

Miss Brooklands Proclaimed

An enthusiastic audience of over 4000 recently attended the proclamation of Miss Brooklands at the Bowl. This colourful spectacle is something that we look forward to each year, and each year the organisers provide the audience with some new ideas on presentation which seem to make the evening so very different. With coloured lights and flowers the keynote, this year's pageant, for that is the only word to describe it, was the best and most colourful yet. Of the actual crowning, we were most impressed with the speech of the new Miss Brooklands, Caryll Symons. She is either well trained, or has a natural gift, and with this we feel sure she will be a wonderful ambassadress for our city.

Right: Guests of honour are here being introduced by Miss Brooklands 1968, Mrs Lorraine Norton, who had made a special trip from Brisbane for this occasion. The guests were Miss Port Macquarie, Lyn Pelling, and Miss Hastings' Blossom Queen, Susan Harvey, shown here on the woodland stage. Below: Contestants seated on stage as Ernie Rouse and his Trad band entertain. Bottom: Best part of the show to us were the Little Folk from Mt. Roskill. They were tops in our minds.



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Above: Awaiting the moment of truth. Mr E.A.Evans, chairman of the judging panel for the 1969 Miss Brooklands contest stands at the microphone before making the panel's choice known to the public. We rather like the expression on the faces of some of the girls. Wonder what was going through their minds? The eventual winner, Caryll Symons, is seated on the left seeming very concerned with what Mr Evans is saying. At this point her main idea of the contest was to enjoy the experience, with no thoughts of ever winning it. Unfortunately we didn't capture the look on her face when her name was announced as the winner. Below: Here is Miss Brooklands 1969, Caryll Symons, after the presentation by Lorraine Norton. On each side of her are her maids, Dale Novak and Wendy Sykes. Also on stage is the show compere, Brian Clark.





Part of the programme at the Miss Brooklands proclamation was performed by local dancers. In our two pictures above, we show the Cecelia ballroom dancing team led by Mr and Mrs Stan Robinson. This was a masterful display of dancing which just seemed to suit the location and the occasion.

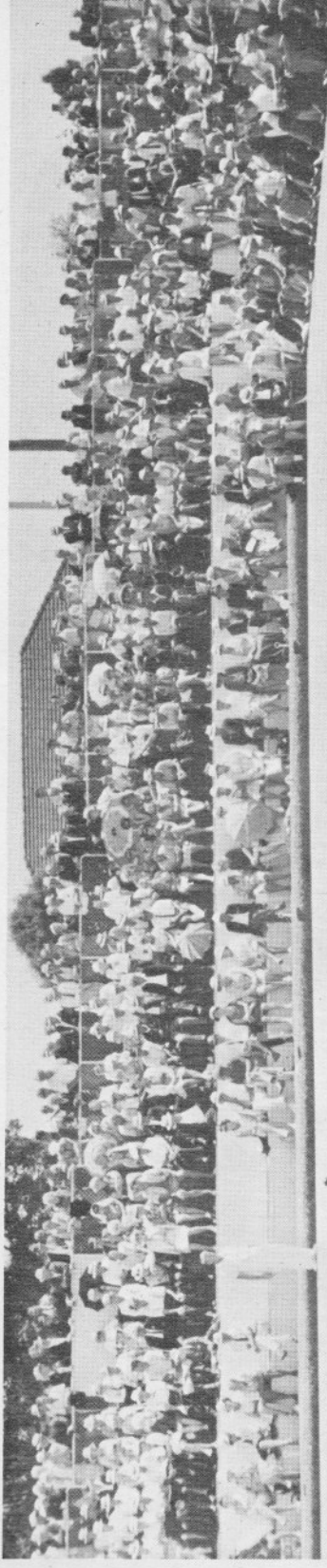
Below: Miss Brooklands, Caryl Symons, and her maids, Dale Novak and Wendy Sykes, float across the lake as a fitting finale to a wonderfully colourful evening of joy and entertainment at the Bowl.



Miss Beach Girl

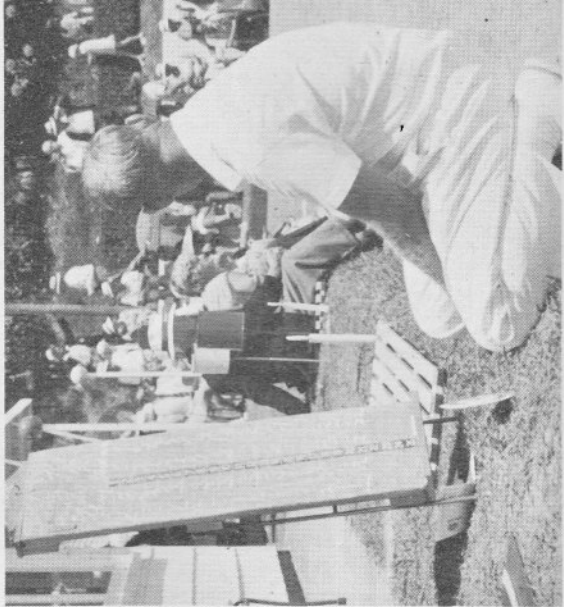
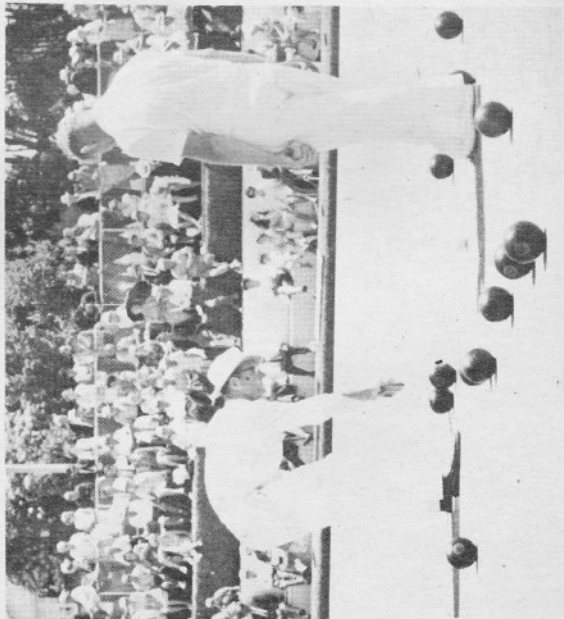


18-year-old NP beautician at the Friendly Society Chemist in Devon Street, Christine Woolliams, has won the Radio "I" Beach Girl contest at Mount Maunganui. New Plymouth must be richly endowed with beautiful girls as they all seem to do well in competitions concerned with beauty. Christine was at the Mount for the finals of Miss NZ Beaches after having won the Taranaki section. Chris's ambition is to do full-time modelling.



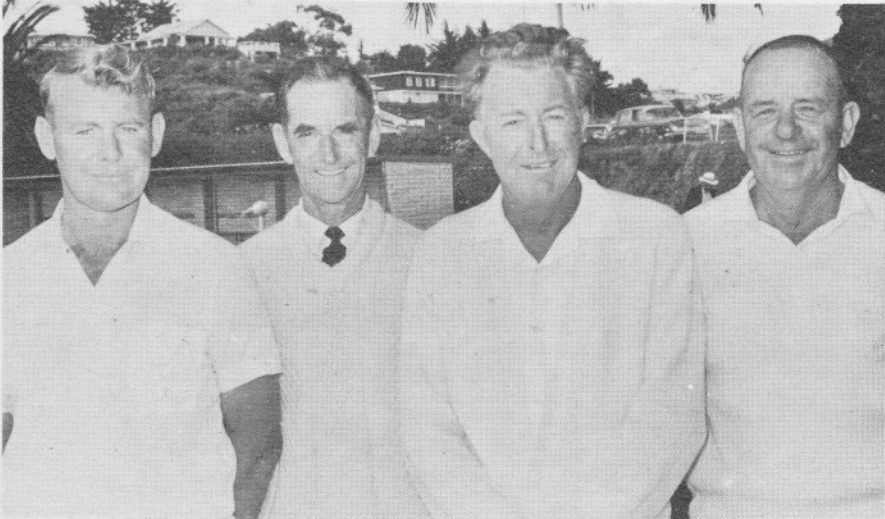
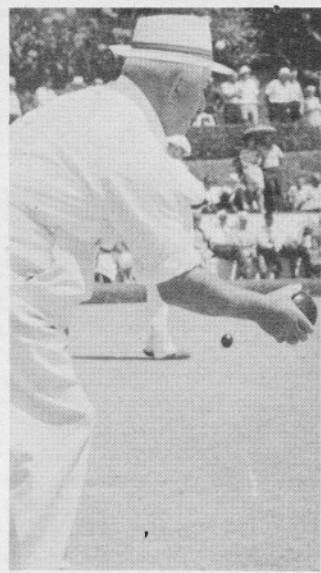
Big Bowling Tournament

There's little doubt in our minds that the Taranaki Open Bowling Tournament would be the most popular of any tournament in NZ. Not only is it popular among bowlers, but hundreds of non-bowlers follow their favourites in a watching capacity. An example of this popularity is shown above, during the final at Paritutu with an attendance of close on 2000. We would venture to say that this rates higher public interest than the national tournament, due, partly, to the fact that Paritutu offers ample accommodation. Success at the tournament this year was achieved by Ray Stockman and his Paritutu four over Brian Guy's team from Hamilton. Below, left: Brian Guy and his third, Ron Buchan, discuss a situation. Below, centre: With the score at 22-12 against him, Brian appeared to lose a little bit of interest. Below, right: Winning skip, Ray Stockman, takes time out to read one of the many congratulatory telegrams.



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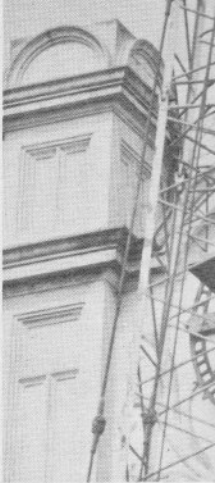
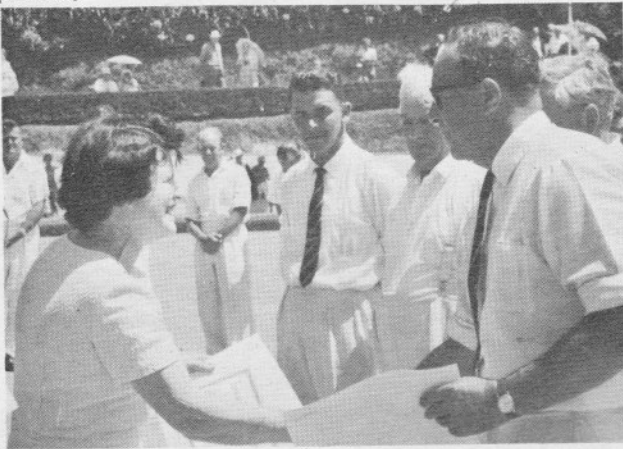
Above, left: Winners of the tournament, members of Paritutu, from left: Graham Little, lead, Ted Martin, second, Laurie Ray, third, and Ray Stockman, skip. Left: Runner-up. From left: Brian Guy, Ron Buchan, T. Moreland, and S.G. Pilkington, Hamilton. Above: Stockman's second, Ted Martin, was spoken of as the strong man of a strong team. Below, left: Equal third went to a West End team, skipped by Claude Strom-

bom who had had many exciting games up to the semi-final. He receives his trophy from Mrs White, wife of the centre president. Below, right: Equal third was filled by another Taranaki team, this one from Fitzroy, and skipped by Bill Ritchie, who has been a consistent performer at most Taranaki tournaments.





Open pairs winners were, above: Andy Aldridge and Alan Moss, West End, NP. Above, right: Second in the pairs tournament were Sam Raumati and Vic Surrey, Clifton Park. Below: Ray Stockman receives his centre certificate from Mrs White. Right: Brian Guy received a magnificent trophy for runner-up. Below, left: Andy Aldridge and Alan Moss are congratulated by Mrs White. Bottom, right: Sam Raumati looks as though he got a box full of prizes.



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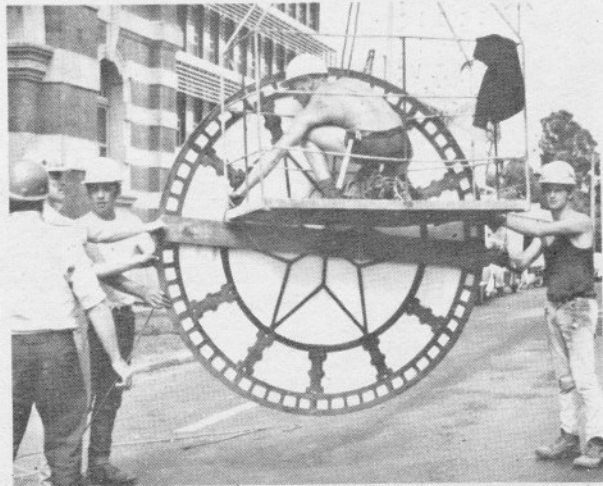
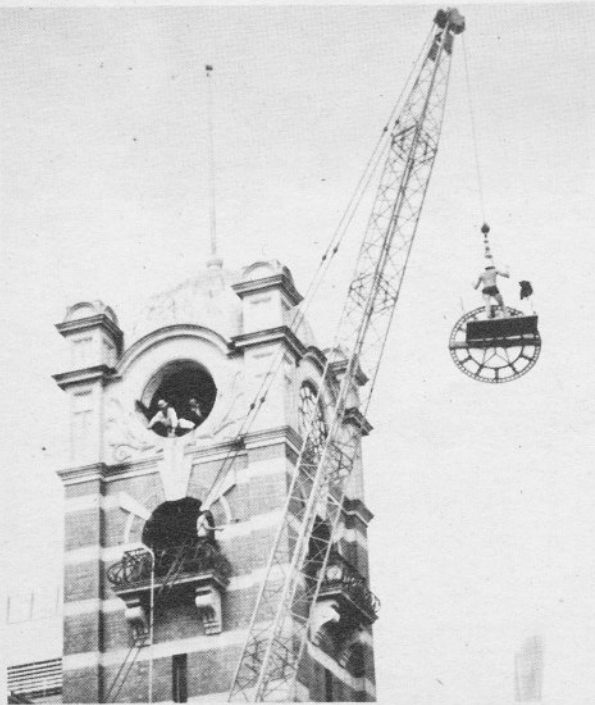
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Little notice, except from a few passers-by, has been taken of the demolition of the Post Office clock tower, but on a recent Saturday morning quite a few people stayed to watch the removal of the four clock faces. It was a hazardous job, for the demolition contractor but being well planned, it went without a hitch. Above: Face number one is lifted clear of the tower. Above, right: With workmen peering through the vacant hole, the face is ready to be lowered to the ground. Below: With the crane swung over Devon Street, it starts its slow downward journey. Right: Near to the ground with traffic temporarily halted. Below, right: Almost at its journey's end, the clock face awaits the truck that will take it to the council yards for storage.



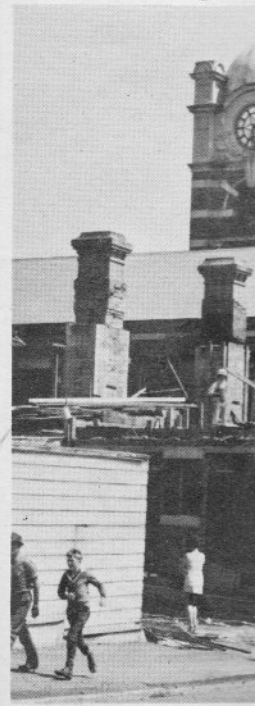
Parking A-Plenty... If you're a Govt. Servant



With the Lands and Deeds office demolished, the area provides more parking but ONLY for Government servants. We must admit that not knowing the complexities involved, it does seem a shocking waste of such a wonderful corner section, shown below, being used as a parking area. Already, as shown in the photograph above, there is parking for over 100 cars alongside the courthouse; and as shown at right, it is for "official vehicles only". It appears that to work for the Government, one is well catered for and the problem of parking becomes almost non-existent. Our City Council, while raking in many thousands of dollars a year in parking revenue, has done virtually NOTHING to provide better parking facilities for the general public, except plant their one-armed bandits as often as space permits. With the recent increase in transport fares, it could only mean that the parking problem within the city is going to get worse and it is time that better facilities were provided for the motorists who drive into the city to do their shopping.



First sale of timber buildings didn't attract bidders at the auction, the prices being paid for the lots though the auctioneer thought they were almost completely demolished. Above: The auctioneer of the lots though the prices being paid for the lots though the Below: Robe Street side view of the old mail-Atkinson building in

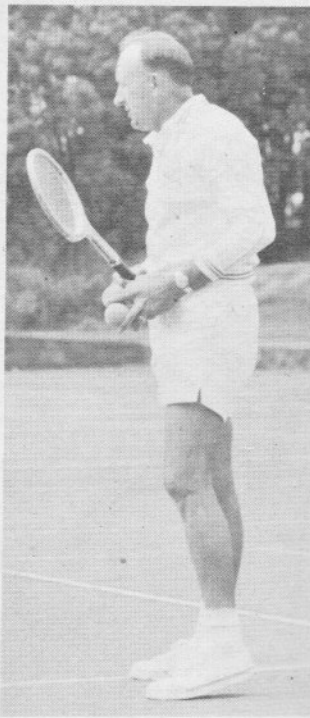




First sale of timber from the old Post Office buildings didn't attract a very large number, but at the auction, the bidding was very keen with top prices being paid for kauri in good condition. Above: The auctioneer had little trouble disposing of the lots though the buyers were very selective. Below: Robe Street side of the building is now almost completely demolished. Below, right: A back view of the old mail-box section showing the new Atkinson building in the background.

Top Grade Timber From Old Post Office





TENNIS COACH

Aubrey Salter, a NZ Davis Cup coach, came to NP recently to give Taranaki tennis players the benefit of his knowledge and skill at the game. He stayed a week and gave lessons to juniors during the day and seniors at night. Left: Aubrey Salter explains the points of a good backhand. Far, left: A line of young players awaiting their turn to play.

AWARDS

Below: A display of trophies and ribbons, the result of years of success in the sheep dog trial world, won by Mr E. Morrow, Rahotu, in many parts of NZ. The present two champion dogs are also shown in this array of prizes to complete an historic picture.



Left: ALLERBY-HODDER. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Marie Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A.Hodder, Okato, to Eric Claude, third son of Mrs P.M.Allerby, Waitara, and the late Mr Allerby. The bridesmaids were Joy Kennedy, NP, and Joyce Allerby, sister of the groom, Waitara. The best man was Ian Allerby, brother of the groom, Kopaki. Future home, Waitara.



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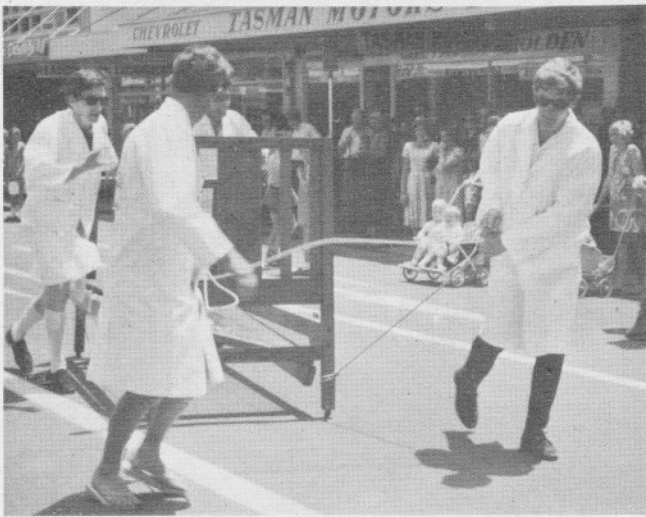
Above: CLARKE-WALTER. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Helen, third daughter of Mrs M.Walter, NP, and the late Mr Walter, to Lloyd, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.Clarke, Eltham. Future home, NP.



Below: McNEICE-RICHARDSON. At St. Paul's Catholic Church, Spotswood, Margaret Jean, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T.F.Richardson, NP, to Anthony Peter, second son of Mrs L.S.McNeice, Awakino, and the late Mr McNeice. The matron of honour was Jillian Fulton, Waitara, and the bridesmaids were Gay Hagenon, NP, and Patricia Richardson, sister of the bride, NP. The best man was John Andrews, NP, and the groomsman was Lou McNeice, brother of the groom. Future home, Mokau.

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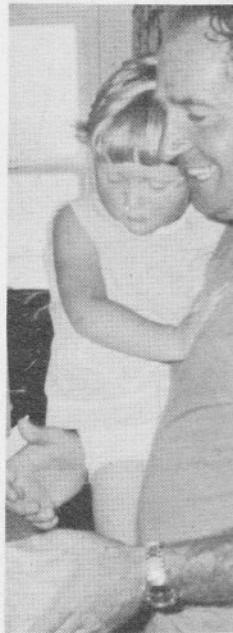


Part of the NP Jaycees' holiday entertainment programme was a bedstead race in Devon Street, and entertaining it was, with comedy playing a big part of the proceedings. Top, left: The bed collapsed before the pullers did. Top, right: Young Christian Workers came second in their heat. Above, left: Fred Johns from the State Hotel lost his crew way before the finish line. Above, centre: We think somehow that it should have been the other way round. Above, right: The State Hotel won the pram race in 44 seconds. Far left: The National Bank fliers look pleased with their win. Left: A novel way to advertise.



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Graham Hewson



YACHTING PRESENTATIONS

Presentations were made recently to the winners of the NP yachting regatta. The race consisted of setting off in the yacht from the Ngamutu coastline, rounding the buoys and heading for home in pretty smart time. Different prizes were awarded for each class. Competing in the race were several yachts from outside Taranaki, many from Wanganui. Most returned soaking through but from the happy smiles we got an enjoyable time was had by all. Above: Part of the large gathering present for the presentation of trophies, gifts and packets of cigarettes. Above, right: Robin Fleming looks pleased with his prize. Below, left: Graham Johns and daughter receive their prize.



Wanganui visitor had a successful day

Mark Paul and Bruce Tremlett



Graham Hewson



Peter Bellringer



Don Gilliver



Colin Field



Mardi Gras In Devon Street

Another successful Jaycee entertainment project was Mardi Gras in Devon Street. Because of the three different bands and numerous sideshows, large crowds gathered to patronise this swinging function. Above: A combination of Hitler and Charlie Chaplin was in charge of the wheel. Above, right: Keith Fitzpatrick and Linda Crawford had mixed feelings about having their photos taken. Below: Entrants in the most original hat contest. Diane Jenkins and friend, look ready for the hippy scene. Below, right: Pat Harris and Janet Watty seemed to let themselves go. Bottom, left: The three stooges, Brian Hall, John Kurth and Michael Hall. Bottom, centre: Theresa Allen watches (bottom right) Pete Sinclair.



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