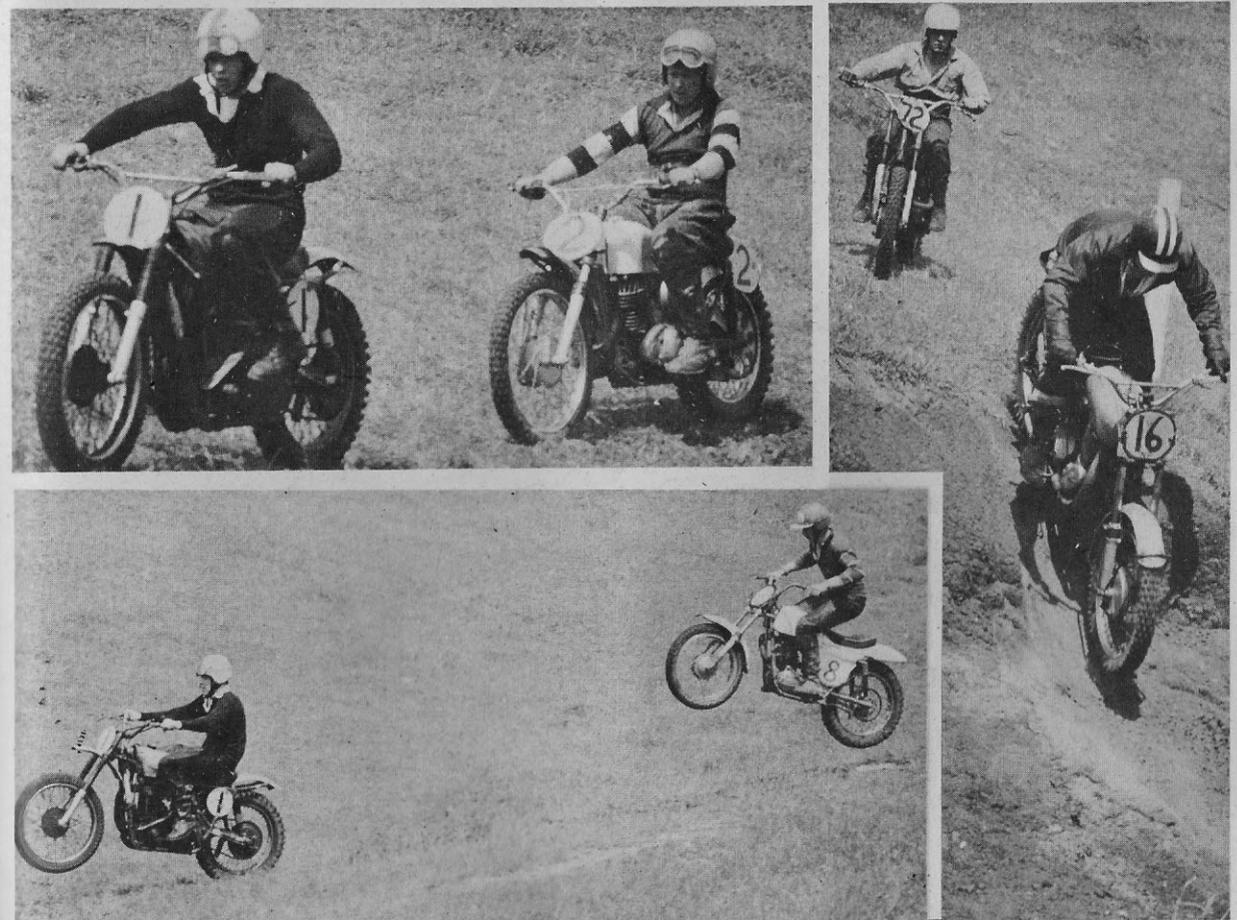




REUNIONS

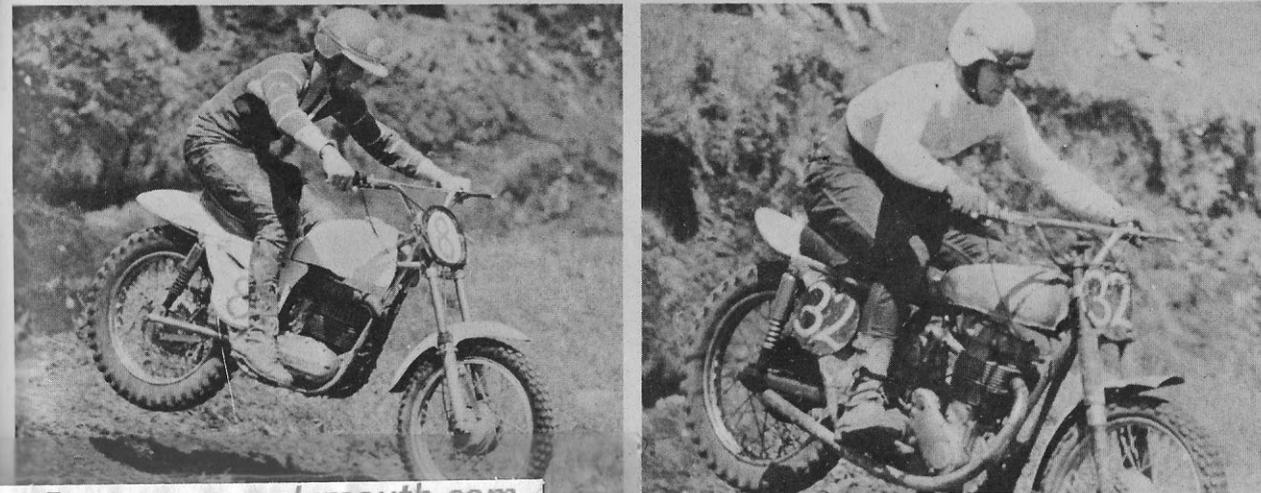
Above: Number 8 squadron of the ATC which was formed in 1941 to supply the RNZAF with personnel had not had a reunion since its inception. About 200 local youths passed through this unit from 1941-1946. The first ever reunion of this group took place at the home of the Commanding Officer, Ft. Lt. E. P. Croll, where this picture was taken. Mr Croll and his wife, who also had a close association with the unit, are shown seated centre, surrounded by ex-unit members.

Below: Another wartime unit to hold a reunion, this a 25th, was the number 1 Radar group comprising RNZAF and RNZN personnel. It was a mixed formation stationed at Oakura. Members came from as far away as Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington, for this, their third meeting since hostility ceased. (Norman Squire).



SCREAMING SCRAMBLERS

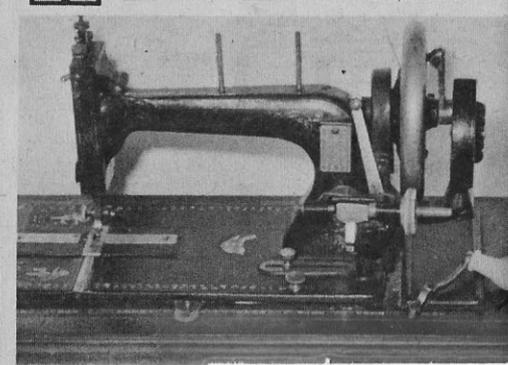
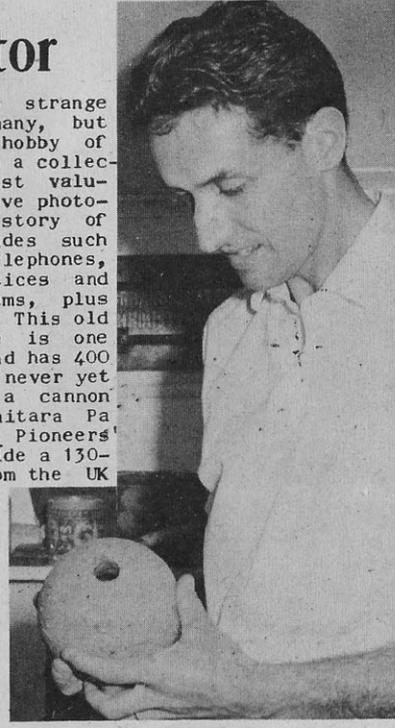
Des Carter's property on Junction Road is an ideal place for a thrilling scramble. With steep hills and hollows, plus a fine view for spectators of the whole course, this would be the best circuit in the province. **Top, left:** Reg Dixon heads Ray Christiansen in the main event. Reg won the race with Ray a close second. **Above, right:** Maurice Sattler goes down the side of a hill followed by Mike Hignett. **Above:** Four wheels and only one on the ground! Reg Dixon leads flying Don Baker. **Below, left:** Don Baker caught again with his wheels off the ground. This young rider appears to be a star performer of the future. **Below, right:** Ivan Manderson, Stratford, had a successful day with many minor placings.



Ardent Collector

Since we asked for people with strange hobbies, we've been informed of many, but one of the most intriguing is the hobby of Kelvin Hynes, South Road, NP. He is a collector and though we didn't see his most valuable objects, we were shown and have photographed some relics of the early history of Taranaki. His collection includes such items as irons, sewing machines, telephones, Maori artifacts, phonographs, notices and number plates off the old NP trams, plus many other pieces of value. Left: This old Edison phonograph of 1903 vintage is one that is in perfect working order and has 400 cylinders (records), some that have never yet been played. Right: Kelvin holds a cannon ball fired from HMS Niger at a Waitara Pa during the Maori wars. Below, left: Pioneers' irons, both gas and coal, alongside a 130-year-old sewing machine brought from the UK

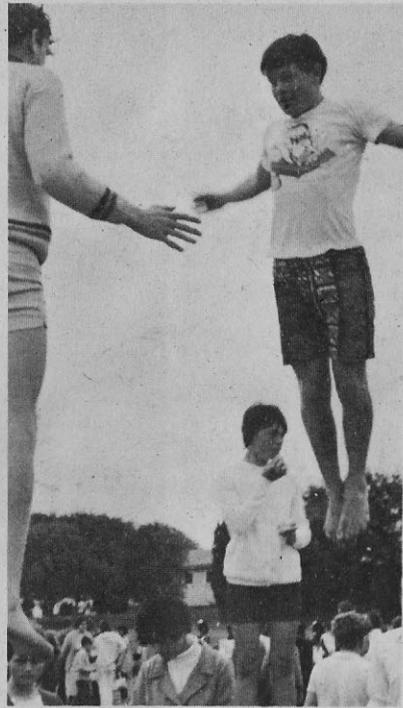
by forefathers of the King family. Below, right: Two of the many old telephones. Bottom, left: Maori artifacts and anchorstones were numerous, all having been found on Taranaki beaches. Bottom, right: Another ancient sewing machine.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS AT Y.M.C.A.

A great future, that's what we predict, for these recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards which were presented to them by the Mayor and Mayoress of NP, Mr and Mrs D.V. Sutherland, at the YMCA. These lads, all YMCA members, passed their tests with flying colours. Above: Mrs Sutherland presented the certificate of a bronze award to Adam Wratislav. Above, centre: Geoff Gilbert received a bronze. Above, right: Tim Gould won the coveted gold. Right: Gavin Giles, bronze winner. Far right: David Williamson, another bronze winner. Below, from left: Pat Corbett, silver; Tim Dwyer, another gold winner; Roger Fenton, the third gold winner, and Stephen Holyoake, recipient of the silver. We endorse the remarks made by the Mayor at the presentations, that these boys have every opportunity of becoming outstanding citizens by showing that they have employed their leisure hours to such a worthy purpose. Well done, boys!





GIGANTIC GALA

Waitara people must know a good gala when they see one because even in the pouring rain a large crowd patronised the Waitara Central School gala. Obviously a good deal of thought from parents, teachers and pupils went into making this event so successfully organised. There was a little for everyone but, as our pictures show, we think the children had the most fun. Above, left: Ian Luderman couldn't have missed this putt. Above, centre: Gary Limmer and Ian Franklyn fly high on the trampoline. Above, right: Complete with a coconut and Indian warpaint, Robert O'Keefe entered the best Indian head-dress contest. Below, left: One of Gaye Topping's dancing pupils, Alison Steen, gives our photographer a smile. Below, centre: Jody Bingley won the best Indian maiden prize. Below, right: Ian Parker, the brave clown, waits for someone to unbalance his seat, making him fall into the tub of water underneath.



WHAT A SMASHER !

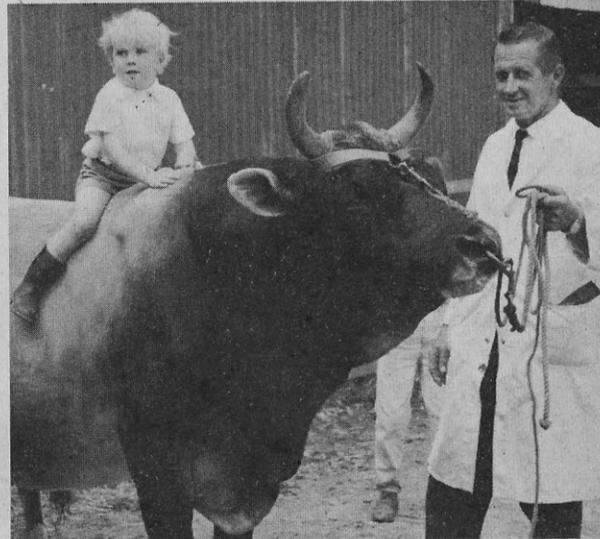
How lucky can you be? We're betting that the owner of this 1100 is thanking his lucky stars that he wasn't in it when this crash occurred. Due, we understand, to a brake failure, the truck careered across Devon Street, just north of the Morley Street intersection, into this 1100 making it a complete write-off, and pushed it back into another parked car. Fortunately, no-one was injured in this rather spectacular pile-up. Above: Broadside view shows how serious it could have been had the driver been in the car. Below: Front-on view of the badly bent 1100.





Stratford Show

Good attendances marked this year's Stratford A&P show. Fine weather on Friday was a contrast to Saturday when the opposite made its mark on the attendance figures. Above, left: Dave Kilsby watches as Godin Ashenhurst, all the way from Scotland, buys a raffle ticket. Above, right: Wonder what interested this group. Right: Friendly bull? Craig has a ride on this prize-winning bull while dad, Lindsay Morgan, leads him round. Below: Ross and Mark Tabeck were subbathing under the watchful eye of mother when this photo was taken. Below, right: Youngsters from South Taranaki schools parade their pet calves before judging.

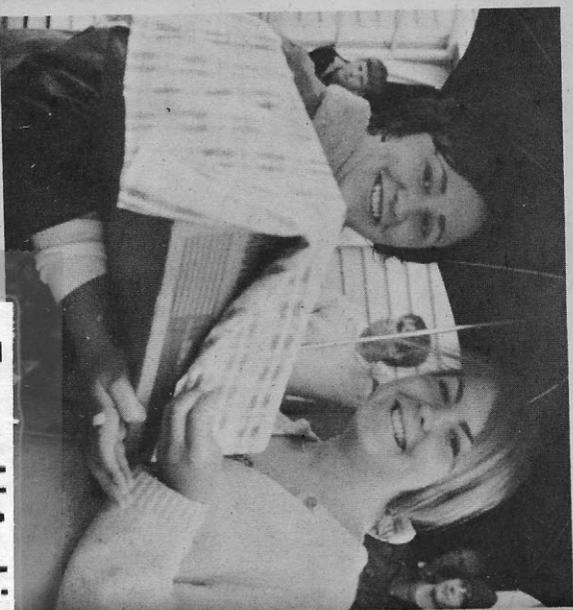
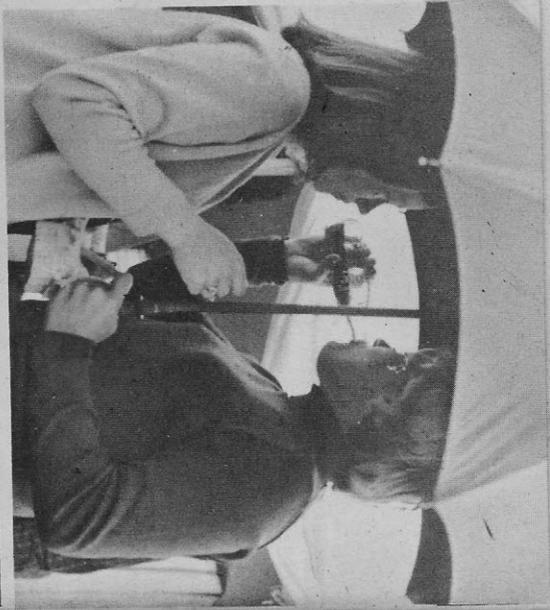


Above: Our photographer caught Katherine McDonald grooming her pet calf, Sally. Above, right: Vanessa Coster plays with a shoe as she waits for her mother to come back to their side show. Right: Whether he can read or not Roy Hooker certainly seems interested in that booklet. Far, right: The RNZRN had a demonstration van at the show too. Chief Petty Officer Noel Fleisher, Auckland, was in charge. Below: Allan Wilson waits his turn to enter the ring with his pet calf. By the look on his face you'd think he was bored, but we bet his mind was on what he was missing at school. Below, right: Children line up ready for the calf judging.



FITZROY GALA

Fitzroy Surf Club held a gala day at Fitzroy beach in most unpleasant conditions. Heavy rain caused the postponement of the "Miss Fitzroy Beach" contest and the sandcastle competition, but these events will be held later in the year, when it is hoped we will get some summer. Above: This slot car track proved a big attraction despite the rain. Right: Ann and Mary Lile enjoyed themselves drinking fizz under an umbrella. Below: Robin Webster managed to sell a raffle ticket to Edwin Andrews. Below right: Maree Clow and Jenny Knappan under the "brolly", selling bread rolls.



Married

Above, left: **BARBER-WARD:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Tilda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.M.Ward, NP, to Brent, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L.R.Barber, Wellington. The bridesmaids were Janna Barber, sister of the groom, Wellington, and Sue Thompson, NP. The best man was Roger Slee, Wellington, and the groomsmen were Brian Irving, NP. Future home, NP. (Norman Squire)

Above: **ROSE-JAMIESON:** At St.Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Dianne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.W.Jamieson, NP, to Bryan, second son of Mrs E.Rose, NP, and the late Mr Rose. The matron of honour was Colleen Baird, NP. The bridesmaids were Joan Hannon and Helen Jamieson, sister of the bride, both NP. The best man was Berny Lile, NP, and the groomsmen were Norm McDonald, Okato, and the late Mr Rose, Wellington.

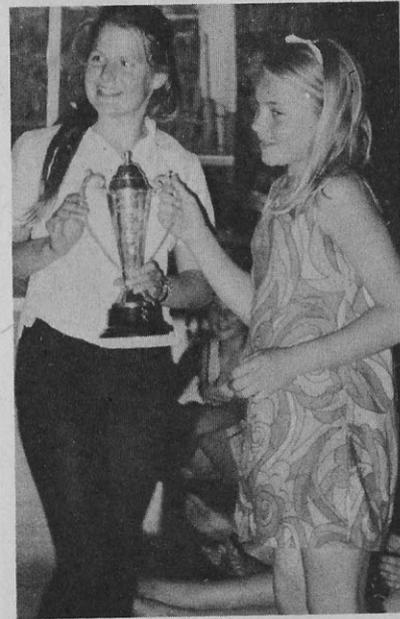
Left: **GILMOUR-TUNNAGE:** At Whiteley Methodist Church, Jocelyn Isobel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E.Tunnage, NP, to Bruce Cranston, only son of Mrs H.M.Gilmour, NP, and the late Mr F.C. Gilmour. The bridesmaid was Anne Urquhart, NP, and the best man was Peter Gerrard, NP. Future home, NP. (Norman Squire)



Erica Lagore recently held, in her dancing studio, the Christmas break-up and presentation night for her intermediate and senior creative dancers. Certificates of merit for progress, attendance, help during the year, and ability were presented by Mrs Lagore and we are only sorry we can't print photos of all the prize-winners. Left: The group as a whole posed on the studio steps. Below, left: Jayetta Valentine looks at her certificate as does Diane Johns, below, right: Below, from left: The scholarship for the year went to Flora van Paassen presented by last year's winner, Karen Arbuckle. Shirley Rowlands, Alison Holyoake and Catherine van Paassen. Bottom, from left: Vivianne Manning receives a certificate for her 9th year in succession with 100% attendance. Cheryl Stonnell was thanked for help as a teacher during the year. Paula Stonnell and, lastly, Karena Lambert.



DANCING AWARDS



FIRE DESTROYS OLD HANGAR

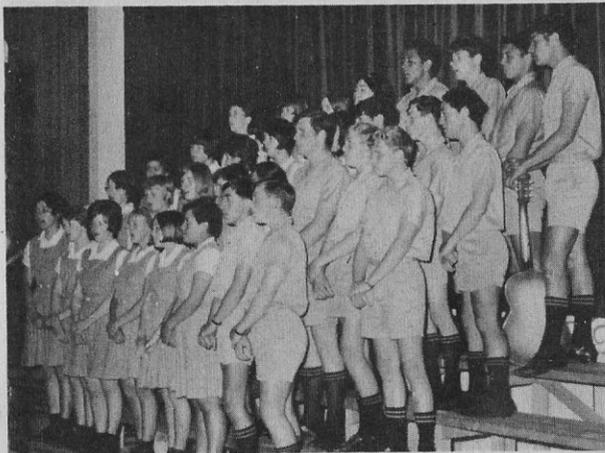
The hangar at the old airport at Bell Block, used for pipe wrapping in the Kapuni gas project, was recently burned to the ground. The fire, which was first noticed in the early hours of a Saturday morning, had taken a good hold by the time the New Plymouth brigade arrived. By then, the brigade had to content themselves with saving surrounding buildings. Machines from Inglewood and Waitara were called in to assist but the hangar was a blazing inferno and past saving. Above: Taken the following morning, this photograph shows little but a heap of twisted metal with small fires deep in the wreckage still burning. Below: There were numerous barrels of pitch in and around the building which were just fuel for the fire and very hard to contain once alight. Bottom: Since the hangar was a blazing inferno, it is miraculous that the brigades managed to save this wooden building.





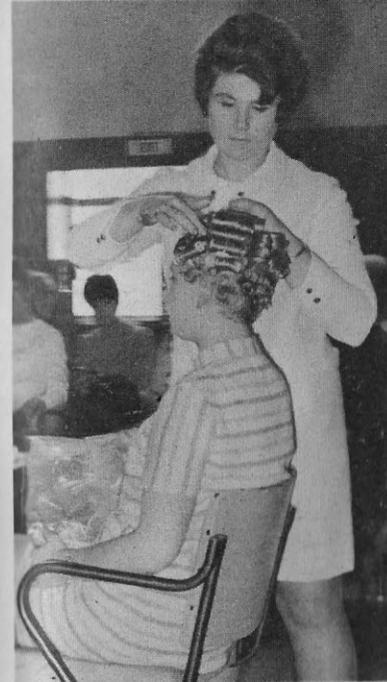
Waitara Music Festival

It's always a feast of good music out Waitara way, and the High School's recent festival was no exception. The whole show was a well-produced, easy-to-listen-to concert, enjoyed we feel sure by the large number who attended. Top: The school massed choir in action. Above: Maori items are of a very high standard. Below: Special choir was a rare musical treat.



Chief Traffic Officer Farewelled

Transport Department staff from many parts of New Zealand recently came to the city to farewell Mr J.H.R. Semple, chief traffic officer of the Taranaki-Wanganui area. Many glowing tributes were paid to Mr Semple, with a presentation being made to him, as our pic shows, by the NZ Traffic Commissioner, Mr Polashek.



EXPERTS SHOW HOW

In the NP War Memorial Hall recently a demonstration and general get-together of Taranaki hairdressers was held. Lyndsay Loveridge, having won the national competition in Auckland, gave a display of first-class hair styling for day wear and then converted it to an evening style. Winner of the Taranaki competition, Judith Allen, also showed the large audience how hair should be cared for and styled properly. Above, left: Lyndsay takes the rollers out of her model's hair in preparation for the final style. Above, centre: Judith and her model are nearly finished. Above, right: Lyndsay's model, Beverley Lines, shows us the beautiful evening style. Below, left: Judith's model, Heather Wadsworth, parades for the audience. Below, centre: A talk was given by this professional hairdresser from Auckland, Mary Pohlen. Below, right: Howard Sinclair explains about wigs and wiglets.



Engagements Announced

PHOTOGRAPHS BY VOGUE STUDIOS



LEIVESLEY-POWELL: Beverley May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.F. Powell, NP, to Erroll Lloyd, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.L. Leivesley, NP. (VOGUE)



HICKEY-WISNEWSKI: Lois Jacqueline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Wisnewski, Opunake, to Kevin John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K. J. Hickey, Opunake. (VOGUE)



BECK-WYSS: Margaret Pauline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A.A. Wyss, Ngaere, to Alan Ward, the second son of Mr and Mrs M. Beck, Rotorua. (VOGUE).



LILLY-MacKENZIE: Helen, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs S.N. MacKenzie, NP, to Timothy, youngest son of Mr C. J. Lilly, NP, and the late Mrs E. R. Lilly. (VOGUE).



WILSON-BRACEGIRDLE: Darien Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.T. Bracegirdle, Kaimata, to Allen Bertram, youngest son of Mr and Mrs B. H. Wilson, Omata. (VOGUE).



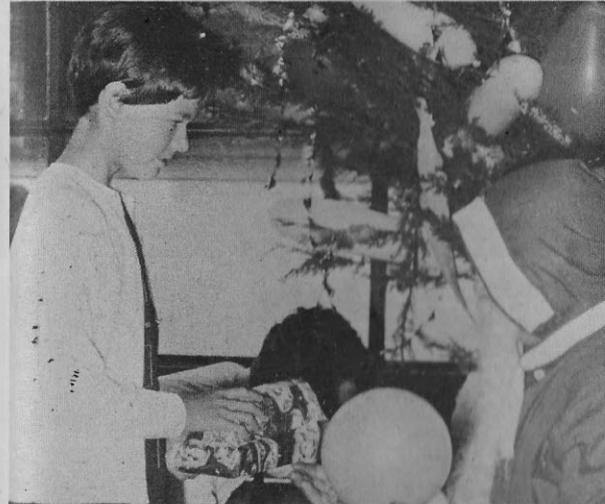
DANCE-HAMMOND: Judy Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.T. Hammond, NP, to Warren James, only son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Dance, Auckland. (VOGUE STUDIOS).



BENTON-CROCKER: Marilyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Crocker, NP, to Morris, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. A. Benton, Tarururangi. (VOGUE STUDIOS).



OLIVER-WEBBY: Judith Nancy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. Webby, Pihama, to Christopher James, youngest son of Mrs U. E. Oliver, Marton, and the late Mr A. Oliver.



Fire Brigade Xmas Party

The NP Fire Station looked very different a short time ago when it was filled with dozens of children for the annual Christmas party. The programme started with some races and our picture, top, left, shows the tiny tots getting ready to run. After the games came the eats, and top, right, the children certainly loved the goodies in front of them. Above: When Santa came, the presents were given out and here Karen Powell receives hers. Above, right: Tony Hughes tells Santa what a good boy he has been. Below: Another race which had to be run under a tarpaulin was won by Karen Taylor. Below, right: Kathleen Squires and Eleanor Pickett show each other their presents.





Above, left: Girls of the sixth form of the NP Girls' High School who were guests at the recent ball, held for the girls of that form.
Below, left: Golf isn't the only game played out Kaitake way. This bunch of golfers ..men, we'll have you know, were the star turns of the club cabaret recently held. We've already mentioned to DVS about putting them on with the NZ Bally coy at the Bowl, but we think they might bring the house down!

The Social Round



Above: Gathering of official umpires of the Taranaki Women's Bowling Association at the NP Club green recently. From left: Mesdames D.Evans, Hawera, D.Constable, NP, Z.Sole, NP, S.Winters, Paritutu, F.Price, W.Jones and J.Coates, all Oakura, and P.Cockburn, Hawera. C.Paul, Okato, was absent.
Below: Here are some of the pupils of the Spotswood College who were enjoying the end of term ball at the assembly hall. Smart lot, aren't they? (HENRY MCGEE PHOTOS).





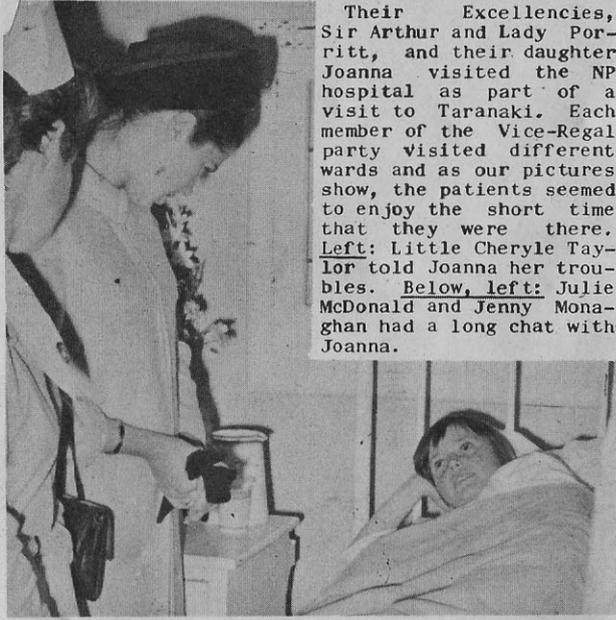
Okato B.B. Presentations

Final function of the year for the first Okato Boys' Brigade company was the presentation of certificates and badges won during the year, as well as the awarding of two Queen's badges to two members of the company. The Okato company is probably one of the largest and strongest companies in the province, if the demonstrations we saw are any criterion. Above: Brent Webley receives his Queen's badge from Mr A.Sears, president of the Taranaki BB Group. Above, right: Graham Putt was another to win the highest award in the BB Movement. Right: Team boys Ross Corbett, Stephen Burroughs and Wayne Putt won the gold star. Below, left: Record for the company? Mr Les Cabey, one of the first enrolments of the company, with his son David, a member of the team section. Below, right: This surely must be a record. Five members of one family in the one company. From left: Nyall, Ross, James, Peter and Michael Corbett.



Their Excellencies, Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt, and their daughter Joanna visited the NP hospital as part of a visit to Taranaki. Each member of the Vice-Regal party visited different wards and as our pictures show, the patients seemed to enjoy the short time that they were there. Left: Little Cheryle Taylor told Joanna her troubles. Below, left: Julie McDonald and Jenny Monaghan had a long chat with Joanna.

HOSPITAL VISIT



Lady Porritt and Mr Jury obviously found something amusing to talk about. In the background Mr Smith relaxes after having spoken with her.



Mr Farquhar was another lucky patient to meet Lady Porritt.



Mary Coombe was intrigued with Joanna's friendly nature and concern.



The Vice-Regal party leaves the hospital, accompanied by Sister Storey who had previously shown them through the wards.



Scout Presentations At Huatoki and Wellbourn

At a simple ceremony in the Vogeltown School Hall, two leaders of the Huatoki Cub pack were presented with the wood badge. To earn this badge Murray Richards and Gwenn Halford had to sit a home studies theory and practical test after taking a short course at Tatum Park, Levin. The latest recipients of the award also received certificates and a scarf, making them members of the Gilwell Scout troop, England. Above, left: The NP Commissioner for Cubs, Mrs Alice Colman congratulates Gwenn Halford after presenting her with her award. Above, right: Mrs Colman places the wood badge round Murray Richard's neck. Below, right: Members of the Huatoki skiffle group entertain the audience before the presentation. The Wellbourn Scout troop presented two of their members with Chief Scout awards. Ian Holyoake and Ian Pritchard are seen, below, left:, receiving congratulations from Scout leader, Michael Tett.





Engagements

Above, left: **REVELL-KEIJZER:** Sonja, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Keijzer, NP, to Wayne, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Revell, NP. (NORMAN SQUIRE)

Above, right: **CLELAND-HERBERT:** Beryl, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Herbert, NP, to John Cleland, twin son of Mrs J. Grafton, NP, and the late Mr F. Cleland. (NORMAN SQUIRE)

Right: **GOODING-HUNTER:** Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Hunter, NP, to Michael, second son of Mr and Mrs G. E. Gooding, Palmerston North. (NORMAN SQUIRE)

Married

Below: **GINEVER-CHRISTIANSEN:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Kerry May, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K. N. Christiansen, NP, to Geoffrey James, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Ginever, Auckland. The matron of honour was Patricia Taunga, sister of the bride, NP, and the bridesmaid was Phillipa King, Auckland. The best man was John Raggett, NP, and the groomsmen was Graeme Barsanti, NP. The flower-girl was Kim Taunga, NP. Future home, NP.

QUEEN'S BADGE WINNER

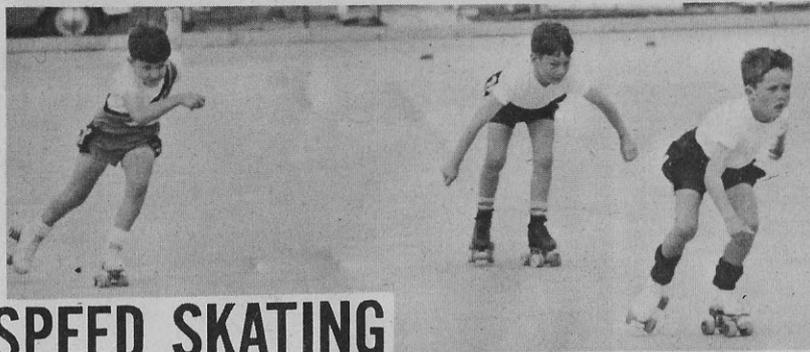
Below, right: The Boys' Brigade Queen's Badge was recently presented to Cpl. Phillip Herbert of the 4th NP company by Mr R. Velvin.



Special Celebration Service at St. Mary's

Climaxing a week of celebrations at St. Mary's Church, NP, was the special thanksgiving service, attended by Their Excellencies the Governor-General, Sir Arthur Porritt, Lady Porritt and daughter Joanna. Another very distinguished visitor to our city for the celebration was the Archbishop of NZ, the Most Rev. N. A. Lesser, who gave the sermon on this occasion. Above, left: On arrival, Sir Arthur was met and conducted into the church by Archdeacon K. Liggett. Above, right: It was a happy occasion for the Bishop, who accompanied Joanna Porritt into the church. Below: The church was filled for this service, but many people in the grounds heard the service through loudspeakers strung in the trees.





SPEED SKATING

The seventh speed aggregate were recently held at the East End rink in ideal conditions, attracting competitors from many other cities. **Above:** Kindergarten racers were from left: Mark Ulrich, Hastings, Greg Landreth, Stratford, and Steven Burmester. **Above, right:** Sid Ray powders the rink. **Below:** K.Liffiton, NP, and D.Urlich, Hastings, in a girls' race. **Below, right:** J.Christiansen, NP, at speed. **Below, left:** Heat in the mile event led by Robert Loader, NP. **Bottom, left:** Kindergarten girls D.Bailey and J.Cole. **Centre:** D.Fenwick, NP, and R.Seddon, Christchurch, in the mile. **Centre, right:** B.Weir, NP. **Bottom, centre:** B. Edwards, Wgtn, heads R Fenwick, NP. **Bottom, right:** Senior mile heat led by W.Petterson, Wellington.



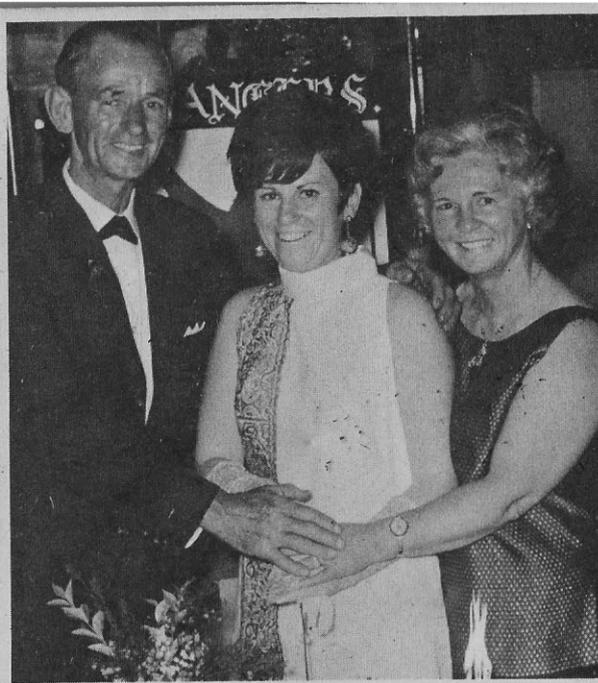
Weddings

Left: McMILLAN-BELCHER: At St.James's Presbyterian Church, NP, Judy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A.Belcher, NP, to David, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. McMillan, NP. The bridesmaids were Jocelyn McGrath, NP, and Caroline Belcher, sister of the bride, NP. The best man was Kevin Pascoe, Hastings and the groomsmen was Ian McMillan, brother of the groom, NP. Future home, NP.

Below: GYDE-PHILPOTT: At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Jennifer Francis twin daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H.Philpott, NP, to Murray Edward, second son of Mr and Mrs R Gyde, Inglewood. The matron of honour was Pauline Ward, sister of the bride, Waikanae, and the bridesmaids were Jocelyn Gyde, sister of the groom, Inglewood, Wendy Scott, Ngaio, and Suzy Sampson, Wellington. The best man was Donald Gyde, brother of the groom, Inglewood, and the groomsmen was Colin Jury, Inglewood. Future home, Auckland.



CELEBRATIONS



Top, left: Evelyn May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.Maindonald, Waitara, who recently attained her majority, is shown with her parents and brother, Dennis.

Above, left: John, son of Mr and Mrs L.Grant, NP, cuts the cake helped by parents at his 21st birthday.

Left: Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs G.Johns, NP, is surrounded by his family at his coming of age party. They are, from left, Helen, Sharron, Anne, Mrs Johns, Anthony, Mr Johns, Anthony's grandmother and Phillip.

Below, left: Tama Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs T. Tuirirangi, NP, is photographed on the occasion of his 21st birthday with his grandfather, who celebrated his 78th birthday, and his grandmother.

Above: Karen, with her parents, Mr and Mrs A.F. Dombroski, Inglewood, at Her 21st birthday party.

Below, centre: Mitchell Graham Tuuta, Urenui, gives us a 21st Birthday smile as he cuts his cake.

Below, right: Mr and Mrs A.Foster, NP, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

(HENRY MCGEE PHOTOS)



CHAMPION DANCERS

Ballroom dancing is a graceful art not often practised today but Joan and Don Gadsden, pictured above, wouldn't give it up for the world. This couple, who have their own dancing studio in Tukapo Street, are the recent winners of the "Rising Star" Ballroom Dancing Championship which was held in Takapuna. It is thought that Joan and Don are the first NP professional ballroom dancers to ever win such a title. (VOGUE STUDIOS)