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New Waitara Church

With its copper steeple (made in New Plymouth and the only one of its kind in the province), the new church of St. John the Baptist at Waitara provides a striking landmark. The unusual old stone fence has been retained, as a symbol of the past, and contrasts gracefully with the soaring lines of the new church.



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OUR COVER

On our cover this month, we give you a preview of a scene from the New Plymouth Operatic Society's production, "South Pacific", which will commence at the Opera House, New Plymouth on November 7th. This Rogers and Hammerstein production is being performed for the second time only by amateurs in New Zealand. Our cover photo shows leading lady Josephine Brunet in the scene where she sings "Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair", supported by Carole Brattle and Leone McRae.

YOUR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPH.

We will be happy to reproduce a photograph of your wedding, but quite often, we don't know anything about it. So if you'll be good enough to let us know, just when and where, we'll be along with our camera.

If your wedding photographer is Crago Studios or Bernard Woods Studios, then your wedding photograph will appear without any fuss or bother. We advise you to take advantage of these two high-class studios for your wedding. Their work is first-class, and their charges are the most reasonable in the trade.



BACK COVER.

One of the more colourful floats in the parade through Devon Street, marking the 75th Jubilee of Rugby in Taranaki.



Married

Above: ANDREWS-MISCHEWSKI. At St. Josephs Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Miss Rosalie Mischewski, National Park, was married to Mr Murray Andrews.

Left: WILSON-BREEZE.

At the Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Collette Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.T. Breeze, Blenheim, to Alexander Cook, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Wilson, of Glasgow, Scotland. The bridesmaids were the sisters of the bride, Robyn Breeze, New Plymouth and Suzanne Breeze, Blenheim. The best man was Brian Abrens, Auckland. The couple have left New Plymouth for a year's tour of Scotland.

Engaged



Above, left: Marilyn Rae, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.C.Marshall, N.P., to Alistair Carl, son of Mr and Mrs J.Reid, N.P.

Left: Ruth Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G.Scott, N.P., to Barry Keith Cook, son of Mrs R.J.Pepperell, N.P.

Below, left: Margery Shield, daughter of Mrs A.M.Smith, N.P., to Archibald, son of Mr and Mrs A.J.Thompson, N.P.

Above: Lorna Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.G.R.King, Otaki, to David Vernon, son of Mr and Mrs R.L.Sutton, Uruti.

Below: Lesley Lynette, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.K.F.Boyle, N.P., to Peter Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs J.Ramsay, N.P.

Bottom: Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.T. Heydon, Cardiff, to William, son of Mr and Mrs T.W.Nagle, N.P.



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Mrs Symmans brings in the bride, Mrs Campbell.



Parson, Mrs N. Pepperell



Best man Mrs N. Healy reads the telegrams.

Mock Wedding at Fitzroy

To celebrate their silver jubilee, the Puketotara-Fitzroy C.W.I. performed a Mock wedding, which was complete in every detail. Needless to say, the afternoon was a huge success. We have found that when these women's organisations promote anything, they usually are not only well-attended, but very well managed, and successful from every aspect. This silver jubilee was no exception. The Fitzroy Hall was packed to capacity for the occasion.

(Photos by Bernard Woods Studio)



No comment needed...

GOOD SERVICE BADGES AWARDED

During the afternoon's celebrations, good service badges were awarded to some members of the institute. Those presented with these hard-earned badges are shown in our photograph below. Back row, from left, Mesdames Bolton, F.Cave, Misses White, Way and Mrs Symmans. In front are Mrs Curd, Mrs Davies, a foundation member, and the mayoress, Mrs Honnor.



Mrs L.Symmans lights the candles, with the aid of Mrs H.Davies.

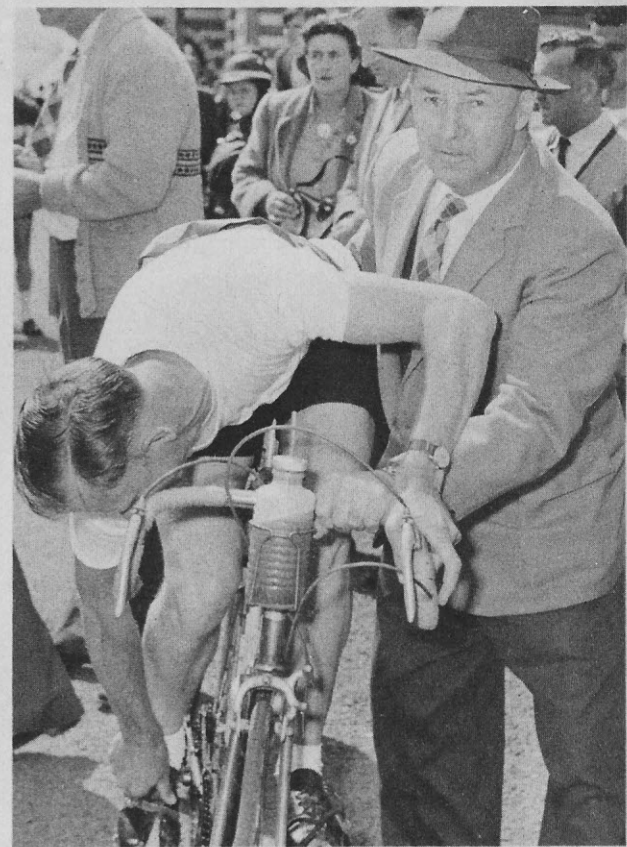




Round-the-Mountain Race

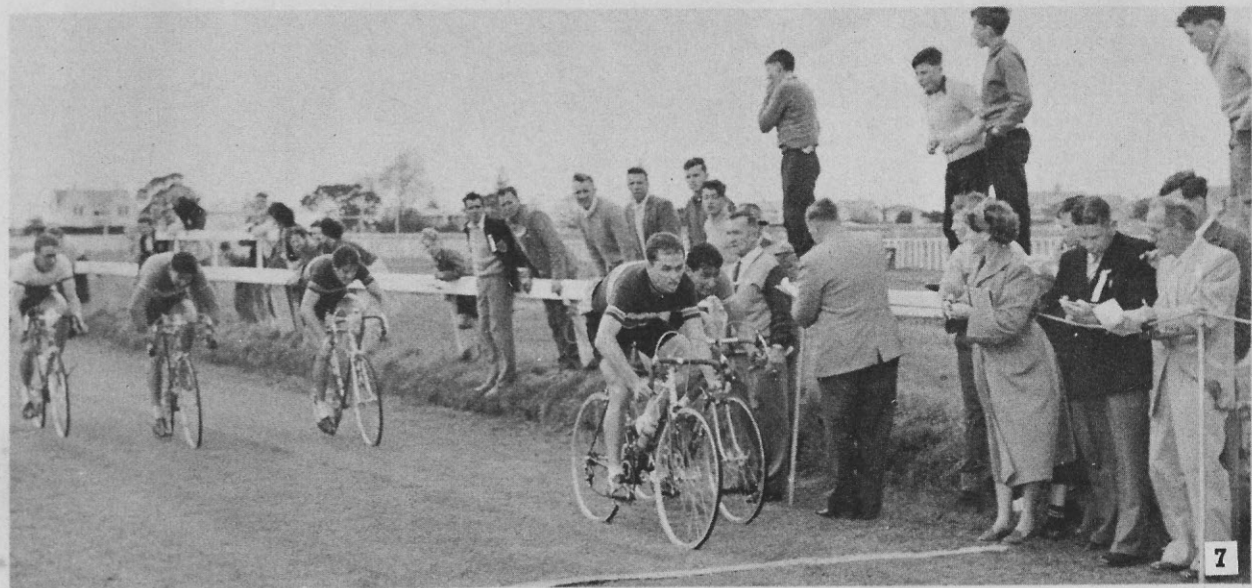
With weather that was fine for most of the journey, the competitors in the Amateur Round-the-Mountain race broke several long-standing records. The first-ever ride over this course of under 4 hours was by Wellington scratch rider, G.D.Ulmer, winner of the Southland three-day tour the previous week.

Top: First bunch away on a handicap of 40 minutes, contrasted with the scratch bunch above, who kept together for most of the course. These scratch men provided New Plymouth with one of the finest line-ups of amateur cyclists seen in the city for a long time. They proved their worth, when they finished only six minutes behind the winner. **Below,** the scratch bunch are sent on their way by a large crowd gathered to watch the start of the race.



Above, left: The winner of the Round-the-Mountain amateur cycle race, Auckland junior R.W. Morsillo, crosses the line after this gruelling 97-mile race, which lasted for him over four hours. **Above, right:** New Plymouth mayor, A.G.Honnor, as usual, had the privilege of pushing the first man away, A.H.McLennan (Avondale).

Below: A record in the making, as Wellington's G.D.Ulmer crosses the line to record the first-ever under-4-hour circuit. He is closely followed by R.Thomson (Poneke) and R.D.Johnston (Point Chevalier), who took first place and fastest time last year.





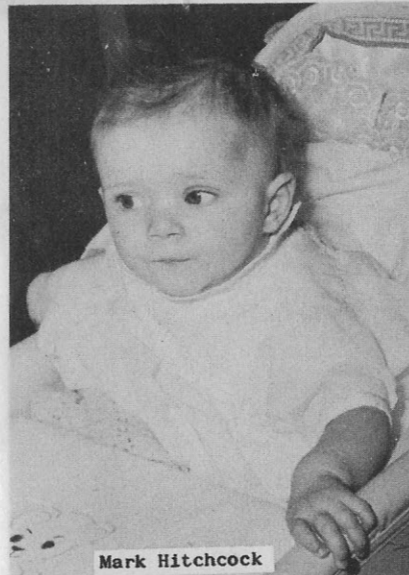
Wedding Bells

Above: KNOWLES-BAYLIS. At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Brenda Frances, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F.L.Baylis, Hillsborough, to Richard Charles, third son of Mr and Mrs F.C.Knowles, Kent, England. Janice Marsh and Gillian Baylis were the bridesmaids, Gerald Gregory the best man, and John Knowles, Wellington, the groomsmen. The couple are going for a trip to England before they settle down here.

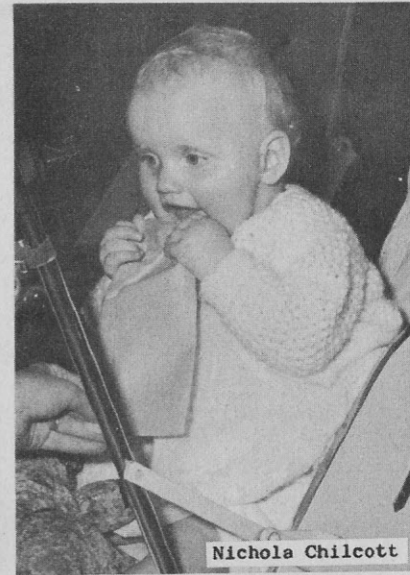
Below: ADLAM-HELLIER. At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Gloria Joyce, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.N.Hellier, Egmont Road, New Plymouth, to Clarence Raymond Adlam, second son of Mrs Mailman, Carrington Road, New Plymouth. Melva Hancock, Lepperton, & Colleen Hellier, a sister of the bride, were the bridesmaids. Barry Cook, New Plymouth was the best man, and Eldon Adlam, a brother of the groom, was the groomsmen. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



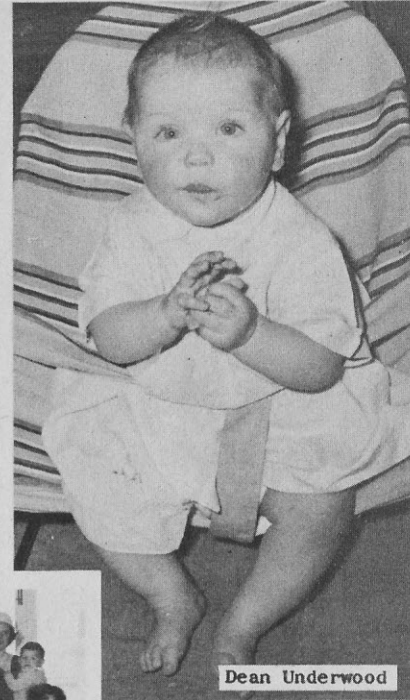
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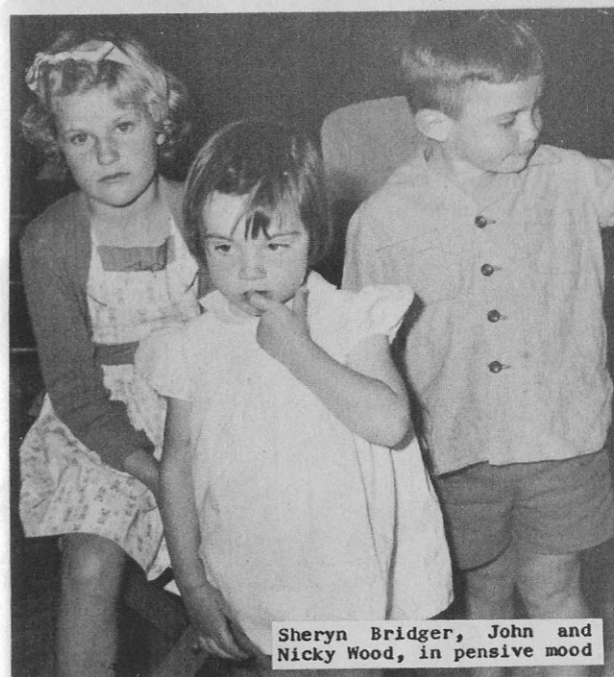


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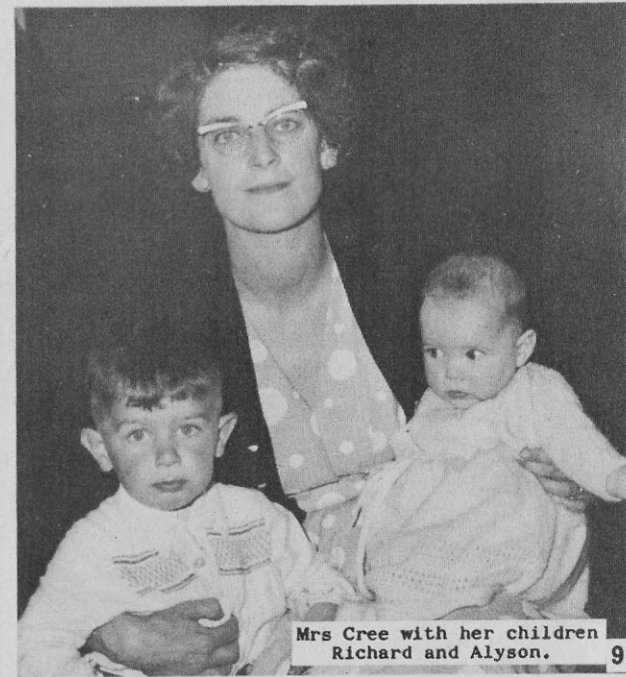


Mothers and their children at the ceremony

PARENTS' CLUB
GRADUATION
CEREMONY



Sheryn Bridger, John and Nicky Wood, in pensive mood



Mrs Cree with her children Richard and Alyson.



School Choir Festival at Kaponga

Despite the unfortunate withdrawal of one school choir, the Kaponga school choir festival was an outstanding success, with the entry of many schools from central and south Taranaki. The Memorial Hall at Kaponga was filled for this very delightful evening's entertainment, a feature of which is the singing of the massed choir of over 200 children. This year, the combined choir was conducted by Mr R.J.G.Simpson (Kaponga), who filled a breach caused by the illness of Mr Ian Menzies (New Plymouth).

Above: The massed choir on stage for one of their two performances.

Below: Percussion group of the Otakeho school have a little practice back-stage before performing before the audience. Their group performance was one of the highlights of the evening.



A thorough inspection of the "bodies" was made first.

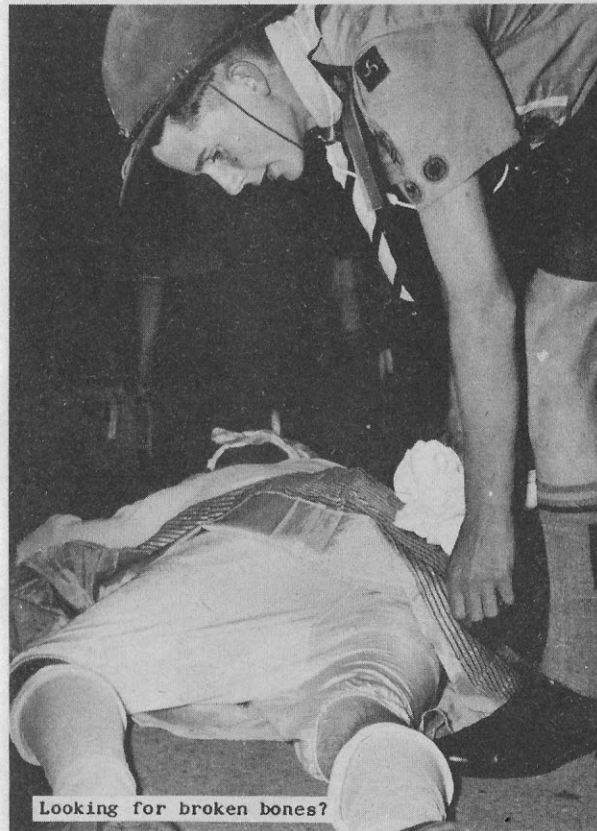


Victims get ready for their role

"Accident" at Inglewood

Gallons of "blood" and plenty of injured, groaning bodies lay in the road in Rata Street, Inglewood when a car was "involved" in a head-on accident recently. Police, doctors and the traffic department were notified when five people were "injured".

The whole thing was a fake—it was designed as a lesson and test for the Inglewood Scout Troop in how to render first aid at an accident. The exercise was most carefully arranged, and judging by the looks on the faces of the scouts, must have appeared gruesome, as they scrambled amongst the wreckage to extricate the badly-injured bodies.



Looking for broken bones?



Expert handling by the scouts was a feature of the accident



Competitors await the results, in the foyer of the Royal Hotel

Taranaki Hairdressing Champs

The Taranaki Master Ladies' Hairdressers recently staged their championships at the Royal Hotel, New Plymouth. Both junior and senior competitors displayed talent that would be hard to beat in any other province. The judges, who came from Auckland, expressed satisfaction at the high standard of hairdressing displayed. Judging on two styles, day and evening, for the seniors, proved a tough job, but the eventual winner was a worthy one.



Winner of the junior section, Patricia Newman (Eltham), and her model Jennifer Moore.



Senior winner Shirley Wisnewski (Inglewood) and her model Brenda Goble (Stratford).



Above: Rae Hall (Stratford) putting the final touches to her entry in the Taranaki Hairdressing Championships.

Below: One of the judges, Mrs D. Ballantyne, President of the Auckland Hairdressing Association, takes a good look at model Brenda Goble.

Above, right: Mr H.S. Sinclair (Stratford) presents the senior championship trophy to Shirley Wisnewski of Inglewood.

Below, right: Junior winner, Patricia Newman (Eltham) receives her trophy from the Taranaki Association president Mr S.R. Cook.





Speechmaker Les Harris consults his notes with the aid of Billy Dean.

Goings-on at Riverside I.B.C.

Indoor Bowls is a sociable sort of game, where you find friendly people. But the Riverside club have a habit of making it an excuse for jollification. Their wind-up night at the end of each season is becoming the best night of the year for the members. We think the idea is to give them a chance to "let their hair down" after a strenuous season of competition. Some of the get-ups at this fancy dress "do" were absolutely terrific, and the judges had a hard time choosing the eventual winners.



"Miss" Cooper and Ina Harris play Booms-a-daisy.



Jester tries to outdo Chang-Kai-Healy

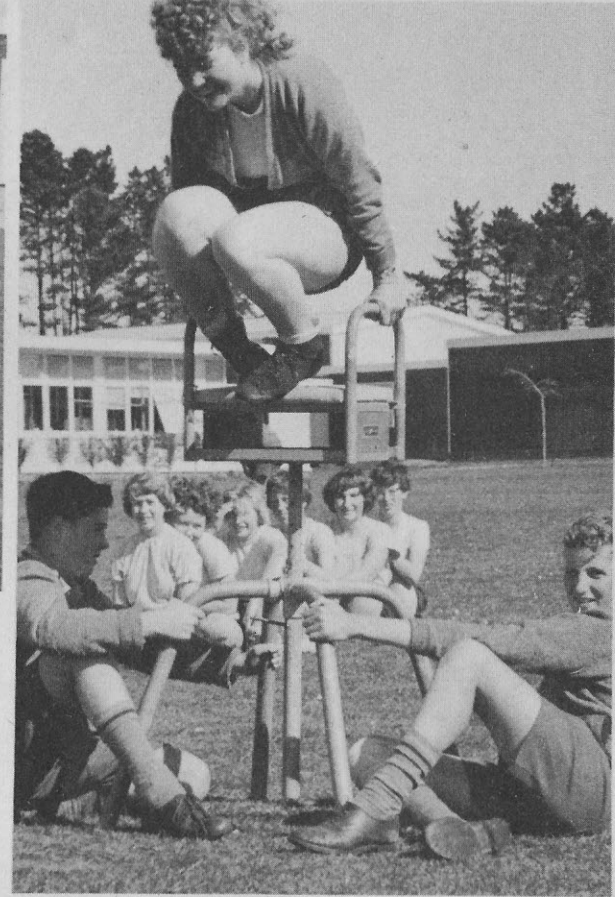


Muscular "Fairy" plays skip



Children at Work and Play

We get a tremendous kick out of seeing children developing their minds and bodies. The photographs on this page show them doing just that. In the picture above, pupils of the Inglewood High School, partaking in the Tabloid sports, displayed a good brand of team spirit. In the picture, right, the girls had their turn at jumping over the horse, whilst the boys acted as anchors. Below, Guides in the recent rally, employing their minds to a useful purpose, in untying knots in an obstacle race. Below, right, Jacqueline Mace of the St. Mary's troop, balancing a block of wood on her head in the obstacle race.

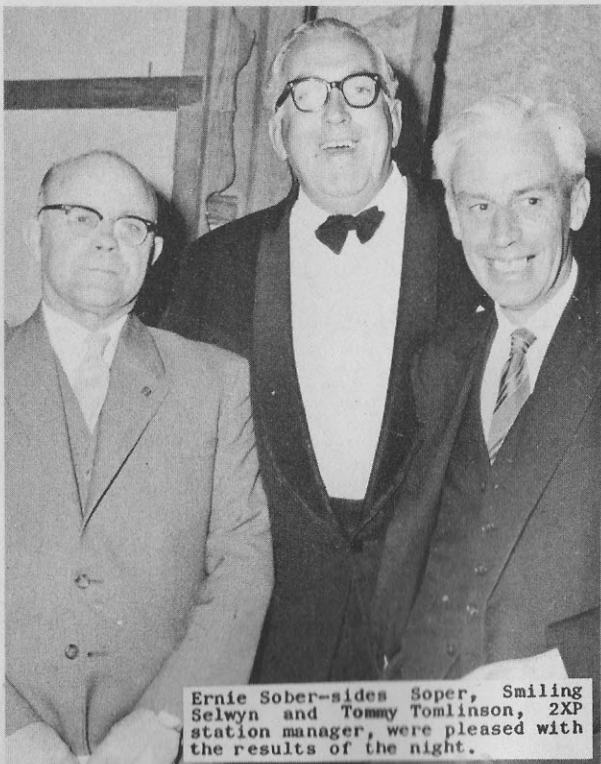


Big Broadcast of 1960

Full marks again to the promoters of the Big Broadcast show of 1960. They do a mammoth job in putting on the best-attended show in Taranaki with the best talent. This is truly a variety show, which is promoted to help one of our worthy causes. This year, it was the turn of the Guides and Scouts, who benefitted to the tune of £230. With stars like Selwyn Toogood to comper the programme and Silvio de Pra to entertain with his piano accordion, the show couldn't fail to be a huge success.



Polished star performer Silvio de Pra



Ernie Sober-sides Soper, Smiling Selwyn and Tommy Tomlinson, 2XP station manager, were pleased with the results of the night.



Theatre manager Shailer Cottier made up his mind to find out what made Big-Man-Toogood Tick. He gave him a thorough examination and concluded that in that huge breast...which sounded like a washing machine.... was a heart someplace.



Below: Three candidates for an academy? Not on your life, they are Women's Hour announcer, Margaret Isaac, Shopping reporter Heather Robertson and Barbara Lee of the programme department.

2XP LET THEIR HAIR DOWN (at the Big Broadcast).

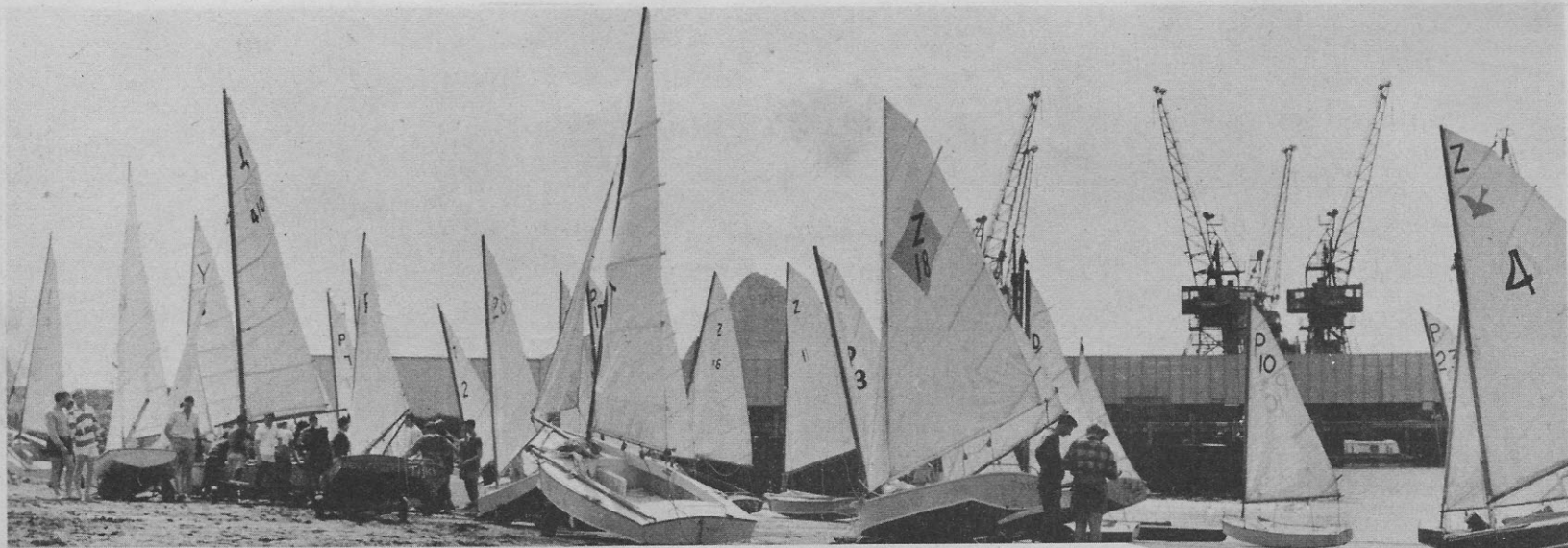
The Big Broadcast is a show to remember with dozens of top-line artists. To the staff of 2XP, that was not enough for the patrons. They wrote and produced their own witty sketch, which kept the crowded house howling with laughter.

When you hear those charming voices on your radio, extolling the virtues of the drink that puts you to sleep at night and keeps you wide awake during the day, these, then are the people whose voices have become so familiar to you.

Above, right: Two of your favourite announcers, Brian Clark and Murray Hewson (that's him behind the hair) team up with Ray Phillips.

Above: Man in front of the shirt tail is Murray Hewson again.





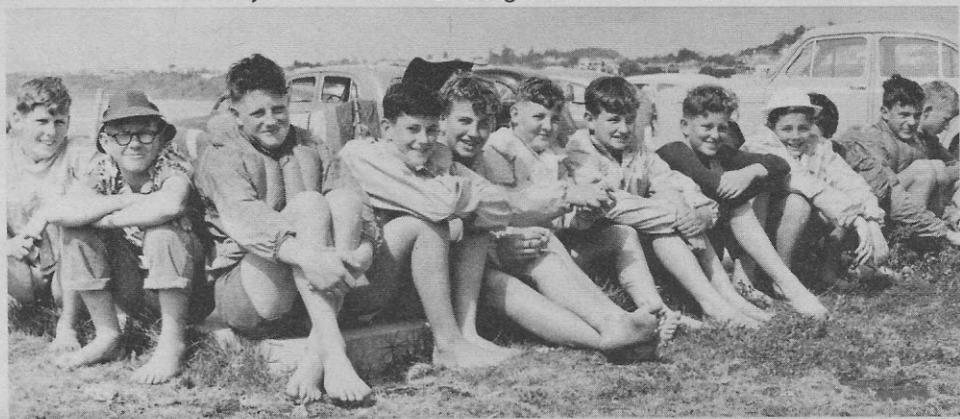
Yacht Club Opening

The weather proved a friend at the opening of the 1960-61 yachting season. With a fair wind and sunny conditions, the club got away to a good start, when nearly all the club members were present. Some excellent races were contested during the afternoon.

Above: A general scene of the yachts on the beach, prior to the launching for the first races of the season.

Left: Bernard Letts and his companion Win Kingma, who comes from Lower Hutt, take their craft to the water's edge for the first race.

Right: Members of the "P" class watch proceedings at the official opening. These are the lads who are to be the future backbone of the New Plymouth Yacht Club, and it looks as though the club's future is assured.



Roving Camera

Right: Mr E.Tomlinson, manager of Station 2XP, presents a cheque to Bruce Gardner and Heather Tinsley, the proceeds from the Big Broadcast show amounting to £230.

Below: Take your pick! There's information on all sorts of things in these posters...How to catch a man..that shouldn't be hard! How to test your sex quotient....that could be hard! How to attract a man...s'easy! And if you're a man why do the girls resist you? Picture was taken outside a Hawera news-agent shop..Looks like they need a bit of tuition down South Taranaki!

Bottom: The pupils of Highlands School recently played the teachers at "touch-rugby", and emerged with less battle scars than their masters. Players are: Back row, from left, W.Mathieson (ref), C.Perry, G.Pennington, I.Menzies, J.Glegarray, D.Crofsky, J.Chambers, R.Gadd and M. Sutcliffe. Front row, T.Rillstone, P. Erb, R.Gold, V.Grigson, N.Shotter, P.Anderson, R.Legge and E.Kirkby.



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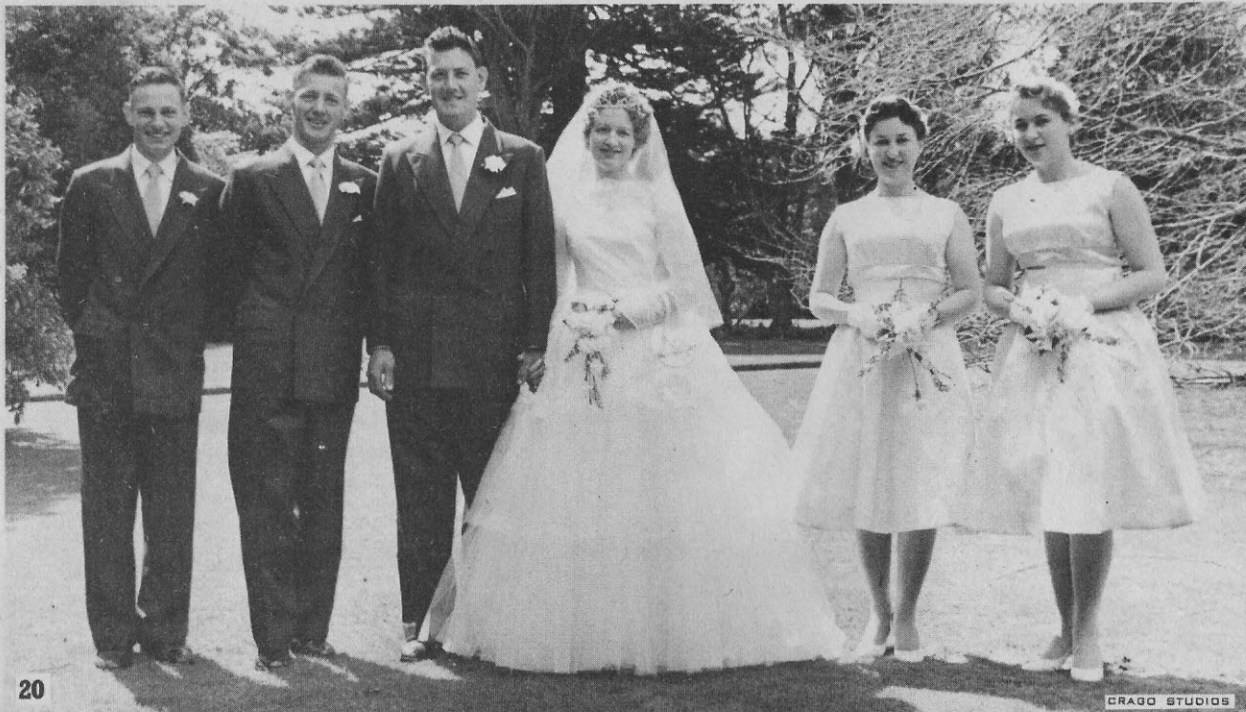


Married

Left: CAMERON-BARRETT. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Judith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.M. Barrett, Pungarehu, to Donald, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Cameron, New Plymouth. Jeanette Davies, Pungarehu, was the only bridesmaid and the best man was Michael Barrett, Pungarehu, a brother of the bride. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

Below: GREEN-PENTELON. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Irene Ellen, only daughter of Mr W. and the late Mrs Pentelow, Oaonui, to Arthur Thomas, son of Mrs R. Green, Melbourne. The two bridesmaids were Janet and Margaret Lepper, New Plymouth. Best man was Donald Pentelow, a brother of the bride, and the groomsman was a cousin of the bride, Leonard Pentelow, Oaonui. Before settling down, the couple will spend a few months touring New Zealand.

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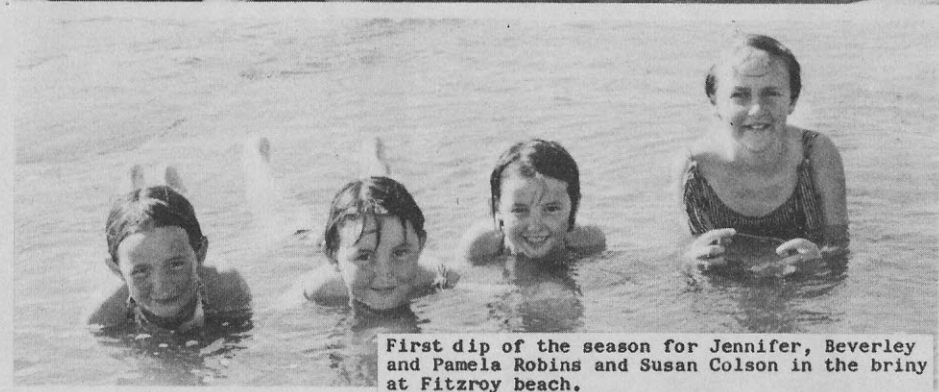
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Summer's Coming ..

It seems that winter has left us at last. A recent week-end produced some of the best weather we have had since way back in April. The sun had the desired effect, bringing out swimsuits and shorts by the dozen, and even enticing some of the younger folk into the water. There's no doubt about it, the Spring sunshine does seem to put springs into your heels. Even us old codgers feel about ten years younger.

Our camera caught David, Erica and Graham Brash playing in the sand at the Kindergarten Gala day at Fitzroy.



First dip of the season for Jennifer, Beverley and Pamela Robins and Susan Colson in the briny at Fitzroy beach.



Sun worshippers Barbara Kinkade, Kay Robertson, Dianne Mentz and Edith Meston just take it easy at the Fitzroy Motor Camp.



The 1961 Season Has Started, Brother!

Once again, the bowling season is upon us. Frankly, we dread this time of the year, as it means getting one's own meals, and generally looking after things at home. Still, we can't grudge the ladies their sport, can we? It seems strange to us, that they should always be blessed with such gloriously fine weather for the opening of their season. Good luck to them and may they have a very successful season. Our photograph above, shows the opening of the Riverside greens. Below, Mesdames Holden and Boivin, who were presented with their badges as life members of the Fitzroy Ladies Bowling Club, at the club's official opening, below, right.





The new £8000 hall in South Road, Spotswood



Mr B.B.Mason speaks at the opening

New Hall at Spotswood

After 14 months of co-operative effort, the new Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on South Road, was officially dedicated recently by Mr B.B.Mason, presiding minister of Jehovah's Witnesses in New Zealand. Built to seat 300 people, the new hall had an overflow for the opening ceremony, with many standing in the hall and foyer during the dedication.

Valued at £8000, the hall was opened debt-free. It has a contemporary interior with a black ceiling relieved by white strings in a square design. The entrance features panelled wood, wrought iron and Hinuera stone.



Stage, with indoor garden



Packed hall for the opening ceremony



Mothers' Clubs Concert

Frankleigh Park acted as hosts at the recent Mothers' Clubs concert in the Memorial Hall, New Plymouth. The hall was packed to capacity to witness this very extraordinary evening's entertainment. Such was the success of the concert, that it was presented again later in the month, again to a capacity audience. On the first night, our photographer and an electrician were the only men present to enjoy this very talented show.

Above: Members of the Inglewood Mothers' Club produced and acted a farce entitled "Old Moore's Almanac". This play evoked roars of laughter from the packed audience. Those taking part were from left, Pat Fowler, Peggy Nelson, Doreen Nelson, Jeanette Morrison and Nyla Lahood.

Below: Most recently formed club in the district, Marfell Mothers' Club, produced an item that raised both skirts and eyebrows. There must have been a ton of work put into those Can-Can outfits which delighted the audience. The "girls" are from left, Helen Ashton, Shirley Love, Fay Stephens, Doreen Leggett, Clarrie Hanson and Pat Armstrong.



When the Mothers' Clubs put on a show, it is a show with a difference, well produced and acted. Costuming of these shows was something extra special. When these mothers dress as nigger minstrels, they really look the part, and likewise, if they are to be Red Indians, then there's no shortage of war paint.

Above: The Frankleigh Club produced a play called "Running Bear" which was both colourful and well-acted.
Below: Moturoa club performed as Nigger Minstrels, and mighty fine was their singing of the darkie songs.

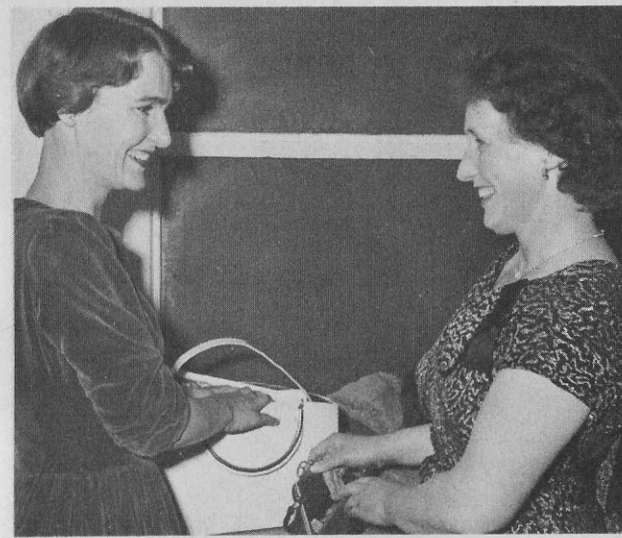




Benedicts' Final 1960 Ball

With a hall packed to capacity, the Westown Benedicts concluded another very successful season. A feature of the season has been the popularity of these functions, when a full attendance has been assured at all the dances that this club has held. Our photograph below gives some idea of the packed hall, with everybody dancing the old-fashioned dances, which look so attractive when executed properly.

Above: The officials of the club for the past season. From left, back row, Mr and Mrs M. Feek, Mr and Mrs T. Ward and Mr and Mrs J. Matthews. Middle row, Mr and Mrs Snowden, Mr and Mrs R. Burgess, Mr and Mrs I. Inch and Mr and Mrs A. Williamson. Front row, Mr and Mrs R. Hawkins, Mr and Mrs J. Rodgers and Mr and Mrs J. Dawrant.



Choir Festival Personalities

Above, left: Mrs W. Eliason (accompanist) and Miss J. Law (secretary), two of a hard-working committee at the Kaponga Choir Festival.

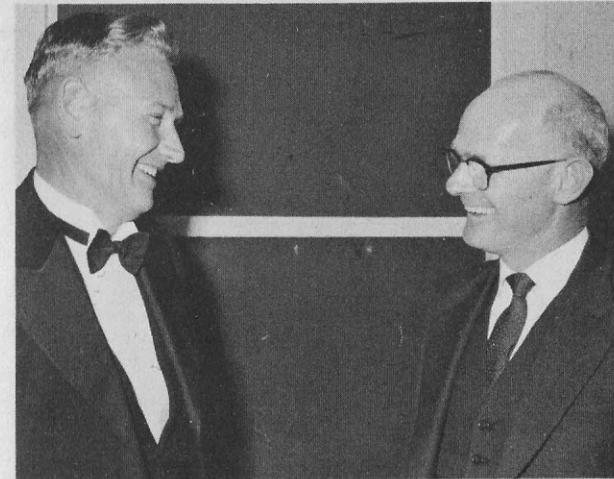
Left: Mr R. J. G. Simpson, the conductor of the massed choir, and Mr J. P. Harding, the organiser, enjoy a joke after the conclusion of this very successful evening.

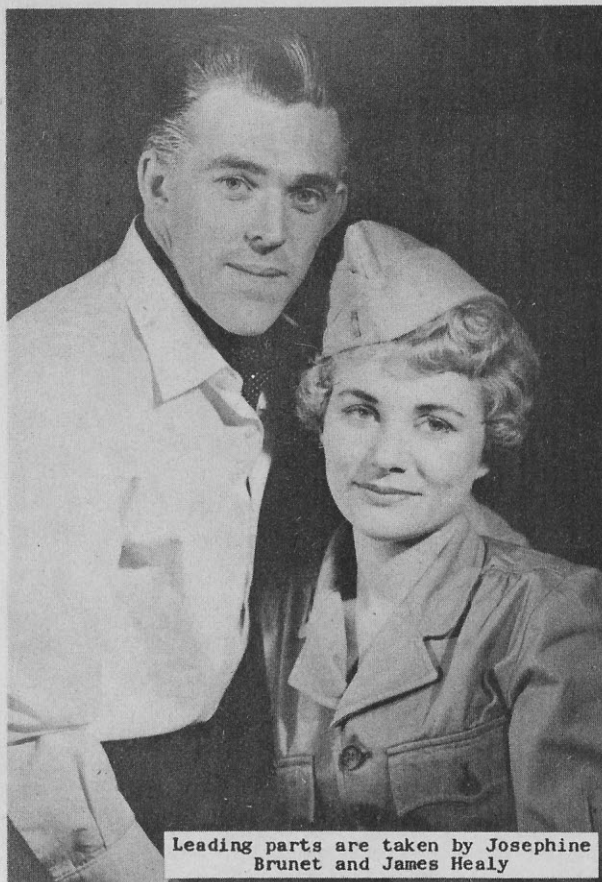
Below, left: Stage manager Mr I. D. McDonald is shown briefing the children before the start of the show.

SMASH AND GRAB RAID!!!

Above: At the conclusion of the festival, our cameraman and his wife were invited to supper, which turned out to be a delight. In the supper room, there is a serving hatch, which seemed to rise of its own accord. Suspecting something fishy, the cameraman was "at the ready" when this wee hand crept under the slide and found its way to the plate of cakes.

Below: Margaret Bayliss had a hard job finding her coat, at the conclusion of the festival.





Leading parts are taken by Josephine Brunet and James Healy



"South Pacific"

at the New Plymouth Opera House
November 7th, 1960.

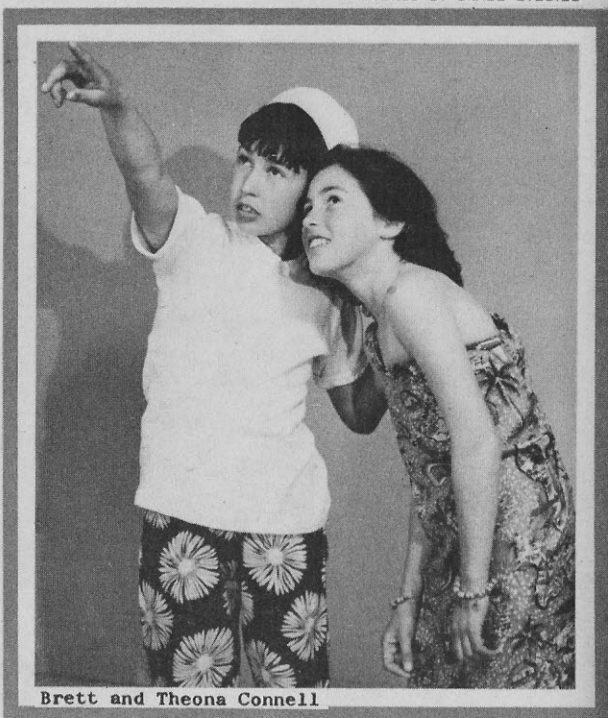
The New Plymouth Operatic Society are this year producing "South Pacific", a Rogers and Hammerstein musical, which should appeal to all members of the family. With the two leading parts played by top-ranking actors from Wellington, it would seem that the success of the show is assured from the spectator angle.

Another departure of the Society is the engagement of a local producer, Mrs Sidey Strang, above, centre, who has had a wealth of home and overseas experience. Musical director Murray Hewson, above, right, is again wielding the baton for this musical production.

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Cable (Ian Green) and Liat (Janis Davis)



Brett and Theona Connell



Emile (James Healy), Harb (Tom Barber),
Bracket (Tom Jackson) and Cable (Ian Green)

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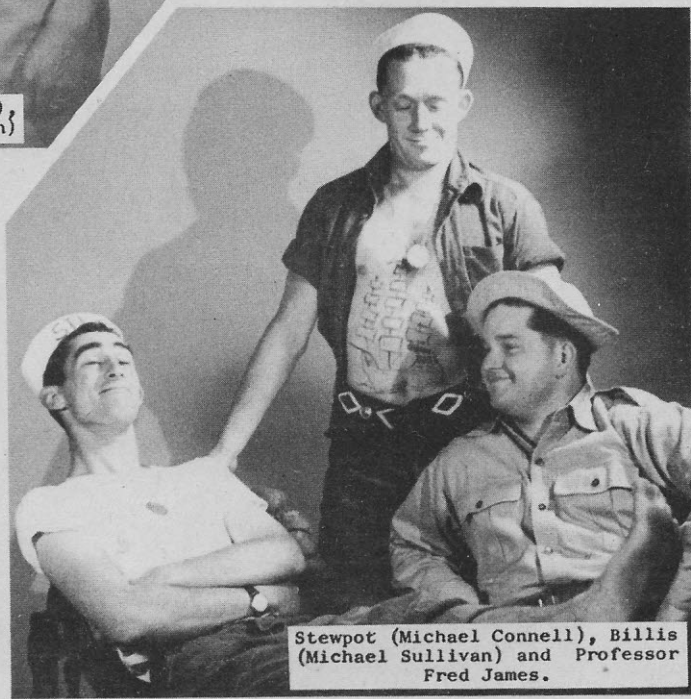
Bloody Mary.....
Noeline Blackman



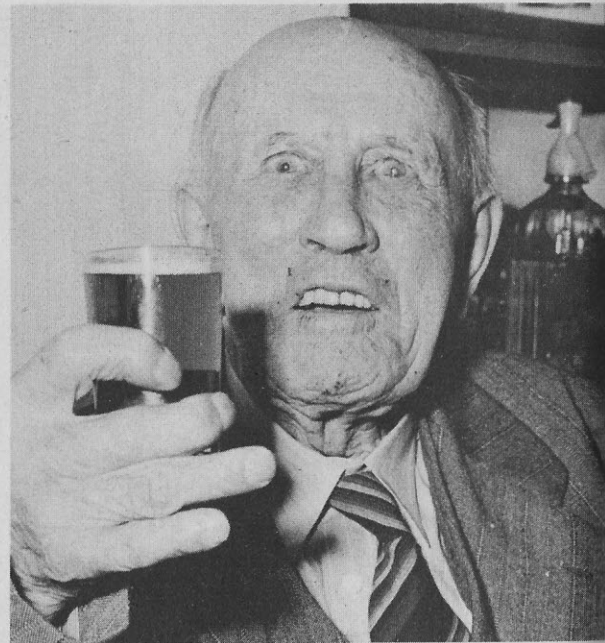
Leading lady...
Josephine Brunet



Professor..Fred
James



Stewpot (Michael Connell), Billis
(Michael Sullivan) and Professor
Fred James.



Birthdays

Eighty-nine not out is the proud boast of Percy Johnson, above, as he says cheers to our photographer. At the same celebration, Percy's nephew, Len Forsman, was celebrating his 61st birthday, so we photographed them, left, making a dual job of cutting the cakes.

Below, left: Brian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.E.Geddes, recently celebrated his coming-of-age.

Below, centre: Bruce Mabey, Rahotu, has a broad grin as he cuts his 21st birthday cake.

Below: Valerie Bigham, New Plymouth, cuts her key-shaped cake at her coming-of-age celebration.



End of the Winter Season

Above: The field gets under way in the massed start for the Taranaki Amateur Walking Club's 10½-mile race, held at New Plymouth recently. This is the first time for years that the club have held a race in New Plymouth, and much interest was shown in the event, despite the fact that Olympic walker Norman Read was absent. This was the final race of the winter season.

Below: The final night of the West End Table Tennis Club was marked by a President v. Club Captain teams match, and the presentation of the trophies won during the year. Our photograph shows the whole of the club members with the very beautiful trophies. This concludes the 20th year of the club's existence. Next year will be their coming-of-age, when special celebrations will be held throughout the season.



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Pigeon Release

Members of the Egmont Homing Pigeon Club recently helped to release racing pigeons of the Hutt Valley Homing Pigeon Club. The crates arrive at New Plymouth, and Egmont members see that the birds are well cared for, before the start of the race back to the Hutt Valley. In the picture above, the cages have been opened and the birds sent on their long journey back to Wellington. At right, Ron Jeffreys gets the cages into position prior to the release.

FLOODLIT MEMORIAL HALL

Below: The New Plymouth War Memorial Hall is creating lots of interest these nights, when the whole building is effectively floodlit. The general effect of the lighting is excellent, and we were able to photograph with the minimum of exposure.



Queen of the Ballroom



Left: Winner of the "Photo News" Queen of the Ballroom Contest, which concluded with our last issue. The judges were unanimous in their decision in awarding the major prize to Miss Dianne O'Neill, Cameron Street, New Plymouth.

Above: Winner of the Short Dress section of the competition, Miss Maureen Rogers, New Plymouth.

(Photos by Crago Studios Ltd.)



Fabulous Gowns at the Photo News Ball



Over 400 people attended the "Photo News" ball at the Star Gym, when the winner of the "Queen of the Ballroom" was announced.

Above: Group of the finalists with the two women judges at the Gym after the winner was announced. From left, Marie Lobb, Lois Bublitz, Jocelyn Haylock, Okato, Maureen Dwyer, Patea, Judges Heather Robertson and Shirley Whitehead, Mr N.Z. (Quentin Smith), Reg Eves, Editor of "Photo News", Dianne O'Neill, winner of the contest, Lorraine Johns, N.P., Maureen Rogers, winner of the short dress section, and Davena Richards.

Left: Quentin Smith congratulates the winner, Dianne O'Neill.

Right: A gay party of some of the many who attended the ball.

Extreme right: Biko the clown, one of the cabaret turns.

