



Above: Headmaster Mr Simpson, gives the Kaponga school choir last-minute instructions prior to their appearance at the school pantomime, Dick Whittington.



Above, right: Savages, who were well made-up, appear to be plunging their home-made spears into a poor white man.

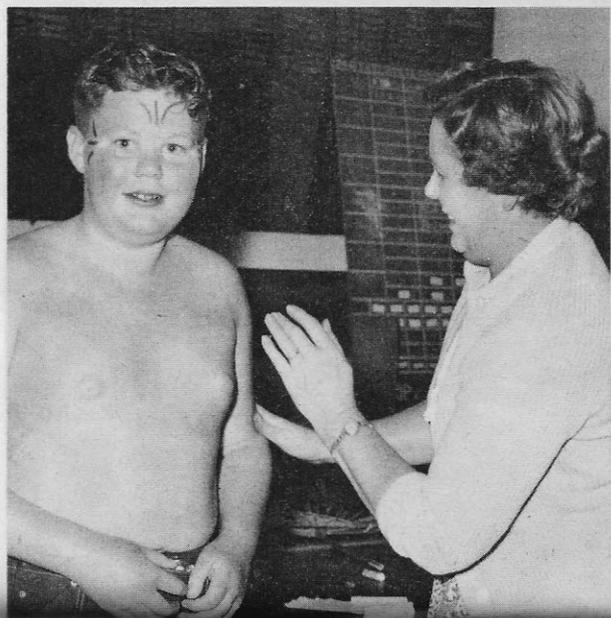
Below: Elves of the show were, from left, Melvin Rowe, Mark Hollard, Donald Glossop, Mervyn Clark, Alan McCallum, and Jeffrey Kirkus.

Below, right: Ventriloquist John Allen was popular with the group of fairies.



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**Above, left:** Now what a pretty group of fairies are these who performed so well at the Kaponga schools' pantomime "Dick Whittington" recently. They were so well trained that they performed just like professionals.

**Above, right:** Five of the principal characters in Dick Whittington, who played their parts to perfection.

**Left:** Peter Blake, a warrior in the making, is helped with his war-paint by one of the many assisting parents, Mrs Holland.

**Right:** Even the primer classes had their part in the show, when they performed a bracket of songs taught at school.



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**GOLDEN WEDDING**

**Above:** Mr and Mrs F.H. Barnitt, 488 Devon Street East, New Plymouth, who recently celebrated their golden wedding.

**N.P. CADET NURSES**

**Above, left:** The New Plymouth Cadet Nursing Division, photographed with the cups won during the recent Taranaki Cadet competitions. Back row from left: Francis Tree, Helen Fraser, Faye Hill, and Pat Hadland; front row: Lynne Hall, Florence Urquhart, Carole George (cadet superintendent), Sylvie Vevers and Janet Tree.



**MARRIED**

**Left: VAN WYNBERGEN-ROWE.** At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Waitara, Beverley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.M. Rowe, Brixton, to John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Van Wynbergen, Holland. The bridesmaids were Verley Muir, Brixton, and Lesley Andrews, Huirangi. Max Rowe, Brixton, and Graeme Rowe, Brixton, both brothers of the bride were the male attendants. The flowergirls were Margaret Bruynel and Janet Ayles. Future home, Inglewood.



## *Coming of Age*

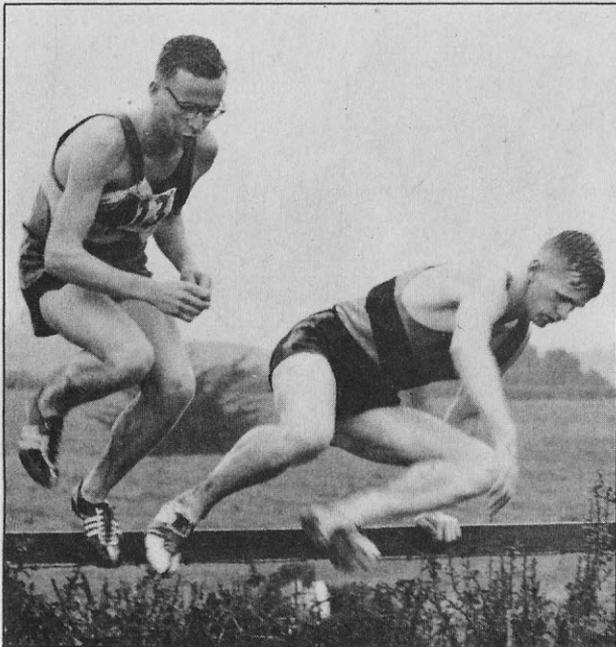
Above, left: Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Mangino, Eltham, seen here with her mother and father on the occasion of her 21st birthday party.

Above, right: Glenn and Ian, twin sons of Mr and Mrs R. Johnson, Stratford, celebrated their 21st birthdays recently at the home of their sister Mrs P. Hill, Huinga.

Left: Allen, son of Mr and Mrs "Snow" Drake, Oakura, is shown here with sister Sandra at the cake-cutting ceremony of his 21st birthday held recently.

Right: Don, only son of Mr and Mrs A. West, NP, gets a helping hand with the cake-cutting from a friend, Bobby Fricker, who came from Auckland for the party.





## W.C.N.I. Harrier Champs

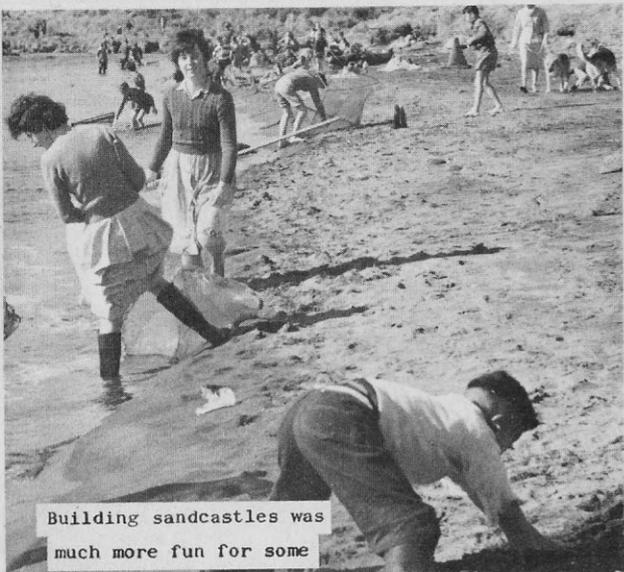
In conditions that can only be described as ideal, the local club recently conducted the WCNI harrier championships over the Hurworth course. The senior event proved to be one of the most thrilling and evenly-contested races ever witnessed, when Brian Rose, running in his first senior event, matched champion E.O'Keefe step for step over the whole of the 6½-mile course, and only just failed to win by inches. In a gallant last-stride bid, Brian Rose collapsed over the line from sheer exhaustion.

Above, left: Brian Rose and E.O'Keefe went over all the fences together, for the entire course, as seen in this picture.

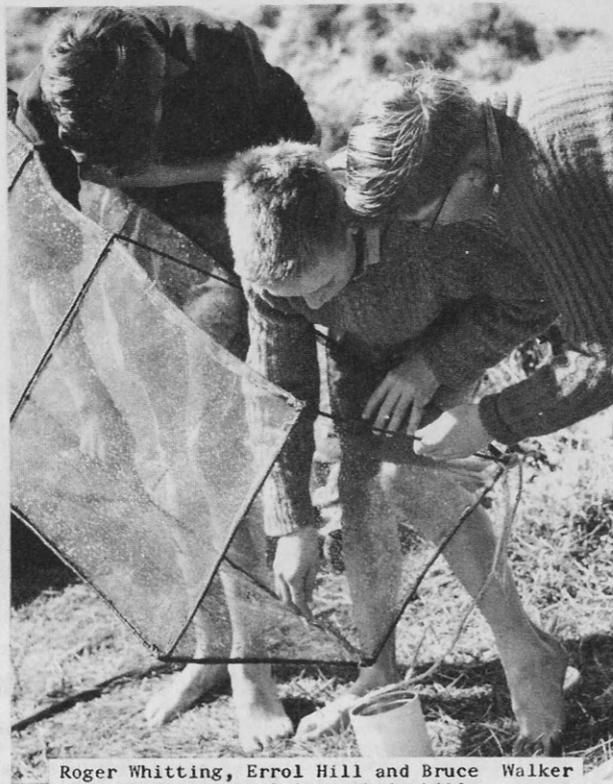
Above, right: H.Wilson and G.Dravitski went a long way around the course together, with Wilson finishing fourth and Dravitski fifth.

Below: One of the largest senior fields seen for a long time takes the first fence in a bunch.





Building sandcastles was much more fun for some



Roger Whitting, Errol Hill and Bruce Walker empty a shoal into their billy

## The Whitebait Are Running

Now that the kids are on holiday from school the whitebait down the Waiwhakaiho river are getting a fair thrashing. We went down recently, and the place was crawling with children with nets. Fortunately they were running, and some of the kids got a fair share, at least enough for a couple of fritters.



Whitebaiters for as far as the eye could see



Two of the youngsters chase the little fish upstream



## Woodleigh School Fancy Dress

Held at the Queen's hall, the Woodleigh school's annual fancy dress ball, was, as in past years, a huge success. Here is a chance for the parents to view their offspring under the guidance of the teachers, when they perform dances to the delight of all. All the youngsters on this page seem to be enjoying themselves, as they sit on the floor between dances.





## Wedding Bells

DAVID PAUL, HAWERA

Above: SLOAN-JESSON. At the Methodist Church, Hawera, Patricia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.P. Jesson, Hawera, to Gary, son of Mr and Mrs T.Sloan, Wellington. The bridesmaids were Robyn Jesson, Nelson, a sister of the bride, and Patricia Sloan, Wellington, a sister of the groom. The best man was John Seymour, Wellington, and the groomsman Bill Davidson. Future home, Wainui-o-mata.

Below: WOOLCOTT-CAMERON. At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs I.R.Cameron, New Plymouth, to Les, only son of Mrs G.Woolcott, Middlesex, England. The bridesmaids were twin sisters of the bride, Joy and Carole Cameron, N.P. Best man was Jim Chambers, N.P. and the groomsman was David McPherson, N.P. Future home, Hawera.



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## The Changing Face Of New Plymouth City

Above: We can't quite figure the date of this old photograph of Devon Street, taken from the Brougham street corner, but our guess is that it was taken somewhere about 1910, or even earlier. It is in sharp contrast to the photograph below, which was taken only recently. Gone are the handsome cabs, the pot-holes, and horse-manure, though we can pick out something that is most irksome to photographers today. That is the ugly power poles. They certainly do help to make the general appearance untidy.

We will be publishing, from time to time, some old photographs of New Plymouth and district, and if any of our readers have any old pictures of interest, would they please let us know, so that we can see them, and possibly use them for publication.





Above: The New Plymouth railway station in the year 1896. Quite a different skyline from the photograph below, taken only a few days ago. The bridge in the foreground of the old photograph is still in use today, and in fact, was used by our photographer for the picture below. So, in the space of 66 years, there has been a marked alteration in both the station and the skyline from vantage point.



The two pictures on this page were both taken from the same spot at the intersection of Brougham and Powderham streets. What a marked difference there is in the two photographs. The old picture above shows far more buildings than the more modern one taken only days ago. It would seem that in this era, the business area began to creep up towards Marsland Hill, as the old picture shows, but now, it is more residential. The reason for the empty section on the corner in the bottom picture, is that it is reserved for the NZBC's new building to house station 2XP.





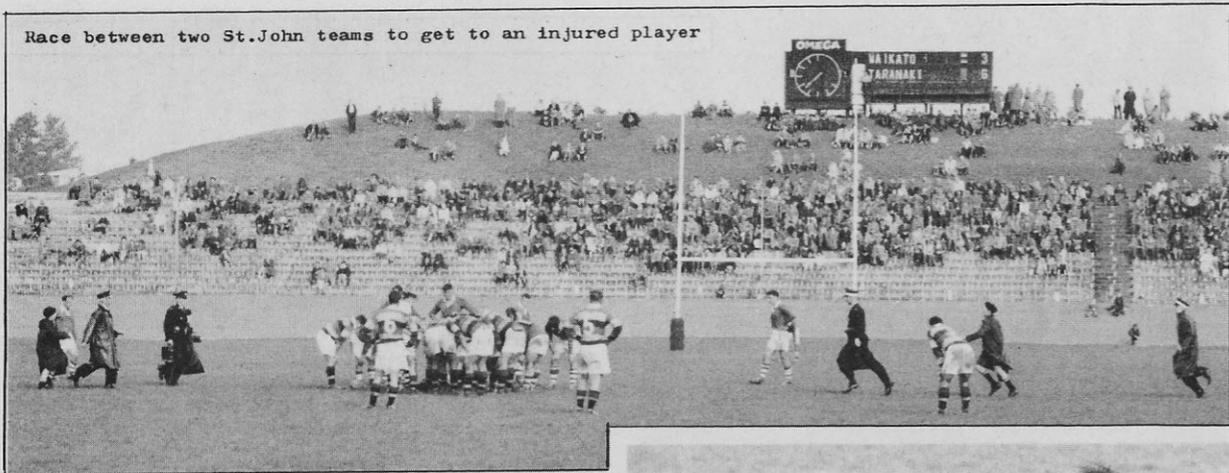
Above: Here is an old picture of Devon Street, which is almost unrecognisable, with the river bridge. The bridge is in almost the exact spot on which stands Newton King's bottom shop, just at the side of King's buildings. It is a far cry from the photograph below, which tells a completely different story, with a main thoroughfare that is a hive of hustle and bustle. We often wonder what it was like in Devon Street in those old days. Parking, or rather hitching, would not have been such a problem, and there would probably have been little danger from floods. New Plymouth, judging from the old photo, which we believe to be over 80 years old, must have been a peaceful little town.



Seventy years ago Brougham Street was a far different place to what it is today. These two pictures were taken from approximately the same spot, looking up Brougham Street from Devon Street. By the look of the weeds on the roadsides, the Council of that day was having a job keeping up with the maintenance. Note at top right the barracks on Marsland Hill, which in their day were defence headquarters against the threat of invasion in the Maori wars.

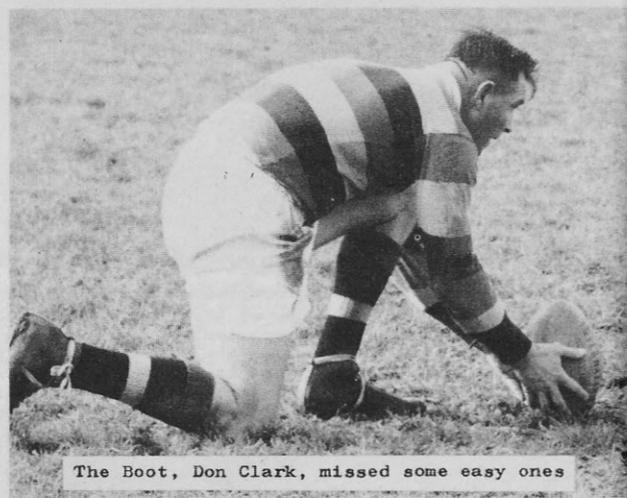


Race between two St. John teams to get to an injured player

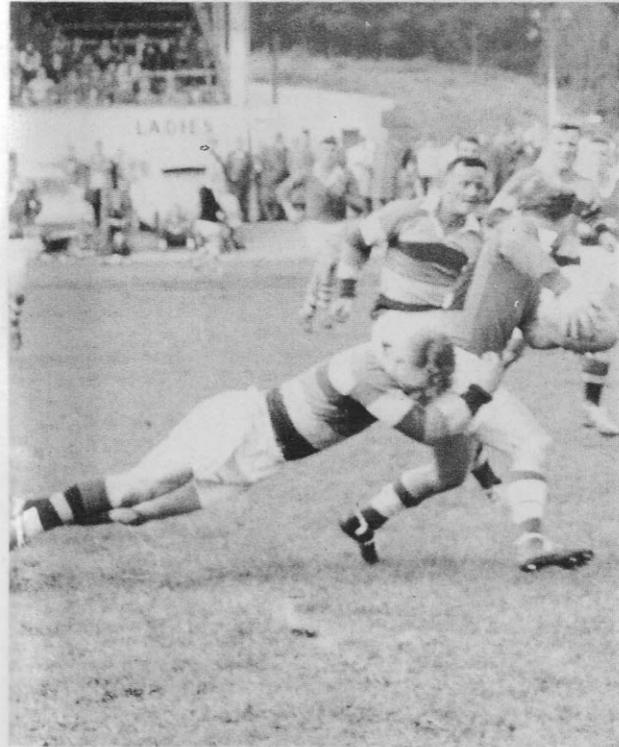


### Taranaki Beaten In Last Minute

Waikato snatched a dramatic last-minute win over Taranaki in a tense and hard-fought game at Rugby Park recently. The battle for possession was tough and fiery, with neither side giving or asking any quarter. This, quite naturally tended to spoil what could have been the best game seen on the park for many seasons, so evenly matched were the teams. It would appear from this showing that the shield will not come to Taranaki this season, but then, with shield football being what it is, anything could happen.



The Boot, Don Clark, missed some easy ones



Eric Keith nearly lost his pants in this tackle



Bruce Keith makes a desperate effort to stop the first Waikato try



Waikato forward in possession



Mathieson breaks away from the big Waikato forwards



Eric Keith brought this man down with a wallop



Tom Murdoch, McKechnie's most popular character, receives the congratulations of the chairman of the Social Club.

## McKechnie's Staff Raise £325 For Blind

McKechnie Brothers staff recently conducted a Popular Man contest to raise funds for the purchase of talking machines for the blind. Not only was the contest enjoyed by all, but the lads raised the handsome sum of £325, enough to buy eleven talking machines. We consider this a very fine effort, by people with the right sort of spirit and feeling for the blind. Now that the workers of this firm have made such a fine effort, perhaps others will follow suit. We can think of no cause more deserving. The money, raised by fair means and foul, was a most acceptable gift, and greatly appreciated by the recipient for the blind, Mr Louisson.



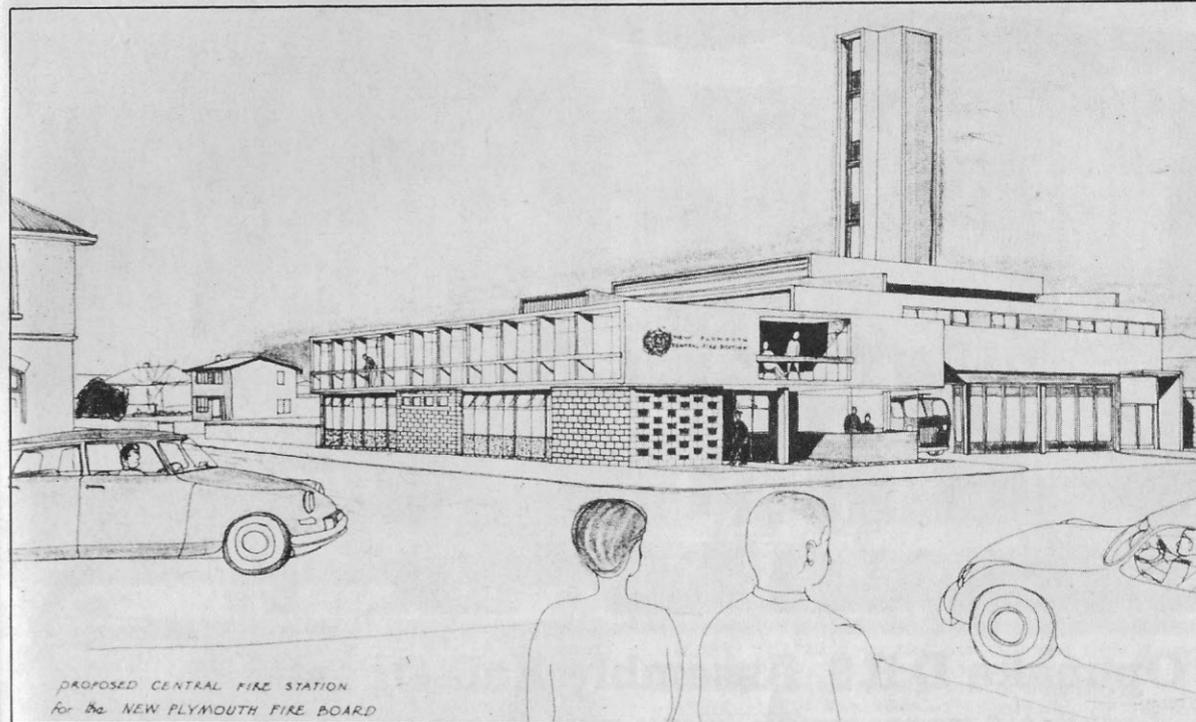
Tom was chaired round the Queen's Hall



Presentation of a cheque for £327.4.8 to Mr Louisson, organiser for the Blind



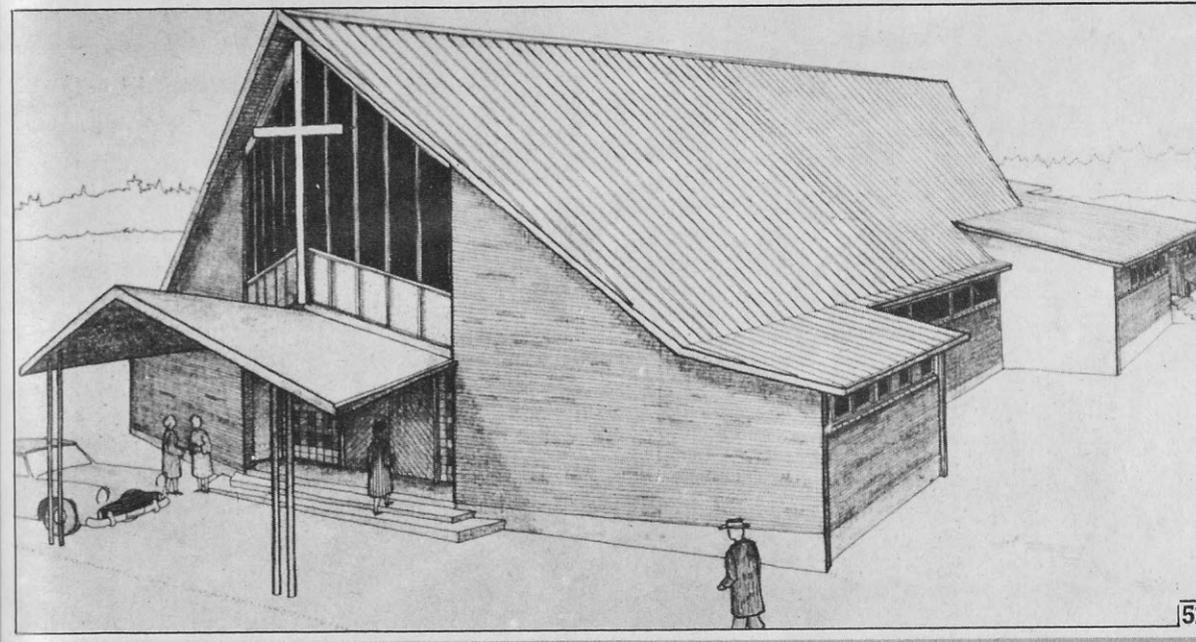
Mr Louisson speaks, with the support of blind man Joe Papesch



## Modern Buildings Planned For City

Above: A perspective drawing of the stylish and modern Central Fire Station, which is proposed to be built on the site opposite the present fire station, on the corner of Liardet and Courtney streets. Subject to approval, the tall drill tower will be moved to the left of its present position. The main entrance will be in Liardet Street, close to the corner.

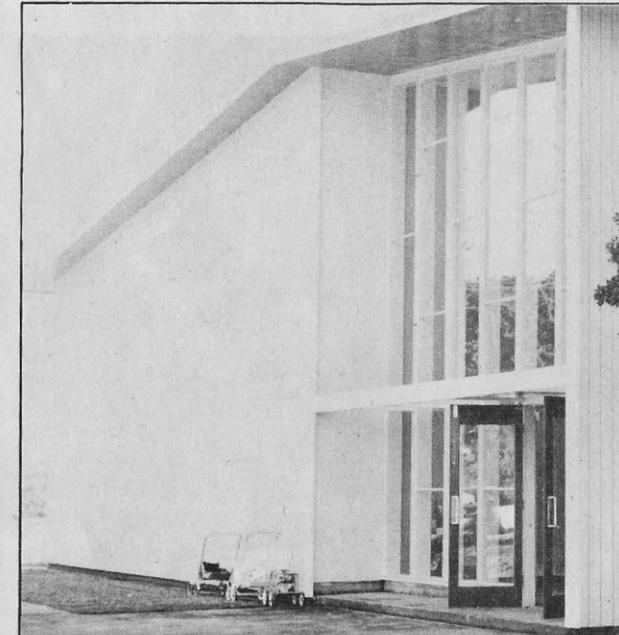
Below: An architect's impression of the new St. Philomena Church to be built in Brooklands Road. A simple church, blending modern and traditional design, with a floor area of 4,600 feet, it will be completed by Easter, next year.





## Opunake D.H.S. Assembly Hall Opened

One of the most important amenities opened in recent years was the newly-built District High School's Assembly Hall. Inhabitants of the district have been striving for this for over 20 years and with the new hall now a reality, it will fill a long-felt want in Opunake and the surrounding district. The hall, of unique design, yet pleasing to the eye, was officially opened by the Minister of Education, Mr Tennent, who stressed that education in the country schools was just as important as that in city high schools. The new hall was packed to capacity for this very momentous occasion with all the pupils and many of their parents. Above: Here is the official party at the opening of the hall. Below: Pupils seated on the floor.



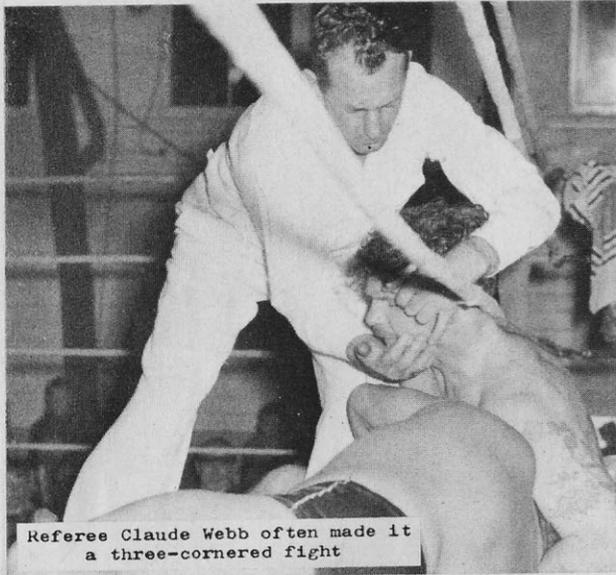
Above: Entrance to the new Opunake High School Assembly Hall, right on the main highway, and a pleasant addition to the town's building.

Above, left: Minister of Education, Mr Tennent, received a school badge from the head boy and girl, Nick Launder and Mary Dravitski.

Below, left: To save the floor from the ill-effects of spike-heeled shoes, the school had invested in guards for the offending heels. Here Judith Riseborough fits the guards to the shoes of Mrs Hilder.

Below: The lighting arrangements are, perhaps as modern and effective as any in the province.

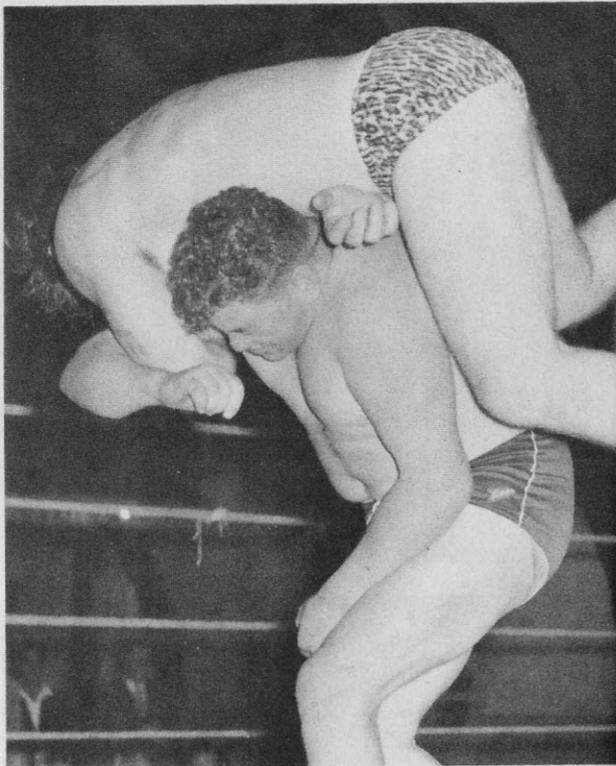




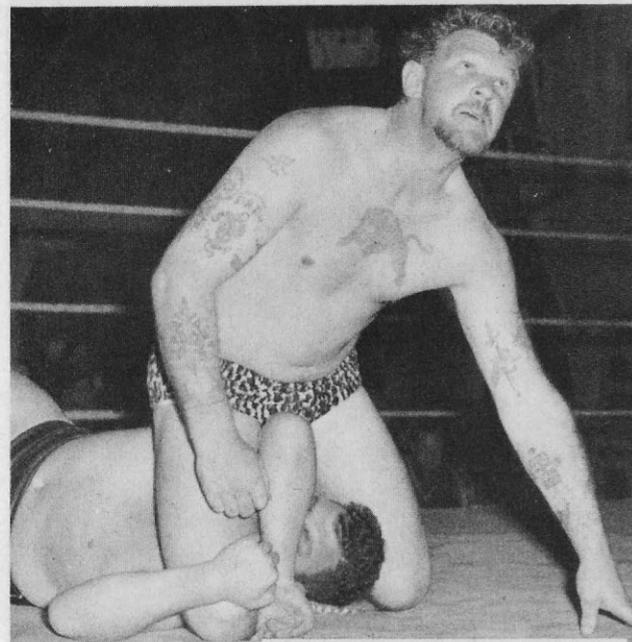
Referee Claude Webb often made it a three-cornered fight

## Tame Professional Bout

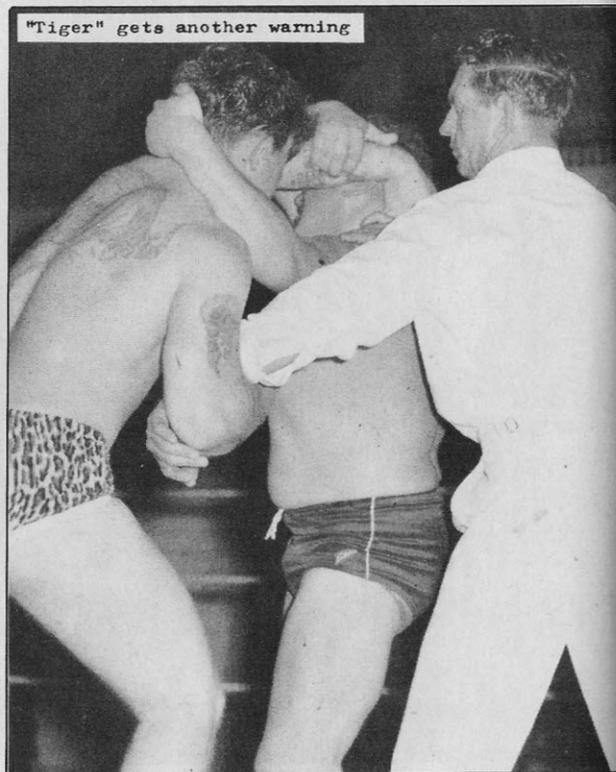
Wrestling in the district will have to put on better bouts than the recent one at the Queen's Hall between Bruce McCready (NP) and "Tiger" Collecutt (Auckland) if the sport is going to flourish. A reasonable crowd braved a boisterous night to see good wrestling, but the only good wrestling was that provided by the amateurs. It is a pity that the association cannot get better wrestlers, as the patronage would be forthcoming. Auckland's Collecutt made a farce of a fight whilst Bruce McCready was ever ready to give the patrons their money's worth.



Bruce would make a good meat porter



"Illegal, ref, don't be silly!"



"Tiger" gets another warning

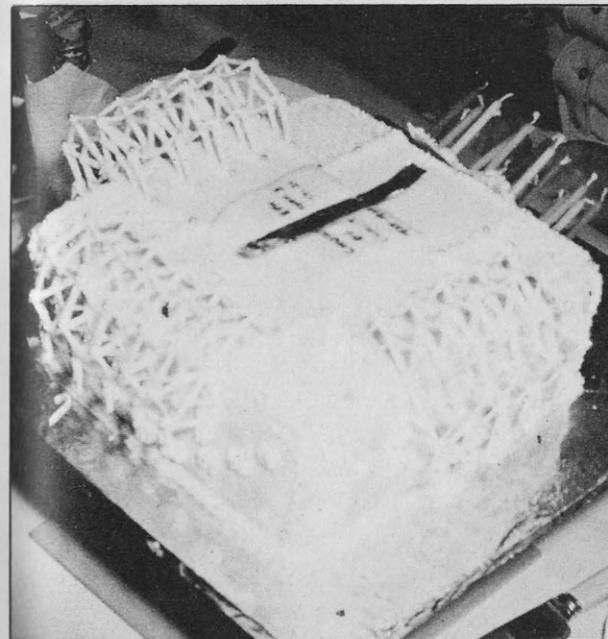


## Church Of Christ Celebrates Silver Jubilee

Recently, a week-end of celebrations was held to mark the establishment of the Church of Christ in New Plymouth 25 years ago. A service was held on the Sunday, followed by a celebration dinner, at which members of the church from as far as Hamilton in the north and Wellington in the south, attended.

Above: Members of the congregation at the celebration service, photographed outside their church in Leach Street at the conclusion of the service.

Below, left: This very beautifully-iced celebration cake was cut, below, right, by Mrs C.W. Cooney, wife of the first pastor of the church.





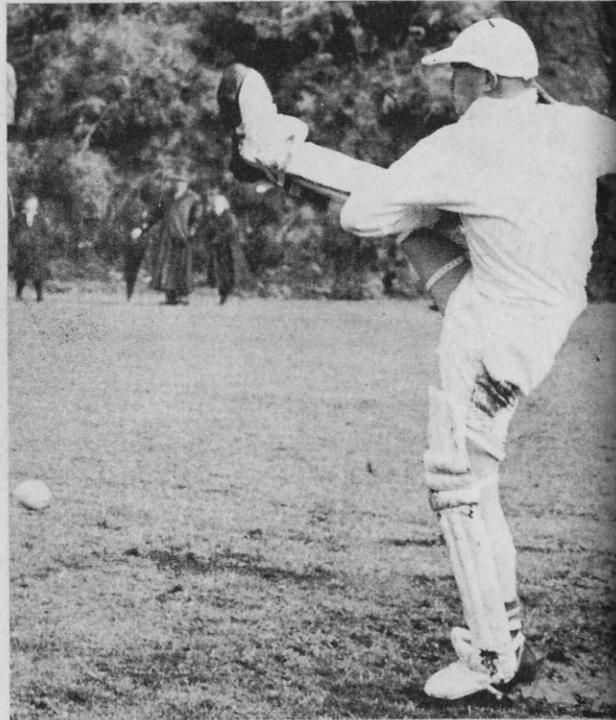
## Waikato Beats Taranaki At Hockey

More penetration in the forwards gave Waikato a 5-3 win over Taranaki in a senior representative match played recently at Te Mete Park, New Plymouth. The home team did not display the virility that they showed when they recently beat Auckland, though the Waikato side were particularly strong in the forwards. With more games as a team, Taranaki could be a force to be reckoned with in hockey world.

Above: Rolly Hill, Taranaki custodian, goes down to earth to make a desperate save in the early part of the game.

Below, Left: Waikato goalie, R.Todd, clashes with a Taranaki forward.

Below, right: Looking more like a ballet dancer, Rolly Hill makes a fine save. He played well throughout the game, saving many impossible situations.



## Wedding Bells

Above: LASH-OPENSHAW. At Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Openshaw, New Plymouth, to Bevan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.A.Lash, New Plymouth. Leslie Bland, New Plymouth, and Gay Lash, sister of the groom, New Plymouth, were the bridesmaids. Murray Johnson, Auckland, was the best man, and the groomsmen were Gary Connet, New Plymouth. Future home, N.P.

Below: MUGGERIDGE-SCHWASS. At St.Mary's Church, Hawera, Beverley Gail, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.Schwass, Hawera, to Ernest Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs L.A.Muggeridge, Waverley. The bridesmaids were Kathleen Joll, Hawera, Hilda Muggeridge, sister of the groom, Waverley, and Pauline Butler, Inglewood. Brian Schwass, brother of the bride, Hawera, was the best man. The two groomsmen were John Brimelow, Opunake, and John Hughes, Hawera. Wendy Tipler, Eltham, and Karen Schwass, niece of the bride, New Plymouth, were the flowergirls. The future home, Waitara.





## Tumahu W.D.F.F. Silver Jubilee

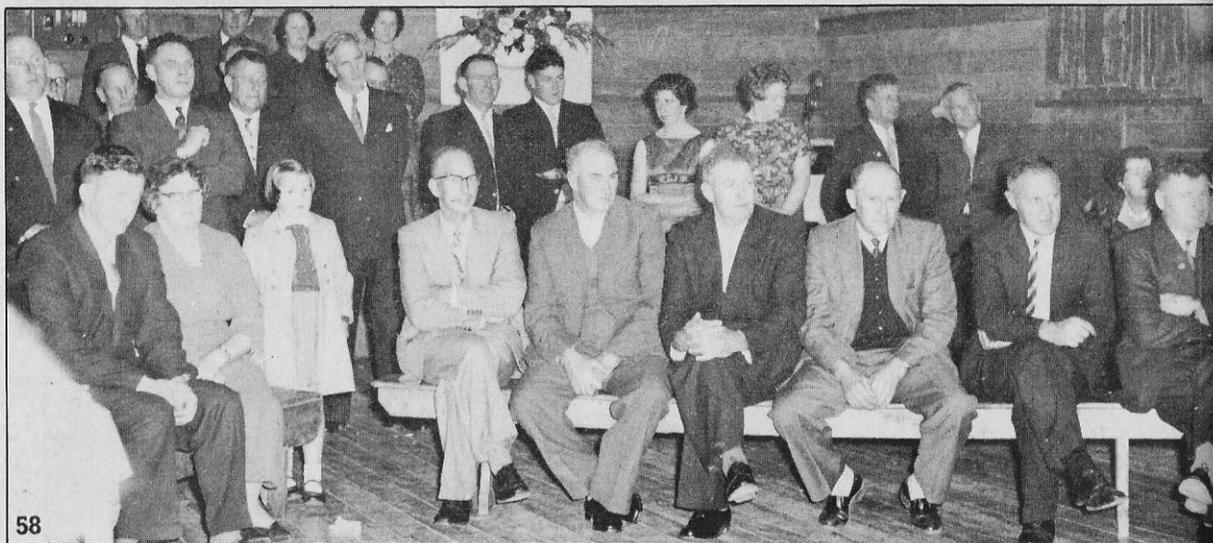
A very successful social evening was held recently to mark the silver jubilee of the Tumahu W.D.F.F.

In this instance, the menfolk provided most of the entertainment, which went to make the occasion one of the happiest that has taken place in that part of the province.

Above: President Mrs Hazel Honeyfield, at left, with nine of the foundation members.

Left: The nigger minstrels of the branch gave many excellent items.

Below: Mere Man, who by his patronage, made this evening so very pleasant and enjoyable.





Above: Here was where the men had a chance to show the women how to run a WDFW meeting. They all played their parts to perfection, taking off their spouse's mannerisms in a way that had the crowd in fits of laughter. We have seen this done before, but not quite as cleverly as it was performed here. No doubt there will be a few alterations of the constitution at the next meeting of the WDFW!

Left: Foundation member Mrs Doris Tooke lights the candles on the celebration cake, assisted by president Hazel Honeyfield.

Right: The cutting of the cake was admirably done by Hazel Honeyfield.



# Taranaki Defeats Wanganui

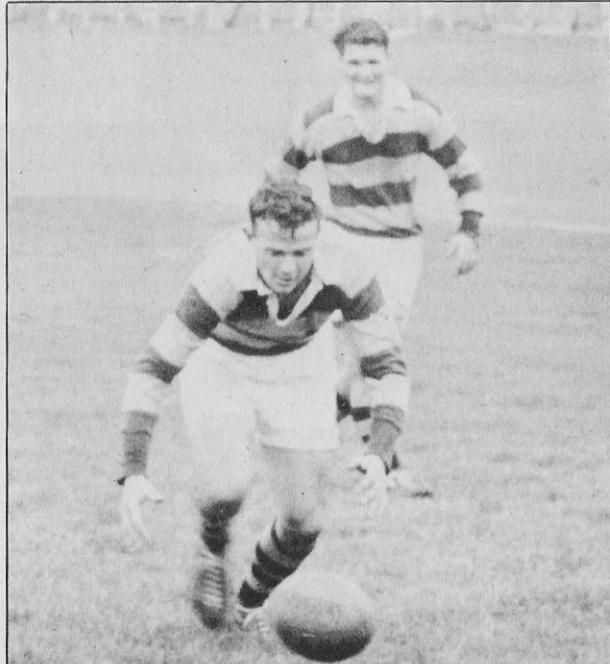


Mathieson and O'Dowda were always in the thick of things



Wanganui winger comes to grief

Although Taranaki had a comfortable 27-6 win over Wanganui, many of the people who attended were disappointed with the game. The main cause for disappointment was that the Taranaki team failed to produce any of the fireworks that were so evident in the halcyon days of the shield battles. Taranaki certainly did show flashes of a potential that could bring the shield back to the province, and it is to be hoped that that potential will be cultivated before the Auckland encounter.



Ross Brown gathers up a loose one



There's no doubt about Briscoe being the liveliest wire in the team



Top: The Taranaki backline in full cry during one of its livelier moments.

Above: Briscoe had plenty of ball during this game and did his best to capitalise on it.

Below: By the look of the terraces, for a mid-week game, it would appear that a lot of grand-ma's were buried that afternoon!





## *Roving Camera*

### AUCKLAND MAORI GIRLS ENTERTAIN

Maori girls from the Queen Victoria School in Auckland recently visited New Plymouth for the annual Maori-Pakeha week-end celebrations. The girls gave a concert in St. Mary's Hall on the Saturday evening, when the hall was filled to overflowing and the concert was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### GUIDE DISPLAY IN CITY STORE

Left: A display designed to recruit both girl guides and leaders was recently on show in Farmers store in New Plymouth. The show attracted a lot of attention, with dolls dressed as guides of other countries made by local girl guide companies, making a display both colourful and attractive. On the stand to answer any questions were Mesdames J. Rossouw and S. Bolton.



## Former Wdff President Honoured At Hawera Function

A wide representation of the public which included members of other organisations, attended a social in Hawera recently to honour Mrs H. Tosland, who has retired from the office of South Taranaki provincial president of the Wdff after 21 years' service. Mrs Tosland has spent 36 years of her life as an executive officer of the Wdff.

Above, left: Mrs Tosland, guest of honour on a very important occasion.

Above, right: Mayor of Hawera, Mr F.W. Finer, made a personal gift to Mrs Tosland, and he spoke very appreciatively of her work for the district.

Below, left: South Taranaki president, Mrs J. Scott, Mrs Tosland's successor had some very kind words to say about the guest of honour.

Below, centre: Mrs J.K. Lees, Dominion vice-president, along with the Dominion president, Mrs T.M. Watson (Invercargill), below, right, also paid their tributes to the wonderful work done by Mrs Tosland.





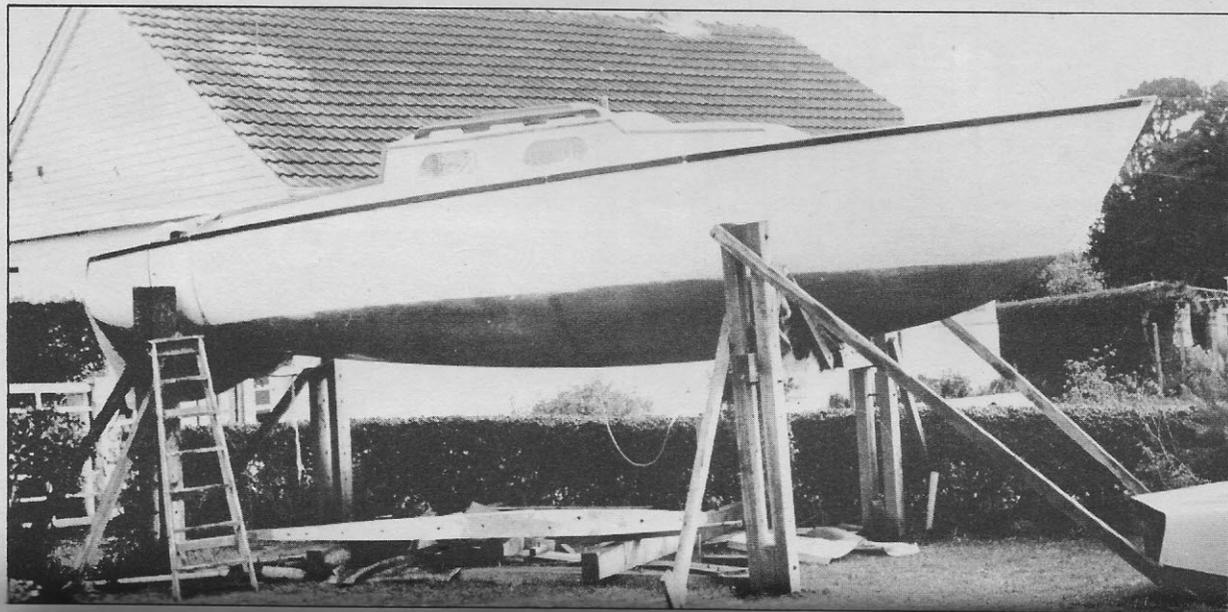
## Camera Round-up

### HAWERA C.C.'S 50-MILE RACE

Above: R.Hickling of Wanganui won the annual 50-mile race sponsored by the Hawera Cycle Club held recently. Fifty-five riders started for this popular event, and over thirty of them were bunched together for the exciting finish, as is shown in our photograph above.

### FINE NEW HOME-MADE YACHT

Left: A life-long ambition will be realised for Mr Dick Newman, Holford Street, N.P., with the completion in December of a 23-ft Finn keel yacht he is building in his back yard. The total cost of the project is something in the region of £1000, with over £200 of the total being spent on the sails.





## Old Folks' Anniversaries

Above: A couple who recently celebrated their diamond wedding are Mr and Mrs W.Kilpatrick, Mangorei Road, New Plymouth. Married 60 years ago at Inglewood, the couple have lived in the city for the past 30 years.

Above, right: Mr and Mrs C.D.Phelan, Maratahu Street, New Plymouth, who recently celebrated their golden wedding.

Below: Mr T.Hayman, Brooke Street, Inglewood, cuts his 80th birthday cake at a celebration in his honour recently. (W.A.Gear pic).

Below, right: Mrs Susan Cock, New Plymouth, who recently celebrated her 91st birthday.





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### Happy Occasions

Above, left: Miss Isabella Putt, who recently celebrated her 101st birthday in the Rangimarie Home. Miss Putt is still a very lively and likeable old lady, even though she carries more than a century of years on her slim shoulders.

Above, right: Another member of the Putt family, Theo Putt, recently celebrated his 80th birthday. Theo is a nephew of Miss Putt.

Below, left: Still as happy as ever after 25 years of married life are May and Dick Naylor, Oakura. They recently celebrated their silver wedding at a small family party.

Below: Mr and Mrs G.W.Ackland, Bell Block, with their daughter Ann-Maree on the occasion of the baby's christening.

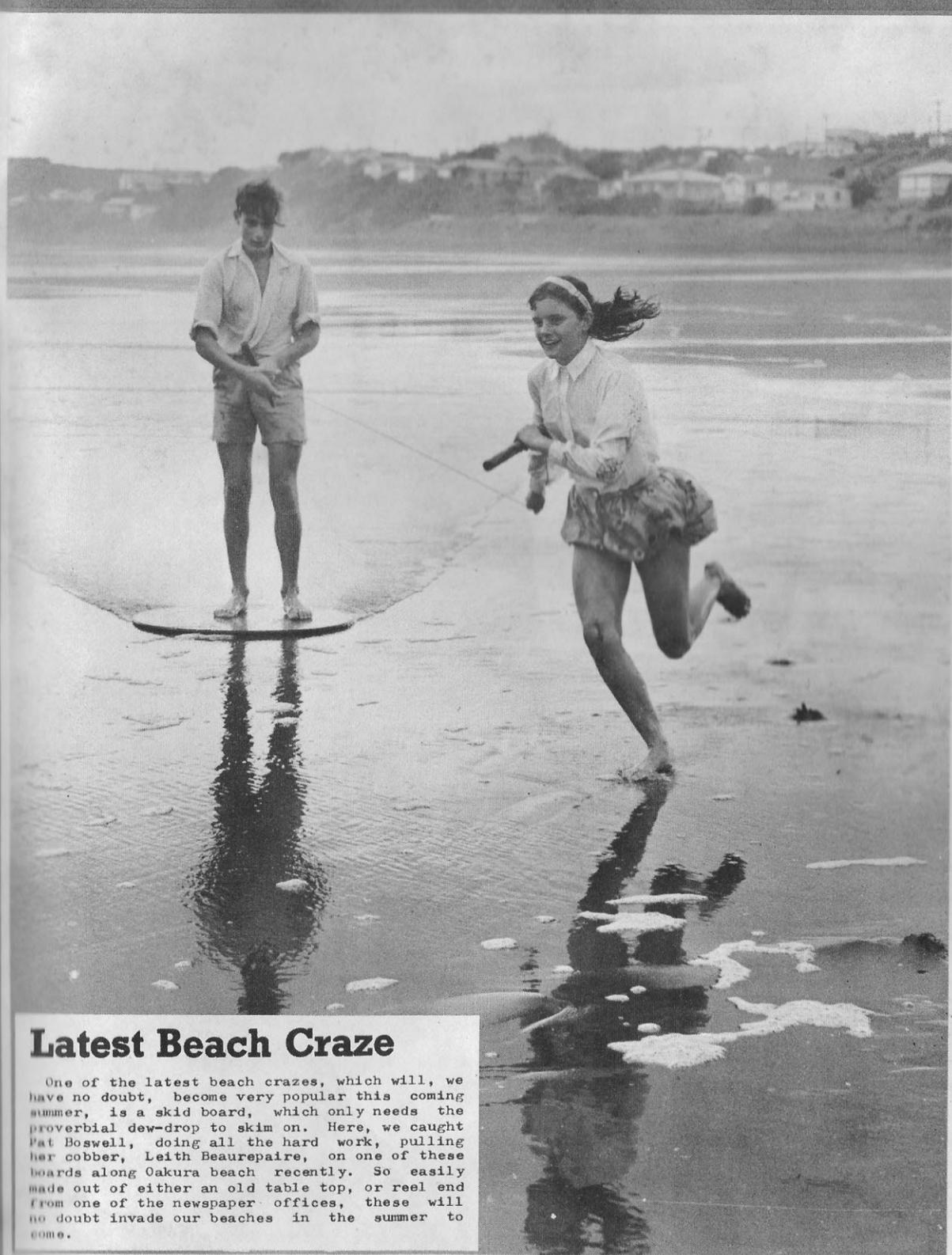


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### Latest Beach Craze

One of the latest beach crazes, which will, we have no doubt, become very popular this coming summer, is a skid board, which only needs the proverbial dew-drop to skim on. Here, we caught Pat Boswell, doing all the hard work, pulling her clobber, Leith Beaurepaire, on one of these boards along Oakura beach recently. So easily made out of either an old table top, or reel end from one of the newspaper offices, these will no doubt invade our beaches in the summer to come.