

**THIS MONTH'S COVER**

Pretty Keitha Kie-lich, of Bell Block, and the pink blossoms of a double-flowering apricot at Duncan and Davies' nurseries, form a Spring tableau on this month's cover.

For our feature story on Spring's arrival in Taranaki, see pages 10-13.



**ACROSS THE TASMAN**

**Right:-** Remember that picture of Stratford trombonist Chad Evans in No. 6 issue of "Photo News"?

Not long ago Sergeant W. Govan, based with the RAAF in Townsville, North, Queensland, saw it too --- and recognised his nephew.

Sergeant Govan's wife was formerly Miss Bab Old, of Taranaki, and he has a sister-in-law, Mrs Wally Evans, in Stratford.

We thank Sergeant Govan for his good wishes.



**Left:-** Just in case you can't recognise him, the face behind all that black make-up belongs to Jim Holmes, president of the Junior League of the SPCA in New Plymouth.

Jim was "Mr Interlocutor" in a minstrel show organised recently to raise funds for the league. For further pictures of the black-faced cast of youngsters, see pages 30-31.

**Below:-** Everywhere we've been in the last few weeks, we keep running into those signs of Spring that make poets reach for a pencil. These ewes and thirsty lambs were photographed on a North Taranaki farm.



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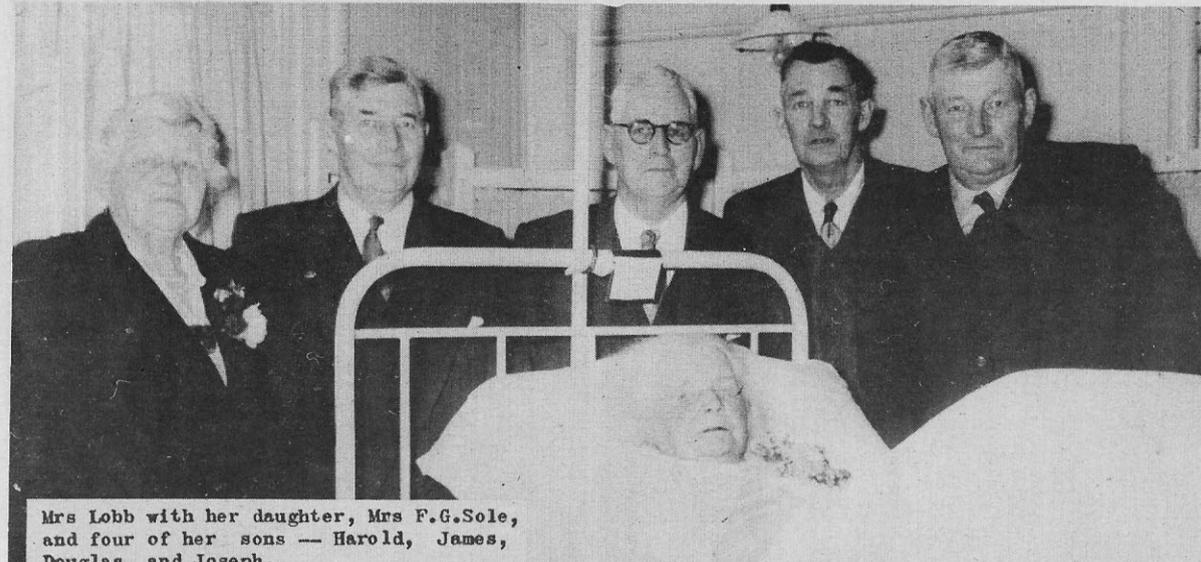
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Mrs Lobb with her daughter, Mrs F.G.Sole, and four of her sons --- Harold, James, Douglas, and Joseph.



Sister Livesey & hospital board chairman Mr P.E.Stainton with Mrs Lobb.

**GRAND OLD LADY**

From her bed in the New Plymouth Public Hospital, where she is recovering from a hip injury, a grand old lady celebrated on August 23 a century of happy living.

She is Mrs Elizabeth Ann Lobb, New Plymouth's only centenarian.

Mrs Lobb has spent 76 years of her long life as a resident of Westown, and it had been planned to celebrate her 100th birthday with a party in the Westown Hall.

Because of her accident, however, there was a quiet but happy family gathering in the hospital.

Born at Wadebridge, Cornwall, Mrs Lobb was formerly Miss Elizabeth Champion.



Mrs Sole cuts birthday cake



Telegrams and flowers poured in to convey greetings.



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Val and Don at a dance.

## VAL AVIS HEADED FOR TV

One of New Plymouth's top entertainers, singer Val Avis, has said goodbye to Taranaki — at least for the time being.

She sailed last week for Britain, with her husband Don, mainly to see her parents again, and partly to take the opportunity of a television audition in London.

Don and Val settled here two and a-half years ago, Don working as a compositor with the Taranaki Daily News, and Val as a clerk with the Health Department.

In England during the war, Val sang in military camps and hospitals. Since coming to Taranaki she has sung in numerous concerts, and over 2YA and 2XP.



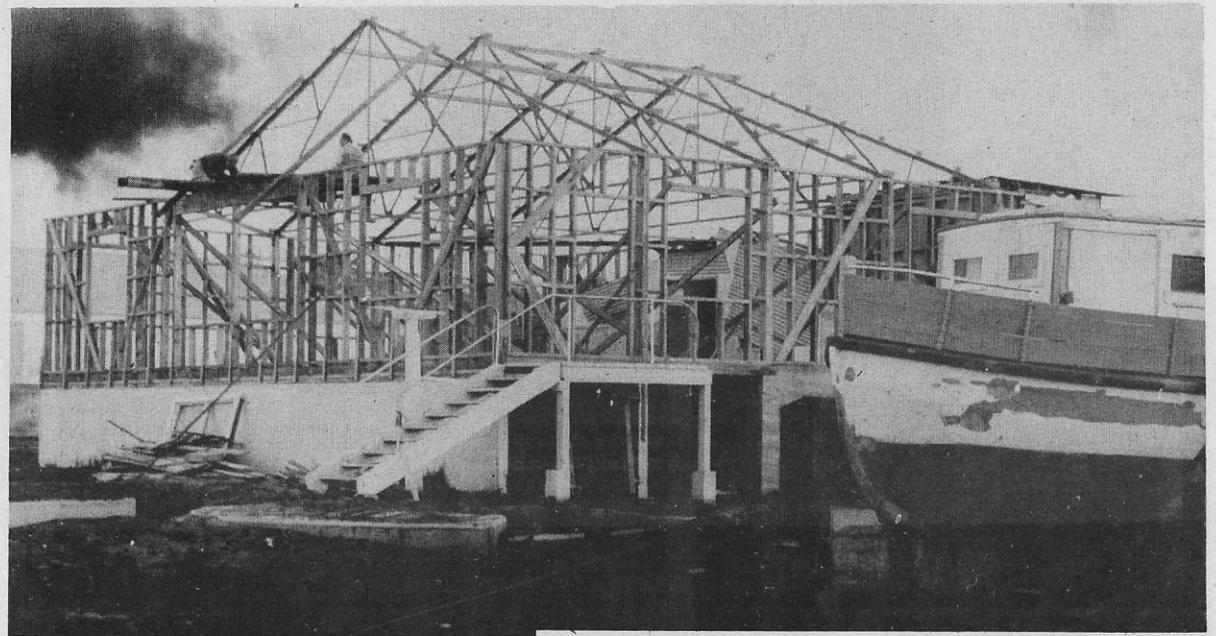
An item at the Public Service Ball. Behind her are Garth Dutton (bass) & Tommy McArthur ('drums)

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Val in recording session at 2XP with Ray Phillipps, Galvin Edser, and Murray Hewson



## YACHT CLUB RE-BUILDS

When yachting gets under way again this summer, members of the New Plymouth club will move into bright, new quarters at Ngamotu Beach.

Contractors are now well advanced with the complete reconstruction of the clubhouse which was torn to pieces by the tornado earlier this year.

The destroyed building was insured, and some fittings which were not are covered by Government grant. Cost of the present project will be around £2300.

One of the biggest crowds, in the club's history attended this year's presentation of trophies, pictures of which (left and below) are by Crago studios.

Left:— Gerald Taylor, Geraldine Rutherford, & Barry Slyfield (skipper) who won several trophies in the 14ft and over class.



Stephen Old, monotype championship



Errol Slyfield, Monotype trophy



Gordon Harvey, P-class championship



## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE *Big* Broadcast

Station 2XP's "Big Broadcast Show of 1957" was a bubbling success from every point of view.

Firstly, and of greatest importance, the show raised £180 for intellectually handicapped children.

Secondly, it was a first-rate opportunity to show the public the wealth of musical talent, in a wide variety of forms, available in Taranaki.

And thirdly, from the public's point of view, it was good entertainment.

A feature of the programme was the New Plymouth Girls' Choir's first public performance in the city.

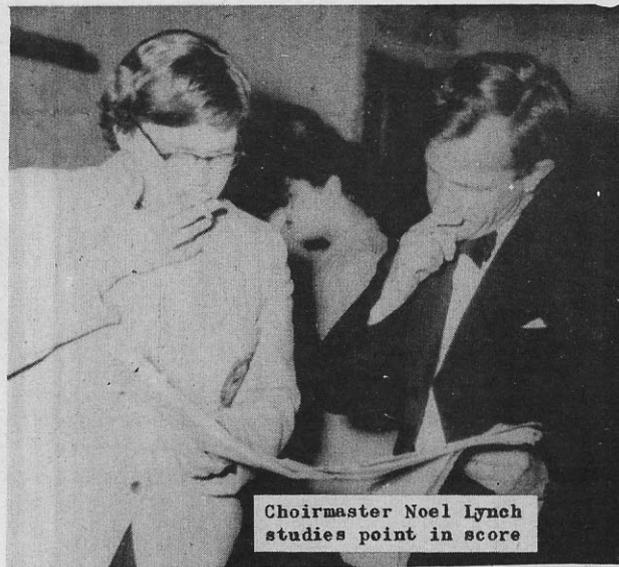
"'ULLO, 'ULLO, 'ULLO!"  
— Murray Hewson as Mr Glum.



As stage manager, Jim Hannan had key job behind the scenes.



Heather Robertson and Ron Lawrence as "Ron and Eth".



Choirmaster Noel Lynch studies point in score



Above:— Big surprise of the evening was a jazz rendition of "Body And Soul" by the classical violinist, William Komlos.

One critic claimed that Mr Komlos played "with an impish sense of fun", but actually he is a keen follower of jazz, admires the piano style of Dave Brubeck.

Left:— Guest artist Jean McPherson, with her accompanist, Norm Cumming.



Coat-hangers came in handy for band's trumpet section.



Baritone Sefton Freeman signs autograph for member of girls' choir.



Hawera tap-dancers Diane Cudby & Suzanne Brown.



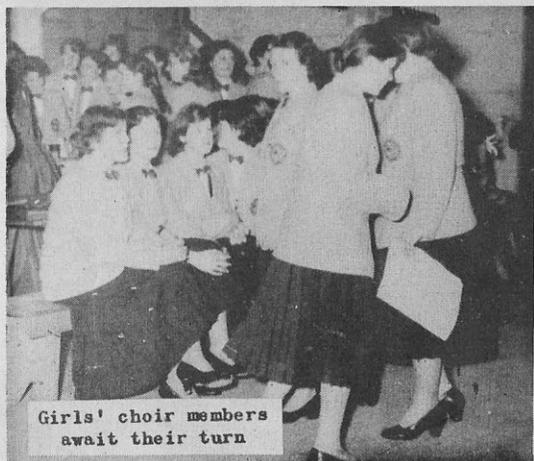
Wendy Paget (right) had important task calling artists.



Airliners' leader Ross McDonald with singers Maureen Wilson & Walter Gale.



Trumpet men Warren Orr and Ken Hodgson tune up



Girls' choir members await their turn



Little rock 'n' roll eased the tension.



## Wedding Bells

Left-above:- **DRY-PETHERAM:** At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Teresa Mary, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs G.F. Petheram, 38 Mill Road, to David Swinton, son of Dr and Mrs D.S. Dry, Palmerston North.

The bridesmaids were Misses Aileen Bulmer (Wanganui), and Margaret Petheram (sister of the bride). Another sister, Cathleen, and Miss Moira McCracken (Masterton) were honour maids.

Future home: Wellington

Below:- **CROWLEY-HICKEY:** At the Star of the Sea Church, Opunake, Constance Magdeline, youngest daughter of Mrs E.T. Hickey, of Opunake, and the late Mr E.T. Hickey, to Noel, second son of Mr J. Crowley, of Papakura, and the late Mrs Crowley.

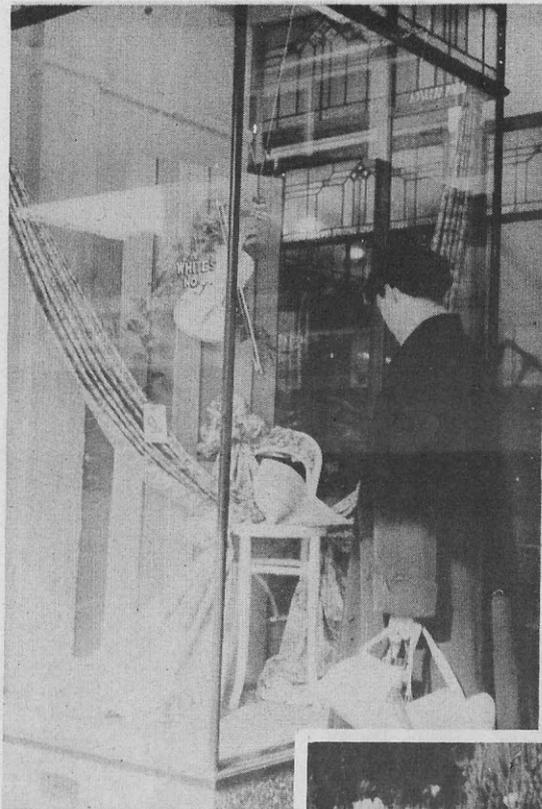
Miss Veronica King (Hawera) was bridesmaid, Mr Leo Crowley (Papakura) was best man, Marie Mellow was flower-girl, and the page-boy was Daryl Mellow (Pungarehu).

Future home: Ngaroma, near Te Awamutu.

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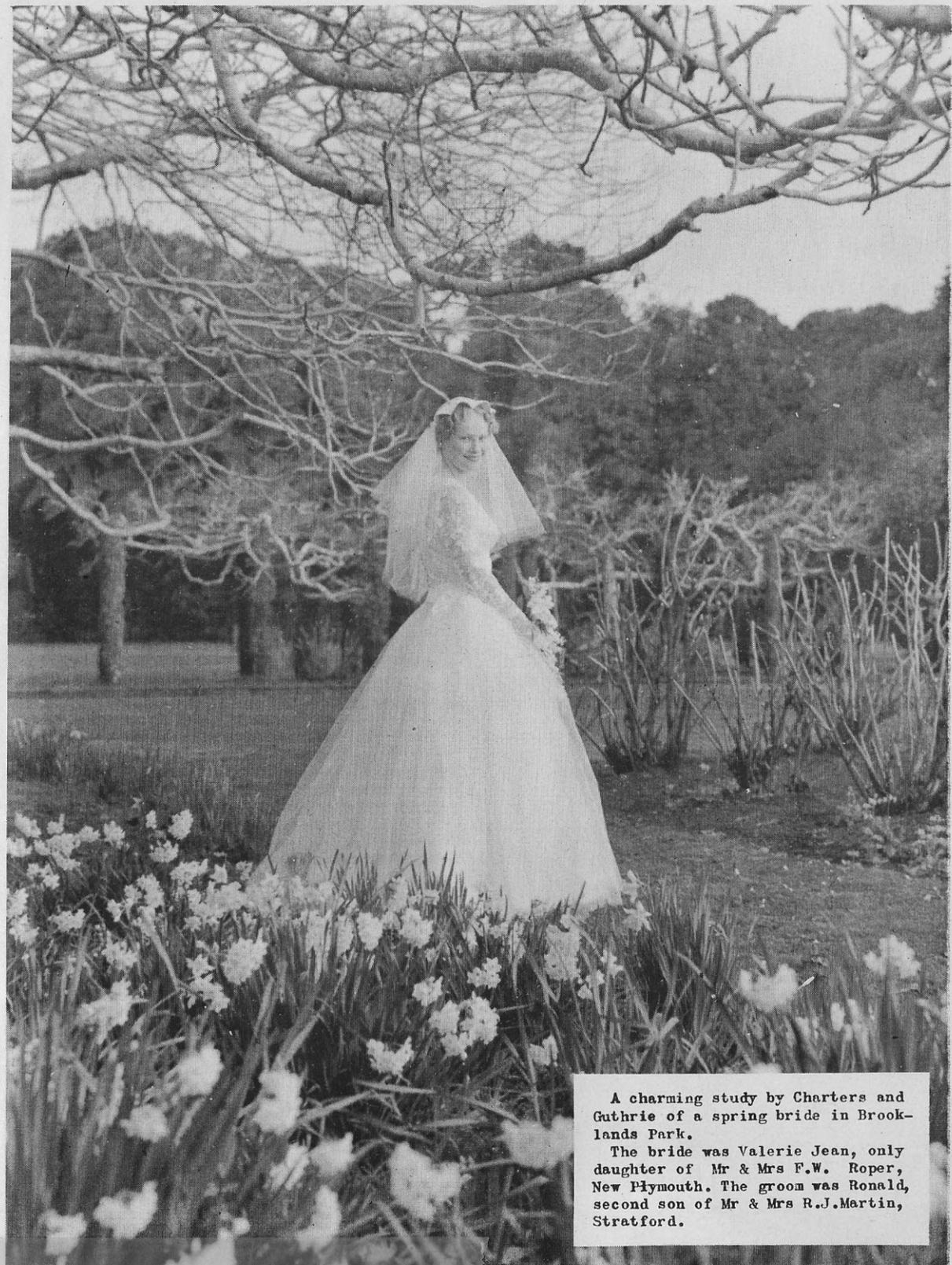
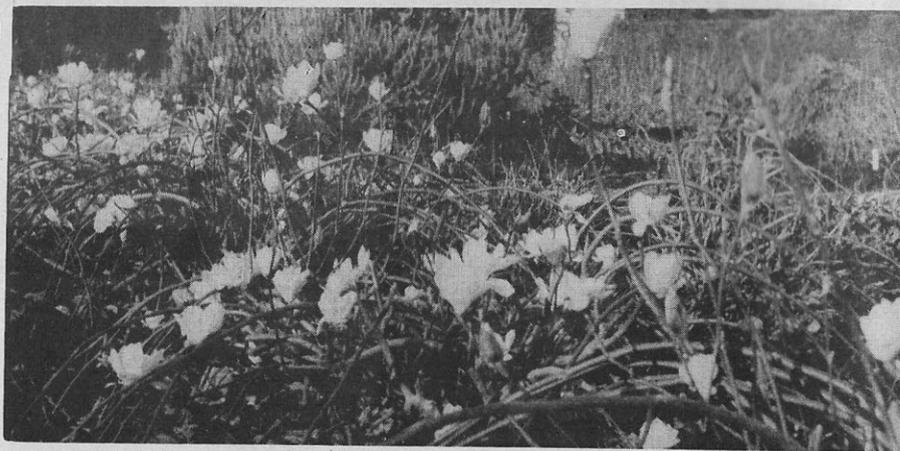


Above:- A New Plymouth housewife pauses in Devon Street to study spring display in shop window.

Above right:- Almond blossoms form a pretty picture against a blue sky.

Right:- Magnolia blooms in Duncan and Davies' nurseries, Westown.

Below:- Lambs on Mr Coyne's farm at Bell Block.



A charming study by Charters and Guthrie of a spring bride in Brooklands Park.  
The bride was Valerie Jean, only daughter of Mr & Mrs F.W. Roper, New Plymouth. The groom was Ronald, second son of Mr & Mrs R.J. Martin, Stratford.



### BRIXTON ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Brixton branch of the Women's Division of Federated Farmers gathered in the Brixton Hall to celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary.

Above: Mrs. Marsh, founder of the branch, lights candles on birthday cake.

Above right: A group of foundation members.

Right: The oldest foundation member, Mrs. Schroder, fanning out the candles.

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### GOLFERS CELEBRATE

Pungarehu golfers celebrated their club's 25th anniversary with a banquet.

Left: Mr. Phil Phillipps, a foundation member of the club, cuts the birthday cake.

Below: Among visitors to the banquet was Mr. F.S. Johns, president of the New Zealand Golf Association.

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### Roaring Camera

Right: Memories of days gone by formed the basis of a play acted by members of the Carrington-Saxton Branch of the Women's Division of Federated Farmers as part of their 14th birthday celebrations.

Members of the cast, from left to right, were: Mrs. Gash, Miss Milne, and Mesdames Shepherd, Wickham, McCormick, Bretherton, Riding, Robertson, Werney, Chainey, Scrimiger, Sexton, and Hiccock.



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Left: Group of happy children at the West End School fancy dress ball (left to right): Graham Cottam (clown), Warren Cottam (Indian), Rosanne Prentice (Hungarian), Brian Cottam (Cowboy), and Neil Hawkins (Turk).

Bottom left: Odd-fellows' Lodge jubilee was a big occasion for Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Butler, foundation members, who are pictured cutting the cake.

Below: Mr. and Mrs. Faull blowing out the candles on the 13th birthday cake at the Vogeltown Young Peoples Dance.



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Mayor, Mr A.G.Honnor, sends up a bowl

### NEW HOME FOR INDOOR BOWLS

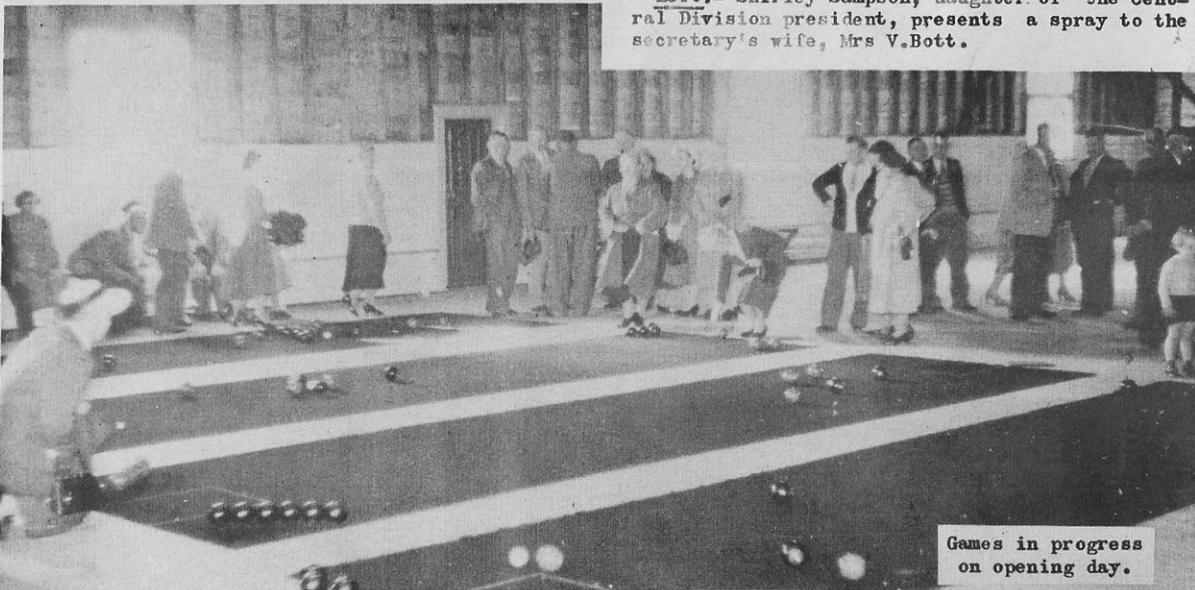
With 4500 members, the Taranaki Indoor Bowling Association can claim to cater for one of the most popular sports in the province. The northern association, alone, has 2300 members.

Better facilities in New Plymouth for this popular family sport have now been provided with a new hall at Bell Block camp.

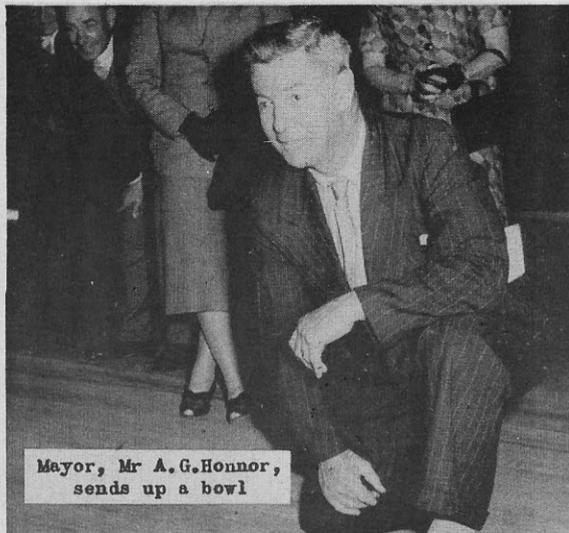
It was erected by contract, with materials from the old premises of Stark & Low's, but huge working bees have been engaged in interior work and fittings.

The pictures on this and the following page were taken by Murray Mitchell on opening day.

Left:- Shirley Sampson, daughter of the Central Division president, presents a spray to the secretary's wife, Mrs V.Bott.



Games in progress on opening day.



Mr Honnor congratulates Central Division president, Mr N.Sampson.



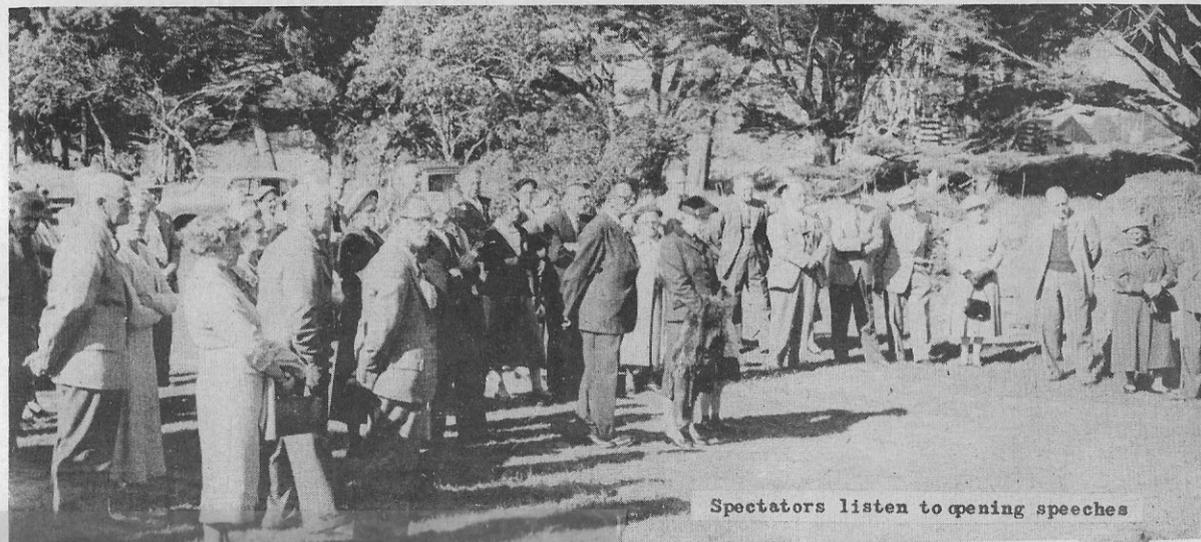
Mrs E.P.Aderman tries her skill



Mr Sampson speaking at opening ceremony



Watching progress of bowl



Spectators listen to opening speeches

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Kathleen Shaw, Ruth Fitzpatrick,  
and Gail Winstanley



### TREES FOR SPOTSWOOD

Schools have always played a big part in New Zealand's observance of Arbour Day.

For new schools, with grounds still undeveloped, the tree-planting theme of the day has a special significance.

This was true of the Spotswood School when children, parents, committee members, and teachers turned out with spades on a recent weekend to play their part in Taranaki's Arbor Day programme.

With an attractive school building and a mountain view as a background, the trees planted last month will eventually complete a charming picture.

Above:- Twins Russell and Grant Bamfield set young tree in position.



Gary Winther, Stephen Winther,  
and Joanne Johnston



Group of tree-planters



Wayne Smallman  
& Bruce Farmer



Mechanics make thorough check in hangar  
before final test flight

## Tasman Flight

Three men made aviation history for New Plymouth last month when they set off early one morning for Norfolk Island and Sydney in a twin-engine Cessna 310.

It was the first direct overseas flight from Bell Block airport.

The men, pictured right discussing flight plans on the eve of their departure, were (left to right), Capt. F. Bethwaite (navigator), Mr M.N. King (pilot), and Mr P.L. Lightband (co-pilot).

The aircraft was assembled in New Plymouth by Rural Aviation, Ltd., and delivery to Sydney was effected in just under nine hours.

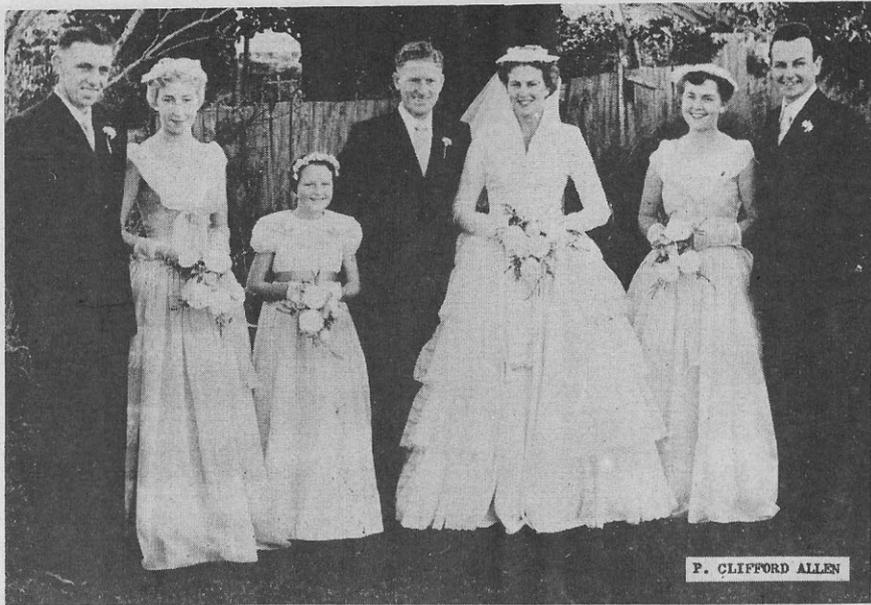
The Cessna was the first light aircraft to cross the Tasman from New Zealand since 1934.



Inspecting instrument  
panel in cockpit.



Ray Ede checks the  
undercarriage



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## Wedding Bells

**Left:-WOODING-JOHNSTON:** At the Methodist Church, Waitara, Marjorie, daughter of Mr & Mrs D.H.Johnston, Waitara, to Mr N.Wooding.

Attendants were Mr H.Collett, Miss F.Naylor, Miss M.Smith, & Mr W.Herlihy.

The flower-girl was Janice Houghton.

The bride is pictured below.



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**Above:- WOLLER-LEVETT:** At the Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Miss Georgina Margaret Levett, eldest daughter of Mrs E.Wright, Taihape, to Richard Henry, elder son of Mr & Mrs G.L.Woller, Okau. Pictured with the bride is Miss Yvonne Woller.

Future home: New Plymouth.

**Right:- HANLY-PARKER:** At St.Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Leonie, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.S.Parker, Devon St. West, to Mr Ron Hanley. Mrs M.Sisarich was matron of honour.



## FOLK SINGER IN NEW PLYMOUTH

An American with a rich, lilting voice, dazzling technique on guitar, and a happy smile, called into New Plymouth and found a warm welcome from the music-lovers of Taranaki.

His name: William Clauson. His job: Entertaining people with a wide repertoire of folk songs and ballads.

Clauson was billed as a "folk singer and guitarist". The reason for the full title became obvious as soon as he played.

Unlike many singers who provide their own accompaniment, the American is a guitarist of exceptional ability.



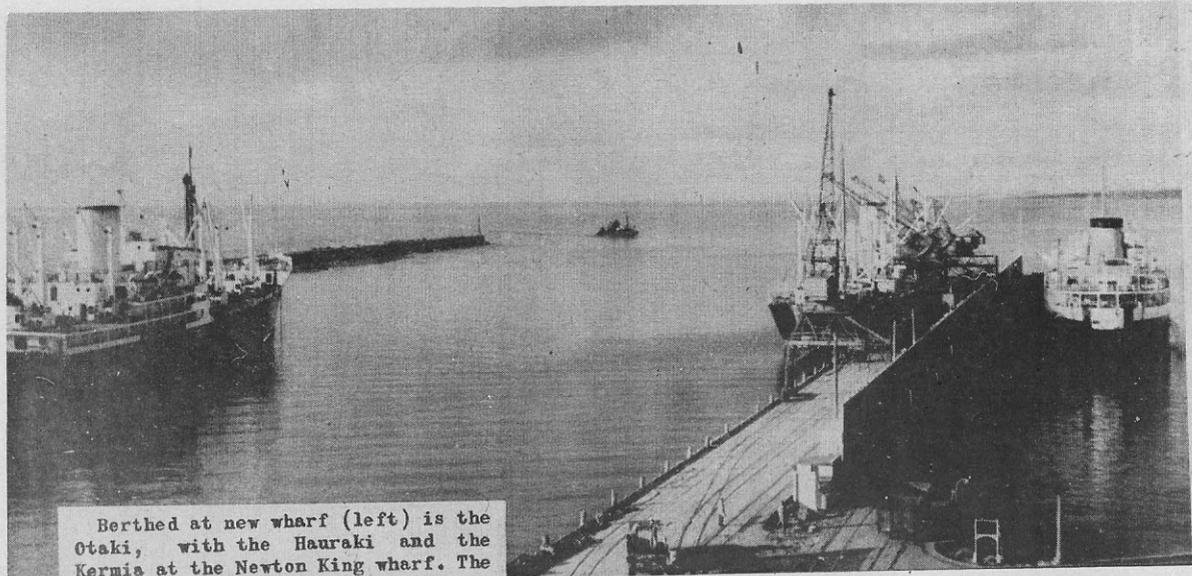
**Above:-** William Clauson chats with the station manager of 2XP, Mr T.F.A.Shankland, Mrs Shankland, and Mr Ashley Heenan, of the Broadcasting Service, who was tour manager.

**Below:-** Reporters George Koea & June Allen interviewing Clauson at morning tea.

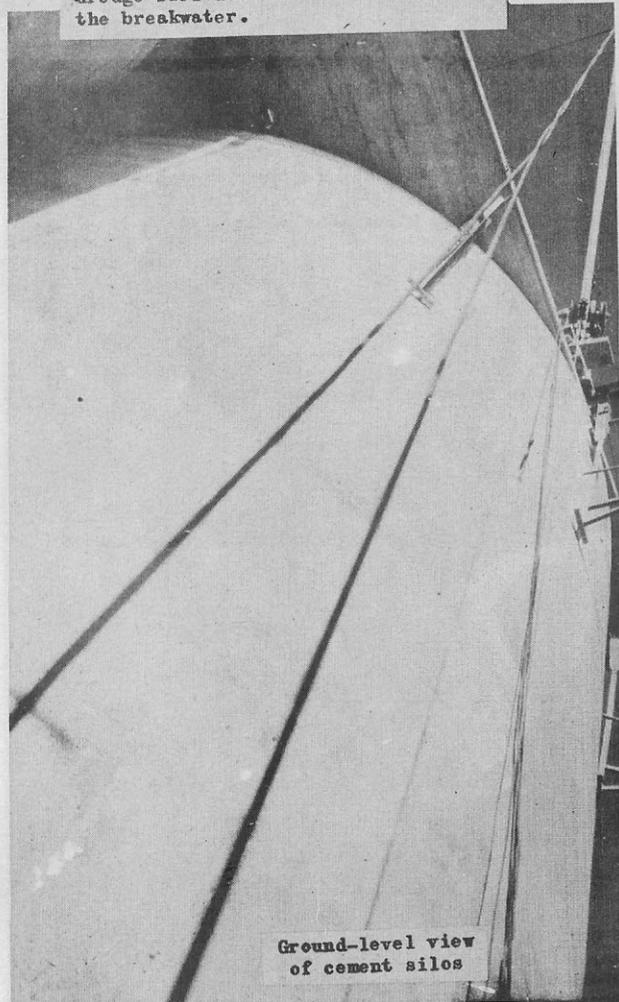


Clauson on Poet's Bridge, in Pukekura Park.





Berthed at new wharf (left) is the Otaki, with the Hauraki and the Kermia at the Newton King wharf. The dredge Paritutu can be seen rounding the breakwater.



Ground-level view of cement silos

### BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF A THRIVING PORT

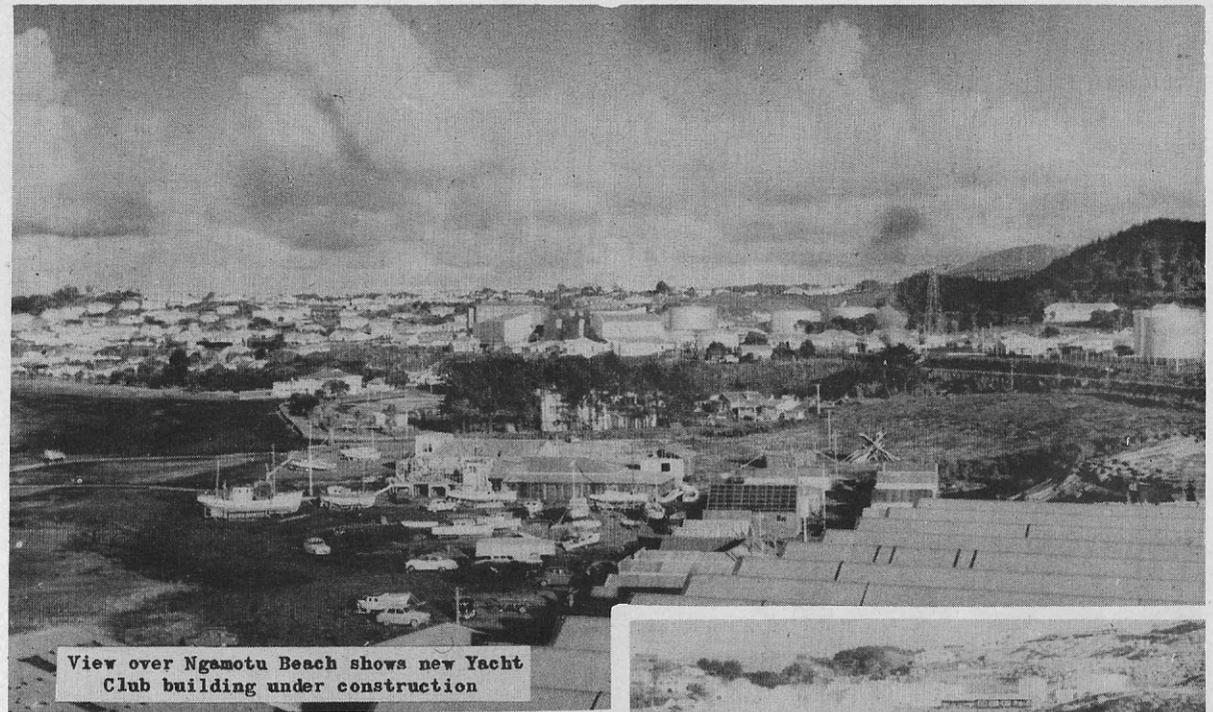
High amongst the seagulls — 60ft high, in fact — a Photo Newsmen looked down the other day on thriving Port Taranaki.

Vantage point for his unusual view of the waterfront was the big cement silos, now nearing completion, at the foot of Newton King wharf.

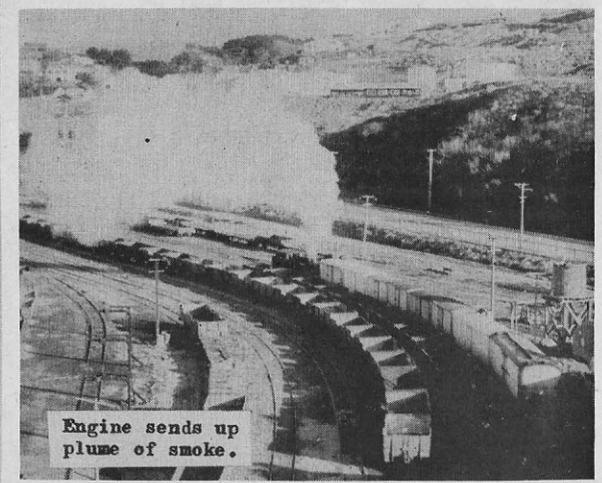
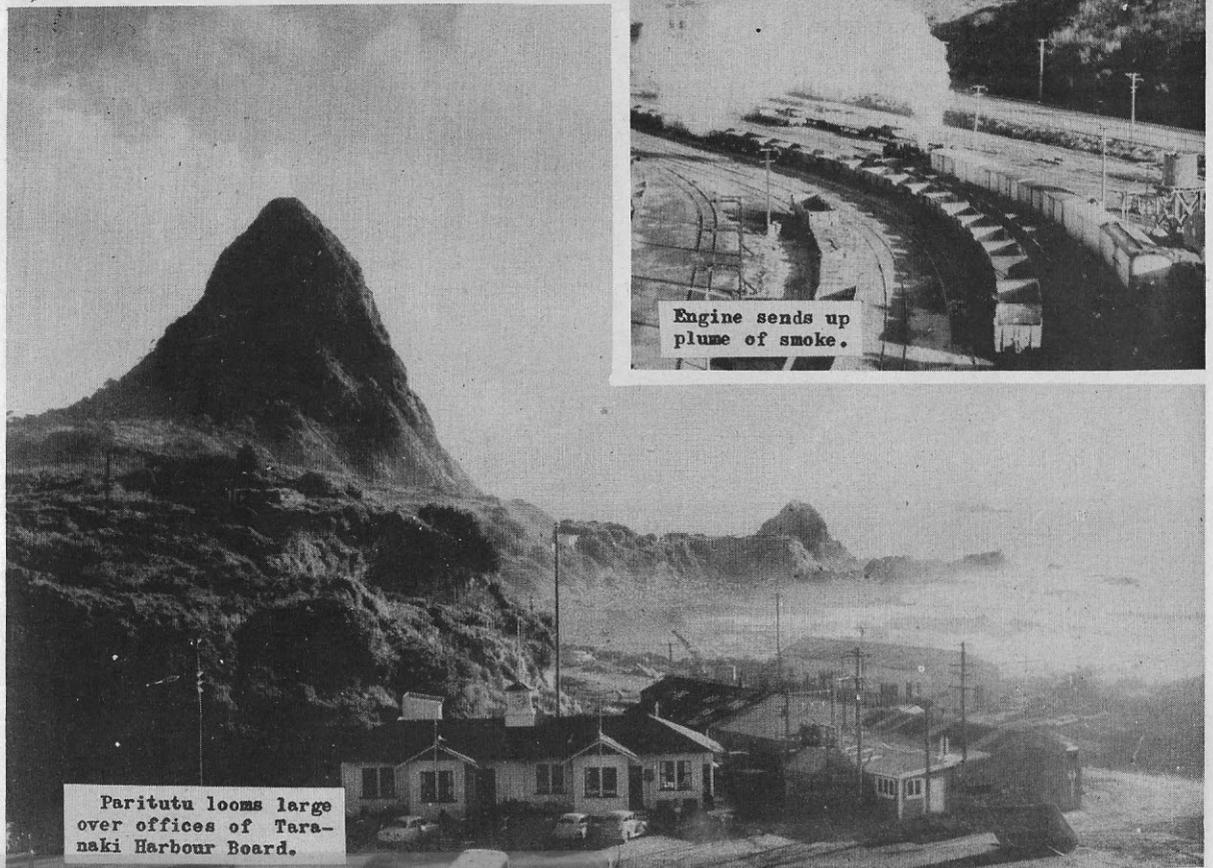
The climb to the top of the silos proved well worthwhile, for below was a busy scene of men, ships, and railway engines at work, all engaged in the important task of keeping active the province's most important link with the outside world.



Workmen engaged on silos job.



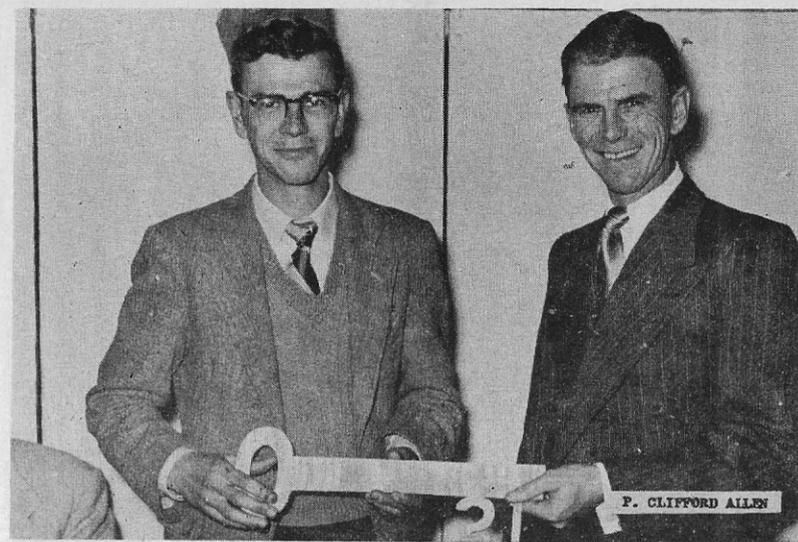
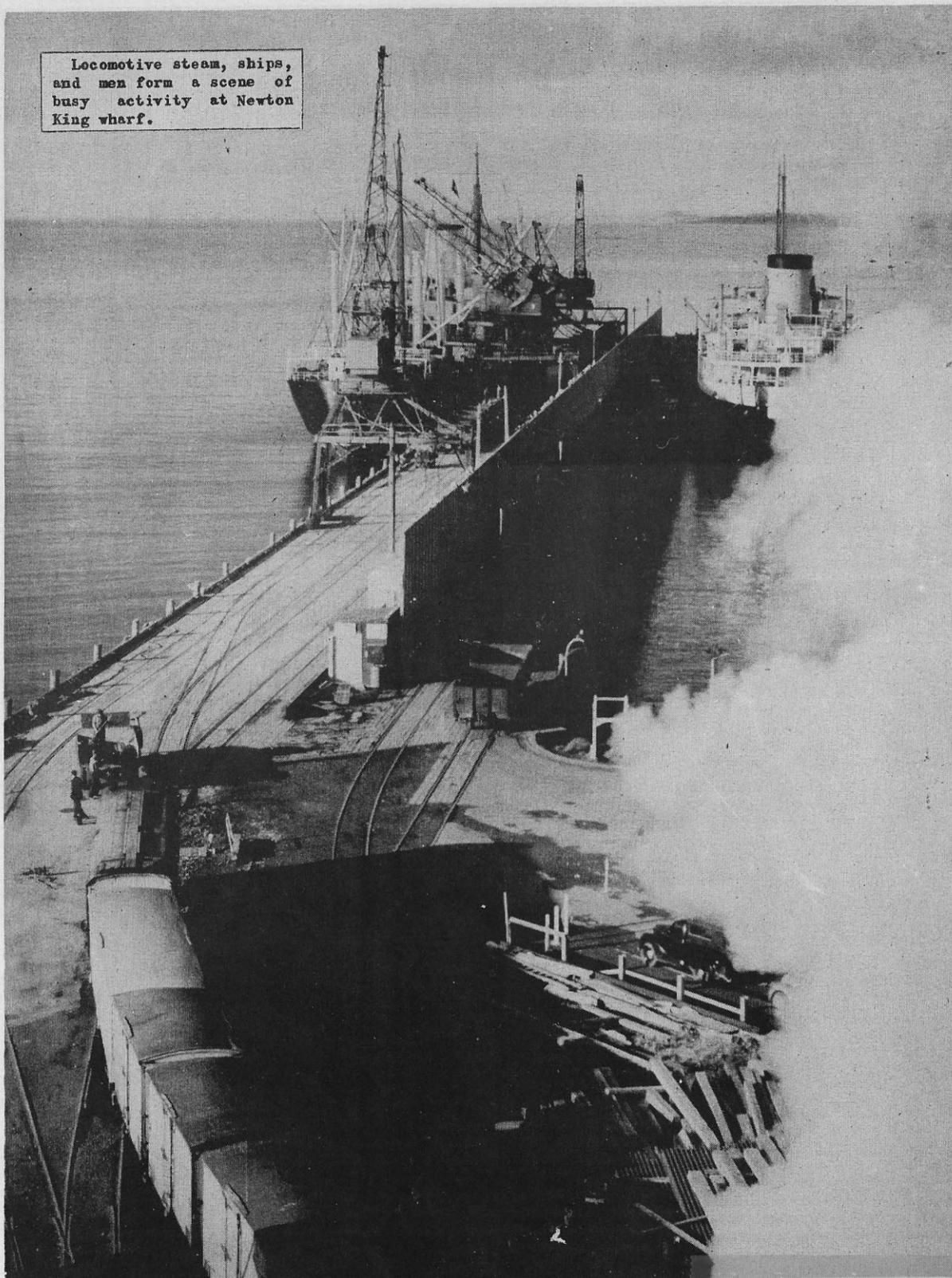
View over Ngamotu Beach shows new Yacht Club building under construction



Engine sends up plume of smoke.

Paritutu looms large over offices of Taranaki Harbour Board.

Locomotive steam, ships, and men form a scene of busy activity at Newton King wharf.



### *21st Birthdays*

Above:- Mr Peter Etheridge, of Waitara, receives the key at his 21st birthday party in the Brixton Hall from his elder brother, Mr A.Etheridge.

Right:- Miss Valerie Jones, daughter of Mr & Mrs P.Jones, Waitara, celebrating her coming of age.

Below left:- Mr Ray Riley, eldest son of Mr & Mrs R.J.Riley, Lemon St., New Plymouth, at his 21st-birthday party.

Below centre:- Miss V.Walker, daughter of Mr & Mrs L.Walker, of Sentry Hill, Waitara, celebrating in Huirangi Hall.

Below right:- Mr Richard Cardiff, elder son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Cardiff, Rawhiti St., New Plymouth.





Compere, Stella Hodgkiss



A smart frock for day wear.



Above:- Sonia Sisarich models an attractive cotton frock with jacket which can be converted from beach to cocktail wear.

Right:- Keitha Kielich in an apricot frock with satin trimmings and black accessories. The frock is suitable for both afternoon and evening wear.

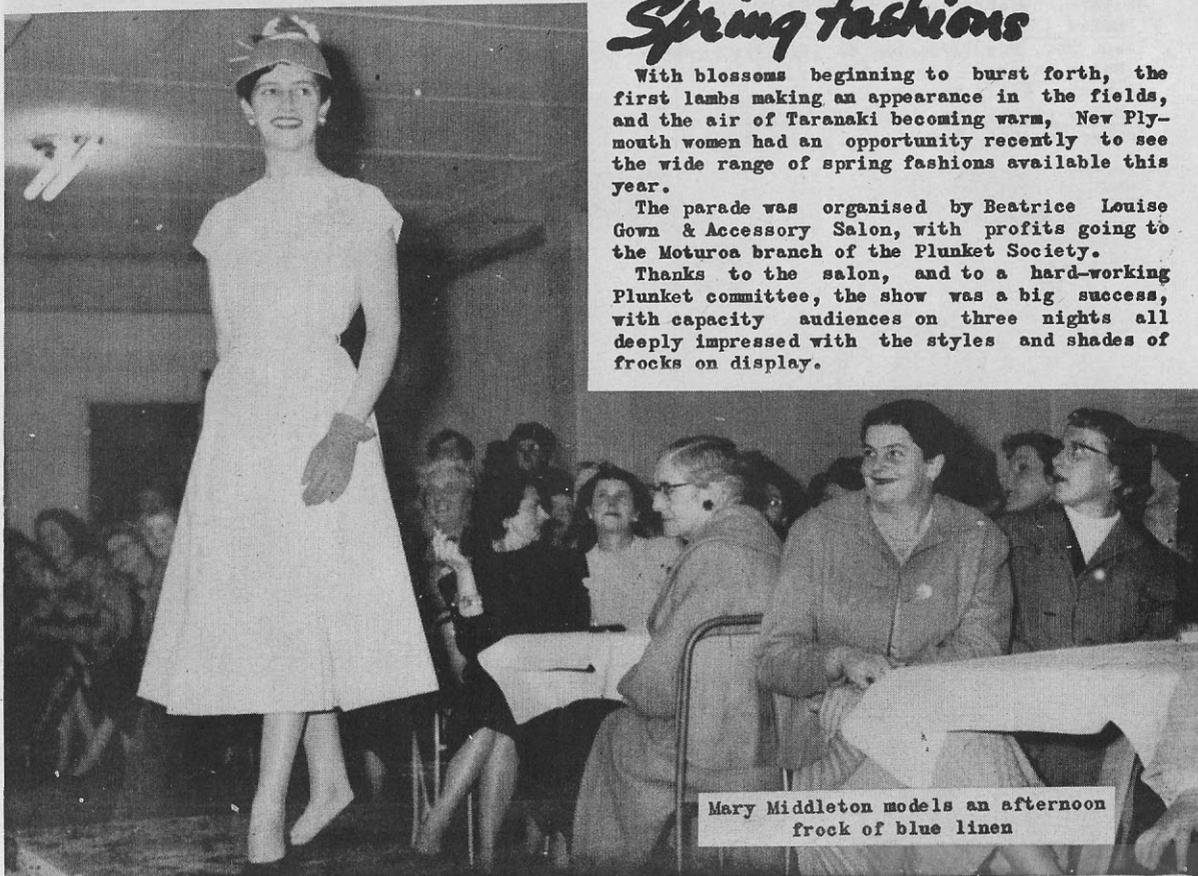
Below:- For the fuller figure, a smart afternoon or evening frock.

## Spring Fashions

With blossoms beginning to burst forth, the first lambs making an appearance in the fields, and the air of Taranaki becoming warm, New Plymouth women had an opportunity recently to see the wide range of spring fashions available this year.

The parade was organised by Beatrice Louise Gown & Accessory Salon, with profits going to the Moturoa branch of the Plunket Society.

Thanks to the salon, and to a hard-working Plunket committee, the show was a big success, with capacity audiences on three nights all deeply impressed with the styles and shades of frocks on display.



Mary Middleton models an afternoon frock of blue linen



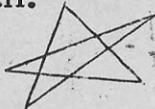


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## Married

**MUMBY-BETTERIDGE:**  
At the Anglican Church, Inglewood, Miss J. Betteridge, to Mr G.Mumby.

The reception was held in the Brixton Hall.



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FRIEND A  
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**Left:- SOLE-KING:** At St.Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Peggy Eleanor, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs H.J.King, 37 Cracroft St., to Keith, son of Mr and the late Mrs P.Sole, Bell Block.

Future home: Bell Block.

**Below:- FOLEY-VERCOE:** At St.Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Aileen Winifred, only daughter of Mr & Mrs L.T.Vercoc, 53 Dorset Avenue, to Jeremiah Francis, son of Mr & Mrs P.Foley, Aberdeen Road, Gisborne.

Future home: Porangahau.



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS



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## Proving Canaan

**Above:-** Only five o'clock and the bar doors closed! What goes on?

Reason for the unusually deserted scene outside the Urenui Hotel is that the licence expired and, due to an oversight, wasn't renewed.

So the bar doors will stay closed until the next sitting of the licensing committee.

Meanwhile the men of Urenui have to be content with tea, or dash through to Waitara for their "pint" after work.

**Left:-** Surrounded by a mass of paper here are Messrs F.S.Taylor and V.L.Reynolds. They were collecting it from the Inglewood High School to help raise funds for the "Greatest Show on Earth" carnival scheduled to be held on Sept. 28.

**Below:-** The burial of Lieutenant-Colonel G.F.Bertrand, O.B.E., E.D., at Te Henui cemetery, New Plymouth, recently was carried out with full military honours.

Below, the firing party is pictured about to fire a volley over the grave.



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Mr F. Snowden puts finishing touches to Elizabeth Shankland's make-up.

### MINSTREL SHOW

Novel entertainment in the form of a minstrel show, with a cast of enthusiastic youngsters, was staged recently by the junior league of the New Plymouth S.P.C.A.

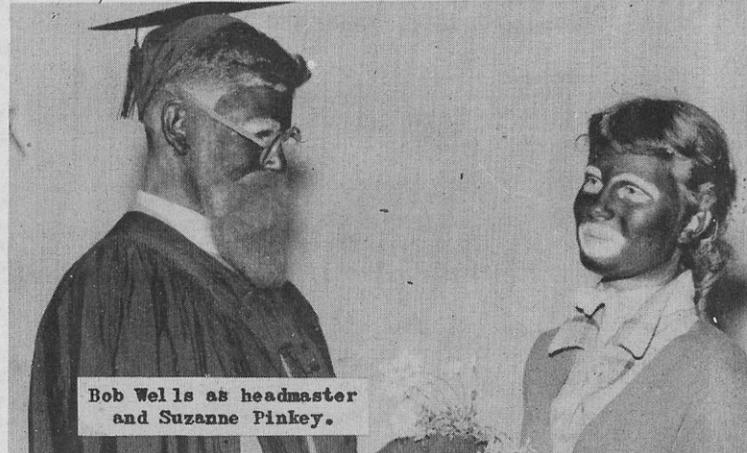
Organised by Mr and Mrs D. Outwin as a fund-raising idea for the league, the concert succeeded not only in building up some finance, but also in providing bright entertainment for the big audience which went to see it.

All the performers were school-age children.

The pictures on this and the following page are by Charters and Guthrie.



Gary Simmonds as "Mr Bones"



Bob Wells as headmaster and Suzanne Pinkey.



Francis Smith, Spencer Hunt, Trevor Simons, Brian Hagen, & Bruce Mottram.



Above:- Looking happy behind their black make-up are Marion Simmonds and Sandra Vincent.

Above right:- Pictured in this group are Brian Hagen & Spencer Hunt (background), Vivienne Bretherton, Ann Richards, Rae Crow, and Judith McCrone.

Right:- Rae Crow, Marion Simmonds, Judith McCrone, Pat Simmonds, & Bronwyn Rayward.



Performers on stage after the show



At Manukorihi Pa, Mr S.Waru provides traditional challenge to Fijians



Fijians with Rugby officials

### MAORI WELCOME TO THE MEN FROM FIJI

The people of Waitara took full opportunity of the Fijian Rugby team's Taranaki visit to demonstrate just how rousing a Maori welcome can be.

Under the leadership of Mr S. Pratt, the Waitara Young Maori Party League provided non-stop entertainment for 1½ hours.

The Fijians replied with several songs, and the programme ended with a hangi, which delighted the visitors.

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Concert party entertains with action song



Linda Jones



Bobby Clark



Wayne Dent

### BABIES RAISE FUNDS FOR WAITARA KINDERGARTEN

A group of nine smiling, healthy babies have brought the dream of a free Kindergarten for Waitara a big step nearer reality. When a committee thought up the idea of organising a baby competition as a fund-raising idea, the target set was £150. Instead, the contest brought in £830.

This means that the committee can now think in terms of a kindergarten building, instead of organising a free kindergarten in an existing hall.

A lot more money is still needed, but the committee is confident that the people of Waitara will put their weight behind the move.

Just for the record, top polling in the contest was achieved by Linda Jones, with Bobby Clark second.

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Rachael Parks



Craig O'Halloran



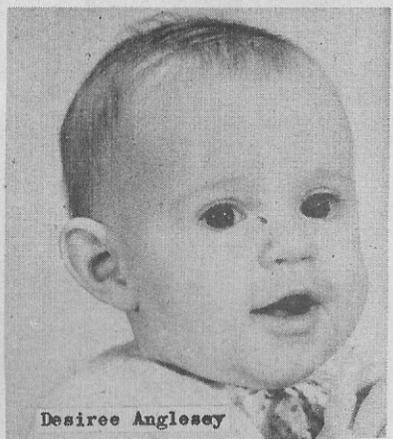
Kay Nichols



Kaye Lancaster



Catherine Pierard



Desiree Anglesey



## BEAUTIFUL NGAMOTU LINKS ARE GOLFERS'S PARADISE

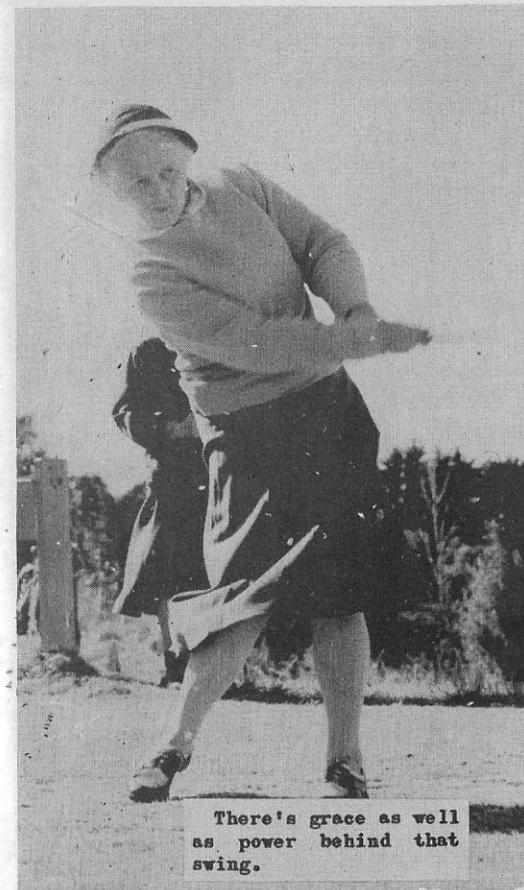
Beautiful panoramas, seascapes, and mountain views are so common in Taranaki that local residents are inclined to take them for granted. But visitors to New Plymouth who call at the Ngamotu links for a round of golf are always profoundly impressed by the breath taking scenes which open out before them.

Fringed on one side by the blue Tasman, and with snow-capped Mount Egmont dominating the scene on the other, the Ngamotu links provide a double vista which must be unique for golf courses anywhere in the world.

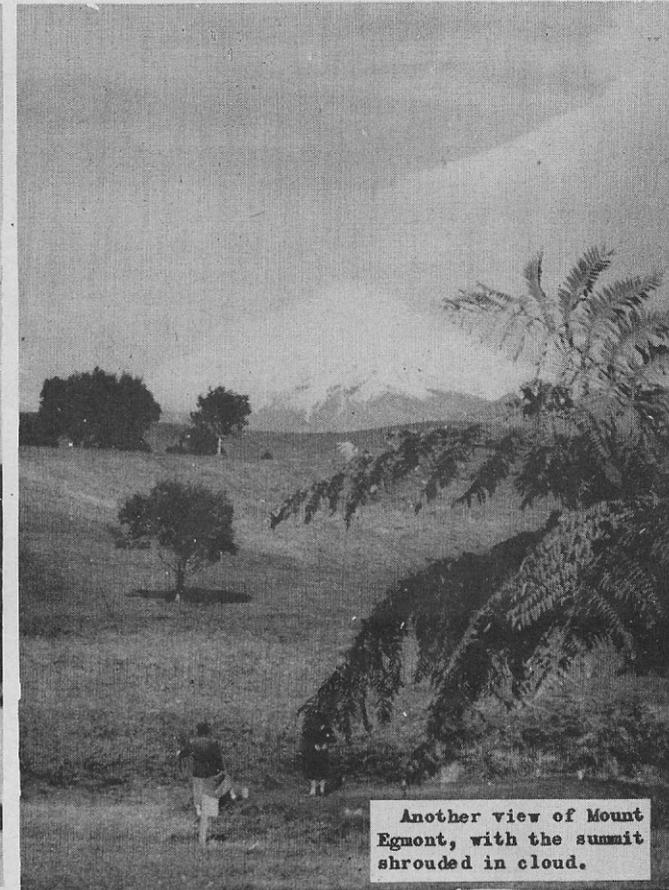
A Photo Newsmen who called at the links to photograph golfers, soon found himself preoccupied with the scenery instead.

Above: Trees and mountain provide a picturesque setting as golfer tees off.

Below: Paritutu is visible on the horizon in this view from the sand dunes.



There's grace as well as power behind that swing.



Another view of Mount Egmont, with the summit shrouded in cloud.



Small pond enhances this view of the links