



Arbor Day Planting

Take a look at the picture above. We feel a bit ashamed of printing this, as these people represent the "vast crowd" who attended the Arbor Day planting at the Waiwaka reserve. When we think of it, it does seem a pitifully small number of civic-minded people who went along to help beautify this corner of the city, particularly when we have another 29,000 odd citizens who could have made the effort. This gathering was conspicuous by the absence of many of the more prominent citizens. Just as a suggestion to the Parks and Reserves Committee, it might be an idea to get the Taranaki Football team to come along to plant trees. We can then be assured of a far greater number of "interested" citizens.



Mayor Honnor showed the way when he planted the first tree.

Mrs C.V.St.George, president of the Taranaki Women's Bowling Centre, went up to the ankles in mud to get one of the many fine shrubs planted.



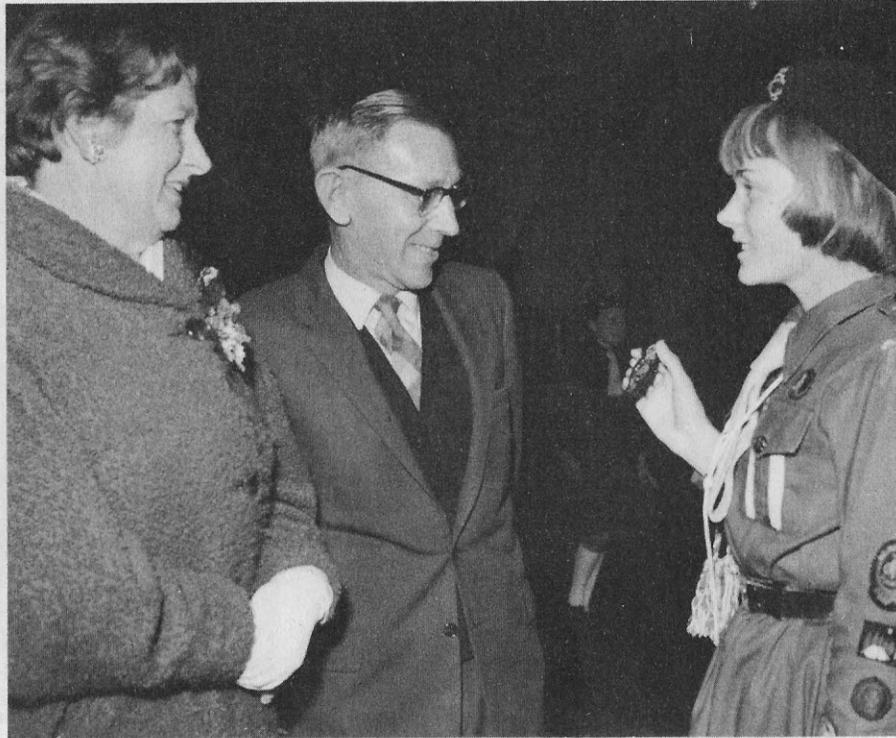
Above, left: A party of pupils from the New Plymouth Girls' High School helped with the planting of some of the hundreds of trees and shrubs at the Waiwaka gully. They took their turns on the end of the spade, and did a grand job.

Above, right: The few had a hard task to complete this mammoth job of making a wilderness into what will be one of the prettiest corners of the city.

Below, left: President of the Waiwaka Women's Bowling Club, whose property adjoins this reserve, is helped with her planting by Mr. W.A. Dean, the deputy mayor.

Below, right: Young Ross Ormiston did his part, in planting some of the smaller shrubs, ably assisted by his father.





A Queen's Guide Is Honoured

Sixteen-year-old Margaret Dingle, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.R.Dingle, Carrington Street, New Plymouth, recently reaped the reward of five arduous years as a Girl Guide, when she was presented with the Queen's Guide badge at a special function for her, given by her own company, the Huatoki troop. A patrol leader in the Huatoki company for the past three years, Margaret has had to gain a number of badges during that time.

Above, left: Margaret proudly displays the Queen's badge to our photographer, and above, right, she shows her parents, Mr and Mrs H.R.Dingle.

Below: The whole of the Huatoki company plus as many more visiting guides paid choral tribute to the honour Margaret had gained for herself and her troop.



A lively social evening marked the presentation of badges and awards to members of the Huatoki Guide Company recently. Visiting guides from every other company in New Plymouth were guests of the Huatoki group.

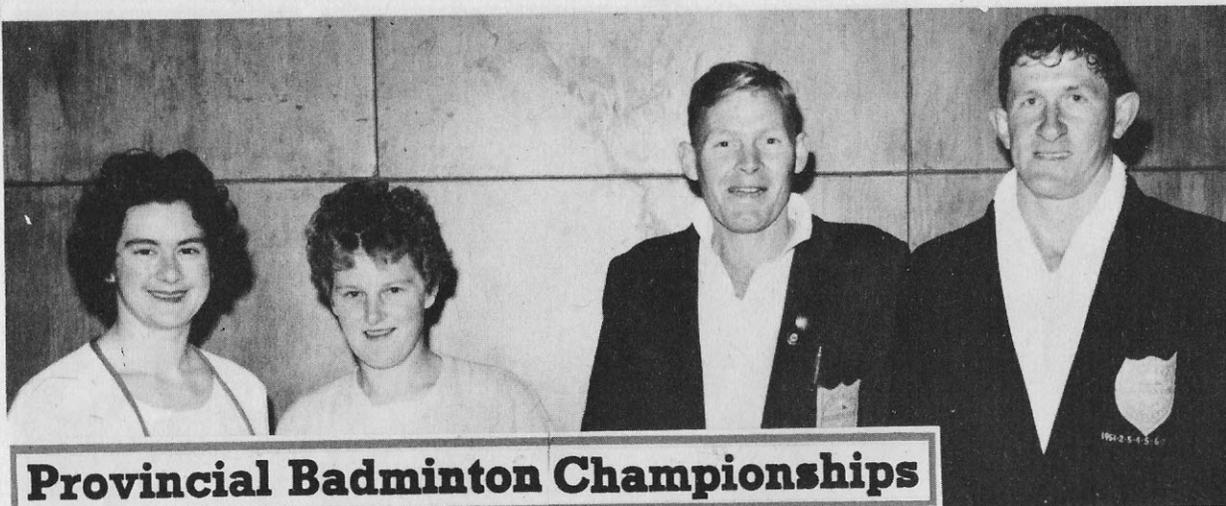
Above, left: Mrs Cassie McIvor is helped over the egg shells in a game that made the audience burst their sides with laughter, above, right.

Right: Four senior guides who were presented with their all-round cords, Jocelyn Maine, Yvonne Black, Meryl Carmichael and Margaret Dingle.

Below: District Commissioner Mrs M.Kitchingman presents the Queen's Badge to Margaret Dingle.

Below, right: Guests from the Mananui company mingle with their hosts for supper.





Provincial Badminton Championships

Entries were down a trifle, but the competition was nevertheless keen in the recently concluded Taranaki Badminton championships, held in the spacious Stratford Memorial Hall.

Above: A Grade champions. From left, Gilda Tompkins, ladies singles, combined and ladies doubles winner, Dawn Wallis, ladies doubles winner, Owen Clegg, men's singles and men's doubles winner, and Alan Telfer, men's doubles winner.

Below: B Grade champions. From left, Brian Officer and Dave Moorhead, men's doubles winners, Gilbert Sorrensen and Mary Leadbetter, combined champs, Judith Purser, who won the ladies' doubles with Mary Leadbetter, Judy Clegg, women's singles winner, and her brother Ian Clegg, who won the men's singles event.

Bottom: C Grade winners. From left, Keith Sarten and Don Jury, men's doubles, Frances Booker and Lillian Garrard, ladies' doubles winners, Karen Burwell, ladies' singles, Jim Nickel, men's singles.



Married

Right: CARR-TELFER.
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, N.P., Relda Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Telfer, N.P., to Benjamin, only son of Mrs M.C. Carr, Hawera. Matron of honour was Barbara McKeown, N.P., and the best man was Trevor Hobbs, Hawera. Future home, Hawera.

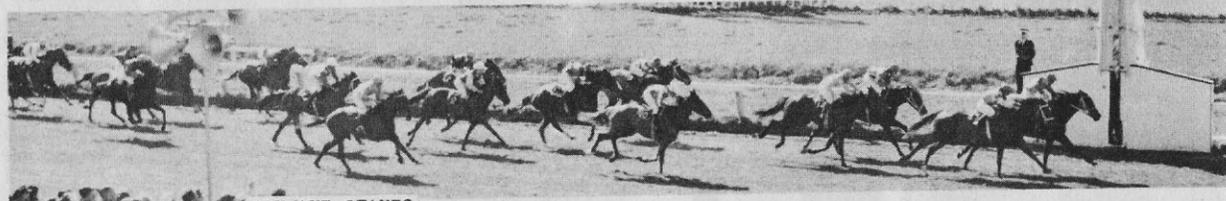
Below: NAGLE-FABISH.
At the Fitzroy Catholic Church, Lynette Alexis, second daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Fabish, N.P., to Wallace John, second son of Mr and Mrs T.W. Nagle, N.P. Bridesmaids were Patricia Nagle and Thelma Bignal, both N.P. Best man was Willy Nagle, and the groomsmen were Tommy Nagle. Kathleen Egar was the flower-girl. Future home will be New Plymouth.



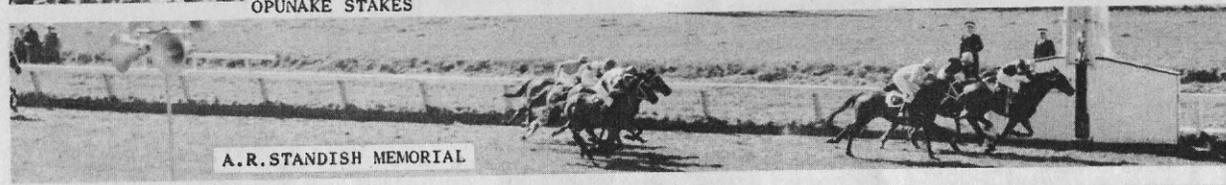
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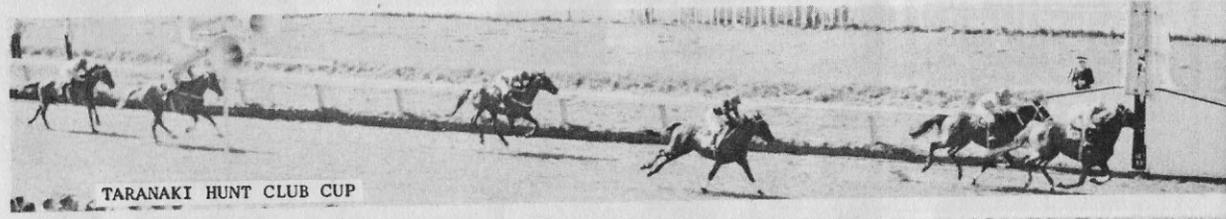
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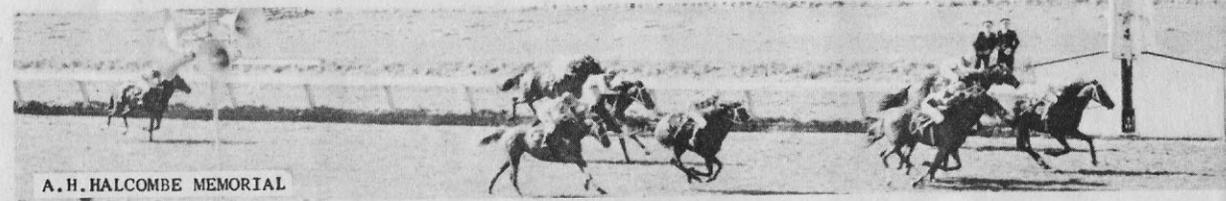
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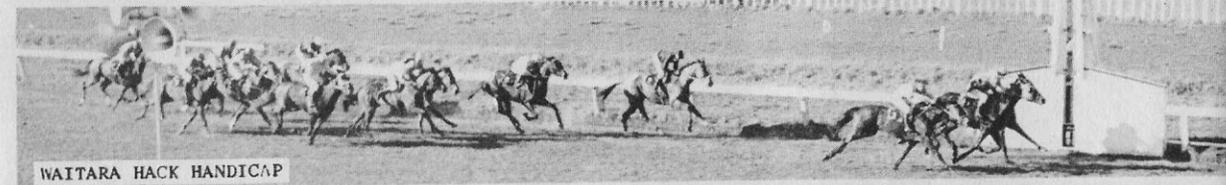
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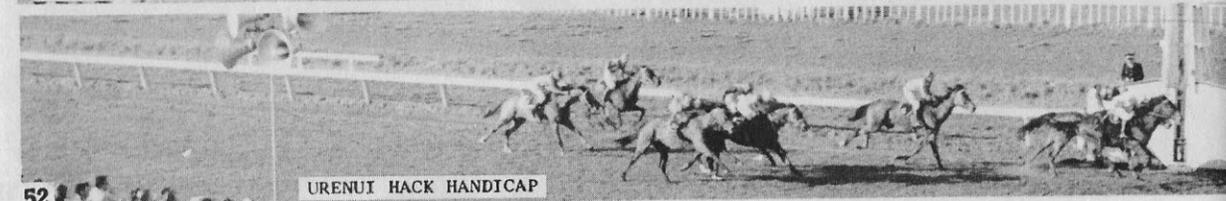
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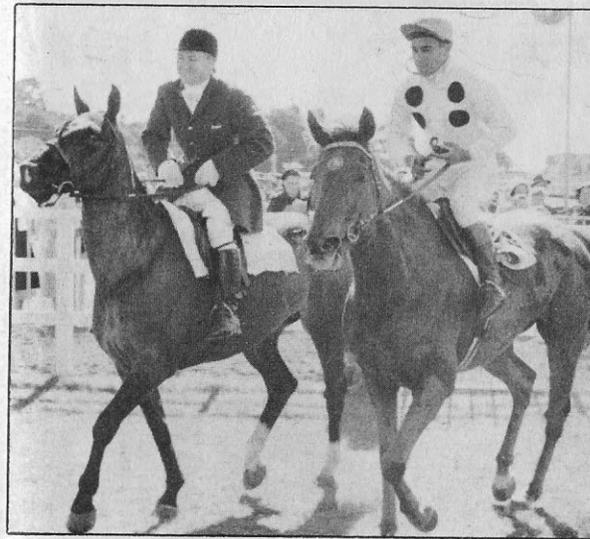
STRATFORD HANDICAP (OPEN)



WAITARA HACK HANDICAP



URENUI HACK HANDICAP



CANDIDS AT THE RACES

Above, left: Taranaki Hunt Club Cup winner returns to the birdcage after his victory in the event, accompanied by Jack Peterson.

Left: On such a fine day, it was nice to sit in the sun between races and enjoy the bright spring weather.

Above: Interest was shown with the horses by Robin Bayliss and Noel Horton, both of New Plymouth, as they strolled round the stalls.

Below: The tote, as usual, did a brisk trade.





N.P.G.H.S. Music Festival

As is always the case, the pupils of the New Plymouth Girls' High School gave a very creditable performance at their annual Music Festival. Unfortunately, their festival was to clash with that at another school, and consequently, the attendance was not as good as it has been in the past.



Celebrations

Above, left: Lindsay Deare poses with his mother and father, Mr and Mrs K.Deare, and sister Barbara, on the occasion of his 21st birthday celebrations.

Above: Mr Tom Portway, Lemon Street, New Plymouth, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday at the home of his daughter.

Far left: Mr and Mrs Tom McElroy, Devon Street East, New Plymouth, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Left: Betty and Bruce, twin son and daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H.Andrews, Tikorangi, had two cakes celebrating their 21st birthday.



Group of cobbers

Kaimiro Fancy Dress



Group of revellers



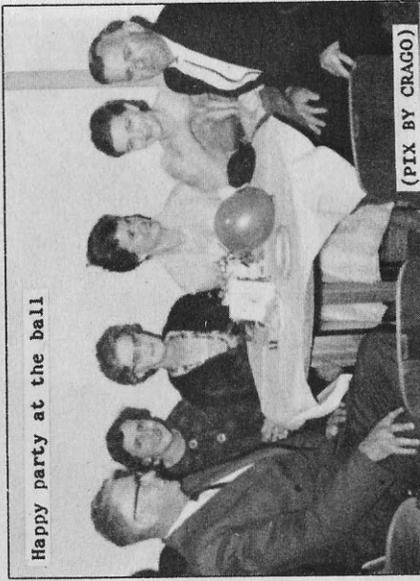
Dancing by the pupils

The Kaimiro school recently held their annual fancy dress ball. Every pupil was a starter for this popular event. And as usual, the costumes were simply, fabulous.

20th Century Club Cabaret

The 20th Century Club recently held their annual cabaret, when a full house was evidence of the popularity of these functions. The evening was in every way a true cabaret ball, with dances interspersed with items of local, but very good talent.

Happy party at the ball



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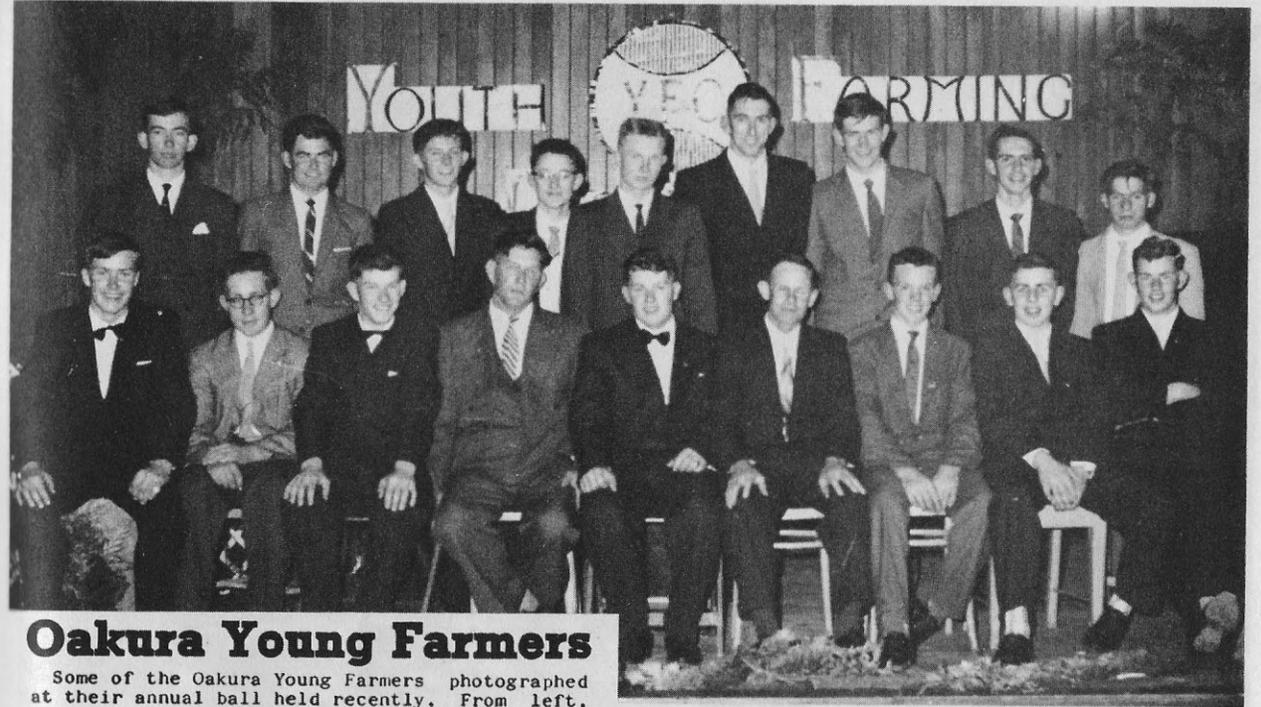
They only sat between dances



Bandsmen in deep conversation



N.P. Ballroom Club dancers gave an exhibition



Oakura Young Farmers

Some of the Oakura Young Farmers photographed at their annual ball held recently. From left, back row, Dan Penwarden, Keith Looney, Milton Green, Neil Staveley, Harvey Krutz, Don Wilson, Len Jury, Tom Larkin and Ray Erikson. Front row, Cliff Pease, John Marsh, Murray Pease, Walton Hamill, Staveley Pease, Maurrie Morris, Neil Cottam, Bobby Drake and Allen Drake.

Coming of Age

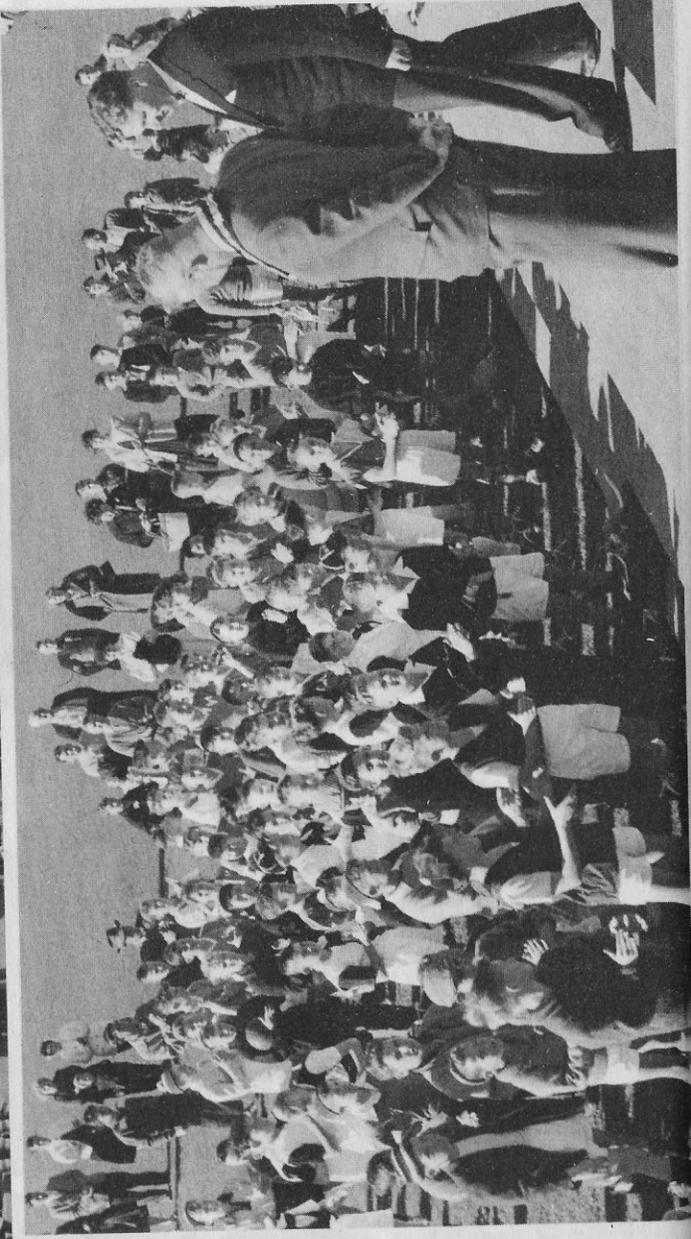
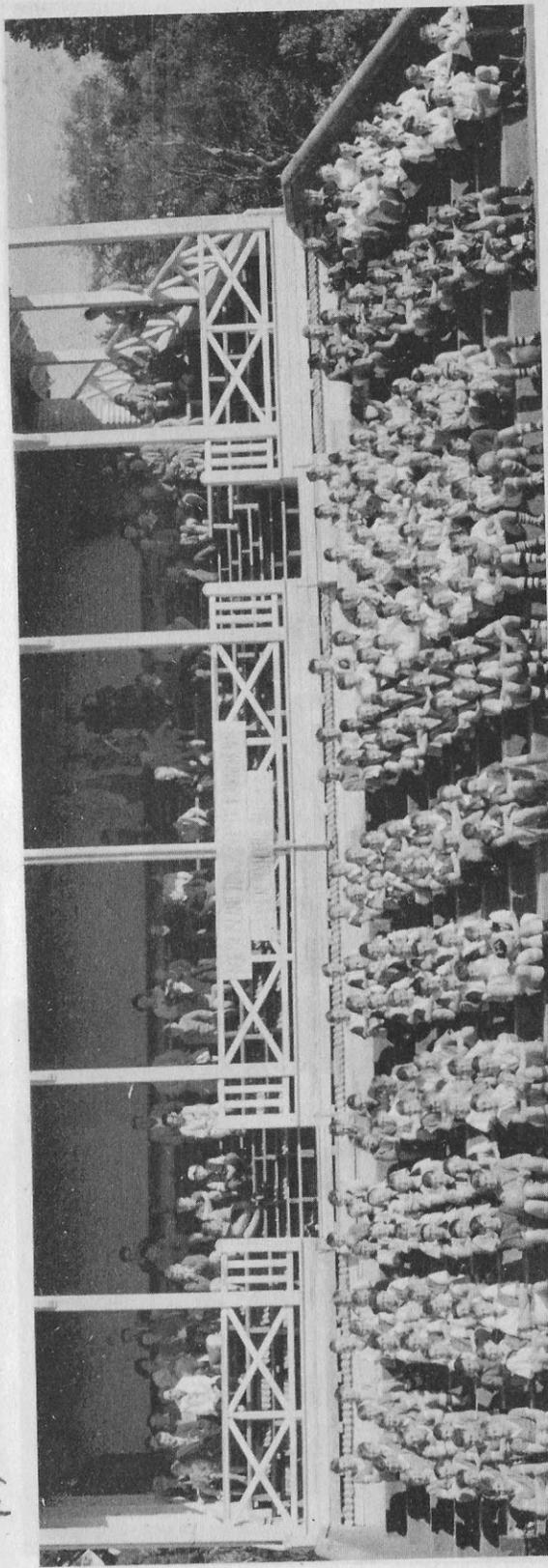
Below: Tony, fifth son of Mrs D.M.McDermott, N.P., celebrates with his mother, Mr P.Roberts and his sister Kathleen.

Right: Robert Joseph (Bobbie), youngest son of Mr and Mrs W.A.Cave, N.P. is photographed on the occasion of his 21st birthday with his mother and father.

Below, right: Colin, third son of Mr and Mrs G.Harvey, N.P. displays the key given him on his 21st birthday recently.

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N.I. Soccer Tourney For Under 12's

The first day of the school holidays was the signal for the start of the North Island Under 12's Soccer Tourney. Twelve teams took part, from all parts of the North Island, including Wellington and Auckland, with one team travelling from the Bay of Plenty. The tournament got away to a good start with the weather, which for the occasion was perfect in every way. The Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr. A.G. Honnor, officially opened the tourney, below, when he spoke to the boys who wished them all good luck.

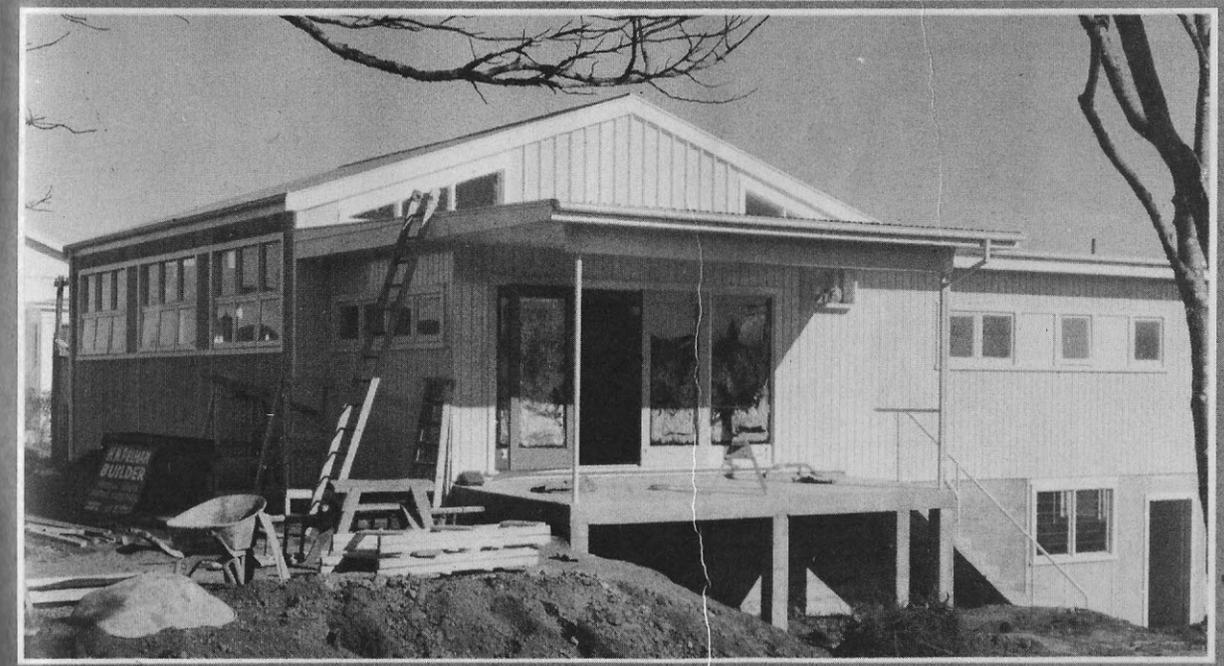


Merriland Boys' Club Team

Above: Here's a team of young footballers who are showing signs of championship form lately. The team was formed, not too long ago, out of the membership of the Merrilands Boys Club, which at that time was fairly small. With the growth of the district, more and more youngsters are joining the club, and making their football team one to be reckoned with. More members are still wanted and any fond parent who wants to see his boy in a good club should send him along to Merrilands. All sports are catered for, and the boys are under expert supervision.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL AT WESTOWN

The new St. David's Presbyterian Church Hall has got to the final stages now, and only the clearing of the grounds and the interior painting has to be done, before the official opening and dedication, which is due to take place in the very near future. The hall is situated on the corner of Tukapo Street and Omata Road, Westown.





Fancy Dress At Woodleigh School

We always like to go along to the Woodleigh School fancy dress ball. Firstly because the costumes are so bright and colourful, and secondly because the children always present items that appeal to us. This year, the Queen's Hall was packed to capacity with both children and their parents for this annual function.

The primers were completely confident as they danced their way through the evening.



Two of the younger ones acted as bunnies



Smiling faces were the order on this happy occasion



Barnardo Appeal Opened

A well-supported table display was recently opened at Stratford by the high commissioner for Canada, the Hon. G.R. Heasman, in a district appeal for funds for the Dr. Barnardo's Homes. There were 22 tables, entered by nearly every organisation in and around Stratford.

Above: The official party at the opening of this display. From left, Miss Roach (NZ organiser), Mr. Hutchen (county chairman), the High Commissioner, the mayor of Stratford, Mr. Boon, Mrs. Heasman and town clerk, Mr. Grace.



Kay Ballantyne makes her contribution in the box on the Rotary table



Mrs I. Major favoured the table display of the Baptist Women's League



Margaret and John Coplestone (Pukengahu) fell in love with the display by the Wharehuia Wolf Cup pack.



Auckland swarmed round the ball, but it didn't keep the BHS out of the game

N.P.B.H.S. Beat Strong Auckland Grammar XV.

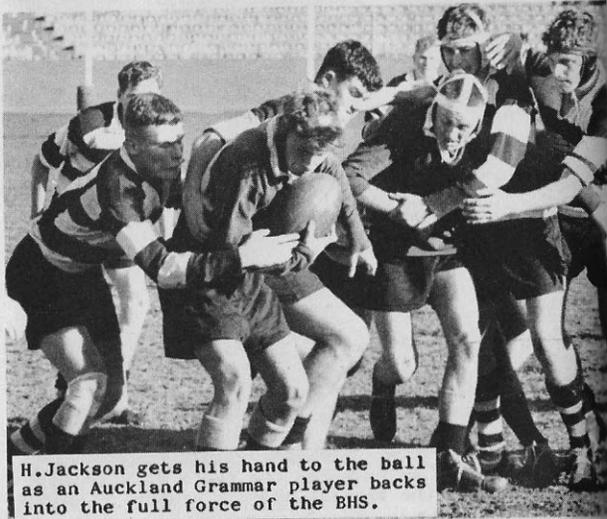
It doesn't seem to matter what sort of reputation their opponents have, the Boys' High seem to take them all in their stride on the football field. The Auckland Grammar were well and truly beaten by our virile high school team. Though the visitors did not like the brand of football the home team dished up, we thought it was a case of sour grapes, as our boys were superior in every department.



BHS tackling was good, as displayed here by Cyril Henderson



Garbett and Cyril Henderson pounce on the Auckland full-back

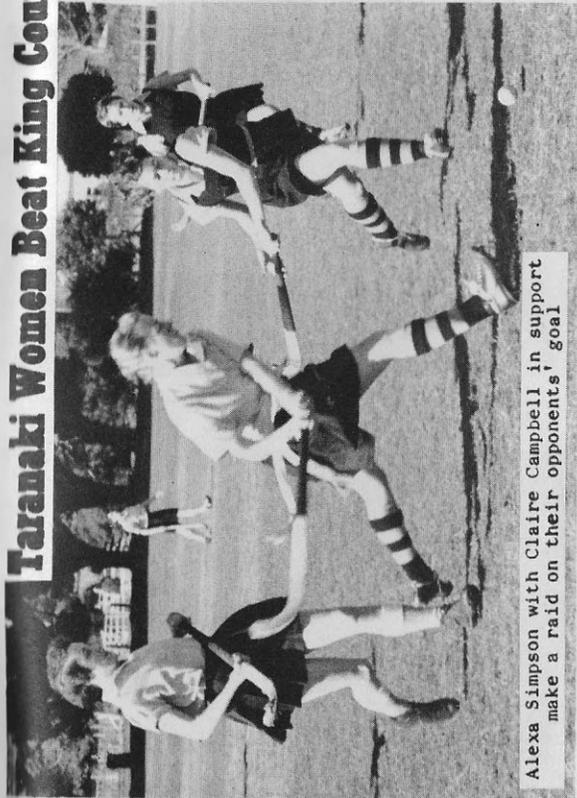


H. Jackson gets his hand to the ball as an Auckland Grammar player backs into the full force of the BHS.

Taranaki Women Beat King Country



Margaret Willmshurst battles on her own to get past the King Country goalie

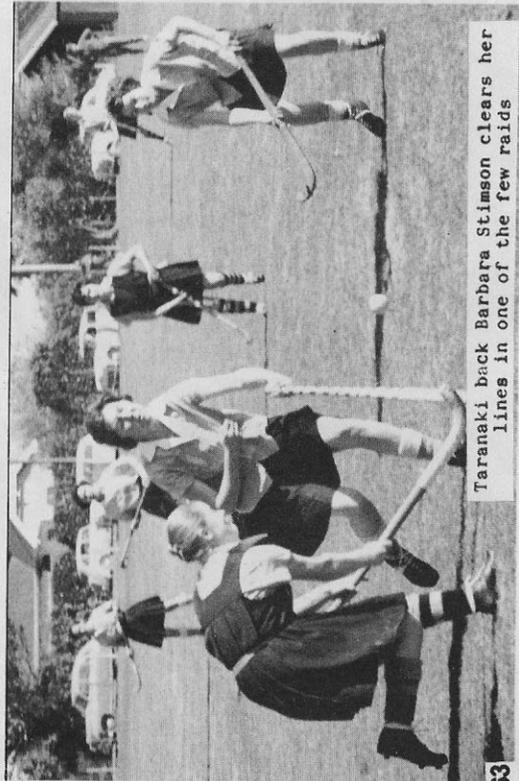


Alexia Simpson with Claire Campbell in support make a raid on their opponents' goal

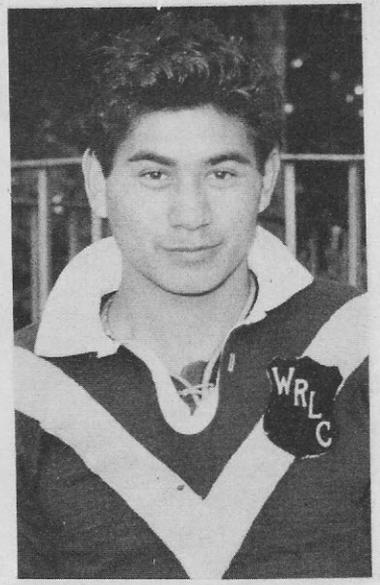
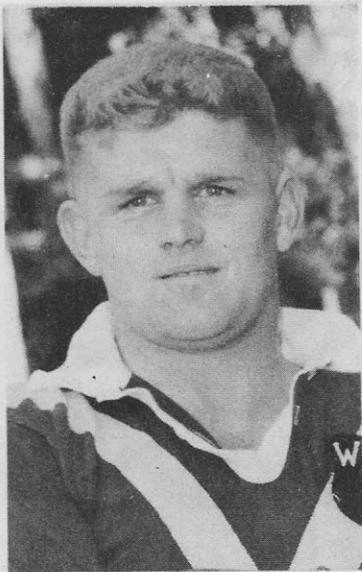
Played at Clifton Park on a Sunday, the Taranaki rep side decisively beat the touring King Country team to the tune of 6 goals to 5. Our girls seem to be covering themselves with glory this season. They play hard and fast hockey, almost as hard as do the men. Their training has been an asset to them, as they play, too, like a well-drilled team.



Margaret Willmshurst and Cushla Sullivan are on hand to make sure the ball went in the net

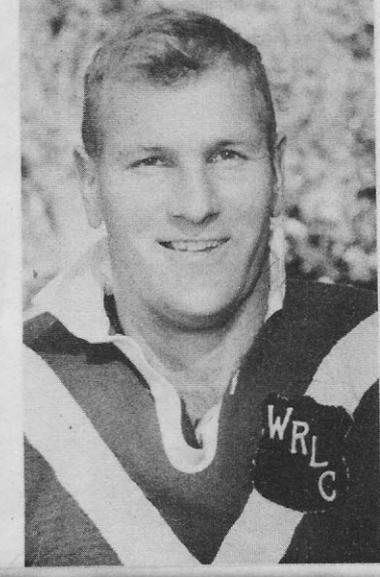
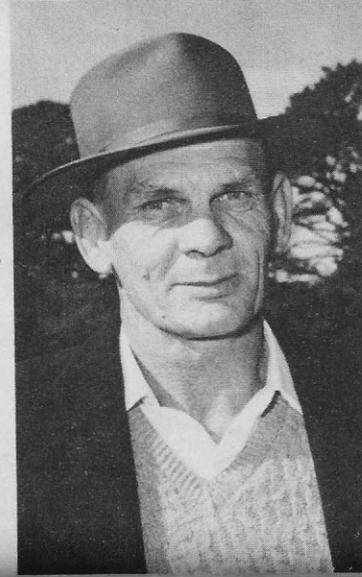
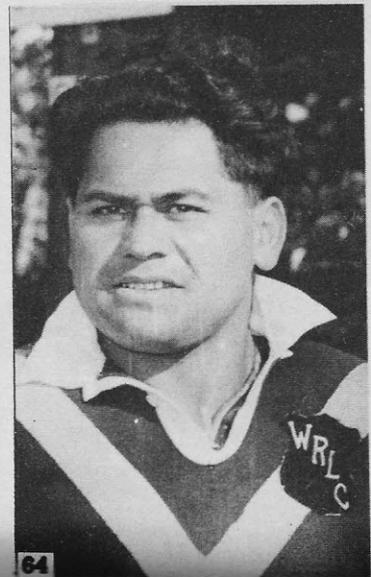


Taranaki back Barbara Stimson clears her lines in one of the few raids



Rugby League Representatives

Here are some of the stalwart players who will be representing the province in Auckland in the near future. Above, from left, A. Isaacs (Marist), M. Whittington (Waterside), M. Wood (Waterside), captain, W. Southern (Waterside). Below, from left: J. Broughton (Waterside), Lex Lewis, the sole selector, R. Southern (Waterside) and K. Peters (Waterside).



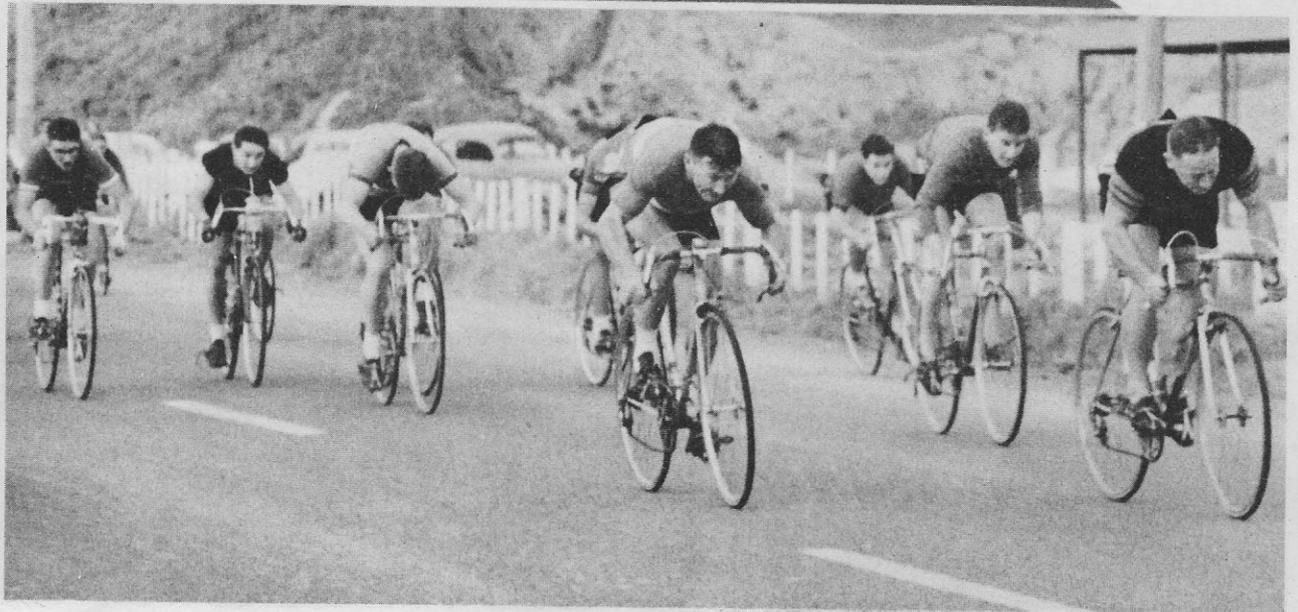
Open "50" Was Great Race For E. Scott

The open 50-mile race run by the N.P. Amateur Cycling Club proved a tough race, with some very strong riders in the scratch bunch. But it proved to be one of the best performances of veteran E. Scott, who won by a wheel. Riding off the 12-minute mark, he showed his superior stamina in the closing stages.

Right: E. Scott wins by a wheel in a very exciting finish.

Above, left: Riders on the front mark get started.

Above, right: The strong scratch bunch get under way in this gruelling 50-miler.



How to Become A Nigger Minstrel



We found this out at the Hawera Intermediate School's Music Festival, by sneaking into the make-up room. There we found teacher Barbara Bayliss applying the grease-paint to Gwenda Ogle. First you need white for the eyes and mouth, above, then with a steady hand, you get the outline of the black on, above, centre. And after a couple of coats of jet you get a finished product above, right, that is both black and white. We thought the effect was perfect, and took this close-up of Gwenda so that she can see herself as we saw her. Pretty, ain't she?

Right: Ten sticks of grease-paint later, the minstrels performed with credit to the delight of the audience.



Spring Has Arrived

Though the weather has been a bit unseasonable, the signs are that Spring has arrived. Our picture, taken along Mangorei road, not three miles from the chief post office, is proof that the warmer days of summer are only just around the corner.