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**FLOODLIT FOUNTAIN**

Left: New Plymouth is so filled with charm and beauty that sometimes its attractions are taken for granted. But one feature which never fails to impress both visitors and residents alike is the floodlit fountain in Pukekura Park. Picture was taken on time exposure during water carnival. For further pix of the city at night, see elsewhere in this issue.

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The man pictured above with his wife and youngest sister is a Very Important Person to the staff here at "New Plymouth Photo News". His name is Don Drabble, an electrician from Eltham. And he happens to be our very first annual subscriber.

"This is a good thing. I think it should be encouraged," said Don, when the aims of "Photo News" were described to him. Naturally, we had to agree.

What are the aims? In a nutshell, to interest and entertain, and we hope we will be privileged to interest and entertain you and your friends every four weeks in the months and years that lie ahead.

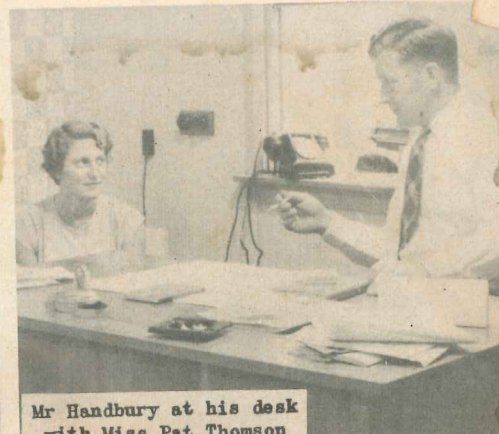
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**COVER PICTURE**

Charming subject of our first cover picture is Maryanne Fraser, who won a prize at the Canine Queen Carnival.



Public relations assistant, Mrs Joyce Duffels, attends to a visitor's inquiry.

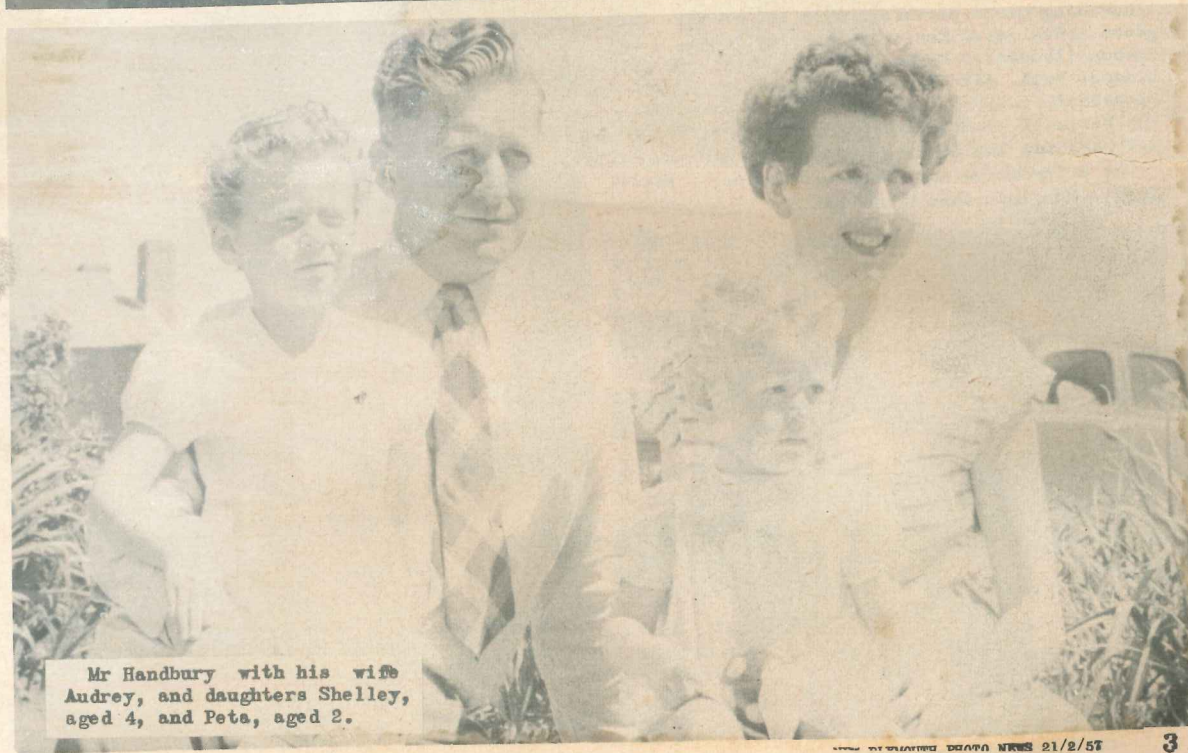


Mr Handbury at his desk with Miss Pat Thomson

**THIS MAN WANTS TO "SELL" NEW PLYMOUTH**

Mr Eric Handbury, recently appointed public relations officer for New Plymouth, is a man with two thoughts uppermost in his mind — to advertise the city's attractions, and to cultivate what he describes as the "personality of New Plymouth".

Mr Handbury was a navigating officer in the Merchant Marine during the Second World War, and was later branch manager of the Castrol Oil Company, Dunedin.



Mr Handbury with his wife Audrey, and daughters Shelley, aged 4, and Peta, aged 2.

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**MARCHING GIRL MARRIES** CHARTERS & GUTHRIE

Girls of Roebucks' marching team turned out in force when one of their members, Ngaire Bayne, married in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church recently.

Ngaire, daughter of Mr & Mrs W. Bayne, Oriental St., married Lester, son of Mr & Mrs G.E. Faull, Atkinson Road. Their future home will be Omata.

Marching girls pictured with the bride, and groom above are:- Seniors: Beverley Jones, Jean Bishop (leader), Verna Sturmy, Annette Berry, Eleanor Pugh, Joy Thompson, Merle Vogt, Norma Blanchard; juniors, June Berry (leader), Janice Barrwell, Judith Erby, Fay Williams, Margaret Bennett, and Glynys Horton.

The bridesmaids are Margaret Eagles, Merle Eagles and Lorriane Henderson.



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS

*Personal*

Left: Mr Lew Hartley, chief fire officer of New Plymouth, who has been elected a life member of the brigade. Mr Hartley has served in the brigade for 35 years, including 14 years as a volunteer, and was New Plymouth's first professional fire officer.

He is regional fire officer for Taranaki.

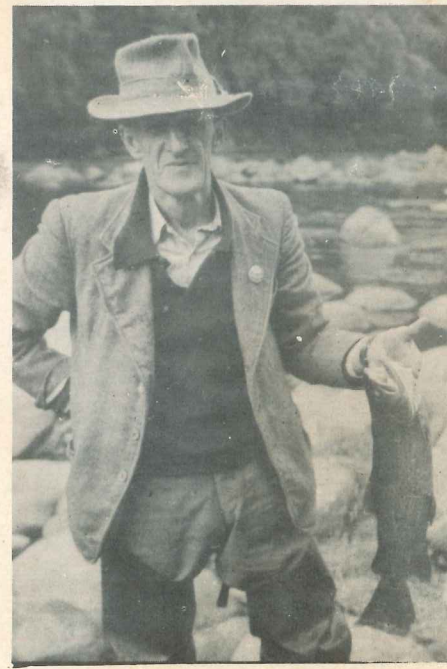
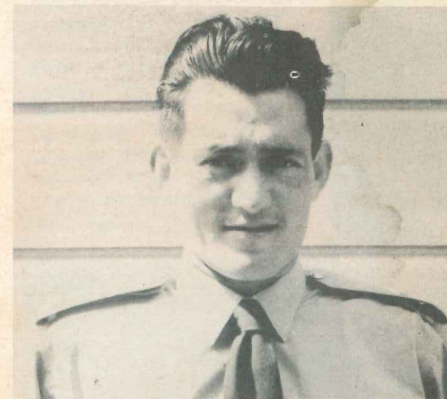
Below left: Peter Mauriri, Hawera wrestler, who has joined the Police Force at New Plymouth.



Above: Mr Harry Dansey, well known for his cartoons in the "Taranaki Daily News", is seen here in more serious mood, studying New Zealand history.

When spotted by a Photo Newsmen, Mr Dansey was carrying out research in the library for an historical work he plans to write.

Left: Mr R.O. Wilkinson, senior traffic officer, who has been transferred on promotion from New Plymouth to Hastings. He came to this city from Ashburton in 1954.

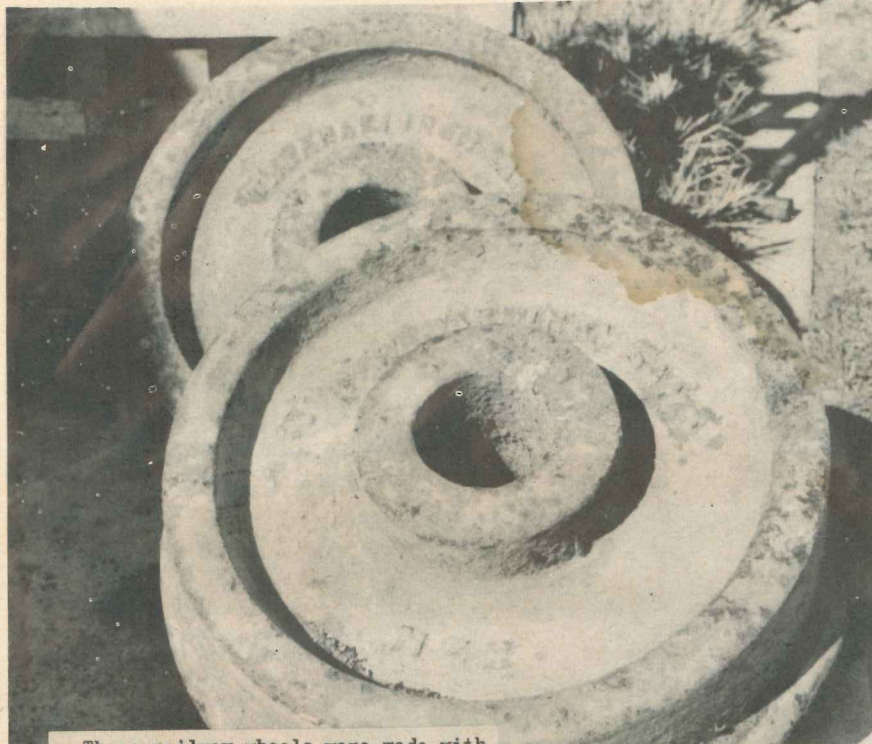


Left: Mr Toby Newth, George St., who has been granted life membership of the Taranaki Acclimatisation Society. He retired recently from the presidency of the society.

Right: Mrs Peggy Nicholas, of the Dept. of Labour & Employment, New Plymouth, who tied for top place in N.Z. in a group of 37 girls who sat examinations for "specials" in the Public Service Commission's shorthand-typing exams. A record number of 2000 girls sat the exams.







These railway wheels were made with iron smelted from Taranaki sand by the late Mr E.M.Smith, Member of Parliament from 1890 to 1909.

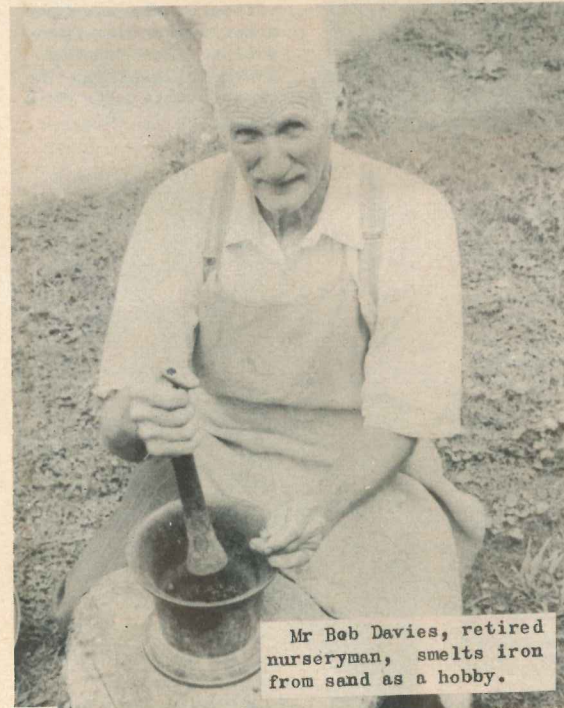
## A FUTURE FOR Ironsands?

Recent suggestions that an ironsand industry might be established at the Bluff have sparked interest anew in the possibilities of Taranaki sand.

The question: Is it an economic proposition to extract iron from the sand?

Answer supplied by the New Plymouth public relations officer, Mr Eric Handbury, in a report to a special committee, was that it could be practicable with the development of nuclear power.

Anyway, there's plenty of proof that there are vast resources of iron on our beaches. Those railway wheels were made from it more than 50 years ago.



Mr Bob Davies, retired nurseryman, smelts iron from sand as a hobby.

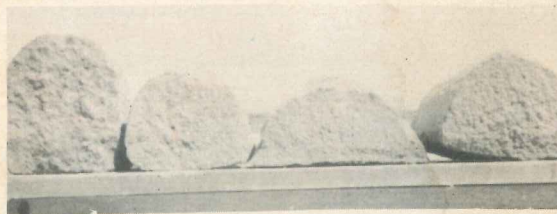


Mr Tom Smith, son of late M.P. Barrow contains rods used to test great breaking strain of iron made from Taranaki sand.

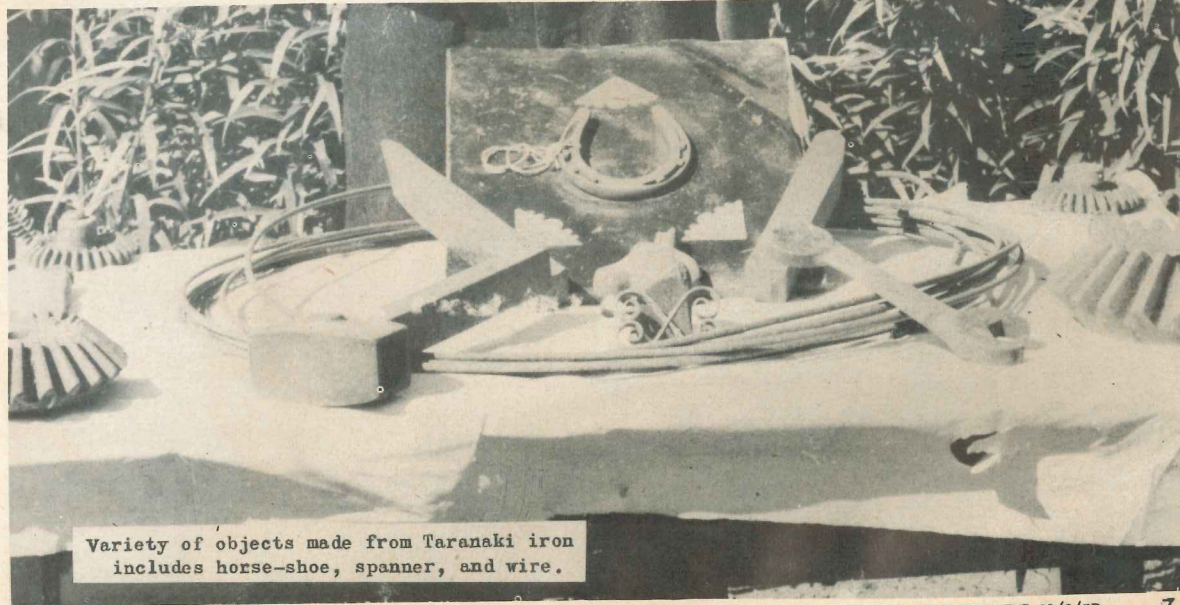


Above: Mr E.M.Smith, M.P., became known in the House as "Ironsands" Smith because of his repeated efforts to make use of Taranaki resources. Now his son carries on the uphill struggle.

Below: Samples of pig-iron showing variation in "grain". Left to right, they are Scottish, Parapara, Onekaka, and Taranaki.



Mrs Tom Smith listens to the ring of Taranaki iron at their home in Octavius Place. Her verdict: "Sound as a bell".



Variety of objects made from Taranaki iron includes horse-shoe, spanner, and wire.





### SUN WORSHIPPERS

In case you think the age of the sun worshippers is over, take a stroll down to Ngamotu Beach, New Plymouth, any hot afternoon.

There you'll see the modern sun worshippers practising their cult, with arms and legs stretched out on the sand.

And if you watch very closely, you'll see them look up once in a while, with faces squinting reverently towards the sun.

As picture left of family at Fitzroy Beach shows, the cult is open to all age groups.

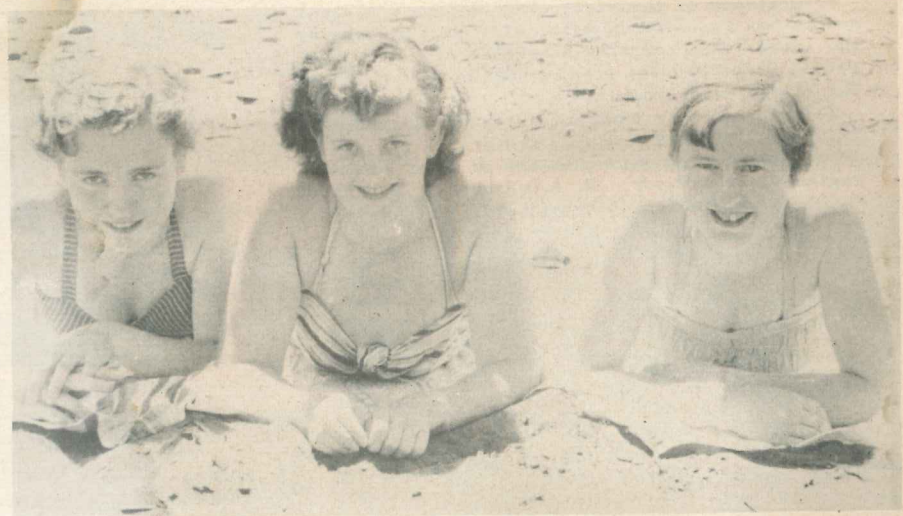
Below: Oakura Beach is a favourite haunt for sun-bathers at weekends.



Above: Cargo-liner berthed at Port Taranaki makes interesting background to Ngamotu Beach scene as children play in sand.

Right: These three young women enjoy summer sunshine at Fitzroy.

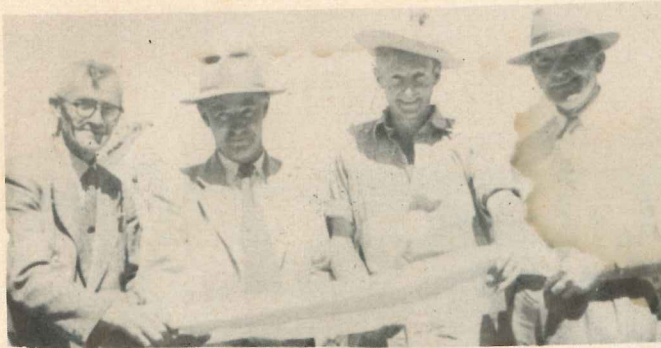
Below: Teenage group on Ngamotu Beach.



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### BOOST FOR CITY POWER

New Plymouth City Council's output of electricity will be boosted 25 per cent by a weir now being constructed to check water escaping from the Waiwakaiho Stream.

Alterations of the river bed through natural causes has resulted in a lot of water by-passing the intake which carries the water to Lake Mangamahoe. Unchecked, the trend could seriously affect the city's water supply.

The £14,000 weir contract is being carried out by Messrs. Riddick Brothers and Still.

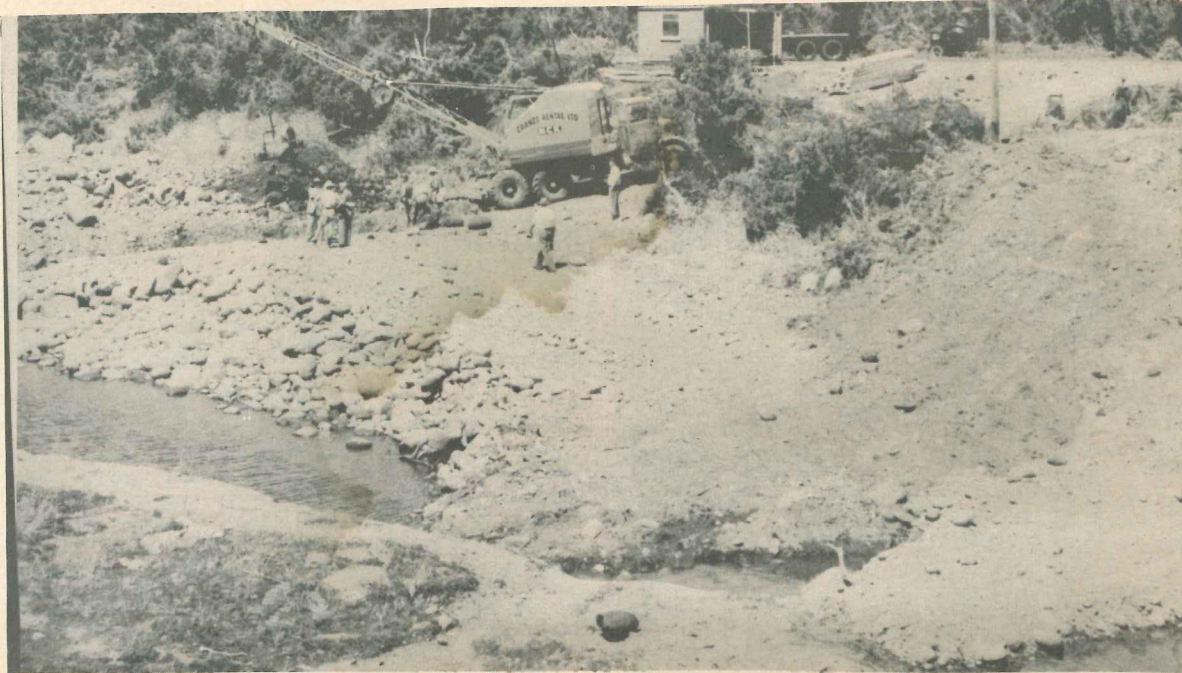
Above: Studying weir plan are Mr Alex Brodie, engineer; the Mayor, Mr A.G.Honnor; Mr Willie Still; & Mr Simpson, city electrical engineer.



"Pop" Riddick makes tea for "The Boys".



Crane scoops out loose rocks after blasting

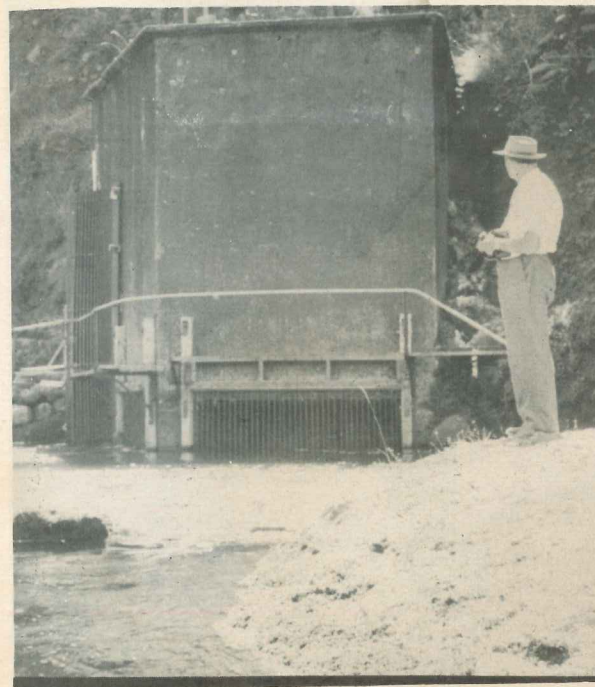


A particularly good spell of fine weather has enabled rapid progress with the contract.

Above: Site of new weir is at left; temporary weir of boulders is in right foreground.

Below: Mr Simpson studies flow of water into intake. Water passes through 1800ft tunnel before reaching Lake Mangamahoe.

Right: Crane is vital to job, but plain old-fashioned "elbow-grease" is still necessary.



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### Wedding Bells

**Above:**— At Church of England, Inglewood, Glenys Dell, second daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Seabright, Mea St., Inglewood, to Trevor, second son of Mr & Mrs G.F.Gyde, 181 Coronation Avenue, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.

**Left:**— At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dalys Catherine, only child of Mrs and the late Mr J. Henry, 24A Timandra St., to Russell, youngest son of Mr & Mrs W.H.Morgan, Lyn St. Future home: New Plymouth.

**Below:**— At Nuptial Mass in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Helena Susan, second daughter of Mr & Mrs S.J.Karam, 186 Ngamotu Rd., to Russell Thomas, eldest son of Mr & Mrs T.R.McLay, 46 Rhyhill St., Carlon Hill, Dunedin. Attendants, from left: Best man, Mr Tony McLay (brother of groom); chief bridesmaid, Miss Angela Karam (sister of bride); groomsman, Mr Tony MacDonald; bridesmaid, Miss Velma Hickey.



CHARTERS & GUTHRIE



**Below:** Cheerful licensee of the hotel, Mr Kevin O'Reilly, seems to be enjoying a good joke as he chats with a friend in the beer garden



Shorts and swimsuits are fashion at this table

### BEER GARDEN

Outdoor drinking has come to New Plymouth with the opening of the city's first beer garden at the Hotel Tasman.

Gaily coloured umbrellas which shade patrons from the sun make a striking and pleasant contrast with the shrubs, flowers, and lawn of the garden.

**Left:** Trio have sea breeze to keep them cool as they drink their beer out in the fresh air.

**Below:** Hotel lounge opens on to beer garden, where many bushes of hydrangeas provide gay colour scheme.





Mr Handbury with some members of the choir.

### THE "LUTON GIRLS" OF NEW PLYMOUTH

A scheme conceived by the public relations officer, Mr Eric Handbury, to put New Plymouth on the map got away to a flying start recently.

Mr Handbury's idea was to form a girls' choir, with a set-up similar to the famed Luton Girls' Choir in England, to tour New Zealand and possibly Australia.

The response from New Plymouth girls was immediate and encouraging, and rehearsals have already begun.

The girls selected after auditions are pictured above as they try out a song.



Conductor's hands are vibrant with expression



Conductor of the choir is Mr Noel Lynch, whose patience, combined with long experience in choral work, has enabled him to achieve already a spirit of team-work. Formerly of Auckland, Mr Lynch is also conductor of the New Plymouth Philharmonic Choir. Above, Cliff Walker accompanies girls on piano while Mr Lynch makes notes.



Girls listen attentively to talk by Mr Lynch





Lilies are a feature of Mr Jury's property



### Beauty FROM A SWAMP

From a swampy waste to one of New Plymouth's most attractive gardens is the history of a two-acre property in Tukapo Street.

Owned by Mr L.E. Jury, nurseryman, during the last 22 years, the land was previously the property of Mr Ivon Watkins.

When Mr Jury took it over, a creek had already been dammed, forming a private lake. He carried on with the work of terracing the slopes, and planting trees & flowers.

Mr Jury's irises and lilies attract numerous visitors, & when members of the Uruti Gardening Circle called on him the other day, "Photo News" took the opportunity to go along and admire some of the delightful scenery, like the view across the lake pictured left.



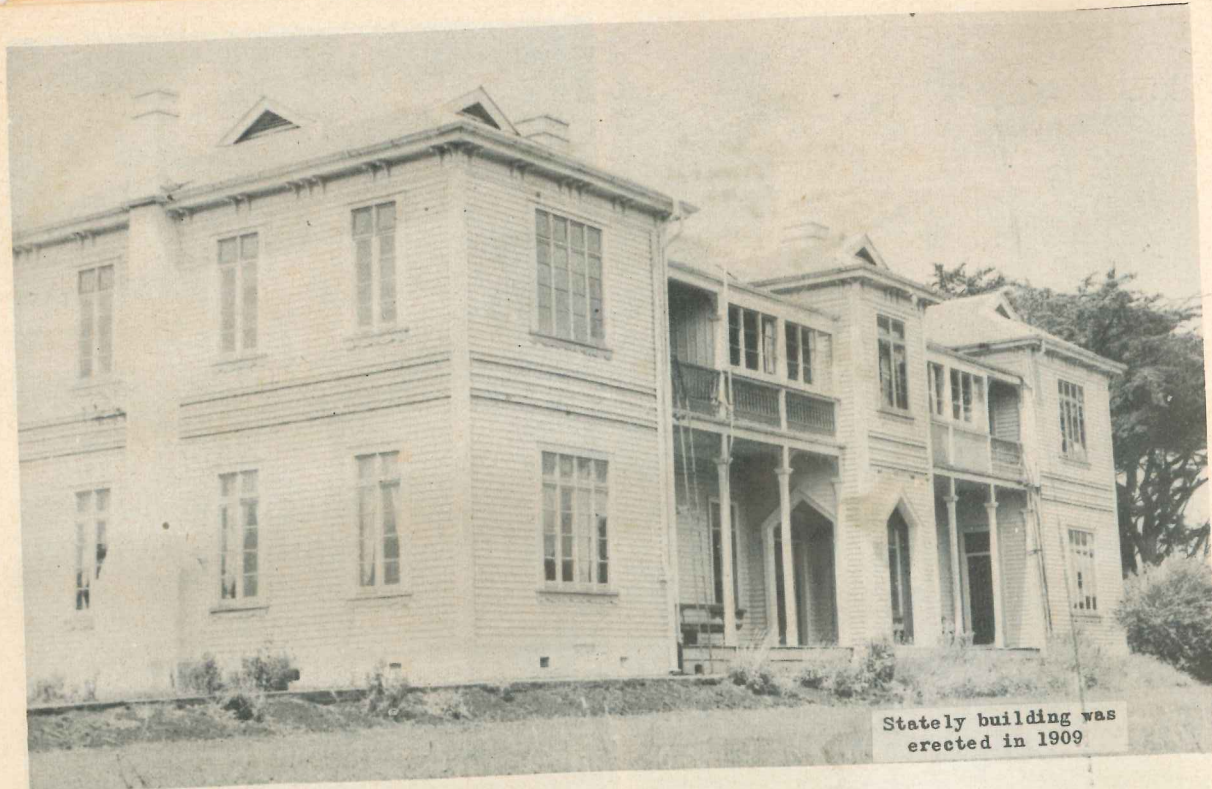
Mr Jury talks to Uruti Gardening Circle about lilies.



Above: Black and white photography fails to do justice to these delicate lily blooms, called "Lavender Lady".

Left: House has private lake within a stone's throw of back door.





Stately building was erected in 1909

### HOME FOR ELDERLY LADIES

Accommodation for 30 elderly ladies of Taranaki will be provided when renovations to the Mercy Jenkins Home, near Eltham, are completed. Original cost of the building — until recently a Salvation Army home for boys — was £9000. The planned alterations and refurnishing will cost up to £27,000. A total of £10,000 was raised in a radio appeal last November.

Left: The manager-caretaker, Major L.H. Jones, looks out over sweeping view from verandah.



Major Jones in his office



Visitors leave through memorial gates



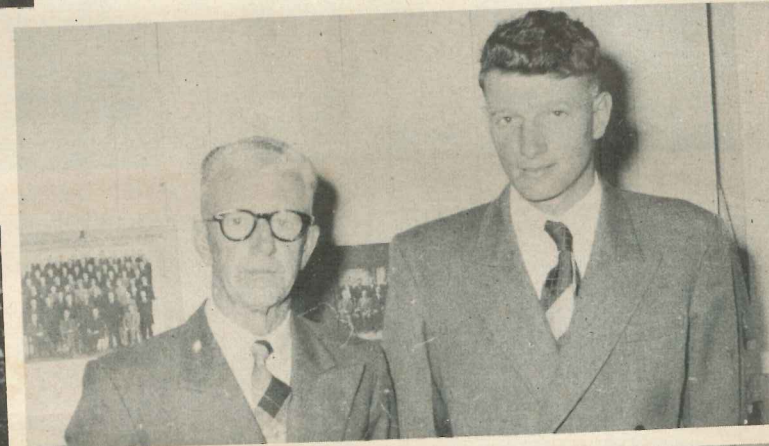
Below: Mr Lew Blanchett, pictured here with Mrs Blanchett at their home in George St., retired recently as foreman of the Taranaki Education Board's workshops. He served the board for 40 years. The picture was taken by their grandson, Lindsay Dickson.



### Personal

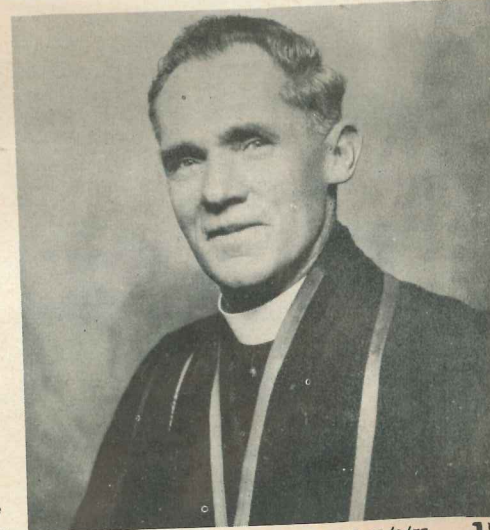
Left: Captain Chas. Smith, who has resigned as deputy harbourmaster of the Taranaki Harbour Bd. to take up a position with the Meteorological Department in Wellington. He joined the board 5 years ago.

Right: Mr R.L. Jones, who has succeeded Mr E.R. Duncan as district Scout commissioner for New Plymouth. Mr Jones' association with Scouting began as an 8-year-old when he joined the West End troop.



Above: Mr A.R. Carley, who has retired as secretary of the Taranaki County Council, is pictured with Mr J.S. Putt (right), who succeeds him. Mr Carley has been in local government for more than 44 years, the last 21 of them with the Taranaki County.

Right: The Rev. E.T. Olds, who has retired from the ministry of the Whiteley Methodist Church, New Plymouth. Mr Olds is a former president of the Methodist Conference, and founded the Whiteley Youth Centre.







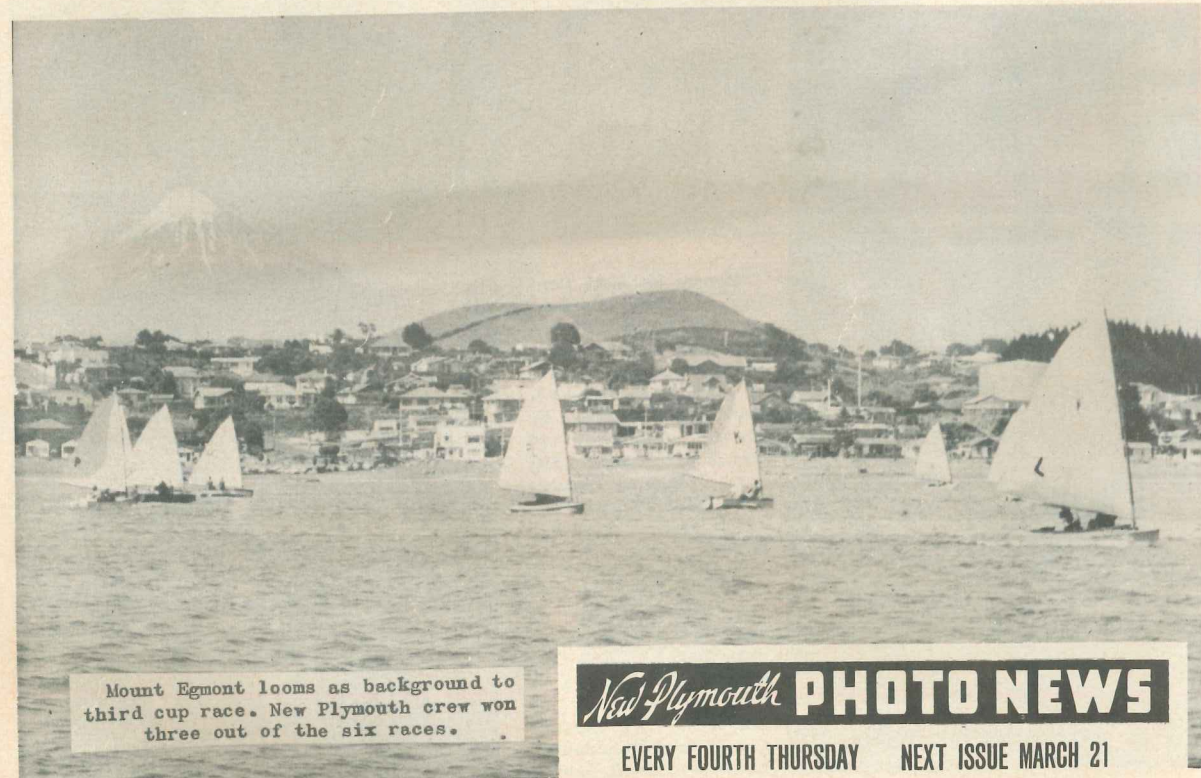
### NEW PLYMOUTH WINS THE CUP

This year's Cornwell Cup contest — N.Z.'s top competition for Takapuna class yachting — was a double triumph for New Plymouth.

The local club not only annexed the cup for the first time; it rallied to the task of organising its first national contest with enthusiasm, and emerged with flying colours.

Visitors were high in their praise of the smooth way in which the administrative side of the competition was handled.

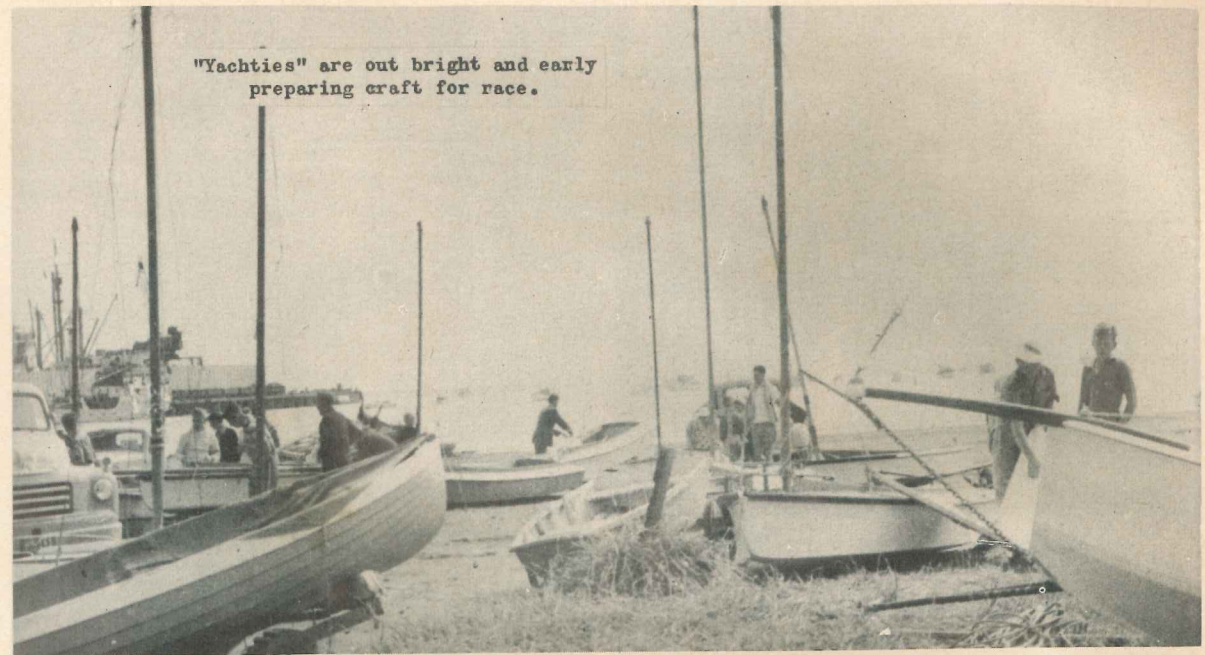
Proud winners of the trophy pictured left are Brian Thomas (skipper) and Ian Barry (forward hand). Brian is a mechanic and Ian a High School pupil.



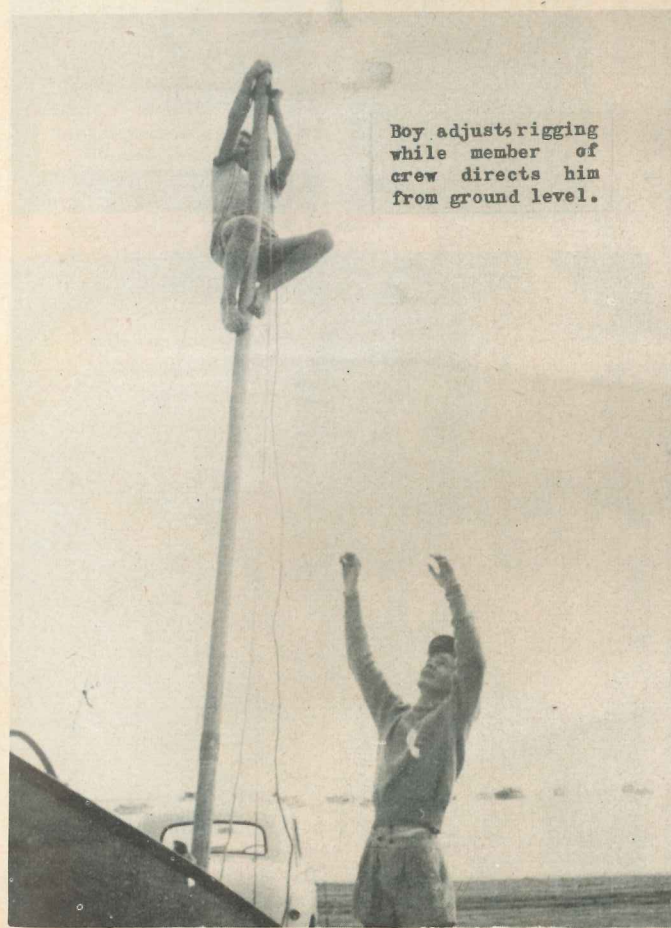
Mount Egmont looms as background to third cup race. New Plymouth crew won three out of the six races.

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"Yachties" are out bright and early preparing craft for race.

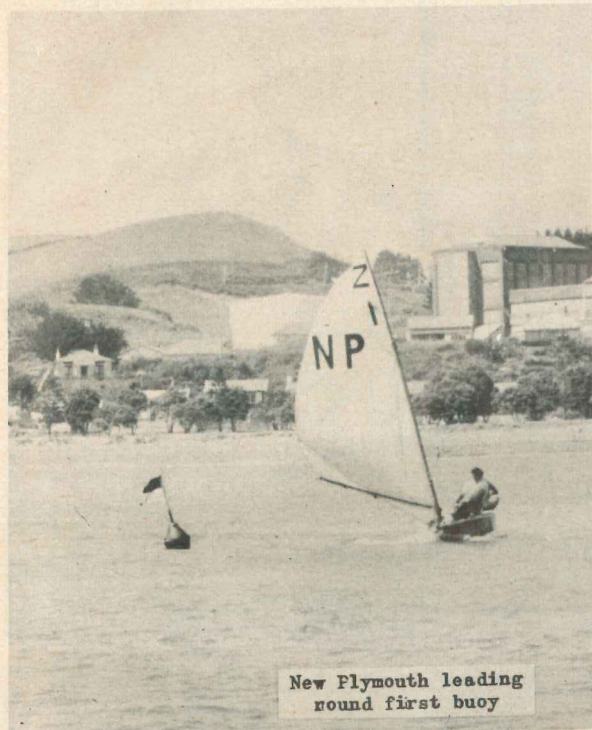


Boy adjusts rigging while member of crew directs him from ground level.



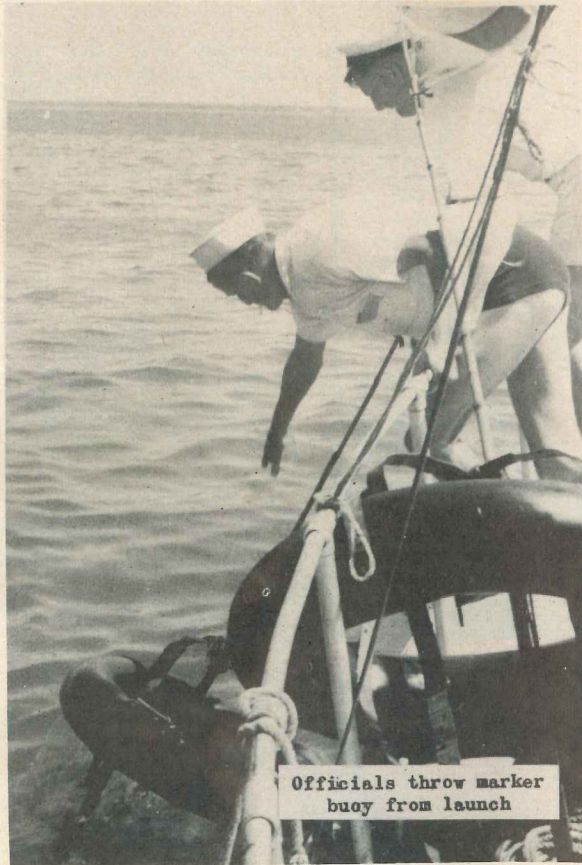
Wanganui men ready to sail.





New Plymouth leading round first buoy

Numerous officials and volunteer workers gave hours of their time to see that the races went off without a hitch. Busiest men of all were the shipwrights, Graham Jones and Ray Holt, pictured below right as they worked late at night, getting a yacht "ship shape".



Officials throw marker buoy from launch



2XP announcer Murray Hewson operated from pilot launch.



Shipwrights Graham Jones & Ray Holt burned gallons of "midnight oil".



Right:- Members of the New Plymouth executive. Back row: Robbie Galvin, Peter Woodhead, Dickie Amor, Graham Johns; middle row, Eddie Milne, Bruce Derby, Ray Lonsdale, Brian Kilgour; front row, Ivan Hodder (contest secretary), Deric Woodhead (committee secretary), Keith Darling (commodore), Ron Old, and Roy Burkitt; absent, "Sandy" Powell, Roy Leland, and Doug Johnson.

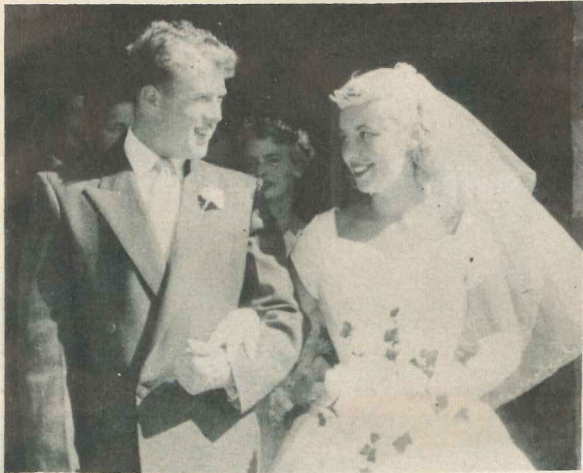
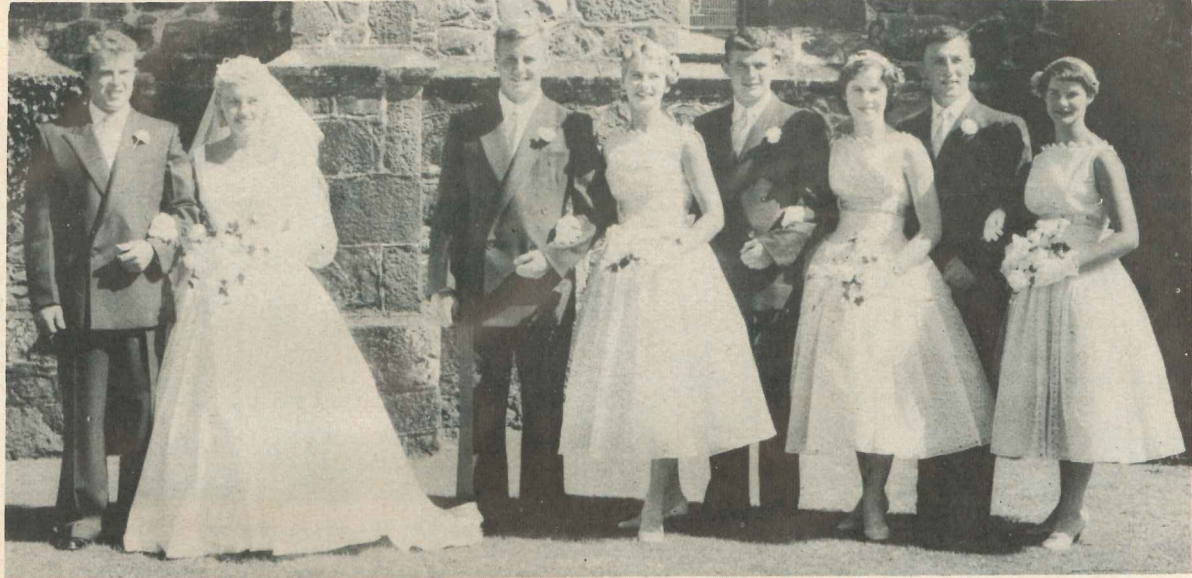


Left: Among the speakers at the prize-giving ceremony was Mr E.P.Aderman, M.P., who is patron of the New Plymouth Yacht Club. He paid tribute to the skill of the winning crew. Above: Wife of the commodore, Mrs Keith Darling about to present cup to the New Plymouth pair.



Among guests was Mr J. McKay (right foreground), of Takapuna, who was instigator of Cornwell Cup contest.





### THREE ALL BLACKS AT A *White Wedding*

The son, nephew and brother of All Blacks was the groom at a pretty wedding in St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, recently. Donald, elder son of Mr & Mrs Handley Brown, 11 Rogan St., wed Barbara, daughter of Mr & Mrs H.C.Higgs, 24 Glenpark Avenue.

Donald's father and his uncle, Mr Henry Brown, are former All Blacks, and his brother, Ross, played in the test series against the Springboks. Donald has himself represented Taranaki, and the best man, Mr Roger Boon, was a member of the Colts team which toured Ceylon.

Attendants pictured above are Mr Roger Boon, Miss Janet Bourne, Mr Ross Brown, Miss Barbara Eva, Mr John Mainland, and Miss Jennifer Bourne.



Late-afternoon sun casts long shadows over range at Bell Block.

### BAD NEWS FOR DUCKS

With men like Ernie Brown, of Mahoe, around the district, Taranaki ducks had better head for cover when the shooting season starts in May. At the West Coast (North Island) clay bird shoot, Ernie won three out of four championships — the single-rise, double-rise, and skeet titles.

Ernie is pictured right, receiving congratulations from Archie Hammond, president of the New Plymouth Gun Club.

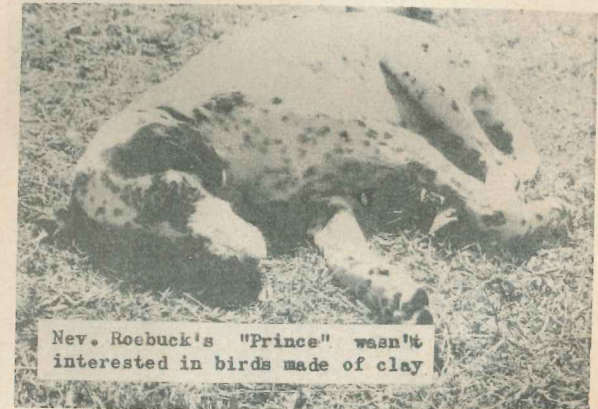
The weather at Bell Block was ideal for spectators, but a strong breeze made the clay birds difficult targets.



Ernie Brown & Archie Hammond



Cec. Benton was runner-up in skeet and gym. crack.



Nev. Roebuck's "Prince" wasn't interested in birds made of clay





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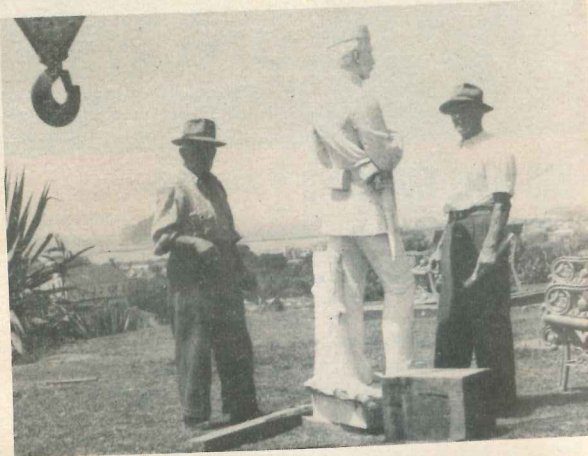
Left: Looking rather out of place here is the Maori War memorial statue on Marsland Hill.

Short's Monumental Works hoisted the old soldier down from his pedestal so that they could strengthen the base of the memorial. And while he was on ground level he was given a good clean.

Below: Pictured with the old soldier are Arthur Coad and Arthur Collinson.

Mr Short took the pictures.

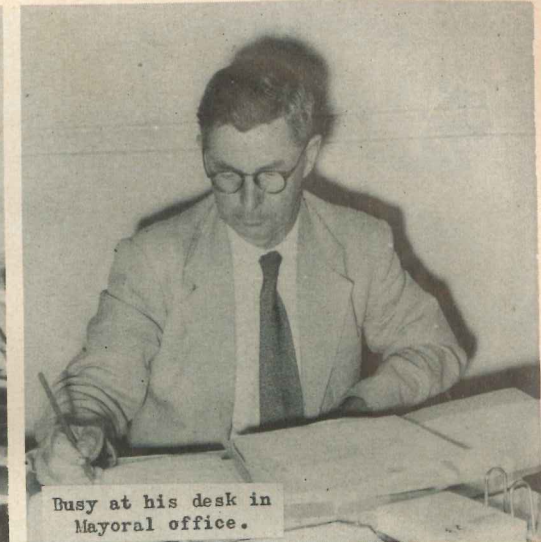
Below: New Plymouth firemen were quick to act when this rubbish truck caught fire in King St. There was a lot of smoke, and a little excitement, but fortunately no damage. The truck is owned by Mr C.A.McLeod, Fitzroy.



Below: What does a boy do when he's in town for the day and he's feeling a little peckish? These three boys from Fitzroy had the answer. Sitting in an Egmont St. doonway to eat their fish & chips are Henry Plowright, Richard Thame, and John Plowright.



Wearing inevitable black beret, Mr Honnor chats about building contract with Mr Trevor Riley.



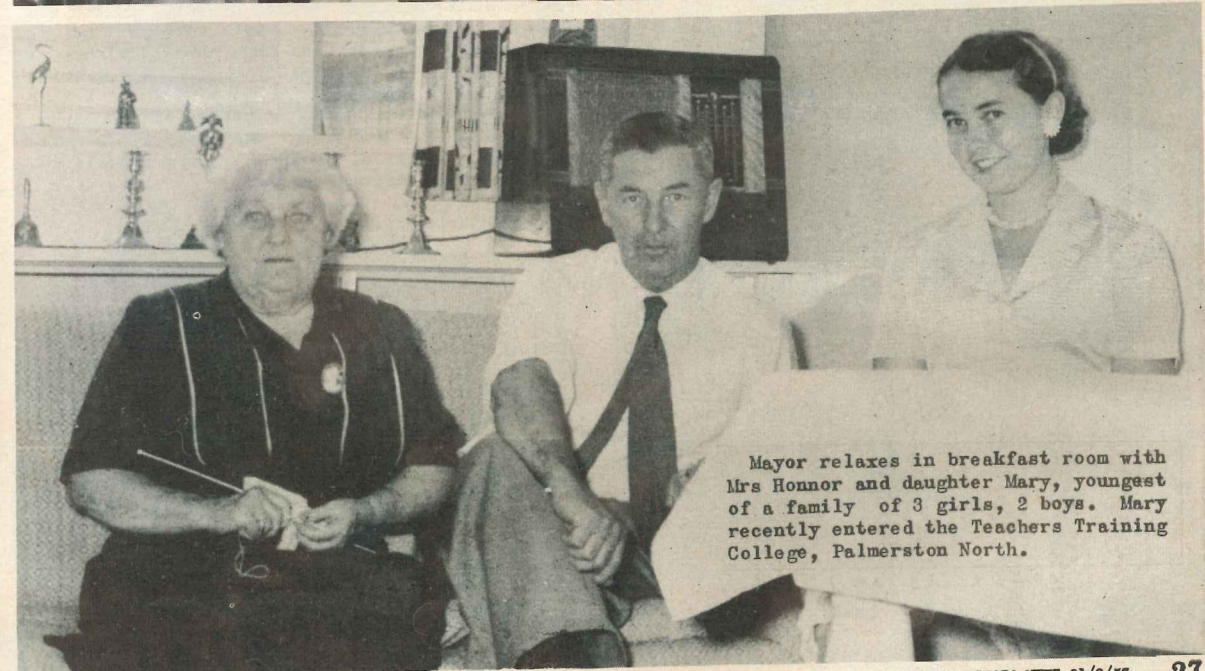
Busy at his desk in Mayoral office.

**Busy Mayor**

If Mr A.G.Honor, of 126 Molesworth St., isn't New Plymouth's busiest man, then he must be a close runner-up for the title.

Since his election as Mayor at the last municipal elections, Mr Honnor has cheerfully met numerous demands on his time, yet he still keeps in close touch with his building business, and even finds a spare hour or two to relax with his family.

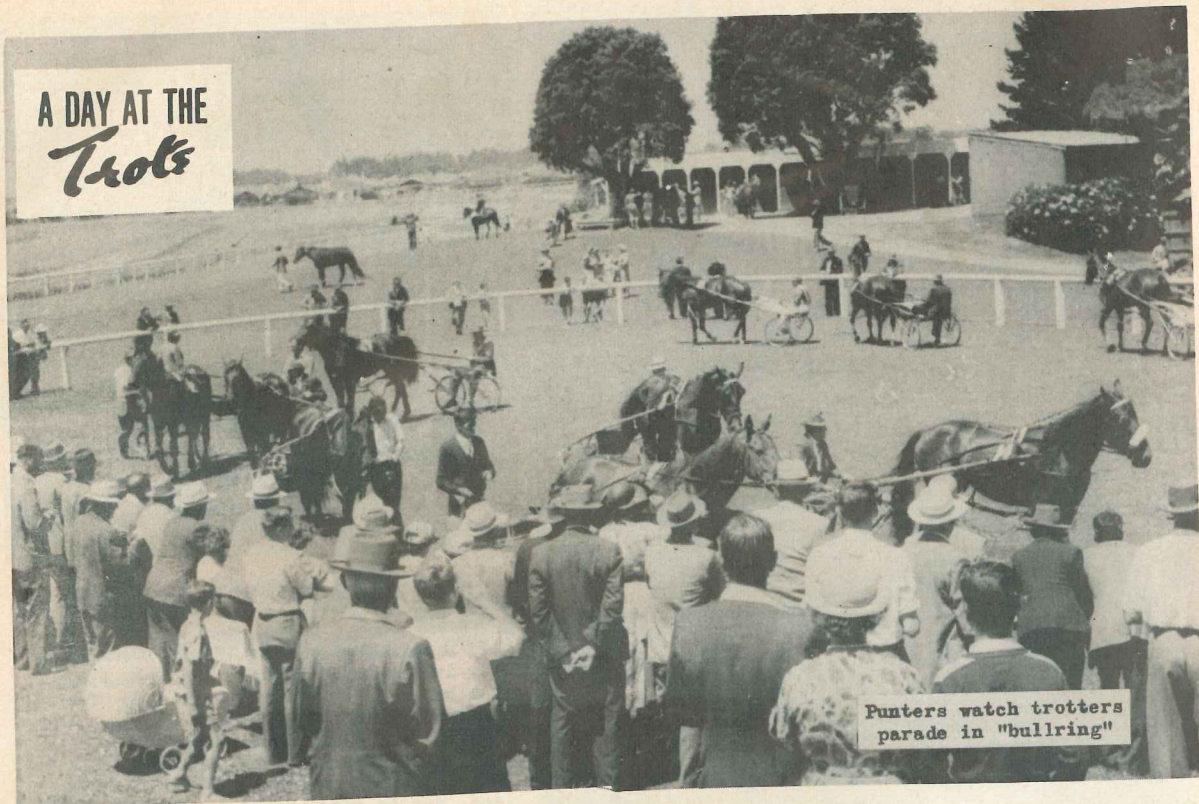
He was a councillor for nine years before his election as Mayor.



Mayor relaxes in breakfast room with Mrs Honnor and daughter Mary, youngest of a family of 3 girls, 2 boys. Mary recently entered the Teachers Training College, Palmerston North.



**A DAY AT THE  
Trots**



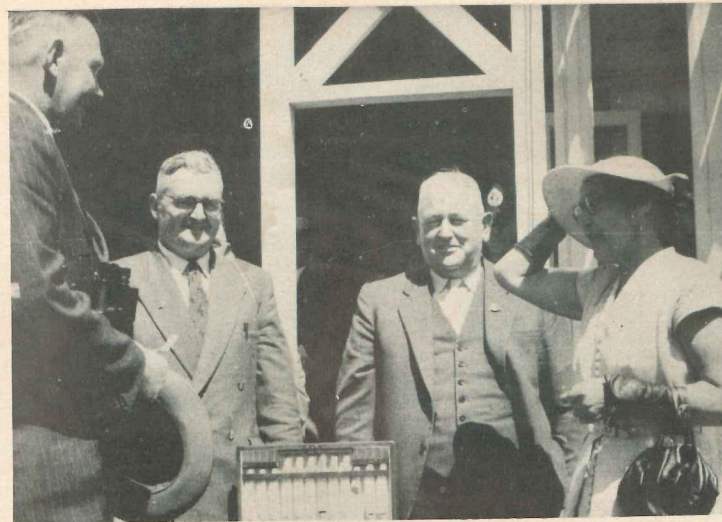
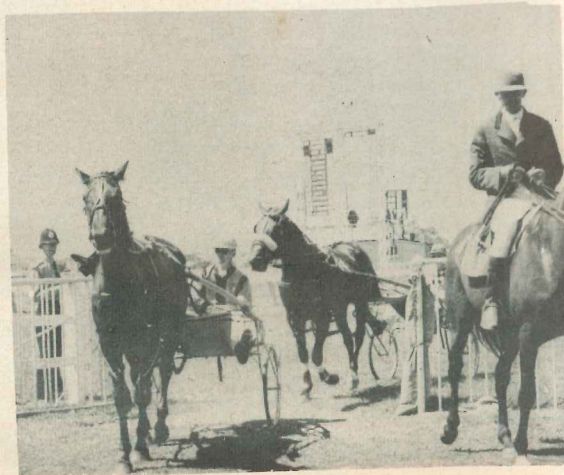
Punters watch trotters parade in "bullring"



Doug Grantham with Prince Dillala.

**CUP TO PRINCE DILLALA**

The first day of the Taranaki Trotting Club's January meeting produced a proud moment for the owners of 5-year-old Prince Dillala, which won the cup event in grand style. "The Prince" is the first trotter to run under the colours of Messrs. J.R.Mortlock, D.W.Mortlock, & V.B.C.Bloom. Also justly proud of the victory was Prince Dillala's trainer, Doug Grantham, of Normanby, who is pictured left with the horse a few minutes after the race. Below, Prince Dillala returning to the birdcage.



Above: Mr E.R.Hooker, president of the Taranaki Trotting Club, and Mrs Hooker (right of centre), pictured during presentation of trophy to the joint owners of Prince Dillala, winner of the cup race. Scottish Command was second and Denis Sirron third.



Mr D. LeC. Morgan, secretary of club since its inception.

Below: Caught by "Photo News" camera while chatting together on the course were Mr H.E.Robinson, secretary of the Hawera Trotting Club, & Mr M.A.Shearer, a Taranaki club official.



Punters check likely dividends



Prince Dillala leads home Scottish Command & Denis Sirron





Spectators watch trotters coming up the straight.



Miss Avis Coulton and Miss Ellen Fleming.



Secretary's wife, Mrs D. LeC. Morgan.

Much of the charm of a trotting meeting is due to the fashion-conscious ladies of the district — and beyond — who see to it that they're looking their best for the big day.



Miss Colleen Woller and Mrs A. Edwards



Miss Nina Atkinson



Miss Colleen Seamark



Some of the punters were lucky...



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## Married

Above:- At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Rohan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. E. O'Carroll, 7 Hawkins St., to Gerald, third son of Mr and Mrs C.E. Monaghan, 13 Ridge Lane.

Right:- At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Joyce, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Gibbs, 16 Tukapo St., to Andreas Anthonius, second son of the late Mr & Mrs C.F. Dieffles, The Hague, Holland.

Below:- At the Whiteley Memorial Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Alice, youngest daughter of the late Mr & Mrs R. Guilford, Fitzroy, to Claude, youngest son of Mr and the late Mrs W.J. Pycroft, Fitzroy. Miss M. Johnston was the bridesmaid, and Mr M. Cosbrook was best man. The flower girls were Carol Winstanley and Diane Jordan.



CRAGO STUDIOS





Competitors in Reel o' Tulloch

### LURE OF THE PIPES

Kilts swirled and bagpipes skirled in New Plymouth recently when the Thistle Society of Taranaki held its annual national dancing championships. Lured by the blaze of tartan and the enchantment of the pipes, "Photo News" had a peep at the contest — and found more than 300 competitors, from as far afield as North Auckland and the South Island. Verdict: A "braw" affair, indeed.



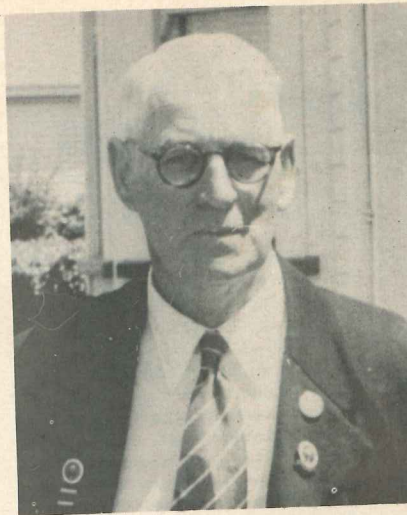
Spectators showed keen interest in contest.



Above:— Winners of the North Island sean triubhais were, left to right: Jeanette Roberts, 1; Colin Johnston, 2; and Joyce Taunt, 3. Left: Big organisational job was ably handled by local committee. Pictured here is Mrs L.M.Hunger, Secretary.



Lynette Faulkner (Westown) with young cousin Ross Parker



### Personal

Left: Mr James Lobb, Takapo Street, who reached the final of the singles bowling championship of N.Z. at Auckland recently. Mr Lobb was defeated by James Pirret, of Tuakau, after a hard battle in which he was widely applauded for his tenacity. During his stay in Auckland for the tournament, Mr Lobb was elected a vice-president of the N.Z. Bowling Umpires' Assn.



Above: Mr D.F.Sandys Wunsch, Barton Street, who was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year honours. Seen here in a sketch by N.Z. war artist Peter McIntyre, Mr Sandys Wunsch is chairman of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, and a consulting director of Dairy Products, Ltd. Left: Dr A.D.Warren, new medical officer of health for Taranaki, pictured (left) with Mr F.B.Percy, formerly of Whangarei, who has taken up a position as inspector of health at New Plymouth. Dr. Warren has been in practice in Whangarei.



Left: Mr W.G.P.Ingley, Frankley Rd., who has retired as collector of customs in New Plymouth. Mr Ingley also held the post of superintendent of mercantile marine, and in that capacity carried out preliminary inquiries into the stranding of the Calm at Waiweranui Point. He joined the department in Wellington in 1916. Before his New Plymouth post he was assistant sub-collector, Dunedin. Right: Mr N.H.Ames, former collector of customs in Gisborne, who succeeds Mr Ingley.







High above clouds, family look out from summit

## Mass Assault ON THE MOUNTAIN

No one, they said, had really seen Taranaki until they had climbed "the mountain".

So "Photo News", taking the bait, donned a pair of outside boots, flexed its muscles, and joined more than 260 others in a mass assault on Mount Egmont.

The occasion was the Mount Egmont Alpine Club's annual invitation climb, and conditions, according to the experts, were ideal.

There were times when "Photo News", wheezing its way up the slopes, doubted its wisdom in taking part, but when, on the summit, it recovered its breath, the effort had been well worth while.



Rope assisted climbers from crater to highest point

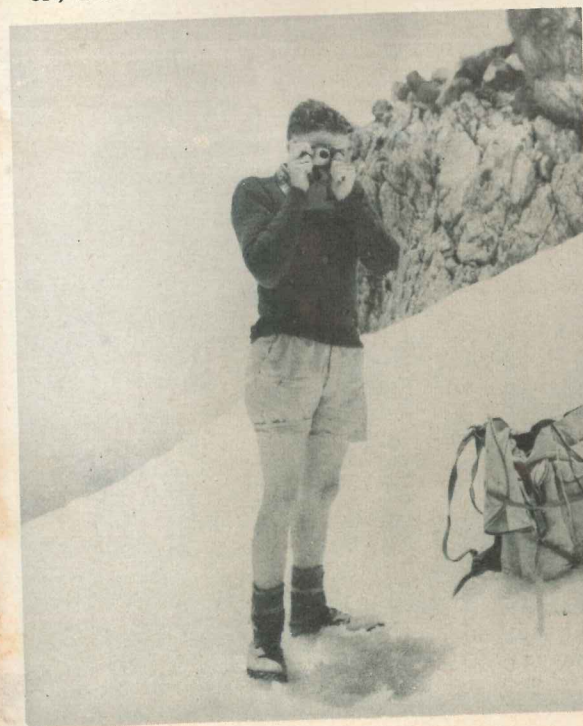


Climbers, proud of successful ascent, chat together in the crater

To ensure the safety of inexperienced climbers, they were split up into small groups, each party being accompanied by members of the Alpine Club.

Below: Ron Shorter takes picture of group he guided to the crater.

Right: Cherry Ostridge (now Mrs Ron Shorter) looked after stragglers in the party.



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Left: Journey by wheeled transport ends at this point. From now on climber must rely on own power. In this picture, Roger Dunn & Beth Cameron look up at the majestic peak of Mount Egmont.  
Above: First stage is along a bush-shaded path.



Climbers toil up ridge.....



.....and are rewarded at hut with a hot cup of tea



A chance to rest complaining muscles



Climber pauses to admire view

A man aged 79, Mr A. Russell, of Napier, was among those who reached the summit, and the parties included a proportion of women and children. The pace was moderate, and rests were frequent — a fact appreciated by most of the climbers, both young and old.



Roger and Beth look south from summit





Above: Volunteer workers provided cups of tea at hut during both ascent and descent. Pearl Brent and Grace Rowlands pictured here, seem to be enjoying theirs after successful climb.

Below: Among the younger climbers were these boys. Back row, Jim Halliday (10 years), Peter Dobson (13); front row, Jackie Halliday (8), Max McLean (10), and Jim Archibald (10).

Below right: Monument to climber who was killed in rescue attempt is reminder that the mountain should be treated with respect.



Welcome awaits at hut



Going down loose scoria is tricky, but good fun



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*Married*

Above:- At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Margaret, only daughter of Mr & Mrs Alan Cattle, 27 Tainui St., to Kenneth, only son of Mr & Mrs Alfred Smith, Rangautau. The couple will make their home at Rangautau.

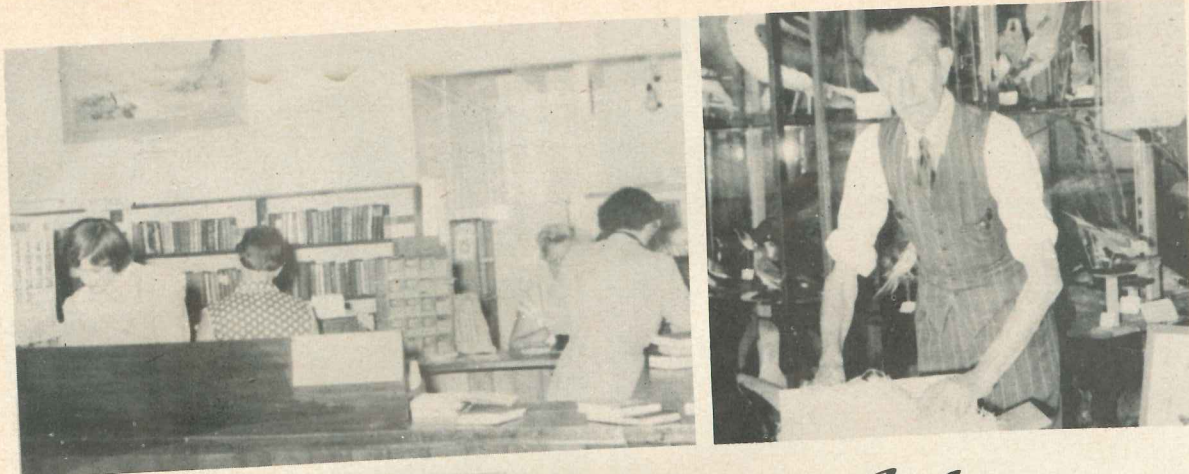
Left:- At St. Mary's, Miss Beverley Ann Shepherd, daughter of Mr & Mrs Charles McNeill, New Plymouth, to Mr James Walker, of New Plymouth.

Below:- At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Doreen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Morris, Birkenhead, to Edward, son of Mrs & the late Mr E. Kenny, Parris St., New Plymouth.

Attendants pictured with the bride and groom are (left to right): Mr Pat Kenny, groomsman; Miss Joan Nicholls, chief bridesmaid; Miss Shirley Bishop, bridesmaid; and Mr Ian Gooch, best man. The flower-girls are Natal Kenny and Fay Morris. The couple's future home; Johnsonville.







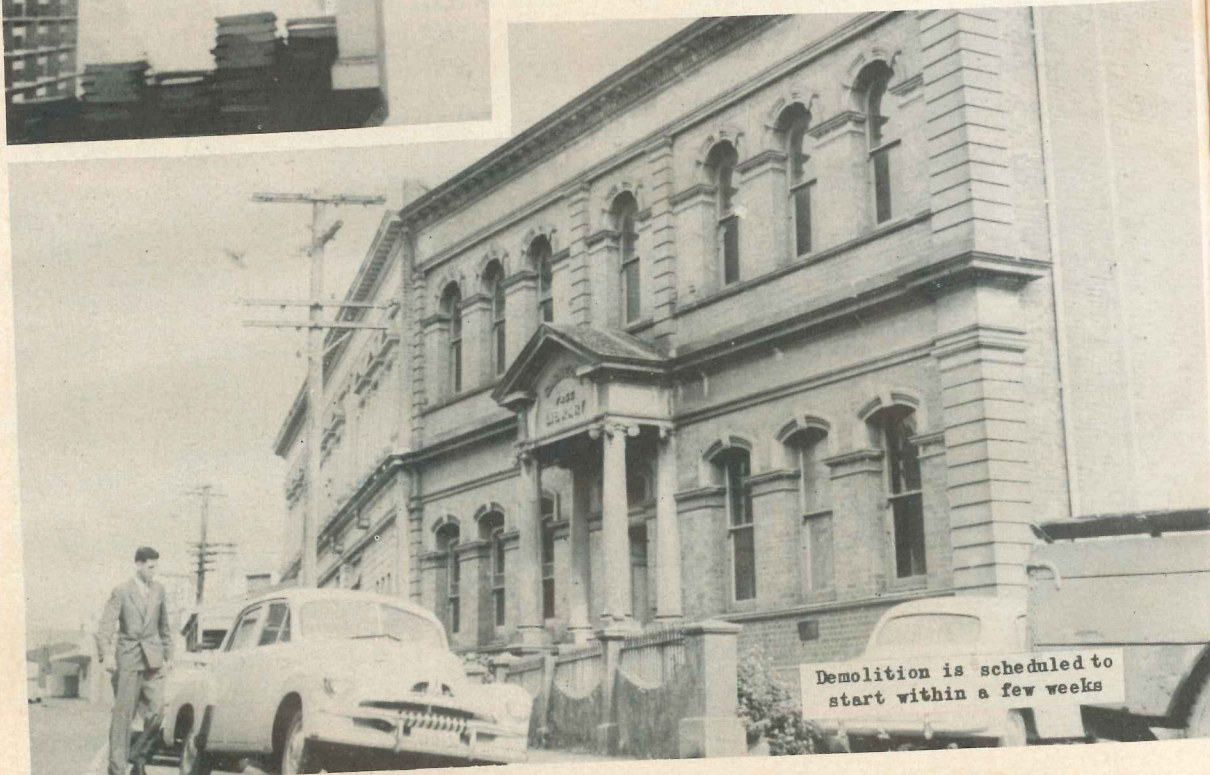
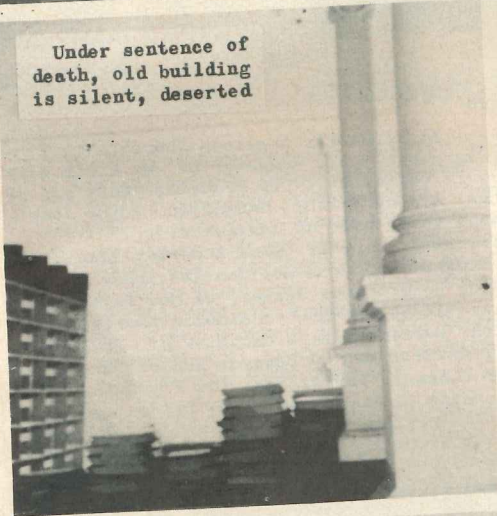
Under sentence of death, old building is silent, deserted

### Death of a Building

Doomed to early demolition, the 50-year-old library and museum building in King St., New Plymouth, is being cleared of all its valuable exhibits and book collections. It is to be pulled down to make way for a modern, £250,000 building which will occupy the present site, plus a large slice of the parking area adjoining it.

Above, the chief librarian, Mr A.L.Low, busy packing museum exhibits.

Top left, business goes on as usual in temporary library premises around the corner.



Demolition is scheduled to start within a few weeks



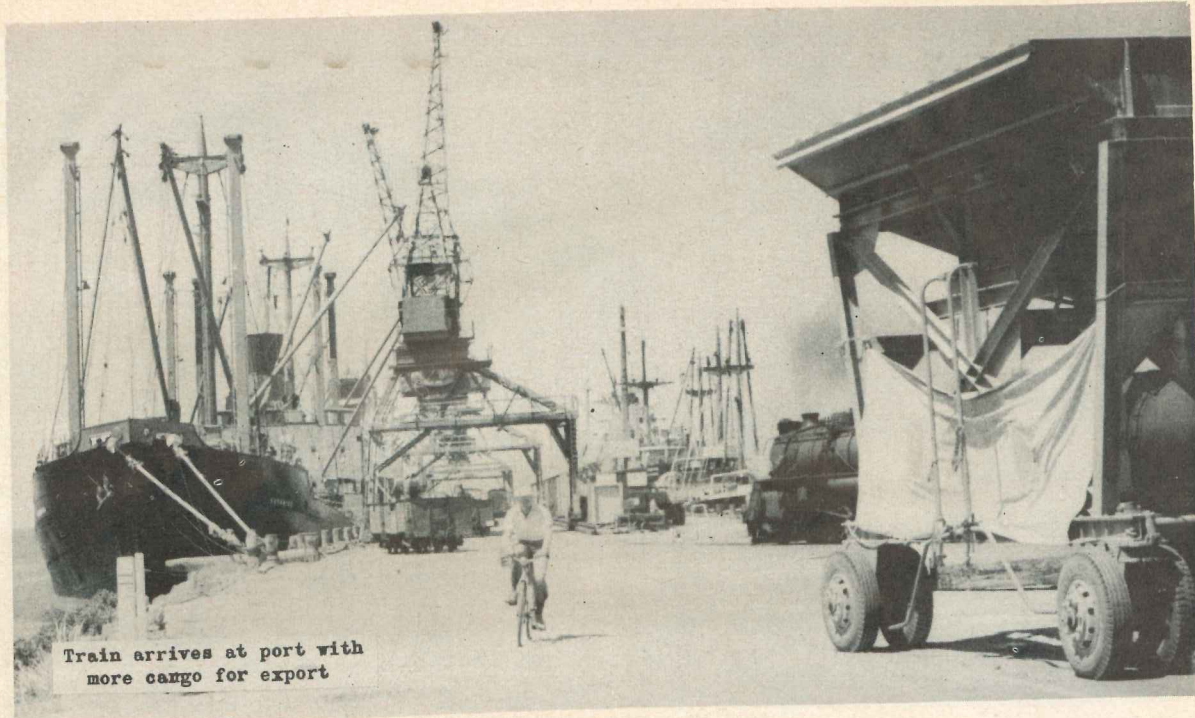
### Pictures FROM THE PAST

New Plymouth's thriving commercial centre of today bears little resemblance to Devon Street of 1873, when tar-sealed roads and motor-cars were unheard of. In the picture above, camera looks west up Devon Street from the Brougham Street intersection. Egmont Street, which now joins Devon Street on the right, half-way up the rise, had not been constructed then. Masonic Hotel on right was on site now occupied by the Bank of New Zealand.

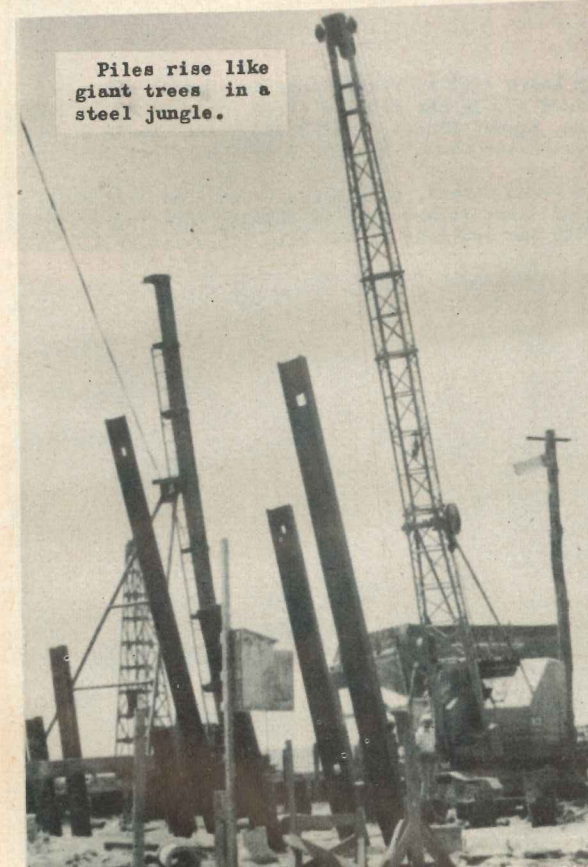
Below, looking seawards along Brougham Street from Devon Street, with Masonic Hotel on left corner. Building on right corner was occupied by W.R. King, and son; is now site of "King's Building". Pictures were made available to "Photo News" through the courtesy of the city librarian, Mr.A.H.Low.







Train arrives at port with more cargo for export



Piles rise like giant trees in a steel jungle.

### BUSY WATERFRONT

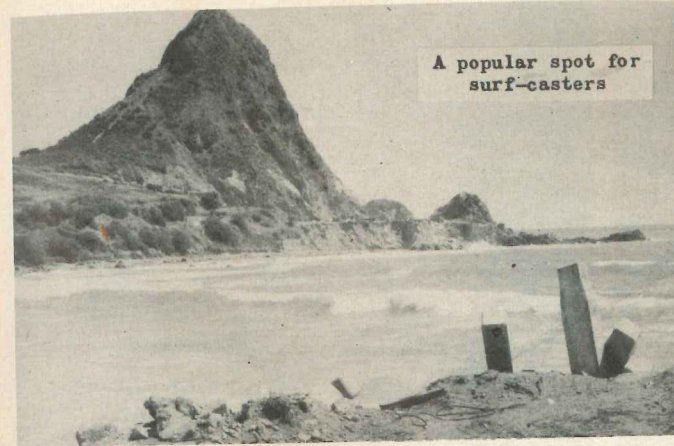
Port Taranaki, the vital "funnel" through which the products of the province are poured, has been a scene of busy activity in recent weeks.

Over a month of almost perfect weather has given Downer, Morrison, Knudsen, Ltd., a chance to push ahead with the construction of the £600,000 Moturoa wharf.

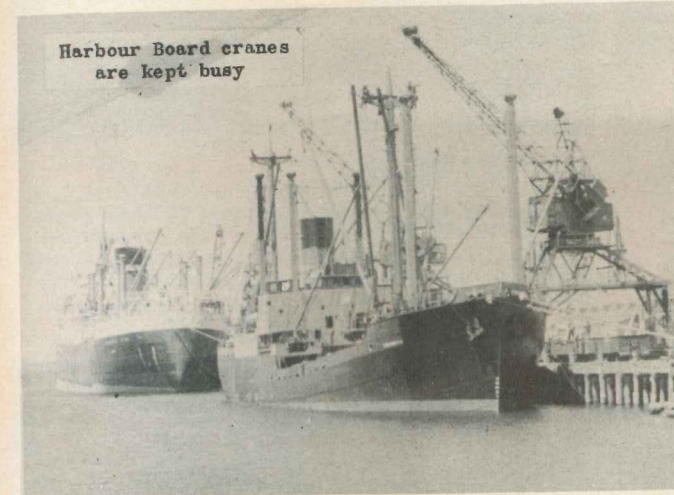
Other workmen have been busy laying the foundations for two giant cement silos, which will facilitate handling of cement at the port.



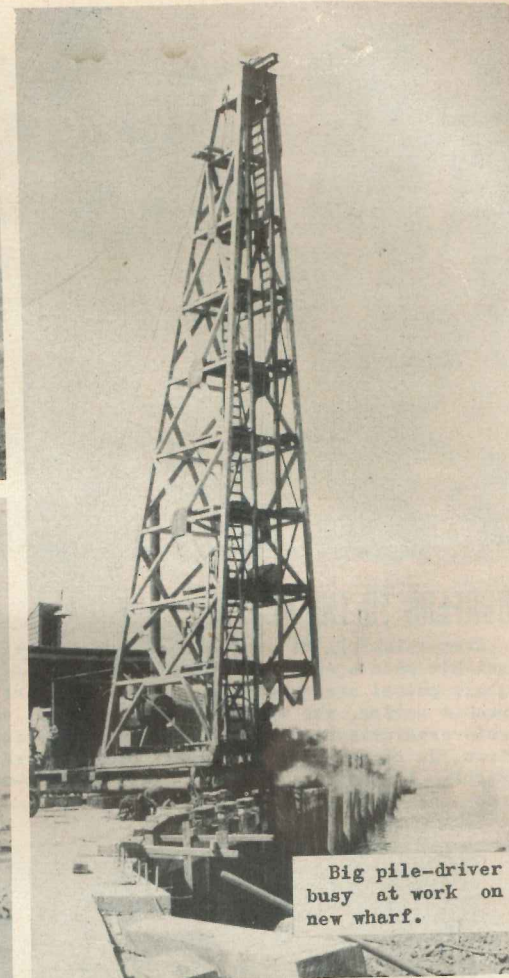
Barry McCullough & Allon Aitcheson at work on site of cement silos.



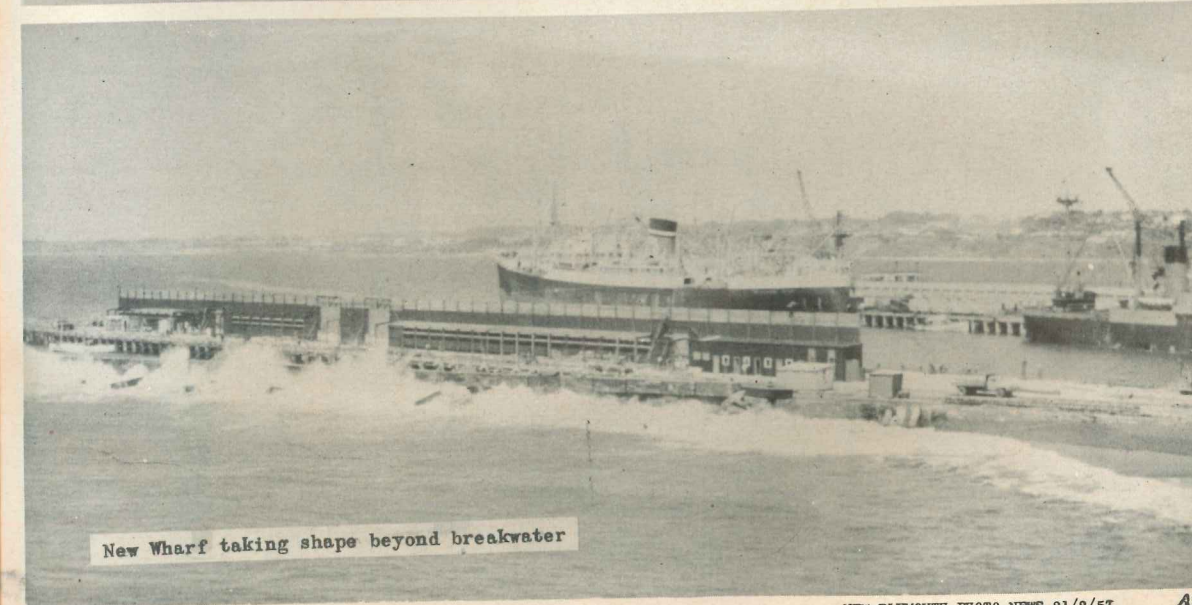
A popular spot for surf-casters



Harbour Board cranes are kept busy



Big pile-driver busy at work on new wharf.



New Wharf taking shape beyond breakwater





### SURFERS TO THE RESCUE

Ever-watchful Fitzroy life-savers reacted quickly when a woman got into difficulties in their patrol area recently. Thanks to their prompt action, she was soon safely ashore, and recovered without need for artificial respiration. In picture above, member operates reel. Right, life-savers let out line as belt-man races to the rescue.

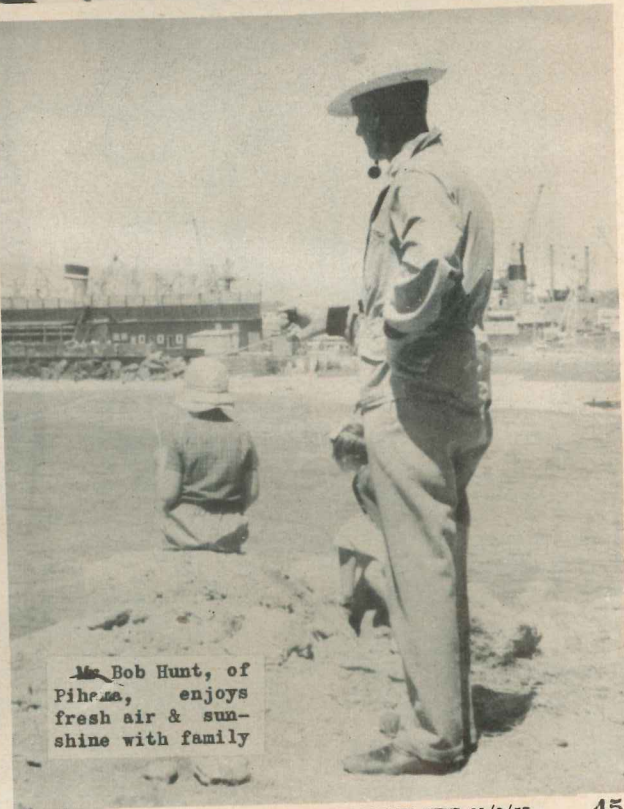


### ASSET FOR KAPONGA

Community effort with a capital "C" has given the settlement of Kaponga one of the finest war memorial halls in the district. Opened last year, the hall has a spacious gallery, and is painted in bright, modern colours. Below, dancers enjoy Gay Gordons in the new hall.



Above: Three boys enjoy a spot of fishing from New Plymouth wharf. They are Lindsay Jones (Christchurch), Alton Martin (Wanganui) & Allan Fifeild (Helensville). Below: Mr R.J. Witton, from Foxton, is keen surf-caster.



Mr Bob Hunt, of Piha, enjoys fresh air & sunshine with family

### Gone Fishin'

Taranaki's coast, a pioneer district for surf-casting, is almost a paradise for a man with a good rod & a sound pair of wrists.

Shady inlets along the coast are not only good places to catch fish — they have just the right atmosphere for the man who wants to puff on his pipe enjoy the scenery, and forget about his job for a day or two.

And if you go home without a fish, it doesn't seem to matter much anyway.



## Canine Carnival

If you happened to be a dog, and you were in the mood for a bit of fun, you couldn't have gone to a better place the other day than the New Plymouth Kennel Club's carnival spree.

Take "Tan", the Corgi in the picture on the right, for instance. He's almost laughing his head off at the antics of "Goldie" in the driver's seat. In fact, everyone had a yelping good time.

Tan & Goldie almost stole the show when they led the carnival parade through Devon St.



Jim Fordy's "Tan" & Sandra Vinsen's "Goldie" are fine team in horse-and-cart



Reason for the club's carnival is to raise funds for a show building. At present the club has to hold its shows in the open. "Queen candidates" pictured here are: Above, Mrs J.Gable's Belle of Egmont (sporting); right, Mrs J.Mitchell's Glenmark Bright (non-sporting); below, Mrs Duffy's Ch. Alberton Artful (toys and terriers).



"Gypsy", the pony, was one of the most sought-after guests. Although over 30 years old, she never once balked at taking a child for a ride. Pictured having ride (bottom left) are Gypsy's owner, Margaret Grech, Diane Waterson, and Kay Smith.



"Gypsy" was busy all afternoon.



"Sorry, girls, but they're not for sale"

This isn't as easy as it might look. But the girls thought it was worth getting their faces sticky to taste the juicy apple underneath the toffee. Besides, there was a prize for the first one to finish.







Finalists line up



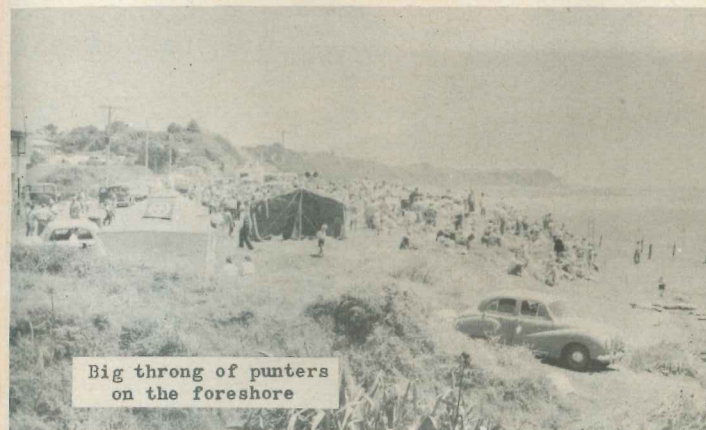
Competitions for children in handling dogs in the show ring were a feature of the day's fun. Above, Linda Brown receives prize from the Mayor, Mr A.G.Honnor, for winning under-7 class. Left, little girl eyeing puppy wishes she could have been in the competition too.



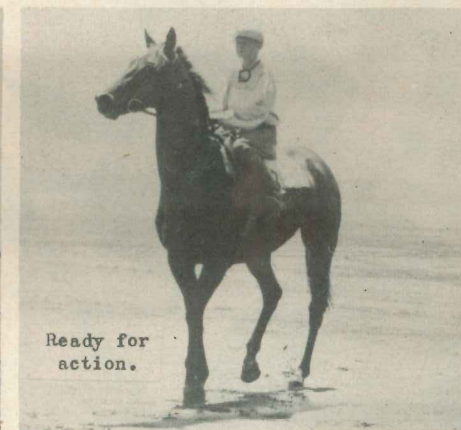
Dogs came in all shapes, sizes, colours.



Horses parade in novel "Birdcage" before start of second race



Big throng of punters on the foreshore

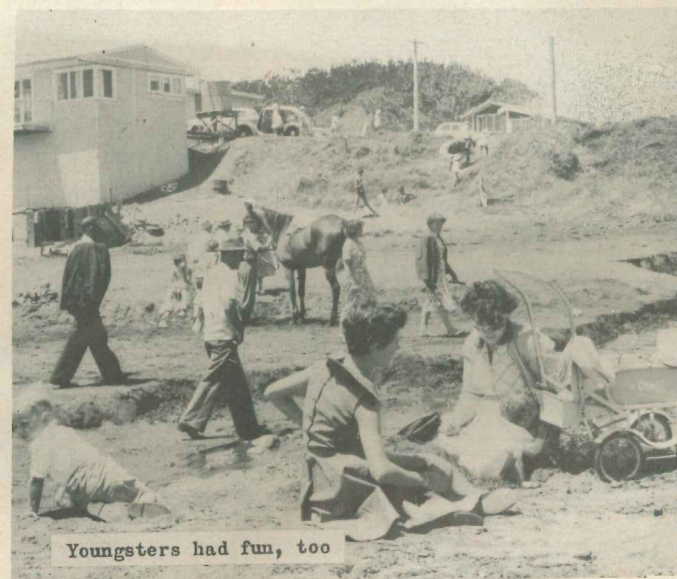


Ready for action.

A tent served as a totalisator, and cyclostyled sheets for race books, but the hundreds of punters who thronged to the beach thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.



Girl rider enjoyed her day on the beach



Youngsters had fun, too

## HOOVES AND SAND

You're not likely to see Bill Broughton there — nor, for that matter, Rising Fast — but there's something about the Oakura Beach races that neither Trentham nor Ellerslie can emulate.

For the children, there are bucketfuls upon bucketfuls of sand, for dad there's a sea breeze to cool his perspiring brow, & for all the family there is a delightful picnic atmosphere.

Idea of the races is to raise funds for a new memorial hall and the surf life-savers.





*Busy  
Brass Band*

Seen here busy at practice for N.Z. contest at Napier is New Plymouth City Band trombone player Barry Stening.



Drill practice meant hours of hard work

**OFF TO CONTEST**

New Plymouth City Bandsmen set off today for the N.Z. brass band contest at Napier with a mission. Their aim: To obtain for the band a grading worthy of the city.

The original Taranaki Regimental Band was disbanded some years ago, and when the new band was formed it was given a "D" grading.

"New Plymouth should have at least a B-grade band," conductor Lionel Hall told "Photo News". He added: "We're working steadily towards up-grading."



"Nice and softly, boys," urges Mr Hall



Drum-Major Cliff Butler calls band to attention.





Above: Mr Job Lowe retired from active playing many years ago, but he still goes along to practices to hear how things are going. He twice won N.Z. euphonium championship — at Christchurch in 1915 and at Wellington in 1922. The conductor, Mr Hall, was formerly a bandmaster in Greymouth and Westport. He came to New Plymouth in 1952.



The cornets....



....and the basses

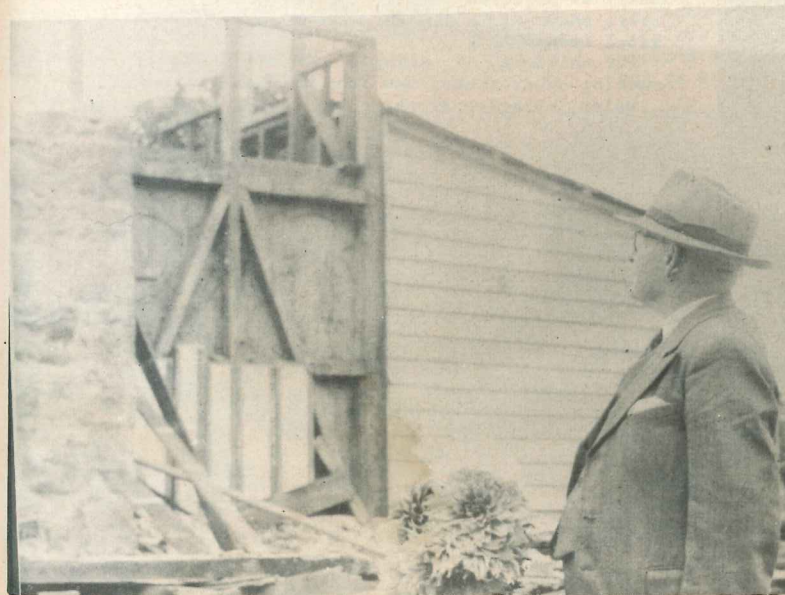
Contest preparation means practices almost every night of the week.



Final hours of an old house

### Brownie Camera

Memories came flooding back to Mr H.R. Boswell when an old two-storey house next to Smart Brothers' premises in Brougham Street was demolished last week. Mr Boswell lived in the same street as a boy and can remember the ancient building as a comfortable home. Below, Mr Boswell has his last look at the house before its complete demolition. The site will be occupied eventually by a radio studio building.



CHARTERS & GUTHRIE

Above:— Married recently in St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, were Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.F.A. Hawkes, Pukepoto, and Gerald, son of Mrs E. and the late Mr G.Oatridge, Mt. Albert, Auckland. Future home: Glen Eden.



Above: This unusual picture of the summit of Mt. Egmont was taken, not from the hostel, but from Bell Block. Mr C.B. Benton took the shot, combining a Box Brownie camera with a telescope. The editor of "Photo News" invites other readers to submit their pictures for publication. The address: Box 427.





### TARANAKI'S WEALTH ON PARADE

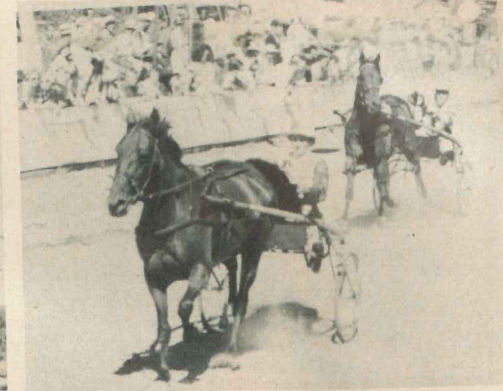
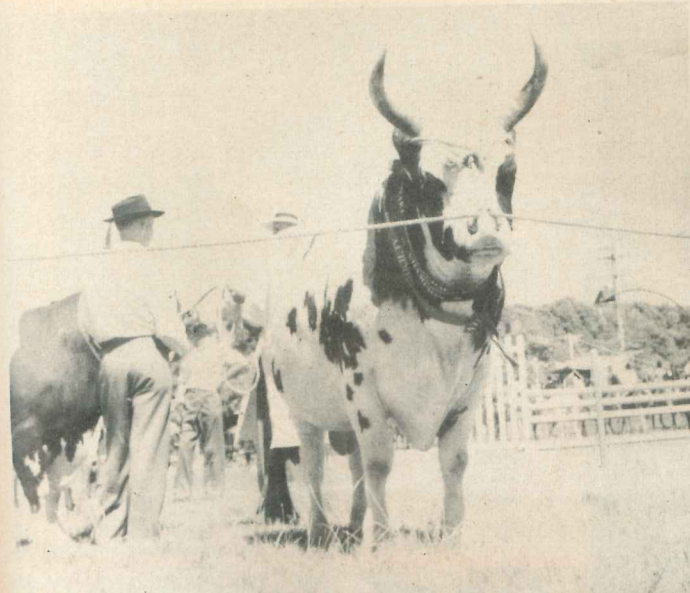
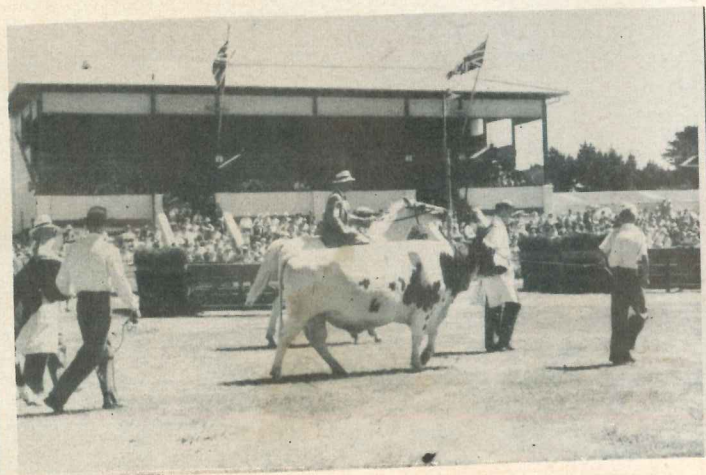
Numerous counter-attractions whittled the attendance at the Taranaki Metropolitan Agricultural and Pastoral Association's 80th autumn show this month.

But although the crowds were smaller than on both days last year, there was no decline in the standard of entertainment.

And — most important of all — the standard of the dairy stock which came before the judges was as high as ever, ensuring a healthy future for Taranaki's most vital industry.

For children, as always, it was a day of ferris wheels, candy floss, and lots of fun.

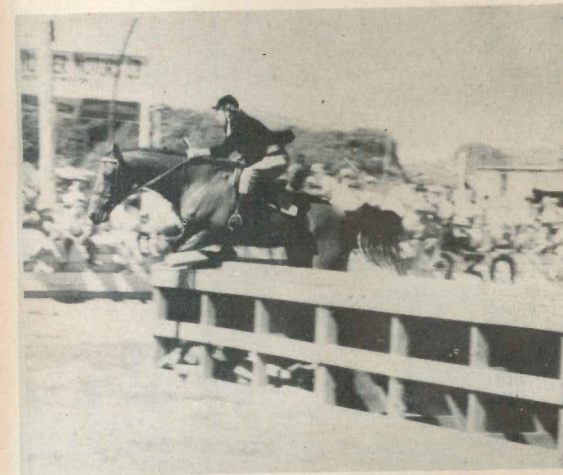
Below, champion Ayrshire bull leads grand parade.



Above: Trotting was a popular feature of the show. Floodlit trotting was held in the evening.

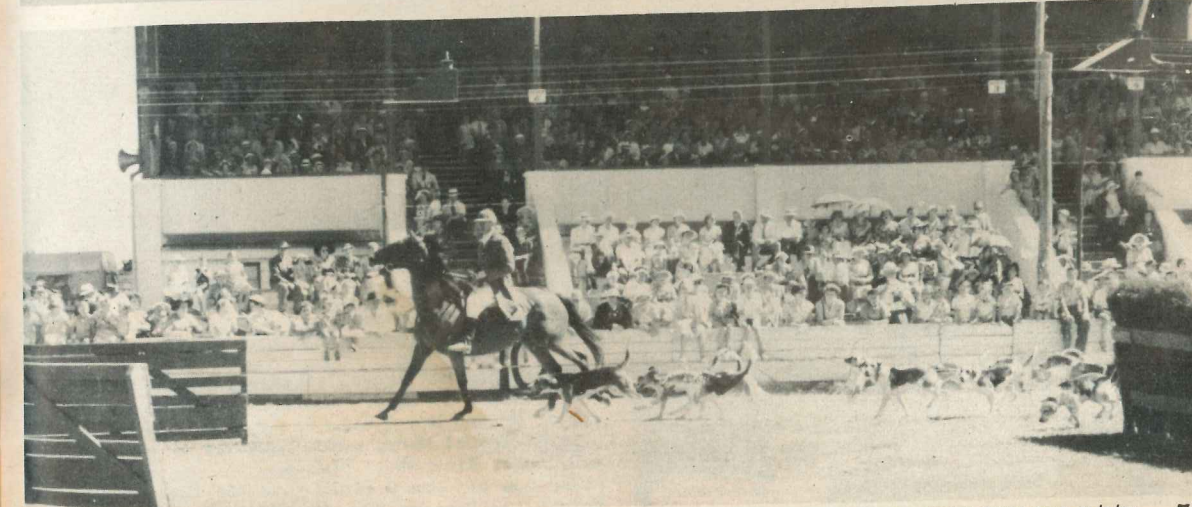
Left: Champion Ayrshire bull, Mr A.V. Hall's Burnside Jubilee.

Below: Messrs A.G. & D.M. Hall's Ayrshire cow, Burnside Lucky Jean, won all-breeds championship.

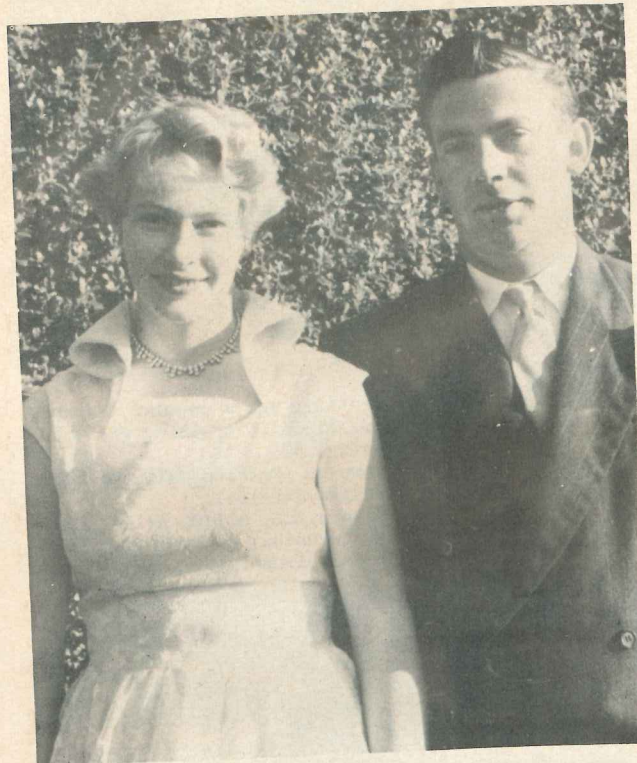


Left: Horse jumping was keenly followed by spectators around the show ring.

Below: And just to show the horses that they weren't completely in charge, Hunt Club hounds put on a special act.







**Engaged**

CHARTERS & GUTHRIE

Above: Jeanette Oliver, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs K.O. Butcher, Ballance St., to Edgar James, eldest son of Mr & Mrs I.W. Askew, Rawhitiroa, Eltham.

Left: Valerie Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Roper, 26 Drake St., to Ronald James, second son of Mr & Mrs R.J. Martin, Stratford.

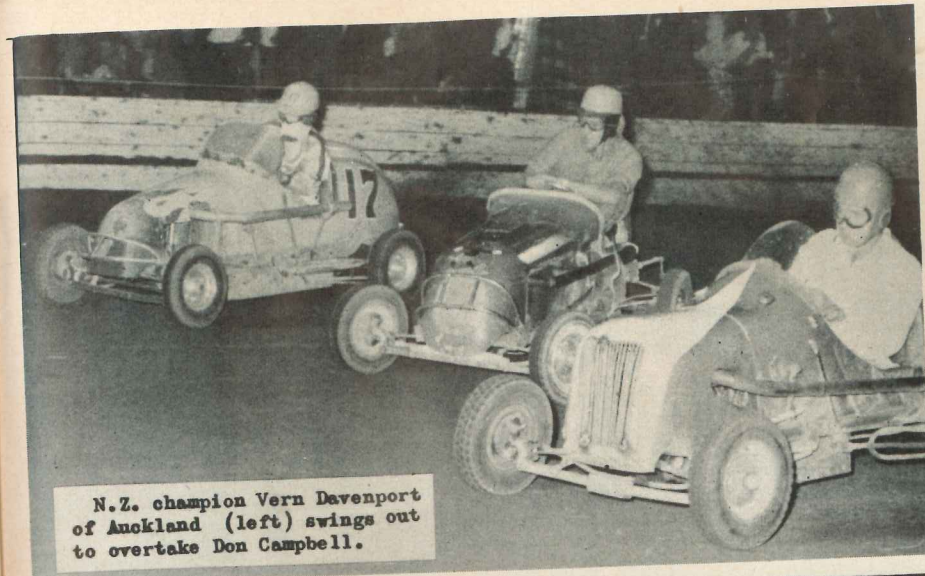


SWANSON'S STUDIOS



Above: Heather Agnes, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Smith, 16 Lower Smart Rd., to Gray, only son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Lucinsky, 45A Lismore St.

Left: Isobel Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Cargo, King St., Opunake, to Harold Gordon, elder son of Mrs C. Gibbs and the late Mr R.G. Wright, 24 Eastoun Rd., Wanganui.



N.Z. champion Vern Davenport of Auckland (left) swings out to overtake Don Campbell.

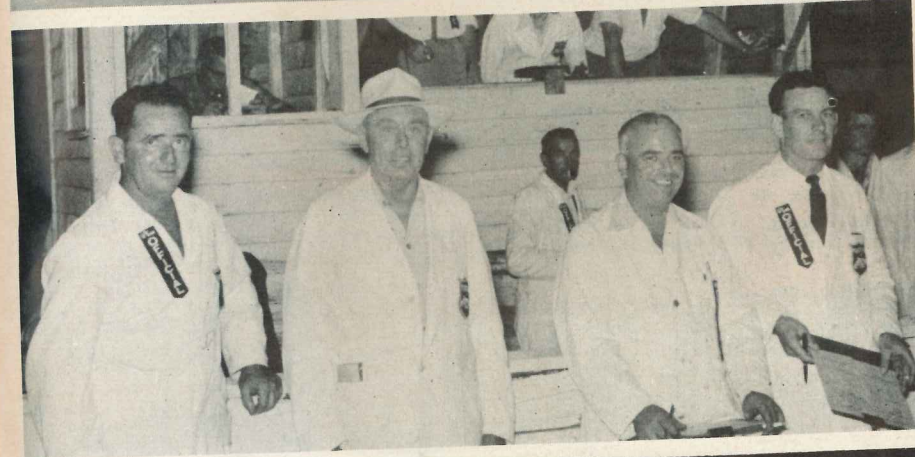
**THIRST FOR SPEED**

Urged on by thirst for speed, the Taranaki Midget Car Racing Club launched its 7th season recently with another successful meeting at the Showgrounds.

The club now has a fleet of 10 midget cars and seven T.Q.s (three-quarter midgets, with motor-bike engines).

Officials pictured lower left are Jack Hopkinson (manager), Rex Emmett (president), Lloyd Palmer (handicapper) & Don McLean (handicapper).

Public support for midget racing is growing, and there was big crowd at opening meeting. CRAGO STUDIOS



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Spectators are tense as they watch race



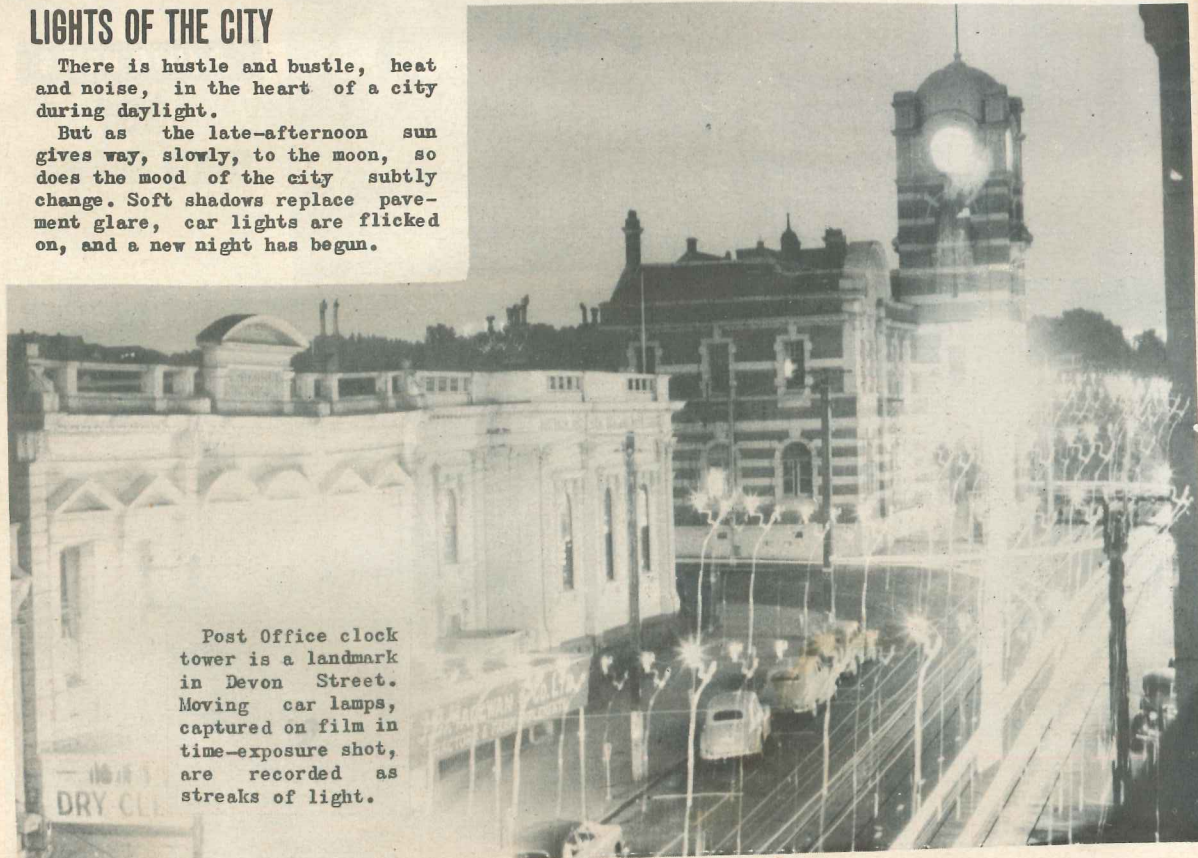


Looking east from Egmont Street corner along Devon Street

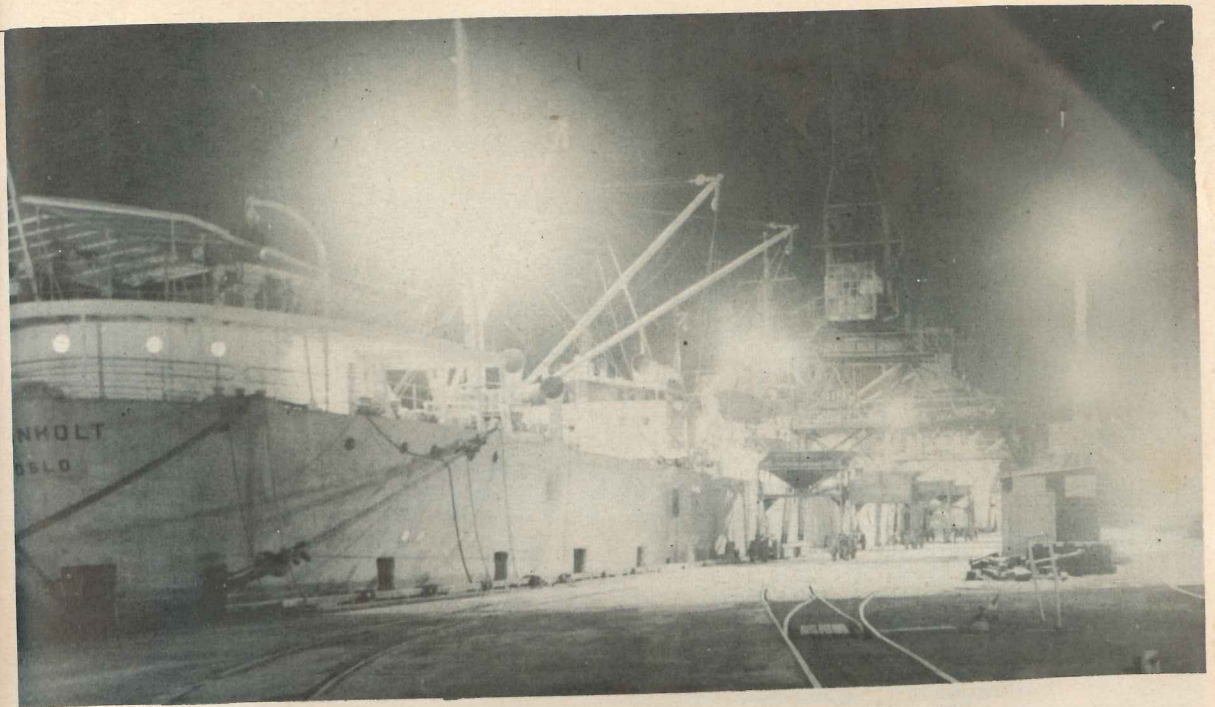
### LIGHTS OF THE CITY

There is hustle and bustle, heat and noise, in the heart of a city during daylight.

But as the late-afternoon sun gives way, slowly, to the moon, so does the mood of the city subtly change. Soft shadows replace pavement glare, car lights are flicked on, and a new night has begun.



Post Office clock tower is a landmark in Devon Street. Moving car lamps, captured on film in time-exposure shot, are recorded as streaks of light.



Above: Night view of New Plymouth waterfront, with ships quietly asleep, is in striking contrast to the busy scene during working hours. Hoppers are lined up at ship's side, in readiness for further toil, when the light of another day dawns.  
Below: Ground-level view of Devon Street, looking west from Liardet Street corner.





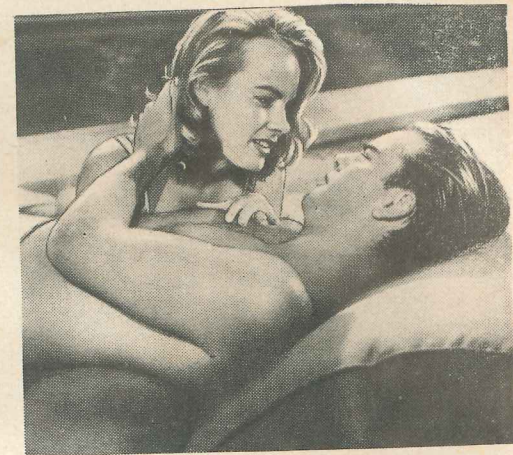


Lights of ships berthed at breakwater cast reflections over sea and sand.



Above: John Gregson as Captain Bell, commanding the Exeter in the epic British film, "The Battle of the River Plate".

Below: Ernest Borgnine and Sheree North in "The Best Things in Life are Free", the story of the song-writing team of De Sylva, Brown and Henderson.



Above: World War II interrupts this brief moment of romance for Robert Wagner and Terry Moore in "Between Heaven and Hell".

From  
*Films*  
 coming to NEW PLYMOUTH



Above: David Wayne, Celeste Holm and Frank Sinatra are all ears as they listen to Debbie Reynolds unfold her "marriage plan" in "The Tender Trap".



Left: Lovely Terry Moore is the wife in "Between Heaven and Hell".

Right: Frank Sinatra and Debbie Reynolds are the cuddlesome couple in "The Tender Trap".







Splashing contest

### WAR MEMORIAL POOL

The enthusiasm to embark on a highly ambitious war memorial project is now paying dividends for residents of Rawhitiroa, a settlement 4 miles from Eltham.

With the aid of a Government subsidy and more than 10,000 hours of voluntary labour, they have built one of the most up-to-date swimming pools in the province.

The pool is designed to overflow continually, and the "spilt" water is drawn back into a filtration system which sterilises it before pumping it into the pool again. Result is that the water is both warm and thoroughly clean.



Two of volunteer workers Paul Every & Pat O'Connor



Boy takes a plunge



Project will be completed when surround of pool is tiled and banks terraced.



Big concentration of cars on Opunake Beach

### SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hundreds of motorists who converged on Opunake Beach recently to see the Taranaki surf life-saving championships were well rewarded.

Despite unfavourable weather, the surfers put on an impressive display of both drill and practical work.

East End almost scooped the pool in the senior competitions, and did win every event in the junior classes.



Surfers line up for inspection.





Secretary's wife, Mrs L.Cave, congratulates E.Jury

### BOWLS FINAL

In one of the finest tussles a bowls enthusiast could hope to see, E. Jury skipped his Paritutu rink to victory in the Taranaki open four tournament held this month.

Bowlers from far and wide centred on the district for the tournament, but the field narrowed down to two New Plymouth rinks.

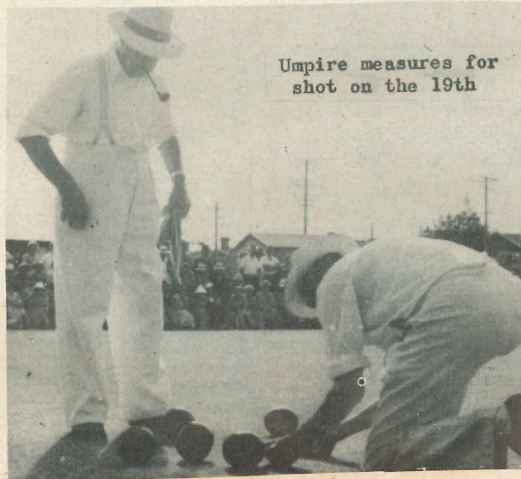
The visitors didn't complain. They enjoyed near-perfect weather, and there was high praise both for the greens and for the organisation of the tournament.

M.J.Squire's West End team were runners-up.

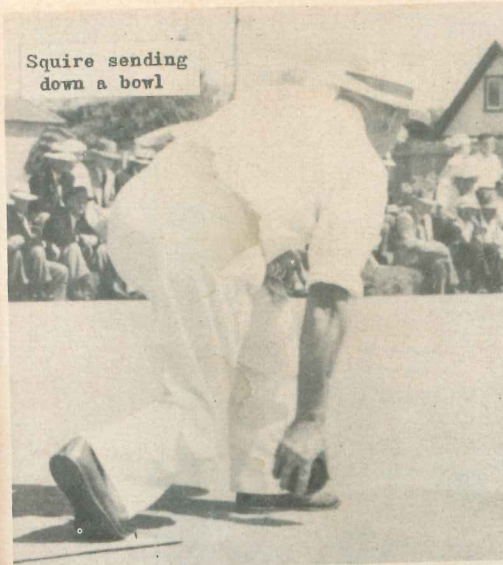
As picture below shows, public interest in the contest was high.



E.Jury & M.J.Squire



Umpire measures for shot on the 19th



Squire sending down a bowl

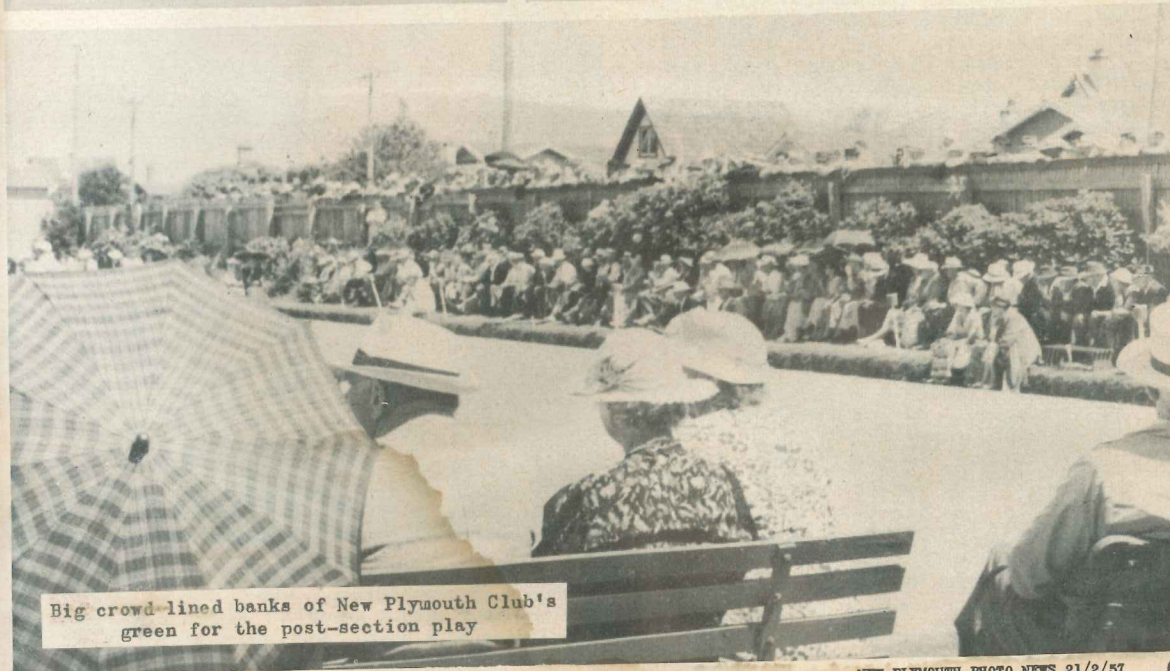


I.Cervo (Nae Nae) gained 3rd place



Above: Finalists lined up at presentation ceremony. The winning rink comprised: H.Bullin, E.Feek, S. Lovell, and Jury. The runners-up: K.Tompkins, C.Hannan, J.Lobb and Squire.

Below: The last bowl of the tournament -- and Jury had defeated Squire 16-14.



Big crowd lined banks of New Plymouth Club's green for the post-section play





CRAGO STUDIOS

## Roving Camera

Above: The sport of marching has a particularly strong following in this district — a fact which makes all the more meritorious the fine win of the Inglewood team, "Vanguards", in the recent Taranaki championships. Members of the team pictured here are: Back row, L.Herlihy, B.Benny, V.Smith, J.Curd, D.Corney, D.Tunnicliffe, front row, M.Robinson, C.Curd, Y.Austin, V.Scott, N.Crane, H.Crowe; leader, R. Josephs; coach, Mr B.R.Plumb.

Below: The tables were turned on New Plymouth's chief traffic officer, Mr J.H.R. Semple at Cornwell Cup presentation when he was charged — and fined — by mock court.



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Above: Galvin Edser, one of New Plymouth's leading jazz musicians, who is now on a South Island tour with a group of Auckland jazzmen, including Bart Stokes and Benny Levin. Galvin is pictured here in 2XP studio.



## SUNLIGHT AND SHADOW

Sun, trees and sparkling stream blend in a harmony of light and shade in King Edward Park, one of Stratford's beauty spots.

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### AUSTRALIAN VISITOR

One of the few survivors of the days of sail, the Derwent Hunter, was a recent caller to New Plymouth. Owned by the Australian Government, the 80-ton schooner is on a 4000-mile cruise tracing the movement of water masses in the Tasman Sea.

