



K. Roebuck, A. Valentine and P. Matenga

CANINE CLUB CABARET

The Canine Club recently had a cabaret after the dog show, and there were quite a few out of town visitors.



Margaret and Gordon Webber



Mr and Mrs Jack Webster



Darcy Weir and Loreen Lee



Mr and Mrs P. Gregory (president of Obedience)



Mrs L. Preston and Bill Meehan



Alma Edwards and Edna Pokare



Topsy Reed, one of the ladies responsible for the supper



Cess Goodwin (obedience judge)

ARMY DINNER

Three weeks before Christmas, A Company, fifth battalion R.N.Z.I.R. held its ladies dining-in night at the Tea Kiosk in Pukekura Park. The guest for the evening was Major J. T. Shaw.



Sergeant and Mrs Val Worthington, W.O.1 and Mrs T. R. Samuels and W.O.1 and Mrs Gar Shaw



Anne Hornblow and Carol Trott



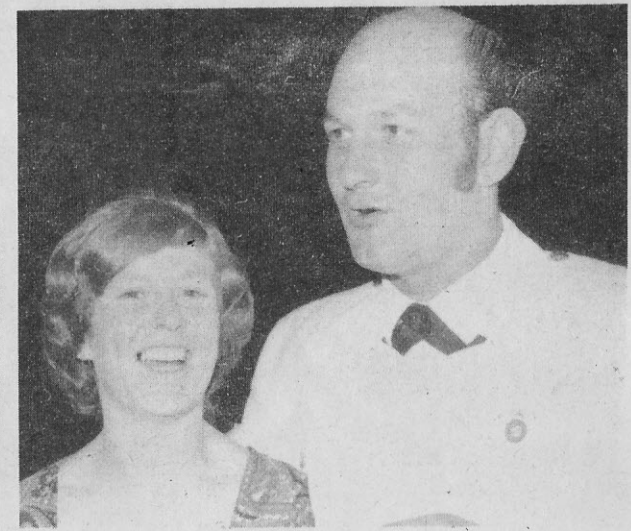
Major Shaw, Mrs Wagstaff and Captain Peter Ferens



Sergeant Perry and Staff Sergeant Biltig



Anne Boskall and Frances Noonan



Doug and Sheila Hammonds

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL'S GYMNASTIC DISPLAY

As part of Highlands School's end-of-year activities, a gymnastic display was staged one evening about a week before the end-of-year break-up. This included beginners doing what appeared to be simple movements, right through to seniors who performed quite intricately.



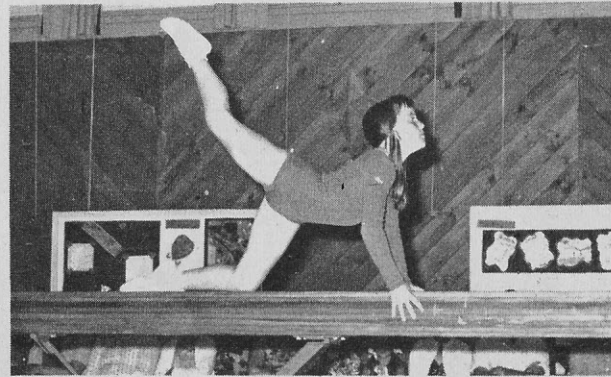
Tony Robinson, a cartwheel



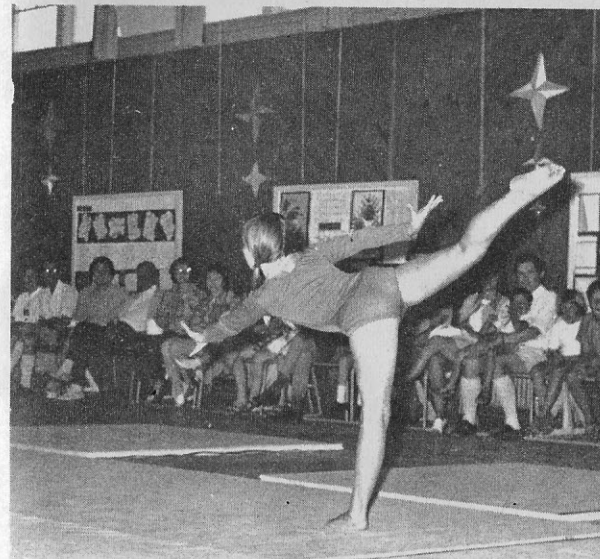
Joanna Nichols on the beam



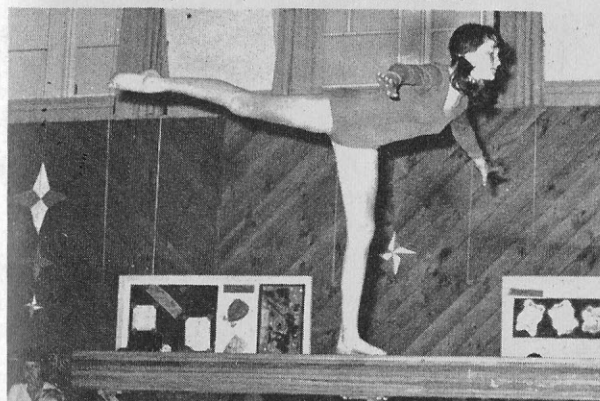
Vivian Carr flies off the uneven bars



Tracy Carter works out on the beam



Jocelyn Cole, a movement in balance



Jenny Avery on the beam



Tony Robinson up on to the top bar



Joanne White, an extremely graceful movement on the bars



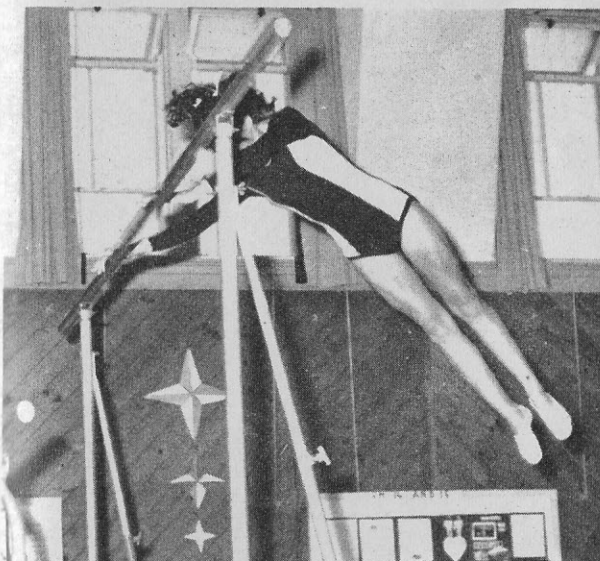
Jenny Avery over the vault



... and Bruce Thompson



... and Jane McCarthy, too



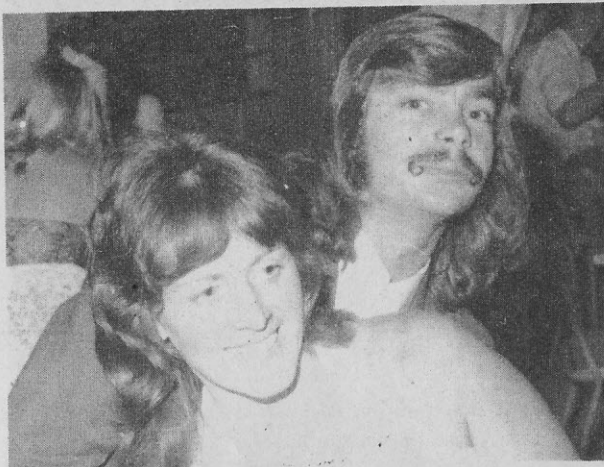
Sandra Thompson the moment before she let go



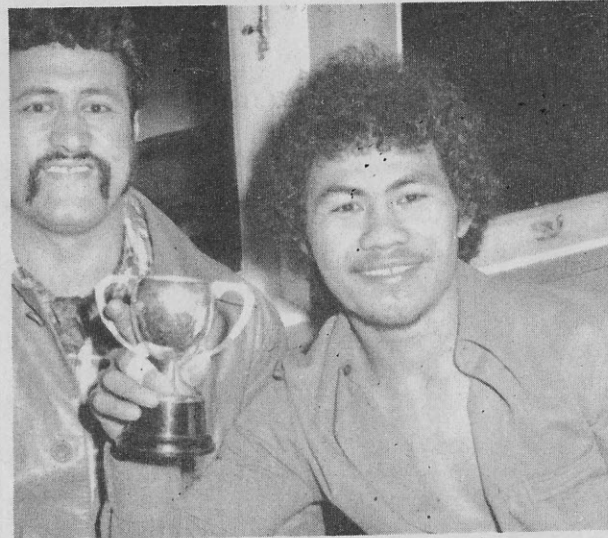
Darryl Walker on the way down to mother earth

POWER PROJECT LEAGUE CABARET

The Cabaret was held at the Power Project's single men's dining-room. It was held at the end of November and approximately 200 people attended.



Terry Pope and Val Hildred



Foe Paulo with the cup he received



John and Chanella Fox



Doug Campbell



Ron Campbell with his cup



Joan Whitehead



Howie Taute, Dianne Edwards, and Willy Mathews



John Fox



George and Carol Kidwell, Myra and Nigel Raddich and Jenny Taylor



Wendy Anderson with her cup

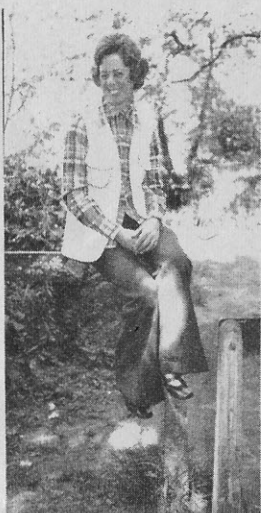


Tex Kundall and Shona Fernee



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Taranaki is famous for the spectacular beauty of Mt Egmont, also for its lush green farmlands, its status as a leading horticultural centre and for its many "special" attractions.

The province is also notable for its friendly people; and what about the pretty girls?

Where are they hiding? The search is on for Miss Taranaki 1974. Sponsors have been organised and all that remains is the emergence of a number of lovely Taranaki lassies to contest the title.

First prize is \$500 cash, the right to compete for the Miss New Zealand crown and the possibility of overseas travel. There are awards for second and third and presentations for those who are not placed.

With petrol rationing a distinct probability, movement within the country will be minimalised. But the Miss New Zealand quest will continue, and the winner of the Miss Taranaki title will have the opportunity of an all-expenses-paid New Zealand 'holiday.'

That is just one attraction. Any eligible girl — and visual surveys indicate there are plenty of them — could have the world at her feet. And there is the additional honour: of representing a province of which she can be justly proud, a province that offers not only pretty scenery and attractions, but also

exceptionally attractive lassies.

The search for Miss Taranaki 1974 is on. Contact the organising secretary: Mrs Lorraine Cowley, New Plymouth. Phones: 89-847 (Private), 80-859 (Business).

Eligibility involves being not younger than 18 years of age as at March 15, 1974, and no older than 25 as at November 30, 1974. An entrant must be a naturalised New Zealander and resident in Taranaki at the time of entry.

Don't be shy. Ring NOW!!! You could be Miss Taranaki 1974.

A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.

Here it is, the programme for the 1974 Festival of the Pines at the Bowl of Brooklands.

- January 1: Tiny Tim (tentative) and New Faces for 1973, the Bulldog Goodtime Band.
- January 4: Davco Happen Inn Show, featuring television entertainers.
- January 19: A family variety show.
- January 23: The N.Z.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
- February 2: To be announced.
- February 9: Miss Brooklands Proclamation, with entertainment by Dame Sister Mary Leo's choir and soloists.
- February 12-13: An overseas attraction to be confirmed.
- February 16: English tenor John Boulter returns, supported by Jonathon Cohen (pianist), Gillian Humphries (soprano) and Gray Bartlet.
- February 22: A firm booking by a top overseas pop artist.
- March 2: Local production, Sounding Brass and Voices, featuring young artists from city colleges and the champion city brass band.
- March 9: An unconfirmed booking for an overseas performer.
- March 16: The festival blow-up. Fireworks display by Thomas Doo.



Last year's Miss Taranaki

Parting thought: "That's enough out of you," said the surgeon as he sewed up a patient.



Jocelyn and Willy Wood



Robby and Shona Bullot



Ian Weir and Bob Donnelly attended the door



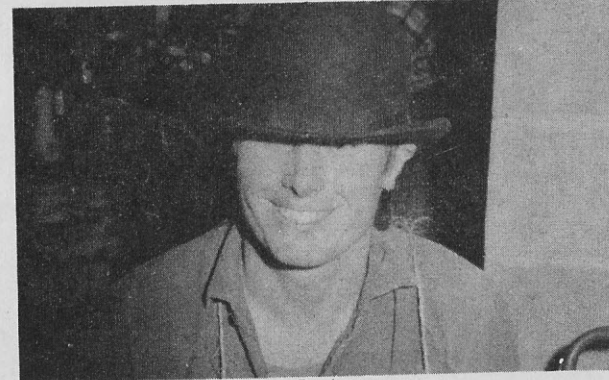
Jill and Laurie Peacock



Allan and Kay Vanner



Moira Boone and Paul Stewart



Max Rodgers



Bob Skipper who was the guitarist

Firemen's Hillbilly Xmas Party

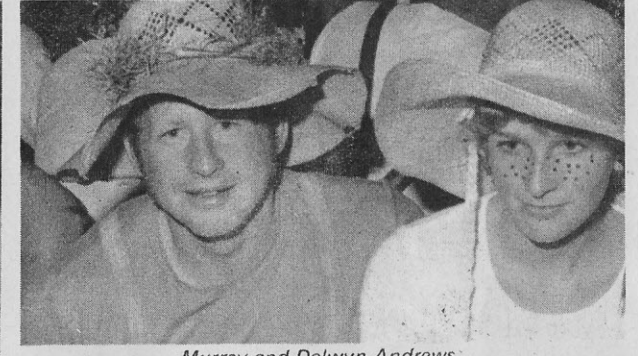
Recently the firemen held their Christmas party at the Fire Station. The costume was hillbilly and almost everyone arrived in their best. A prize was given for the best one.



Max Rogers, Tony Powell, Carol Rogers and Bernice Powell



Fire Chief Ron Smith with his wife, Daphne, and Allan Proctor



Murray and Delwyn Andrews



The Sheriff was hanging from the rafters keeping a close eye on everyone.



Mike Wesley, winner of the best costume, and Julie Webster

OPUNAKE BEER FESTIVAL

A large crowd attended the Beer Festival and we are sure they all enjoyed it. The small hall was literally packed to capacity. The beer flowed, people danced and sang and many a toast was proposed (even to the Opunake Surf Club).



Fraser Stephenson of New Plymouth, who was the compere for the evening



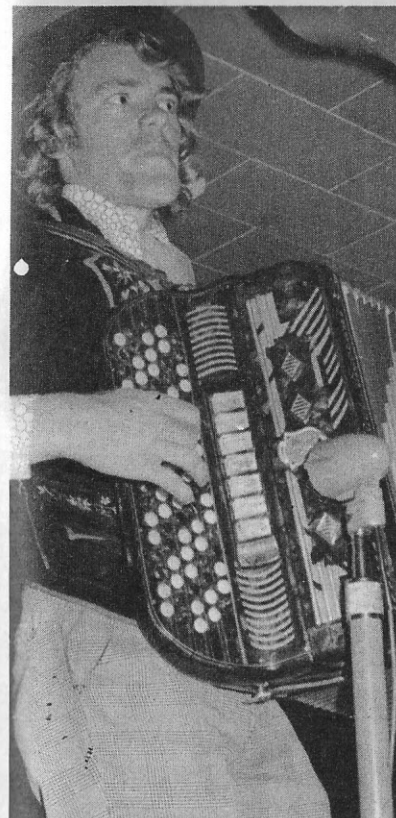
This group was so amused with the music that they just had to get up and do a Cossack dance



Bryce Feather and Russell Fenwick, both of Hawera



Jim Corric of Rahotu, and Danny and Cathy McIntyre of Pungarehu



Wayne Tipler played an accordion solo



A happy group



J. Williams, M. Askew and L. Quintus



Michael Quintus and Chris Thom



Mr P. J. and Leo Hickey, both of Opunake



Eddie Bayliss, Bob Douglas and Ian Strong, all of Opunake



Margaret Peters and Patria Horgan were beer maids for the evening



Glenda Adlam and Rosalie Moorie

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

(COURTESY PHILLIPS MOTORS).

Employees of Phillips Motors in New Plymouth all took their children along to the Tukapo Gym one Saturday afternoon a few weeks before Christmas. There the children met Santa (some for the first time) and each received a present from the bearded gentleman.



Here we see Lee Astridge meeting Santa



Linda Hale receives her present



Sharon Keetley had a sweet smile for the bearded one



... but Martin Megaw wasn't at all sure about Santa



... and so does Susan Wellington



Gregory Moore had no fears at all

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Tracy Norwood loved her balloon



... and John Eagles needed some help from Mum



Steven Weather was complete with party hat ...



Leanne Mayhead thought Santa was really nice



Baby Susan had to take Dad (Nev Goldsworthy) with her



Greg Astridge was happy to receive his gift



... and Gavin Webber showed no fear of Santa either

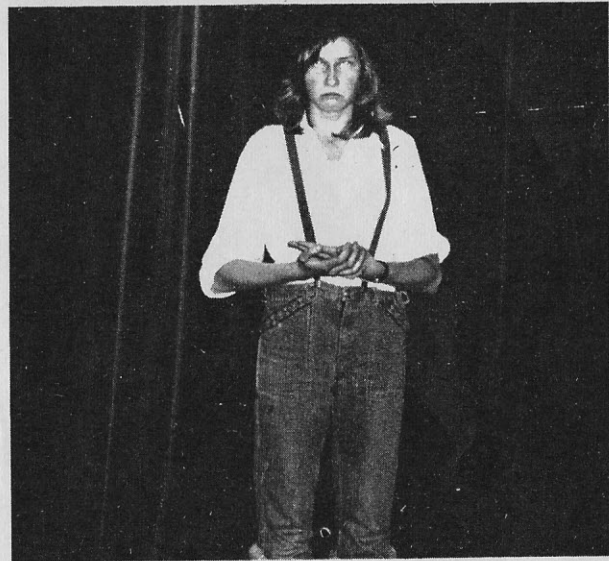


GUIDES' CONCERT

Girl Guides held a concert a few weeks back at the Welbourne School Hall. The concert, which was varied and most enjoyable to the audience, was to raise funds to purchase new equipment.



Mrs Riordon's group recites a poem



Lesley Gaston performed a comic sketch



Sheryl Jones and Helen Rusco sang a well known Christmas Carol. (They each acted out a part while singing too)



Ranger Julie Smith played her accordion between acts



This sketch was modelled on 'the Dating Game'

Tap Dance School's Break-up

Peter Gray's Tap Dance School held its end-of-year break-up and prize-giving just before Christmas. There was a good attendance of parents who seemed to enjoy the function as much as the children.



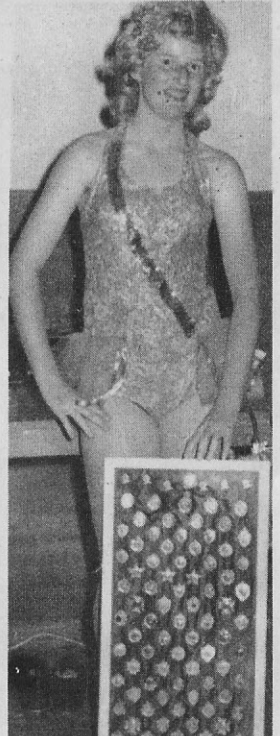
Members of the dance school



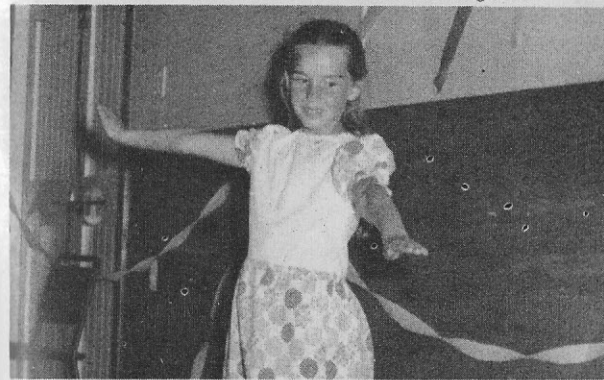
Michelle Kettle and Christine Harris doing a duo



Lane Tito



Debbie Gray with some of her medals



Rachel Palmer



Graeme Peters

Santa Visits Playcentre

This year, when Santa went to the New Plymouth Playcentre, some of the children were very pleased to see him, although some were not so pleased by his appearance. I am sure the children that did not like him at first, changed their minds when they saw the big bag of presents for them.



"I wonder what it is?" thinks Phillip Armistead



"Can I eat it, Santa?" says Blair Joblins



Tasha Trigg was very apprehensive and needed Mum's help



The kids look amazed as Jacky Arnold receives her present



Leon McIntyre can't wait to open his present



"Thank you Santa," said Sharron Smith



"Gee! It's nice and big," thinks Kath Johnson



Sarah Coombes got a reassuring hand from her mother

Senior Citizens' Xmas Party

A few weeks before Christmas, the Senior Citizens held their party in the Old Folk's Hall. There was a very large attendance of happy people.



Mrs A. V. Tomasi, Mrs J. Hanks and Mr A. V. Tomasi



Mesdames J. Parker and L. G. Waters listening to the Christmas carols



Mr and Mrs L. Swab of Inglewood were obviously enjoying themselves



Mr S. M. O'Bryne, Mr S. Philpatrick, Mrs A. Grawcotts and Mrs D. Loae



Mrs S. Barham was content to watch the proceedings.



The company brought back many old memories for Victor Hardgrave and Charlie Newell



Another merry senior citizen

OAKURA CARNIVAL

As usual, the annual Oakura New Year's carnival was very much a fun thing. Well, there was a Jesus band, an Indian warrior, beauty contests, and a guy who blew himself up. . . what more could you want except maybe a warm sea, and boy was it warm.



Some of the contestants for the Miss Holiday Beach Resorts contest



The Jesus band



The winner of the contest, Wendy Armstrong (Miss Charles Key Pharmacy Ltd). Second was Wendy Luthard and third Lyn Clark



They say there's oil down there



Wendy Titcombe found that being a clown (and occasionally getting drowned) was a neat way to keep your cool



The winner of the Mrs Oakura contest was Mrs Lyn Bourn from Patea



The Hollywood (?) stuntman, down and out with a kick in the midriff



The Indian warrior, Michael McKenzie, complete with cold cream war paint



Very carefully Lou places himself in the box (ABOVE) and, after the ignition of the explosive (BELOW), finds himself at the water's edge



Anna Leah was brought to New Plymouth by the Fitzroy Businessmen's Association as the star attraction of their annual Christmas Carnival. While here, Anna accepted a Now Sound Award which she had won (Single of the Year Award for 'Love Bug') and she also represented EMI at the presentations. Prior to her free concert, Anna visited the Fitzroy Kindy and held a fun singing session with the kids there.



Anna burst into song and the children loved her



"Does anyone know Love Bug?" asked Anna, to which the children chorused "Yes!"



Just like the proverbial Pied Piper, Anna gathered the children around her and sang them (and herself) to happiness

ANNA LEAH AT FITZROY



Anna in concert



Backing band for the concert was 'Lil Big Band,' who also performed a bracket of songs



Our Editor, Lin Annabel, presented the Now Sound Awards. Here he presents Brian Tobeck of WEA with Carly Simon's Award



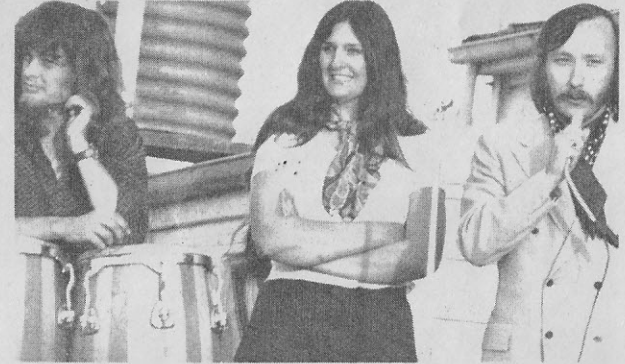
Anna with the EMI Awards



Lil Big Band drummer Grant Houston puts his heart and soul into the music



During her act, Anna got a bunch of children onto the stage and they helped her sing



Compere Les Hyland introduces Anna



Anna belts it out in more serious vein ...



... and after the show she was mobbed for autographs



Anna and Les had no trouble at all getting rid of the give-aways which included copies of "Photo News" and records

ST JOHN XMAS PARTY

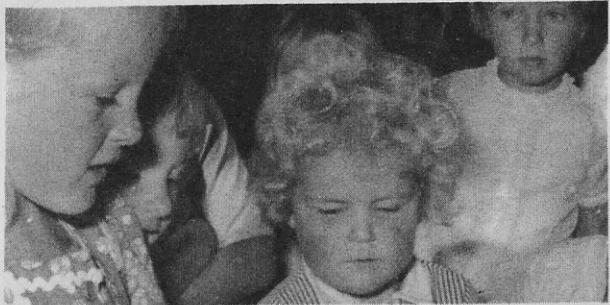
Santa was a busy boy this year and once again we caught up with him, this time at the St John Christmas Party. Santa delighted all the kids and everyone had a great time.



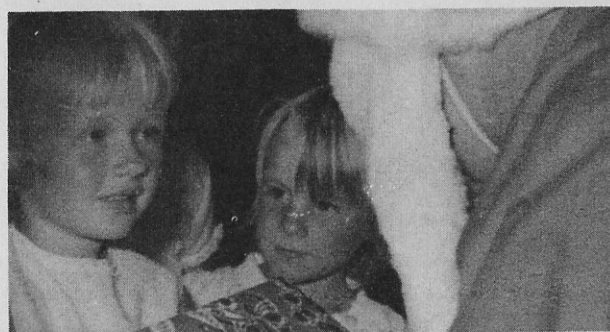
"That's sweet, Santa, but I did want a horse," said Annette Law



Ross Harvey



We wonder what she had to attract all that attention from the other kids



Ann Ryan



Ricky Simons was very blue



Santa was greeted by Don Robinson and the kiddies



"Hurry, Santa, I want to open it," said Denise Harvey



David Harvey thinks his present is heavy

Firth—Conroc Kids' Party

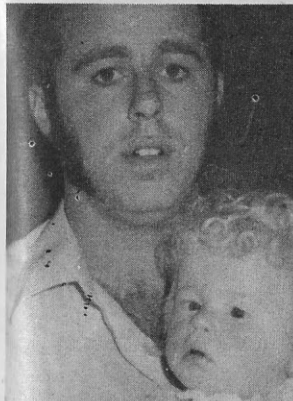
The Firth-Conroc Company gave a free Christmas party for their employees' children a few weeks ago. There were games for the adults and children and it was apparent that everyone had a great time.



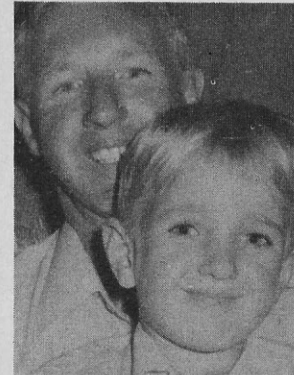
Neville Dixon plays the "burst the balloon" game



A happy couple were Harrod and Mum (Mrs Hancock)



Mr Bishop and Lorraine



Mr Hancock and his closest friend Paul



Margaret and Elaine look sweet, but why, Sir, do you look so glum?



We didn't know what this contest was called, but were the contestants funny!



Mr and Mrs Wilson and Kirsty



John and Brett Whalen



Mrs Julian with her daughters

FITZROY KINDY PICNIC

End-of-year activities at the Fitzroy Kindy this year included a family picnic, which had to be held inside because of the rain. This event was extremely well received by both parents and kiddies. Everybody present had a great time, and head teacher Ann Brotherson made sure of it.



Helen Hicks with son Blair



Gloria Bourke and young Peter



Renee Lambert and Murray Easthope were really enjoying themselves



Shelly West thinks happiness is a Christmas party



Mrs Dianne Smith with her son and daughter Elaine



Paula Carter with Mum and young brother



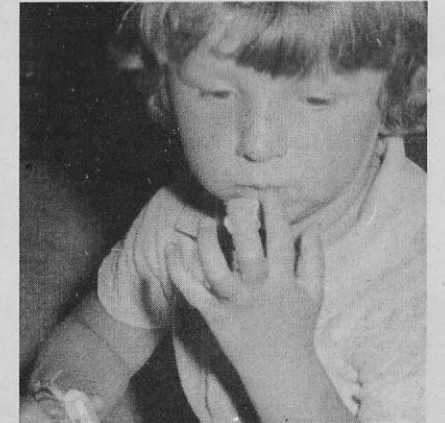
We wonder what the object was that caught Mrs Nicholls and Douglas's attention



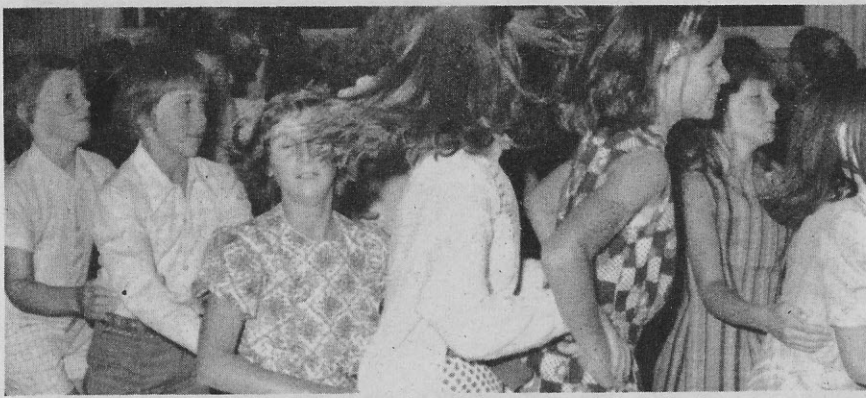
"The present's corny, so let's get back to the bottle!"



"Don't know what they put in this nowadays, but boy it tastes good"



Alan Benton put in his thumb (whoops, fingers) and pulled out a ???



Standard 4 pupils bunny-hop their way round the hall

Welbourne School's Std 4 Social

At the beginning of December, last year, Welbourne School held its annual Standard 4 social. This time even the Mums and Dads joined in the dancing and everyone, even the teachers, enjoyed the occasion.



On and on they hopped, seemingly forever



Mrs E. Pilbrow and Mr Jack Reid



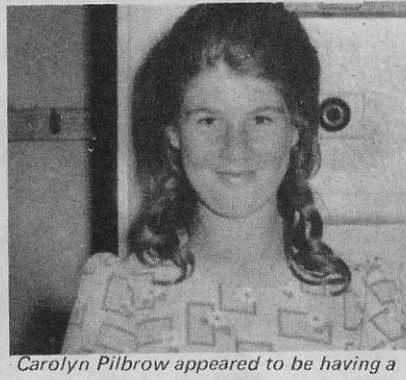
Terry Nickson, Bryan Gernhoffer, Ian Reihy and Rodney Williams



Russell Kirkwood and Brett Stear appeared awfully solemn and we wondered why



Marleen Grundy



Carolyn Pilbrow appeared to be having a great time



Donna Reid



Scott, Debbie and Eleanor Pearson all holding their Christmas presents

Carlton Tce Junior Residents' Xmas Party

The people living on Carlton Terrace decided to get to know each other by giving all the children on the street a Christmas party. The party was a happy event and was enjoyed by everyone.



Iain Hunt looks inquisitively at his present from Santa



Mrs McLean and Fiona



Mrs Rowe takes up Annalisa, who is a bit unsure of Santa



"I'll have both of them, Santa," says Suzanne Cronin



"You're a nice guy, Santa," says Kaye Goldsworthy



Susan Goldsworthy seems also a little unsure of Santa

RECENT WEDDINGS



Above: O'BYRNE-TROTTER. At the Anglican Church, Stratford, Gayle Maree, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. Trotter of Stratford, to Roger William, son of the late Mr and Mrs W. J. O'Byrne of Auckland, and formerly of Inglewood. The attendants were Karen and Vicki Trotter, both of Stratford, Janice O'Byrne of Auckland, and Colin Vesty and Kevin Hann of Stratford. The couple will live in Stratford.

Below: GOODIN-HIESTAND. At St Patrick's Catholic Church, Kaponga, Helena Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Hiestand of Awatuna, to John Francis, son of Mr and Mrs H. B. Goodin of Auroa. The attendants were Joy Willison of New Plymouth, Marie Goodin of Auroa and Gary Butler of Awatuna. The couple will live at Auroa. (Paul Connell Studios).



Above: ASQUITH-SKELTON. At St Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Shirley May, daughter of Mr and Mrs V. Skelton of Waitara, to Graeme Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs R. D. Asquith of New Plymouth. The attendants were Annette Shotter of New Plymouth, Maree Crofskey of Waitara, Brian Williams of Inglewood, Wayne Asquith of New Plymouth, and Grant Skelton, Tracy and Sharon Keith, all of Waitara. The couple will make their home in New Plymouth. (Charters and Guthrie).

Below: SHOEBRIDGE-TUUTA. At the Base Hospital Chapel, New Plymouth, Dawn Sharon, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. M. Tuuta of Pungarehu, to Peter David, son of Mr and Mrs K. E. Shoebridge of Auckland. The attendants were Faye Shoebridge of Avondale, Raena Tuuta of Pungarehu, Tom Dyett of New Plymouth and Neil Shoebridge of Avondale. The couple will live in New Plymouth. (Charters and Guthrie).





Brent Proctor receiving his present



After opening his present Carl Dombroski watched everyone else



Debbie Robertson and Kathleen Parish were really engrossed in opening their presents

FIREMEN'S KIDS PARTY

Naturally Santa arrived on a fire engine at the firemen's children's Christmas party. The engine was quickly surrounded by eager children so Santa proceeded to dish out the presents while still seated on the engine, much to everyone's delight.

We thought the expressions on the kids' faces when they opened their presents were delightful. And, after all, Christmas really is for the kids, isn't it?



There goes another



"Wow that's neat," says Brent Proctor



Mrs A. J. Squire and Conway looking at what he received

RELAXATION

One of the nice things about summer is that the great outdoors can be used to a much larger extent for relaxation. Here, on one of the lawns at Burgess Park, we see a father and son relaxing in a ball game.

