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Miss Brooklands 1972



**COLOURFUL
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WEDDING**

Here the bride, Hansa Patel, Hawera, exchanges garlands with her husband, Bhaven Parsotan, Karada, Bombay, at their colourful wedding ceremony in the Hawera Community Centre, recently.

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OUR COVER NEXT ISSUE 5 MAY 1972

Miss Brooklands 1972, Suzanne Chard, makes a pretty picture for our cover this month. We took this in Brooklands Park, a fitting place for one so charming. After our photographic session with Suzanne, we felt sure that the judges had made a good choice, for she was brimming with charm and personality and will, we feel sure, make a fine representative of our city and province.

BACK COVER. Devon Street seems to be looking very different from what it was just a few years ago. This view, taken from the Opera House, shows the new Insurance building on the corner of Liardet Street. The framework on top will house the new town clock. A fitting place, where all can see it from anywhere in the main street.

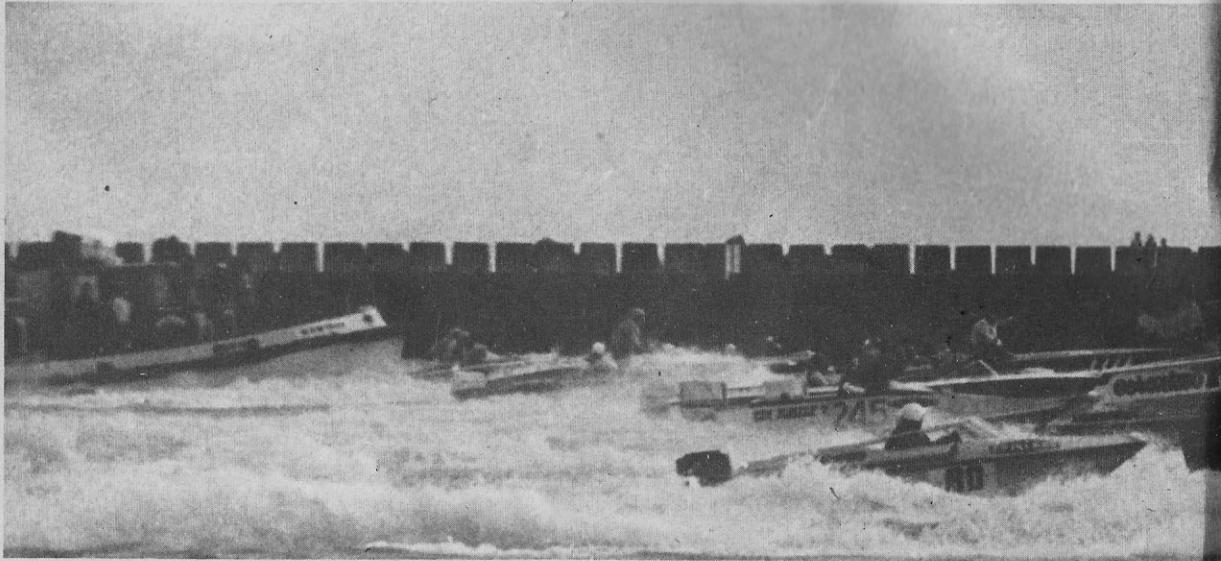


GUILD LIFE MEMBER
LEFT—Mrs McCready (centre) was recently presented with her life member's badge of the Townswomen's Guild. At left is Mrs Holmes who presented the badge, and right, Mrs Jury, who presented the certificate.

MARRIED.
Below: HENDERSON—ADAMS. At St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Te Awamutu, Cheryl Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. Adams, Te Awamutu, to James Henry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. J. Henderson. The maids were Christine Palmer, and Raewyn and Karen Adams, sisters of the bride, all of Te Awamutu. The best man was Grant Vickers, Te Awamutu, and the groomsmen were Bob and Alan Henderson, both of New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth.



GRUELLING OFFSHORE BOAT RACE



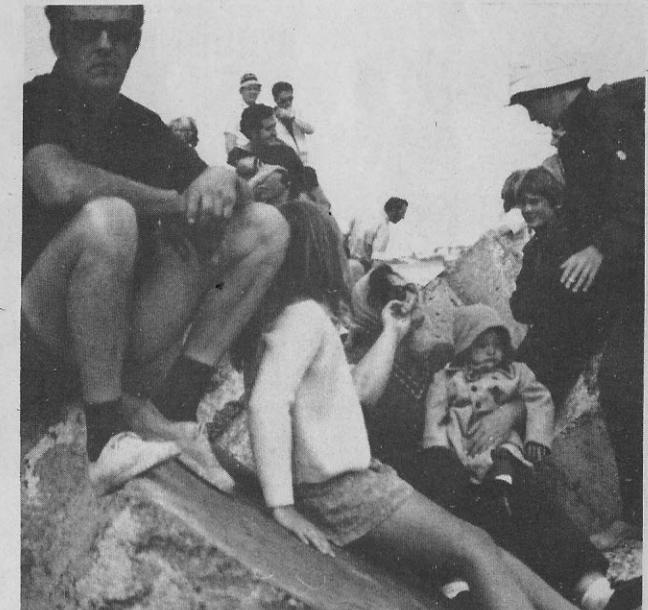
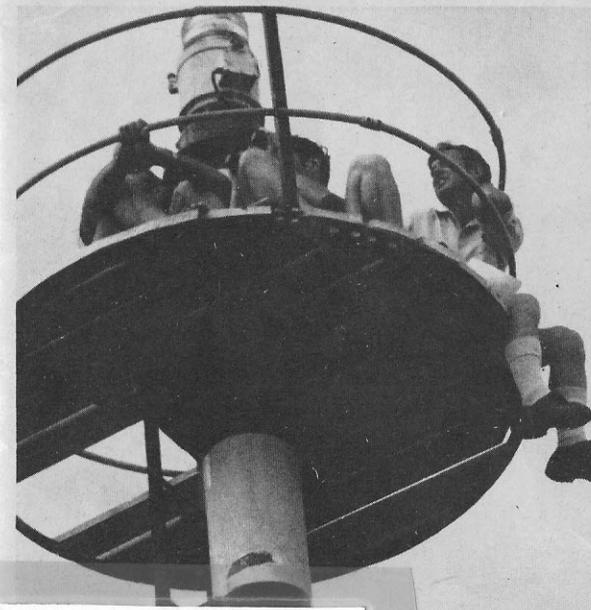
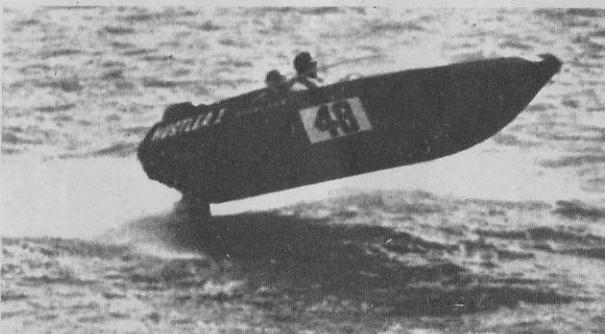
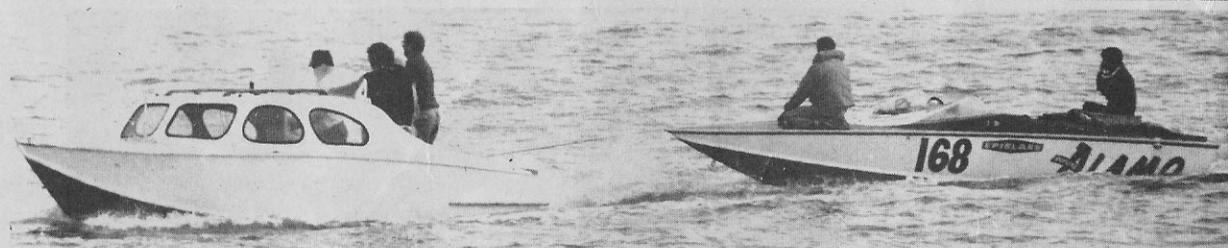
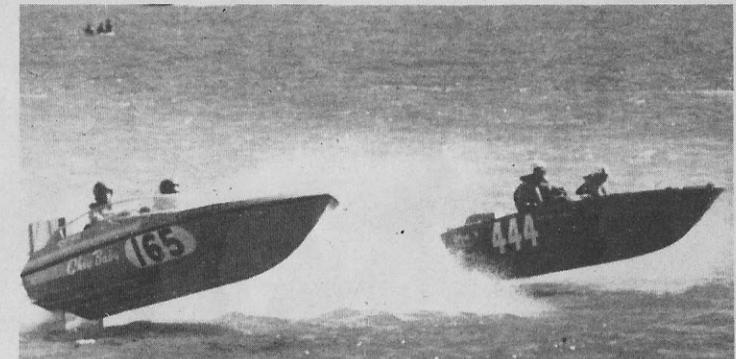
If you remember, the last time we featured a story on boat racing, we deplored the fact that the race organisers forgot to inform King Neptune and ask him to arrange suitable sea conditions. Well, it happened again. Saturday the 18th dawned, and boy what a day, even the fish stayed at home. To cut a long story short, Consolidated Chemicals (race organisers) got on the hotline to King Nep. and, for a suitable bribe, he quelled the raging seas for Sunday. So the weekend wasn't wasted.

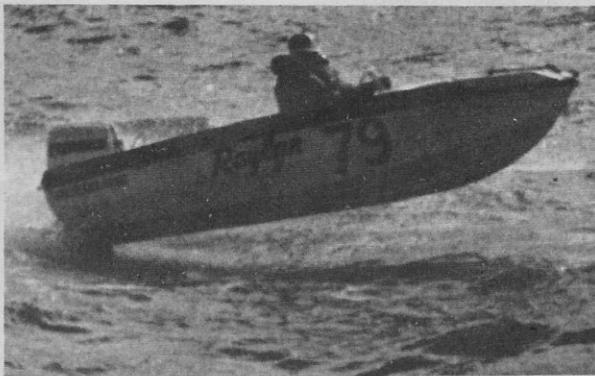
ABOVE—The mass start. RIGHT—The New Plymouth Underwater Club did a fine job, launching. BELOW—'Alamo' made a great start but didn't go far. BOTTOM, LEFT and RIGHT—Local boats 'Hustler 2' and 'T Rex.'



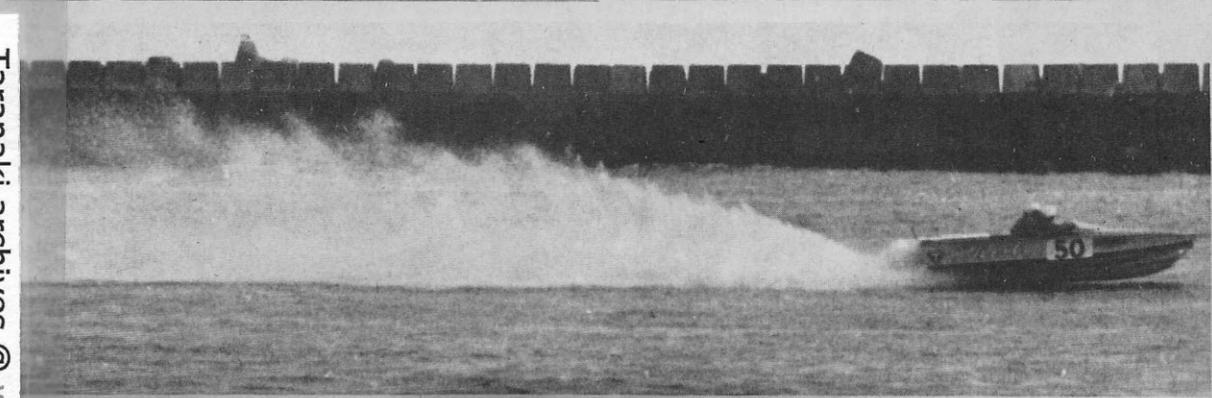
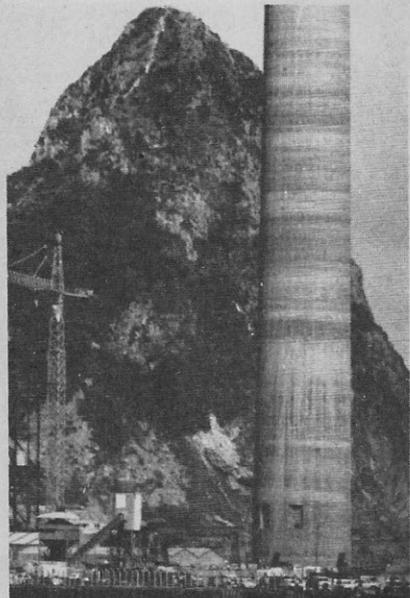
Compared with Saturday's huge swells, the sea on Sunday was a millpond, but there was still a fair bit of chop out there to harass and pound the boats, big and little. The race started at ten on the dot, and they all roared off to do their best over the 40-mile course. Our local boats had most creditable performances, and were certainly not out of their league competing with the giants of offshore boat racing.

RIGHT—Bottoms up. BELOW LEFT—These people got a good vantage point. BELOW RIGHT—A portion of the large crowd on the end of the lee breakwater.

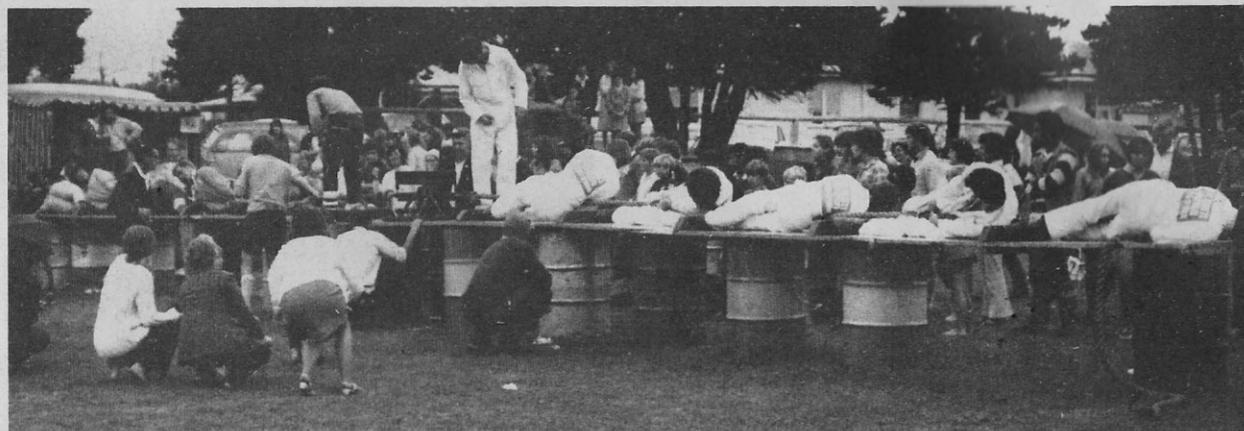




ABOVE LEFT—'Gobla Too.' This style of boat is becoming increasingly popular. ABOVE RIGHT—'Raylyn' seems intent on keeping its bottom dry. BELOW LEFT—Winner, 'Jetmark,' cheating — he's flying! BELOW RIGHT—'Terrific' rounding the breakwater. BOTTOM—This guy's on fire. RIGHT—And everybody heads for home along the seaward breakwater.

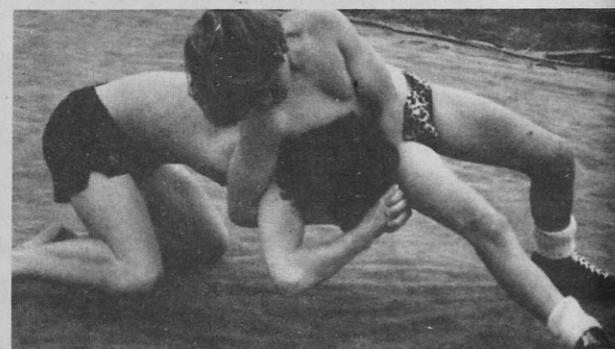


TUG-O-WAR CHAMPS AT ELTHAM



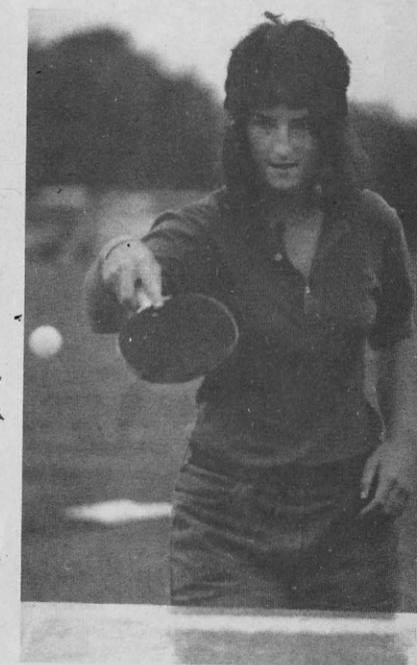
The weather wasn't the best at Eltham, but nevertheless, the show must go on.

ABOVE—Te Kuiti (white) and Eltham putting everything into their contest of strength. BELOW—Adele Read and Raewynn Angell concentrating on driving the buggy. BOTTOM LEFT—Murray Stevens, Huntly, pulling like . . . RIGHT—Rex Evans from the AFFCO Horitiu team. RIGHT CENTRE—Tim Head, Wanganui, and Bruce Deacon, Hawera, wrestle it out. RIGHT BOTTOM—The ever popular donkey rides.



For those who weren't interested in the tug of war there were various sideshows and stalls.

LEFT—Sharon Wilson, Eltham, says this is the life. RIGHT—Alton and AFFCO coaches urging their teams on. BELOW RIGHT—Jim Rutherford, Clive coach, cajoling the boys. BOTTOM RIGHT—Carol Kelly, Stratford, plays table tennis on a rain soaked table. BELOW, and BOTTOM LEFT and CENTRE—Stewart Osborne, Eltham, doing his best act to get onto the merry-go-round. He finally made it.



Married



Left:
WISNEWSKI—RAWLINSON.
 At the Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, Linda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Rawlinson, Stratford, to Don, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. Wisnewski, Stratford. The maids were Caryl England, Hunterville, Rosemary Columbus, Dunedin, and Raewyn Simpson, New Plymouth. The best man was Maurice Kelly, Stratford, and the groomsmen were Rod and John Wisnewski, brothers of the groom. The flower-girls were Candy and Gayleen Aitken. Future home, Stratford.

Right:
BALLANTYNE—GEORGE.
 At St Andrew's Anglican Church, Inglewood, Janice Mary, youngest daughter of Mr R. H. George, Waitara, and the late Mrs George, to Bryce Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs W. P. Ballantyne, Inglewood. The matron of honour was Rosemary King, Inglewood, and the bridesmaid was Lyn Ballantyne, sister of the groom, Inglewood. The best man was Ernie King, Inglewood, and the groomsman was John King, New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth.



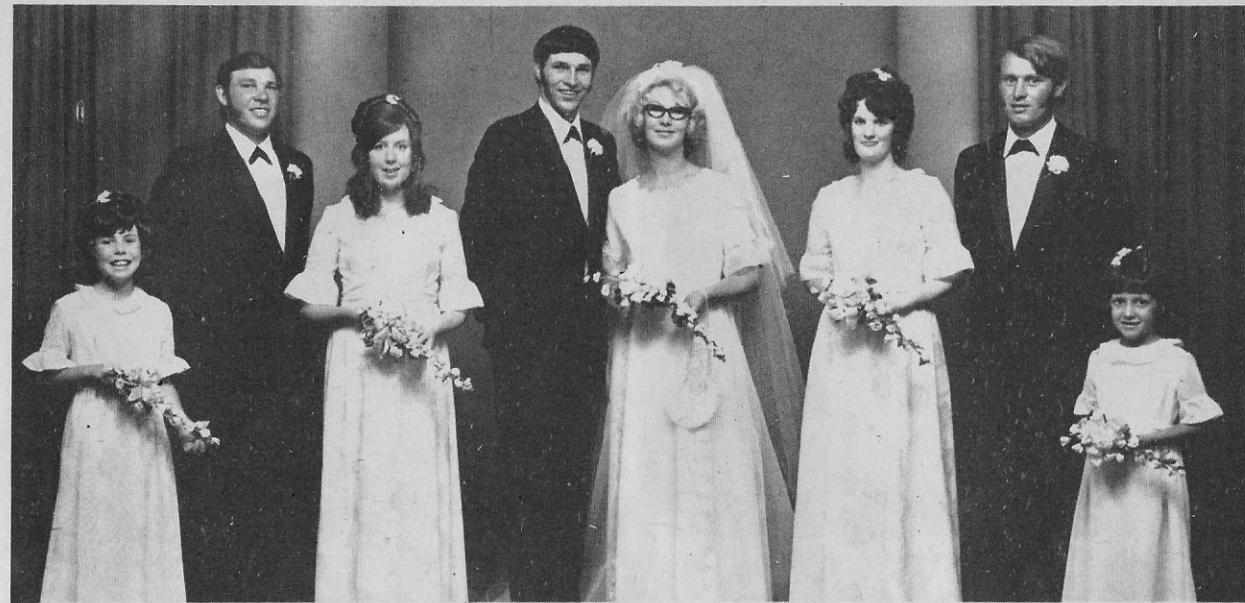
Left:
YOUNG—BEALE.
 At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Dianne Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Beale, New Plymouth, to Steven Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs D. C. Young, Auckland. The maids were Joan Richards, New Plymouth, and Shona Rider and Ngaire Harnet, both of Auckland. The best man was Jan Foster, Auckland, and the groomsmen were Wayne Beale, New Plymouth, and Brent Maxwell, Auckland. Future home, Auckland.



Queens Of The Kitchen

The Whiteley Hall was the venue for the North Taranaki heat of the W.D.F.F. Apple Pie competition. Said simple Simon to the pieman, "Sir, what have you there?" ... "Pies, pies, pies everywhere!"

ABOVE—Some of the fifty hopefuls. ABOVE RIGHT—Donald Nelson (Inglewood), judge. RIGHT—Judge's assistant Win. Austin (Inglewood), takes a peek underneath — hope this one was cooked right through. BELOW—Look at all them pies on the waiting room. BELOW RIGHT—Tension mounts in the waiting room.



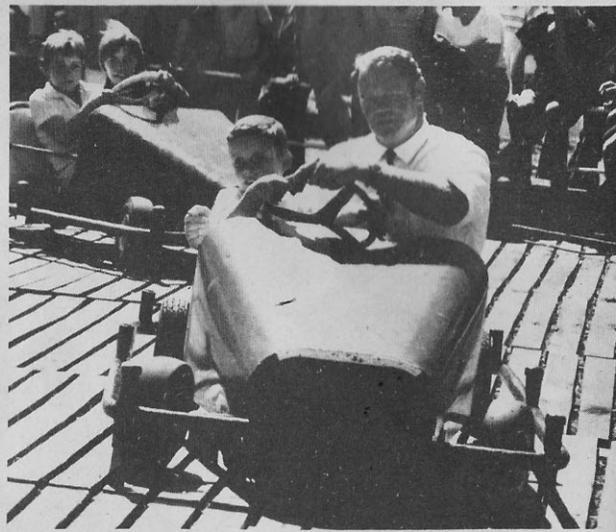
Above: JORGENSEN—JOHNSTON. At the Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy, Jackie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Johnston, New Plymouth, to Laurie, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. Jorgensen, Omata. The bridesmaids were Margaret Newton, Shannon, Betty Ricketts, New Plymouth, Glenys Jury, Hastings, and Janine McCready, New Plymouth. The best man was Trevor Jorgensen, brother of the groom, Omata, and the groomsmen was Alan Goodopp, New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth. (Terry Finnerty-Squire Photography).

Married



Below: WHITTAKER—ROBERTS. At St Michael's Anglican Church, Brooklands, Patricia Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. M. Roberts, New Plymouth, to Kevin, twin son of Mr and Mrs Whittaker, Waitara. The maids were Beverley Bromley, New Plymouth, and Valerie Krutz, Egmont Village. The best man was Noel Whittaker, twin brother of the groom, New Plymouth, and the groomsmen was Peter Roberts, brother of the bride, New Plymouth. The flower-girls were Julie Kruse, and Susan Roberts, sister of the bride, New Plymouth. Future home, Manatai. (Terry Finnerty-Squire Photography).





GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Approximately five and a half thousand people turned out on a beautiful sunny day for what was perhaps the best show at Inglewood yet.

ABOVE LEFT—Paul Clark reckons it's great stuff. TOP RIGHT—Father and son joyriding. RIGHT—Fiona Hill, from Eltham, in the sword dance competition. FAR RIGHT—Lyn Van de Water on the trampoline. BELOW: Food for hungry marchers. BOTTOM: The line-up of the Miss Sunflower entrants.



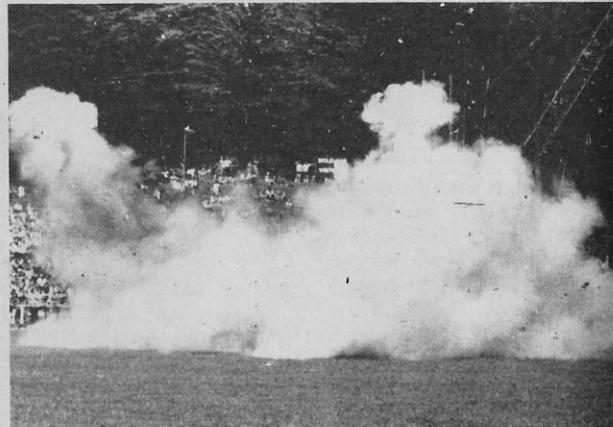
Although we unfortunately didn't get any pix of the winner of the Miss Sunflower contest, we did get some shots of some other competitors. ABOVE—From left: The name of the first girl has slipped us, but the others are Christine Andrews, Susan Kennedy, and Linda Dombroski. BELOW—These girls are making their own judgement from the grass in front of the stage. BELOW CENTRE—Show organiser, Lew Pryme — resident in Auckland, formerly from Waitara. BOTTOM RIGHT—Inglewood Mayor Mr D. R. Crone.





Undoubtedly, one of the high points of the whole show was the act put on by the travelling troupe of stuntmen. People didn't know whether they were for real or not.

ABOVE—Tommy gets pulled along by a car at 40 mph. RIGHT—Pat prepares to enter his coffin. BELOW—Arne free-falls from the top of a 60ft crane. BELOW RIGHT—BOOM . . . up goes Pat's coffin . . . and Pat? INSET—No . . . Pat's all right. BOTTOM, LEFT AND RIGHT—Pat and Tommy show the crowd how the fighting is done in the movies.



ABOVE LEFT—Robert Booth from New Plymouth vaults over two mini-cars. ABOVE RIGHT—Robert is caught midway in his leap over 27 people (believed to be a world record). LEFT—Those stuntmen getting into the act again. BOTTOM, FROM LEFT—Bruce Reichardt, Douglas, gives us a back view as he makes the last stroke in the underhand chop; Matthew Klenner, Inglewood, and his team won the primary schools' A grade relay champs; And lastly, Betty Reumers, from Egmont Village, is caught unsuspecting by the camera, eating a hot dog.





New Surface For Devon St

As no doubt you have all noticed, there is a lot of work being done in the central part of town on the surface of the roads. This new surface is a bitumin-concrete mix, and provides a good, hard all-purpose seal. The fascinating machine that lays the compound devours approximately 200 tons of mix a day, and this is costing the council about \$24 a ton, laid. The machine lays the mix at about 250 degrees of heat and, as you can imagine, the men who work near it are feeling ready for a cold beer at the end of the day. Shortly the machine is moving off to another town, so we won't see it for a while.

ABOVE—The sealing machine moves slowly along Devon Street. RIGHT—Yards of the new surface are laid in no time at all. BELOW—Workers keep the sides of the seal neat and tidy. BELOW RIGHT—Following the machine, a heavy roller completes the job.



20th BIRTHDAY: ABOVE—Carol has a ball at her 20th birthday party, with, from left, Dad — Don Suthon, sister Maureen, brothers Grant and Steven and, in behind, Mum Suthon.



FOUR GENERATIONS: RIGHT—At her 80th birthday, recently, Mrs Gertrude Amy Dutton posed for this charming shot. Standing, left to right, are son Roy Dutton and grandson Peter Dutton and, in great-grandmother's arms, baby Karen.



21st BIRTHDAY: ABOVE—Mr and Mrs Bill Harris, Huirangi, shouted son Graeme and his girlfriend to dinner at the La Scala, on the occasion of Graeme's 21st birthday.



MARRIED: Below: HUNGER—HILL. At the Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Christine Cynthia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Hill, New Plymouth, to Ian Christian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Hunger, New Plymouth. The bridesmaid was Cathy Hill, New Plymouth, and the best man was Alan Rampton, New Plymouth. The flower-girl was Kim Hunger, New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth.

Playcentre Presentation

The Taranaki Playcentre Association recently held a function in the Kawaroa bungalow for the purpose of presenting certificates to those who, by dint of hard work, had earned them.

RIGHT, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—Dr Methven, guest speaker. Dianne Richards, Ramanui. Glenys Evans, Toko. Maureen Priest, Oakura. BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT—Carol Feaver, Opunake. Kathy Spencer, Awatuna. Grace Wright, Normanby. Sandra Sulzberger, Urenui. Sue Flintoff, Ramanui.

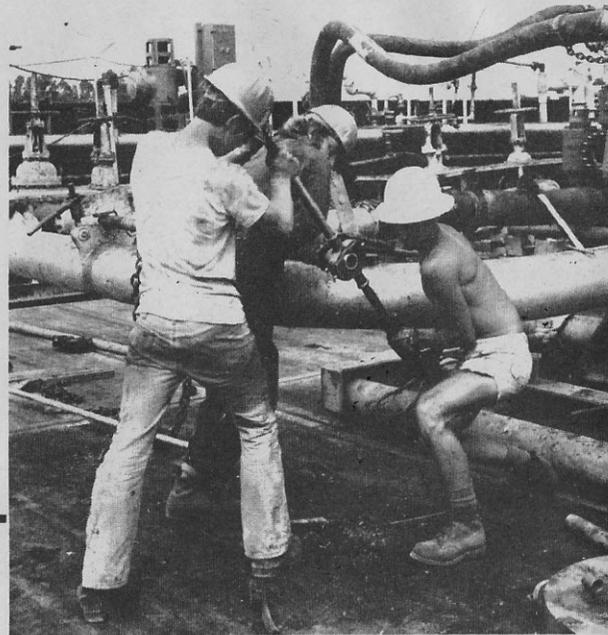
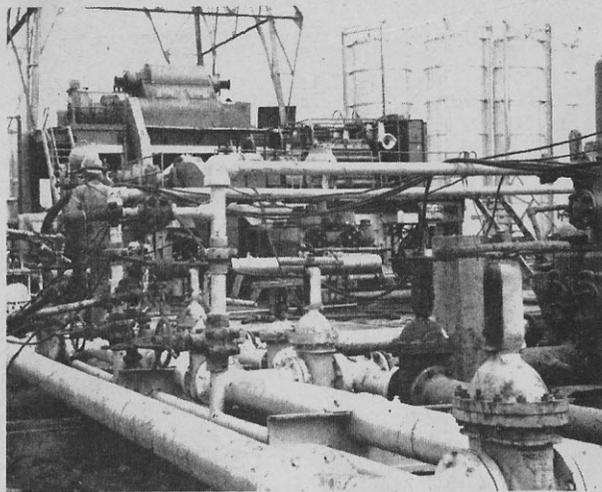




-Above: WOODHEAD—TEMPLETON. At St John's Anglican Church, Waitara, Sonia Ruth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Templeton, Waitara, to Graham, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ted Woodhead, Waitara. The bridesmaids were Ingrid Ryndorp, New Plymouth, and Peggy Templeton, sister of the bride, Waitara. Best man was Robin Saywell, New Plymouth, and the groomsman was Roy King, Auroa. The flower-girl was Sheryl Travers. Future home, Waitara. (*Vogue Studios*).

Below: COWLEY—LAY. At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Christine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. M. Lay, New Plymouth, to Bruce, second son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Cowley, New Plymouth. The bridesmaids were Joan Cowley, sister of the groom, New Plymouth, and Suzanne Chard, New Plymouth. The best man was Graham Woodcock, Napier, and the groomsman was Rex Cowléy, brother of the groom, New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth.

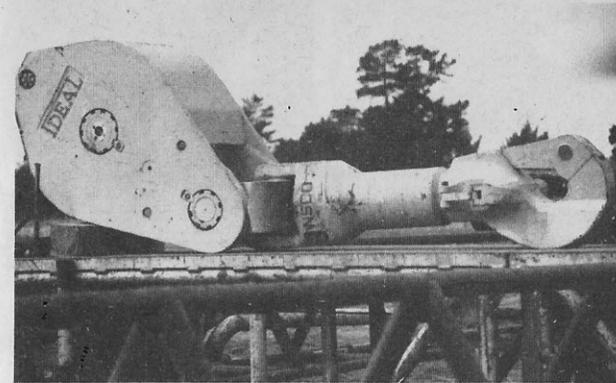
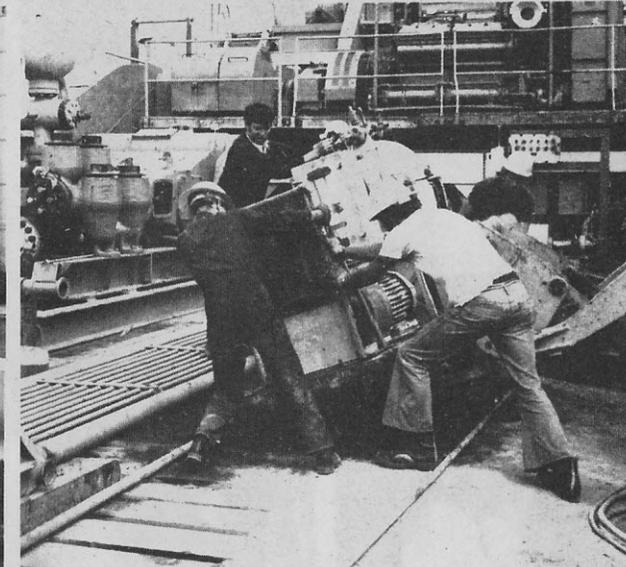
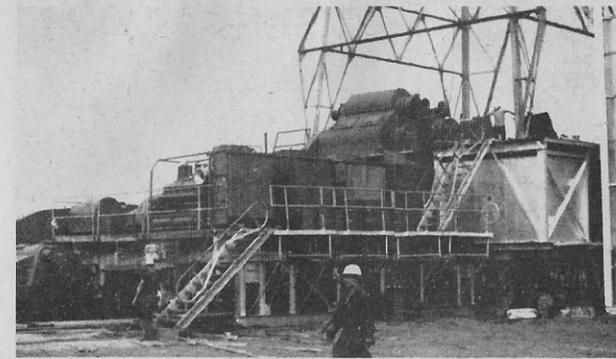
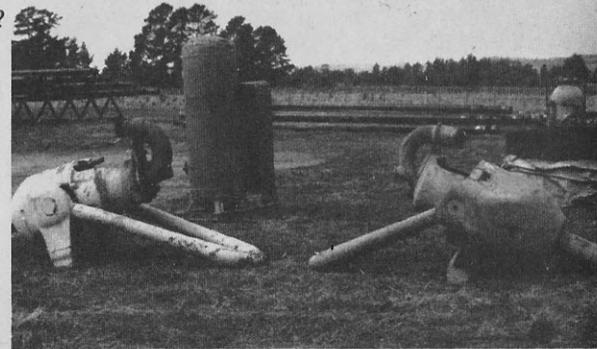




WE'LL STRIKE IT RICH YET

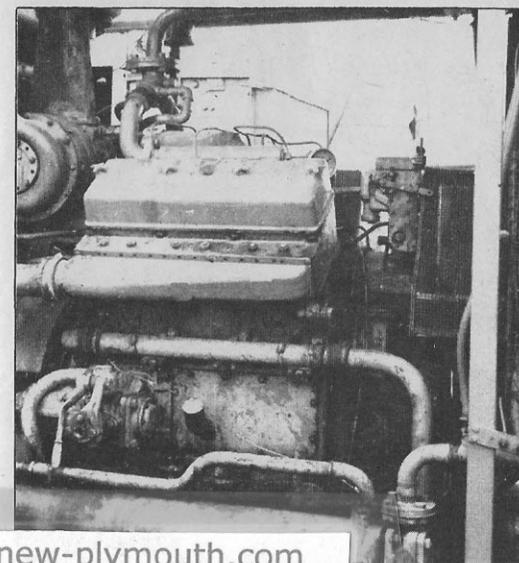
Once again the oilmen are here, drilling near Urenui for the ever elusive, but ever beckoning black gold. This time on a site on Ohanga Road, Aquitane N.Z. Petroleum Ltd have hired Richter Drilling Ltd to do the donkey work, on a farm-out agreement with Shell B.P. Todd Ltd. Confused? So are we. Richter is going to drill to 12,000ft or so and hopes to strike oil on the way down. We arrived on the scene amid seeming chaos, but bossman John Frisbee assured that everything was going ahead as planned. John (from Australia) said that they hoped to be drilling early March.

ABOVE—Don't ask us to explain that lot. ABOVE RIGHT—Three stalwart workers putting some thread on a pipe. RIGHT—These two elephants are just biding time till the work starts. BELOW—Foreman John and crew members deciding which valve to use. BELOW RIGHT—Jack Grenentz (Australia) working on the winch that hoists things up the rig.



All the machinery that is being used has been lying idle in New Plymouth since the last bore, and consequently the boys are not finding everything plain sailing assembling it. However, everything is working out and with such a fine crew we're sure that if there is oil there, they will find it. The drillers are hoping that they find something more substantial than what has been found in the past around Taranaki.

TOP LEFT—Massive machines for a massive undertaking. TOP RIGHT—Easy as it goes, boys. ABOVE—Another Ideal toy. BELOW LEFT—We've all seen V6s but this is ridiculous. BELOW CENTRE—Roy Paul, electrician. BELOW RIGHT—The rig, stark against a stormy sky.





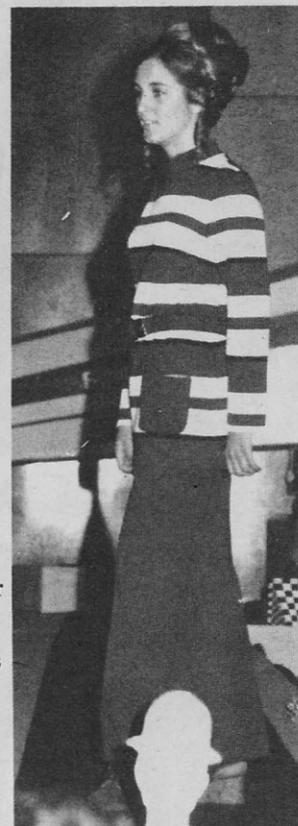
Organised by the South Taranaki W.D.F.F., the fashion show held in the Hawera Community Centre was a great success in the eyes of the predominantly female audience.

ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Tracey, Shona and Joan (two of the entrants in the gown of the year), and Adrienne. BELOW—All entrants in the "Gown of the Year" pose beside the plane which was a feature of the evening.



The NAC air hostesses provided a touch of glamour but we're still wondering how they got that great big plane in there. The fashions ranged from hot pants for the warmer climes to thick warm coats.

ABOVE, FROM LEFT—Tracey, Judy, Julie, and Karen. BELOW, FROM LEFT—David, Michael, Louise, and Adrienne.



Round The World With Wool





COLOURFUL HINDU WEDDING AT HAWERA

The Hawera Community Centre was filled for the wedding ceremony of a local Indian bride, Hansa Patel, and her husband, Bhaven Parsotan, who had only recently arrived in New Zealand from Karada, Bombay. Officiating at the ceremony was Shri Ramesh Patel, Auckland, who spoke for over 30 minutes during this very colourful ceremony. Following the service, unfortunately spoken in Hindu only, explanation was given of the different parts of this service. To us, there was much meaning, following this explanation, and we thought it a very beautiful service indeed, as we know did many other invited guests who didn't understand one word that was spoken.

ABOVE—The bridal party on stage during the ceremony, with the bride and groom in the centre, and the priest, Shri Ramesh Patel, standing at the rear. RIGHT—Bride and groom circle the altar four times as part of the rites of Pradakshina. BELOW—Arriving for the service, the bride accompanies the groom.

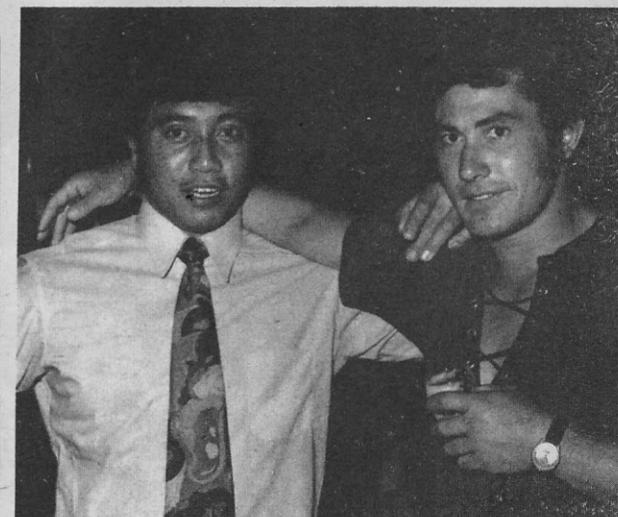


WAITARA SOFTBALL CABARET



On March 4th at the Waitara Memorial Hall, the Waitara Softball Club held its annual cabaret, in conjunction with the visit of a team from Hawkes Bay. A fine time was had by all and here we have a few shots picked at random.

ABOVE—David Greenlees and his wife. ABOVE RIGHT—Terry Tamati and his wife. RIGHT—Marty, Toots and wives. BELOW—Wally Te Wake and wife Joesephine. BELOW RIGHT: Old buddies, Steve Abraham and Jack Knuckey. (*Vogue Studios*).



OPEN FOURS

They came through the windows . . . they came through the doors, they came to Taranaki . . . for the open fours. All the women in white converged on our local bowling greens to do battle from the 28th February to the 4th March. Approximately 100 teams participated in this, an annual event, run by the Taranaki Women's Bowling Centre.

RIGHT—D. Kurta balancing on a sixpence as she mentally guides the bowl in. CENTRE—Stomach cramps? No, just a little tension and apprehension. FAR RIGHT—Esma Williams playing soccer? BELOW—Studies of con-



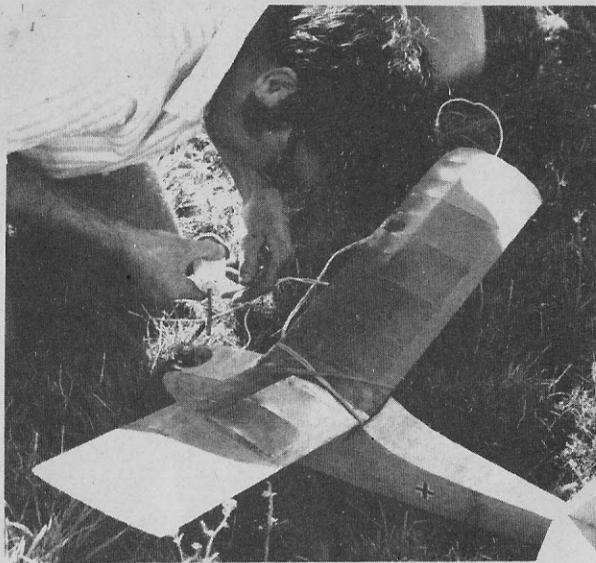
centration. BOTTOM—A lovely way to spend the afternoon . . . notice the three on the right.



Bowling seems to play a very big part in the social atmosphere of our fair city and these women certainly do their thing in helping provide an equable social clime. At tournaments like this they meet old friends, make new friends, and also have to play with that . . . woman from . . .!

ABOVE—D. Kurta displays a bit of leg for the glamour shot of the day. ABOVE CENTRE—Here she explains to her mate where she wants the bowl. TOP RIGHT—One legged bowler? RIGHT—Handshakes all round for winners and losers alike. BELOW—Mrs Inch looking somewhat dubious about that last one. BOTTOM RIGHT—Mixed reaction from pointed camera.





Those Magnificent Men & Their Flying Machines

They go up diddly-ump-ump, they go down diddly-um---crash! Approximately 200 model planes came from all over the North Island to join like-minded people in the competition run by the New Plymouth and Stratford-Hawera clubs. Over the weekend, a large number of people enjoyed the fine conditions, and antics of the model planes and operators.

ABOVE—Bruce Windmill from Stratford refuels his favourite toy. ABOVE RIGHT—This was indeed a family affair. RIGHT—The kids were fascinated with this radio controlled model. BELOW—Junior proudly leads the way with Dad's plane.



We didn't know that model airplane flying was so popular and we found that its following is very strong.

ABOVE—Bruce Windmill explains the intricacies of his electrical starting system. TOP RIGHT—Burnand Gary from Stratford adjusts the fuel mixture before letting it go. RIGHT—"Yes Mr, we're just looking." FAR RIGHT—Burnand retrieves his fallen plane. BELOW: Burnand gives the plane an assisted take-off. BELOW RIGHT—Binoculars were in vogue.

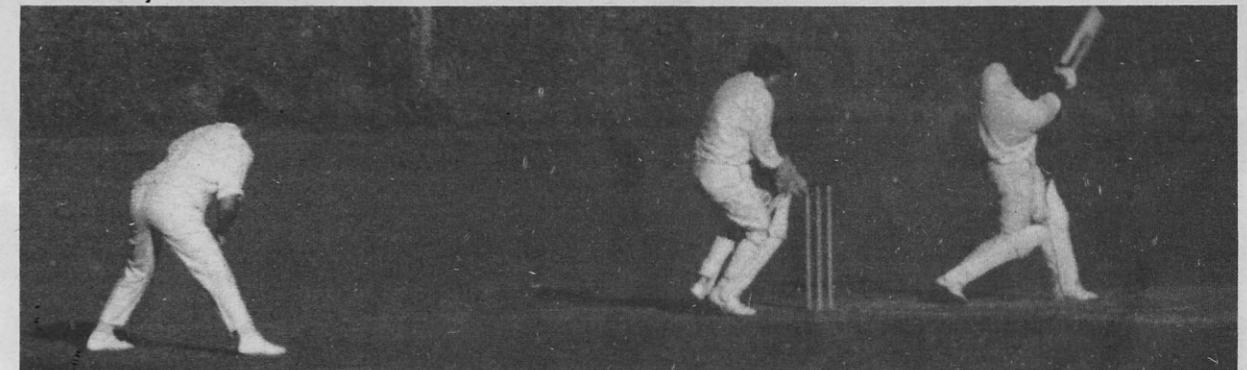
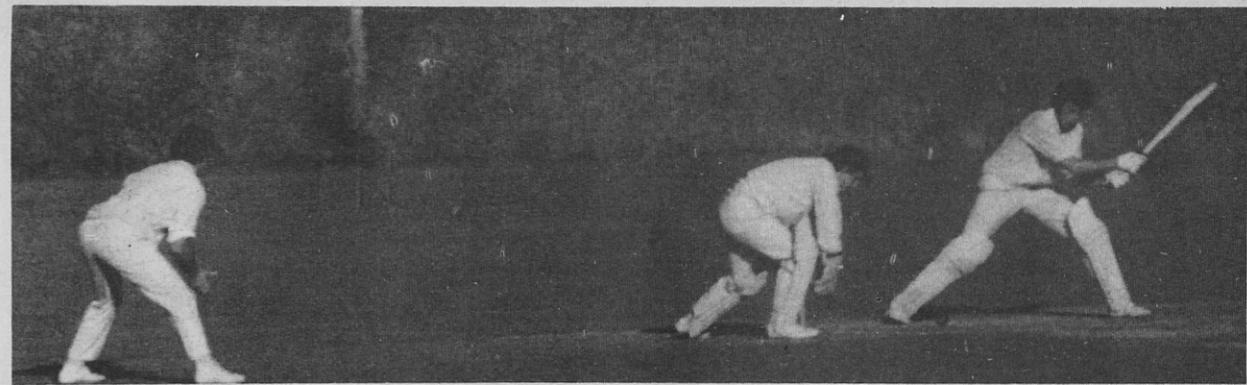
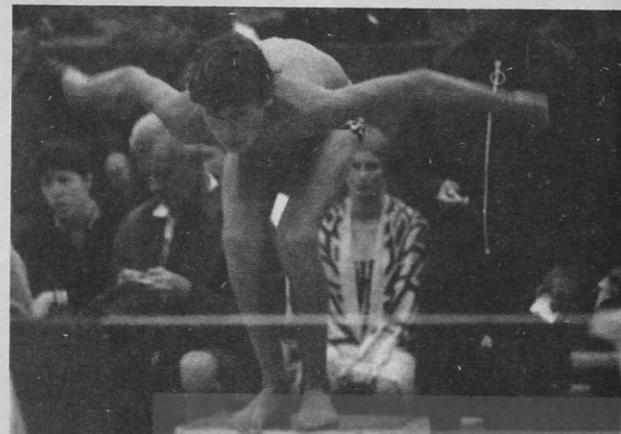




Taranaki Secondary School Swim Champs

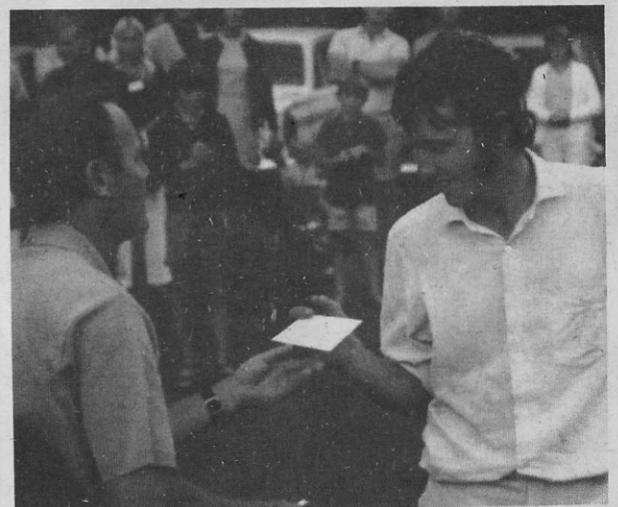
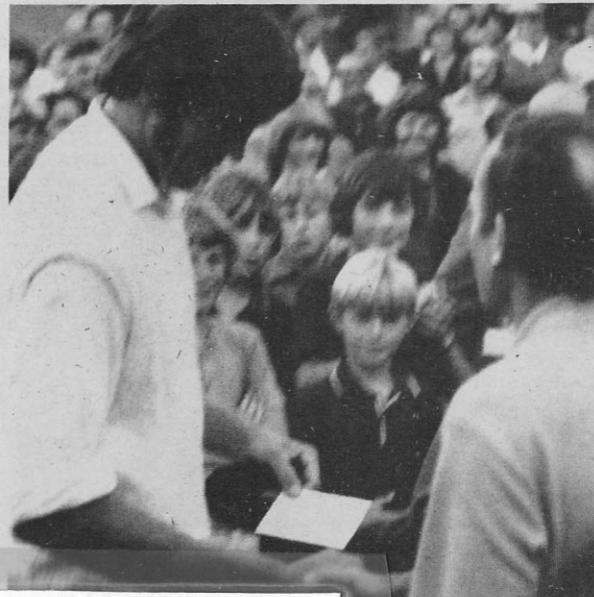
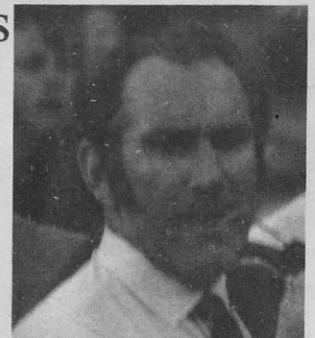
A bad day for sunbathers but a good day for the ducks . . . nevertheless the show must go on. Ideal conditions for the swimmers, but not so hot for spectators. This year the Taranaki secondary schools held their annual swimming sports at Highlands Intermediate where the natural amphitheatre is custom-made for spectator viewing. Although it was a very dull day, the weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the band of school mates, parents and friends who gave vent to considerable vocal encouragement to the competitors.

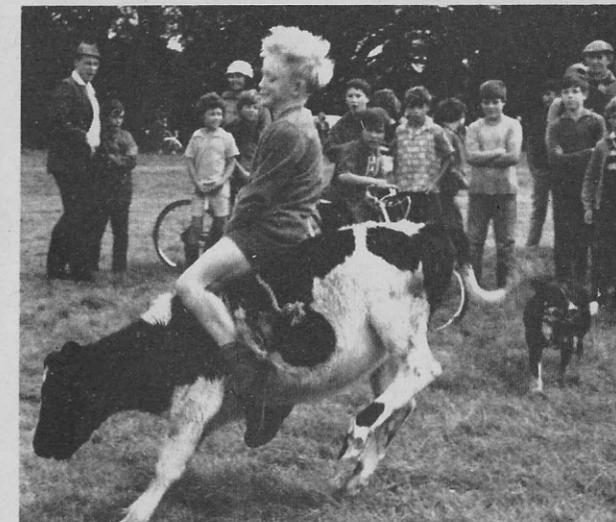
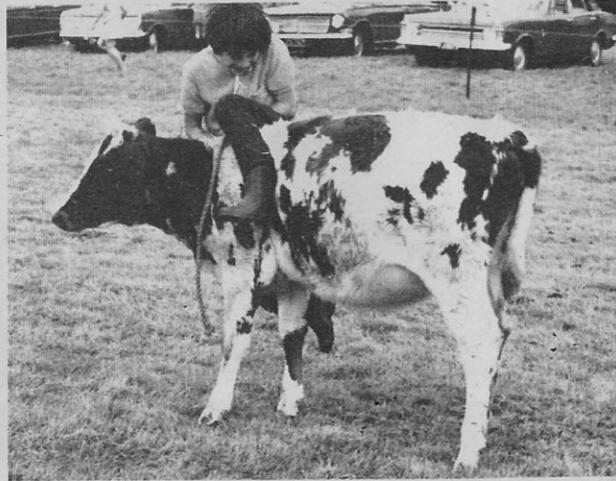
ABOVE—Senior girls all looking for that sixpence. TOP RIGHT—Rather here than in that cold looking water. RIGHT—Robyn Hopcroft after the 66 2/3 yards breaststroke. BELOW—Alan Rei (Patea) won the 133 1/3 yards intermediate medley. BELOW RIGHT—Kevin Delaney, poised like a hawk, about to swoop.



Cavaliers V. Central Districts

About 400 people enjoyed a fine day and a good flowing game of cricket which culminated in a draw at Pukekura Park on the 5th. TOP—J. Morrison missed that one. ABOVE—Cavaliers' captain John Reid strikes out. BELOW—Alistair Jordan receives the bowler of the match award from adjudicator Ted Meuli. RIGHT—John Reid. FAR RIGHT—Rodney Redmond, player of the match. BELOW RIGHT—R. Pierce, batsman of the match.





TE KIRI'S BUCK-JUMPERS

We went along to the Te Kiri Gala and arrived just in time to see some of the kids having a go at buck-jumping. Some of the calves used just weren't big enough for the riders, but it all added up to a load of fun for all concerned. ABOVE—Owen Robinson and friend part company. BELOW—Alright, Eddie, he won't hurt you! BOTTOM LEFT—Like an earthquake for Willi Pakau. ABOVE RIGHT—You getting on or off, Eddie Klaasen? CENTRE RIGHT—Fancy trying to buck a great big girl like you. BELOW RIGHT—Comfortable, Robin Archer?



Well, Michael Nolan, you're in for a bruised rump, and you'd think the calf was laughing



Hang on, Peter Marsh, you'll beat him yet

Well, Angela Burkett, you didn't last long did you?



Some calves didn't get a chance. Get off, Johnny Skipper, you're too heavy!



On your mount like a lion, and off like a Mervyn Lamb!

Looks simple, Owen Robinson, but you didn't stay aboard long, did you?





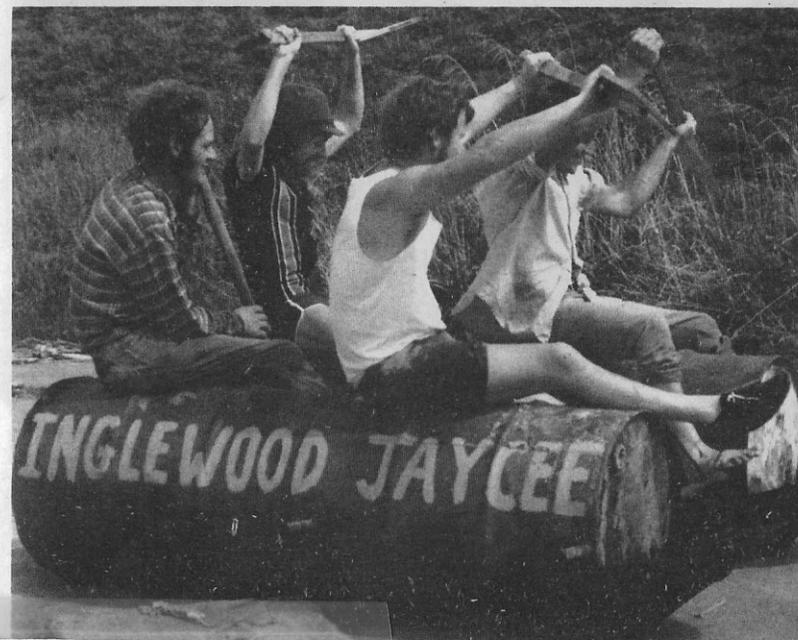
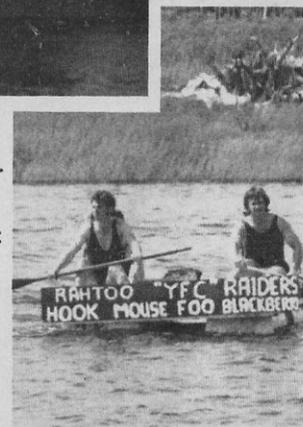
Waitara Jaycees' Raft Race

Not content to wait for the starters' gun, some of these doughty captains weighed anchors and set sail whilst others were still thinking about it. However, the Coast Guard soon straightened them out and they were hauled (amidst much speculation as to who would be hung first) back to the starting line. Second time lucky . . . they were away, paddling at a furious rate of knots to the winner's flag and immortality.

TOP—What a mix-up. ABOVE—Forever westward. ABOVE RIGHT—Dunno 'bout you guys, but side-saddle is the way to go. RIGHT—J. C. Rockets, Inc. BELOW—Women's Lib is into everything. BELOW RIGHT—"Prepare to repel boarding party."



ABOVE—The yachties are getting into the act here . . . but they're going the wrong way. ABOVE RIGHT—The paddling synchronisation of these crew members is not quite N.Z. Fours' standard, but what the heck! RIGHT: No comment. FAR RIGHT—An enthralled junior league member watches from the box seat. BELOW—For posterity, the winning crew . . . Terry Lash, Ian Cayzer, Mike Davy and Eric Hayman. BELOW RIGHT—Till next year . . . au revoir.





Champions Of Champions

The Taranaki women bowlers recently concluded their provincial championship fours.

ABOVE LEFT—Kath Robertson stands stork-like, in tension, as Julie McKee (Waimea) prepares for her turn. ABOVE RIGHT—The traditional handshake at the end of the game. BELOW—We're not about to make any mistakes here. RIGHT—Kath Robertson walks crabwise to get a better view of her bowl. FAR RIGHT—"Get in thar," says Julie McKee. BOTTOM LEFT—"Tommy" sends it down. BOTTOM RIGHT—The winning team. Kath Robertson, E. Thompson, Myra Stevenson, and Trixie Gilbert, of the Vogeltown Club.



THE CHANGING FACE OF OUR CITY

Over the years, the face of the city, and Devon Street in particular, has altered quite a bit, yet there are still differences taking place that completely change the outlook. ABOVE—The old Imperial Hotel, on the corner of Currie and Devon Streets, is due for demolition very soon. BELOW—The Liardet-Devon Street corner has taken on a completely different character with three new buildings. Here is the scene at that corner, in this picture taken from opposite the Whiteley Methodist Church.

