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The camera can't lie? If you believe that, then here's a picture to keep you awake at night—a stone-age monster with six legs.

Or maybe it was just two elephants from Bullens Circus, photographed at Sanders Park, and it only goes to prove you don't want to believe all you see in "Photo News".

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## A Sunny Smile For a Sunny Day

Taranaki's weather was on its best behaviour for the great day, as Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, stepped down from her aeroplane at Bell Block to greet the citizens of Taranaki and New Plymouth during her short but memorable visit. With Her Majesty is Mr A.G. Harper, Secretary for Internal Affairs and Royal Tour Director.

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## QUEEN MOTHER'S VISIT

Not since the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1954 have such huge crowds thronged New Plymouth's streets. From all parts of Taranaki and King Country they came to give a tumultuous welcome to the mother of our Queen.

A pictorial record of Her Majesty's all too short visit is featured in the pages of this issue; a record of a fabulous few hours.

Picture below shows crowd on corner of Liardet and Devon streets as Royal procession moves toward Pukekura Park for civic welcome.

A sight that few were privileged to see is depicted in lower picture. Her Majesty bids a final farewell to the handful of people at Bell Block airport, before disappearing inside aircraft which flew her on to Palmerston North.

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Fitzroy residents saw Her Majesty change from limousine to open car on journey from airport.



His Worship the Mayor, Mr A.G. Honnor, welcomes Her Majesty to civic welcome at Pukekura Park.

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June Opie's great moment: New Plymouth's famous authress is presented to Her Majesty.



Her Majesty inspects New Plymouth Girls' Choir.

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Following the civic welcome before some 16,000 cheering, delighted citizens, Her Majesty proceeded via Liardet and Devon Streets, through lines of enthusiastic crowds to the Criterion Hotel. The relatively orderly crowd outside the hotel, gave full vent to their emotions when Her Majesty appeared on hotel balcony (below).



After luncheon and a brief rest, an even larger crowd outside the Criterion Hotel greeted Her Majesty as she climbed into car to leave for airport.

Above: Arms were raised high and even a few hats flung into the air.

Below: And the Queen Mother acknowledged the cheers with the same charming wave.



## "Miss Brooklands"

Nineteen of New Plymouth's most charming young ladies were entered for the title of Miss Brooklands, a title which carried with it over £200 in suitable gifts donated by New Plymouth retailers, in addition to 4 days in Hastings as Guest of Honour.

Girls were judged principally on their ability to act as an ambassadress for New Plymouth.

Each entrant was questioned on her general knowledge of the district and tested in public speaking and poise.

Co-organisers and chaperones Stella Hodgkiss and Pat Bell McKenzie.



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"Miss Brooklands 1958" - 19 year-old Miss Maree Leadbetter, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Leadbetter, 47 Lemon Street.



Contestants pose in beautiful Brooklands Park.



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## Wedding Bells

**Above: JOLI-MCLEOD:** At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Beverly, younger daughter of Mrs I.B. McLeod and the late Mr M.L. McLeod, Waipa, to Jack, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Joll, Seaview Road. Future home: New Plymouth. Bride and groom are pictured with Holy Trinity Church choir of which the bride was a member.

**Below: CHRISTIFAL-VALENTINE:** At Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fitzroy, Marie Geraldine, youngest daughter of Mr E.J. Valentine and the late Mrs Valentine, Palmerston, Otago, to Lieutenant David Alee, R.N.Z.N., younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Christifal, Fitzroy. Future home: Auckland. Bridesmaid is Miss Pamela Jones, Palmerston, Otago, and best man is Lieutenant W.G.E. Low, R.N.Z.N.



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# WAXWORKS DISPLAY

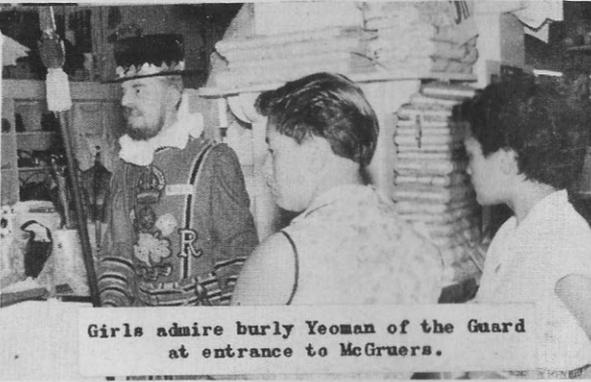
Never has New Plymouth been host to so many celebrities.

Official opening. Royal family provides background to Mr. K.R.B. Waite, McGruers Ltd. manager, His Worship the Mayor, and Public Relations Officer E. Handbury.



Von Ribbentrop,  
Eric Handbury  
Mussolini.

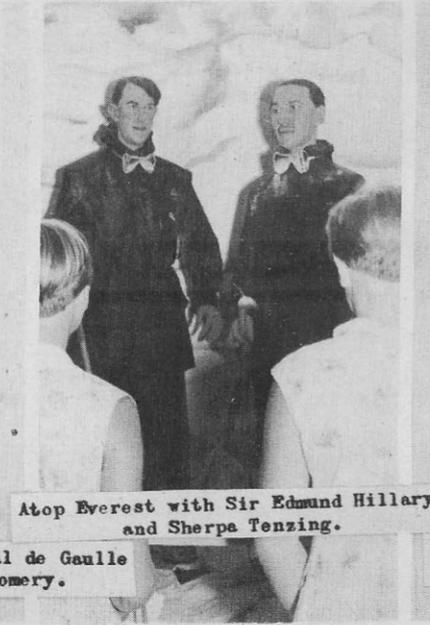
Sponsored by McGruers, with proceeds to Public Relations, some 60 figures from famous waxworks of Madame Tussaud were displayed recently in Whiteley Hall. Most were delighted with the display; a few youngsters were puzzled and some even frightened, by these startlingly realistic figures.



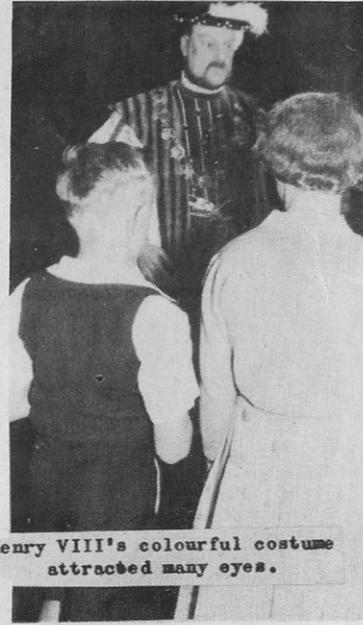
Girls admire burly Yeoman of the Guard at entrance to McGruers.



Three youngsters study General de Gaulle and Field Marshal Montgomery.



Atop Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing.



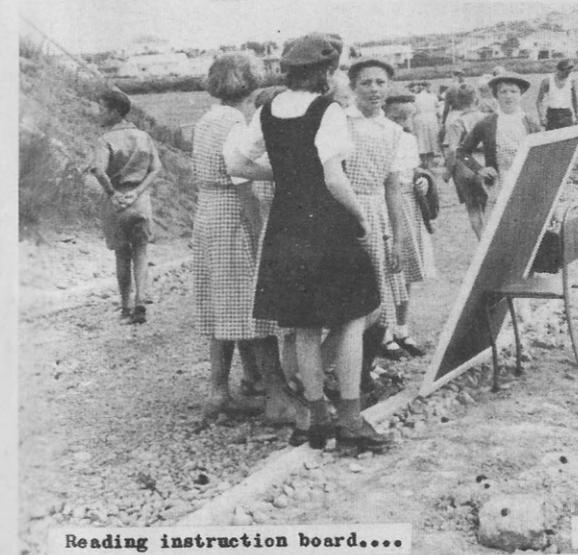
Henry VIII's colourful costume attracted many eyes.



First day pupils inspect new classrooms



Boys watch contractors at work.



Reading instruction board...

*When the bell is rung for assembly, move on to the terrace at the eastern end of the tennis-courts, facing the rows of chairs. Girls are to be seated in lines in front of boys. Do not clamber over any building-material - go round it.*

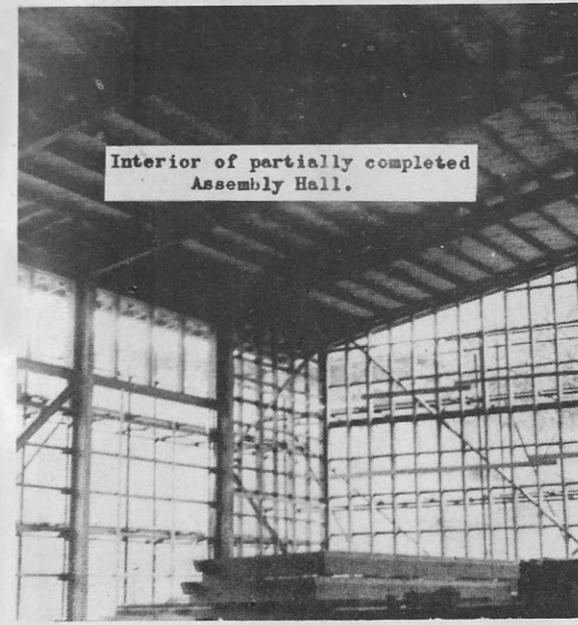
...and this is what it said

## New School

With improving standards of education and an ever increasing number requiring that education, there is a constant call for new schools. This call was answered on Feb 3rd with the opening of the new Devon Intermediate School.

The first day roll registered some 360 pupils to start their 1958 school year in 10 gleaming new classrooms.

Although parts of the new building are not yet completed, such as assembly hall (below left), school will continue while contractors complete their task.



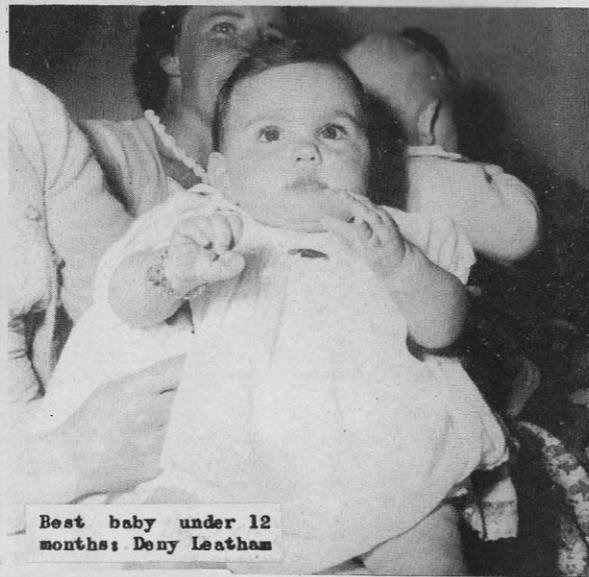
Interior of partially completed Assembly Hall.



Pupils settle down for first time in brand new class room



Popular Mother Mrs. Lees and little daughter Vivian



Best baby under 12 months; Deny Leatham



Mothers and charges on stage during judging.

## Baby Contest

Which is the nicest baby? This is the kind of question which causes endless debate and never really reaches a final decision.

When the carnival committee arranged a baby contest to run in conjunction with the Mardi Gras, many mothers brought along their babies, perhaps to try to find an answer to this age-old question.



Best baby over 2 years, Gavin Crow, joins in discussion with compere Laurie Petty.



Best baby under six months; Anthony Bullock



## "Miss N.I."

One of the principal features of the Mardi Gras was the Miss North Island contest, a popular feature which found good support from the public. Winner of proud title was Miss Susanne Pinhey, Sanders Avenue, pictured above with the five finalists.



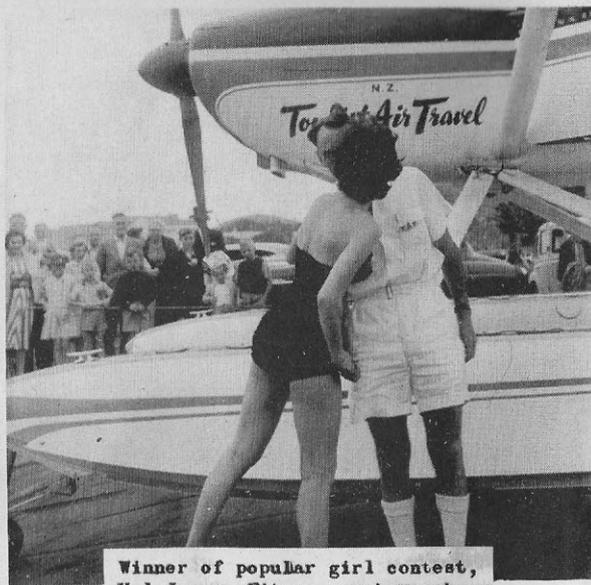
Above: Compere Laurie Petty was all for making the most of the moment by joining Miss North Island (Susanne Pinhey) on stage for this picture.

Right: The five finalists join their judges on stage for their photograph.





Pilot Colin Vickers in cockpit.



Winner of popular girl contest, Val Jones, Fitzroy, shows her appreciation.

## Amphibian's Visit

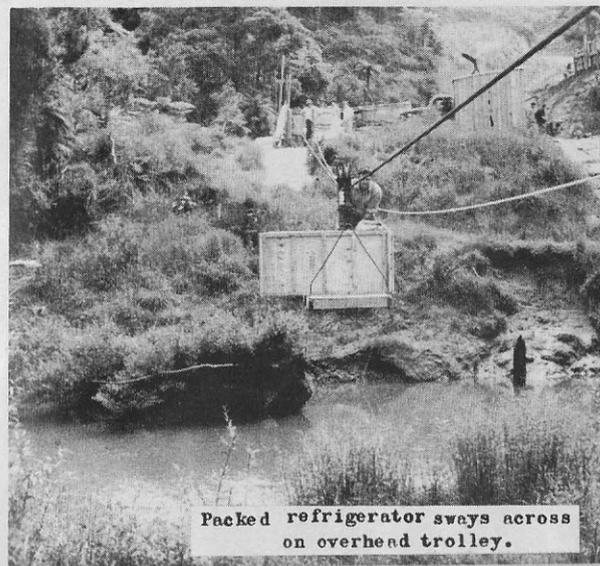
Yet another of the many attractions at Ngamotu Beach this year was a Cessna amphibian, or seaplane, as it was known to most. Operating daily from the beach, craft took passengers on a scenic flight over New Plymouth and environs, was kept fully employed throughout duration of its stay here. Aircraft attracted constant attention from crowd, made an impressive picture as it waited on beach for next load of eager passengers.



Typical of the views with which passengers were greeted



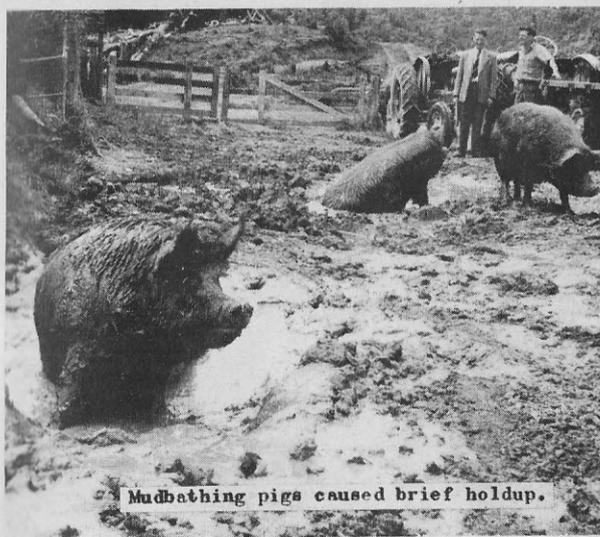
Miss North Island, aircraft crew and carnival committee line up for picture



Packed refrigerator sways across on overhead trolley.



Keith Cramer holds "Taranaki" gate open as Len Blackwell navigates.



Mudbathing pigs caused brief holdup.

## Outback Refrigerator

Moving an eight-cubic-foot refrigerator into a home is no easy task at any time. When, however, this bulky piece of merchandise is required for a home miles from a main highway, with the only means of access an overhead trolley suspended over a threatening river, then the task becomes really difficult. Such was the case with a new "frig." for Mr. and Mrs. L.H.C. Blackwell, Pukeruru, seven miles up Awakino Road from Awakino and across the Moku River.



From trolley onto tractor's trailer.



Mrs. Blackwell comes out to inspect latest addition to household.



## AT THE MARDI GRAS

With a combination of beautiful beach, roundabouts, bowling alleys, sideshows, searchlights, and a show in the soundshell every night, the carnival attracted thousands. Picture at bottom right, taken from soundshell stage shows crowd assembled on final night of talent quest



Above left: His Worship the Mayor, Mr A.G. Honor opens the Mardi Gras.

Above right: Bruce Hannah, 6 year-old accordionist from Palmerston North.

Right: Kiddies enjoyed the coke-drinking contest.

Lower left: Winner of contest for best decorated bike was Jarram Patel, Bridle St., pictured here with John Hill, Tor Street.



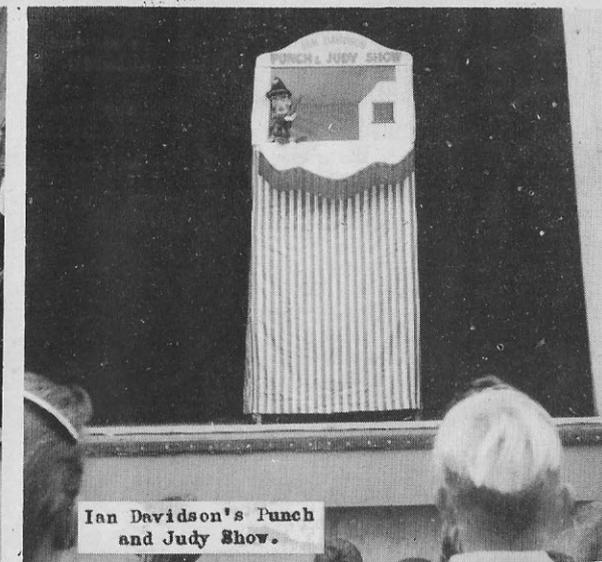
Russell Middlebrook's spectacular balancing act.



Russell makes unusual portrait study.



Leo Davies' Hawaiians entertain.



Ian Davidson's Punch and Judy Show.



And the boys guzzled on!



Talent Quest winner Paul Kettle.

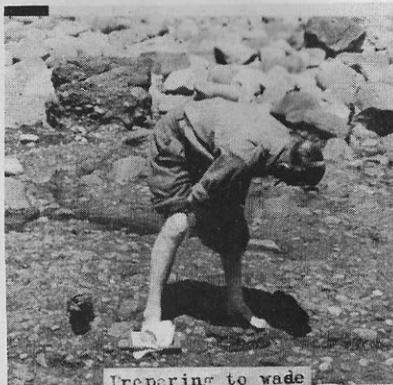


## What a Rally!

One of the most hilarious runs organised by the car club took place recently, Cars received instructions at Huatoki Domain (left) and from there proceeded by a winding route to Kawaroa Park, where the fun really started!



On arrival at Kawaroa Park drivers were instructed to report to marshall somewhere on ground who would supply them with a small red disc. Marshall was none other than girl (above) innocently leaning on band rotunda. From there to marshall seated in centre of paddling pool, (right).



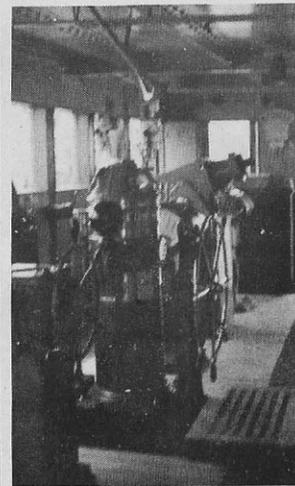
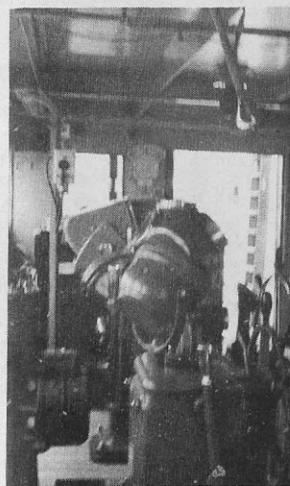
Preparing to wade into pool.



Re-shoeing after paddling ordeal.



Cars lined up in park awaiting return of their wading owners.

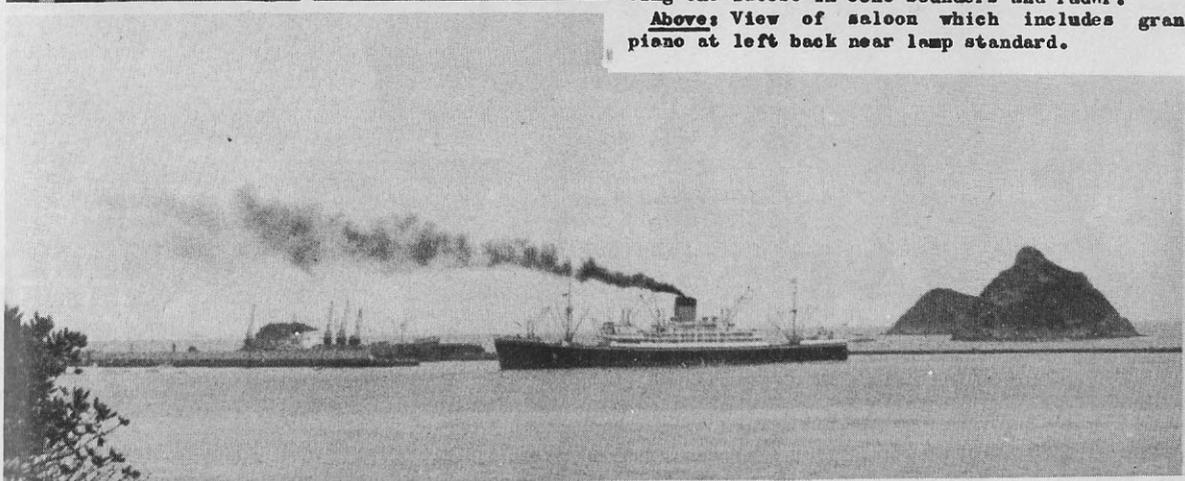


## She Carried the Queen

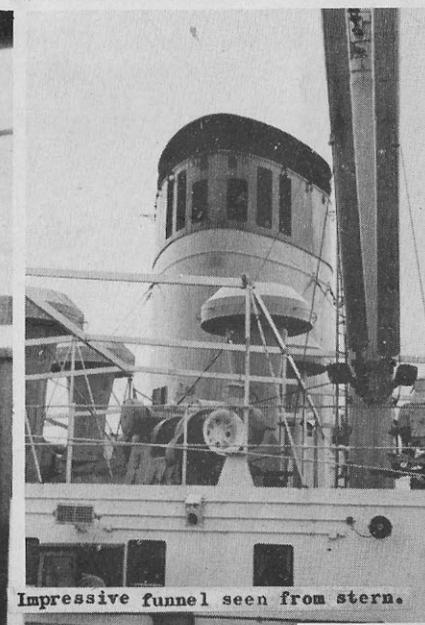
When Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited New Zealand four years ago, they arrived in the Shaw Savill liner "Gothic". Consequently when the "Gothic" visited New Plymouth recently "Photo News" went along to take a look.

Two pictures at left are views of the very modern and fully equipped wheelhouse, incorporating the latest in echo sounders and radar.

Above: View of saloon which includes grand piano at left back near lamp standard.



W. Philip, Waverie looks out spacious windows of main lounge.



Impressive funnel seen from stern.



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### *Rolling Camera*

**Left:** The scene at Waitara High School on the occasion of a farewell to Miss Ruth Day, more affectionately known to all as "Daisy".

**Below left:** Part of a gymnastics display, at an Inglewood Kindergarten money-raising afternoon.

**Below right:** Miss Audrey Schriber of Inglewood, who recently retired from her post as a teacher of dancing.



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 • HERE'S A HANDSHAKE THAT'S  
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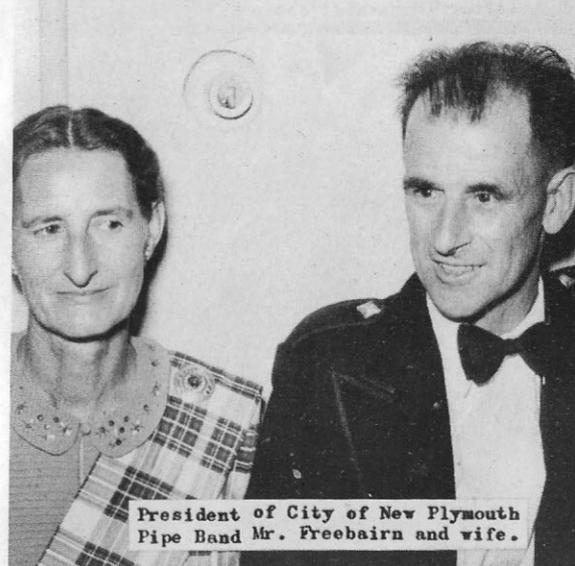
Piping on the haggis. Piper Barry French, Drum Major Ian Sifflet, and Chief of Society F.M.Black.

## Burns Night

Sponsored by the New Plymouth Caledonian Society, a "Burns Supper" was held here for the first time in fifteen years. By bringing together groups who would obviously have an interest in Scotland's bard, the Caledonian Society hope to make suitable arrangements to celebrate Robert Burns' 200th anniversary next year.



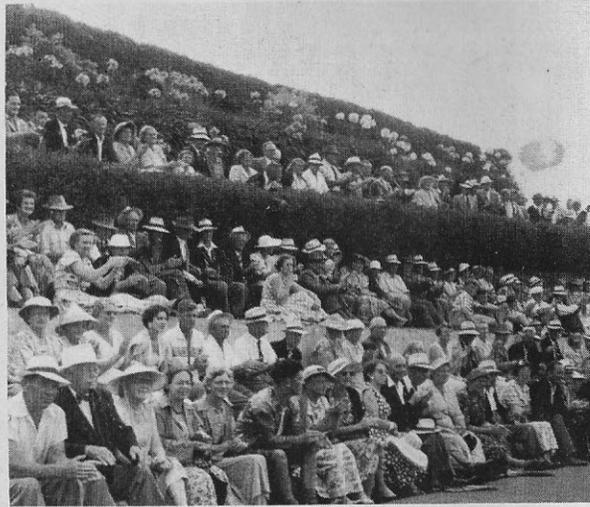
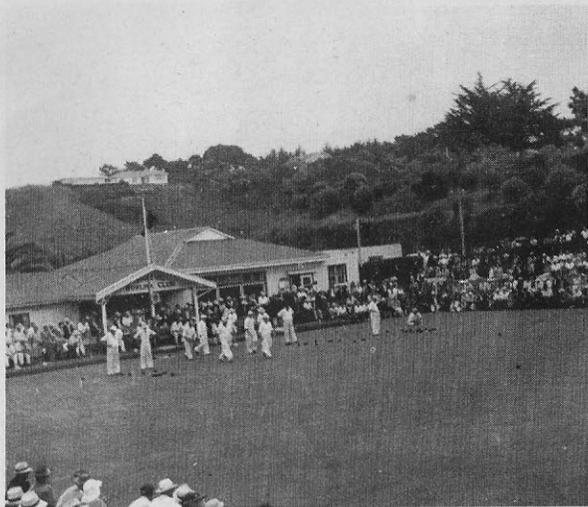
Mrs. Bremer, President Scots Womens' Club.



President of City of New Plymouth Pipe Band Mr. Freebairn and wife.



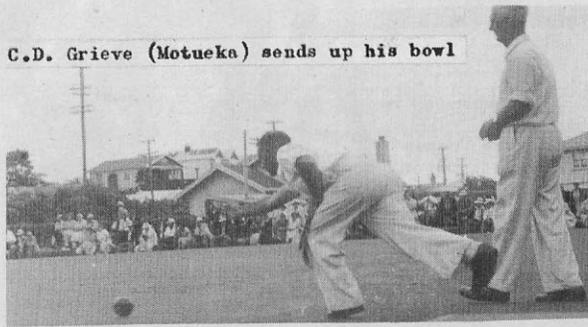
Mr. Robin Sinclair, President Scottish Country Dance Club and Mrs. Sinclair.



## Taranaki Open Fours Bowling Tournament

The fifty-third tournament of New Zealand's second largest bowling tournament, brought 146 fours from other centres. This is not the largest the tournament has known, but it was none the less spectacular for all that. As bowls is Taranaki's most popular summer sport, this tournament rouses almost as much public enthusiasm as Rugby does in the winter season. The support given to the tournament is well shown by the two pictures above. That on the left was taken on the day of the semi-finals, and the right-hand picture at the finals between the Motueka and Manawatu fours.

C.D. Grieve (Motueka) sends up his bowl

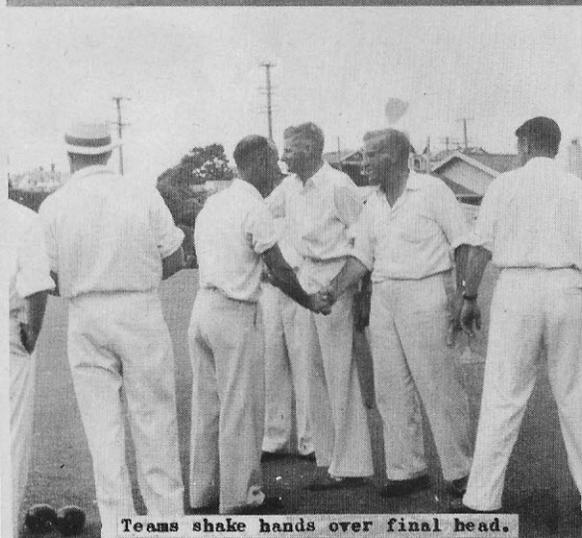


Foster (Manawatu) bowls his final ball.



FOURS FINAL	END 24
GRIEVE	28
FOSTER	16

Final scoreboard shows decisive result.



Teams shake hands over final head.



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The weather was almost as if made to order for the occasion, the last day only being doubtful. Above; The finalists; Grieve's Motueka four at left, the first South Island team ever to carry the coveted J.D. Goodwin Trophy home, and right, Foster's Manawatu four, runners-up.

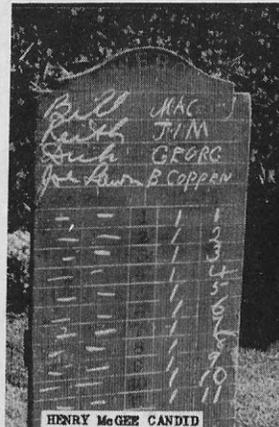


Left; Messrs. R.H. and N.E. White, Vogeltown, the popular father and son combination who ran out as winners of the pairs tournament.

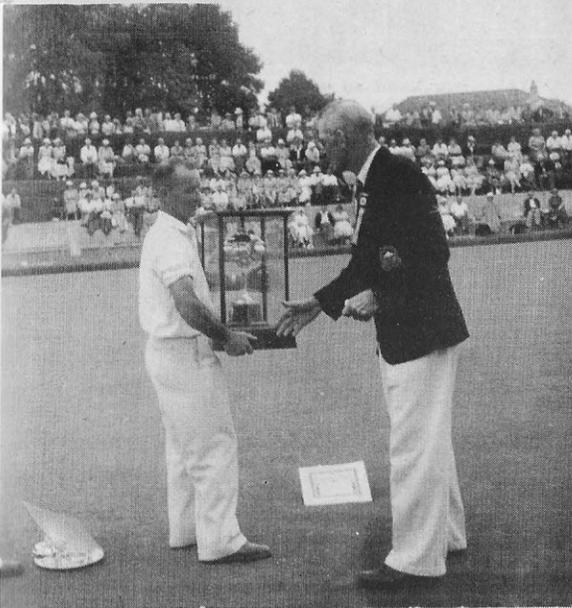
Right; This scoreboard roused much interest, for its "one up" on each of eleven heads.

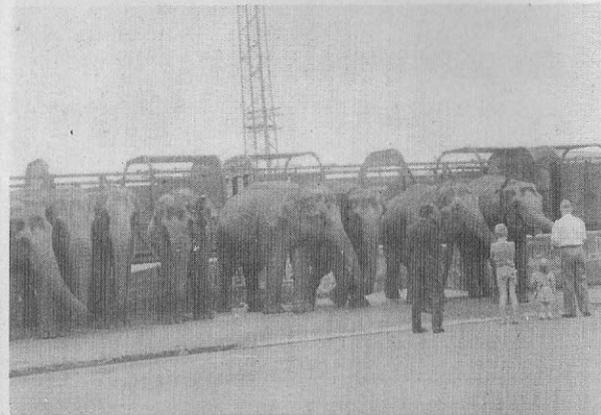
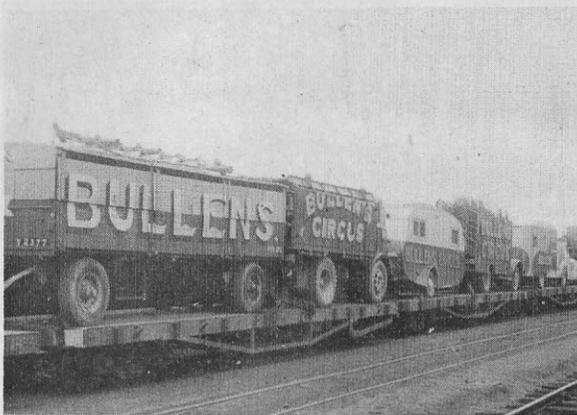
Below left; C.D. Grieve receives the J.D. Goodwin trophy from Taranaki Centre President Mr. N.G. Davis.

Below right; At presentation table; Mr. Davis, Miss Davis, who acted on her mother's behalf, Mrs Goodwin and Mr. L. Cave, secretary of Taranaki centre.



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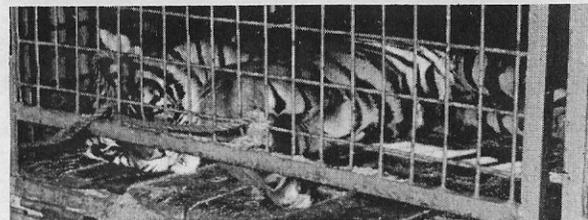


## WHEN THE CIRCUS CAME TO TOWN

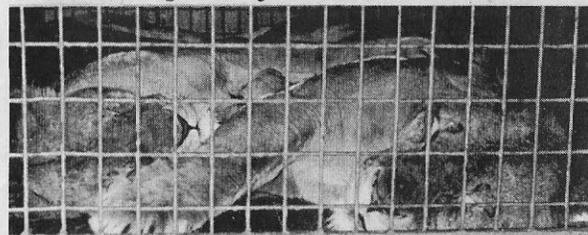
The arrival of Bullens huge circus in New Plymouth added even more to the already large list of attractions available for the entertainment of Christmas/New Year holidaymakers. The arrival of the circus train at the station (above left) and, especially, the disembarking of the elephants (above right) was a delight to all.



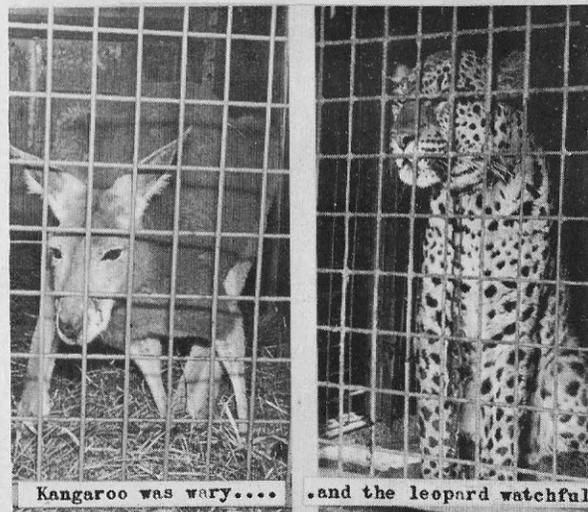
Charming 2 day-old foal, a shetland, has since, we understand, lost its life



Tiger was just too tired.....

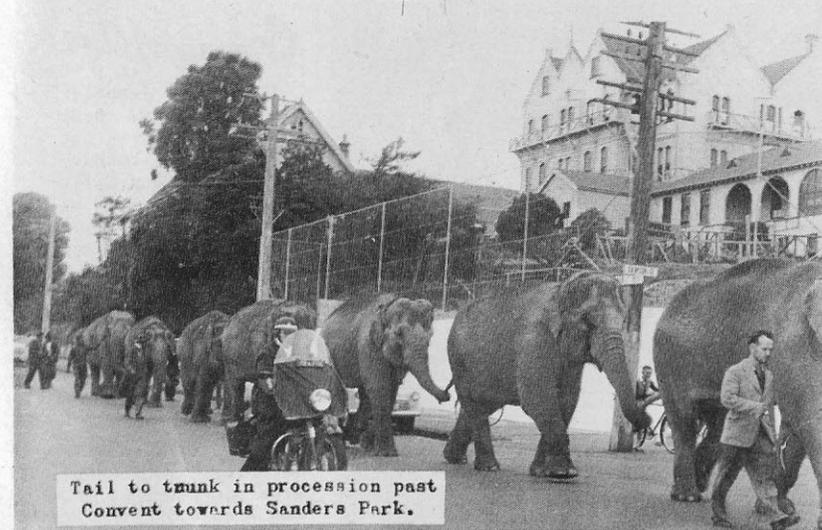


....and so were the lions.



Kangaroo was wary....

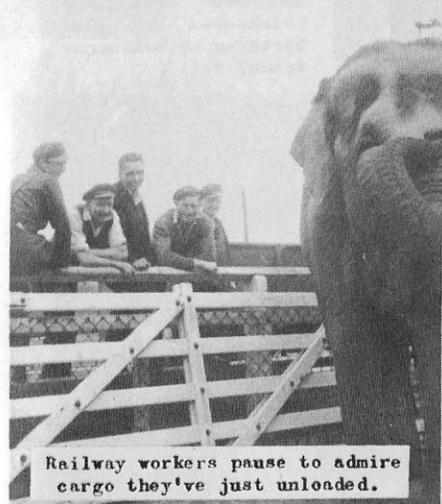
...and the leopard watchful



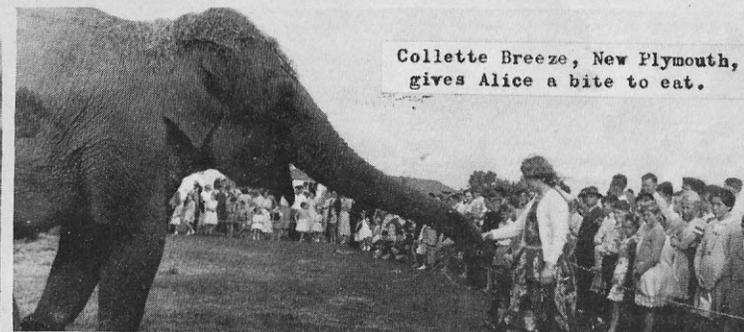
Tail to trunk in procession past Convent towards Sanders Park.



Who doesn't enjoy backscratch?



Railway workers pause to admire cargo they've just unloaded.



Collette Breeze, New Plymouth, gives Alice a bite to eat.

## "Cheaper by the Dozen"

That might well be the question to ask of Bullens Circus regarding their retinue of elephants. And such handy creatures to have around too. As well as being a first class attraction for the huge crowds which gathered to watch them they can lend a hand, or rather a trunk, to all the heavy lifting and pushing required.



Boys found this one liked a few plums



It takes courage at first!..... Lionel Scott, Westtown, meets Alice.



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## Coming of Age

**Left:** Miss Jennifer Tate, pictured here with her parents, at her 21st birthday held in Brixton Hall.

**Below left:** Miss Barbara Mackay, (left) pictured here with her sisters Raewyn and Pamela, at her 21st birthday held at Excelsior Hall.

Barbara is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Mackay, 125 Gill St.

**Below right:** Miss Beverley Glenday, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Glenday Somerset St., who celebrated her 21st birthday at Welbourne School Hall.



## Married

**Above: LAY—ROBERTS.** At Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne, Margaret Anne Roberts, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Roberts, 121 Stout Street, Gisborne, to Dr. Stanley Peter Lay, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S.A. Lay, 9 Hawkins Street, New Plymouth. Attendants, left to right, are Dr. John Blennerhasset, Wellington, Mrs Judith Clare, Gisborne, Dr. Gavin Andrews, Wellington, Miss Jennifer McLauchlan, Auckland, Mr King Martin, Wellington, and Miss Judith Oakden, Gisborne. The flower girl is Susanne Hel-leur, Waipawa, cousin of the bride. Future home, Gisborne, where the bridegroom is at Cook Hospital.



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## Anniversaries

Fifty years of married life is indeed a time to mark with some form of celebration. On this page are two pictures of golden wedding anniversaries, two of many wedding anniversaries which have been celebrated in Taranaki recently.

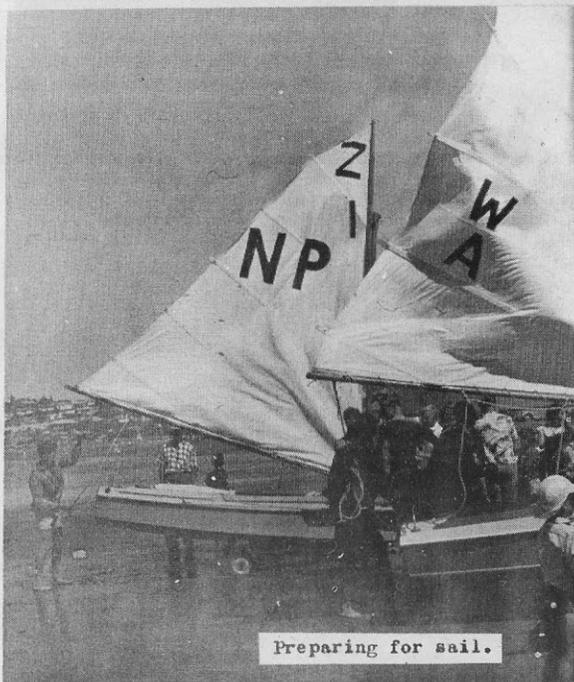
**Below left:** Mr. and Mrs. W.A.W. Hodder, Boone Street, who celebrated their golden wedding amongst friends at the home of their son at Okato.

**Below right:** Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Butler, Rahotu, at Rahotu Hall where their golden wedding was celebrated with a gathering of some 150 friends and relations.



## Cornwell Cup

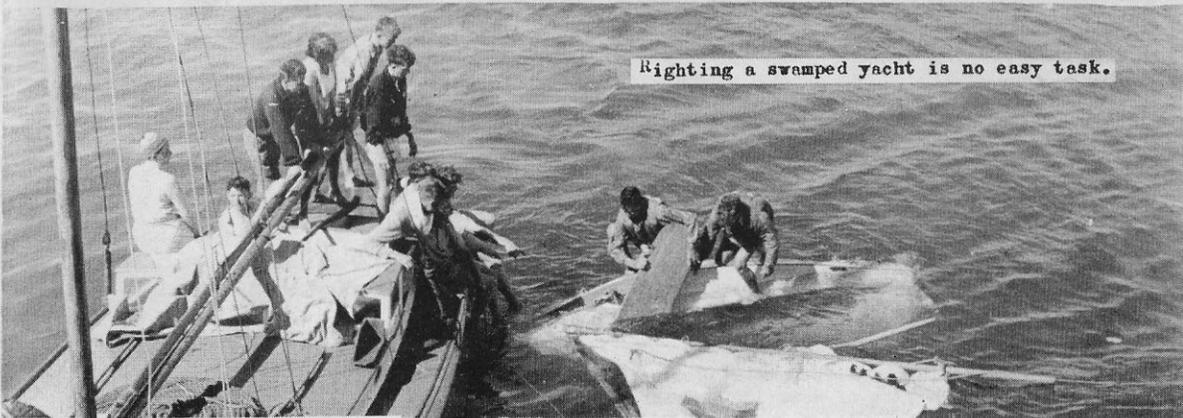
For the second year in succession the New Plymouth crew collected the Cornwell cup in an easy victory over many formidable visiting opponents. A near gale on the final day caused numerous upsets, but Brian Thomas and Ian Barry came to victory again.



Preparing for sail.



Towing home a de-masted invalid



Righting a swamped yacht is no easy task.

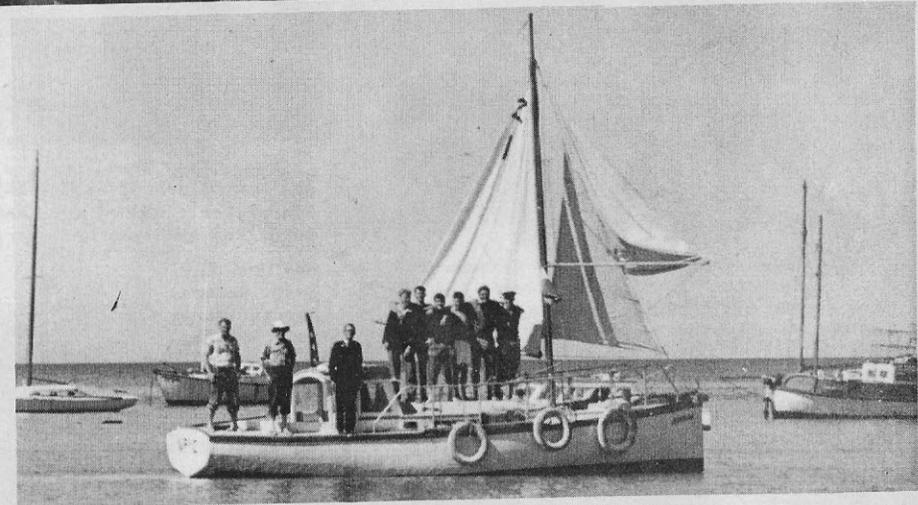


Winning the Cornwell Cup for the second year in succession was not just luck. Brian Thomas and Ian Barry, pictured left receiving cup, prepared and trained for this big occasion and it was their fine sailing that gave them their fully justified win.

Winners are seen, (left) receiving cup from Mrs. Robbie Galvin, the Commodore's wife. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Aderman are seated.

Right: On the last day of the regatta a special executives race brought forth an astounding selection of boats. The yacht club's flagship, "Hine maru", under full sail was surely about the strangest "Z" class yacht ever sailed.

Below: Cornwell cup delegates at the presentation evening held in club's pavilion. (PICTURES BY CRAGO STUDIOS.)



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## Engaged

Above: Miss Fay Naylor, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Naylor, Barrett St., to Harry Edward Looney, Koru Road, Oakura. Miss Naylor was recently privileged to attend the garden party for Her Majesty the Queen Mother at Government House, Wellington.

Below left: Miss Janice Brighthouse, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Brighthouse, Sackville St., to Russell Murtagh, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Murtagh, Manaia. This picture was taken at the engagement party and shows the couple with Miss Brighthouse's grandmother, Mrs. R. Brighthouse, Glenpark Avenue.

Below right: Annette May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Giles, to Rodney Seymour, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Greensill.



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Above: Miss Naomi Russ, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Russ, Haatoki Street, to Larry, George, only son of Mrs. Kath. George, Pioneer Road, and the late Mr. George.



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## Returning Canada

Left: Taken at a welcome home party to Miss Carol Morrice, Climo St., on her return from a year in Australia.

From left - Beverly Murtagh, Shirley Woodhead, Anita Good, Carol Morrice, Marie Sadler.

Koala bear was brought home from Australia for Carol's little sister.

Right: Santa Claus as he appeared at Ex-Navalmen's Christmas party.

Mrs. McRae holds on to 2½ month old Carolyn McRae as she receives her first ever Christmas present.



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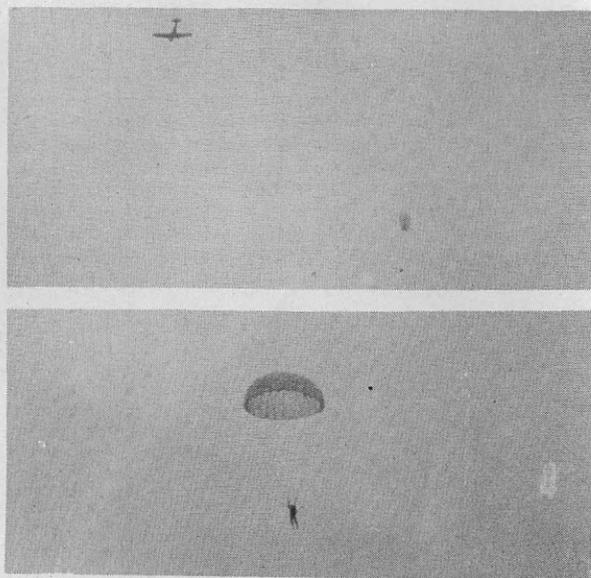


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Left: 5 year old Judy McDonald of Warea, with her birthday cake at the Warea School Annual Break-up Fancy Dress. This delightful cake was decorated by Mrs. V Muir of Warea.

Right: Clare Burkett, Omato Road, with two friendly pigeons belonging to her cousin Leo Burkett.





## Parachute Descent

It would not be possible in this edition of "Photo News" to fully cover all the myriad events which took place over the holiday season, but it would be hard to overlook the spectacular descent at Ngamotu Beach by Auckland Parachutist Peter Dawson. Pileated by Happy Jones, pictured with Peter at top left, parachutist was released from aircraft over harbour and drifted slowly down (above) towards the hundreds of pairs of skyward turned eyes.

Below: Weighed down with burden of sodden parachute Peter Dawson wends his way up beach through hosts of admiring youngsters.



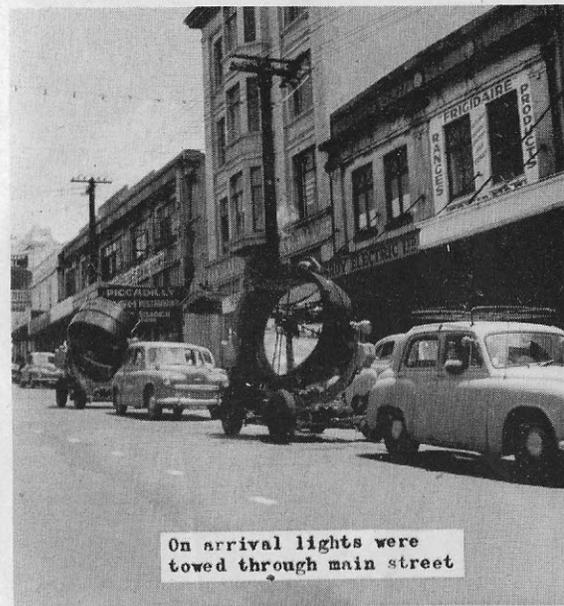
Going.....



....going....



....gone!



On arrival lights were towed through main street



Colours were huge circular masks covering face of searchlights.

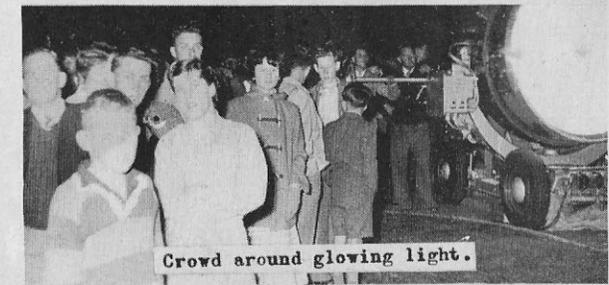


## Searchlight Display

Of all the many attractions featured at Ngamotu Beach during the holiday season, none had a more novel effect than the two huge searchlights. Through the use of special filters on the lights, they provided a kaleidoscope of colour playing over the heads of the gathered holiday crowds.



Mayorress Mrs. Honnor switched lights on for first time from soundshell stage.



Crowd around glowing light.



Operators who kept lights working.

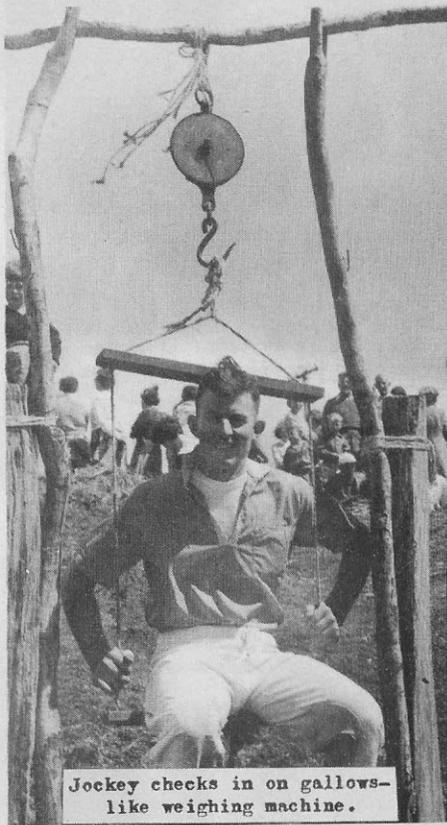


## RACE DAY AT OAKURA

Despite rather windy conditions, many keen finishes and a crowd out to enjoy themselves made the day at Oakura Beach a most successful one.

The horses had to race through streams of water (left) but it just helped to add to the novelty.

Only a neck each way separated the first three horses in the big cup race, which paid a 30/- dividend to the lucky punters.



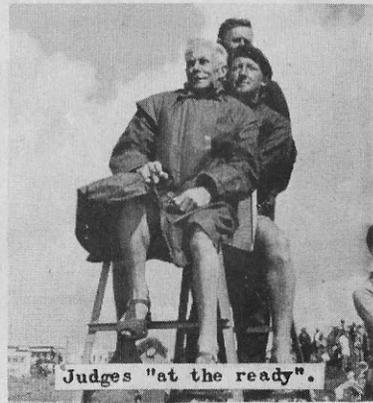
Jockey checks in on gallows-like weighing machine.



Girl found it more useful as a swing



Finish of cup race: foreign Art 1st. Gangway 2nd, Tahekanui 3rd.



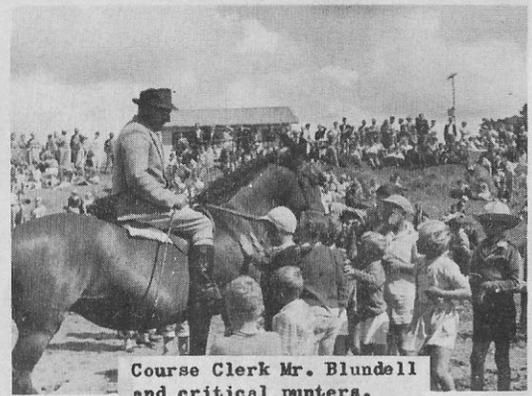
Judges "at the ready".



Streamlined tote had busy day.



This horse didn't want to go home



Course Clerk Mr. Blundell and critical punters.



Presenting Oakura Cup. Delighted lady on right must surely have been on the winner.