

School show

Standard Three of Fitzroy School staged an Operetta last month called simply "Why?". The production was written and produced by class master Chris Greer and it revolved around a little boy who was forever asking questions. This made his mates entirely sick of the barrage of questions and he was jeered at for his efforts. But he kept on asking and eventually he found an old man who was able to answer all his questions. The little boy found great satisfaction at last.



Chris Greer provided the music on guitar.



The little boy asked everyone for the answers to his questions. He asked a tree...he didn't know.



He asked Fred Dagg....he didn't have all the answers.



Storyteller Michelle Walsh.



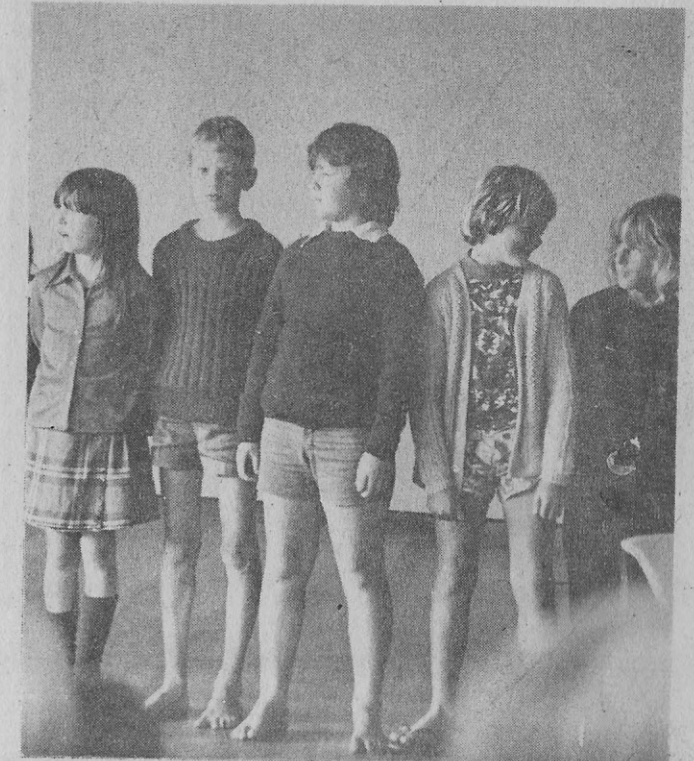
...and he kept on searching.....



The witch brews up trouble in her evil forest.



Witchy (Gail Grumble) didn't know the answers either.



Part of the choir. Lynn Allen, Scott Richardson, Hank Annabell, Dean Marsters & Darcy Ramsey.



And then he found an old man, and he knew all the answers. The moral was, even if those around you don't know, keep on searching, you'll eventually find the answers to your questions.



A happily smiling Gabrielle receives the 'Sportsman of the Year' trophy.

Sportsman of the Year Award

Gabrielle Kissick from Hawera, achieved double recognition this year. Not only did she receive the first ever GOLD STAR award at this year's Photo News presentations, but she also won the 1975 Taranaki Sportsman of the Year Award. Gabrielle received her awards for her achievement four gold medals and one silver at the South Pacific Paraplegic Games.



Peter Bailey of Stratford. He was nominated by Taranaki Amateur Athletic and Cycling Associations.



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Peter McCartney the Taranaki Football Assn. nominee.



Jim Robson was nominated by the New Plymouth Judo Academy.



Graeme West, nominated by the Taranaki Rugby League.

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Greg Barret was the Weightlifting Association's Nominee.



Graeme Moorie the Taranaki Rugby Union's nominee.



Mike Fabish was also nominated by Amateur Athletic and Cycling Associations.

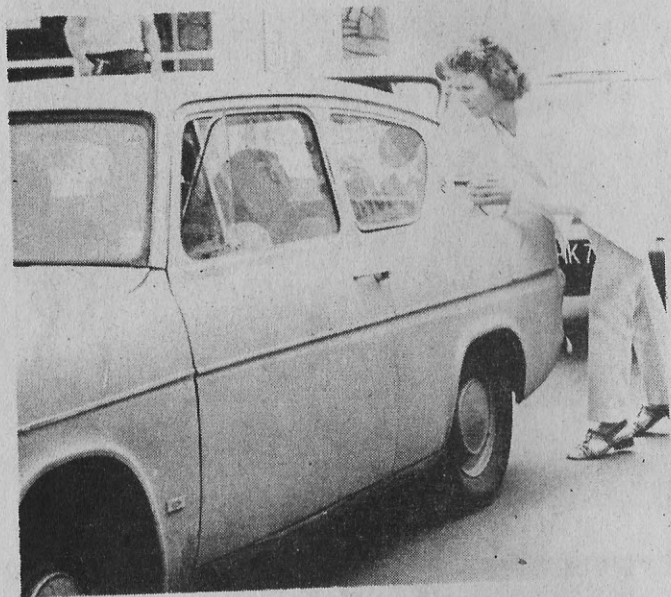
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car trial



Swapping notes at the beginning of the event are Eric Hart and Maurice Travers.

Members of the Taranaki C.B. (Citizen's Band) Club together with members of the Vintage Car Club, joined forces for a Car Rally last month. The event was combined with a barbeque and Guy Fawkes celebration and started at Daltons - Strandon ending at Weld Road Beach. Winner of the Car Trial was Gordon Travers.



Mrs Lynne Travers paints identifying numbers on the cars that took part in the trial. Prior to start.



Checkpoint ?Final checkpoint of the trial.



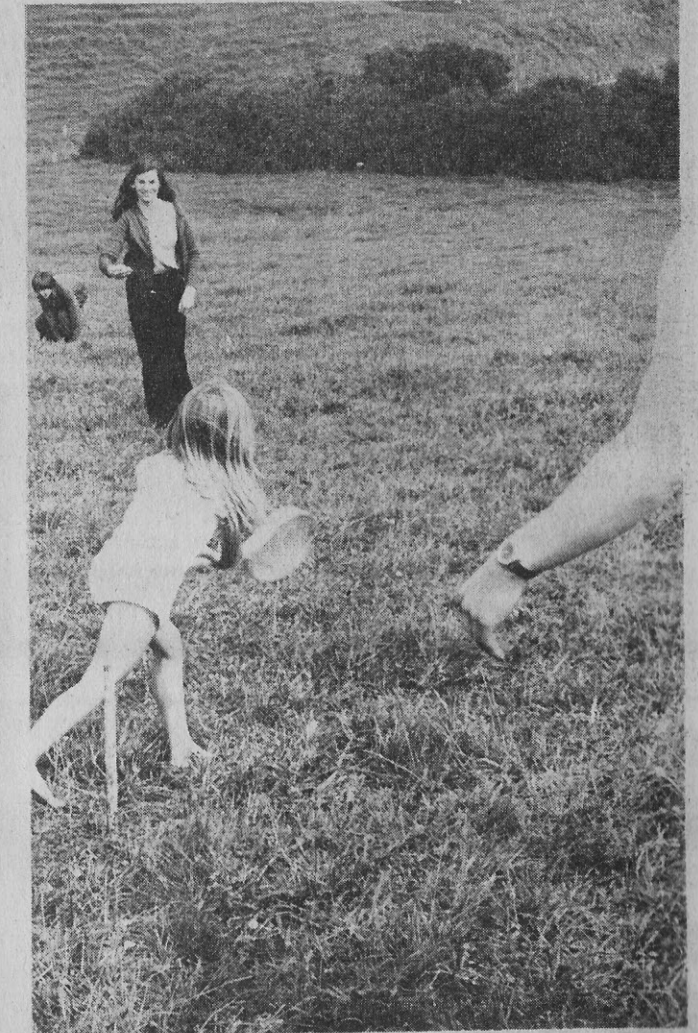
Organisers were Eric Hart, Trevor Simons and Maurice Travers.



Tucker time...Mr and Mrs Terry Wagener and Cliff Dougherty.



Relaxing in the sun. The trial is over and families soaked up the sun, just relaxing and taking it easy.



A relaxing game of rounders.



Lollies galore for all the kids. Catch 'em while you can.

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Lianne Jenkins of Manaia and calf, Showgirl, 2nd in the Dairy type section.



Fun on the Roundabout.

Hawera show

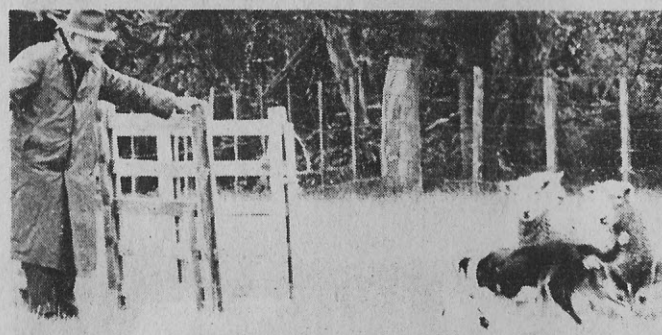
Showtime at Hawera is always a happy occasion. This year was no different. On this page we have selected a variety of show activities all representative of the fun and the spirit of Showtime.



R. Wickham of Inglewood rides Moose in an F.E.I. jumping event.



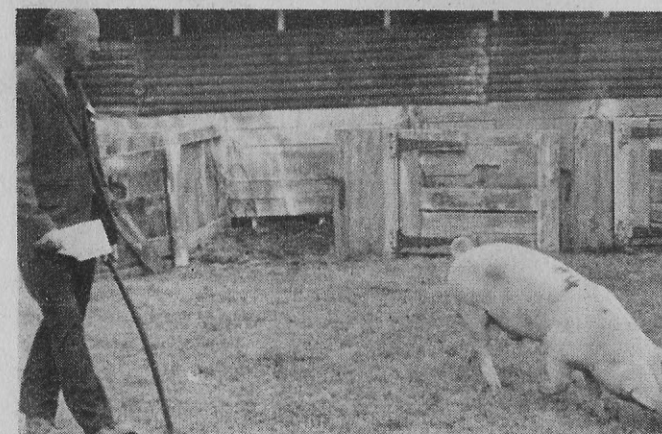
Lyndsay Morgan of Mangatoki with his prize cow.



J. Reynolds of Rahotu competes in the dog trials.



These three entered in pony events. They are left to right... Helen Coleman, Patea, Diane Coleman, and Wendy Christianson.



The judge gives this pig a close appraisal.

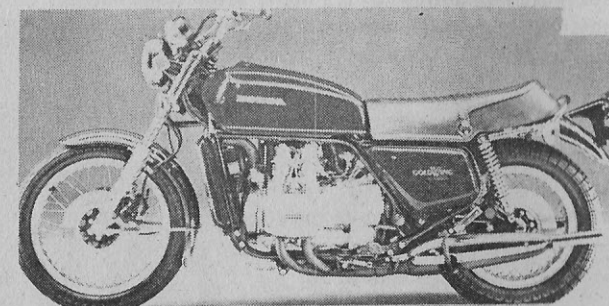


Bill Bowlèy of Bell Block watches as his pigs are judged.

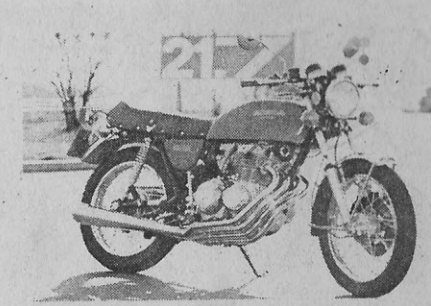


North Taranaki Red Cross recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Pictured here are Past and Present Executives of the Branch. Back row.....Left to right... Miss B James (Present Treasurer) Mrs. M. Gyde (Present President) Mrs E. Hickford (Present Secretary). front..... Mrs A Bent (Past Secretary-Treasurer) Mrs. D. Cohn (Past President)

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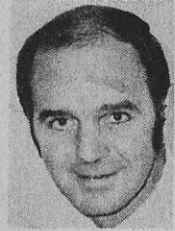
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PRObe with Bryce McPherson



A group of flies were playing soccer on a saucer, using a grain of sugar as a ball. The coach grew more and more glum. Finally he roared, "Come on you chaps! You'll have to do better than that. Remember we're playing in the cup next week!"



"Expensive—but labour saving—when the grass comes up, it's half cut!"

There were signs everywhere warning the public that 'Gas Repairs' were in hand. . . 'Danger. No naked lights' etc.

Working on the sight, in fact in an excavation over the pipeline, was a young fellow — complete with lighted cigarette in his mouth.

It seems apparent that few Taranakians realise the importance of tourism to both the domestic and national scene.

Overseas travel receipts this year will exceed \$120 million and New Zealanders travelling within their own country will spend at least that much. We know roughly how many visitors frequent Taranaki each year, and also how much they spend on an average.

So I can say with conviction that at least \$8 million but more like \$10 million in foreign cash filters into this province's economy as a result of visitation. Don't believe it?

You had better, because it's true. Everyone gains in some way or other; and as Taranaki becomes more and more recognised for its many attractions and treasures such as Oil and natural gas the flow of visitors and 'foreign' cash will grow.

Boss: "Who told you that just because I kissed you a couple of times you could neglect your work around here?"

Secretary: "My attorney."

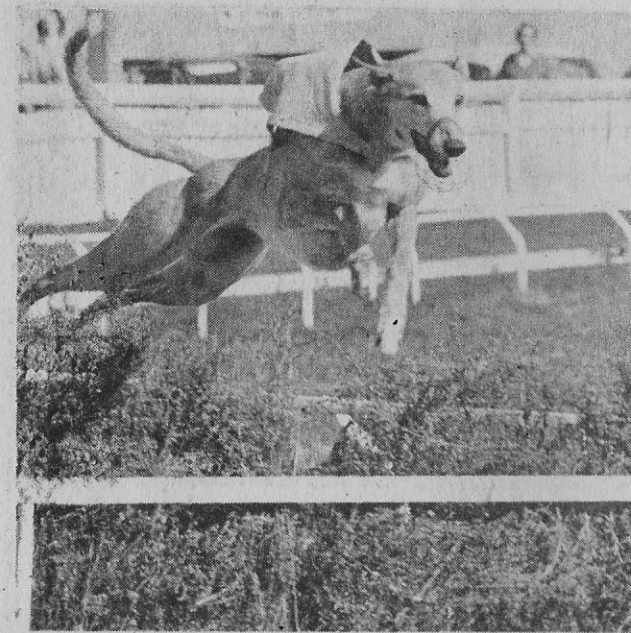
The Taranaki Promotion Association is attempting to bring provincial interests together with a view to promoting a Taranaki Court at the New Zealand Trade Fair in Wellington in May next year. It is hoped to dress 6000 square feet of space as a garden (Taranaki is known as the Garden of New Zealand) with free-standing free-flow exhibits of Taranaki made and/or produced goods set out therein.

The success of this exciting project relies almost entirely on trades participation.

Manager: "You say sir, that you were in your last job for twenty years. Why did you leave?"

Job applicant: "I was paroled."

With that A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



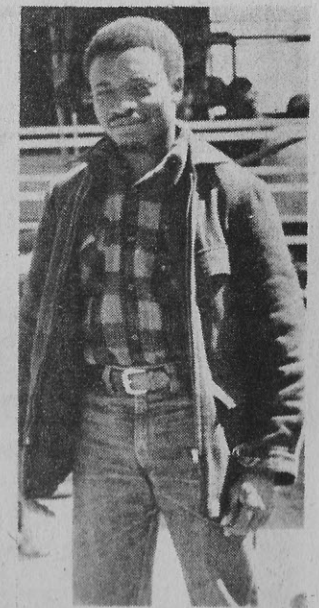
Hi Marita takes a hurdle in the Novice Maiden Hurdles, during the recent Taranaki Greyhound Racing Club's meet at the Hawera Showgrounds.

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Recent visitor to South Taranaki was Abnada Makiza of Tanzania. He was in New Zealand to study livestock.



The Weimaraner breed of dog, or 'Grey Ghost' as it also has become known, is something of a rare breed in New Zealand. In fact there are only two adult dogs in Taranaki. Mr Nigel Tippett of Okiaawa owns a bitch of the Weimaraner breed which he mated with the only other of the species in this province and the resultant puppies, pictured here a thriving and growing daily, under the watchful eye of mother.

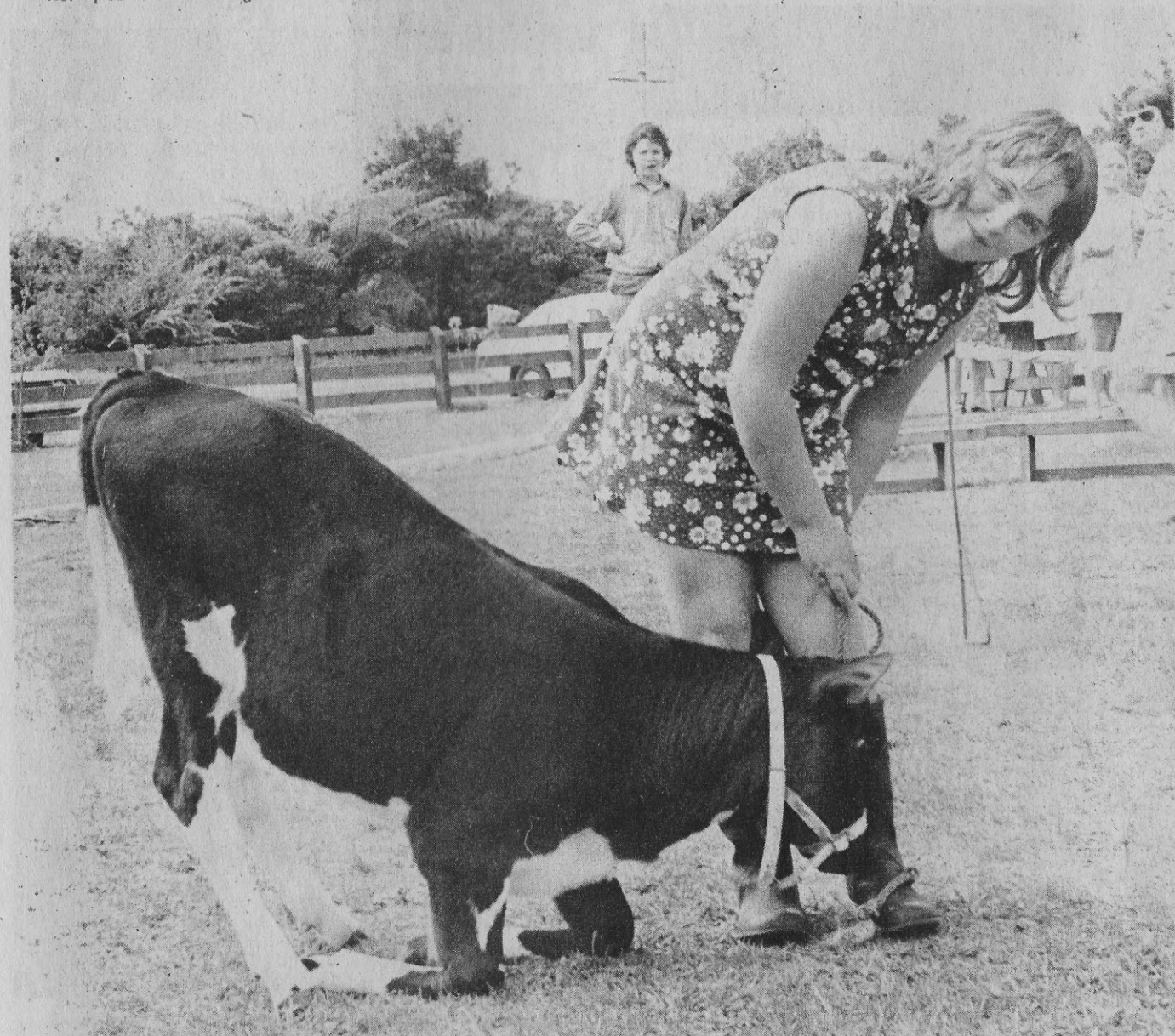
Kaimiro Calf Day



Susan Hughan was the only student to bring her pet lamb along.

Calf Days come and go, but one thing is sure, the kids who participate in these events really enjoy them.

Kaimiro School held their Calf Day last month and we went along with a camera to capture these series of pictures.



Linda Johnston's calf decided to play the circus act. No end of coaxing was required to get the calf into a four legged position and ready to compete in the event.



Deborah Kilsby's calf won the champion title. Both Debby and Judge Corlett look pretty pleased about the result.



Diane Dodunski watches with critical eye as the judge gives her calf a thorough checking.



Leading out the calves.



Nadine George makes her own introduction to Susan Hughan's pet lamb.



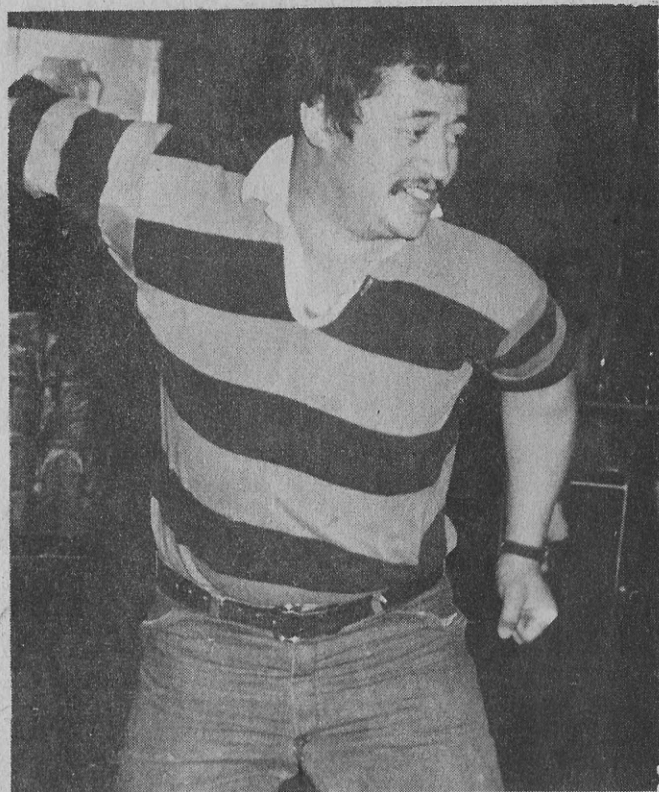
Rossanna Patterson competes in a 'toss the gumboot' competition.



Ross Johnston performed a mighty toss of the gumboot.

Fire Station's Tug-o-war trials

As a prelude to the big Tug-o-War Contest in Inglewood, the New Plymouth Fire Brigade held an Inter-Shift Contest just a week previously in their own social rooms. While the contest was held in complete earnest there were some lighter moments and we also saw several children getting into the act too.



Johnny Robinson made a fantastic cheer leader.



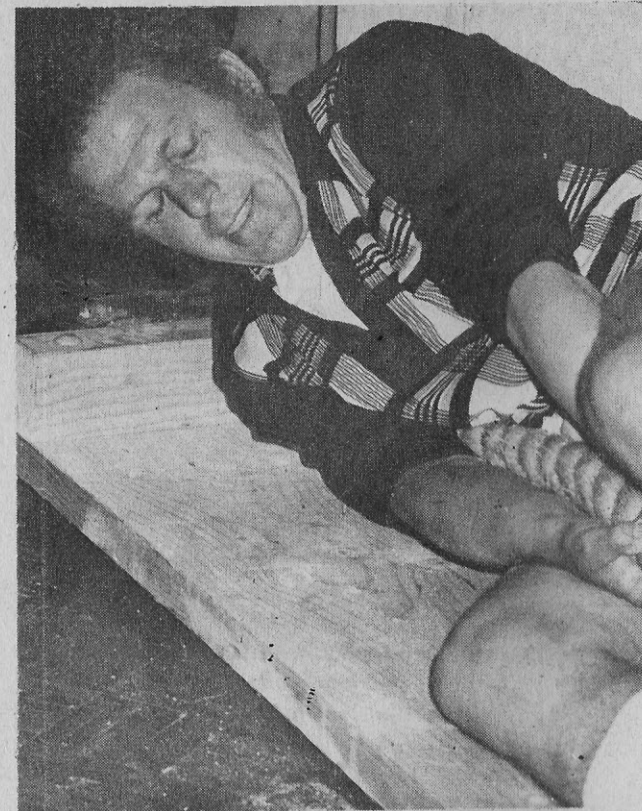
Neil Parrish and Jack Gernhoefer.



Greg Brien takes the strain.



"I'll just shut my eyes, heave ho, and pray".



John Half was anchor man, for his team.



Linda Gernhoefer does her bit.



This mob was called "The Likely Lads" team.



Brett Cronin thought it was great fun.



Trevor Jones adds some weight to the argument.

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MAX IS BACK

Those with older memories will recall a New Zealand group called Max Merritt and the Meteors who came to the North from Christchurch and stormed the country.

Max took his storm across the Tasman to Australia about 1965 and his success continued there, unabated. The group toured with the Rolling Stones and the Searchers in the sixties.

As time went by, Max Merritt and the Meteors built up a huge reputation in Australia and by the late sixties were undoubtedly the biggest group in the country, at least by reputation and fee commanded. However there had been had times too. Various members of the band left and were replaced by others and though this had no effect on the success of the group a car accident in Victoria (near Morwell) set them back considerably.

The guys were badly cut up by the 'prang' and drummer Stewie Speers had to use walking sticks for something like two years afterwards. Max himself received bad lacerations and damaged his right eye.

Max and the Meteors found that time healed the wounds and headed back on the road. Their success story continued and in 1971 they left for England.

ABC TV in Australia filmed a one hour special just before their departure and this was definitely one of the best and most popular TV productions in Australia up till that time.

The amazing thing about the group is that their success has always been built on personal appearances. They have never had a large record output and only released the occasional single and even less quantity of albums. Their record output has, however, always met the expectations of the record companies and enjoyed reasonable success.

Now Max Merritt and the Meteors (with more new faces) have released an album from England. The material is somewhat more restrained than what they used to play in Australia. Max's hoarse rugged voice is however, unchanged and holds, if anything, more appeal than in those hectic Australian days. The album showcases a much more mature group than we used to know. Tracks are 'King Size Rosewood Bed', 'Mr Horizontal', 'Wrong Turn', 'Coming Back', 'A Little Easier', 'Find a Home', 'Long Time Gone', and 'Slipping Away'.

Generally the material is much more varied than Max used to perform and contains many numbers of a ballad nature. However, there are still enough solid rocking type numbers to keep the best Max Merritt fan happy.



Max Merritt, photographed at a Disco, in Melbourne, 1969.

NEW ALBUMS

TONY CHRISTIE.....His Greatest Hits.....MCA8100

A budget album (\$5-25) that has received a very big push, the album is a showcase of many of the Christie hits and is an ideal purchase if you don't already have other albums by him.

All the great hits are here like Don't Go Down to Reno, Las Vegas, God Bless Joanna, I Did What I Did For Maria, I Did What I Did For Maria, and My Love Song.

RAY STEVENS.....Misty.....Barnaby BR 6012

Ray Stevens has produced an album of golden oldies. He has given each song a very special treatment and this means that all numbers now have a completely new lease of life. Take the title track, Misty, it is up-tempo and treated in a manner that the guy who wrote it in the first place would never recognise it. The result is really great though. Other tracks are Young Love, Lady of Spain, Over the Rainbow, Oh Lonesome Me, Cow-Cow Boogie, Indian Love Call, Deep Purple, Take Care of Business and Mockingbird Hill.

MAX MERRITT & THE METEORS..A Little Easier.....
Arista..... SBLL 6108

(see story in other column, titled Max is Back)

NEIL DIAMOND.....DiamondsMCA7541

This double album sets another good example of a showcase of popular numbers from an extremely popular entertainer. Diamonds portrays the Neil Diamond who zoomed back into the spotlight in the last few years, with songs like Cracklin Rosie, Coldwater Morning, Sweet Caroline, Holly Holy, Cherry Cherry and Song Sung Blue. These are all on this album as is his very early hit, Kentucky Woman. The latter is a very important part of the Neil Diamond phenomenon. The version included on this double album is one that was recorded 'live'. There's a total of some twenty five tracks in this package and that is good value in anyone's book.

SCENES FROM THE TV SCREEN



TV ONE in Mexico. Pictured is the TV One team who recently filmed a documentary on the jet boat marathon down the Balsara River in Mexico. From left...Don Kay, soundman, Paul Donovan, supervising film cameraman, Douglas Blair, reporter 'Spot On', Matt Bowkett, cameraman, and Producer Peter Morrill.



Mr and Mrs Dick Emery at their home. Dick Emery is returning to TV One soon with a new series of 'The Dick Emery Show'.



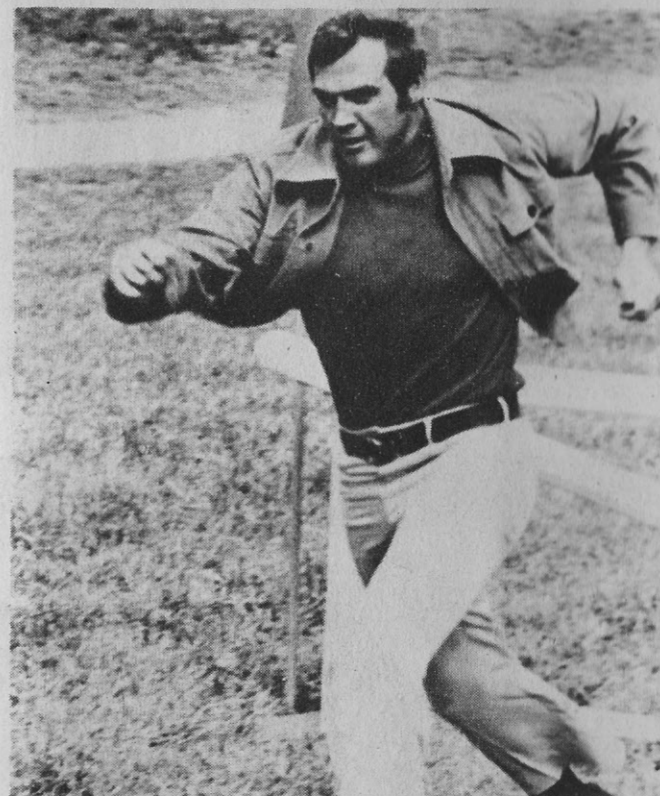
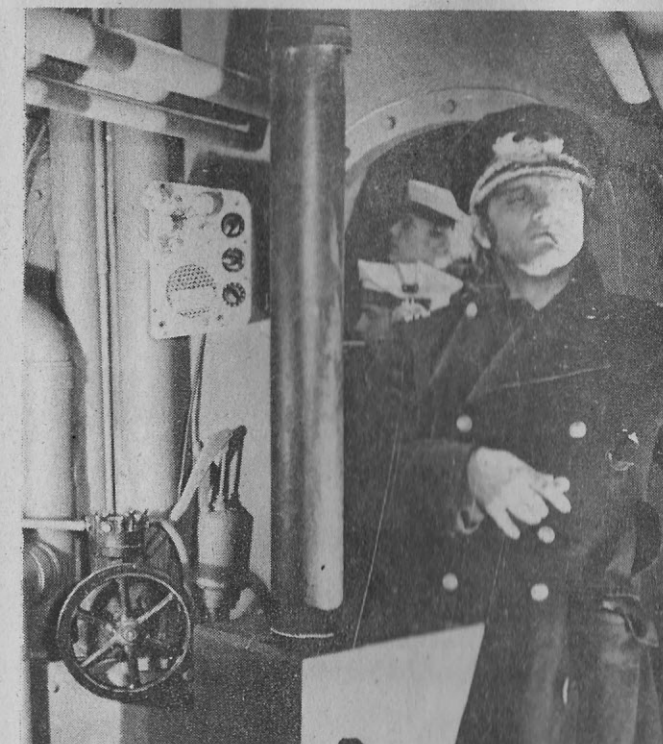
Barbara Murray as Mme. Goesler and Rolan Culver as the Duke of Omnium in episode nine of 'The Pallisers'.



Angie Dickinson as undercover Police Sergeant Pepper Anderson of 'Police Woman' fame. The show is one of the most popular screenings on TV One.



NEW SERIES.....A new locally produced TV series featuring the musical group Blerta, is to start soon on TV One. At left we see Bruno Lawrence and Gabrielle Shootingstar in a film sequence illustrating the song, 'Mr Bankman'. At right is Bruno Lawrence as a German U-Boat commander in a scene from the same series.



Lee Majors, in a scene from the very popular TV One series "Six Million Dollar Man". The show screens each Tuesday.



The contest on the TOWN CRYER show where viewers have the opportunity to win a colour television set, is gaining momentum. Pictured is host Max Cryer with two of the TV sets that can be won.

Christmas social

One of the first Christmas Socials that we attended this year was an end of the year function held by Roebucks. A fairly large gathering of staff and their friends converged on the Devon Intermediate's Assembly Hall where the Social was held. There is absolutely no doubt that at least one group were given a forceful reminder that Christmas is with us again.



Jill Corbett, Henry Ploughright and Lorna Taylor.



Margaret Collins and Mrs. Morsey Gray.



Mr. J.V. Smith.



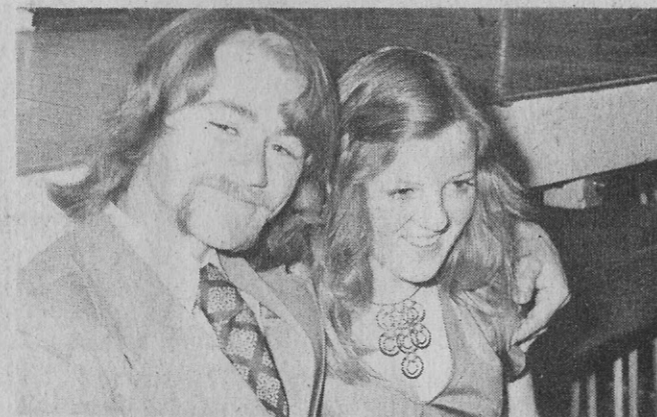
Mr. and Mrs. D. Rowe



Alan Peattie with Jean and Rod Murdoch.



Reg and Lyn Stevens.



Peter Bell and Mary Lou Dravitzki.



Rodney and Margaret Bell.



Raewyn and Danny McKenzie.



Lyn Phillips and Ken Kinzett.



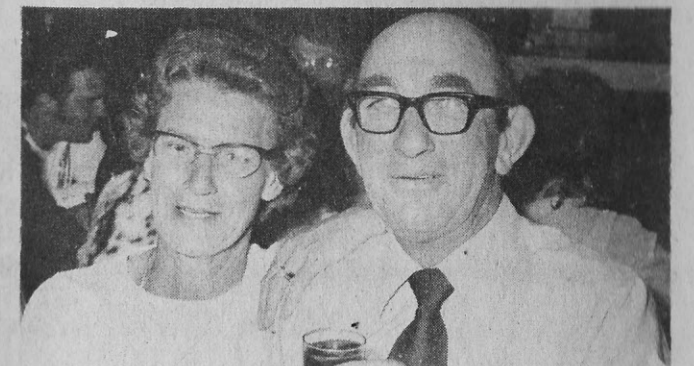
Mark Nobilo and Jane Bell.



Barmen, Reg Seymour



Mr. and Mrs. D. Martin.



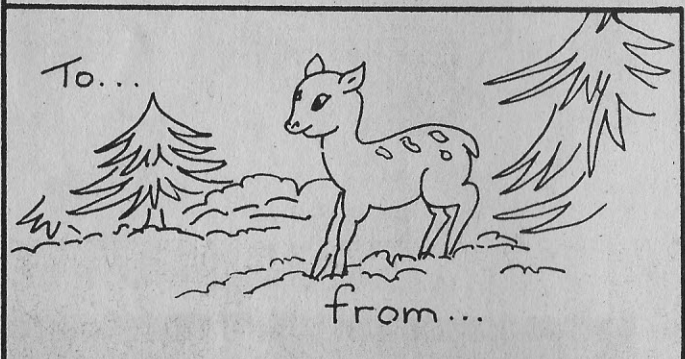
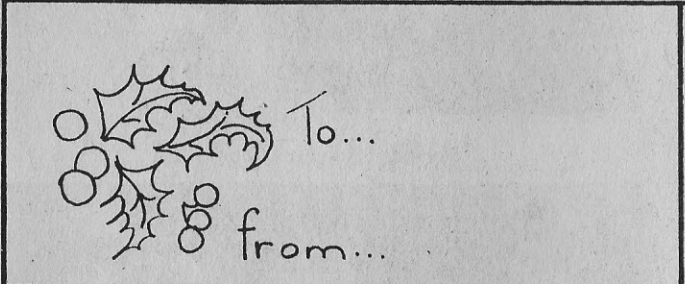
Robert Gough and Rae Ershaw.



Alister Wilson and Glenys Bell.

Children's Corner

With Grace.

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in soup, and also in stew.
My second is in black but not in blue.
My third is in song, but not in call.
My fourth is in tumble, but not in fall.
My fifth is in apple, and also in can.
My all is a cheery, friendly, December old man.



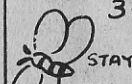
Answer: Santa.

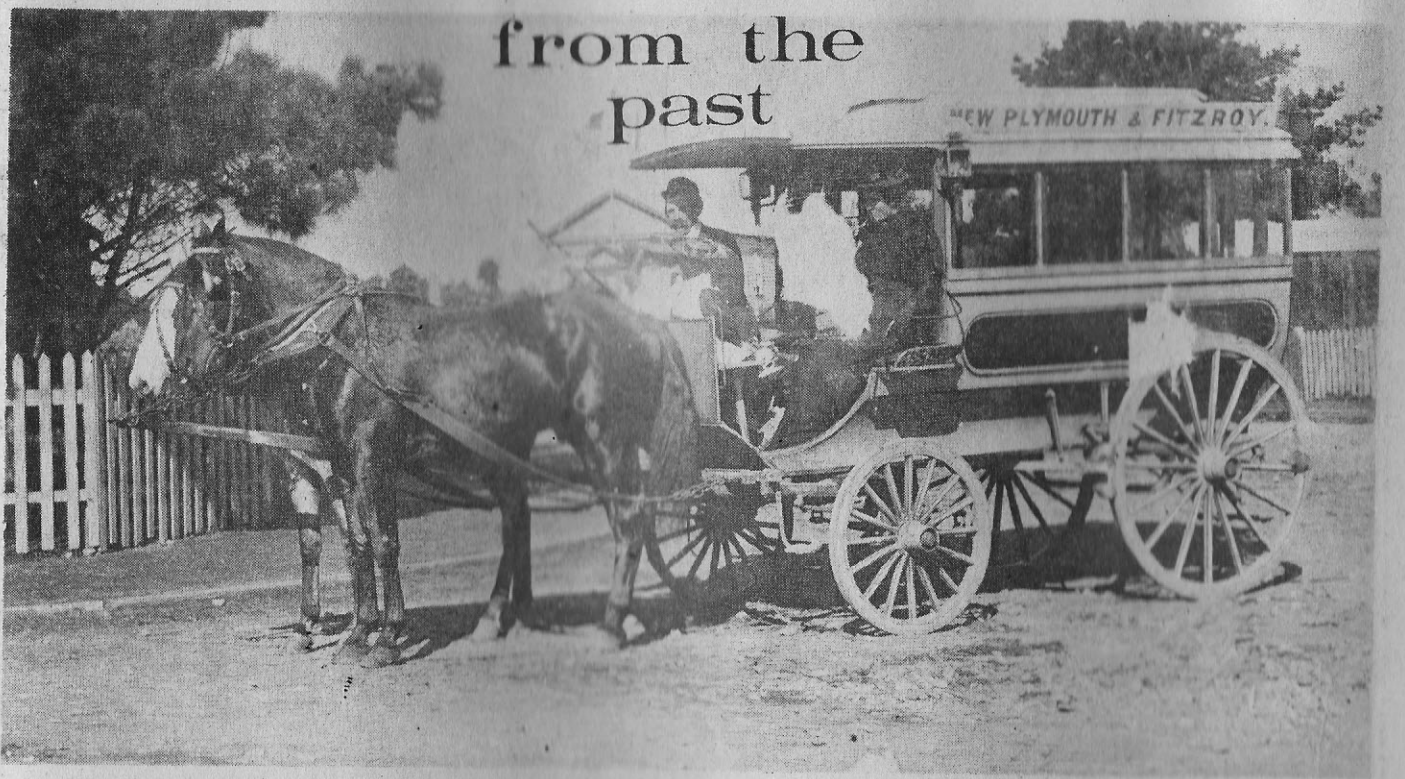
Riddle... Question: What vegetable do you find in a crowded bus?
Answer: Squash.

Question: What fruit will shock you when you touch it?
Answer: A Currant. (current)

Colour and cut-out these two little Christmas gift cards.

COLOUR and PLAY GAME

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27	26	25	24	23	22	21  Meet Mrs WATER SNAIL
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 JUMP TO 24
13 WALK UP LEAF OF WATER-LILIES	12	11	10	9 TAKE ANOTHER TURN	8	7
	1	2	3  STAY WITH MRS BEE 1 TURN	4	5	6 HOP TO NUMBER 8



from the past

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*Recent
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HURLEY-PEPPERELL.....At St Paul's Church, Spotswood, Robyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Pepperell of New Plymouth, to Frank, son of Mr and Mrs Terry Hurley of Hawera. The attendants were Pamela Doody of Australia and Ross Collins of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home in New Plymouth. *(Bernard Woods Studio)*



MARR-HOLM.....At St Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Rosemary Jean, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.G. Holm of New Plymouth, to Anthony Colquhoun, son of Mr and Mrs B.C. Marr, also of New Plymouth. The attendants were Desrae Gerity, Denice Brown and Own McKee, all of New Plymouth and Rob Griffiths of Auckland. The couple will live in New Plymouth. *(Bernard Woods Studio)*



CLARRY-CAMERON.....At St Augustine's Church, New Plymouth, Sharon, daughter of Mr & Mrs L.J. Cameron of New Plymouth, to Robin, son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Clarry, also of New Plymouth. The attendants were Heather Langman, Christine Clarry and Heather Cameron all of New Plymouth, Chris Watts of Bell Block and Kelvin Smith and Tony Robinson both of New Plymouth. The couple will live in New Plymouth. *(Bernard Woods Studio)*



KURIGER-CORBETT..... In New Plymouth, Melody Ida, daughter of Mrs M.E. Corbett, of Waitara to Frances John, son of Mr and Mrs J.K. Kuringer of Urenui. The attendants were Cheryl Bevins of Auckland, Clare Kuringer, Annette Kuringer, Maree Kuringer and Michael Kuringer all of Urenui and Harry Gerhus of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home at Bell Block.



FINN-TOPLESS.....At Waitara Methodist Church, Keryn, daughter of Mrs Mary Topless of Waitara to John, son of Mr and Mrs P. Finn of Papatoetoe, Auckland. The attendants were Sandra Topless, Della Gray, and Ian Smith all of Waitara and Kevin Rowan of Inglewood. The couple will make their home at Waitara.
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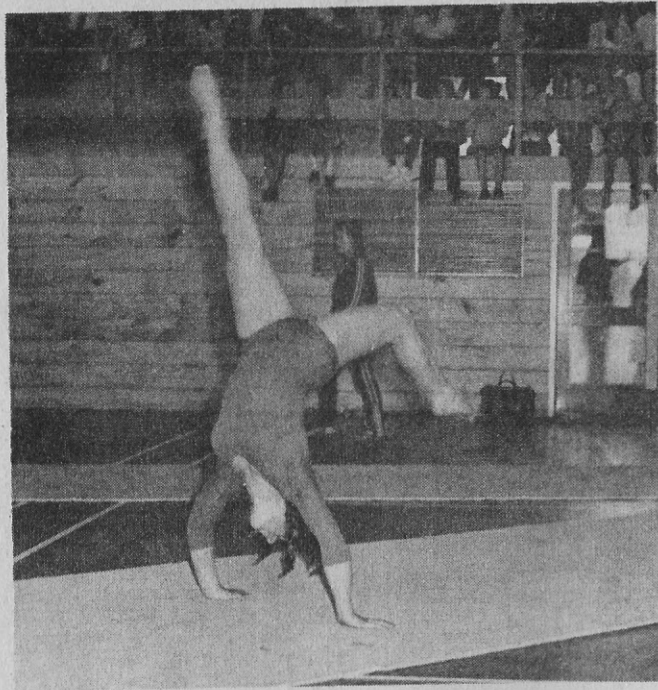
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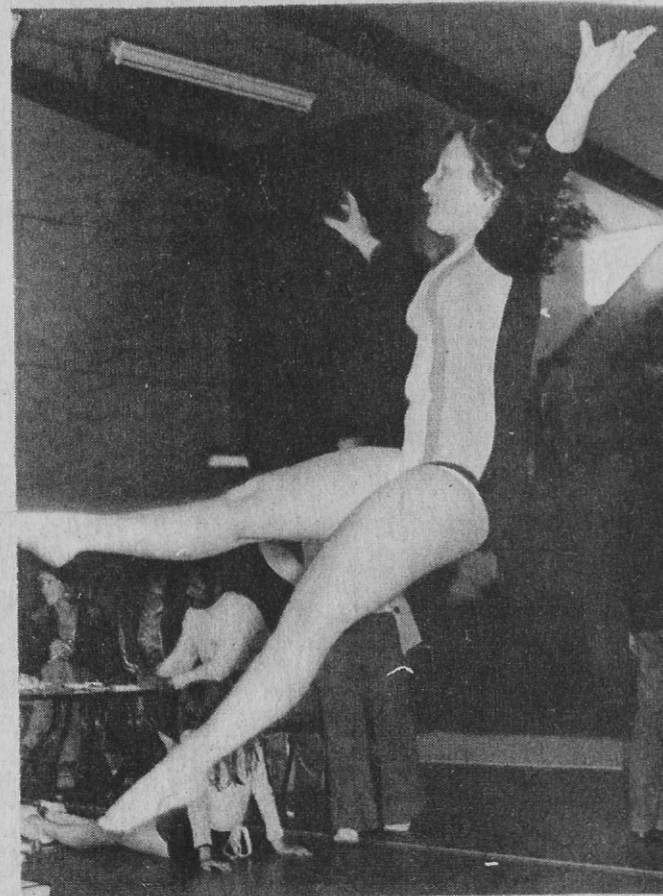
Cartwheels from Sandra Webber.

School Gym Champs

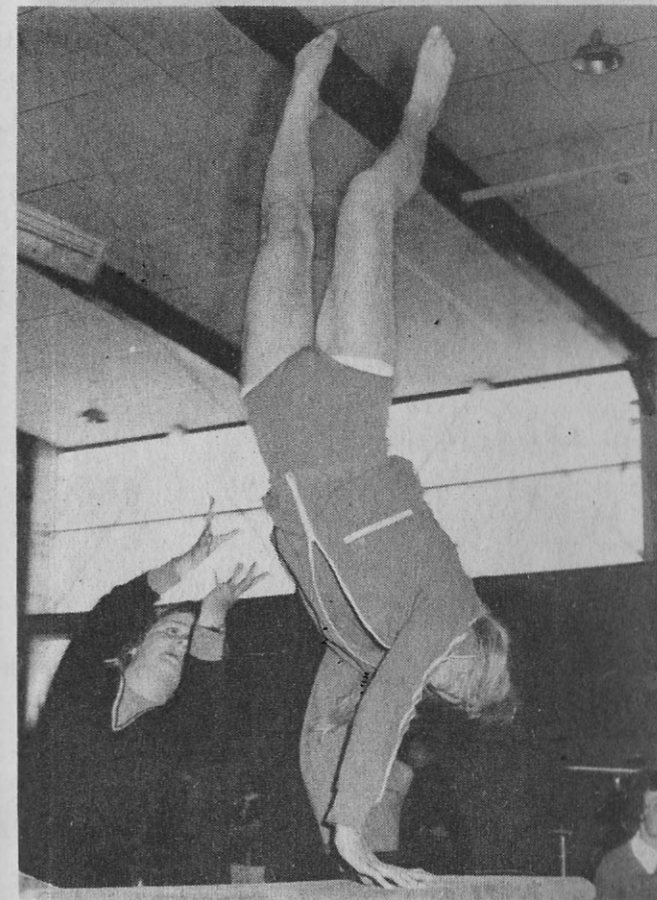
School Gymnastic Championships were held recently at the Bell Block Hall. A fine display of gymnastic work was evident on the day from the youngsters and it would seem certain that by the standard achieved, Taranaki is going to be represented by some first class gymnasts for many years ahead. Pictured are a few of those who competed on the day.



Tony Hall about to land.



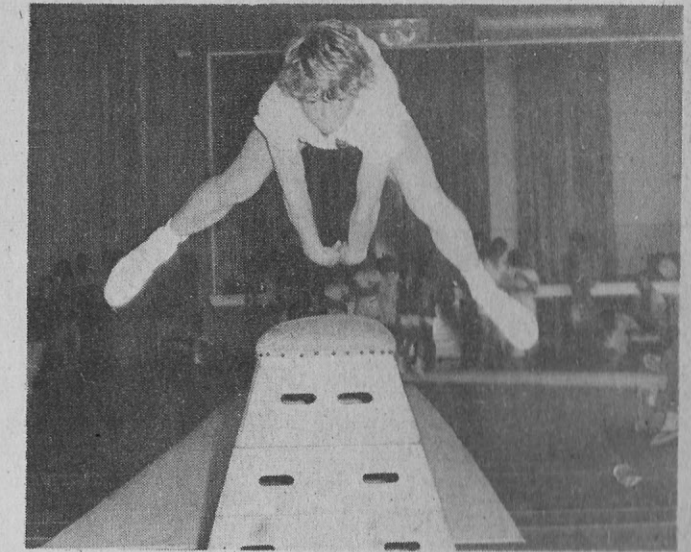
She flies through the air.....Jeni Knapman.



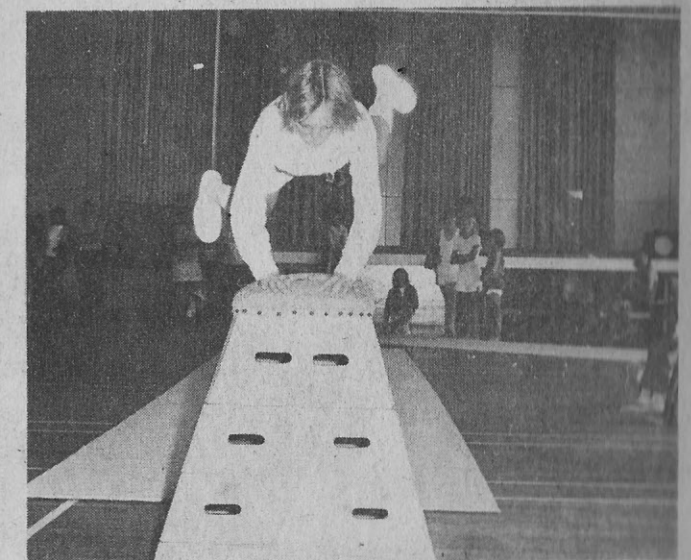
Karen Tozer on the beam.



Jenny Knapman works out on the beam.



Going over the horse is Greg Bunton.



Robert Paul in action over the horse.



Graham Fendall, the New President, and Sue Hay, the outgoing President.

Throughout the term of the contest a certain number of 'instant prizes' will be available each month.

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and just to make it interesting there will be a few 'boobee' prizes.... things like plastic toys, napkin pins and rulers. These will occasionally come as 'instant prizes'

Change of Officers

New Plymouth Rotoract held their annual Change of Officers Cabaret last month at the Tukapa Gym.

One of the highlights of the Cabaret was the presentation to Sir Henry Blyde, on behalf of the Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation, of a cheque for \$800. This represented money raised by Rotoract for special and deserving causes.



Music **INSTANT PRIZES**.. Through disco. out the term of the contest some magazines each month will contain Instant Prize vouchers. If you get one of these in your magazine, you will still have to answer a question to claim your prize. Instant prizes consist of LP Albums from PYE RECORDS, Panty Hose, Double Passes to the STATE THEATRE in New Plymouth, and there will be a few others added to the list as the contest progresses.

So here's good wishes to all of you in this new contest.

SAVE the Points Vouchers and you could be the MAJOR Winner.

KEEP THIS VOUCHER

This voucher is worth

43 POINTS

THE Photo News NUMBERS GAME



Dave Lampitt and Dixie Old.



Betty Lloyd hands over the reigns of office to Allison Whitworth.



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and
happy
new year