

OUR COVER

Here's a picture to make your mouth water! It was taken at the berry gardens at Waitara, and this year has been a busy one for the strawberry pickers. The gardens have been a mass of fruit, and our picture shows June Elliott and Ann Armstrong with the results of their early morning labours.

BACK COVER

Most impressive Christmas decorations in Devon Street during the recent festive season were those on the Farmers' Co-op. building, featuring Santa Claus atop the parapet, and giant candles on the verandah.

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RECORD ENTRIES FOR REGATTA

Below: The crew of the NP catamaran "Cool Cat" making final adjustments to their craft before starting in the New Year Regatta. "X" Class craft, also in the picture, trim their sails ready for the starter's gun.



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Stirling arrives at the garage

Stirling Moss in New Plymouth

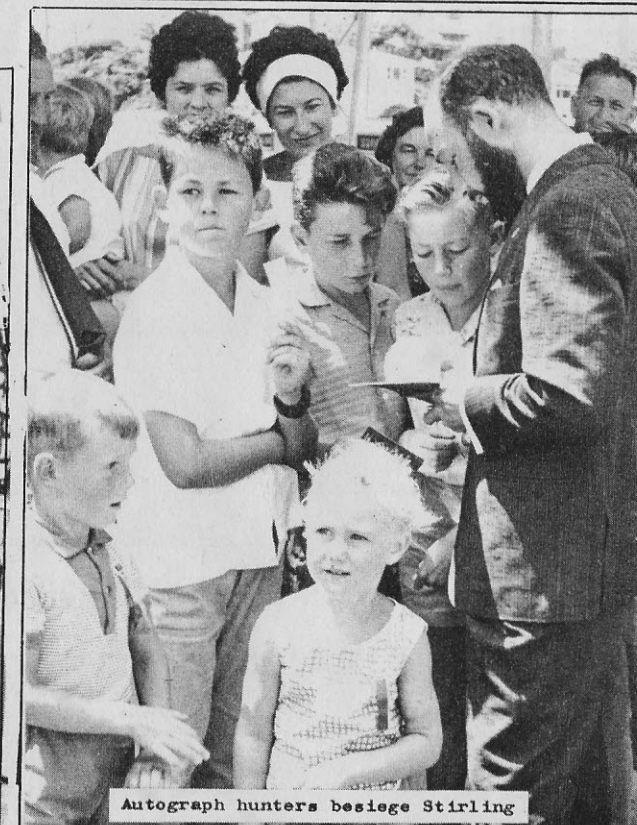
Passing through the city on his way to a motor race meeting was famous racing driver, Stirling Moss. He paid a visit to Black's Service station on South Road, where he obliged by becoming a garage attendant for a few minutes, to the delight of the crowd that had gathered to see this famous man.



Four sir? Certainly, sir!



Proprietor's wife, Fay Bowden, poses with the champion for the battery of amateur cameramen who were there in large numbers

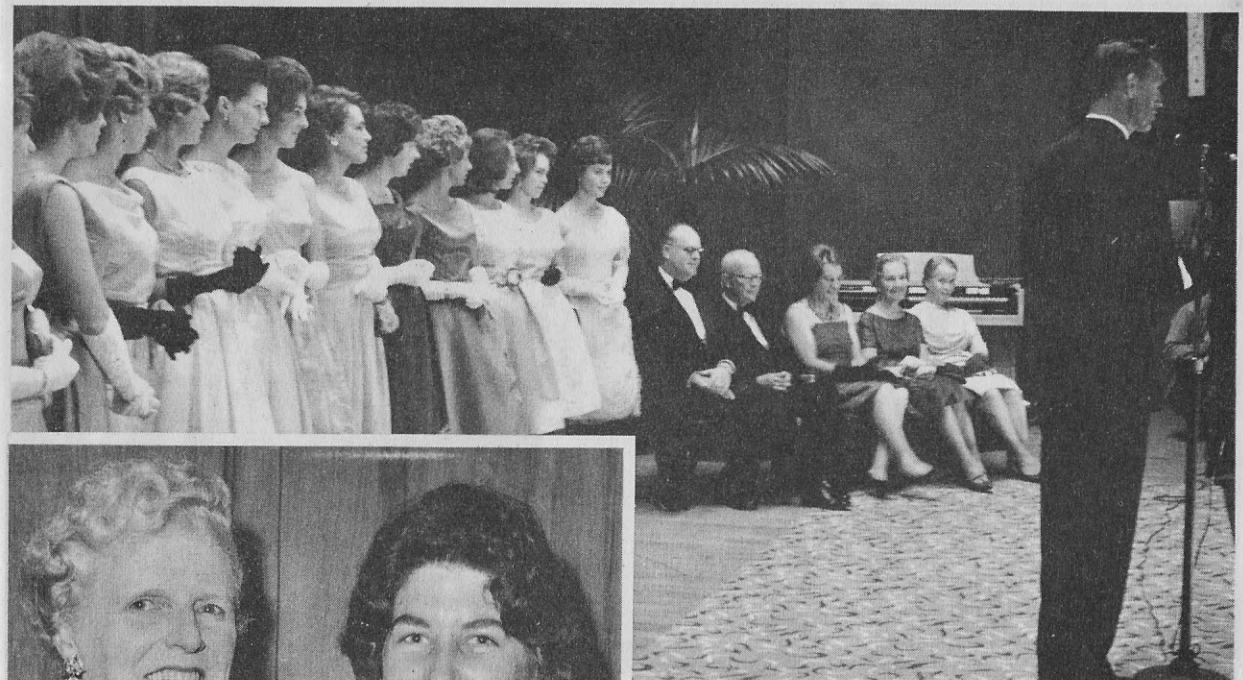


Autograph hunters besiege Stirling



Miss Brooklands Selected

Here is Miss Brooklands, 1963, and her two maids. They were announced at a concert, organised for just that purpose at the New Plymouth Opera House. Miss Brooklands, in the centre, is Adrienne Bond, who works in the Bank of New Zealand. At left is Lorraine French, and at right is Lorraine Bishop, the two maids chosen to accompany Adrienne in her various duties



Above: Contestants line the stage at the Opera House, with judges seated, and chairman Mr D.V. Sutherland speaking to the audience before the announcement of the winner was made.

Left: Miss Stella Hodgkiss, convener of the Miss Brooklands contest, is here photographed with Adrienne Bond who won the title.

Below: After the announcement, Miss Brooklands and her maids were piped all round the Opera House, and then through the streets to the War Memorial Hall for a reception.

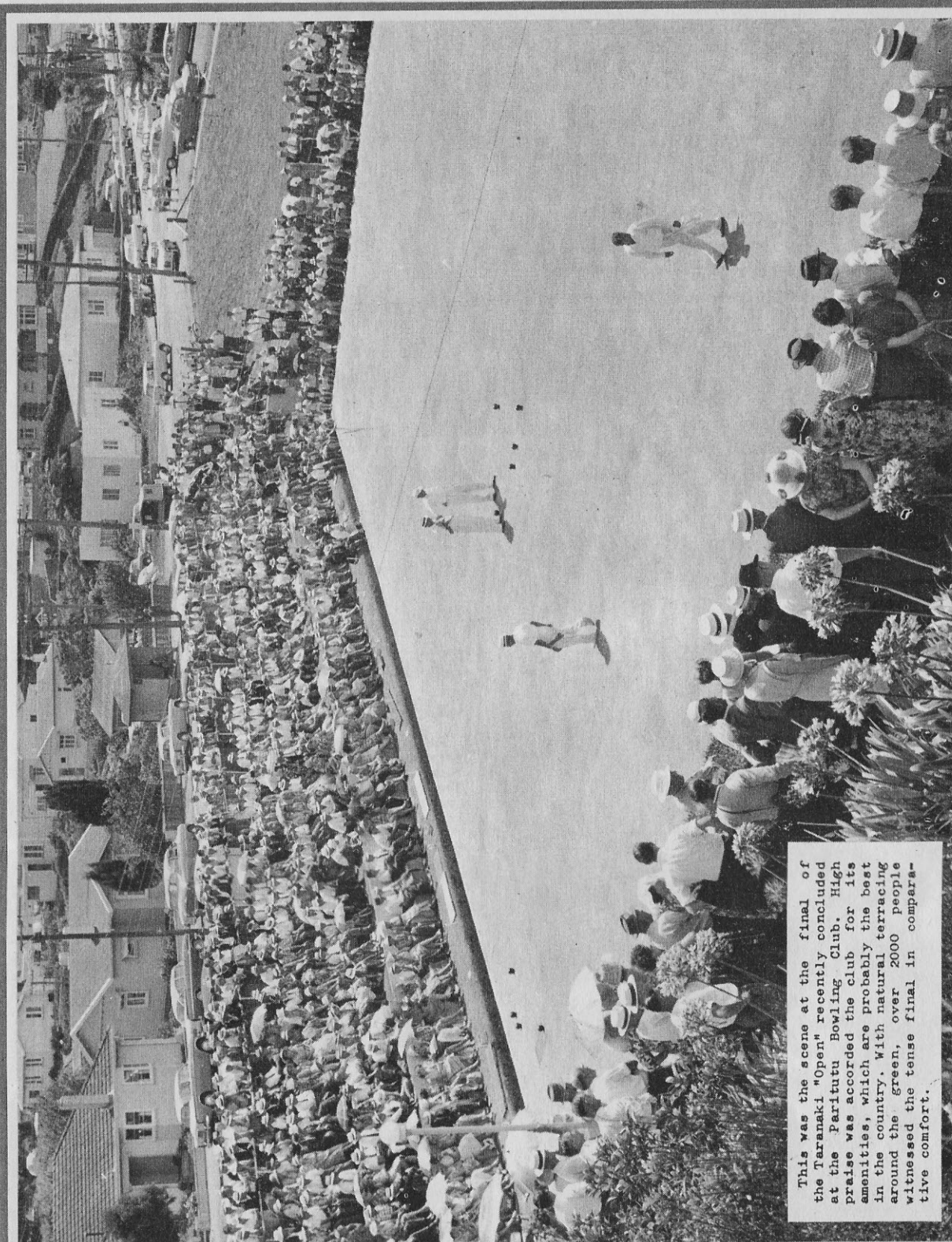




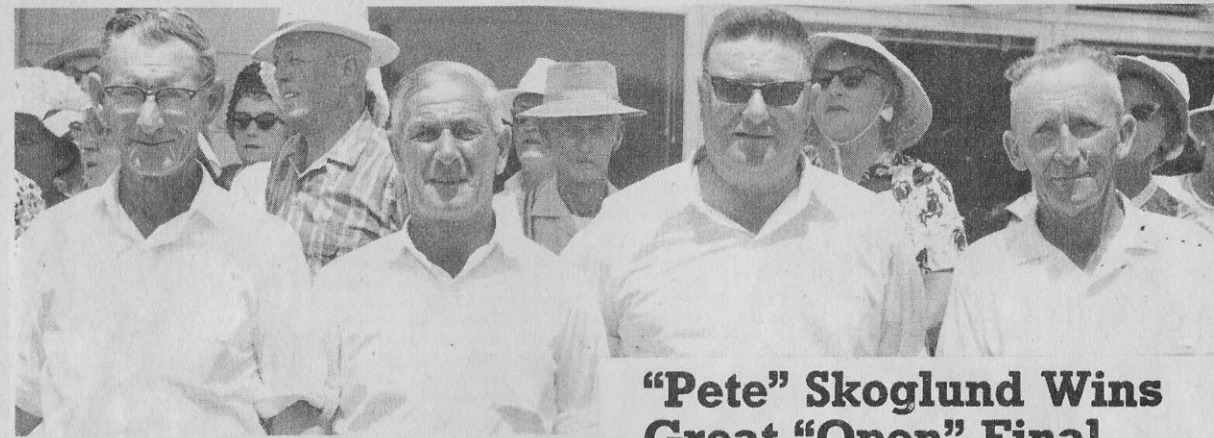
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This was the scene at the final of the Taranaki "Open" recently concluded at the Paritutu Bowling Club. High praise was accorded the club for its amenities, which are probably the best in the country. With natural terracing around the green, over 2000 people witnessed the tense final in comparative comfort.



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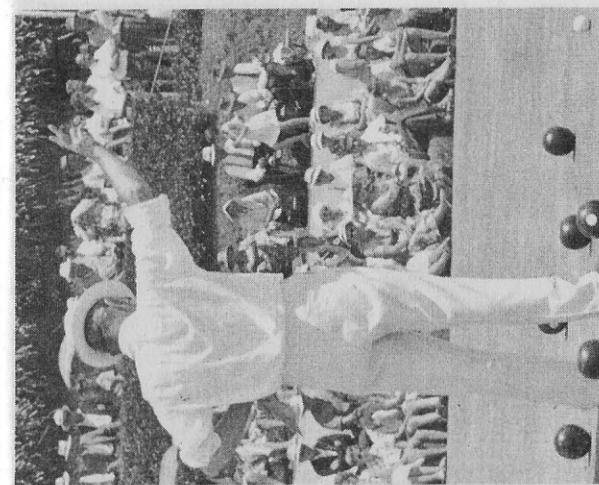
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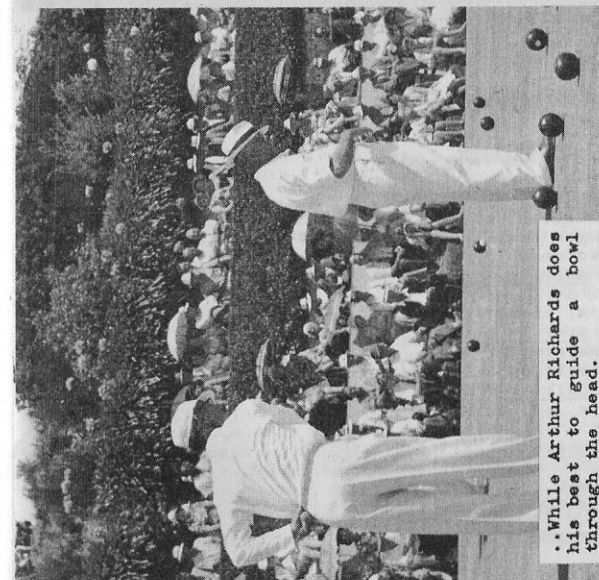
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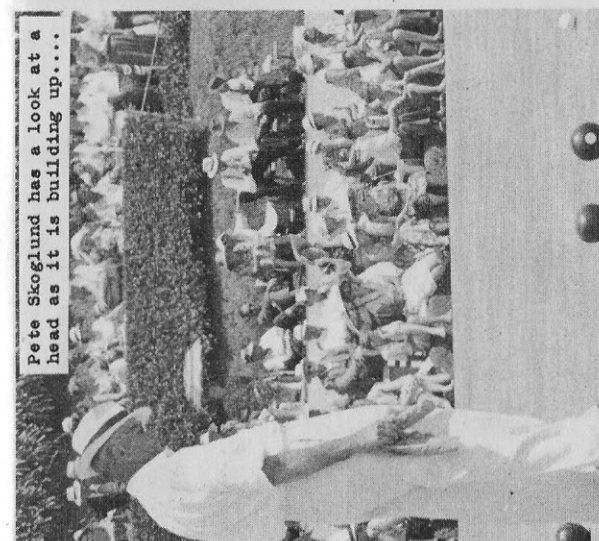
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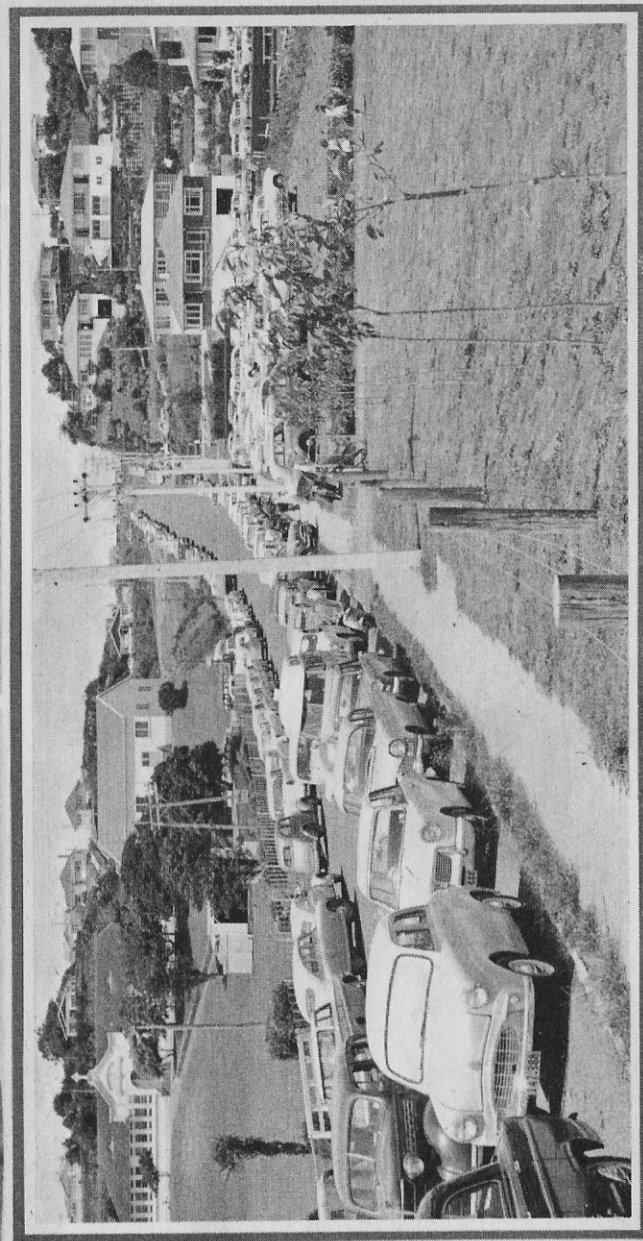
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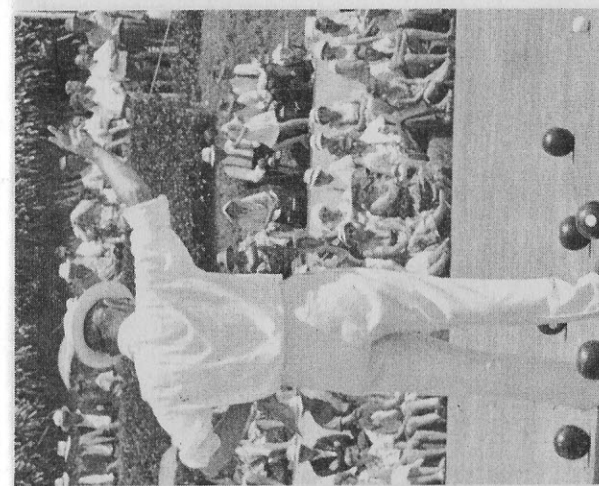
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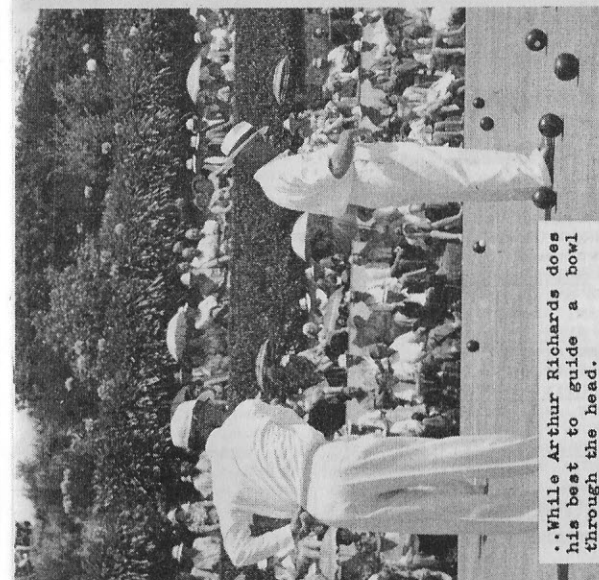
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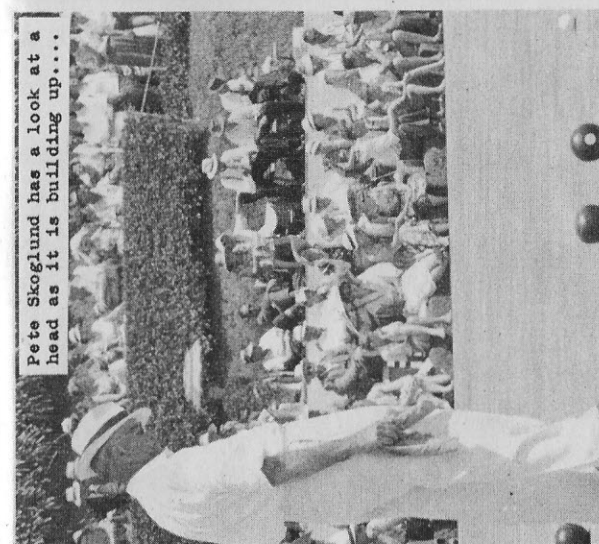
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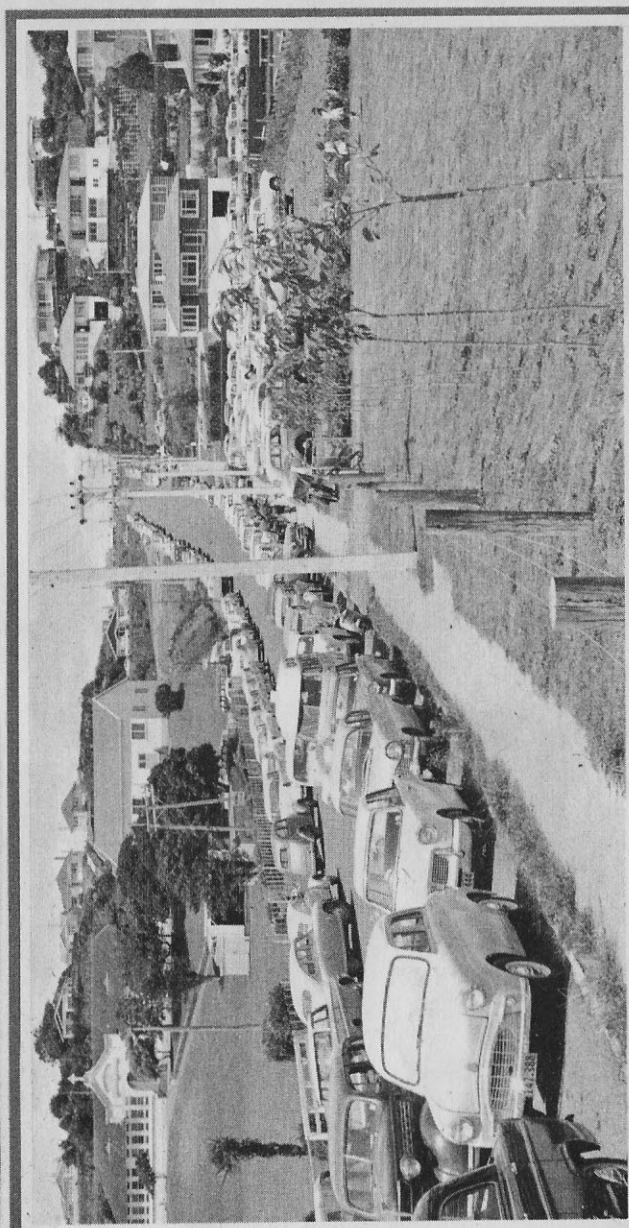


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Engaged

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Above, left: ADLAM-GRAMS: Marion, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C.Grams, NP, to Gary, eldest son of Mr and Mrs V.Adlam, NP.

Left: NEWTON-FLORENCE: Nola Faye, second daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J.Florence, NP, to Peter twin son of Mr and Mrs R.M.Newton, NP.

Below, left: COURT-HOLMES: Shirley Lorraine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A.Holmes, Bell Block, to Robin Francis, only son of Mrs G.M. and the late Mr S.W.Court, NP.



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Celebrations

Above: At the 89th birthday celebration of Mr E.A.Grigg, Ratapiko, this family group pictures a double set of four generations. Mr Grigg is seen here with his wife and two sons, Ray, left, and Arthur, right, with their respective children and grand-children.

Below: Mrs S.Hunt, Devonport, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday with her daughter, Mrs S.Officer, Stratford.

Right: Mr and Mrs J.W.Morrison, Clawton Street, New Plymouth, who celebrated their diamond wedding. They were married at Sentry Hill 60 years ago and farmed at Tikorangi and Waipuku.

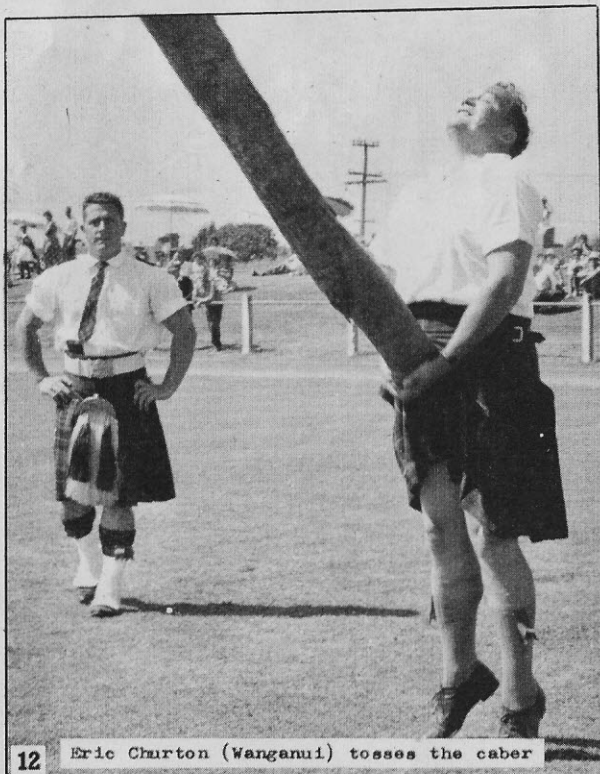




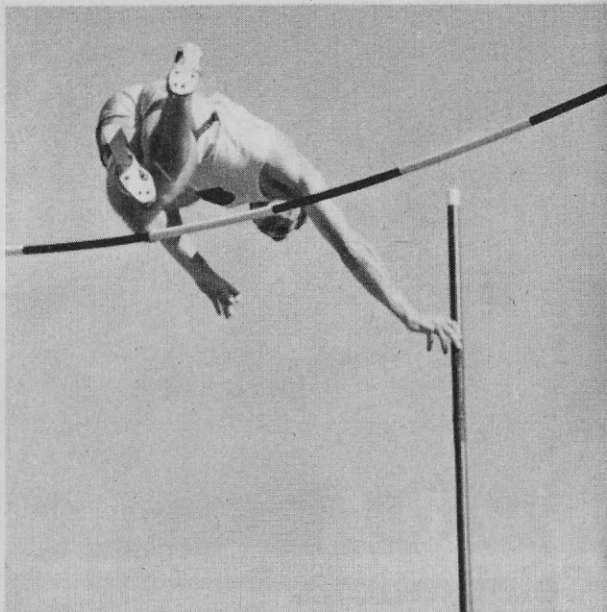
Brixton tug-of-war team proved too tough for all the other opponents.

STRATFORD HIGHLAND GAMES DRAW HUGE CROWD

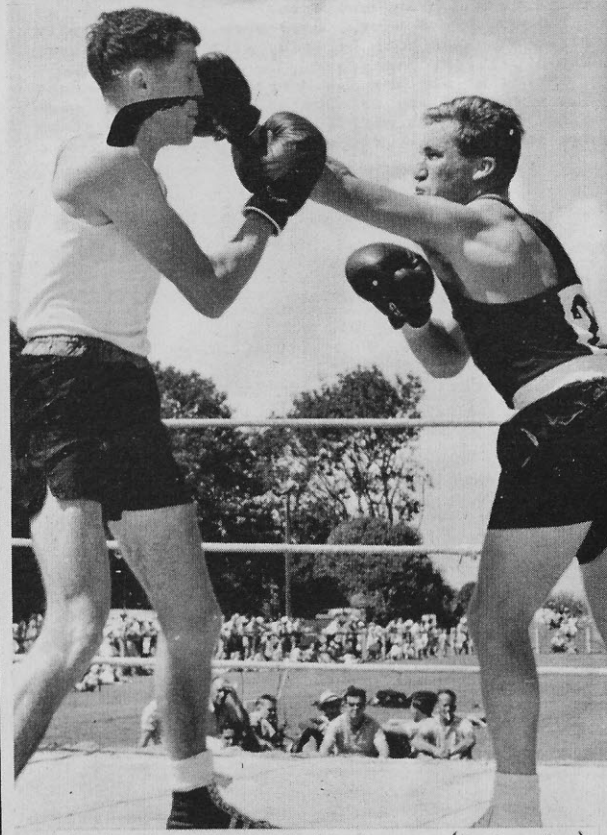
There's no doubt in our minds that the Stratford Highland Games Committee deserve the highest praise for the recent programme they provided at Victoria Park for the annual Highland Games. There was the biggest variety of events, with some of the best talent in the country to provide a programme that was surely enjoyed by all of the thousands who attended.



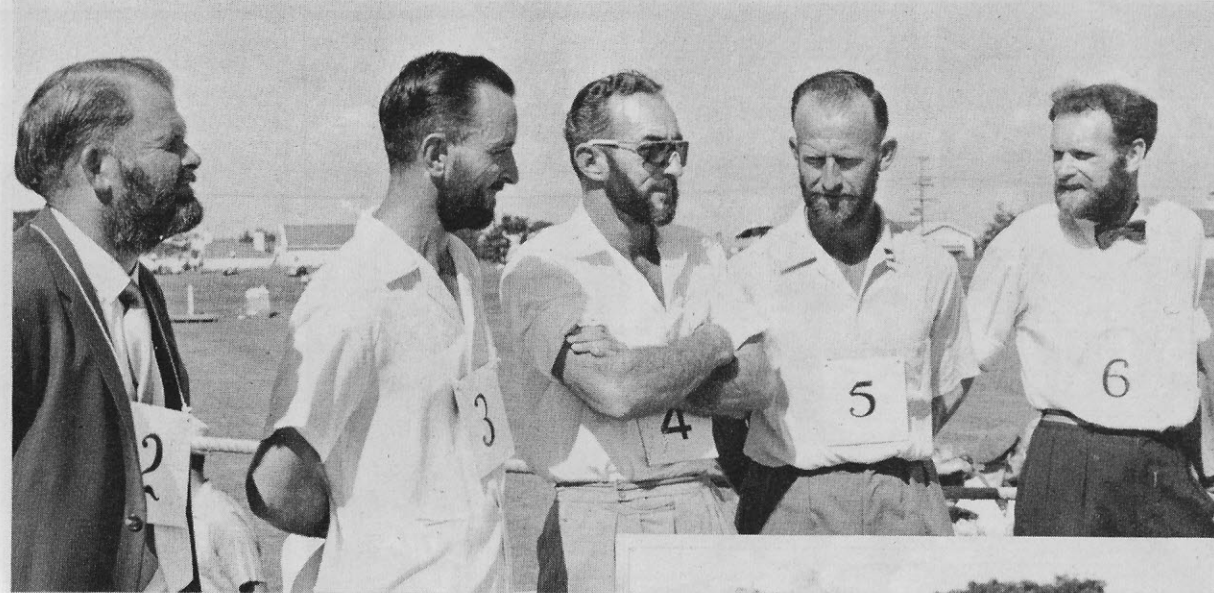
12 Eric Charlton (Wanganui) tosses the caber



Empire games pole vaulter Kevin Gibbons cleared the bar at fourteen feet



Empire Games boxer Paddy Donovan (Hawkes Bay) and Patea's D. McKenna gave a fine exhibition of boxing.



THE BEARDED MEN OF STRATFORD

A competition finalised at the Stratford Highland Games that started some weeks ago was for the best beard. Twelve hardy types of the town stopped shaving, and the results were simply amazing. There were all sorts and sizes with a variety of colour. One in fact was a beautiful red, and we had a feeling that it had been dyed to catch the judge's eye.

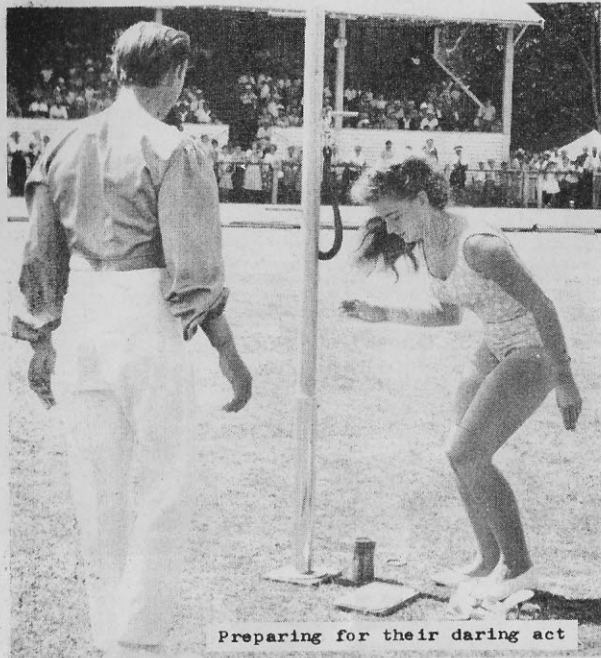
Above: Some of the contestants await the judges' decision.

Right: One of the judges, Rosalie Potroz, feeling the texture of the beard belonging to Bill Kelly.

Below: Winner of the contest by a whisker was Jack Grant.

Below, right: There's no doubt about a beard, it certainly camouflages a man.





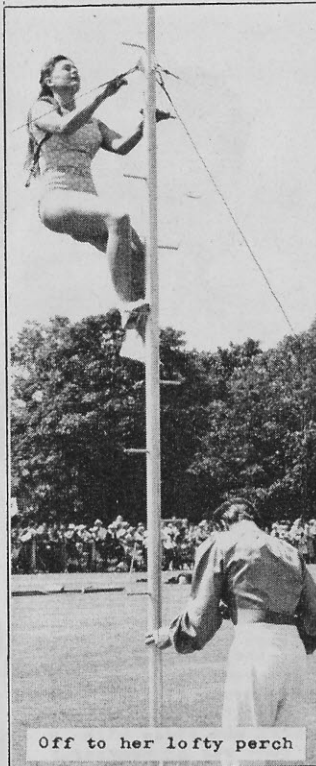
Preparing for their daring act



Balancing high above the ground



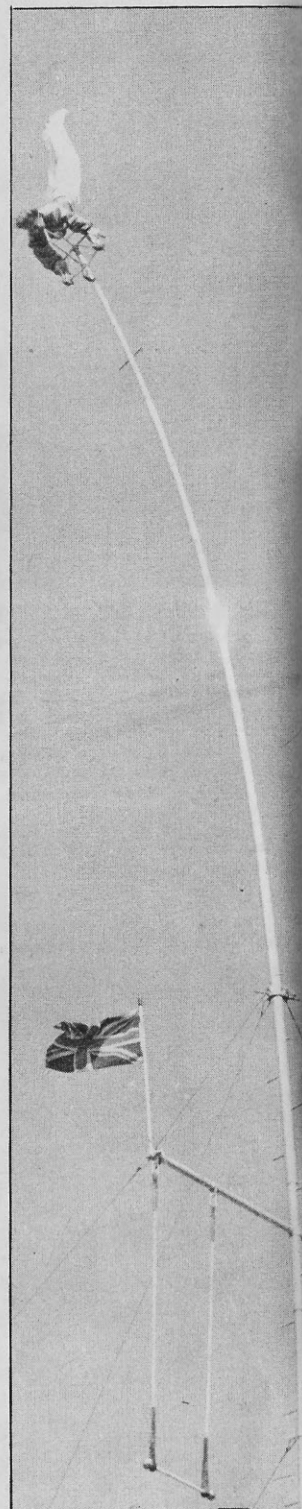
Not lying down on the job, just getting the best angle



Off to her lofty perch

Aerialists Were Tops

One of the biggest thrills at the Highland Games was the performance of Leone and Tanyia, Britain's leading aerial gymnasts. The feats they performed drew gasps from the large crowd as they provided the thrills 80 feet above the ground without any safety devices. Altogether a wonderful performance.



82 feet above ground and swaying 20 feet from side to side had the crowd holding their breath.

Over a human ramp to leap more than 10 feet

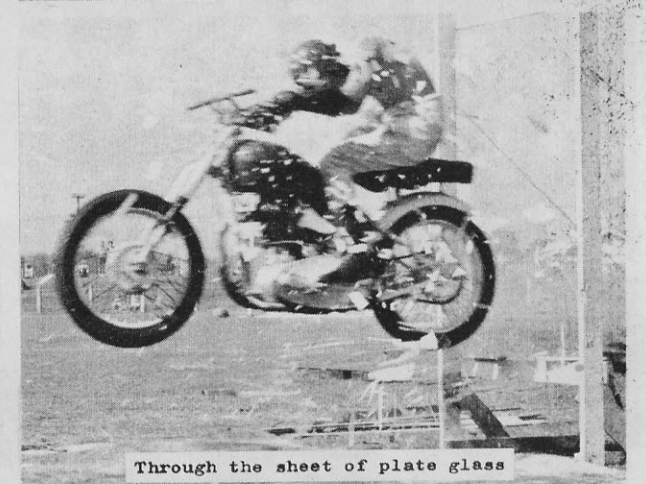


THRILLING DISPLAY BY TRICK MOTOR CYCLISTS

Gene Mace and his troupe of dare-devil riders provided Stratford and those who went to the Highland Games with one of the most thrilling spectacles of all time. Gene and his boys performed the most amazing things, like driving through a 36-foot blazing tunnel, riding over ramps held up by men, and then as a finale, Gene himself rode through a plate glass frame. This final trick, done with no protective clothing, resulted in a visit to hospital to have some of the cuts sewn up.



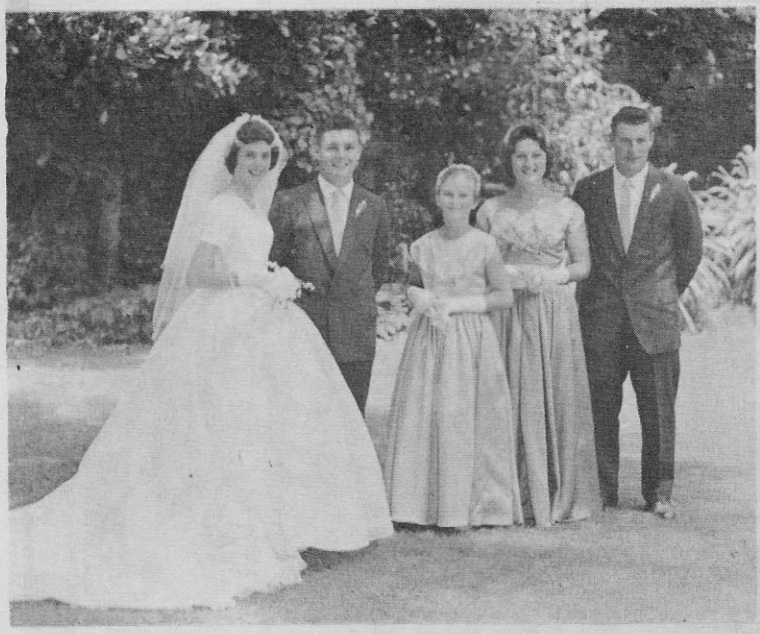
Gene takes the weight of a bike on his shoulders



Through the sheet of plate glass



First-aid men take over after the ride through the plate glass



Wedding Bells

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Above: HOUGHTON-TAIT: At St. Bride's Anglican Church, Otorohanga, Elizabeth Mary, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S.J.Tait, Otorohanga, to Peter Longden, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. Houghton, Tikorangi. The bridesmaids were Jillian Tait, sister of the bride, Otorohanga, and Janice and Susan Houghton, sisters of the groom, Tikorangi. Roger Houghton, brother of the groom, Tikorangi, was best man, and Murray Houghton, brother of the groom, Tikorangi, was the groomsman. The future home of the couple will be Waitara.

Left: COWAN-LUCAS: At St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Remuera, Judy Lucas, late of Stratford, to Graham Cowan, Auckland. The bridesmaids were Susan Lucas, sister of the bride, Wendy Walker, Stratford, and Gillian Jeffery. The best man was James Townsend, and the groomsman was John Lucas, brother of the bride. Future home will be Thames.



Coming of Age

Above, left: Family group at the 21st birthday of John George, NP. From left, sisters Mrs Joyce Young, Mrs B.Liffiton, Mrs N.Hollis, John, and his mother and father.

Left: Arthur Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Graham, NP, with relatives and friends at his coming-of-age party.

Above, centre: Marilyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. Butler, Manaia, cuts her 21st birthday cake.

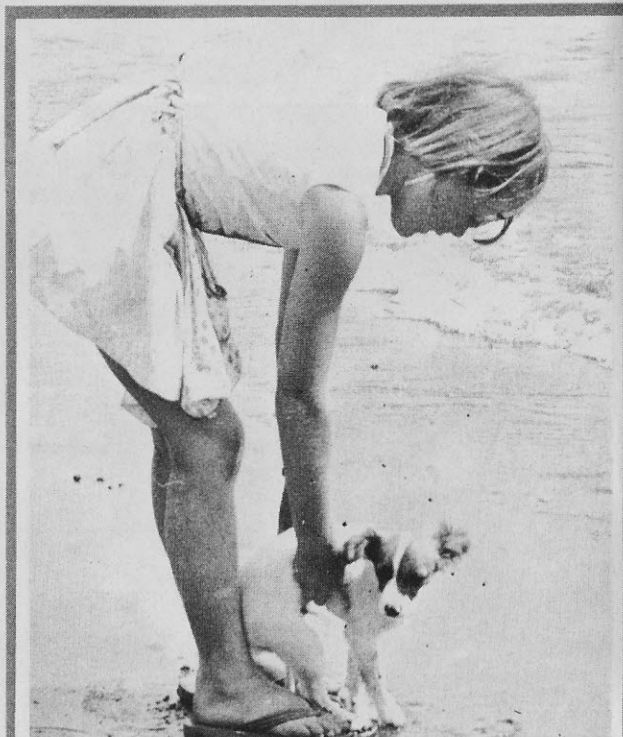
Above, right: Brian Edward, son of Mr and Mrs T. Joll, Gladstone Road, Hawera, smiles on the occasion of his 21st birthday.





Retirement Honoured

Staff and friends of the High School Board recently gathered together to honour their secretary, Mr O.H.Burford, on the occasion of his retirement. Our photograph above shows the group at the dinner party given in his honour at the Fitzroy Hotel. Below: Chief clerk, Betty Tuson, presents Mr Burford with a gift.



Learn-to Swim Campaign

Here's a delightful little study of a young holidaymaker, who was taking advantage of the calm sea to teach her puppy to swim. The pup didn't seem to like the water, but later ventured in up to his knees.



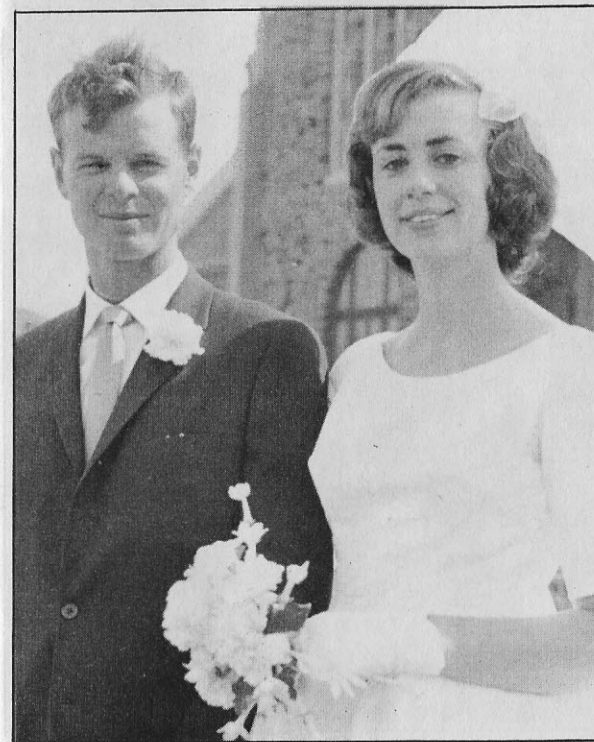
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Above, right: THURLOW-WILLIAMS: At the Baptist Church, New Plymouth, Beverley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K.S.Williams, New Plymouth, to Neil, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.Thurlow, Waitara. The future home of the couple will be Mokau.

Below, left: FITZPATRICK-PEPLOE: At St.Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Patricia Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J.Peploe, New Plymouth, to Dennis Clark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.C.Fitzpatrick, Papakura. The future home of the couple: Dunedin.

Below, right: PARR-MASON: At St.Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A.Mason, New Plymouth, to Ivan, only son of Mr and Mrs F.Parr, Palmerston North. The future home: Palmerston North.

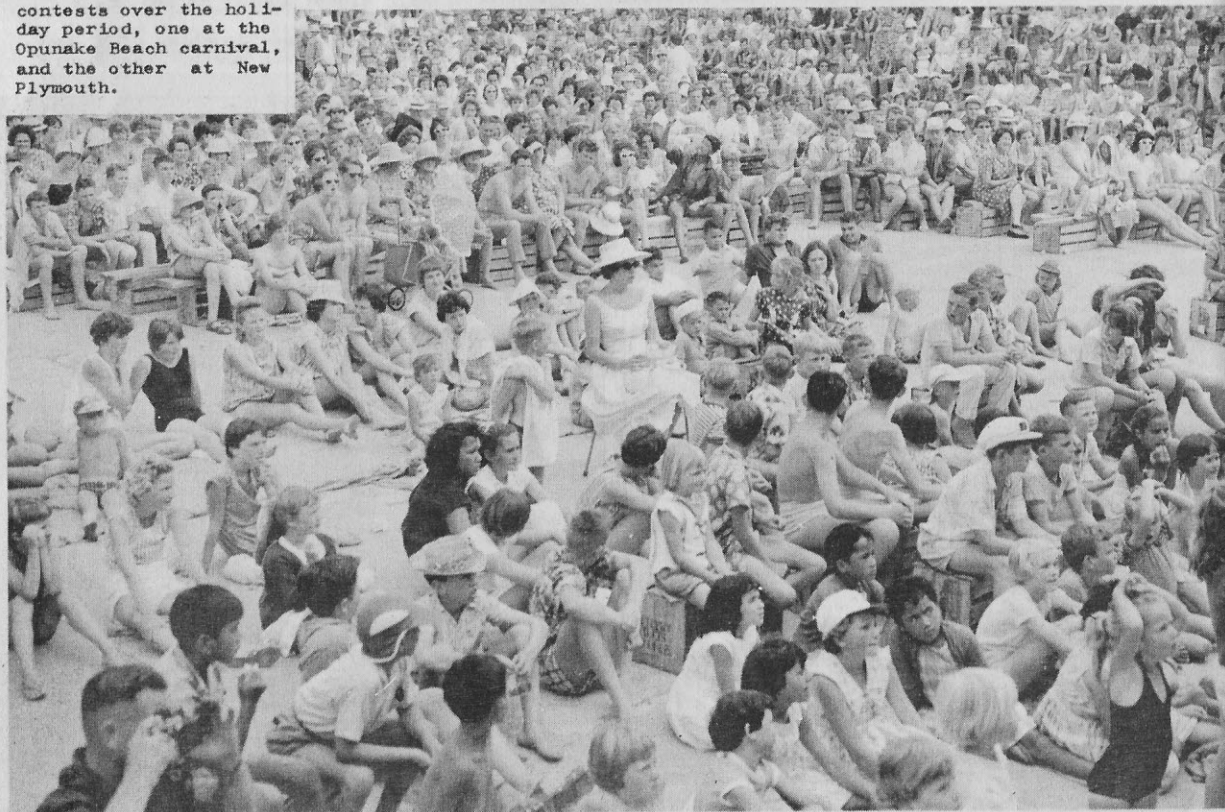


Miss W.C.N.I. Beauty Contest

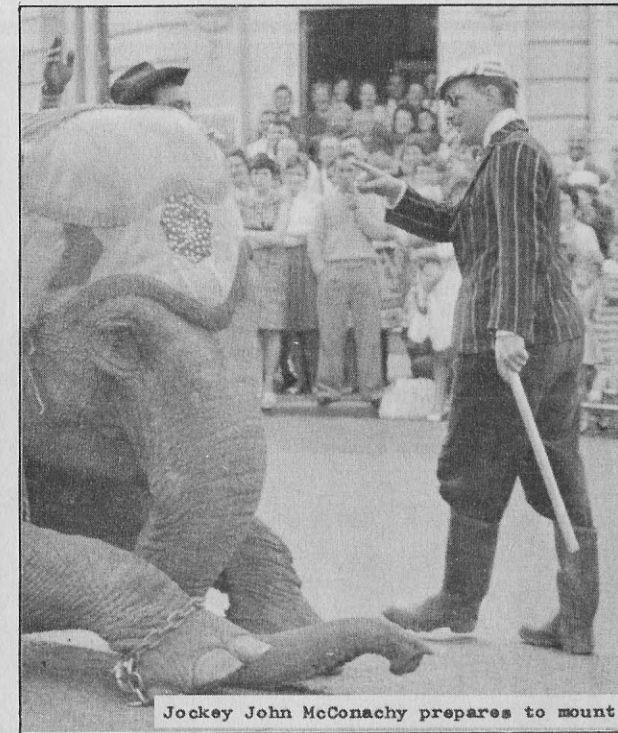
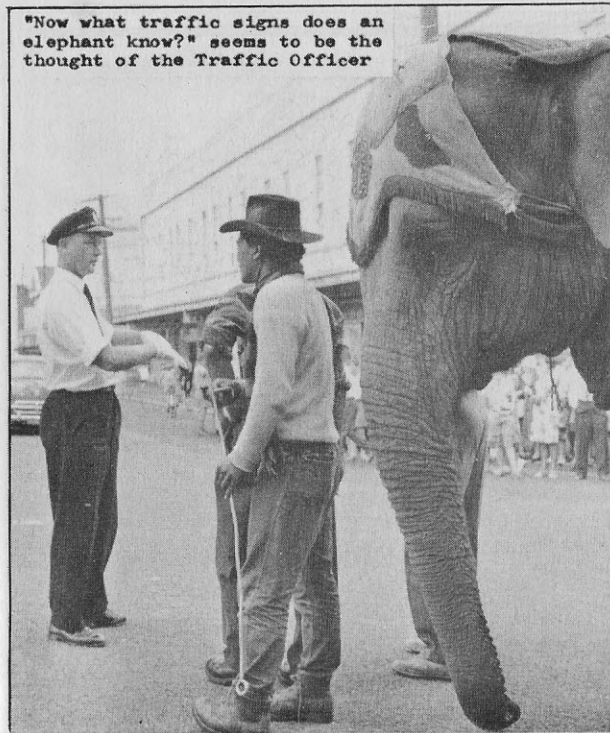
Ngamotu beach was the venue for the Miss WCNI bathing beauty contest, held during the holiday carnival. Entries were not quite as numerous as in previous years, but the quality of the contestants was higher than in the past. In our picture, right, Miss Taranaki 1962, Jan Sutherland, is shown presenting the cup to the beauty queen for 1963, Jan Barclay.

Below: Part of the huge crowd that witnessed the contest. Right in the centre of the picture we see one of the judges.

FOOTNOTE. At "Photo News" we are not prone to skiting, but this year's Miss Taranaki, Jan Barclay, was picked for our December front cover. We certainly must have an eye for beauty, as Jan won two contests over the holiday period, one at the Opunake Beach carnival, and the other at New Plymouth.



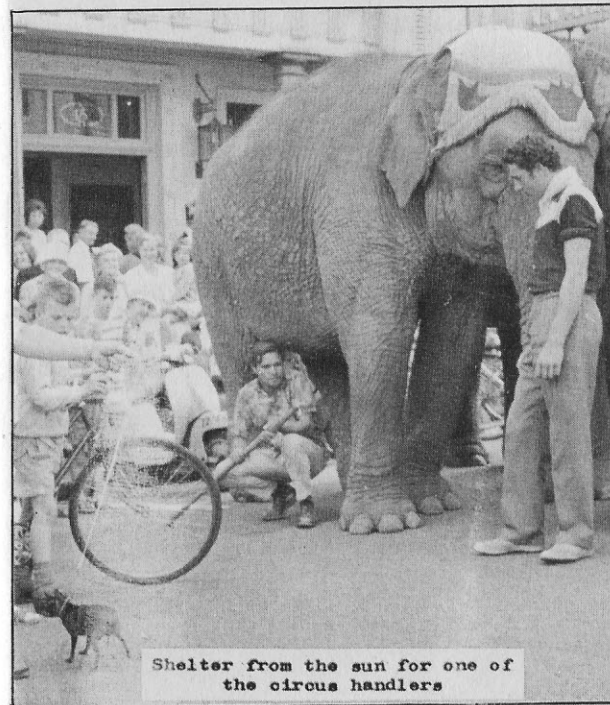
"Now what traffic signs does an elephant know?" seems to be the thought of the Traffic Officer



Jockey John McConachy prepares to mount

Elephant Derby in Devon Street

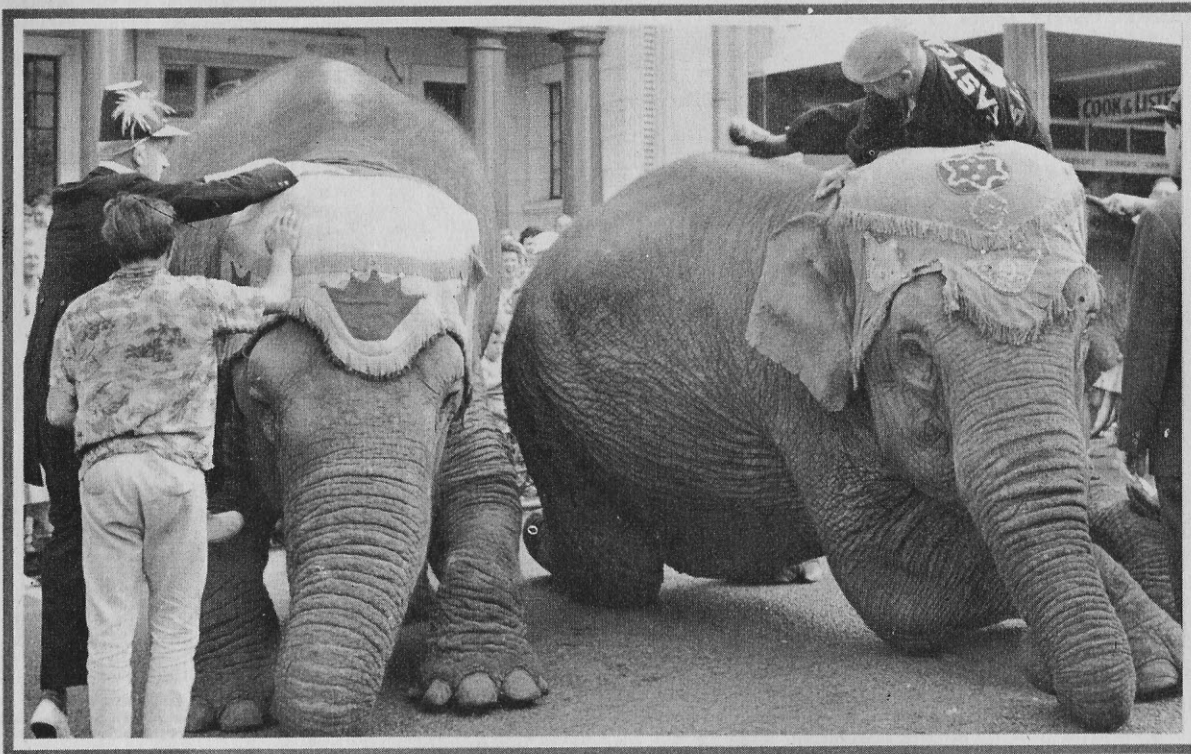
This will probably be the only time that an elephant race will be held along Devon Street. It was part of the publicity towards the coming of a circus. Despite this, crowds lined the roadway to see this historic race. The three jockeys, suitably attired, had a rough trip to the winning post at the Farmers Store. The most pleasant feature of this organised race was that some members of the Rotary Club made a collection for the blind, who will benefit by over £100 as a result.



Shelter from the sun for one of the circus handlers



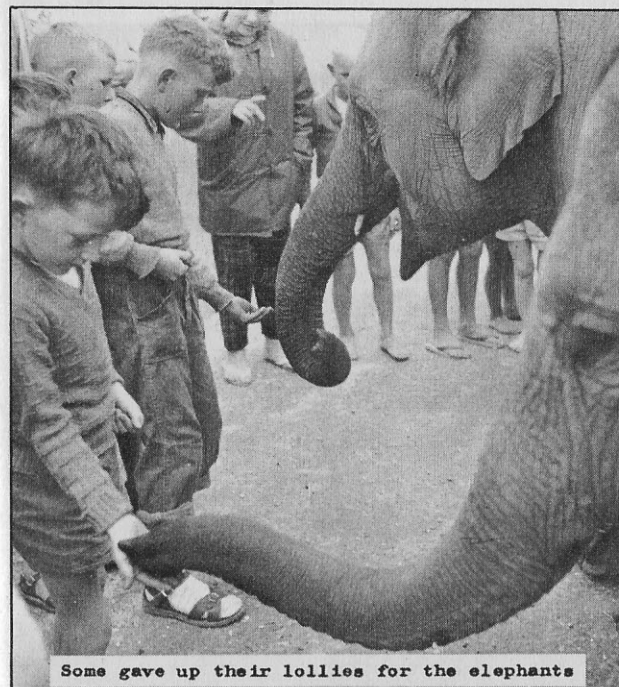
Jockeys John McConachy, Mr Honnor, the mayor, and Brian Clark of 2XP



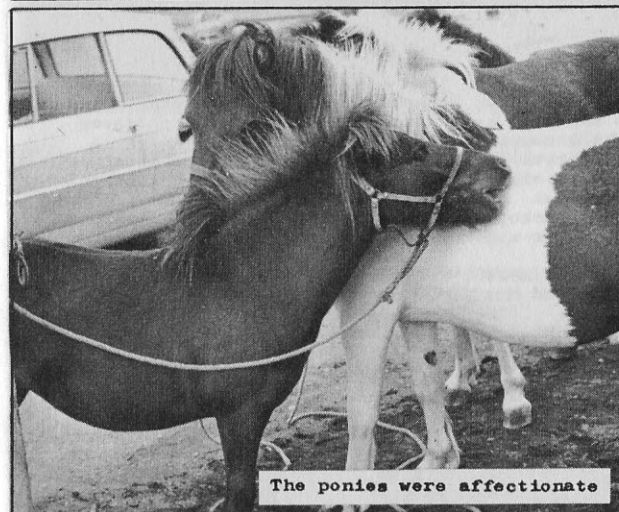
We estimated that more than 20,000 people watched the elephant race up Devon Street during the annual holidays. Each side of the main road was filled with holidaymakers in some places eight and nine deep. To swell the estimated total, almost every window was used as a grandstand, and then of course there were the children, who came in their thousands to see this unusual race.

Above: 2XP's Brian Clark prepares to mount his steed, while the mayor, Mr Honnor, is almost atop his racing elephant.

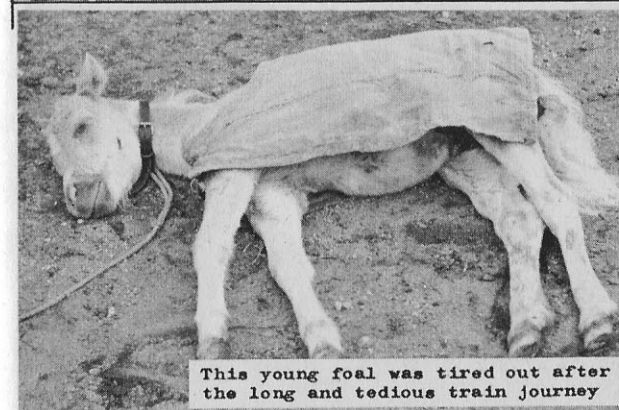
Below: Passing the Bank of New Zealand, Brian had a slight lead on the mayor, who appears to be slipping sideways. The handbarrow was for collecting money for the blind, and not for any other purpose.



Some gave up their lollies for the elephants

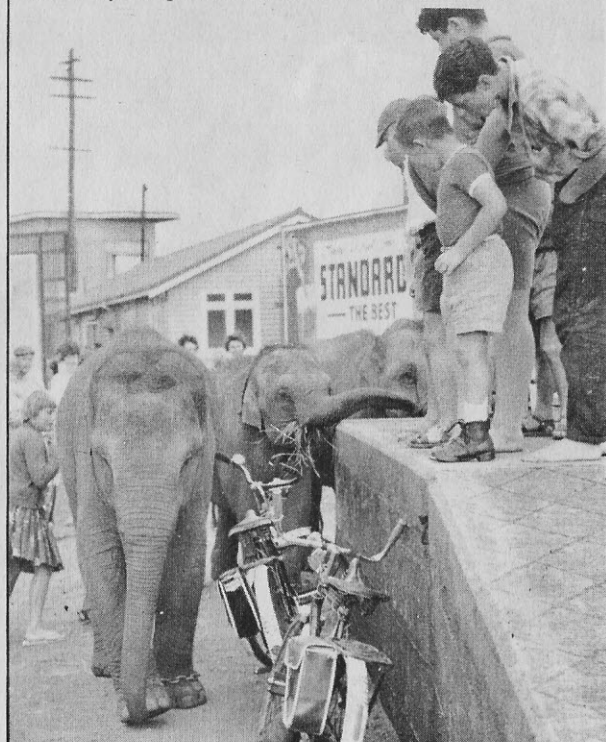


The ponies were affectionate



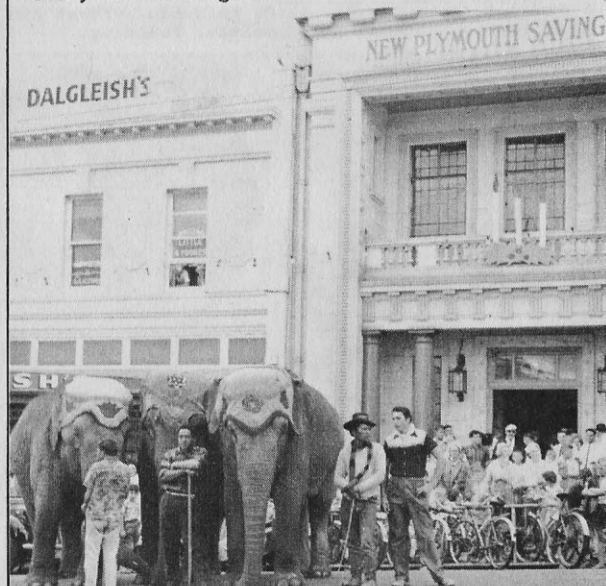
This young foal was tired out after the long and tedious train journey

The baby elephants created much attraction



Circus Animals a Thrill for the Children

We don't know how the news leaked out, but when the circus hit town nearly every child in the city was there to welcome them. The kids took advantage of this free look at the performing animals, and followed the elephants on their journey through the town. It was the Pied Piper story all over again.



A picture for posterity: three elephants on guard outside the NP Savings Bank



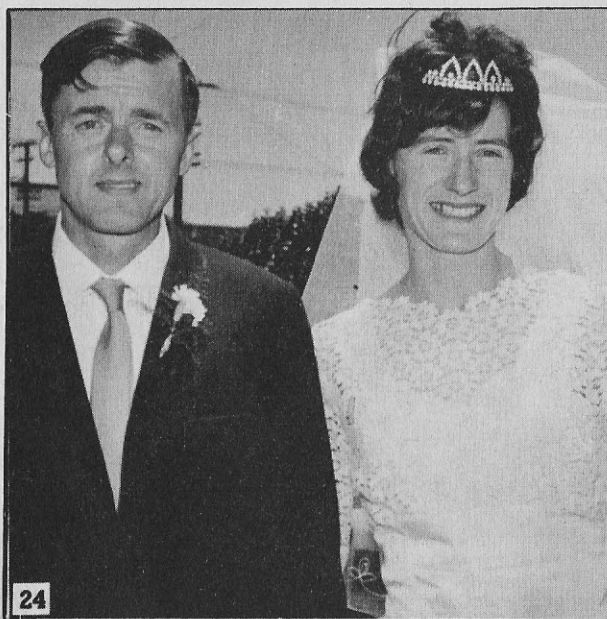
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Below, left: **WEDGWOOD-SEXTON:** At Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Alwynne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J.Sexton, New Plymouth, to Arthur, son of Mr and Mrs Wedgwood, Blackpool, England. Future home: Auckland.

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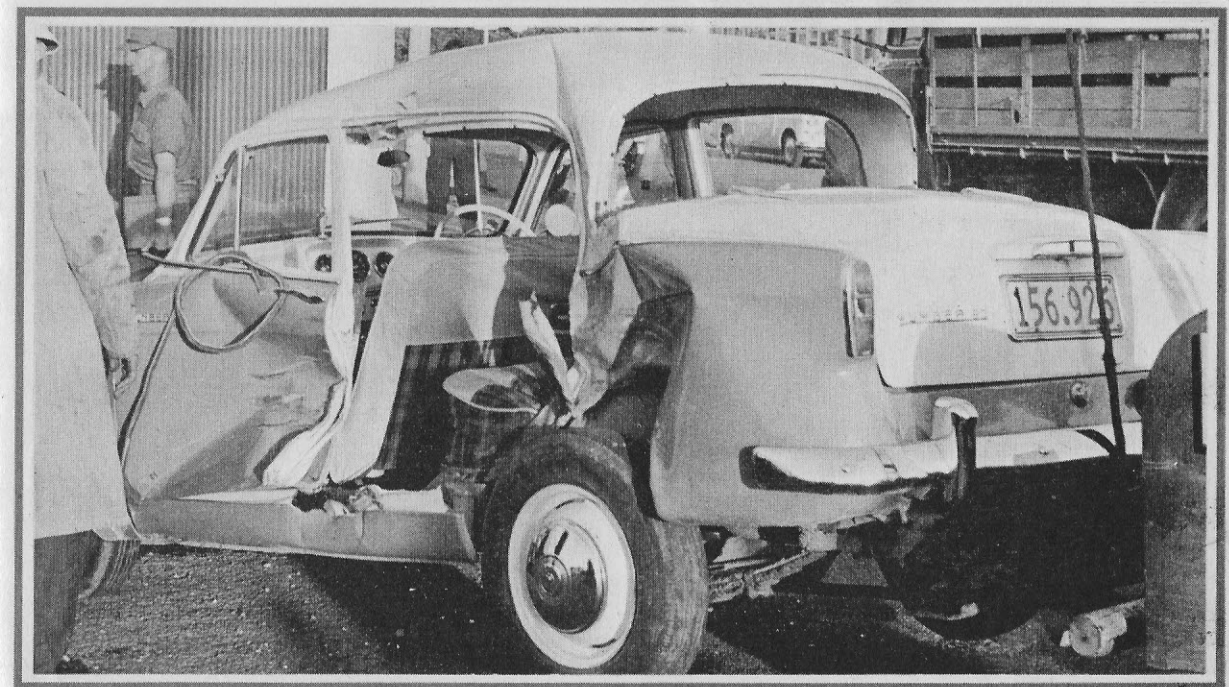


Roving Camera



Above: The latest stage in the development at Kawaroa Park on the pavilion for the new swimming pool. Now that the dressing accommodation and pavilion are nearing completion, tenders have been called for the building of the pools themselves. It is to be hoped that work will start on them in the not too distant future.

Below: Here's what happened when two immovable objects met recently on the intersection of Hill and Elliot streets. Fortunately, no one was badly hurt, though the small car came off rather badly.





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Left: CHAPMAN-TAYLOR: Dawn Mavis, sixth daughter of Mr and Mrs G.L.Taylor, Warea, to Henry Nixon, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.E.Chapman, Warea.

Below, left: MORTON-PRICE: Jessie Margaret Price, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.Marsh, Mangamaio, to Peter David, elder son of Mrs E.H. and the late Mr Morton, Onaero.

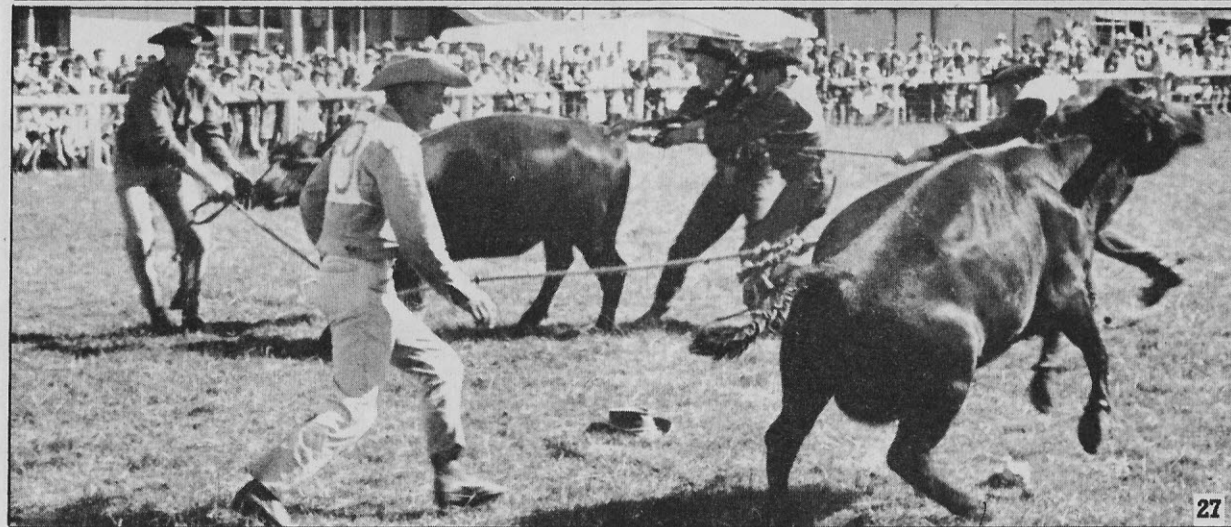
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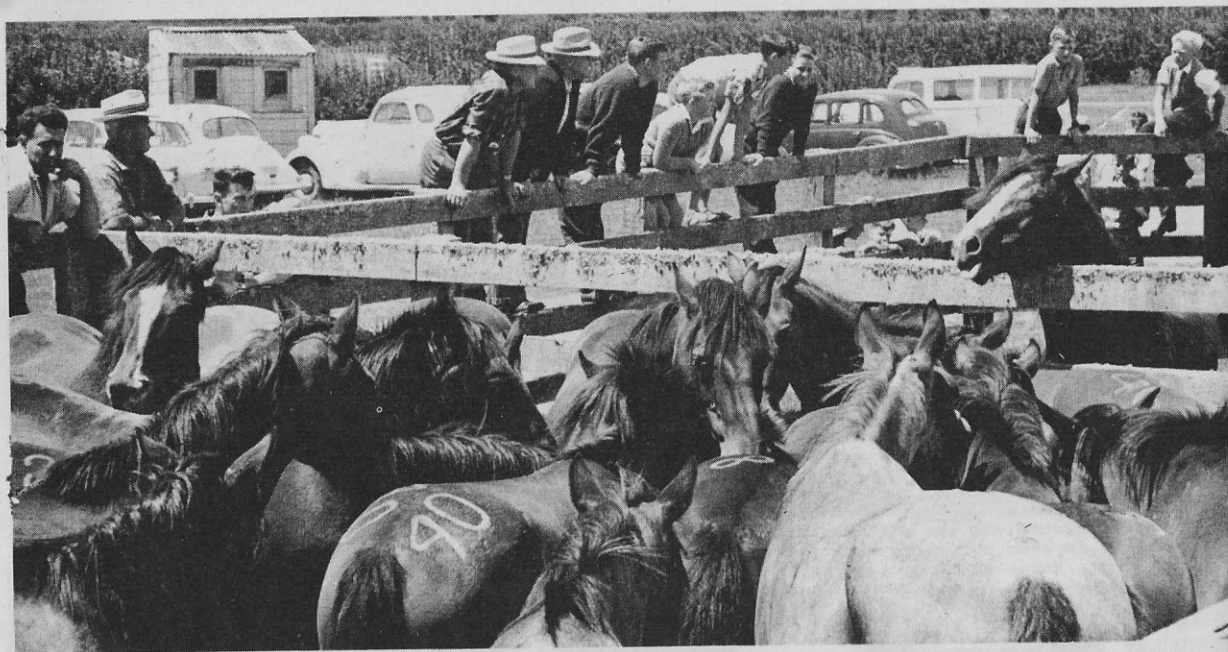
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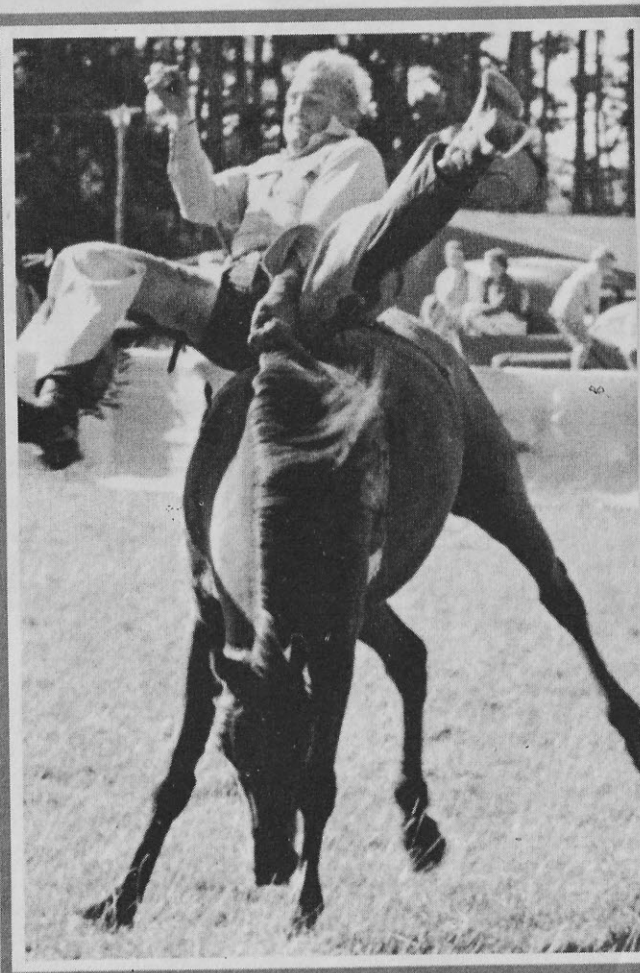
Thrilling Rodeo at Stratford

The annual rodeo at Stratford attracts more people each year. With a day packed with thrills and comedy, it is a good way to spend a Saturday. This year, with record entries, and non-stop activity, it was the best rodeo that we have been to yet. There were quite a few spills, but fortunately none of the cowboys was seriously hurt, despite the fact that they were dealing with very ferocious beasts. **Above:** Part of the large crowd which lined the whole oval. **Below:** One of the funniest events was the wild cow milking contest. It evoked howls of laughter from the crowd, and resulted in some very hard work for the contestants. Our two photographs below were taken during this comic interlude.

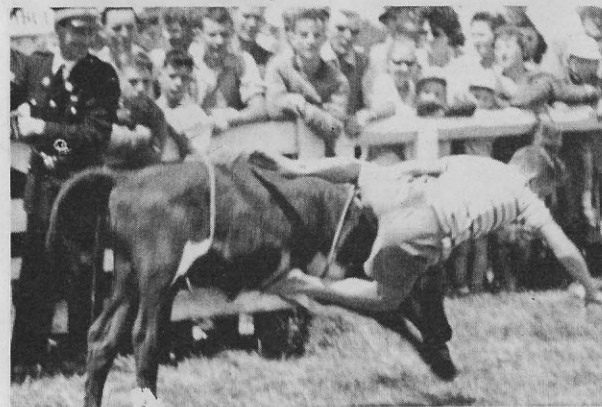




We don't know where they got the brumbies from for the Stratford Rodeo, but they certainly seem a mean lot of critters. Our picture above shows some of these horses prior to being ridden, and below, what happened when they were let loose with a rider on their backs. In some cases, it would mean meals off the mantelpiece for a few days, so rough were the animals on the riders.



Youthful Cowboys at Stratford Rodeo

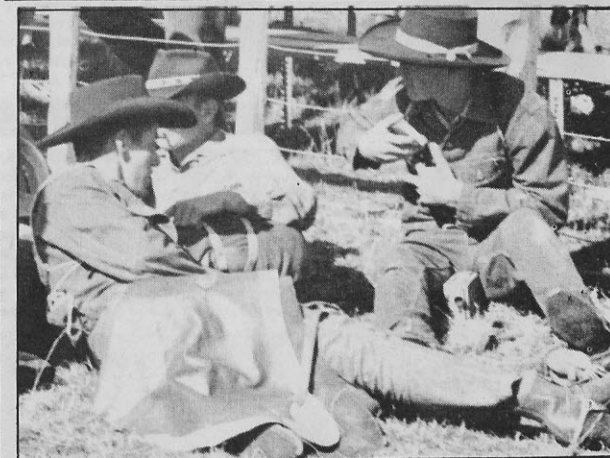
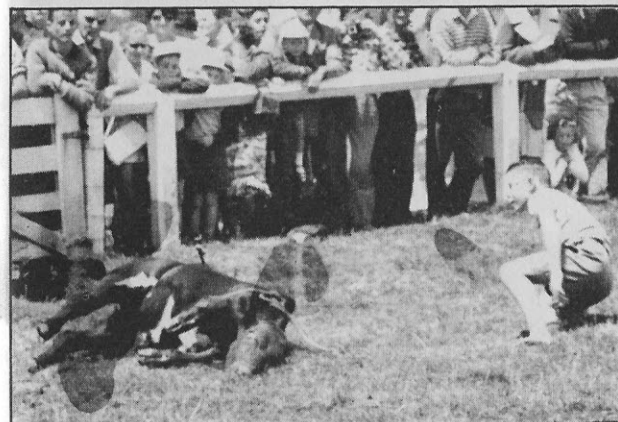


There are over 40 entries for the calf-riding contest at the Stratford Rodeo, which just goes to show that Stratford will never go short of cowboys. Some of the kids knew just how to hold on, while others came adrift as soon as the chute door was opened. Our three pictures, one above, and two below, show what happened to a rider, G. Eaton, and his calf. All we know is that the boy hit the dirt first.

Above, right: The clowns provided plenty of laughter during the whole show.

Right: Cowpoke's natter during the interval between rides.

Below, right: Here's a young fellow heading for a nasty fall!



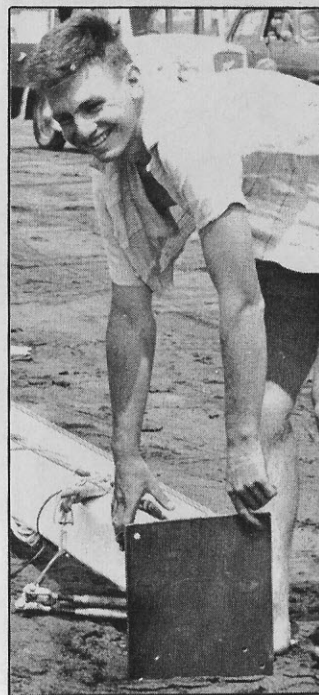


Wedding Bells

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Above: ROBINSON-FERGUSON: At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Elsie Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J. Fergusson, Hawera, to Cecil John, son of Mr and Mrs H.E. Robinson, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Heather Fergusson, sister of the bride, Hawera, and Ida Hoskin, Hawera. James Fergusson, brother of the bride, Hawera, was the best man, and Glenn Williamson, Hawera, was the groomsman. Debbie Fergusson, niece of the bride, Manaia, was the flowergirl. The future home: Hawera.

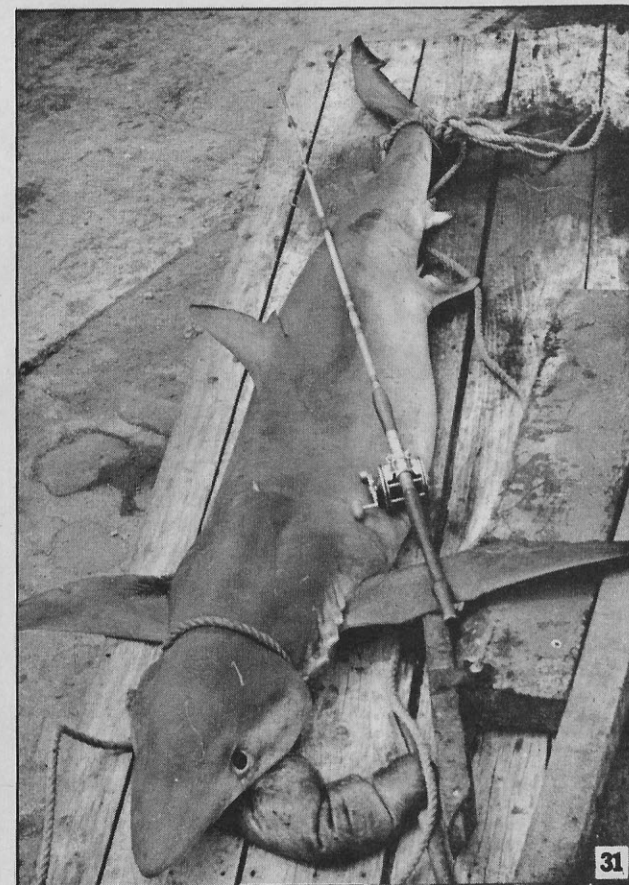
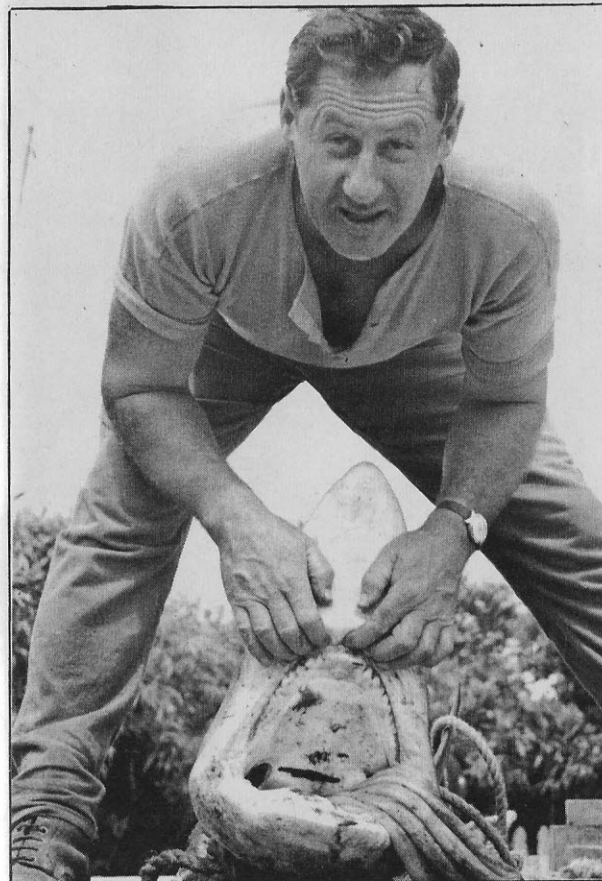
Below: COLEMAN-CARD: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Hawera, Doris, youngest daughter of Mr G.M. Card, Hawera, to Graham, youngest son of Mr P.R. Coleman, Hawera. The bridesmaids were Nancy Clark, Wanganui, and Patricia Coleman, sister of the groom, Hawera. The best man was Bernard Coleman, brother of the groom, Hawera, and Laurie Hunt, Patea, was the groomsman. The future home: Hawera.

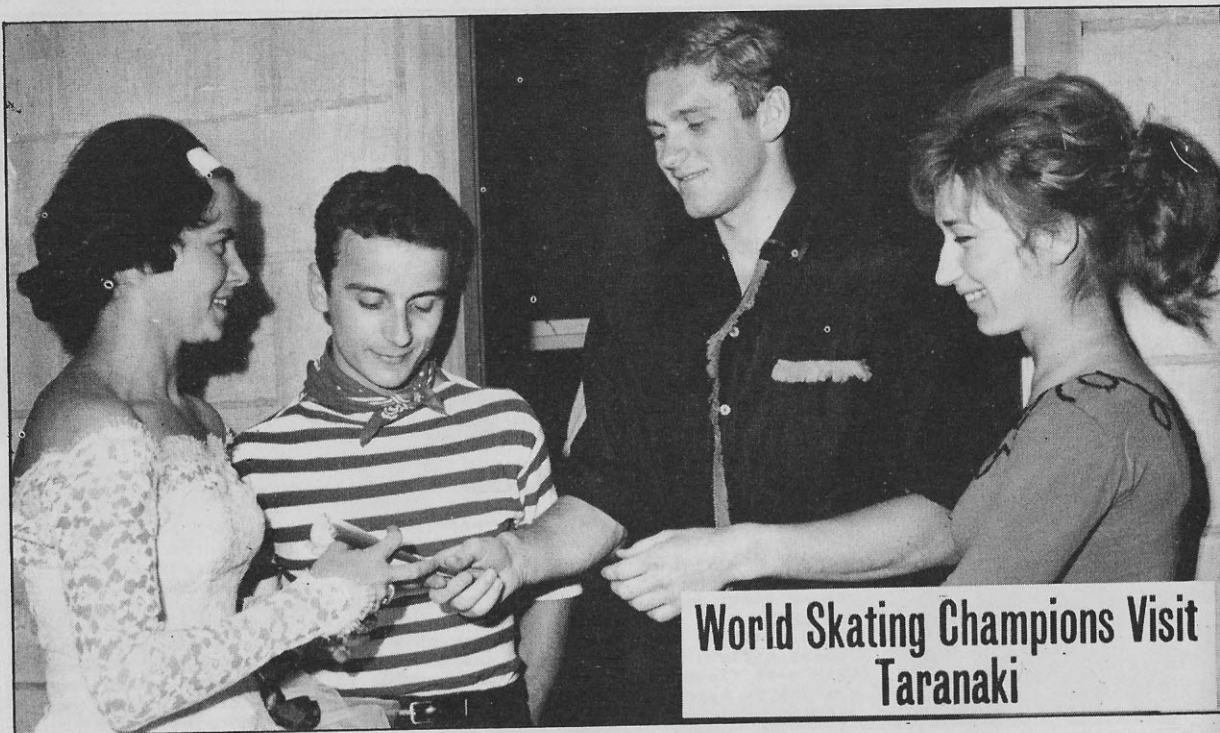


Beach Activities

Yet another beautifully-made yacht joins the fleet at New Plymouth. This one, taking over three years to build, is the handiwork of Douglas McKeown, Tukapo Street, New Plymouth. It is a beautiful boat, and a credit to its creator. The boat is shown above, awaiting the incoming tide. At left is Douglas, putting the base plate on the mast.

Below: Dave Holmes, NP, decided to do a spot of fishing off the islands, but got as unwelcome company this 8-foot shark. Each time Dave caught a fish, the shark would snatch it before it could be boated. Like most fishermen, Dave got annoyed, so he lassooed the shark, and brought it ashore. As yet, this specimen has been unidentified, but suffice it to say that it had a double row of very sharp teeth.





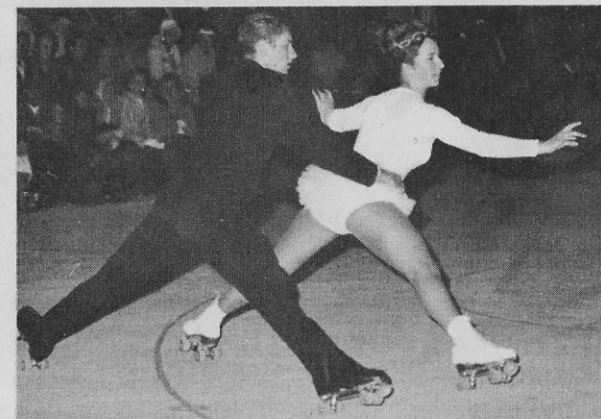
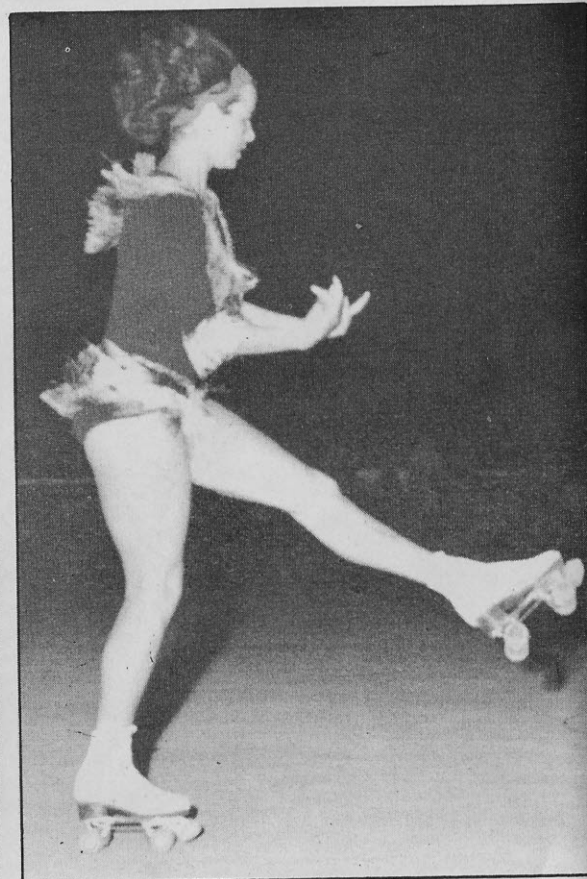
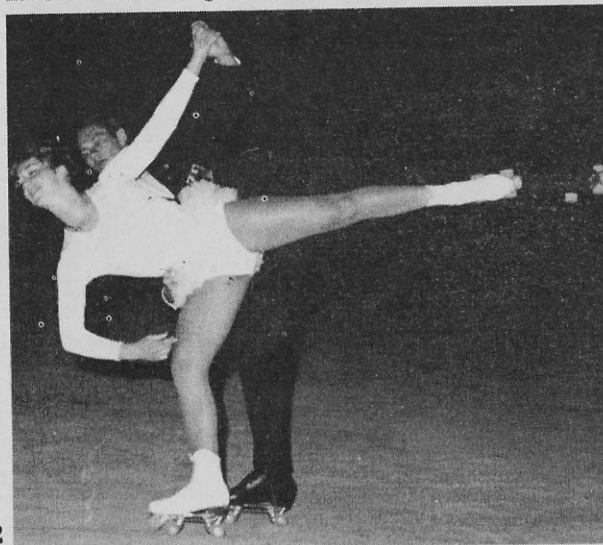
World Skating Champions Visit Taranaki

Four world roller skating champions recently gave an exhibition of their skill in New Plymouth and Stratford. They delighted hundreds of spectators in both centres with their precision skating and acrobatics. Performing on the new rink at East End, the Germans said the rink was the best they had skated on in the country, and better than many overseas rinks - a compliment indeed to the NP Skating Club.

Above: The four performers, from left, are Marlies Fahse, world champion lady soloist, Karlheinz Losch, three times world solo champion, Werner Hoffmann, and Margot Ludolph, world champion pairs.

Below: Werner and Margot during a pairs skating display.

Right: Marlies Fahse during one of her performances which delighted the capacity crowd.

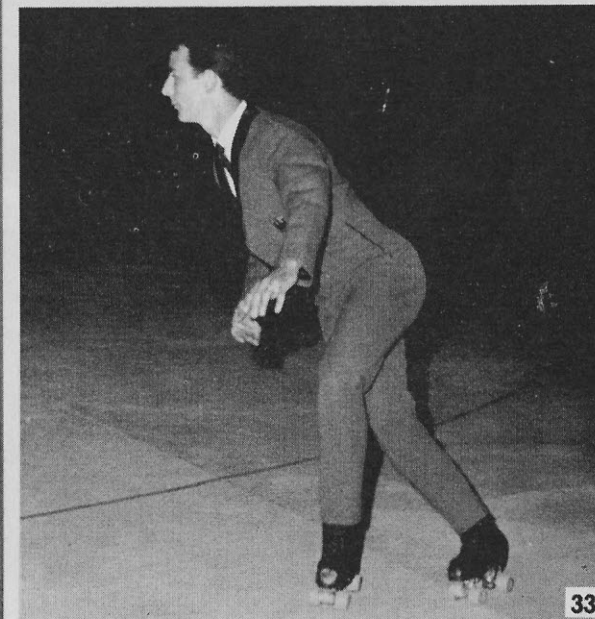
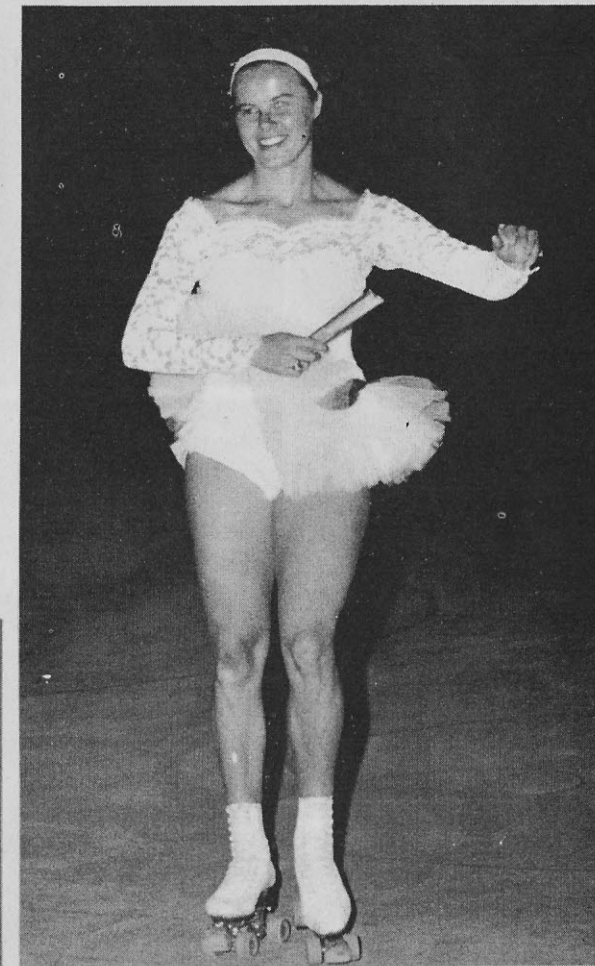
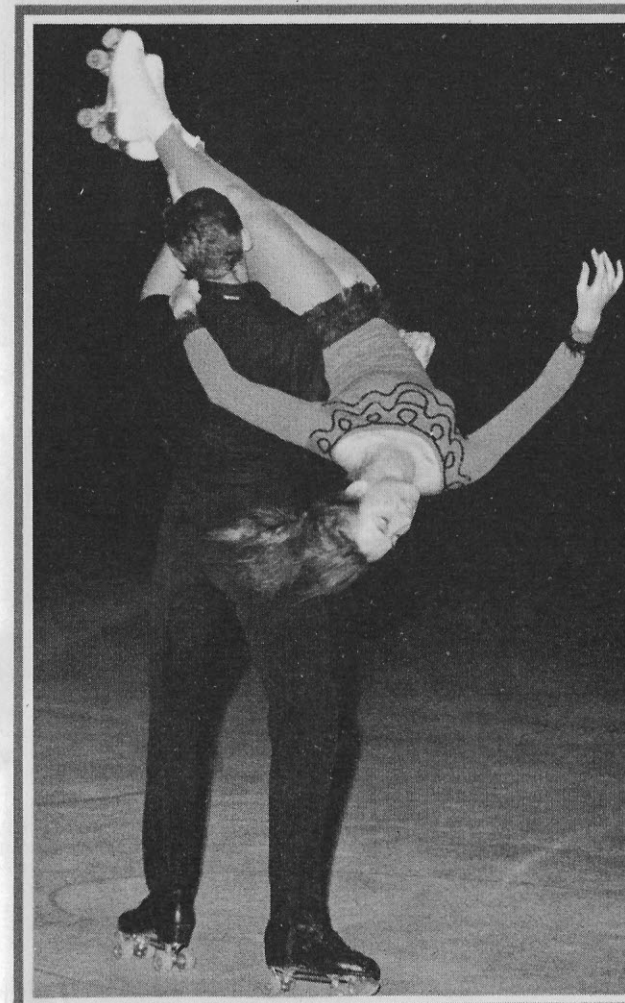


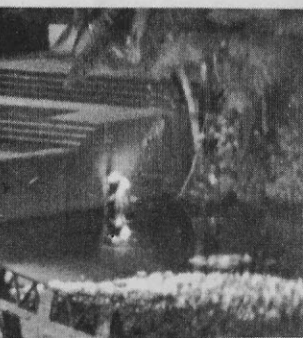
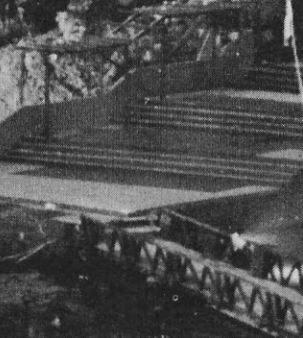
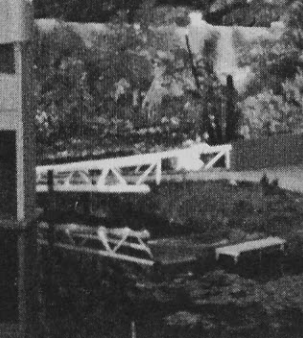
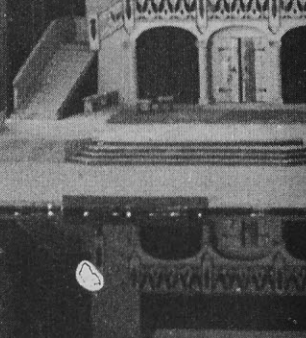
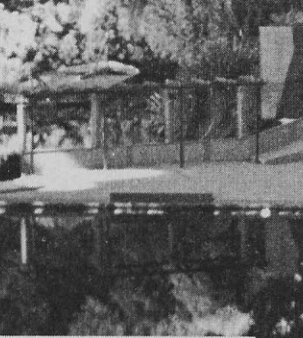
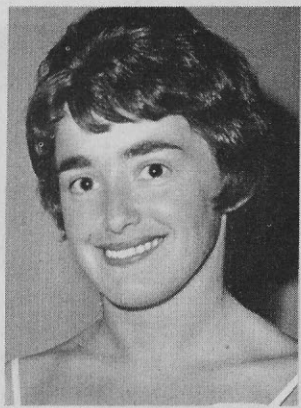
Above: Werner Hoffmann and Margot Ludolph perform one of their intricate movements in an exhibition that amazed the spectators.

Below: The same couple performed some hair-raising stunts.

Right: Pretty Marlies Fahse, world solo champion returns from her exhibition.

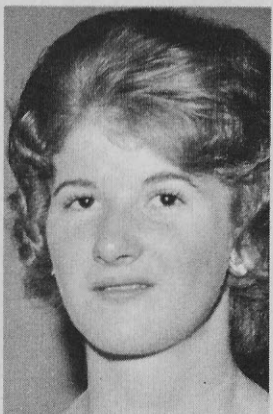
Below, right: Clown of the show was Karlheinz Losch, whose speed and agility amazed the crowd.





Miss Brooklands Contestants

These are the sixteen girls who are the contestants for the title of Miss Brooklands 1963. They have had to undergo strenuous tests before the final choice was made, and the girls are to be warmly commended for entering this popular contest. The girls are: Above: from left, Lorraine Bishop (NP), Jeanette Clotworthy (NP), Fay Looney (Oakura), Lindsay Martin (NP), Barbara Morrison (NP), Helen Robertshawe (NP), Kay Clouston (Waitara) and Adrienne Bond (NP). Above, left: Patricia Belcher (NP), and right, Lorraine French (NP). At left: Barbara Connett (NP), Janine Sewell (Tataraimaika), and Margaret Bramley (Uruti). At right: Brenda Brownson (NP), Vivienne Hobart (NP), and Alison Jupp (Tikorangi).



Married

Right: KOOPU-PERRIN.

At the Waitara Methodist Church, Nora, youngest daughter of Mrs F.M.Perrin, Waitara, to Dan Koopu, Opotoki. Nola Edwards, Waitara, was the matron of honour, and Alan Parkinson, NP., was the best man. The future home: Waitara.

Below: DAVIS-ALBERG.

At St. Andrew's Church, NP., Florence, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.Alberg, Canada, to Erik, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Nelson Davis, NP. Diane Davis, Stratford, was matron of honour, and Jill Compton, Wellington, was the bridesmaid. The best man was John Houghton, Hamilton. Dennis Lobb, NP., was groomsman. Leslie Taylor, niece of the groom, Stratford, was the flowergirl. Future home: Canada.



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Equalled a World Record

David Mayhead has good reason to smile. He went for a fishing trip to the Sugar Loaves, and caught this monster Kingfish of 62lb. The NZ record is 40lbs, and the world record is 62lb. David is awaiting ratification of his success. He also says that there must be bigger ones that got away. It took David over an hour to boat this monster which was caught on a 30lb line.

Ghost Mountain

Below: Readers' pictures, sent in by Mrs Jenkins, Hurford Road, Omata, of our mountain, taken at 7a.m. over the Ngaire swamps, as the morning mist hangs low. The top photograph is the view without the mists.



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Coming of Age

Above: A 21st birthday party was held recently for Colin Paynter of Stratford. Here we see Mr Paynter handing over the key of the door to his son, who is watched closely by his mother.

Below: Twins, Lois and Marie Anker recently came of age and to help them cut their cake was Lennie Morgan, of Liverpool, who was celebrating his 20th birthday. Lennie is at present recuperating, from injuries at sea, in the New Plymouth Public Hospital. Lois and Marie are the daughters of Mr and Mrs A.L. Anker, NP.

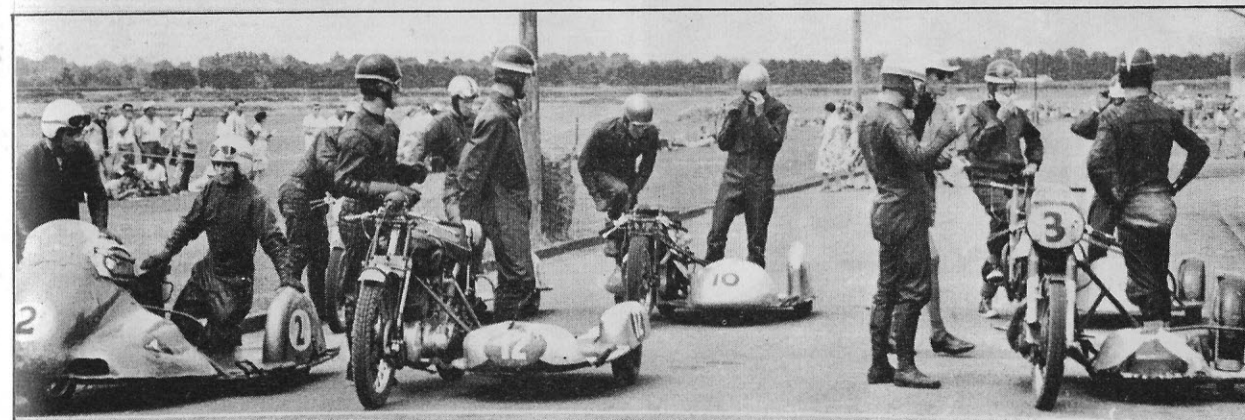
Above, right: A surprise party was given for Brian Turner, Stratford, who recently celebrated his 21st birthday. He is seen here cutting his cake and being assisted by Mrs A. Newton.

Below, right: Jean Isaacs, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J. Clarke, NP, cutting her 21st birthday cake, with her hubby, Kevin.



Thrills at Motor-cycle Races

Bell Block aerodrome echoed to the fury of racing motor-cycles for the meeting of the year. The North Taranaki Club's annual short circuit Grand Prix proved a most popular event, being held on a Sunday this year. Racing enthusiasts from all parts of the country, and even from the other side of the Tasman sea, took part in this well-organised meeting. Thousands of people were treated to one of the best day's racing ever witnessed in the province. **Above:** Start of the senior grand prix, with Hugh Anderson, the winner, No.1. **Below:** The sidecars provided some real thrills for the spectators. Here they line up for the start of one of their races. **Bottom:** The dirt corner saw many riders come to grief. None were hurt in any way.

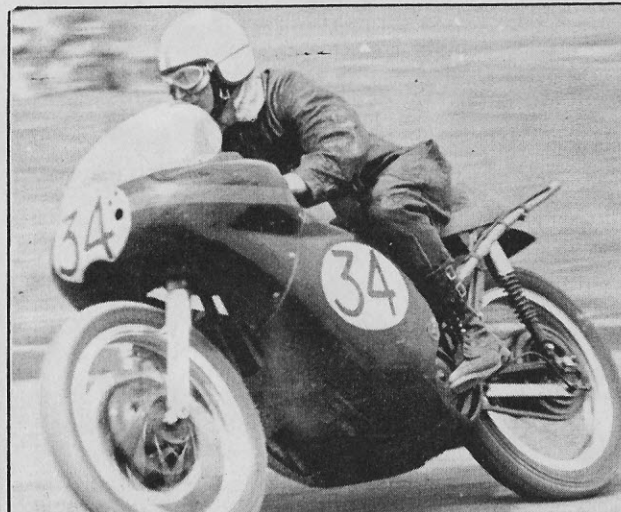




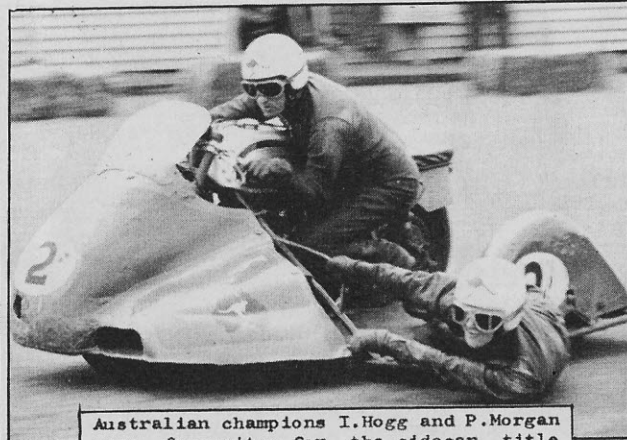
Dual winner, Hugh Anderson (Norton)



Hugh Anderson and Bob Bretherton (NP) had many tussles like this

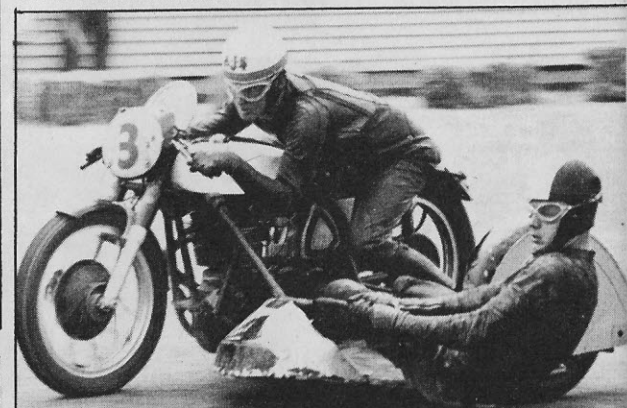


L. Woodman (Wellington) on his stream-lined machine looked every inch a racing man

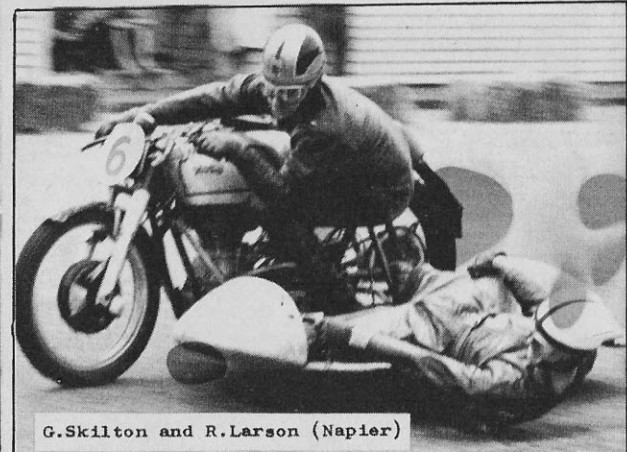


Australian champions I. Hogg and P. Morgan were favourites for the sidecar title until they had misfortunes with their machine's gearbox.

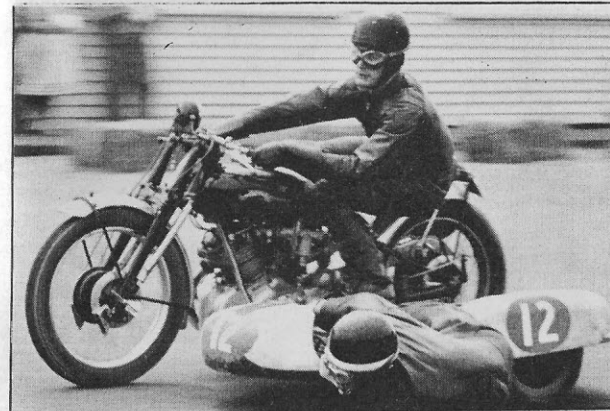
Here we show some of the competitors in action as they fly around the circuit. Some of the solo machines reached speeds of up to 80 mph on a straight of not more than 300 yards, while the sidecar men hurtled their machines round the sharp bends in an uncanny manner. With the top riders of the Dominion competing, the meeting proved to be one of the most successful yet.



F. Scillit and R. Yates (Wanganui) had a good day



G. Skilton and R. Larson (Napier)



CANDIDS AT THE MOTOR CYCLE RACES

Above: C. Green and B. Clark had plenty of power in this Vincent machine.

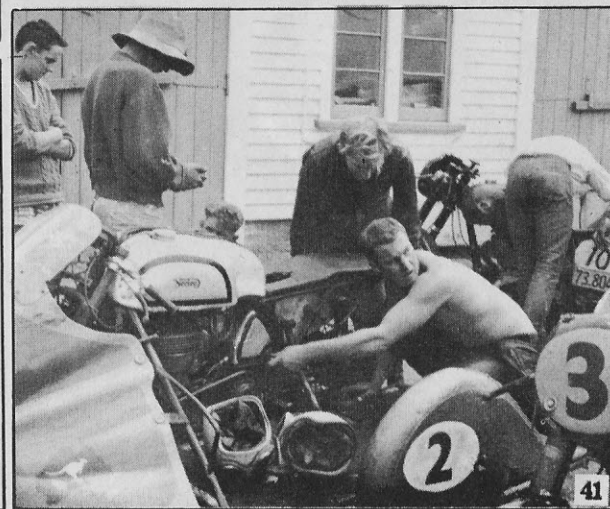
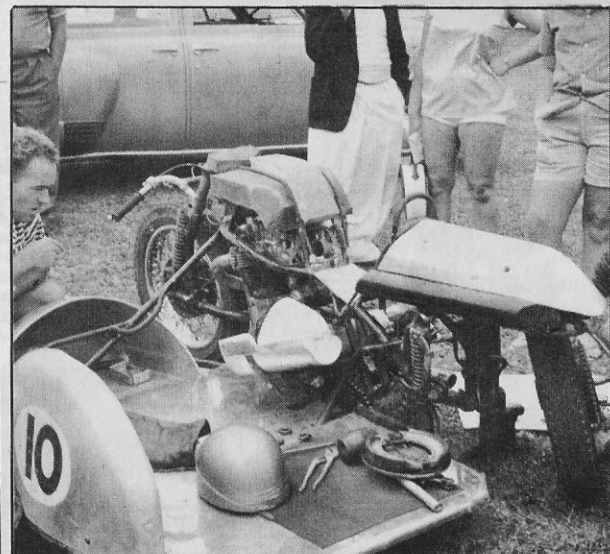
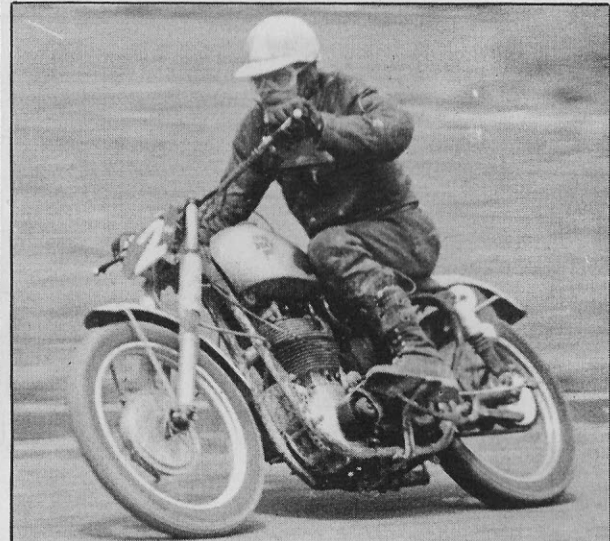
Below: B. Russell and D. Muller were dogged with bad luck and a puncture.

Bottom, left: P. Connelly and C. McKee got second place in their events.

Above, right: Malcolm Campbell (NP) did exceptionally well on his stock machine.

Right: Running repairs were the order of the day to keep the bikes in top-pitch.

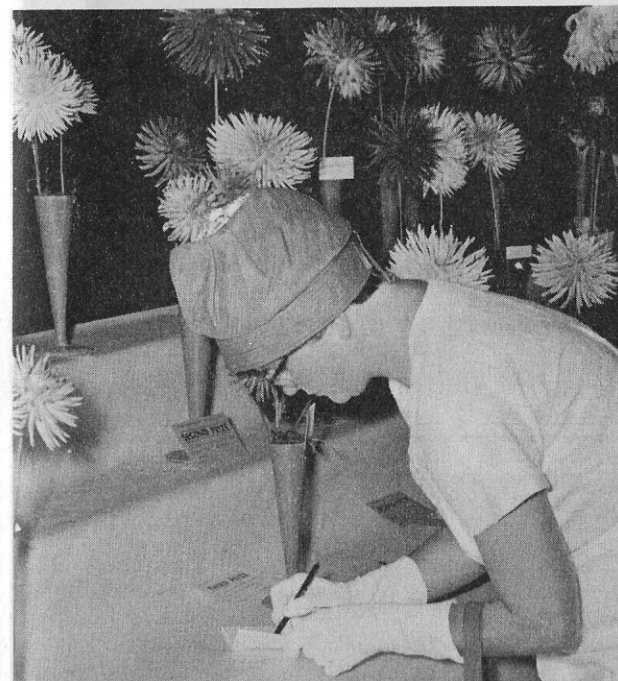
Bottom, right: Always plenty of assistance when things didn't go quite right.





Above: HIGGS-ANTROBUS: At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Hawera, Judith, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Antrobus, Normanby, to Ian, son of Mr and Mrs C. Higgs, Patea. Gail and Linda Antrobus, sisters of the bride, Normanby, were the bridesmaids. The best man was Neil Hayward, Hawera, and Barry Higgs, brother of the groom, Patea, was groomsman. The future home of the couple: Hawera.

Below: LIPINSKI-DAVIS: At the Anglican Church, Stratford, Jill, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Davis, Palmerston North, to Dennis Lipinski, second son of Mrs J.L. Bull, Stratford. The bridesmaids were Barbara Leahy, Opunake, and Barbara Spice, Stratford. Graham Lipinski, Stratford, was best man, and Ken Cowan, Stratford, the groomsman. Future home of the couple: Stratford.



Flower Show in New Plymouth

A recent flower show at New Plymouth attracted many visitors, and some of the displays were most arresting, and a riot of colour.

Above: Mrs J. Elliott (NP) records the names of some of the rarer flowers.

Below: Mrs L.N. Fletcher (NP) admires a very beautiful collection of carnations.

Above, right: One of the trade exhibits, that of Delphine, Floriate, which adds so much to the attraction of the show.

Below, right: Stand of the Forest and Bird Protection Society created much interest.



New Zealand Archery Championships



Bowmen shoot at their targets 100 yards distant...



... then follow up to see the results of their aims

This year's N.Z. Archery Championships were held at New Plymouth. Unfortunately the weather was not too kind to the visitors, and most of the tournament was held in wet conditions. Sanders Park, where most of the competition took place, was a hive of activity for four days, with arrows flying, by the thousand, through the air. Despite conditions, some record scores were achieved.



The targets were well-filled by the sharp-shooters

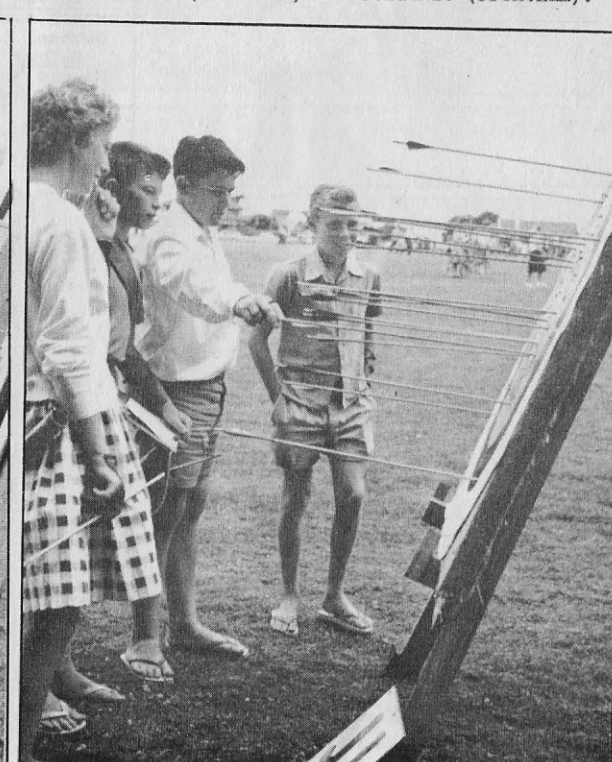
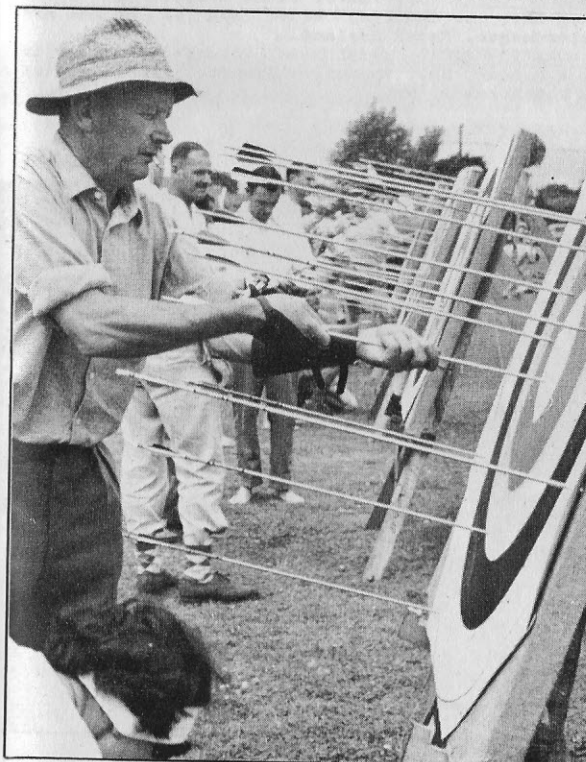


Archery is a sport that is enjoyed by both sexes



All the top bowmen in the Dominion competed recently at the New Zealand championships held in New Plymouth over the holiday period. This archery seems to be a family affair, as there were sections for the younger members of the family. All in all, a very successful tournament, and a credit to the local Archery Club, who were the hosts.

Above, left: Target captain R. Bradbury (Auckland) records the scores as Jim Potaka (Gisborne) withdraws the arrows. Above, right: Mrs V. Tetley (Mangere) pulls out the arrows as the scores are recorded by Mrs V. London (Murupara). Below, left: Short range champion Jack Brunning (Westport) won this title for the third year in succession. Below, right: Juniors inspecting their handiwork at the target are K. Buddle (Trentham), G. Low (NP), J. Fletcher (Auckland) and J. Buddle (Trentham).





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Above, left: BEGGs-DARBY: Beverley, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.Darby NP., to Bruce James, third son of Mr and Mrs D.Beggs, NP.

Left: CLEGG-STEVENSON: Dawn Isabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.Stevenson, NP., to Murray Kevin, third son of Mr and Mrs E.Clegg, Lepperton.

Below, Left: HANOVER-BRIGGS: Yvonne Joy, the younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.Briggs, NP., to Kevin John, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.Hanover, NP.

Above: GRAHAM-COOK: Genevieve, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs V.Cook, NP., to Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Graham, Islandmagee, North Ireland.

Below: MORATTI-GEAR: Judith Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A.Gear, NP., to Murray Edward, second son of Mr and Mrs P.D.Moratti, NP.



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W.C.N.I. Cycling Championships

Here are some photographs taken at the recent West Coast (NI) cycling championships held at Victoria Park, Stratford, recently.

Above: Referee T.Cuff gives his instructions to the riders in each heat of the racing.

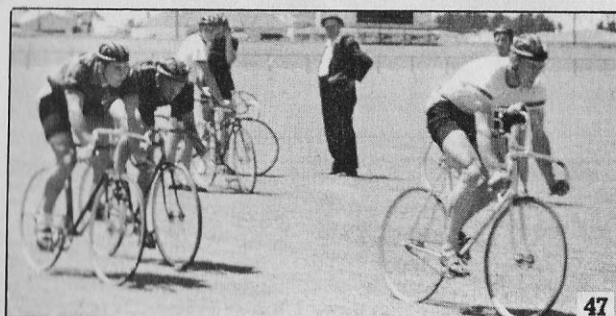
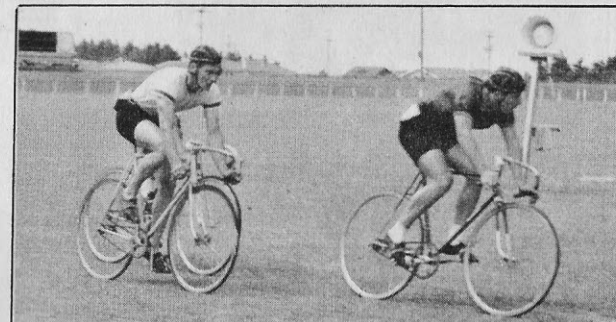
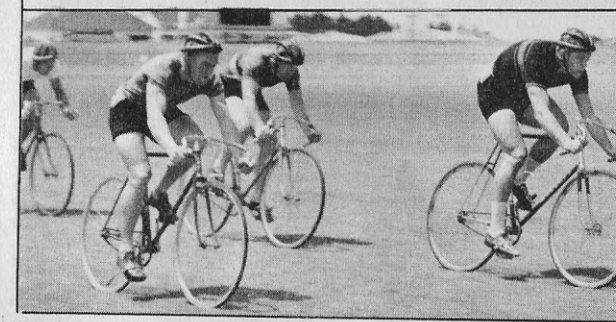
Below: Judges and officials at the finishing line.

Bottom: Close finish in a junior $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile heat, with P.Webb (Stratford) the winner from K.Heatherington and J.Demchy.

Right: Finish of a semi-final in the senior $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile section.

Right, centre: Geoff Clark, (NP) wins the second semi-final of the senior $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile.

Bottom, right: Close finishes were the order of the day, and some very good racing was seen.



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Urenui Beach Carnival

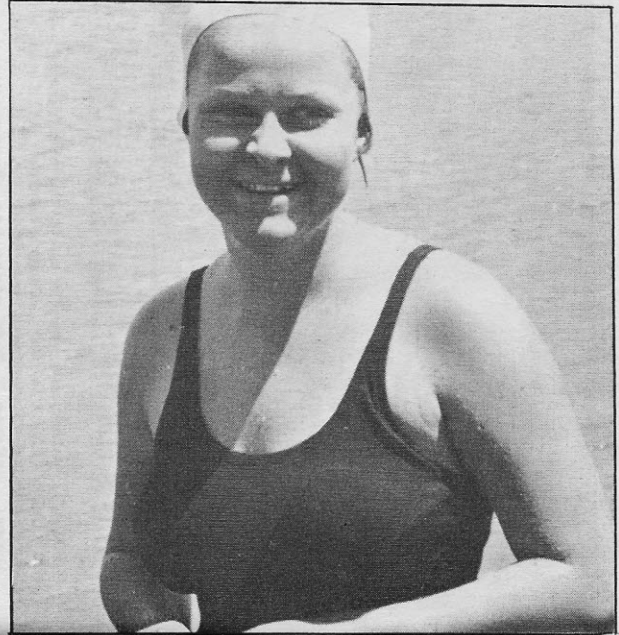
A most successful one-day carnival was held over the holidays at Urenui beach. Thousands of people from all parts of the province attended.

Above, left: Contestants line up for the Miss North Taranaki contest, with organiser Laurie Petty at the microphone.

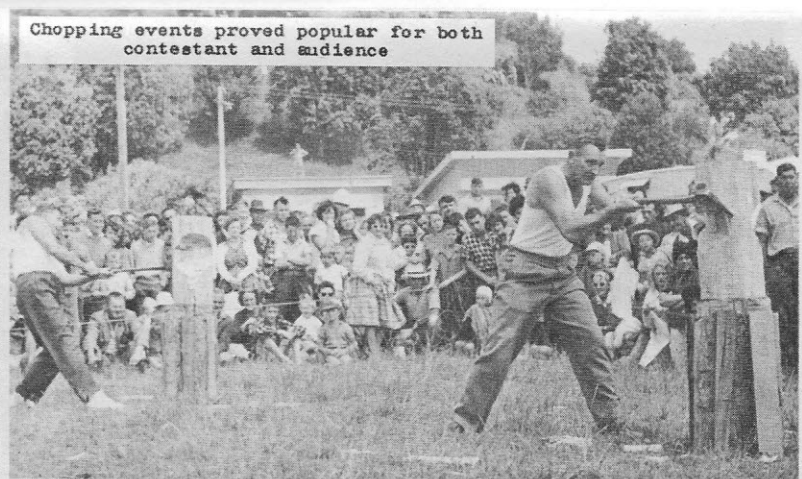
Left: Winner of this contest was Claire Latham, Hawera. Claire looks every inch a beauty to us old codgers.

Above, right: Not entries in the beauty contest, but none the less beautiful, is this line-up of pretty girls at the beach carnival.

Right: Winner of the swimming event smiles for our camera as she emerges from the water.



Launch trips were popular with the children



Chopping events proved popular for both contestant and audience

Activity at the Urenui Beach Carnival was plenty and varied, keeping the visitors constantly amused. Almost every type of sport was arranged for the fit and healthy, with plenty of amusement for the children, including launch trips, swimming, canoe and dinghy races, water-skiing and tag wrestling.



Hangi is prepared early in the morning...



...and uncovered in time for lunch



Wedding Bells

Above: HUDSON-LEALAND: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Denise Lealand, younger daughter of Mrs S.H. Nicoll, New Plymouth, to Warwick, only son of Mr and Mrs L. Hudson, Christchurch. Lyn Hall, sister of the bride, Auckland, was matron of honour, and Judith Dineen, New Plymouth, was the bridesmaid. Brian Davey, Masterton, was best man, and the groomsmen were Peter Dallimore, Dannevirke. The future home of the couple will be Wellington.

Below: SKEET-NICHOLS: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Olivia Jan, only daughter of Mrs D. Mathews and the late Sergeant Pilot O.J. Nichols, R.A.A.F., New Plymouth, to Trevor, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. Skeet, Palmerston North. The bridesmaids were Carolyn Thomas, Australia, and Jennifer Skeet, sister of the groom, Palmerston North. The best man was Russell Cornwall, Palmerston North, and John Sladden, Masterton, was groomsmen. The future home will be Palmerston North.

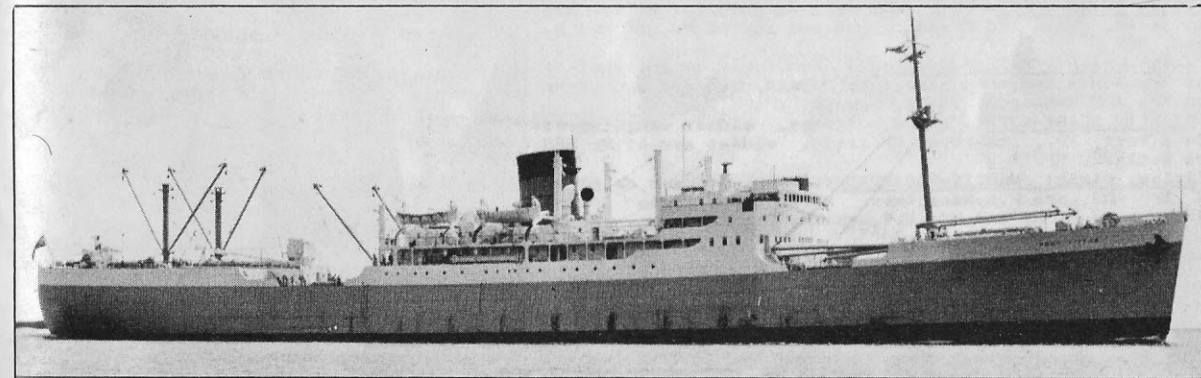


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Right: Here are just a few of the 115 magnificent lilies growing in the front garden of Mr Don Kirk's house in Huatoki St. Daughter Heather is only a little taller than some of these plants. At night, the scent given off by the blooms is almost overpowering.

Below: A recent visitor to Port Taranaki was the Port Victor.

Bottom: Field for the Taranaki 6-mile Championship, held recently at Inglewood. The winner, Howard Wilson, Inglewood, is third from left. He ran a great race and set a new time for the event.





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Above: JOLL-WARD: Patricia Iris, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Ward, Stratford, to Brian Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. Joll, Hawera.

Below: NEAL-SCOTT: Ruth Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Scott, NP., to Russell, second son of Mr and Mrs N. Neal, NP.

Above, right: MATHESON-ALLAN: Joan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.M. Allan, Opunake, to Donald, second son of Mr and Mrs A.M. Matheson, Inaha, Hawera.

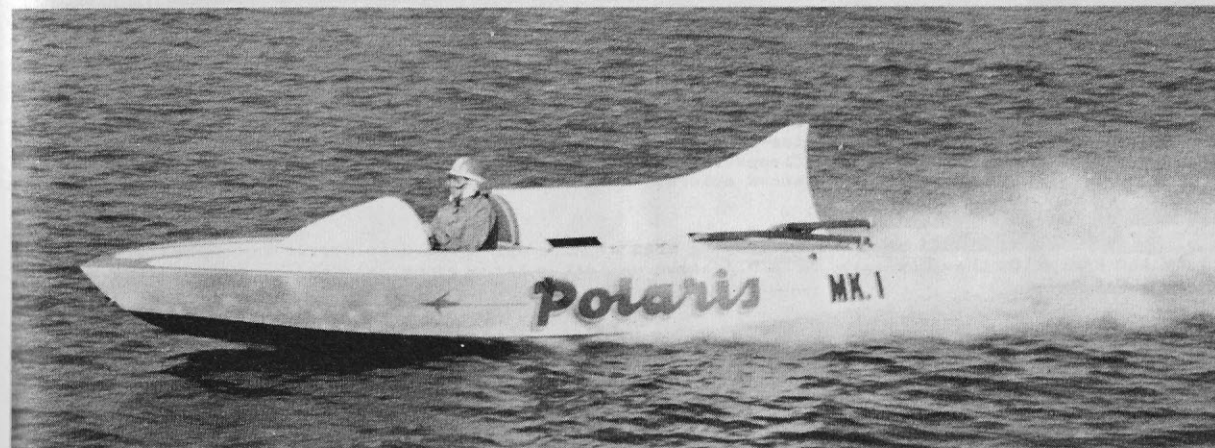
Right: CLARK-PUTT: Lorna Margaret, eldest daughter of Mrs E. Putt, NP., to Bryan Christie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. Clark, NP.

Below, right: MARTIN-MACARTNEY: Joan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Macartney, Mt. Maunganui, to Gordon Victor, son of Mr and Mrs G.V. Martin, Okaiawa.



Speedboat Racing on Waitara River

With motors screaming and spray flying, eighteen powerful boats competed at the North Taranaki Power Boat Club's annual regatta on the Waitara river recently. Perfect racing conditions prevailed for the meeting, and there was a crowd of well in excess of 4000 people lining the banks of the river to enjoy the racing. A feature of the meeting was the appearance of Ralph Whitwell's new boat "Polaris". He completely outclassed his opposition as he streaked over the course, sometimes in excess of 80 mph. **Above:** Part of the crowd on the bank. **Below:** "Polaris" travelling at high speed. **Bottom:** Three of the slower boats round the buoy at the bridge end of the course.





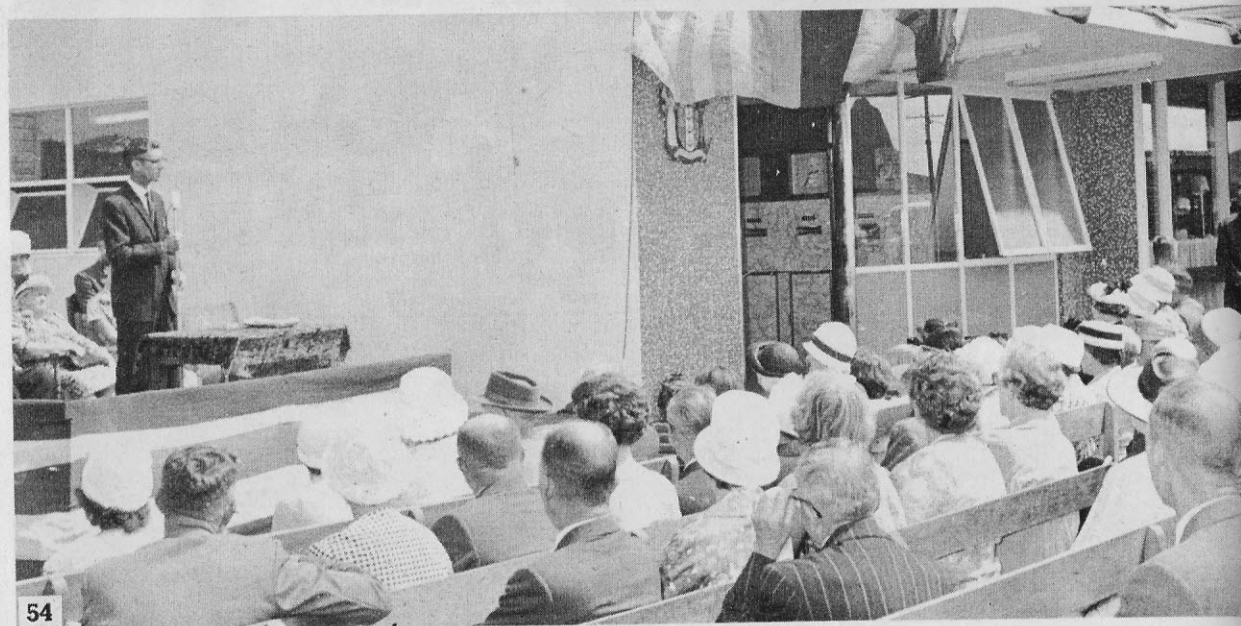
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FESTIVAL REHEARSALS

With very little time left for rehearsals, the Festival has been a race against the clock. In the picture above, artistic director-producer Alan de Malmanche is shown with some of the principal characters for "Antony and Cleopatra" on one of the partly-finished sets, giving advice and helpful criticism to these experienced actors.

NEW POST OFFICE AT MOTUROA

Below: Filling a need of the fast-growing area of Moturoa, a new post office was recently opened by the Member for New Plymouth, Mr E.P. Aderman. A fairly large crowd gathered to witness this very historic occasion.



Social Round



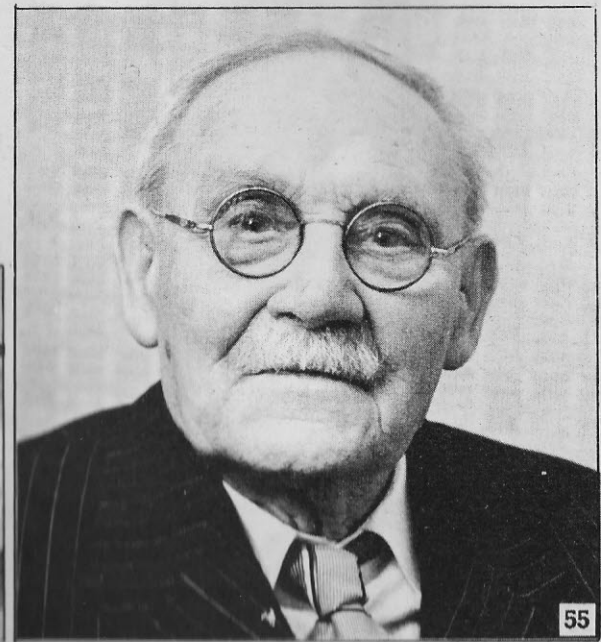
Above, right: Dick Gordon-Stables (with sword) at his 21st birthday celebrated recently, is surrounded by all the members of his family.

Below: Mr and Mrs N.Berridge, Hurford Road, Omata, who celebrated their golden wedding recently. They were wed in the Te Henui Church, Fitzroy, in 1913 and have been farming ever since at Hurford Road.

Bottom, left: Graeme, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.C.Hunter, NP, poses with his family on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

Right: Mr and Mrs R.Magrath, NP, with their twins, Gavin and Gaye, on the occasion of their christening. Also in the photograph is big sister Karen.

Below, right: Many interests keep the mind of 98-year-old Mr E.R.Henn active. He recently celebrated his 98th birthday, and has lived in the province since 1880.





Wedding Bells

Above: EATON-BERRY: At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Maureen June, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A.N.Berry, New Plymouth, to Kelvin Stanley, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S.A.Eaton, New Plymouth. Pam Berry, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and Valerie Hale, New Plymouth, were bridesmaids. Arthur Graham, New Plymouth, was best man, and the groomsmen were Kevin Koorey, New Plymouth. The future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.

Below: BEATTY-GRIFFIN: At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Alys, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.G.Griffin, New Plymouth, to George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.Beatty, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Jean Smyth, New Plymouth, and Janice Griffin, sister of the bride, New Plymouth. Bob Ogden, New Plymouth, was best man, and the groomsmen were John Sutherland, New Plymouth. Sandra and Averil Thomson, New Plymouth, were the two flower girls. Future home: New Plymouth.



Brownies' Holiday Camp at Tikorangi

The bushland around the Tikorangi area resembled an Indian camp recently, when Brownies from all parts of North Taranaki held their annual summer camp. The pictures on this page give some idea of the fine time they had while away from home. They don't look quite as savage as their American counterparts, but, like them, they enjoyed the outdoor life, and learnt many things that can only be taught by experienced Brownie leaders. **Above:** We are not sure whether this was a war cry or a chant of welcome, but it frightened the life out of our photographer. **Below:** Two pictures of the young squaws in their tents. Pretty, aren't they?





Wedding Bells

Above: SCHOLTES-BRUNSDON: At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Lois Marjorie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Brunson, New Plymouth, to Hendricus Adreanus, son of the late Mr and Mrs H.G.Scholtes, Holland. Lynette Brunson, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and Judith Brown, Waitara, were the bridesmaids. David Adcock, Nelson, was best man, and the groomsmen were Dennis Brunson, brother of the bride, New Plymouth. Future home: Nelson.

Below: GEDDES-HEDDERWICK: At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Gillian, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J.E.Hedderwick, New Plymouth, to Brian David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.E. Geddes, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Marcia Hedderwick, sister of the bride, Wellington, and Kathleen Hopkins, New Plymouth. The best man was Ivan Maich, Auckland, and Selwyn Russell, Auckland, was groomsmen. Future home of the couple will be New Plymouth.



A.Coleman (Tara), winner of the 80 metres hurdles



B.Neilson, junior pole vault winner

Triangular Sports Meeting

One of the best athletic meetings seen at Pukekura Park for a long time was the triangular tournament between Manawatu, Wanganui, and Taranaki. Competition was keen for every event, and those who went to watch were treated to some very fine performances. More meetings of this type would do a lot to foster athletics.



E.Deerness (Wang), who won the 3-mile colts



Gwen Sole (Tara), "A" grade shot put winner



Frank Eustace (Tara) wins the 2-mile walk



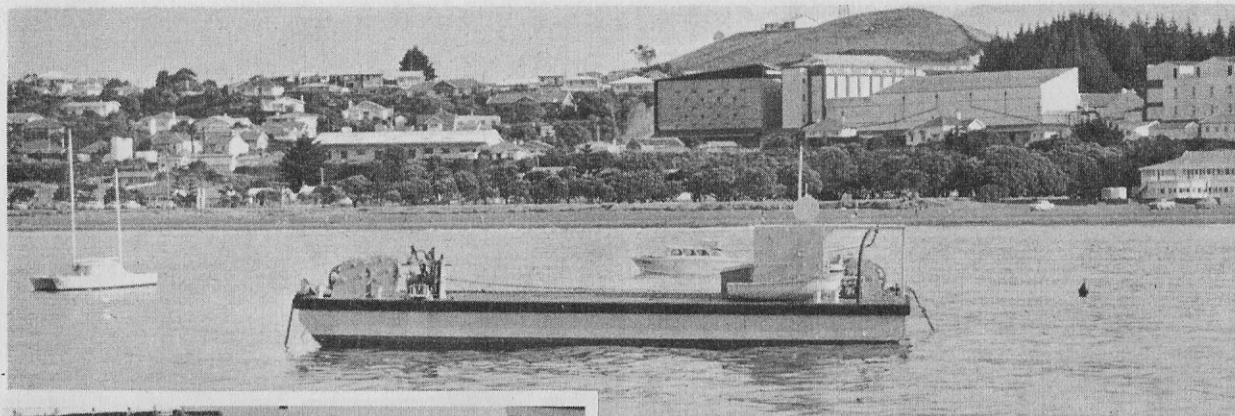
Judges at the finish



L.Clark (Tara), second in the senior javelin



B.Standish (Tara), winner of the senior javelin



Tug Brings Barge from Auckland

The barge which had been on order from the Taranaki Harbour Board recently arrived at the port, being towed from Auckland by the tug Otapiri. The barge, to be used in Harbour Board work, has cost £12,000 to build. Additions to it will cost a further £18,000.

Above: The barge at anchor off Ngamotu Beach, after its long haul from Auckland. Anchored at this point for any length of time, it will soon become a diving station for swimmers.

Left: The crew of the Otapiri smile for the cameraman prior to returning to Auckland

Below, left: Otapiri backs out of the port on her return to her home port.



CADET N.C.O.'S GET PRE-SCHOOL TRAINING

NCO's of the NPBHS Cadet Battalion recently spent part of their summer vacation undergoing a course, in preparation for the coming Barracks Week. **Above:** Cadets receive instructions on the use and handling of the Bren gun.



Engaged

Above, left: LANGRIDGE-HILL: Anita Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.L.Hill, Kohuratahi, to Noel Douglas, second son of Mr and Mrs A.F. Langridge, Ashburton.

Below, left: SOWERBY-APPLEYARD: Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mrs J.E. and the late Mr A.W. Appleyard, Hawera, to Barry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.W.Sowerby, Wellington.

Above, right: NEWTON-HARNISH: Joy Gillian, the twin daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J.Harnish, NP, to Paul, twin son of Mr and Mrs R.M.Newton, NP.

Right: ROBINSON-PEPPERELL: Hilary Pepperell, New Plymouth, to Brian Robinson, New Plymouth.

Below, right: OKEY-SAUNDERS: Marion, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.Saunders, NP, to Keith, youngest son of Mrs and the late Mr A.M.Okey, NP.





Popular Pihama Picnic Races

Not quite so many people attended the Pihama Picnic races this year, probably because there were too many other attractions, but still, the meeting was a popular one, and a fair sum would be handed over to some deserving cause in consequence.

Above: Part of the crowd basking in the glorious sunshine.

Below: Colleen Goodin (Okato) hoses down her horse "Duchess" after it had run third.

Right: Horses parade in the birdcage prior to the second leg of the double.

Below, right: The equalisator had constant queues at the windows.



CANDIDS FROM PIHAMA RACES

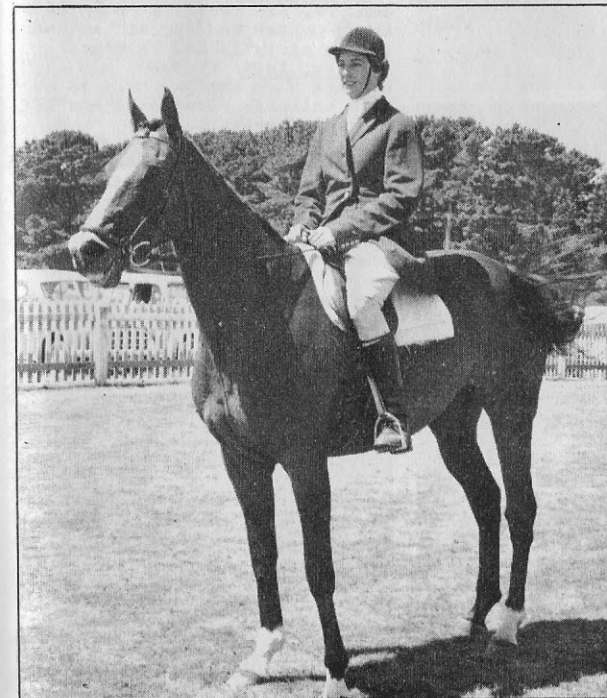
Above: Blacksmith was busy shoeing one of the horses while the jockey held the horse steady.

Below: Joan Allen, daughter of the racing club president, acted as clerk of the course. This could be a record, as it is the first time we have ever seen this job done by a woman.

Above, right: Bert Bamford, left, owner of the winner Lucky Flame, receives his trophy from club president, Bill Allen.

Right: Lucky Flame returns to the birdcage after winning the Surf Club Handicap.

Below, right: Between races, parties just lounged on the grass and drank cool drinks.





Celebrations

Above, left: Mr and Mrs B. Anderson, NP, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding at a small family party in New Plymouth.

Below, left: Lyndsey, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Hamill, NP, is seen here with his parents at his 21st birthday party.

Above: Mrs Flora Guy, NP, cuts her cake at the celebration of her 80th birthday recently.

Below: Barbara, younger daughter of Mr R. Schellin, Stratford, who recently celebrated her 21st birthday at Motueka, Nelson.



Engaged

Above, left: McPHERSON-NAYLOR: Wendy Louise, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Dick Naylor, Oakura, to David Eytton, only son of Mr and Mrs A.E. McPherson, Auckland.

Left: ISLES-CAMPBELL: Dawn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Campbell, Tikorangi, to Donald, third son of Mrs E. Fletcher and the late Mr N. Isles, Bulls.

Below, left: SCOTT-CHADWICK: Pamela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Chadwick, Lepperton, to David John, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Scott, NP.

Above: MacDONALD-PUTT: Raewyn, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.A. Putt, Okato, to Tommy, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs T. MacDonald, Pukearuhe.

CHAMPION SKATERS

Below: Colleen Mack and John Stockwell who recently won the junior dance pairs championship of the Coronation Skating Club.





New Plymouth's First Trimaran Launched

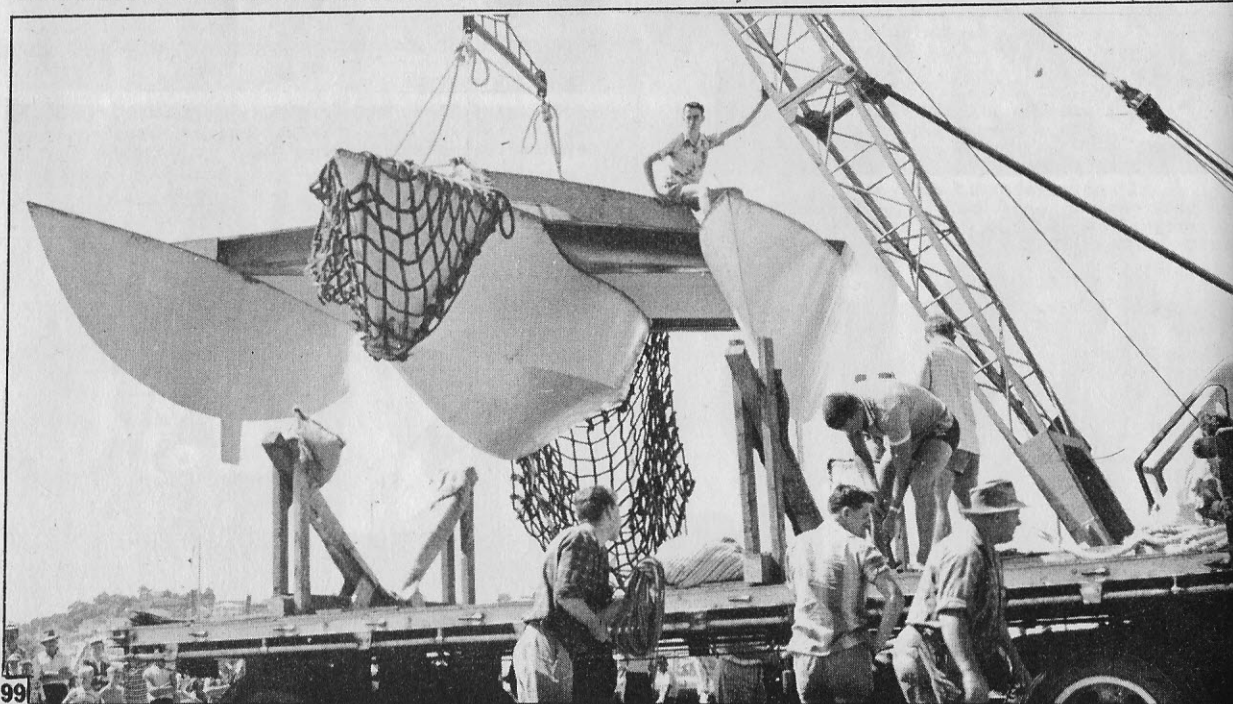


The first craft of its type, a trimaran, has been nearly completed by a New Plymouth man, Mr Ian Barry. Working on the hull for nearly a year, Ian has now got the craft to the launching stage, and before the summer is out, it will have undergone the first of its trials. Made from the very best of imported materials, this boat is built to an American design, and is capable of being sailed on any ocean. Cost? Well now, Ian says it has cost him quite a bit, but £1000 would only cover the cost of the materials. Add to this the year's labour, and the craft becomes a very valuable one. We congratulate Ian on his enterprise.

Left: The boat on a transporter only just made the width of the road in some places of its journey to Ngamotu Beach.

Above: Out of the farm shed where it was built, it overhung the sides of the road.

Below: Safely at the beach, it is hoisted off the lorry.



YOUTHFUL SKIPPERS AT REGATTA

"P" Class yachts and their young skippers in a fight for position at the start of one of the events in the recent New Year Regatta at New Plymouth. These young skippers take their sport very seriously, and as a result some very keen racing was witnessed in this class.

