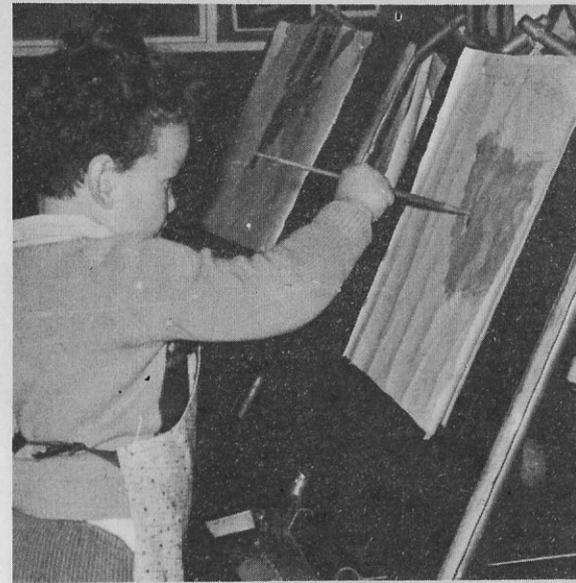
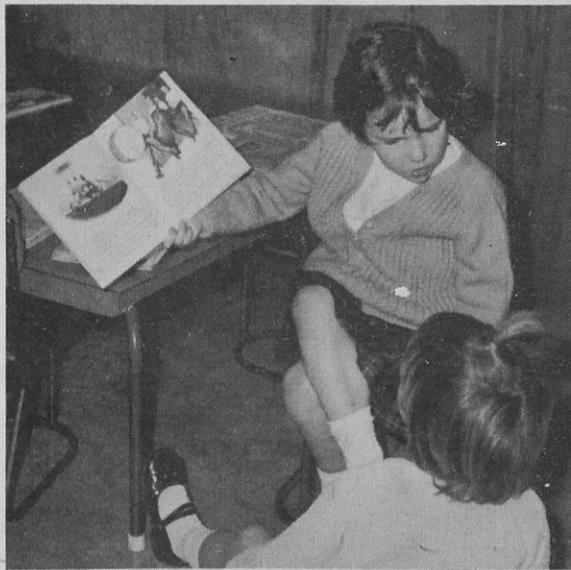




WAITARA KINDY

On a recent visit to the Waitara kindergarten we saw how the children spent their time, under the direction of Mrs Hazel Balsey and her assistant, Mrs Mildred Burton. With a roll of 40 and an average attendance of 37 children per day, the directors manage to keep their young charges fully occupied with a host of toys and games. The girls obviously preferred the dolls' house, set in a corner of the large playroom, and the boys, games of trains and tower making with long cardboard rolls. Squeals of laughter followed when the tower overbalanced, particularly when our photographer had to do a fast leap to avoid having the rolls land on top of the camera. **Above:** Group of youngsters creating with plasticine. **Right:** Robert Tate and Tony Sisarich playing with the trains, assisted by Mrs Mildred Burton. **Below left:** A future teacher? Joanne Richardson reading a story to Margaret Smith. **Below, right:** Marianne Sattler making her doll comfy shows true maternal instinct.



Top, left: Budding artist Andrew Rogerson tries out his talents while Paul Barber, **top right,** prefers a lined effect. **Above:** Helen Wood, Stephen Mangino and Mark Lockhart create with crayon. **Above, centre:** Most little girls like to dress their dolls and Linda Elliot is no exception. **Above, right:** Cardboard rolls make tower building great fun. **Below, left:** Chris Hinch seems to be making a pattern with plastic cups. **Below, centre:** The dolls' house area was well equipped with miniature dolls' prams and other playthings. **Below, right:** Kaye Vezey works on a puzzle.





Wedding Bells

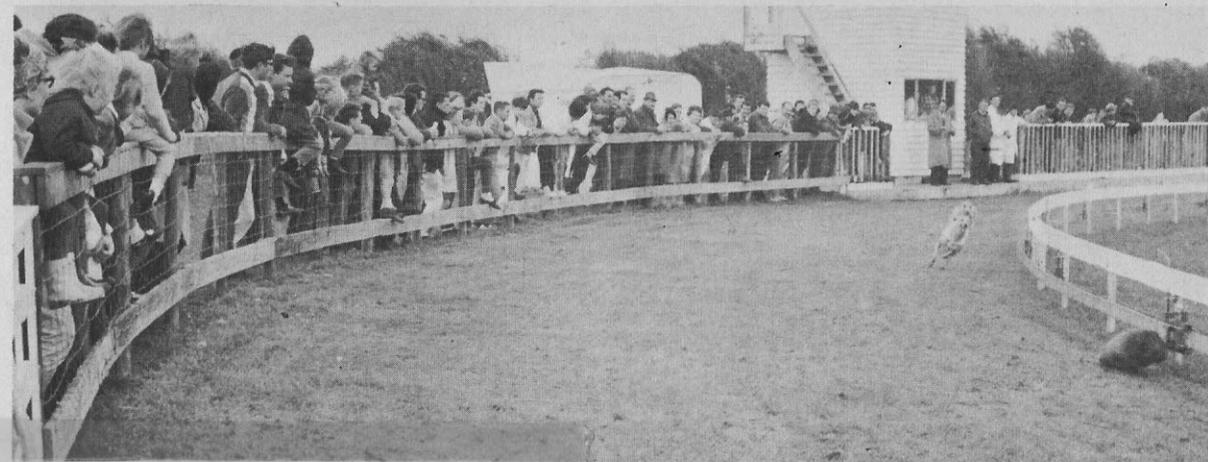
Above: FEWINGS-POOL. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Susan Gower, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Pool, NP, to Harvey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.H. Fewings, Adelaide, Australia. The matron of honour was Elizabeth Dawson, Auckland, and the bridesmaid was Helen Caughley, Auckland. Ted Nosely, Papakura, was best man, and the groomsmen were Gus Rivers, Wellington, Margot Pool, Christchurch, and Susan Peden, Casterton, Australia, and the flower-girls, Future home, Sydney, Australia.

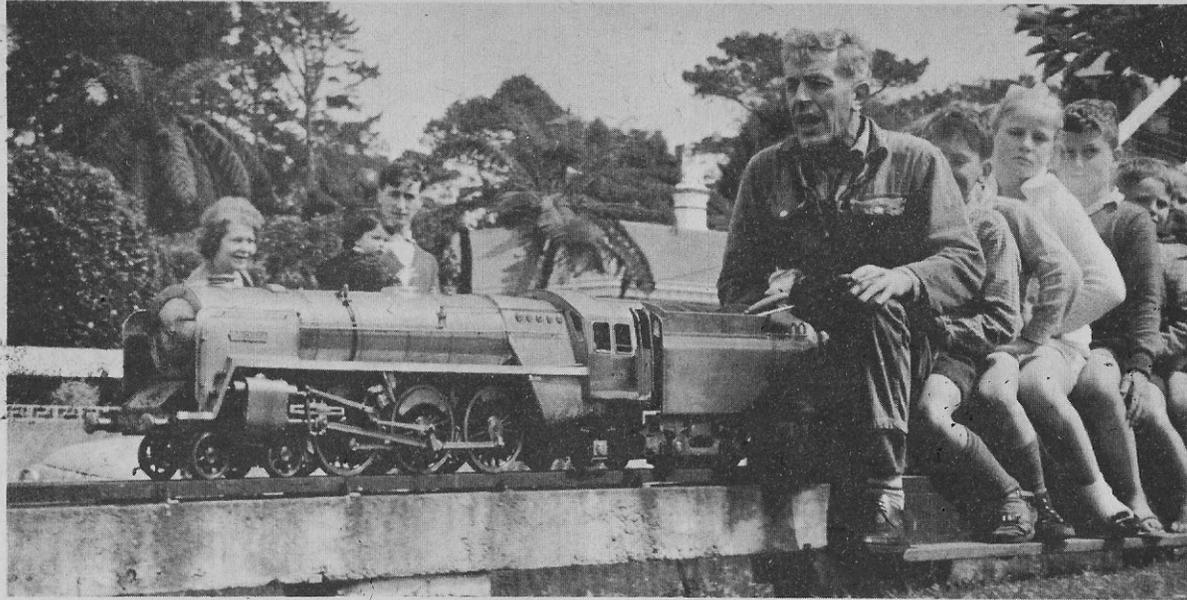
Below: CAMERON-PITCHER. At St. Mark's Church, Gisborne, Maxine Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.S. Pitcher, Gisborne, to Alan Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs A. Cameron, Gisborne, formerly of NP. The bridesmaids were Sandra Smith, Gisborne, and Colleen Chitty, Gisborne. Donald Cameron, brother of the groom, NP, was best man, and John Nutter, Gisborne, was the groomsmen. Leonie Fields, Inglewood, was the flower-girl. Future home, Gisborne. (DUNSTAN AND KINGE).



Greyhound Track Opened

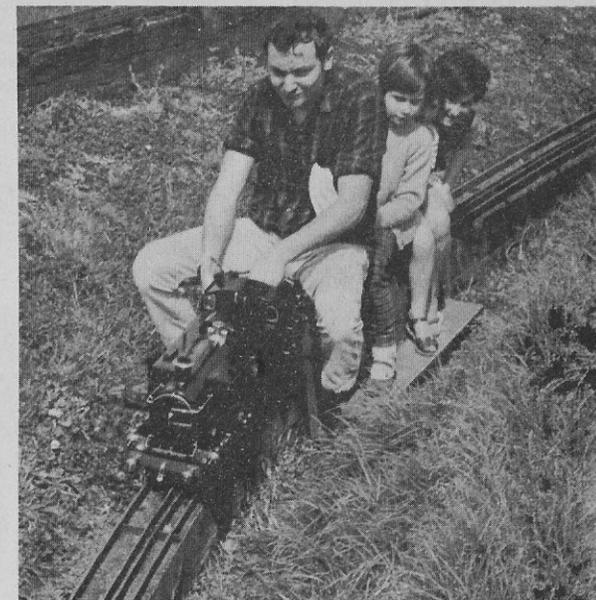
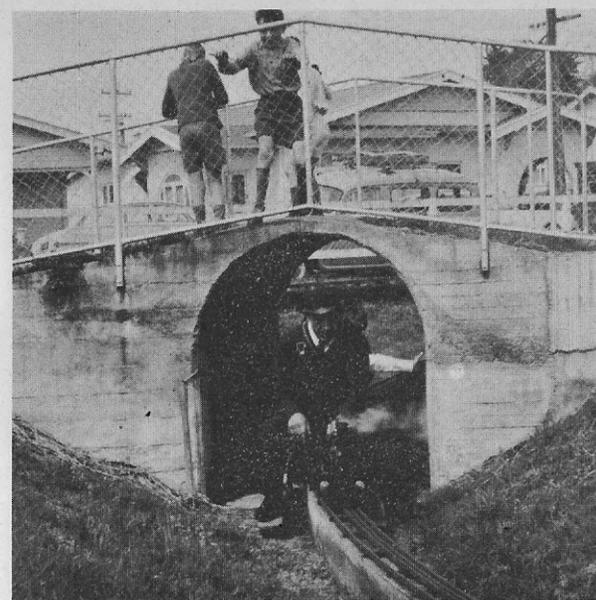
Yet another sporting asset to Taranaki, a fine greyhound racing track, which was recently officially opened at Inglewood. The Inglewood Greyhound Racing Club has forgotten nothing for the benefit of its patrons by providing first-class viewing right around the track and with some of the top dogs competing, this inaugural meeting could only be termed successful. **Above:** Hurdle race in progress, something few of the patrons had seen before. **Below:** Owners take their muzzled dogs to the traps for the start of a race. **Below, right:** Close inspection of a dog by a visiting owner. **Bottom:** Race in progress with the dogs chasing the dummy hare.



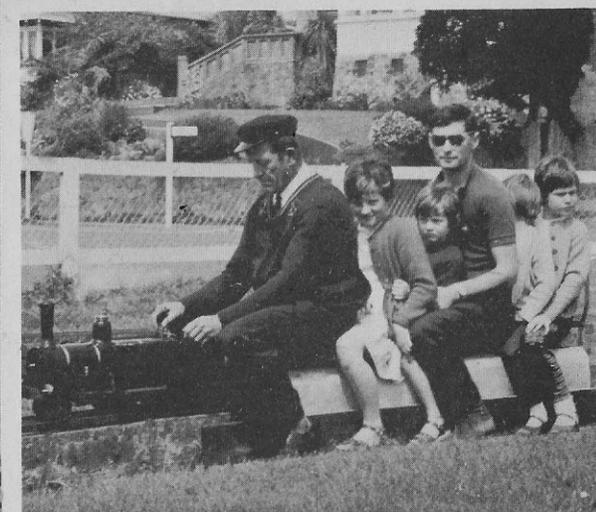
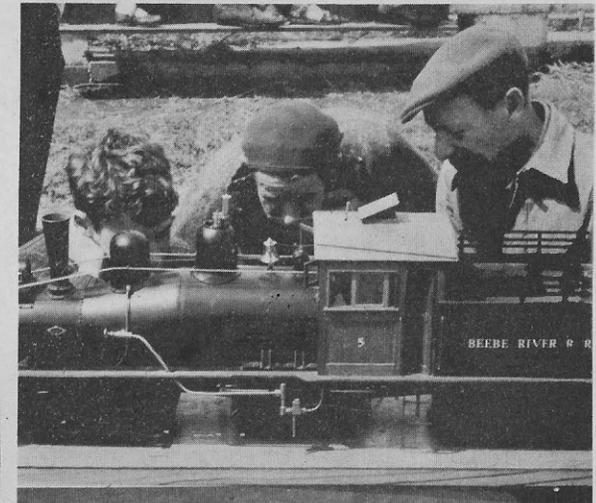


TRAINS ... for Young and Old

Labour weekend saw a lot of activity at the model railway site in Liardet Street. Visiting enthusiasts from as far as Whangarei and Wanganui came to the city for a weekend of enjoyment on the lines of the site. Not only did the owners of these fine models enjoy the weekend, but they delighted many young children, with free rides for as long as one liked. This is a gesture which is to be highly commended, as we know that the lay-out on the site costs plenty to maintain, and those enjoying rides are not charged fares. All this has been done with donations to the society, and we haven't yet seen a better model railway system anywhere in New Zealand. The members of this society are to be congratulated on providing an amenity for the children of the city. Above: A fine Pacific class locomotive has power enough to provide enjoyment for five children. Below, left: One loco with a load of happy children comes through a bridge, while another is about to ride over this viaduct. Below, right: The bridges, lights and rails are all to scale, entailing a great deal of work.



About twenty masterpieces of model engineering by the enthusiasts of their own local model engineering society and visitors from far afield were on view and working during Labour weekend. Hundreds of children enjoyed free rides on these fascinating little trains and even adults were passengers on something which, to them, was a novelty. Above: Entrance to the model layout over a bridge gave a grandstand view of the trains. Below: Members from outside NP, with a new locomotive, raise steam, prior to a full scale run. Above, right: What amazed us was that such small locomotives had sufficient power to pull four or five children and a driver as well. Right: Not only did the people enjoy the rides but they were able to inspect the intricate workmanship which went into these models. Below, right: Small engine with a full load chugs around the track.





Married

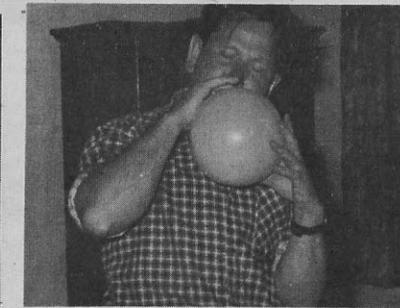
Left: HOLLAND-GOFFEY.
At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Janyce, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs E. W. Goffey, NP, to Gary, son of Mrs Holland, NP, and the late Mr Holland. The bridesmaids were Lorraine Trott, NP, and Barbara Goss, NP. Best man was Gordon Holland, brother of the groom, NP, and the groomsman was Gary Stockwell, NP. The flower-girls were Sharon and Marie Lines, NP. The future home, NP.



Right: MAIN-REDDING.
At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Violet Jeanne, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Redding, Okato, to Ian Bruce, elder son of Mrs J. L. Main, Stratford, and the late Mr Main. The bridesmaids were Janet and Marilyn Black, Auckland, Margaret Redding, sister of the bride, Okato, and Clare Main, sister of the groom, Stratford. Best man was Dale Clark, and Roger Beckett was the groomsman. The future home, Hawera.



Left: PARRISH-VIJVER.
At St. James's Presbyterian Church, NP, Gezina Aukse, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Vijver, NP, to Keith Murray, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Parrish, NP. The bridesmaids were Pauline Roberts, Masterton, Joy Parrish, sister of the groom, NP, Irene Vijver, sister of the bride, NP, and Johanna Hutterd, Stratford. The best man was Kevin Parrish, brother of the groom, Auckland, and the groomsman was John Vijver, brother of the bride, NP. The page boy was Mark Vijver, Rotorua. Future home, Palmerston North.



Combined Church Fair

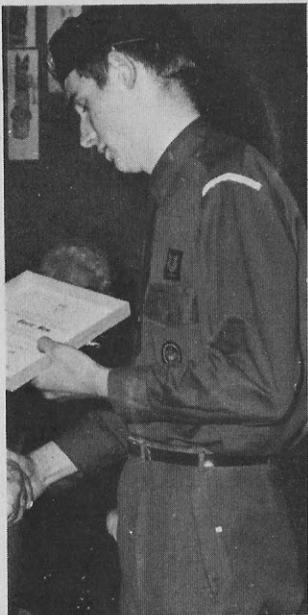
The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Fitzroy, was the scene of a combined church fair recently. The stalls did a bumper trade with all kinds of produce and clothing for sale. Games and competitions were held in the basement for the children. **Top:** Dozens of children thronged the basement. **Left:** Mrs J. Kincross chose records. **Above, centre:** Balloons proved very popular and Mr F. Grange was kept busy filling them with valuable air. **Above, right:** Mrs N. Ashton and Mrs A. Craven were on the apron stall. **Below, left:** Bruce Waller tries out his aim at the Aunt Sally stall. **Below, right:** Throwing rings over prizes was undoubtedly the most popular table in the basement.



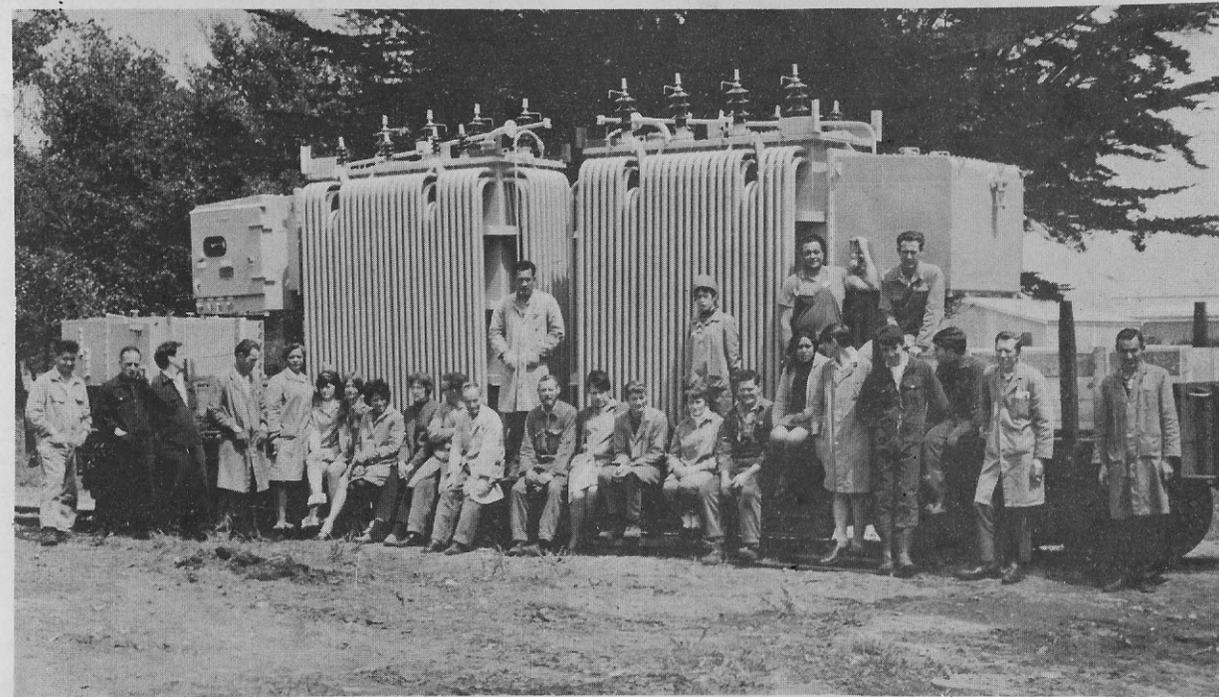


SCOUT PRESENTATIONS

The District Scout Association held its annual presentation evening at the St. Joseph's den. High honours were awarded to a number of people. Among them were thanks badges to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress of NP, Mr and Mrs A.G. Honnor and a Queen's Scout badge for a member of the Central troop. Above, left: District Commissioner Ed. Collins made the presentation of thanks badges, a very high honour in the Scouting world and not given lightly, to Mr and Mrs Honnor who had attended many Scout functions during their term of office and in the course of this, in their meals with the Scouts, had between them eaten more savalloys than anybody. Above, right: Warrants were presented during the evening to David Daniels (Mikotahi) and Jim Gunn (Central). Recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh silver awards presented by the retiring Mayor were, right: Roger Ward (Westown), below from left, David Maw (Central), Michael Baker (Welbourn), and Dennis Johns (Central). Bottom, right: Highest honour in the Scout movement was awarded to Don Mossop of the Central troop who was during the evening presented with the Queen's Scout badge.



Above, left: During the evening Area Commissioner Roy Cooper presented a district scarf to the leader of the St. Joseph's troop, Des Hurley. Above, right: Mr Honnor presented Duke of Edinburgh awards and here hands a framed certificate to Brian Vale of the St. Joseph's troop.



HEAVY INDUSTRY OF N.P.

Above: It was a field day at the E.C.C. transformer factory at Bell Block recently when they despatched two transformers, the largest ever made in New Zealand, destined for Ashburton. These transformers have an output of 2500 KVA and contain 1060 gallons of oil for cooling. Our photograph shows them loaded on a railway wagon and some of the staff responsible for their manufacture. This is the type of industry that New Plymouth badly needs, and we feel that the industrial area at Bell Block is a very great asset to the district as a whole.



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Above, left: 21st birthday of Kevin, youngest son of Mrs M Kerrisk, Inglewood, and the late Mr J. Kerrisk. He is shown with his family. From left: Melva, Mrs Kerrisk, Kevin, Linda and Trevor.

Above: After thirty-six years of service at Motor Specs., Mick Pope was honoured on his retirement with a presentation dinner at La Scala. Mick, left in our picture, is shown with the manager of Motor Specs., Charlie Platt, and Mick's 91-year-old mother who sits in the presentation chair.

Left: Reunion of some of the foundation committee members of the Moturoa Plunket sub-branch recently took place at La Scala. From left, back row: Ivy Roberts, Pat Powell, Jean White, Joy Dryden, Shirley Lord, Mary Powell and June Lynch. Front row: Dulcie McDonald, Phil Holmes, Kitty Cawthray, Jean Leuthart, Nan Sutherland (Mayoress of NP), and Doris Shippey.



Pukekura Fountain on TV

WNTV Town and Around crew visited the province recently to get some films for future programmes. One of their units went to Pukekura Park where they filmed a "one minute quickie" on our coin-in-the-slot fountain. We thought our readers would like to know what goes on behind the scenes so up we went with our camera. Above, left: Cameraman Mike O'Connor lines up his camera and sound operator Don Cunningham tests the sound while one of the park's black swans waddles nonchalantly past.

Above, right: John Shrapnal, complete with microphone, puts 20c in the slot to start the fountain working. Left: John points out an obstacle to Mike who seems to be otherwise occupied. Below, left: Before any shooting takes place, very careful readings are taken with a light meter to ensure the highest quality of reproduction. Below: Having paid his money, John Shrapnal stands at the side of the lake, complete with animated fountain, and tells his half a million viewers all about it. This should be fairly good advertising for NP.

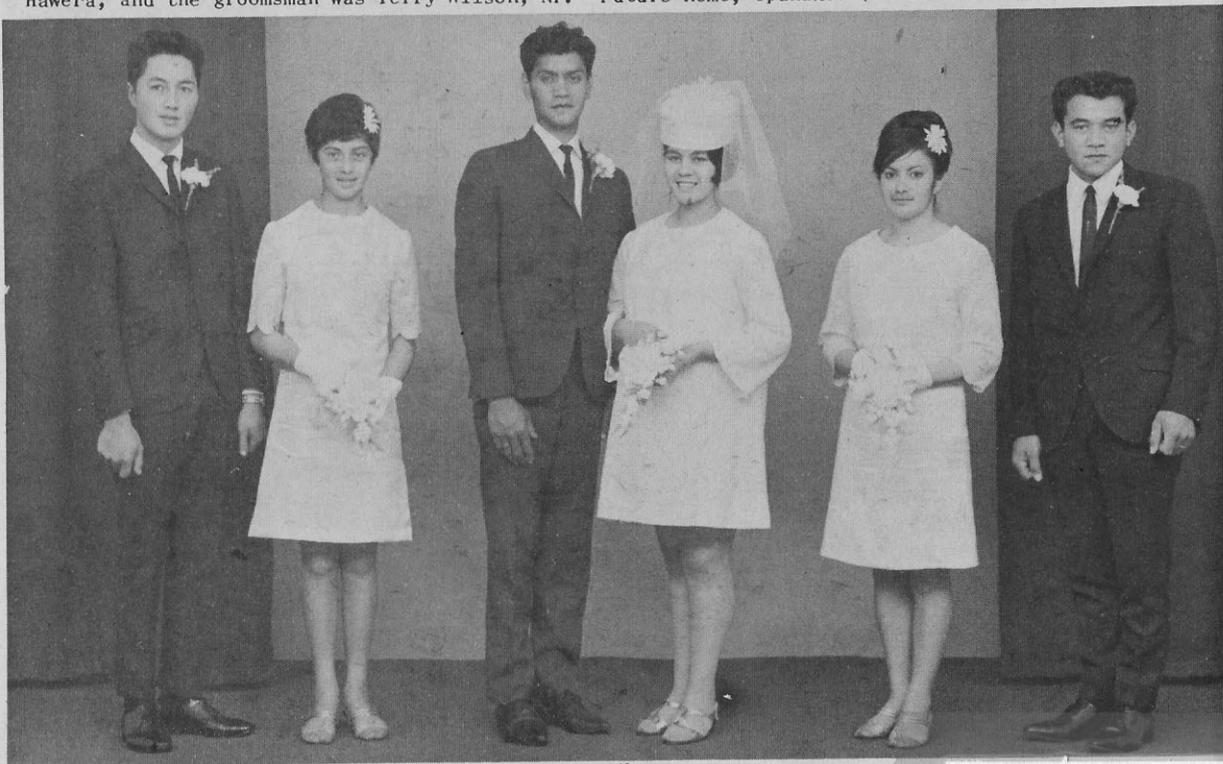




Wedding Bells

Above: STRATTON-MUMBY. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Dianne O'Wane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Mumby, Hawera, to Ray Davidson, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Stratton, Ohawe Beach. The bridesmaids were Beryl and Rhonda Mumby, sisters of the bride, and Raewyn Withey, all of Hawera. The best man was Geoff McKay, Opunake, and the groomsmen was Taffy Hook, NP. Future home, Normanby. (DAVID PAUL STUDIO).

Below: MANU-ROBINSON. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Hawera, Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs R. Robinson, Normanby, to Owen Manu, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. Poata, NP. The bridesmaids were Frances Dodunski, NP, and Geraldine Robinson, Hawera. The best man was Gary Tutauha, Hawera, and the groomsmen was Terry Wilson, NP. Future home, Opunake. (DAVID PAUL STUDIO).



Rahotu Garden Party

The home of Mr and Mrs C. Washer, Rahotu, was the scene of a garden party organised by the local C.W.I. Blessed with a fine day and a wonderful display of flowers, the party could only be termed a huge success. The main feature of the party was a mannequin parade and there was no lack of local models. **Above, left:** Mrs Diana Weir, recent winner of the Mrs Taranaki quest, paraded before the public. **Left:** Gail Rosser, a youthful model. **Above:** Member for Egmont, Mr V.S. Young, and Mrs Young are shown with, from left, Tilly Fleming, Joyce Young, and Beryl Washer. **Below, left:** Delwyn Bingham, another of the models. **Below:** An interested audience watched the fashion parade. **Bottom, left:** Placegetters in the Mrs Rahotu contest, from left: Tilly Fleming, Beryl Washer and Joyce Young. **Bottom, right:** Jim and Martha Anderson were guests at the party.



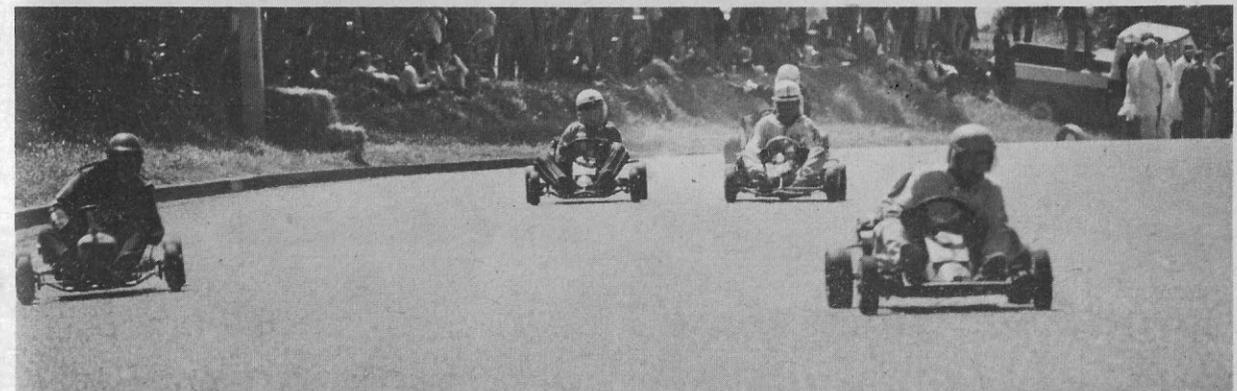
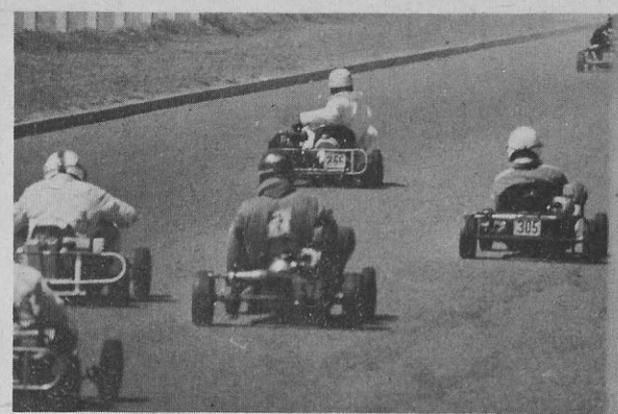


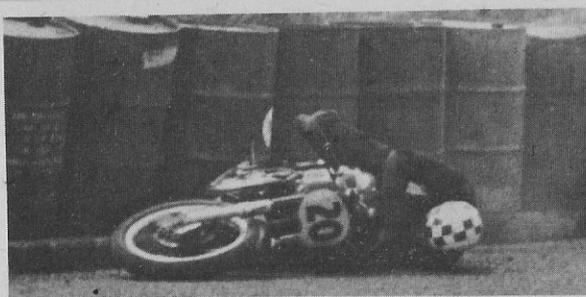
Paritutu Car Races

Smaller crowds than in the past attended the annual motor races on the Paritutu circuit. The quality of the racing was no less exciting, however, because of the absence of larger racing cars which proved a big attraction at the two last meetings. For sheer thrills and driving quality, give us the motorbikes everytime. For a variety, however, this meeting lacked nothing. Above: Saloon car races created the opportunity for motorists to weigh up the performance of their fancies. Here, M.J. Bouzaid, in a Ford van, showed a clean pair of rear wheels to the rest of the field. We'll have to get one of these for delivering "Photo News"! Below: On the front line start of the saloon car race is, from left, K.Green, with a very fast Chev., W.McPherson, in a Holden, and Bouzaid's Ford. Bottom, left: Max Pennington in his Triumph 2000 had to be content with second place to the Ford van. Bottom, right: Too much speed on a corner sent Max down the escape road.

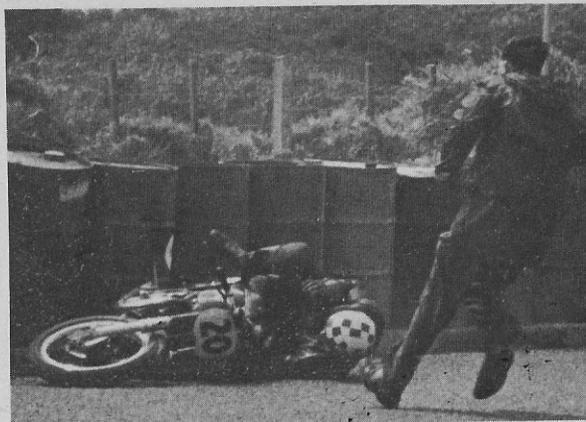
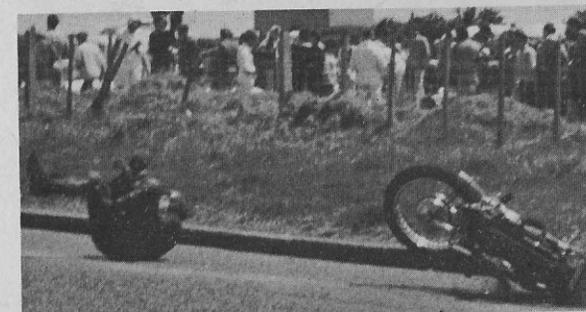
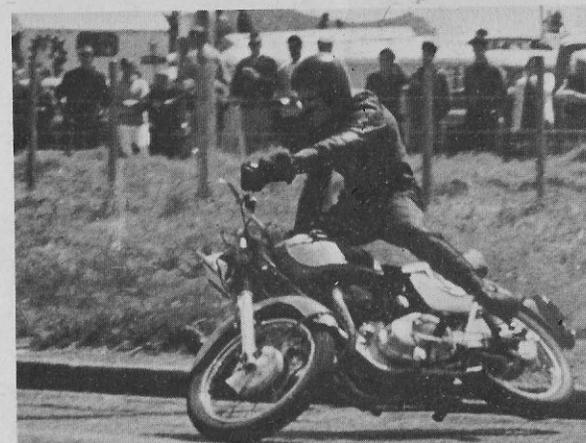


Surprise feature of the day's racing was the fast and snappy little go-karts which buzzed around the track at speeds approaching 80mph. Above: Gary Webster's Consul, buckled after an argument with the safety drums. Above right: Hairing up the straight, repairs were done by some. Right: Here's a kart that was travelling pretty fast. Below: Approaching the first corner, these mighty midgets never slackened, and we think that driving one of these would be as big a thrill as driving a racing car. Bottom: Even around the tight Eclipse corner, these little screamers never seemed to slacken off.

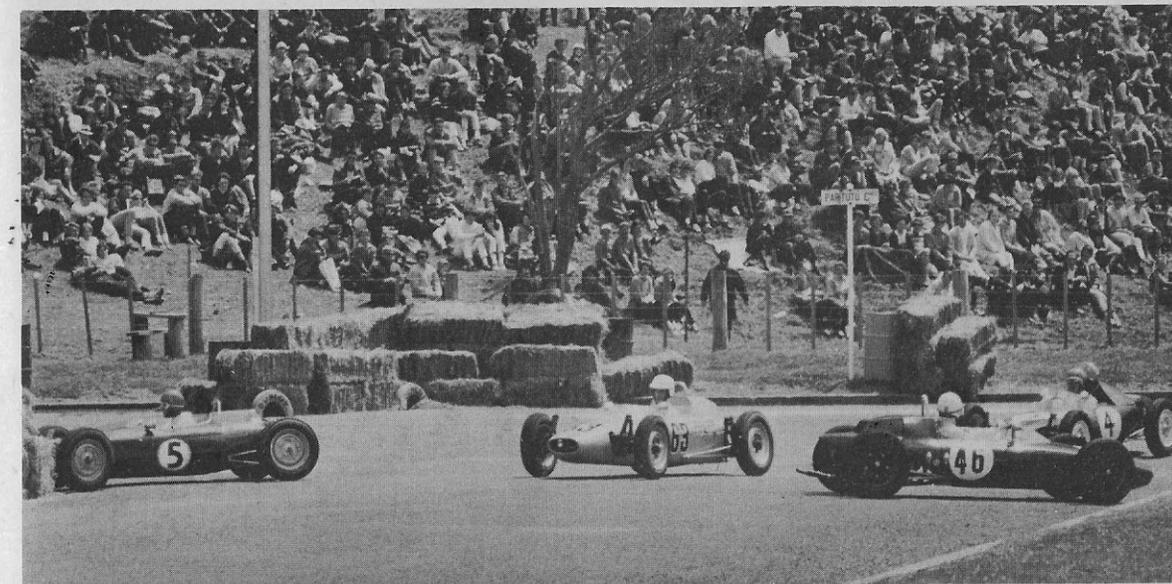
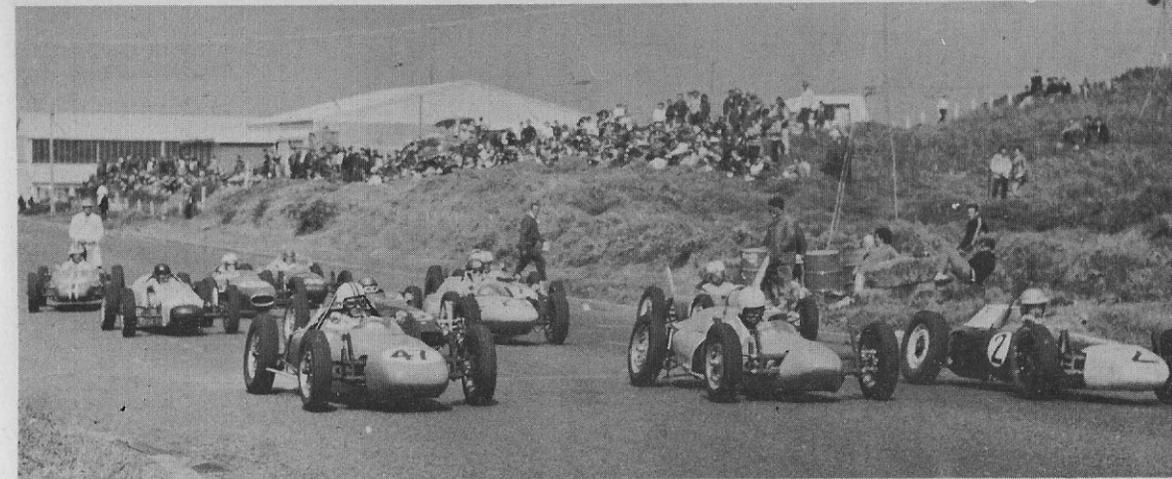




There were one or two spectacular thrills in the motorbike events, mainly on the Eclipse corner. Above: Ash King, NP, comes to grief and, right; caught under his machine. A helper is on his way, and below right, he is freed, uninjured. Below: Another rider crashes and is shown parted from his machine, below centre.



Below, left: B.K.Adams, Frankton, on a 500 Norton, motors up the straight at a speed approaching 100mph. Below: Most successful rider of the meeting was NP's Phil Bretherton, shown here on his 7R AJS. This young man has only recently taken up racing and it looks as though he has a promising future in the sport.



The large crowd was treated to the first full-scale Formula 5 races in NZ, and though these cars are not particularly fast, they are at least severely controlled, by ACU standards, and prove a test of driving skill. This form of racing looks as though it's here to stay. Top: Eleven drivers faced the starter in the main event. Above: IWD corner found two cars overdriven. Left: Best vantage point, where one could see the entire track, was on top of Paritutu. Below: J.D.Gough had a successful day in his Formula 5.





Weddings

Left: BRIDGE-HANCOCK.
At the Salvation Army Citadel, NP, Bernice, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T.Hancock, Waitara, to Malcolm, only son of Mr and Mrs S.Bridge, Mirimar, Wellington. The bridesmaids were Adrienne Smith and Heather Clifton, Wellington. The best man was Garth McKenzie, Wellington, and the groomsmen were Noel Packer, Wellington. The flower-girl was Julie Riddle, Urenui. The future home, Wellington.

Right: WATSON-COXHEAD.
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Heather, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W.J.Coxhead, Oakura, to Murray, only son of Mr and Mrs H.W.Watson, Auckland. The matron of honour was Robin Anderson, Auckland, the bridesmaids were Joy and Cherie Coxhead, sisters of the bride, Oakura. The best man was David Anderson, Auckland, and the groomsmen were Jim Coxhead, brother of the bride, Opunake, and Steven Roberts, Auckland. The five flower-girls were Aveny and Sally Moore, Okato, Kim and Jan Davies, Helensville, and Sarah McGregor, NP. The future home, Auckland.

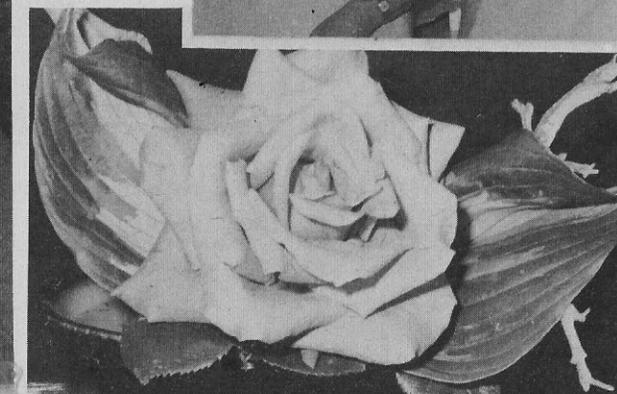
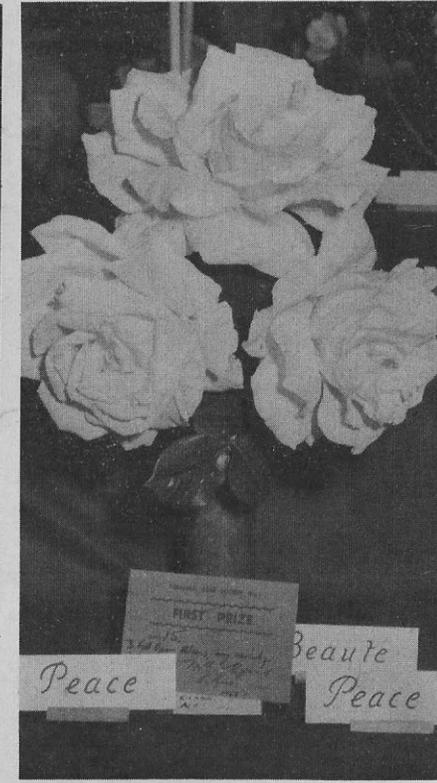


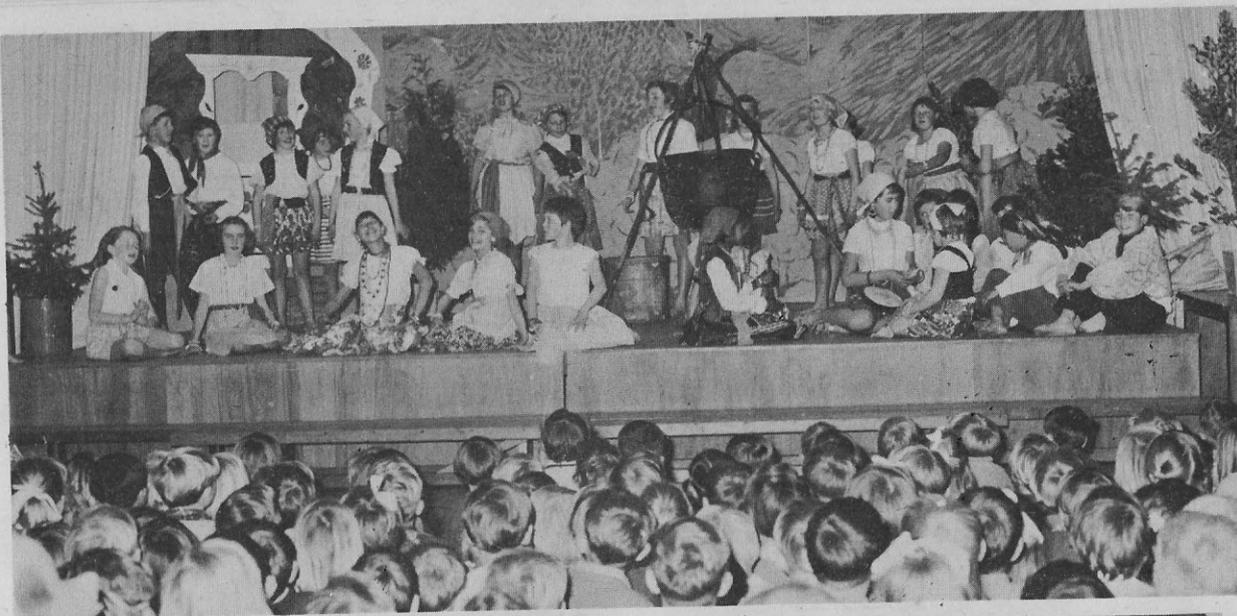
Left: WADSWORTH-CORBETT.
At St. Mary's Anglican Church, NP, Heather Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Corbett, NP, to William, son of Mrs C. Lilley and the late Mr Wadsworth, NP. The bridesmaids were Jan Wadsworth, sister of the groom, NP, Lorraine Reesby, NP, and Patricia Whalen, NP. The best man was Bruce Mills, NP, and the groomsmen were Terry Corbett, brother of the bride, NP, and Ronald Millman, NP. The future home, NP.



ROSE SHOW

The Rose Society held its annual show at the Whiteley Hall at which top grade exhibits were on view. All the roses were of high standard and the judges had a hard job finalising their choice. The usual large crowd of enthusiastic rose-growers as well as many outsiders attended this show. **Above, left:** This beautiful bloom was the society's outstanding exhibit. **Above, centre:** Paula Blanchard had a good view. **Above, right:** Mrs Byers certainly deserved first prize for these three roses. **Left:** Roses at 3c were sold at the door by Mrs Cameron. **Right:** Mesdames Street and Bower's were in charge of the produce stall. **Below, left:** Observing the blooms. **Below right:** One of the many fine blooms.





'Little Gypsy Gay' By Westown School

The Westown Primary School staged a dress rehearsal of the play which was presented at their music evening. The play was enjoyed by a large audience which also witnessed a display of real talent from these young actors. Credit must go to the teachers and parents for their encouragement. Some of the cast on stage, above. Left: Romany Rof, the Gypsy tribe's leader. (Paul Pritchard) tells Gay (Ruth Pritchard) the truth about her past. Right: Part of the gypsy chorus. Below, right: The gypsies argue. Below, left: Youthful actors in their colourful costumes.



Urenui Hallowe'en

Country girls and their friends and families recently enjoyed a hallowe'en night in the Urenui Hall. The grown-ups dressed themselves in traditional hallowe'en style while the younger people contented themselves with fancy dresses of great variety. The organisers had gone to considerable lengths in suitably decorating the hall for this night of ghosties and goulies. Pictures on this page are some of the revellers who we feel must have enjoyed this popular event.





QUEEN'S GUIDE

It was a red letter day for the St. Mary's Guide Troop, NP, when one of their members was recently awarded a Queen's Guide badge, this being the first Guide of the troop to receive such a high honour. **Top:** Troop leader Mrs G. Nixon addresses the gathering. **Left:** Provincial Commissioner Mrs E.R. Kitchingman presents Jean Menzies with the coveted Queen's Guide award. **Above:** The District Commissioner, Mrs Sylvia Dungan, talks to the company. **Below, left:** Christine Besley presents Jean with a gift on behalf of the St Mary's troop. **Below:** Jennifer London receives a badge from Mrs E.R. Kitchingman.



Roving Camera



Above: Another NP building being demolished is the old Lands and Deeds office on the corner of Robe and Powderham Streets. The area is to be used, when cleared, as a Government car park, possibly to relieve the pressure of the car park opposite the Police Station.
Below: Part of the crowd and a view overlooking the port, taken during the Paritutu motor races.
Bottom: Work is proceeding apace on the new Art Gallery in the old Regent Theatre building. Much has still to be done.



FIRST RATE MUSIC AT HIGHLANDS

Two evenings of top entertainment filled the Highland's School hall for the annual music festival. We never tire of complimenting those responsible for the programme and the performers themselves who bring credit to the school with their singing and acting. These festivals give the pupils a wider scope for their talents and from comments heard in the audience the programme is both enjoyable to watch and hear. Left: The orchestra and massed choir opened the programme with both popular and classical songs. Below, left: Form 1 choir, though junior singers, delighted a capacity audience. Below: The special choir sang "The Daniel Jazz" like well trained professionals.



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Climax of the evening came in the second half of the programme when the pupils played a Dutch operetta, "The Bothersome Burgomaster". Costuming, authentically Dutch, was colourful and with singing and dancing the operetta proved a most enjoyable production. Above: Cast on stage in this colourful production. Right: Five young singers complete with Dutch bonnets. Below: The young folk crowd Meg the gypsy played by Ngarita Tioko. Below, right: The Bothersome Burgomaster, Bruce Smithers, with a new cloak, donned by Vivianne Hutchinson as Hans.

