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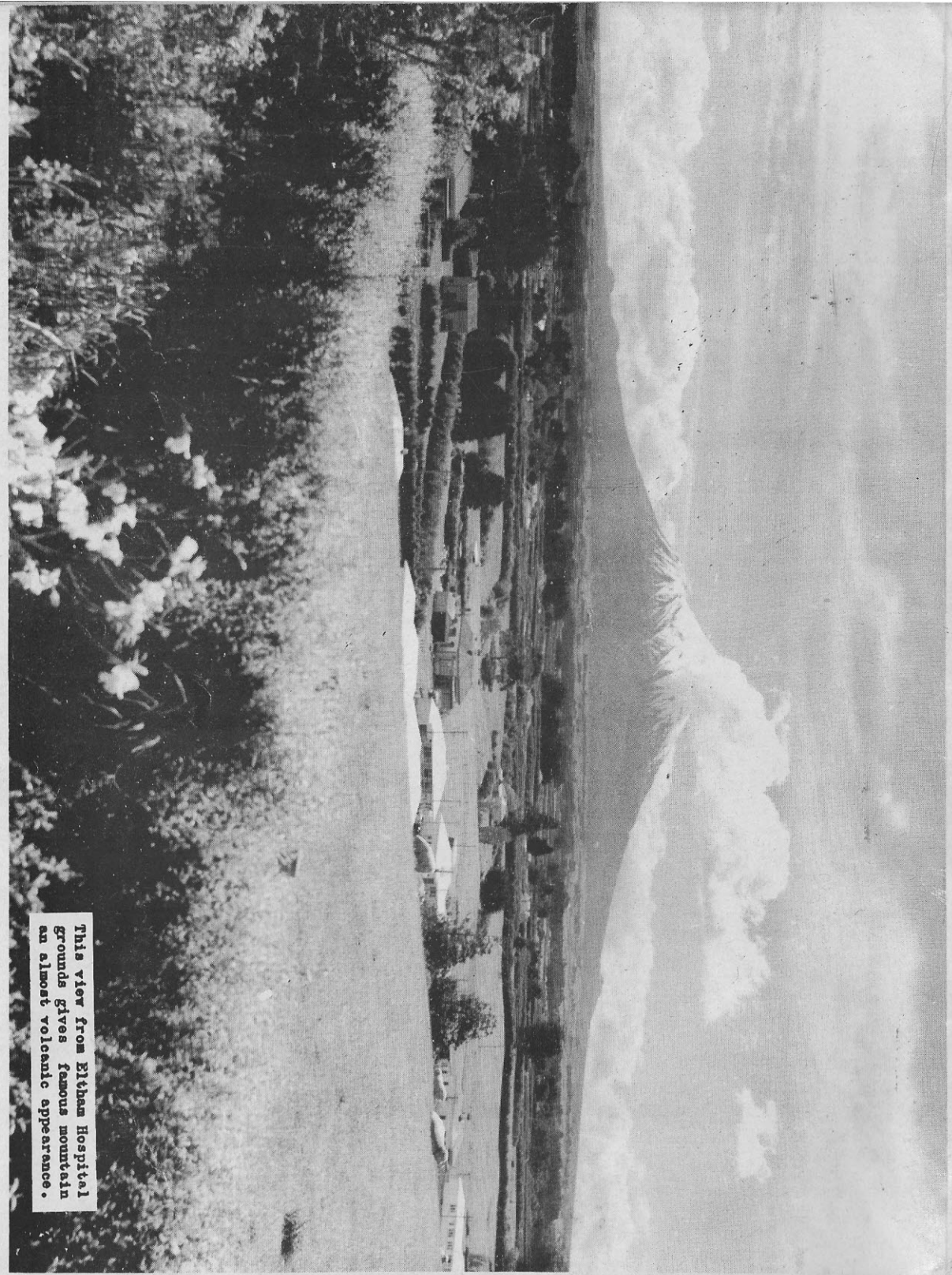


*Christmas  
 Time!*

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 TO ALL READERS

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This view from Eltham Hospital  
 grounds gives famous mountain  
 an almost volcanic appearance.

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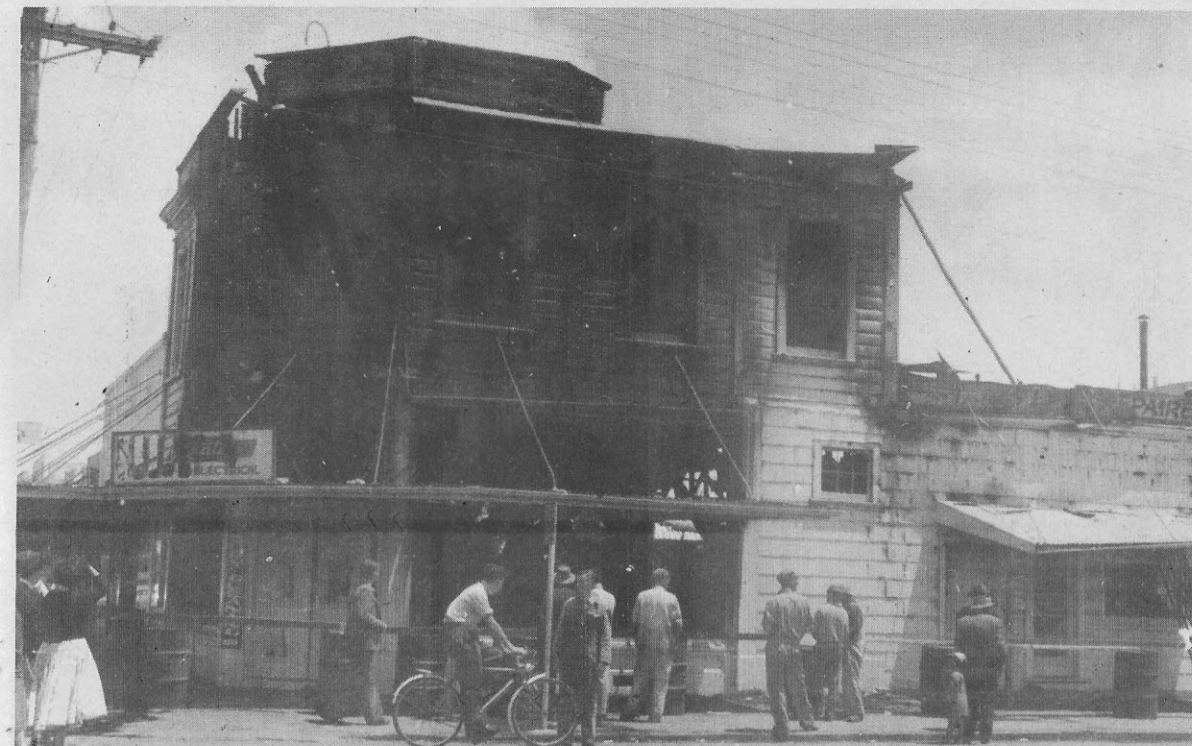
### THIS MONTH'S COVER

Left: Christmas is almost with us and, of course  
 so is the gentleman with the flowing white beard.  
 Cover picture was taken at de Burg Adams Masonic  
 Lodge Xmas Children's Party. Further pix from  
 this and other Xmas functions appear inside.

### TELEVISION LINK COUNTRIES - FAMILY.

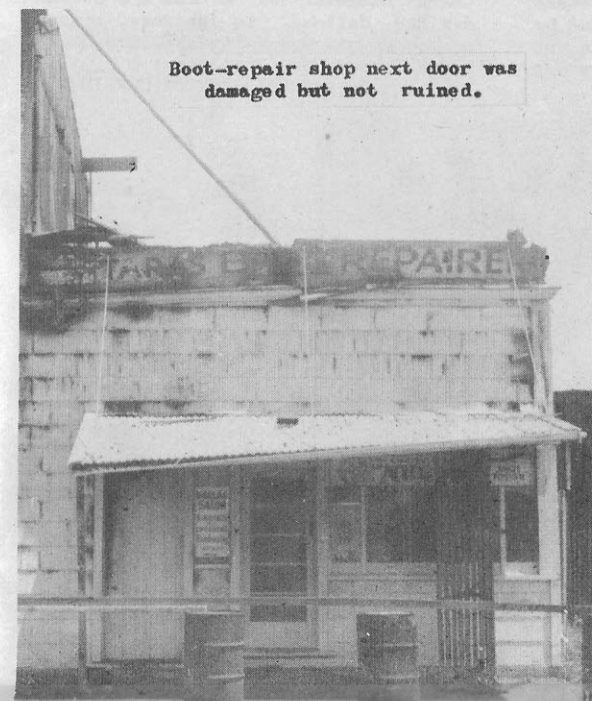
A unique link was established 3 weeks ago when  
 the families and friends who bade farewell to the  
 two Cessna aircraft leaving New Plymouth airport  
 in the morning watched a television newsreel of  
 their arrival at Mascot, Sydney, that night.

A large group of interested people gathered at  
 the Taranaki Daily News' experimental television  
 receiving station to view the 9pm (New Zealand  
 time) newsreel transmitted from the ABC's Channel  
 2 television service. The picture below was taken  
 as the screen showed the two Cessnas landing in  
 Sydney. Further pix of television reception in  
 New Plymouth appear inside.

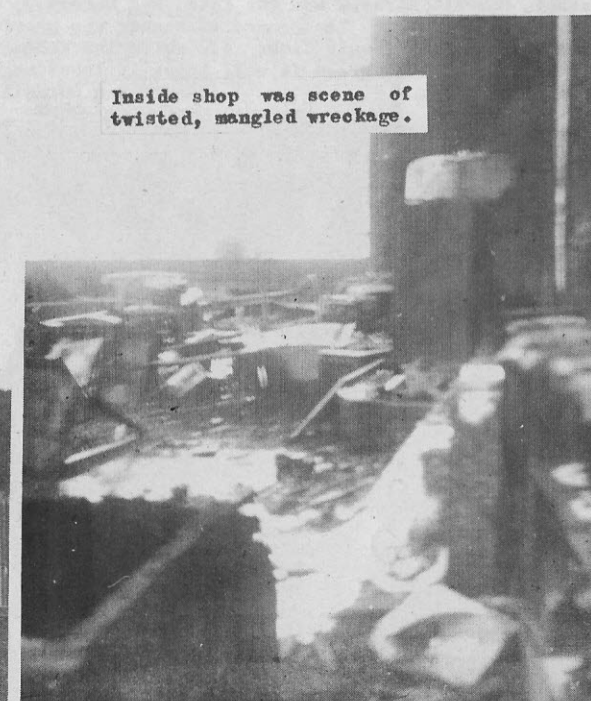


*Fire!*

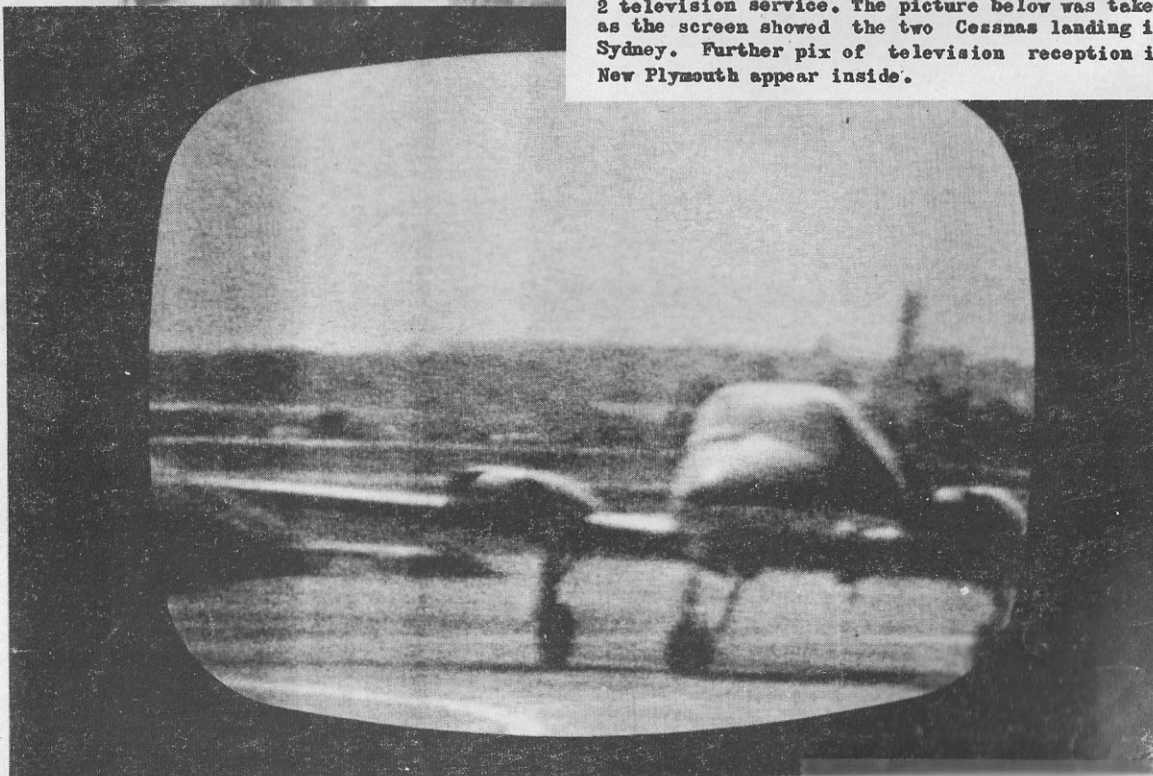
Chaos and destruction was what greeted Waitara residents as they passed  
 the corner of Queen and McLean Streets on a recent Monday morning. What  
 had been the previous day, Mr R.B. Thompson's Belltone Radio Services was  
 completely destroyed and with it the hundreds of pounds worth of radio  
 equipment and electrical appliances. Mrs W. Grant's hairdressing salon on  
 the ten floor was also a complete write-off.



Boot-repair shop next door was  
 damaged but not ruined.



Inside shop was scene of  
 twisted, mangled wreckage.







## Wedding Bells

**Above, left: DARNEY—TUCKETT.** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Pamela Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. James Tuckett, Tainui Street, to Ian Barry, son of Mrs O. Darney, Barrett Street, and the late Mr Darney. Future home, New Plymouth. The guard of honour was provided by the Pukekura Park Tennis Club, of which the bride is an active member. The groom is well known in local rugby and cricket circles. (CHARTERS & GUTHRIE).



**Above, HALF—VAN DER ENG.** At St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Joanna, third daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Van der Eng, Holland, to Johannes, second son of Mr and Mrs N. Half. Future home, Lemon Street, New Plymouth. (KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID).



**Left:—NICOLL—ROEBUCK.** At St Mary's Anglican Church, Valerie Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.C. Roebuck, Bayly Rd., to Lewis James (Jim), only son of Mr and Mrs L. Nicoll, Okato. Future home: New Plymouth. The bridesmaids are Patricia Roebuck, the bride's sister and Lynette Edlam, a cousin of the bride. Best man: Murray Woods. (SWAINSON'S STUDIOS).



## SHUCKS!—SHARKS!

Just that exclamation was heard amongst the huge crowd at Ngamotu Beach on the day of the Boat Show when a small boat beached carrying an enormous thresher shark. It was the prize catch of Ernie Hine, Carrington St. After a 3½ hour battle some 6 miles off shore Ernie managed to drag in this 212lb. monster on a flimsy 37lb. nylon line, carrying merely a small schnapper hook.

To bring in such a large shark, which measures—11ft 9ins. from tip to tail, on such a light line is thought to be world record.

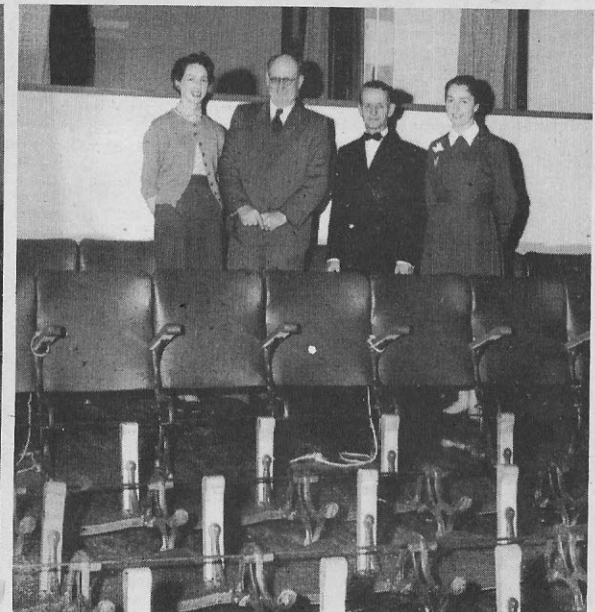
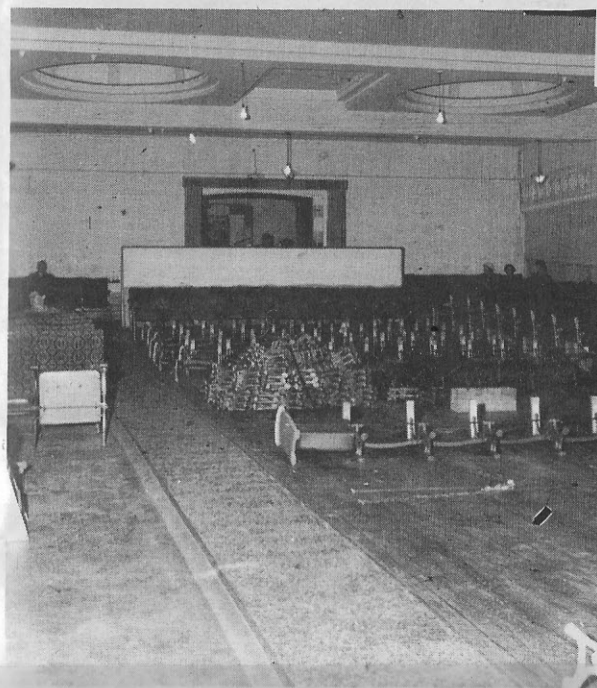
As can be seen from the picture, the tail of a thresher shark is at least as long again as its body. No friend to meet when bathing.



## THEATRE WITHOUT SEATS

**Bottom left:** This was the sight with which patrons of the Mayfair Theatre were greeted recently. Centre block of seats were collapsed during reupholstery operations.

**Bottom right:** Theatre staff survey scene: Miss Marie Leech, Mr Wray, Mr Cottier (relieving manager), and Mrs Murtagh.







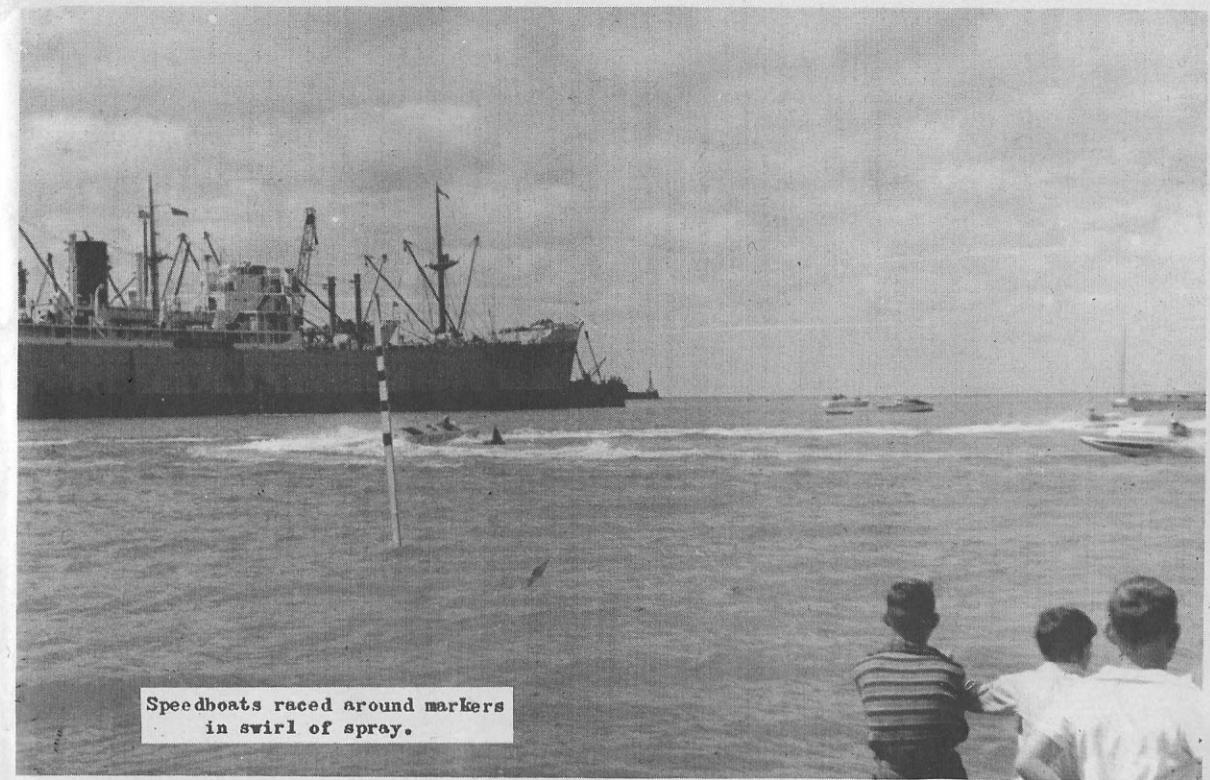
## BOAT SHOW

With perfect weather and only the elections to compete with as a counter-attraction, the big Boat Show on Ngamotu Beach last month was a huge success. The display of speed-boats and motor-launches, pictured above, attracted much attention, especially with boating enthusiasts.

Right: Judges, using truck-tray as stand, had busy day.

Bottom left: Alan Harnish's latest launch, "Lady Sheryl", was study in grace and power.

Bottom right: Young boys found speedboats a constant source of attraction.



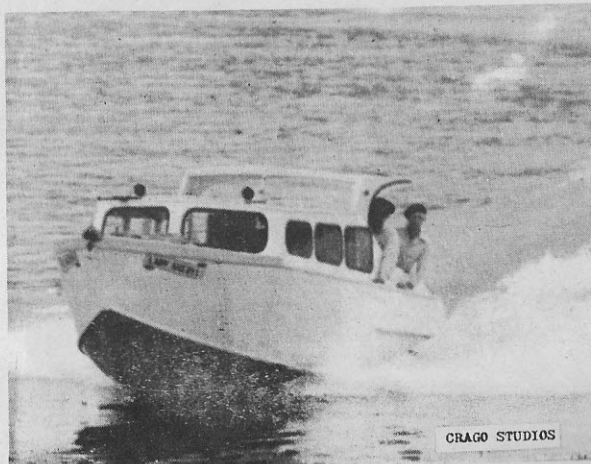
Speedboats raced around markers in swirl of spray.



Running repairs.



Tension shows on faces of large crowd.



CRAIG STUDIOS



Tractor was vital piece of launching equipment.



Boy preferred own boat.

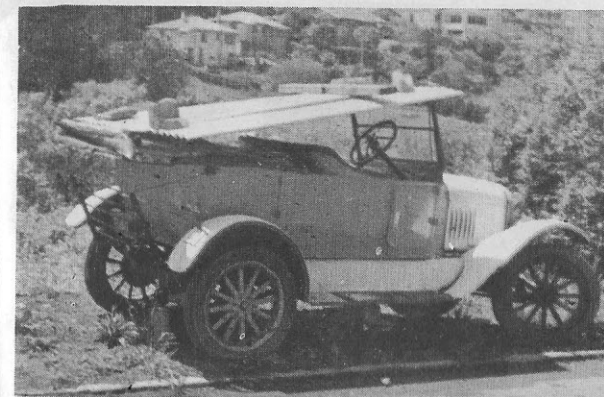




## Wedding Bells

**Above: McCready-STOCKMAN:** At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Betty Morwenna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.Stockman, Atkinson Road, to Bruce Albert, 3rd son of Mrs H.V.McCready, Carrington Rd. and the late Mr.McCready. Future home: New Plymouth. The matrons-of-honour were Mrs Ken Tecker and Mrs R.Snowsill, the bridesmaid Miss Isabel Bint, the best man Mr Don Prentice and the two groomsmen Don and Robert McCready, both brothers of the groom.

**Below: DIX-JAMES:** At Fitzroy Methodist Church, Veta Doris, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert. James, Chilman St., to Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Loveridge, Bell Block.Future home: New Plymouth. The bridesmaid is Miss Flera Gordon and the best man Mr George James, brother of the bride.  
(SWAINSON STUDIOS).



## Rolling Camera

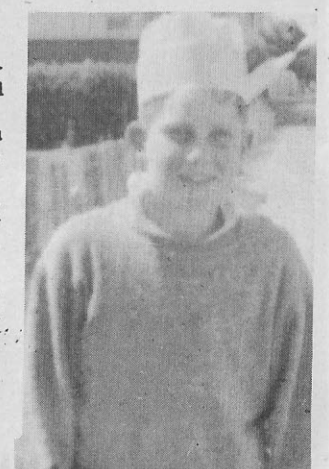


Three ages in transportation are depicted here.

**Above:** Two Rahotu schoolboys using horse transport.

**Above left:** Derelict "T" Ford bears only vague resemblance to Henry's original.

**Left:** A recent Australian visitor parked in Devon Street sports New South Wales registration plates.



**Above:** Rahotu school boy, Melvyn Lowry, moves into festive headgear well in advance of Christmas.

**Left:** The skirl of martial pipes wafting through the still air on a recent Sunday morning, sent a "Photo Newsmen" to Rugby Park to discover what was on. It turned out to be the City of New Plymouth Highland Pipe Band going through their paces.





## PANTOMIME

For many generations, especially in England, Xmas and pantomime have walked hand in hand. Some, in fact many, class pantomime as a dying art.

Certainly it has nothing like the following of past years, but that pantomime can be and, indeed, still is a first class entertainment medium, was amply proved a fortnight ago when both the Girls' High School and Sacred Heart Convent produced pantos which were highly successful and a happy entertainment for both performers and audience.

The top and middle pictures are from the High School's Opera House production.

The Dickens-like octet in the bottom picture, are soloists from Convent panto. (HENRY MCGEE CANDID)



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## "ROSE MARIE" SIDELIGHTS

Left: Whether it's trombone or Murray Hewson suffering from strain of long season, is anyone's guess. Certainly something's "all shook up".

Right: Soloists Erika Lagore and Averil Brandon pictured backstage with bouquets presented on final night. (PICTURES BY CRAGO STUDIOS)

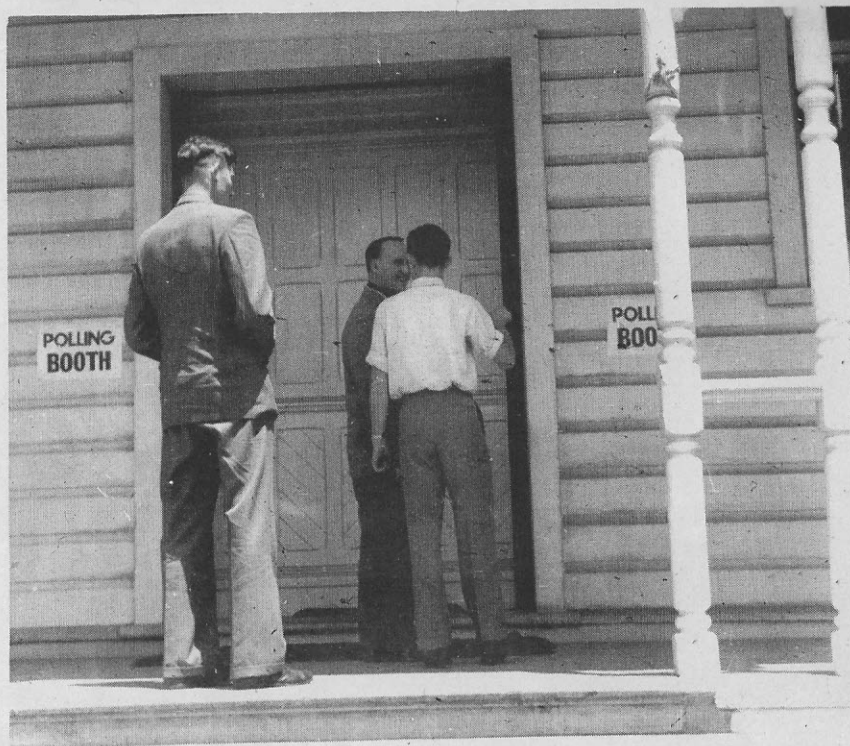


## FAMILY RE-UNION

Below: When Misses Irene and Ella Geisler, from Australia, paid a rushed four hour visit to New Plymouth recently, it was an opportunity for Mr and Mrs Stockwell, Ngamotu Road, to make the acquaintance of two nieces they had not previously had the opportunity of meeting. In fact, it was a chance for a general family gathering all round. Pictured from left to right, outside Criterion Hotel, where they met, are: Miss Irene Geisler, a sister in Sydney Women's Hospital, Mr. George Stockwell, son of 76 year-old Mr. Oscar Stockwell, Mrs G. Stockwell, daughter-in-law, Mrs O. Stockwell and Miss Ella Geisler, Melbourne, a Wrens Petty Officer. (PICTURE BY CRAGO STUDIOS).







## ELECTION DAY

After a short yet intensive election campaign, came the day, Nov. 30th, for electors throughout New Zealand to cast their vote. Although the day brought a change in government, voting, in New Plymouth at least, was orderly and without any unhappy incident.

Courthouse was city's main booth, (left) where voter was shown into court-room for normal votes (bottom left) and into a side booth (bottom right) for special voting.



When polling booths closed at 7pm, booth clerks started work.

Left: Clerks brought their ballot boxes to courthouse where they were placed in charge of returning clerks.

Bottom left: Chief Returning Officer for New Plymouth, Mr. Fyfe, checking totals with his assistants Mrs. Fyfe and Mrs. Tomasi.

Bottom right: The three New Plymouth candidates; K.G. Lattimer, E.P. Aderman M.P., and R.M. Barclay, pictured in Radio 2XP studio shortly after result of election had been announced.







## Married

**Above:- KLENNER-RADICH:** At Sacred Heart Church, Inglewood, Kathleen Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Radich, Miro St, Inglewood, to Frank Geoffry, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.R. Klenner, Fitzroy. Future Home: Inglewood.

The best man is David Klenner, brother of the groom.

Groomsman: Brian Radich, Petone, brother of the bride.

Bridesmaids: Monica Hutcheson, Inglewood and Margaret Hewes, Hawera.

**Below:-RIELLY-COLLINS:** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Lesley June, youngest daughter of Mrs T.M. Collins, Exeter St., to Barry Patrick, 2nd son of Mr and Mrs R. Rielly, Lemon Street.

Future home: New Plymouth.

The matron-of-honour is Mrs Brian Masters, Wanganui, and the bridesmaid Miss Vivian Collins, both sisters of the bride. Mr Eric Mace, Omato, is best man and Mr. Noel Northcott is groomsman.

(CHARTERS AND GUTHRIE).



## Roving Camera

**Above:** When matters of "The Doggie in the Sputnik" were of world-shattering moment, this sign, scrawled in the masking paint on the window of an empty shop in Devon Street, was responsible for a great deal of amusement among passers-by.

**Left:** This picture, taken at N.Z. Golf Champs. at Palmerston North, shows Mr. F.S. Johns, Barrett St., President of N.Z. Golf Association, making presentation to Kel Nagel, this year's Open Champion.



**Bottom of Page**  
Eleven year old Elizabeth Jones, Rakumoana, took this photo of her two pets, Frith, her pony, and Clover, the calf.

Surely it is very seldom one sees a pony and calf so fully contented with each other's company.





## WIDENING DEVON STREET

Work has all but been completed on the widening operations on Devon St. West. Pictures on this page were taken on a recent Saturday morning as contractors were finishing off their last sweep.

**Left:** Grader with odd-angled blade smoothed off cliff-face, to exact angle.

**Below:** Bulldozer followed to sweep away spoil for grader's next cut.



**Bottom left:** Bulldozer driver, Ross Cooney, displays intense concentration.

**Bottom right:** Foreman Bob Hindley on loader scooped up spoil to load on to waiting trucks.



On roads throughout Taranaki the sign at left is prominently displayed - an indication of the work going into the improving of our roads.

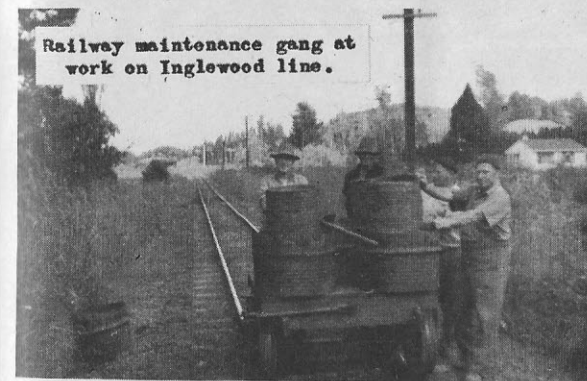
Pictures on this page were all taken within a 10 mile radius of the city.

A survey of road works throughout the district would easily fill a whole issue of "Photo News".

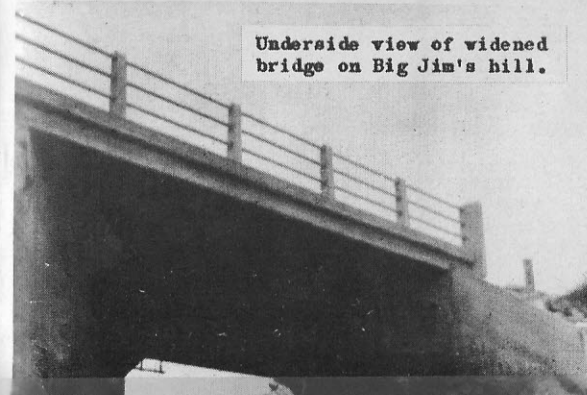
Colin Waitere and grader at work on Inglewood highway.



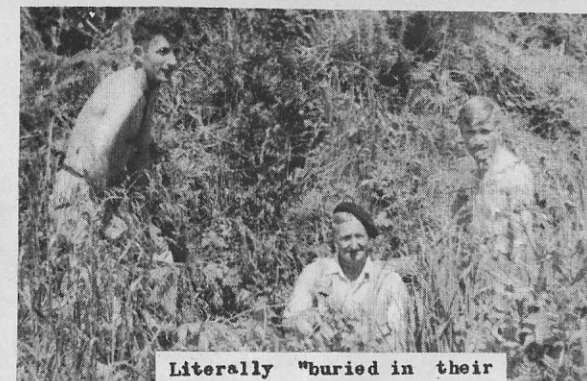
Railway maintenance gang at work on Inglewood line.



Underside view of widened bridge on Big Jim's hill.



Widening Liardet St. to reduce traffic congestion.



Literally "buried in their work." Ministry of Works men Doug McLellan, Skipper Dick Astwood and Dave Fawcett.



Final touches to bridge atop Big Jim's hill near Waitara.



Buses and large vehicles now pass over bridge with greater ease.





## THE BIG CALF DAY

After elimination calf days at schools throughout the district, the North Taranaki Calf-Rearing Championships were held at Waiwakaiho showgrounds. Calves and their young charges came from all over the district to parade before the judges (above), whose task of awarding the numerous prizes was no easy one.



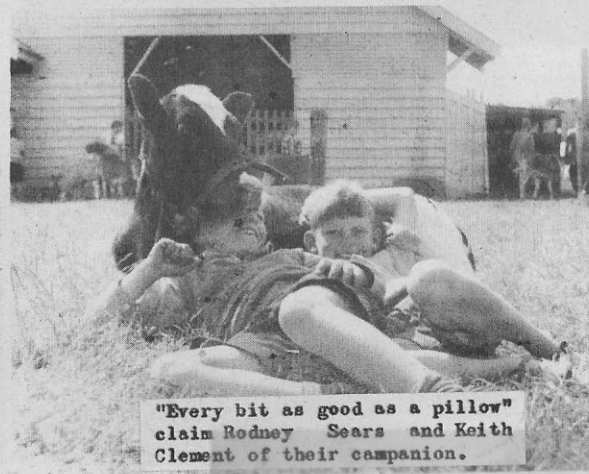
Bernice Hunger, Lepperton, won senior grand championship



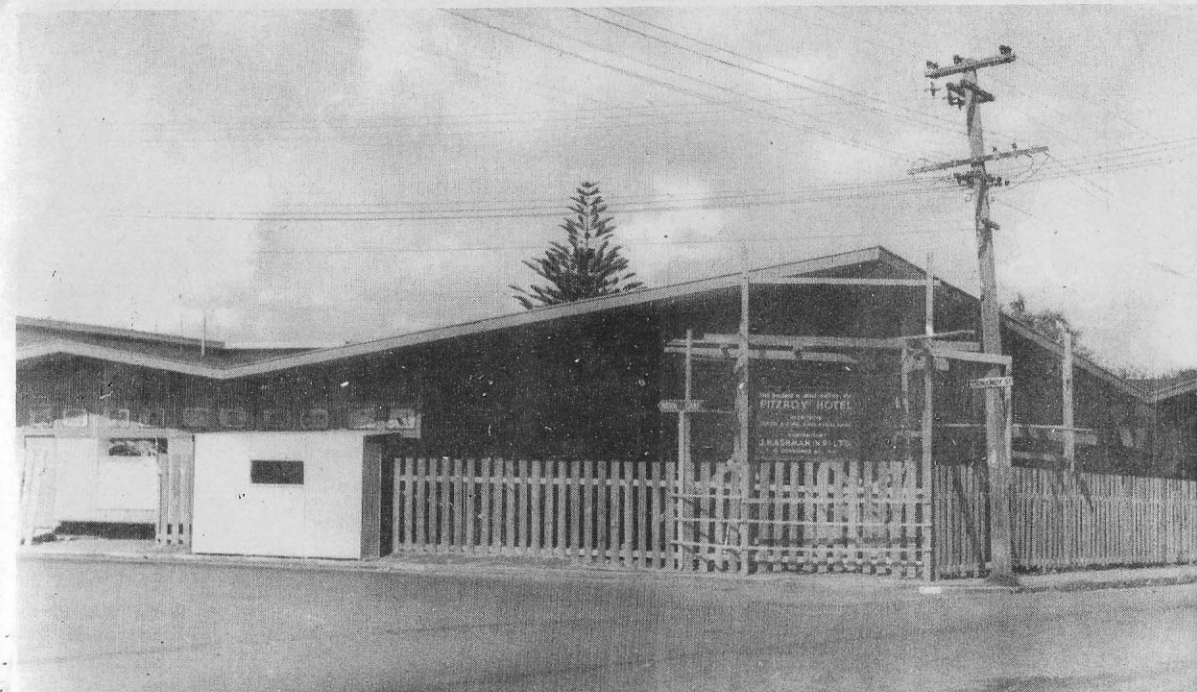
Mayoress Mrs Honnor handed out prizes to winners.



"Ha! I'll raise better ones myself when I'm older!"



"Every bit as good as a pillow" claim Rodney Sears and Keith Clement of their companion.



## NEW BUILDINGS

Previous issues of "Photo News" have indicated the tremendous building boom vibrating through New Plymouth. This same building boom is having its effect in other parts of Taranaki too.

Above: The unusually designed Fitzroy Hotel gradually takes shape.

Below: A group of local girls enjoy the afternoon sun outside Eltham's recently-built library.





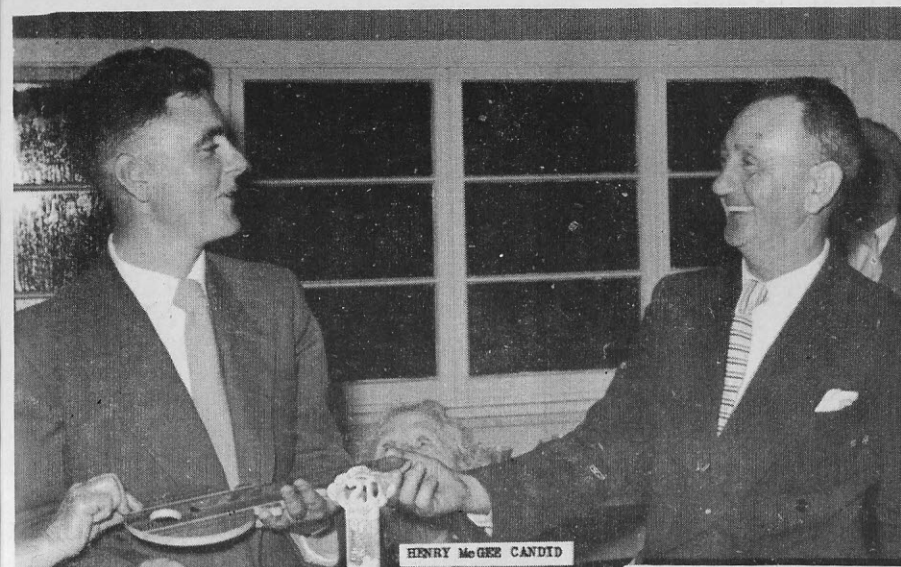


## Eltham...

Although relatively small, Eltham plays an important part in Taranaki's economy. On the back cover of this issue is a view of Mount Egmont as it can only be seen from Eltham.

Above: Main Street of Eltham as seen from verandah of Central Hotel.

Below: Looking back on Eltham from hospital hill.



## Coming of Age

Left: Mr. L.L. Koorey handing over the traditional key of the door to his son Larry, on the occasion of his 21st birthday celebrated at Ngamotu Beach Palladium.

Below left: Gordon Travers pictured cutting the cake marking his 21st year at a party held last month.

## Engaged

Below: A scene at the party marking the engagement of Miss Gillington and Mr. Wisniewski.



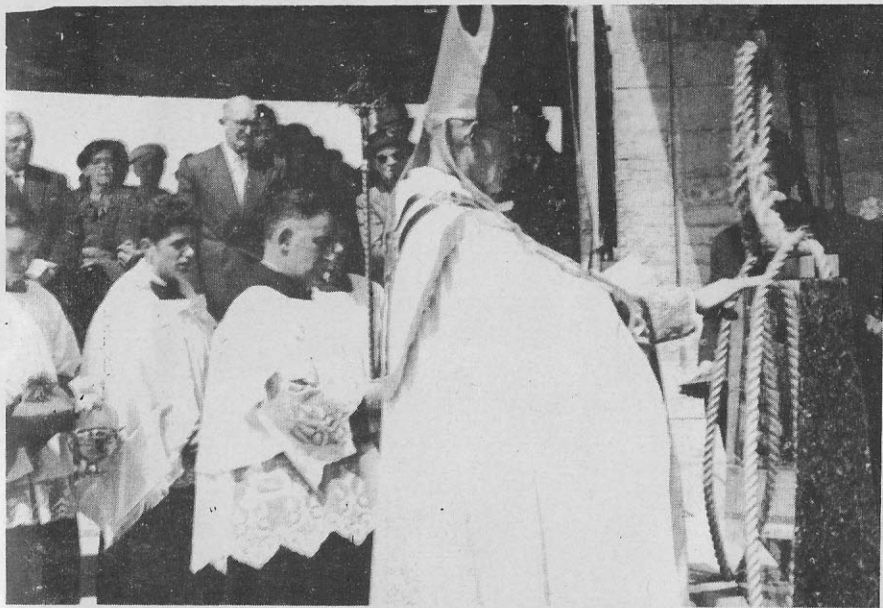




*Inglewood...*

Matal St., Inglewood on a  
quiet mid-week afternoon.





## FOUNDATION STONE LAID

Early last month, the Most Reverend P.T.B. McKeefry D.D., Archbishop of Wellington blessed and laid the foundation stone of the new Francis Douglas Memorial College in New Plymouth.

This college, which is expected to be completed and ready for use by the beginning of 1959, will be a secondary school catering for 100 boarders and 200 day boys.

**Above:** After the blessing Archbishop McKeefry places the stone in position on the foundations.

**Left:** A small section of the huge crowd which attended the ceremony. It was estimated at about three thousand.

(Pictures by Henry McGee).



## BIRTHDAY

The Waitui Women's Division recently celebrated its fourth birthday. Part of the day's activities was a luncheon at Pukekura Park where this picture was taken. (Picture by Henry McGee)





## SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW PLYMOUTH

After flying the 10,000 mile journey from the United States to New Zealand, two Cessna 310 aircraft landed at New Plymouth airport at 3.50pm on the 29th of Last month. They are the smallest and lightest aircraft ever to have completed the flight across the Pacific from U.S.A. to New Zealand. They were piloted by Messrs. M.N.King and P.L. Lightband of New Plymouth and the navigators were A.A. Tapp and W.R. Withers of New South Wales.



Australian navigator W. Withers takes first look at crowd.



Capt. M.N. King is greeted by his mother on arrival.



Air traffic controller G.H. Downes was kept busy guiding aircraft in under poor conditions.



The weather helped little to mark this historic occasion. Intermittent driving showers and strong, gusting westerly wind made the moment a difficult one for aircrew, airport officials at the crowd of nearly 100 which was at the airport to greet the arrivals.



Mr Scott, fire officer, at the ready.



Aircraft takes wide sweep over drome before landing.



Taxiing in to hangar after landing.



*Main Street*  
Picture taken in New Plymouth  
shows busy scene in Devon St.





A time for greetings and congratulations all round.



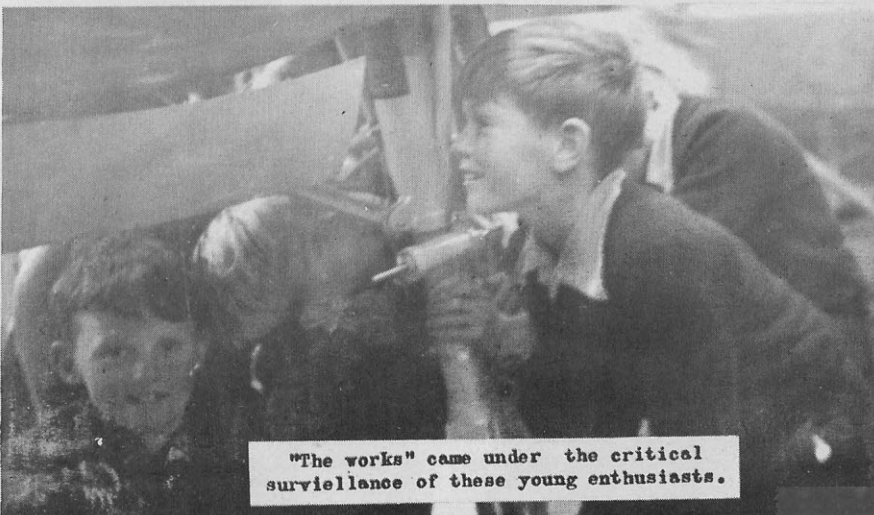
Capt. King removes personal luggage.



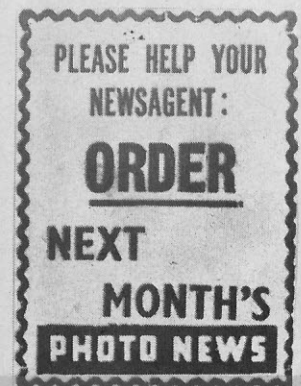
Capt. P.L. Lightband receives welcome home from father.



Young airmen were soon aboard.



"The works" came under the critical surveillance of these young enthusiasts.



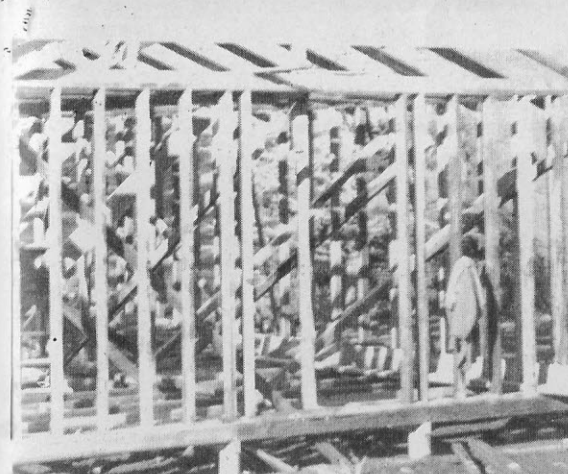




## Married

**GIBSON-GILMOR:**— At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Olive May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Gilmor, Rahotu, to Arnold George Gibson, 2nd son of Mrs A.Bilski, Inglewood. The bridesmaid is Miss Ilma Richardson and the best man Clarence Gibson, brother of the groom. The wedding group is pictured above with parents of the bride and groom.

**Below:— MARSHALL-GEORGE:** At St. Chad's Church, Westown, Verna George, Westown, to Perry Marshall, Napier. They are to make their home in Napier. The matron-of-honour is Mrs.T.Dougherty. The best man is Mr W.Marshall, brother of the groom. (PICTURES BY CRAGO STUDIOS)



## "SIX-WEEK" CHURCH

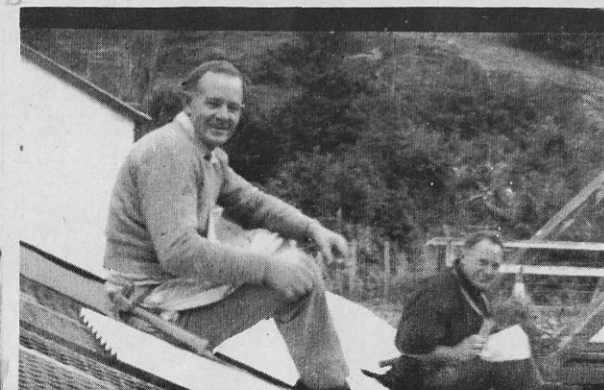
It's a fact! The solid, dignified building pictured above took just six weeks to build from the laying of the foundations to the driving home of the last nail.

This is the Church of St. James, Matau, some 30 miles North-East of Stratford, dedicated last August by the Rt. Rev. J.T. Holland, Bishop of Waikato.

**Left:** A shot taken as the church was first taking shape.

**Below left:** At work high in the rafters.

**Below right:** Even the hardest workers need a break and here we see two of the builders enjoying morning "smoko" on the partly completed roof.

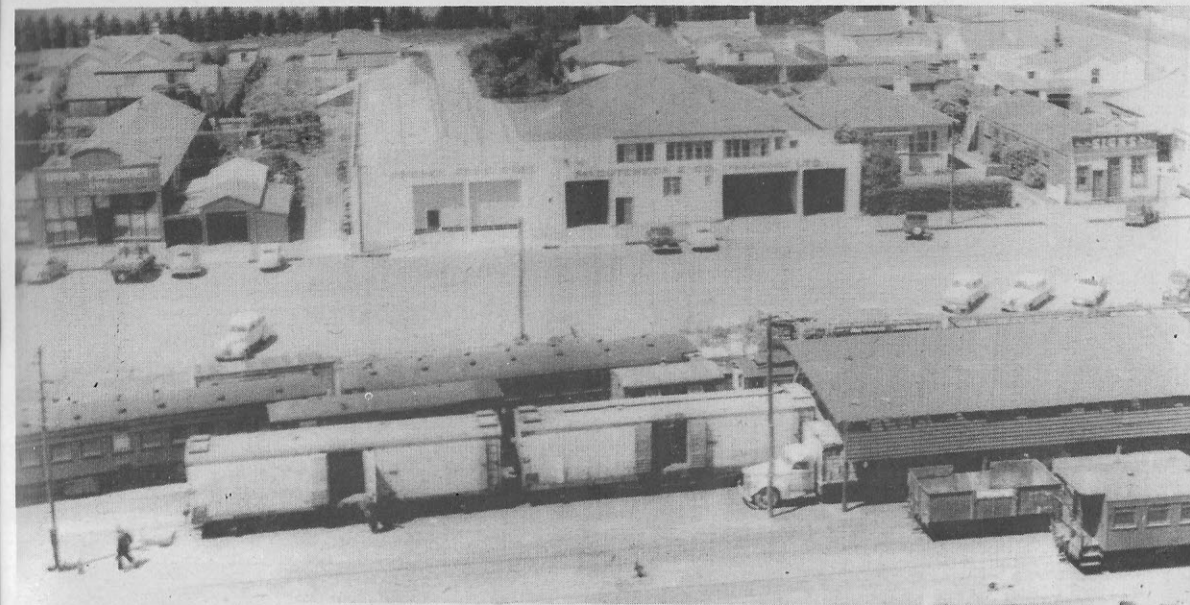






## Stratford...

The two views of Broadway, Stratford's main street, pictured on this page are taken from the top of the Post Office clock, as town bathed in early afternoon sunshine.



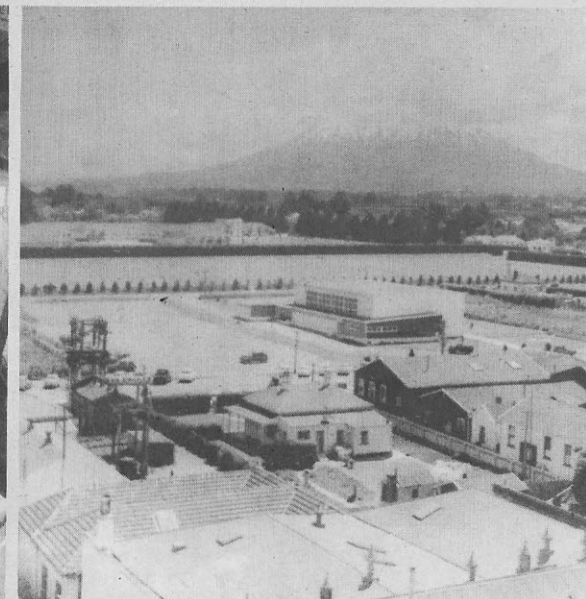
Above: Being a junction, Stratford railway station handles a heavy turnover of passengers and rolling stock.

Below left: Lines of goods wagons are indication of business passing through station.

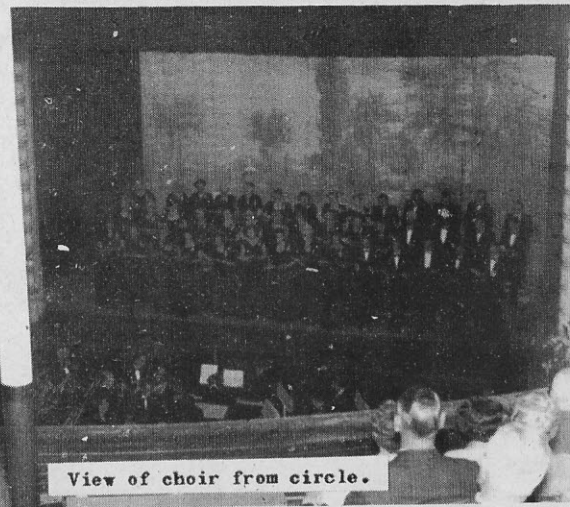
Bottom left: Pin-sized pedestrians as seen from top of town clock indicate size of structure.



Below: Mount Egmont dominates horizon as viewed from town clock. Little wonder that Stratford is known as "The Mountain Town".







View of choir from circle.

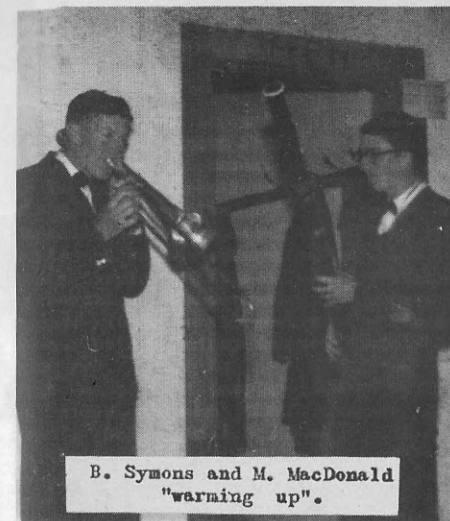
## CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Towards the end of last month the New Plymouth Choral Society (Inc.) presented a concert in the Opera House, the main portion of which was devoted to Sir Edward Elgar's dramatic choral work "Banner of St. George." This was in honour of the centenary of the composer's birth in 1857.

The second half of the concert included the Elysian Singers performance of Henry Purcell's "Masque in Dioclesian" and "Three Tone Pictures", namely, "Pukekura Park", "The Mountain", and "Ngamotu Beach", composed by Canon K. Liggett who also conducted the orchestra and choir.

Although relatively small, the audience made up for lack of numbers by their warm and spontaneous applause, especially for Canon Liggett's "Three Tone Pictures".

The concert reached a rousing ending with both choir and audience joining in the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory."



B. Symons and M. MacDonald "warming up".



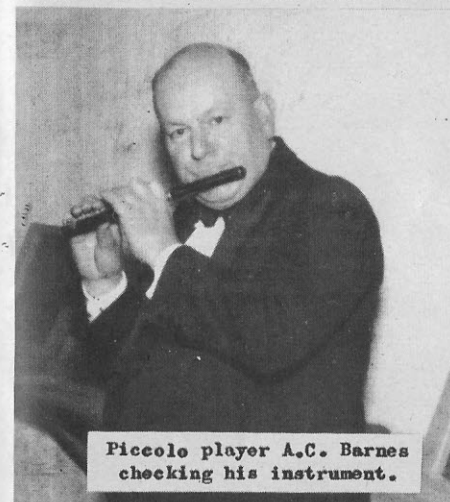
Violinists O. Mills, P.C. Smeaton and C.L. Harris tuning up in dressing room.



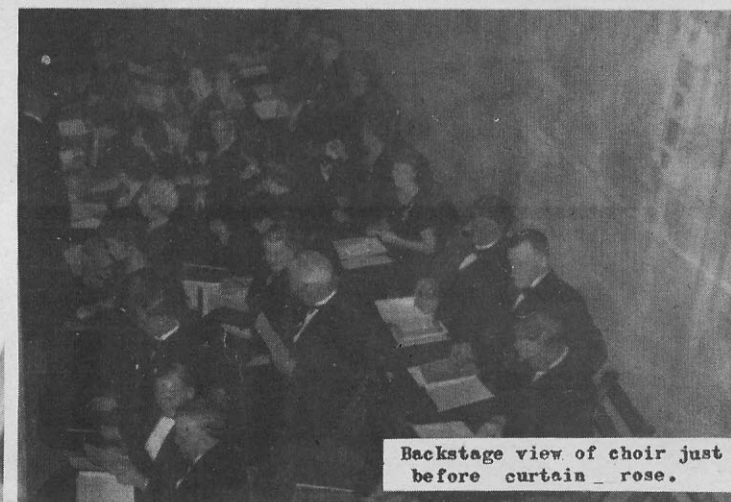
Elysian Singers on stage.



Canon Liggett and orchestra.



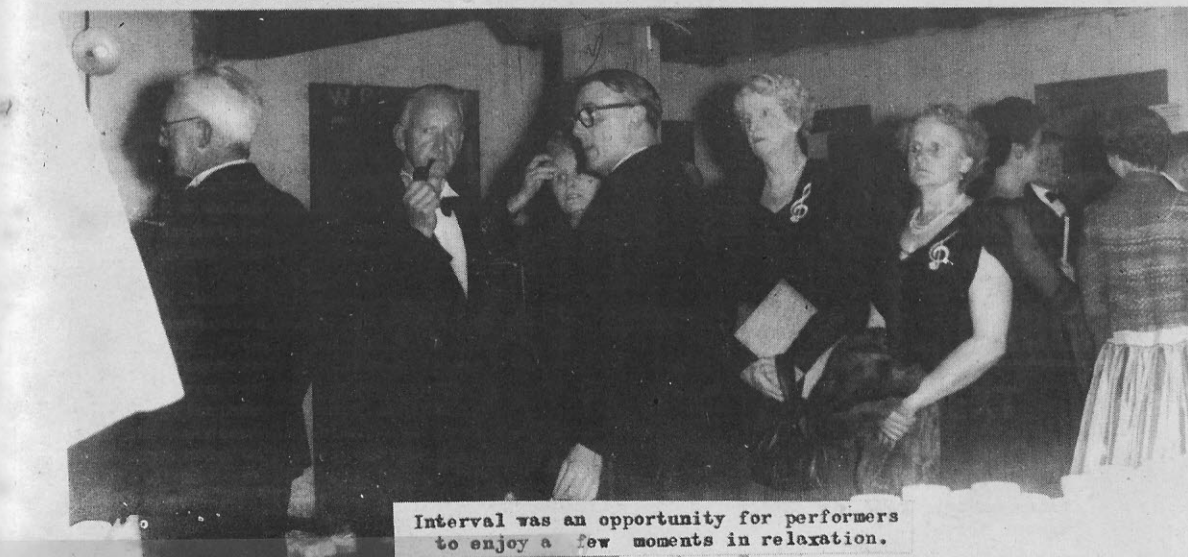
Piccolo player A.C. Barnes checking his instrument.



Backstage view of choir just before curtain rose.



Audience was appreciative.



Interval was an opportunity for performers to enjoy a few moments in relaxation.





**Mount Egmont**  
A view of Taranaki's Mount Egmont taken on the road to the North Egmont Hostel.

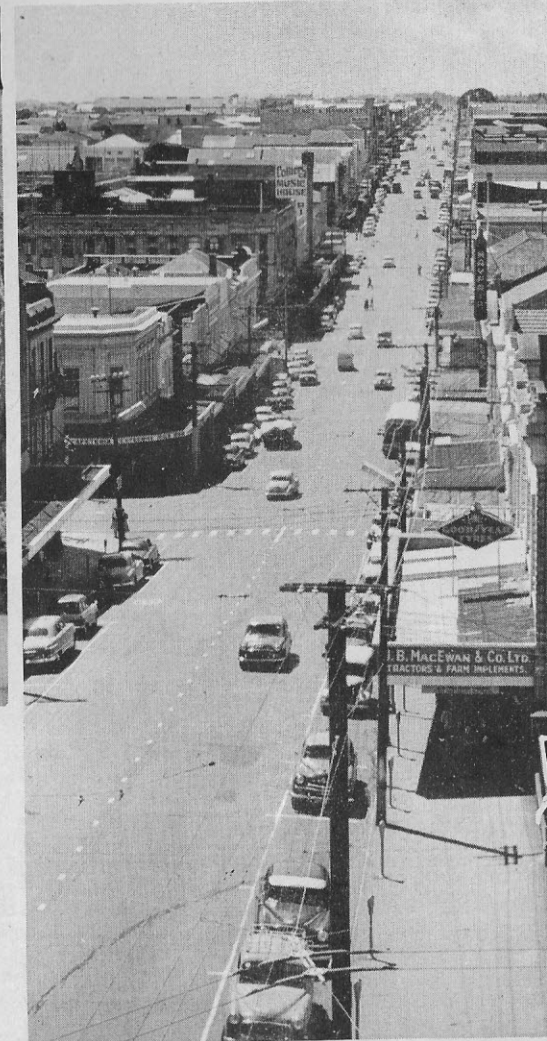


## Town and Country

Above: World-famous view in Pukekura Park, with distant Mount Egmont framed above Peet's Bridge and mirrored in the park lake, will be admired by thousands of visitors this summer.

Right: Devon Street, New Plymouth — the hub of Taranaki's busy capital.

Below: Sheep and cattle graze on the lush pasture of hill country in the southern environs of New Plymouth.

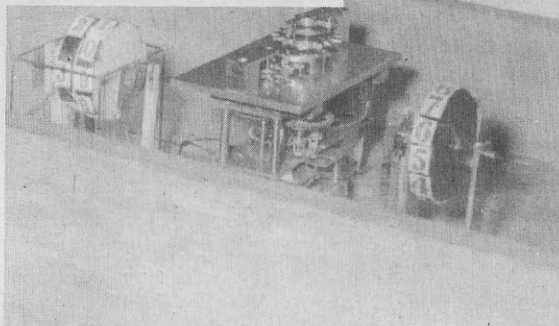




## Apprenticeship Week

From the 17th to the 21st of last month New Plymouth was the centre for Taranaki Apprenticeship week. Organised by a special committee, the week's programme opened with a display of stands representing numerous trades, with the theme in most being "Safety in Industry". Judging by large numbers of people who filed through the Queen's Hall, Gill St. on the opening night, the display was a great success and fully justified the tremendous amount of organisation and hard work required to raise the venture to the high standard it did attain.

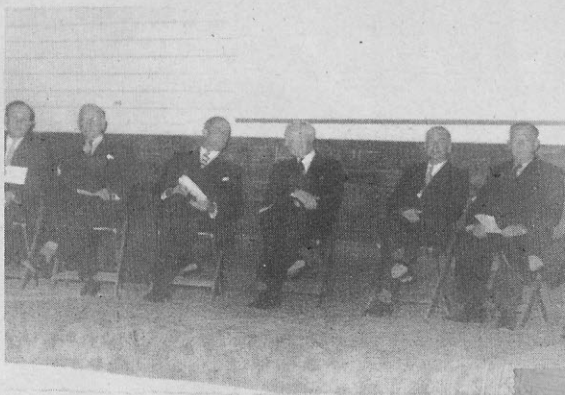
The aviation display pictured at right, drew much attention. The sadly mangled propellor blade at bottom of picture is a grim reminder of what can happen without regular maintenance.



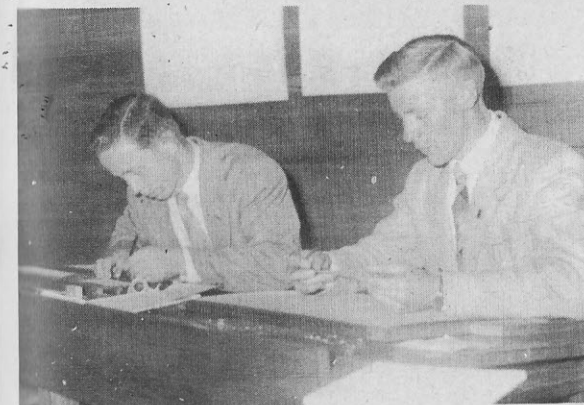
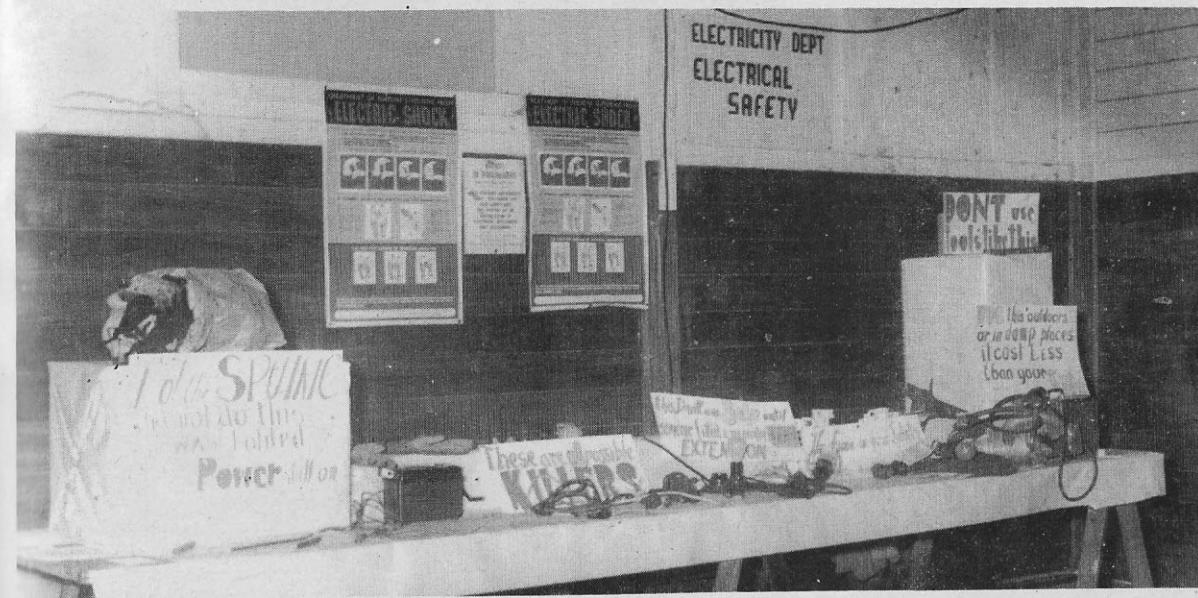
Above: An accurate working model of a watch mechanism, completely hand made and turned in New Plymouth.

Above right: a Morris Car which demonstrated all the electrical fittings and accessories required in a modern car.

Right: The officials on stage at the presentation ceremony held on the closing night of apprenticeship week.



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Above: The electrical safety display made use of such a topical news item as the "Sputnik" to drive home the dangers in the misuse of an electric blanket. Frayed cords and worn electrical appliances also formed part of the stand.

Left: The draughting display consisted solely of these two draughtsmen fully engaged at their task.

Below left: A practical demonstration from the measuring and cutting of the timber to the actual building of the structure in corner formed the basis of this carpentry exhibit.

Below right: A section of the large crowd which assembled in the hall on the final night for the prize presentation ceremony.

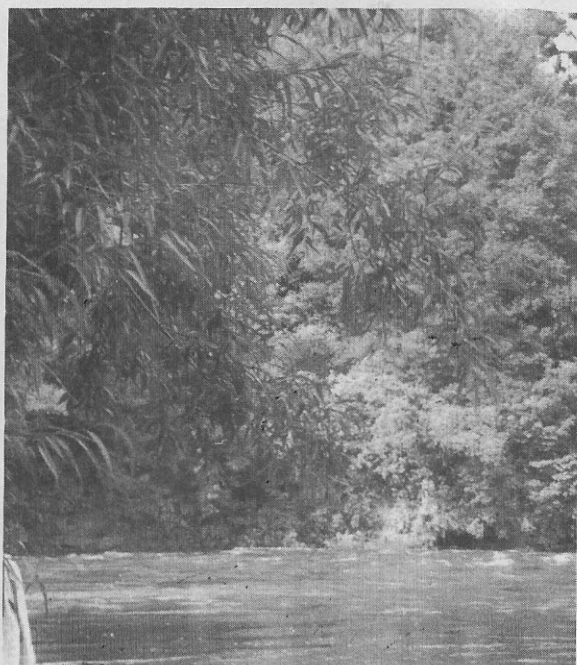






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from the air...*

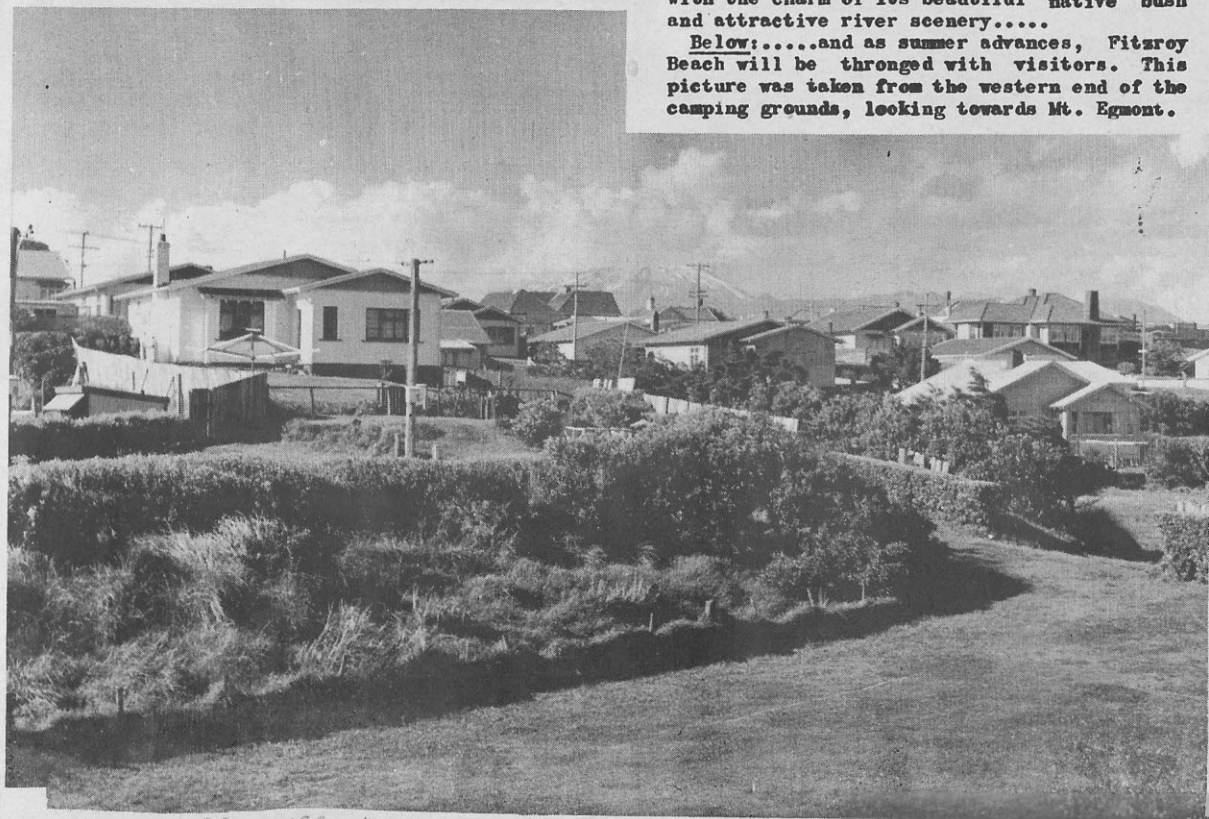




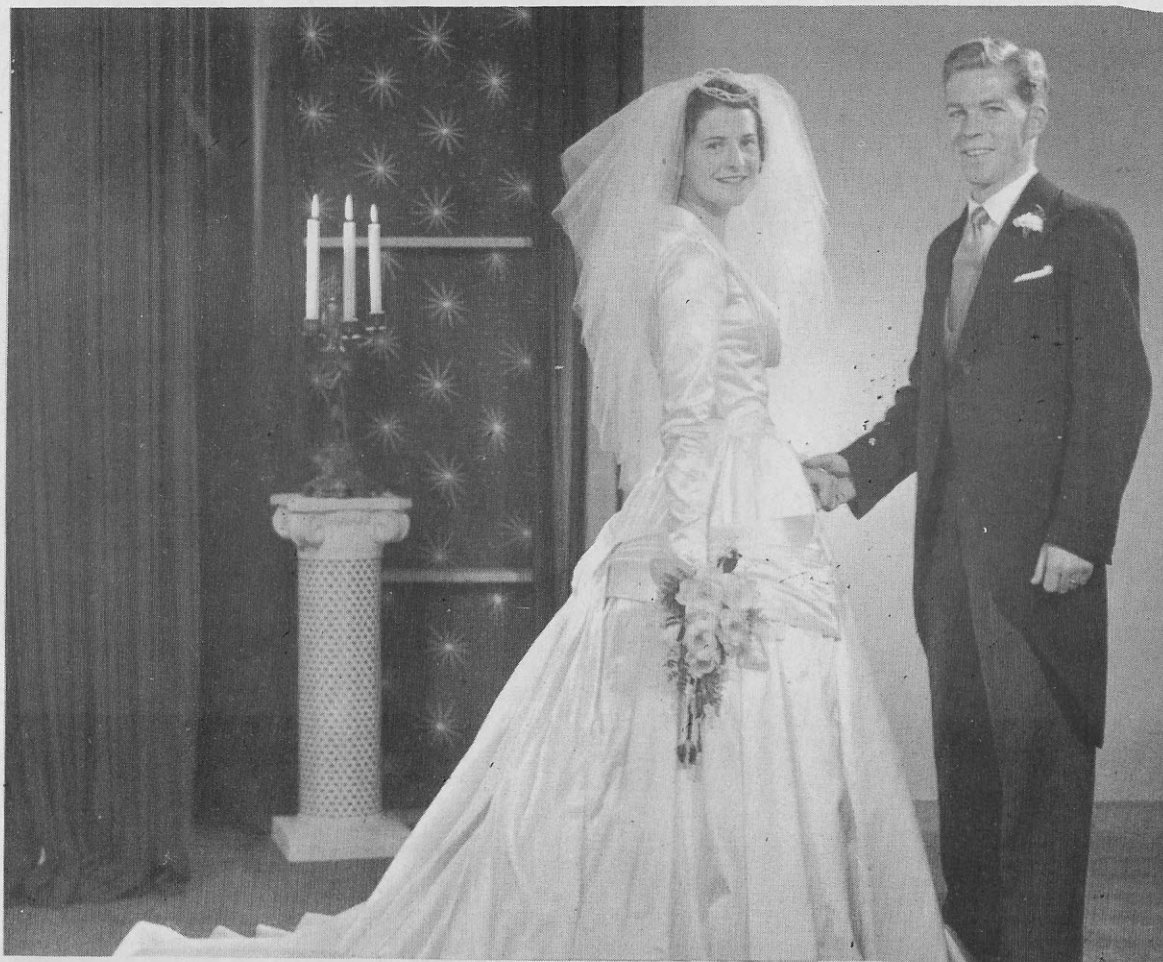
## BUSH, RIVER, AND BEACH

At left, and above: Everett Park is proving increasingly popular with weekend visitors, with the charm of its beautiful native bush and attractive river scenery.....

Below:.....and as summer advances, Fitzroy Beach will be thronged with visitors. This picture was taken from the western end of the camping grounds, looking towards Mt. Egmont.





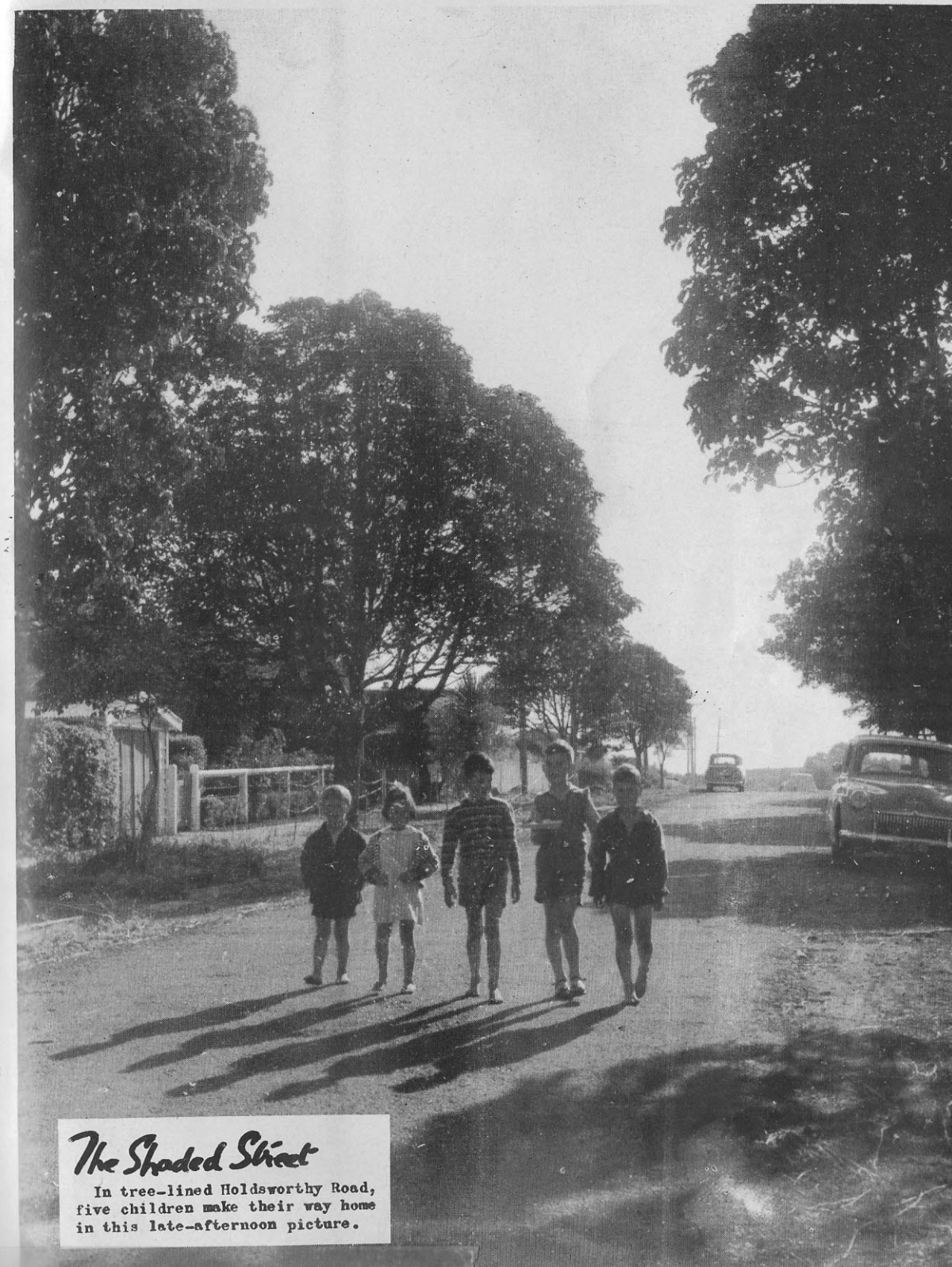


## Married

**McRAE - HICKEY:**— At St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Leonie Cushla Peace, 2nd daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Hickey, Vivian St., to Peter Desmond, only son of Mr & Mrs McRae Devon Street. Future home: Palmerton North.

The bride, who was a teacher at Westown School, had a surprise visit from her class to form the guard of honour.

Pictures by:  
Charters & Guthrie



## The Shaded Street

In tree-lined Holdsworth Road, five children make their way home in this late-afternoon picture.



## Hillside Home

A phoned invitation sent a "Photo Newsmen" off to visit the home of Mr and Mrs L.A. Bosworth, 33 Hursthouse St., to capture in pictures the view to be gained from their lovely home.

**Right:** The large landscape window in the Boswell's front room commands this view, with mountain peak just visible through veil of cloud.

**Below left:** Mr and Mrs Boswell admiring the view from the front of their hillside home.

**Below right:** A view down flower and shrub bordered driveway from Boswell's home to street.



Mr & Mrs Bosworth

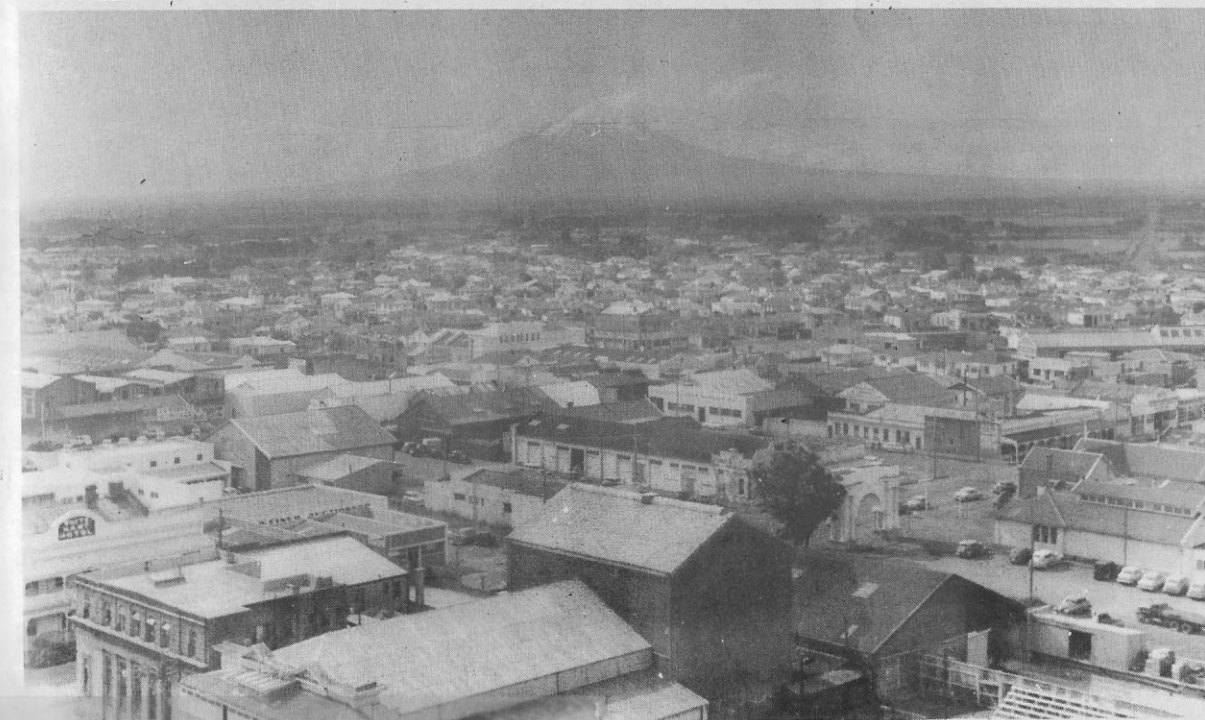


## Hawera...

The two views on this page were taken atop Hawera's famous water-tower, a prominent feature on the landscape for many miles around.

**Above:** View along Albion Street shows spacious bowling, croquet greens and tennis courts which provide ideal surroundings for new community centre seen in middle of picture.

**Below:** From water-tower, across town, towards mountain.





## THE HAWERA SHOW

Perfect weather was enjoyed for the two days of the Hawera A and P Show last month.

The show was held this year for the last time on King Edward Park, moving to new showgrounds next year.

**Right:** Tractor aloft in trade exhibit section is a symbol of modern farming techniques.

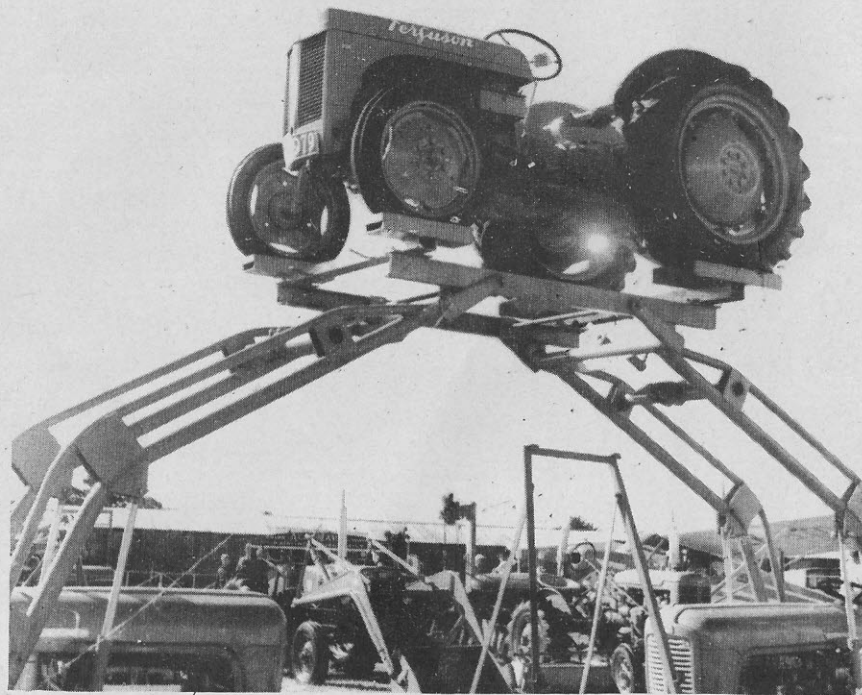
**Left below:** View from grandstand shows modern new sports hall.

**Right below:** Horses exercising near stables.

**Bottom left:** Margaret Midgley is the young horsewoman pictured here.

**Bottom centre:** This sheep duster attracted attention of local farmers.

**Bottom right:** Younger ones however derived their pleasure from side-shows.



Food is always a first essential when showtime comes around. The young kiddies pictured at left make short work of their toffee apples.

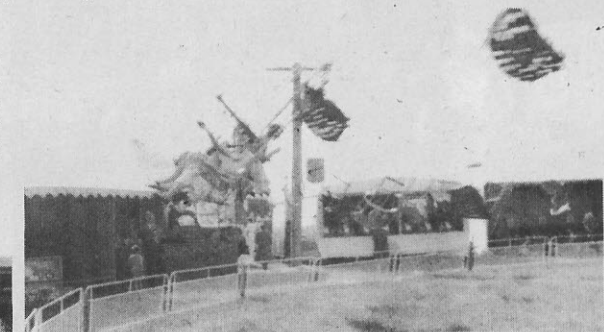
Boys pictured above found bulldozer seat ideal spot to sit down and relax while eating their hot dogs.



"Photo News" follows three girls on their adventure. Averil Pennington, Jean Pettigrew and Beth Gilshanan purchase tickets (left), climb aboard chair-o-plane (above), and get their money's work (below) whirling through space.

**Below:** Of course, we all know that trade exhibits at shows are mainly for the purpose of introducing new farming equipment to local farmers.

As pictured below, however, we see a baler receiving a scrupulous "going over" from much younger farmers.



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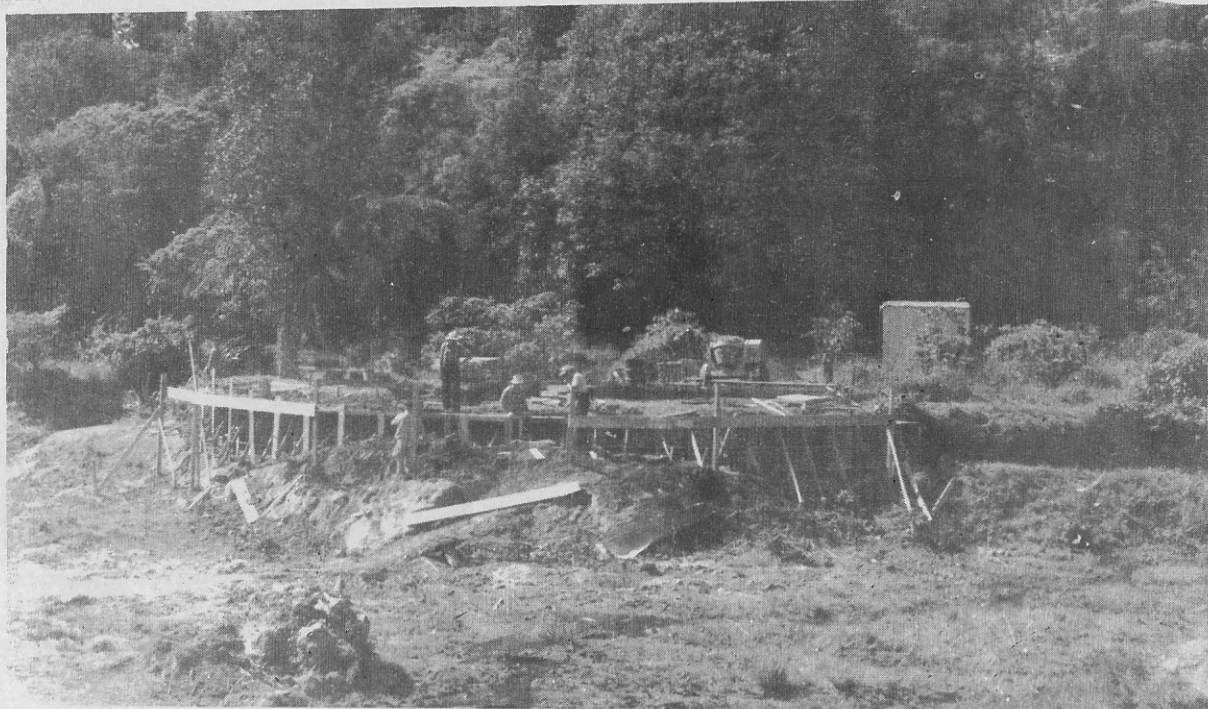




## *Yachts in the Bay*

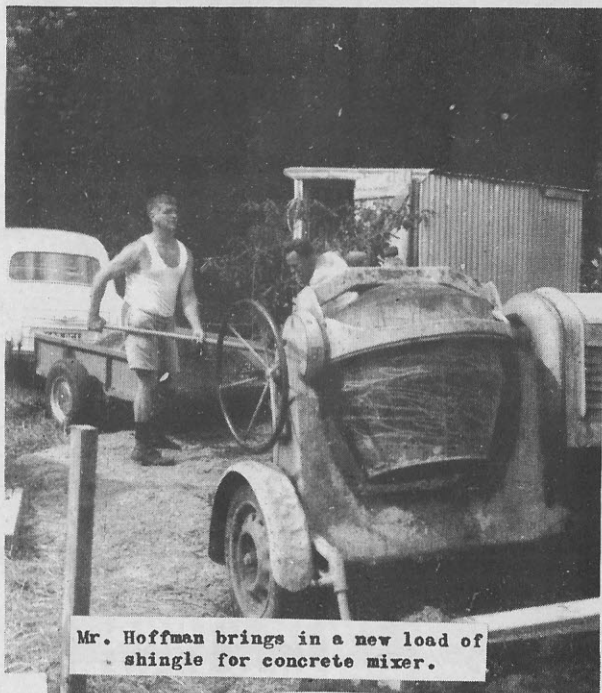
Yachts sailing offshore at Ngamotu Beach make charming picture with city in background.





## *Festival of the Pines*

Preparations for one of the largest ventures ever organised in New Plymouth are well under way. Already the Brooklands Bowl is taking on a new appearance, with the huge circular stage, built by groups of volunteer workers, beginning to form into its new shape. The pictures on this page were taken on a recent Saturday afternoon, when the front wall casing had been almost completed and the first concrete was being poured.

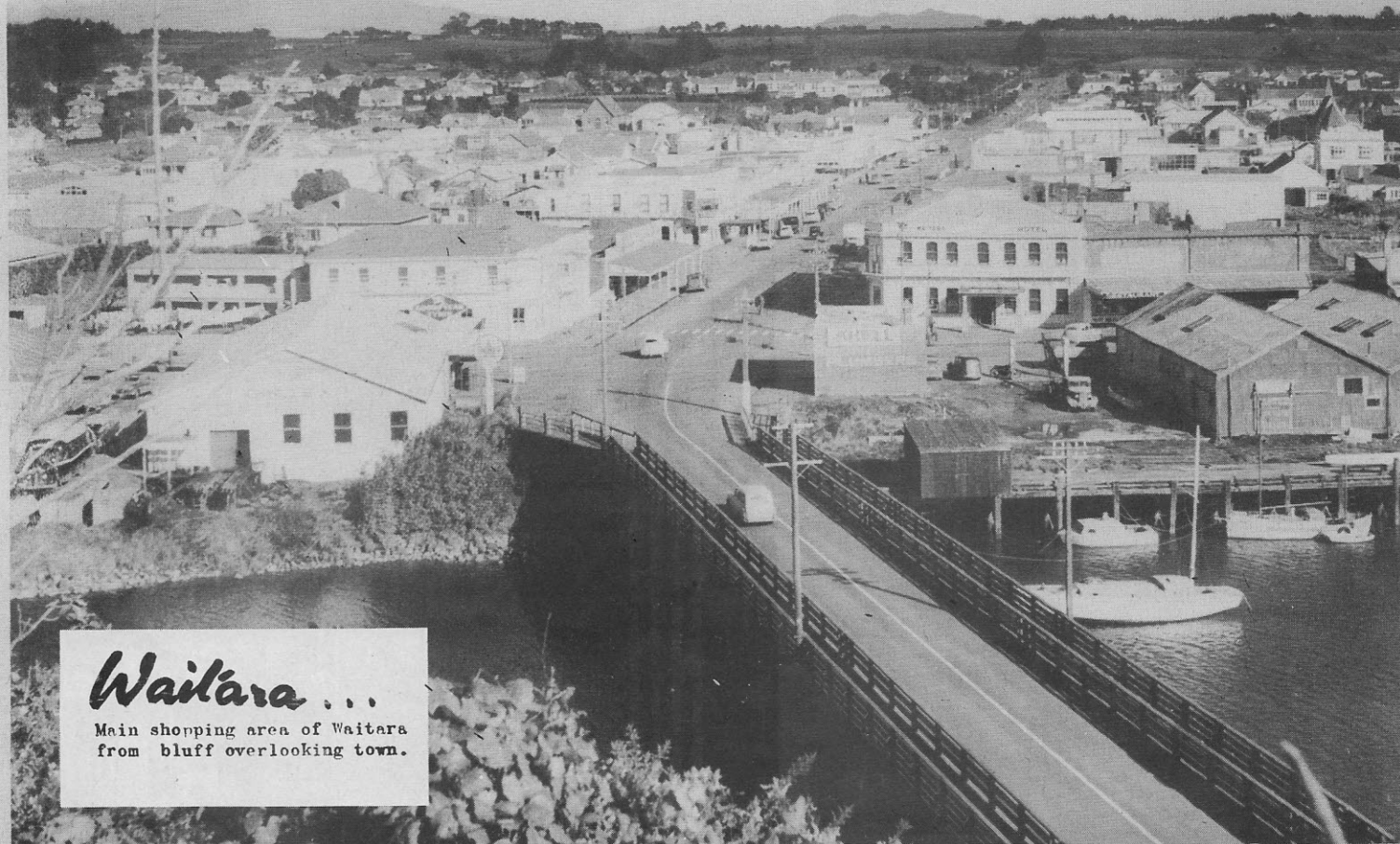


Mr. Hoffman brings in a new load of shingle for concrete mixer.



D. Wright, M. Gaze and F.M. Lay at work on front of staging.





## *Wailāra ...*

Main shopping area of Waitara  
from bluff overlooking town.





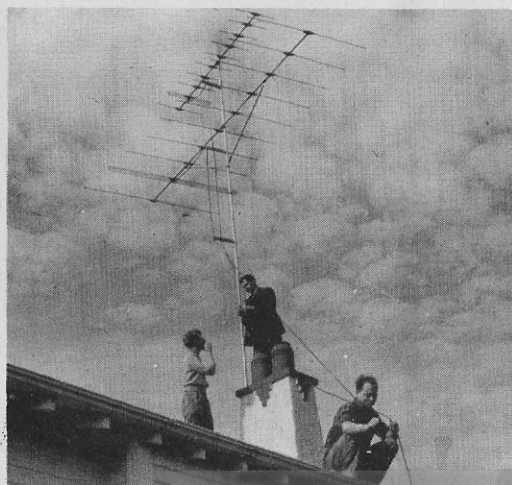
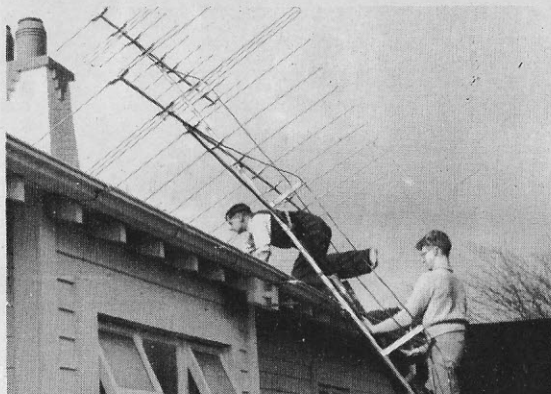
## T.V. IN N.P.

After many patient months of viewing a blank screen, television watchers were at last rewarded recently. Some months back the Taranaki Daily News, using Pye Technico equipment, set up a television receiving station at the home of Mr. D.F.C. Saxton, Victoria Road.

When the big break-through came, the assembled group of viewers were rewarded with several hours' entertainment from Australian television's Channel 2. Images were seen with amazing clarity as shown by the picture above, taken during a story of the French Foreign Legion.

Picture at bottom of page was taken on following night when reception was not as good.

Pictures at left and bottom right show Cliff Walker, Ted Barber and Peter Lankshear setting up the television aerial which is now a prominent feature on the Victoria Road skyline.





## Taranaki's Port

Taranaki's outlet to the sea and overseas markets is symbolised in this study taken at Newton King wharf.



## Wedding Bells

Above:- **DURNING-LAWRENCE**; Barbara Theresa Lawrence, New Plymouth, to Eugene William John Durning, Eltham. The bridesmaids are Misses Ida Butler and Norma Bulcock, the best man Mr. Hensley Durning and the groomsmen Mr. Frank Hart. The flowergirls are Melba O'Donnell and Colleen Hart. (PICTURES BY CHARTERS AND GUTHRIE)



Left:-**FRASER-HORO**; At Rahotu Methodist Church, Nola, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hore Rahotu, to Peter eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ray Fraser, Waitara. Future Home: Waitara. Best man: Samuel Hore, brides' brother. Bridesmaid: June Fraser, sister of groom.





## SCHOOLDAYS

The school year is over. Now for the holidays! Pictures on this page were taken on the last few days before schools throughout district broke up for the year.

**Above:** An afternoon's tennis coaching on Pungarehu Domain.

**Bottom Left:** Louis McNiece, Michael Williscroft and Alan Knight struggle with Awakino School's recalcitrant motor mover.

**Bottom right:** "For the last time!" Raho children board bus at school gates for the last trip home from School for 1957.



## Roaming Camera

To see a horse and gig in the street today is usually regarded as something rather uncommon; but not to the people of Stratford.

Mr. A.C. Marr, 149 Swansea Rd. Stratford has been riding up and down Broadway in his gig for nearly 50 years, and horse, Fisher, has been companion for many of them.

Mr. Marr told "Photo News" he'd been a drover all his life and had never bothered learning to drive a car.



**Above right:** "Come on in dear, it's tea-time." As sun sets, Mother Butterfat calls in young one for last meal of day before settling down for the night.

**Left:** This fine specimen, on roadside near Omata, refused to budge until "Photo News" man obliged with his portrait.

The perfect pose suggests this fellow has played photographers model before.



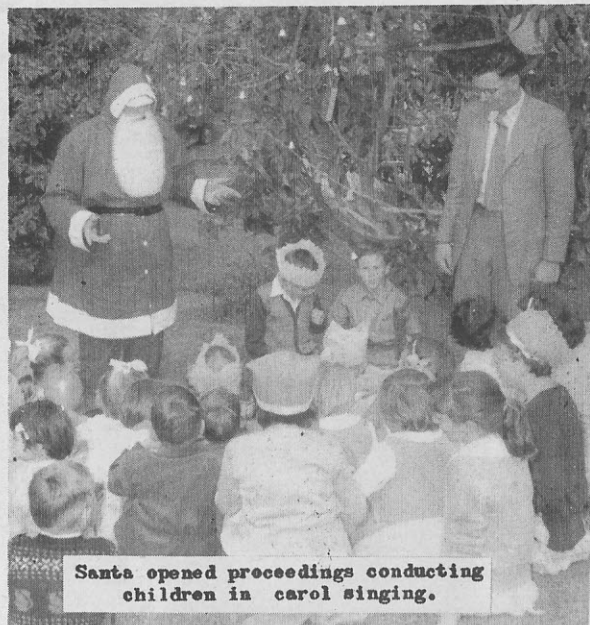
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Santa opened proceedings conducting children in carol singing.



"Santa, let me tell you a secret"



Even the tots enjoyed the fun.



"Ten-gallon" party hat and outsize balloon almost hide this youngster

## SANTA'S IN TOWN

It's a little early yet for "the jolly old man in the bright red suit" to be on his rounds, but, as is customary, he's already paid a number of courtesy calls.

On this page, Santa Claus is seen at the de Burgh Adams Masonic Lodge Xmas children's party held at the home of Mr. W.S. (Kai) Thompson, Kitchener Terrace.



"You're such a wonderful man, I'll give you a big kiss."



The Kiddies didn't have it all their own way. Santa Claus found time to call on the West New Plymouth Young Wives Xmas Party in St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, seen to find himself (above left) surrounded by admiring adults.

Above right: Santa took the opportunity to admonish wayward parents.

Below: It wasn't exactly Xmas entertainment served up by this impromptu skiffle group, but it was certainly good fun.



## Christmas Greetings

With this issue of "Photo News", the last for the year, the Editor and staff join in wishing all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



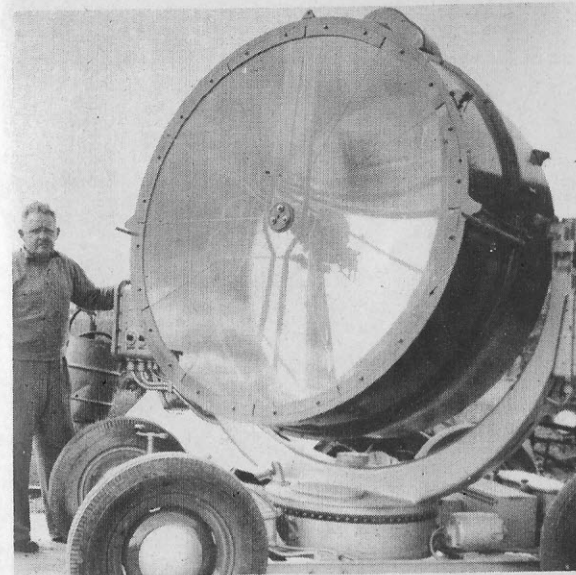
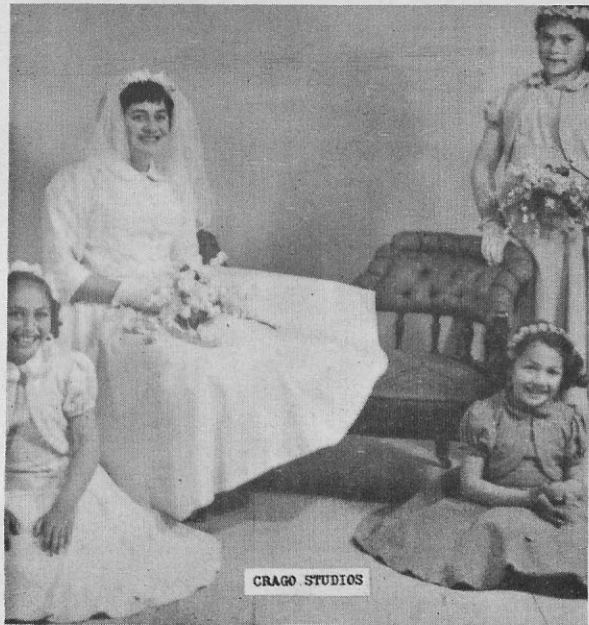


## Wedding Bells

**Left:—SHERIDAN— MUGGERIDGE:**  
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, June, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Muggeridge, Paraiti Rd., Bell Block, to Robert Stephen, youngest son of Mrs. Sheridan, Olivier St., Stratford.

**Below left:—AMOR—BROUGHTON:**  
Davina Walla, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.C. Broughton, New Plymouth, to Franklin John, 2nd son of Mr and Mrs A. Amor, New Plymouth. Flowergirls are Nancy Walker, Artira Walker and Andrys Broughton.

**Below right:—FABISH—EATON:**  
At Whiteley Methodist Church, Nola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.A. Eaton, New Plymouth, to Joseph John, only son of Mr and Mrs F.S. Fabish, Uremui. Future home: Gpunake.



## Light's Up!

One of the major attractions at this year's New Plymouth Mardi Gras on Ngamotu Beach, will be the huge searchlight pictured at left.

It will be seen throughout the Christmas and New Year season, playing over the skies in all colours of the rainbow.

The "piece-de-resistance" of the performances, will, on clear nights, be the illuminating of Mt. Egmont in a kaleidoscope of colour, projected by the searchlight all the way from Ngamotu Beach.



The two happy groups pictured here were caught at a Prefects' Dance held recently at the Boys' High School.

The boys weren't outnumbered as the pictures might suggest; it's just that the girls considered themselves more photogenic.



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## SUNDAY AT THE BEACH

After a week of steady rain and cold winds, an unexpected burst of sun on a recent Sunday afternoon, sent many hundreds of people scurrying to Ngamotu Beach (including "Photo News")

Above: View towards Fitzroy shows car line-up.

Left: Some let off energy with an impromptu rock-n-roll session.

Below: Boys found rain-swollen stream an ideal spot for launching canoe.



As always, different people found different ways to enjoy themselves. The young ones pictured above and below braved the surf for their first swim of the new season.

Above left: These two girls gained their enjoyment through teaching their young charge the art of roller skating.

Middle: Vinsen's Ponies attracted many, too.

Bottom left: And for these belles it was a golden opportunity to catch up on a little belated sunbathing.







## Wedding Bells

HENRY MOORE CANDID

**Above:—HORO-SIMPSON.** At Rahotu Methodist Church, Kay, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Simpson, Kahui Rd., Rahotu, to Brian Horo. Future home: Rahotu. The bridesmaids are: Jenny Coxhead, Beverly Scott, Ader Horo, and Diane Churchill.

**Below:—COOK-ANDREW:** At St. David's Anglican Church, Naenae, Lower Hutt, Julie Madeline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Andrew, Lower Hutt, to Frederick Richard, son of Mr and Mrs G. Cook, Havelock Place, New Plymouth. Future home: New Plymouth.



## STAFF SOCIAL

The W.R. Phillips Social Club recently had a staff evening at the Old Folks Hall, which proved a huge success. The dance floor was crowded (left) and penalties such as soft-drink races (below right) kept evening lively.

Below left: The social committee whose hard work made the evening a success.



## Prime Minister's Visit

During election campaign New Plymouth had many important visitors, not the least of them being the then Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. K.J. Holyoake. He was greeted on arrival at White Hart Hotel by Duty Constable C.P. Goldup, who enjoyed a few moments' conversation with the Prime Minister.



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## GIRLS' PIPE BAND QUEEN CARNIVAL

After a whirlwind few weeks of Queen Carnival, the Taranaki Ladies Highland Pipe Band totalled up the earnings of the three candidates and then declared the Queen - Lynette Williamson. Although the carnival didn't raise the £2,000 target, the money that was raised will go a long way to buying the instruments and uniforms required.

The official crowning ceremony, pictured here, was held in the Star Gymnasium and an impressive affair it was. The royal entourage are pictured above, as Chancellor reads proclamation. The two princesses, Joan Patton and Decima Hobart, at left and right of picture respectively, can be recognized by their heavy tartan sashes.



The climax of ceremony as crown is placed on Queen Lynette's head.



The Queen and her young robe carriers lead procession down hall at conclusion.



A prominent visitor to this year's show was the American Ambassador Mr. F.W. Russell seen here addressing the crowd from the stand at the official opening. Also in picture are Mr T.T. Murray, M.P. for Stratford, and Mr A.W. White, president of the Stratford A. & P. Society.



Left: The W.F. McCullough Cup for the best-reared calf was awarded to Lorraine Bishop.

(PICTURES BY HENRY McGEE).

## SHOW DAY AT STRATFORD

With beautiful weather, especially for the second day, and lack of counter-attractions, other than the elections, the 48th annual show of the Stratford Agricultural and Pastoral Association, was a record breaker on all counts. The crowd was the largest ever, entries in the stock and cattle section were well up, and the number of trade exhibits exceeded all expectations.

Right: This healthy young dog, with the slogan "Eradicate Hydatids" on his back attracted no small measure of attention to himself with his performances, while, at the same time, giving good publicity to the anti-hydatids dog-dosing campaign.







## ROLLER SKATING

The New Plymouth Amateur Roller Skating Club is in very active form this year. Pictures here were taken on a recent practice evening.

Quintet at left are Valda Max, Maureen Batten, Colleen Mack, Joy Stroud & Shirley Pentecost.

Below: Maureen Batten in fast spin provides unusual action shot.

(PICTURES BY HENRY McGEE)



## Coming of Age

Left: Kathleen Willing, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.D. Willing, Brown Street, Inglewood, who recently celebrated her twenty-first birthday with a party at Inglewood Gymnasium.

(PICTURE BY HENRY McGEE)



## NEW BOYS' CLUB OPENED

Something of an innovation was introduced to the public a fortnight ago with the official opening of the Merrilands Club for Boys. The club building is entirely the result of voluntary labour, but is in urgent need of assistance from fathers to help organise boys' activities in the hall. Mr A. S. McWhinnie, the club's president, addressed the gathering (above). Mr. E.P. Aderman M.P. was then invited to open the door and parents and friends had the opportunity to inspect the new building.

While parents inspected new clubhouse, boys enjoyed themselves in playground (bottom of page).







Lake Mangamahoe, where this charming picture was taken, will have its share of visitors this summer.





## DANCING FESTIVAL

The Star Gymnasium was the venue of one of the largest dances ever organised here. Four of Taranaki's leading bands alternated on 2 stages to give four hours of continuous dancing.

Above: "Airliners" band were leading attraction.

Left: Colin King compered show.  
(PICTURES BY HENRY MCGEE).



Alex Smith provided animated vocals.



Communal fountain:  
2 girls — 1 drink



Reinforced jeans needed  
for this routine.