



KING OF THE HAWERA BEARDIES

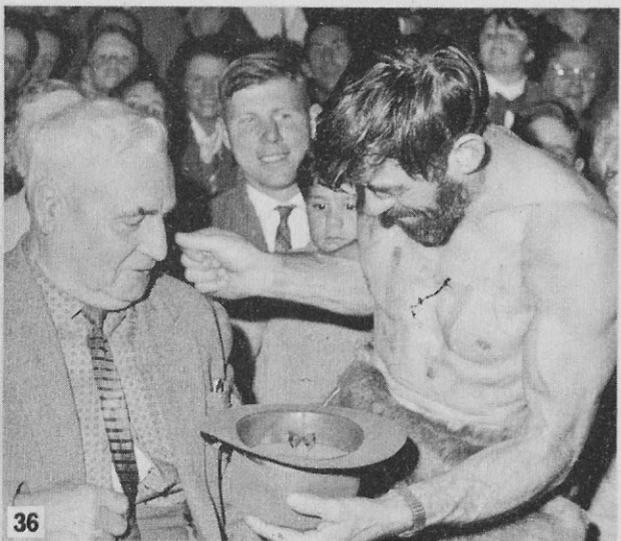
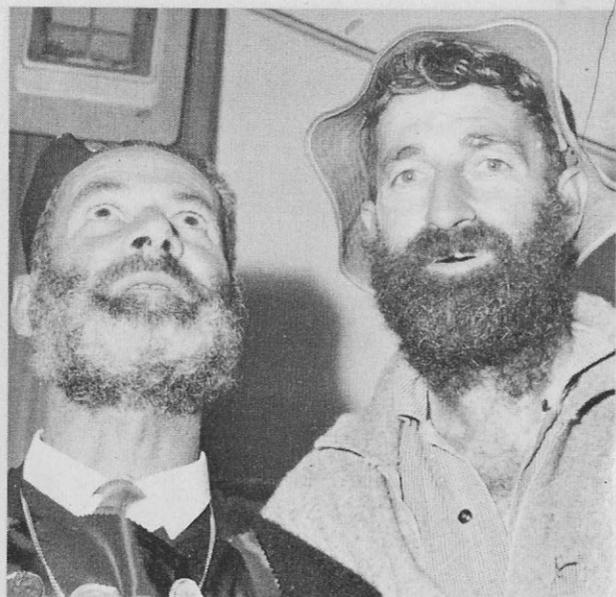
Above: King of the Hawera Beardies was Jock Spooner, a livestock instructor with the Department of Agriculture. Here he is shown just prior to the crowning by Lofty Blomfield.

Below: There were ways and means of getting that little bit extra out of the good-natured crowd, and this beardie found that his persuasive methods paid off.

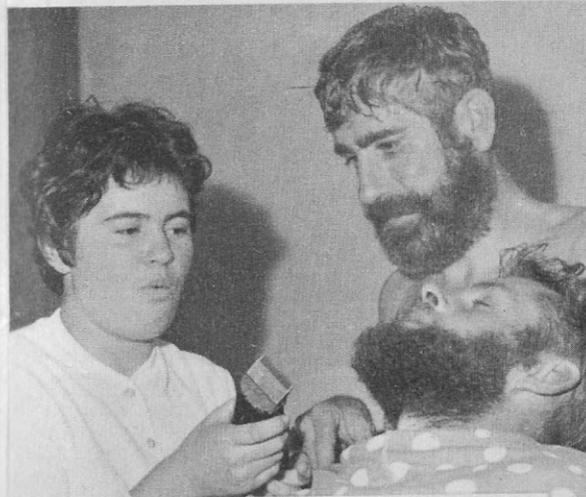
Above, right: King of the Beardies, Jock Spooner, with the second place-getter Manutahi's Len Southcombe.

Right: Climbing out of the window was a profitable pastime for this cave man.

Below, right: The kids had all the front seats.



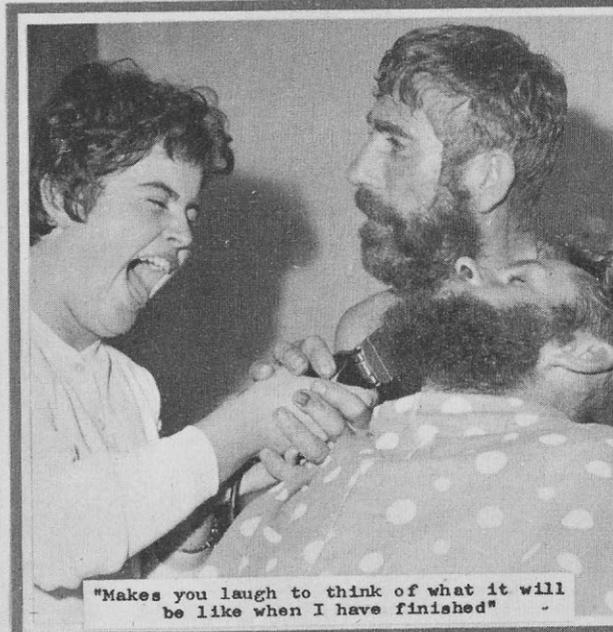
"Now this is the tool and it's easy to use"



"Oooh! I won't cut his throat, will I?"



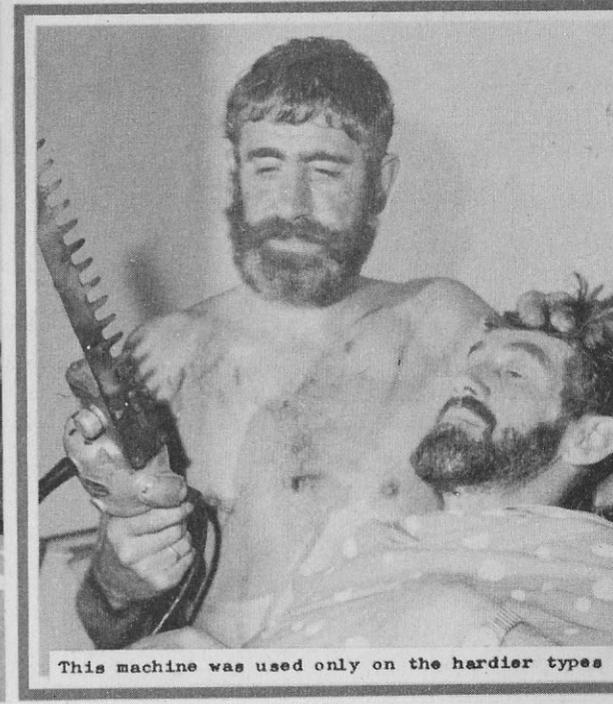
"Steady now, it tickles me just as much as him"



"Makes you laugh to think of what it will be like when I have finished"

Beard-Trimming — Hawera Fashion

After the fund raising was over, and the winner was announced, there came the chamber of tortures, when beards were auctioned, with the highest bidder having the honour of trimming, any fashion they liked. Needless to say, this little prank caused howls of laughter, and a few sore chins for the following morning. On this page, we made a pictorial story of one young lass who paid the princely sum of £2 to trim the beard of one of the contestants.



This machine was used only on the hardier types

Wedding Bells

Right: LESLIE-CARRINGTON. At Stratford Anglican Church, Lesley Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.G.Carrington, Stratford, to Brian, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Leslie, Mangatoki. Betty Haughton, Stratford, was the bridesmaid, and Peter Sole, Mangatoki, the best man. Future home will be Mangatoki.



Below: ROUSE-BANKS. At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP., Kathleen Jean, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.Banks, NP., to Peter Edwin, only son of Mr and Mrs T.Rouse, Palmerston North. Lesley McLachlan, sister of the bride, NP., was matron of honour, and Diane Banks, NP., and Lesley Russell, Palmerston North, were the bridesmaids. Ted Worthington, Hamilton, was best man and the groomsmen were Len Eagers, Palmerston Nth, and Alan Banks, brother of the bride, NP. Nieces of the bride, Cheryl Banks, NP., and Marie Guilloson, NP., were flower-girls. Future home, Palmerston North.



Above: HENDERSON-GILLETT. At Inglewood Presbyterian Church, Janet, second daughter of Mrs A.J. Gillett, Inglewood, to Kevin, third son of Mr and Mrs C.C.Henderson, Lepperton. Allison Laurence, New Plymouth, was matron of honour, and Valerie Gillett, sister of the bride, Inglewood, the bridesmaid. Brother of the groom, Ross Henderson, Lepperton, was best man, and Noel Henderson, Lepperton, also brother of the groom, was groomsmen. Gillian Smith, Inglewood, was flowergirl. The future home of the couple will be Lepperton.

Below: TAYLOR-ASHLEY. At the Fitzroy Catholic Church, Emily, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Ashley, Lepperton, to John, third son of Mr and Mrs H.M.Taylor, New Plymouth. Eleanor Sexton, of Waitara, was the bridesmaid. The best man was David Taylor, brother of the groom, Ohakea. Jannean Ashley, niece of the bride, Te Hoe, was the flower-girl. Future home will be Waitara.





Coming of Age

Photographed on this page are young people who recently celebrated their 21st birthdays. Above: Dennis, son of Mr and Mrs D.Goble, Cardiff. Above, right: Vivienne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F.E.Gibbons, NP. Below, left: Shirley Ann, daughter of Mr H.R.Snowden, Hawera. Below, centre: Lyndsay, son of Mr and Mrs R.C.Fake, Hawera. Below, right: Lynton, son of Mr and Mrs R.Hotter, Patea.



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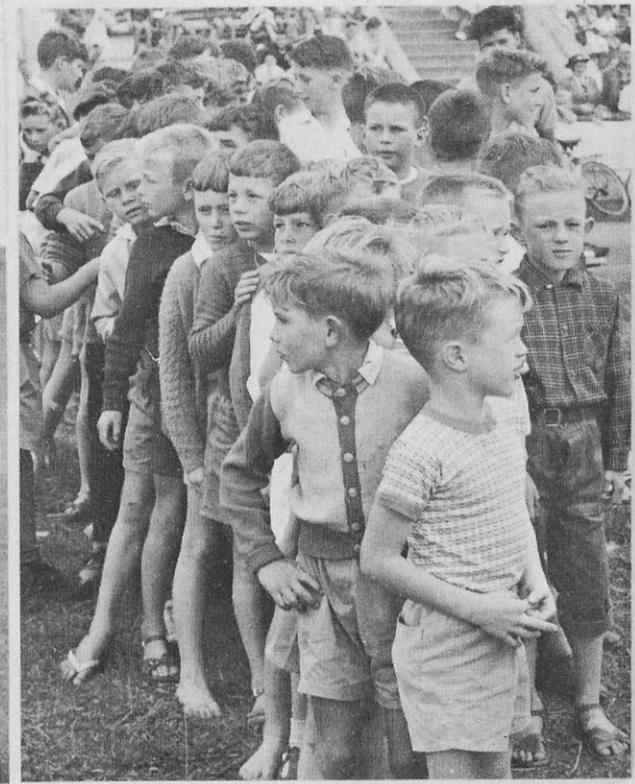
Easter provides plenty of fun for the children, but none so much as the Easter Monday Speedway programme. There were races of all sorts for the young fry, and many of them turned up with the most weird contraptions on which they raced round the cinder track. It seemed to us that the kids enjoyed their racing, more than the people who came to watch. This Easter programme has proved the most popular on the TMCRC list of meetings, and this year a record crowd witnessed some of the best racing seen this season.

Above: The trolley derby attracted more entries than ever before. Starter John Callender gets these anxious kids into line for the start.

Below: Some of the miniatures had motors in them, and they had a race of their own. Here, Alan Foster gets a push start from his brother Gary and a friend.

Below, right: The cycle race drew the largest entry of all, and the kids had to queue to be handicapped for this event.

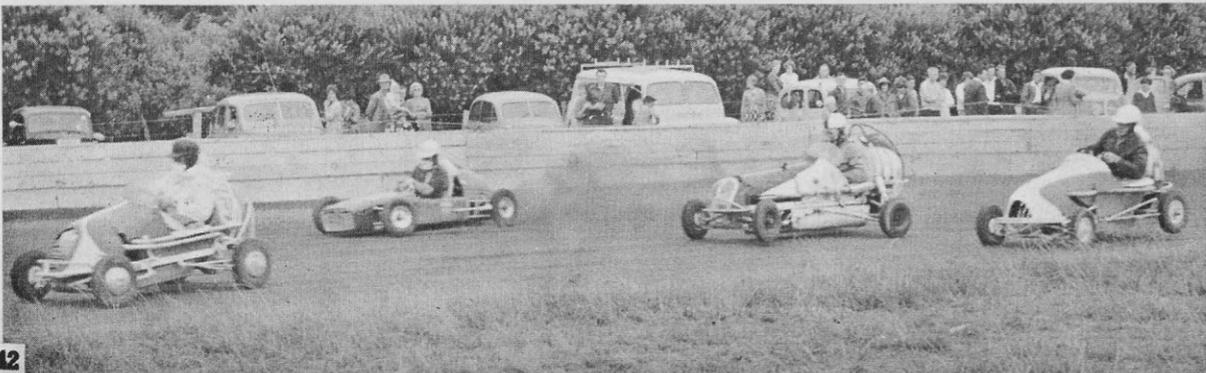
Children's Day at the Speedway





YOUNG SPEEDSTERS TAKE OVER SPEEDWAY

Above! How would you like to handicap this lot? These are only a few of the starters for the cycle races at the Easter Monday speedway meeting. The starter had his work cut out to organise this bunch, but after calling all the contestants in to sort them out into age and size groups, the race got under way. **Below!** This is the scene as the boys left their bikes to be sorted out into their respective handicaps. **Bottom!** Midgets and T.Q.'s provided plenty of thrills for the record crowd of spectators.



Above, left! David Waite (NP), winner of the motorised trolley race looks every inch a future speedway star.

Left! Nev Burkitt (NP) gets the chequered flag in one of the cycle races.

Below, left! Peter Jury, junior, drives his trolley to victory with the assistance of pusher Margaret Alston, whilst dad, Peter Jury, senior, runs alongside encouraging them on to victory.

Above! Dad Foster fixes the safety belt for his son Alan before one of the trolley races.

Below! The grown-ups had far more trouble with their machines than the kids did.



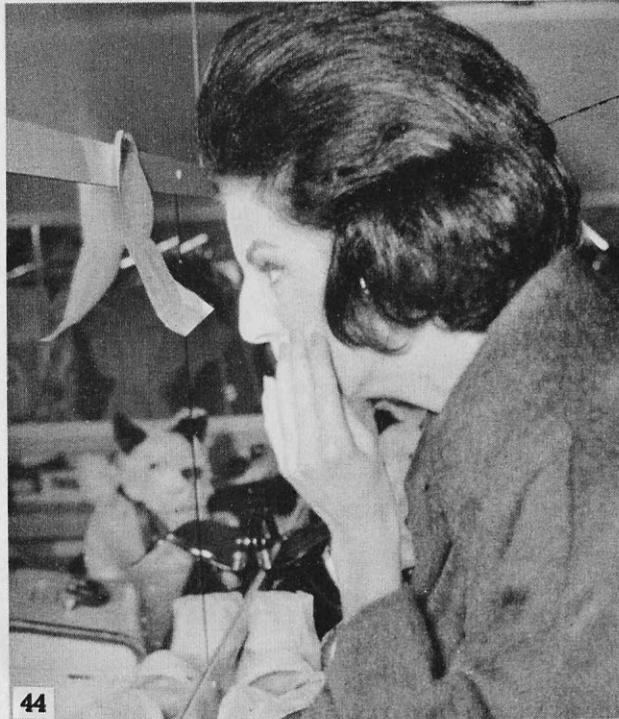
Mannequin Parade Aids Plunket Funds

Farmers Trading Co. recently brought the country's leading models to New Plymouth for a Fashion Fiesta at the War Memorial Hall. The two nights of the show proved a very popular thing, as the hall was filled to capacity for both of the shows. The net result was that the Plunket society benefited by a large sum.

Right: Four of the Dominion's leading models, from left, Ann Chong, Dawn Olsen, Ann Lynch and Comperre Mrs Peggy Wilson, provided the customers with plenty of new things in the way of clothes for women.

Below: Children also modelled. These are Helen Blackman and Kelly Bensley. A good job they did too.

Below, right: Ann Lynch prepares herself for the night's ordeal of modelling.



Roving Camera

Above, left: The Rising Sun flag of Japan was in evidence recently at the Port of Taranaki when the Tokuwa Maru docked to load general cargo for Japan.

Above, right: Married in Hamilton fifty years ago were Mr and Mrs F. Hunger, Brooklands Road, New Plymouth. Born in Normanby, Mr Hunger has farmed near Stratford, and is now retired to our city.

Below: East End beach and the access across the Te Hemui river are now a lot better than they used to be, with the addition of a footbridge. This enables one to walk through the East End reserve, over the bridge, and into Baring Terrace. If only the beach had a face-lift, and was cleared of driftwood, the whole of the East End area would become far more popular.



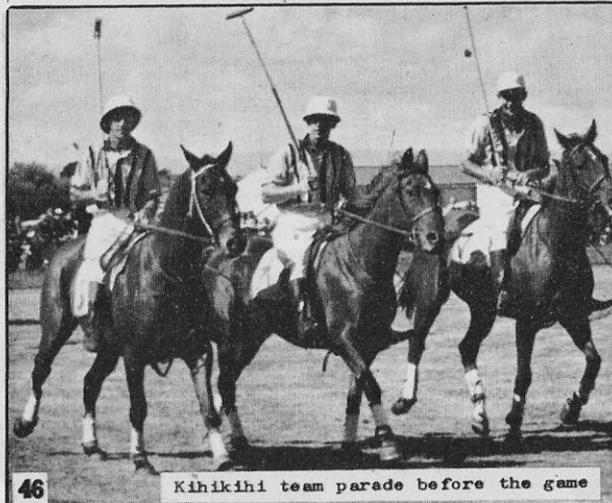


Rangitikei player wields his mallet around his horse's head to play a backhand stroke

Polo at Stratford

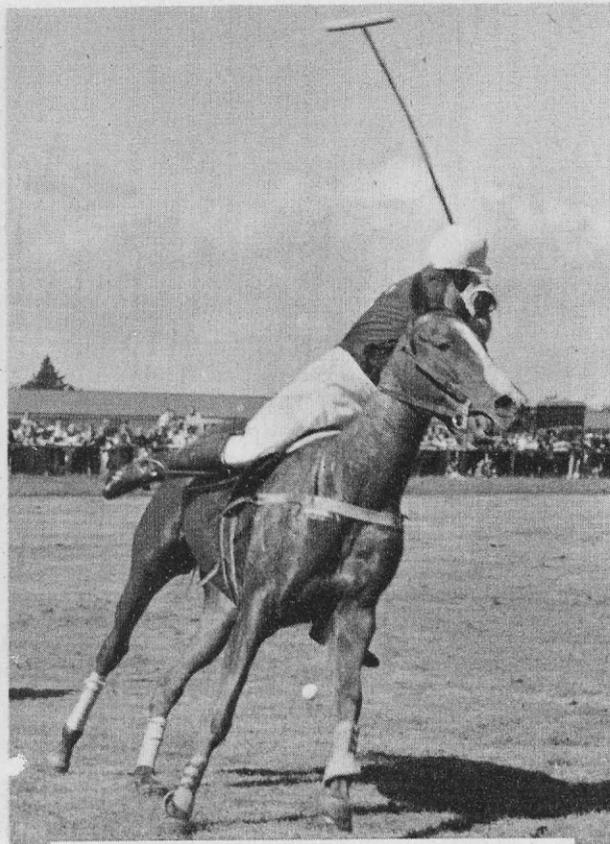
Introduced to New Zealand about 1890, polo came to Taranaki for the first time recently when teams from Rangitikei and Kihikihi gave a crowded showground at Stratford a fine demonstration of this thrilling sport. For the several thousand spectators it was a new experience and one which was thoroughly enjoyed.

It was a delight to see these well-trained horses and riders in a game that could become very popular in this province. The scoring was high, but this was probably due to the fact that the ground was smaller than the regulation size for this game. Despite this, some thrilling moves were witnessed.



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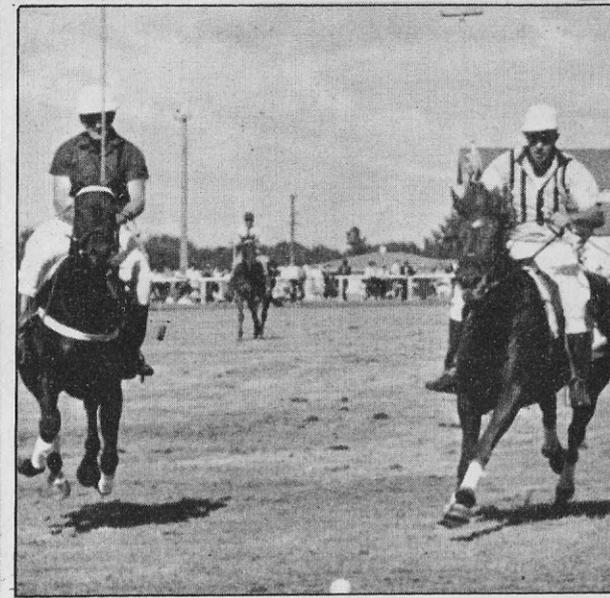
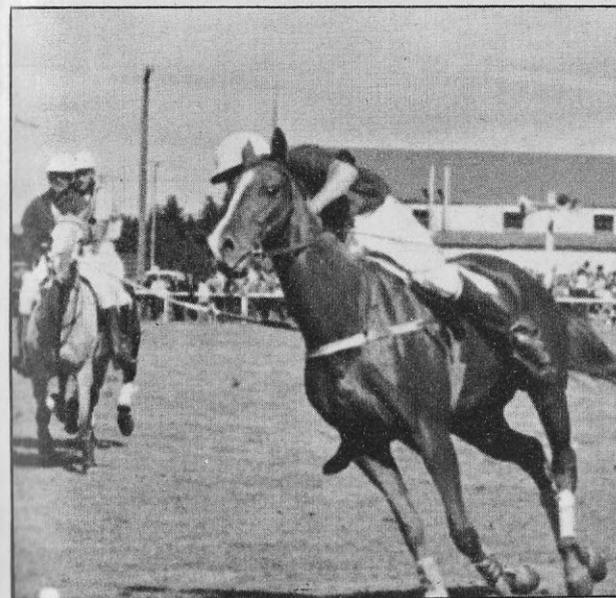
Kihikihi team parade before the game



Rangitikei captain J. McElvey gets in a good backhand shot to clear his goal

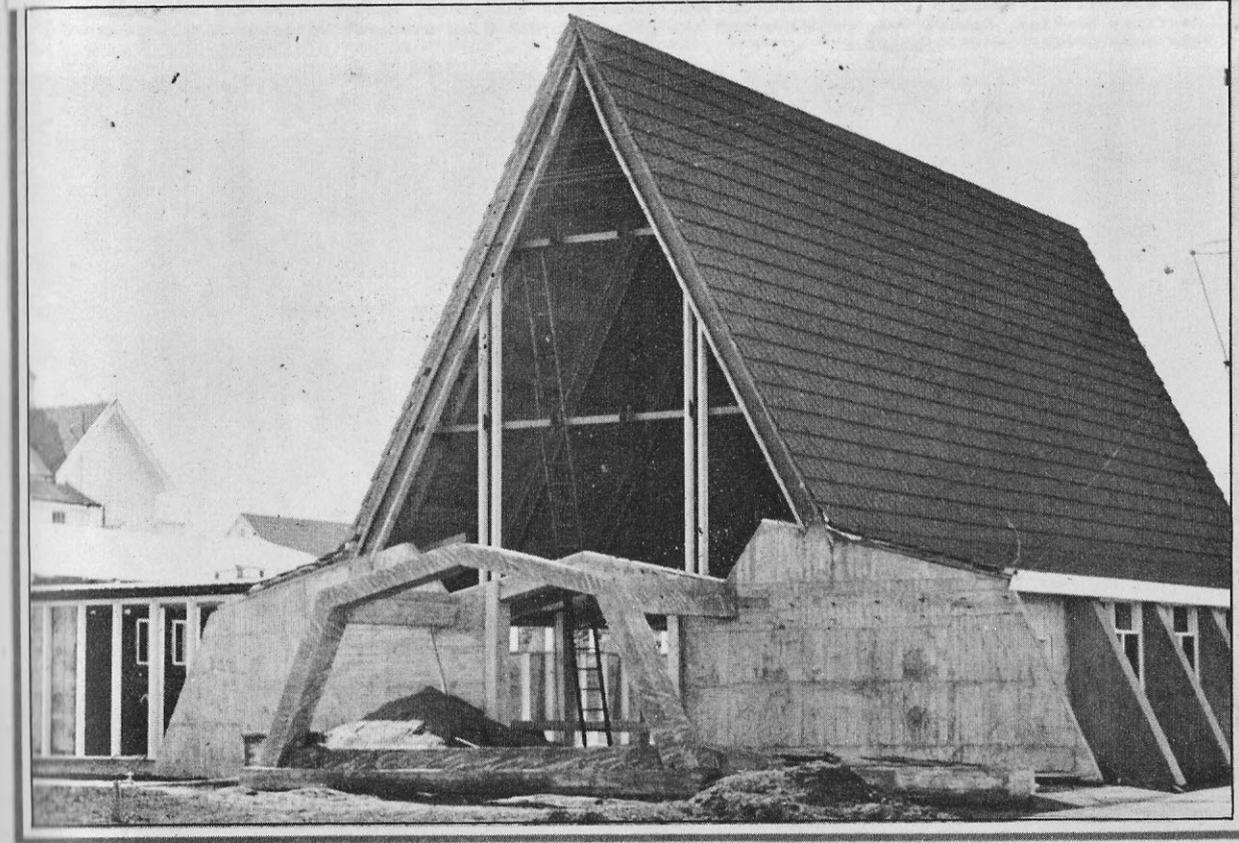


Kihikihi captain J. Kay baulks an opponent from getting at the ball



Above: Two shots taken at the recent polo game played between teams from Rangitikei and Kihikihi at Stratford. The game, watched by several thousands, proved a most popular sport with the crowd.

Below: New Church for Hawera. Fast taking shape is this new Seventh Day Adventist Church on the main south road at Hawera. The design is a most pleasing one, and when finished will be a very fine addition of modern architecture to the town of Hawera. Adjacent to the church is a new hall also under construction.



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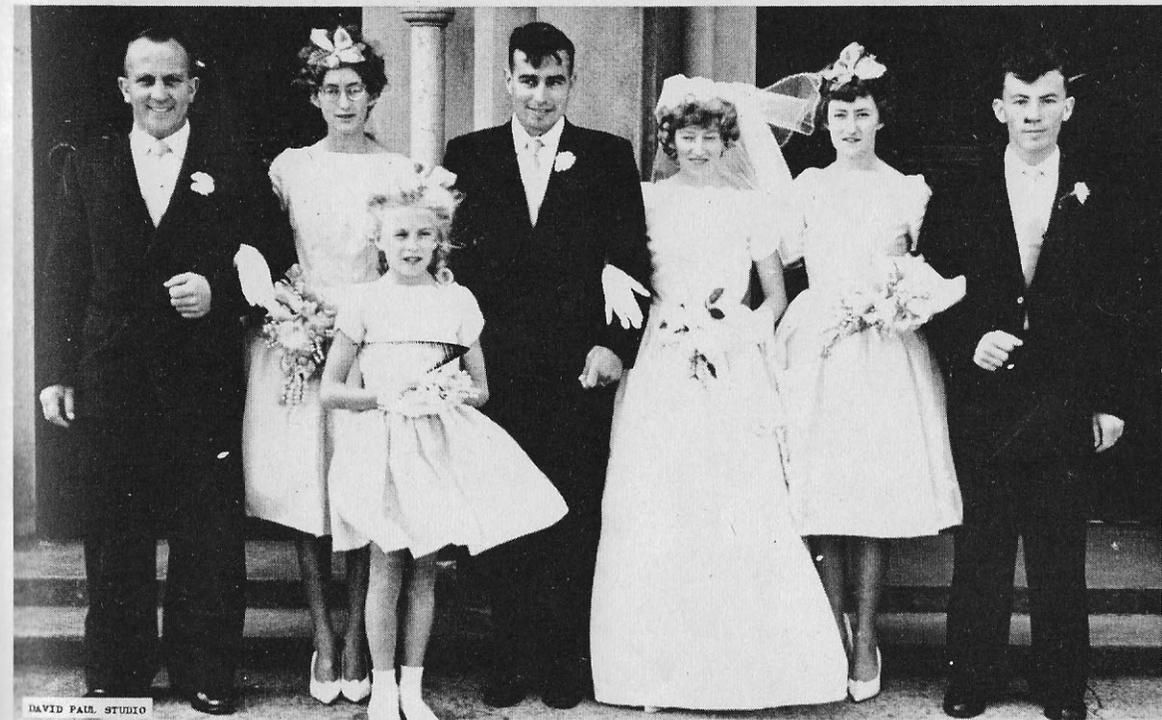
Above: **ROBERTS-CAMPBELL.** At Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Nolene Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.W.Campbell, Bell Block, to Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.R.Roberts, Feilding. The bridesmaids were Janice Campbell, sister of the bride, Bell Block, and Shirley Roberts, sister of the groom, Feilding. Keith Sampson, Bell Block, was the best man and Bruce Campbell, brother of the bride, Bell Block, was the groomsman.

Below: **SUTTON-OLIVER.** At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Anne Patricia, youngest daughter of Mrs and the late Mr E.F.Oliver, Kahuratahi, to Michael Geoffrey, only son of Mr and Mrs W.G.Sutton, Hawera. Jill and Anne Sutton, sisters of the groom, Hawera, were the bridesmaids. Geoffrey Hawkins, Hawera, was best man and the groomsman was John Stodart, Waimata. Future home of the couple will be Whangamomana.



Above: **PORTEOUS-HAMBLYN.** At Methodist Church, Hawera, Joan, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G.Hamblyn, Hawera, to Athol David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs S.C.Porteous, Hawera. Joyce Milne, Hawera, and Ngaire Huddart, Kaitiaia, were the bridesmaids. Alistair Franklyn, Hawera, was best man, and the groomsman was Gary Beamish, Hawera. Future home of the couple will be Hawera.

Below: **ELLIS-HEISTAND.** At St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hawera, Patricia, third daughter of Mr and Mrs R.Heistand, Putaruru, to Barry, son of Mr and Mrs C.W.Ellis, New Plymouth. Joyce and Hilda Heistand, sisters of the bride, Putaruru, were the bridesmaids. Peter Ellis, brother of the groom, New Plymouth, was best man and the groomsman was Trevor Morrow, New Plymouth.





Record-breaker Calls at New Plymouth

The light aircraft which recently broke the North Cape to the Bluff record (it has since been broken again), made a fuel stop at New Plymouth. In a busy five minutes, the ground crew of Rural Aviation refuelled the aircraft in one of the smartest of such operations ever seen at our airport.

Above, left: As the plane came in, and almost before the prop had stopped revolving, the ground crew were on the job.

Above: Filling the petrol tanks and checking the oil was a smart piece of work by the ground crew.

Below, left: The four men of the record-breaking flight, from left, J. Bergman, R. Hutchinson, J. Groucutt, and television cameraman H. J. Callander.

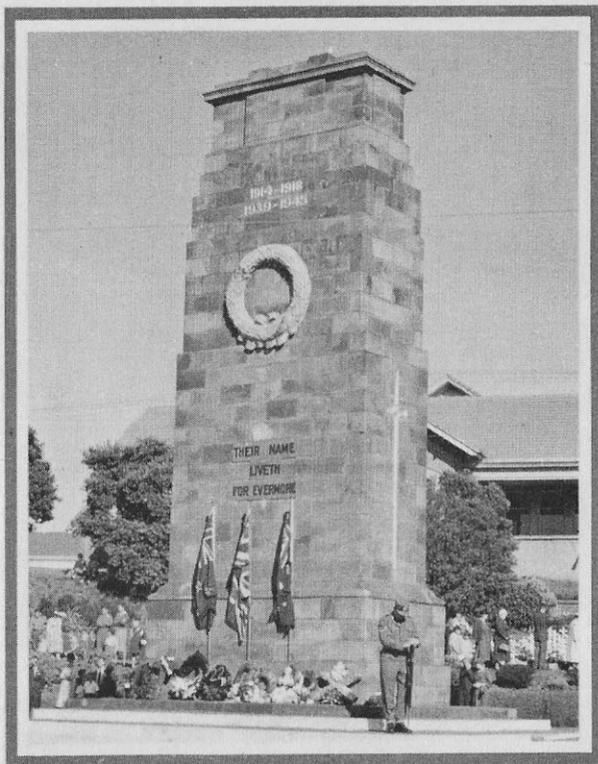
Below: The plane goes out onto the tarmac to take off on its next stage to Nelson.



We Will Remember Them . .

Here is the symbol of remembrance. We came across this little episode at the Opunake remembrance service, when Mr W.J. Alvis, Bell Block, attended to place a wreath on the cenotaph in remembrance of his father, who was killed in the second world war. Daughter Deborah, just eighteen months old, took her bunch of flowers to honour a man who had fought and given his life for our richest inheritance... Freedom.

IMPRESSIVE ANZAC DAY PARADES



CROWDS AT NEW PLYMOUTH SERVICES

Pukekura Park was more crowded than usual for the annual Anzac parade and service. In glorious weather, thousands lined the banks of the park to witness this moving ceremony.

Above: Guard on the New Plymouth Cenotaph.

Below: Some of the thousands who lined the banks of the park.

Above, right: Veterans on the march again with their flag flying.

Below, right: The diggers were remarkably erect for their years.





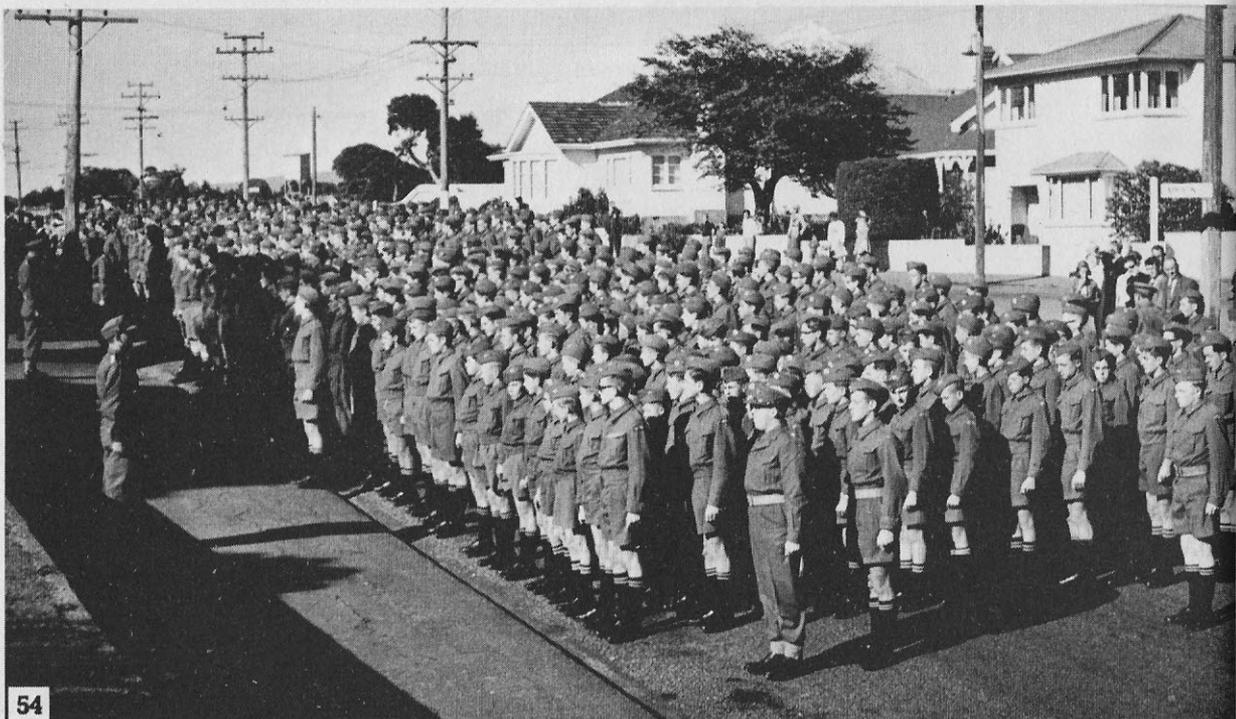
Ceremony at B.H.S. Memorial Gates

A short ceremony was held on the morning of Anzac day as a mark of respect to the old boys of the school who had served in two world wars. The whole of the school cadet battalion was present for this occasion, as were many of the old boys of the school.

Above, left: Officers of the school battalion salute as the Last Post is being sounded.

Above: The school's head boy, Louis Rushbrook, stands in silence after laying a wreath.

Below: The school battalion assembled for this Anzac celebration.





Eltham's Anzac Service

Above, left: Captain J.C. Findlater addressing the gathering at the Memorial gates at the Eltham school during the celebration of Anzac at the public parade.

Above: Ex-servicemen march again, along the streets of Eltham at the conclusion of the address at the Memorial gates.

Below, left: Guides and Brownies, Cubs and Scouts were out in force for this solemn occasion.

Below: The Eltham Fire Service had all their men on parade.





There was a very good muster of ex-servicemen



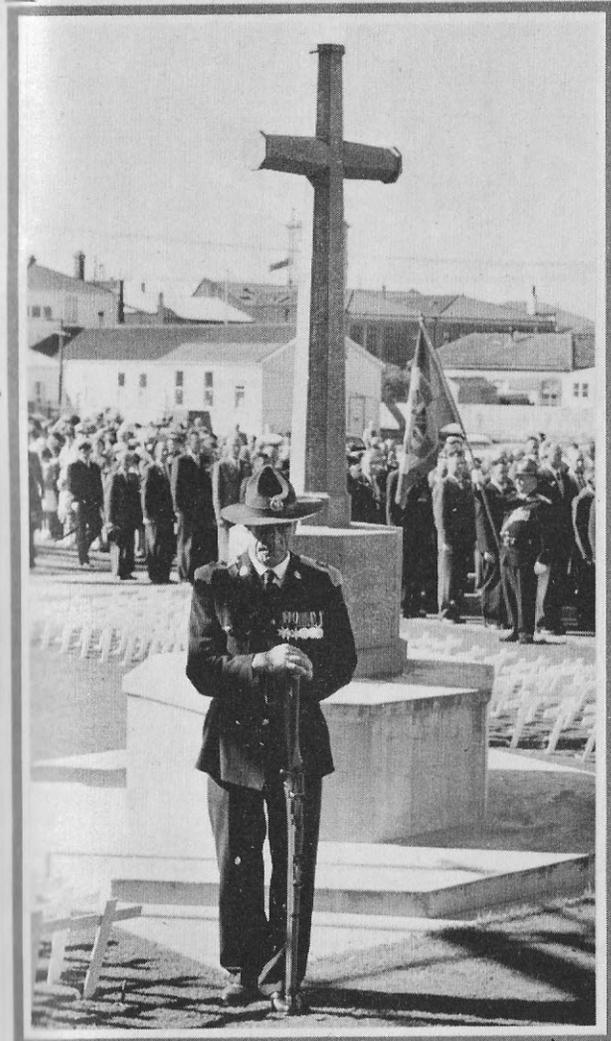
High School cadets were a credit to their school



Scouts, Cubs, Guides, and Brownies were all on parade



There seem to be more Cubs in Stratford each year



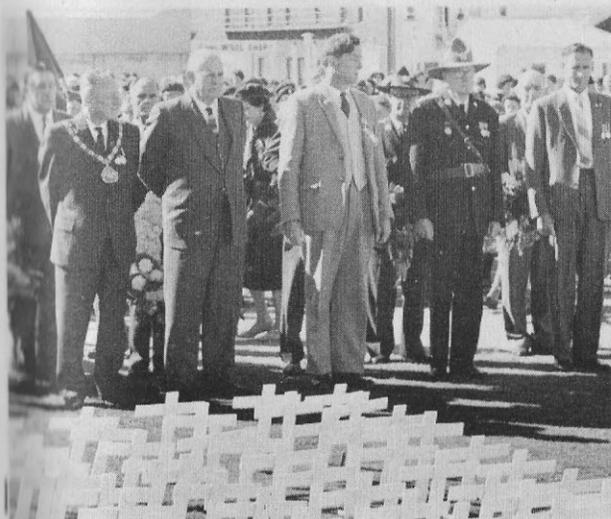
Memorial Service at Stratford Cenotaph

Above, left: The Legion of Frontiersmen for the guard at the service at the Cenotaph.

Below, left: Wreath-bearers included Council, County, RSA, Legion, and HSA representatives.

Above: Mayor of Stratford, Mr G.J.W.Boon lays his wreath on the Cross of Remembrance.

Below: The Mayor was followed by Mr B.Hutchen, chairman of the Stratford County Council.





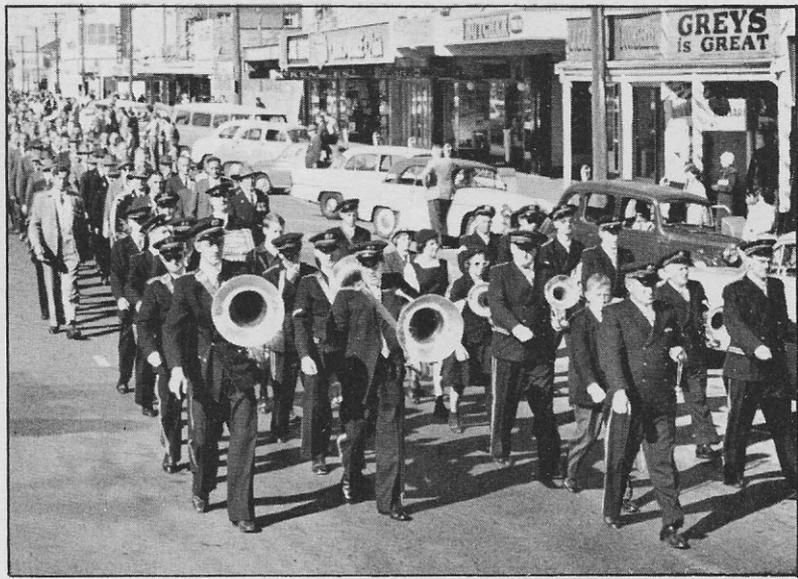
Inglewood Remembers The Fallen

Above: Small, but none the less sincere was the Field of Remembrance at Inglewood.

Below: Two of the younger generation of the town stand and admire the wreaths on the memorial. They are Sharon Ruakiri and Linda Tafferty.

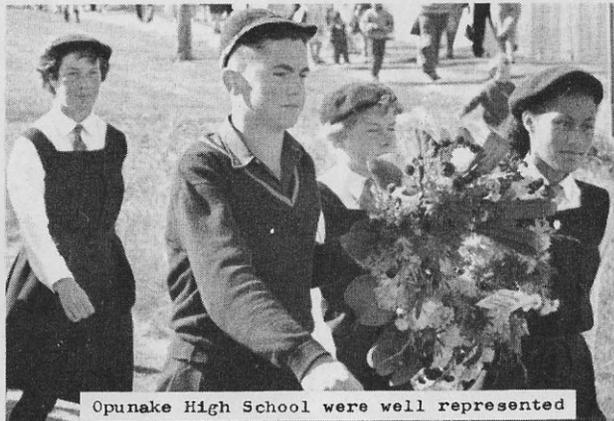
Above, right: Stratford's parade was lead by the town band.

Below, right: Large numbers of Scouts were evident at all the Anzac parades, but none more than at Stratford, where an almost 100% muster was obtained.





Hospital staff joined the parade



Opunake High School were well represented

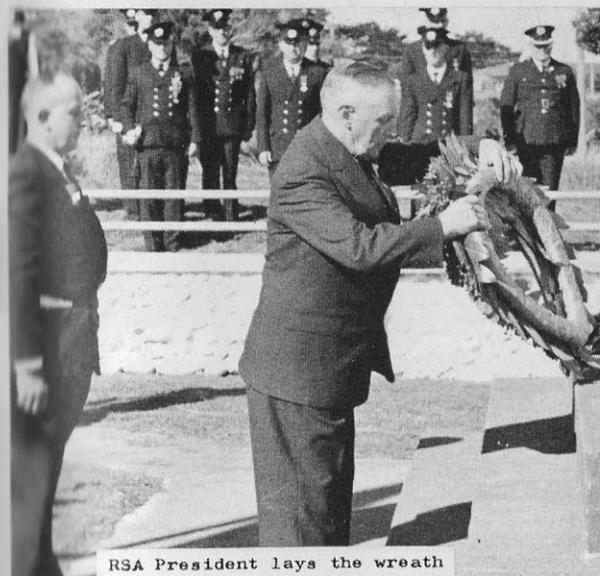
Well-attended Parade at Opunake



Wreath party of the Local RSA



Guard from the Opunake High School



RSA President lays the wreath



They will never forget them...

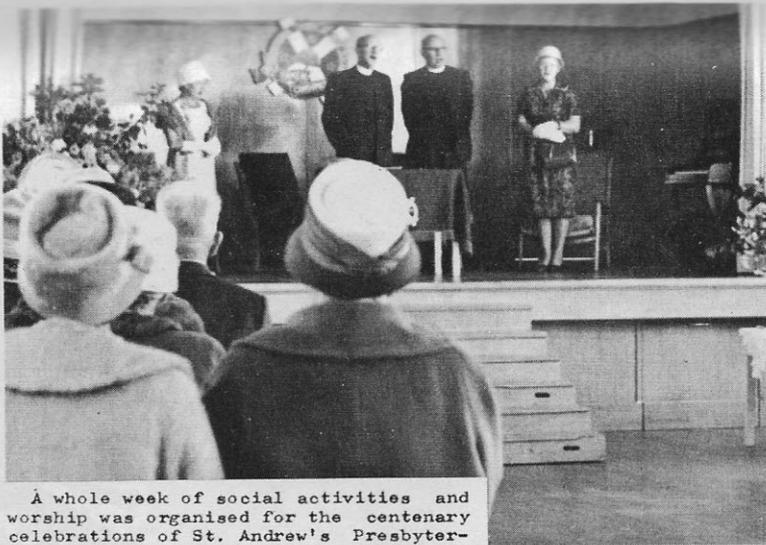
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Right: FLATTERY-MISCHESKI. At the Catholic Church, Fitzroy, Maureen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L.Mischeski, NP, to Roger, third son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Flattery, Stratford. Ngairé Bailey and Anne Davey were the bridesmaids. Kerry Waite was the best man and Morris Hickey was the groomsmen. The flower girl was Danna Mischeski, sister of the bride. The future home, NP.

Below: HOUGHTON-WALSH. At St.Pious, Brooklands, Anne, 2nd daughter of Mr and Mrs W.Walsh, NP, to Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Houghton, NP. The bridesmaids were Eleanore Moorehead, Shona Walsh and Dorothy Walsh. Graham Houghton was the best man, and Lance Commer was the groomsmen. The future home, N.P.



Centenary of St. Andrew's

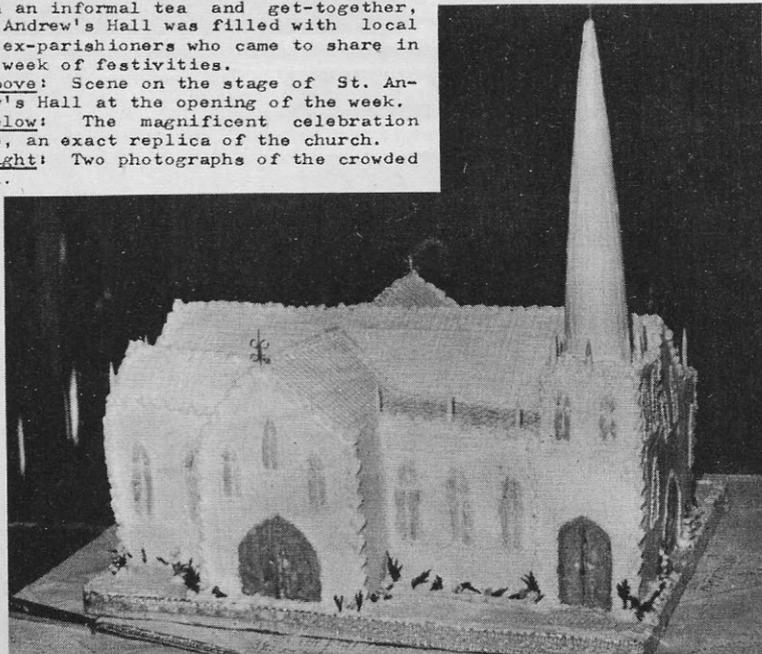


A whole week of social activities and worship was organised for the centenary celebrations of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP. Opening the celebrations with an informal tea and get-together, St. Andrew's Hall was filled with local and ex-parishioners who came to share in the week of festivities.

Above: Scene on the stage of St. Andrew's Hall at the opening of the week.

Below: The magnificent celebration cake, an exact replica of the church.

Right: Two photographs of the crowded hall.



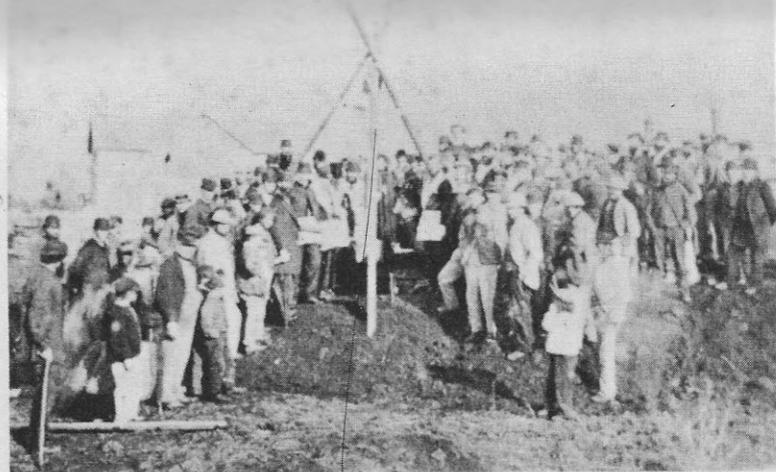


Above: Reunions were not uncommon at the centenary celebrations at St. Andrew's Church. Here we show Mr and Mrs A.J. Hutchinson, Hamilton, who were married in this church, their daughter Susan who was christened there too, and grandmother, Mrs G. Loveridge, NP, mother of Mrs Hutchinson.

Left: Mrs N. Balharry, with 73 years continuous association with the church, had the honour of cutting the cake, assisted by Rev. S.C. Read, the resident minister of St. Andrew's.

Below: Two of the oldest men attending the celebrations: Gilmore Smith (93) and A.G. Johnson (81).





Above: A rare and valuable photograph is this one showing the laying of the first foundation stone of the first Presbyterian Church in New Plymouth in 1865.

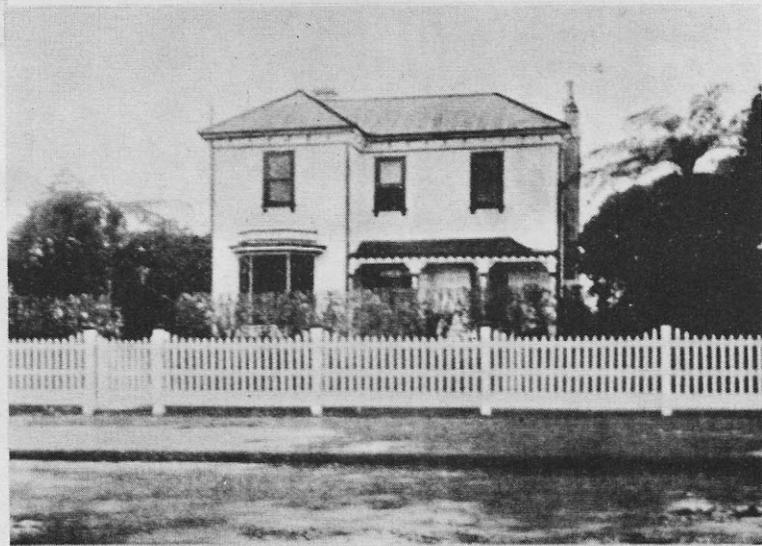
Below: Here is a reproduction from the now extinct "Free Lance" of the service at the laying of the foundation stone for the present St. Andrew's Church.

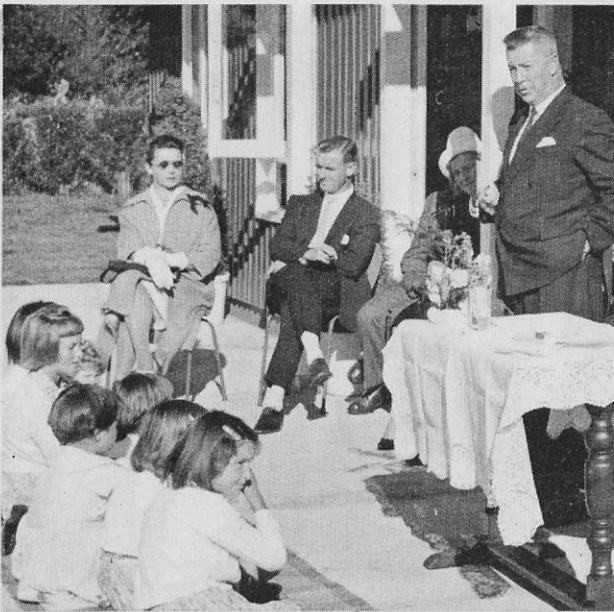
Above, right: The title of this photograph was "Clearing the site for the present church". Those at work on the project were from left, Rev. J.D. Wilson, Messrs W. Reid, E. Dingle and A. Brooker.

Below, right: "The Manse". This is the property on which the premises of Vosper and Hingston now stand.



Old Photographs Recall First Days Of Presbyterian Church In New Plymouth





About 80 parents and friends attended the official opening of the new kindy at Merrilands recently. The building was officially opened by Mr E.P.Aderman, NP.

Above: New Plymouth's Mayor, Mr A.G.Honor, was a guest speaker at the function.

Above, right: Mr D.Hewson, chairman of the Kindergarten committee, addressing the gathering.

Below: Mesdames Honor, Hewson and Aderman are photographed on a tour of inspection of this very fine new building.

Below, right: Some of the shelves of toys supplied for the children to play with.



Merrilands Kindy Opened



NEW KINDY HAS ALL THE LATEST EQUIPMENT

The new kindy at Merrilands has all the latest equipment and toys for the benefit of the children. It is a credit to the committee that so much has been done.

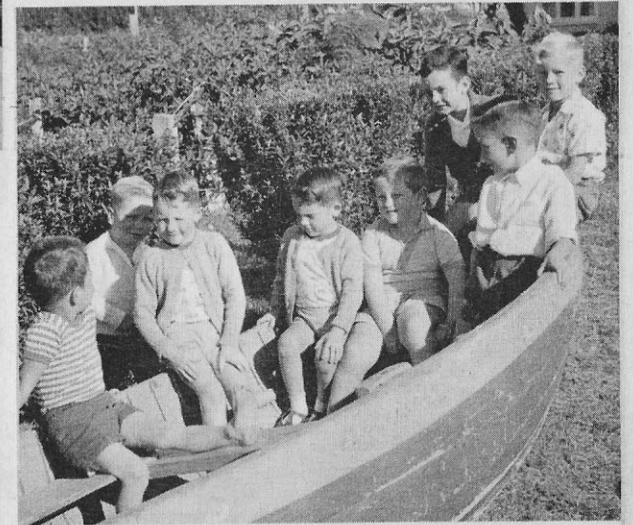
Above: The official opening was performed by the Member for New Plymouth, Mr E.P.Aderman.

Below: Miniature climbing equipment was very popular with the children on opening day.

Above, right: Howard Wiley shows our photographer just how to use a phone.

Right: A renovated boat in the spacious ground was the most popular of all the play things that the children had.

Below, right: Mrs A.Burr, a member of the Mother's club helped with the inevitable cup of afternoon tea.





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Above, left: BURKETT-WEST. At the Fitzroy Catholic Church, Valerie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. West, New Plymouth, to Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Burkett, New Plymouth. The future home will be Tikorangi.

Above, right: SMITH-WOOD. At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Noelene Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.A. Wood, NP, to Glen Allen, son of Mr and Mrs F. Smith, New South Wales. Future home will be Brixton.

Engaged

Below, left: DAVIES-CARTER. Geraldine Elaine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Carter, Hawera, to Neale Thomas, second son of Mr and Mrs L.H. Davies, Uremui.

Below, right: CLARK-THRUPP. Diane Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Thrupp, NP, to Noel Bert, second son of Mr and Mrs A.B. Clark, Inglewood.



Stormy Horizon

How wild the sea can look at the time of an approaching storm! This photograph was taken on the Port beach one turbulent evening, as the wind was whipping the sea into a fury.

