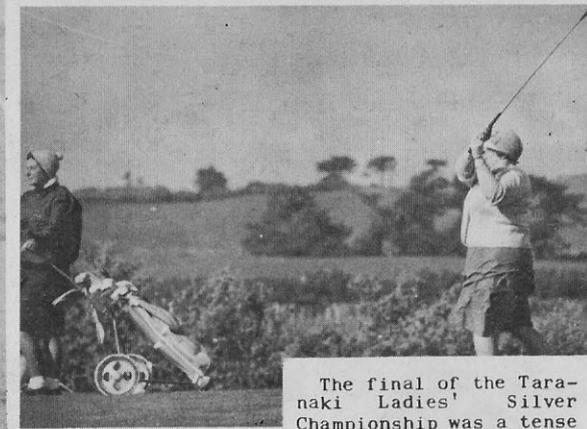


WOMEN'S GOLF

The Ngamotu course was the venue for the recent Taranaki Ladies' Silver and Bronze championships. Pity the weather was not as good as it could have been but this didn't stop some very good golf by all divisions. The top honours in the silver went to Mrs Hannah Trass, left, while the runner-up was Mrs Thelma Ansell, right. Below: Mrs Trass surveys the 17th green before putting. Below, left: Winner of the bronze championship was Flo Fussell, Inglewood. Below, right: Runner-up was Helen Cadman. Bottom: Scene on the 17th fairway at the end of the silver final with Mrs Ansell playing her second.



The final of the Taranaki Ladies' Silver Championship was a tense struggle, with the game going to the 17th green. Above, left: Mrs Hannah Trass, the eventual winner, putts a six footer to halve the hole and win by 2 and 1 over her formidable opponent, Mrs Thelma Ansell, above, centre, shown going for a birdie on the 17th. Top, right: Easy getting out of a bunker...or is it? Above: Playing into a howling gale and with a storm brewing is enough to put off any golfer.



DEBATING CHAMPS

Left: The Rahotu YFC junior debating team, which recently won the Wellington Council final in a debate against the Manawatu. From left: Ray Barron, leader, who was also awarded the cup for the best individual speaker, Robert Hopkins and John Washer. At the rear is the coach of the team, Paddy Bolger.



Miss Brooklands Married

A large crowd recently gathered at St. Mary's Church in New Plymouth for the marriage of Miss Brooklands, 1968, Lorraine Martin. In our pictures, above left, Lorraine and her husband emerge from the church to a guard of honour of East End skaters. Above, right: Looks like Lorraine is due for a lot of luck, for a black cat showed up and waited, like everyone else, to see the bride.

Below: NORTON-MARTIN. At St. Mary's Church, NP, Lorraine Alice, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. W. Martin, Te Aroha, to Edward (Ted) Colin, only son of Mr E. Norton, Leeds, England, and the late Mrs Norton. The bridesmaids were Sandra Smith, NP, and Christine Hill, Hamilton. The best man was Colin Wrightson, Tawa, and the groomsman was Les Doolan. Te Awamutu. Future home, Brisbane.



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WELL DONE, WAITARA

A vast area of the Waitara beach front has recently been cleared by the service clubs of Waitara. This community project would be an object lesson to other communities who have scruffy corners in their district. The area when finished will become a grassed play area, with a large parking space, facing out to sea, right in front of the beach...and the beach has been cleared of the miles of driftwood that accumulates. A job well done. Above: The area almost cleared of gorse and scrub. Below: The bulldozer king, Colin, gets through the thick stuff. Right: An old ammunition shed of concrete had to be demolished. Here Colin King gives it the first push, while the other three pictures show various stages of its demolition.

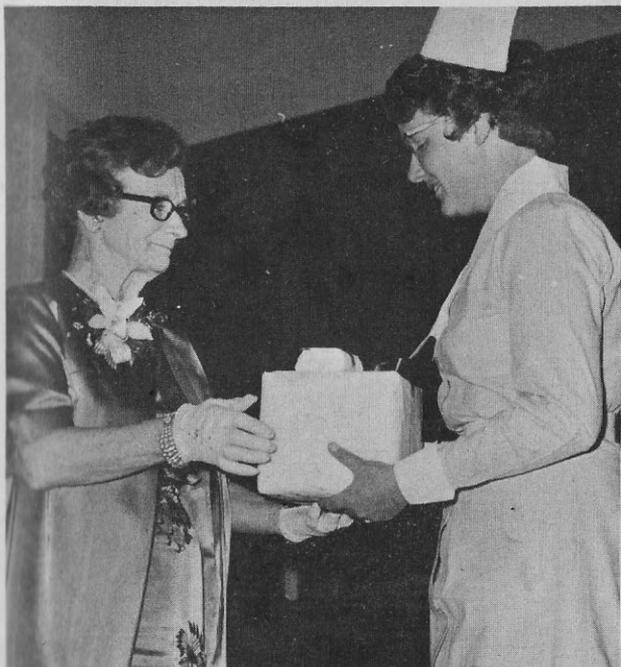


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GRADUATE NURSES

Here are the 19 nurses trained at the New Plymouth Hospital who recently graduated. In the back row, from left, are Nurses L. Luxton, S. Caverhill, B. Wright, C. Foreman, N. Brunton and D. Dixon; centre row, S. Wagstaff, Y. Newton, J. Worsley, C. Wyatt, C. Crowley, P. Priest and C. Annabell; front row, M. Conway, D. Curd, L. Shaw, Tutor Sister B. Cockburn, K. Guildford, M. L. Lapsley and E. York.



The recent graduation of nurses at the New Plymouth Hospital is likely to be the last of the individual ones, as the amalgamation gets closer, though we know it is the wish that these very important ceremonies should still remain the prerogative of each hospital in the Taranaki Hospital Board's area. These functions are important, as they mark a milestone in the lives of the nurses, and constitute a function where a nurse's talents can be recognised in public. After the graduate nurses were presented with their distinguishing badges, the special prizes were presented by Mrs H. E. Blyde, wife of the chairman of the Hospital Board. Above, left: The George Home prize and the Dr. Ernest Walker Memorial prize were won by Staff Nurse N.L. Rowe. Above, centre: The North Taranaki Clinical and Dr Thomson Memorial prizes went to Staff Nurse M.Lapsley. Above, right: Nurse E.Fox won the Dr Faber Fookes Memorial prize. Below, left: Dr Wade Memorial prize went to Nurse J.Sorensen. Below, right: Two of the three community nurses who graduated were Nurse J.Smith, left, the Tutor Sister S.Kinsella, centre, and Nurse M.Blyde, right.



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MRS N.Z. CONTEST
Carrington Branch

The Plunket and GHB-sponsored Mrs NZ contest has created quite an interest, with each branch of Plunket finding its own Mrs NZ, and the grand Taranaki final to be held in October in NP. Here are the place-getters in the Carrington branch contest. **Above:** The winner was Mrs Marjorie Rau, left. Mrs Brenda Penn, centre, was second and Mrs Pamela Bassett, right, was third. **Below:** Contestants line up on stage to hear the judges' choice. **Bottom:** Plunket mothers of Carrington livened up the evening with their skiffle group.



Coming of Age

Left: John Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Peters, Tariki, photographed on this important occasion with his parents and brothers.

Below: Kenneth, son of Mr and Mrs N.R. Sly, Tikorangi with his parents and sisters Lynda and Christine.

Bottom, right: Margaret Lorraine Hamilton, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Devonport, NP.

Below, left: Ann, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Griffiths, NP.

CELEBRATIONS





Wedding Bells

Above: DEVEREY-HARRIS. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, NP, Catherine Miri-Aua, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.D.Harris, NP, to Patrick John, only son of Mr and Mrs J.Devere, NP. The bridesmaid was Heather Smilie, NP, and the best man was Tony Johnston, NP. The two flower-girls were Susan Harris, sister of the bride, NP, and Sharon Still, Thames. Future home, NP. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below: WATSON-ANDERSON. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NP, Raewyn Marie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W.Anderson, NP, to Anthony Francis, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.C.Watson, Auckland. The bridesmaids were Maureen Jaggs and Marie Watson, sister of the groom, both Auckland. The junior maids were Suzanne and Heather Anderson, sisters of the bride, NP. Best man was Brian Walker, Waihi, and the groomsman was Malcolm Dwight, Tauranga. Future home, Auckland.



THE CHANGING FACE OF NEW PLYMOUTH

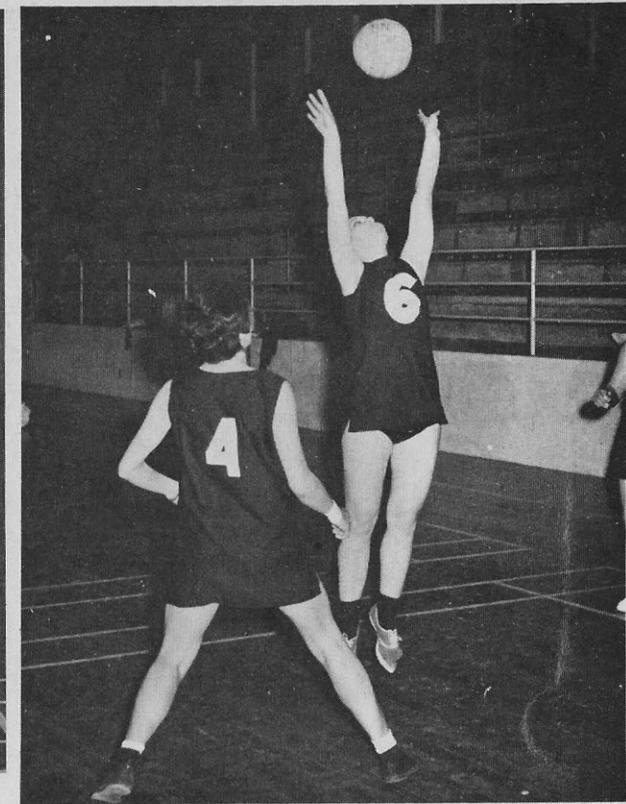
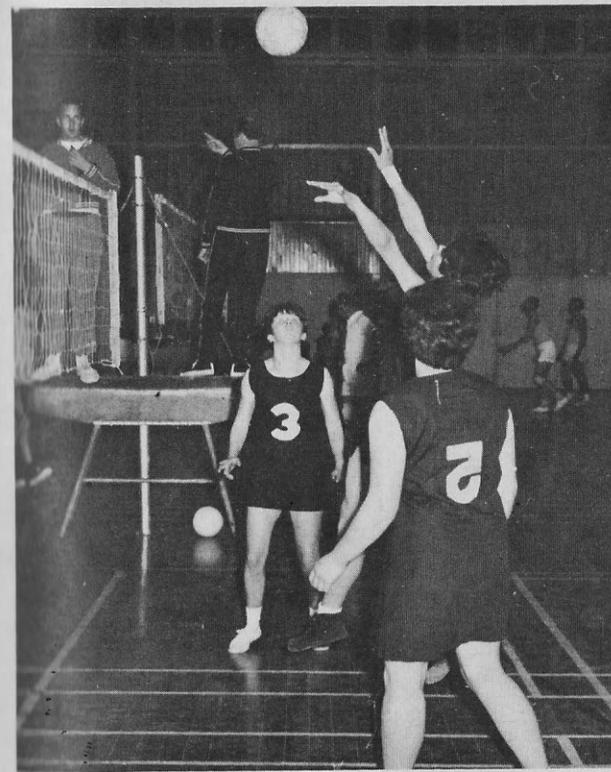
Above: The new Catholic Youth Centre in Devon Street west is fast taking shape, and from what we can see, it is going to be a very imposing building indeed. Bit too far out on the footpath though; wonder how that happened! It will, nevertheless, be an asset to the Catholic population of the town, and a sight to leave a good impression to our visitors. And while we're on about visitors, the picture below is of the new home of the NP Public Relations Office in Liardet Street, right opposite the city council offices. Frankly, we think the site wrong, as it's right away from the centre of the city area. The face lift given it by voluntary labour certainly has turned a dilapidated old house into a rather more respectable abode, not quite completed yet.





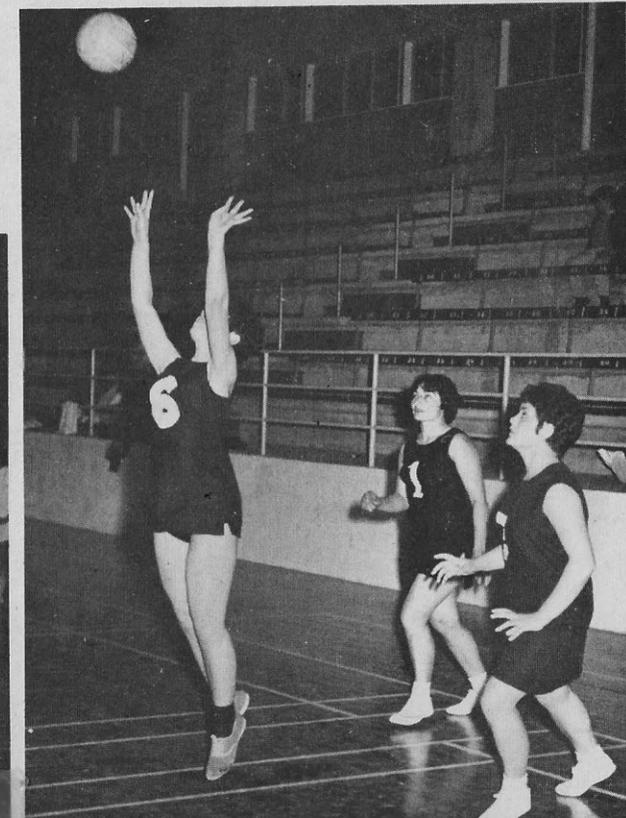
ROVING CAMERA

Above: The Highlands Blue 9th grade team, which this season has been unbeaten in its grade. They have scored 91 points and have only 12 scored against them. Back row, from left: Tony Power, Melvin Slinger, Gary Cole, Gary Clairburt, Grant Voullaire, Michael Bone, Philip Rudolph, Mark Dowman and the coach, John Nolan. Front row: Ross Moller, Robin Hill, Guy Roper, Rex Manley, Jeff Bishop, capt, Colin Wetini, Malcolm Smith, Gregory King and Robert England. **Below:** Mr Ted de Joux addresses the gathering of the Spotswood Interact club on its charter night. **Bottom:** Parade of ATC cadets at the NP Cenotaph for the recent commemoration of "Battle of Britain" Sunday. Wreaths were laid by service organisations during the ceremony, and planes from the NP Aero Club flew past in formation.



Volley Ball

Teams from many parts of NZ recently took part in a volleyball tournament in the YMCA. Here we show some photographs of the Spotswood team of girls. **Above:** Jan Hogg, Lyn and Ngaio Hikaka work as a team...Hey, who sewed on your numbers? **Below:** Up goes Jan Hogg for a good return. **Above, right:** Lynette Stokell watches Lyn Hikaka going up for the ball. **Below, right:** Lynette Stokell retrieves a high one, with Cherry Chard and Ngaio Hikaka watching.



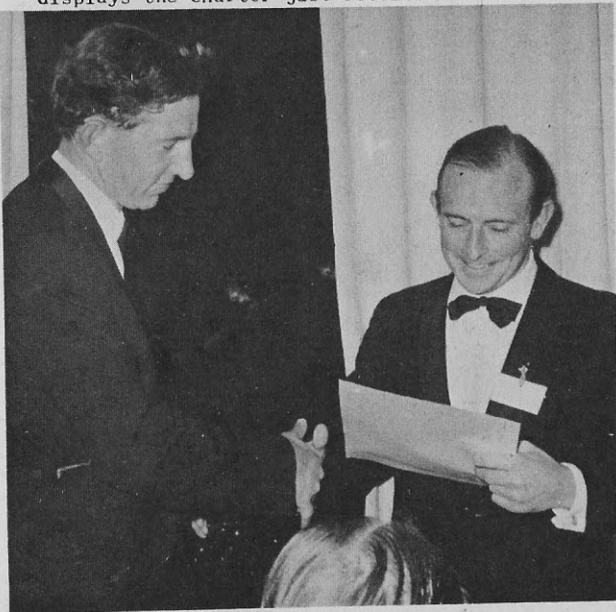


MARRIED

Above: **THOMPSON-TURNER**. At St. George's Anglican Church, Patea, Patricia Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Turner, Patea, to George William, son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Thompson, Patea. Matron of honour was Patricia Groshinski, Midhurst, and the bridesmaid was Janice Turner, sister of the bride, Patea. Ron Couchman, Stratford, was the best man, and John Turner, brother of the bride, Patea, was the groomsman. Future home, Oaonui. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).

ROUND TABLE CHARTERED

The first charter dinner of the New Plymouth branch of Round Table was recently held at the RSA Bowling Club pavilion in Octavius Place. Over 200 people interested in Round Table sat down to a fine meal, when afterwards the club was presented with its charter. Below, left: National President Bill Unwin presents the charter to the NP President, Manning Reeves, while at right, Manning proudly displays the charter just received.



MRS N.Z. CONTEST CENTRAL WINNER

The Central Plunket held a cocktail party at the Fitzroy Hotel to finalise its part of the Mrs NZ Contest. The hotel was filled to capacity for this very important event. Fourteen contestants faced the judges whose choice was Mrs Ann Reeves, above, left. Second place went to Mrs Wendy Cross. The winner's ribbon was put on by the Central president, Mrs P. Mercer, above, right.

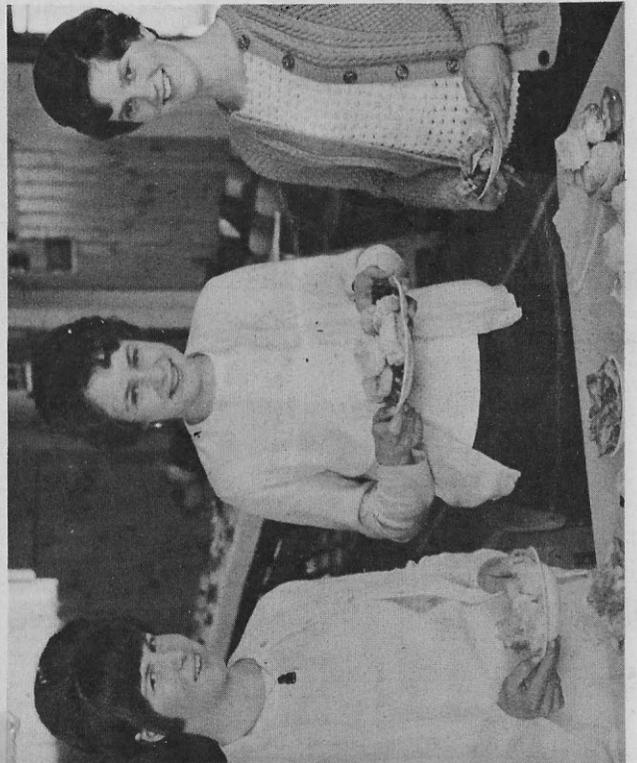
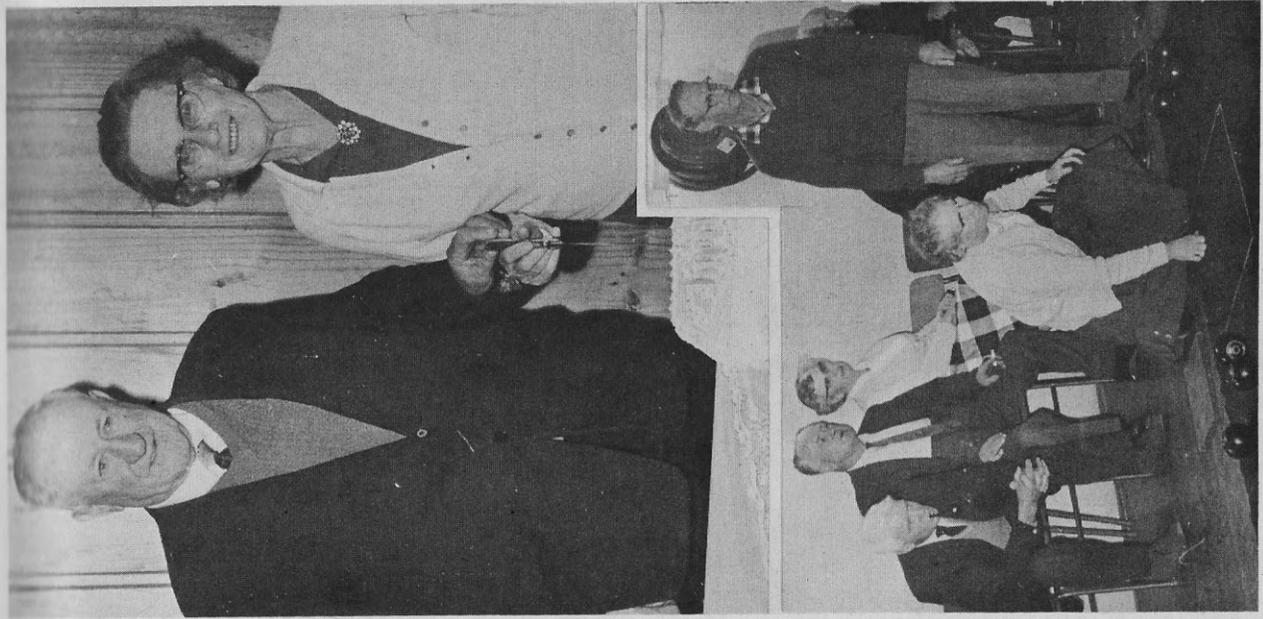
MIDGET CHAMPS

Unbeaten this year were these midgets of NPOB. They won the A grade midgets, and the quadrangular tournament. Back row, from left: Neville Christiansen, Brent O'Hearn, Bruce Buttimore, Stuart Brown, Steven Winera and Chris Williams. Centre row: John Carroll, Rickie Brown, Robert Larkin, Gregory Skipper, Bruce Davidson and coach Leo Williams. Front row: Bryce Robins, Grant Cameron, Tony Urbahn (capt), Chris Marshall and Michael Nielson.



George and Elsie's Tournament

George and Elsie Marsh of Waitara started an over-60 indoor bowls tournament some fourteen years ago, with about 4 mats. Today, that tournament has grown to 16 mats, so popular has it become. But the thing we found out that caused us delight was the fact that George and Elsie foot the bill each year for these older folk. A gesture, we think, that would be hard to beat anywhere in NZ. **Right:** George and Elsie putting up the scores after a game. Below are some of the older ones enjoying their games.



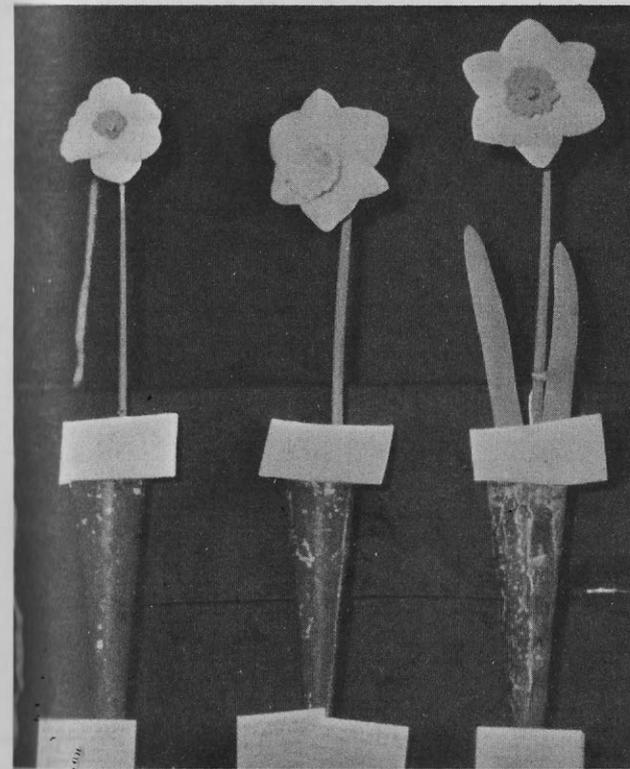
Not only do Elsie and George supply the hall, prizes, the sumptuous afternoon tea, they even provide a celebration cake each year. They ask a couple of the old originals to cut it, and this year it fell to the lot of Mr and Mrs A. J. M. Orchard, seen doing their duty above, right. Above, left: Part of the 128 players who took part this year. Left: Three willing helpers for George and Elsie are Melva and Elaine Salisbury and Lesley Rowe.



MRS N.Z. CONTEST

WESTTOWN AND FITZROY WINNERS

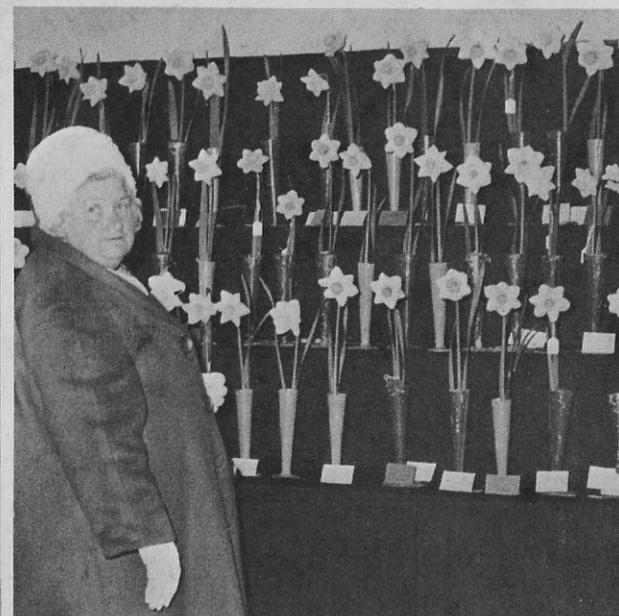
Each of the Plunket sub-branches in the city has finalised its Mrs New Zealand contest. Here we give you the placegetters in both Westtown and Fitzroy branches. Above: The Westtown winner was Mrs Mary McDiarmid, left, with Brenda Ryan, centre, and Roka Waipapa, right, who were second equal. Below: First three places at the Fitzroy branch contest were filled by: Mrs Florence Beaven, left, who was placed first, Mrs Shona Wagstaff, centre, who was second and Marie Noble-Campbell, right, who was third. (NORMAN SQUIRE PHOTOGRAPHY).



KENT ROAD W.D.F.F. FLOWER SHOW



The Mangorei Hall was a riot of colour at the recent Kent Road W.D.F.F. Spring Flower Show. The weather in that area must have been good for growing bulbs, as we haven't seen such good blooms for many years. Above, left: The three champion blooms. The two at left were corms of Mr Yeates, and that on the right of Mr Bond. Below, left: Rhododendrons on display made a fine splash of colour and seemed to be very large. Above: Taking a rest are Mesdames Bennet and Beckers with children Nicholas and Jeremy. Below: Visitor admires the wonderful display of daffodils and narcissus.

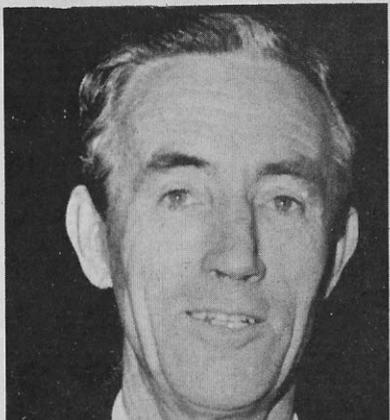


City Council Candidates

The coming local body elections promise to be perhaps the most interesting ever to be held in this city. There are many contentious issues at stake and not least among these are the issues of fluoridation and the Post Office clock tower, not forgetting the city water problem. We would have the clean water now had it not been for a small action group. But this among other things is still a major issue for the incoming Council.

With this in mind, we approached all of the twenty prospective Councillors and asked them what we consider three questions of vital importance, all of which could become an election issue. These are the questions.

1. If you were giving priority, which would you favour, clean water first or fluoridation of the existing water supply.
 2. Do you favour fluoridation?
 3. Do you favour retention of the Old Post Office clock tower?
- Below each candidate on this page will be found the answers they gave to the preceding questions.



MR D. V. SUTHERLAND, Sports Dealer.

1. First priority would be clean water.
2. In favour of fluoridating our water system.
3. I would not be prepared to support the retention of the clock tower if it involved the expenditure of ratepayers' money.



DR. E. P. ALLEN, Radiologist.

1. First priority would be clean water.
2. In favour of fluoridation.
3. In favour of the retention of the clock tower.



MR J. J. WARD, Retired Farmer.

1. First priority, clean water.
2. Not in favour of fluoridation, only by referendum.
3. The July decision of the present City Council on the clock tower should stand.



MR S. M. WHITE, Businessman.

1. Clean water a first priority.
2. Fluoridation only as a last resort if free issue of fluoride tablets, combined with a strong and sustained educational programme, did not have the desired results.
3. Only if the clock tower can be retained at a realistic cost.



MR B. C. KURTH
Retired

1. First priority is clean water.
2. Does not want to see the city water supply fluoridated.
3. Does not favour the retention of the clock tower.



MR F. NEWMARCH
Retired

When these questions were put, Mr Newmarch was out of town and not available for comment.



MR B. BELLRINGER,
Accountant.

1. Provision of a new and clean water supply for the city is by far the most important need.
2. Personally, I am neutral, but would require a decision to fluoridate to be decided by a poll.
3. There are many issues far more important. Should I be elected, I would acquaint myself with all the facts, with special reference to the re-development of the Robe Street area as a whole before making a decision.



MR R. BURKITT
Businessman.

1. Clean water a priority.
2. In favour of fluoridation.
3. In favour of the retention of the clock tower.



MR P. L. PHILLIPS
Retired.

1. Clean water would be the first priority.
2. Yes, in favour of fluoridation.
3. Not in favour of the retention of the old clock tower.



MR M. J. T. FRASER

1. Existing supply is adequate within the resources of the city council.
2. In favour of fluoridation.
3. Not in favour of the retention of the clock tower.



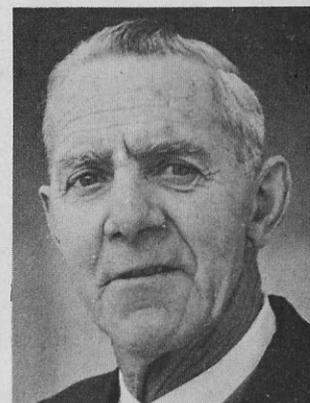
MR G. F. K. SIMPSON
Retired

1. Clean water the first priority.
2. Sympathetic towards fluoridation, but would like to learn more about it before making a decision.
3. Does not favour the retention of the clock tower.



MR J. G. CASTLE
Private hotel proprietor.

1. First priority would be clean water.
2. Yes, in favour of fluoridation.
3. Not in favour of the retention of the clock tower.



MR N. G. DAVIS
Retired

1. Clean water a first consideration.
2. No comment on the question of fluoridation.
3. Does not favour the retention of the clock tower.



MR E. COLLINS
Architect.

1. Favours clean water as a first priority.
2. In favour of fluoridation.
3. The clock tower is not an election issue.



MR A. L. HERDMAN
Retired

1. Clean water the first priority.
2. Does not favour the fluoridation of the water supply.
3. Favours retention of the clock tower provided it can be retained at a reasonable cost.



Mr D. J. LITTLE
Retired

1. First priority is clean water.
2. Does not favour the fluoridation of the city water supply.
3. Does not favour retention of the clock tower.



MR A. B. SCANLAN, Retired.

1. While the question appears to be academic in view of the adoption of the Lake Mangamahoe treatment scheme, my preference would have been for a new clean water scheme near Egmont National Park.
2. I introduced a notice of motion to permit a referendum on fluoridation in conjunction with the forthcoming elections, and I regret the suggestion was not supported. I will favour fluoridation only when I am satisfied the majority of NP citizens desire it.
3. Retention, but only at a reasonable cost.



MRS A. GALE

1. Priority for a new water supply.
2. In favour of fluoridation.
3. In favour of retaining the clock tower, provided that the costs, after an extensive examination of experts' reports, prove reasonable. I say this because the tower, commemorating Queen Victoria's 60th jubilee, was subscribed for by citizens. Its retention would enhance the proposed open space alongside the courthouse, and, as a free-standing structure, it would be a means of controlling and slowing down traffic in the area.



MR L. W. PENROSE
Retired

1. Clean water.
2. In favour of fluoridation.
3. Not in favour of the retention of the clock tower.

On the other hand, there are thirteen against the retention of the tower, with one who claims, and rightly so, that the decision of the existing council should stand.

As we said earlier, it appears that this is going to be the most interesting election ever in the city of New Plymouth, and we would implore you to go and vote. And then when you've done that, leave the City Councillors to do the job without small action groups interfering with their decision.

Bear in mind too that but for a small action group, we could have had clean water today, but will now have to bear a cost which will be over 30% higher than for the original scheme.
IT IS YOUR DUTY as a good citizen TO VOTE.



Introducing...

A recent addition to our staff as photographer-journalist is Christine Grace, left. She will be delighted to hear from anyone who has some odd shots to take, no matter what. Give her a ring at 6101 during the day, or 84540 after hours. Something strange, something different, just ring Chris, and she'll be along with her camera.

ROVING CAMERA

Centre, left: Mr and Mrs R.E. Lewis, Oakura, who recently celebrated their golden wedding. (HENRY MCGEE)

Below: Saw this rather amusing thing the other day. Looks like they've taken the works out of the old car and are heading for the dump.

Bottom, left: Four of the older members of the executive of the Taranaki Women's Bowling Centre which recently celebrated its 21st birthday. In the group are Andy Henderson, Ida Lister, Grace Gillespie and Muriel Quinn. (H. MCGEE).

Bottom, right: Raymond Joseph, son of Mr and Mrs J. Thomson, Okato, shown with his mother, father and brothers at his recent 21st birthday party. (HENRY MCGEE).



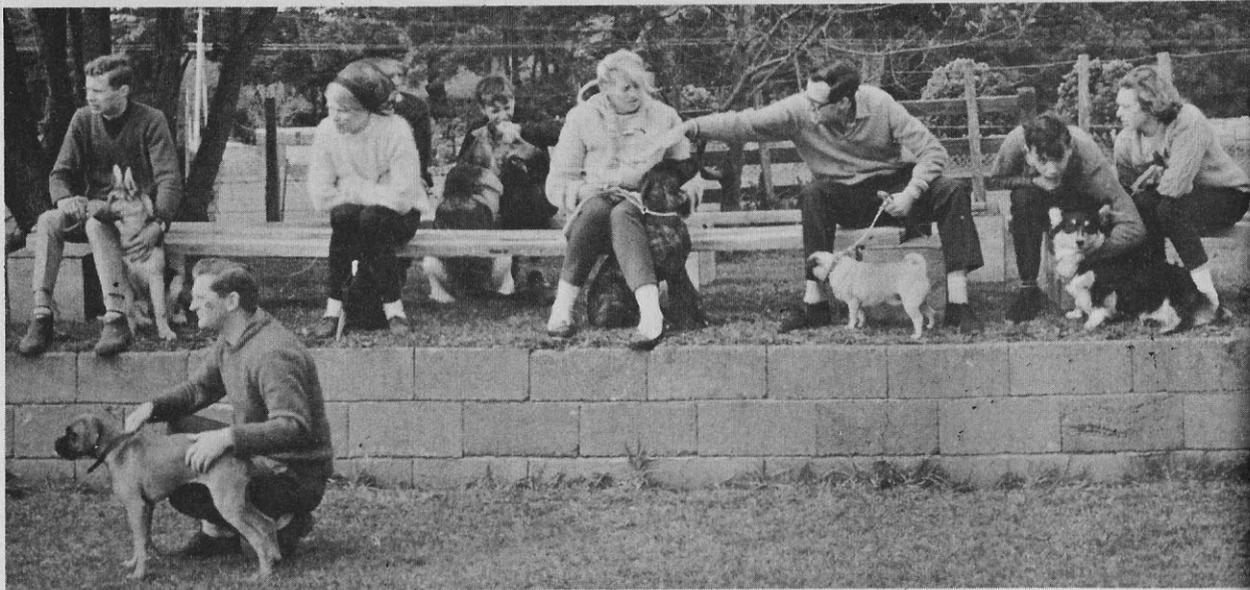
SUMMING UP...

Well, there are the comments of the prospective City Councillors for the next three years. Some very interesting facts reveal themselves from this small survey. First, it is quite clear that eighteen out of twenty want a clean water supply as a first priority. This no doubt will please most people.

The second question, on fluoridation, is one that has produced a clear indication that the new council will fluoridate the water supply. 13 want fluoridation, only four are against, and the remaining three want a referendum on the subject. Well, that issue is perfectly clear, and the answers have been most helpful in that with minds already made up, those in favour will no doubt give us fluoridation.

The most interesting thing is that the clock tower can be called "not an election issue". We would like to know exactly WHAT is an election issue. This vexed question has been on the minds of the population for some time, and, though passed for demolition by the existing council, in reality, can still be left standing after consideration of the answers to the question.

Four of the candidates definitely want the tower retained, another three at reasonable cost to the ratepayers. Now assuming that these seven are elected, there could be another deadlock with regard to this issue.



RIBBON PARADE AT SHOWGROUNDS



Dogs of all shapes and breeds were on view for first of the season's ribbon parades. This afforded a chance for the beginner to show his pet for the first time in the ring, and there was a good muster of young people with younger dogs. Quite a bit about show judging was learned by these young masters and their charges, and judging by what was on view, the show ring is likely to become very popular in this coming year. Above: Here, we see plenty of the younger people who have taken an interest in their pets. Below, left: Lou Vinsen with his young boxer pup Ista, and a fine-looking specimen it was too. Below: Mrs Hayman had her hands full with this frivolous Alsatian.



MRS N.Z. CONTEST

Moturoa Winners

The Devon school hall was full for the recent Moturoa Plunket's Mrs NZ Contest. Thirteen married women faced the three judges, and after much nail-biting, the winner was announced. Above, left: The one to go forward to the Taranaki final next month was Eileen Gundesen. Centre: Mrs Alda Guy gained the second place, while Mrs Edith Sweeney, right, came home in third place. Below, left: The branch patron, Mrs E.P. Aderman, put the winner's sash on. Above, right: After the excitement, hubby was called on to the stage with the winner, Eileen Gundesen.



Married

Left: WARDS-HALL. At St. George's Church, Patea, Diane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.Hall, Patea, to Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.F.Wards, Manutahi. The bridesmaids were Penny Milne, Kakaramea, Judith Featonby and Denise Brannigan, both Patea. Best man was Paul Scown, Hamilton, and the groomsmen was Ross Symes, Manutahi. Future home, Kakaramea.

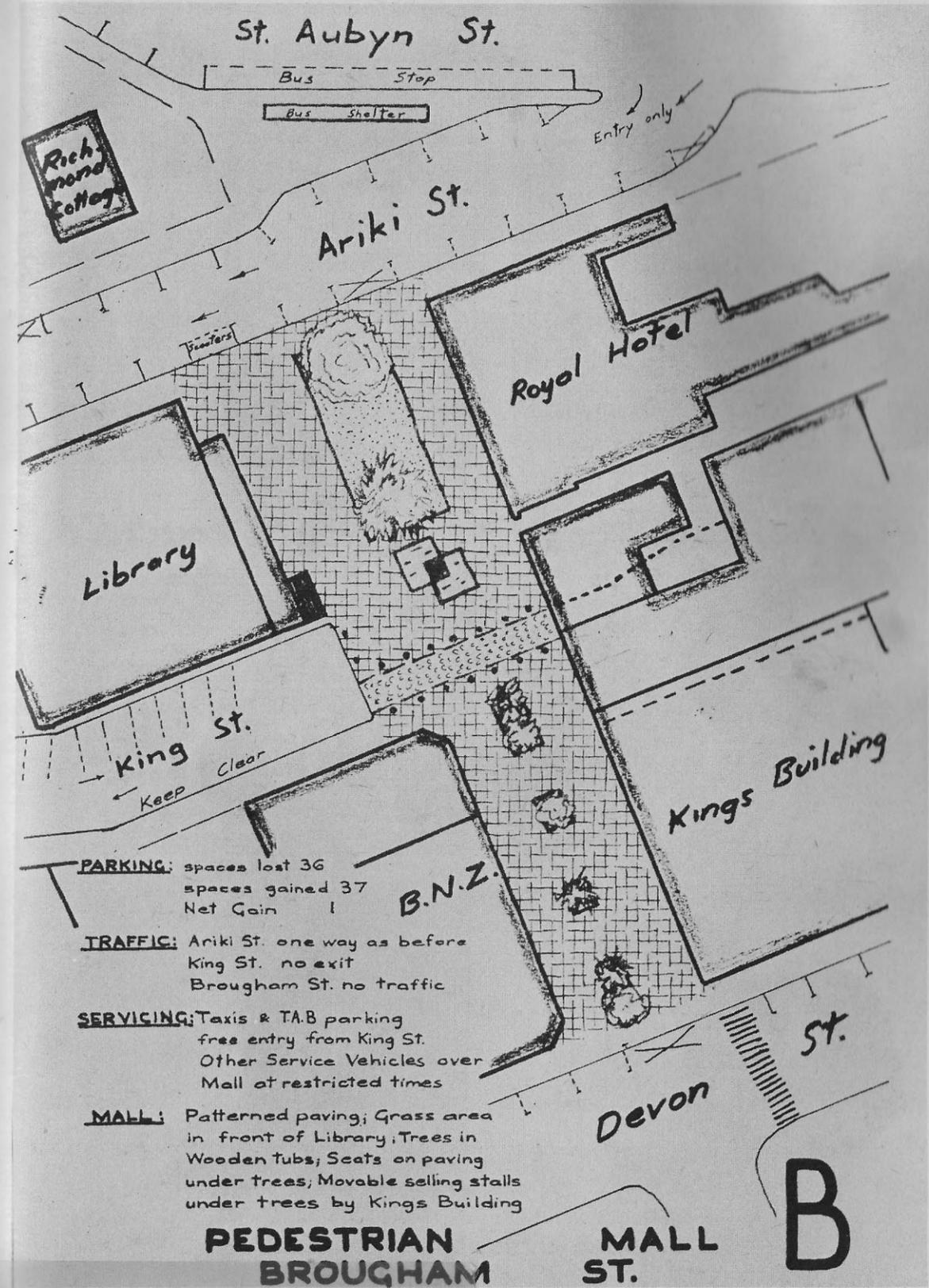
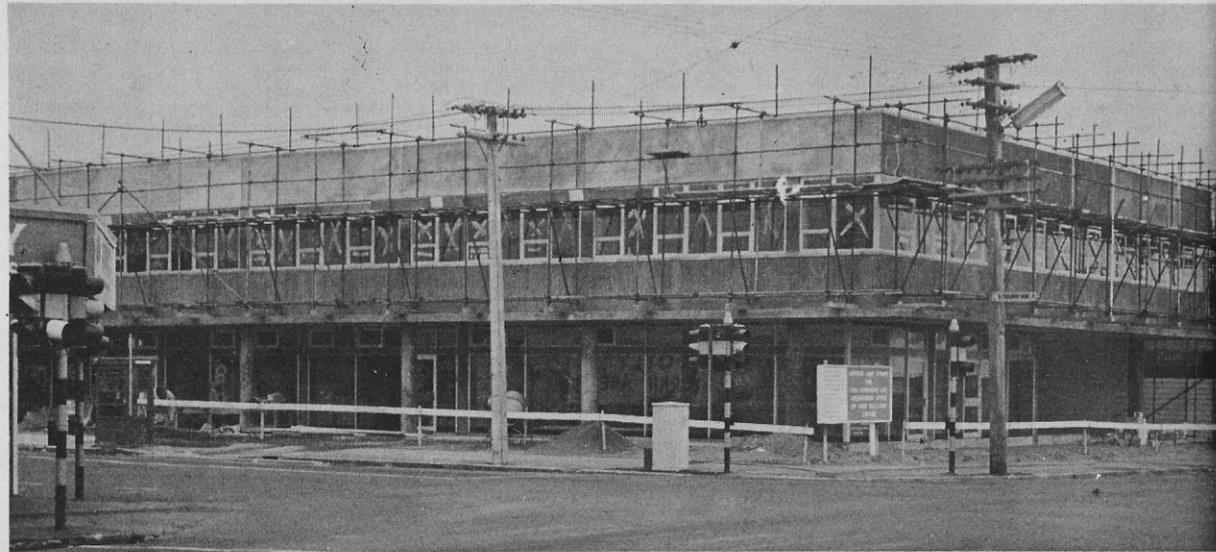
The Changing Face of Our City

Below: The new building of the Dominion Life Insurance Company is fast taking shape on the corner of Devon and Eliot Streets, and when completed will have tidied up an otherwise scruffy corner of our shopping area. **Bottom:** John Burns' extension on Devon Street is now open for business, selling all kinds of hardware and tools. Again, a boon to that end of the town.

BROUGHAM STREET MALL...

an Unofficial Preview

Right: Details of how the City Council is considering the closing of Brougham Street to traffic and turning it into a pedestrian mall have recently been circulated to property owners in that area. This of course is "an unofficial preview", and in fact it calls for comments from the affected property owners. We've heard some wry comments from the public. One was that the proposed mall will be closed to traffic but not to the taxis which have a park on Brougham Street. How ridiculous can we get? If this is to be a pedestrian mall, then let's keep it as such. But for the life of us we can't see the reason, unless it is for the benefit of shoppers, and this can't be the case--there aren't enough shops to warrant it. In fact, there isn't ONE shop on the southern side, just the BNZ and the Maritime building. On the opposite side of the street, there are precisely six shops, so it can't be for the benefit of shoppers. The idea of a SHOPPING mall within the city is a good idea, but the Town Planning committee should be able to come up with something better than this.





Engagements

Above, left: BEEN-BALDOCK. Lynn Eva, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. Baldock, NP, to Dirk Frans, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Been, NP. (VOGUE).

Left: BRETT-WALKER. Wendy Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. G. Walker, Awatuna, to Graham Allen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. N. Brett, Omata. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below, left: HERBERT-DAVIDSON. Gail Janet, the younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. Davidson, Inglewood, to Colin William, twin son of Mr and Mrs A. J. L. Herbert, Tarata. (VOGUE).

Above: BARRON-WARD. Carol Joyce, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. S. Ward, NP, to John McPherson, youngest son of Mrs H. Barron, NP, and the late Mr C. Barron. (VOGUE STUDIOS).

Below: GRIFFIN-LAIRD. Raewyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Laird, Maata, Eltham, to Ernie, second son of Mr and Mrs R. E. Griffin, Hawera. (DAVID PAUL STUDIOS).



CHAMPIONS THREE

Here are two New Zealand junior boxing champions, with one of the top rated world featherweights, who recently paid a visit to the city on the occasion of the NZ junior championships held at the YMCA Stadium. At left is Patrick Weherua, Patea, winner of the 7.2-7.7 class, in the centre is Don Johnson, USA, one of the top rated featherweights in the world, and right Ron Jackson, NP, winner of the 6.11-7.2 championship.