

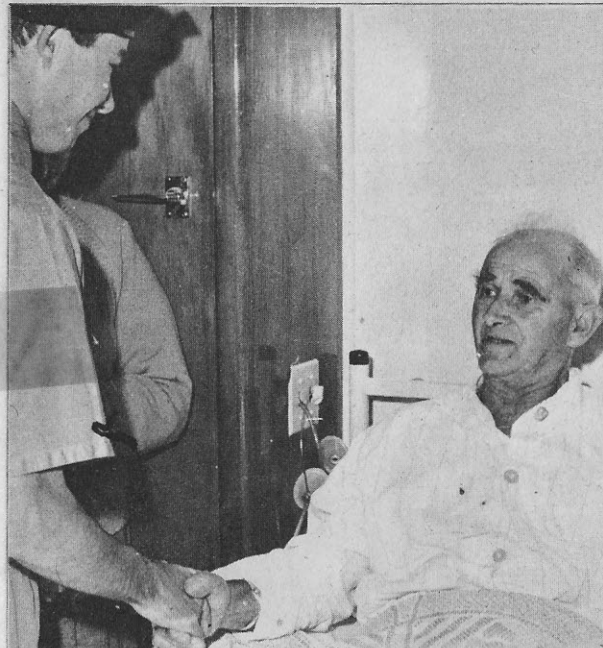
New Plymouth

PHOTO NEWS





THIRD NZ SURFBOARD CHAMPION
 The third NZ Surfboard championships were recently staged at Fitzroy Beach, NP. The weather and surf proved just right for the occasion, and the championships attracted entries from all over the country. Pictured here riding a wave is the senior men's winner, Bob Davie of Gisborne.



Scout Award

The Westown Hospital was the scene of an important presentation for Mr J. Turchi, a member of the Welbourn Scout committee, who was awarded a thanks badge, only the second one ever earned in New Plymouth, for his work for the Scouts. The badge was presented, above, by Scoutmaster Ray James.

MARRIED

Right: At the Presbyterian Church, Patea, Margaret, youngest daughter of Mrs Ritchie, Aberdeen, to Charles, son of Mr Whitecross, Scotland.

21ST BIRTHDAYS

Below: Sally, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. Thomson, NP, shown with her mother and father at her birthday celebration.

Below, centre: Barrie and Wayne, twin sons of the late Mr and Mrs A. J. Cadman, Hawera, had their own 21st birthday cakes to cut. (DAVID PAUL)

Below, right: Brenda Ranui, Hawera, who recently attained her majority. (DAVID PAUL).



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OUR COVER

Not local girls these, but winners at the recent NZ Hairdressers' Championships held at New Plymouth. The winner, at right, with her model, and runner-up left, with her model.

BACK COVER

First recorded scene of motor racing at New Plymouth was the recent Labour week-end meeting organised by a local group.





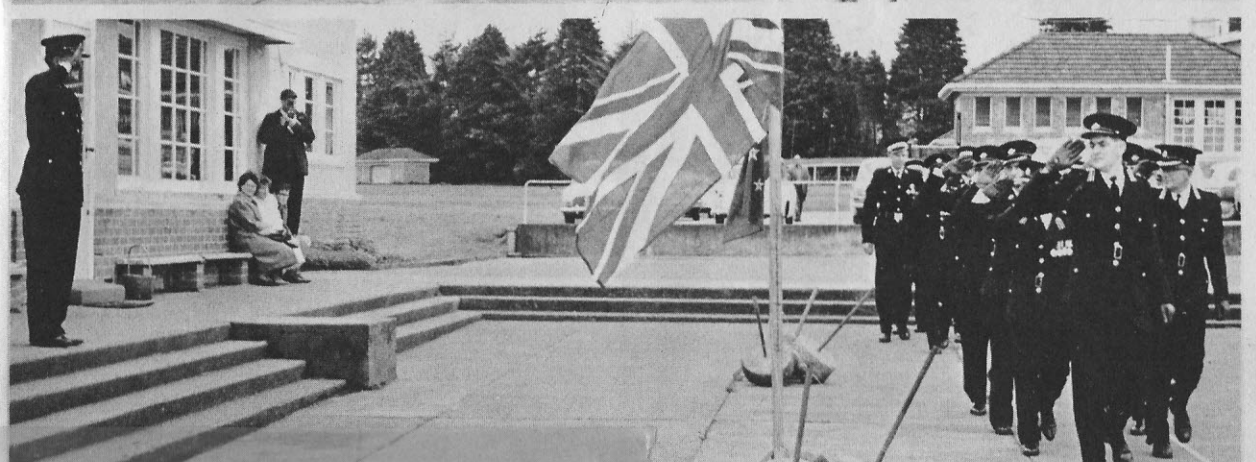
Six Day Cycle Race

Stage five of the recent Dulux Six-Day Cycle race finished at New Plymouth. Stage seven, a trip to Wanganui, followed with the start on the next morning from Darby and Hannan's in Devon Street. Above, left: Mountain leader David Hill is shown with Pat Hannan and the Mayor of NP, Mr A.G. Honnor, at the start. Above, right: Tour leader at New Plymouth, Mel Powell (Australia) reads a congratulatory telegram before the start. Below: They're off...on the next leg of 100 miles.



St. John's Parade And March Past

The first district parade for a number of years was recently held by the St. John Ambulance Brigade at the Stratford Primary School grounds. Over two hundred turned out for this parade, and smart they were too. We feel here that a little plug for this fine body of people will not go amiss. They have about one member for every thousand of people in Taranaki, and their aim is for one in three hundred. Anyone feeling that they would like to be of service to the community, there's no more tangible way than joining the Brigade...any takers? Nursing volunteers and cadets on parade. Below: Ambulance men and their juniors presented a smart parade. Bottom: March past. Taking the salute was Taranaki Commissioner, Dr H. D. Law.





ST. JOHN'S PARADE

Above: Even the latest recruits, though without their uniform, took part in this district parade.

Above, right: Hawera contingent on the march. Right: Some districts were small in number and badly need more members.

Below, right: Divisional officers at the parade.



ST JOHN PARADE

Above, left: New Plymouth contingent in the march past were a smart body.

Left: Officers fall out after the parade and inspection.

Below, left: New Plymouth nursing division in the march past.

Above: Commissioner for Taranaki, Dr H.D. Law inspecting the Stratford nursing cadets.

Below: Even the officers came under a strict inspection.



BIG CHIEF PRO

Public Relations Officer, Fraser Stevenson, recently pitched up to his office dressed for his part in the local production "Annie Get Your Gun". He caused a slight stir in Currie street, but completed his day's toil as Big Chief Sitting Bull.





Married

Left: CLEAVER-BURKETT. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, NP, Verena, youngest daughter of Mrs T. Burkett, NP, and the late Mr P. Burkett, to Neil Cleaver, youngest son of Mrs L. Smith, NP. Matron of honour was Teresa Patten, sister of the bride, NP, and the best man was Michael Slate, NP. The flower-girls were Wendy Burkett and Jill Prestney, both NP, and the page boys were Peter Burkett and Murray Wells. Future home, Oakura.

Below: WITHERS-JOHNSON. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Marilyn Rae, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N. H. Johnson, NP, to Ian Campbell, eldest son of Mr H. Withers, Waitara, and the late Mrs Withers. The bridesmaids were Margaret Walker, Colleen Ellis and Maree Crow, all of NP. The best man was Clarry Withers, brother of the groom, Waitara, and the groomsmen were Ross Withers, Gisborne, and Rex Withers, brother of the groom, Waitara. Future home, NP.



49th Birthday Tea

This year, the Fitzroy Scout troop celebrated its 49th birthday with the annual tea and social. **Above:** Some of the troop, complete with their parents, enjoyed the evening. **Below, left:** Cutting their 49th birthday cake were Venturer David Bruce, Group Scoutmaster Roy Hopkins and the youngest Cub, Ross Barnes. **Below, right:** The serving of savs was done here by Leaine Yearbury.



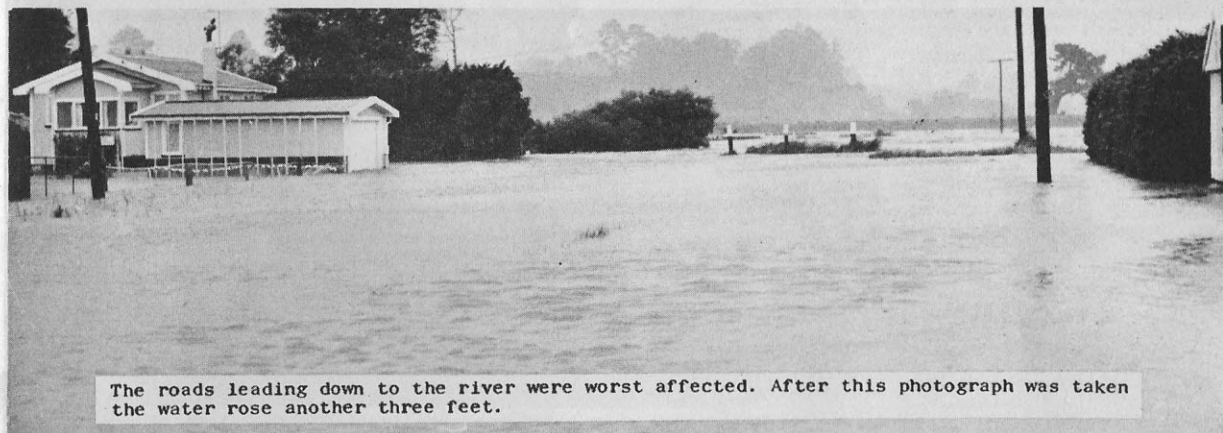


Near Disaster For Waitara

Sunday, November the 7th, will be a day to remember for the residents of Waitara. The town and its brave inhabitants came as close as they will ever want to come to disaster. At one time the town was declared a disaster area, and rightly so, as at low tide the floods were a real danger to the town. Fortunately, the level of the water went down before the high tide in the evening, and those hundreds of people affected heaved a sigh of relief. This was the worst flood suffered by the town in almost its entire history, and will be long remembered by those most affected. Despite the danger of the position, our hats come off to the people of Waitara for their determination and spirit in the face of adversity, and to the army of volunteers who answered the call for help from many parts of the province. We know the people of Waitara owe a debt of gratitude for the help given them. Above: View on Sunday morning from the look-out as the rampaging river swept round the two corners into the town. Below: Under the bridge rushed the silt-laden waters from the back country at about mid-day on Sunday.



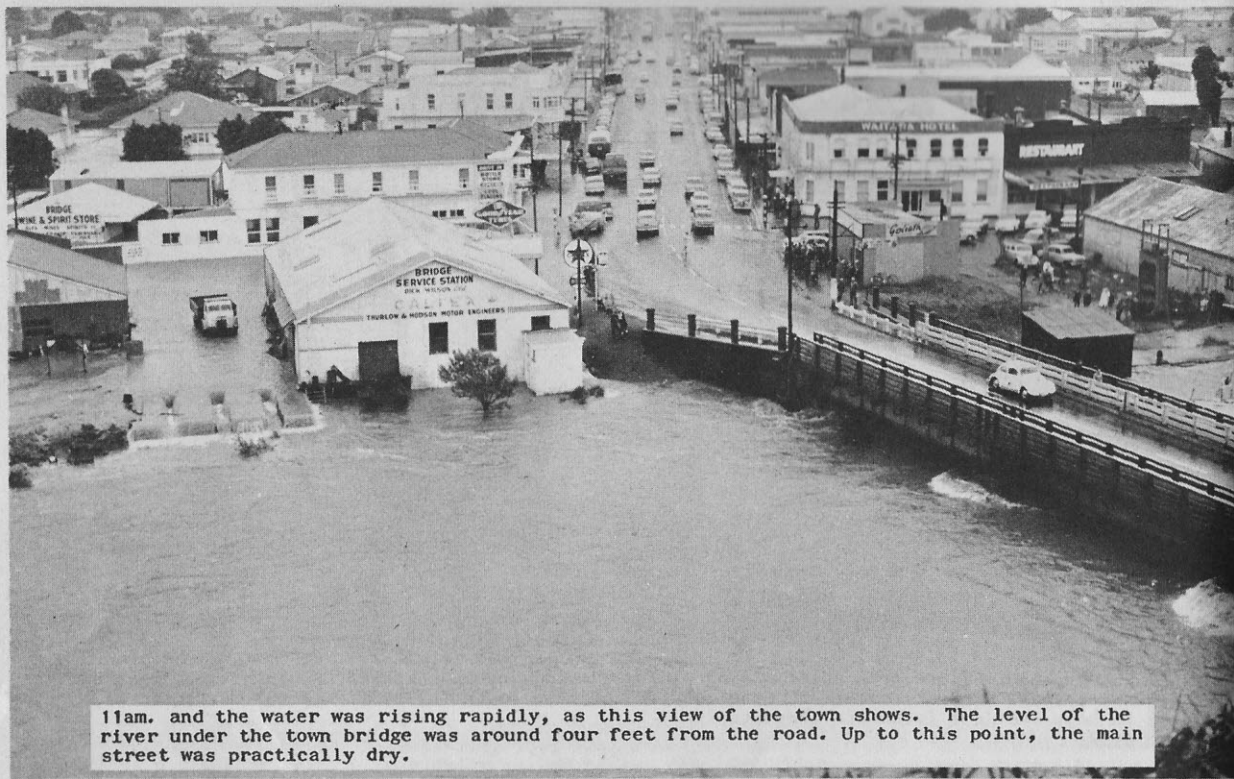
Sunday, 3pm. Floodwaters still rising steadily along the main street. By this time, there was a small army of volunteers from outside the town doing anything they were directed to to help the less fortunate townspeople.



The roads leading down to the river were worst affected. After this photograph was taken the water rose another three feet.



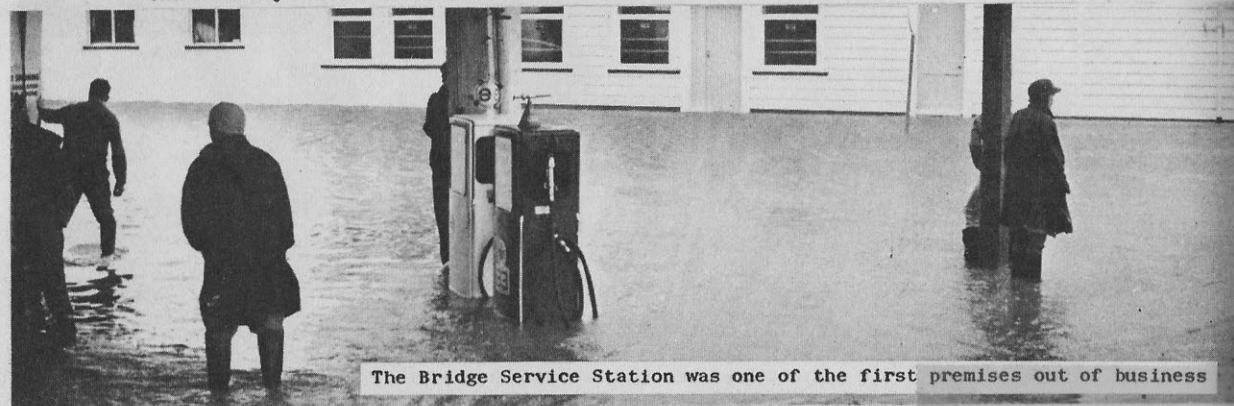
Typical scene around mid-day on Sunday



11am. and the water was rising rapidly, as this view of the town shows. The level of the river under the town bridge was around four feet from the road. Up to this point, the main street was practically dry.



Many people stood and watched, but were soon helping as realisation struck them of the severity of the situation.



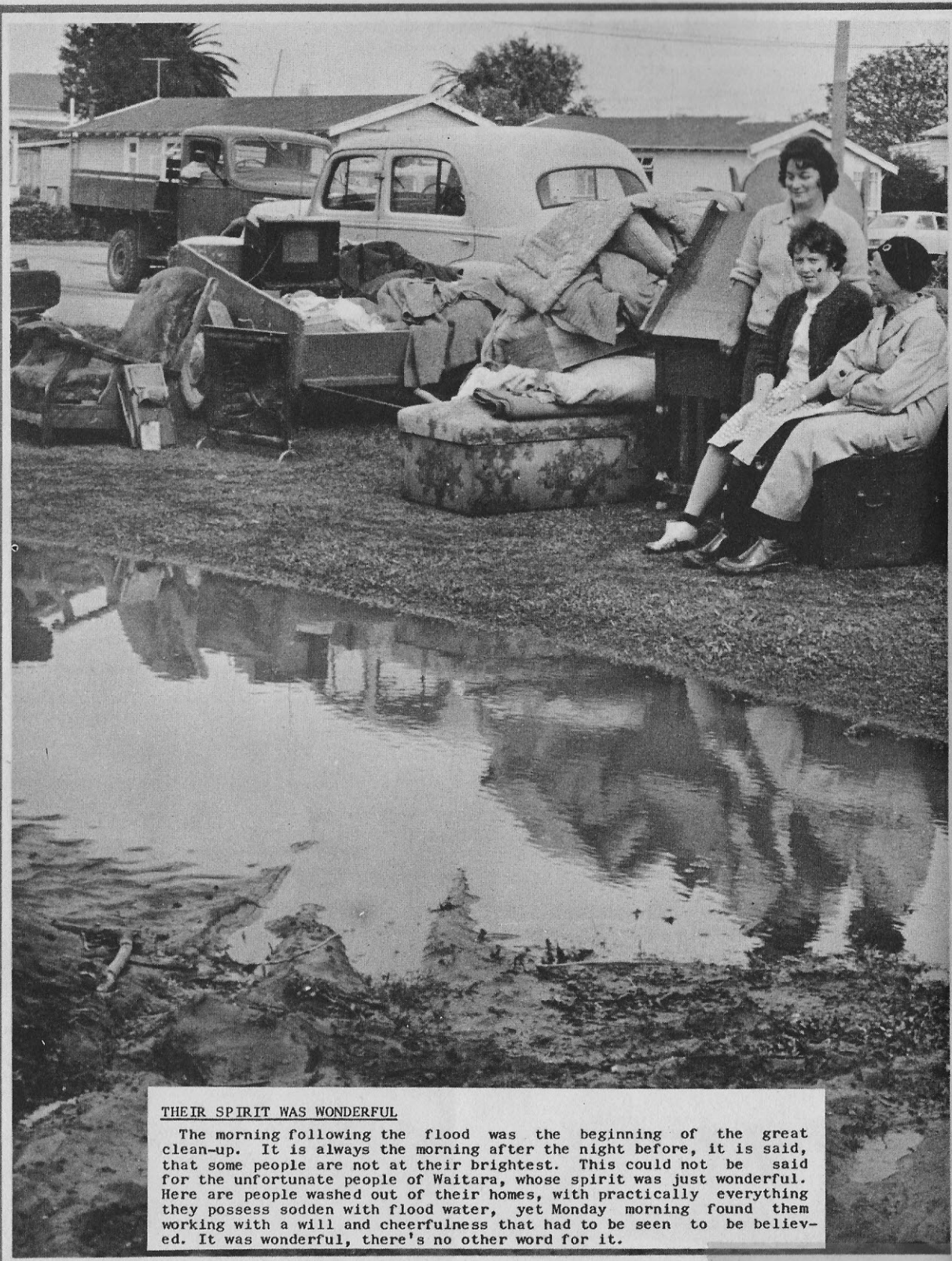
The Bridge Service Station was one of the first premises out of business



HELPERS WERE PLENTIFUL

Above, left: By 3pm it was evident that a boat was going to be a necessity in rescue operations.
Left: Someone lost this boat down river.
Below, left: The new tavern near the bridge was christened with the wrong liquid.
Above: Helpers were plentiful, many answering a radio appeal for help.
Below: Furniture was stored in the Memorial Hall, as families realised that they weren't going to be spared.





THEIR SPIRIT WAS WONDERFUL

The morning following the flood was the beginning of the great clean-up. It is always the morning after the night before, it is said, that some people are not at their brightest. This could not be said for the unfortunate people of Waitara, whose spirit was just wonderful. Here are people washed out of their homes, with practically everything they possess sodden with flood water, yet Monday morning found them working with a will and cheerfulness that had to be seen to be believed. It was wonderful, there's no other word for it.



THE BIG CLEAN-UP

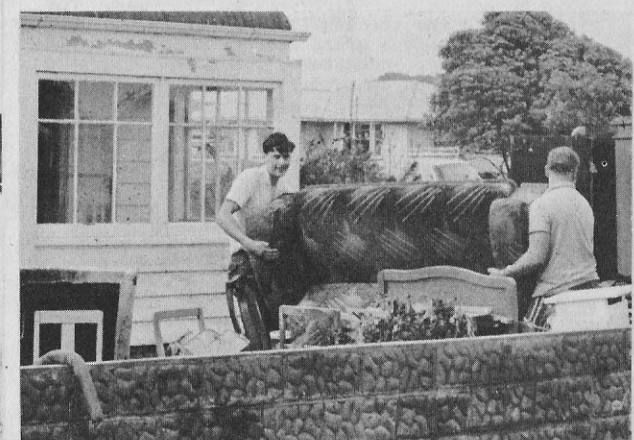
Above: The men rolled their sleeves up, and the women rolled their skirts up on the great Monday clean-up. Everyone pitched in with a will and did anything they could to help the unfortunate.

Below: Shoe-store cleaners used hoses to wash the silt out.

Above, right: Silt, silt, and yet more silt. That was the biggest enemy of the clean-up.

Right: Out comes the furniture for an airing.

Below, right: The difficulty was to find a place to put the furniture. Everything was covered with the never-ending silt.





Army of jovial W. H. S. pupils looking for work

W. H. S. LEND A HAND

It was soon realised at the Waitara High School that here were a lot of able bodies that could be put to good use. And so it was. The kids paraded the streets looking for anyone who needed help, and a great deal of that they did too. Well done, youngsters, you now realise the value of a friend in need. It seemed that no job was too dirty for you.



These two boys did much to get a lot of water back to the river it came from.



"Mrs Mops" Brigade had fun, but did a good job in helping anyone needing assistance.



Stock on the footpath resembled a street market



Fred Bird soon had helpers getting his stock of crockery cleaned up



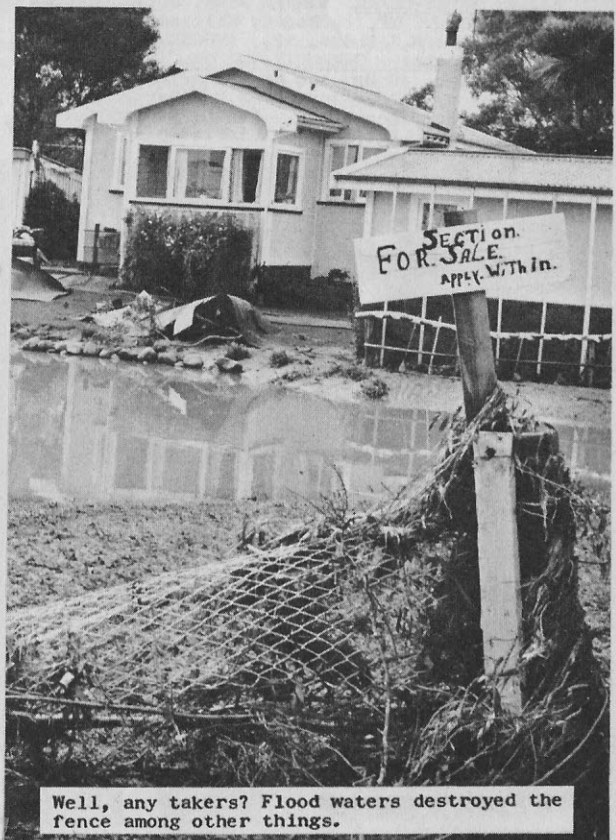
This was once a beautiful lawn, but now a sea of silt which is difficult to get rid of.



Black mark on the curtains is the water level at the height of the flood. The sign was washed from the end of the street on the river bank.



Mrs Fred Bird smiles as she works...what a wonderful spirit these Waitara folk have!



Well, any takers? Flood waters destroyed the fence among other things.



Engaged

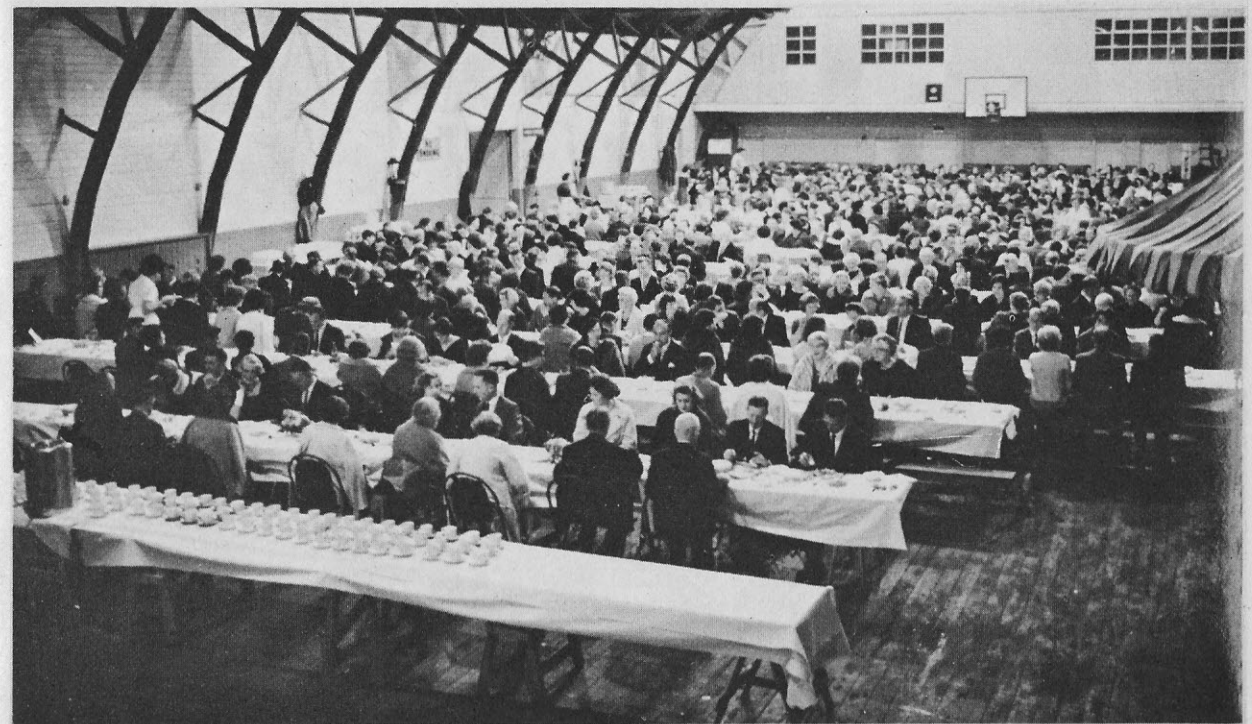
Above: WOLFE-PHILLIPS. Raewyn Edith, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Phillips, Pukearuru, to Thomas Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs H. N. Wolfe, New Plymouth. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below: SHORT-CLARK. Sandra Jean, only daughter of Mrs E. Clark, NP, to Rodney William, only son of Mr and Mrs W. F. Short, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Above, right: GERAGHTY-BURTON. Susan Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Burton, NP, to John Hasson, elder son of Mr H. H. Geraghty and Mrs J. F. Bryham, Lepperton. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

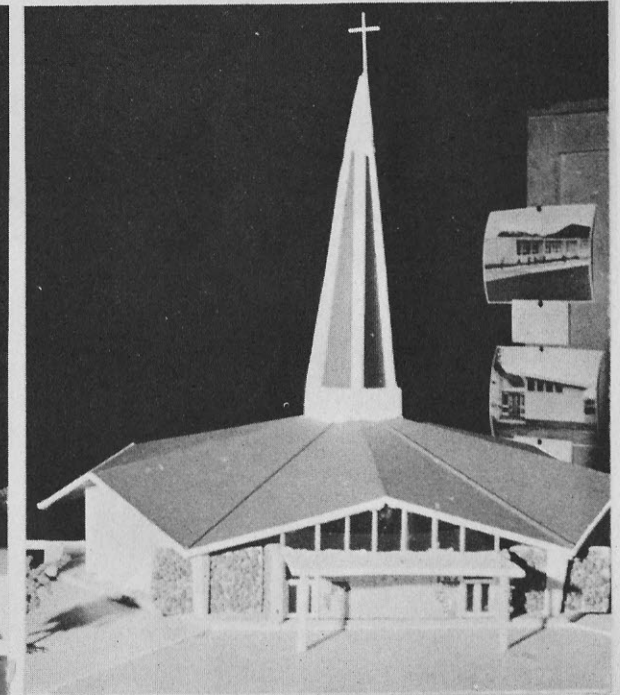
Right: KOPU-LITCHWARK. Gloria Dawn, third daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Litchwark, Waitara, to Bing Brown, third son of Mr and Mrs J. Kopu, Waitara. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below, right: COPESTONE-WELLINGTON. Jan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Wellington, NP, to William Murray, only son of Mr W. G. Coplestone, NP, and the late Mrs Coplestone. (VOGUE).



750 At Catholic Parish Dinner

The New Plymouth Army Hall was filled with 750 Catholics of the St. Joseph's Parish for their three-yearly dinner. At this function, some £64,000 was donated or promised for the needs of the church, which will include the complete renewal of St. Joseph's Church in Devon Street. A model of the new church was on view at the function, and is shown below. At left, is the view from Devon street, and at right is the view on the Powderham street frontage. Above: Parishers sitting down to their dinner.





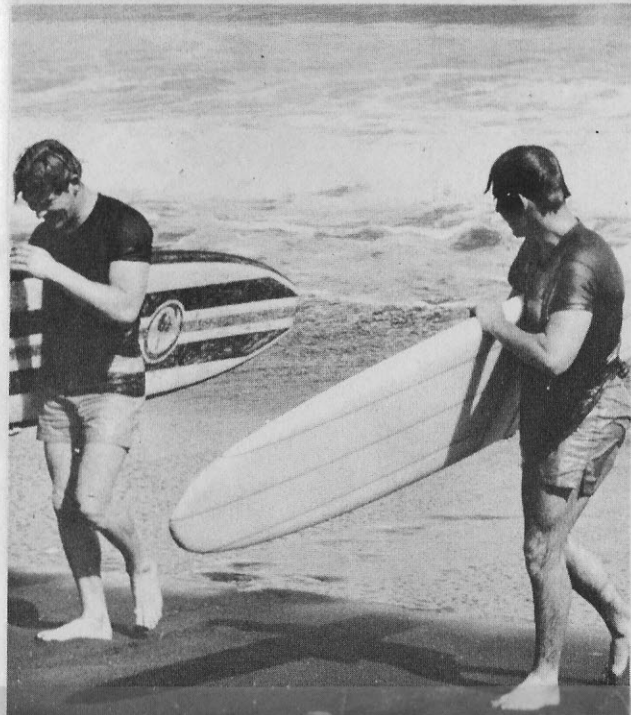
N.Z. Surf Championships At Fitzroy

The third NZ Surfboard Championships, and the first ever held in New Plymouth were staged at Fitzroy Beach over the Labour weekend. Hundreds of surfies from as far as Gisborne and Christchurch entered the championships, and for once the sea was, on most days, behaving very well. Some of the surf was ideal for the championships, particularly for the finals. Above: Part of the crowd watching the finals. Below: Three contestants in the final of the senior men's event catch the same wave.



SEA WAS JUST RIGHT

The NZ Surfboard championships depended very largely on the sea, and for the recent events at Fitzroy the sea could have been called perfect. Not perhaps as large as some of the surfers would have liked, it was, nevertheless, big enough for most, creating some very good riding by the competitors in the senior men's final, some shown here. Above, left and right: Previous NZ Champion Hermit McDermott is shown in two typical poses as he heads for the shore. Below, left: Hermit McDermott and Bob Davies (Gisborne) come ashore after the final. Below, right: Winner of the senior championship, Bob Davies of Gisborne.

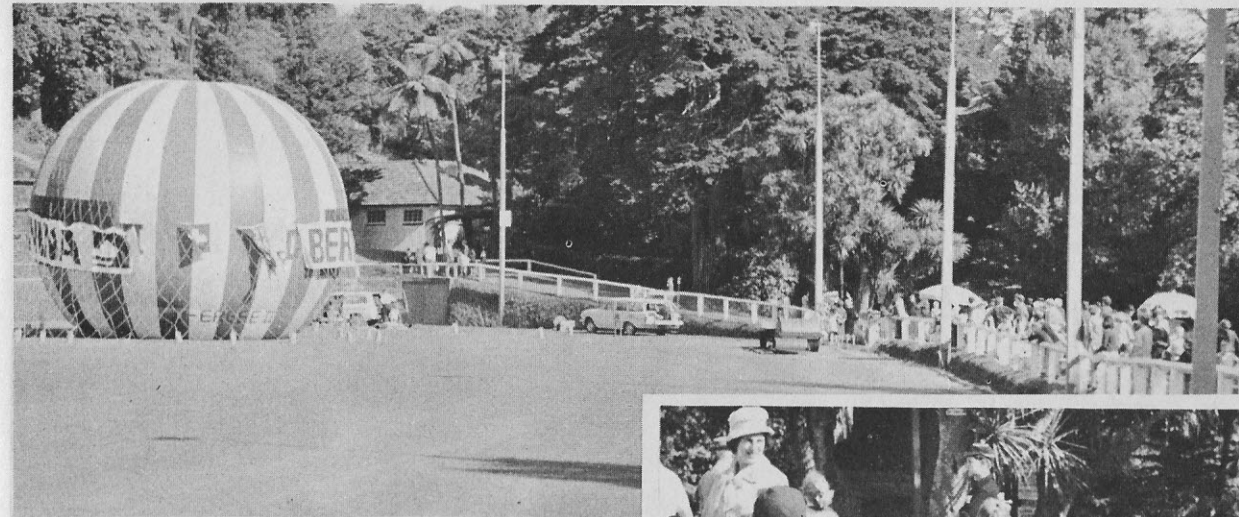




Married

Above: AMON-AMIES. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Pauline Julia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. T. Amies, Normanby, to Brian Revell, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Amon, Manutahi. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Whalen, Manaia, and Dianne Cayless, Wellington. Rae Goodey, Hawera, was the best man and Selwyn Prince, Hawera, was the groomsmen. Future home, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

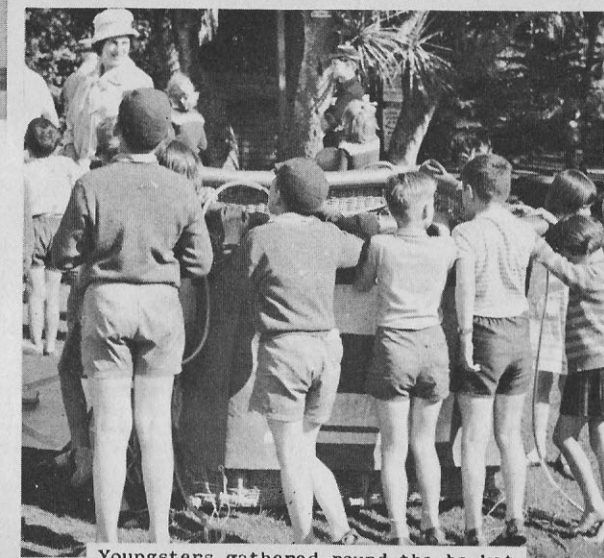
Below: GRIFFITHS-WADE. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Carmen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Wade, NP, to John, second son of Mr and Mrs H. Griffiths, Hastings. The bridesmaids were Donna Wade, sister of the bride, NP, Sherrin Cleaver, Tarata, and Jane Rutherford, NP. Best man was Ted Griffiths, brother of the groom, Wellington, and the groomsmen were Kirby Wright, NP, and Brian Rock, Wellington. Future home, Hawera.



Bernina Balloon At Pukekura Park

The Bernina balloon currently touring the country recently was on view at Pukekura Park. Unfortunately, it was only filled with air and didn't fly at all, but a good number of people, especially the younger folk, went along to inspect it. The viewing of the balloon also helped the funds of the Plunket Society, whose branches had various stalls and raffles on the go.

Above: Here is the balloon, probably the first and last time we will ever see one on the park.



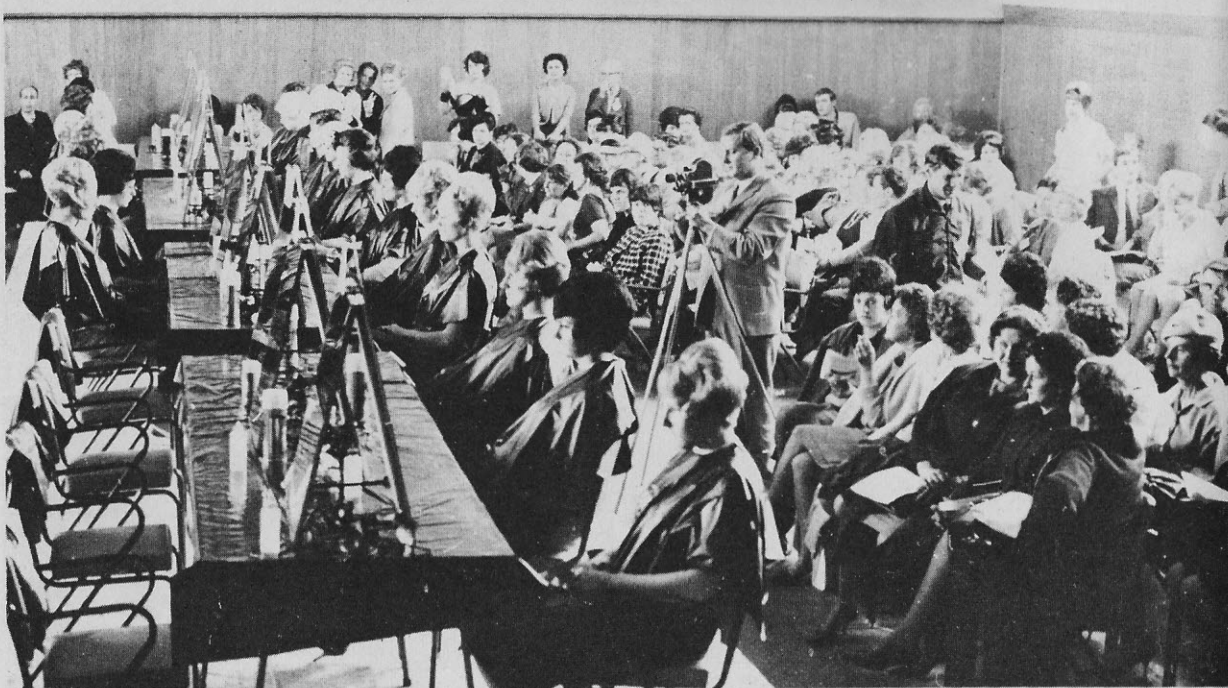
Youngsters gathered round the basket



Mesdames H. Moss, J. Cameron and S. Bennett of the Westtown branch at their stall.



Who the heck would want to travel in this?



First N.Z. Hairdressers' Champs At N.P.

Competitors came from as far as the Bluff for the first-ever New Zealand Hairdresser's championships held recently in this city. According to the opinion of the judges, the standard was as high as championships in other countries, which augurs well for my lady's coiffures in this country. We took a good look round and thought that the results of the hairdressers was neat, tidy, and never gaudy. It would appear that tastes in this field are more sedate than elsewhere. **Above:** Scene at the championships at the NP War Memorial Hall, which was filled for the occasion. **Below:** President of the local association, Mr W.R.Cook, on stage with the four placegetters in the major event.



WINNING COIFFURES

Above: Winning style of the major event at the recent NZ Hairdressers' Champs in NP was worn by model Sue Cornish, and styled by Christchurch hairdresser Jillian Heine.

Above, right: Second place went to Helga Bonengi, a Wellington hairdresser, modelled by Ilse Bartek.

Below: Second in the under 4 years was won by Eileen Forsyth (Palmerston North), shown with her model at left, Deborrah Knowles.

Below, right: Winner of the junior styling, under 2 years, was won by Judy Chatterton, right, with her model Alison Field.





HAIRDRESSERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Above: Cups and trophies for the recent NZ Hairdressers' Champs were a very impressive collection.

Above, right: Hair style for the not-so-young. **Right:** Judge Mrs Faye Petrie takes a long look at this model in the senior class.

Below: Fourth place in the open championship went to Kerry Banks, shown with her model Jennifer Lange.

Below, right: President of the NZ Association, Mrs Doreen Ballantyne, was also the chief judge.



Married

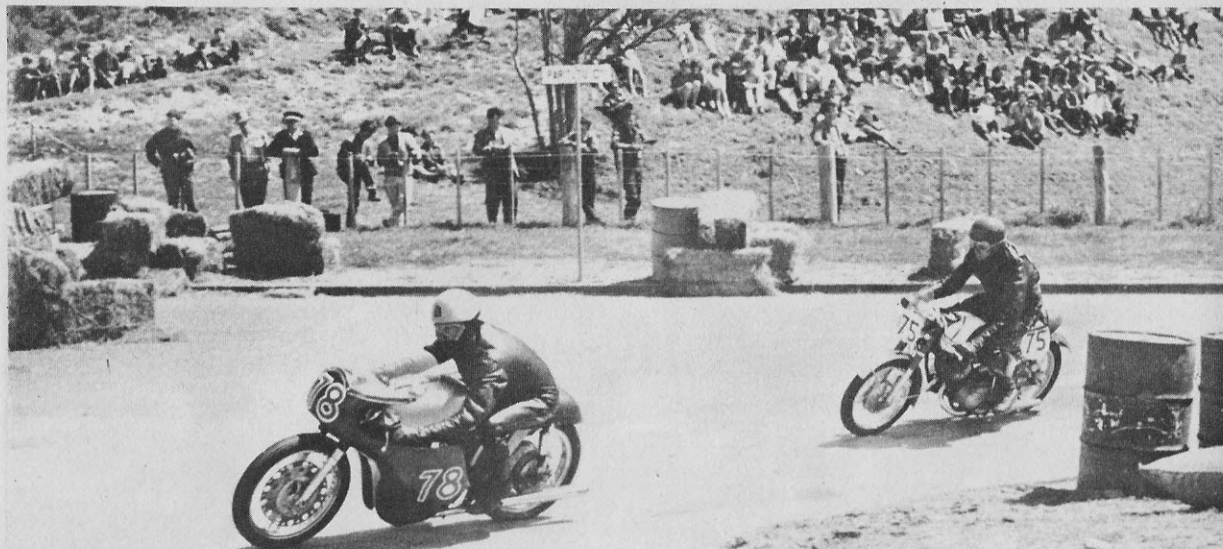
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Below: BARRY-LISTER. At Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, Jeanette Lorraine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Lister, Toko, to Ian Arthur, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Barry, NP. The bridesmaids were Faye Lines, Kaponga, Joy Bishop, NP, and Dianne Lister, sister of the bride, Toko. Best man was John Chapman, NP, and the groomsman was Brian Thomas, Ngaere. Future home, New Plymouth.

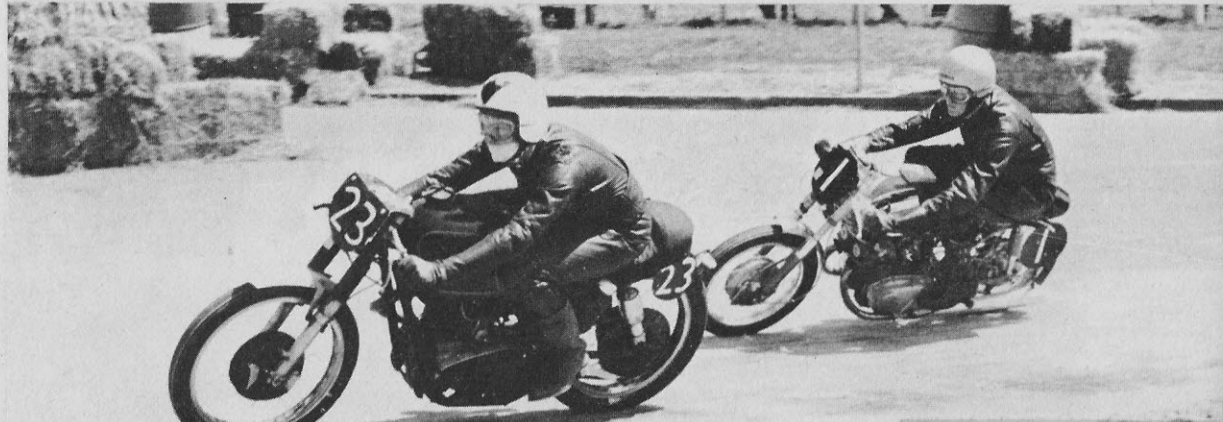




Starter Jack Rutherford gets the cars into line in a saloon car event



B. N. McMillan (Lower Hutt) on an NSU leads B. L. Hastie (Inglewood) in a motor Cycle Grand Prix



J. Agnew (Waitara) and P. J. Webb (Eltham) seemed to fly round the Ivon Watkins corner

LOCAL DRIVERS AT RACING



Tait (Kaponga) in his AC



H. Plowright (NP): Humber 80.



A. M. Loveridge (Egmont Village): Morris Cooper.



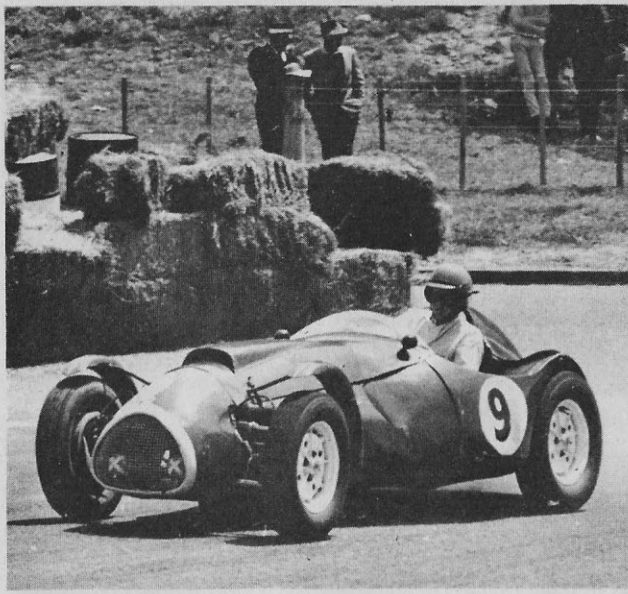
Nev Carter (NP): Humber 80.



Ray Christianson (NP): AJS.



G. Haughey (Stratford): BSA.



RACING CANDIDS

Above, left: Ian Green (NP) in his Cooper Bristol rounds the corner at Ivon Watkins. Ian didn't have a particularly successful day.

Left: R. Smith in his Daimler SP250 only just missed the drums on the Eclipse corner.

Below, left: Plenty of willing helpers to push a broken-down car off the course.

Above: P. Parnwell (Tauranga) was a winner on his Norton.

Below: Part of the crowd, estimated at over ten thousand.



Country Girls' Field Day

The North Taranaki Country Girls recently held their annual field day at Inglewood. There was a good entry in all sections of the competitions, particularly in the dressmaking section, where the girls not only made their own clothes, but modelled them. Above: The judges question Patricia Gilhooly (Rahotu), after she had paraded her clothes.



Patricia Gilhooly (Rahotu)



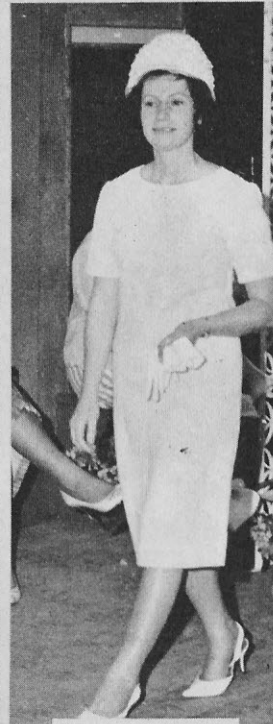
Marlene Cloke (Karawaka)



Patricia Gilhooly (Rahotu)



Leslie Andrews (Karawaka)



Margaret Smith (Mangaraka)



Janice Hinz (Mangaraka)



Highlands School Music Festival

To us, there seemed to be more children performing than there were at the Highlands school. Everything was huge in its presentation. The school, with an orchestra of 170 pupils, can surely claim at least a numerical record. The whole festival was an excellent one, and thoroughly enjoyed by the hundreds of people who had the pleasure of seeing it. Above: Here is a scene from the operetta based on American music "Yankee Doodle", enjoyed by all taking part and watching. Below, left: Combined class choirs with orchestra. Below, right: School orchestra, 170 strong. Above, right: Two shots of a recent innovation, Scottish Country Dancing.

