



Birthday Celebrations

Above: People who recently celebrated birthdays are, from the left, Anthony Tapiki, Opunake, who attained his majority; Mrs A.Norgate, Opunake, who cuts the cake at the party celebrating her 70th birthday; Dicky Waiwiri, of Oaonui, who spent a happy time at his 21st party.

Miss Teenager Contestants

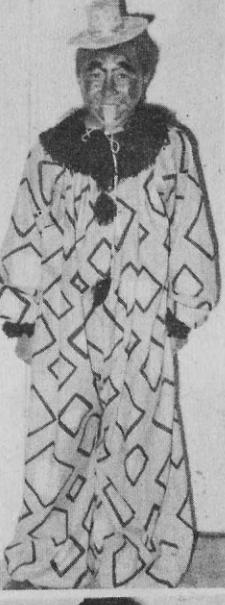
Below: It would seem that Opunake's Carnival Colossal attracts more entries than most other similar carnivals, judging by the number of entrants here for the title of Miss Teenager. The whole carnival was a huge success, with entertainment of the highest order for all members of the family. (Photographs on this page by Fred Johns).



Otakeho School Fancy Dress

Just prior to the school break-up, the children, with their parents, attended a fancy dress party, and the children were able to show some of the very pretty dances they had learned during the year.

Left: Some of the pupils performing one of the many dances. The other pictures on this page are of the children in some of the very elaborate get-ups.





WONDERLAND.....

Many nice things have been said about the Christmas Wonderland erected in Baines Terrace. Our tribute must be added, because this was truly a wonderland, especially for the children. In our photograph above, children and their parents all seem intrigued with the wishing well.

MISS OPUNAKE....

Winner of the title "Miss Opunake" at the recent Carnival Colossal, was Miss Dawne Brown. (Pix by Fred Johns).

ENGAGED....

The engagement is announced between Bernie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H.Ordish, New Plymouth, to David, son of Mrs Standing, of Harrow, England.



Queen Carnival

The New Plymouth Young People's Social Club recently concluded a successful Queen Carnival by raising over £200 for the purchase of sports equipment.

Right: The Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr Honnor, crowns the successful queen, Rosalie Fenton, at a special function in the Queen's Hall.

Above: "Queen Rosalie" photographed with the three unsuccessful candidates, from left, Rose Tuuta, Josephine Koha and Maria Bishop.



Married

Below: FISHER—MURTAGH. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Beverley Dawne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.W.Murtagh, New Plymouth, to Murray William, second son of Mr and Mrs W.Fisher, Okato. The bridesmaids were Beverley Bowie, Shirley Woodhead and Dael Murtagh. Best man was Neil Rook, and the groomsmen were John Murtagh and Trevor Neilson. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.





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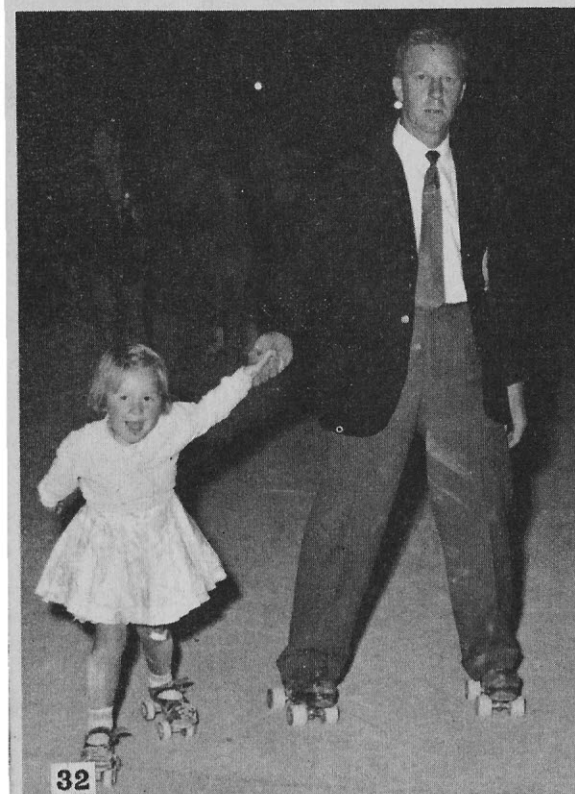
Above: At the Kenny-Hannon wedding which recently took place at the Whiteley church, the groom's work-mates formed an unusual guard of honour, with tools of their trade.

Left: Bell Block scout Barry Laurant receives his Queen Scout citation from N.T. district commissioner Leo Bates (Inglewood). Barry is the fourth Queen Scout to be honoured from the Bell Block troop. Surely this is a record, especially as there are only 18 scouts in the troop.

Below, left: Not to be outdone by the international skating stars who recently appeared at the Ngamotu skating rink, 4½-year-old Susan Reader gets along nicely with the help of her father Vernon.

Engaged

Below: Ruth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Jansen, Galatea, to Roger, eldest son of Mrs and the late Mr R. Sweetman, New Plymouth.



Candidates Entertained

At a recent cocktail party organised by the NP PRO's office, the entrants for the Miss Brooklands quest mixed with officials, judges, and escorts, prior to the big test which was to follow.

Above: Three of the entrants, Colette Breeze, Glenys Deare, and Leonie Newport pose for the camera with the assistant PRO Francis Stead.

Below: Mrs Isobel Burn, right, the chaperone, and Margaret Isaac of 2XP enjoy a joke.

Bottom: Also at the function was Miss Brooklands 1959, Cushla Collins. Here she is photographed with three of the 1960 contestants, Lesley Butcher, Karen Keith and Anahera Watson.



Engaged

Above: The engagement was announced recently of Lois, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Goldfinch, to Noel Francis Reed. Picture of couple was taken at 18th birthday celebration.

Below: Also engaged are Lesley Cole, of Waitara, and Robert Leversha, Egmont Village.





SWANSON STUDIOS

Married

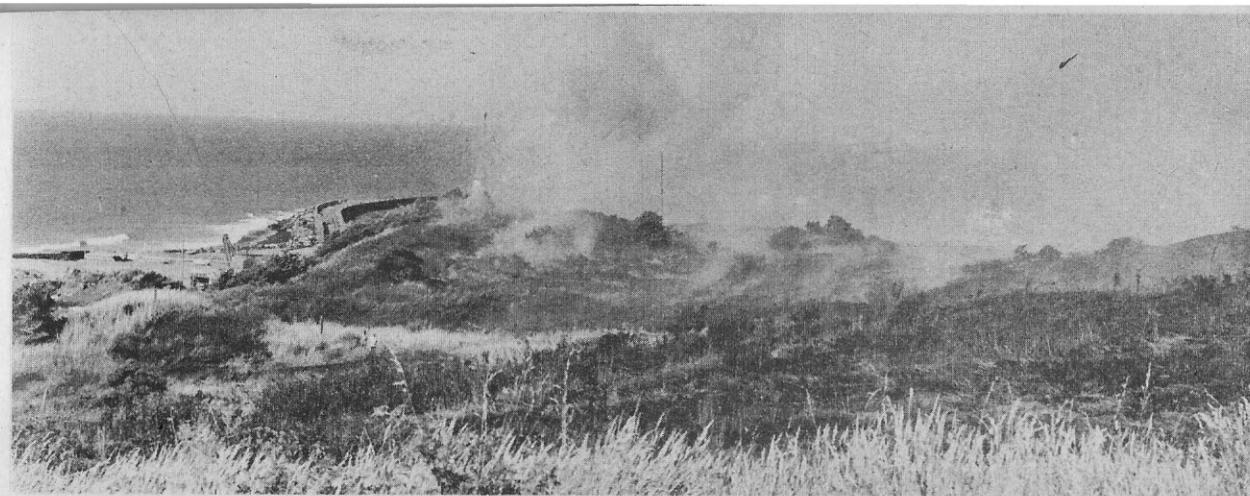
Above: HOYLE--HANLINE.
At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Judith Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.Hanline, New Plymouth, to Lawrence, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.Hoyle, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Jill Wyles, from Napier, and Robyn Hanline. Gordon Bruce was the best man. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

75th BIRTHDAY.

Right: Goldie Ruth-erford, one time coach of Star R.F.C., recently celebrated his 75th birthday, with a family reunion, with a family reunion. Looking far younger than his 75 years, Goldie con-fided to the camera-man that he had had the time of his life. In our photograph, he poses with his sons and daughters. They are Barney and Jack of NP, Laurie, of Whangarei, Frank, of Waiouru, Ray, of Hamilton, Verna of Whangarei and Kath of Shannon.



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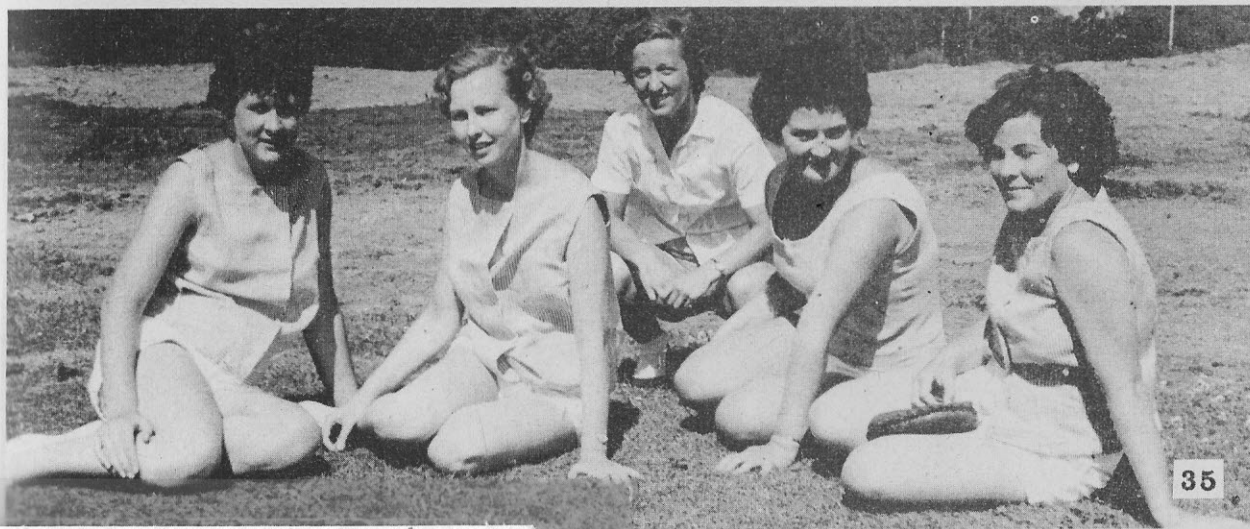
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Above: A widespread grass fire on property adjacent to the petrol-um storage tanks, was cause for concern by the fire brigade, but was brought under control, with no damage.

Left: Holidaymakers Lance Read, Robert Anderson and Pat Wooler enjoy the sunshine and fishing at the Port.

Right: Perce McDou-gall cleans a fair kawai, caught at the Port.

Below: Doreen Martin, Ngaire Martin, Myrtle Murphy, Kath Dyer and Pat Spence enjoy a breather between inn-ings at a softball game at Rugby Park.



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Moturoa School's Plays

Some very colourful plays were witnessed by parents on the occasion of the school's closing for the summer holidays. Parents were delighted with the costume and presentation of the plays acted, which reflected much credit on the teachers.

Top: The Primers and Standard I in a Nativity play produced by Miss D. Lyle.
Above: Standards 2 and 3 presented a play entitled "Circus Troupe" produced by Mrs A.M. Johnson.
Below, left: Standards 2 and 3 in their play entitled "Christmas Eve".
Below, right: Four of the boy pupils who performed the Maori Canoe Song. From left they are, Shane Edwards, Perry White, Perry Eynon and Wayne Erueti.

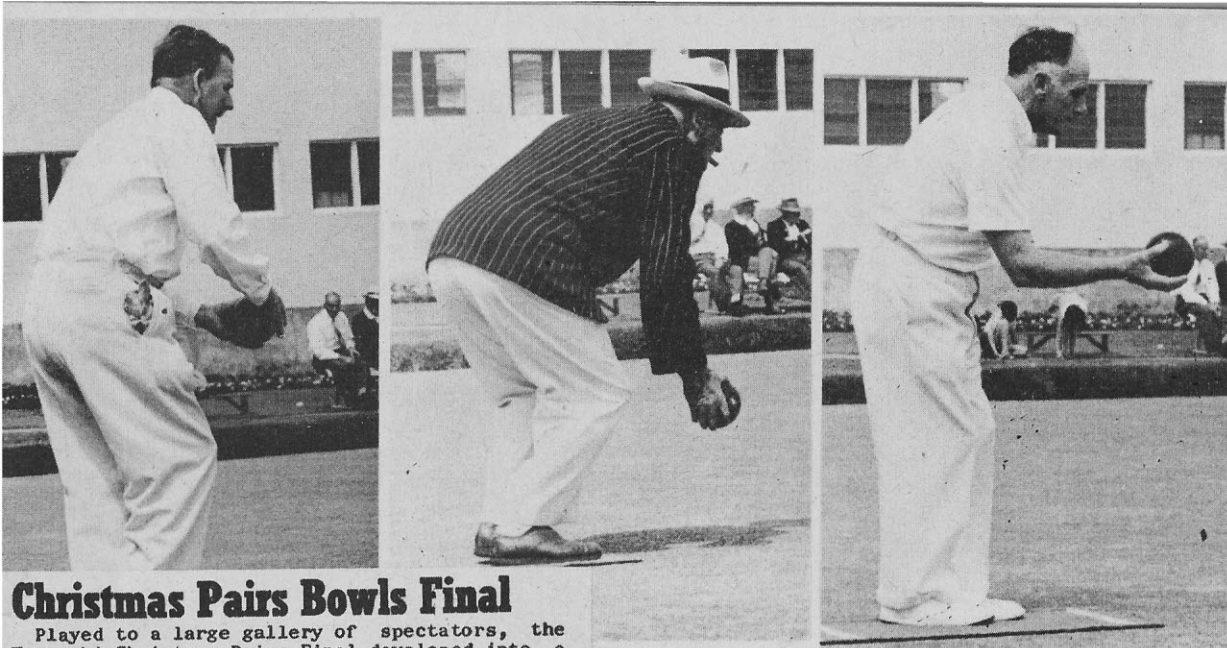


Santa Claus Was Here

To the delight of the children of the district, Santa Claus paid a visit to the shopping centre at Woodleigh street on Christmas Eve. The children rolled up in the hundreds, because the word had got round that everyone was to receive a gift from the venerable old gentleman. This in fact was the case, and the children went home delighted.

Above: Part of the crowd of children and their parents who waited for Santa.
Below, left and right: Santa in the process of distributing gifts to the youngsters.





Christmas Pairs Bowls Final

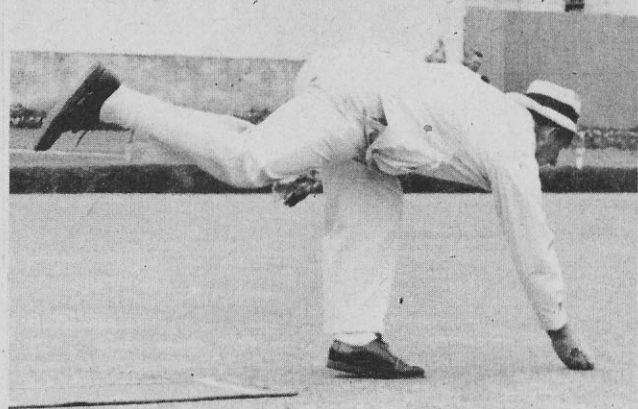
Played to a large gallery of spectators, the Taranaki Christmas Pairs Final developed into a marathon affair, with the first game resulting in a draw, necessitating a replay. The game was finally won by Ken Murtagh and Henry McGee of the Paritutu Club, with Messrs Power and Pennington of the Waitara Club runners-up.

Above, from left: Henry McGee, a very consistent lead. Pennington, the lead who didn't strike his best form. Ken Murtagh, played a real skip's game.

Right: Bill Power, the lofty Waitara skip, has a ballet-like delivery.

Below, left: Ken Murtagh about to send away one of his many rakers, watched by Bill Power.

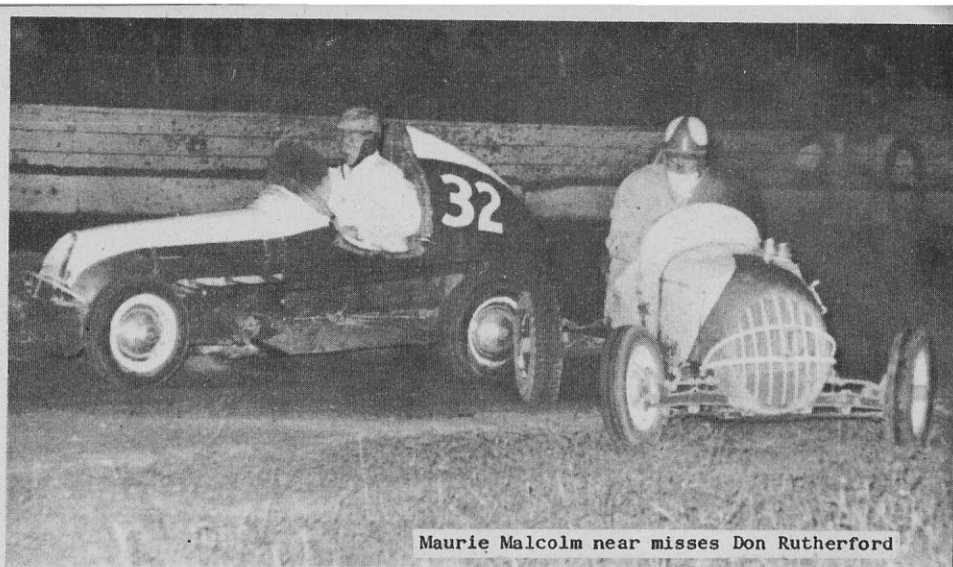
Below, right: "Draw me one here", says Henry McGee.



Thrills At The Speedway

The Speedway at New Plymouth is one of the most popular places on Saturday nights, when thousands turn up to enjoy the thrills of sliding, slithering cars and motor-cycles. With a programme in which there are no wasted minutes, the midgets roar around the track, cheered on by the thousands of fans who come from all parts of Taranaki. We can heartily recommend this thrilling sport to our readers.

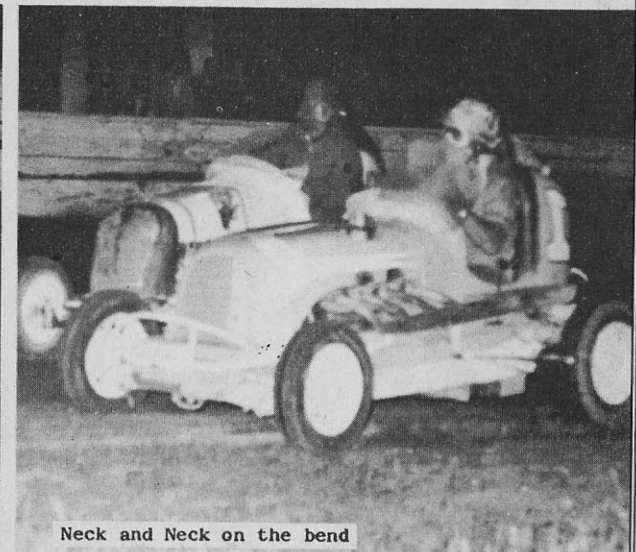
On this page are a few of the competitors; who provide the thrill treatment for the patrons.



Maurie Malcolm near misses Don Rutherford



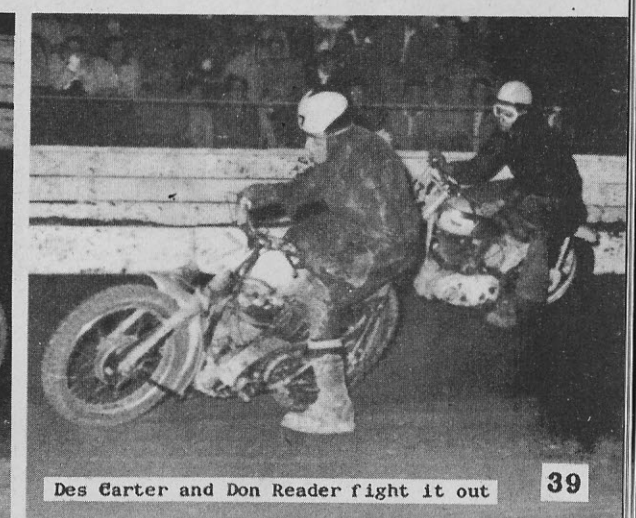
Skid kid Bruce Ovenden



Neck and Neck on the bend



Unorthodox T.Q. driven by T.Nelson



Des Carter and Don Reader fight it out



Wedding Bells

Above: POTTER—WILSON. At the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manaia, Maureen Alys, only daughter of Mrs M. Bockett, Kaponga, to Peter John, son of the late Mr and Mrs Ralph Potter, Royston, England. The bridesmaids were Paula Noonan, Lisa Jones, Barbara Cave and Lynne Cave. Best man was Tommy Jones and the groomsman was Robert Ward. The future home of the couple will be Taupo.

Below: ALDAM—CRAGO. At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Ann Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.W. Crago, New Plymouth, to Keith, son of Mr and Mrs Aldam, England. Matron of honour was Rosalind Fazackerley, and the bridesmaid was Jillian Aldam. Best man was Jack Rutter and the groomsman was Ken Bashman. Future home of the couple will be Kwarau.



CRAGO STUDIOS



Boys March to Shoot

Just prior to the annual break-up, boys of the NPBHS went for a route march to the ranges at Waiwhakaiho, where they partook in a live shoot, with 6-pounders, 25-pounders and machine guns. The marksmanship of the lads was remarkably accurate.

Top: The boys on the march, pass through the shopping centre at Fitzroy, complete with the school band, who played for periods during the march.

Below: High School boys firing the 6-pounder anti-tank guns.

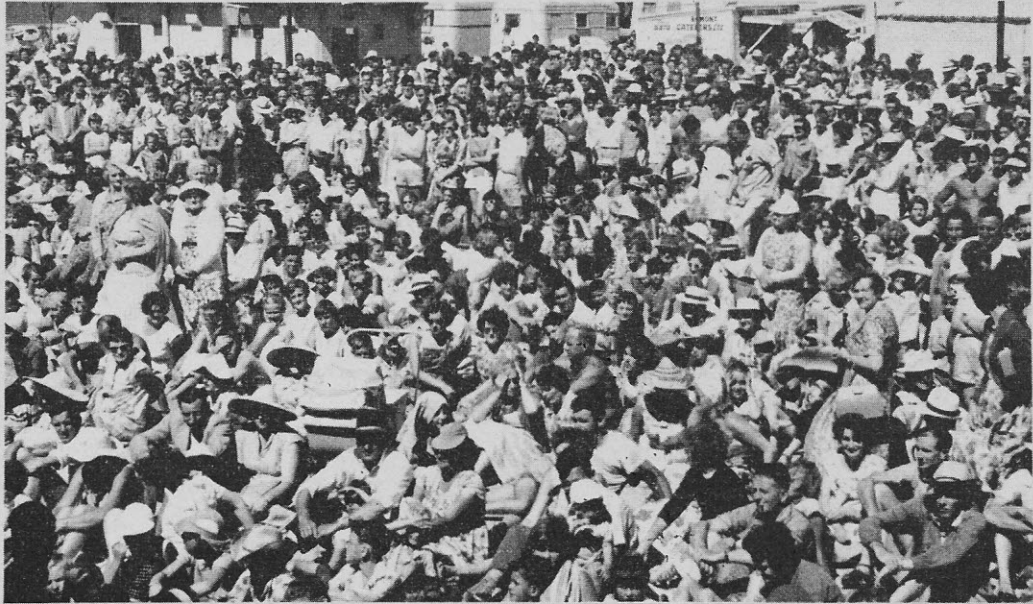
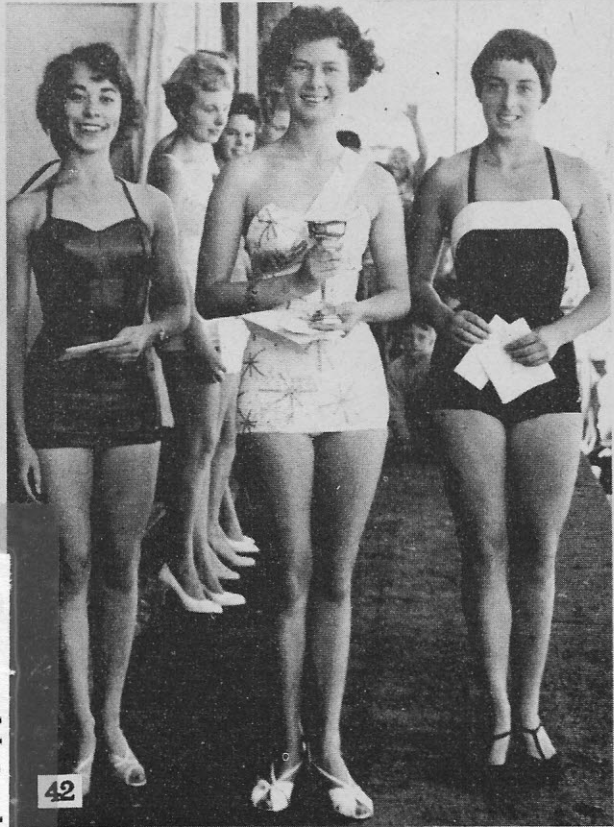
Bottom: Much interest was shown as the boys tried to follow the flight of the shell to the targets, nearly 2000 yards out to sea.



New Year's Day Crowds At The Beach

Right: Contestants for the Miss Taranaki title parade for the final judging.

Below: Placegetters in the contest. Sue Pinhey (centre) won the title, with Dawne Brown, of Opunake, on the right, and Val Dawson, New Plymouth, on the left.



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Marion Acland (Omata)



Jeanette Fowles (New Plymouth)



Ann Glover (Auckland)



Marlene Jamieson (Inglewood)



Suzanne Pinhey (New Plymouth)



Shirley Stewart (Hamilton)



Dawne Brown (Opunake)



Lorraine Grayson (Auckland)



Lorraine Falward (Wellington)



Val Dawson (New Plymouth)

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Quest For Maori Artifacts

Spades and gum spears probed into the turf covering the Waitara swamp recently, as over 50 people, Maori and pakeha, from all parts of New Zealand, began a fascinating quest for Maori artifacts buried there long ago. Under the leadership of Dr. Roger Duff, director of the Canterbury Museum, the diggers first carefully removed turf along surveyed base lines, stacking it ready to be put back in place later. Dr. Duff took an active part in the work and paid special attention to the young members of the party.

Above: Dr. Duff, surrounded by some of the younger members of the digging party, points out the site he has selected. These young people were most enthusiastic workers and searchers.

Below, left and right: With the digging started, a fair depth was reached within a short space of time.



Flying Scholarships

Finalists were secured recently for the Taranaki Herald flying scholarships. Entries were numerous, and judging was a tough job for instructor and examiner Jim Crockett to find the six finalists in junior and senior sections.

Above: A briefing for the senior finalists. From left, Mr Crockett, Ian Wallace, Jack Wheeler, Jim Hannon, Doug Morgan, Terry Martin, and Bob Read.

Left: One of the junior finalists was Ruth Corry, seen here in the cockpit with Mr Crockett.



Engaged

Below: The engagement is announced between Mavis Evelyn, third daughter of Mr and Mrs G.G.R. King, Okoki, and Barry Francis, only son of Mr and Mrs F. F. Olsson, Waitara.





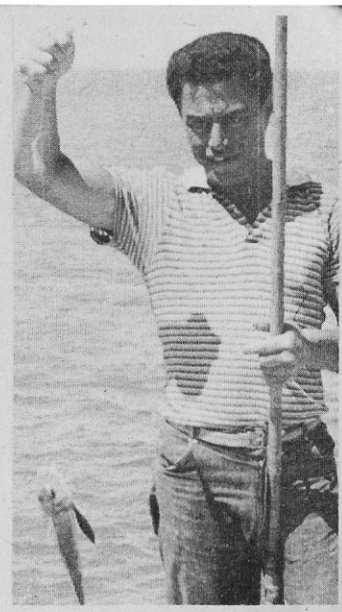
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Above: A party was held recently at Puniho, at the home of Mr and Mrs L.E. Winston, to farewell their son Lawrence, who leaves to join the Navy. Good luck, Lawrence. He is pictured here with his mother and father.

Right: Mr and Mrs Clarry Whitehouse, who recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

Left: Mr Les Cave, the hard working secretary of the Taranaki Bowling Association, who has had a busy time recently with all the tournaments that have been held.

Bottom: A scene at the post-section play on the East End greens during the New Year Fours.



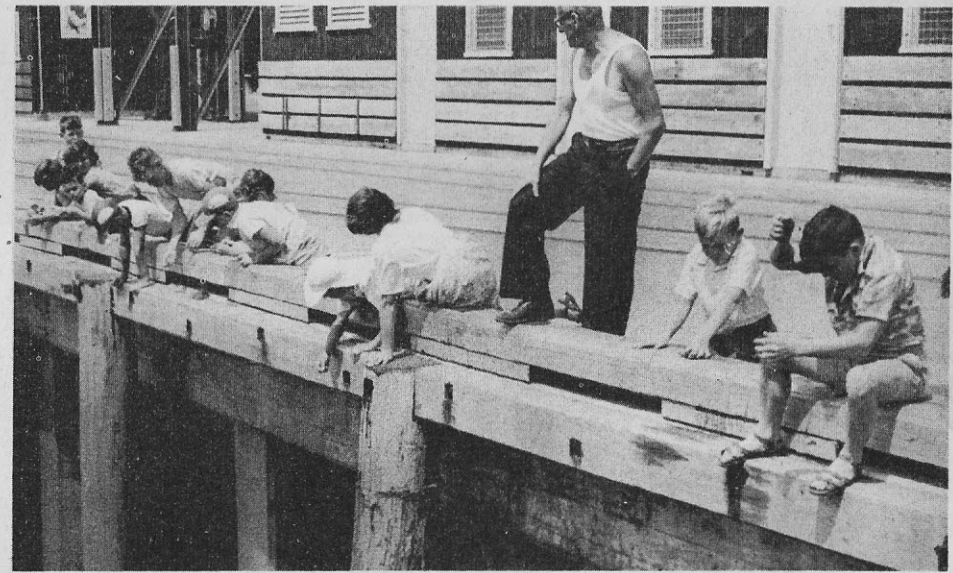
Gone Fishin'

Around the Port and out on the breakwater you can always see a fisherman, even before dawn and after dusk. There have been some very good catches from these parts lately, including a few fine kingies.

Above: Max Young and Perce McDougall get a line ready watched by Wayne Love and Alan Paris.

Above, right: Tom Atua proudly displays the small gurnard he caught. Small fish for a 16-foot bamboo rod, but then, you never know at the wharf.

Right: And this is the scene almost every fine day during the school holidays.



Five happy young men who have been enjoying the amenities of the YMCA Camp Huinga. They had just come out of the river after having had a glorious time in the cooling waters of the Waiwhakiho. From the left, they are, Graham Putt (Otakeho), Graham Sulzberger of Manaia, David White (New Plymouth), Graham Orr (New Plymouth) and Mark Burton (New Plymouth).

Y.M.C.A. Camp



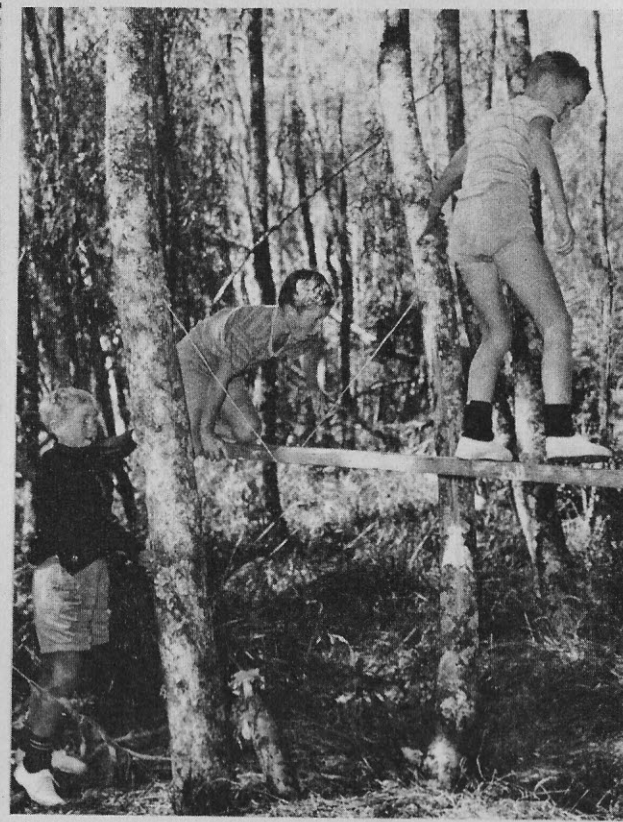
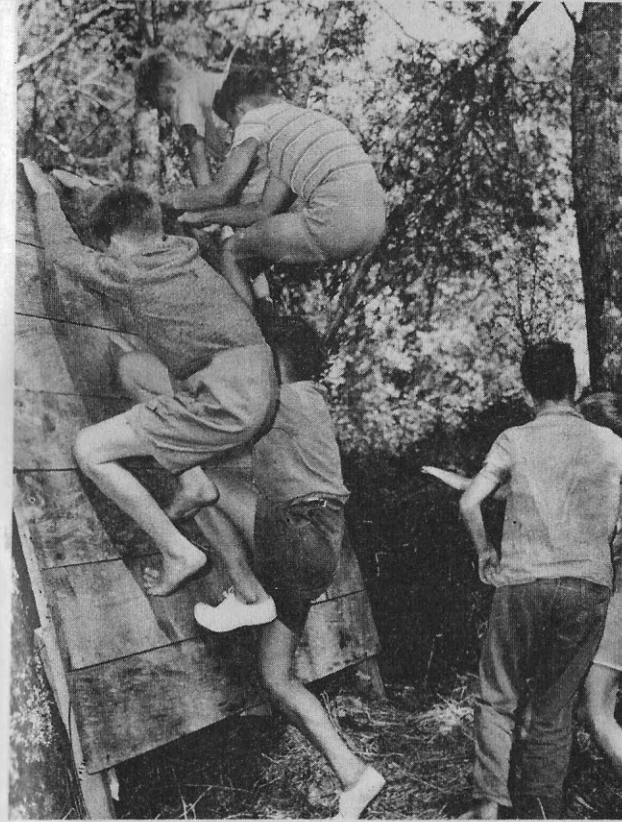
With three camps over the summer holidays fully booked, the general secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Denis Oliver and his wife, have been hard at it, seeing that the holidaymakers have had a really good time. The praise from the boys for the way they have enjoyed themselves, speaks volumes for Denis and his wife.

Above: Denis gets the campers together for instructions prior to another sports contest.

Below: The boys even smiled over their fatigues. These lads, Alan Busby and Philip Gayton seem to enjoy the spud-bashing.

Above, right: Noel Sayers, John Major and David Astbury proudly display the eels they had caught in a nearby stream.

Below, right: Mrs Oliver, a tireless worker, affectionately known by the boys as "Peanut", serves refreshing drinks to the campers.



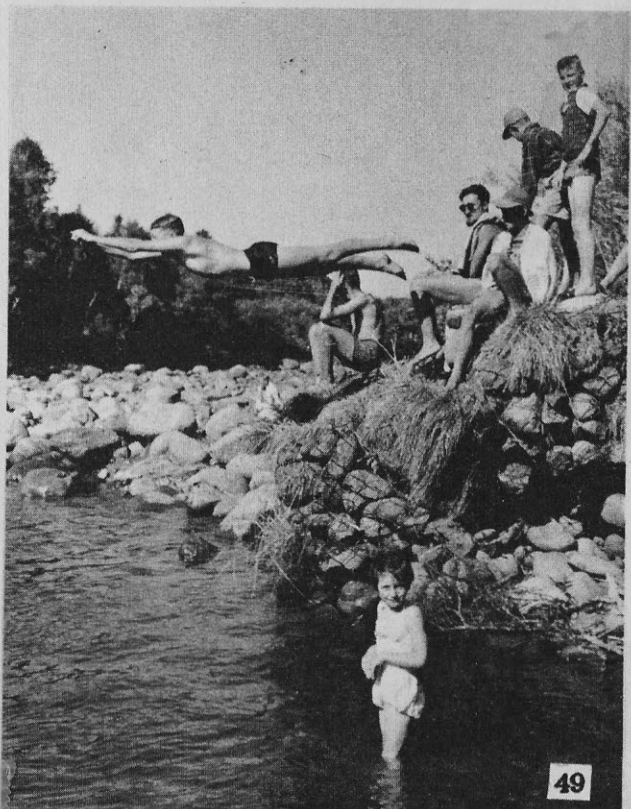
Above, left: A tough assault course is enjoyed by the energetic campers.

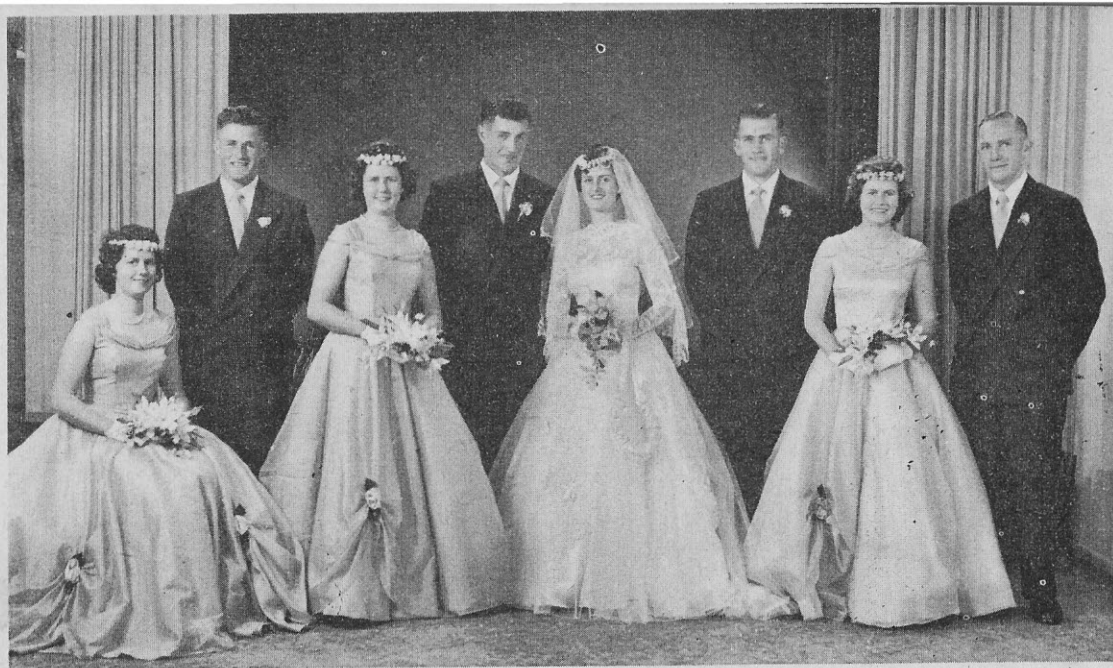
Above, right: Part of the course is on planks fastened to trees.

Left: And swinging across ditches is a favourite pastime.

Below: There's even a tunnel for the boys to crawl through.

Right: And at the end of the assault the river for a swim, which the boys made full use of.





Wedding Bells

Above: SHAW—DIPPIE. At Whakatane, Ailsa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J.Dippie, Whakatane, to Arthur, son of Mr and Mrs H.D.Shaw, Awakeri. The bridesmaids were the bride's sister Miriam and twin sisters Elizabeth and Jeanette Dippie. Ian Newdick was the best man and the groomsmen were Brian and Russell Shaw, brothers of the groom.

Below: BARCLAY—ROBERTSON. At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Margaret Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G.Robertson, New Plymouth, to Colin Walter, youngest son of Mrs and the late Mr W.S.Barclay, New Plymouth. Matron of honour was Gwen Besley, and the bridesmaids were Diedre Bowden, Wellington, and Christine Kennedy, a cousin of the bride, of Auckland. The groom's brother, Lawrence Barclay, was the best man and Barry Darney was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



Roving Camera

Above: Taylor's staff party, recently held in New Plymouth, proved to be a howling success. Staff members from Wanganui also enjoyed the fun. Our picture shows Mr and Mrs Stan Lay with a prime piece of crayfish.

Above, left: New Plymouth's manager, Mr and Mrs B.A.Currin, enjoy the party.

Left: Ngaire Pennington, Mrs L.Cookson and Mr and Mrs F.Hoy making short work of their supper.

Below, left: Some of the scouts, who recently formed a chain gang to transport the books from the old library to the new.

Below: Lynette Williamson, who recently graduated from the Kindergarten College, Auckland. Lynette will now take up an appointment at the Stratford Free Kindergarten.

