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### "Merry Widow" Principals

The New Plymouth Operatic Society's production "The Merry Widow", which begins its season in the Opera House on November 2nd, will have the best female lead ever with Elizabeth Helliwell playing the title role. Miss Helliwell will be remembered for her fine voice when she performed at the Festival last year, and with her, above, in the male role will be Lincoln Rowland, shown here in a scene from the musical. Below: Comedy for this popular show is left to these three, from left: Fred James, Brian Clark and Winstone Nowell.



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### OUR COVER

Crafty crayfish? We'll say it is! Fancy creeping into a girl's beach boudoir, just at the time when she needed a bit of covering. Pat Cole of Waitara makes a pretty cover for this issue and reminds us that those lazy days at the beach are not now too far distant.

### BACK COVER

Scene on the back cover was taken at the conclusion of the last shield game against North Auckland, when a lot of the spectators went onto the ground to congratulate the home team.

### MARRIED

Left: CARR-STEVENSON. At St. Michael's Church, NP, Jean, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Stevenson, NP, to John William, second son of Mrs E.Carr, NP. Future home, Kaponga. (VOGUE STUDIOS)

### ENGAGED

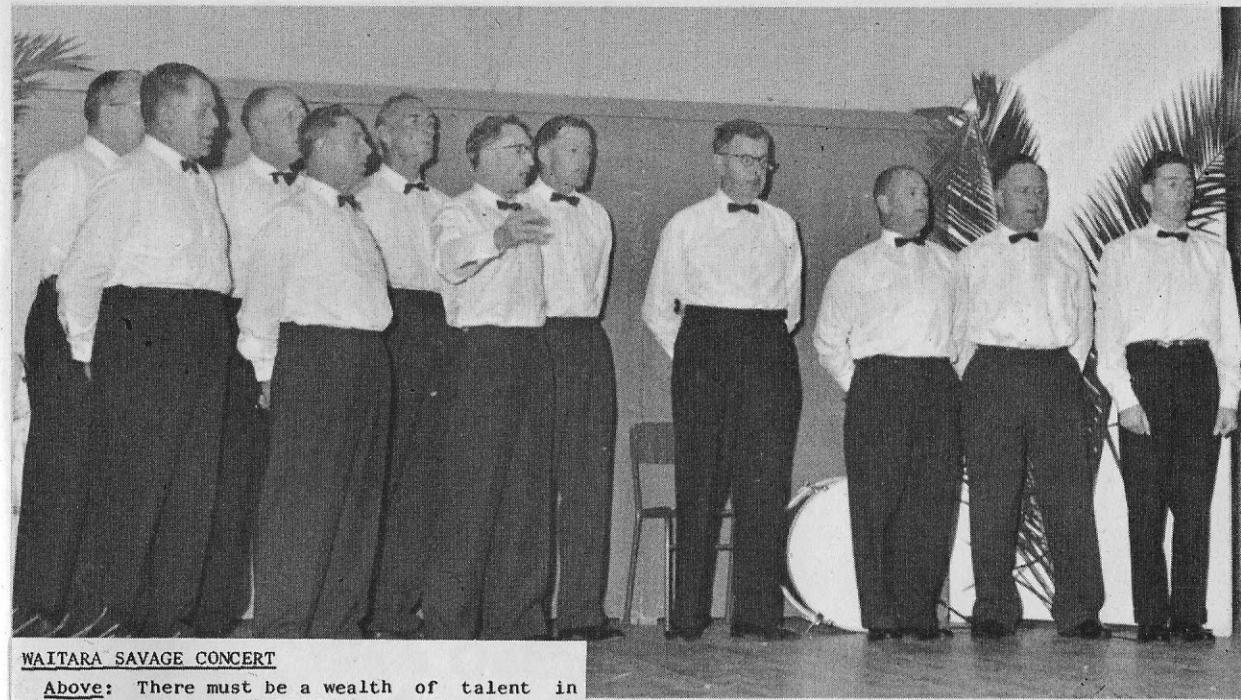
Below, left: RUSH-COUPER. Rachael Alison, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs C.Couper, Feilding, to Peter James, only son of Mr and Mrs P.Rush, Feilding.

Below: ANDERSON-JOSEPHS. Leonie Carole, daughter of Mrs E.N.Josephs, Auckland, and the late Mr Josephs, to Raymond Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs B.K. Anderson, Patea.



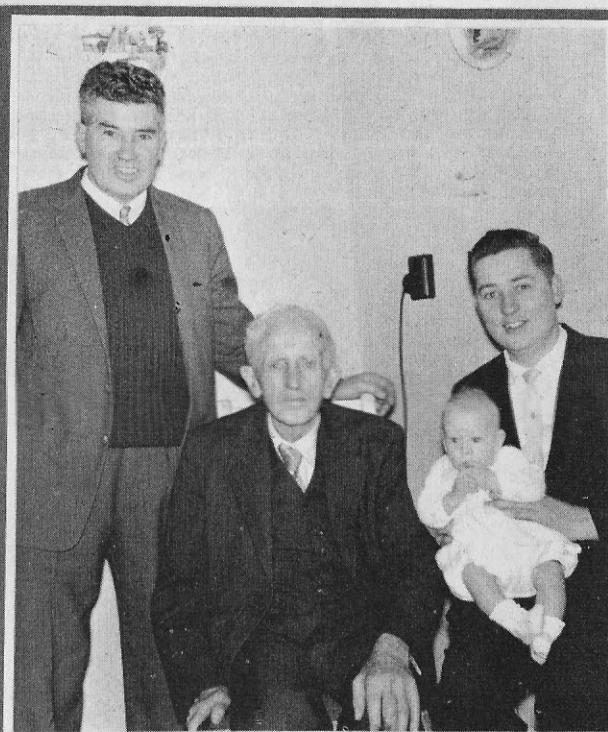
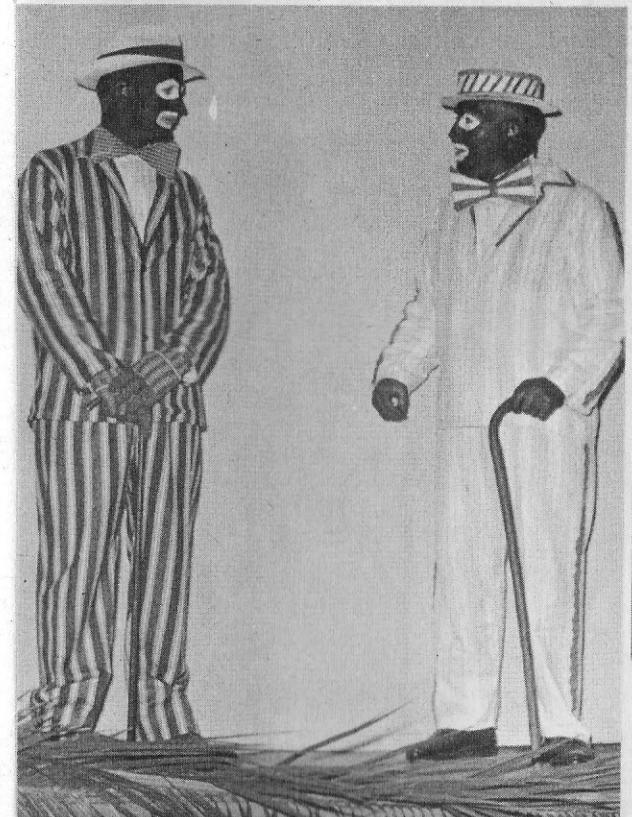
## Wahine Night At Waitara

Wahine night at the Waitara Savage Club proved to be the most successful so far, with members and their wives enjoying a variety concert, a scrumptious supper and then a dance to wind up a perfect evening. There weren't many absentees for this popular night, organised to perfection. Above, left: Rangitira Fred Girling, and his wife, of the official party with Mr and Mrs Jackson-Brown, president of the western group. Above, right: Accordion solos were provided by Roger Ireland. Below, left: All the way from Napier for the evening was Trevor Crabtree. Below, right: Part of one of the humorous sketches which kept the crowd laughing.



WAITARA SAVAGE CONCERT

Above: There must be a wealth of talent in the Waitara Savage Club, if the recent concert we saw was any yardstick. Here is the choir, and a very good one it was too. Below, left: Gordon McDonald and Dave Connelly made a couple of good comics with their bright patter on stage.



## Four Generations

Above: Here are four generations of the Johnsons of Opunake. From left: Doug Johnson (grandfather), George Johnson (great-grandfather), Doug Johnson (father) holding son Kerry Johnson.



## Wedding Bells

Above: AMARU-BRAY. At Whiteley Methodist Church, NP, Eleanor Joyce, only daughter of Mrs L.J. Bray, NP, and the late Mr Bray, to Grant Le Roy, son of Dr and Mrs W.P. Amaru, Wellington. The bridesmaids were Jillian Fenwick, NP, Carol Amaru, sister of the groom, Auckland, and Rosemary Knowles, Carterton. Wayne Amaru, brother of the groom, Wellington, was the best man and Robert Bray, brother of the bride, NP, was the groomsman.

Below: ROSS-SHUTE. At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Isobel Patricia, eighth daughter of Mr and Mrs G.F. Shute, NP, to Robert Chester, second son of Mr and Mrs Chester Ross, Inglewood. The bridesmaids were Lorraine Bullock, NP, and Beverley Ross, sister of the groom, Douglas. Graham Ross, brother of the groom, Eltham, was the best man, and John Reis, Te Wera, was the groomsman. Future home, New Plymouth.



## Yachting Season Opens

Above: Bimbo (L.Bates) leads Halcyon (Miss C. Adams) in one of the first races of the season.

Above, right: Many craft, including those of Z Moth and Cherub classes sail out to a buoy beyond the breakwater in ideal yachting conditions. Since the season opened, the weather has been particularly kind to the yachties.

Below: There were good entries for early in the season. Here, part of the fleet sails toward the Belt Road Buoy in good conditions.

(Photographs by PETER HAMLING).





Winner of the contest, Juleen James, receives a bouquet from the organiser, Mrs S.Karena.

## Popular Girl Contest Doubles Target

Set with a target of £200 to get started with a Play Centre, the committee organised a Popular Girl carnival, extending over the period of one month. So solid were the people of Opunake behind this cause that when the money was counted at the conclusion of the carnival, they had as much as £476.12.10 in the kitty. This was an effort of which Opunake can be truly proud.



Counting the money was a big job



A spray for the mother of the winner, presented by the president of the Play Centre Committee, Mrs A.C.Rowe.



Graham Castles and Vi Hohaia had a tough job counting the money for Juleen.

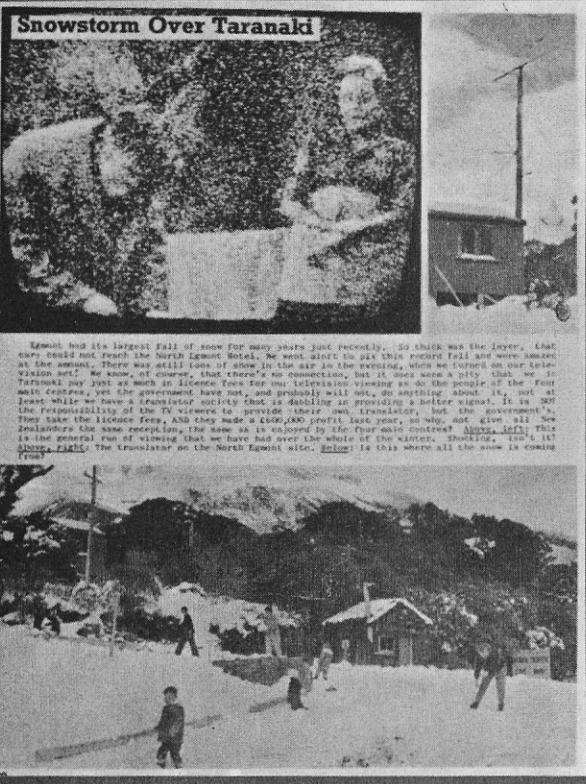


CONTEST RAISED £475

For the Popular Girl contest at Opunake, these were the girls and their helpers, who worked so hard to raise £475. Above: The winning crew, from left: Maggie Bishop, Vi Hohaia, Juleen James and Harriett Simmons. Above, right: Second place went to Nellie Carter, Elaine Gadsby, Wilma Smith and Ruby Uncles. Below: Third in this contest was Lorraine Wisnewski, Betty Johnson, Myra Maindonald, May Maindonald and Peggy Lewis. Below, right: The three girls with their parents at the final presentation.



## Snowstorm Over Taranaki



amount, but it's largest fall of snow for many years just recently, so thick was the layer, that cars could not reach the North Egmont Hotel. We were lucky to pass this record fall and were amazed at the amount. There was still lots of snow in the air in the morning, when we turned on our television set. We know, of course, that there's no connection, but it does seem a pity that we in Taranaki have to pay the same licence fees as those in Wellington, Dunedin, Christchurch and the four main centres, yet the government have not, and probably will not, do anything about it, not at least until we have a television society that is dabbling in providing a better service. It is not the responsibility of the wireless corporation to provide television services for the government. They take the licence fees, AND they made a £600,000 profit last year, so why not give all New Zealand the same reception, as the same is enjoyed by the four main centres. Above left: In the general area of Egmont (that have been hit with snow) where the snow is falling. Above right: The translator on the North Egmont site. Below: Is this where all the snow is coming from?

## THE MINISTER'S STATEMENT

"Government accepts the fact that it has a responsibility to provide overall television coverage, but it must be appreciated that this must take some time to do."

"Private television societies' translators are on their own initiative providing reasonable viewing in fringe areas in the interim period, but repeated warnings have been issued to prospective buyers of television sets not to go ahead and purchase a set unless they are convinced that they will get good reception in their particular locality."

"The Corporation's expansion programme is being put into effect as quickly as possible."

## Our Snowstorm Brings Statement From Broadcasting Minister

Remember our page in last month's issue of "Photo News" on the poor reception of television in Taranaki? Well, it brought a statement from the Minister of Broadcasting, Mr W.J.Scott. The statement is reprinted underneath the picture for the comfort of our readers who are TV viewers. Accompanying the statement from the Minister was a covering letter from the member for Stratford, Mr R.Thomson, explaining that the article in last month's "Photo News" was referred to the Minister by the member for New Plymouth, Mr E.P.Aderman. Mr Thomson goes on to ask that we publish the Minister's statement. Yes, Mr Thomson, we have done that, and we thank both you and Mr Aderman for doing your duty in bringing this article to the notice of the Minister. We can only assume that you both own TV sets and are just as heartily fed up with the reception in this district as thousands of others are.

Since our comments have been noticed and some responsibility accepted by the Minister in his statement.....

## THERE'S ONE THING WE STILL WANT TO KNOW, MR SCOTT!

Let's take the first paragraph of your statement, Mr Scott. You accept that the government has a responsibility to provide overall coverage but this may take some time. That is evidenced by the fact that television has improved none in Taranaki in this last eighteen months. In fact, at times it has got worse. We do appreciate that this would take time to accomplish, but we want to know HOW LONG?

Your Broadcasting Corporation takes something like £40,000 in TV licences and sales tax on TV sets per annum out of Taranaki; couldn't we get some of that back in service to this part of the country?

Your repeated warnings about buying TV sets in fringe areas means little to the average man, as they are certainly not passed on by the retailer who is only too anxious to sell a set. And who can blame them? No, Mr Scott, the answer to that one is to provide that overall coverage that you claim is your responsibility, and not leave it to a few to provide reasonable viewing "on their own initiative" as you say.

You state that your expansion programme is being put into effect as quickly as possible.... Fine, but we want to know WHEN, Mr Scott.

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## Wedding Bells

Above: WILSON-ANDERSON. At All Saints' Church, Howick, Judith Glen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.Anderson, Howick, to Peter Graham, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.S.Wilson, NP. Ann Dae was the bridesmaid, Dr.George Mason was the best man, and Noel Rose was the groomsman. A guard of honour was formed by members of the Taranaki Alpine Club. Future home, New Plymouth.

Below: FERABEND-MCNEIL. At St.Joseph's Catholic Church, NP, Alison McNeil, second daughter of Mrs K.Hague-Smith, Auckland, to Mervyn George, second son of Mr and Mrs E.V.Ferabend, NP. The matrons of honour were Dorothy Quill, sister of the bride, NP, and Joan Crossman, sister of the groom, NP. The bridesmaid was Maureen Packer, NP. Best man was Ron Ferabend, brother of the groom, NP, and the groomsmen were Dennis Ferabend, brother of the groom, NP, and Rod McNeil, brother of the bride, NP. Future home, New Plymouth.





Bell Block's Maori community had sales table filled with goods

## Bell Block Bonanza

Organised by the Bell Block Scouts, the recent Bonanza at the showgrounds could become New Plymouth's equal to Inglewood's Greatest Show. With the right organisation, and a little more voluntary work, this show could easily become an annual event, providing there is entertainment of a wide variety. We thought this show lacked little in enthusiasm, with full marks to those responsible.



The big wheel earned its keep



Nail-driving brought in a few shekels



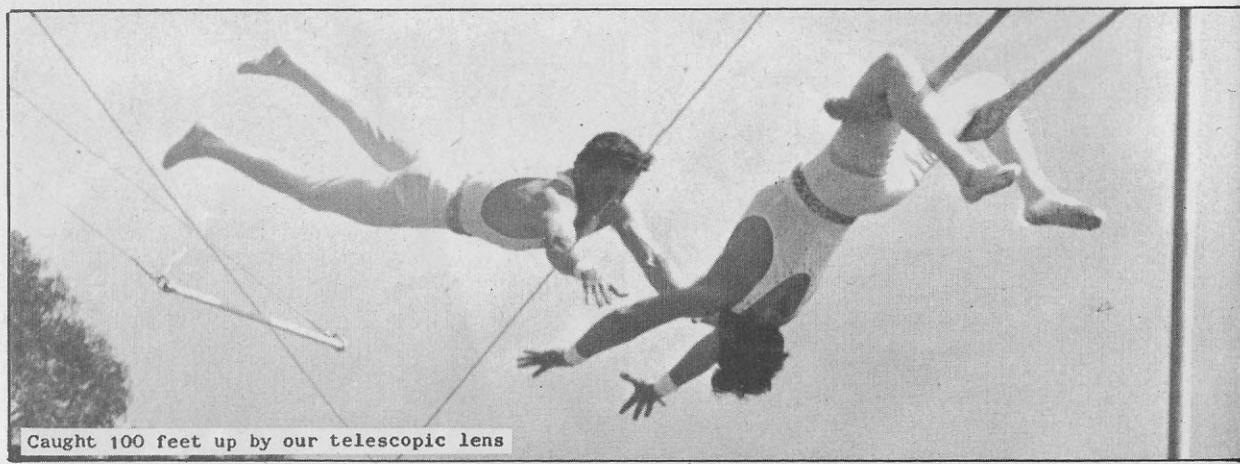
Everybody wanted to try the Scouts spudapult



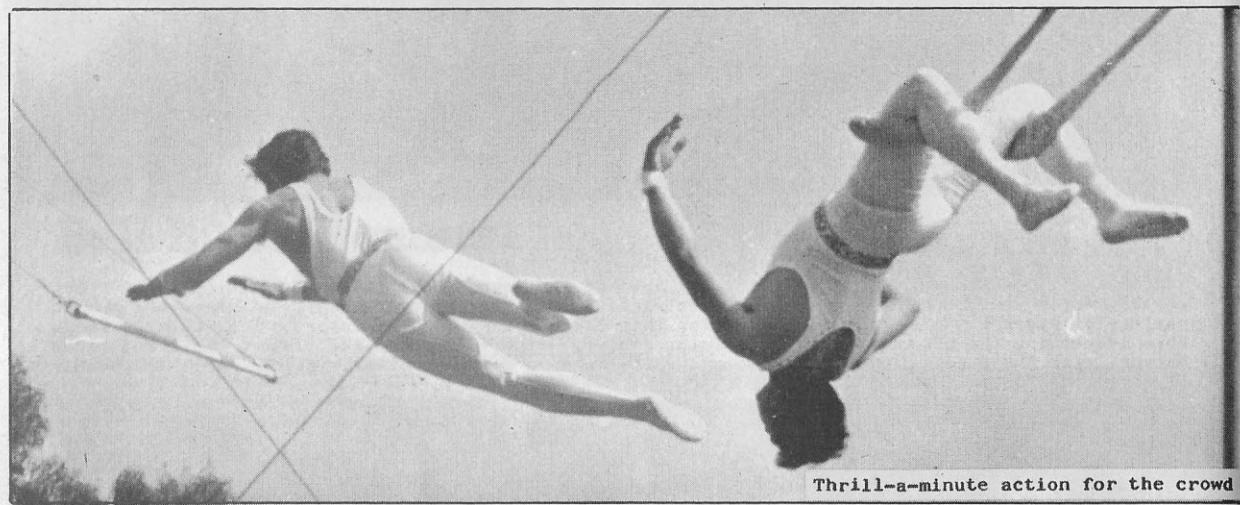
## Pet Parade

One of the popular attractions for the children at the recent Bell Block Bonanza was the pet parade, which attracted quite a number of entries. Mostly the pets were dogs, but there was a fair variety of other animals. Above: Judge for this contest was the SPCA inspector, Mr Outwin, shown here inspecting the cat of Mrs Phillipa Tait. Above, right: Brother and sister, Dawn and Peter Hutton, with their pets, one a guinea pig and the other a bantam rooster. Below: Here the youngsters parade their pets for the judge.





Caught 100 feet up by our telescopic lens



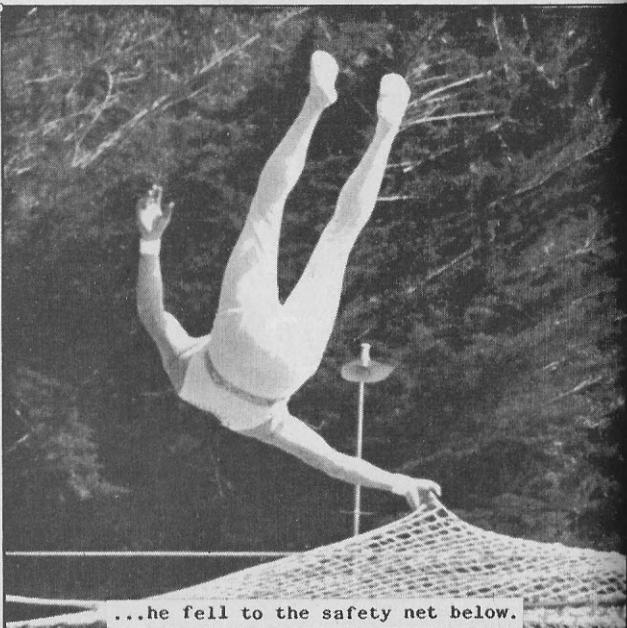
Thrill-a-minute action for the crowd

## 10,000 SAW THE "GREATEST SHOW"

Once again, Inglewood's Greatest Show rated the best attraction in the province. No fewer than 10,000 people turned up in glorious sunshine for this well-organised entertainment. It was a show for everyone, with athletic events spiced with acts of variety and thrills to keep the large crowd entertained for the whole of the day. Here we show the Flying Phantoms from Australia, who provided thrills for the large crowd.



This one was missed and....



...he fell to the safety net below.



### PLENTY OF ACTION AT G.S.O.E.

An entertainment that captured the attention of most was the demonstration by members of the NZ Police and their dogs. These highly-trained dogs obeying every word of command by their owners showed that despite their ferocity, these animals can be a service to the community. Jumping an 8-foot wall was easy, above, left, while the ring of fire proved no hazard, as is shown at right.

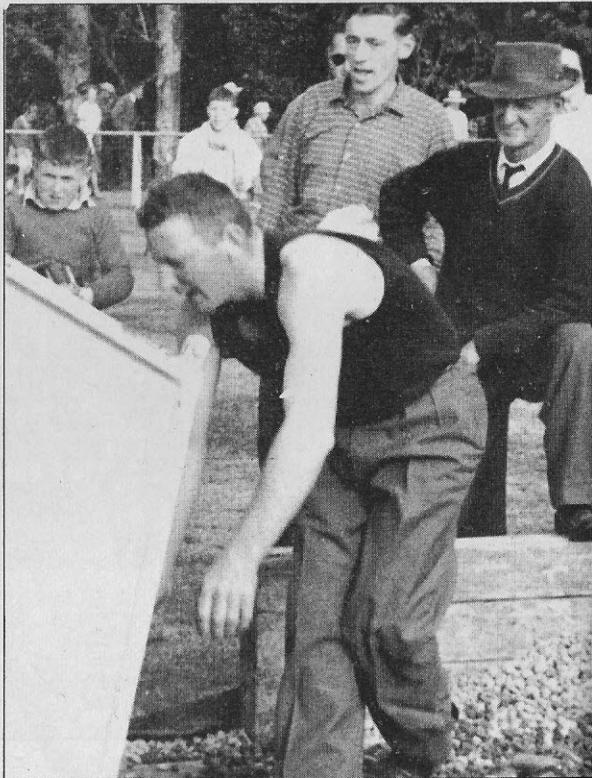
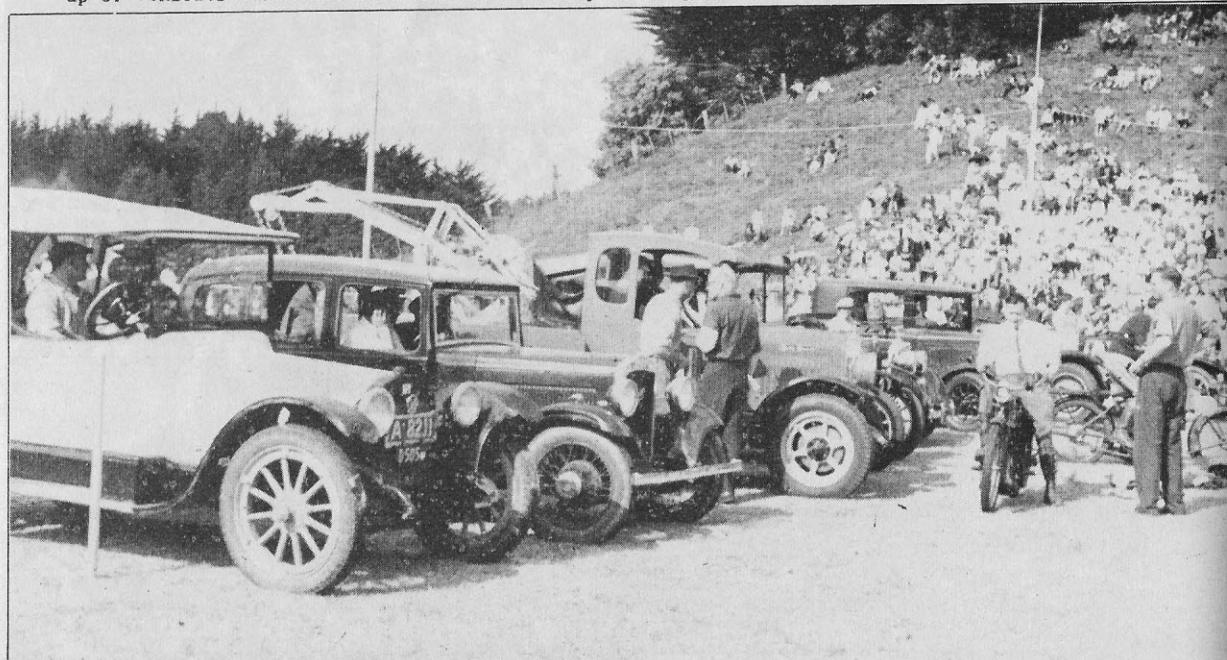
Below: One of the feature races this year was the five-mile run. A large entry left the arena to complete their five miles of road running. Here the field moves off for this tough journey.





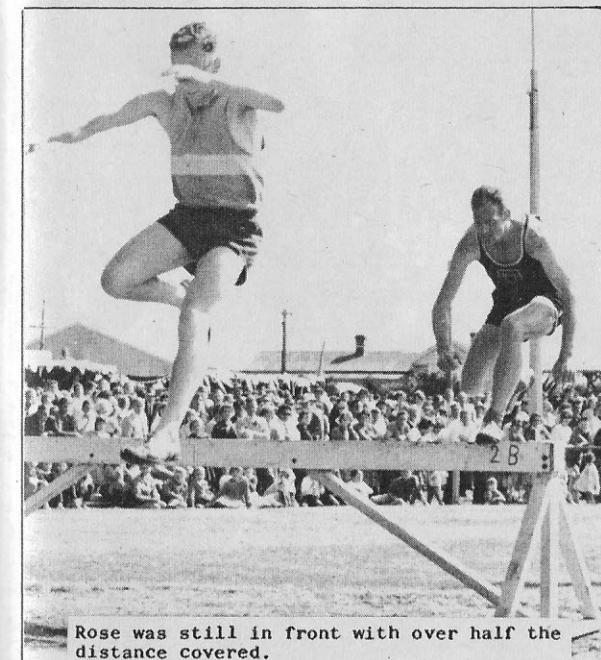
GREATEST SHOW (continued)

Ever tried shovelling a cubic yard of metal in a hurry? Well, you could have won £10 at the Greatest Show. Our photographer watched one man try his luck and to him it seemed that the bin would never fill. The two pictures above are of Norm McKracken, who ran out of wind half-way through his task. He did, however, complete the task, but was played out at the finish. Below: Other unusual attractions were the races and parade for vintage cars. Here is an impressive line-up of vehicles which had come from as far away as Wanganui.

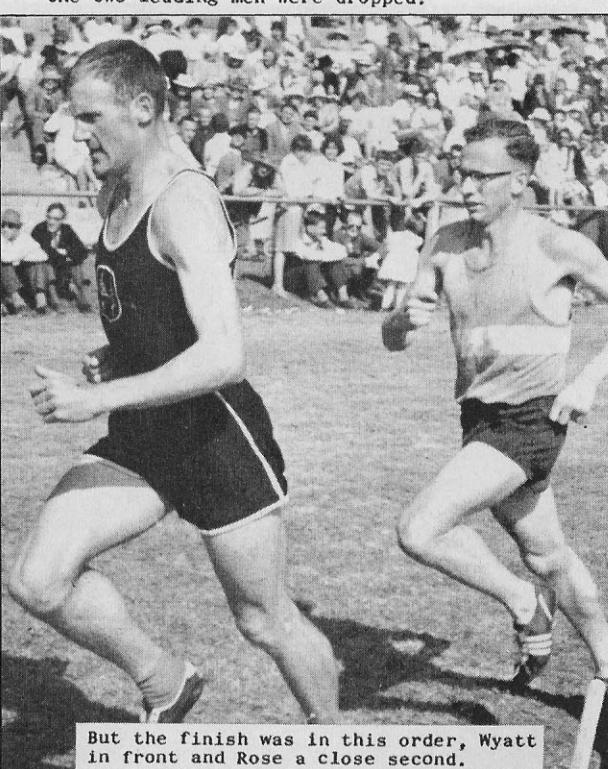


ROSE BEATEN AT INGLEWOOD

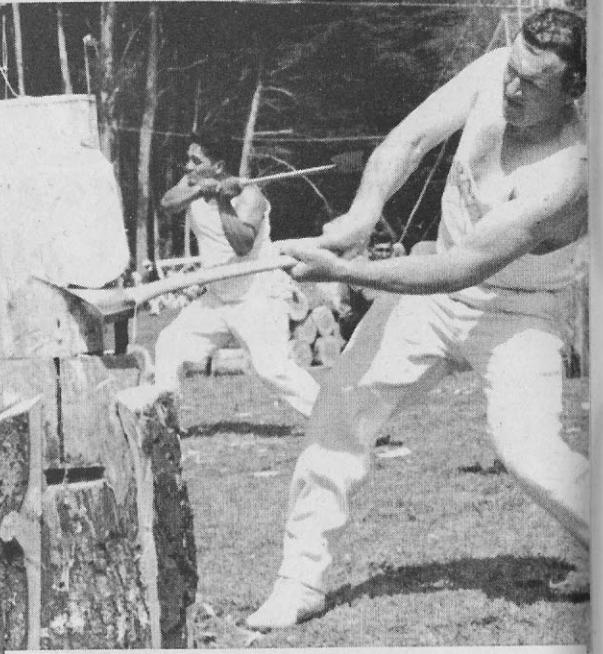
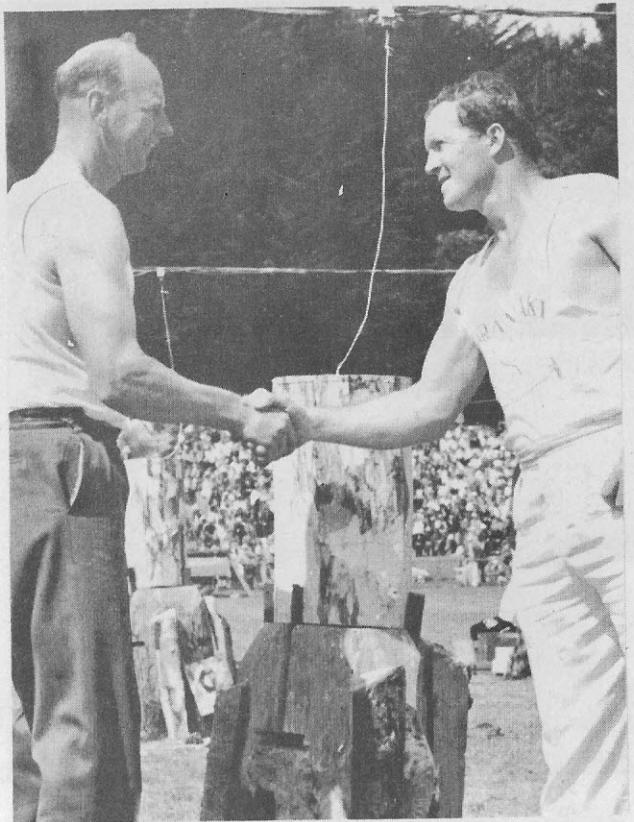
Surprise of the Greatest Show was the defeat of Brian Rose in the 3000-metre steeplechase by Waikato's M.Wyatt. One thing is for certain, there has never been a better finish in this event, with Rose and Wyatt fighting for the lead over the whole of the 3000 metres and finishing within a foot of each other.



Rose was still in front with over half the distance covered.

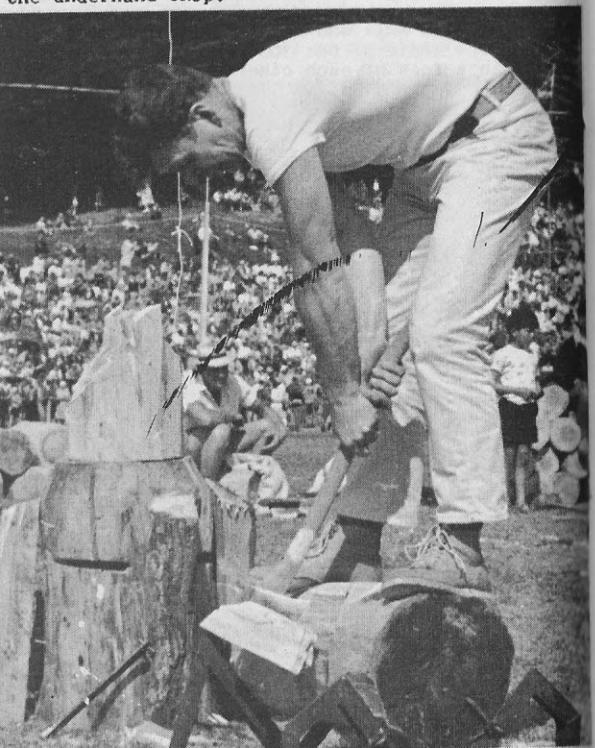
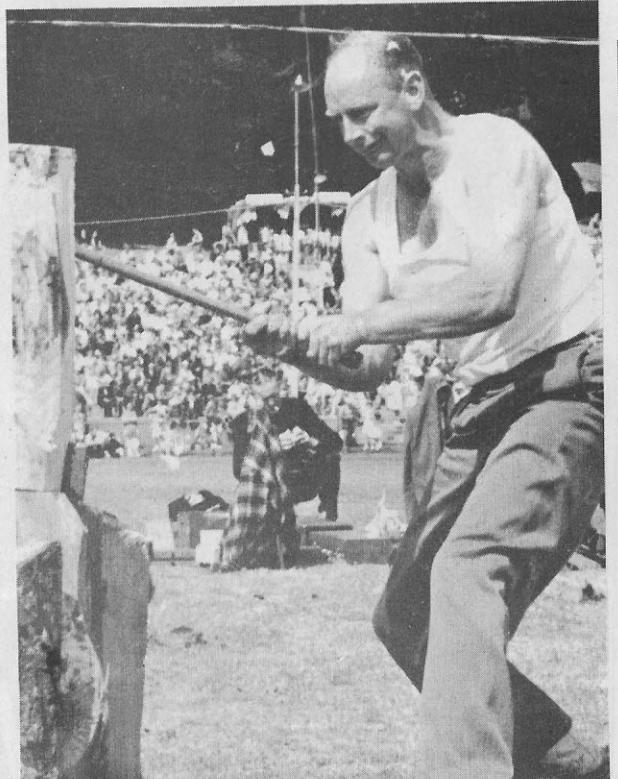


But the finish was in this order, Wyatt in front and Rose a close second.



#### CHOPPERS' BIG DAY AT INGLEWOOD SHOW

It was a big day for the choppers at the Inglewood show, which attracted entries from far afield. Above, left: Two well-known choppers, Murray McCarthy and Colin Larsen wish each other luck in a championship event. Above: Colin Larsen gets a big piece out with his first strike. Below, left: Murray McCarthy got stuck on a hard log. Below: Brian Herlihy (Taupo) went well in the underhand chop.



#### VARIETY AT INGLEWOOD

It seems that the key to success at the Greatest Show on Earth at Inglewood is the infinite variety that goes into the programme. Looking round the ground, there was something for every member of the family to get an interest from. Even for those just sitting and watching on the terraces there was a continuous programme of attractions like that above, the NZ Police Pipe Band, who gave a sterling performance. Then for the children, below, there were rides on the donkeys, a joy to most of the wee ones who weren't interested in the grown-up sporting events.

