

Married

Right: WITHEROW--MELVILLE: At Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy, Janice, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Melville, Kaponga, to Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs L.T. Witherow, Hamilton. The bridesmaid was Jo Trainor, Auckland and the best man was Grant Hoar, Hamilton. The future home of the couple will be Auckland.



Below: BROWN--GOMEZ: At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Joan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Gomez of Te Kuiti, to Vincent, son of Mr and Mrs E. Brown, Waitara. The bridesmaids were Lily Niwa of Okato and Sue Skipper, New Plymouth. The best man was Owen Morehu, Waitara, and groomsmen were Brian Treston, New Plymouth. Future home of the couple will be Waitara.



St. Chad's Parish Supper

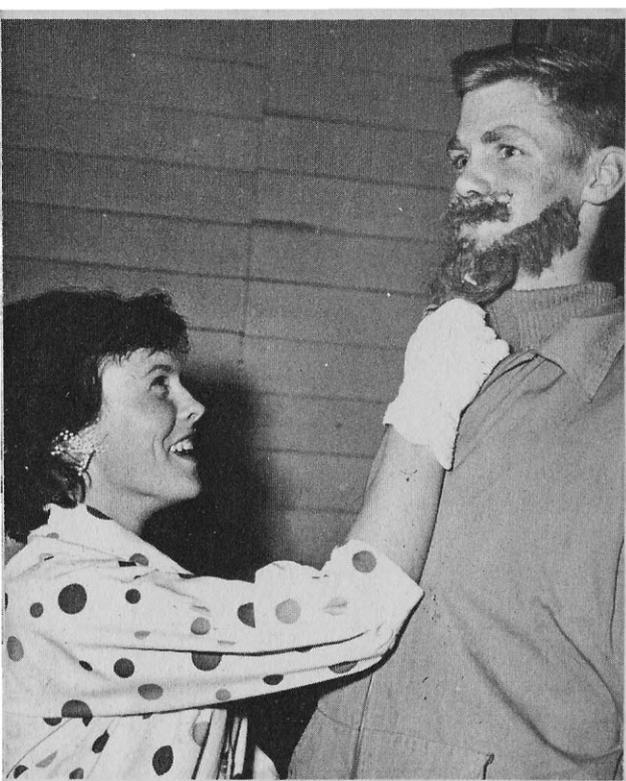
To mark the beginning of a stewardship campaign, St. Chad's, West New Plymouth, held a very successful supper in the Queen's Hall. It was particularly well-attended, and well-organised by the vicar, Rev. Alan Pywell. With short speeches of welcome, and some very talented artists to perform, the evening was concluded with a real tasty supper. Altogether a very cheerful start to a worthy campaign.

Above: Five smiling helpers to get the supper under way, are, from left, Mesdames Winn Busby, Pat Blackmore, Myrtle Campbell, Doris McEldowney and Valerie Gray.

Right: The Rev. Alan Pywell with Mrs Pywell smilingly greeted all the parishioners and their friends.

Below: And the younger members did a sterling job in laying out the tables. The young girls with hands full of nice things are Elaine McKay, Doreen Gichard, Maureen Gichard and Doreen Proud.





Y.F.C. Concert at Rahotu

There's no doubt about it, when the YFC decide to put on a show, it's a show that keeps the crowd amused. It was no exception at Rahotu recently, when these hilarious young farmers (it beats us how they get up to milk the cows) put on a show that kept the packed hall in fits of laughter.

Left: Ann Radford makes sure that the beard Buck Nickelson is wearing won't fall off.

Above: Something started to come adrift on one of the bathing beauties, who made a quick exit from the stage.

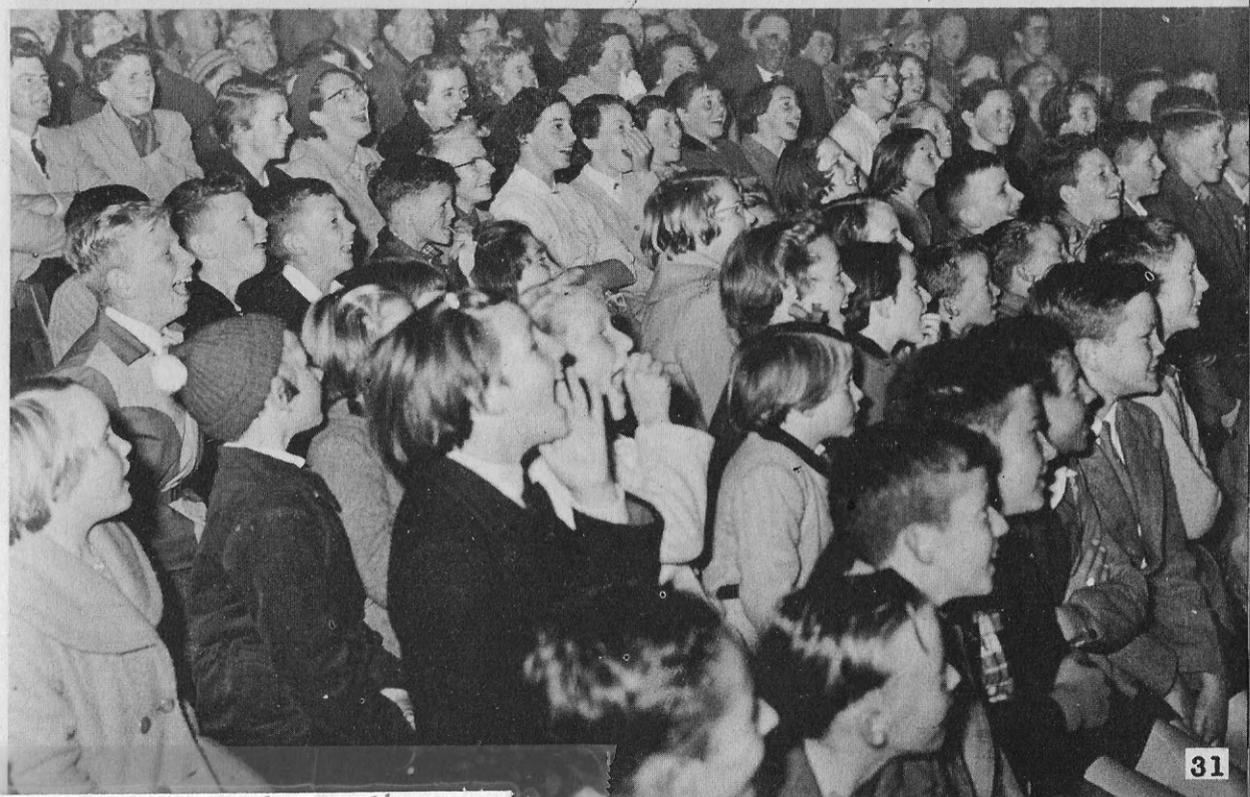
Below: Belles of the beach. Would have been a fine haul for a hair remover traveller. From left, Peter Maxwell, Barry Pennington, Brian Beardmore, Nick Sinclair, Brian Kettlewell, Neil Lusk, Peter Riddell, George Haigh and Bruce Maybey.



Above: Pat Barrett and Peter Riddell wash off the burnt cork after having performed as nigger-minstrels.

Right: Marion and Maureen Waiwiri who came from Oaonui to entertain.

Below: Evidence of the popularity of the belle of the beach is shown in the faces of the vast audience. Some laughed, some howled, and some just sat and looked, astonished.



Birthday Celebrated

Every year the Bell Block W.D.F.F. holds a birthday party, and this year it was even more successful than usual.

Left: Some of the members who enjoyed the party, besides providing the entertainment: From left, back row, Elise Benton, Myra Slatter, Edith Dixon, Fraulein Muller and Eileen Eliot. Front Row, June Sampson, Amy Palette, Violet Laurant, Joan Pitcairn, Ruth Fussell and Jean Hancock in front.

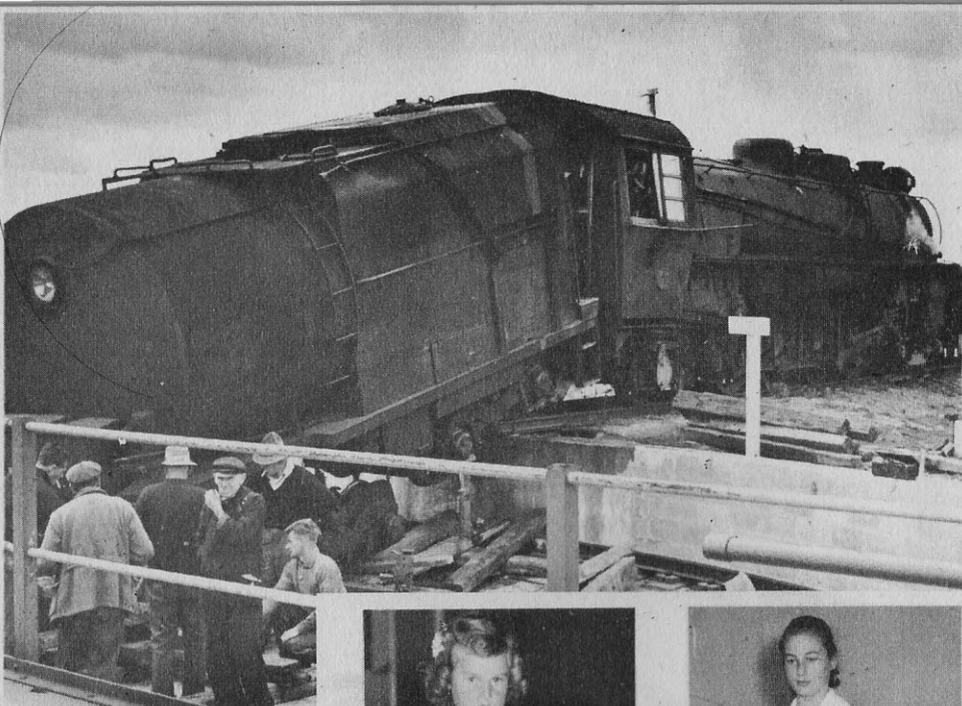
Extreme left: Mrs. Johns lit the candles, and centre, Mrs. James, the provincial president cut the cake.

Below: A sketch, with Joan Pitcairn in the pushchair, and Amy Pollette and Jean Hancock, provided much amusement. (Pix by Crago).



Hey! Who Moved that Hurdy-Gurdy?

Honest, Guv, I was backing up onto the turntable, and blow me down, someone had gone and moved it. You can see what happened, my bottom dropped into the hole. That might not be the truth, but you must admit it does look a bit funny. But it didn't take the railways staff long to get the thing jacked up and back onto the lines.



Fashion Show for Men & Women

The Opunake Home and School Association recently held a fashion parade, which was a very novel one, with men as well as women acting as models. And some of the men made quite a job of it, with less blushing than their counterparts, even though dressed in some very scanty clothes. (Pix by Crago),



John...call me shorty



Jan...pretty pet



Faye...the sun look



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Kaye...party line



Lois...ready for bed



Margaret...marvellous



George...golfer plus



Looking Ahead to Wimbledon?

Last season, the Pukekura Tennis Club started its own coaching school. This school has become so popular, that it is being run again this year. The number of young people who have taken advantage of this coaching is amazing, and it has become a full-time job for Ron Winstanley, who is responsible for the tuition. Here's Ron with his proteges, grouped round and listening intently to what is being told them.

FOUR GENERATIONS

Left: Mrs Eliza Clark cutting the cake, at the celebration of her 80th birthday.
Right: And at the 80th party, were four of her direct descendants, making for us a four-generation photograph. Mrs Clark is holding Garth Raines, with grand-daughter Mrs Anne Raines on the left and daughter Mrs Jessie Steggles on the right.



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New Ladies' Bowling Club

It was a red-letter day for the foundation members of the recently formed Paritutu Ladies' Bowling Club when they held their first official opening in weather fitting the occasion. Though the ladies have not yet got their own green, they are lucky enough in gaining the use of the men's greens. The ladies, nevertheless, are not idle with regard to their own, and are working hard to reach that goal.

Right: The official party at the first-ever opening of the club, including members of the committee. Centre secretary Mrs Katherine Dwyer is at left, with the centre president next to her, Mrs Edith Gibbes, and in the centre is the club's president, Mrs Margaret Murtagh.

Below: The gathering of members and visitors at the opening ceremony.



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Above: Left, The first Paritutu Ladies' Bowling Club patron, Mrs Elizabeth Fluker, was asked to roll the first jack at the club's opening day. Little did she know that our photographer would take her photo when she playfully did the highland fling, before discharging her official duty, as shown in the centre picture. Right: President of the centre, Mrs Edith Gibbes, Hawera, had the honour of bowling the first bowl.

DRAMA AT STRATFORD.

The central Taranaki area of the British Drama League recently held a very successful junior Drama Festival at Stratford. Some excellent acting was witnessed by the packed audience on each of the two nights. These youthful actors are a real credit to their tutors, who obviously must have put in a lot of hard work with their charges.

Below: A photograph taken during the performance of "The Best Laid Plans" by children of the Rawhitiroa school. All the actors in this play received high praise from the critic.



Children's Drama Festival

Above: Eltham school players of "The Adventurer" who gave a sparkling performance are Allan Campbell, Maxine Ritter, Joy Edwards, Margaret Nummy and Dale Ritter.



Above: Colin Henderson makes some hasty change in scenery during the drama festival.

Below, left: A scene from the Eltham school's production, "The King's Messenger" showing Pauline Okey, Nancie Pease and Judith Carruthers.

Below, right: Slick Jack (Kevin Tipler), and Bungler Bill (Malcolm Herring), two players who had to be handcuffed, find difficulty in getting out of their bonds, and enlist the aid of William Adams, all cast in the Rawhitiroa school's play "The Best Laid Plans".



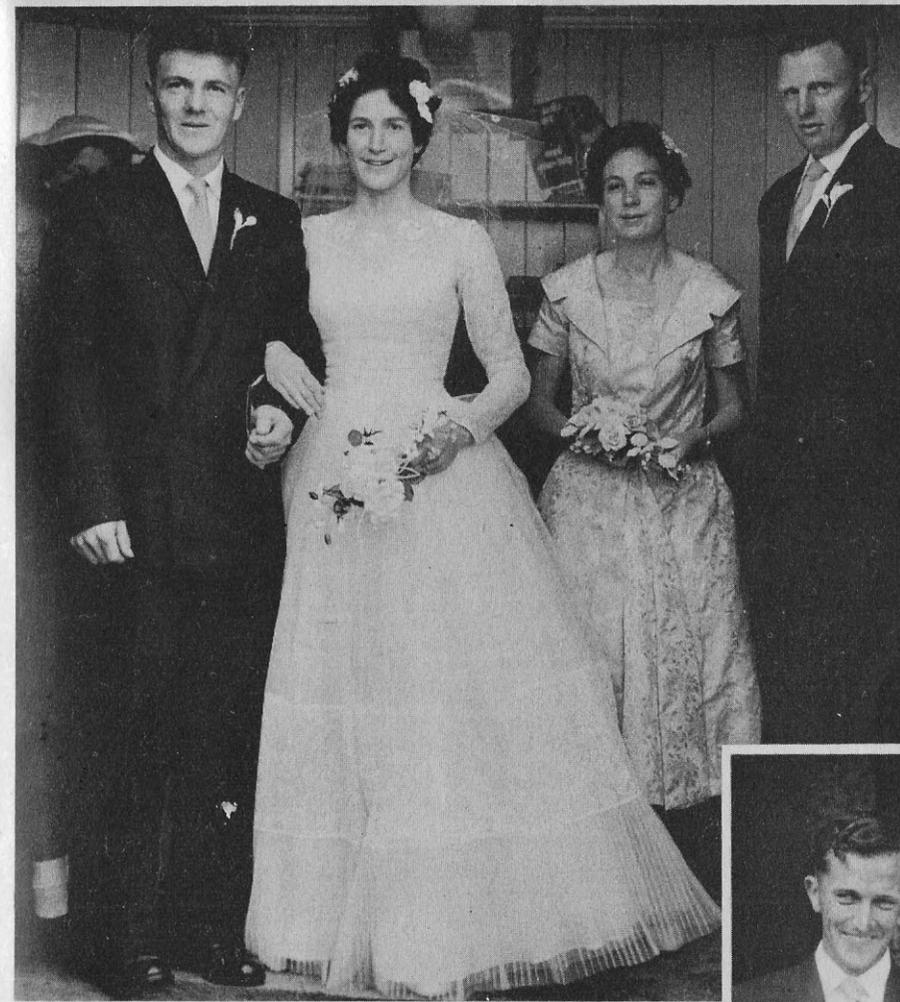


Above: Critic of the school drama festival, Mrs T.F.Andrews.

Left: Mrs Marjorie Henderson, busy with make-up on Jocelyn Clarke, watched by Pauline O'Key, Judith Carruthers, Patricia Rowe and Nancie Pease.

Left: Three Eltham School players in their production "The Adventurer" are Margaret Nummy, Maxine Ritter and Allan Campbell.

Below: Cast of the Penbroke Road School's production "Hereward the Wake" are Kevin Renwick, Brian Goble, Terry Hignett, Carol Jenkins and Susanne Waterson.



Below: Noeline Rowe and Corinne Fletcher do the right thing to the bridal car at the Hickford-Langman wedding at Waitara recently.



Married

Left: HICKFORD--LANGMAN: At the Knox Presbyterian Church, Waitara, Colleen Joan, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.Langman, Waitara, to David James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Hickford, Inglewood. The bridesmaid was Bernice Langman, and the best man was Hilton Reeve. The future home of the couple will be Okato.

Below: HONEYFIELD--PATTERSON: At St.Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Elna Florette, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N.Patterson, New Plymouth, to Barry John, son of Mrs and the late Mr Honeyfield, Motunui. Matron of honour was Gwenda Brazier and the bridesmaid was Margaret Mitchell. Keith Walters was the best man and Bob Honeyfield was the groomsman. Flower-girl was Pauline Patterson. Future home is Motunui.





Roving Camera

Above, left: Storekeepers for a period of 23 years is something of a record these days. But that is the proud boast of Mr and Mrs Alex Anderson, who have just retired from the business of the Wellbourne stores. Their customers thought so much of them that they entertained them to an evening, when a presentation was made, on behalf of their customers, by Mr Steve Kelly. Photo News would like to join in wishing them both a happy and long retirement.

Above, right: Here's that girl Sherry Holmes again. This time, she's cutting her 13th birthday cake. Now she's a teenager. Wonder if it will make any difference?

Below, left: Here's a double-banger birthday. Jeanette Patricia recently celebrated her 21st birthday, and her brother Leonard Thomas celebrated his 20th, at a party specially put on by their parents, Mr and Mrs Peter Telford, Omata.

Below, right: They've been going steady, now they are engaged. Pamela Ann, only daughter of Mrs A.E. and the late B.J. Durrant, to Kenneth Roy, third son of Mr and Mrs E.T. Pentecost. Don't forget to let Photo News know about the wedding, will you?



First Ball Held at New Waitara High School Hall

The new and colourful Assembly Hall at the Waitara High School was used recently for a function for the first time, when the school's old pupils held a ball.

Above: Some of the revellers who had a swell time in this sumptuous venue.

Right: Jim Blair, Beverley Gooding, Dick Waters and Pauline Gooding look as though they enjoyed the tasty supper provided.

Below, right: And these are the kitchen staff who provided the tasty supper.

Below: Bailey Clewston and Diane Young sit this one out in comfort.

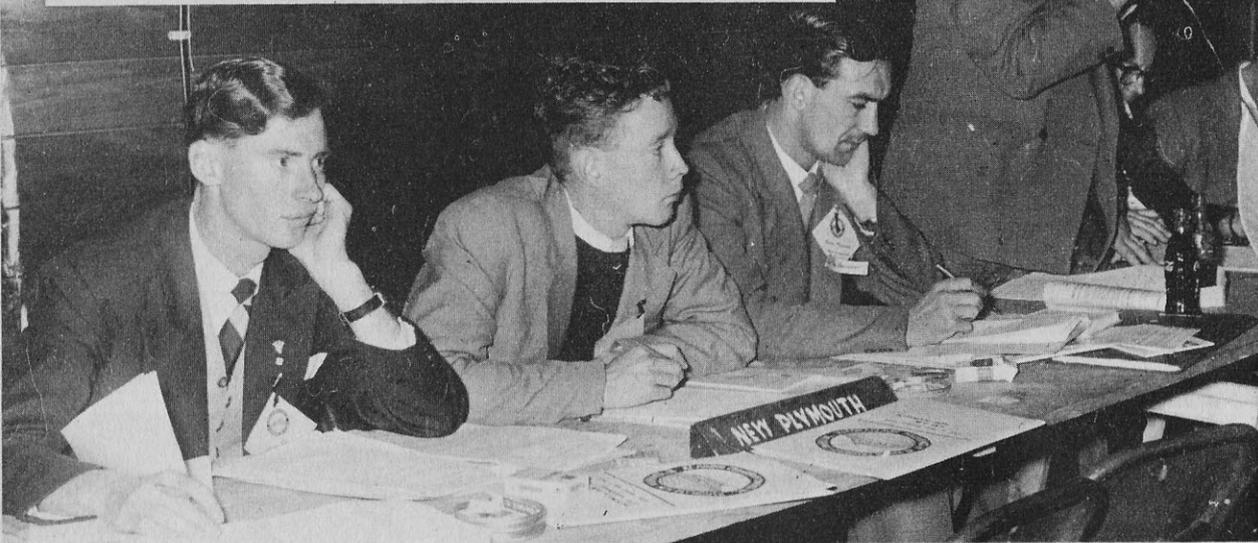


Jaycee Convention at New Plymouth

With members from all parts of New Zealand, the Jaycees recently held their 16th National Convention at New Plymouth. A full programme, extending over four days, kept the visitors well occupied. The convention, voted a complete success, reflects great credit on the local organisers.

Below: Our photograph shows local members, David Rowlands, Haddon Gilbert, Russ Moller and Bill Hume, the New Plymouth president, at the second plenary session in the Agricultural Hall.

Bottom: A general view of the Agricultural Hall during this session, gives some idea of the number present.



Above: Jaycee Senators gave a cocktail party prior to the convention ball, which was held at the Agricultural and Queen's halls. Shown in our photograph are Mr and Mrs Pat Stevenson (Auckland), a past president of New Plymouth Jaycees, Mr and Mrs Ken Peare, New Plymouth, and Mr George Taylor, a New Plymouth past president.

Below, left: Mr and Mrs Leo Carrington, Hawera, the Taranaki regional governor, Mrs Nance Wall, and Mr Henry Peick, Stratford.

Below, right: The national president, Mr Lester Castle and his wife, with Mr and Mrs Peter Gifford (Hastings), the immediate national past president.



Tough Tour for 100-mile Cyclists

Though the weather was fine, the amateur cyclists raced "Round the Mountain" in what is believed to be the worst possible conditions. A howling south easterly wind blew the riders about considerably. From New Plymouth, all the way down the coast road to Manaia, and then on to Eltham, they faced very fierce head winds, but on the turn at Eltham, they really turned on the speed, some getting along at speeds of up to fifty miles an hour. A tough test for a tough bunch of boys.

Right: Wattie Pidwell, the referee, has words of instructions for some of the riders.

Below: Knowing what faced them on the road these riders found time to smile for the photographer.



Above, Left: The winner, R.D. Johnston, Point Chevalier, crosses the finishing line just about all in.

Above: Second man in was ex-New Plymouth rider A.J. Walsh. He was completely exhausted and hung on to the winner, before offering his congratulatory handshake. Well done boys, you rode a magnificent race from the back mark.

Left: This is one of the things that makes races worth winning. Jeanette Allison, the winner's girl friend, dishes out the prize.

Right: Robbie Ireton the first New Plymouth rider to finish, who came in fourth.



Bright & Breezy Pantomime

It was a bit early in the season for pantomime, but twice at New Plymouth, and again at Tikorangi, the houses were packed to see "Cinderella", produced by Max McWilliams and presented by the Universal Players.

The players were drawn from churches of all denominations, and moulded well into a grand company of actors.

The cast's principals were; Cinderella, Astrid Duxfield; Prince, Albert Gregory; King, Colin Horner; Queen, Bunny McWilliams; Ugly sisters, Joyce Horner and Zena Ebetts; and the jester, Ailsa McCrone.





Above: Third man home receives his prize from Mrs A.D.Follett, wife of the president of the Round the Mountain race committee. The third place went to another Auckland rider, D.J.Turnball from Papatoetoe.

Right: Wanganui's Geoff Lankow needed a bit of attention from the St. John Ambulance when he finished this gruelling race. He finished in fifth place.

Below: This is the scratch bunch, who put up such a marvellous performance. This group includes the first, second and fifth men home. From the left they are, Geoff Lankow (Wanganui), R.D.Johnston the winner, A.J.Walsh (both from the Point Chevalier Club) and R.J.Peoples from Ponoke.



Central School
Waitara
Oct 9th 1959

Dear Mr Eves.

Will you please
come to our Fancy
Dress Afternoon in the Waitara
Memorial Hall next Thursday
October 15th at quarter to 2
We are going to do
our school Phy Ed dances
for you to see.
Love from
the Infants



Invitation Accepted

We were tickled pink to receive this invitation recently and having received "Love from the infants," we just HAD to go. These little boys and girls made a pretty picture whilst performing what they are taught at school for the benefit of their parents. The dresses were really colourful, and the children happy and laughing during an afternoon that was a thrill for all.

Below: "You put your right leg in..." Well, the kids certainly did the Hokey Tokey as well as their parents could have done it. Lovely, aren't they?



Now just look at all those happy little faces at the Waitara Central School Infant fancy dress afternoon. The youngsters demonstrated their physical education lessons to a delighted audience of very proud parents.





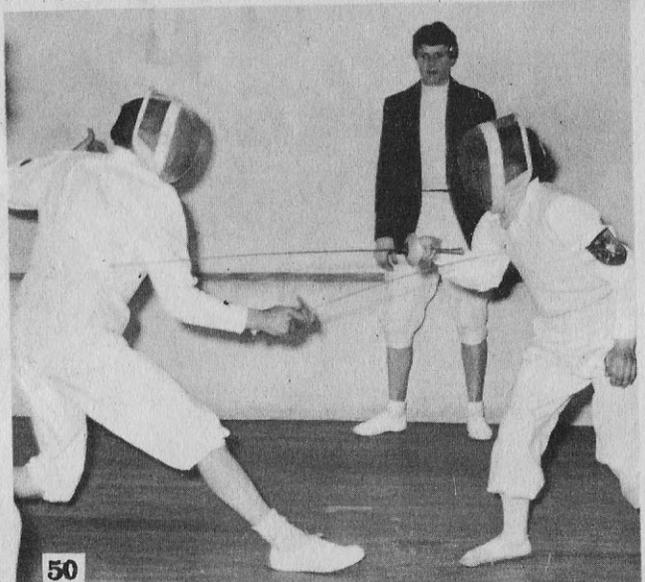
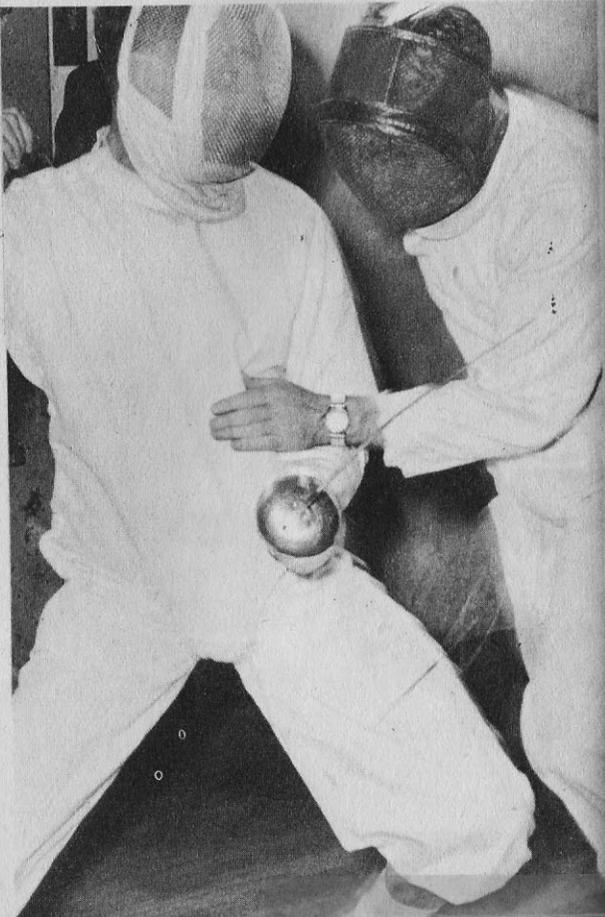
Inter-City Fencing

A sport that doesn't rate the following that it should is fencing. This is a sport for the agile, and one must be fit and quick of mind and eye to get to the top. On a recent visit from Wanganui swordsmen, who fought duels with the New Plymouth Club, some really expert sword-play was seen. New Plymouth, though beaten by 6 losses to 10 in this inter-city contest, put up a remarkably good show for so small a club.

Above: Brian Mullins and Annette Whiting, two visitors from Wanganui made friends quickly with three New Plymouth members.

Below: Ian Routeley (Wanganui) in a bout with John Rowe (New Plymouth).

Right: Some close fighting that is not in the book is indulged in by Graham Campbell (Wanganui) and Vincent Brownson (New Plymouth).



Married in Malaya

Above, left: At a service in Ipoh, Malaya, Iris, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J. Rigby, of Wolverhampton, England, to Ben, fourth son of Mr and Mrs Jackson Pi Katene, Mawhitiwhiti Road, Oklawa. Also shown in the photograph are, at rear, Mr R. Minhinnick, Normanby, S.Kopa, the best man, from Kaikohe, and Miss C. Jackson, Stoke-on-Trent, England, the bridesmaid. On return to New Zealand, the couple will live at Waiouru. Thanks for sending us this photograph Ben, and the best of luck to you and your bride.

Below, left: Happy, playful kids at the Westown Play centre are Lance Trott, Kim Morley, Jan-reen Stephens and Nigel Gundsens.

Below, right: Paul Gundsens, John Bell and Mary and Linda Lawler play under the supervision of Betty Beanland, who is helping to run the new play centre.



ENGAGED: The engagement was announced recently of Judith Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Carlson, Inglewood, and Ashley Claude, only son of Mr and Mrs G. Lucas, Egmont Village.

