right:** A swinging cradle, used to rock our grandparents to sleep.





Married

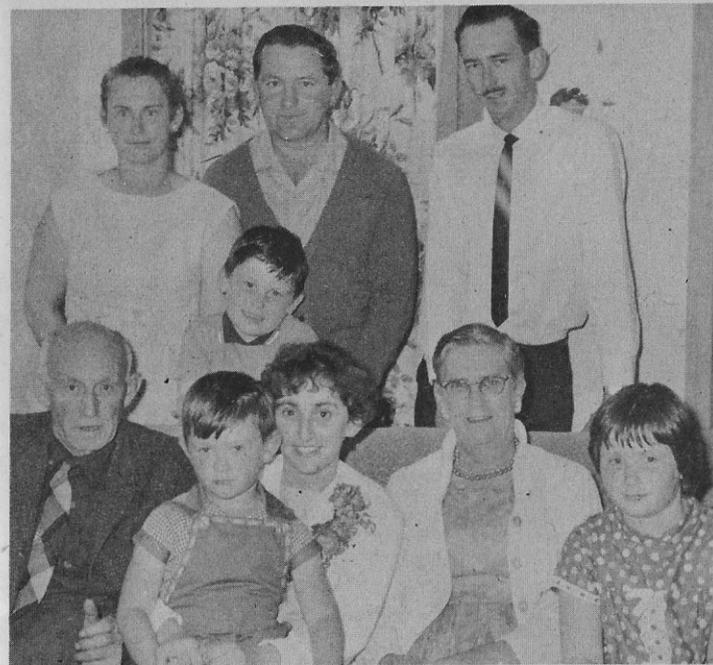
Left: FISHER-WALSH: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Caroline Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs V. C. Walsh, NP, to John Phillip, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Fisher, NP. The bridesmaid was Sandra Walsh, sister of the bride, NP, and the best man was Peter Fisher, brother of the groom, NP. The junior twins were Pamela and Paulette Love, NP. Future home, NP.



Right: NEVIN-JAMES: At Our Lady Star of the Sea, Catholic Church, Opunake, Julene, second daughter of Mr and Mrs I. L. James, Opunake, to John Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. B. Nevin, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Goodin, Auroa, Julie Horgan, Opunake, and Dianne James, sister of the bride, Opunake. The best man was Ernest Fevre, Awatuna, and the groomsman was Michael James, brother of the bride, Opunake. Future home, Opunake.



Left: McCULLOUGH-PURDIE: At St. John's Anglican Church, NP, Lynne Marjorie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. H. Purdie, Waitara, to John Francis, third son of Mr and Mrs J. F. McCulloch, NP. The bridesmaids were Margaret Clare, and Colleen Oman, both Waitara. The best man was William McCulloch, brother of the groom, Wanganui, and the groomsman was Eric McCulloch, brother of the groom, NP. The flower-girl was Kay Purdie and the page boy was Steven Purdie, both Waitara. Future home, Dannevirke.



About People

Above, left: Miss Leah Beattie is photographed with her parents, Mr and Mrs R. Beattie, and family, at a farewell party in her honour as Leah is leaving for Nigeria to work in the Sudan Interior Mission. **Above, right:** Congratulations to Mrs I. A. E. Balsom, NP, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Mrs Balsom, in her younger days, was a schoolteacher in Taranaki. **Below, left:** A four generation photograph with great-grandmother, Mrs Sophie Davies, holding little Trina Blackmore, grandmother, Mrs Kuni Hansen, left, and mother, Mrs Margaret Blackmore, standing. **Below, right:** Another four-generation photo. Great-grandmother, Mrs R. Corkin, holds baby Christine. Beside her is grandmother, Mrs O. Balsom, and mother, Mrs J. Stevenson at back.



WE'RE HAVING A HOLIDAY ... BUT...

Our next issue won't be published until mid-February so in the meantime we're having a rest, butwe would still like to know what's going on. If you've got anything photographic that won't wait till February, then ring 35583 and we'll come out of hibernation for a while.

OMATA



VICE-REGAL VISIT TO COASTAL SCHOOLS

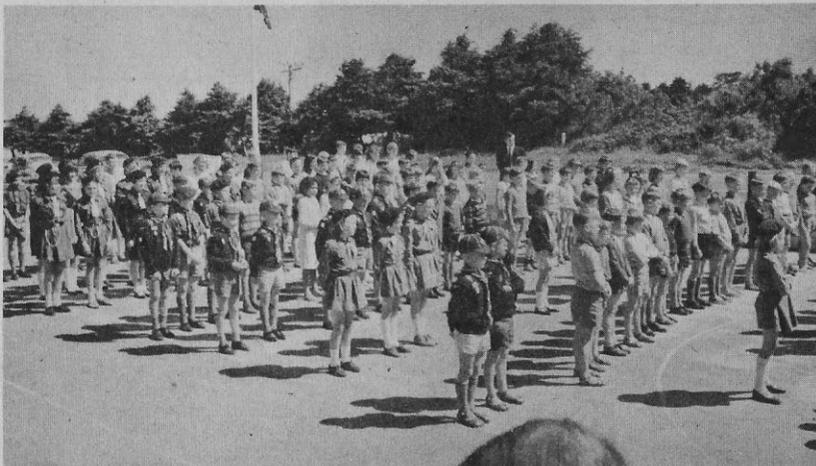
The Vice-Regal party during their recent visit to the province spent a very busy day touring the coastal schools from Omata to Manaia. Needless to say, it was a thrill for the children who were enjoying the first-ever visit of a Governor General to that district. Our photographers followed Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt from Omata to Opunake where we recorded the pictures on this and the next three pages. First stop, Omata, where the three members of the Porritt family mingled with and talked to the children.



OAKURA



Next stop, Oakura, where the children were all lined up, below, to greet the Governor-General. Above, left: Lady Porritt had a kind word to say to primary girls and below, right, Sir Arthur has a sympathetic word for this youngster with a broken toe.



WAREA

The third stop for Their Excellencies was Okato and before the speeches were made, Esther Manu gave Miss Joanna a bouquet, above, left, and head girl, Felicity Bannister gave one to Lady Porritt, above, centre. Above, right: Sir Arthur meets the boy prefects. Below centre: Primary children wait in turn to meet Lady Porritt. Below, right: Joanna made a hit with all the children. Bottom: Sir Arthur talks about the significance of the badges on these pupils' berets.



OKATO

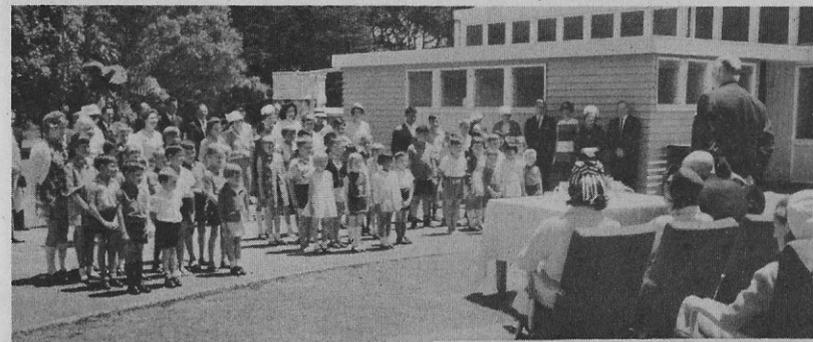
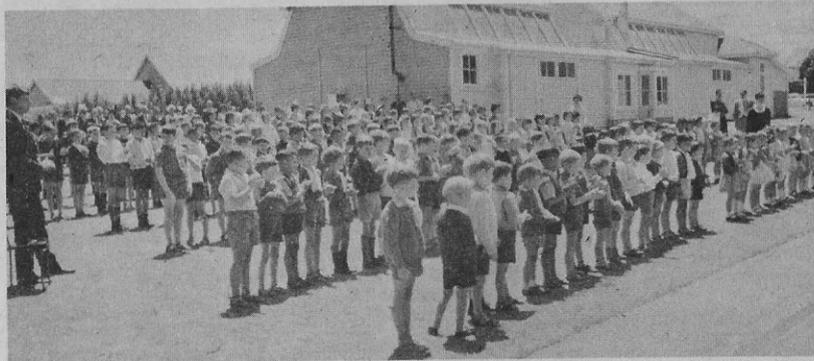
Warea school, though small in size, gave the party a warm welcome and the children chatted with Lady Porritt quite freely, below, left: Below, right: The pupils and adults applaud Sir Arthur's speech.





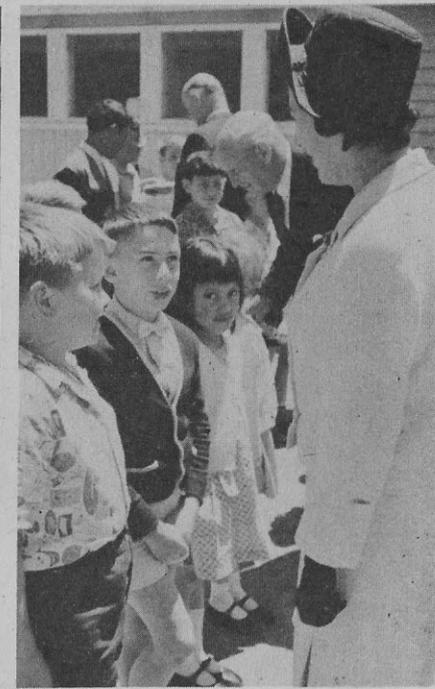
PUNGAREHU

Left: These Pungarehu pupils will remember this day for a long time. Above, centre: Young and old, it didn't matter, they all got a hullo from Sir Arthur. Above, right: A playful tickle from Joanna delighted these lads. Below: Perfect lines from the pupils. Below, right: Another lucky boy.



OĀONUI

Oaonui, the smallest school, but there was still the warm sunshine, wonderful welcome and opportunity for the children to meet the party.



OPUNAKE

Below: Primary, as well as Secondary pupils were present for Sir Arthur's visit. The children were intrigued with Lady Porritt and the boys got on quite well with Miss Joanna too!!!!



RAHOTU

The sixth school to welcome the party was Rahotu, and a very warm welcome it was too. Again the Vice-Regal visitors mingled freely with the children.





Married

Left: WEENINK-JACK: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, F. Muriel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Jack, Scotland, to Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Weenink, NP. The bridesmaid was Lesley Rutherford, Taihape, and the best man was Robert Hooper, Inglewood. The flower-girl was Susan Sealy, Christchurch. The future home, Hawkes Bay.



Right: FULTON-PELHAM: At the Fitzroy Catholic Church, Jillian Joan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N. C. Pelham, NP, to Ross Brian, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. Fulton, Waitara. The bridesmaids were Margaret Richardson and Elizabeth Horton, both NP. The best man was Jeff Wells, Huirangi, and the groomsmen were Bill Cameron, Waitara. The flower-girl was Susan Plant, NP. Future home, Waitara.



Left: MCKENNA-PRESTON. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Connie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Preston, Taumarunui, to Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. J. McKenna, Wanganui. The bridesmaids were Maureen Peri, Inglewood and Alwyn McLeod, NP. The best man was Tom Hay, Wellington and the groomsmen were Francis McKenna, brother of the groom, Wanganui. The flower-girls were Donna McKenna and Anne Preston, both NP. The page boys were Vaughn and Wayne McLeod, NP. Future home, NP.



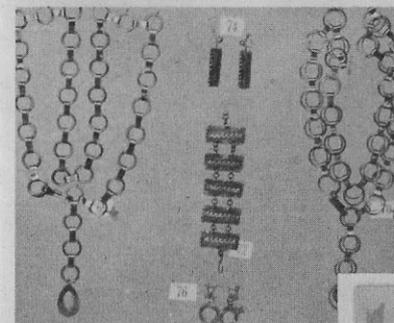
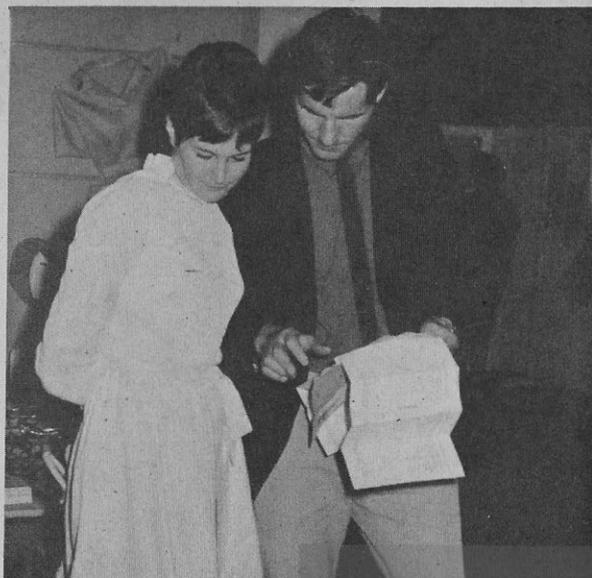
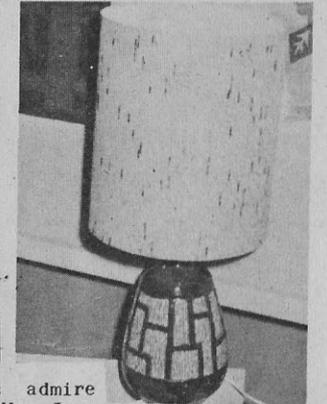
CHURCH FAIR

The Fitzroy Methodist Church fair was a big success with bargains galore for the many who supported it. **Above, left:** The Rev R. E. Fordyce slipped into a quiet corner to read his newspaper. **Above, right:** White elephant stall was well patronised. Katrina Rowe and Joan Smithers discussing their purchase with Mary Jackson. **Right:** Will I or won't I? Katrina Rowe takes time in making up her mind. She is attended by Miss J. Fenwick. **Below, left:** Tony and Katrina Brosnan. **Below, centre:** Grant and Gail Thompson mind their niece, Lynda Stewart. **Below, right:** If a book is worth buying it should be interesting--Kevin Greig engrossed in his prospective purchase.



Handcraft Exhibition

Three NZ artists recently held an exhibition of their work in the NP Art Gallery. The artists, Mae Hodge, Wellington, Thelma de Lancy-Green, NP, and Audrey Lissette, Levin, worked for months to make enough objects to exhibit. **Left:** The three ladies discuss the relative merits of one of their articles on display. **Right:** This cloth has a Maori motif as its basic design. **Centre, left:** This reminds one of the rock paintings. **Centre, right:** A hand-made water set. **Below, left:** Pauline Quinn, Stratford, and Margaret Ogden, NP, look at the catalogue. **Below, right:** Rosemary Hawthorne and Lance McEldowney discuss a probable purchase.



Top, left: Mesdames E.Hill and C.Copps admire the work. **Top, centre:** Andrew and mother, Mrs Joan Clark, with grandmother, Mrs H.J.Foreman, Alton, showed interest in a display. **Top, right:** Many of the designs on the cloths had a Maori origin. **Above, left:** Mexican pancho was a real eye-catcher with its gay colours. **Above:** Some of the fine pieces of jewellery. **Above, right:** Handmade lamps are a rarity. **Left:** Linked jewellery, somewhat out of the ordinary. **Right:** A beautifully made urn. **Below, left:** Handbags, another feature of the display. **Below, centre:** A cloth which featured rock drawing motifs. **Below, right:** It looks like a Taniwha.





MARRIED

Left: HALL-HOTTER: At Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Helen Ruth, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hotter, NP, to Ian Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs V. Hall, NP. The bridesmaid was Frances Crouch, sister of the groom, NP, and the best man was Ron Hall, brother of the groom, NP. Future home, Waiouru. (VOGUE).

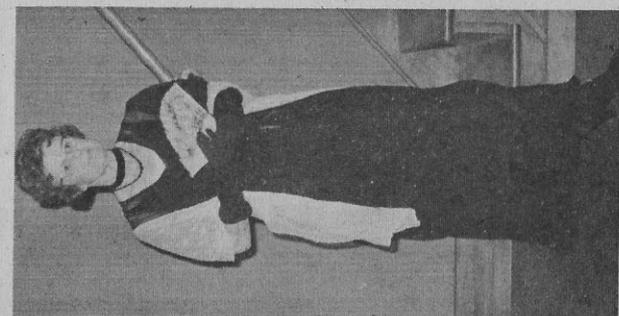
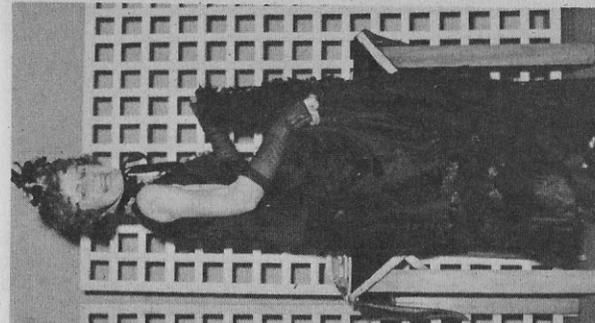
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Waitara Jaycee Xmas Party

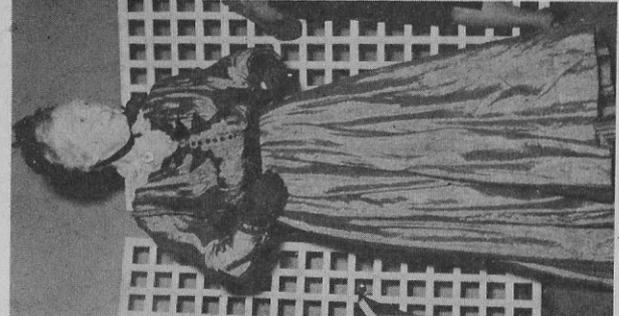
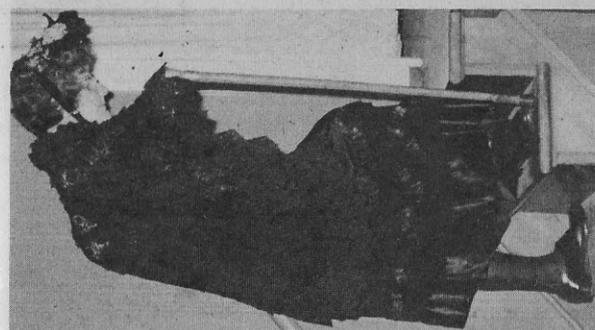
The annual Waitara Jaycee Christmas party took the form of a fancy dress "do" and a very successful one it was too, with everybody well costumed and entering into the spirit which pervaded the party. Here are some of the jubilant Jaycees and their wives. **Right:** Colleen Johnstone. **Centre, right:** Karen Duckett who portrayed Charlie Chaplin. **Far, right:** Blair and Natalie Hortor. **Below:** John Cunningham and Robyn Eriwata. **Below, centre:** Tom and Seanus Whelan. **Below, right:** Jan and Neal Strawbridge. **Bottom, left:** Jill and Doug Page, for export only. **Bottom centre:** Half and half team. **Bottom, right:** Frances McLean and Roger Ireland.



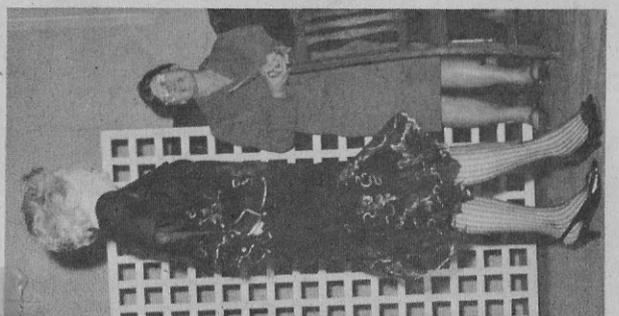
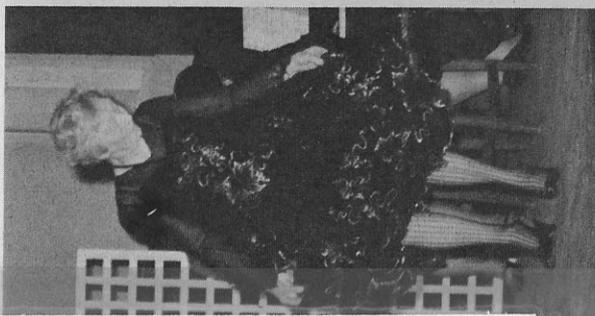
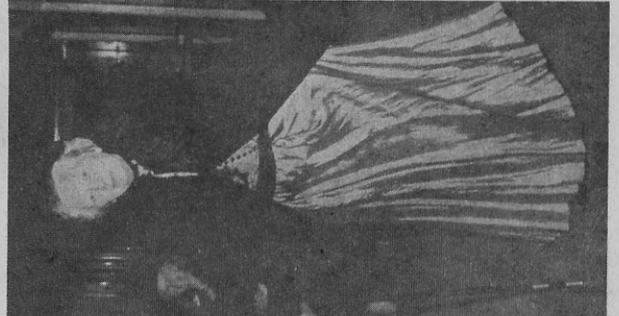
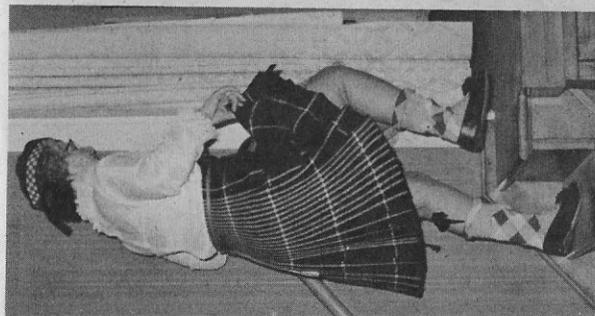
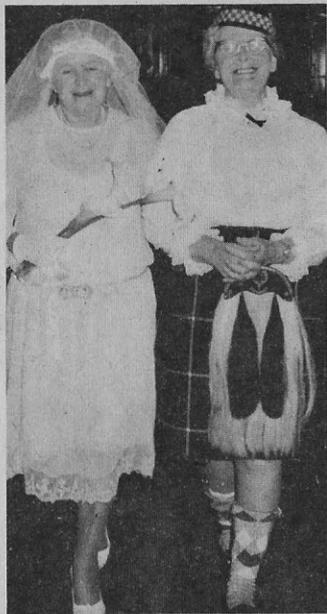
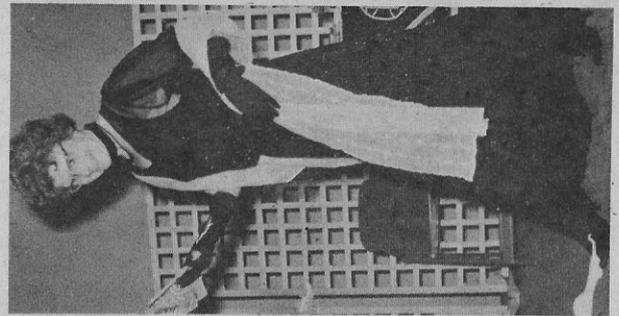


Oldies on Show

The League of Mothers held a mannequin parade with a difference at the Whiteley Hall. All the clothes modelled were from past eras. Some were at least 100 years old. Above, left: Thelma Caughley in an early period nightdress. Above, centre, left: A bright red nightshirt for the "gentleman", Lucille Ennor, and black nightie for the lady, Daphne Gibson. Above, centre, right: Melva Ashworth makes her entrance carrying a "pottie". Above, right: Daphne Gibson is all dressed up for the ball. Left: Hoots mon! Ye would nae catch a bonny Scottish lad-die doin' up his suspender here. Right: Miro Genn twirls her skirt. Below, far left: The roaring twenties for Miro. Below, left: "Here comes the bride", Peggy James, with Florence Hancock as the groom. Below, right: Granny Melva Ashworth, dressed in 1860 clothes. Below, far right: Lillian Newland daringly shows her garter.



Far left: Miro Genn shows the embroidery work on her dress. Left: "Knees up mother Brown" by Florence Hancock. Right: It's that little old lady again, Melva Ashworth, making her grand entrance at the parade. Far, right: She's removing her cape to show her dress off to the amused audience. Below, from left, Miro Genn, complete with stockings from that period. Miro appears again in clothes a little older. Granny grew tired of her old outfit so she got a new one and added a shawl and fan. Melva models clothes from around the 1900s. Then we see Miro has removed her cape to display a fashionable dress from "way back". Lastly, here we have Melva ready for the ball.

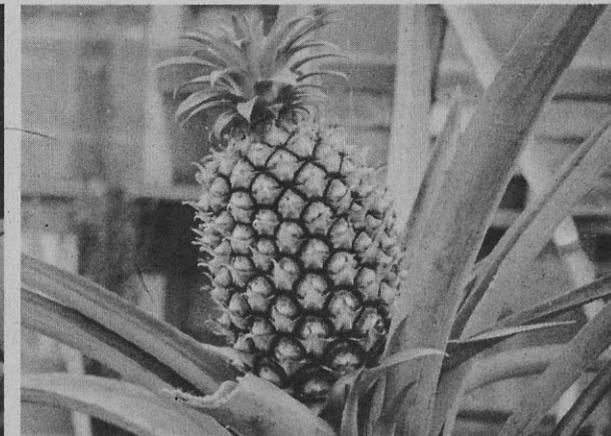


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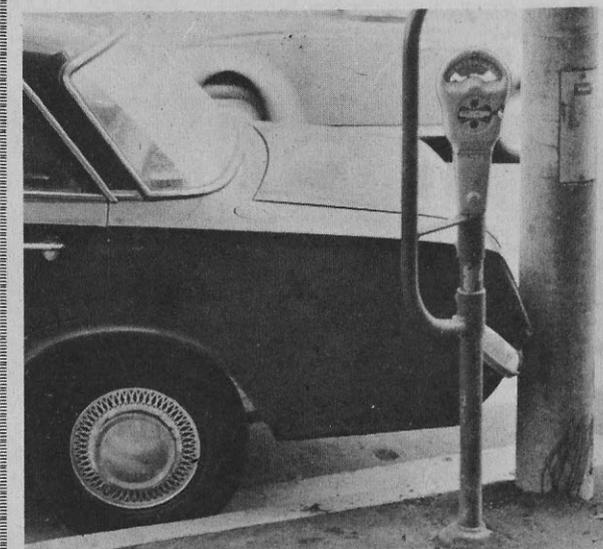
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Local Orchids

George Kibby of Young Street, NP, has grown in his glasshouse several brightly coloured orchids and a good sized pineapple. The orchids vary in colour from pastel pink to one of a startling orange hue. The fragile-looking flowers have a most appealing beauty all their own. The pineapple is quite sizeable for one grown locally although it does not appear to be quite ripe yet. **Above, left:** One of the delicately coloured orchids. **Left:** The spots on one petal of each flower give them a most unusual appearance. **Below, left:** The attitude of this group of orchids gives them the appearance of open mouths. **Above:** The pineapple looked quite appetising though not yet ready to eat.



ODD SHOT

Somebody is going to be pleased! This is what happens when your handbrake is not properly applied. The unfortunate driver of this car returned from her shopping trip to find the car had run back and crashed into a power pole. Lucky it did! The pedestrian crossing is only a few feet from this particular parking space. Wonder what hubby said? It pays to get these things checked, especially before the holiday period.