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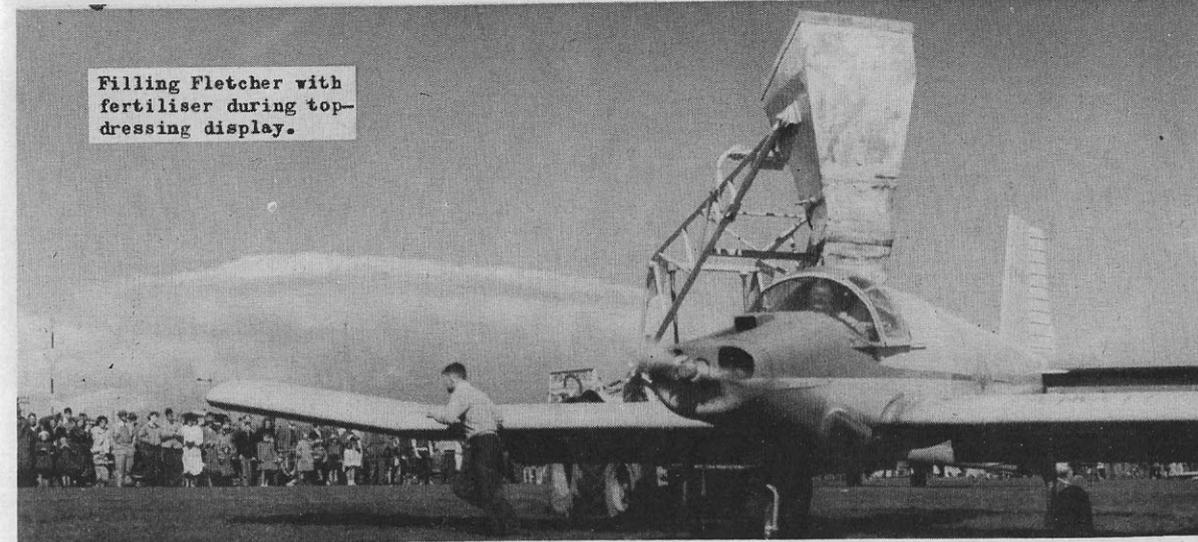
The combined efforts of the New Plymouth Aero Club and Taranaki topdressing firms produced at Bell Block recently one of the finest air pageants seen in the province.

The big crowd which gathered at the aerodrome was rewarded with a programme filled with variety and excitement.

Though the aerobatics and mock forced landings provided the biggest thrills, the agricultural side of the show — post-dropping, spraying, and topdressing — was followed with keen interest.

Left:— Accuracy of post-dropping was graphically demonstrated by Cessna.

Above:— Claude Baigent prepares to do aerobatics in Chipmunk



Filling Fletcher with fertiliser during top-dressing display.



All eyes to the sky during aerobatics



Despite all those planes, boys were still interested in this tractor.



View from control tower of spectators' area



Piper flies overhead after dropping load of fertiliser

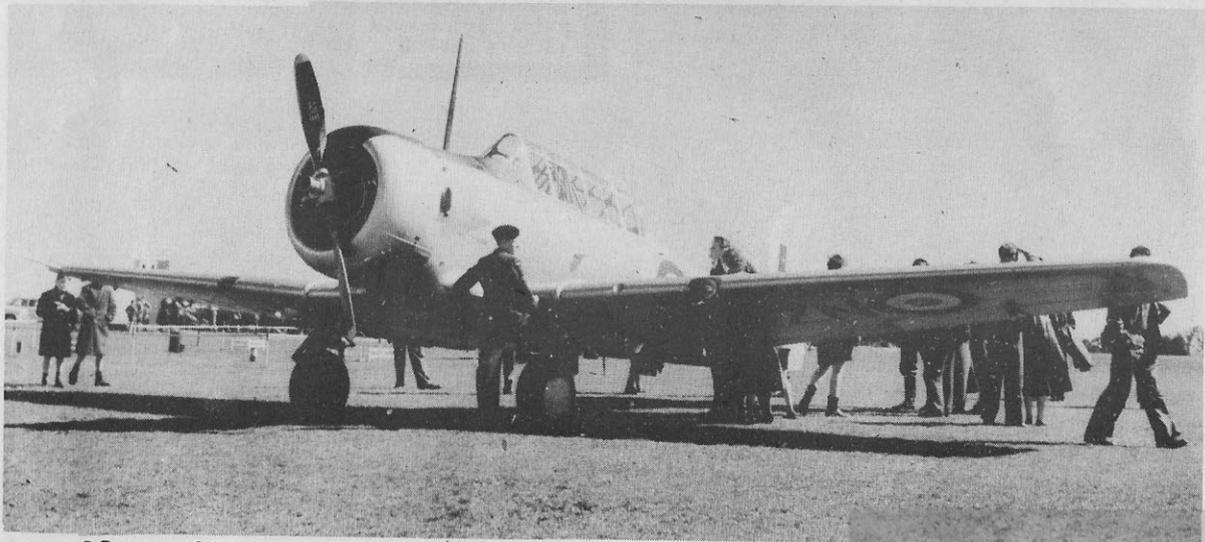


**Above:-** Aero club scenic flights gave the public a chance of a grandstand view of the pageant. Here a Piper Tripacer is being refuelled before taking up another load of passengers.

**Right:-** Warming up Chipmunk for aerobatic display.

**Below:-** Unscheduled arrival of an RNZAF Harvard added further interest to the pageant.

One of the features of the day was the wide variety of aircraft on show.



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### Wedding Bells

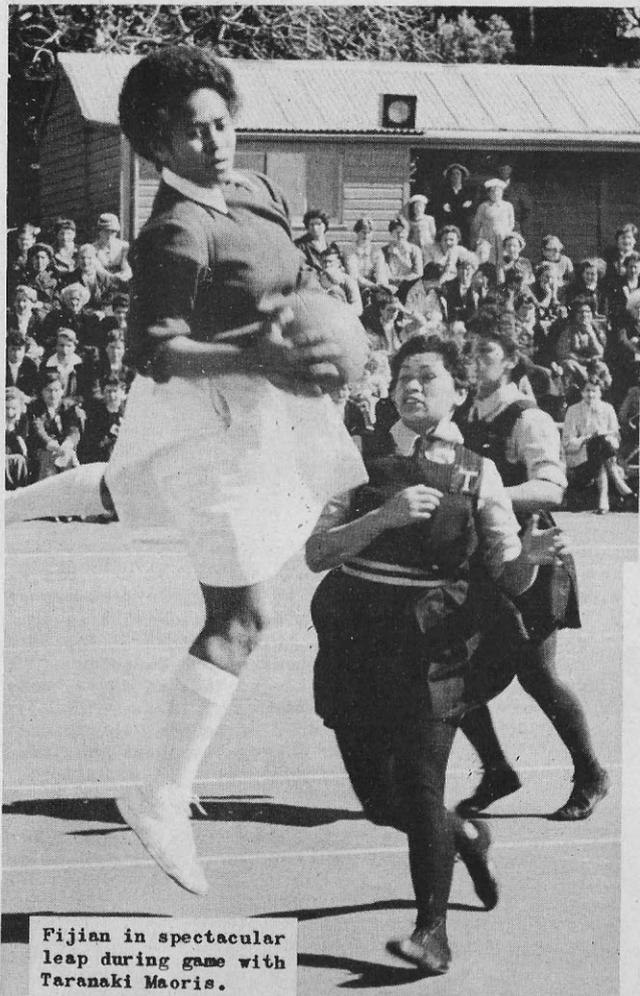
**Above:- GARDINER-FOX:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs P. W. Gardiner, 16 Harbour St., to Leslie, eldest son of Mr & Mrs Fox, Clawton St. Future home; New Plymouth.

**Below:- PURCELL - McKEON:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Patricia McKeon, second eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs E.R. McKeon, 25 Glen Almond St., to Ross, only son of Mr & Mrs Purcell, Napier.

Mrs R. Cobblestone was matron of honour, the bridesmaid was Miss A. McKeon, Mr A. Berg was best man, and Mr R. Cooper, Napier, was groomsmen.



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Fijian in spectacular leap during game with Taranaki Maoris.



Fijian defence was rock-solid.

### FIJIAN "JUMPING JACKS"

It is doubtful whether any touring team which has called into Taranaki has ever been more popular than the basketball girls from Fiji.

On the courts, with their leaping, jumping-jack style of play, they were an immediate hit with the spectators.

Off the courts, with their songs, and gay smiles, they charmed all who met them.

The tourists beat both the Taranaki rep. team and Taranaki Maoris at Waiwakaiho, but neither of the home sides was disgraced. Taranaki lost by only two points, 22-24, and the Maori girls put up a fine display until the Fijians forged ahead in the second half to win comfortably, 36-18.

Below:- The visitors entertain the crowd at Waiwakaiho with a song.

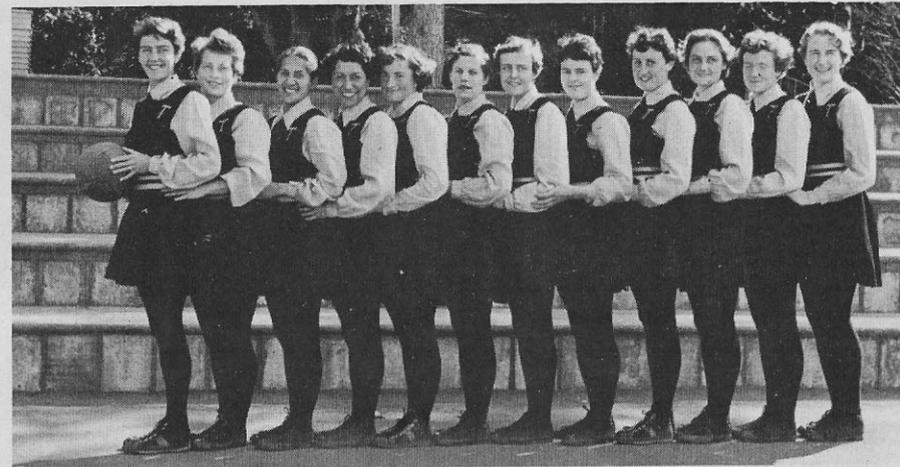
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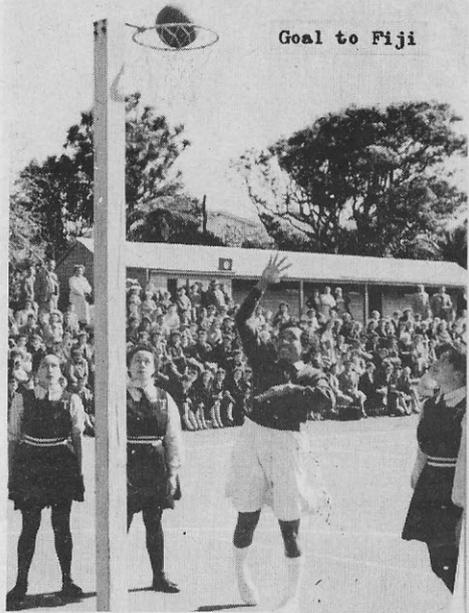
Right:- The Taranaki team, from left to right: Jean Edwards (capt.), Sibyl Clements (vice-capt.), Ngaro Vickridge, Edie Rangi, Heather Ross, Val Grills, Jill Simpson, Angela Bilski, Nora Buckland, Rosemary Berge, Ailsa Crane, & Eunice Mills.

Below:- Fijian vice-captain and captain, with a young admirer.

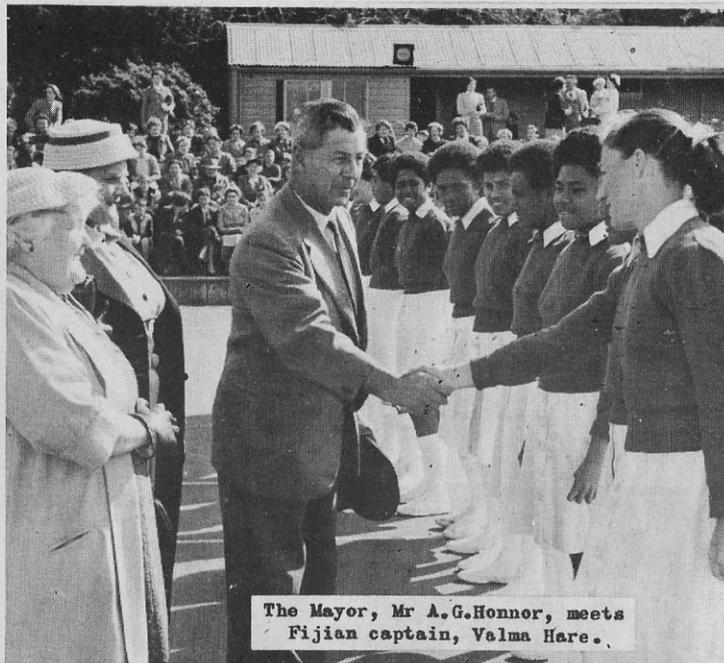
Below right:- Irena Broughton and Mrs Broughton enjoying afternoon tea with two of the visitors.



Part of the big crowd at Waiwakaiho which was treated to spectacular display of basketball.



Goal to Fiji



The Mayor, Mr A.G.Honnor, meets Fijian captain, Valma Hare.

Right:- Members of the Taranaki Maori team, left to right: Edie Rangī (capt.), Ngaro Vickridge (vice-capt.), Fay Robinson, Moana Tamati, Vera Bezems, Hini Kingi, Julie Kara, Nancy Adlam, Nancy Nicholas, Elsie Nicholas, and Barbara Tarawhiti.



Below:- Manager of Fijians, Miss Naylor, speaking after the game. At right are Miss Helen Miller, line umpire Miss Doris Eustace, score-keeper, and Mrs Bernice Wood, selector.



Plaster came in handy for autographs.



### FANCY DRESS BALL

Children everywhere love to dress up, and Taranaki youngsters are no exception.

They've had plenty of opportunity lately, with schools organising their annual fancy-dress balls.

The happy children above were among a throng of gypsies, golly-wogs, and other colourful characters who took part in the recent Mangorei School ball.

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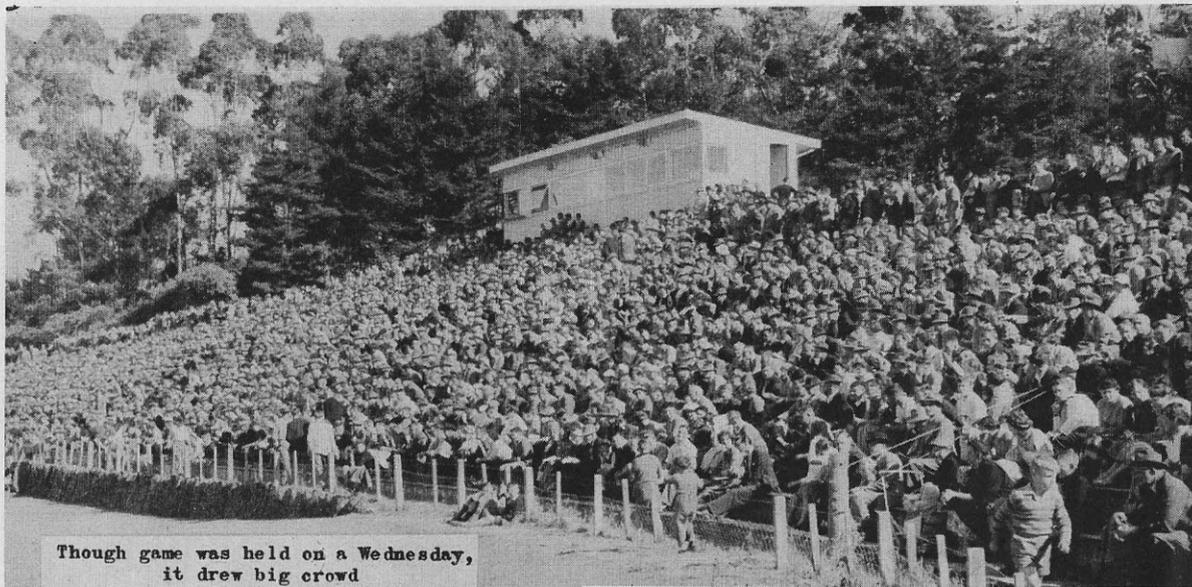
### WEST HOUSE DANCE

Above:- A group of smiling young ladies photographed recently at a dance organised by West House of the New Plymouth Girls' High School.

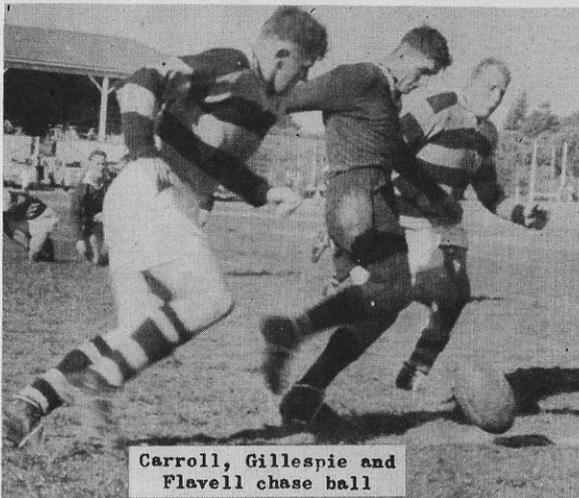
Left:- Some of the boys also posed for cameraman.

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Though game was held on a Wednesday, it drew big crowd



Carroll, Gillespie and Flavell chase ball



Keith (right) fails to block Pickard's kick

## Victory over Otago

It seemed almost too good to be true! But there was the evidence on the scoreboard: Taranaki 15; Otago 8. The Ranfurly Shield holders had gone under to the Egmont boys.

Only trouble was, of course, that the shield wasn't at stake. Had it been, the jubilation would have known no bounds, but there was still a lot of satisfaction for the big crowd at New Plymouth's Rugby Park to know that the champions were not invincible.

Indeed, they were soundly beaten in both forwards and backs, as their coach, Charlie Saxton (below) freely admitted after the game.

Charlie, famed half-back of the Kiwi Army team, added a warning note, though. "It might be a different story," he smiled, "when we meet you again on Carisbrook".



Charlie Saxton



Bailey attempts to convert try



Keith scores for Taranaki



A feature of the game was the highly successful rep. Rugby debut of Penn, a High School boy, on the right wing. His try, after a determined run which beat two defenders, was the finest of the match.

Keith, on the left wing, also had a good day, and was more than a match for the Otago man, Pickard.

Right:- Leaps like this by All Black Peter Burke helped to give Taranaki marked superiority in the line-outs.



Carroll moves in to tackle as Hotoi makes a break on the blind side



Tough forward play was feature of the match



Half-back Townsend kicks for touch.



These youngsters got excited over Taranaki try



Otago backs on the move



Otago men relax after the game.



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### Wedding Bells

Above:- DEY-JONES: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Marlene, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs S. Jones, of Wellington, to Barrie, only son of Mr & Mrs W. Dey, New Plymouth.

The bridesmaids were Miss Beth Jones, sister of the bride, and Miss Vera Keats. Mr Jack Gilbert was best man, and Mr K. Clapcott was groomsman.

Future home: Awakino.

Below & right:- HART-LOWE: At Whiteley Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Nola, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Lowe, Oakura, to Eric John, youngest son of Mr & Mrs F. J. Hart, 214 Gill St., New Plymouth.

Future home: New Plymouth.



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Runner-up, Graham Leitch, of Te Aroha, in trouble on the seventeenth.

## GOLF CHAMPIONS IN THE MAKING

Adult golfers of Taranaki had better get in a little practice if they don't want to lose their laurels to youngsters in the near future.

As part of a New Zealand-wide trend, the Taranaki-King Country Golf Association is busy encouraging teenagers to take part in the sport, already has 106 secondary school students receiving free coaching.

At a recent boys' tournament at the New Plymouth club's Ngamotu links, the students showed that they are taking their golf lessons seriously.

"Some of those boys are mighty big hitters," said one veteran who watched the tournament.

The championship went to Geoff. Hawkin, of Hawera, pictured below receiving his trophy from Mrs Henry Barrett.

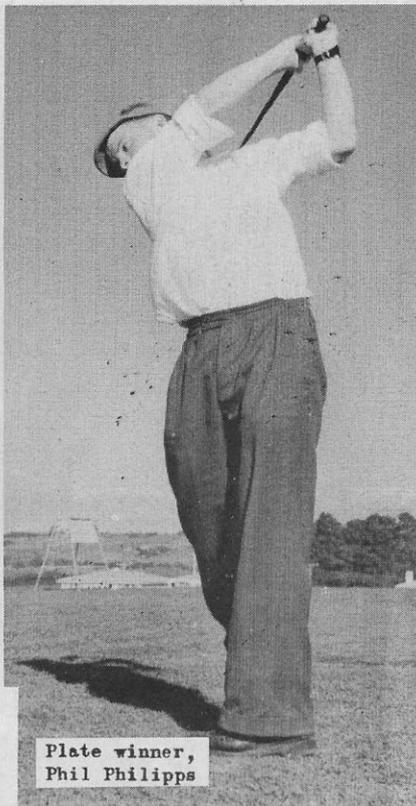
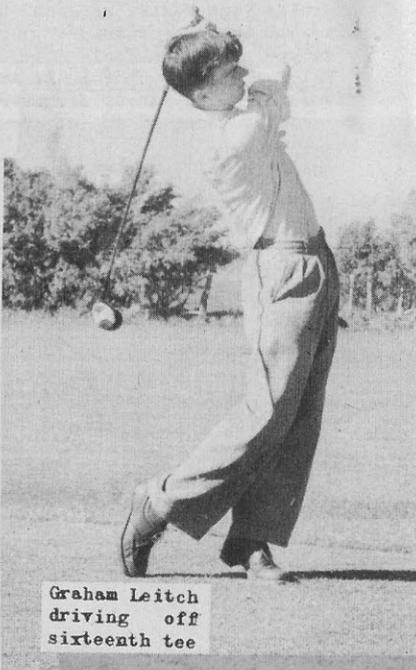
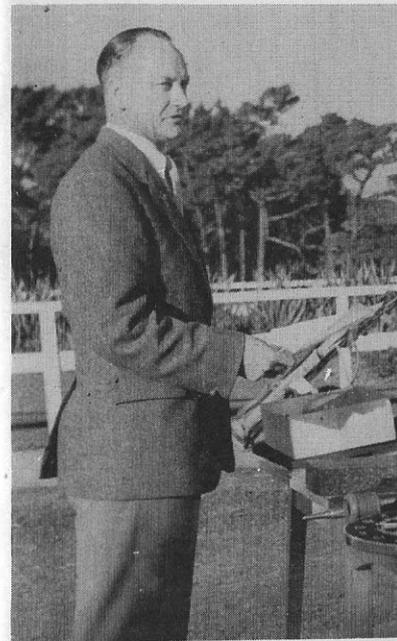


Plate winner, Phil Philipps



Graham Leitch driving off sixteenth tee

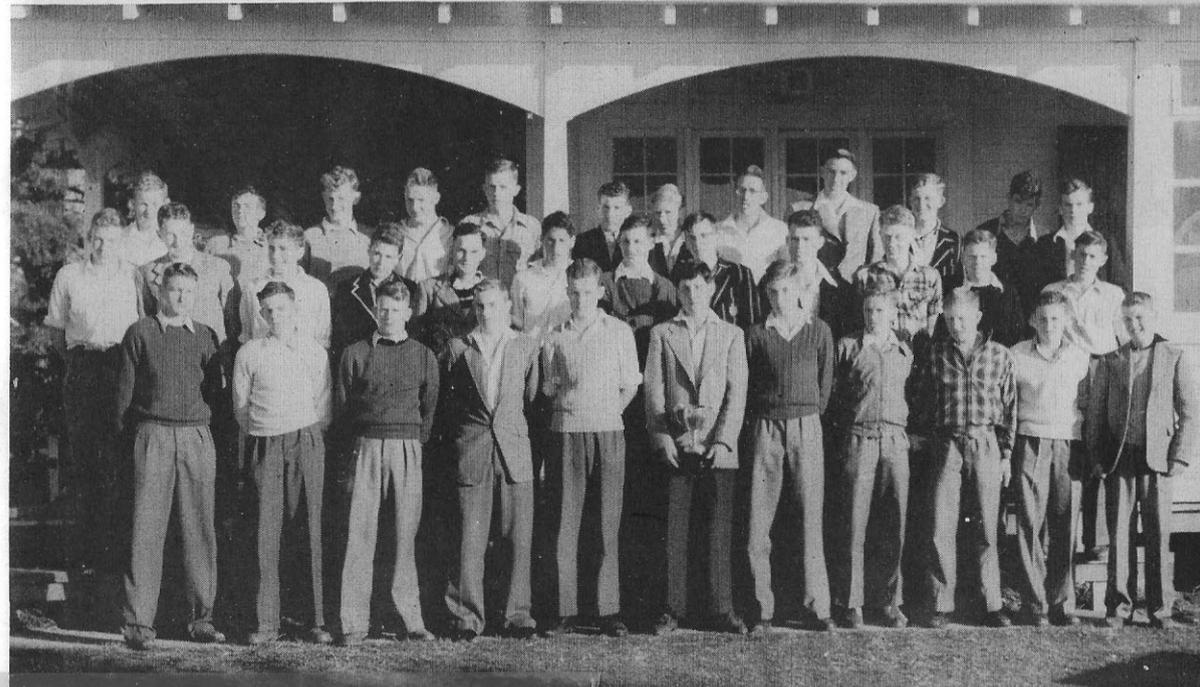
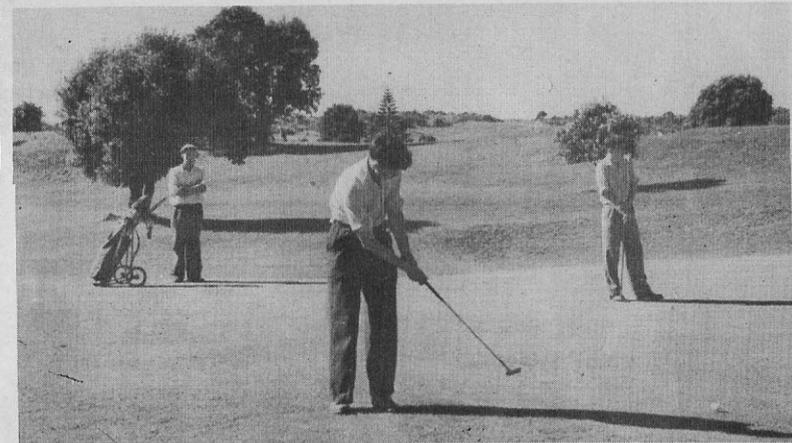


Above:- Mr P.L. Philipps, president of the Taranaki-King Country Golf Association, speaking at prize-giving ceremony.

Above right:- Graham Leitch in action during final.

Right:- Geoff. Hawkin attempts a long putt.

Below:- Competitors outside the clubhouse after the tourney.





Mrs Morgan in the witness stand being questioned by counsel



Jury listens to the evidence.

### IT'S AN OLD CUSTOM

"The flitch" is an old English custom, and so popular did it prove in New Plymouth last month that there's every chance of it becoming an annual event here too.

Originated in Dunmow, Essex, it takes the form of a mock court in which the happiness of married couples is tested, and the winners receive a flitch of bacon as a prize.

New Plymouth's "flitch", organised as part of the Spring Fair programme, was a big success, with Mr and Mrs D.le C.Morgan taking home the bacon as the happiest couple.

(PICTURES BY CRAGO STUDIOS)



Judge (Mr Yortt, S.M.) presents flitch to Mr and Mrs Morgan.



Mr & Mrs Morgan



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## Married

Left:- **KNAPMAN-MAJOR**; At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Suzanne, only daughter of Mr & Mrs J.W.Major, 3 Barrett St., to Graham John, only son of Mr & Mrs J.W. Knapman, 9 Hori Street. Future home: New Plymouth.

Above:- **DOUGHTY-ROYSTON**; At Fitzroy Holy Trinity Church, Patricia May, only daughter of Mr & Mrs J.Royston, 26 Princess St., to Terence, youngest son of Mr & Mrs E.Doughty, Brooklands. Future home: New Plymouth.

Below:- **ROBERTSON-LARKIN**; At St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Jewell, youngest daughter of Mrs M.L.Larkin, Waterlane St. & the late Mr John Larkin, to Brian, elder son of Mr & Mrs J.D.Robertson, Matamata. The attendants were Mr & Mrs A.Kemp. Annette Robertson was the flower-girl. Future home: New Plymouth.



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# The 'Comps'

Though influenza thinned the ranks of competitors at this year's annual festival in Hawera, neither the standard of performances, nor the enthusiasm of those taking part, suffered.

The judges of all sections were high in their praise of most of the classes, and support from the public was good.

The festival, Hawera's 35th, was opened by the Mayor, Mr F.W.Finer.

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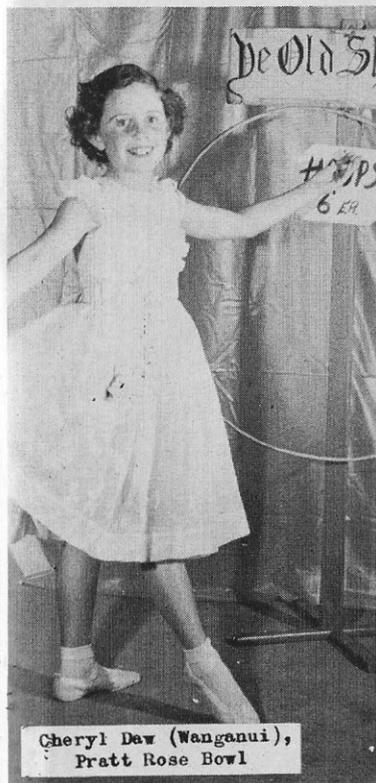


The competitors pictured on this and the following page were among special-award winners for whom photographs were available.

**Above:**— Dianne Butcham (Wanganui), who won the Beverley Quay Challenge Cup (13 & under 16), pictured with Barbara Bennet (Hawera).

**Left:**— Cheryl Hall (Hawera), who won Joan Peters Challenge Cup (8 & under 10).

**Below:**— Lorraine Costello (Wanganui), Joeline Wills Challenge Cup for tap dancing.



Cheryl Daw (Wanganui),  
Pratt Rose Bowl



Helen Douglas (Hawera),  
Tiny Tots Challenge Cup



Adrienne Cooley (Hawera),  
Gibbes Challenge Cup

**Below:**— New Plymouth nurses, pictured at ball celebrating success in junior State exams, are, left to right: B.Lipscombe, J.Hunter, J.Pining, M.Knuckey, B.Dawney, K.Canaglen, M.Cook, M.Marfell, B.Currie, A.Milray, J.Deighton, M.Stuart, N.Baird, J.Robinson (standing).



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# Nowing Canaan

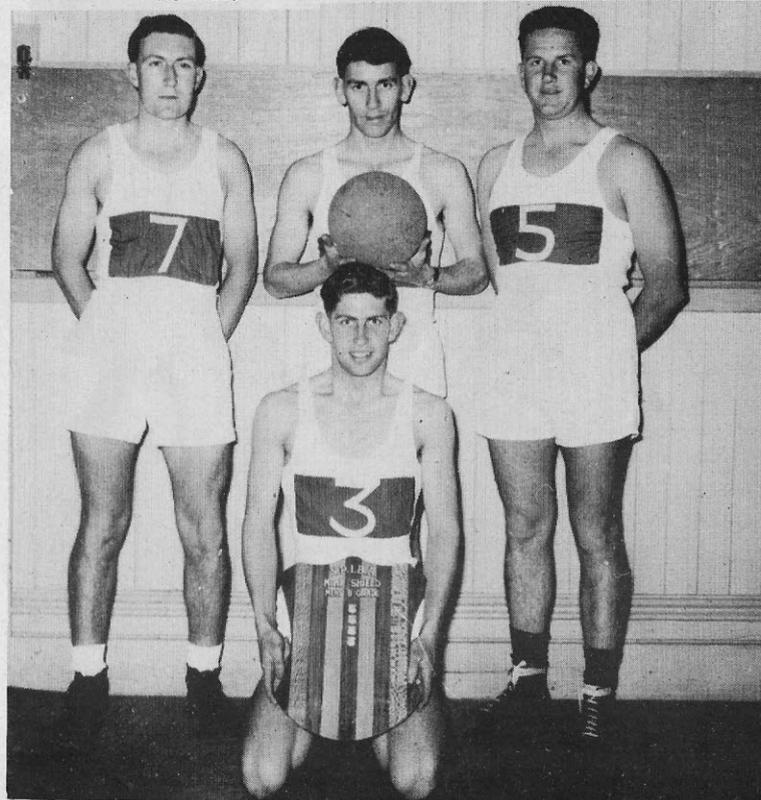
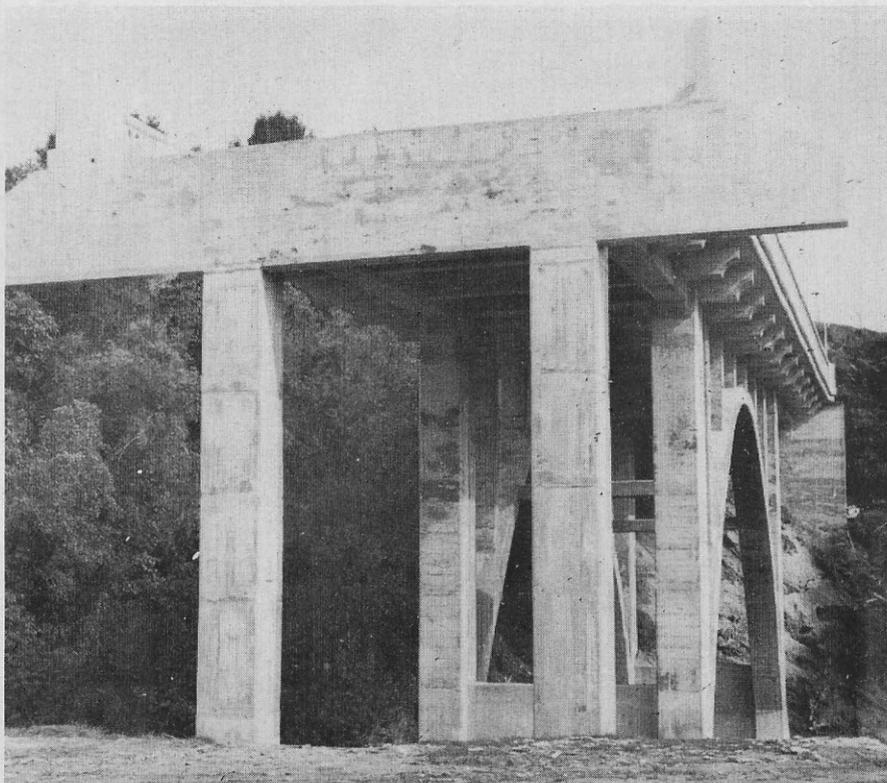
**Right:**— This bridge, seemingly leading to nowhere, will soon carry traffic between Kaponga and Eltham, thus cutting out the winding Burke's Hill road, which frequently becomes iced over in winter.

The bridge is completed, but a big earth-moving contract has yet to be carried out before it can be opened for traffic.

Peter Hargreaves took the picture.

**Below:**— Team which recently won the New Plymouth Indoor Basketball Association's men's B-grade championship.

Pictured with the Kiwi Shield, they are, Back row, Russ Knofflock, Royce Gordon, & Barry Slyfield; Kneeling, Murray Mitchell (captain); absent, G. Bendall & B.Rudd.



**Below:**— Mrs C.E.Frewen, Seaview Road, New Plymouth, cutting the cake at a birthday party held in her honour.



# Debutantes

**Right:**— Three debutantes were presented to Mr E.P.Aderman, M.P. and Mrs Aderman at the New Plymouth Overseas Association's first annual ball.

The debutantes, from left to right, are Miss Sandra Almond, from County Durham, Miss Carol Ireland, who comes from Woolich, London, and Miss Maureen Stanford, New Plymouth.



Debutantes in their flowing gowns added colour and charm to the annual National Party ball, held in the Agricultural Hall.

They made their curtsies to the Minister in Charge of the Welfare of Women and Children, Dame Hilda Ross.

Three of the debutantes were:

**Left:** Miss Joan Davey, New Plymouth.

**Below left:** Miss Gwen Newson, of Kaimata.

**Below:** Miss Maxine Lawrence, New Plymouth.





Above:-Mayor & Mayoress of "Whatapiti", Ron Powell and Joyce Campbell.

Right:-Miss Franchi at the piano. She was also producer of the show.

Below:-Leading Lady, "Miss Butter" (Beverley Berg) with newspaper photographer (Kenneth Clapcott).

Below right:-Backstage at rehearsal:Mr. Hill, Mr Eric Brown (stage manager), and the prompt, Mrs Hazel Lobb.

# "N-uff-Z"

A song-writing team which originally was formed "as a sort of joke" last week provided Taranaki theatre-goers with the most fascinating stage entertainment of the year.

The show:-"N-uff-Z".  
The team: Dorothea Franchi, pianist for the N.Z. Ballet Company, who wrote the music, and Edward Hill, former Mayor of New Plymouth, who wrote the lyrics.

Produced in the Girls' High School gymnasium to help raise funds for an assembly hall, the production was a big success from every point of view.



Written with sharp insight into the N.Z. way of life, the story concerns an English beauty queen who becomes romantically entangled with a newspaper photographer.

The songs poke gentle fun at many N.Z. institutions with real wit, and no trace of bitterness.

Right:- Women's culture circle tries out some physical jerks.

Below:-"Having a symptom on Social Security".

Below right:- Joyce Campbell and Noeline Blackman in a spoof on the Welfare State.

Above:-At rehearsal, Miss Franchi discusses point with the cast.





Above:- Don Hooker & Rosemary Clough provide added romantic interest with a comic touch.

Above right:- Culture circle still hard at it.

Right:- Like "Salad Days", music was written for two pianos. Members of orchestra are Ray Phillips (drums), Garth Dutton (bass), Beryl Jameson, and Dorothea Franchi.

Below:- Closing scene of the show.



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## DRAMA FESTIVAL AT HIGHLANDS

Left:- Diners studying the menu in this picture were taking part in a sketch, "The Price of Steak" as part of the Highlands Intermediate School's annual drama festival recently.

The school produced two one-act plays and three sketches.

Thanks to hard work by teachers and pupils, the standard was high, but the attendance of parents was disappointing. (CRAGO STUDIOS)

## BALL AT OPUNAKE

Below:- Gay floral decorations and, more important, a happy spirit amongst those taking part, ensured the success of the Opunake District High School's annual ball this year.

Pictured below and at bottom of page are some of the happy young people who attended.

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### Coming of Age

Left:- Joint 21st birthday celebration was held by Mr Don Sole, younger son of Mr & Mrs R.Sole, Waiwaka Tce., and by Mr Douglas Herbert, younger son of Mr & Mrs E.J. Herbert, Korito Road, New Plymouth.

Above:- Mr Seton Horrill, elder son of Mr & Mrs R.J.Horrill, Tokomaru St., New Plymouth, at his coming-of-age party. Seton is studying at Trinity College, Auckland, to be a Methodist minister.

Below right:- Miss Nancy Briggs cuts cake at 21st-birthday party.



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Above:- Miss Coral Brenmuhl, daughter of Mr & Mrs F.E.E.Brenmuhl, New Plymouth, whose engagement to Mr Dennis Burrows was announced at her party.

Right:- Miss Maire Parker, only daughter of Mrs Truda Parker, Robe St., and the late Mr C.W.Parker. A stenographer with the G.P.O. in Wellington, Maire returned to New Plymouth to celebrate her coming of age.



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### Married

Left:- VANDERMOLEN-LEISHMAN: At St.Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Jean, daughter of Mrs I.H. Leishman, 153 St.Anbyn St., to Mr Nicholas Vandermolen, of Holland.

Future home: Pahiatua.

Above & below:- HEWER-ELLIS: At St.Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Ellis, Molesworth St., to Stanley Bruce, elder son of Mr & Mrs E.S.Hewer, 27 Smart Rd.

The bride's attendants were Misses Elaine Hewer and Janice Davis. Mr Barry Piercy, of Pahiatua, was best man, and Mr Barry Hewer was groomsman.

Future home: Bell Block.



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## Coming of Age

Left:- Mr Peter Heaslip, who celebrated his 21st birthday recently with a party in the Tikorangi Hall.

Right:- Miss Betty Zimmerman, of Inglewood, whose coming of age was celebrated in the Kaimiro Hall.

Below:- Group of New Plymouth nurses at celebration to mark the 21st birthday of Miss Noeleen Stachurski, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs V.P.Stachurski, Waitui.

The nurses, left to right, are Misses Gae McKenzie, Lois Holmes, Annette Barraud, Noeleen Stachurski, Jill de la Haye, and Heather Green.



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## CONFERENCE

Below:- Two hundred members of the N.Z. Happiness Club gathered in New Plymouth recently for the annual four-day conference.

Members of the club are pictured here outside St. Mary's Church, Vivian Street.



## COUNTRY GIRLS' BALL

With a network of branches throughout the province, Country Girls' Clubs are playing a big part in the social life of Taranaki's farming community.

The latest branch to organise a ball was Okato, and it was one of the biggest successes of the season in Okato. Pictured left is a smiling group of Country Club members at the ball.

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TIKORANGI FANCY DRESS BALL: The headmaster, Mr W.Kerr, and teachers joined in the fun when the Tikorangi School held its annual ball. Below right, Mr Kerr in effective disguise as one of the weaker sex and, right, Mr Kerr has switched to schoolboy costume. With him in home-brew keg is assistant, Mr Heaslip. Below:- There was no mistaking who this boy represented.

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### Engaged

Left:- Miss Jill Colleen Sleeman, only daughter of Mr & Mrs J.E.Sleeman, 4A Awanui St., New Plymouth, to Mr Wilfred Bennett, youngest son of Mrs & the late Mr R.E.Bennett, 9 Maranui Street.

Above:- Miss Noeline Patricia Ayson, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs W.L.Ayson, Victoria Rd., to Frank William, eldest son of Mr & Mrs C.W. Simpson, Sackville Street.

Below left:- Miss Janice Mary Higginson, eldest daughter of Mrs & the late Mr Les Higginson, 6 Eliot St., to Mr Roy Baxter Connett, only son of Mr & Mrs R.J.Connett, Sentry Hill.

Below:- Miss June Mary Woodhead, second daughter of Mr & Mrs C.E.Woodhead, 569 South Road, to Mr Bruce John Derby, only son of Mr & Mrs N. Derby, Morley Street.



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### Married

Left:- ROPER-McGREGOR; At St.Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Hazel Norah, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs R.A.McGregor, Plymouth Rd., Koru, to David Edward, third son of Mr & Mrs G.R.J.Roper, 561 South Rd., New Plymouth.

The bridesmaids, pictured above with the bride were Miss N.Roper, a sister of the groom, and Miss V.Bocock. The flower-girl was Caryn Ansford Future home; Omata. (KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID)

### ANNIVERSARIES

Right:- Mr and Mrs A.Andrews, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the Waitara Kiosk recently.

Below:- This happy family group was photographed at the celebration in Urenui of Mr and Mrs L.M.Jury's 25th wedding anniversary. (P. CLIFFORD ALLEN)





### NEWTON KING BALL

Staff members from Newton King's ten branches throughout Taranaki travelled to New Plymouth for the firm's annual ball in the Agricultural Hall.

Dancers came from as far as Waverley to join in the fun.

The master of ceremonies was Mr H. Bullen who, with the aid of other staff members, has been organising the event for eight years.

Left:- Hawera group.  
Below:- Members of Stratford staff.  
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### AERO CLUB DANCE

It was fitting that the New Plymouth Aero Club's highly successful pageant at Bell Block recently should end on a note of festivity.

With all aircraft safely back on the ground, members and their wives gathered in the evening for a happy social function.

Below:- Ben Morgan entertained with his paper-folding tricks.

Below right:- Mr Dallas Falwasser, in joking mood, presents Mr Dick Allen with trophy for the "most inconsistent" pilot.

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### THE WHITE CLIFFS

White cliffs tower high above small bay on the coast south from Tongaparutu, North Taranaki. Before highway was constructed over Mt. Messenger, coast road used to skirt the cliffs. Later it was used as a stock route.

