

OUR COVER

Here's a picture to make your mouth water! It was taken at the berry gardens at Waitara, and this year has been a busy one for the strawberry pickers. The gardens have been a mass of fruit, and our picture shows June Elliott and Ann Armstrong with the results of their early morning labours.

BACK COVER

Most impressive Christmas decorations in Devon Street during the recent festive season were those on the Farmers' Co-op. building, featuring Santa Claus atop the parapet, and giant candles on the verandah.

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RECORD ENTRIES FOR REGATTA

Below: The crew of the NP catamaran "Cool Cat" making final adjustments to their craft before starting in the New Year Regatta. "X" Class craft, also in the picture, trim their sails ready for the starter's gun.



Stirling arrives at the garage

Stirling Moss in New Plymouth

Passing through the city on his way to a motor race meeting was famous racing driver, Stirling Moss. He paid a visit to Black's Service station on South Road, where he obliged by becoming a garage attendant for a few minutes, to the delight of the crowd that had gathered to see this famous man.



Four sir? Certainly, sir!



Proprietor's wife, Fay Bowden, poses with the champion for the battery of amateur cameramen who were there in large numbers

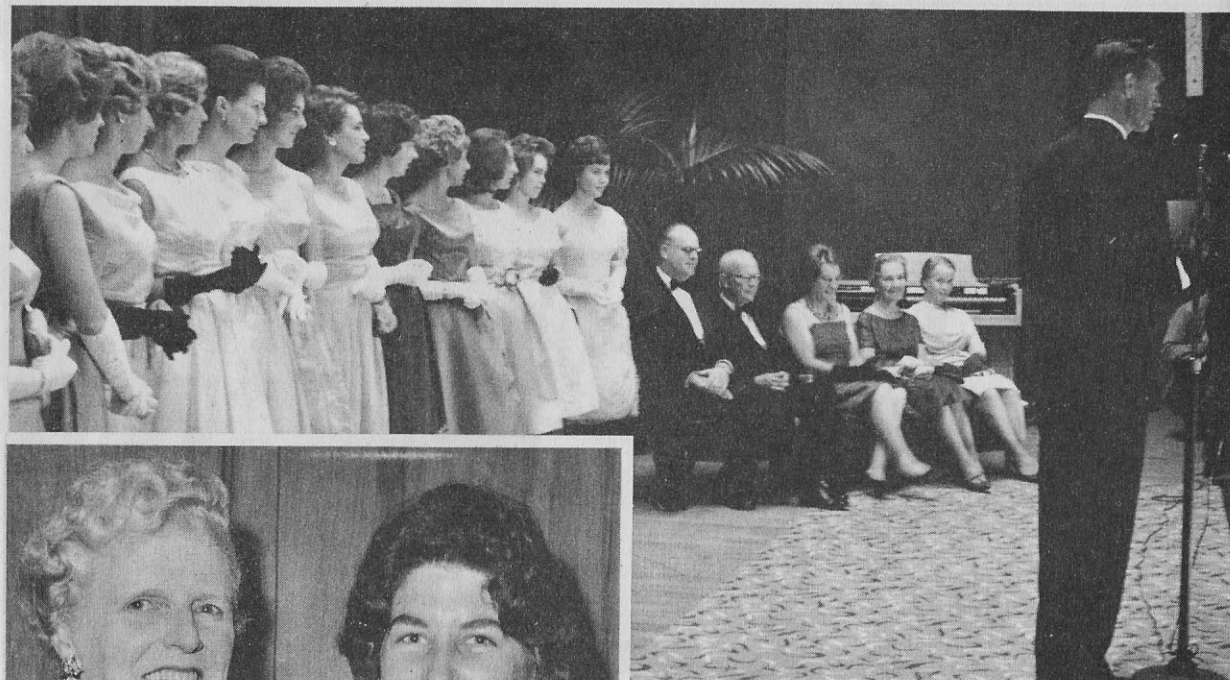


Autograph hunters besiege Stirling



Miss Brooklands Selected

Here is Miss Brooklands, 1963, and her two maids. They were announced at a concert, organised for just that purpose at the New Plymouth Opera House. Miss Brooklands, in the centre, is Adrienne Bond, who works in the Bank of New Zealand. At left is Lorraine French, and at right is Lorraine Bishop, the two maids chosen to accompany Adrienne in her various duties



Above: Contestants line the stage at the Opera House, with judges seated, and chairman Mr D.V. Sutherland speaking to the audience before the announcement of the winner was made.

Left: Miss Stella Hodgkiss, convener of the Miss Brooklands contest, is here photographed with Adrienne Bond who won the title.

Below: After the announcement, Miss Brooklands and her maids were piped all round the Opera House, and then through the streets to the War Memorial Hall for a reception.





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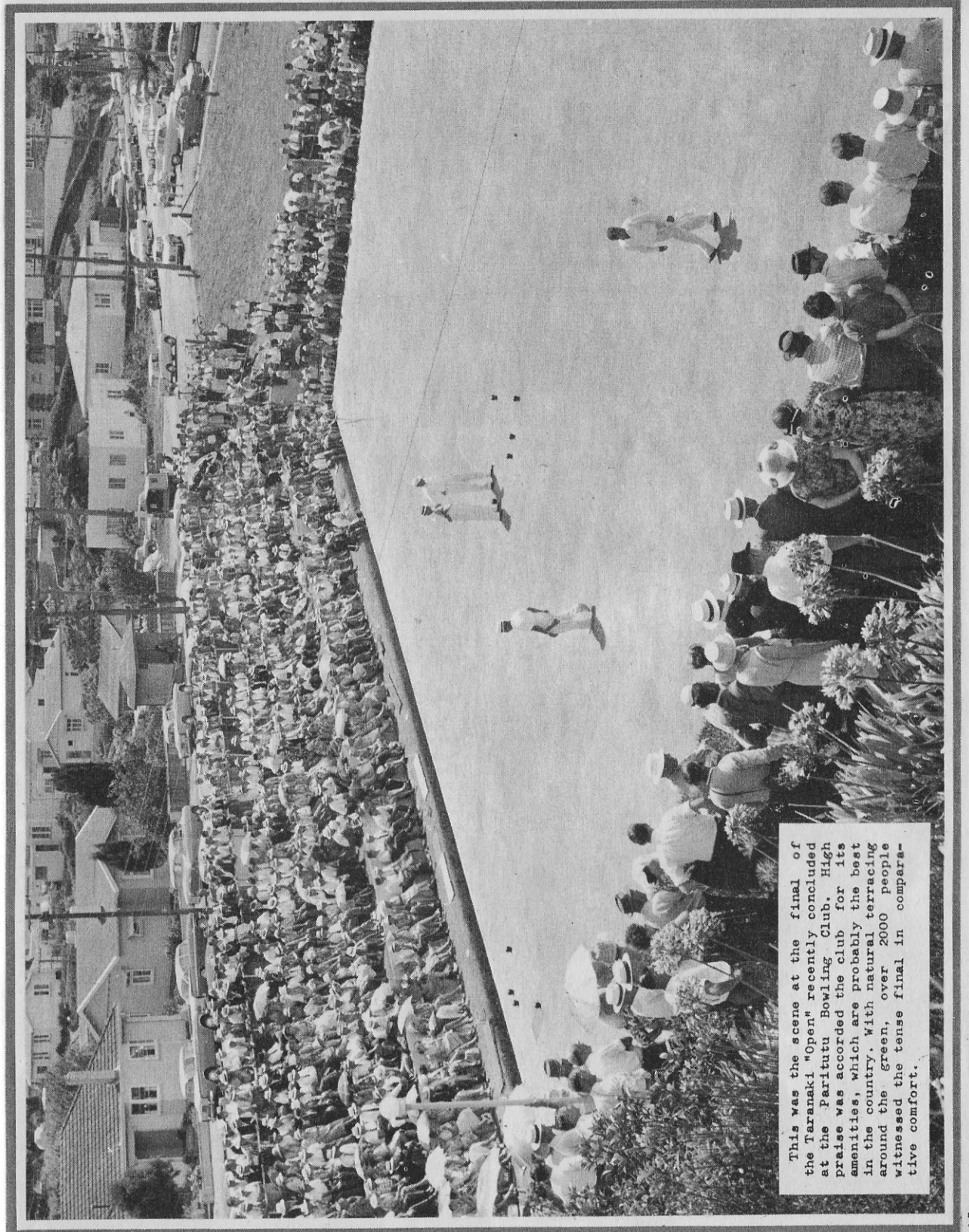
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Below: MARTIN-COFFEY: At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J.Coffey, New Plymouth, to Ron, second son of Mr and Mrs I.Martin, Kupe, Stratford. Fay Bellringer, New Plymouth, and Janice Coffey, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, were bridesmaids. Brother of the groom, Jim Martin, Kupe, was best man, and Neil Manning, Stratford, was the groomsman. Future home: Stratford.



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This was the scene at the final of the Taranaki "Open" recently concluded at the Paritutu Bowling Club. High praise was accorded the club for its amenities, which are probably the best in the country. With natural terracing around the green, over 2000 people witnessed the tense final in comparative comfort.

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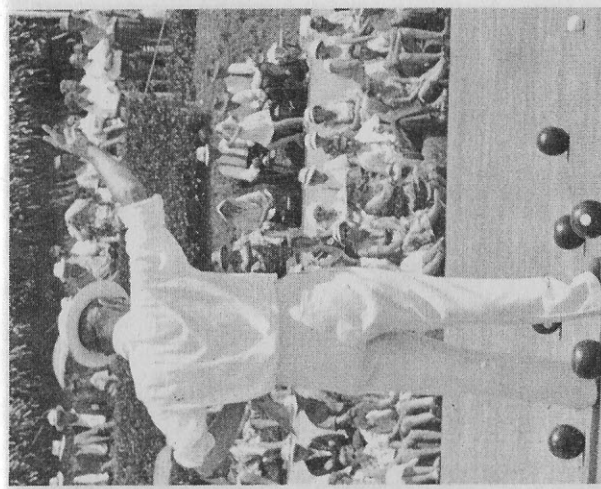
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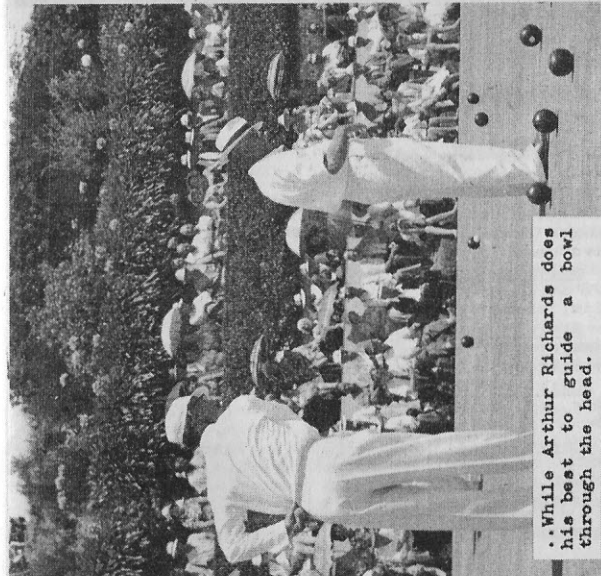
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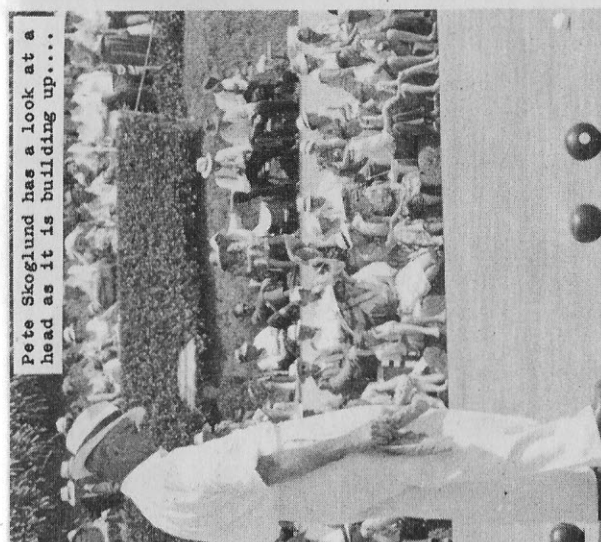
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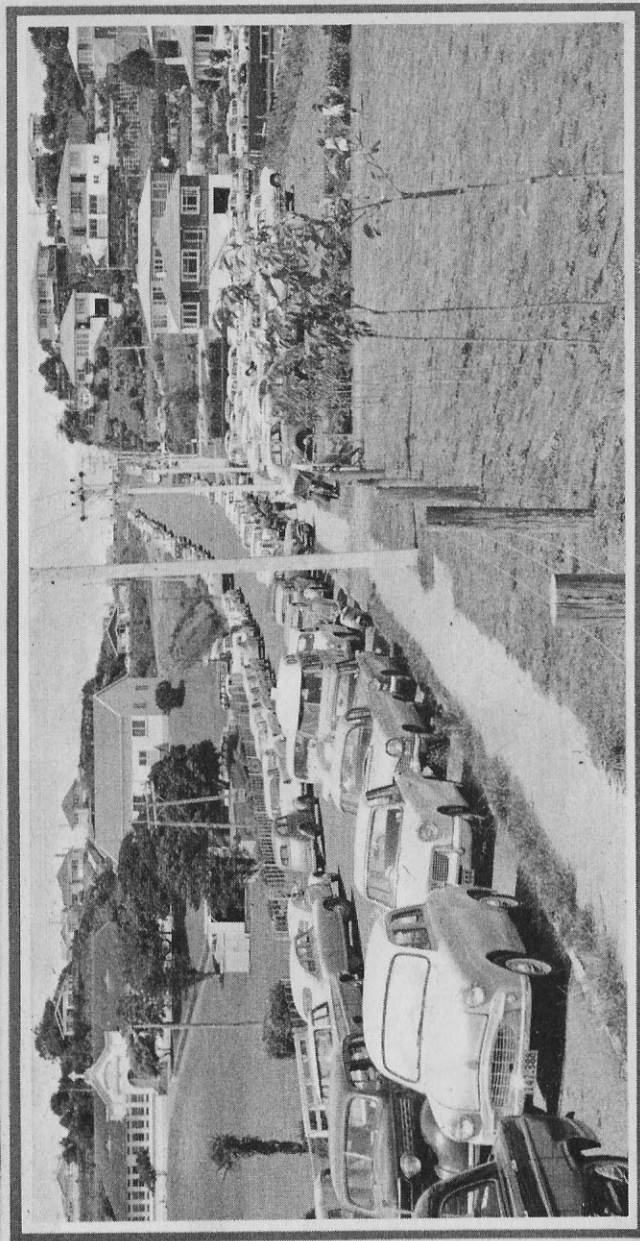


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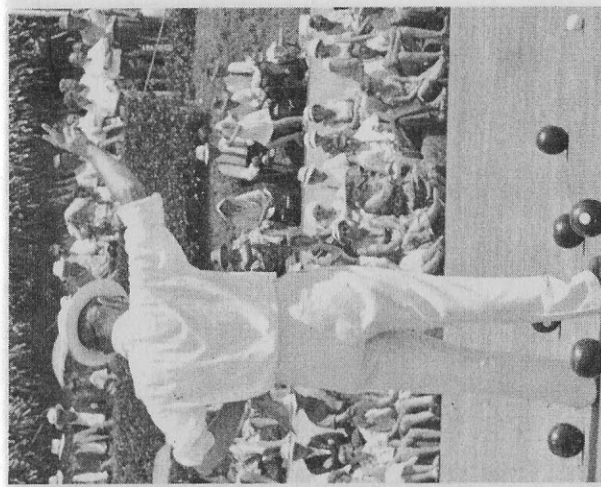
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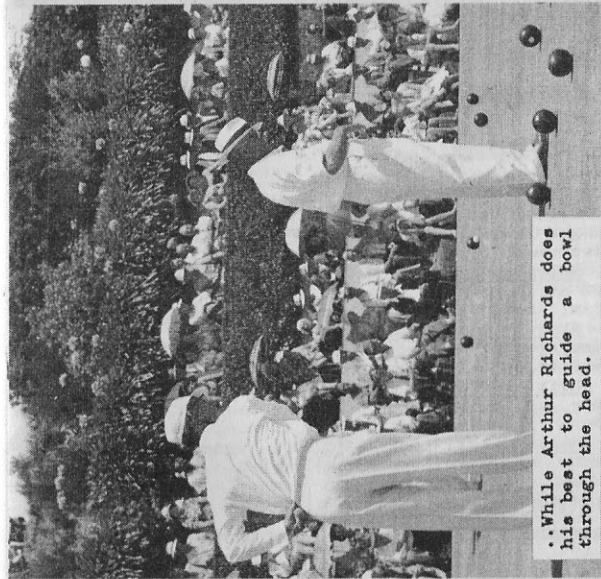
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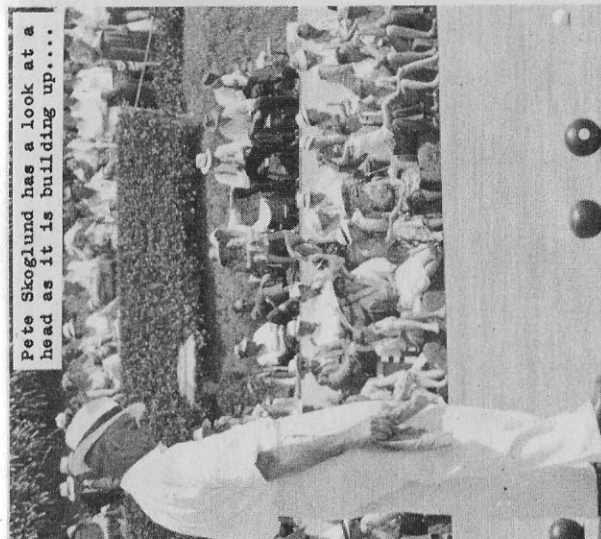
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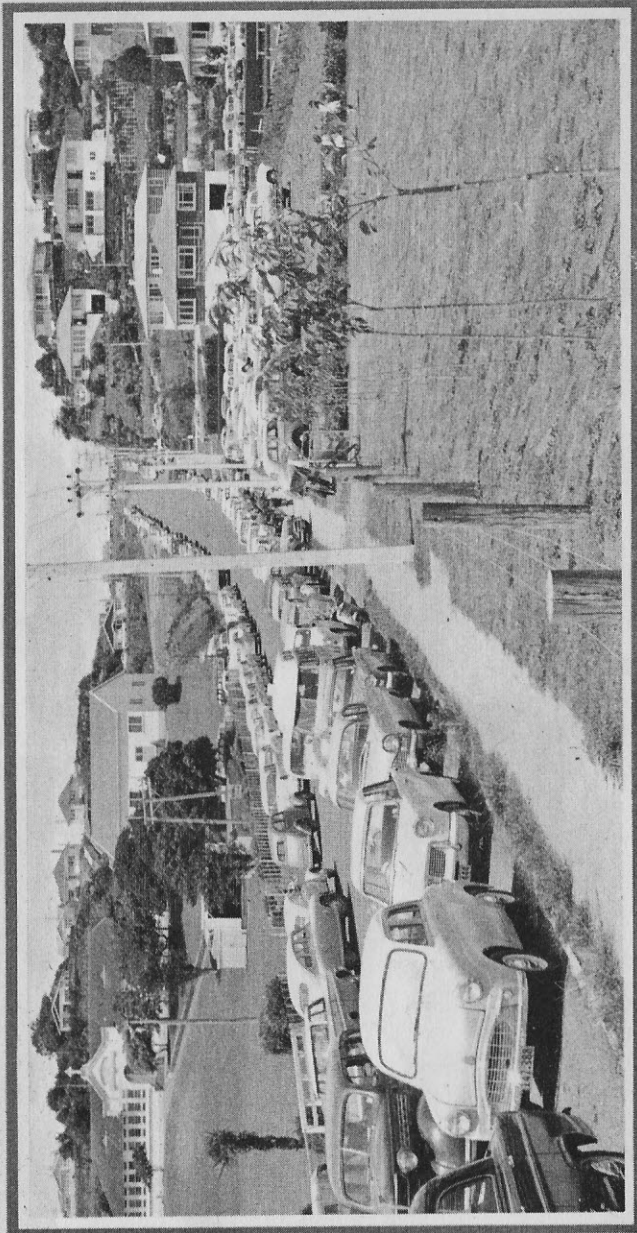
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Below: SMALE-SMEDLEY: Marlene, only daughter of Mr F. and the late Mrs Smedley, Sydney, to Jim, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.M.Smale, NP.

Above, left: ADLAM-ORAMS: Marion, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C.Orams, NP, to Gary, eldest son of Mr and Mrs V.Adlam, NP.

Left: NEWTON-FLORENCE: Nola Faye, second daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J.Florence, NP, to Peter twin son of Mr and Mrs R.M.Newton, NP.

Below, left: COURT-HOLMES: Shirley Lorraine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A.Holmes, Bell Block, to Robin Francis, only son of Mrs G.M. and the late Mr S.W.Court, NP.



Celebrations

Above: At the 89th birthday celebration of Mr E.A.Grigg, Ratapiko, this family group pictures a double set of four generations. Mr Grigg is seen here with his wife and two sons, Ray, left, and Arthur, right, with their respective children and grand-children.

Below: Mrs S.Hunt, Devonport, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday with her daughter, Mrs S.Officer, Stratford.

Right: Mr and Mrs J.W.Morrison, Clawton Street, New Plymouth, who celebrated their diamond wedding. They were married at Sentry Hill 60 years ago and farmed at Tikorangi and Waipuku.

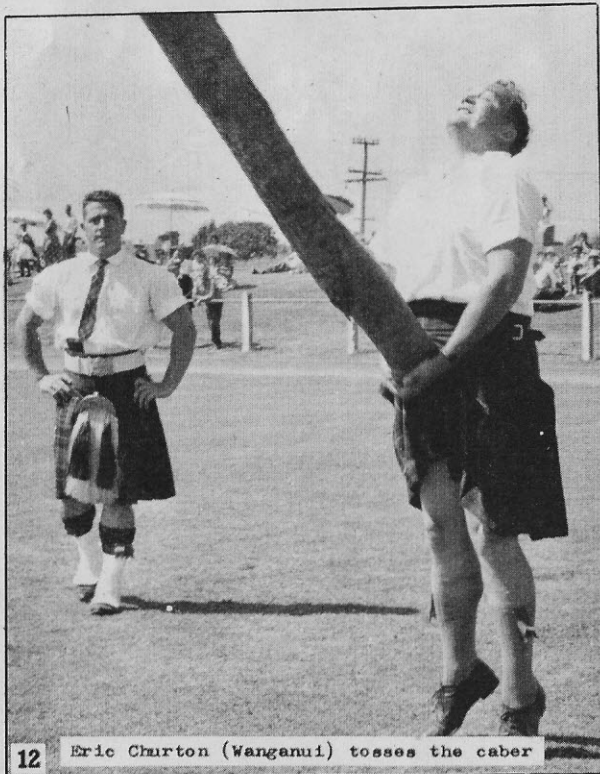




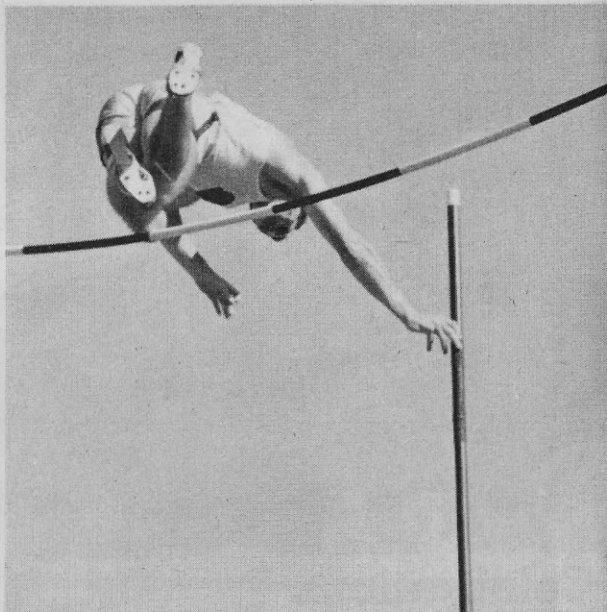
Brixton tug-of-war team proved too tough for all the other opponents.

STRATFORD HIGHLAND GAMES DRAW HUGE CROWD

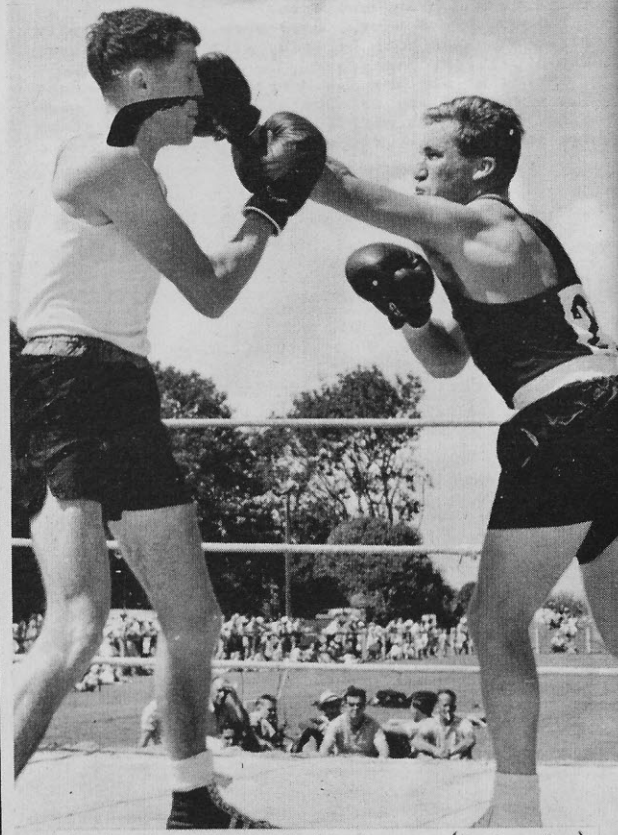
There's no doubt in our minds that the Stratford Highland Games Committee deserve the highest praise for the recent programme they provided at Victoria Park for the annual Highland Games. There was the biggest variety of events, with some of the best talent in the country to provide a programme that was surely enjoyed by all of the thousands who attended.



12 Eric Chariton (Wanganui) tosses the caber



Empire games pole vaulter Kevin Gibbons cleared the bar at fourteen feet



Empire Games boxer Paddy Donovan (Hawkes Bay) and Patea's D. McKenna gave a fine exhibition of boxing.



THE BEARDED MEN OF STRATFORD

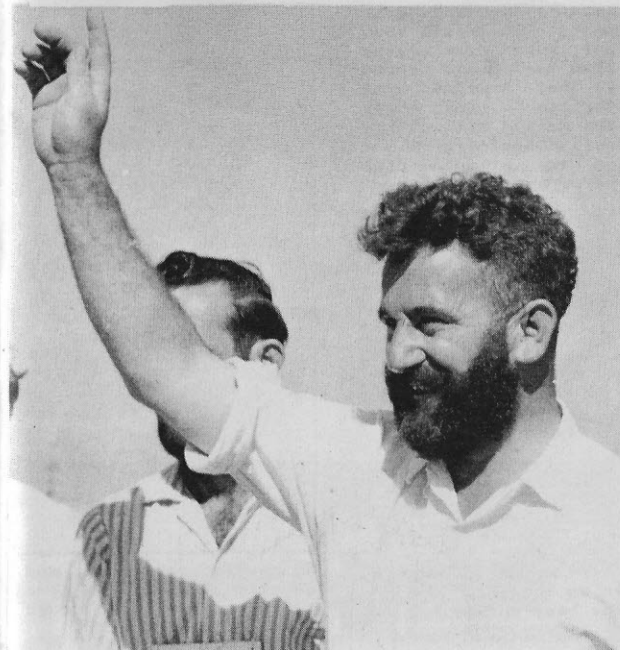
A competition finalised at the Stratford Highland Games that started some weeks ago was for the best beard. Twelve hardy types of the town stopped shaving, and the results were simply amazing. There were all sorts and sizes with a variety of colour. One in fact was a beautiful red, and we had a feeling that it had been dyed to catch the judge's eye.

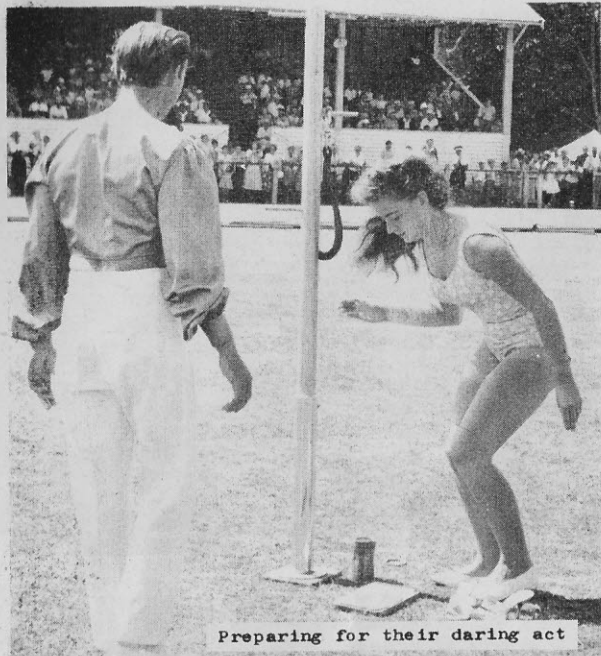
Above: Some of the contestants await the judges' decision.

Right: One of the judges, Rosalie Potroz, feeling the texture of the beard belonging to Bill Kelly.

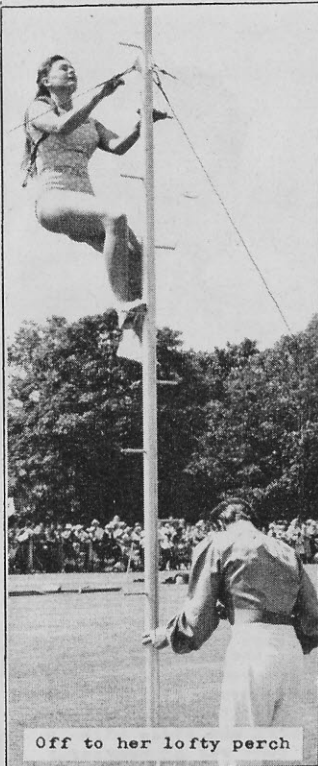
Below: Winner of the contest by a whisker was Jack Grant.

Below, right: There's no doubt about a beard, it certainly camouflages a man.





Preparing for their daring act



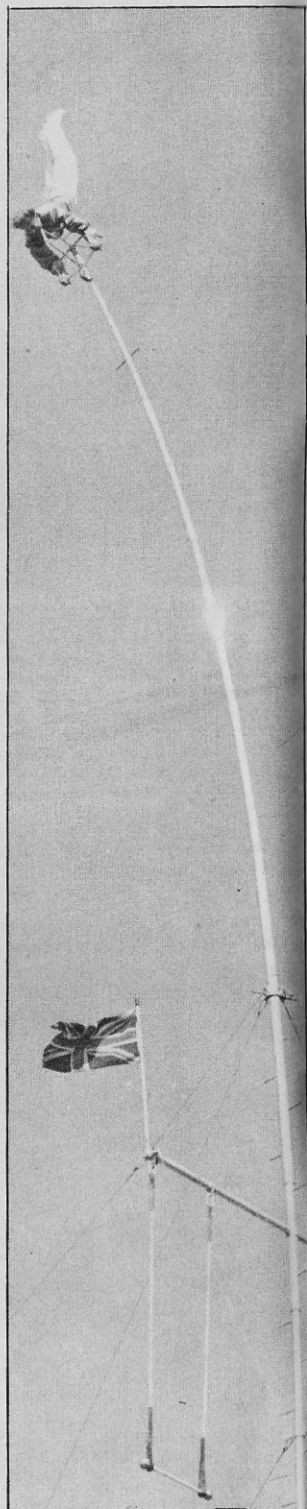
Off to her lofty perch



Balancing high above the ground

Aerialists Were Tops

One of the biggest thrills at the Highland Games was the performance of Leone and Tanyia, Britain's leading aerial gymnasts. The feats they performed drew gasps from the large crowd as they provided the thrills 80 feet above the ground without any safety devices. Altogether a wonderful performance.



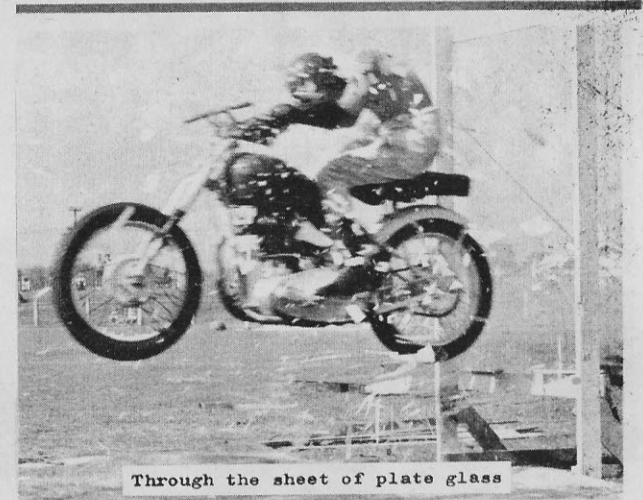
82 feet above ground and swaying 20 feet from side to side had the crowd holding their breath.



Over a human ramp to leap more than 10 feet

THRILLING DISPLAY BY TRICK MOTOR CYCLISTS

Gene Mace and his troupe of dare-devil riders provided Stratford and those who went to the Highland Games with one of the most thrilling spectacles of all time. Gene and his boys performed the most amazing things, like driving through a 36-foot blazing tunnel, riding over ramps held up by men, and then as a finale, Gene himself rode through a plate glass frame. This final trick, done with no protective clothing, resulted in a visit to hospital to have some of the cuts sewn up.



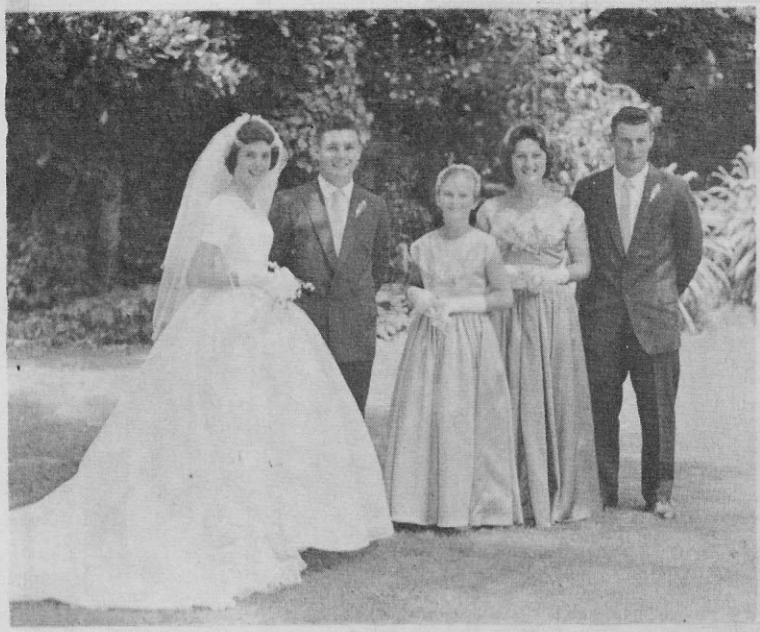
Through the sheet of plate glass



Gene takes the weight of a bike on his shoulders



First-aid men take over after the ride through the plate glass



Wedding Bells

Above, left: HADLAND-WORTHINGTON: At the Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Nancy Jean, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H.Worthington, NP, to Bryan Arthur, second son of Mr and Mrs J.A.Hadland, Waitara. The bridesmaids were Kathleen Hadland, sister of the groom, Waitara, and Janet Leatherby, Auckland. John Hadland, brother of the groom, Waitara, was the best man. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

Above: HOUGHTON-TAIT: At St.Bride's Anglican Church, Otorohanga, Elizabeth Mary, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S.J.Tait, Otorohanga, to Peter Longden, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. Houghton, Tikorangi. The bridesmaids were Jillian Tait, sister of the bride, Otorohanga, and Janice and Susan Houghton, sisters of the groom, Tikorangi. Roger Houghton, brother of the groom, Tikorangi, was best man, and Murray Houghton, brother of the groom, Tikorangi, was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be Waitara.

Left: COWAN-LUCAS: At St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Remuera, Judy Lucas, late of Stratford, to Graham Cowan, Auckland. The bridesmaids were Susan Lucas, sister of the bride, Wendy Walker, Stratford, and Gillian Jeffery. The best man was James Townsend, and the groomsman was John Lucas, brother of the bride. Future home will be Thames.



Coming of Age

Above, left: Family group at the 21st birthday of John George, NP. From left, sisters Mrs Joyce Young, Mrs B.Liffiton, Mrs N.Hollis, John, and his mother and father.

Left: Arthur Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Graham, NP, with relatives and friends at his coming-of-age party.

Above, centre: Marilyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. Butler, Manaia, cuts her 21st birthday cake.

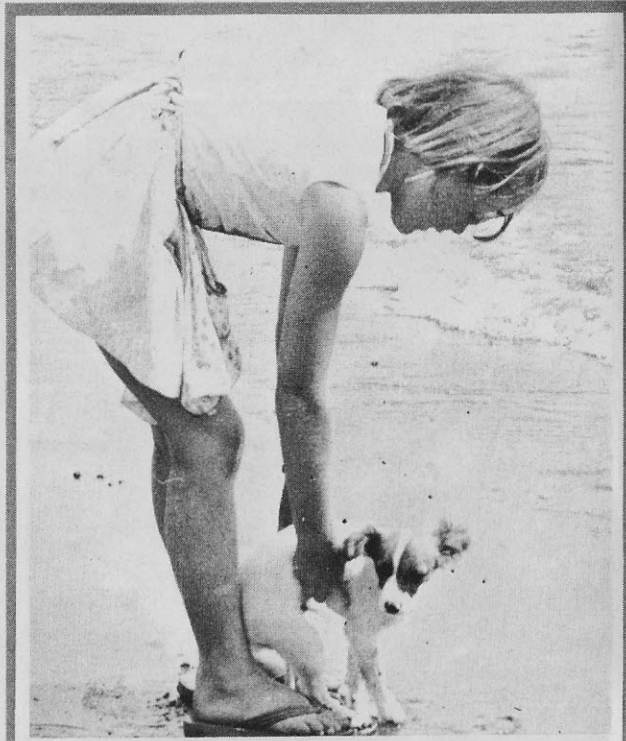
Above, right: Brian Edward, son of Mr and Mrs T. Joll, Gladstone Road, Hawera, smiles on the occasion of his 21st birthday.





Retirement Honoured

Staff and friends of the High School Board recently gathered together to honour their secretary, Mr O.H.Burford, on the occasion of his retirement. Our photograph above shows the group at the dinner party given in his honour at the Fitzroy Hotel. **Below:** Chief clerk, Betty Tuson, presents Mr Burford with a gift.



Learn-to Swim Campaign

Here's a delightful little study of a young holidaymaker, who was taking advantage of the calm sea to teach her puppy to swim. The pup didn't seem to like the water, but later ventured in up to his knees.



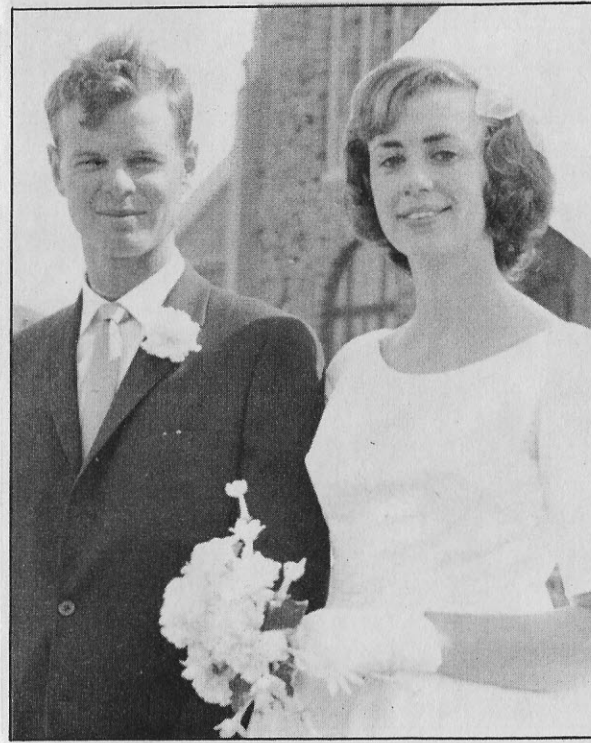
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Above, left: DAVEY-McCASKELL: At the Fitzroy Catholic Church, Joyce, only daughter of Mr and Mrs McCaskell, Auckland, to Brian John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.H.Davey, New Plymouth. Future home: Masterton.

Above, right: THURLOW-WILLIAMS: At the Baptist Church, New Plymouth, Beverley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K.S.Williams, New Plymouth, to Neil, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.Thurlow, Waitara. The future home of the couple will be Mokau.

Below, left: FITZPATRICK-PEPLOE: At St.Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Patricia Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J.Peploe, New Plymouth, to Dennis Clark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.C.Fitzpatrick, Papakura. The future home of the couple: Dunedin.

Below, right: PARR-MASON: At St.Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A.Mason, New Plymouth, to Ivan, only son of Mr and Mrs F.Parr, Palmerston North. The future home: Palmerston North.

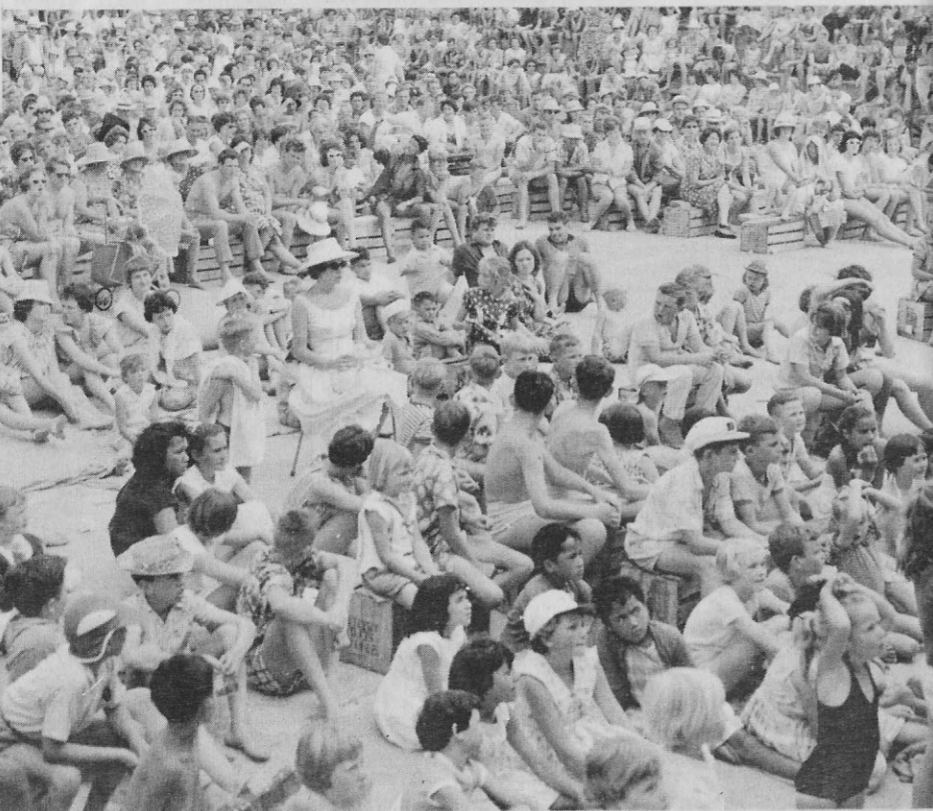


Miss W.C.N.I. Beauty Contest

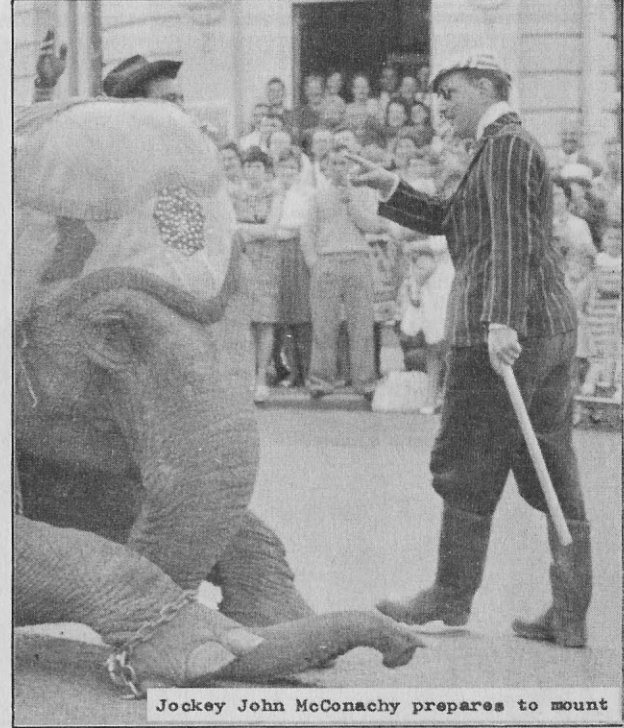
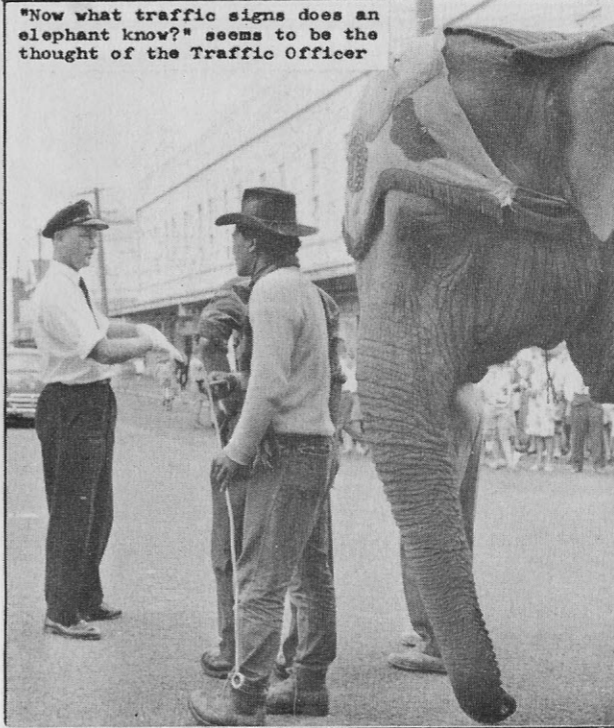
Ngamotu beach was the venue for the Miss WCNI bathing beauty contest, held during the holiday carnival. Entries were not quite as numerous as in previous years, but the quality of the contestants was higher than in the past. In our picture, right, Miss Taranaki 1962, Jan Sutherland, is shown presenting the cup to the beauty queen for 1963, Jan Barclay.

Below: Part of the huge crowd that witnessed the contest. Right in the centre of the picture we see one of the judges.

FOOTNOTE. At "Photo News" we are not prone to skiting, but this year's Miss Taranaki, Jan Barclay, was picked for our December front cover. We certainly must have an eye for beauty, as Jan won two contests over the holiday period, one at the Opunake Beach carnival, and the other at New Plymouth.



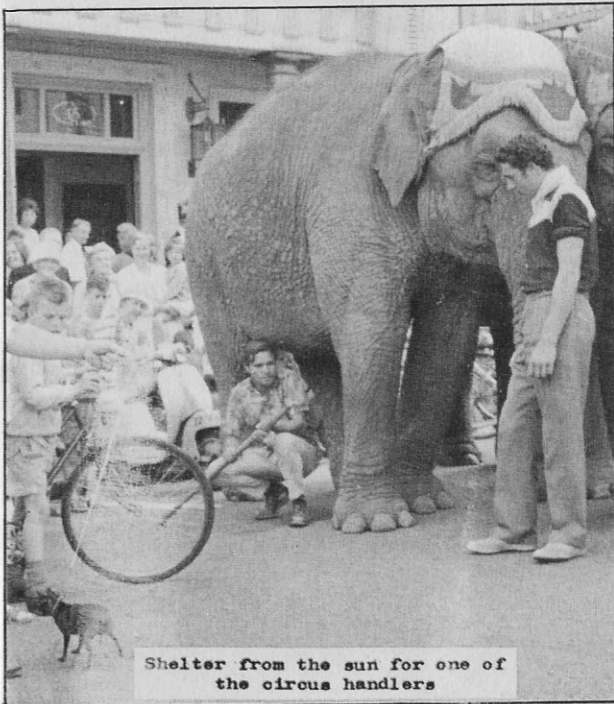
"Now what traffic signs does an elephant know?" seems to be the thought of the Traffic Officer



Jockey John McConachy prepares to mount

Elephant Derby in Devon Street

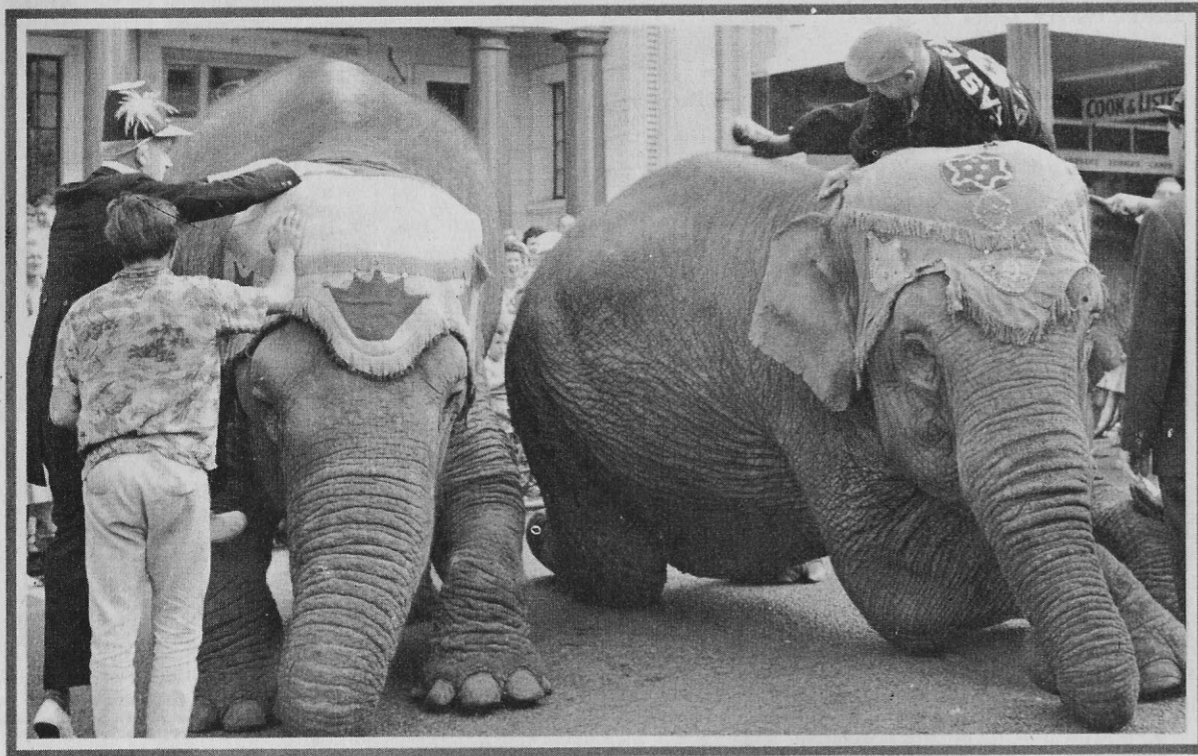
This will probably be the only time that an elephant race will be held along Devon Street. It was part of the publicity towards the coming to town of a circus. Despite this, crowds lined the roadway to see this historic race. The three jockeys, suitably attired, had a rough trip to the winning post at the Farmers Store. The most pleasant feature of this organised race was that some members of the Rotary Club made a collection for the blind, who will benefit by over £100 as a result.



Shelter from the sun for one of the circus handlers



Jockeys John McConachy, Mr Honnor, the mayor, and Brian Clark of 2XP



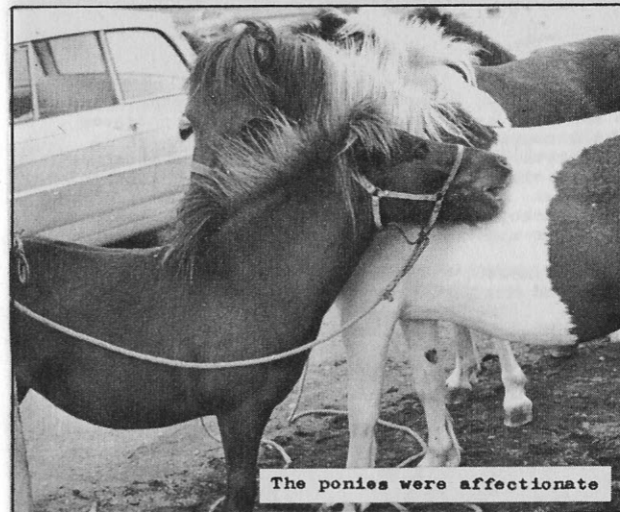
We estimated that more than 20,000 people watched the elephant race up Devon Street during the annual holidays. Each side of the main road was filled with holidaymakers in some places eight and nine deep. To swell the estimated total, almost every window was used as a grandstand, and then of course there were the children, who came in their thousands to see this unusual race.

Above: 2XP's Brian Clark prepares to mount his steed, while the mayor, Mr Honnor, is almost atop his racing elephant.

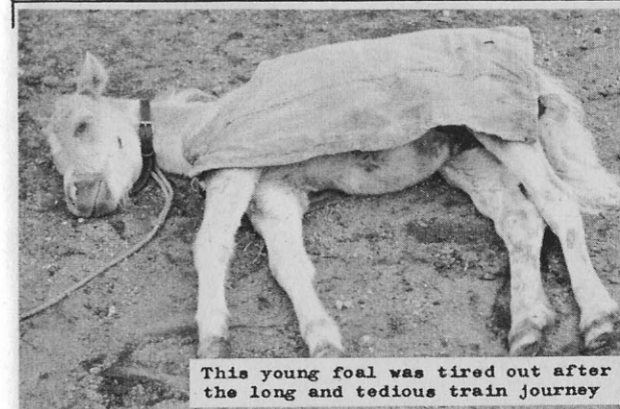
Below: Passing the Bank of New Zealand, Brian had a slight lead on the mayor, who appears to be slipping sideways. The handbarrow was for collecting money for the blind, and not for any other purpose.



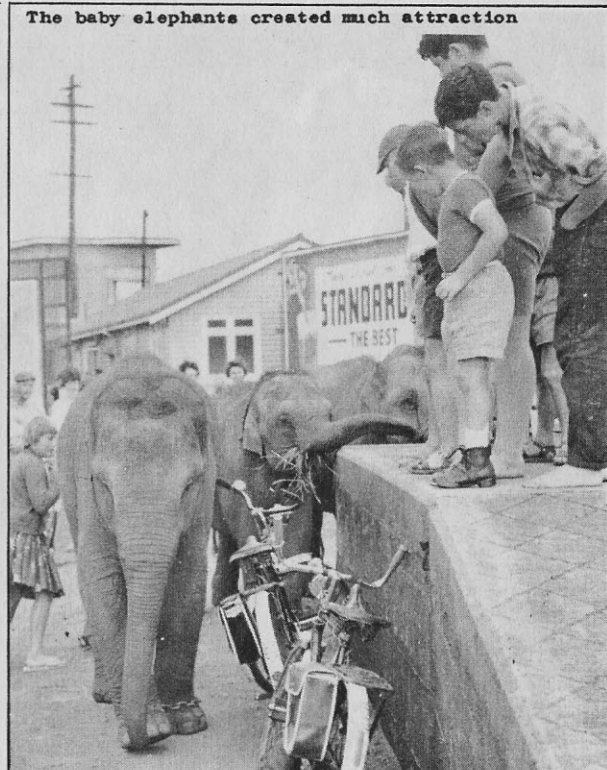
Some gave up their lollies for the elephants



The ponies were affectionate



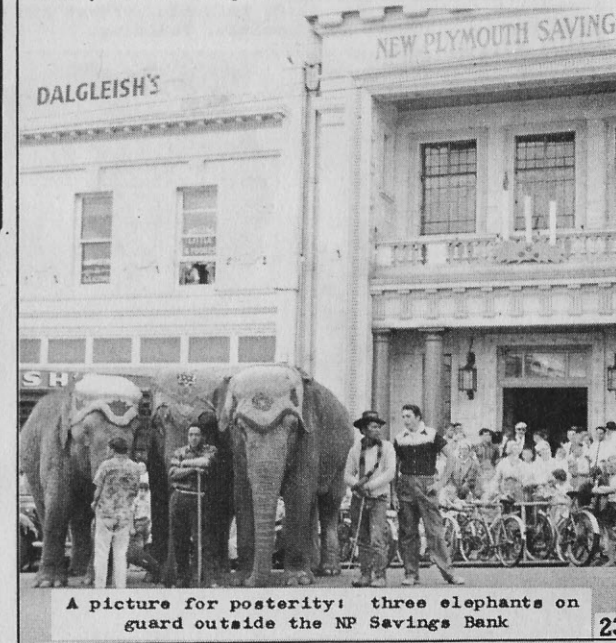
This young foal was tired out after the long and tedious train journey



The baby elephants created much attraction

Circus Animals a Thrill for the Children

We don't know how the news leaked out, but when the circus hit town nearly every child in the city was there to welcome them. The kids took advantage of this free look at the performing animals, and followed the elephants on their journey through the town. It was the Pied Piper story all over again.



A picture for posterity: three elephants on guard outside the NP Savings Bank



Wedding Bells

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Above, right: **MALLINSON-NICOLL:** At the Inglewood Presbyterian Church, Lesley, second daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J. Nicoll, Inglewood, to William Francis, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.P. Mallinson, National Park. The future home of the couple will be Haast.

Below, left: **WEDGWOOD-SEXTON:** At Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Alwynne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Sexton, New Plymouth, to Arthur, son of Mr and Mrs Wedgwood, Blackpool, England. Future home: Auckland.

Below, right: **DUNN-KIRK:** At St. Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Heather, third daughter of Mr and Mrs L.A. Kirk, New Plymouth, to Colin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.W. Dunn, Feilding. The future home of the couple will be Kimbolton, Feilding.

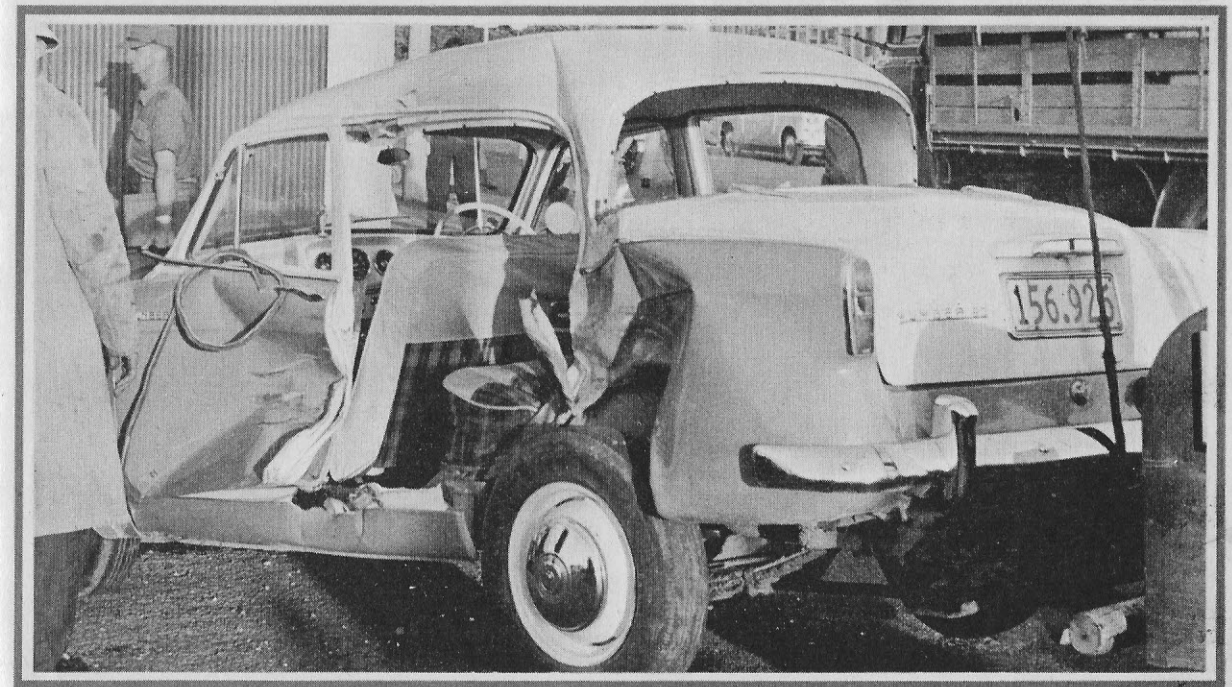


Roving Camera



Above: The latest stage in the development at Kawaroa Park on the pavilion for the new swimming pool. Now that the dressing accommodation and pavilion are nearing completion, tenders have been called for the building of the pools themselves. It is to be hoped that work will start on them in the not too distant future.

Below: Here's what happened when two immovable objects met recently on the intersection of Hill and Elliot streets. Fortunately, no one was badly hurt, though the small car came off rather badly.





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Left: CHAPMAN-TAYLOR: Dawn Mavis, sixth daughter of Mr and Mrs G.L.Taylor, Warea, to Henry Nixon, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.E.Chapman, Warea.

Below, left: MORTON-PRICE: Jessie Margaret Price, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.Marsh, Mangamaio, to Peter David, elder son of Mrs E.H. and the late Mr Morton, Onaero.

Above: PHILLIPS-FROST: Wavyne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.L.Frost, Rahotu, to John, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.W.E.Phillips, Okato.

Below: HARRIS-MOWAT: Janet May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.L.Mowat, NP., to Brian John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs I.J.Harris, NP.



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Thrilling Rodeo at Stratford

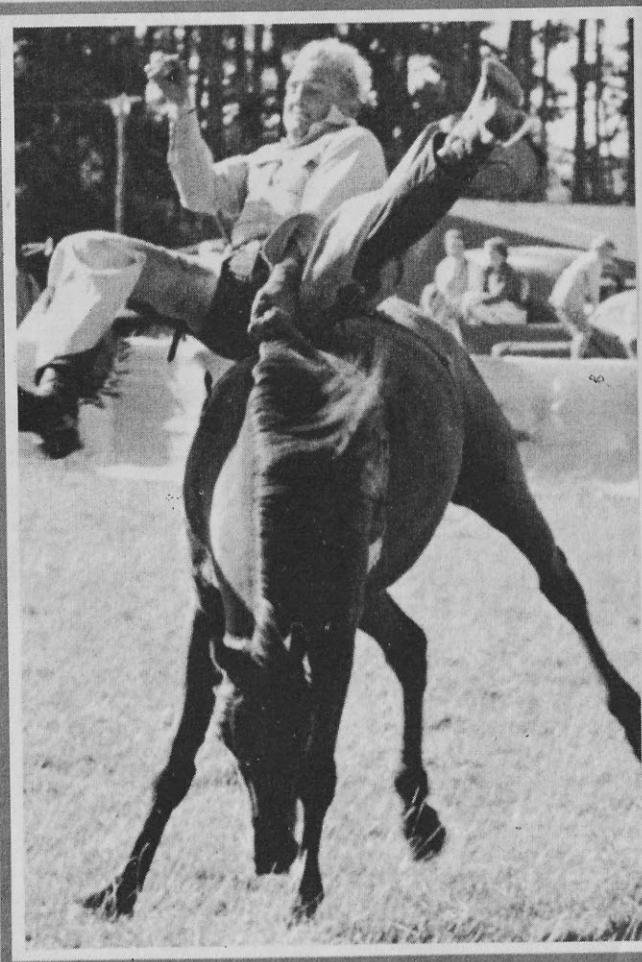
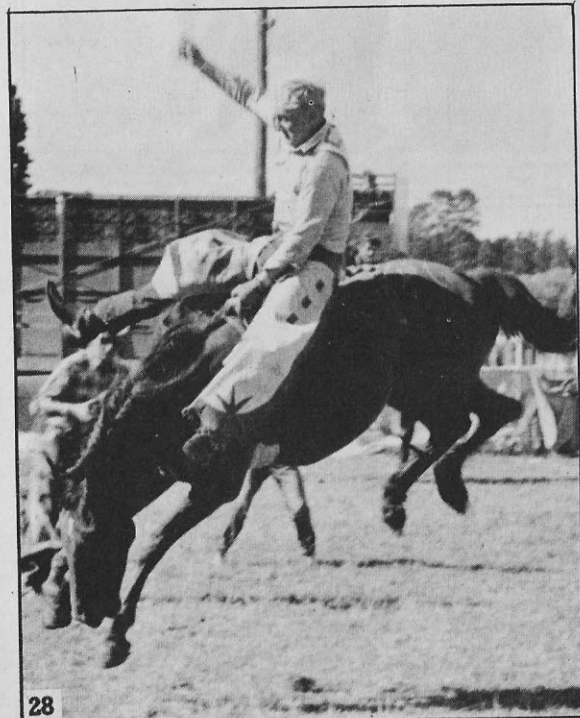
The annual rodeo at Stratford attracts more people each year. With a day packed with thrills and comedy, it is a good way to spend a Saturday. This year, with record entries, and non-stop activity, it was the best rodeo that we have been to yet. There were quite a few spills, but fortunately none of the cowboys was seriously hurt, despite the fact that they were dealing with very ferocious beasts. **Above:** Part of the large crowd which lined the whole oval. **Below:** One of the funniest events was the wild cow milking contest. It evoked howls of laughter from the crowd, and resulted in some very hard work for the contestants. Our two photographs below were taken during this comic interlude.



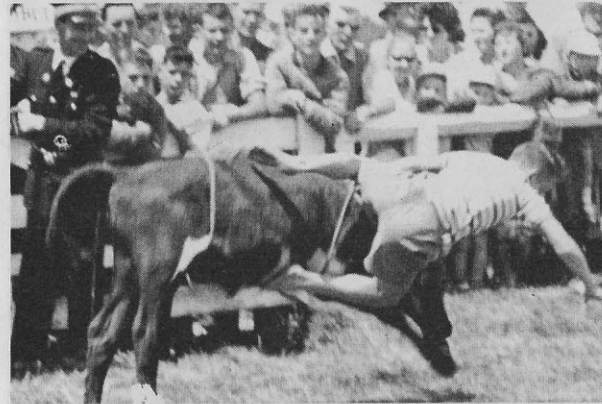
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We don't know where they got the brumbies from for the Stratford Rodeo, but they certainly seem a mean lot of critters. Our picture above shows some of these horses prior to being ridden, and below, what happened when they were let loose with a rider on their backs. In some cases, it would mean meals off the mantlepiece for a few days, so rough were the animals on the riders.



Youthful Cowboys at Stratford Rodeo

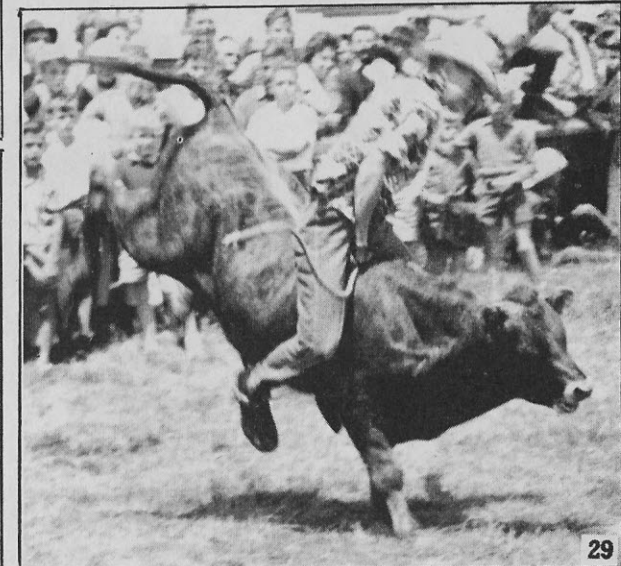
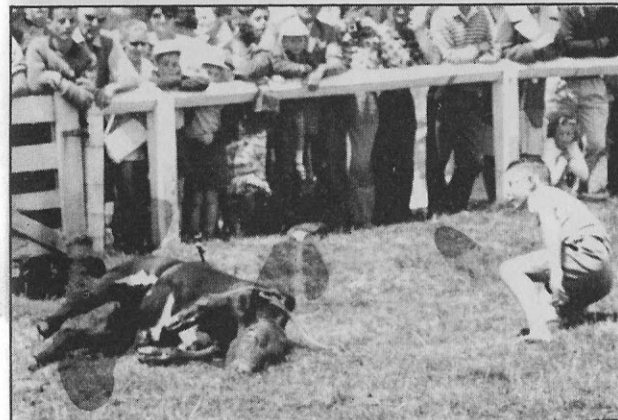


There were over 40 entries for the calf-riding contest at the Stratford Rodeo, which just goes to show that Stratford will never go short of cowboys. Some of the kids knew just how to hold on, while others came adrift as soon as the chute door was opened. Our three pictures, one above, and two below, show what happened to a rider, G. Eaton, and his calf. All we know is that the boy hit the dirt first.

Above, right: The clowns provided plenty of laughter during the whole show.

Right: Cowpoke's natter during the interval between rides.

Below, right: Here's a young fellow heading for a nasty fall!





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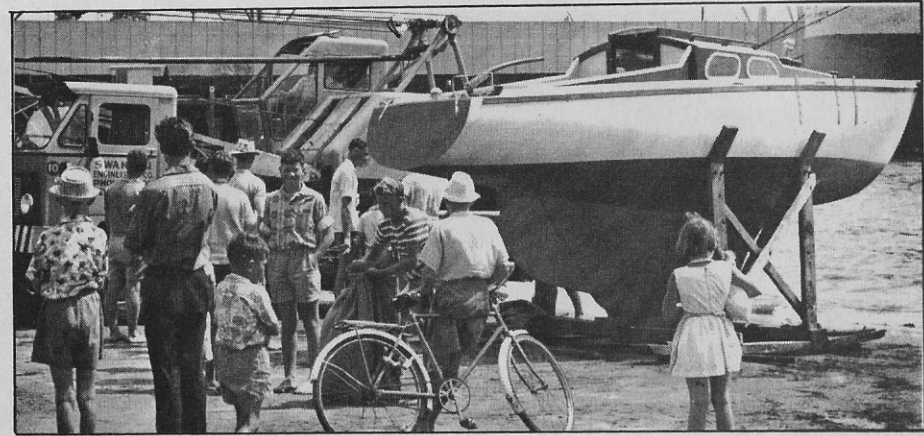
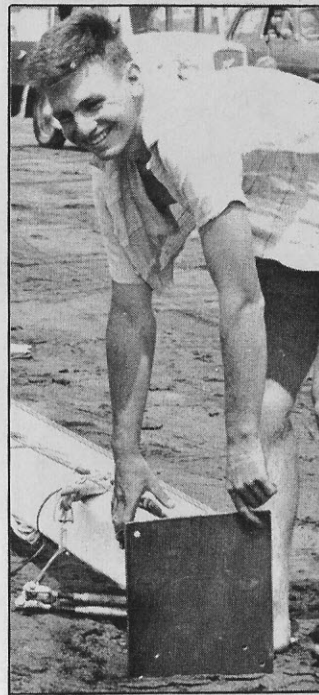
Wedding Bells

Above: ROBINSON-FERGUSSON: At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Elsie Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J. Fergusson, Hawera, to Cecil John, son of Mr and Mrs H.E. Robinson, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Heather Fergusson, sister of the bride, Hawera, and Ida Hoskin, Hawera. James Fergusson, brother of the bride, Hawera, was the best man, and Glenn Williamson, Hawera, was the groomsmen. Debbie Fergusson, niece of the bride, Manaia, was the flowergirl. The future home: Hawera.

Below: COLEMAN-CARD: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Hawera, Doris, youngest daughter of Mr G.M. Card, Hawera, to Graham, youngest son of Mr P.R. Coleman, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Nancy Clark, Wangamui, and Patricia Coleman, sister of the groom, Hawera. The best man was Bernard Coleman, brother of the groom, Hawera, and Laurie Hunt, Patea, was the groomsmen. The future home: Hawera.



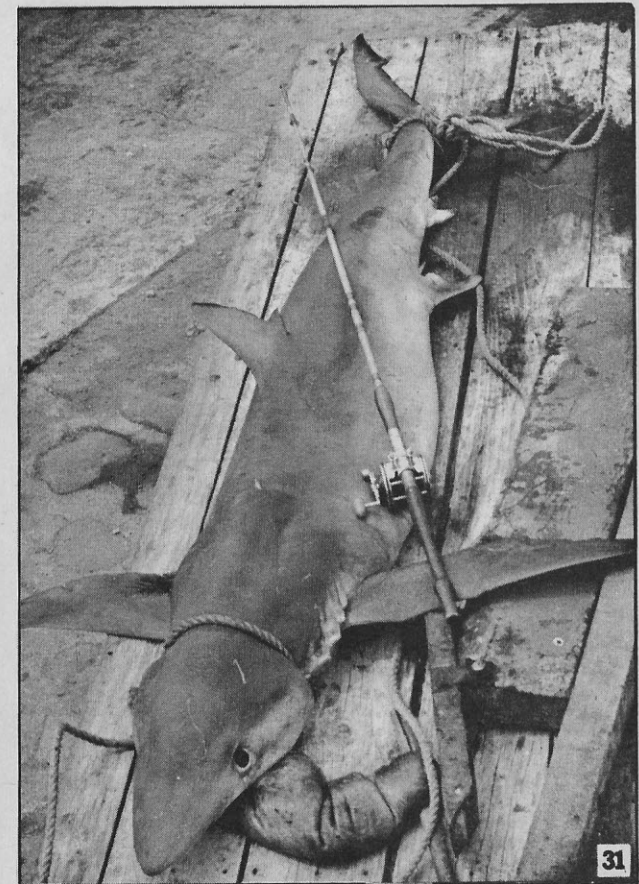
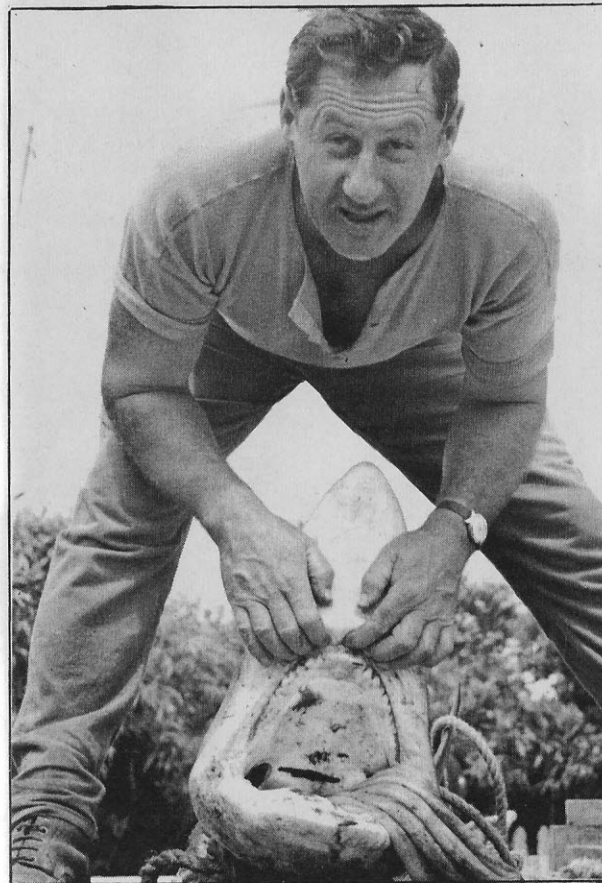
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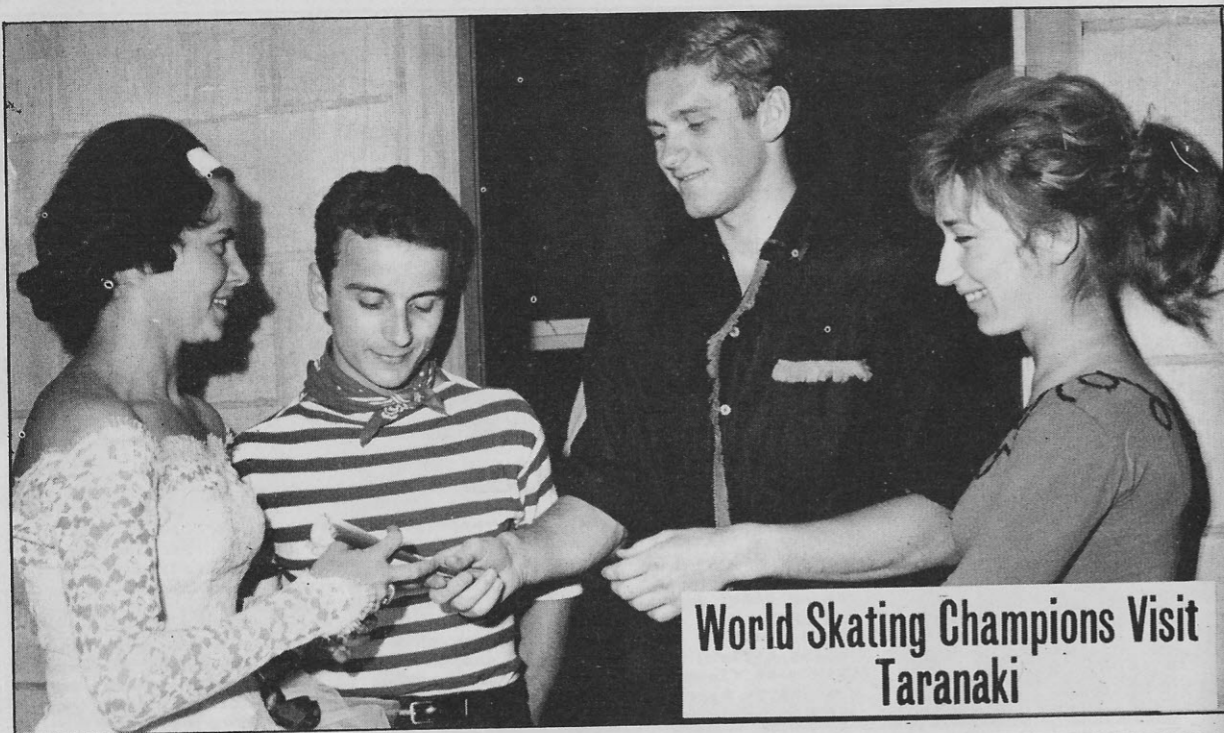


Beach Activities

Yet another beautifully-made yacht joins the fleet at New Plymouth. This one, taking over three years to build, is the handiwork of Douglas McKeown, Tukapo Street, New Plymouth. It is a beautiful boat, and a credit to its creator. The boat is shown above, awaiting the incoming tide. At left is Douglas, putting the base plate on the mast.

Below: Dave Holmes, NP, decided to do a spot of fishing off the islands, but got as unwelcome company this 8-foot shark. Each time Dave caught a fish, the shark would snatch it before it could be boated. Like most fishermen, Dave got annoyed, so he lassoed the shark, and brought it ashore. As yet, this specimen has been unidentified, but suffice it to say that it had a double row of very sharp teeth.





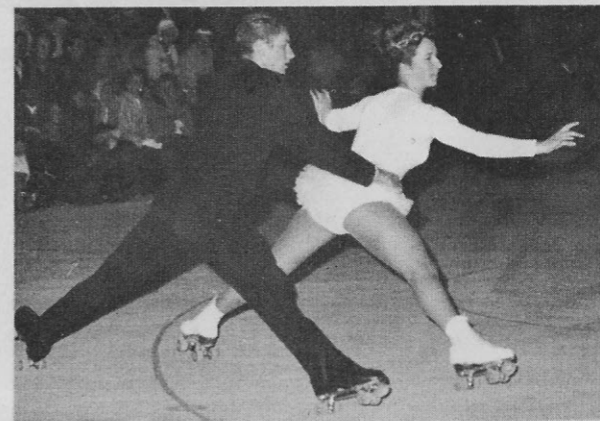
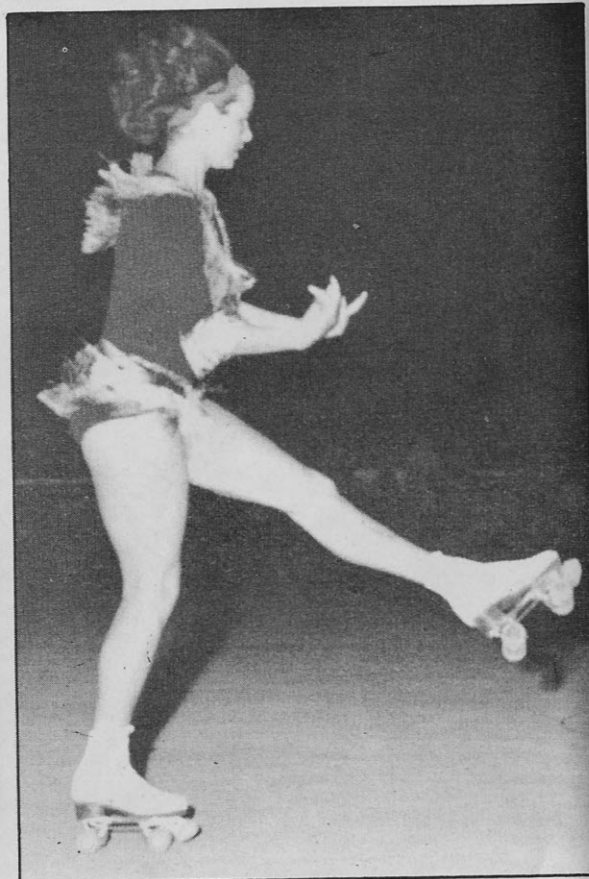
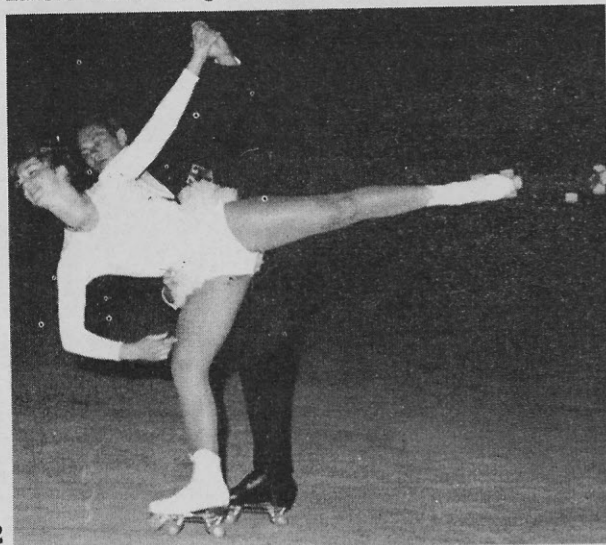
World Skating Champions Visit Taranaki

Four world roller skating champions recently gave an exhibition of their skill in New Plymouth and Stratford. They delighted hundreds of spectators in both centres with their precision skating and acrobatics. Performing on the new rink at East End, the Germans said the rink was the best they had skated on in the country, and better than many overseas rinks - a compliment indeed to the NP Skating Club.

Above: The four performers, from left, are Marlies Fahse, world champion lady soloist, Karlheinz Losch, three times world solo champion, Werner Hoffmann, and Margot Ludolph, world champion pairs.

Below: Werner and Margot during a pairs skating display.

Right: Marlies Fahse during one of her performances which delighted the capacity crowd.

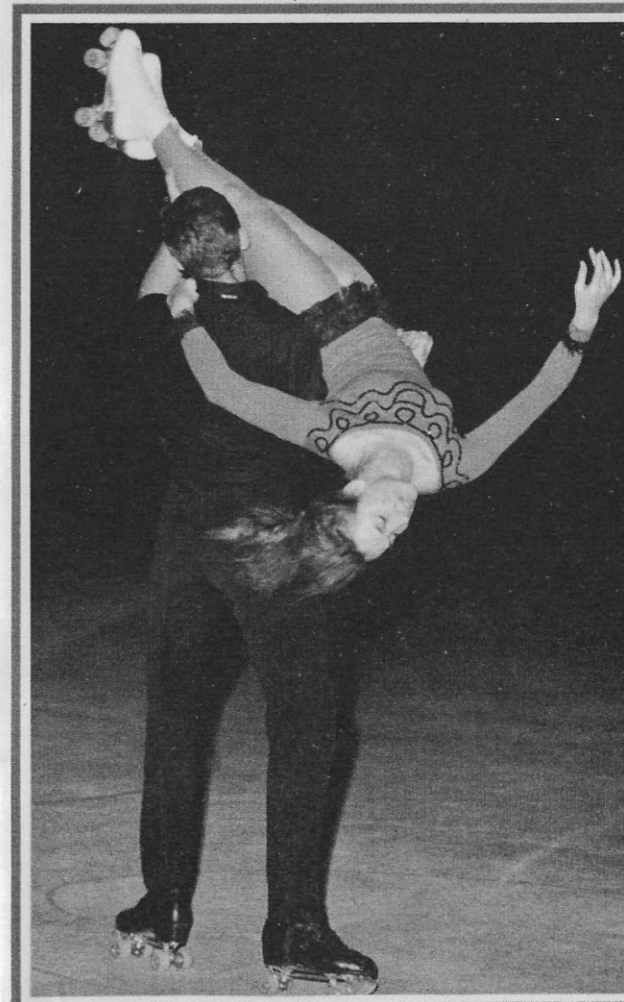
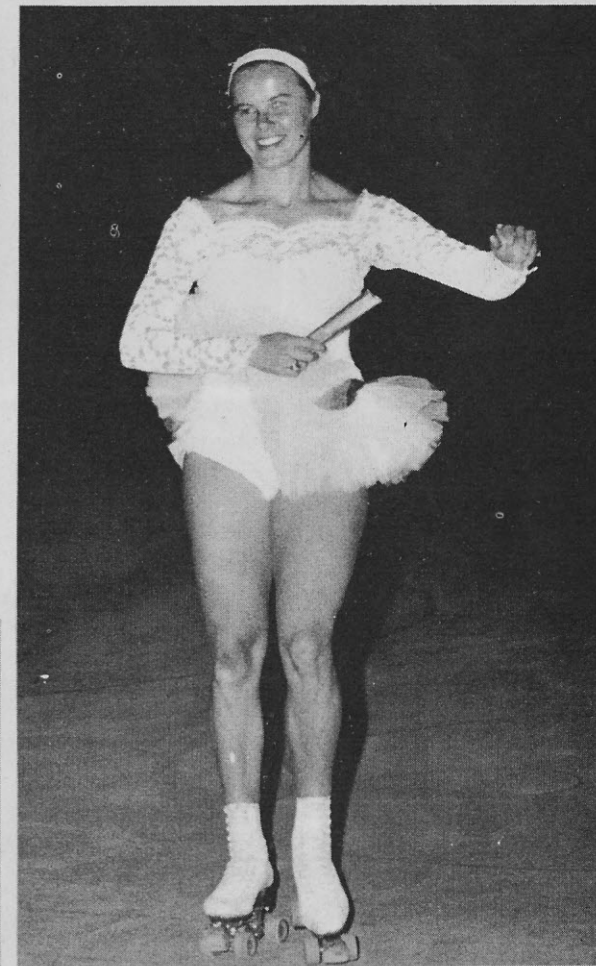


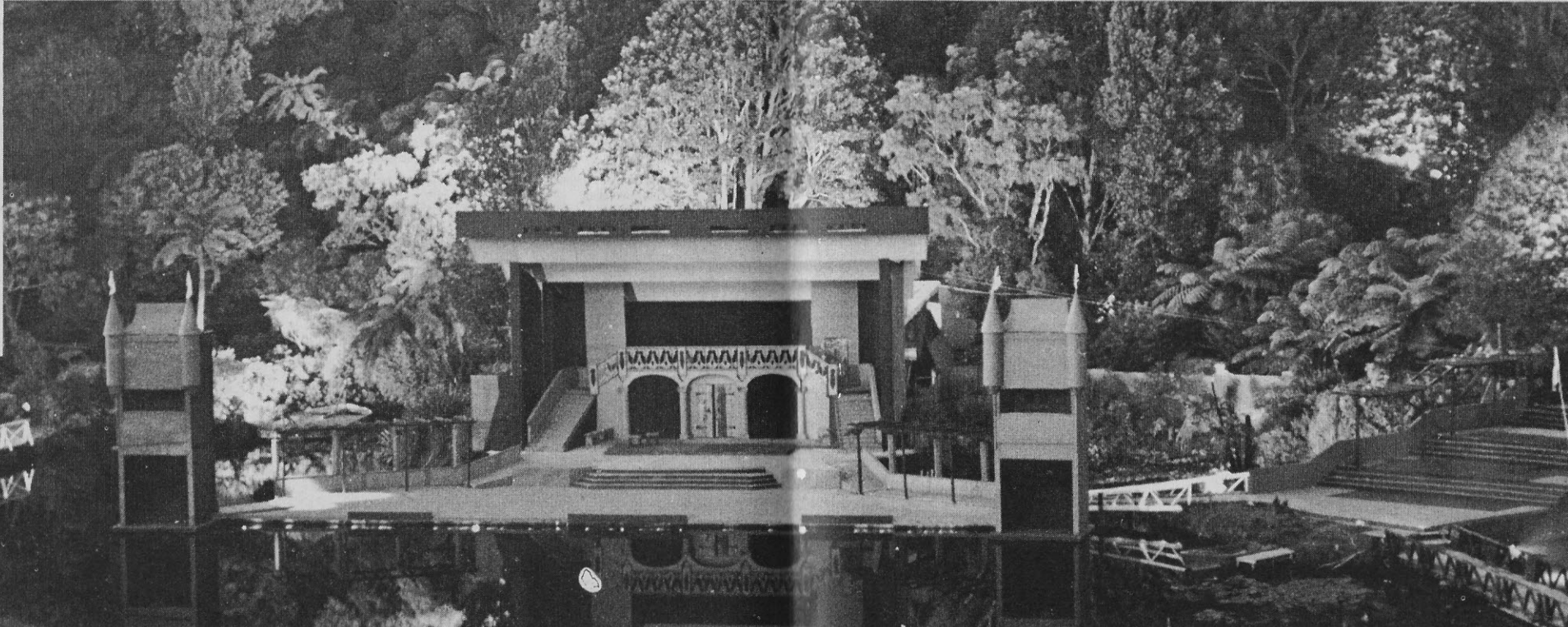
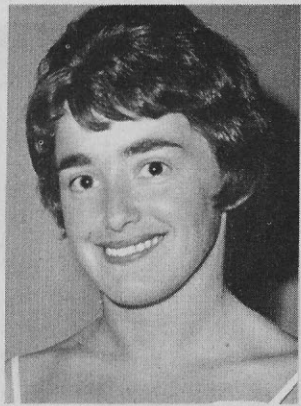
Above: Werner Hoffmann and Margot Ludolph perform one of their intricate movements in an exhibition that amazed the spectators.

Below: The same couple performed some hair-raising stunts.

Right: Pretty Marlies Fahse, world solo champion returns from her exhibition.

Below, right: Clown of the show was Karlheinz Losch, whose speed and agility amazed the crowd.





Miss Brooklands Contestants

These are the sixteen girls who are the contestants for the title of Miss Brooklands 1963. They have had to undergo strenuous tests before the final choice was made, and the girls are to be warmly commended for entering this popular contest. The girls are: Above: from left, Lorraine French (NP), Jeanette Clotworthy (NP), Fay Looney (Oakura), Lindsay Martin (NP), Barbara Morrison (NP), Helen Robertshaw (NP), Kay Clouston (Waitara) and Adrienne Bond (NP). Above, left: Patricia Belcher (NP), and right, Lorraine French (NP). At left: Barbara Connett (NP), Janine Sewell (Tataraimaika), and Margaret Bramley (Uruti). At right: Brenda Brownson (NP), Vivienne Hobart (NP), and Alison Jupp (Tikorangi).

