



Gold Star for Opunake Fire Chief

A well-attended social function was held recently in Opunake to mark the presentation of the Firemen's Gold Star, for the completion of 25 years service, to Chief Fire Officer C.F. Fawcett of the Opunake brigade. Members from other brigades from all parts of the province attended, and helped to make the evening a very successful one.

Above, left: Ex Chief Fire Officer Carey had the honour to pin the gold star on the tunic of the recipient.

Above, right: Mrs Carey (right) honoured the Gold Star winner's wife, Mrs Fawcett, by pinning a beautiful spray on her.

Below, left: Stratford's Chief Fire Officer, Mr Brocklebank, made a presentation on behalf of his brigade.

Below, right: Fireman F. Albon, on behalf of the firemen of Opunake, made a presentation of a wrist watch to the chief, Mr Fawcett.



Road Cycling Season Opens

The New Plymouth Amateur Road Cycling Club's season opened on a bright note recently, with a race in ideal conditions. The club's patron N.T. J. Webster officially opened the season, and Mrs Yvonne Scott, the wife of the president, acted as pusher for the first rider to go.

Above: Timekeepers Lil Walsh and Joyce Riley, two women who brave all the elements for the benefit of the cyclists, were on the job again for the opening of the season.

Right: Les Aldridge, a new member had the distinction of being pushed away by Yvonne Scott.

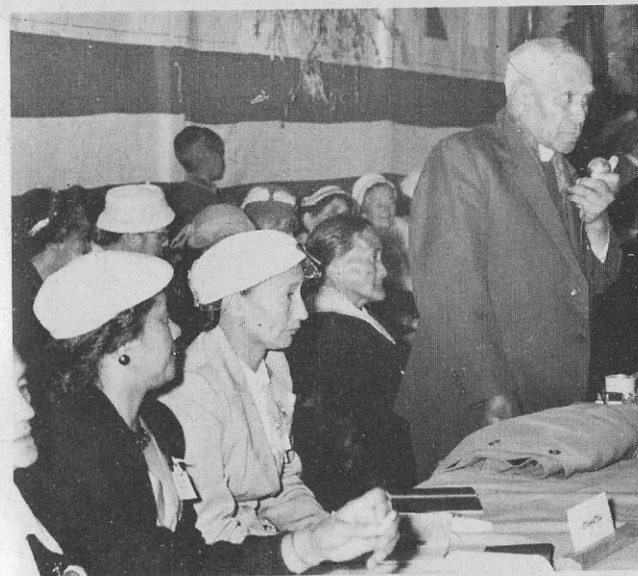
Below: There was a good muster of riders to contest the first official racing of the season.



Maori Women's Welfare League Conference

The annual conference of the Maori Women's Welfare League was recently held in New Plymouth, when over 500 delegates from all parts of the Dominion were in session for over 10 hours a day.

Right: Five of the delegates listen intently to some of the speeches at the official opening of the conference.



Sincere Maori Welcomes

Following a speech of welcome from the Taranaki representative at the annual conference of the Maori Women's Welfare League, replies were made by spokesmen from each district. In most cases the replies were followed by a typical Maori song, which seemed to convey so much more than the spoken word.

Above, left: The Rev. Ngapaki Kukutai (Waikato) speaks for the Western Districts Maoris.

Above, right: Leader of the haka of welcome for the acting Minister of Maori Affairs, Mr Tirikatene, was Mrs T. Trotman (Auckland).

Below, left: Mr George Ormond (Wairoa) replied to the welcome on behalf of the Eastern District Maoris, to the accompaniment of an impromptu song by two of the Eastern delegates.

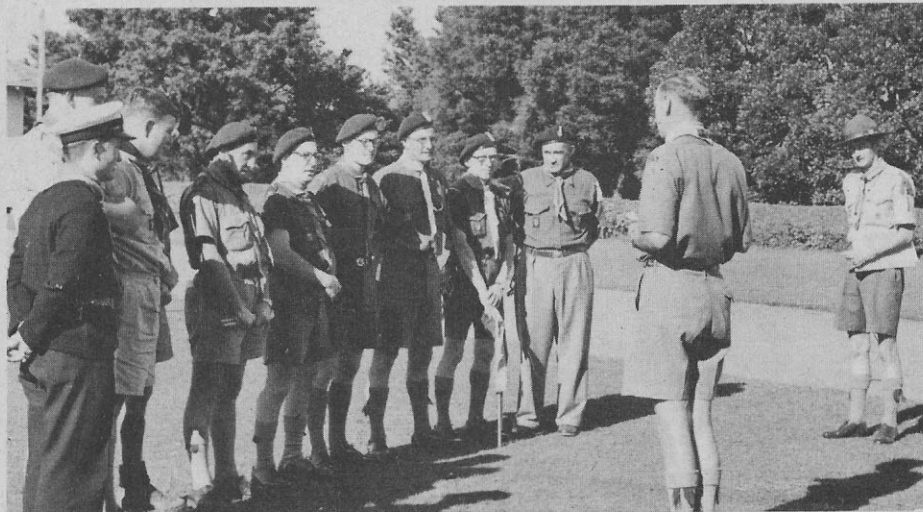
Below, right: Another Maori song from the representatives of the Northern District group.



Above: The acting Minister of Maori Affairs, Mr Tirikatene, joins with some of the delegates in a haka in his honour. Next to the minister is Mrs M. Tamihana (Wellington), a member of the Dominion executive, and next to her is Mrs T. Trotman (Auckland). The Minister joined in the haka with gusto, as did the remainder of the delegates.

Right: The Ministerial party arrives in the hall, to the accompaniment of the voices of welcome from all the members present.





Course For Taranaki Scoutmasters

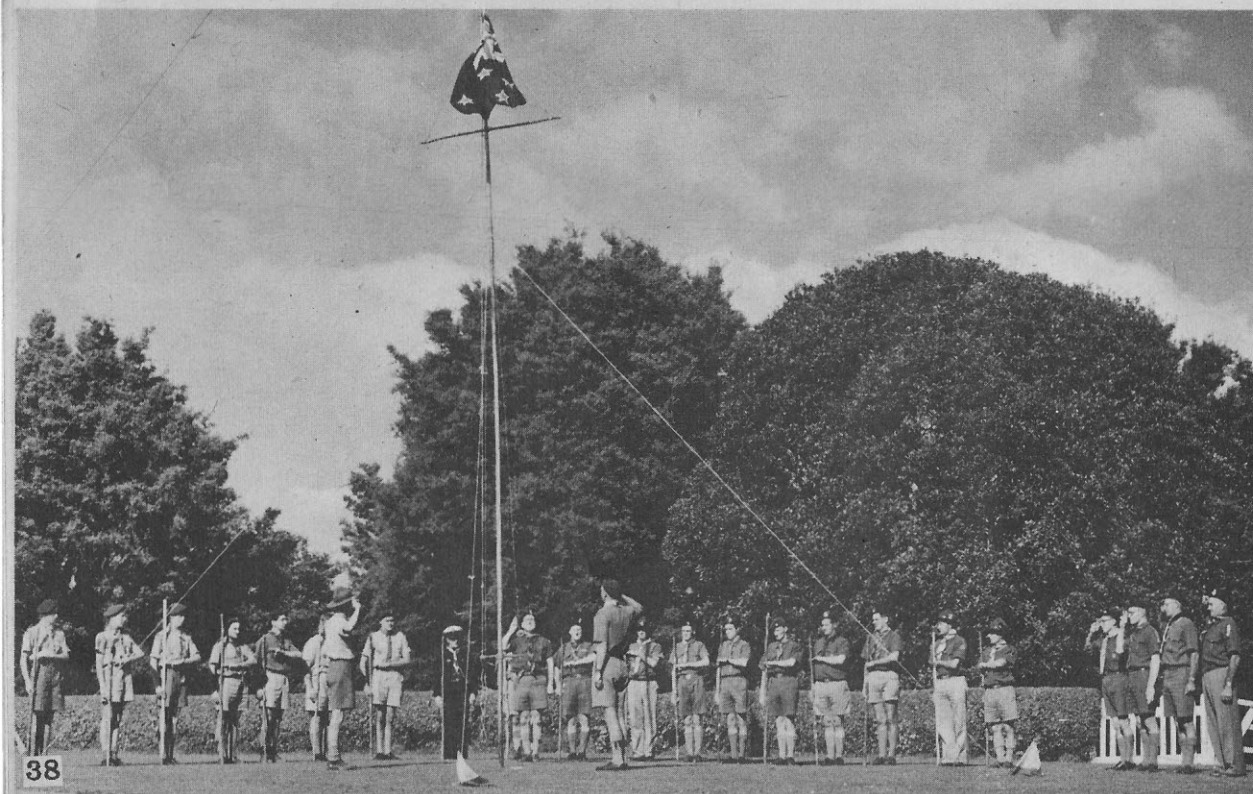
Twenty young scout officers from Taranaki and one from Wanganui attended an intensive training course at the New Plymouth racecourse over a two-day period recently. The object of the course was to provide a thorough grounding in technical skills up to second-class standard. It speaks much for the efficiency of scouting in Taranaki that all the candidates passed the course.

There were practical demonstrations in basic scouting principles and methods included in a very full and active week-end.

Above: The instructors, Mr S.E.Rowe, a member of the Dominion training team from Matamata (centre), and his assistant Scoutmaster K.Savage (NP), at right, conduct one of their classes in the open during the course.

Left: Three-man tripod....learning the hard way.

Below: Breaking the flag ceremony was held on the morning of the second day, and was a colourful ceremony, using a flag-pole that the scouts had erected themselves.



INVITATION TO MORNING TEA



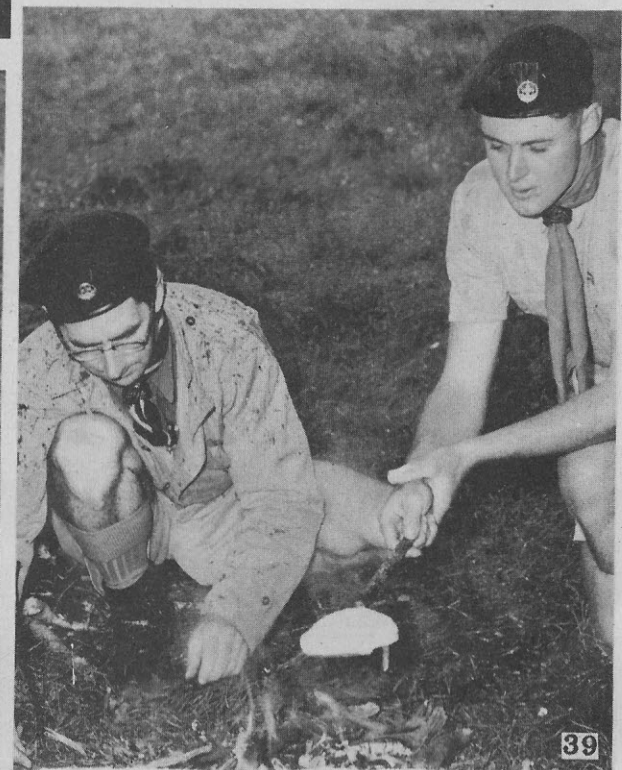
Visiting the two-day scoutmaster course, our photographer was invited to morning tea. Accepting the invitation, he was shown how to make a first class brew under very wet weather conditions.

Right: Paul Latham (Hawera) and Charlie Bellringer (NP) start the fire with a few twigs and ONE match.

Below, right: Sea-scout Laurie Duxfield (NP) adds the tea to the boiling water.

Left: Instructor Mr. S.E.Rowe receives an invitation to morning tea, written in scout language on a leaf.

Below: Ed Collins and Alan George make toast over the embers.





Happiness Club

The New Plymouth Happiness Club held their annual garden party at the home of one of their members, when nearly every member of the club, plus visitors, turned up to make this annual event a huge success.

Above: Hostess Ada Bishop (left), buys a raffle ticket from Mrs Gertie Fagan, who sold out of tickets in a very short time.

Above, right: Myrtle Cuthbert and Sis Gable go over the books to see what has been gained from the garden party.

Below, right: Maudie Doherty, the vice-president of the Happiness Club, stakes out her claim in the treasure hunt.

Below: Secretary Dorrie Shippey steps out her idea of a chain, while other members of the club watch her efforts.



HAPPINESS CLUB RAISES FUNDS

Raising funds for worthy causes is a favourite pastime for the members of the Happiness Club. Their annual garden party was no exception, and they all gave freely for some worthy cause or other.

Above: Members enjoyed the autumn sunshine, plus some fun and games at the party.

Right: Well now, look at that saucy puss, and using a ruler to measure her steps before she had a crack at stepping the chain. Nevertheless Nan Campbell was still a long way out in her calculations.

Below: Bowling is an art, particularly on a lawn that isn't of a bowling green standard. These ladies did their best, under the conditions, with the verbal assistance of the on-lookers.





Wedding Bells

Above: KIVELL--BUTLER. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Ida Gladys, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.K. Butler, New Plymouth, to Anthony Murray, son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Kivell, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Marilyn Butler and Suzanne Kivell of New Plymouth and June Kivell was the flower girl. Frank Finnikin of New Plymouth was the best man and Bill Kivell was the groomsmen. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

Below: GAULD--KING. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Marlene Joan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. King, New Plymouth, to Graeme McGillioray, second son of Mr and the late Mrs G. Gauld, New Plymouth. Noelene Campbell of Bell Block and Beverley Gauld of New Plymouth were the bridesmaids and Susan Armour was the flower girl. Brian Gauld was the best man and David Gauld was the groomsmen. The couple's future home will be New Plymouth.



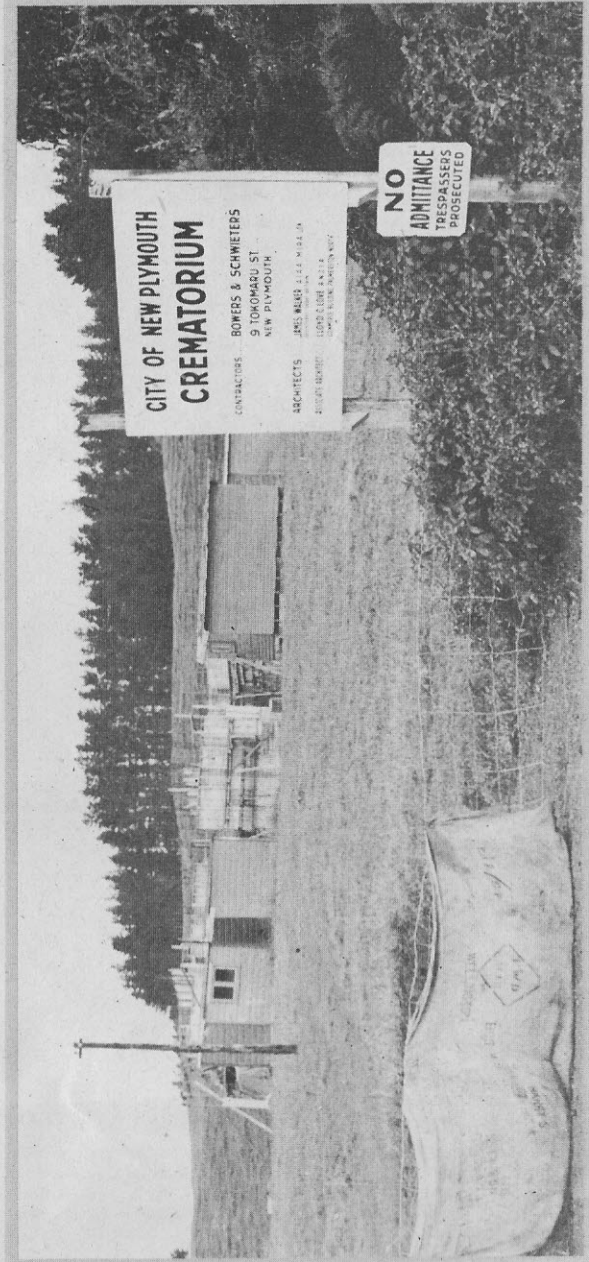
Above, left: Mrs Maxine Butler the treasurer, and her assistant Mrs Marjorie Rosser, counting the "sneckies" at a gala organised by the Raho Home and School Association. Record takings will benefit the Raho School resulting from the committee's big effort.

Above, right: Three members of the NPBHS Cadet Battalion are well camouflaged on their exercise held recently around the base of Paritutu. There was a hot reception awaiting the enemy.

Left: Not exactly a place to trespass in is the new Crematorium, now being built a short distance from New Plymouth.



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N.P. Aeromodellers Prize Presentation

Another highly successful season has now concluded for the New Plymouth Aeromodellers Club, with their annual presentation of trophies. For a club with a membership of about 60, the trophies for annual competition are about as good a collection that we have seen for a long time. One of their members, Kevin Harris (above, left) won no fewer than SIX of them. Our photograph shows club president Dave Howlett presenting Kevin with one of his cups.

Above, right: Alan Barnes, another prolific winner of trophies, gets a cup and a handshake from Dave Howlett.

Below: Here are the trophies and the members who won them. From left: Alan Barnes, Johnnie Johnson, Arthur Howlett, Don Clarke, Jack Wheeler, Kevin Harris and Dave Howlett.



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Coming of Age

Above: Trevor, second son of Mr and Mrs T.Hoskin (NP).

Centre: Staveley, son of Mr and Mrs H.R.Pease, Oakura.

Right: Gael Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.V.Lobb, New Plymouth.

Below: Valerie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs V.T. Horsfall, New Plymouth, is photographed with her parents and friends attending her party.





N.P. Rowing Club's Successful Season

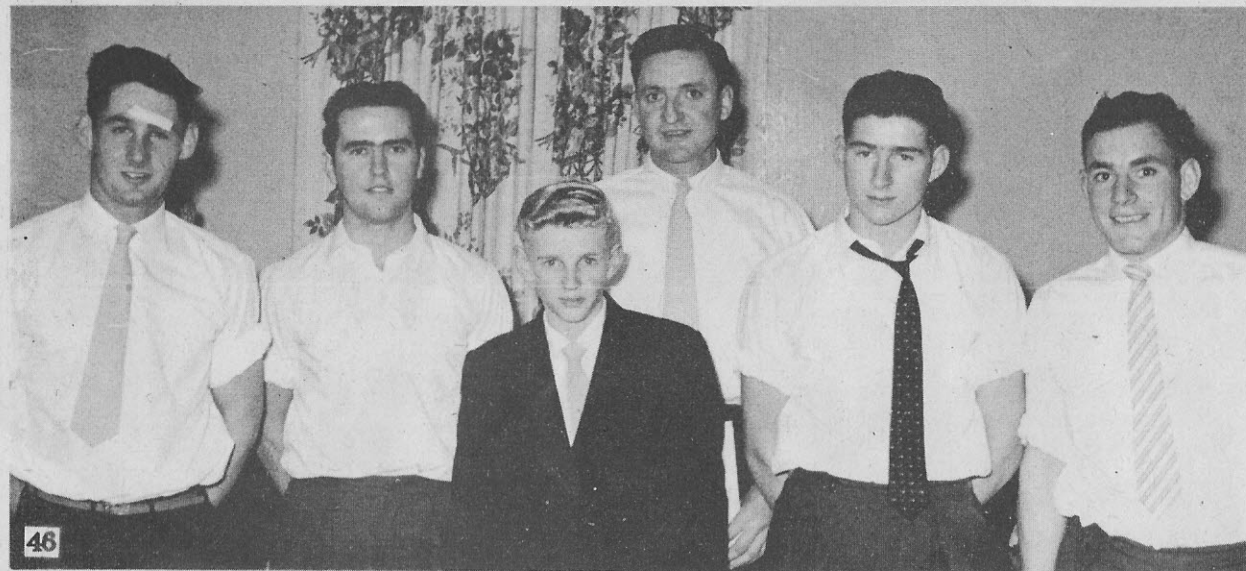
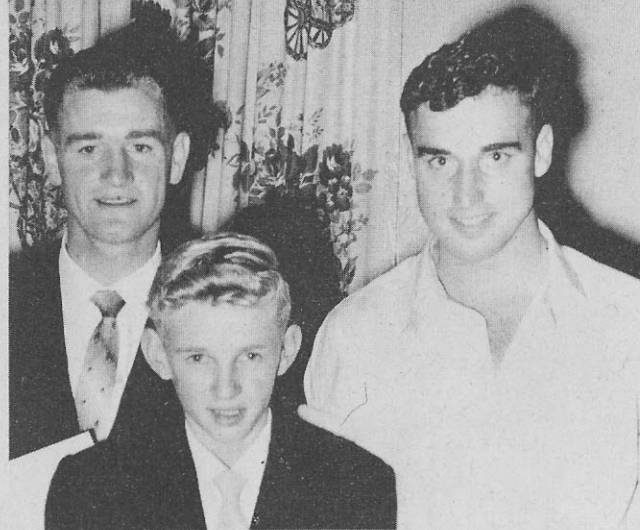
The 1959-60 season has been one of the club's most successful, with two second placings in the New Zealand championships at Picton. With this success, it is hoped that rowing, as a sport, is on the ascendency in New Plymouth.

Above: Club captain's wife, Mrs Brian Medway, presents the Bennett cup to Walter Hall.

Above, right: Don McEldowney, Pee wee Clegg and Artie Graham, three men who nearly pulled off a national title.

Right: The most improved rower's cup went to Trevor Ashman.

Below: Brian Hunger, Kevin Koorey, cox Pee wee Clegg, coach Brian Medway, Bruce Thompson and Trevor Ashman. This is the crew that came second in the New Zealand Open Maiden Fours.



Final Pony Club Day

In brilliant sunshine, the New Plymouth Pony Club held its last meeting for the season on the property of Mr H.L.Thomson, Cowling Road, New Plymouth. A highly successful one-day pony competition was held, at the conclusion of which trophies won during the year were presented.

Top: Pony riders getting pointers from one of the teachers, there to help these young riders.

Above: Ponies and their riders ready to enter the ring for one of the many competitions.

Below: Though not a large crowd of spectators was present, they were nevertheless very interested in everything that went on in the ring.





Rahotu School Gala

There's no doubt about it, when the Rahotu Home and School Association decides to make money for the school, they certainly draw the crowds, and they have such a charming way of getting those few pounds together. The school gala gives the association a fine chance, and recently, our photographer visited this gala, with the idea of getting some pictures. He got his pictures alright, but the cost was pretty high. With all the different games in progress, he just had to try his luck. And this, as usual, was OUT.

Above, left: Ian Mackie, Ewen Laurie and Michael Dudley seem determined to get a prize from the darts stall.

Above, right: The hoop-la stall was a great attraction for people of all ages, and did a brisk business throughout the evening.



New C.W.I. Rooms Opened

The North Taranaki Federation of C.W.I. recently acquired and opened their new headquarters in Devon Street West. The building, an old house, has been tastefully decorated.

Above: Mrs F.K.Holdt (Hastings), a member of the Dominion executive, reaches for the key to perform the opening ceremony.

Above, right: Mesdames A.Whitehead, A.King, K.Lippiatt (president), N.Sutherland and D.Geddes face our candid camera.

Right: Preparing a sumptuous afternoon tea are Mesdames J.Dawson, A.Cardiff and J.Simpson.

Below: Setting out the competition table are Mesdames A.Wickstead (Tariki), S.G.Morgan (Mangatoki) and E.E.Symmans (Puketotara).

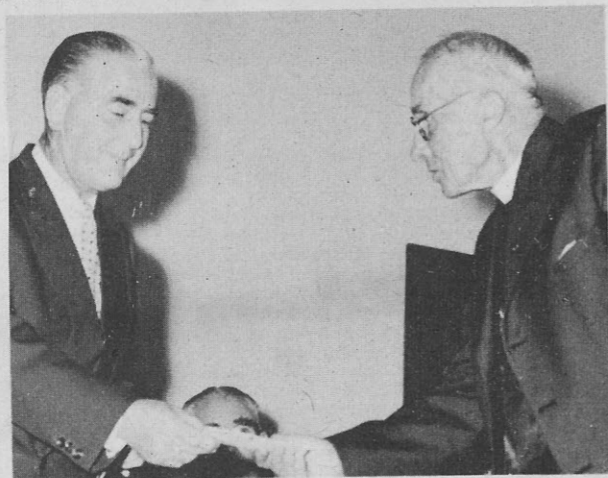
Below, right: Reinforcements helped with the afternoon tea for the crowd of women from all parts of the province who attended the opening.





INGLEWOOD C.G.C. BIRTHDAY

Shirley Wisnewski, the president of the Inglewood Country Girls' Club, cutting the 10th birthday cake, with the help of secretary Margaret Jackson. The birthday celebration took the form of a ball in the Inglewood Gym.



Archdeacon Farewelled

A service and social gathering marked the retirement of Ven. Archdeacon G.H. Gavin, and the institution of the Rev. Canon K. Liggett as Archdeacon of Taranaki.

Above, right: Canon K. Liggett (left), the new Archdeacon, and Archdeacon Gavin photographed together after the function.

Right: Mr. R.T. Davies, the vicar's warden, made a presentation to Archdeacon Gavin on behalf of the parishioners.

Below: The St. Mary's Hall was packed to capacity for the farewell function. More than half of those present had to stand at the back of the hall.



CANDID CAMERA AT THE ANZAC PARADES

Left: Gallipoli veteran Mr. R. Thompson addresses the gathering at the ANZAC service at the Douglas Memorial Gates, with an eye-witness account of the happenings of the morning of April 25th, many years ago.

Right: The Mayor of Stratford, Mr G.J.W. Boon, lays his wreath at the base of the memorial.

Below, right: The Mayor of Eltham, Mr F. J. Taylor, stands for a moment's silence at the gates of the school after laying a wreath on behalf of the townsfolk.

Below, left: View of the dawn parade at the Cenotaph in New Plymouth. The photograph shows the first rays of dawn coming over the eastern sky.

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