



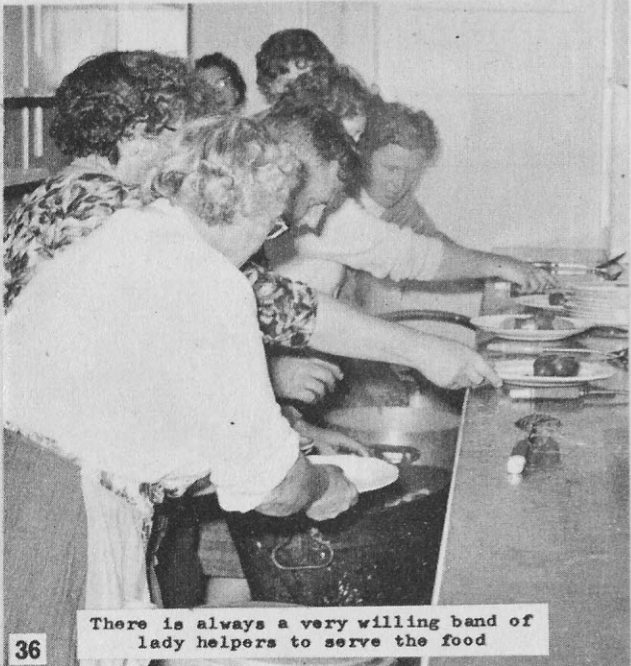
Crowd in the hall before the meal began

Y.M.C.A. Mother and Son Banquet

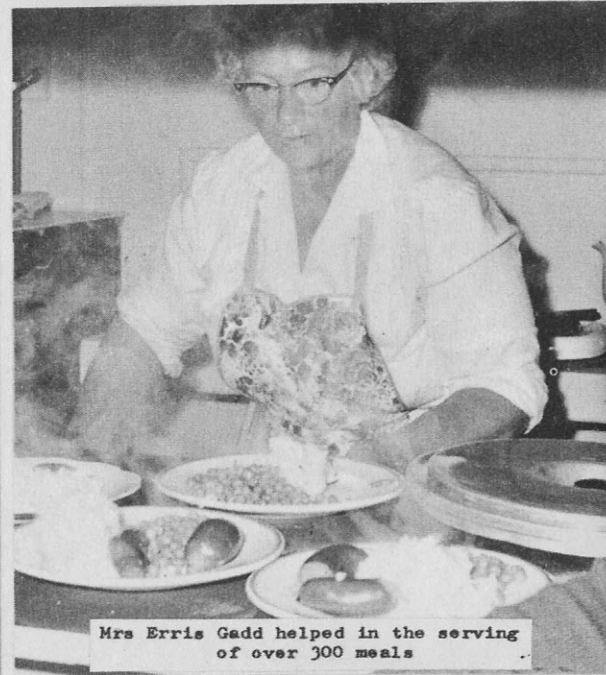
The annual mother and son banquet at the Agricultural Hall was, as usual, a crowded affair with every seat taken and every sausage eaten. This year, the mothers of the primary boys only attended, and yet over 300 sat down to a meal. These banquets are becoming increasingly popular as the membership of the YMCA increases year after year.



Every table was jam-packed full.



There is always a very willing band of lady helpers to serve the food



Mrs Erris Gadd helped in the serving of over 300 meals



Mum tells Peter to sit still and he will get served all in good time

Great excitement for the primary "Y" boys at their annual banquet, not because they were out to tea, but because they could take their mums along too. We focussed on one little chap, and got a series of pictures which tell the story of that exciting meal they had at the YM banquet. The subject of this series is Peter Woods, who had to enlist the help of his mother, Mrs Kath Woods, to cut up the sags.



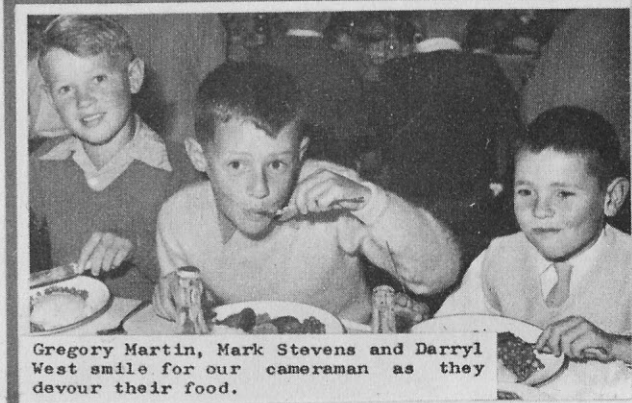
"Coo, Boy, will I make short work of this!"



And Peter did make short work of it. He told us that he was looking forward to the time when he would be a senior and could take Dad along.



"Mum," says Peter, "they seem to be rationing this food a bit, not as much as usual".



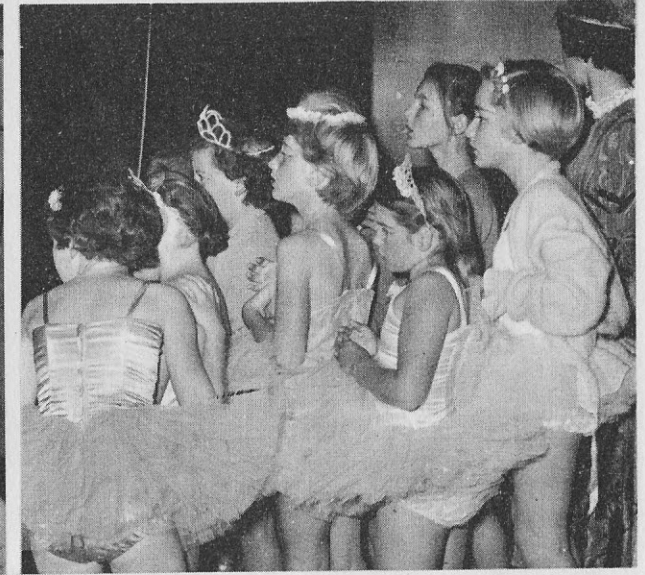
Gregory Martin, Mark Stevens and Darryl West smile for our cameraman as they devour their food.



Wedding Bells

Above: HANCOCK-JORDAN. At Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, Shirley May, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D.Jordan, Midhurst, to John Barry, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.V.Hancock, Cardiff. The bridesmaids were Margaret Hancock, sister of the groom, and Betty and Heather Jordan, sisters of the bride. Maureen Armstrong was the flower-girl. Dennis Jacobsen, Cardiff, was the best man, and John Jordan, brother of the bride, was the groomsman. Future home, Stratford.

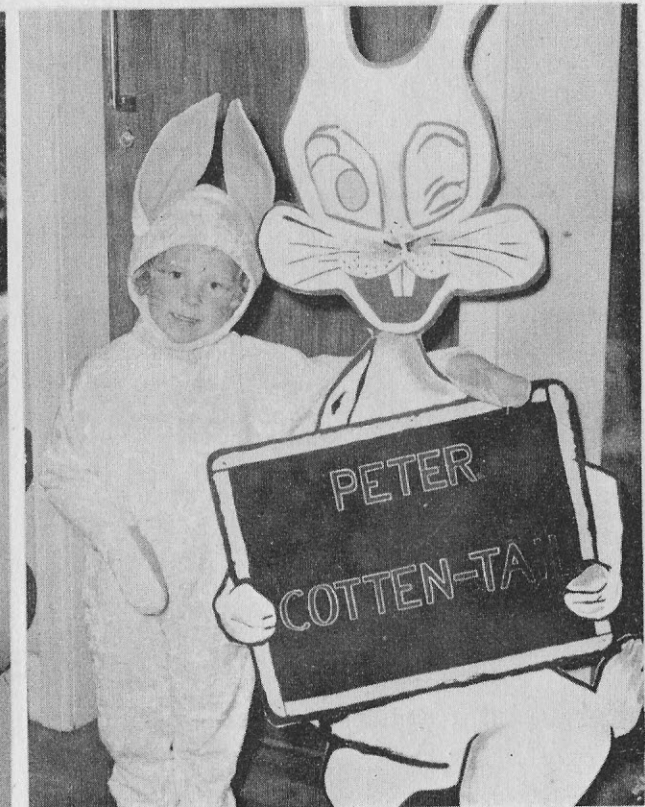
Below: STENING-DONALD. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Donald, Omata, to Barrie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.N.Stening, NP. The bridesmaids were Evelyn Dillon, Hamilton, and Barbara Donald, sister of the bride, Hawera. Ian Lander, NP, was the best man, and David Stening, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. Future home, Bell Block.

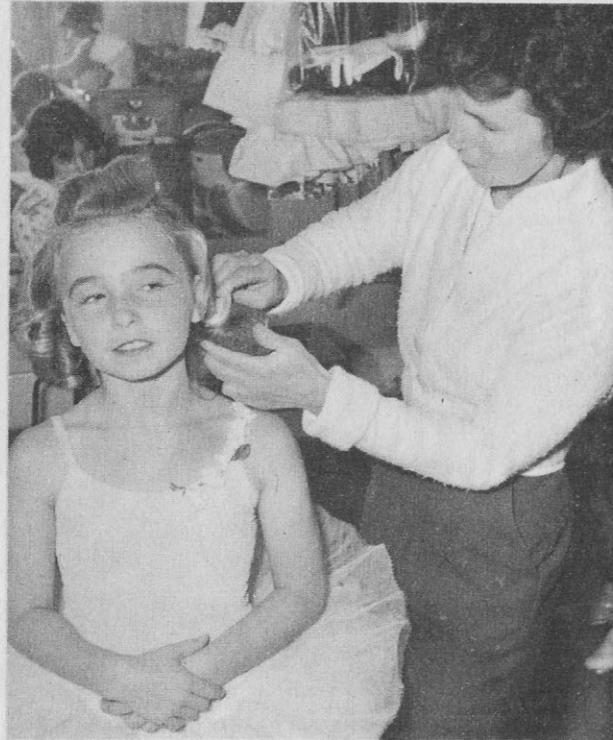


St. Mary's Competitions

Once again the St. Mary's competitions proved the most popular attraction for children in their May school holidays. A feature of the competitions this year was the very high standard attained by the competitors, who came from far afield to attend. The judges all remarked that the standard was as high as at any other competitions.

Above, left: Deborah Walker (NP) makes a pretty picture as she waits her turn in the wings of the Memorial Hall, where all the dancing was held. **Above, right:** So keen are the youngsters that each competitor is carefully watched from the wings. **Below, left:** Mark Old and mother, Mrs V.Old, together with dancing teacher Edna Shirtcliffe, go through the programme. **Below, right:** Carol McNeil (NP) was another who made a pretty picture for our photographer.





First Class Talent Displayed

The St. Mary's competitions are fast becoming the most popular competitions in the North Island, as year after year entries rise and competition becomes keener as some of the country's best dancers seek honours.

Above, left: Mrs V.Old prepares her daughter Diane before her curtain call.

Above, right: Mrs K.Loasby (NP) gets the hair style right for her ballet-dancing daughter Diana.

Below: Two of the judges, Delores Thomas (Lower Hutt) and Mr G.R.Wells (Cambridge), are seen here at the final night demonstration concert at the Opera House.

Below, right: President of the competitions, Mr R.T.Harris, prepares the numerous trophies for presentation.



Above, left: The Beryl Quay dancers, who won the ballet group open section for the 10th time. This school has won this trophy every time they have entered. The dancers are, from left, Gaye Topping, Verena O'Brien, Beverley Murray, Beryl Quay, Christine Bone and Elvie Harrison.

Above: Robyn Wilkinson (NP), winner of the violin section under 14 scholarship.

Below, left: Carol Honeyfield (Okato) winner of both skipping and tap classes under 14.

Below, centre: Nancy Brown (Pungarehu) who won the under 8 Tap dancing scholarship.

Below: Marilyn Cornwall won both scholarships for speech and character.



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The Demonstration Concert

For the demonstration concert and the presentation of trophies for the St. Mary's Competitions, the Opera House was filled with parents and friends of the contestants. A very fine programme was witnessed, with credit to both the performers and organisers.

Above: This is the song and dance team which won the open section. From left, Georgie Tito, Deborah Walker, Janice Bishop and Diane Old.

Below: Winners of the Nendl Creative dancing: Shirley Darby (senior) and Ann Clyma (junior).

Above, right: Nanette Collinson (Stratford) won a fine trophy for National dancing.

Right: Scene on stage at the Opera House as the trophies were presented.

Below, right: Winners of the pianoforte duet, Beverley Powell (left) and Carol Paul (right), with the donor of the cup, centre, Christine Harris.



Above, left: Pauline Owens and Karan Williams (NP) winners of the under 12 skip duo.

Above, centre: Pauline Owens also won the fancy dancing scholarship.

Above, right: Raewyn Prestidge, winner of two scholarships for ballet and tap.

Below, left: Two girls who won a cup each: at left, Susan Martin won the vocal scholarship and Ruth Garlick the sight-reading cup for singing.



MARRIED

Below: HAMLING-REED: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, N.P., Shirley Marlene, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Reed, Stratford, to Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs W. Hamling, NP. The future home will be New Plymouth.



Col. Murray Cup Competition

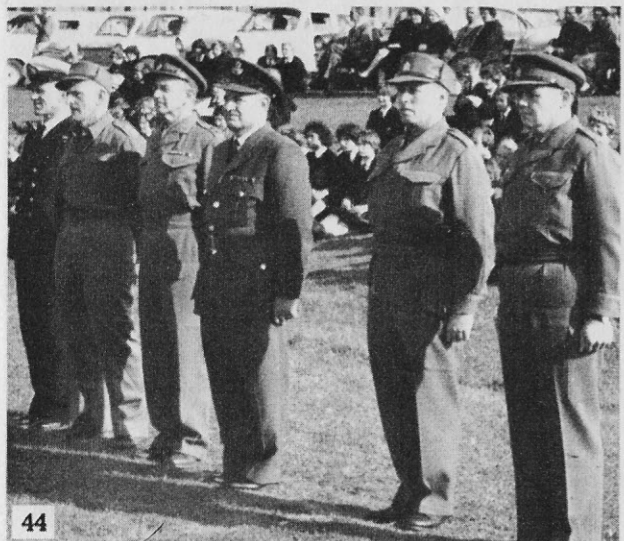
The annual Col. Murray cup competition for the cadets at the Stratford THS proved that some very hard work had gone into the training for this popular competition. The standard of drill was higher than usual, according to the judges.

Above: Taking the salute was Col. T.T. Murray, centre, with the Principal, Mr T.R. Chadwick, and Sqd-Ldr. R.B. Crawford.

Below: Line-up of cadet battalion officers.

Above, right: All ranks were inspected by Col. Murray.

Below, right: Congratulations to the commander of the winning platoon, Under-Officer John Granville, No. 3 Platoon, A company, winners for the second time.



Above: Donor of the cup, Col. Murray, personally congratulated the boys of the winning platoon, No. 3 of A company, who had won the cup for the second time.

Below: The weather was kind for this afternoon, and the whole of the school, plus a good muster of parents, were present.

Bottom: The boys proved their smartness when they marched past the saluting base.



Wedding Bells



Left: WELLS-LATHAM.
At St. Mary's Church, NP, Virginia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. Latham, NP, to John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Hec. Wells, Okato. The bridesmaids were Joclyn Latham, Deborah Latham and Rowena Cuff. Jim Wells, Okato, was the best man. Future home will be Okato.

Below: PAYNE-LASH.
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Nan, third daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D.Lash, NP, to Terry, third son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Payne, Bell Block. The bridesmaids were Lesley Gyde, NP, and Joan Hannon, NP. Geoff Naumann, NP, was the best man, and Mirray Payne, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. Future home will be New Plymouth.



St. Andrew's Ladies Celebrate Church Centenary

During the recent St. Andrew's Church centenary celebrations, the members of the Ladies Guild from St. Andrew's and other Presbyterian Churches in New Plymouth held their own afternoon to celebrate this very important occasion.

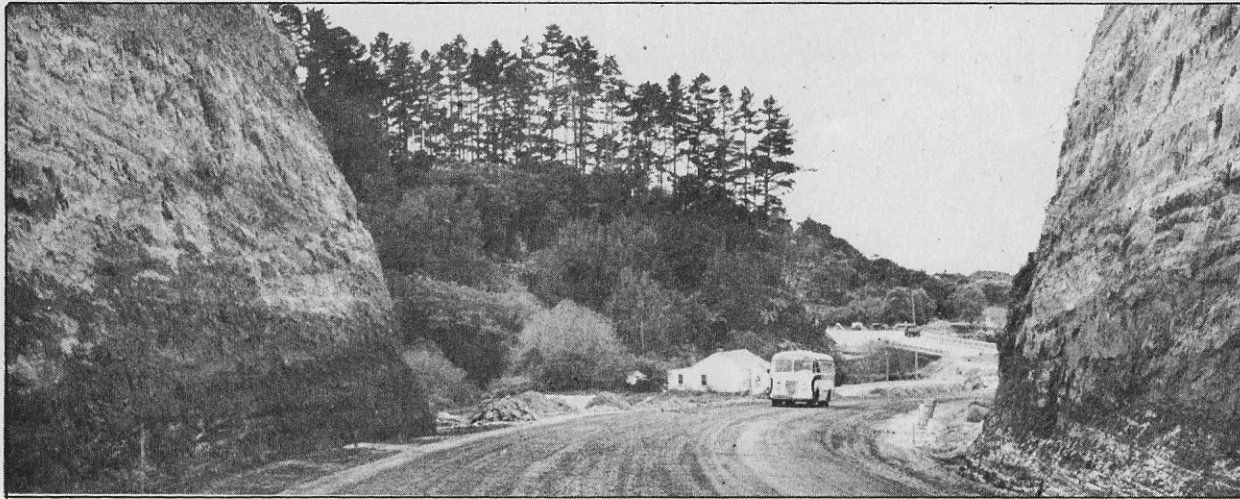
Above, left: Miss J. McLeod (NP) had the honour of cutting the celebration cake.

Above: Mrs S.C. Read shows the ladies the beautifully iced cake, watched by Mrs R.S. Street.

Below: Some of the foundation members of the Guild are here shown at afternoon tea.

Bottom: Happy little gatherings to talk over old times were a feature of the celebrations.





Roadworks at Onaero Near Completion

Re-aligning of the road at Onaero, now that the new bridge is in use, has been a major job for the road-makers. A very large cutting has been made, just north of the bridge, as shown in the photograph above, and when sealed will make a fine highway. From the bridge, looking south, the roadwork is now proceeding with the new road on the right of the picture, below, and showing the old road with its sharp corners, on the left of the photograph. A general view, from the bridge, looking north through the new cutting is shown in the bottom picture. Much work has been carried out here, with little inconvenience to traffic, and when completed, will help in a vast improvement in the main north highway.



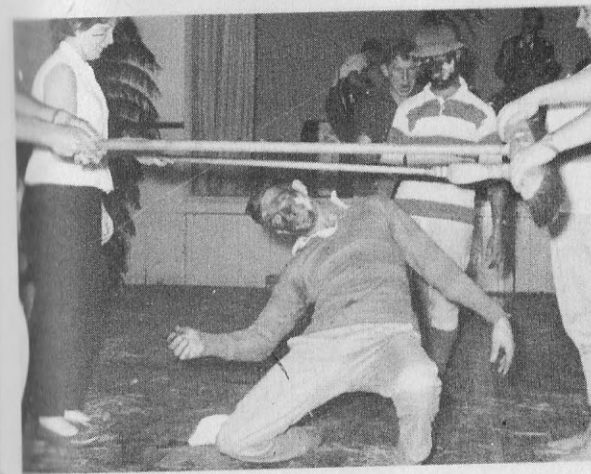
Jaycee Barn Dance

Bell Block Hall was the venue for the recent barn dance, organised by the NP Jaycees. The hall was crowded for this popular event.

Top, left: Happy crowd of revellers are, from left, Margaret James, Betty Dalglish, Betty Potts, Vanessa Harris, Nola Bland and Joan Hay.

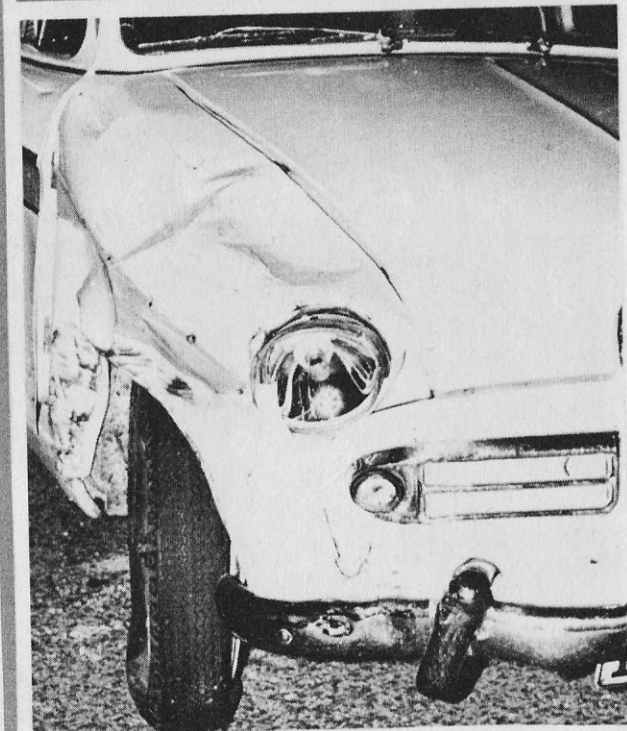
Above: Another happy crowd, from left, Eric Richmond, Patricia Burt, Margaret McDonalds, Derek Hay, Lorraine Robinson, Ron Brooker, Steve James and Neil Harris.

Below: Kelvin Eaton tries his luck under the Limbo bar.



INTERSECTION SMASH

Late on a recent Saturday night these two cars, above and below, came into collision at the intersection of Dawson and Fulford streets. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, but both cars had to be towed away from the scene.



Married

Right: LASH-McMILLAN.
At the Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Minnetta, third daughter of Mr and Mrs M. McMILLAN, NP, to Terry, 2nd son of Mr and Mrs E. Lash, NP. Joan Humphries, Bell Block, was the bridesmaid, and Chris Jensen, NP, was the best man. Future home, NP.



Below: COOK-RAMSAY.
At St. Mary's Church, NP, Josephine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.S. Ramsay, NP, to Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs M. Cook, Palmerston North. The bridesmaids were Rosalie Cook, sister of the groom, and Robin Ballyntyne, Auckland. The best man was John Ramsay, brother of the bride, and the groomsman was Ron Thomson, Palmerston North. The flower girl was Ann Pepper. Future home, Palmerston North.



Handwork Competition

An exhibition and competition of handwork, run by the Guides and Brownies of NZ was recently held at the Taranaki Museum, where judging took place to find representatives to go forward to the national finals. Here, we reproduce some photographs of winners of various sections.

Above: Embroidery winners. **Right,** the winning entry by Mrs R. Bolton, and second place-getter left, by Mrs N. Weir.

Below: Exhibition of handwork displayed reached a very high standard.

Above, right: Dressed dolls were a feature of the display.

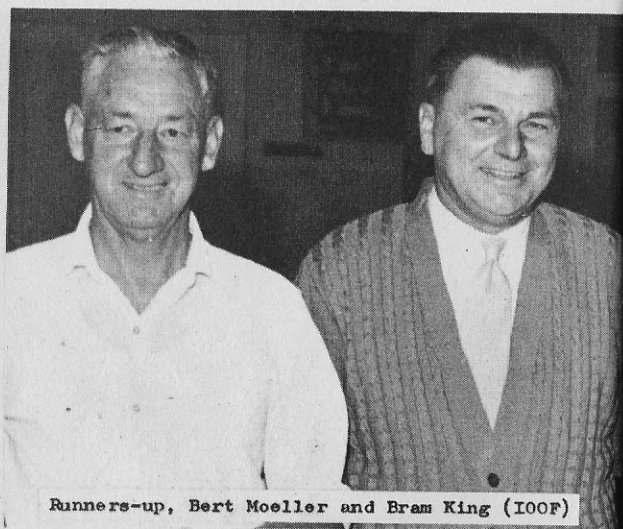
Right! In this group were prizewinners in sections for tapestry: Mrs B. Harkness, doll, Mrs M. Longbottom, rabbit, L. Horner 2nd, cart, Mrs J. Payne 3rd, and gollywog, Barbara Harkness.

Below, right: Painting in its section won the first prize. The artist was D. Wynyard.





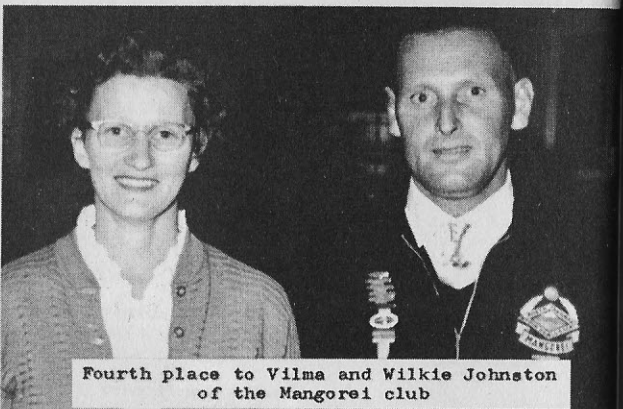
Winners, Molly and Frank Denham (Vogeltown)



Runners-up, Bert Moeller and Bram King (IOOF)



Third place went to Roy Clarringbold and Mrs Nell Sole (Rotokare)



Fourth place to Vilma and Wilkie Johnston of the Mangorei club

132 Entries for Central Division Pairs

The annual Central Division Pairs tournament attracted 132 teams of which 36 qualified. Starting at 9am. the last four teams played strenuous bowls continuously until nearly midnight, when the finals were played. And the finals provided some of the best bowling seen in the Central Hall for a long time. Positions changed with almost every bowl, so keen and accurate were the players. A crowd of about 200 watched these interesting games.



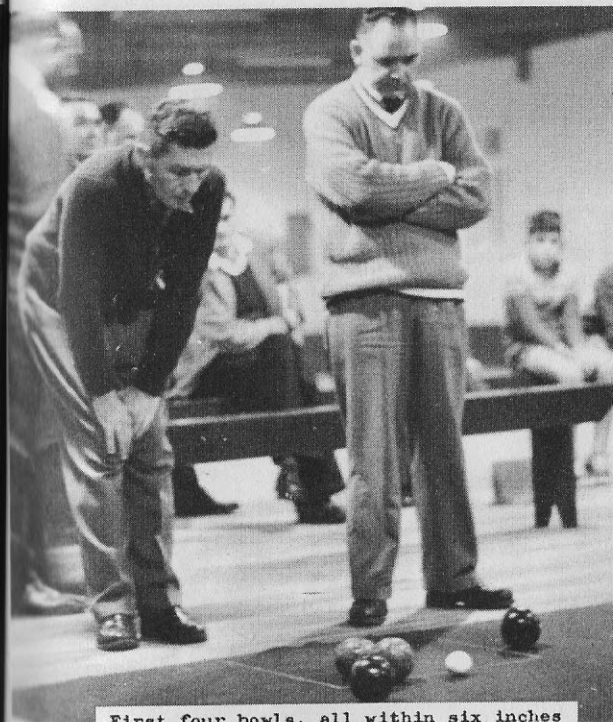
Frank Denham concentrates



Neil Sole looks doubtful



Molly Denham...concentration



First four bowls, all within six inches of the kitty, and the heads got tighter

About 200 people remained until nearly midnight for the finals of the Central Division's annual Pairs tournament, which attracted 132 teams. Interest was so great that at any time during the play one could have heard a pin drop, so quiet were the spectators. Heads were about as tight as they could be, with the services of an umpire often called for.



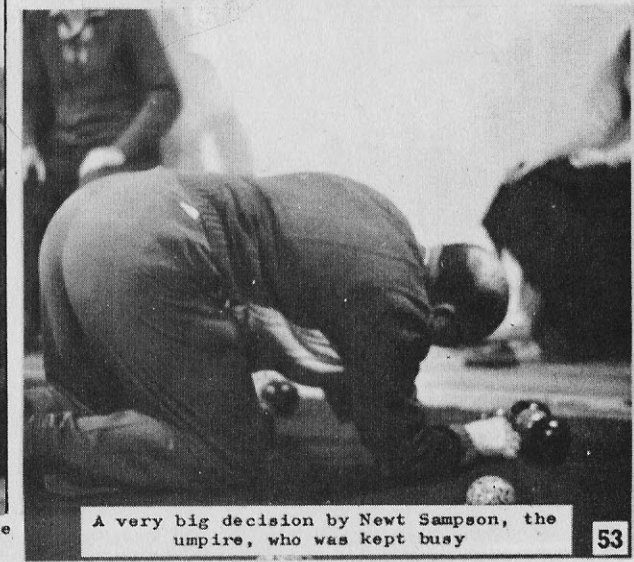
A lovely way to spend an evening



Heads turned towards the heads all night



Umpire Newt Sampson was called on for some very difficult heads to measure



A very big decision by Newt Sampson, the umpire, who was kept busy

Right: EVANS-RAILL.
 At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, NP, Fay, third daughter of Mr and Mrs P. M. Raill, Koru, to Elden, only son of Mr and Mrs V. Evans, Kaitaia. The bridesmaid was Carol Raill, sister of the bride, and the best man was Michael Raill, brother of the bride. Lyn Cocker, Pukeruhe, was the flower-girl. Future home, Hastings.

Below: ROBERTS-DAVIES.
 At Holy Trinity, Fitzroy, Jean, 4th daughter of Mr and Mrs E.M. Davies, NP, to Keith, 2nd son of Mrs and the late Mr J.B. Roberts, Huinga. The bridesmaids were Shirley Davies, sister of the bride, and Helen Roberts, sister of the groom. The groom's attendants were his brothers, Oliver and Allan Roberts. The flower-girl was Carol Megchelse, Huinga. The future home, Huinga.



Wedding Bells



Married

Right: DUNCAN-ADAMS.
 At St. Mary's Church, NP, Jennifer, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Adams, NP, to Rodney, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. Duncan, NP. The bridesmaid was Caroline Adams, sister of the bride, NP, and the best man was Alistair Duncan, brother of the groom, NP. Future home will be New Plymouth.

Below: STOKES-SMITH.
 At St. Mary's Church, Hawera, Valerie, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Smith, Hawera, to George, only son of Mr and Mrs C.F. Stokes, Ohangai.



Coming of Age

Below: Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. Dettling, Ohangai, recently celebrated her coming of age in the Ohangai Hall. She is here seen receiving the traditional key from her father.





Boys Brigade Celebration Relay

Celebrating eighty years, the Boys Brigade relay, with a message for the Governor-General in Wellington, passed through Taranaki recently. The relay was started way up north, and with boys of the Brigade running continuously night and day, eighty of them in Taranaki, the message finally arrived on time in Wellington. New Plymouth's own celebration was held on the steps of the library where the runners were met by the Mayor, Mr A.G.Honnor, who read the message to the Governor-General.

Above: Brigaders of the province lined the ramp to the library as a guard for the three runners who came from the north.

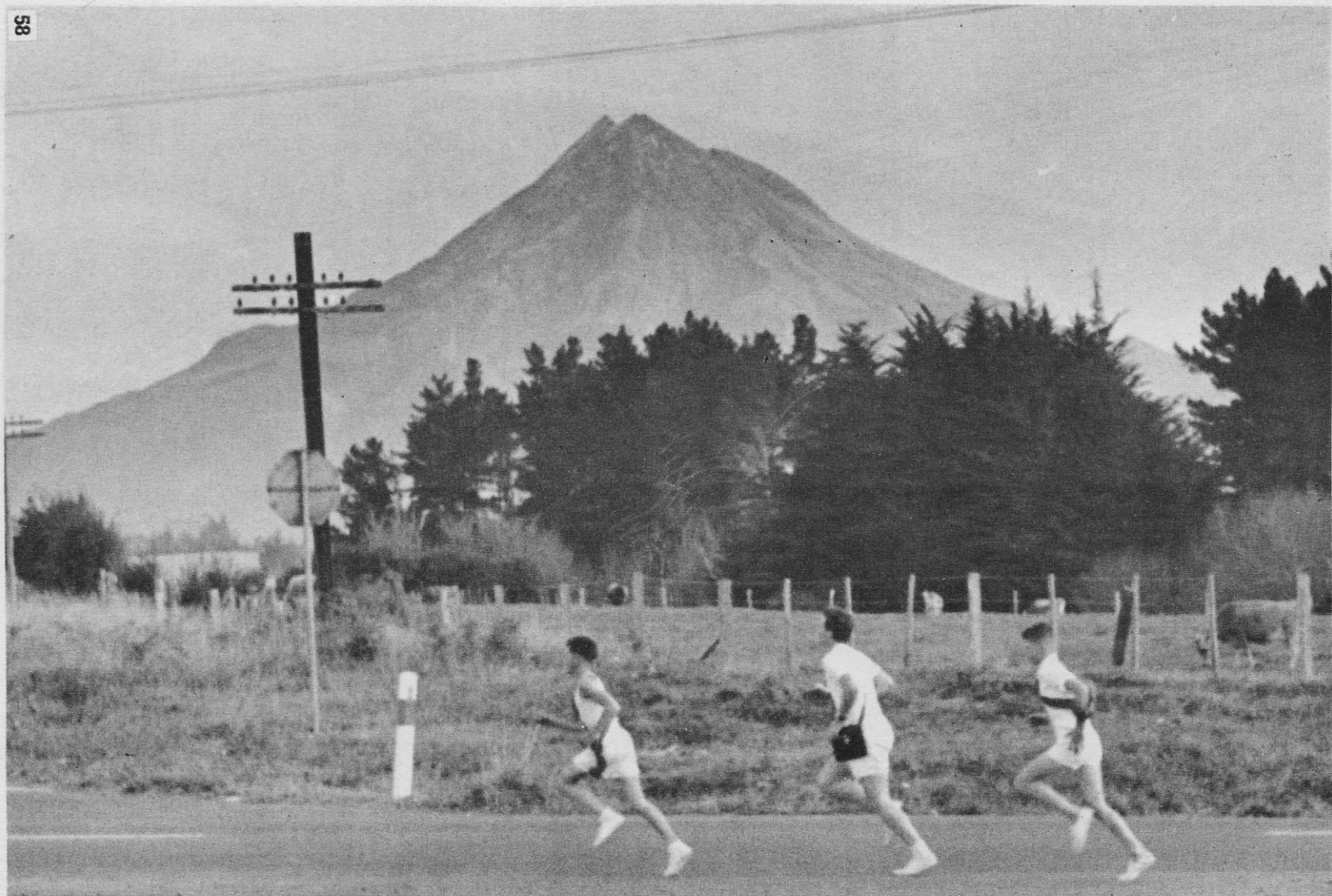
Below: Life Boys were there too, with a fair sprinkling of the shoppers who happened to be in the town.



Above, left: The message being read by the Mayor, Mr Honnor, who was accompanied by the president of the Taranaki group of B.B. Lieut. Don Kirkland. **Below, left:** The three runners who brought the message to New Plymouth, Graham Collins, Murray Andrews and Terry Corbett. **Top, right:** The three runners arrive and pass through the guard of honour. **Above:** Baton and satchel change hands from Murray Andrews and Terry Gillbanks. **Below:** Silver baton is handed to the Mayor on the library steps.



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BOYS BRIGADE MESSAGE PASSES MT. EGMONT

Out of the city and away south along the main highway went the Boys' Brigade message, which is here shown passing Taranaki's symbol, Mt. Egmont. This picture was taken just before another change-over at Egmont Village, where three more boys of the 1st Okato Company took the message on to Inglewood.



Left: Three runners of the Okato company leave the steps of the NP Library on a further stage in the journey south of the Boys' Brigade relay. Centre, left: Lt.D.A.Hill watches while runners sign their log at a changeover at Egmont Village.

Below, left: From left, these runners are Patrick Barr, Lyndsay McFetridge, Ian Andrews, Ken Strachan, Wilf Sears and Kevin Flay.



21ST BIRTHDAY

Above: Valerie, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C. Whitehouse, NP, is here shown with her parents on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

ENGAGED

Below: DRAKE-CARTWRIGHT. Beverley Joyce, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N.H.Cartwright, NP, to Allan James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.J.Drake, Oakura.





Wedding Bells

Above: MacINTYRE-MACKINTOSH. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Mary Phoebe, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs I.F.Mackintosh, NP, to Donald Ross, elder son of Mrs and the late Mr R.MacIntyre, NP. Sisters of the bride, Josephine and Shona Mackintosh, were the bridesmaids, Harold Neilson, Hunterville, was the best man, and Garth MacIntyre, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

Below: ROBERTSON-HARRIS. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Annette Rose, third daughter of Mrs D.Harris, NP, to Gordon Spence, second son of Mr and Mrs P.J.Robertson, Waitara. The bridesmaids were Lorraine Harris, sister of the bride, NP and Lorraine Harvey, NP. Douglas Macdonald, NP, was the best man and Trevor O'Donnell, Eltham, was the groomsman. Future home, Eltham.



Celebrations

Above, left: Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs M. Slater, Auckland, ex-NP, cuts the cake at her 21st birthday party held recently in NP.

Above, centre: Kevin Graeme Rogers, son of Mrs C.Savage, Stratford, who recently attained his majority.

Above, right: Gilbert Stanley, son of Mr and Mrs S.N.Elliott, NP, who recently celebrated his 21st birthday.

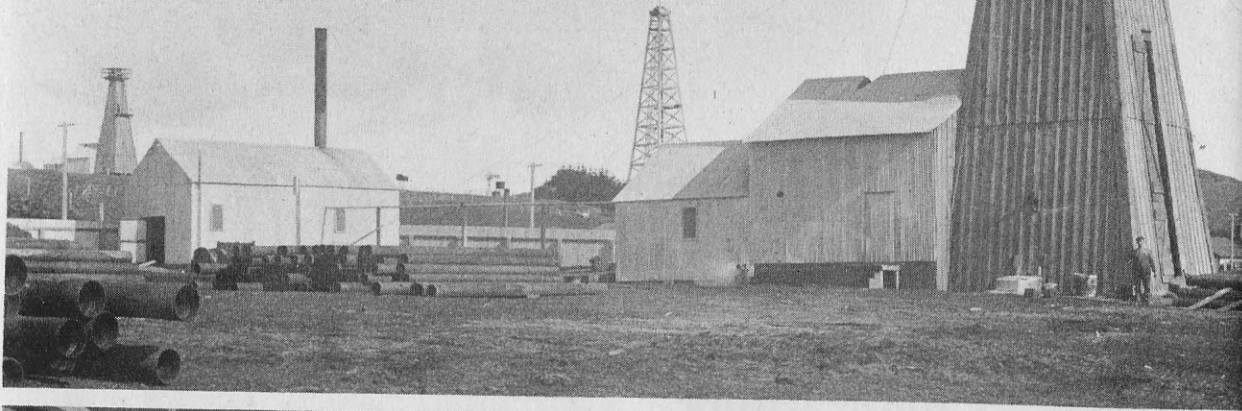
Left: Mr G.W.Ludeman presents the key of the door to his daughter Marlene who celebrated her 21st birthday at Inglewood recently.

Below: Mr and Mrs Halsie Wood, NP, who recently celebrated 25 years of married life.



1902 Taranaki Oil Venture Was A Failure

One of the first real oil ventures in Taranaki was started in the Ngamotu area at the turn of the century. Big things were envisaged for the province as a result of the drilling that had been taking place. Some three or four years of preparation had gone into the finding of oil and the formation of an organisation with enough cash to float a company. The well was officially opened when a party of Members of Parliament came to New Plymouth for this important occasion. It was run by a company operating under the name of Watkins and Fox, but unfortunately did not last very long, as the quality of the oil, plus the amount of grit in it, spoiling the expensive pumping machinery, soon had the company in difficulties. The work closed down after a very short life, and virtually brought to standstill the oil industry in the province right up to the present time. The top photograph shows the exterior view of the well, while the picture below is the inside of the workshop where the containers for petroleum were made.

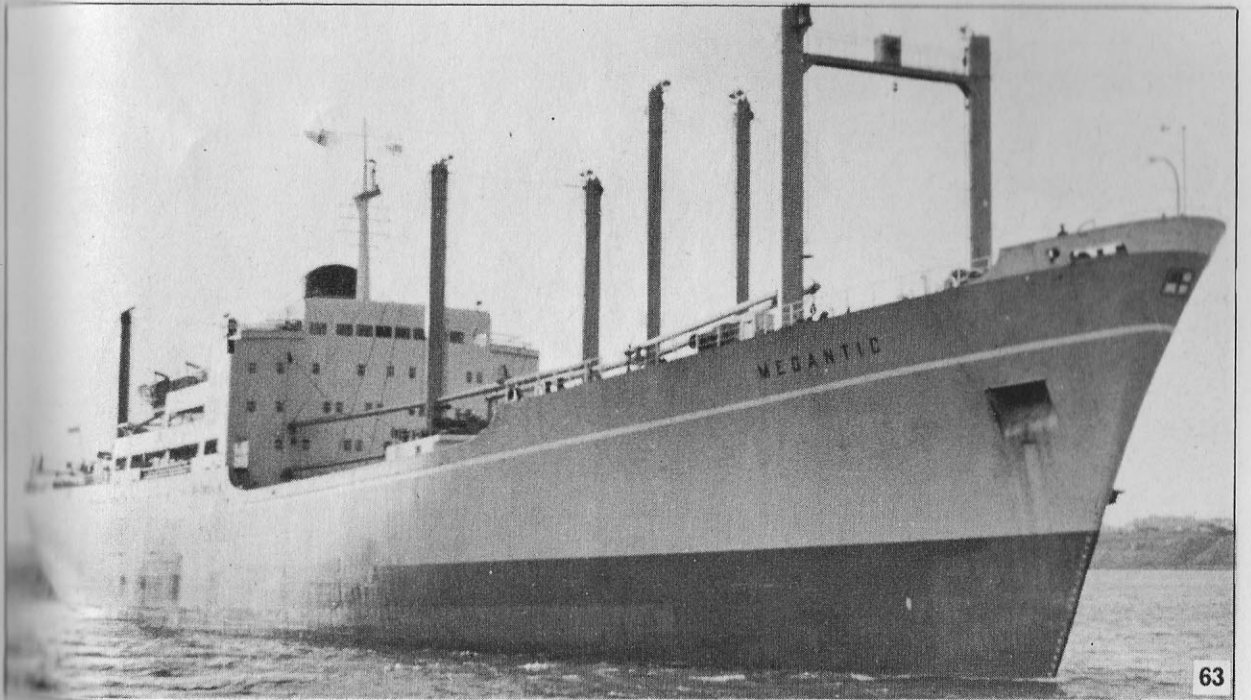


1900 VISIT TO TARANAKI BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

It was a red letter day for New Plymouth when this party of Members of Parliament visited the city in the early 1900's for the opening of an oil well. We have not, unfortunately, been able to identify any of these gentlemen, who if still with us, would say, "I told you there was oil in Taranaki!"

NEW SHIP VISITS PORT TARANAKI

The new freighter Megantic on her first visit to Port Taranaki is shown as she enters port. It boasts the new house colours for the line, and looked quite smart and modern.





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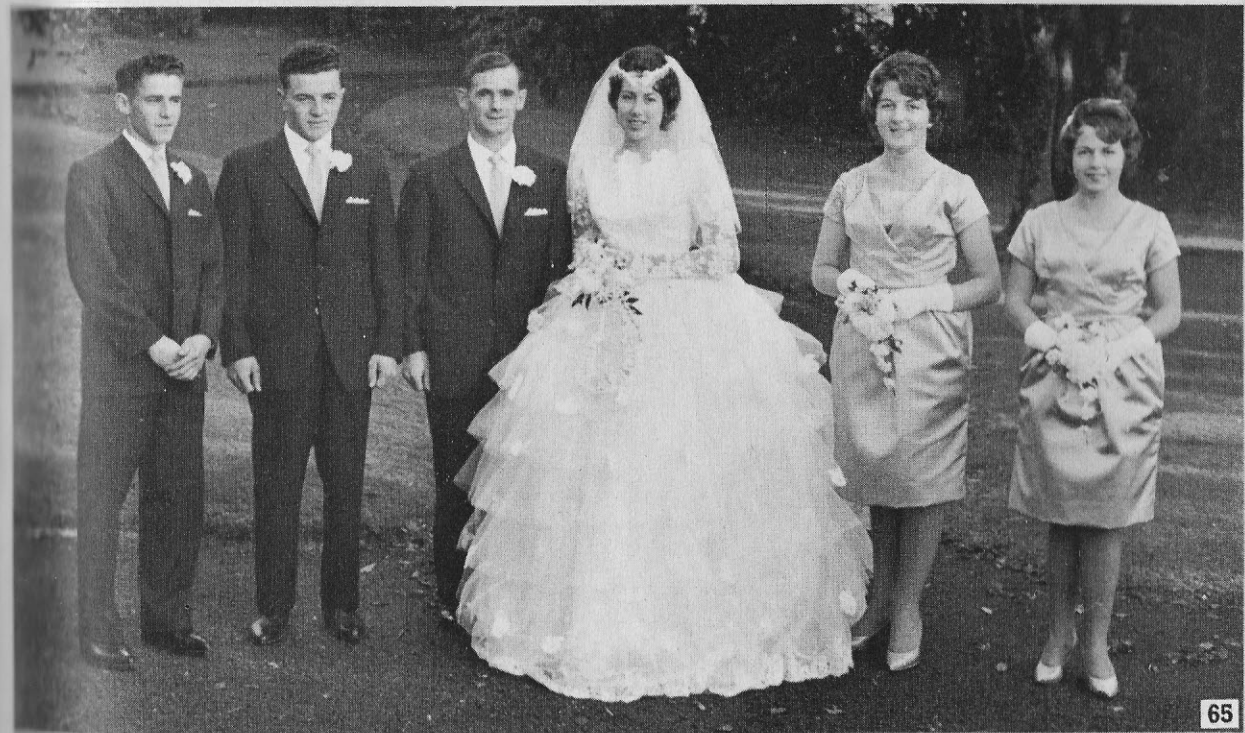
Above: HAGAN-MARTIN. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Rei, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W.Martin, Okato, to Colin John, only son of Mr and Mrs A.J.Hagan, Hawera. Sisters of the bride, Judith and Lois Martin, were the bridesmaids. Geoff Robinson, Wellington, was the best man, and Gary Cundy, Pahiatua, was the groomsman. Future home will be Auckland.

Below: GOSSE-JAMES. At St. Luke's Methodist Church, Westown, Connie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C.James, NP, to Brian Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.T.Gosse, Nae Nae. The bridesmaids were Margaret Wilson and Rae Walsh, both of Auckland. Best man was Graham Whitehead, and the groomsman was Bill Camp, both of Wangamui. Future home will be Auckland.



Above: BRIMELOW-DICK. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Lynette Joy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs K.B.Dick, NP, to John, elder son of Mr and Mrs F.Brimelow, Opunake. The bridesmaids were June Dick, sister of the bride, and Erris Brown, NP. Basil Brimelow, brother of the groom, Opunake, was the best man, and Paul Raybould, Opunake, was the groomsman. Future home will be Opunake.

Below: LAWSON-JURY. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Patricia Dawn, second daughter of Mr and Mrs N.G. Jury, NP, to George Wilson, second son of Mr and Mrs G.Lawson, Huntly. Matron of honour was Jocelyn Hart, NP, and the bridesmaid was Lorraine Lawson, sister of the groom, Huntly. Alan McCutcheon, Otaki, was the best man, and Ivan Lawson, brother of the groom, Huntly, was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be Hawera.



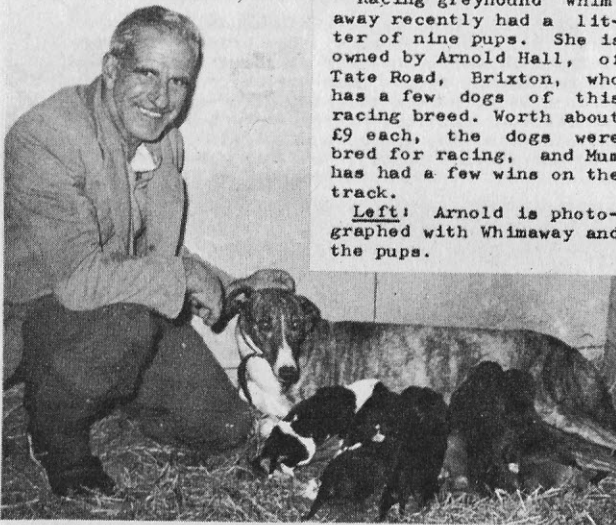
Local Greyhound's Litter of Nine



Proud Mum with her litter of nine

Racing greyhound Whimaway recently had a litter of nine pups. She is owned by Arnold Hall, of Tate Road, Brixton, who has a few dogs of this racing breed. Worth about £9 each, the dogs were bred for racing, and Mum has had a few wins on the track.

Left: Arnold is photographed with Whimaway and the pups.



Valerie Reader and Gary Hall are helpers with the rearing of the pups



Just a handful at the moment



BACK COVER



Colour came to Opunake for the annual brass and pipe band championships. Here the massed pipe bands parade through the main street.

Quiet Beach

One of the lesser-known beaches in Taranaki is the one pictured here. It is the beach at Puke-aruhe. Quite often one has to wade through a lagoon to get on the beach, but it is well worth the effort. The beach is never crowded, even in the height of the holiday season.

