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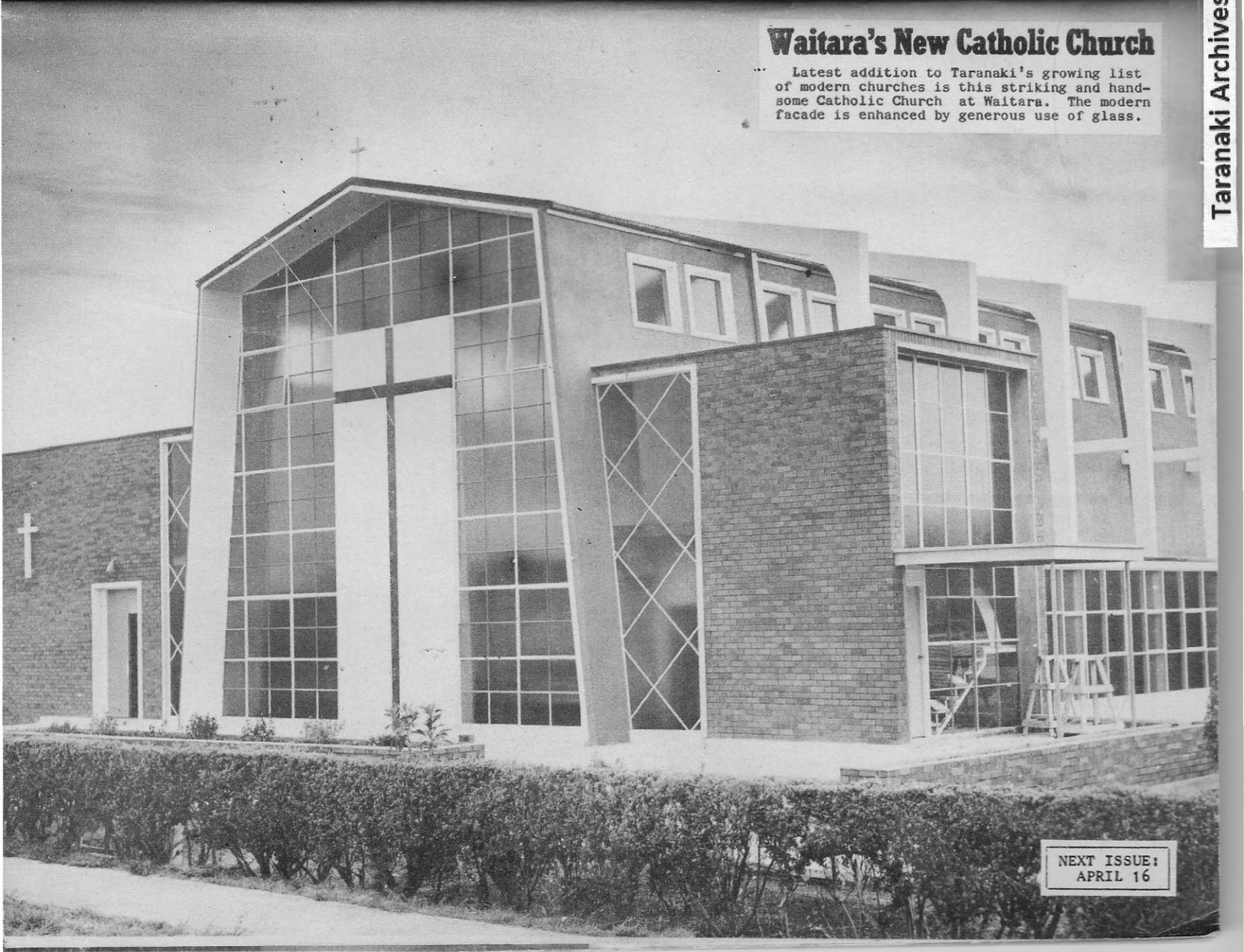
**SKI-NYMPH!**

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**Waitara's New Catholic Church**

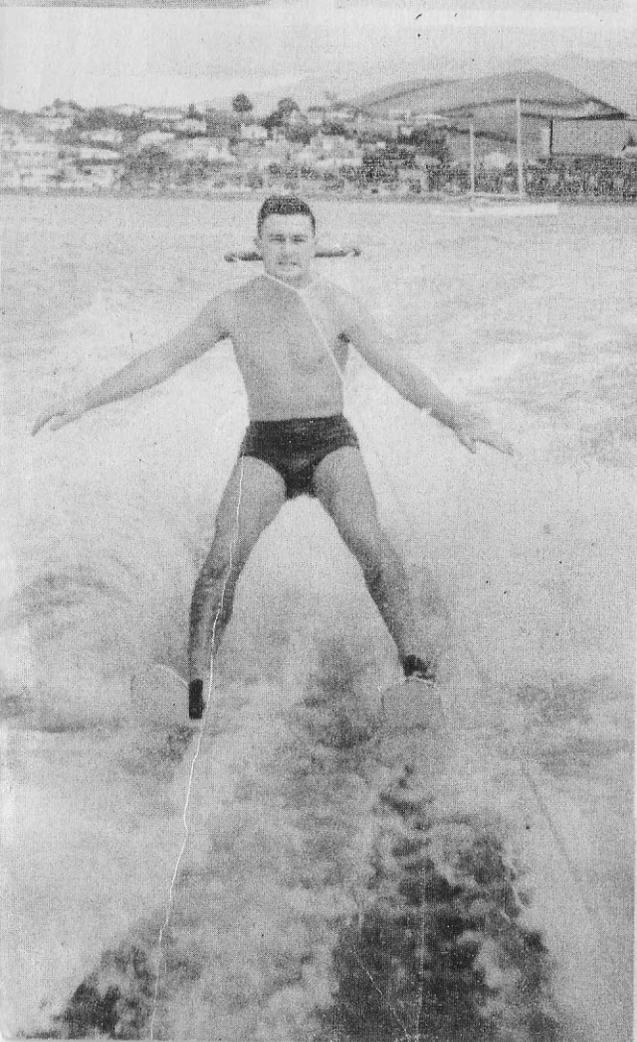
Latest addition to Taranaki's growing list of modern churches is this striking and handsome Catholic Church at Waitara. The modern facade is enhanced by generous use of glass.

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**OUR COVER**

Eighteen-year-old Jo Sharp, our Ski-Nymph on the cover, is only one of the many young people who have taken up the new and exciting sport of water-skiing. Almost every fine evening after work, and every week-end, these young people go off to the beach to be hauled around the bay by fast launches. The cover picture, taken from one of the launches, shows Jo looking happy at her new-found sport. She has been at it for only a couple of weeks.

Below: Her tutor, and club captain, Nev Dixon, shows how easy it is with no hands. Some Neck....!



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Fish haven't been too plentiful lately; at least that's what the surfcasters have been saying. But this picture just proves how wrong they are, because Sybil Boniface caught these flounders in a very short time. They're there, if you know where to look. These were caught in New Plymouth, but you must have togs, goggles and a spear.

**Fashions on Show**

Taranaki retailers of summer beach wear were treated to a preview of what will be the fashion on the beaches next summer by the manufacturers of some of New Zealand's best swim and beach-wear. Two of the firm's mannequins paraded numerous fashions for 1960.

Right: A specially posed "Photo News" picture of the two very charming girls, Frances Slater and Carol Dillon.

Below: Four of the buyers study the new wear.



Becoming swimsuit



Shorty jamas



### 1000 Came To Dinner...

More than 1000 parishioners of St. Mary's Anglican parish, New Plymouth, attended a Loyalty Dinner held in the Army Hall recently. They were told that over the next three years, pledges for the payment of more than £66,000 were hoped for. To enable parents of young families to attend the dinner, Methodist Church women cared for their young children in St. Mary's Church Hall. A Plunket nurse was also in attendance.

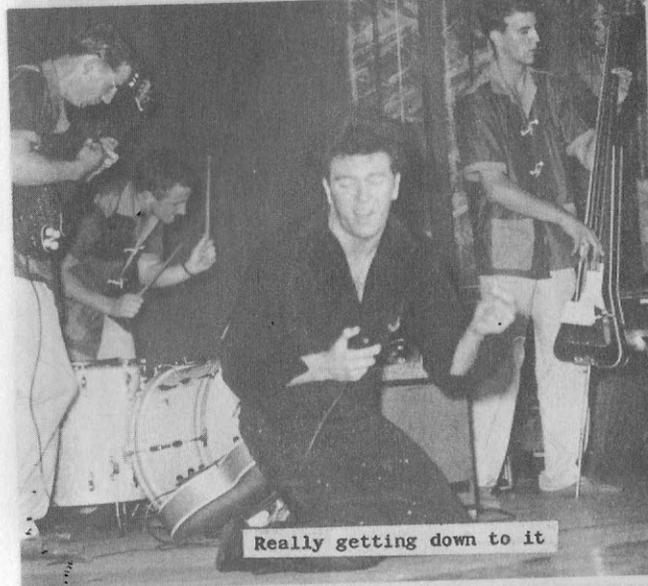
**Above:** Scene at the dinner, which almost filled the Army Hall to capacity.

**Below:** The colossal task of feeding these people fell to the lot of this group. The dinner kept a staff of over seventy on its toes.

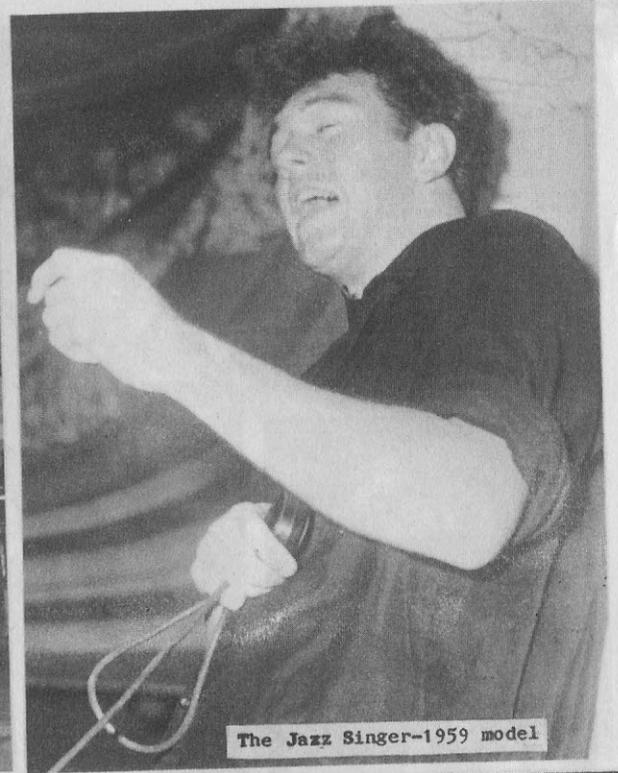


### Johnny Devlin Hits New Plymouth

Like many other towns in New Zealand, New Plymouth was favoured with a visit from Wanganui's own pop-singer, Johnny Devlin. He played on two nights to full houses at the Opera House, where the local teenagers really rocked in their seats.



Really getting down to it



The Jazz Singer-1959 model



Enraptured audience

# Globetrotting Clowns

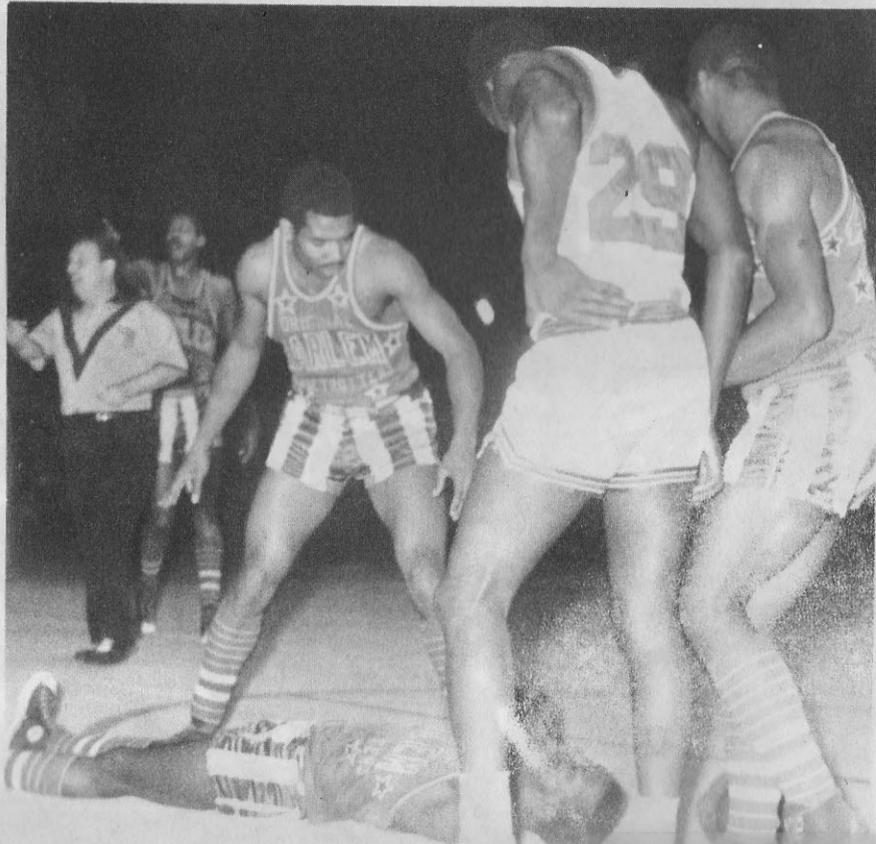
New Plymouth counted among its recent blessing a visit from the famous Harlem Globetrotters. Those people who went along to Pukekura Park to see them, all acclaimed them as the tops in entertainment. They fooled, played basketball, and then fooled some more, to the delight of the crowd. It will be many years before New Plymouth sees such class entertainers again. All the supporting items were also of world class.



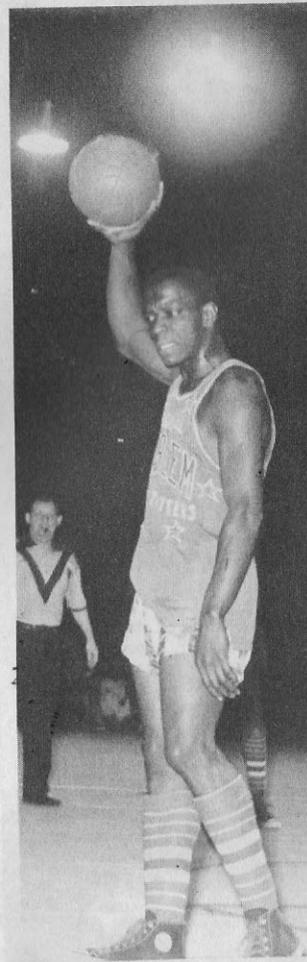
"Now where did that ball go to.....?"



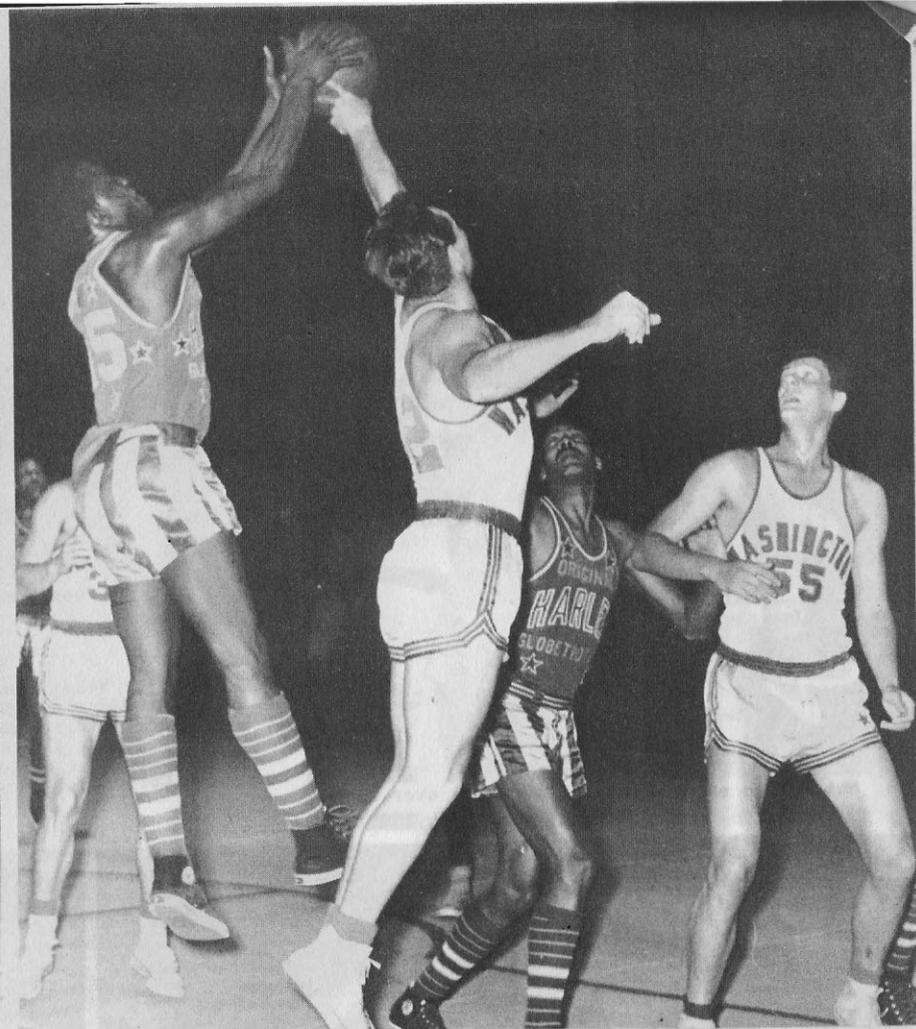
Hey Fellah, take my picture?



Star of the show, "Show Boat" Hall, playing possum



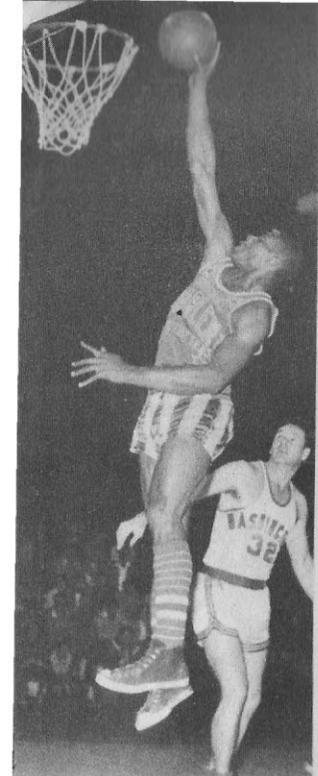
O.K. Boy, come and get it



There's no stopping this clown, "Show Boat" Hall.



Part of the crowd of 3,500



Not far to shoot



Not me, man, its over there!



Caught running the wrong way!

Below: Lilly Yokoi, very aptly named the Ballerina of the Bicycle. She performed some amazing feats, whilst riding her bicycle, some of which are shown here. It is to be hoped that the boys of the High School will not try these tricks riding home down Coronation Avenue.



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One foot only...



One wheel only...



Leaning on the bar (handle)



### Married

Left: At St. Augustine's Church, Moturoa, Valerie Dawn, second daughter of Mr and Mrs W.S.Proud, New Plymouth, to Gerrardus Smit, of Holland. The bride's sisters Doreen and June Proud were the bridesmaids, the best man was Adrian Taylor and the groomsmen were Ray Thompson, of Christchurch. Future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

Below: At Holy Trinity, Fitzroy, Nola Jean, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.Plummer, New Plymouth, to Stanley David, son of Mr and Mrs H.Garrod, Essex, England. Beverley Berg and Jean Cattle were the bridesmaids, and Russell Plummer was the best man. The groomsmen were Keith Way. Future home of the couple will be Kelburn, Wellington.



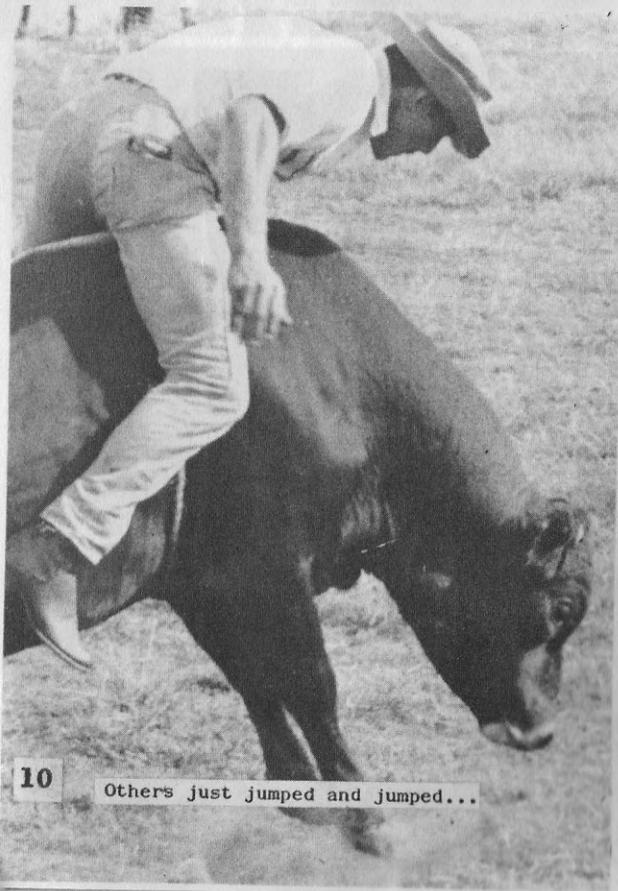
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## New Plymouth's First Ever Rodeo

The first full rodeo staged at New Plymouth brought a "Wild West" atmosphere to the Showgrounds recently. Organised by the Taranaki Rodeo Association, it featured more than 40 riders from all parts of the North Island. A crowd of about 5000 attended. For many of the spectators, it was their first look at a full-scale rodeo with events that included bulldogging, calf-roping, bull-riding and buck-jumping. The high standard of competition, especially in the riding events, was due to the experience and class of the entrants. They included past and present NZ champions, many of whom had Australian riding experience.



Some bulls really went to town...



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Others just jumped and jumped...



While some were quite placid



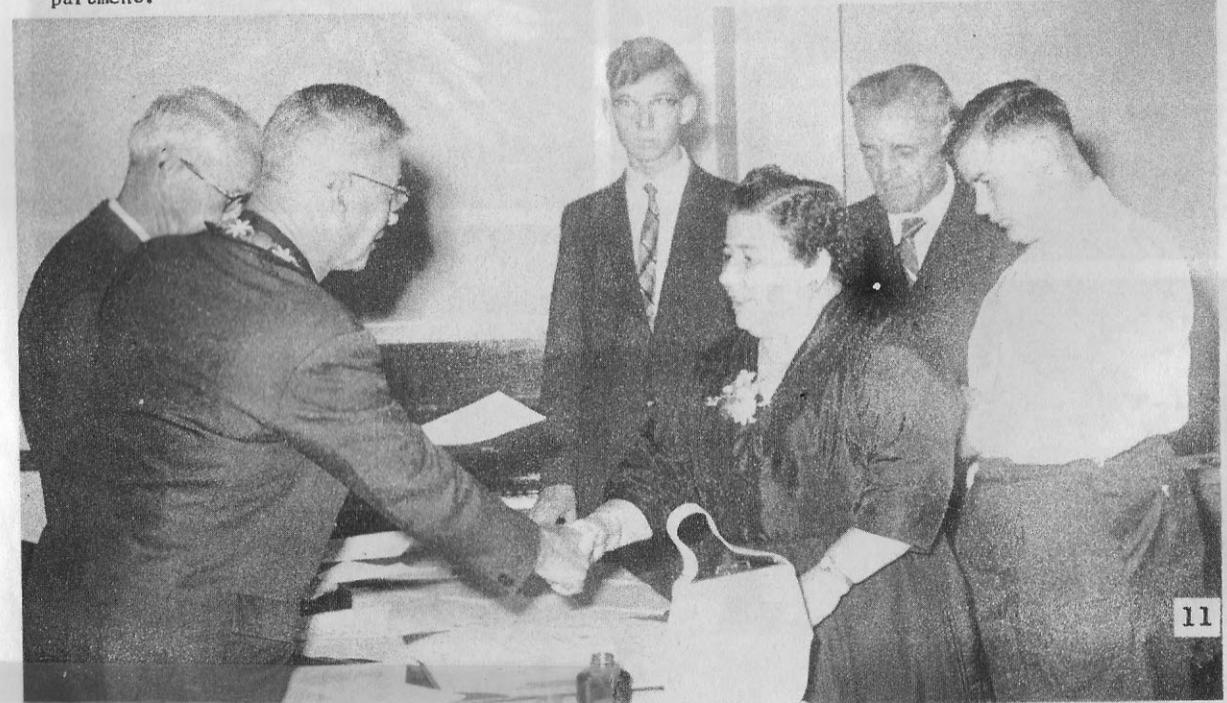
## New Citizens

Last month a naturalization ceremony was held, when twelve citizens of other countries swore their allegiance to the Queen, and assumed the full advantages of New Zealanders. The Mayor of New Plymouth conducted the ceremony, and the address was given by Mr A.W.Yortt, the Stipendiary Magistrate of New Plymouth. Those who took the oath were formally introduced by the Town Clerk, Mr H.N.Johnson.

Above: Mr Martinus van Hoof and his wife read the oath out after the Mayor, Mr.A.G.Honnor.

Above, right: Mr Victor Plawinski, with his wife and daughter Barbara at the ceremony.

Below: The Mayor, Mr A.G.Honnor, congratulates Mrs Rosina Langl on becoming a New Zealander. Her husband Anton and her son Johann are standing behind her. Also in picture is the Town Clerk and a representative of the Internal Affairs Department.



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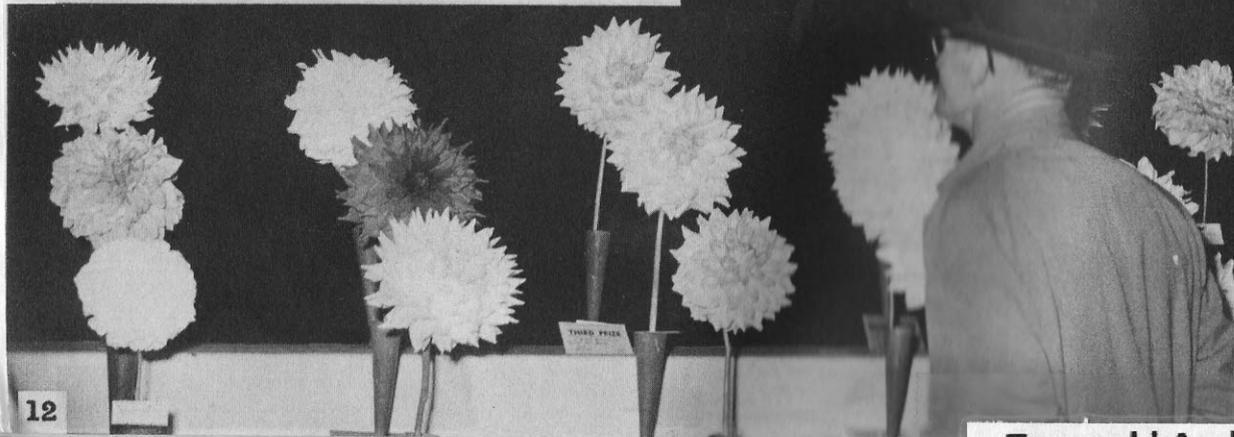
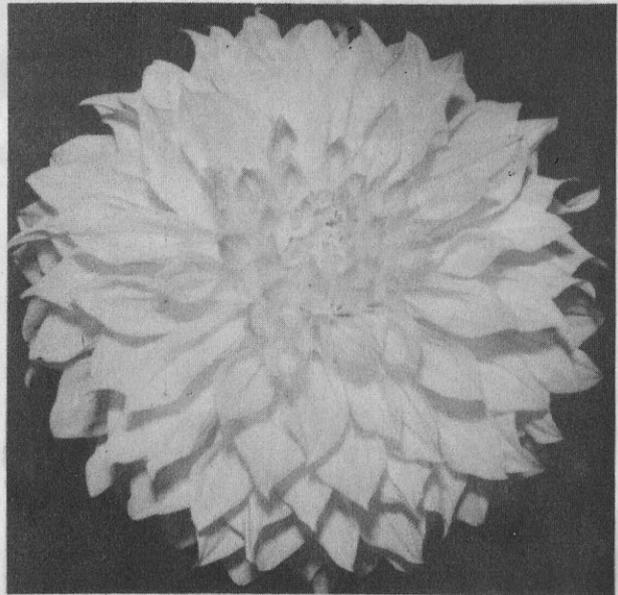
## Blooming Beauties

At the Autumn Flower show held at the Agricultural Hall last month, some exceptionally fine dahlias and other autumn flowers were on view to the public. Nearly always dahlias provide a very wide variety of colour, and this show was no exception, with colours ranging from the most delicate cream to vivid reds and oranges.

**Right:** The orchid Brasso Cattleya, exhibited by Mrs McArtney, was of a pale mauve colour and attracted much attention with its beautiful form.

**Below, left:** The champion bloom, grown by Mrs Ray Hopson of Inglewood. At right is another of Mrs Hopson's prizewinning blooms, named Pam Silk.

**Bottom:** A visitor admired some of the very fine blooms on display.



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## Roving Camera

This last month has been a very busy period for the Port of Taranaki. Ships of all types and sizes have been berthed while at one stage the port was full, and two overseas vessels had to wait outside for a berth. Our picture shows two ships of the Port Line being worked at the same time. Furthest from the camera is the Port Napier, whilst nearer is the older Port Hardy.



North Taranaki finalists in the radio leadership contest pose for the camera before making their appearances before the microphone. From left they are, Don Slater (Mangaoraka), John Major (Kara-waka), question-master Howard Smith, David Smith (Mangamahoe), Don Harvey (Rahotu) and Duncan Patterson (Tarata).

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## Shortland St. Skid Kids ...

A spare gulley, plus a lot of ingenuity, add to that a mountain of labour, and you've got a first class cycle speedway, where the boys are off the streets and can go hell-for-leather without harming or annoying anyone. That is the story about the boys of the LVDTCRC (the Lower Vogeltown Dirt Track Cycle Racing Club). A kind owner gave them permission to build this speedway in the gulley, and spending all their spare time, they slaved until they had a first class track. In all it took them eighteen months to complete.

**Left:** Timekeepers and officials at the championships: Oliver Brownhood, John All, Des McEwan and Robert Semple.

**Below:** This is the track, showing the hairpin bend at the top and the pits centre, taken during the championship meeting.

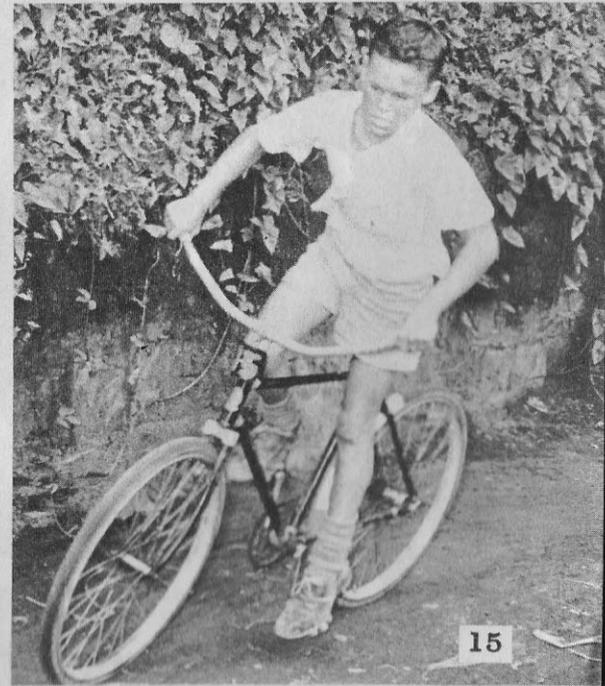


Though only four riders turned out for the club's championships, the heat was on from the first lap. The event, an endurance test of 1½ hours, was won by Geoffrey Ward, who covered no less than 469 laps, a distance of over 22 miles. Above, left: David Gifford, followed by the winner, Geoffrey Ward.

**Above:** Rodney Short suitably dressed for the race, takes a corner at a fast pace.

**Left:** Donald Goodwin, chief mechanic, sits in the pits mending a puncture while the race was in progress.

**Below:** Peter Miscall stands on his pedals in an effort to make up ground.





## Married

**Left:** At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Ruby Joy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.V. Mayo, New Plymouth, to Bryan Harry, only son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Inch, New Plymouth. Valerie Titter was the bridesmaid and Bruce Murray was the best man. Future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

**Below:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth. Claire, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.L. Jenkins, New Plymouth, to Robert Patrick, only son of Mr J. Bowler, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Sylvia Cooper of Alton, Lorraine Scown, Gay Jenkins and Frances Nicolls. The best man was Alex Finch, and the groomsmen were Keith Okey. Future home of the couple will be Stratford.

## Roving Camera



**Above:** Hats that went out of fashion many years ago, and were dug up from goodness knows where, these boaters were worn by two pretty supporters at the recent Taranaki Surf Championships on Oakura Beach. The day was sunny and hot, and the girls, Barbara Hamilton and June Berry, made a charming picture with their happy smiles under these novel hats.

**Left:** Frances Slater, a professional model from Auckland, displays one of the new season's nighties, shown to members of the retail trade recently.

**Below:** Savage children..or rather children of members of the New Plymouth Savage Club, enjoy themselves in the cool waters at Burgess Park during the club's annual picnic.



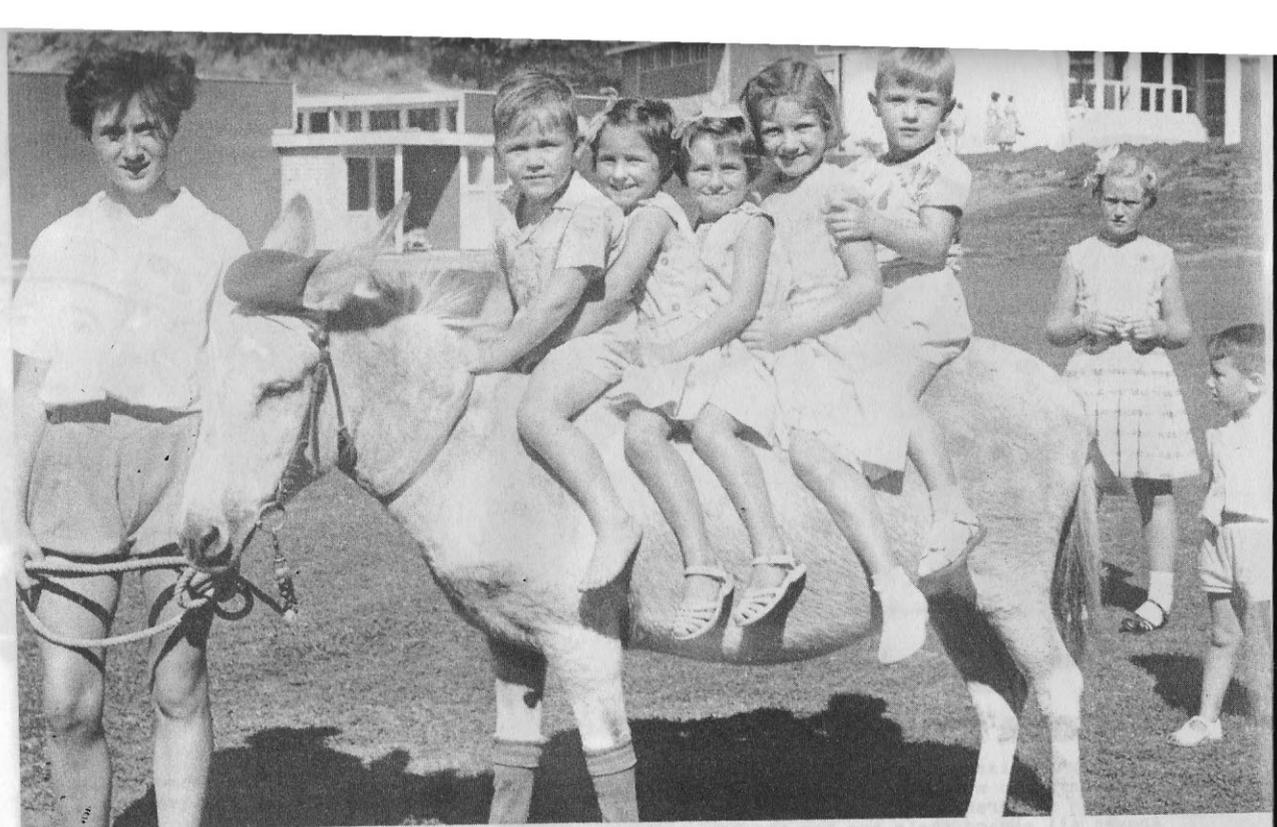
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## Bishops Play Cricket

There's no Harry Cave or Bert Sutcliffe here. They are, in fact, all Bishops. Furthermore, they are all direct descendants of Mr Lionel Bishop, Frankley Road. They made a complete cricket team recently when they did battle with the local taxi drivers' cricket team. Our photo shows Pop (Lionel) Bishop in the centre at the back with his five sons and five grandsons. From left, middle row, Pat, Basil, Max, Des, and Trevor. Front row, Rodney, Neville, Gary, Jeff and Dennis.

Below: Not only could the Bishops field a full cricket team, but they also supplied the spectators, made up of in-laws and out-laws, cousins etc.

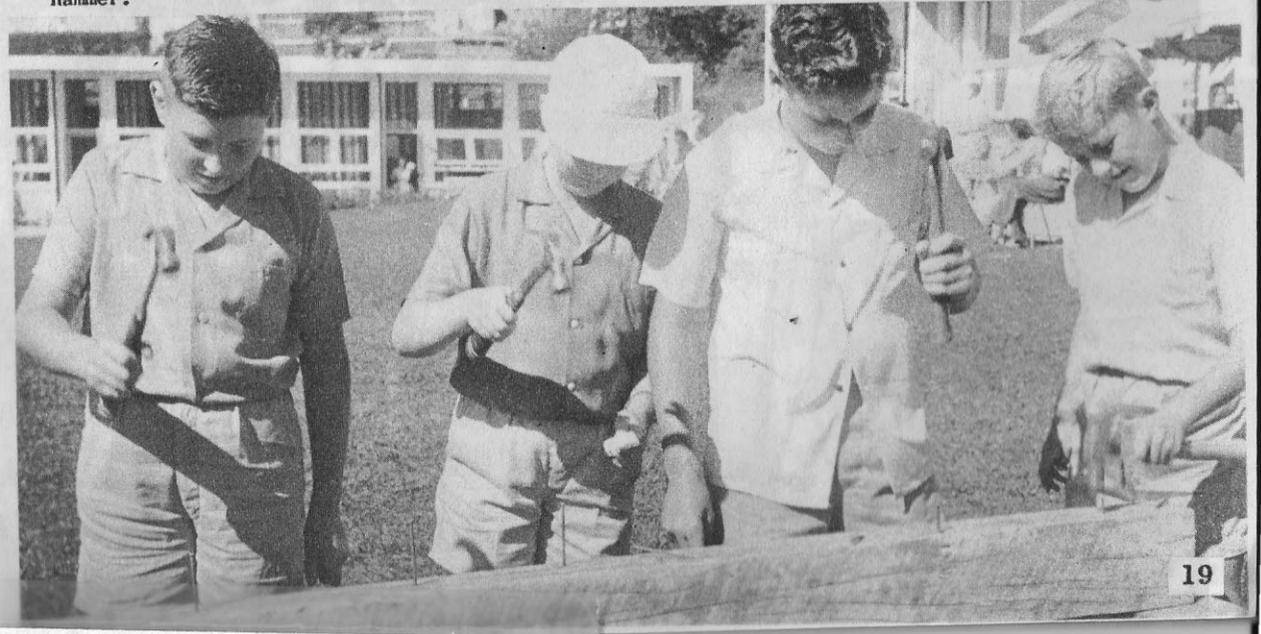


## Intermediate School Gala Day

The Devon Intermediate School held a most successful Gala Day recently, when parents and friends came along in numbers to patronise the stalls and watch the children at play. There were all sorts of things on which parents could spend their money, but what appealed most to the children were the donkey rides, mostly by the girls, and the nail driving competition, by the boys.

Above: Sherry Holmes leads the dressed donkey, Jennifer, with a big load of happy children, who all had a friendly pat for this hard-working moke. Those on board are, from the front end, Russell Gilmer, Barbara and Margaret Wagstaff, Murray Taylor and Stephen Smith.

Below: Gary Quigley, Graham Johnson, Brian Jeffreys and Bruce Johnson had great fun trying to drive home the nails. Note how the boys are all keeping their free hands out of the way of the hammer.



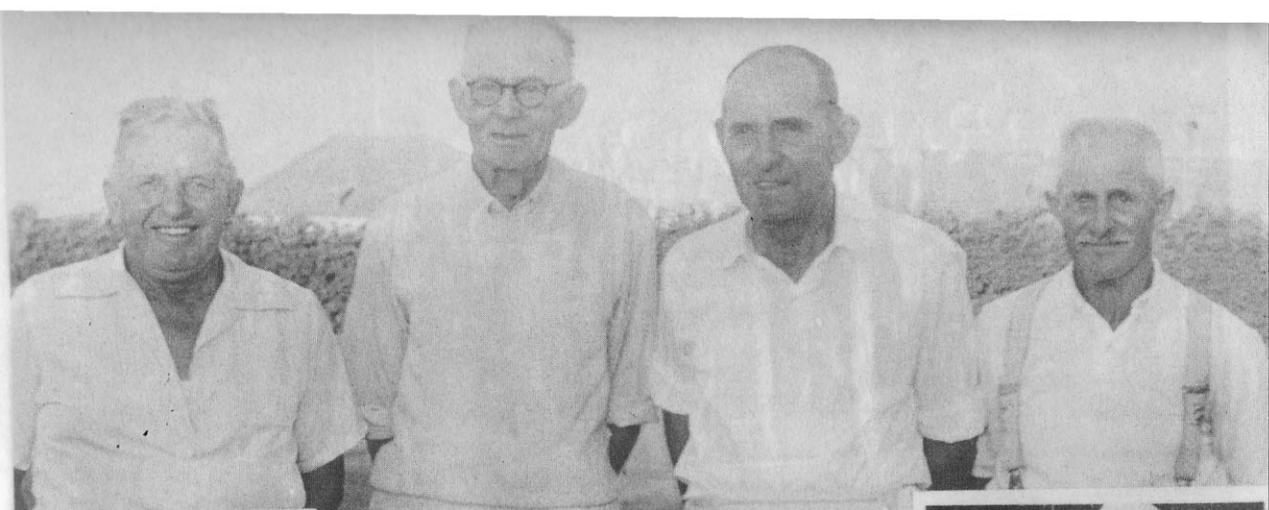


## Visitors from Tauranga

Probably the largest group of visitors, coming from furthest away, was a party of Women's Institute members who were the guests of the New Plymouth W.I. branch. They stayed for Festival Week, and all voiced favourable opinions about what they had seen at the Bowl of Brooklands.

**Above:** All aboard their bus for the homeward journey to Tauranga, where they will have lots to say about the hospitality of their New Plymouth hosts.

**Below:** Some of the party of New Plymouth women who acted as hosts to the Tauranga ladies, pose by the bus before the start of their guests' homeward journey.



## Veterans on the Green

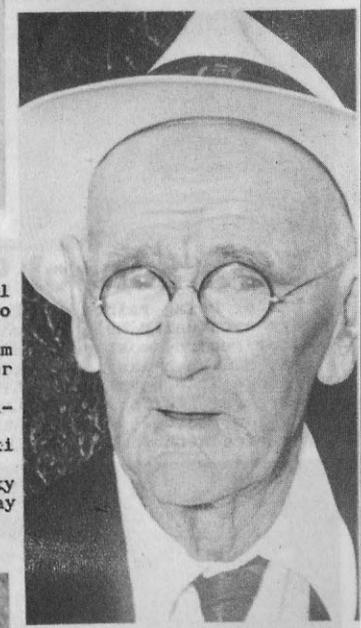
The Taranaki Centre recently held a successful Veterans' Bowling Tournament. This was open only to the youngsters of 65 or over.

**Above:** Tournament winners of the Waimea Club. From left, Joe Burkett (skip), Tom Bishop, Hilton Farmer and Joe Myers.

**Left:** Oldest competitor, Ernie Surrey of the Waimea club. He's 92 next June.

**Right:** Arthur Davies (90), father of the Taranaki Bowling Centre President, Nelson Davies.

**Below:** After section play, those who were unlucky enough to be put out, never tiring of the game, stay behind to watch the play-off.



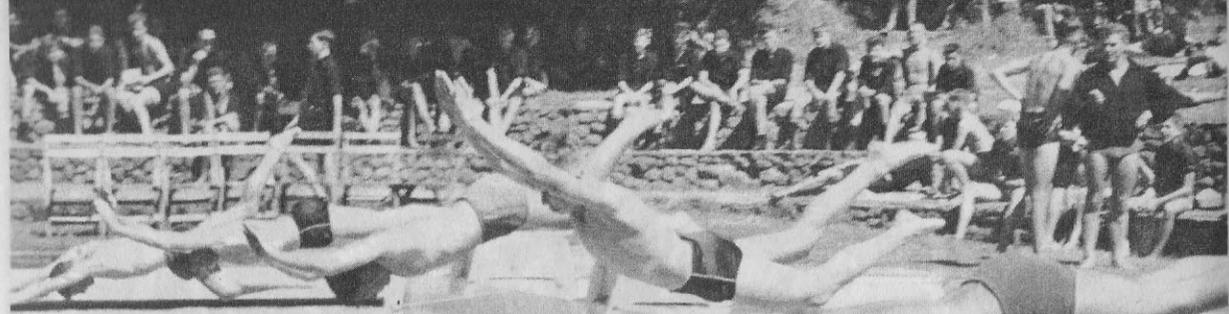


## High School Swimming Sports

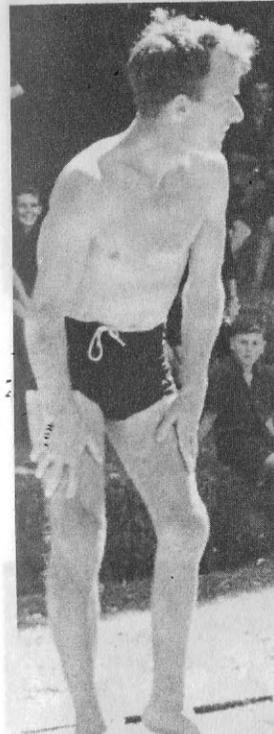
After being rained off from their original date, the New Plymouth Boys High School Swimming Sports were eventually held in weather that was ideal. A feature of the sports was the tumbling of record after record, mostly by Mark Saxton. He broke no fewer than six records, some established many years ago. N.G. Rush was in outstanding form in the intermediate events, breaking two records.

**Above:** The boys show jubilation, when Mark Saxton, for the Day boys, just touched in front of the Boarders' last string in the relay event.

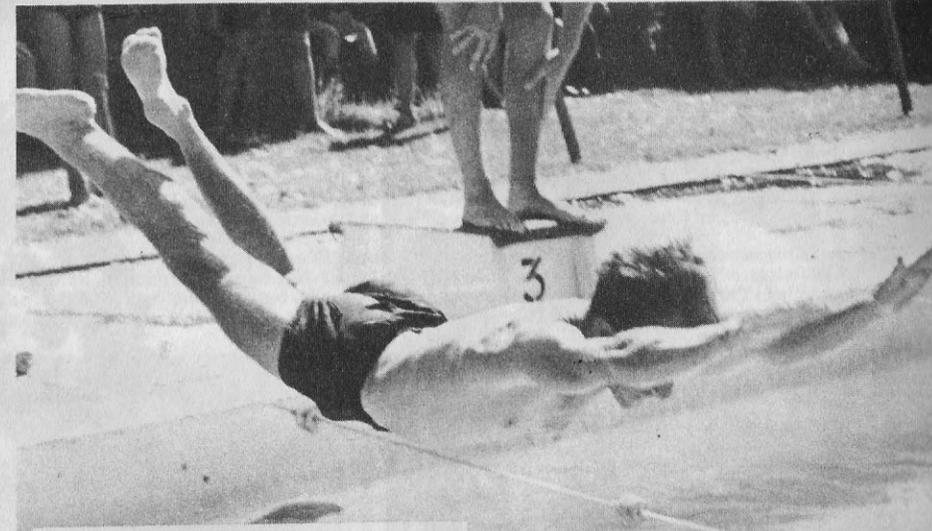
**Below:** Quite a few parents and friends went along to see their offspring in action. They were well rewarded with some very fine competitive swimming.



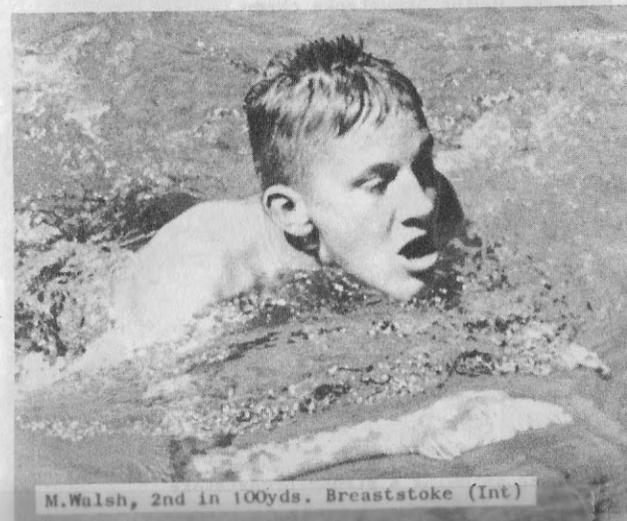
Good starting was a feature of the sports



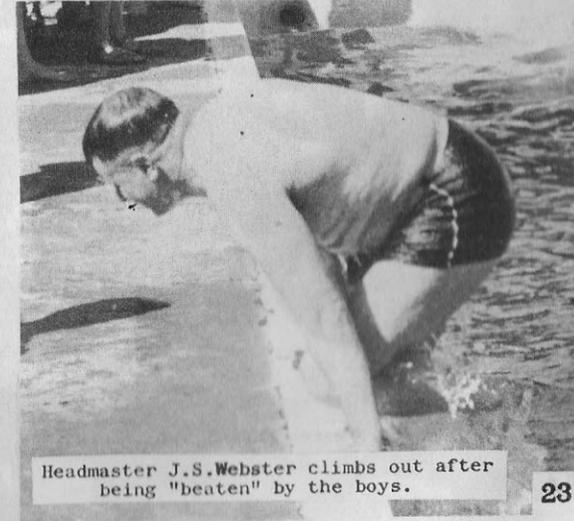
Noel Lynch..also swam



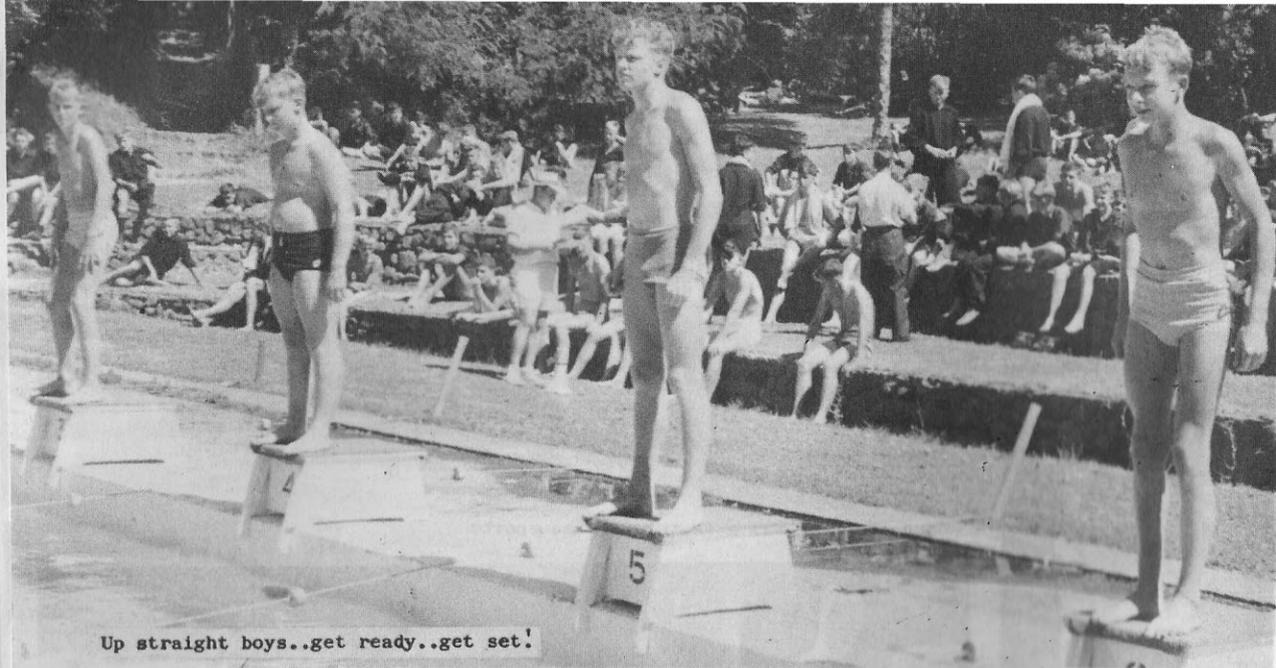
Noel Lynch..off the mark in a hurry



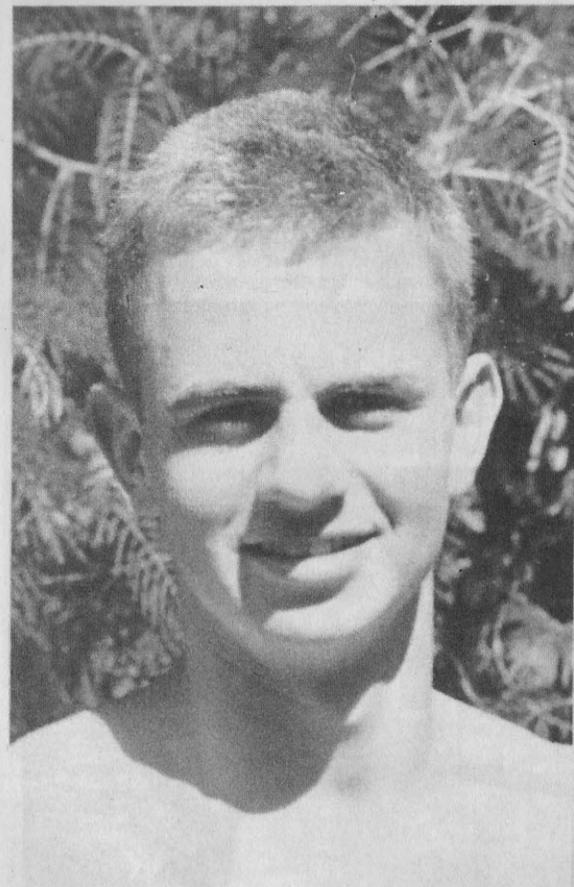
M. Walsh, 2nd in 100yds. Breaststoke (Int)



Headmaster J.S. Webster climbs out after being "beaten" by the boys.



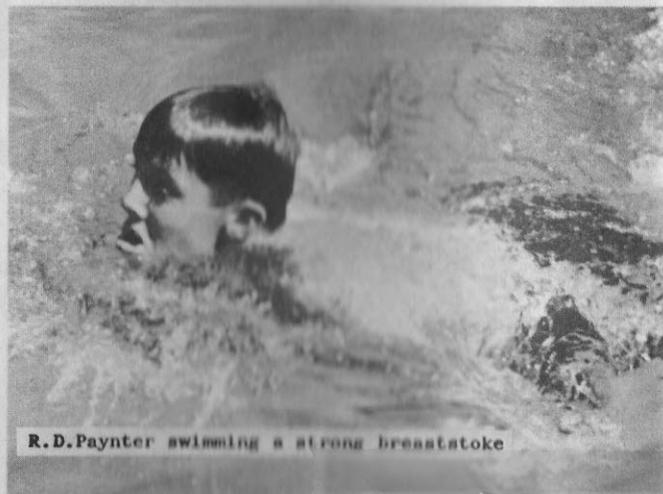
Up straight boys..get ready..get set!



Record-breaker Mark Saxton



N.Banford, junior breastroke champ.



R.D.Paynter swimming a strong breaststoke



### Wedding Bells

**Above:** At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Margaret Arline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Reg Wood, New Plymouth, to John Kenneth, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Sam Mills, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Dorothy Stoko and Elaine Wood, sister of the bride. Vernon Wood, brother of the bride, was best man, and the groomsmen was a cousin, Leslie Wood. Future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

**Below:** At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Beverley Faye, youngest daughter of Mrs and the late Mr A.E.Reesby, New Plymouth, to Allan Douglas, second son of Mr and Mrs H.McLellan, New Plymouth. Matron of honour was Betty Burr, and the bridesmaid was Judy Lash. Ian Siffleet was the best man and the groomsmen was Laurie McLellan, brother of the groom. Future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.





## Roving Camera

On Festival Night, an illuminated barge came floating across the lake at the Bowl of Brooklands with Miss Brooklands and her maids—a sight that was both splendid and colourful for the 4,000 people who attended. The high of the evening came a little later, when Miss Brooklands 1959 (Cushla Collins) was greeted and crowned by Miss Brooklands 1958 (Marie Leadbetter).

Below: The three candidates in the Central Taranaki area contest in the Methodist Queen Carnival, now in full swing over the whole of the province. The three princesses, who recently attended a Gala Day at Tamuata Park, Eltham are, from left, Noeline Fox (Stratford), Elva Lilley (Kaponga) and Ngaire Codd (Inglewood).



## The Lighthouse

Cape Egmont lighthouse, attraction for many visitors during the holiday period. Photographed against a backdrop of summery clouds, which obscure Mount Egmont, the ancient building contrasts well against the modern car, carrying holiday-makers to the beach nearby.





Eltham Municipal Band leads the procession through the main street

## ELTHAM'S 75th JUBILEE

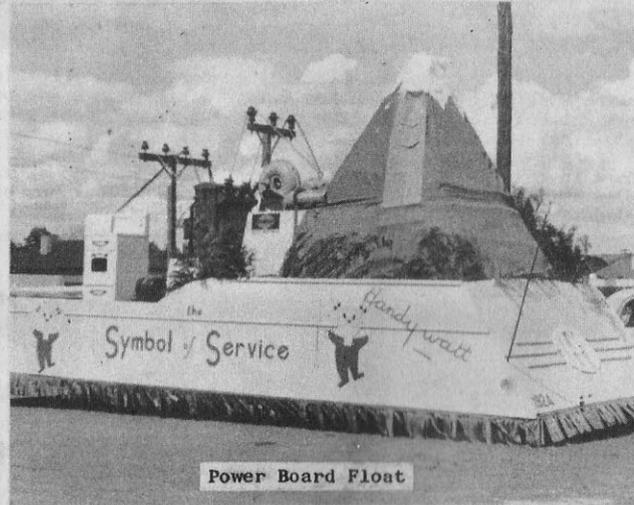
Eltham's normal population of 2400 was at least trebled for the start of the town's 75th Jubilee celebrations which began on a high note. The proceedings opened with a parade of floats, probably the biggest that the town has ever seen. It certainly did credit to the organisers and those who entered. Some of the floats were outstanding in their originality and ingenuity. The Prime Minister, Mr Nash, officially opened the week of celebrations. It was the first visit a Prime Minister has paid to Eltham since the golden Jubilee 25 years ago. Bravo Eltham, it was a wonderful show!



Thousands lined the streets for the procession...Eltham's largest crowd ever?



Maori representation



Power Board Float



Old time buggy



Youth of the Red Cross float



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Rotary plus pretty girls



Old Folks Association entry



Golf Club comes to town



The old way..1884

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Eltham's Highland Pipe Band played stirring music to thrill the crowd



Prime Minister arrives for the official opening



Old time store... "56lb Potatoes 2/3"



The dray horse in a comeback



Little Theatre...prizewinning entry



Queen for a day



30 Old time milkman... "1 1/2d. a pint"



Combined Churches colourful float



Ancient and modern...local newspaper



Guides and Scouts well represented



Mrs Nola Rush and daughter Nancy in period costume.



Prime Minister walks to hotel



Oldest guest...105-year-old Solomon Zinsli...Eltham pioneer.



Eltham's own marching girls were there too



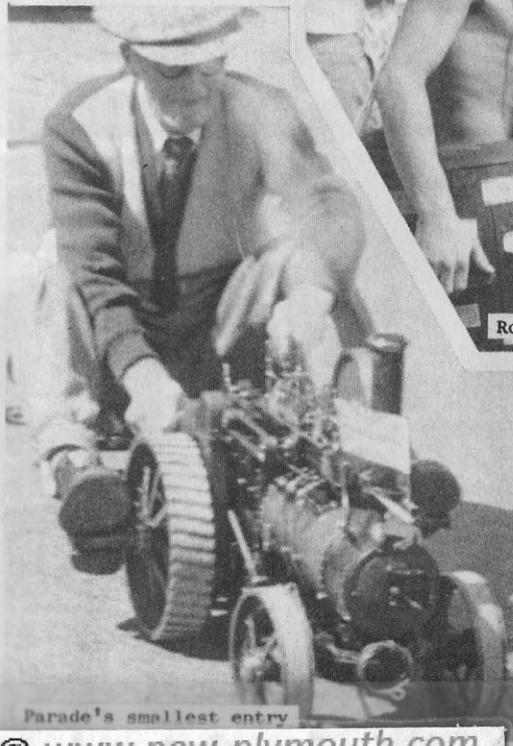
Penny farthing



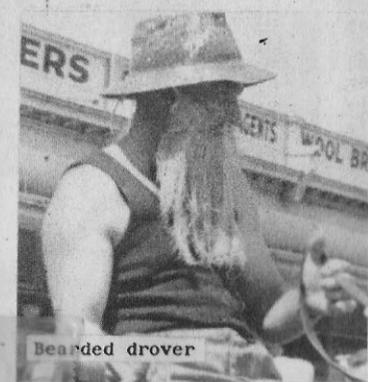
Three contestants for Queen Carnival, Jan Tocher, Beverley Pitcaithly and Maureen MacFie.



Roll out the barrel...no clowning



Parade's smallest entry



Bearded drover



On a bicycle built for two...



## Bowls Champions

**Top:** Winners of the recent open women's tournament, which attracted entries from all parts of the North Island. The winners, who belong to the Inglewood Bowling Club are, from left, Mesdames Dorothy Chard, (5), Agnes Spurdle (5), Edna Fabish (2) and Nita Bishop (lead).

**Above:** Runners-up in the tournament are from the New Plymouth Club. From left, Mesdames Len Chambers (5), Dot Robinson (3), Phyl Vosper (2) and Ellie Henderson (lead).

**Right:** Winners of the Taranaki champion of champions fours who represent the Opunake Bowling Club, O.W.Lewis (s), L.A. Young (3), C.J.King (2) and H.J. Davy (lead).



## Married

**Above:** At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Maree Sabina, daughter of Mrs N.J. Leadbetter, New Plymouth, to Leo Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs C.G. Noble-Campbell, Karori, Wellington. The bridesmaids were Mary Leadbetter, Margaret Kerr and Annette Giles. Vincent Noble-Campbell was the best man. Bernard Noble-Campbell and Kevin Briscoe were the groomsmen, and Catherine Murphy was the flowergirl. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

**Right:** At the Presbyterian Church, Opunake, Elva Maude, second daughter of Mr and Mrs G.C. Clouston, Opunake, to William Skein Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Lyon, Aberdeen, Scotland. Beverley Morris of Opunake was the bridesmaid, and Charles Wilson, Taupo was the best man. The future home of the couple will be at Te Kuiti.





Lindy Bates (Inglewood)



Diedre Wellington (Te Popo)



Lillian Wickham (Inglewood)



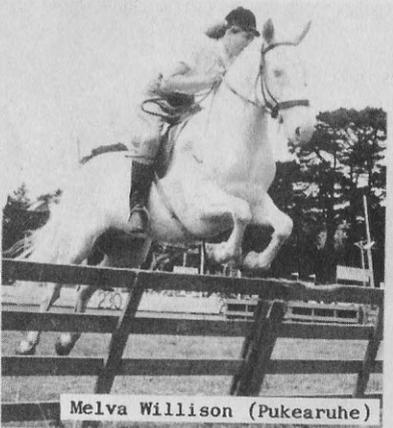
Frances Gay (Manaia)



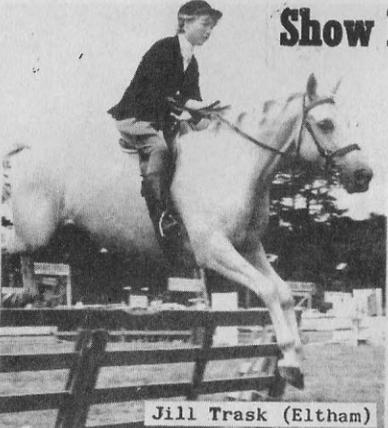
Wendy Judson (Waitara)



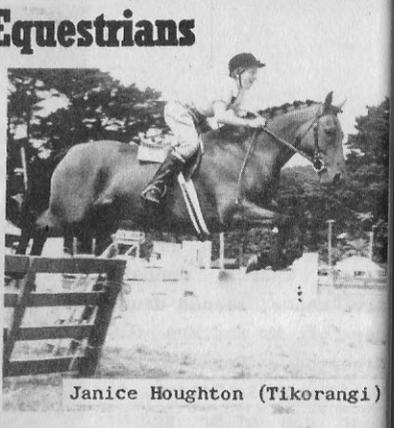
Marie Harris (Eltham)



Melva Willison (Pukearuhe)



Jill Trask (Eltham)



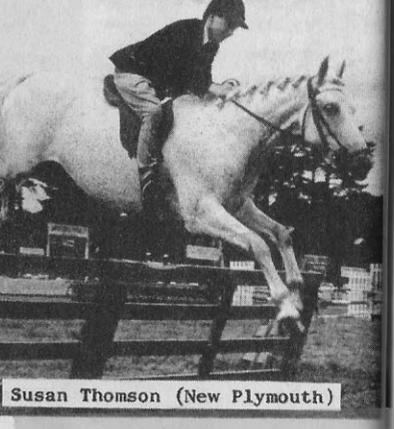
Janice Houghton (Tikorangi)



Judith Bullen (New Plymouth)



Jane Wynyard (New Plymouth)



Susan Thomson (New Plymouth)

### Show Equestrians



### Coming of Age

Above, left: George William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.W. Worsley, Broadway North, Stratford, cuts the cake at his coming-of-age.

Above, centre: Gary Alfred, son of Mr and Mrs C.Terrill of Motonui, who recently celebrated his coming-of-age.

Above, right: Ernest Raymond John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.W.Grigg, Ratapiko, cuts the cake at his recent coming-of-age party at the Ratapiko Hall.

Right: Barry, second son of Mr and Mrs W.B. Cardiff, New Plymouth, is helped with the cake-cutting by his mother and father, when he celebrated his 21st birthday recently.

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## Married

Left: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Gail Eris, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Wilkins, New Plymouth, to Noel Thomas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.G. Whelan, Otakeho. The bridesmaid was Ruth Smith of Huntly and the best man was Brian Whelan, brother of the groom. Elizabeth MacKay acted as the flowergirl. The future home of the couple will be Okiawa.

Below: At the Baptist Tabernacle, New Plymouth, Marlene Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Clarke, New Plymouth, to Robert Arnold, youngest son of Mr and the late Mrs Ron Paul, New Plymouth. Barbara Birkby and Valerie Jones were the bridesmaids, and Ross Clarke, brother of the bride, was best man. The groomsmen were Neville Dixon. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



## Glider at Bell Block

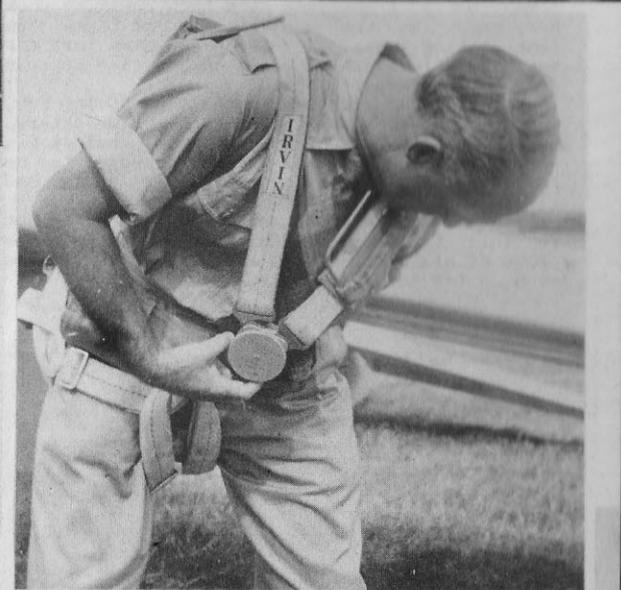
This large German-made glider was seen soaring over New Plymouth and surrounding districts. It was on loan from a brother Gliding Club, so that the members of the New Plymouth Gliding Club could get the feel of it, before they themselves purchased a similar machine. Costing something in the region of £1200, this extremely well-made glider is very likely to become a permanent inhabitant at Bell Block.

Above: John Mansell, a Masterton glider pilot, helps Airport Control Officer Bill Green with the necessary straps.

Above, right: John puts the lid on things, before a flight.

Right: Bill Green dons his parachute, and gets a little mixed with the straps.

Below: The graceful glider, needing only a very short towing run, about to take off.





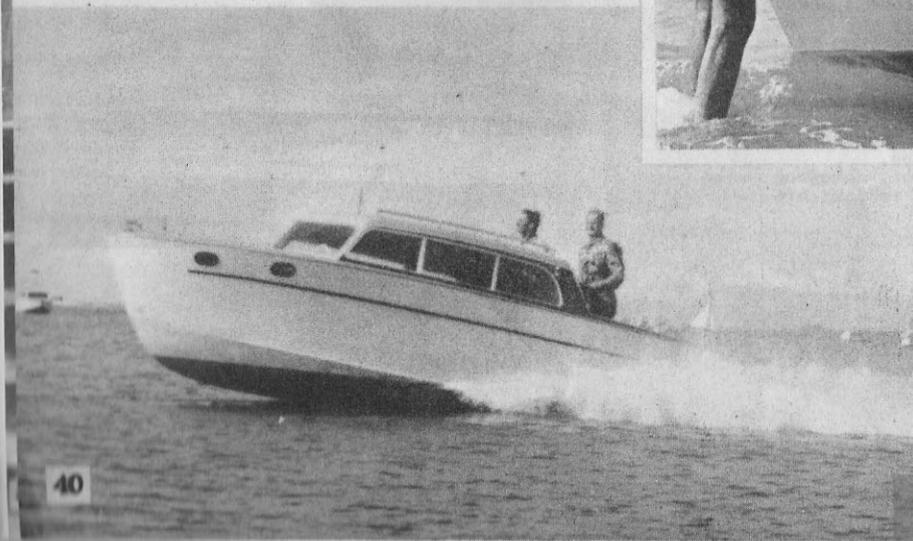
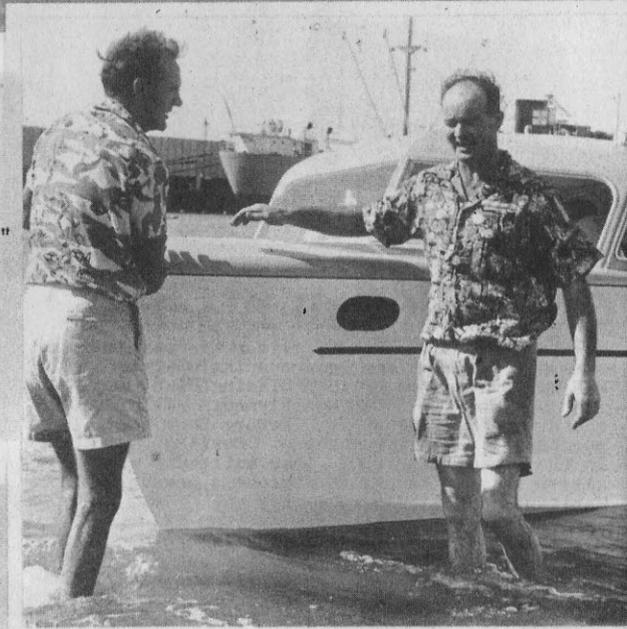
## Home-made Speedboats

Many hours of patience and back-breaking work have gone into the construction of these two fine-looking boats, to be seen any time that the weather is reasonable, down on the fine stretch of water off Ngamotu beach.

**Above:** Ray Riddick, at the helm of "Dulcy May," makes a fast run, while towing the water-skiers.

**Right:** Reg Morris of Huatoki Road, brings his sleek craft (as yet unnamed) into shore, as he prepares to load it onto the trailer, having had a fine afternoon's fun.

**Below:** For the final run, Reg opened her out to full throttle. Reg has every right to be proud of his boat. It is one of the best to be seen on the beach for a long time.



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## Disastrous Church Fire





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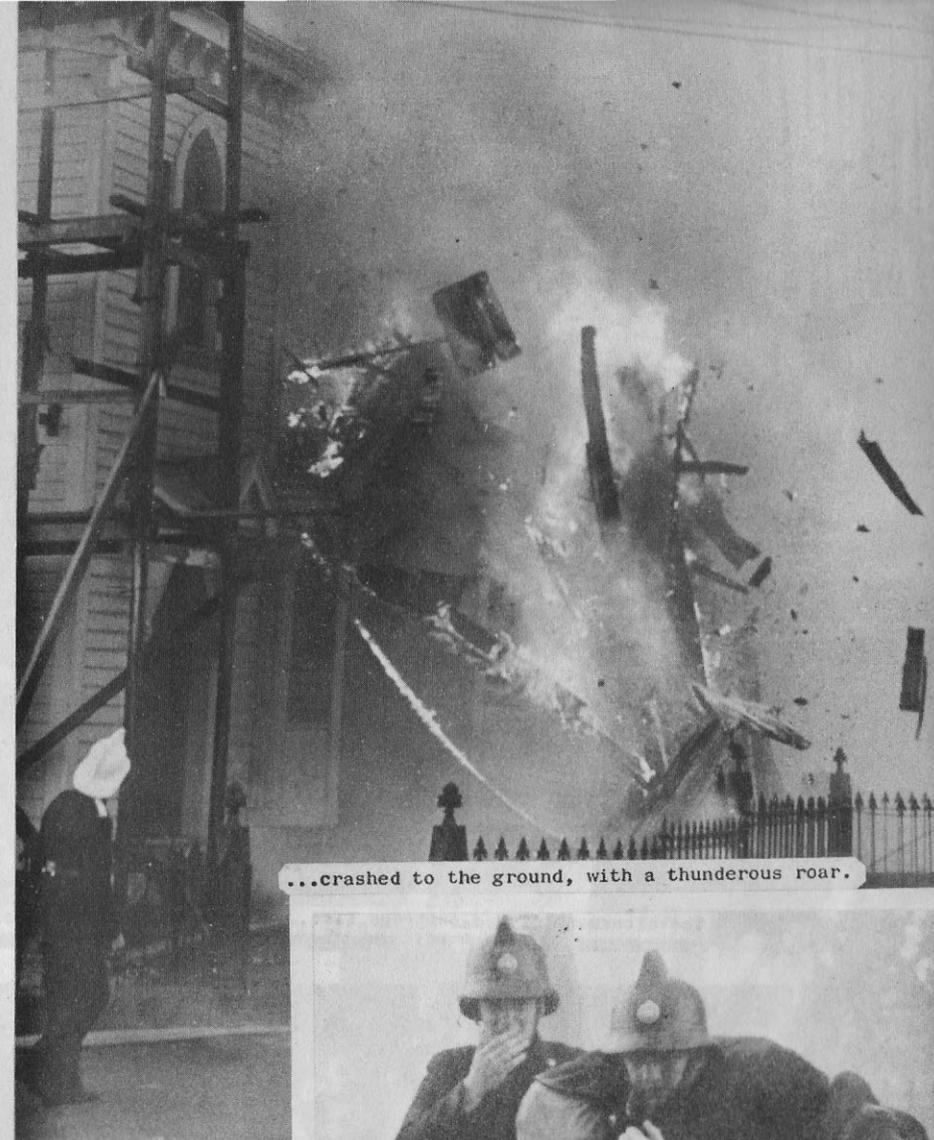
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*David Frost,  
New Plymouth, N.Z.*

Whiteley was more than a Church. She represented the coming of Christianity to Taranaki. Her name memorialised a missionary martyr whose dying is accounted to have been a martyr's in the ending of our so called Maori Wars. Thereafter, Whiteley's story is one of decades of quiet service, consoling ministries and wholesome influences. Such Churches do not die. Whiteley will rise again and will be the future generations. How privileged we are to have the opportunity of building such a centre in our own life's time! How grand if it can be said - "This is what happened in 1959, when citizens helped one another!"

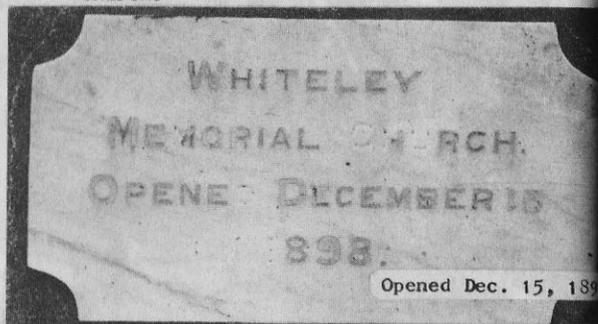
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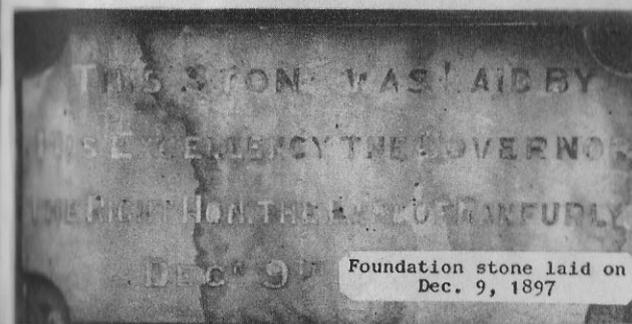
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Opened Dec. 15, 1898



Foundation stone laid on Dec. 9, 1897



....Injured Fireman Keith Parker, who was carried out of the burning building by his comrade Peter Reilly, with Dave Sutton on hand to give assistance.