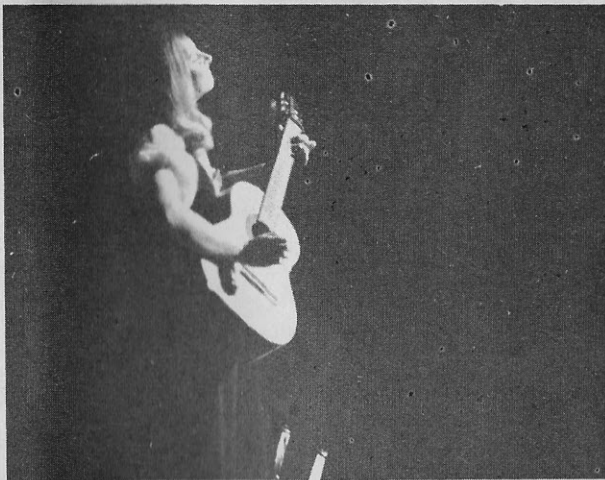


CONCERT BY CHOIR

A concert by the Choir of Dame Sister Mary Leo was to have been held at the Bowl of Brooklands in conjunction with the crowning of Miss Brooklands. Miss Brooklands was stranded in Whakatane and rain fell heavily, so the concert was shifted to the Opera House and the crowning ceremony transferred to yet another date.



The choir claps in appreciation of a solo given by the singer pictured above



Mr Muggeridge is seen discing the newly-ploughed paddock using the same six-horse team



He found this set of discs rusting away under a farmer's hedge and completely restored them himself



Lou Muggeridge will boast that his six-horse team has been known to extract a bogged bulldozer. When discing the horses move at a very fast pace. Our photographer had to run to keep up with them

NOW SOUND

MOODIES TO TOUR CHINA?

It seems possible that the Moody Blues may become the first ever Western rock music group to tour China.

Apparently an invitation was made to the Moody Blues by members of the Chinese delegation at the United Nations. The invitation was made after one of the Chinese table-tennis players took a Moody Blues L.P. — 'To Our Children's Children's Children' — and exclaimed that it was the best example of modern western music. The people to whom he played the album were also impressed and everything 'just snowballed.'

If the Moody Blues do go, then it seems likely that the tour will be around July or August this year. They will be the first ever group of rock musicians to ever perform on the inside of the Bamboo curtain, and only the second group of Western musicians to perform there in the last forty years. The London Symphony Orchestra toured China last March.

Once again this move proves that music knows no barriers. Neither politics nor language differences present a barrier, music is universal. Perhaps then, as a means of spreading goodwill, governments from the world's nations could well consider the sending of musicians on goodwill tours to foreign lands.

The Moody Blues say that their tour of China will not enlarge their purses. It is not a financial proposition. However the group claim that it is their desire to be given the opportunity to communicate with the people of China, a nation that for so long has been hidden from the West.



Moody Blues

ANOTHER GOLD FOR DENVER

John Denver has just picked up his fifth Gold album in America. The album, 'Farewell Andromeda' was certified Gold by the Recording Industry Association of America less than a month after its release in the United States by RCA.

This was John Denver's second Gold disc in four months, his previous one (fourth Gold) being for 'Poems, Prayers and Promises.'

John Denver's next L.P. release is to be titled 'John Denver's Greatest Hits' and New Zealand release of the album is not very far off.

SOLO TOUR BY YOKO ONO

Yoko Ono is to make a European concert tour, unaccompanied by husband John Lennon.

Yoko plans to perform in Germany, France, Sweden and also possibly in England. John will remain in Greenwich Village, New York.



John Denver

BOBBY DARRIN DEAD

Bobby Darrin, who had such hits back in the late fifties as 'Multiplication,' 'Splish Splash,' 'Mack the Knife' and 'Clementine' died in December during an operation for the replacement of a heart valve.

Bobby Darrin had had a heart condition all his life as a result of rheumatic fever when a child.

EX-KIWI FOR HAWAII

Ex-New Zealand singer Dalvanus Prime, who now bases himself in Sydney, has joined with a group who now call themselves simply Dalvanus and the Fascinations, and they have been booked for a three-week tour of Hawaiian College campuses.

After the tour, the group will spend a few weeks in New Zealand before returning to Australia for a national tour which commences in Perth. Dalvanus and the Fascinations have just released a single called 'Love Train.'

IN BRIEF . . .

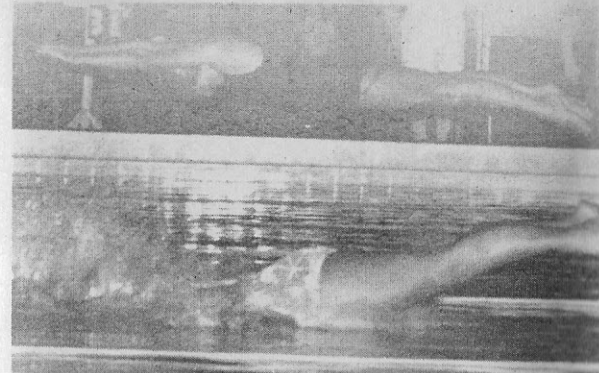
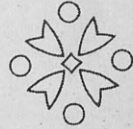
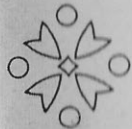
David Cassidy will perform one concert only in New Zealand. This will be in Auckland on February 27th. Following this, Cassidy will tour Australia . . .

The General Manager of Phonogram N.Z. Ltd, John McCready, has left New Zealand to take up a senior management position with Phonogram in London . . .

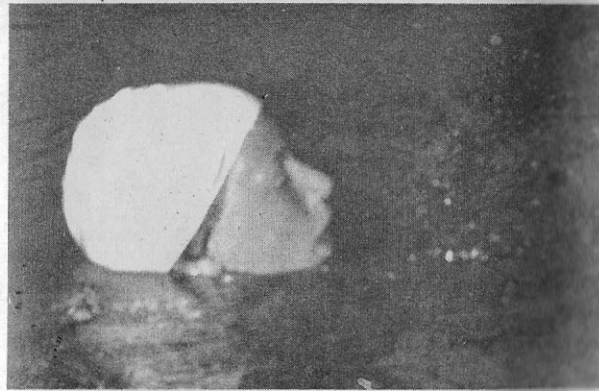
Another batch of names set to tour New Zealand are as follows . . . Blue Mink. They are due in this country at the end of March . . . Albert Hammond is due in the middle of June for a ten-concert tour . . .

Sergio Mendes is due here in early March for concerts at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Hamilton . . . and Nana Mouskouri has been tentatively booked for July or August . . .

The Osmonds are expected here at the end of this year . . . It is interesting to see that Dawn's 'Tie a Yellow Ribbon Around the Old Oak Tree' has been in the British charts for more than 44 weeks. Now that is something of a record, surely?



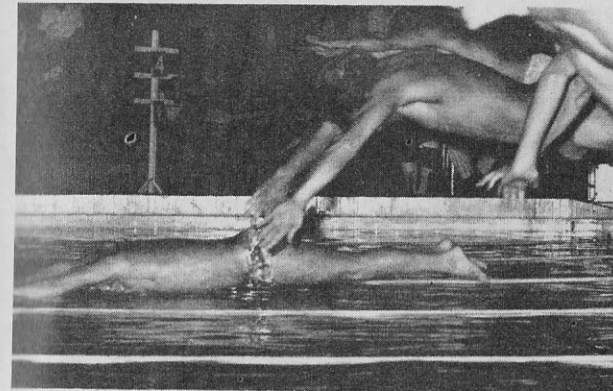
The start of the senior women's 400 metre freestyle final



This competitor showed a great deal of promise

Swimming Champs at Kawaroa

The Taranaki Swimming Championships were held in four sessions, two in New Plymouth and two in Hawera. We attended one of the sessions, held at Kawaroa Pool in New Plymouth.



They're off! This time it's the men's 100 metre freestyle race



Russell Moffitt collects the Bennett Cup, for the 400 metre senior event . . .



. . . and then the Gayton Cup for the 50 metre relay. This time Russell collects on behalf of his team



Glyn Williams collects the Trueman Cup for the 400 metre freestyle



The Old Boys' captain collects both the Spragg Cup and the Dunning Cup



Bill Scott spent at least part of the day sunbathing



Relaxing in the shade are Mesdames Cameron and Hancox



Lyn Cameron and her mother just sat and enjoyed the sunshine . . .

ST JOHN PICNIC

The St John Ambulance and Scouts combined recently for a picnic which was held at Camp Huinga.

Four hangis were prepared to cater for large appetites and a big crowd kept themselves amused talking, swimming or just basking in the sun.



Timothy Clyma, Mark Winder and Peter Cowie from the West End Scout Troup prepare to boil a pot of water



Cooking sausages are Graeme Thomson, Anthony Mackrell, Stuart Cameron, Lindsay Thomson and Mark Winder, all from West End Scout Troup



. . . while Meryl Henry decided to do her sunbathing on top of a rock



Don Robinson was the man responsible for the hangis



Crossing swift-flowing waters with the help of a rope was a good exercise for the younger ones, especially with Dad's supervision



Tracy Downs wasn't too interested in anything except her thumb and her bike



Lolly scramble time, and boy did those kids move

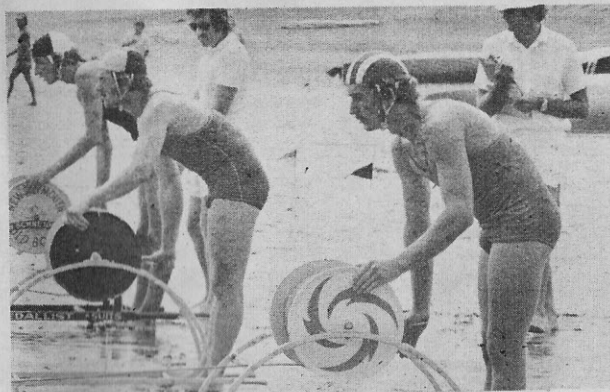


And this was the scene of the treasure hunt

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SOMETHING "COMING UP" CONTACT US!**



In the Rescue and Resuscitation four-man event we picture the Fitzroy team at two stages of the operation



SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPS

The Taranaki Surf Life-Saving Championships were held at Fitzroy Beach over a two-day period, one recent weekend. The first day's events were marred by heavy rain but on the second day the sun shone brightly and the championships were continued under much more pleasant conditions.

Old Boys won the championships with outright wins in most events.



Sheltering from the rain are spectators Jenny James and Linda Third



Graeme Uren and Tony Clarke watched events on the first day from shelter



On the first day, with rain falling heavily, the open surf boat events were held



Pictured are a selection of the boats taking part in the event, both on the outward and homeward journeys



The second day dawned and the sun shone brightly, making for more pleasant conditions. Here is the start of the paddle board race



First home in the race was R. Philp of the Fitzroy team (LEFT) and second was B. Johns, also of Fitzroy (RIGHT)



The Island Bay team which took part in the championships



Swapping the batons in the ladies' relay race



It's all arms and legs at the start of the senior surf race



Sea is sprayed high as a mass of bodies race through the water, each one trying to get out in front



First back to the beach was R. Moffatt of the Fitzroy team



Second and third places went to T. Corkin (East End) and N. Nodder (East End), respectively

PRObe

with BRYCE McPHERSON



Snakes alive, and in the city's pride and joy, Pukekura Park. Not a nice thought. I'm like most people – not at all fond of creepy crawlies. But snakes (even in a zoo) . . . ugh!!

Truism (from man with a severe hangover): "Now I believe there is life after death."

The "drought" had the result of effecting petrol conversation per medium of motor mowers and "shortage" of grass. But came the mid-February rains and you could literally "see" the grass growing.

Brand new Navy ensign: "Listen, sailor, if the Captain ever caught you calling this deck a floor, he'd throw you right out of one of those little round windows."

Pretty airline hostess was embarrassed by the actions of a small passenger at the New Plymouth Airport. Nursing the passenger (a dog) while it was fed a tranquiliser, she suddenly cried: "The little tike has wet all over me" – this within the hearing of a number of passengers. Her face went the colour of her uniform (red).

A sweater is a good investment for a girl to make: She gets all she puts into it and interest besides.

Did you know: That there are 50 police officers, from superintendent to constables, based at the New Plymouth Police Station. And that's not all – there are seven C.I.B. officers as well.

Divorce lawyer to couple: "Well, that's all settled. Now, as a bonus, we can tell you where to get the best price on your double bed."

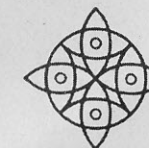
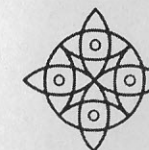
Speaking of facts, the New Plymouth Fire Station offers seven fire appliances, a rescue unit, 11 officers, 25 firemen, 20 fire police and 15 volunteers.



There used to be a trick-rider with a circus. He'd ride bare-back into the ring, lean low from his horse and pick up a handkerchief with his teeth. For an encore he'd pick up his teeth.

There are 98 miles of streets, and 171 miles of sealed footpaths in New Plymouth; and since 1960 the total capital value of the city has grown by \$92,607,540 to \$155,207,270.

The old man noticed a young man with a bottle in one hand and his arm around a pretty girl. "What a waste of time," he mused, "he can drink when he gets older."



BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES — PHOTO NEWS BABY PHOTO CONTEST

Entries for the 1974 Bank of New South Wales — Photo News Baby Photo Contest closed on March 15th. We have had literally hundreds of entries once again, and on this page we show just a very few of them. In our next issue we will bring you the results of the contest and a big picture of the lucky winner, so until next issue, keep your fingers crossed. Remember, the winner collects the cup and \$50 prize.



Adrienne Hodge, aged 12 months



Joanna Hodge, aged 2½ years



Kelly O'Leary, aged 20 months



Joanne Gordon-Stables, aged 4 years



Paul Byrne, aged 15 months

Caravan Rally

The New Plymouth Caravan Club recently motored out to Camp Huinga to stage the first rally that the club has held in that area. Not as many members participated in this rally as on previous ones but those who did found the Camp to be a very attractive and relaxing place.



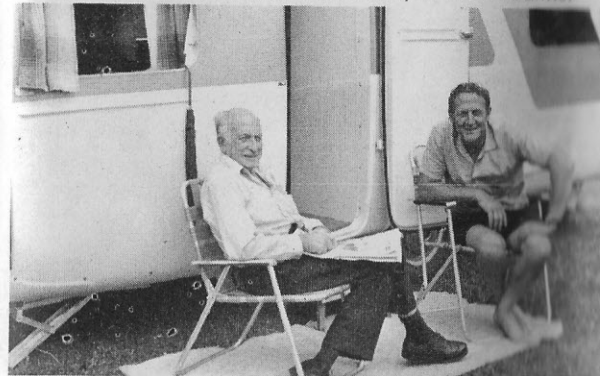
While adults sit around relaxing these kids have fun shimmying up a pole



Rally captains for this event were Harry and Gina Bulmer



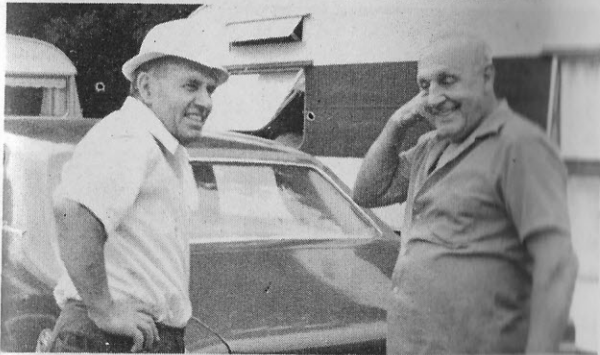
Mr and Mrs Ivan Hodder and Mrs Nell Budden



Messrs Alan Budden and J. Gedye relax outside a van



Jillian Sparks, Mollie and Heck Decke and Susan Josephs enjoying dinner



Messrs C. Ward and Jack Williamson enjoy a chin wag before lunch



The kids always have as much fun at the outings as anyone — Trudi and Kelly Bradshaw and Michelle Carter



"Hula Girls" Karen Schneller, Adele Read, Sharon Cameron, Jennifer Head, Robyn Sherriff and Nancy Murray



In shipwreck mood are Heather Broughton, John Schneller, Lyne Hewes, Tina Broughton, Charles Heremaia, Karen Schneller and Gloria Schneller



Vincent Leatherby, Colleen Mudgeway, Paul Mudgeway and Jeanette Groot



Victor Gwerder, Margaret Campbell and Jill Sharpe

SHIPWRECK CABARET

The Eltham Netball and Tennis Clubs combined recently to produce a Shipwreck Cabaret which was staged at the Eltham Town Hall.

'Hula Girls' placed leis on everyone as they entered the hall for the cabaret, and the music for the night was provided by the New Image Band.



Alan and Pam Southey



Second prize for the best outfit went to Brian Bertie, seen here with Kevin Hann



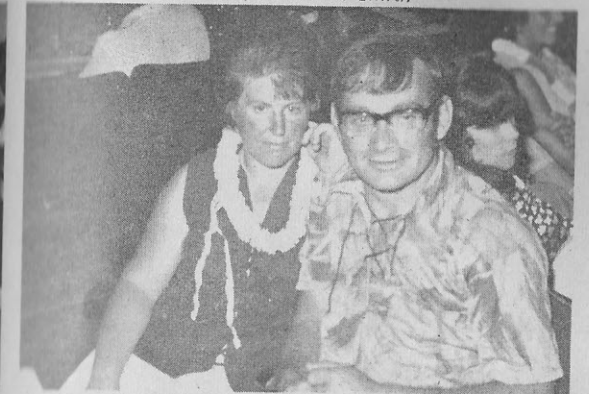
The winner of the best outfit competition was Mrs Gwitha Read, pictured here with husband Norm



Ray Willy and Anne Smith



Lance Williams and Colin Commerford



Carolyn and Murray Perrett



"Hey that was a good one" . . . Nigel Gibson and Glennison and Norm Commerer



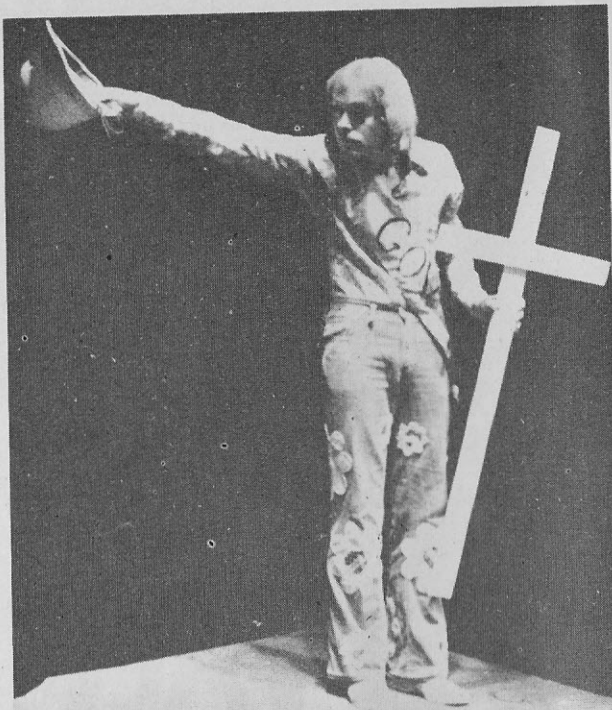
David Sinclair and Karen Atkinson



Carol Toopi, Gail Clement and Carol Munro



Dave Weston and Elizabeth Adams



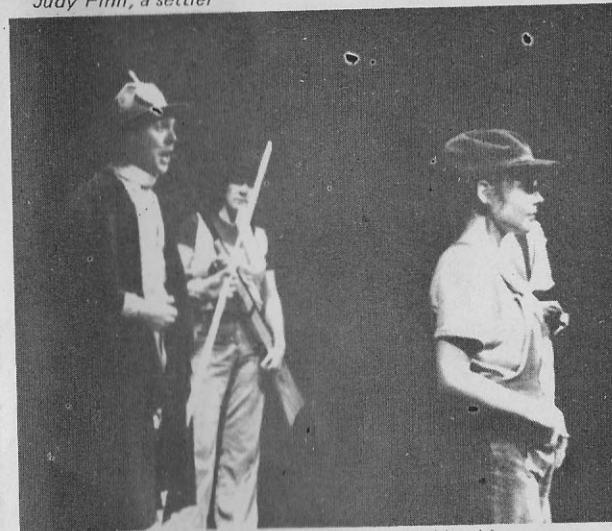
John Parkin plays a dual role as Bishop Selwyn and Governor George Grey



Judy Finn, a settler

"The Waitara Purchase"

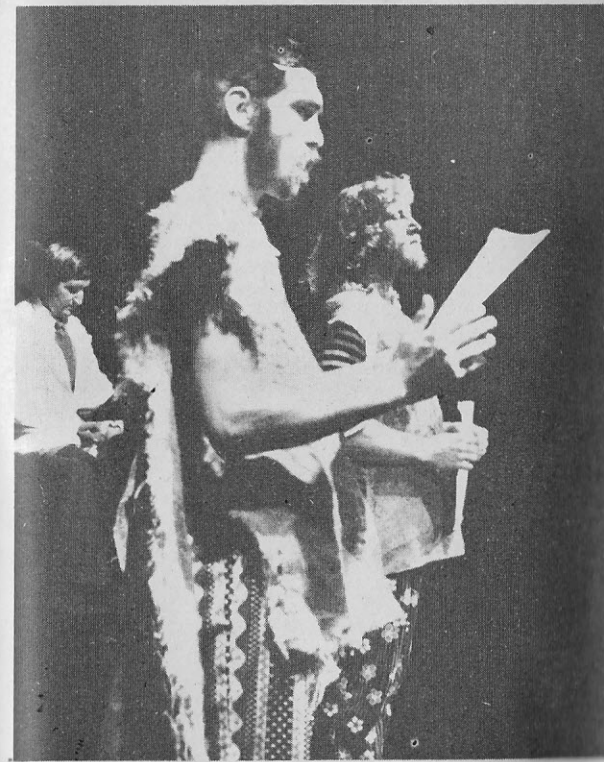
Probably the most important stage show ever performed in Taranaki would be "The Waitara Purchase." The play, written by Brian Hannam, brings to the stage part of our own Taranaki history. "Purchase" opens up new and exciting prospects for the stage and thanks are largely due to the talent and foresight of Mr Hannam. The play has been performed at Waitara, New Plymouth, Hawera and Tauranga.



A confrontation between Church and land buyer.



Ian Jones, a Frenchman



The reading of the Treaty of Waitangi



A dramatic moment at the end of Act One



The somewhat excited settlers of Taranaki demand self-government



Bill Tate as Edward Gibbon Wakefield



The cast is, at back, John Parkin, Bill Tate, Jeff Wright, Ken Mells, Tim Finn, Ian Jones and Tony Burton. In front: Producer Brian Hannam, Jenny Green and Judy Finn

BELL BLOCK KINDERGARTEN OPENED

The new Bell Block Kindergarten was officially opened a few weeks ago by Mr D. S. Thomson, M.P. for Stratford. Mr Thomson discussed education during his address, stressing the importance of pre-school education. Other speakers included Mr L. Hickford, Mr E. Stone and Mr J. Young. We went back to the kindy some days after the official opening to have another look, this time at the kids who are attending.



Mr D. S. Thomson delivers his opening address



County Chairman Mr. L. Hickford during opening ceremonies



Marck Inch had a lot of fun sitting at the edge of the sandpit, watering his "river"



A happy group in the rocker... Dianne Winwood, Kathryn Stenning, Jennifer Lambert, Andrea Waldane, Sarah Voone and Tracy Meuli



Even at this age, there's nothing like a woman to woman talk

Kids at the Kindy

Kids are always fascinating, no matter what their environment. At the kindy we discovered that every child was able to do whatever appealed to him at the time, yet all with a minimum of supervision. The atmosphere was totally relaxed and the children were very obviously most responsive to teacher suggestions. The fact that the kindy is not yet overcrowded must have a lot to do with this.



Jennifer Lambert was busily engaged in doing a jigsaw



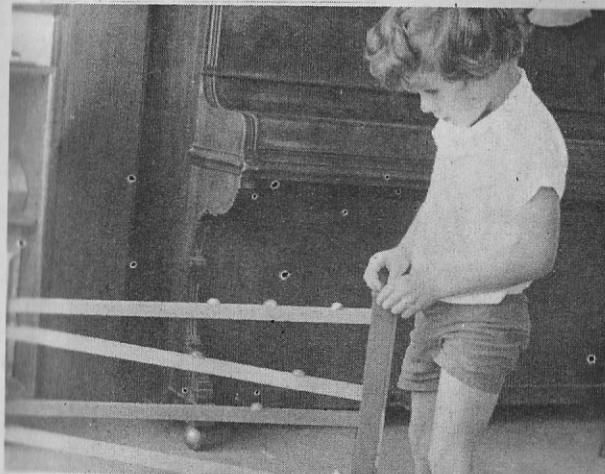
Vanessa Butcher is also handy with crayons



It's story time and Craig Bliss tells Brett Newsome and Derek Richardson about the adventures of "Billy the Cat"



Ian Rust is a budding artist and took full advantage of the crayons and paper available to him



Meanwhile Craig Bliss was enjoying a game of marbles



Tracey Meuli busily engaged in the 'cat game'



Faye Kennedy, Don Winters, Eileen Winters and John Kennedy

C. W. I. CABARET

The Country Women's Institutes held a combined cabaret recently in the Inglewood Gymnasium. A fairly large crowd attended, and when our photographers arrived everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.



Maxeen and Clinton Campbell



This couple were typical of the smiling faces we saw



Peter and Coral McGregor



Irene and Vic Taylor



Dell Wright and Diane Healion



Kayvon Campbell and John Smart



A very happy Dennis Taylor



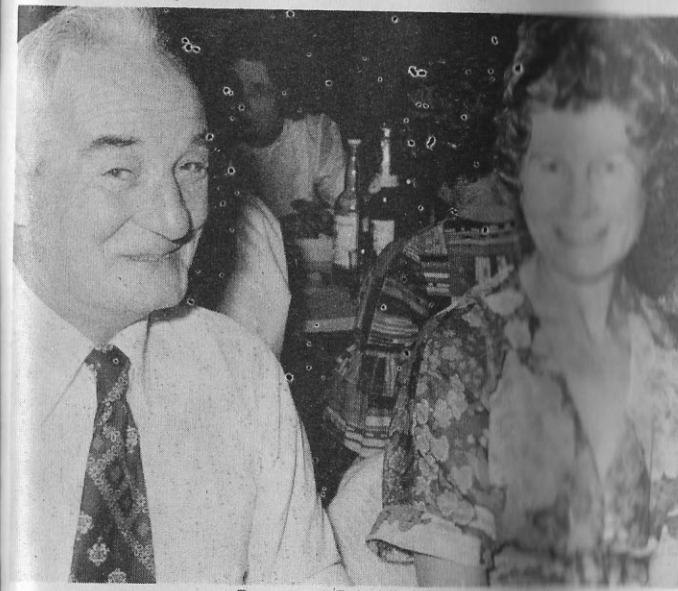
Even the kitchen staff posed for a picture, together with two hungry husbands



Graeme and Adrienne Harris had their discussion interrupted by our camera girl



Don Winters and Faye Kennedy



Betty and Eric Vicker



Terry and Diane Healion



TO SCHOOL — FOR THE FIRST TIME

Going to school for the first time can be an exciting and exhilarating experience. As soon as the children get used to the new environment they respond very quickly to the teacher and this was obvious when we visited first-year students in a Developmental Period at Welbourne School recently.

Morning talk time and teacher shows a painting to the class that one of the children had done



A helping hand for Warren Neal



Discussing a clay man made by Raelene Kohu are Mrs Peterson and Mrs Carroll



"Yes teacher, we know the answer (I think)"



Teacher and Paul McCarthy discuss a maths problem



House builders Philip Batten and James Sparing. It's quite amazing what you can do with blocks of wood when you use your imagination



Teacher Mrs Peterson shows Karlene Bracken and Helen Brinkley the way to make cut-outs



Ann Newman (her second day at school) and Megan Wright bottle that valuable stuff, water. (Wonder what was in their minds, perfume or soft drink?)



Imagination is used again at drawing time — Helene Lawrence and Linda Gernhoefer



Glen Russell plays war games — a budding General?



Taking their turns at bottling that liquid are Debbie Shotter and Pamela Wharehokoa

RECENT WEDDINGS



Above: **McKAY-SNOWDEN.** At the Apostolic Church, New Plymouth, Janette Raewyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Snowden of New Plymouth, to Fergus Charles, son of Mr and Mrs C. S. McKay of Dunedin. The attendants were Lynette, Yvonne, Gloria, Lance and Steele Snowden, all of New Plymouth, and Donald McKay of Dunedin. The couple will live in Dunedin. (*Fitzroy Studios*).

Below: **BRYANT-SPENCER.** At St John's Anglican Church, Waitara, Deborah Joy, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. R. Spencer of Waitara, to Nigel James, son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Bryant of Fitzroy. The attendants were Pam Stubbs, Lynlee Spencer, Steve Alchin and Gavin Sutton, all of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home in Waitara. (*Fitzroy Studios*).



Left: **SWEET-HAASE.** At St Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Kaye, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Haase of New Plymouth, to David, son of Mr and Mrs B. Sweet of Papatoetoe. The attendants were Robyn Haase of New Plymouth, Delwyn Sweet of Papatoetoe, John McLean of Auckland and Graham Parker, also of Auckland. The couple will make their home in Papatoetoe.



Below: **NEWMAN-TWADDLE.** At St Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Linda Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Twaddle of New Plymouth, to John Edward, son of Mrs S. Newman of Palmerston North, and the late Mr K. E. Newman. The attendants were Karen Newman of Palmerston North, Kathleen Managh of Waitara, and Alan Morgan and Brian Robinson, both of Palmerston North. The couple will make their home in New Plymouth. (*Fitzroy Studios*).



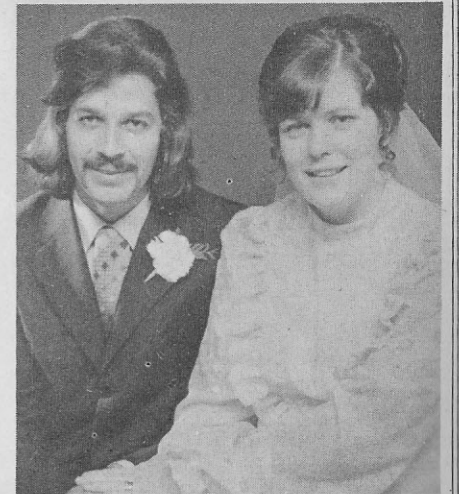


Above: ROWAN—MacIVER. At the Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Joyce Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. F. MacIver of New Plymouth, to David Mervyn, son of Mrs E. L. I. Rowan, New Plymouth, and the late Mr J. J. Rowan. The attendants were Linda Forrester, Sandra MacIver, and Mike Crowther, all of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home in New Plymouth. (*Fitzroy Studios*).

Below: BALDACCHINO—ANDERSON. At the Francis Douglas Chapel, New Plymouth, Colleen, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. Anderson of New Plymouth, to Sam, son of Mr and Mrs A. Baldacchino of Malta. The attendants were Kathryn Buckham, Suzanne Anderson, Heather Anderson, Brian Buckham, Brian Anderson, Caroline Burkett and Michael Buckham, all of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home in Sydney, Australia.



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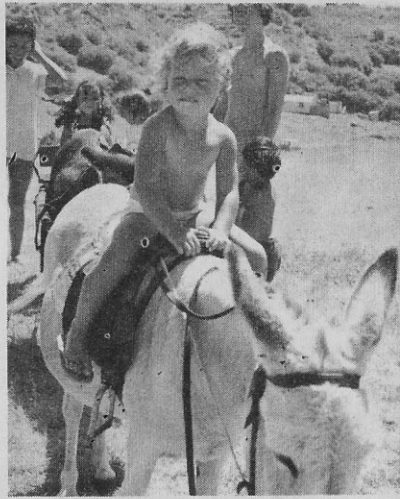


Below: WATERS—STILL. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Glenys Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Still of New Plymouth, to Brian Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs M. A. Waters, also of New Plymouth. The attendants were Sue Wilson, Jenny Still, Lyne O'Keefe and Gary Hunt, all of New Plymouth, and Donna Marsh of Hamilton. The couple will live in New Plymouth. (*Charters and Guthrie*).



Kaupokonui Carnival

The Kaupokonui Beach Carnival took place on a fine, hot day, ideal for the beach, and though the crowds were rather late in arriving, nevertheless events proceeded as planned. One of the big features of the afternoon (we missed the evening activities) was the baby show and we bring you a series of pictures from this event.



Cart rides by donkey power were popular with the kids . . .

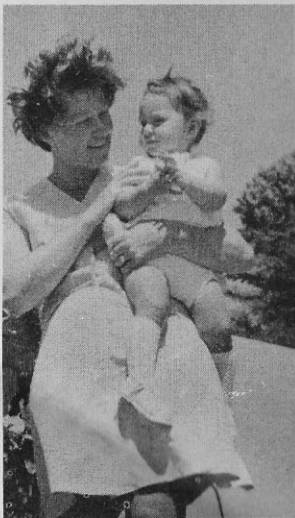
. . . and so were donkey rides too



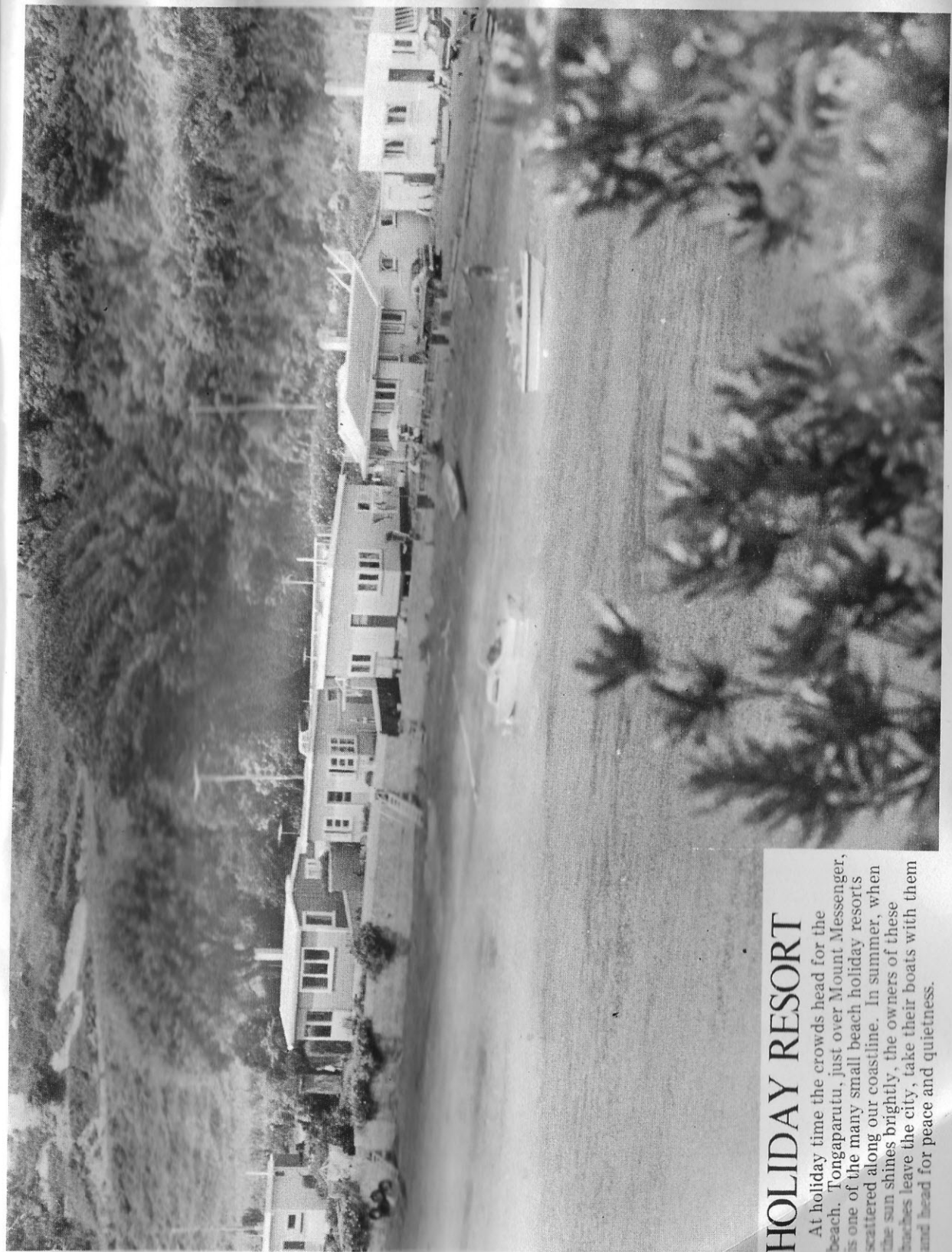
We loved the very professional model-like pose of the young miss at the front of this picture



And here we have a winner of his section



I don't think we have seen a line-up of such lovely young kiddies since we last went to press



HOLIDAY RESORT

At holiday time the crowds head for the beach. Tongaparutu, just over Mount Messenger, is one of the many small beach holiday resorts scattered along our coastline. In summer, when the sun shines brightly, the owners of these beaches leave the city, take their boats with them and head for peace and quietness.