



NPBHS STEEPLECHASE

Some hundreds of boys recently took part in the annual steeplechase at the NPBHS. The events were held in gloriously fine weather and some very good performances were put up by the boys.

Above: Bryan Crocker comes home alone to win the junior event. **Above, right:** Second man home in the junior event was Clinton Crabbe. **Right:** Bryan and Clinton, first and second in the junior event, pose for our cameraman. **Below:** The intermediate event provided a close finish between Gary Johns, left, who won, and K.Woods, a close second.



Above: There were plenty of cheering spectators for the senior race. Here the juniors line the school wall to cheer on their house mates. **Left:** I.Neal comes home second in the senior event. **Below, left:** Winner of the senior race was Lynton Bridger who, in winning, set a new record for the event, and also went on to win the Taranaki secondary schools event at Francis Douglas College. **Below:** Competitors in the junior event made good speed on the first part of their journey.





Married

Left: HOLLIE-ANDERSON. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Kay Robyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.V. Anderson, NP, to Trevor Lewis, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Hollie, Napier. The bridesmaid was Elizabeth Street, NP, and the best man was Ian Bacon, Hamilton. Future home, Wellington.

Right: SERGENT-WATSON. At Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Vera Joan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G. Watson, Patea, to Ian Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Sergent, Omata. The bridesmaids were Prudence Baker, Napier, and Kathleen Sergent, sister of the groom, NP. Don Sayers, Cambridge, was the best man and Frank Sergent, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. The flower-girls were Shona Clark and Linda Fole. Future home, Bell Block.

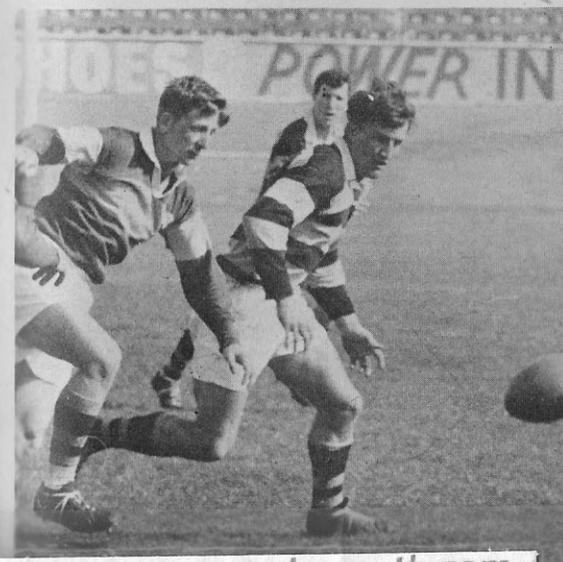


Left: AVEY-SIMPSON. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, NP. Heather, only daughter of Mr J.K.N. Simpson, Ohura, to Thomas Anthony, the younger son of Mr and Mrs L. Avey, NP. The bridesmaids were Margaret Charteris, NP, and Judith Avey, niece of the groom, Toko. The best man was Gary Moverley, Auckland. The future home, New Plymouth.



KING COUNTRY DOWNED

Playing the last rep game of the season, the home team well and truly trounced their near neighbours from the King Country, to the tune of 20-12. The Taranaki team played enterprising rugby, and ran up a 17-6 lead by half-time. **Above:** Richie Coles gets caught with the ball. **Below:** A race for the ball between Murray Wills and King Country's G. Grant. **Above, right:** Tough tactics here, with the Meads brothers prominent. **Below right:** Who is to get this one, King Country's G. Grant, or Taranaki's R. Rowson?





KINDERGARTEN



CONCERT

The annual kindy concert at the NP War Memorial Hall proved a huge success for both entertainers and audience. Nine kindys took part, each providing an item, into which much thought had gone. Above, left: Back stage, as the Frankley branch prepare for their sketch on TV. The result of this can be seen above. Left: Westown provided something musical for the audience. Below, left and right: Pukekura provided a touch of Christmas with their nativity scene and singing of carols.



Top: Old and new (above) fashions were presented by the Marfell Kindy at the recent combined kindy concert. Left: Night attire has made big strides. Must be some warmer sheets these days. Below: The "girls" of Merrilands provided the audience with their idea of the antics of the modern "Go-go" girls, complete with mod dress.





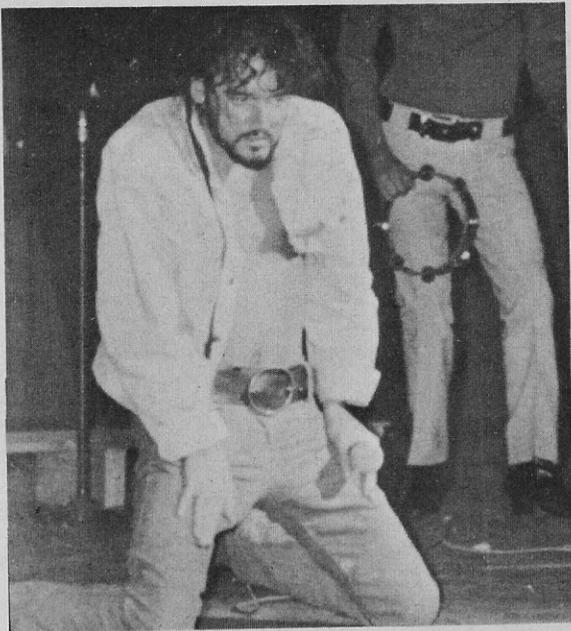
Here are a few of the actors we photographed in the recent kindergarten combined concert at the NP War Memorial Hall. **Above:** from left: First we have Mrs Mod, sort of a round "square". Next is woman's impression of the stronger sex. We object to the puku, madam! Then there's another Mod, wearing the very latest and shortest in mini skirts. Boxing on, we have a wedding cake hat, and a sweet smile from the wearer. **Below,** from left: Can't even find a description for this one --could be next year's fashion. Then comes a lady doctor, complete with blood stains. To beat the band is the next, which was entitled the bride of 1980-- she comes complete with pram. Lastly is the woman from Mars, or was it Pars?

Wedding Bells

Above: WEIR-JOHNSTON. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Margaret Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.H. Johnston, Hawera, to Duncan Clarke, second son of Mr and Mrs H. Weir, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Margaret Weir, sister of the groom, Hawera, and Robyn Gibbard, Patea. Best man was David Weir, brother of the groom, Hawera. Future home, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

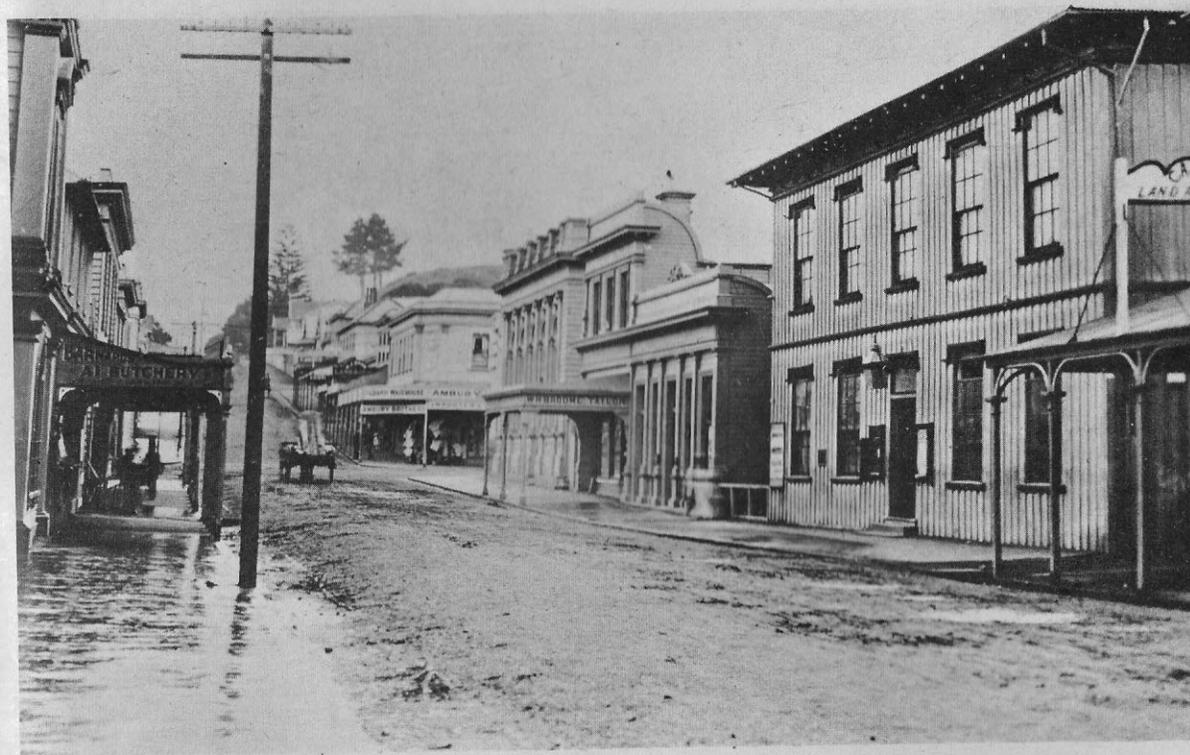
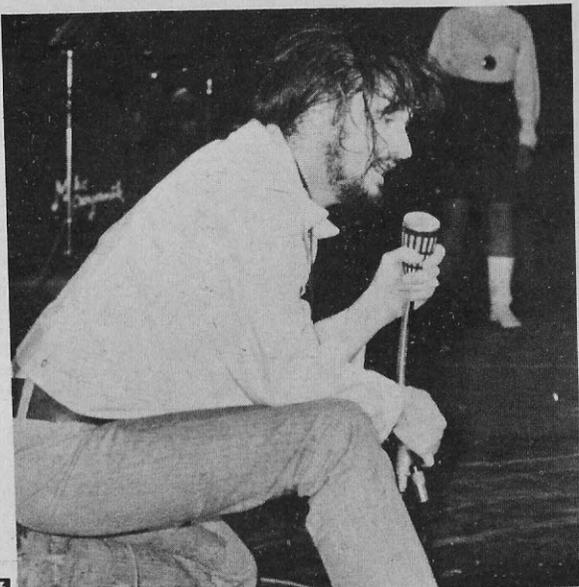
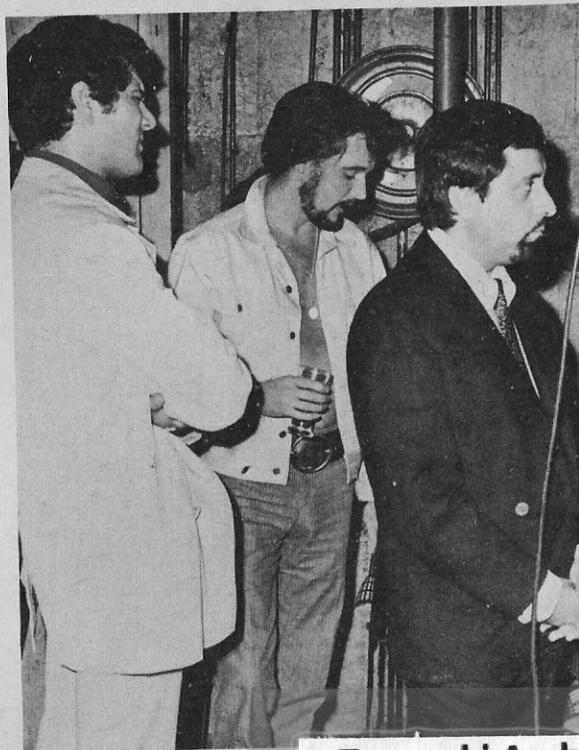
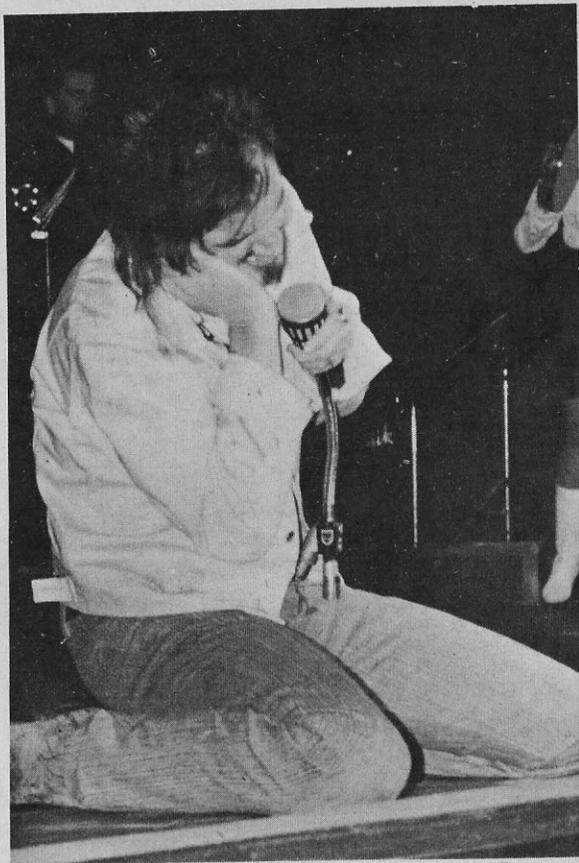
Below: DUNCAN-LORD. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Carol, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lord, Normanby, to Gerald, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Duncan, Auckland. The bridesmaid was Annette Edgar, Auckland, and the best man was Brian Duncan, brother of the groom, Auckland. Future home, Auckland. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).





ANTICS OF AN ENTERTAINER

Well, the celebrated American pop entertainer P.J. Proby in his recent show at the NP Opera House didn't get the reception that he thought he rated. His remarks about the NP audience were not in the best of taste, probably because they showed him that he isn't the performer that he thinks he is. It appears from press reports that he has been given the same treatment at just about every place he has been to in NZ. Here are some of the antics of this "star" performer. Above: Here he looks more like a convict from one of the films. Below: New position for delivering the latest pop song. Above, right: It could be that he has an ear ache! Below, right: Back-stage drink, with Eden Kane looking on.



TIME CHANGES A TOWN

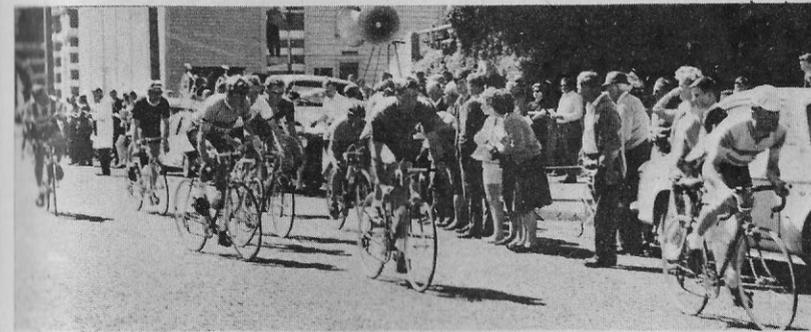
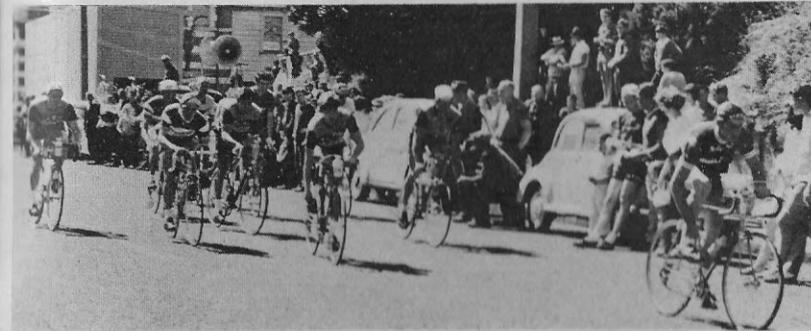
Here's a couple of pictures which show a remarkable change in a town area. They were both taken from the same spot, at the bottom of Brougham Street, outside the Royal Hotel. The photograph above must have been taken some years ago, as King Street was not yet a street, and there are no parking meters. How times change--only one horse and cart in the top picture against twenty-eight motor cars in the picture below. On the right-hand side of the picture, every building has been replaced. The last one to be knocked down was Hannah's building, on the corner of Devon and Brougham Streets.





ROUND THE MOUNTAIN CYCLE RACE

This year's amateur Round The Mountain race was a triumph for New Plymouth's young riders, with B.Hill winning by about ten yards from M.Matich of Whakatane. In third place was another NP rider, G.Cruikshanks. Above: Right on the stroke of ten o'clock, the first bunch are sent on their journey. Below: This is the second bunch away, from which came the winner and third man home. Bottom: This was the strong scratch bunch, including some of the top cyclists in New Zealand.

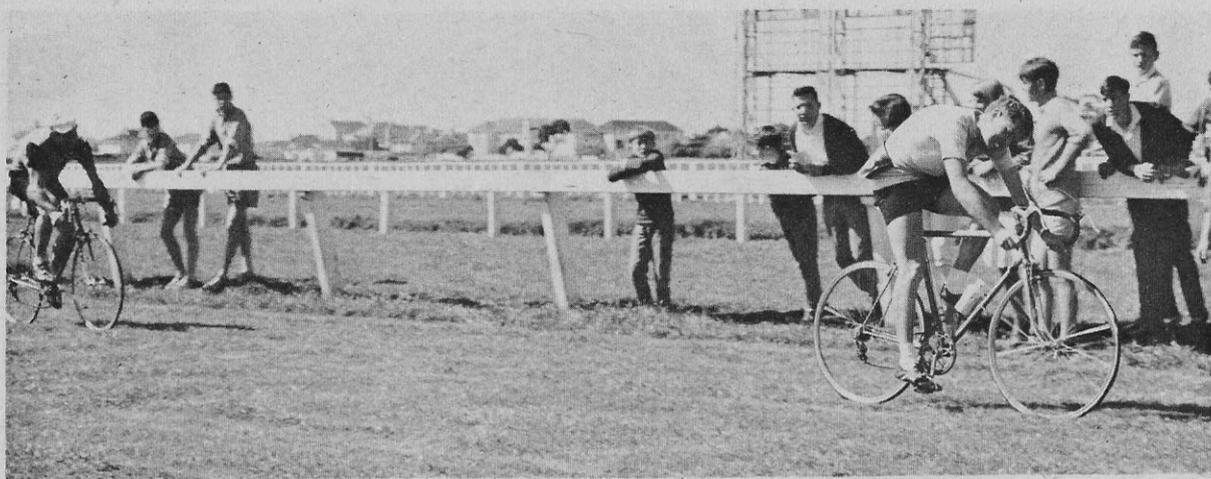


Above: G.King, Papatoetoe, relaxes on the kerb while waiting for his start time. Left, from top: These were fairly well patronised bunches, off the 28, 22 and 15-minute marks.

Below, left: Examining the cycles before the start was W.Watts, shown here inspecting G.Ludlam's machine.

Below: Giving out slabs of Cadbury's chocolate to all the riders was Miss Personality (Lorraine Wells). Here she gives a slab to the only woman entrant, Beverley Summers of Morrinsville.



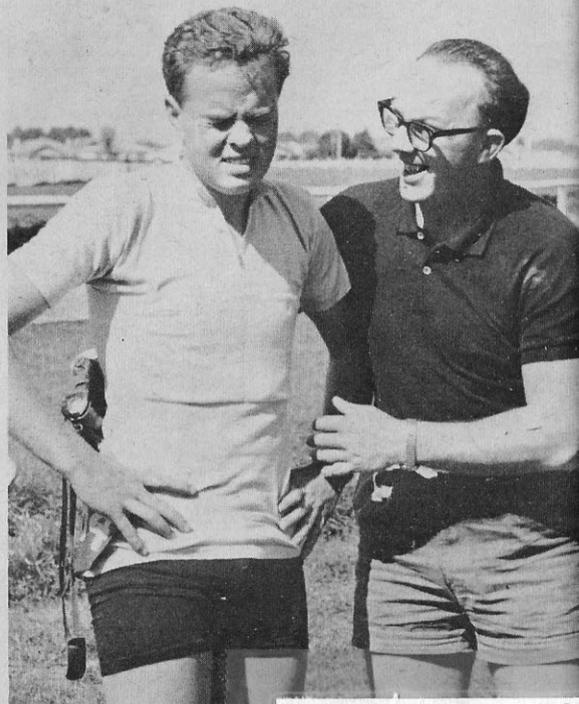
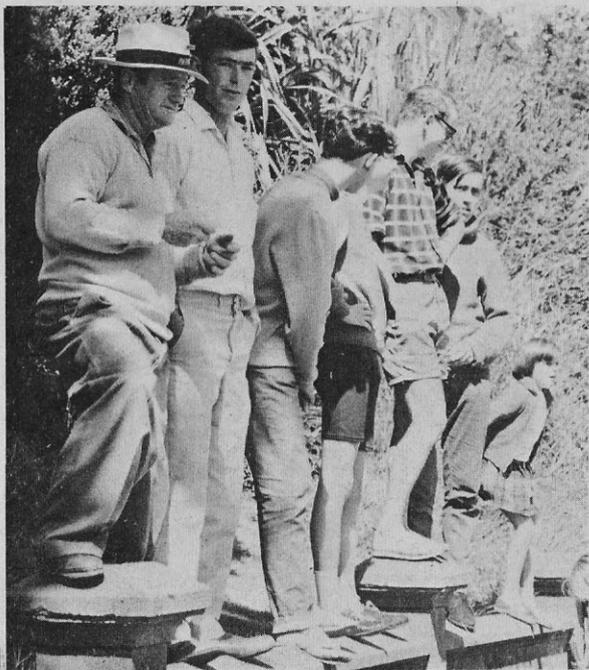


Above: Finish of the amateur Round the Mountain cycle race, with B.Hill, New Plymouth, crossing the line about ten yards ahead of M.Matich, Whakatane. It was a triumph for this young NP rider, who was taking part in his first round the mountain race, and that as only a junior.

Left: Third man home was another New Plymouth rider, G.Cruickshanks, only about twenty yards behind the first two men home. A great finish to a great race.

Below: Winner of this cycling classic, B.Hill, shows signs of strain after his strenuous finish up the grass straight of the racecourse.

Below, left: Sidewalk critics at the start of the race.



FORUM



AND

AGINUM



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

December 31st. Hogmanay night, with six pipe bands and a feast of artists all in a Scottish flavour. Finish at midnight with a giant firework display.

January 3rd. Country and Western show, featuring Maria Dallas and the Kini Quartet. It is possible that John Hore will appear.

January 7th. Family Variety. The Kini Quartet appear again, with TV's "Play It By Ear" group.

January 25th. Variety Night.

January 28th. Wills' Band Festival.

February 4th. Miss Brooklands proclamation. An attempt is being made to bring back EVERY Miss Brooklands since the inception of the contest.

February 7th. New Zealand Ballet Company.

February 11th and 13th. NZBC Little Symphony Orchestra with guest artist Kiri te Kanawa

February 18th and 19th. Return of the Crucifixion.

February 25th. The Cantabile Singers, a choir of 36 voices, and the Martinis from Wellington.

WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

Once again, the Festival is nearly upon us, and we thought it a good idea to find out the public reaction to the programmes of entertainment which are to be provided this year. With this in mind, we approached a varied cross-section of the public, showed them the programme as printed above, and asked their views. Here they are:

Mr J.C., a Devon Street businessman. "Neither better nor worse than previous programmes, but containing enough to attract every member of the public." He would be attending on about three nights for programmes that appealed to him.

Mrs H.C.B., a housewife, with three small children. "I'm afraid I won't be going to any of the shows, firstly because I will not keep my children up too late, and secondly because there isn't anything in the programme that would really interest them, like some of the shows in the past."

Mr L.B.S., a wharfie. "Yes, there's a couple of programmes that appeal to me and I shall be going to them, but there's nothing in the programme for my pop-loving teenage sons and daughter. Why is it that this section of the community

Mr H.A., a businessman. "I'll be there on both nights of the Kiri te Kanawa show, the Ballet, Miss Brooklands show and the Crucifixion. As a member of the Friends of the Festival, it is likely that I'll be there on more nights. I think that this is about the best programme that has yet been provided for the public of Taranaki."

Mr L.R., a teenager clerk. "No, I won't be going until the organisers provide a programme for our age group. It has been said that pop stars would not be much of an attraction at the Bowl. My answer to this is the popularity of the Tommy Sands show some years ago when 7,000 people went to see this pop star."

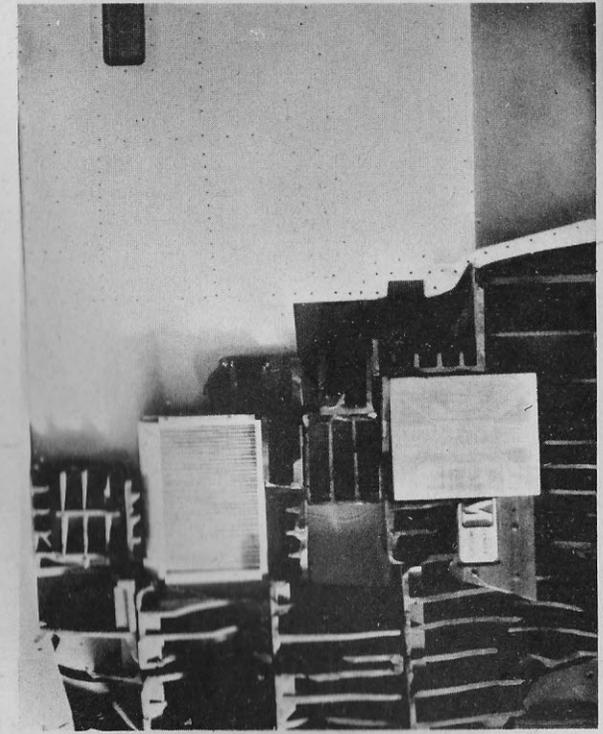
Mr L.McB., pensioner. "One programme that appeals to me is the Hogmanay night, being a Scot, and I think it a good idea to have a programme on that night rather than just gather at the Old Post Office to see the New Year in. If I can afford it I'll be taking the wife to hear Kiri te Kanawa and see the Miss Brooklands presentation, but having seen the Crucifixion twice before, it won't be much of a novelty for us."

Miss J.L., dental receptionist. "The programme looks as though it has a special appeal to the 30-70 age group, though there are a couple of nights that I will see, particularly the Ballet. Why can't we get more top overseas stars? Surely the organisers could bring someone here to give the show a world-class artist."

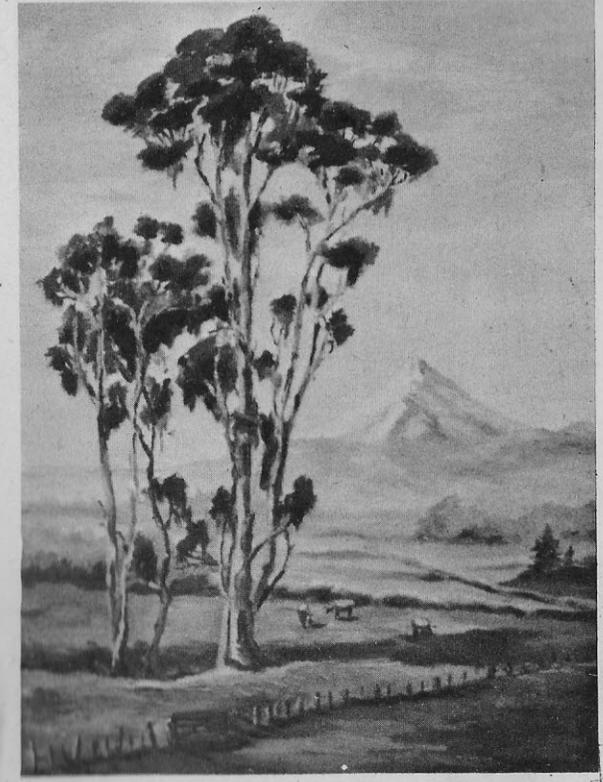
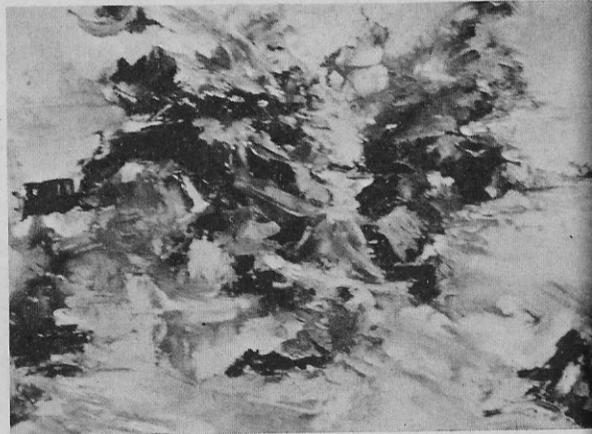


NORTH TARANAKI ART SHOW

The N.Taranaki Society of Arts recently held its 33rd annual show at the Museum. It was a successful show, with some very fine work displayed, with just a few of the good works being spoiled by poor framing. On this and the following pages are just a few of the works seen.
Above: Deserted Boathouse, by Judith Peters.
Below: Off Boulevard Street, by Rae Van't Hof.
Above, right: A very fine carving, Cirena, by Ren Kensington, sculptured from NZ Kauri.
Right: Water Symphony, by Ruth Costello. Below, right: Pine Silhouette, by Bernice Smart.



Above, left: Seated Fijian Woman by Russell Williams, priced at 20 Gns. Above, right: Relief, by Don Driver, priced at 30 gns. and made from old battery cases, was the centre of controversy at the exhibition. Below, left: Fishing on Sunday, Wellington wharfs, by D.M.Orange appealed to us. Below, right: Another picture that appealed was Gums, Taranaki, by Rae Van't Hof.





Engaged

Above, left: **WILLS-SMITH.** Sharon Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs I. H. Smith, Opunake, to Keith William Wills, only son of Mr and Mrs B. W. Boyd, Waitara. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Left: **BULLOT-HALL.** Lorraine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. N. Hall, Bell Block, to Anthony John, youngest son of Mrs E. P. Bullot, Waitara, and the late Mr Bullot. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Above: **HOPKINS-NEWMAN.** Kathleen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. K. Newman, Wellington, to Nigel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Hopkins, NP.

Married

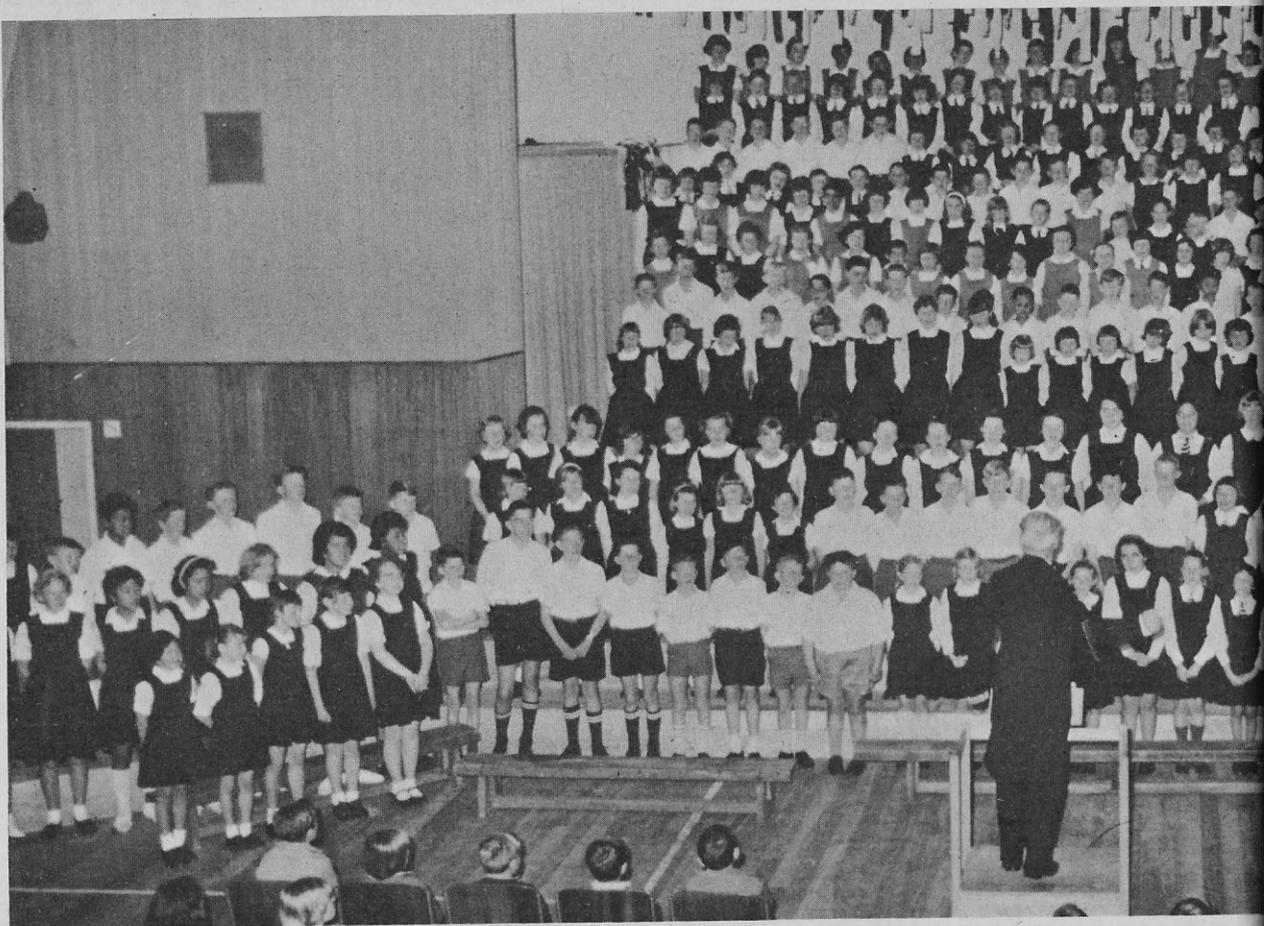
Below: **BUHLER-BLASER.** At the Hawera Catholic Church, Berty, daughter of Mr T. Blaser, Switzerland, to Joe, son of Mr R. Buhler, Hawera. The bridesmaid was Bertha Buhler, sister of the groom, Hawera, and the best man was John Buhler, brother of the groom, Hawera. Future home, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).



THEN AND NOW

Above: The New Plymouth courthouse, photographed many years ago, when the roads were still metal and there were no telegraph, power or trolley wires. Compared with our photograph taken recently, there doesn't seem much difference. The alterations have only been minor. The fence has been removed from the front, and concrete steps have been added--the tower and ornate roof fittings have been removed too. The building below will not be here much longer, as the brand new courthouse can be seen just beyond the old building. We don't know when the old photograph was taken, but it was before the erection of the Catholic school.





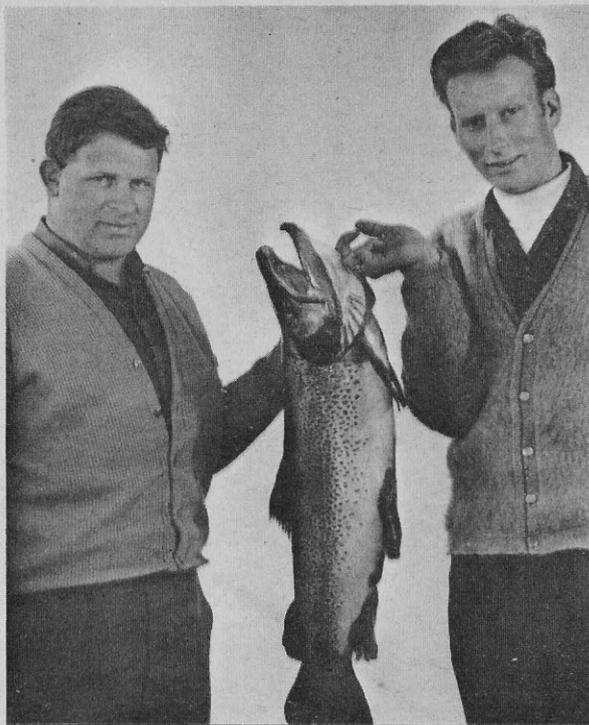
Above: Massed choirs composed of children from nine schools in South Taranaki in the recent Kaponga Choir festival. Under the baton of Mr I.N.Menzies, B.A., the choir was a good combination which had been well-trained. The audience were quick to appreciate this and applauded generously.



Lepperton Hall was filled for two nights for the annual concert of the Karawaka YFC and CGC. Bottom, far left: The Bell ringers from Tikorangi were a most entertaining combination. Below, left: Scene from one of the many sketches with Joy Harold, Jennifer MacRae and Lorraine Wetton. Below: Glenys Watson was an accomplished accordion player. Above: Guest artists Frank and Rosemarie Beurepaire.

ENTERTAINMENT IN TARANAKI





Above: Here's one that didn't get away. It's a 14½ pound brown trout, caught by Wayne Peters and John Parker in a place that is within 20 miles of the city.

Roving Camera



Above: President of the North Taranaki MCC, John Callendar, unveils a plaque marking the opening of their new club rooms on Junction road just out of the city. This has been a wonderful effort on the part of the club members in building such a fine permanent home, below.



SMART RD BOWLING CLUB



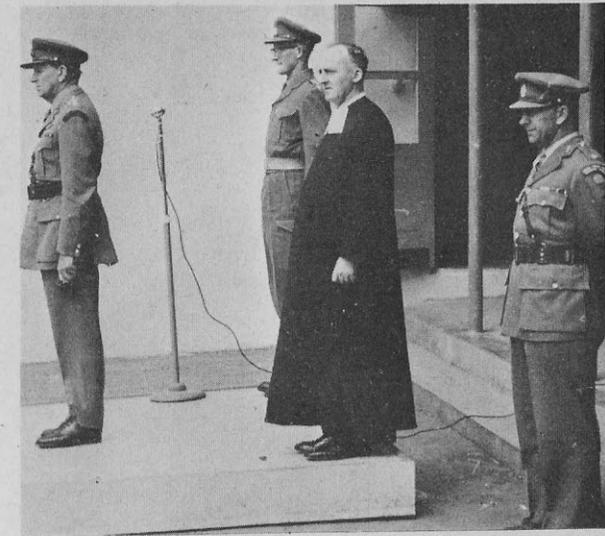
Modern transport...used by Norm Chilcott, who rides his horse Flicker to the Smart Road Bowling Club each day. The mare had recently had a colt, Tony, which had to go along too. Here, Norm arrives at the club for his afternoon game of bowls.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTY

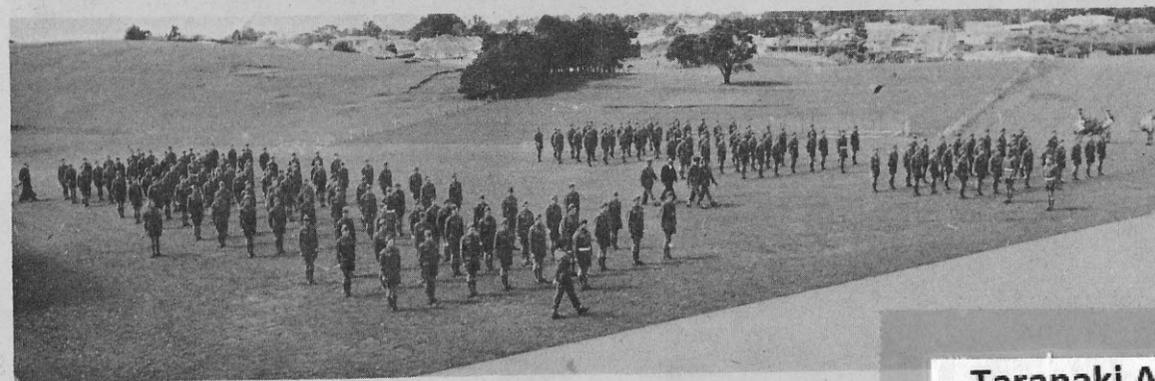
The Whiteley Youth Centre was filled for the annual Salvation Army young people's party. Both parents and children enjoyed this very popular evening. Above: Teenagers and pop music went hand in hand with religion as these youngsters proved. Left: Audience reaction shows how interested these youngsters were in the proceedings. Below: The young people's song group conducted by Leigh Fletcher were well trained.





FRANCIS DOUGLAS COMPETES FOR RIDDIFORD CUP

The cadet force at the Francis Douglas College were recently judged for the NZ-wide competition for the Riddiford cup, and a smart body of men they turned out to be. Our guess is that it will take a very smart battalion to beat them, so precise was their marching and drill. There was absolutely nothing sloppy about these lads, and full credit must go to the NCO's and officers of the force. Above: Just look at the guardsmanlike precision marching. Below: March past. The reviewing officer was Lt-Col R.H. Dyson, chief of staff, Central Military District. Bottom: Battalion on parade. Right: Inspection by Lt-Col Dyson. Below, right: Drummers provided the tempo for the precision marching. Above, right: Reviewing officer takes the salute, with the school principal, Brother Julian.





EVENTS IN OUR LIVES

Above, left: Four generations gathered for the christening of twins Mark and Ross Dingle. From left: Grandfather Dick Naylor with Mark, mother Jill Dingle and great-grandmother Mrs J.H. Naylor with Ross.

Left: Mark Robert, with his parents Robert and Carroll Bradshaw after his christening.

Below, left: Family group at the 21st birthday of Mervyn, shown here with his family. From left: Mother, Mervyn, father Vin Stachurski and sister Lorna. (HENRY MCGEE PHOTOGRAPHY).

Above: Another christening. This time it is that of Michelle Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Thompson, Courtney St, NP. (VOGUE).

Below: Here's a silver wedding anniversary. It is that of Mr and Mrs I. Radich, shown cutting their celebration cake at a party in their honour. (HENRY MCGEE PHOTO).



Here's a scene that is favourite with a lot of people, yet is ever-changing with different ships at berth. There are many scenes around the Port, but this is the one which always intrigues us, with Egmont forming a background, and ships of many sizes and colours making up the foreground.

FAVOURITE SCENE AT THE PORT