

THIS MONTH'S COVER

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

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



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ACROSS THE TASMAN

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

Not long ago Sergeant W. Govan, based with the RAAF in Townsville, North, Queensland, saw it too --- and recognised his nephew. Sergeant Govan's wife was formerly Miss Bab Old, of Taranaki, and he has a sister-in-law, Mrs Wally Evans, in Stratford.

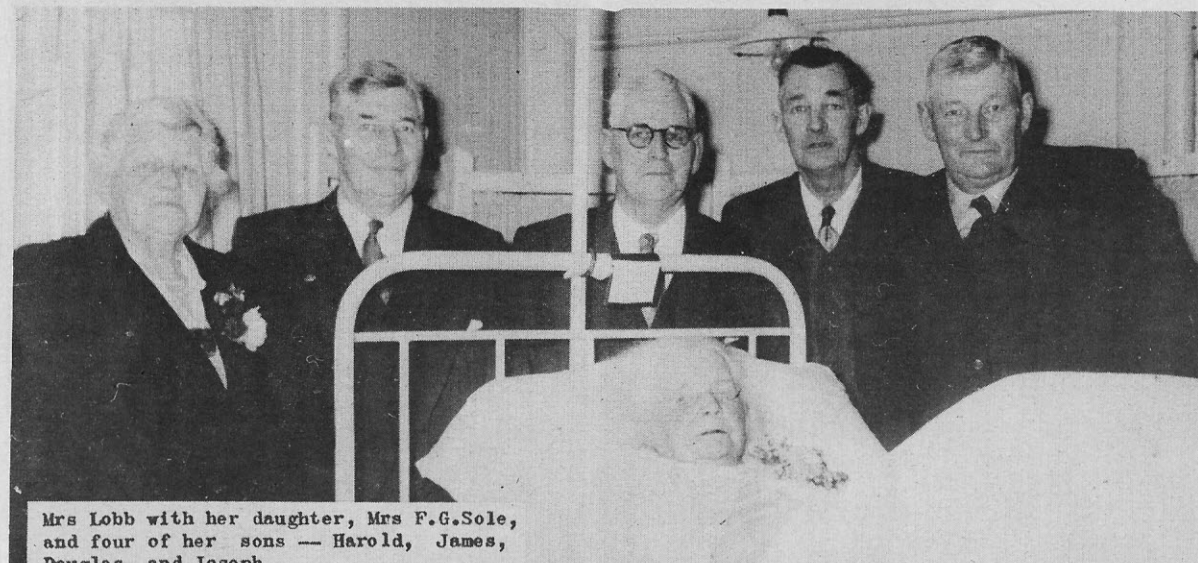
We thank Sergeant Govan for his good wishes.



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

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

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



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

GRAND OLD LADY

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

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

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

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

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



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



Mrs Sole cuts birthday cake



Telegrams and flowers poured in to convey greetings.



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Val and Don
at a dance.

VAL AVIS HEADED FOR TV

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

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

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

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



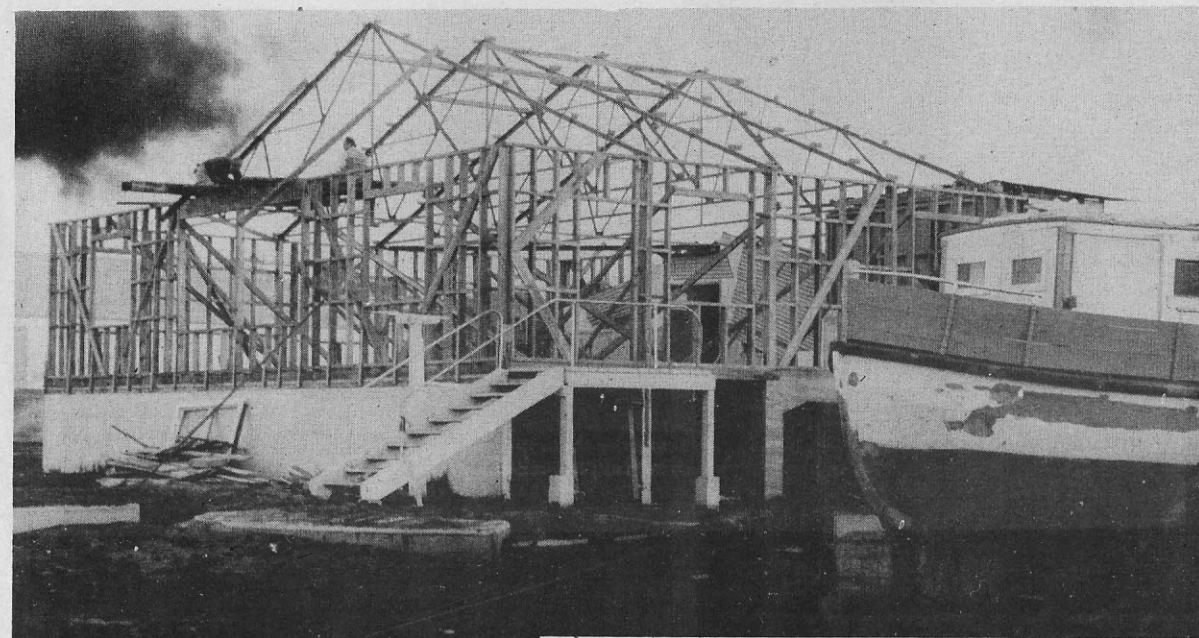
An item at the
Public Service
Ball. Behind her
are Garth Dutton
(bass) & Tommy
McArthur ('drums)

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CHARTERS & OUTHRIE

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



YACHT CLUB RE-BUILDS

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

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

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

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

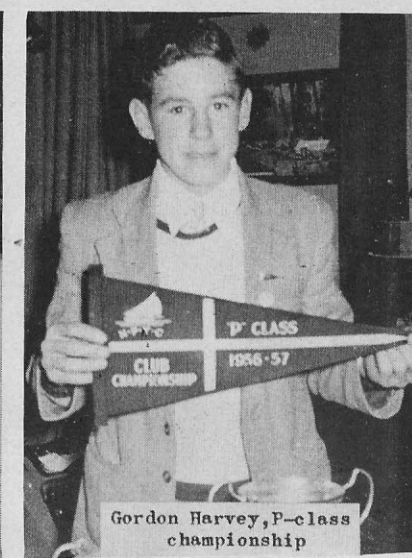
Left:- Gerald Taylor, Geraldine Rutherford, & Barry Slyfield (skipper) who won several trophies in the 14ft and over class.



Stephen Old, mono-
type championship



Errol Slyfield,
Monotype trophy



Gordon Harvey, P-class
championship



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

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE *Big* Broadcast

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



Choirmaster Noel Lynch studies point in score



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

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

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



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



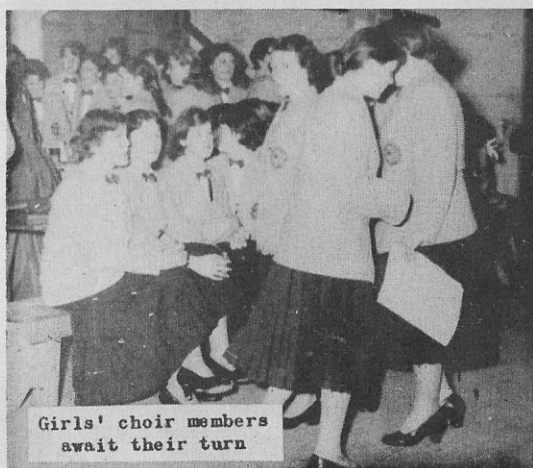
Baritone Sefton Freeman signs autograph for member of girls' choir.



Hawera tap-dancers Diane Cudby & Suzanne Brown.



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



Girls' choir members await their turn



Little rock 'n' roll eased the tension.



Wendy Paget (right) had important task calling artists.



Trumpet men Warren Orr and Ken Hodgson tune up



Wedding Bells

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

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

Future home: Wellington

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

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

Future home: Ngaroma, near Te Awamutu.

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Eight-year-old Margaret Coyne plays with a young lamb on her parents' farm at Bell Block.

Spring!

Birds have been whistling a little louder, young men have been falling more ardently in love, and flowers have been blooming more brightly in Taranaki.

For spring has announced its arrival, with a host of new-born lambs and a blaze of blossoms.

Even Otago's Ranfurly Shield victory over Wellington could not completely dampen the gay spirit that comes with the passing of winter.

Playing their customary role in the transition, housewives have turned their attention to spring-cleaning. But they have found time, too, to take a look at those new spring gowns in the shop window.



Blossoms of a double-flowering apricot at the nurseries of Duncan and Davies.



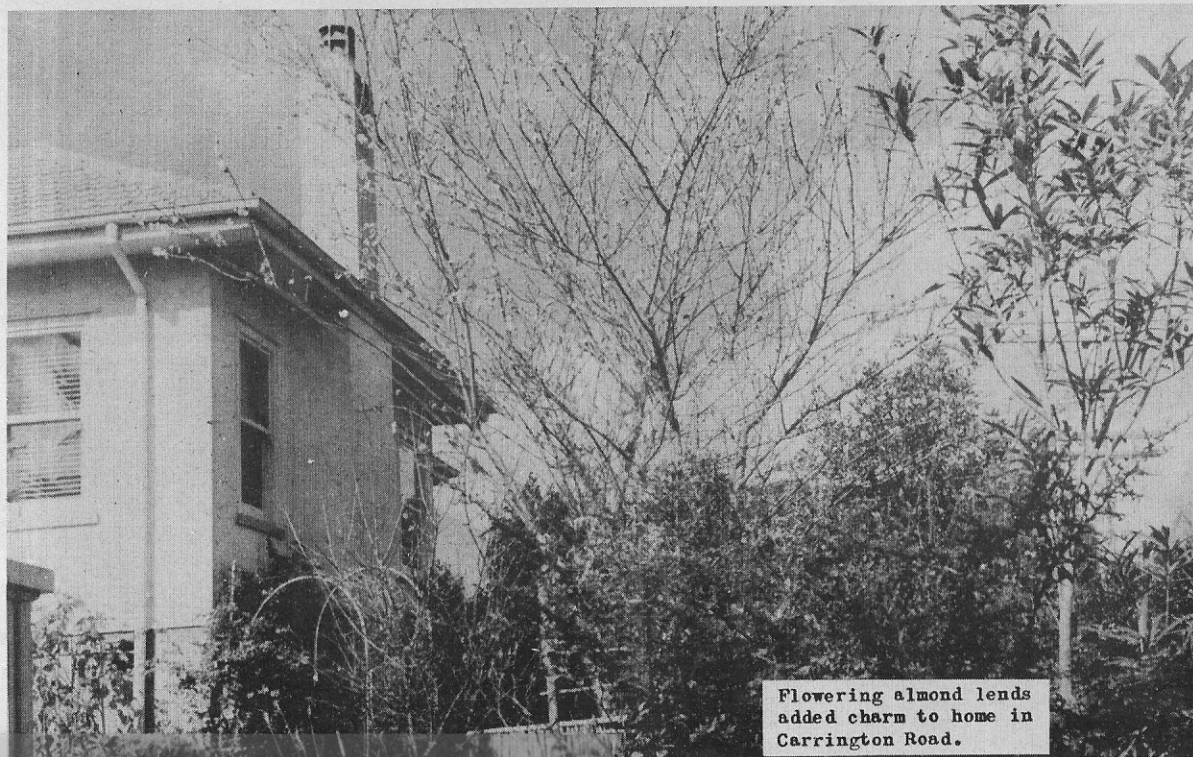
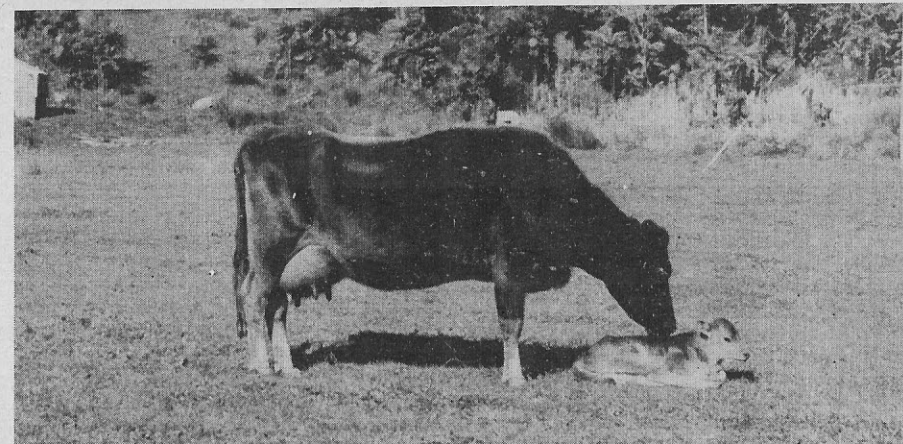
Cathleen Coyne provides lamb with refreshments.



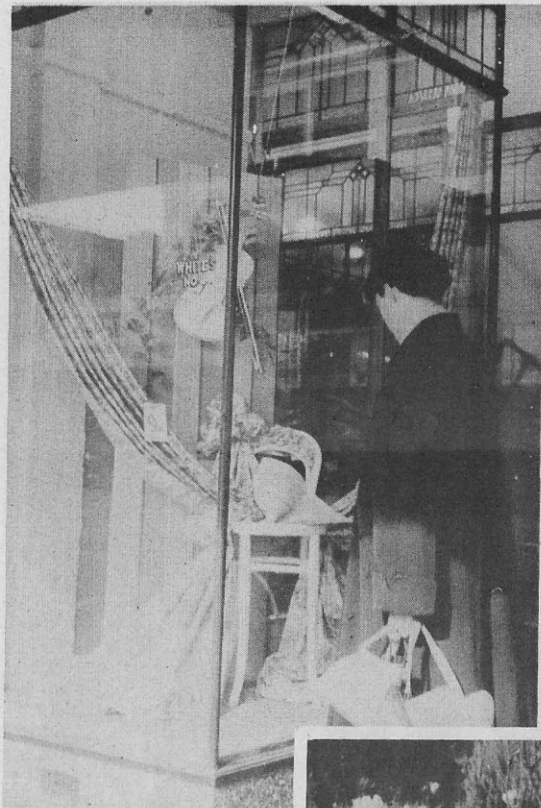
Above:- Lambs, of course, haven't got it all their own way.

That sow, with her big family, is just as conscious of spring as any ewe in the province. The picture was taken at Oakura.

Right:- Baby calf doesn't seem awed by the big, wide world.



Flowering almond lends added charm to home in Carrington Road.



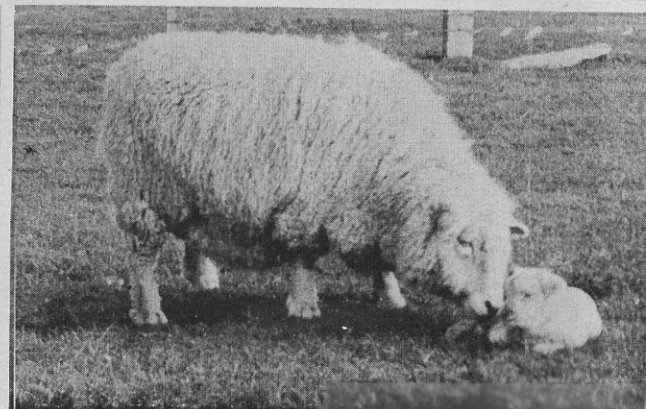
Above:- A New Plymouth housewife pauses in Devon Street to study spring display in shop window.



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

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

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



A charming study by Charters and Guthrie of a spring bride in Brooklands Park.

The bride was Valerie Jean, only daughter of Mr & Mrs F.W. Roper, New Plymouth. The groom was Ronald, second son of Mr & Mrs R.J. Martin, Stratford.



BRIXTON ANNIVERSARY

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

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

Above right:- A group of foundation members.

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

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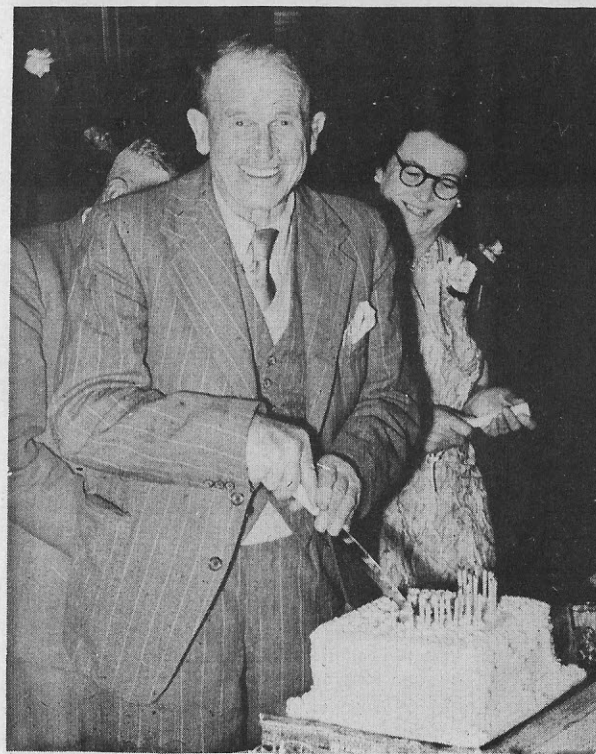
GOLFERS CELEBRATE

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

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

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

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Roaring Camera

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

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



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

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

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



KENNETH TAYLOR CANDID



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

NEW HOME FOR INDOOR BOWLS

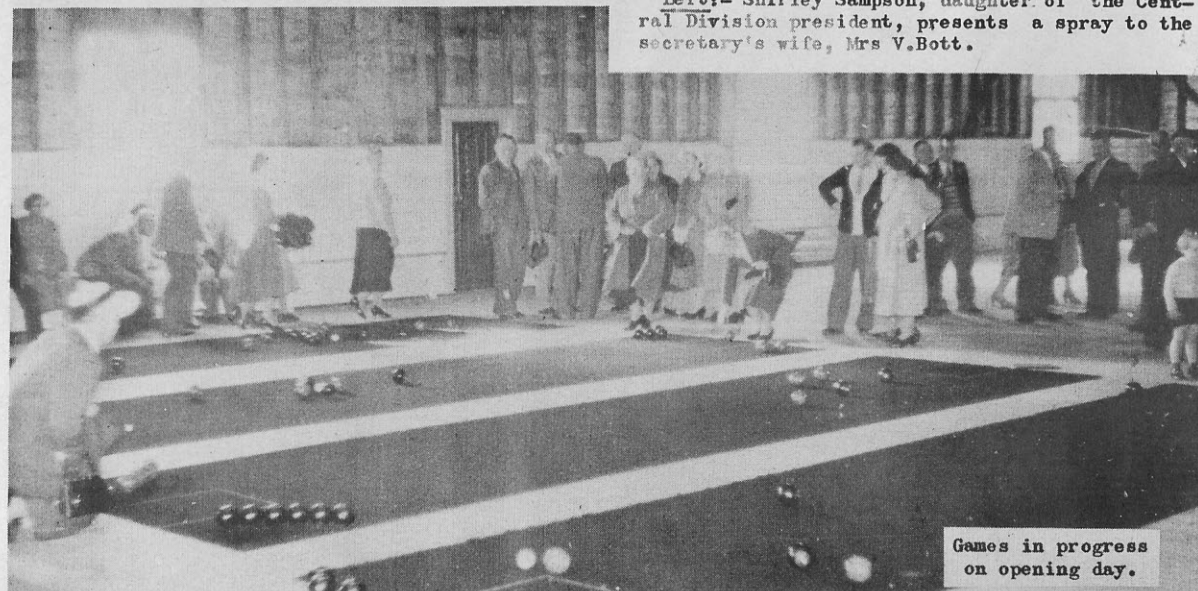
With 4500 members, the Taranaki Indoor Bowling Association can claim to cater for one of the most popular sports in the province. The northern association, alone, has 2300 members.

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

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

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

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



Games in progress
on opening day.



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



Mrs E.P.Aderman
tries her skill



Mr Sampson speaking at
opening ceremony



Watching progress
of bowl



Spectators listen to opening speeches

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Obtainable from all Newsagents



Kathleen Shaw, Ruth Fitzpatrick,
and Gail Winstanley



TREES FOR SPOTSWOOD

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

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

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

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

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



Gary Winther, Stephen Winther,
and Joanne Johnston



Group of tree-planters



Wayne Smallman
& Bruce Farmer



Mechanics make thorough check in hangar
before final test flight

Tasman Flight

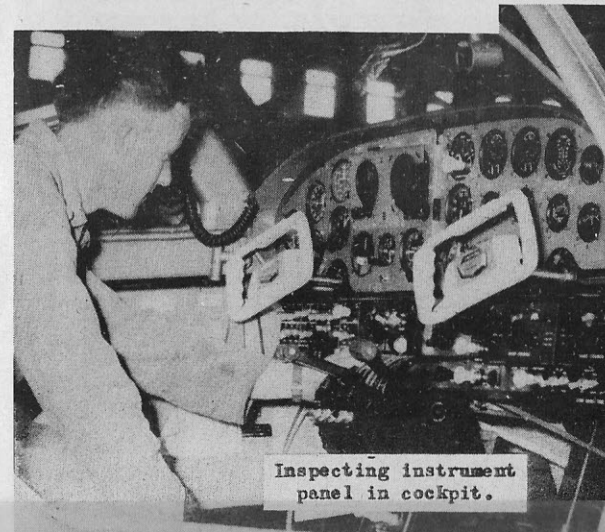
Three men made aviation history for New Plymouth last month when they set off early one morning for Norfolk Island and Sydney in a twin-engine Cessna 310.

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

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

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

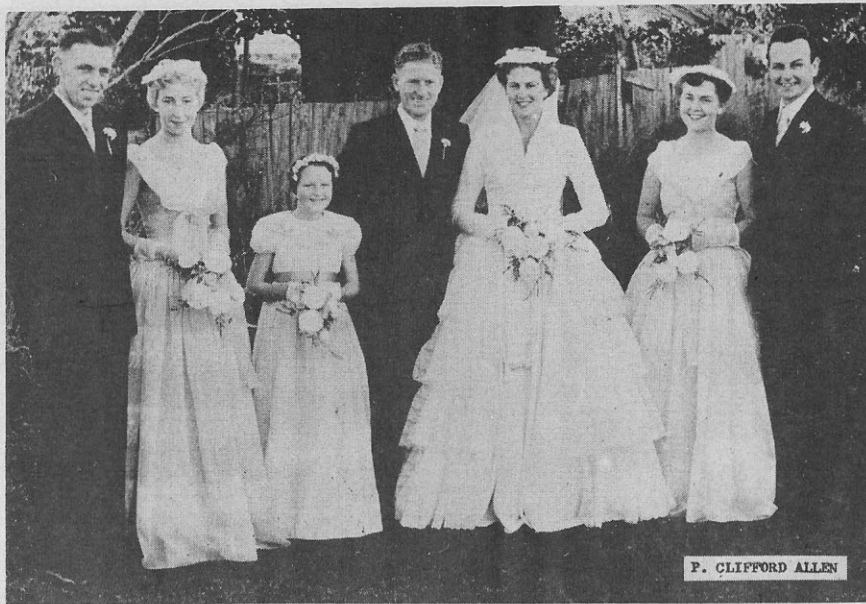
The Cessna was the first light aircraft to cross the Tasman from New Zealand since 1934.



Inspecting instrument
panel in cockpit.



Ray Ede checks the
undercarriage



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Wedding Bells

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

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

The flower-girl was Janice Houghton.

The bride is pictured below.



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

Future home: New Plymouth.

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



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FOLK SINGER IN NEW PLYMOUTH

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

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

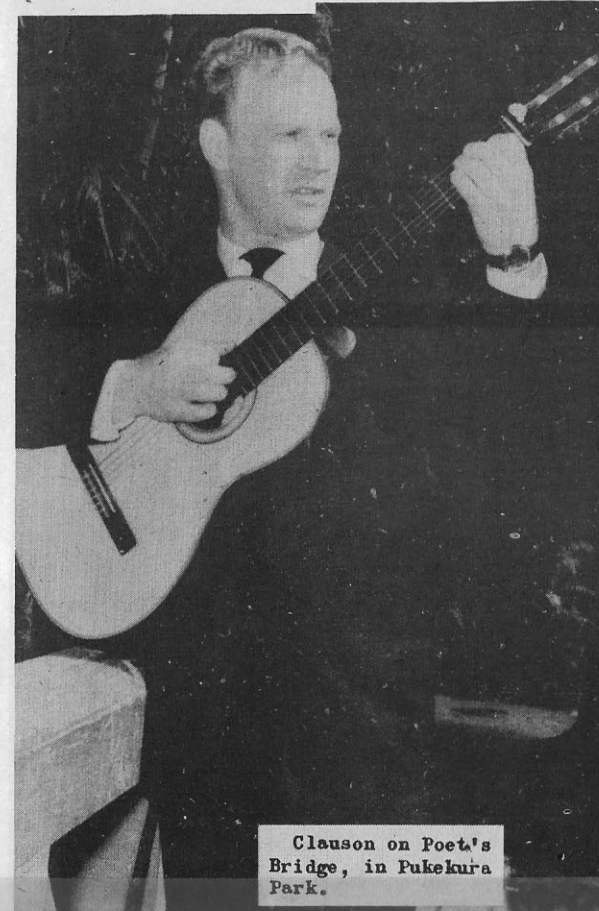
Clauson was billed as a "folk singer and guitarist". The reason for the full title became obvious as soon as he played.

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



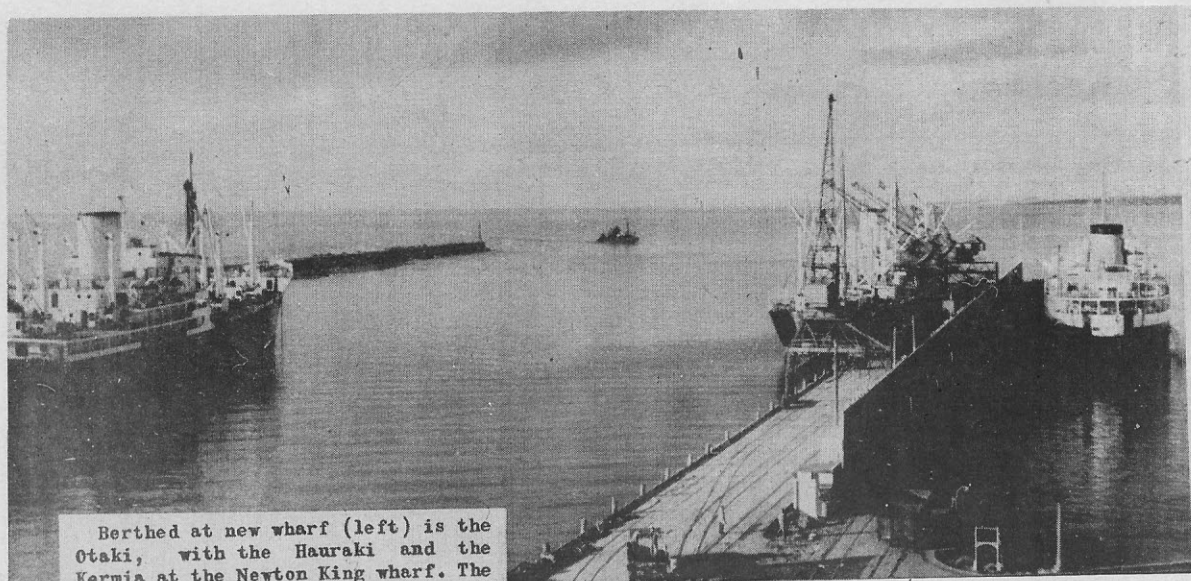
Above:— William Clauson chats with the station manager of 2XP, Mr T.F.A. Shankland, Mrs Shankland, and Mr Ashley Heenan, of the Broadcasting Service, who was tour manager.

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

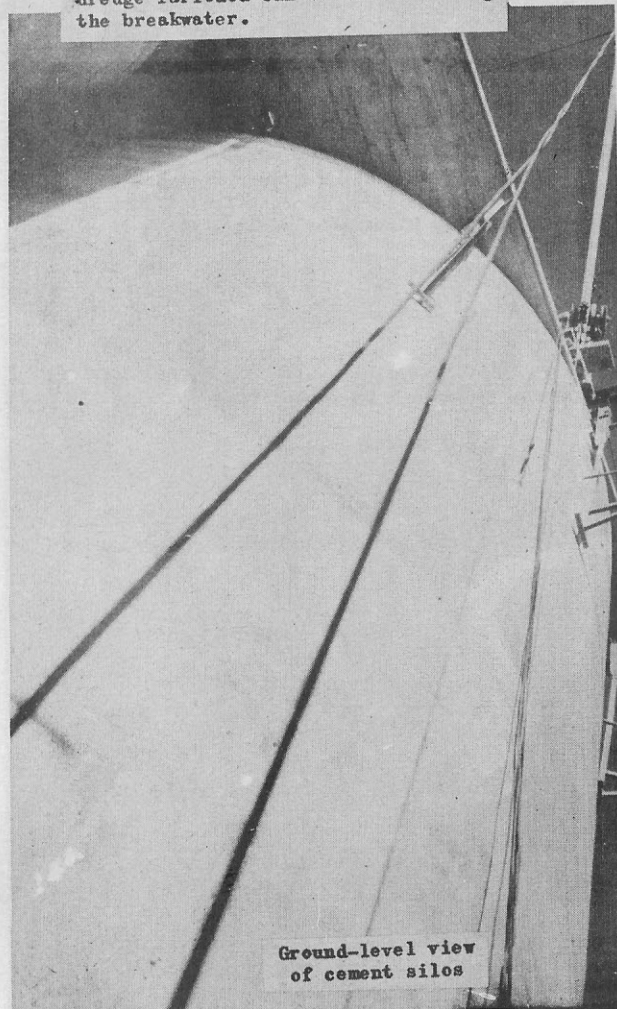


Clauson on Poet's Bridge, in Pukekura Park.





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



Ground-level view of cement silos

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF A THRIVING PORT

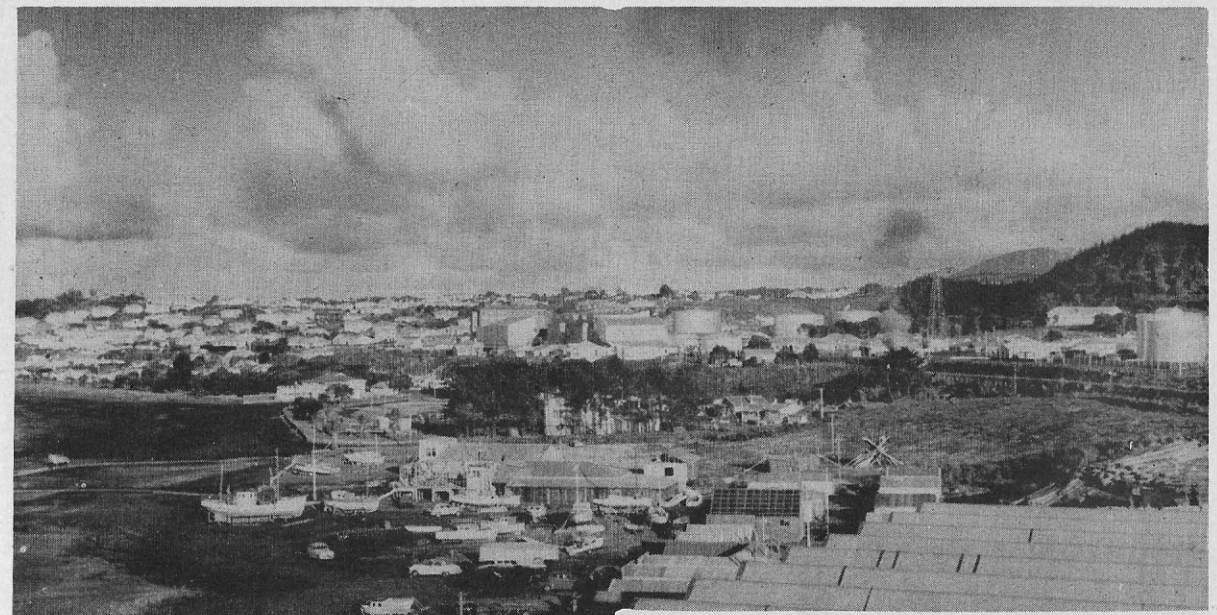
High amongst the seagulls — 60ft high, in fact — a Photo Newsmen looked down the other day on thriving Port Taranaki.

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

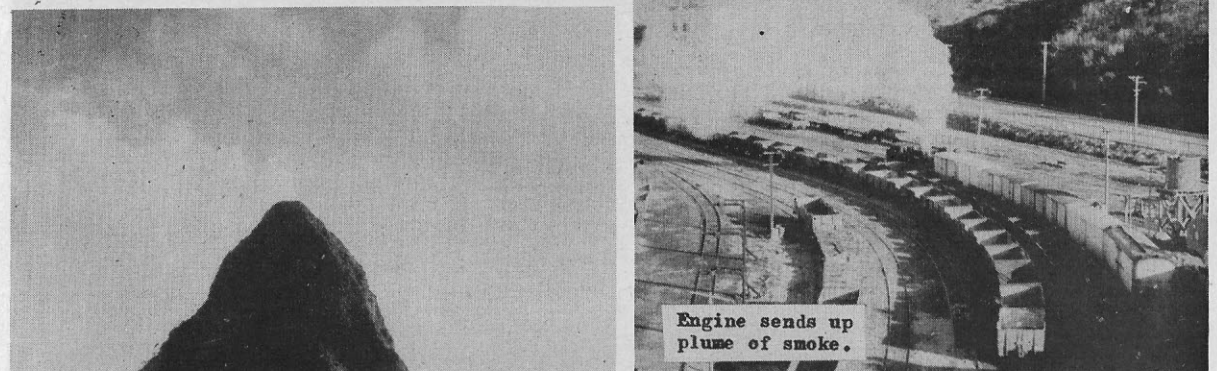
The climb to the top of the silos proved well worthwhile, for below was a busy scene of men, ships, and railway engines at work, all engaged in the important task of keeping active the province's most important link with the outside world.



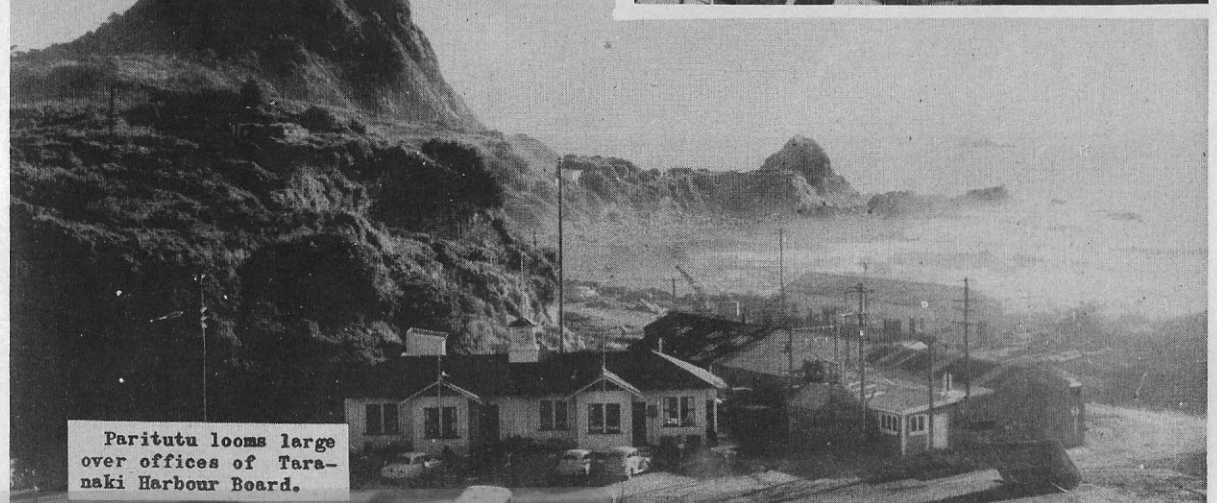
Workmen engaged on silos job.



View over Ngamotu Beach shows new Yacht Club building under construction

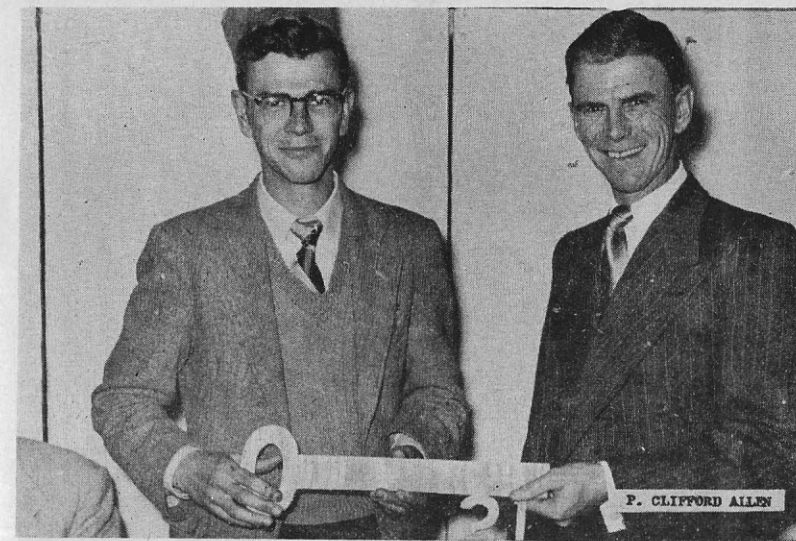
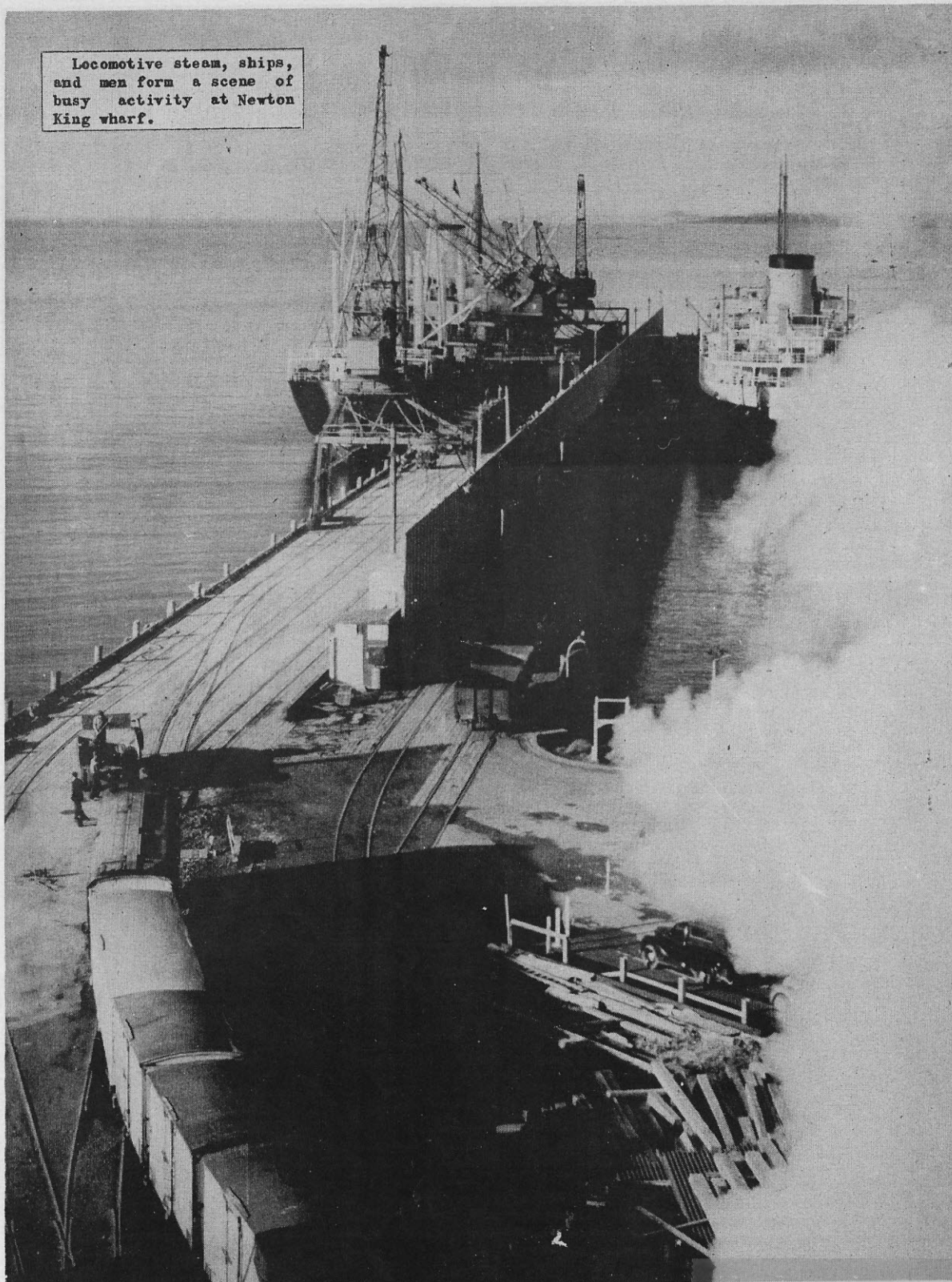


Engine sends up plume of smoke.



Paritutu looms large over offices of Taranaki Harbour Board.

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



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21st Birthdays

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

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

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

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

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



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Compere, Stella
Hodgkiss



A smart frock
for day wear.

Spring Fashions

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

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

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



Mary Middleton models an afternoon
frock of blue linen



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

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

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





Married

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

The reception was held in the Brixton Hall.



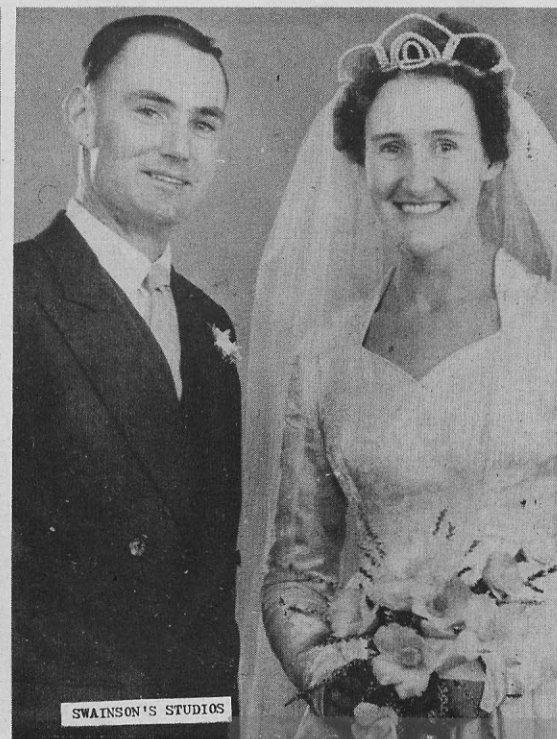
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Left:- SOLE-KING: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Peggy Eleanor, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs H.J. King, 37 Cracroft St., to Keith, son of Mr and the late Mrs P. Sole, Bell Block.

Future home: Bell Block.

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

Future home: Porangahau.



Urenui Camera

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

MINSTREL SHOW

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

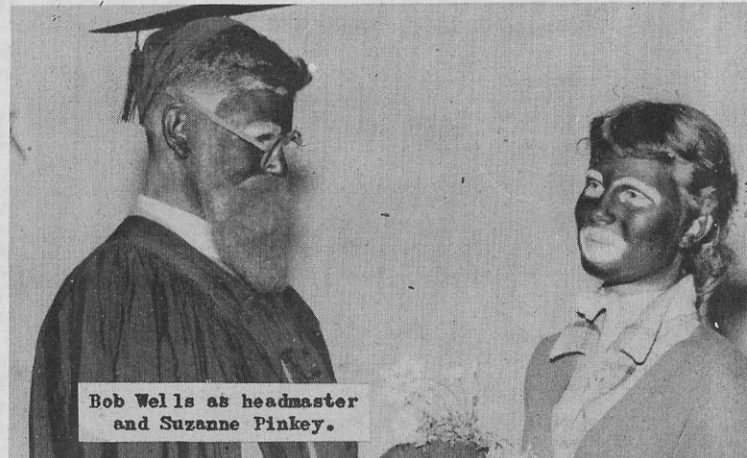
Organised by Mr and Mrs D. Outwin as a fund-raising idea for the league, the concert succeeded not only in building up some finance, but also in providing bright entertainment for the big audience which went to see it.

All the performers were school-age children.

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



Gary Simmonds as "Mr Bones"



Bob Wells as headmaster and Suzanne Pinkey.



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



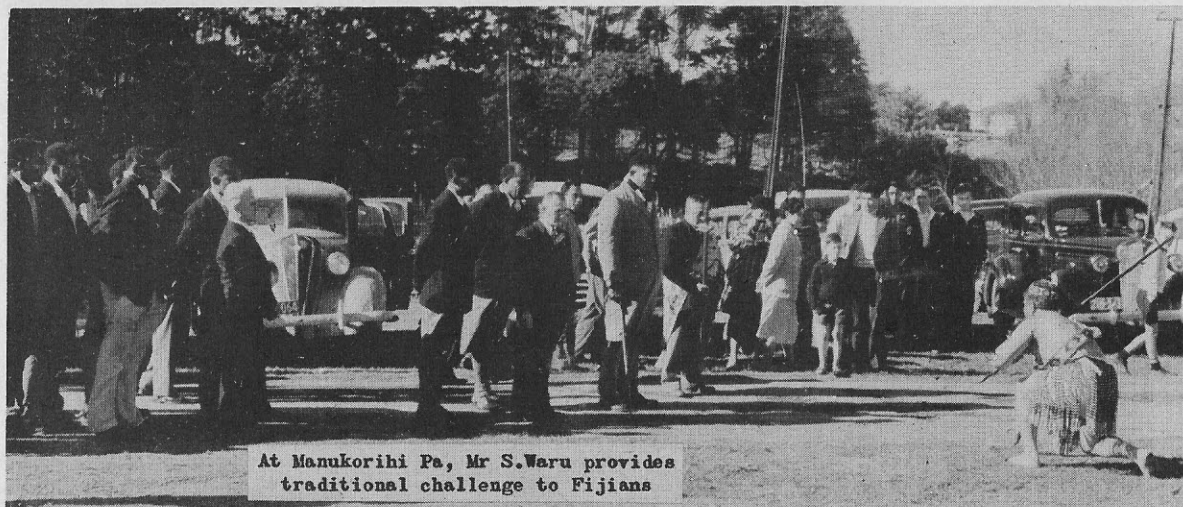
Above:- Looking happy behind their black make-up are Marion Simmonds and Sandra Vincent.

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

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



Performers on stage after the show



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



Fijians with Rugby officials

MAORI WELCOME TO THE MEN FROM FIJI

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

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

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

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Concert party entertains with action song



Linda Jones



Bobby Clark



Wayne Dent

BABIES RAISE FUNDS FOR WAITARA KINDERGARTEN

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

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

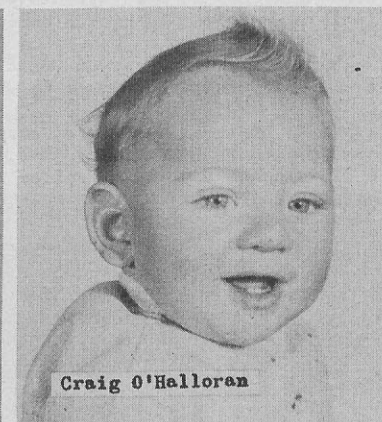
A lot more money is still needed, but the committee is confident that the people of Waitara will put their weight behind the move.

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

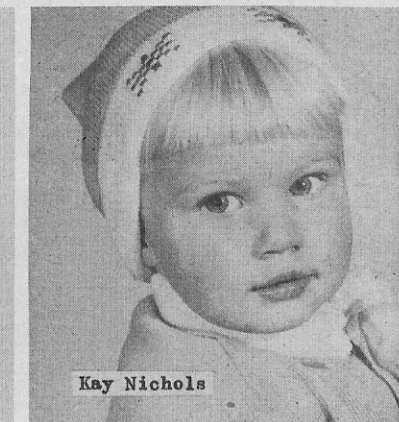
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Rachael Parks



Craig O'Halloran



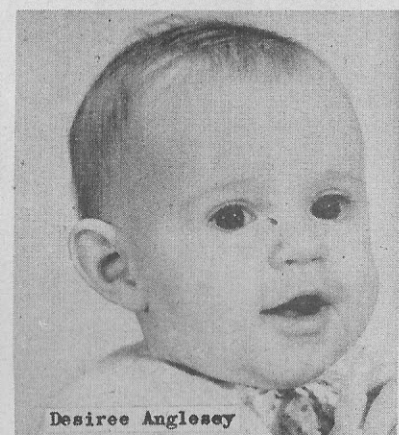
Kay Nichols



Kaye Lancaster



Catherine Plarard



Desiree Anglesey



BEAUTIFUL NGAMOTU LINKS ARE GOLFERS'S PARADISE

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

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

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

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

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



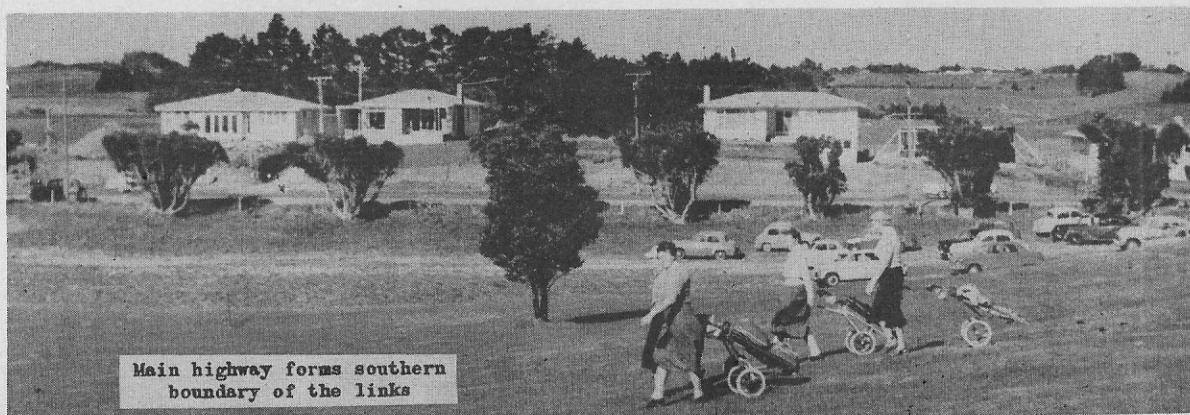
There's grace as well as power behind that swing.



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



Small pond enhances this view of the links



Main highway forms southern boundary of the links



Foursome on putting green



Another putting tableau



Smart clubhouse is in keeping with the surroundings



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Married

Left:- LOVERIDGE-WYLIE: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Joy, twin daughter of Mr & Mrs H.J. Wylie, Westown, to John, son of Mr and Mrs Ron Loveridge, Tataraimaka.

The attendants (left to right) were: Mr C. Inland (Okato), Miss Dawn Wylie (bride's twin sister), Miss Barbara Loveridge, and Mr Murray Loveridge.

Future home: Tataraimaka.

Left:- McSWEENEY - WILLIAMSON: Jean, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs P.H. Williamson, Turu Rd., Oaonui, to Brian, second son of Mr & Mrs McSweeney.

Future home: New Plymouth.

Below:- RUSSELL - ARMSTRONG: Shirley May, daughter of Mr & Mrs D.L. Armstrong, Fulford St., New Plymouth, to Laurence Russell, Wellington.



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EPSOM V. NEW PLYMOUTH

Girls of Epsom Grammar School, Auckland, "invaded" Taranaki recently to do battle with pupils of the New Plymouth Girls' High School.

The friendly duel took the form of hockey, net ball, and basketball matches, which have become an annual event between the two schools.

The honours were evenly shared — New Plymouth won the basketball, Epsom came out on top at net ball, and the hockey was drawn.

The picture above shows the girls in action on the basketball courts, with "Scotlands" forming a picturesque background.

This goal attempt was a "near miss"



Players leap for possession of ball

The most exciting tussle of all took place on the hockey field.

Though the group of spectators was comparatively small, they made up for it in volume as they cheered the home team.

Each side scored two goals, and the pace was hot right to the final whistle as both teams tried in vain to gain the ascendancy.

In picture right, an Epsom girl (light gym) races across to intercept as a New Plymouth player strikes the ball.



Battle for possession



Epsom on attack



Epsom gets ball past New Plymouth goalie to score



P. CLIFFORD ALLEN

Coming of Age

Left:- Miss Eileen Foreman, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs V.G. Foreman, Tikorangi, celebrating her coming of age.

Right:- Miss Marjorie Hancock, New Plymouth, with 21st birthday key.

Below left:- Mr Gwynne Kerr, only son of Mr W.D.R. Kerr & the late Mr H. Kerr, who came of age recently.

Below centre:- Mrs Nola Hill, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.C. Vickers, Barrett Rd., New Plymouth, cutting her 21st birthday cake.

Below right:- Pictured in the Tukapa gymnasium hall celebrating her 21st birthday is Miss Mytte Mace, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs M.B. Mace, of Omata.



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Wedding Bells

Left, above:- WILSON-SUTTER; At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Carmen, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs S. Sutter, St. Gillen, Switzerland, to Harry, youngest son of Mrs E. Wilson, Frankley Road, New Plymouth.

The attendants pictured with the bride are Misses Ada Stantsli, Eileen Halder, and Pat Wilkinson.

Below:- BESLEY-GEORGE; At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Gwennyth Doreen, second daughter of Mr & Mrs O. George, New Plymouth, to Ian, third son of Mr & Mrs H.M. Besley, New Plymouth.

The attendants were Misses Margaret Robertson (chief bridesmaid) & Peggy Davies, Mr Edmund Parsons, of Gore (best man), and Mr Peter Allen, of Cambridge.



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Fay Flemming proudly displays part of her catch.

The Whitebaiters

As typically New Zealand as horse racing, Rugby football, and 6 o'clock closing is the "Kiwi's" love for the sea, and sports associated with it.

That probably explains why — rain, hail, or shine — the mouth of the Waiwakaiho River, New Plymouth — is one of the most popular spots in the city when the whitebait season is on.

From the beginning of August, children & adults alike don their old clothes and venture out with their nets in search of the tiny, elusive fish.

In picture below, youngsters defy rain to pursue their sport. And they don't seem to mind if the catch is small, so long as "there's enough for a fritter".



Robin Webster with his net.



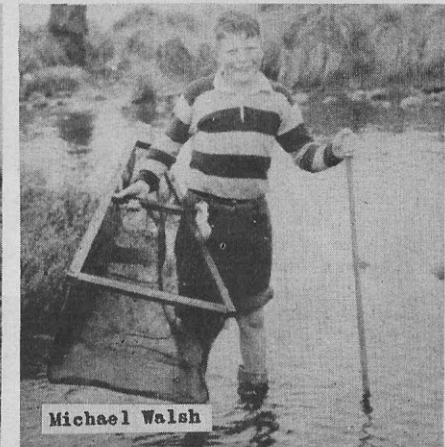
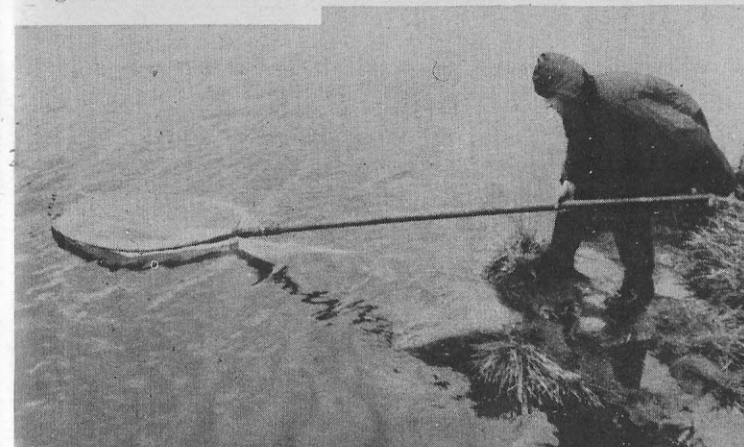
Rodney Charters waits patiently for whitebait to be trapped.

Right:— Busy scene on banks of the Waiwakaiho early on a Sunday morning.

A heavy shower of rain a few minutes before the picture was taken did not deter the whitebaiters, many of whom have been visiting the river regularly every season for years.

Below:— Alf Mace is well protected against the weather with oil-skin and sou'-wester as he hauls in his net.

With good conditions and luck, two or three cups of whitebait can be obtained in a morning.



Michael Walsh

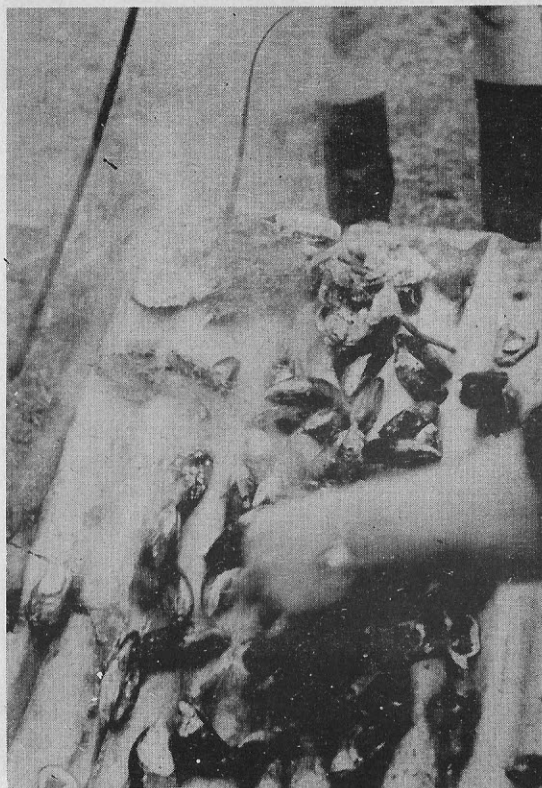


Waiwakaiho is also popular with kahawai fishermen



Above:- Joe Simpson is a "whitebait man", but he's also keen on mussels, cooked on a sheet of corrugated iron over an open fire.

Below:- Mussels on novel "stove".



Surf-caster shows friend his catch.



Crayfish were also on the menu



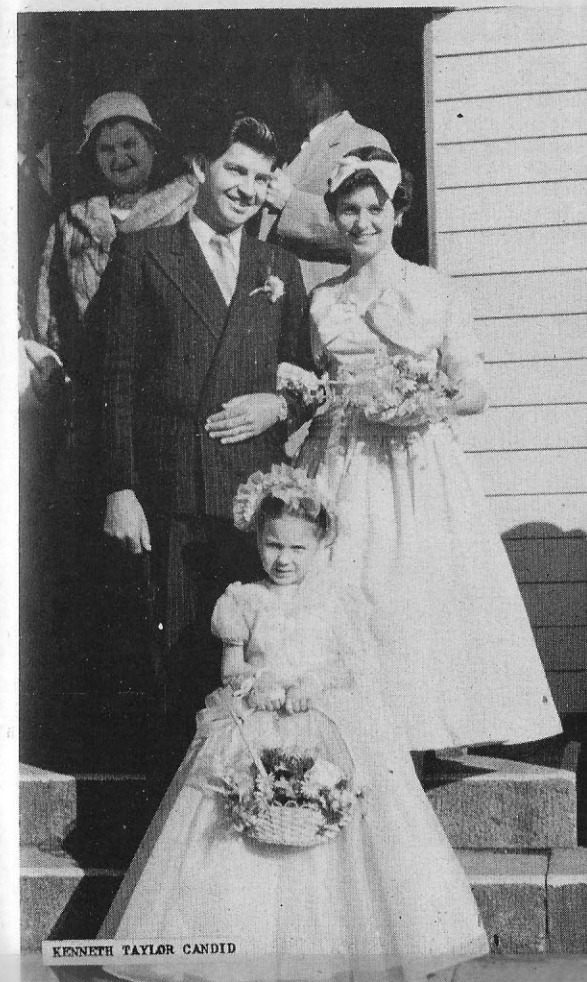
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Wedding Bells

Left:- POPE-TURNER:
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Sadie Molly, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A. J. Turner, Stratford, to Stanley Ray, second son of Mr & Mrs R.W. Pope, New Plymouth.

The attendants were Mrs Rose Parker, Miss B. Hook, Mr Ron Mack, & Mr Don Mack.

Future home: New Plymouth.



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Above, left:- BRUCE-SISARICH: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs V. Sisarich, Brougham St., to Brian, only son of Mr & Mrs Bruce, Nob's Line.

Pictured left are the bridesmaid, Miss Drena Sisarich, and best man, Mr Murray Lovegrove. The flower girl is Dale Sykes.

Future home: New Plymouth.



William Komlos makes a point.



Graham Cleland (bass) and Laurie Smith (percussion)

ORCHESTRA AT WORK

In culture-rich Taranaki, the New Plymouth Orchestra plays a role, the importance of which became fully appreciated last year with the first presentation in New Zealand of Gluck's "Orpheus".

Under the baton of Hungarian-born William Komlos, who has been guest conductor to the National Orchestra, the New Plymouth group is pushing on towards new heights.

A concert scheduled for September 23, for which the orchestra is shown here rehearsing, has a programme which is rich in both variety and scope.

PICTURES BY CRAIG STUDIOS



The string section in action. In centre foreground is the leader, Vinnie Ross



Flautists Harry Weston and Arthur Barnes



Paddy Dwyer & Margaret Wyatt on clarinets

Brass section: Doc Bennett (trumpet), Terry Sweeney (cornet), and Barry Simons (trombone).



Merv Smith playing French horn.



'Cellists Helen Boulton and Hilda Veale.



Blowing bassoons are Maurice McDonald & Nev. Scrivener.



A scene from the play, which ran for three nights and a packed-house matinee

JUNIOR ACTORS

The Junior Club of New Plymouth Little Theatre has long been an important and valued part of dramatic activity in the city.

But until recently the club has confined its productions to one-act plays and, last year, a pantomime.

Now it has grown up completely with the successful presentation of a three-act play, "Freckles".

These pictures of the highly-talented young actors were taken during a rehearsal.



In this tense scene are Roger Quail, Alan Farquhar, Kelvin Wakelin & Barry Laurent.



Gail Attrill & Judy O'Brien in lighter mood



Co-producers Margaret Cree, Connie Bell, and Evie Atkinson.



The play, adapted by Rose Warner from Jean Stratton-Porter's novel, was an ambitious choice, but the plot was skilfully handled by the young cast.

Above left:- Gay Jameson as "the bird woman", & David Barr as "Harvey McLean".

Above:- Pictured in this scene are Ailsa Campbell, Kaye Anderson, Alan Farquhar, Judy O'Brien, and Gail Attrill (seated).

Left:- Proposal scene, with Kelvin Wakelin & Barbara Wright, as "Angel".



Michael Croxson and Robyn Milne as "Lord and Lady O'More".



Mrs Slater shows how it's done.



Models for the demonstration were Mrs Joan Gunn & Miss Jocelyn Robinson

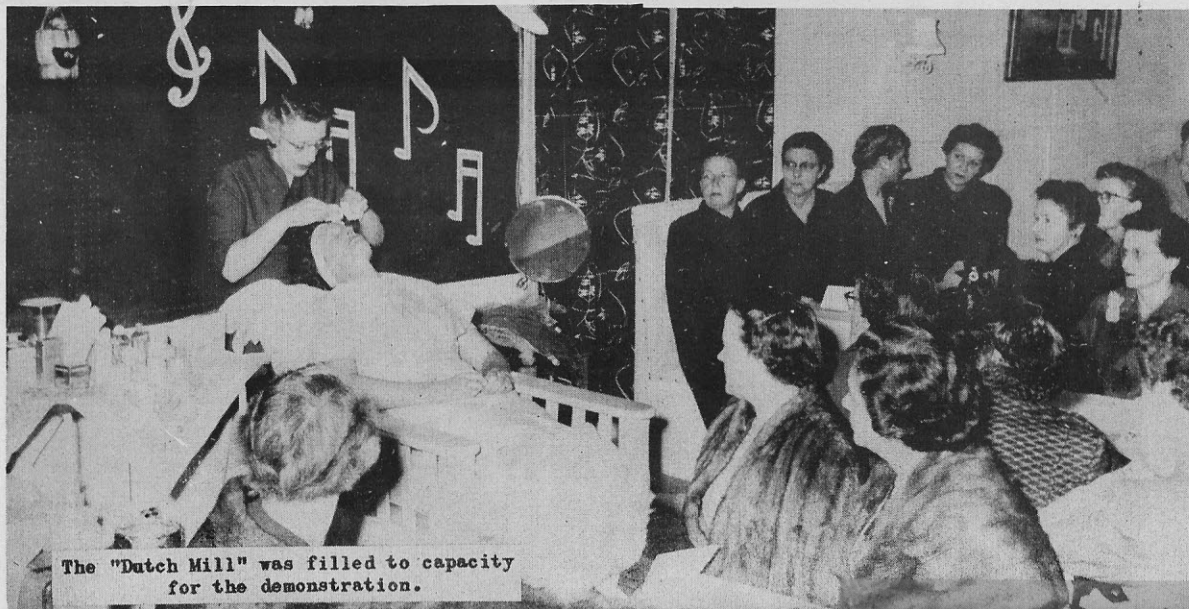
THE PATH TO *Beauty*

A Photo Newsman stepped warily the other evening into unfamiliar territory — the world of lipsticks, cleansing creams, and eyebrow pencils.

Demonstrating to New Plymouth women how natural beauty can be enhanced with the right "know-how" was Mrs Elizabeth Slater, from Bond Street, London, representing Dorothy Gray cosmetics.

The large audience which gathered in the "Dutch Mill" to see the demonstration showed keen interest in Mrs Slater's deft technique.

Proceeds from the show, which was sponsored by Teed's, went to the New Plymouth Plunket Society.



The "Dutch Mill" was filled to capacity for the demonstration.

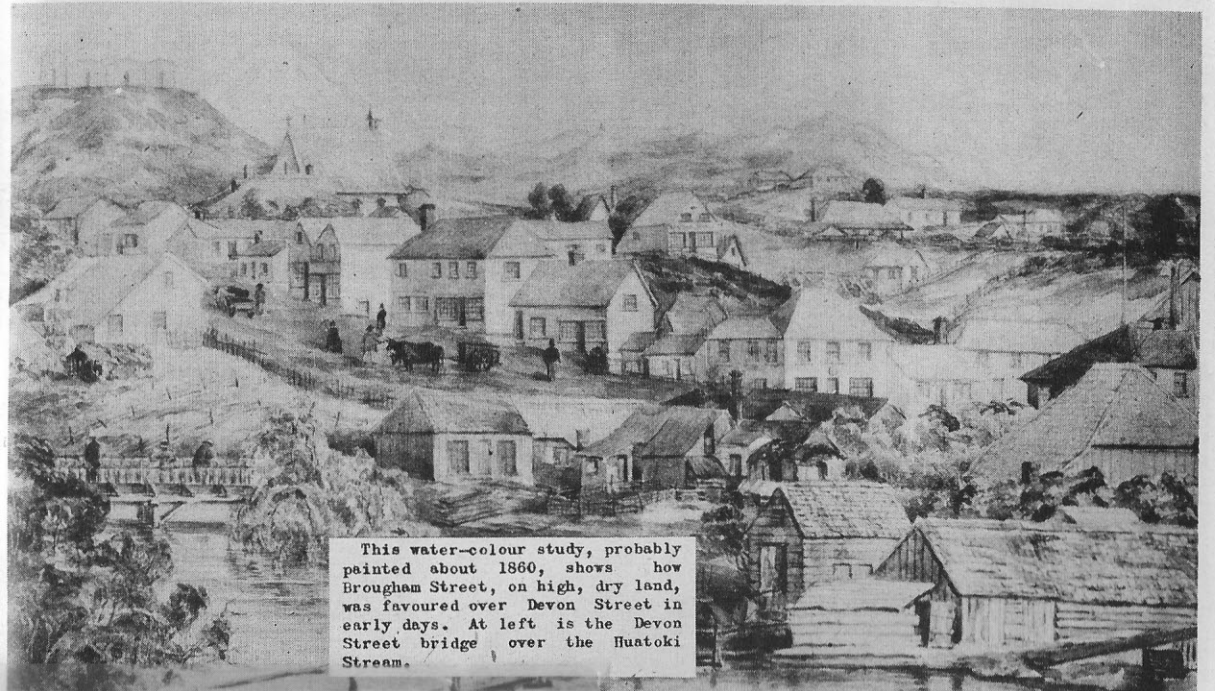


BIRTH OF A CITY

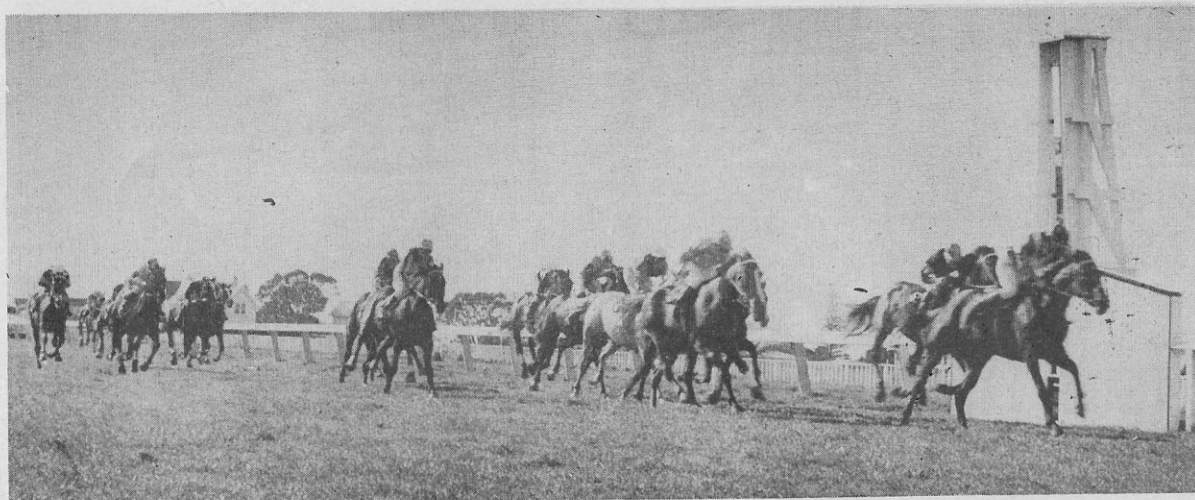
Early sketches, paintings, and photographs in the possession of the New Plymouth Library and Museum provide a fascinating study of the city's development.

Above:- This sketch may be the first ever done of the settlement. It was drawn in November, 1841, from about the junction of Brougham & Powderham Streets.

Left:- This photograph was taken about 1870, before Mt. Elliott was levelled out to form the site of the present railway station and yards.



This water-colour study, probably painted about 1860, shows how Brougham Street, on high, dry land, was favoured over Devon Street in early days. At left is the Devon Street bridge over the Huatoki Stream.



JOCKEY CLUB MEETING

A large crowd was attracted to the New Plymouth racecourse for the Taranaki Jockey Club's recent meeting.

The weather was fine, although chilly, and the track was in splendid order.

The big crowd was reflected in the betting turnover, the on-course totalisator handling £33,683, compared with £28,141 on opening day last year.

Lucky punters who took Highlander and Dark Charm in the double received a payout of £36 7s for £1.

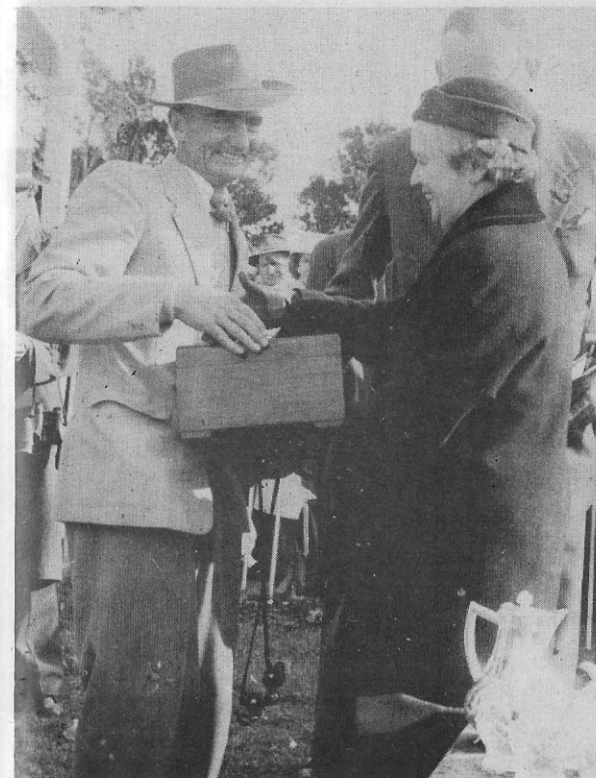
Above:- Dark Charm leading the field home in the Kennels Hack, first leg of the double, ahead of The Lark (against rail) and, wide out, Bonny Prince.



Dark Charm returns to birdcage



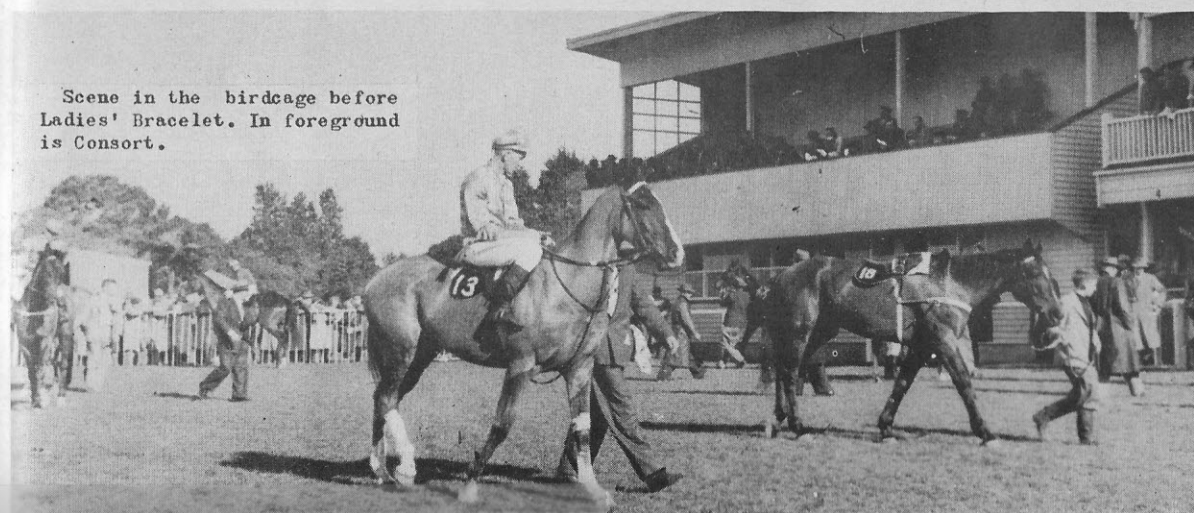
There are mixed feelings in this crowd as Silver Lining wins the Ladies' Bracelet.



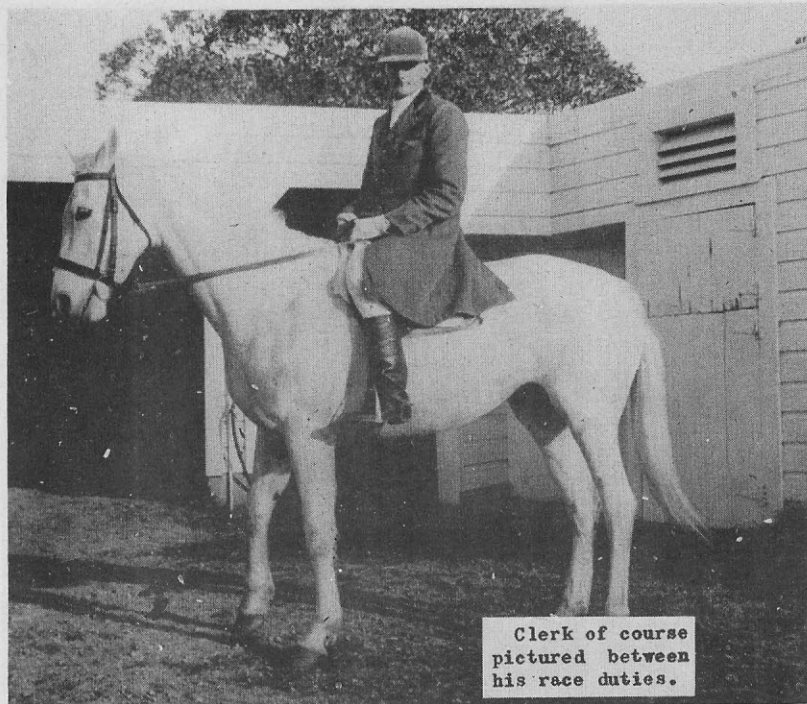
Above:- Mr Templeton receives trophy from vice-president's wife, Mrs D.D. Bailey, on behalf of Mr & Mrs G.A. Gregory, whose mare Placid won Jockey Club steeplechase.

Above right:- Presentation to Mr R. Jones, owner of Silver Lining, which won Ladies' Bracelet Handicap.

Right:- Three Jockey Club officials pictured together: Mr W.C. Weston, patron; Mr D.D. Bailey, vice-president; and Mr G.M. Fraser, president.



Scene in the birdcage before Ladies' Bracelet. In foreground is Consort.



Clerk of course
pictured between
his race duties.



Mr Bailey



Punters study form — then
the odds on the totalisator
board.



CHAGO STUDIOS

Married

Left:— KING-PEAT: At
the Anglican Church,
Opunake, Enis Dawn,
only daughter of Mr &
Mrs R.C.Peat, Opunake,
to Colin, son of Mrs
and the late Mr M.E.
King, King St., Opu-
nake.

Misses Beverley Knap-
man & Diane Oliver
were the bridesmaids.
The flower-girl was
Lynette Drought.

Future home: Opunake.

Right-below: LAW-BEALS:
At St.Nicholas' Church,
Rahotu, Letitia Mary,
eldest daughter of Mr and
Mrs W.D.Beals, Ngariki
Rd., Rahotu, to Robert
Henry, youngest son of Mr
& Mrs J.H.Law, Lincoln
Rd., Inglewood.

The bridesmaids were
Misses Claire Terrill and
Judith Beals.

Mr Kelvin Hay was the
best man.

Future home: Inglewood.



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"Here's your key, Jack"

A KISS FOR BIG BROTHER

The scene was Kawaroa Bungalow, New Plymouth. The occasion: Jack Fitzpatrick, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Fitzpatrick, Ngamotu Road, was celebrating his coming of age.

There were speeches, of course, and toasts, but Jack's pretty, seven-year-old sister Joy played the leading role in the most touching item on the programme.

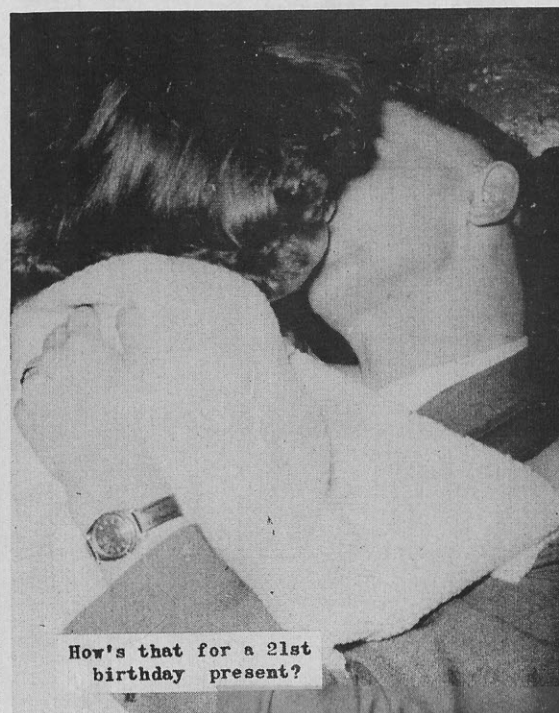
And Murray Mitchell was there to record the event for "Photo News".



"You look a pretty good sort of brother to me".



That, thinks Jack, deserves a hug



How's that for a 21st birthday present?



READERS' PICTURES

Above:- This panoramic view of the Sugar Loaves was taken several years ago by Mr H.D. Mullan, of New Plymouth.

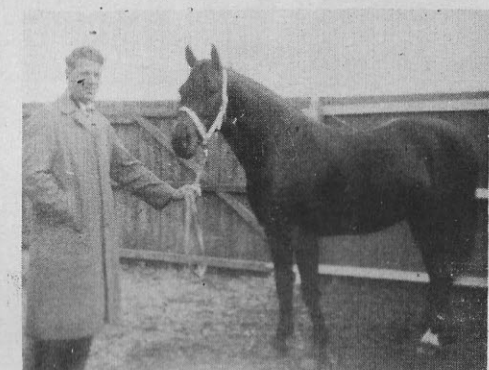
Names of the prominences comprising the Sugar Loaves are (left to right): Motu-o-Tamatea, Motumahanga, Pakaraki, Mataora, Moturoa, and Paritutu.

Mr Mullan recalls that in the 1920s an attempt was made to connect Moturoa with Lion Rock by blasting, but that the venture was not a success.

Left:- Peter Hope took this picture of Toko Bridge, Stratford, which has slumped out of alignment. It is one of several bridges earmarked for reconstruction by the Stratford County Council.

Below left:- Mr H. Douch, now a resident in New Plymouth, took this remarkable picture of a seagull in Britain without the aid of telephoto lens. He says the bird took off a second after he had released the shutter.

Below:- A Pungarehu reader sent in this picture of Mr D. Julian, of Okato, with champion trotter Johnny Globe at Templeton, Canterbury.





ARNOLD KILMISTER



Personal

Above:- Mr & Mrs Charlie Muir, of 456 South Road, New Plymouth, who celebrated their golden wedding recently.

Left:- Miss Maureen Wilson, soprano from Mahoe, who will represent Taranaki in the New Zealand final of the 1957 Mobilsong quest. Miss Wilson, a singing teacher, was a Taranaki finalist in last year's quest. She is pictured here in one of the costumes she wore for the Stratford Amateur Operatic Society's production of "Rio Rita" last year.

Below left:- Mr & Mrs Jack Johnston, of Hakirau St., New Plymouth, who were treated to a surprise party by their family last month when their birthdays fell within three days of each other.

Below right:- Mr & Mrs W. Herlihy, of Kaimata, who celebrated their golden wedding in the Inglewood Parish Hall.



Coming of Age

Above:- Pictured with her friends at her 21st birthday party is Miss Eleanor Walshe, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs V.J. Walshe, New Plymouth. Miss Walshe is a teacher at Uruti School.

Left:- Mr Trevor Morrow, second son of Mr and Mrs L. Morrow, Main Road, Rahotu, celebrated his coming of age in Kawaroa Bungalow.

Right:- Mr Kevin Briscoe, only son of Mr and Mrs C. Briscoe, Smart Road, New Plymouth, whose 21st-birthday party was held in the Bell Block Hall.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

The birthdays of Judy Bullen, aged 15, and 11-year-old Graham Jury, both of Fitzroy, fell around the same date last month, so the two families joined forces for one big party.

Judy and Graham are pictured left with some of their friends.





Left;- The eighth birthday of the Overseas Club was the cause of festivity in the Old Folks' Hall, New Plymouth, recently.

Since its founding, to assist the assimilation of settlers into the New Zealand pattern of living, the club has built up a big membership, and healthy finances.

Pictured with the birthday cake are "Spud" Murphy, Mrs Frank Darroch, Mr Darroch (retiring president), and Mr Fred Grundy.

Mr & Mrs Darroch recently returned from their honeymoon in the Islands.



Left:- Laughing group was photographed at the Whiteley Youth Centre shipwreck dance.

Above, This bowler-hatted character was minus his trousers.



PUBLIC SERVICE BALL

This year's Public Service ball, held for the first time in the Star gymnasium, was a big success.

Tables, were arranged around the edge of the dance floor, cabaret-style, and strings of coloured lights suspended from the ceiling helped created a mellow atmosphere.

Left:- Group from
the Social Security
Department.

Below:- Lands and
Survey Department
staff. CRAGO STUDIOS



The Taranaki Master Builders' Ball, in the Agricultural Hall, was also a notable occasion, with the accent on old-time dancing.

Below:- Enjoying this dance are Mr J.H. Ashman, immediate past president, and Mrs Ashman.





New Plymouth captain Bert O'Byne receives championship trophy.



A pound of butter for M. Caspensen



In sky-larking mood, union president Norm Quinlan presents dark glasses to referee L. Thomas.

INTER-PORT LEAGUE VICTORY

Pukekura Park, New Plymouth, was the venue last month for the New Zealand inter-port Rugby League tournament, in which watersiders' teams from many parts of the Dominion take part.

It was the first time that the tournament had been staged in Taranaki and, appropriately, the New Plymouth side won the trophy.

Auckland, Lyttelton, and New Plymouth each won two games and lost one, but the home team was declared the winner after a tally of points.

Below: The New Plymouth team photographed in Pukekura Park.

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Right: ASHBY-McQUAIG: Miss C. McQuaig, of Opunake, to Mr E.R. Ashby, Taupire.

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Future home: Te Awamutu.



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS

Married

Left: SMITH-CRITCHTON: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Beatrice, elder daughter of Mrs J. Crichton, Vivian St. & the late Mr Crichton, Scotland, to Alexander, younger son of Mr & Mrs T. Smith, Dundee.

Miss Lorene Hardwick, of Waitara, was chief bridesmaid, Miss Elizabeth Crichton was junior bridesmaid, and the best man was Mr Tom Smith.

Future home: New Plymouth.



SWAINSON'S STUDIOS



Old Boys winger D.Crofskey takes pass as opposite number, A.Muller, moves in ready for tackle.



Eltham winger R.Sykes attempts break

TOP TEAMS DRAW

A huge crowd of Rugby supporters converged on Stratford a fortnight ago to see who would prove themselves to be the top team of Taranaki — New Plymouth Old Boys or Eltham.

The spectators saw a hard, and at times exciting game of football, but they did not see a result.

Old Boys and Eltham scored a penalty goal and try each to draw six-all, necessitating a return match to determine the winner of the McMaster Shield.

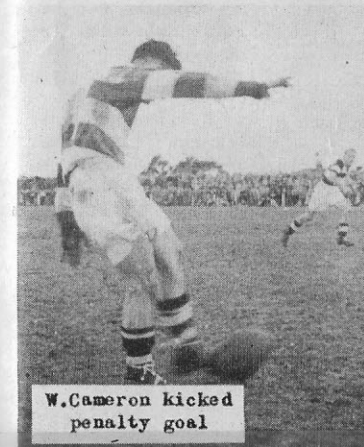
The Alf West Memorial Shield for the runners-up went to Inglewood, who beat Patea.



Eltham on attack



Above:- Eltham's W.Arnold gave impressive display in the line-outs. Here he takes ball cleanly for his side.
Above Left:- Half-back R. Urbahn, captain of the Eltham side, gets kick in as he's tackled.
Left:- Opposing captains, Brown & Urbahn.



W.Cameron kicked penalty goal



Anxious moment for Old Boys

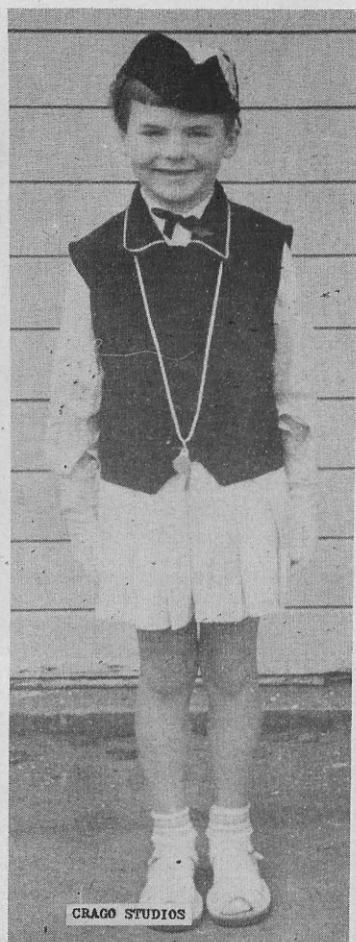


Roving Camera

Above:- At Westown School Arbor Day ceremony, David Putt shovels soil around tree while the headmaster, Mr A.C. Dannefaerd, and pupils look on. John McLean is holding the tree.

H.V.George took the picture.

Right:- Sandra Hinch, daughter of Mr & Mrs R.D.Hinch, Belt Road, made a charming marching girl at the West End School fancy dress ball.



CRAGO STUDIOS



Left:- Westown School's 1st Rugby fifteen won the Taranaki primary schools senior championship for 1957 by defeating Opunake 8-6 to finish unbeaten for the season.

Members of the team in this picture by H.V.George are: Back row, L.Magrath, K.Wood, R.Goudie, D. Holmes; standing, B. Milne, M.Patten, Mr. Lattimer (coach), L. Gundeson, L.Roberts; seated, T.Walker, K. McKeown, R. Hughes (capt), M.Mist, R. Burgess; in front, R.Bailey, R.Lock; absent, N.Harvey, C. Whitmore, T.Eva, B. Mottram.



HARVEST ON THE BEACH

When rain falls in the back country, the streams of North Taranaki carry down a rich harvest of firewood to the beaches.

This wood-collecting mother-and-daughter team was photographed in the late afternoon near Mokau.