

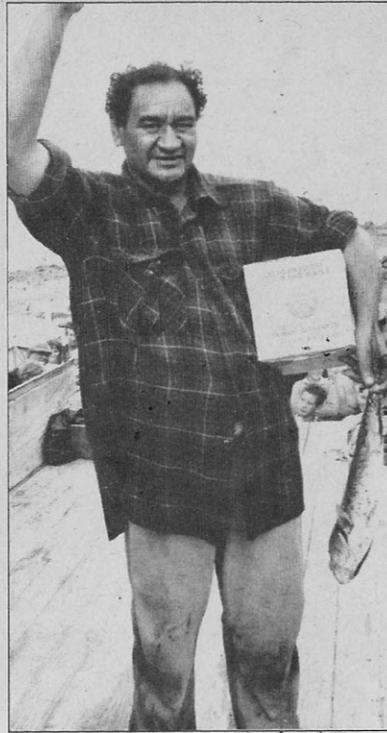
**\$500 FISHING CONTEST
AND HUNDREDS
GOT AWAY**

For the hundreds of visitors, who came from as far as Wellington, Auckland and Thames, we wonder if their journey was really necessary. Over 430 rods were entered for the \$500 fishing contest on the beach at Epiha Road, and over 1000 people came to this delightful spot. The only ones that stayed away were the fish. Not one snapper was caught (could we blame the Japanese for this?) and only a very few fish of any sort were hooked. So the top prize is carried forward to the next contest.

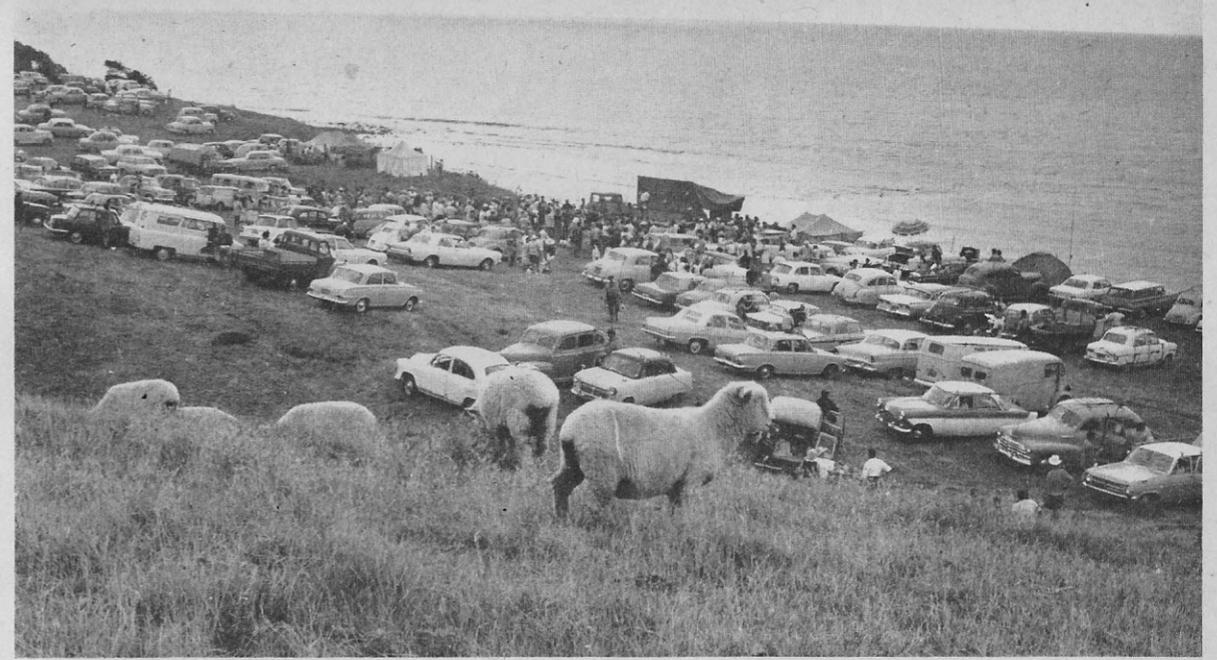
**FRIENDLY
FREDA
SAYS...**
Cor! Fancy hooking a fish like her below.



Peter Loader (NP) won the junior prize



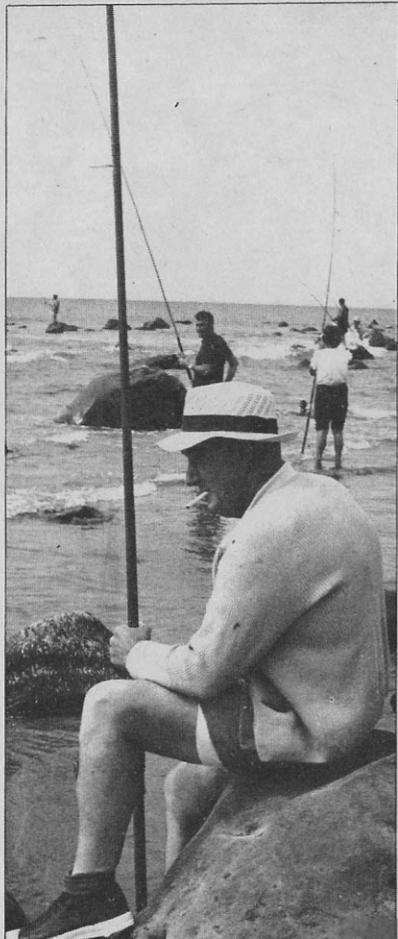
Peter Kahu got a trophy for that miserable-looking fish



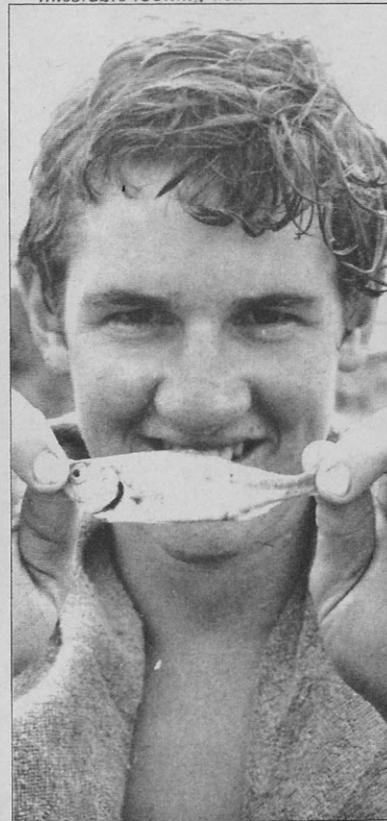
The organisers, the Waitara Surfcasting Club, did a wonderful job with their fishing contest, and it isn't their fault that the fish weren't feeding. It was a popular event, and one which will carry even bigger prizes next year, and probably attract many more fishermen than the thousand it did attract. ABOVE—General scene in the parking area on the cliffs at the end of Epiha Road, Motunui. BELOW LEFT—Robert Taylor (Inglewood) and Ian Robertson (Eltham) display their cash prizes and catches. Must have been a few hungry cats in the province after this weekend. BELOW CENTRE—Looking after dad's rod is Leigh Burkitt (Inglewood). BELOW RIGHT—Barry Dent, a visitor to Taranaki, wasn't very interested in the fishing so built himself a mud castle.



Fancy a cheque for those tiddlers caught by Aithnia Hamann (Waitara)



Just waiting
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Robert Schmidt, all the way from Stratford for this!





Despite the fact that the fish stayed away from this contest it was an enjoyable day out in the sun and fresh air for everybody. Bet there were a lot of fishing yarns swapped while waiting for the bites. With something like \$1000 in prizes for the next contest, it is bound to attract even more rods to the beach. ABOVE LEFT—Club president Bob Soffe presents the first prize for the largest fish to Tom Waiwiri (Opunake), who landed a 6lb kahawai. ABOVE CENTRE—The ladies were very useful at the contest, especially if you got a snarl in the line. Here Shona Stallard (Stratford) gets a mere man out of a mess. LEFT—This'll give some idea of the crowd; it was taken at the prizegiving. BELOW—Lyn Line-man and Anne O'Carroll, both of Waitara, tried luring the fish with a lullaby.



Wedding Bells

Above: **ROBINSON—LOBB.** At St. Mary's Church, NP, Raewyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Lobb, NP, to Wayne, son of Mrs D. Robinson, NP. The bridesmaids were Lois Reeve, Lepperton, and Jillian Lobb, sister of the bride, NP. Best man was Lloyd Robinson, brother of the groom, NP, and the groomsman was Paddy James, NP. The flower-girl was Andrea Lobb; NP. Future home, New Plymouth. (Norman Squire).

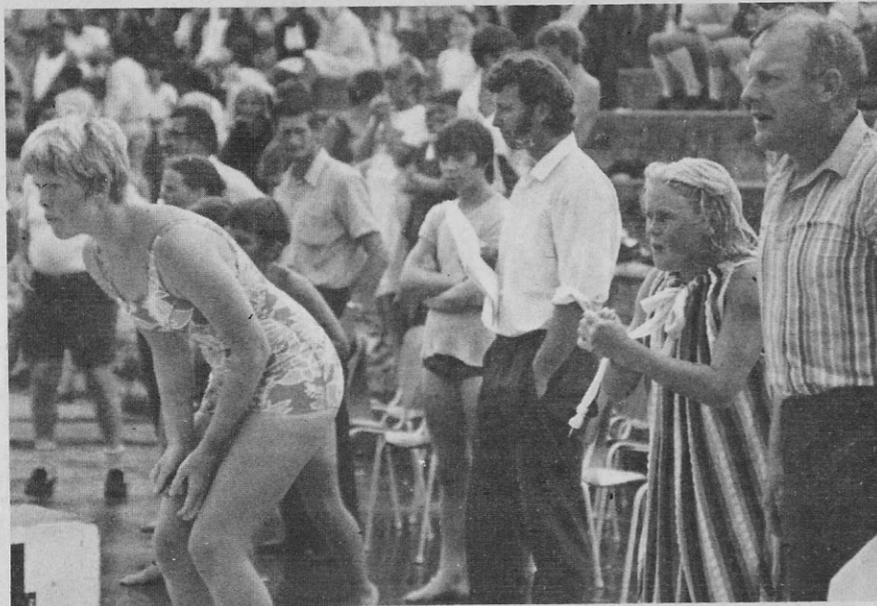
Below: **SHOLL—SHOEMARK.** At St. David's Presbyterian Church, NP, Heather May, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Shoemark, NP, to John David, son of Mr and Mrs J. Sholl, Christchurch. The maids were Maree Clough, NP, and Catherine Williams, Tauranga. Best man was Murray Simmonds, Christchurch, and the groomsman was Malvern Shoemark, brother of the bride, NP. Future home, New Plymouth. (Norman Squire).



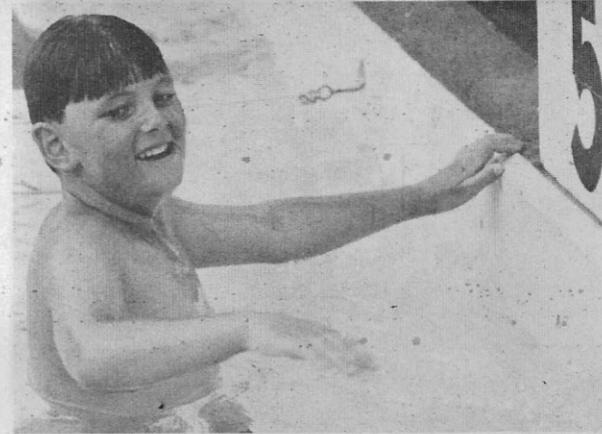


WAITARA SWIM CARNIVAL

A highly successful carnival was held recently at the Waitara pool with entries coming from most of the swimming clubs around the province. ABOVE—Line-up of competitors awaiting their turn on the blocks. RIGHT—The relays always seem to bring out most excitement for the spectators. Here the Hawera supporters cheer their team on. BELOW LEFT—Christine Limmer (Waitara) prepares to take off in one of the backstroke events, and BELOW RIGHT, lets go in a spray of water.



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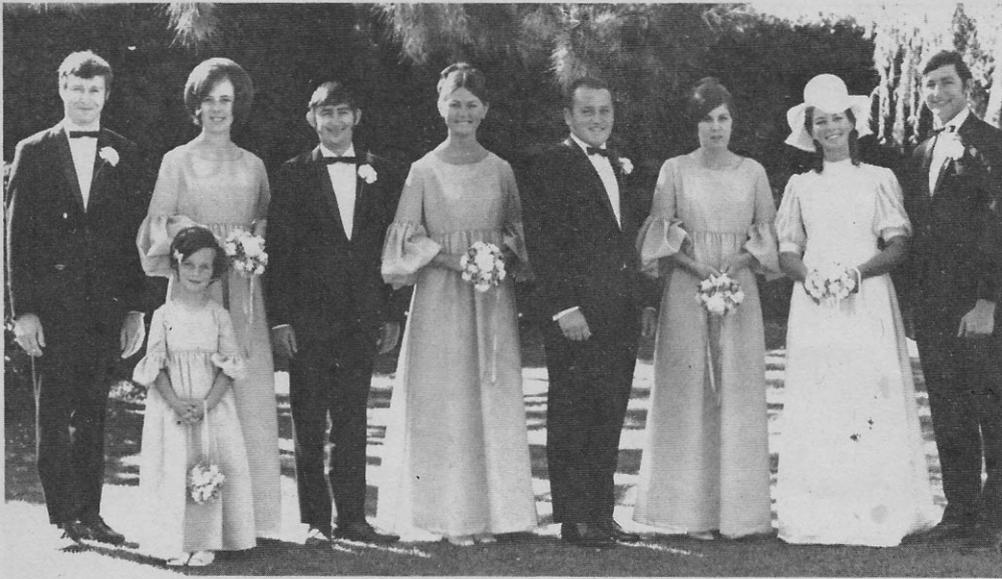


ABOVE LEFT—Russell Sarten smiles for our camera after winning a heat in one of the many races. ABOVE—Judith Limmer ploughs through the water in a breaststroke event. LEFT—Grant Gilley wasn't sleeping on the job in the backstroke event. BELOW—Pamela Wiseman looked puffed out after her win. BOTTOM LEFT—Dianne Everett (Manaia) pushes off in a backstroke race. BOTTOM RIGHT—Ready, get set . . .



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WEDDING BELLS



Left: BLAIR-GADD. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Annette, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Gadd, Hawera, to Rennie, son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Blair, Christchurch. The bridesmaids were Ruth Cobham, Marton, Kathleen Gane and Glenda Gadd, both Hawera. Best man was Gavin Keeley, and the groomsmen were Ross Hunter and Roger Blair, all of Christchurch. The flower-girl was Kathryn Gadd, Hawera. Future home, Christchurch. *(David Paul).*

Below left: BABBINGTON-TARRANT. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Jennifer Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. C. Tarrant, Hawera, to Howard John, son of Mr and Mrs R. Babbington, Ohangi. The maids were Sue Babbington, sister of the groom, Ohangi, and Debbie Tarrant, sister of the bride, Hawera. Best man was Chris Jenkins, Hawera, and the groomsman was Jock Winks, Ohangi. *(David Paul).*

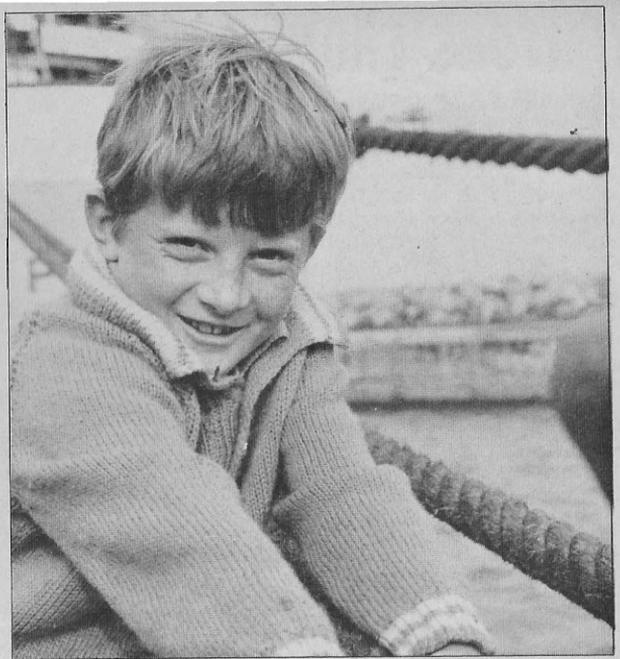
Below: PAKAU-KAHUPUKORO. At a private ceremony at Hawera, Amiria, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Kahupukoro, Hawera, to Sam, son of Mr and Mrs W. Pakau, Hawera. *(David Paul).*



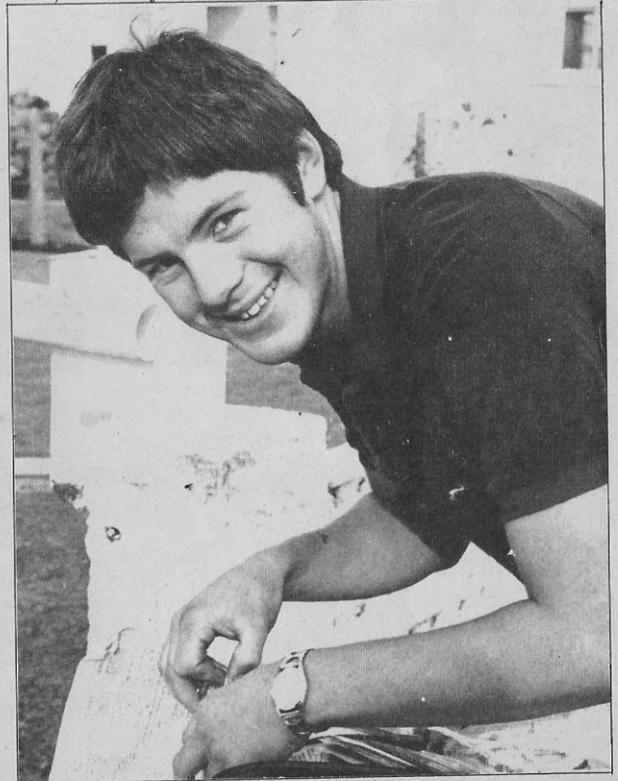
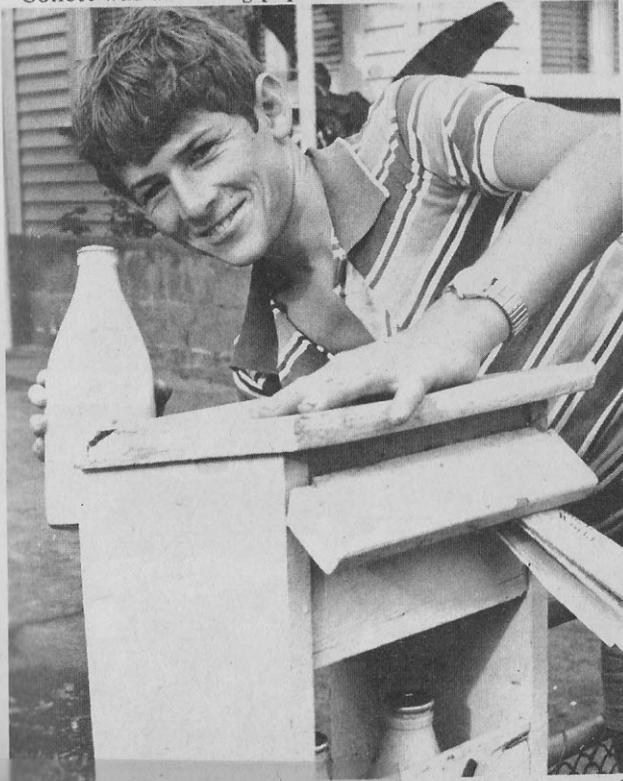


BUSY BEES

ABOVE RIGHT—Young Dean Beddington, staying with relatives in the city over the holidays, was caught down at the wharf tightening up on the mooring ropes of a 15,000-tonner! BELOW LEFT—Delivering the milk was Bruce Trott, working for the holidays only. BELOW RIGHT—Holiday vacation job for Jeff Collett was delivering papers.



Ever been round town at about 6.30 on a Sunday morning? We did that recently and found to our delight that the young fry were up and about and some of them were even working, which is a good thing for them, so long as they don't make too much noise during our Sunday morning siestas. ABOVE LEFT—Diana Cook was out and about with her pet cat, and we just bet the cat loves this sort of affection.



VISITORS FROM IOWA

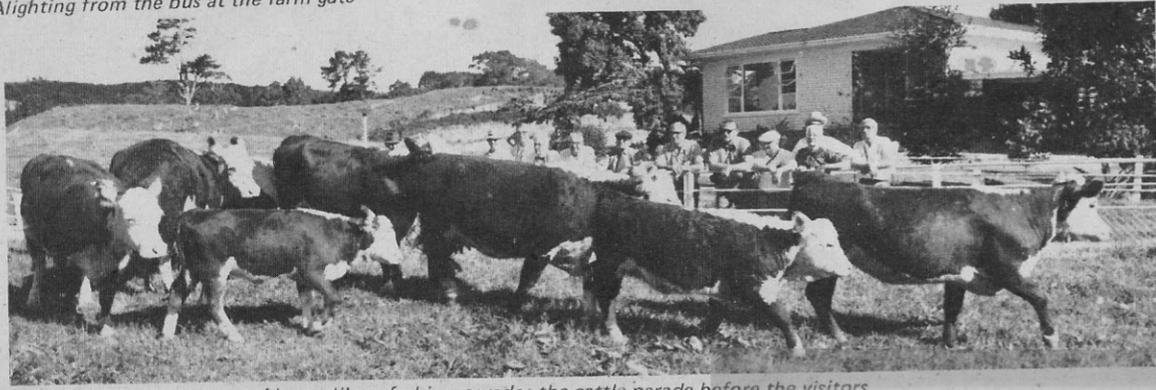
Mr and Mrs R. Anderson, Strathbrae Stud on Junction Road, were hosts to a party of USA visitors recently. They spent over an hour inspecting Mr Anderson's herd of Hereford cattle and went away with a happy memory of this district, most commenting on the friendliness of the Taranaki people. We agree with that. **RIGHT**—The cattle must have known for they were at the gate to greet the visitors. **BELOW**—Mr Anderson talks to the American farmers.



Alighting from the bus at the farm gate



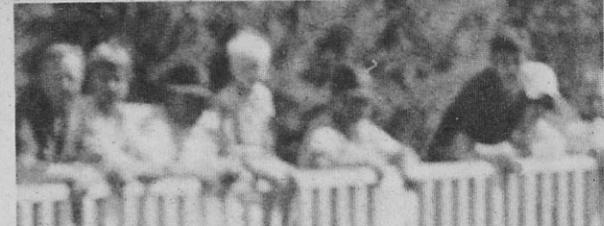
Mrs Anderson interested the ladies of the party with her flowers



Almost like a fashion parade: the cattle parade before the visitors

FLIERS!

We like these fleet-footed animals, and always enjoy a Sunday afternoon at the "dogs". These well-trained animals are about as fit as they possibly could be for their racing. Reaching speeds of up to 45 mph, they are good to watch. **RIGHT**—On the first bend, the field is all bunched up, with each dog having one objective in mind, to catch the hare. **BELOW**—The hurdlers certainly make light work of the fences. **BELOW RIGHT**—Fancy racing round a corner like that absolutely flat out!





MARFELL DEVELOPMENT

Though the Marfell area is well-developed at present, this aerial shot shows just how much more land there is for expansion. Running in a letter "S" from the bottom of the picture is Cook Street, joining Omata Road about the centre of the photo. The large group of three buildings in the bottom centre of the picture are the new pensioner flats. The area in the distance is upper Westown creeping into the local farm land. Wonder what this scene will show in another 20 years' time?

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Married

Above: ROIGARD-TERRILL. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Raelene Jean, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. J. Terrill, NP, to Bryce Ian, youngest son of Mrs J. O. Roigard, Pukeatua. The bridesmaids were sisters of the bride, Christine and Linda Terrill, NP. Best man was Maurice Cheer, Te Awamutu, and the groomsmen were Peter Holmes, Pukeatua. The flower-girl was Lynne Roigard, sister of the groom, Pukeatua. Future home, Pukeatua.

Below: WELLS-ANDERSON. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Avelyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Anderson, NP, to Dennis, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. Wells, Hawera. Matron of honour was Marie Adkins, NP, and the bridesmaids were Sue Kerr, Warkworth, and Sheryl Garnett, Patea. Best man was Dave Whiteside, Wanganui, and the groomsmen were Don Walls, Foxton, and Jim Jackson, Patea. Future home, Hawera.



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We spotted this one first

UNREHEARSED HAT PARADE

Most people went to the final of the "Open" bowling tournament to see the bowls, but we pinched a few moments to photograph this array of hats. It was the sun that brought out most of the creations, for it was very hot up on the Vogeltown green. They served their purpose, and added colour to the scene. There were some great creations there too, some we wouldn't even photograph. Here is just a small selection.



Good enough for Ascot



One was Mum's the other Dad's!



Good for wiping the perspiration



The thinker!



They came straight from the garden



More orthodox models



These small brims get the nose burned



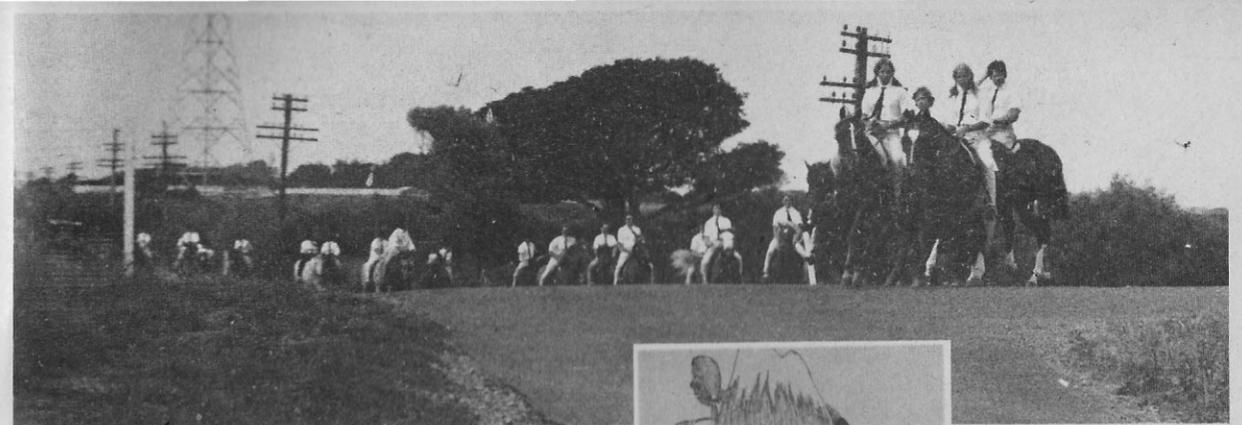
Latest in Quaker jobs



Good job she hadn't a cold!



Room for two here



Pony Trek



Shoppers in New Plymouth were treated to a rare sight when 33 riders of the Opunake Pony Club trotted through the city on a 100-mile "Round the Mountain"

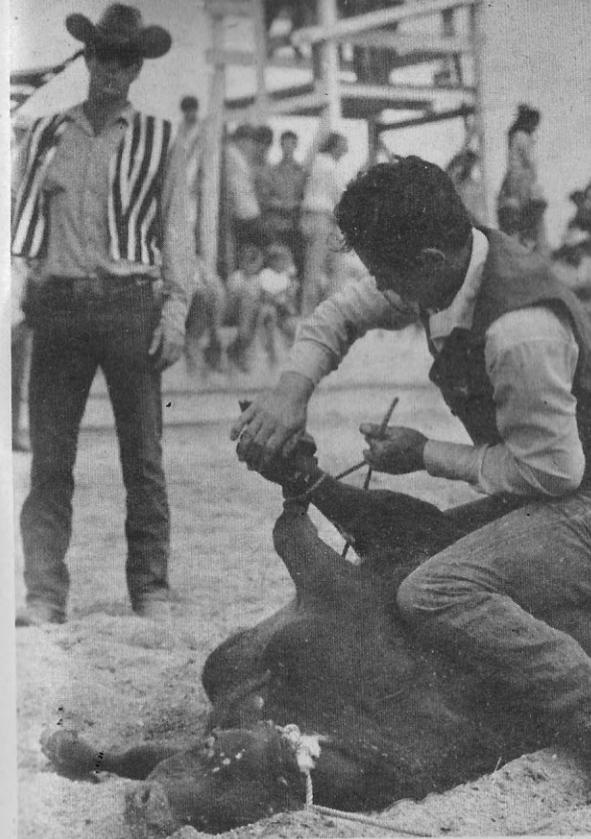
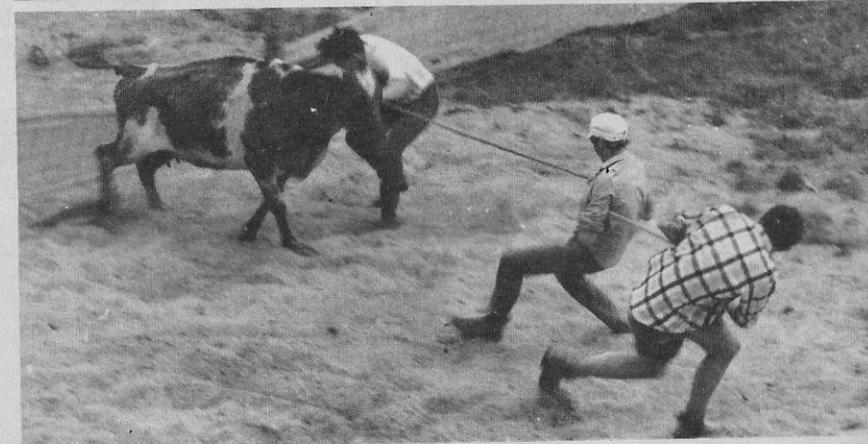
horsathon to raise funds for the Opunake High School Gymnasium. ABOVE—Members on the trail in their five-day trek. FAR LEFT—Colleen Mourie inspects her pony's hooves, before bedding down for the night. LEFT—Robyn Bayliss waters her charge. BELOW LEFT—Hitching their ponies to a rail for the night's stop at Omata. BELOW CENTRE—Jane Sinclair gives her horse a brush up. BELOW RIGHT—Andrea Drylie found that a friendly scratch did a power of good.





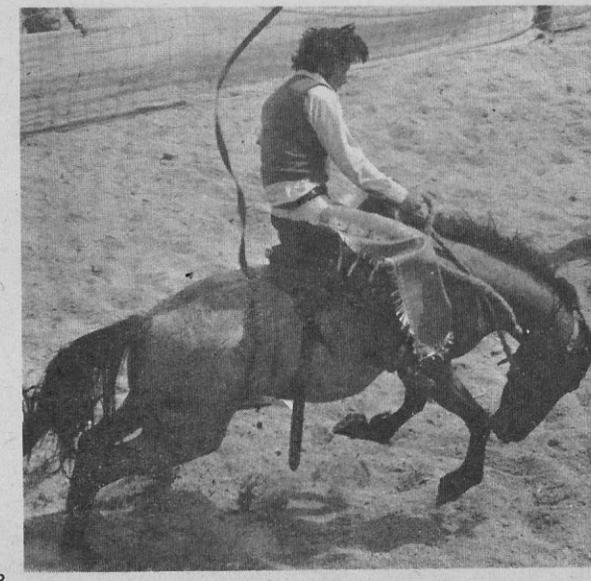
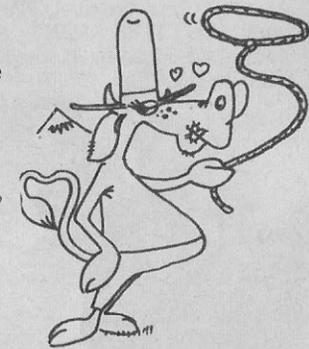
RODEO!

A crowd in excess of 2000 recently attended the annual rodeo at Stratford. Wild horses weren't too wild, and the wild steers didn't seem too interested, consequently, the judges had a hard time of it, harder in fact than the riders themselves. ABOVE—With lightning speed a cowboy ties up a calf, after chasing him round the ring. ABOVE RIGHT—Safely off. A great pick up here. BELOW RIGHT—These wild cows wanted a bit of getting to. BOTTOM RIGHT—Great meet for the contestants. BELOW—Breathing down the neck of a calf about to be roped.



ABOVE LEFT—Tom Keen made a fast job of roping this calf. ABOVE—Done, says the competitor as he finishes roping his calf. BELOW LEFT—Going up? And this cowboy got down safely too. BELOW—Well, he lost his hat, but kept his seat.

FRIENDLY FRED A SAYS: Wild cow milking eh? Well they can keep their hands off me!





ABOVE—Part of the large crowd at the Stratford Rodeo on the south side of the showgrounds. BELOW—Down goes another calf. BOTTOM LEFT—Some spectators brought their own grandstands for this popular event. RIGHT—Baby didn't seem too interested. Neither did Dad, come to that. RIGHT—About to bite the dust. This was one of the few horses that knew how to buck. BOTTOM RIGHT—Some of the cowboys had wonderful knowing horses, who had been through all this before, and seemed to know exactly what to do.



MARRIED

Above: **EARL—HOSKIN.** At St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Heather Ruth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. E. Hoskin, NP, to Graeme Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. J. Earl, NP. Matron of honour was Sue McNab, Auckland, and the best man was Lester Earl, brother of the groom, NP. Flower-girl was Cheryl Julian, Kerikeri. Future home, New Plymouth.

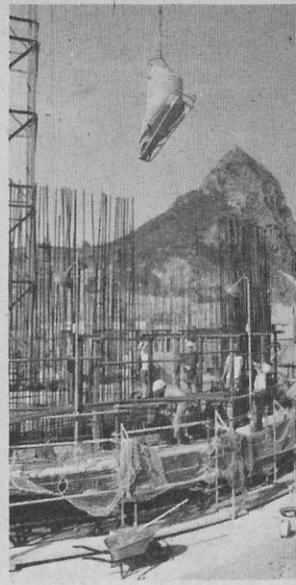
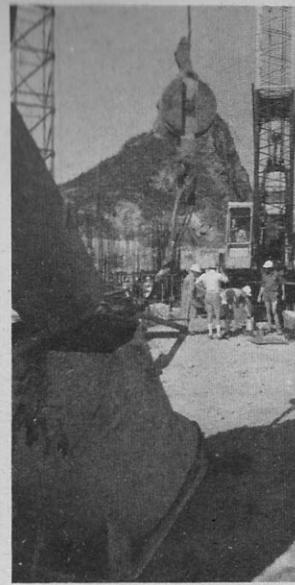
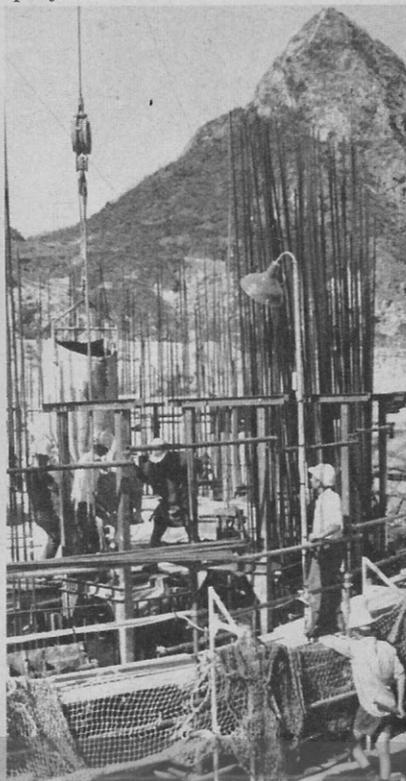
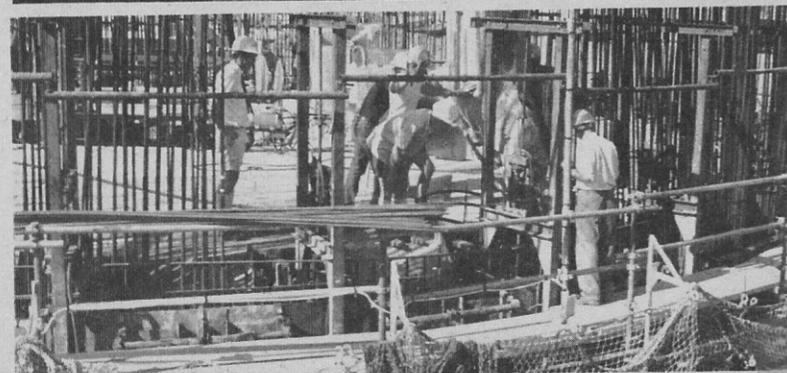
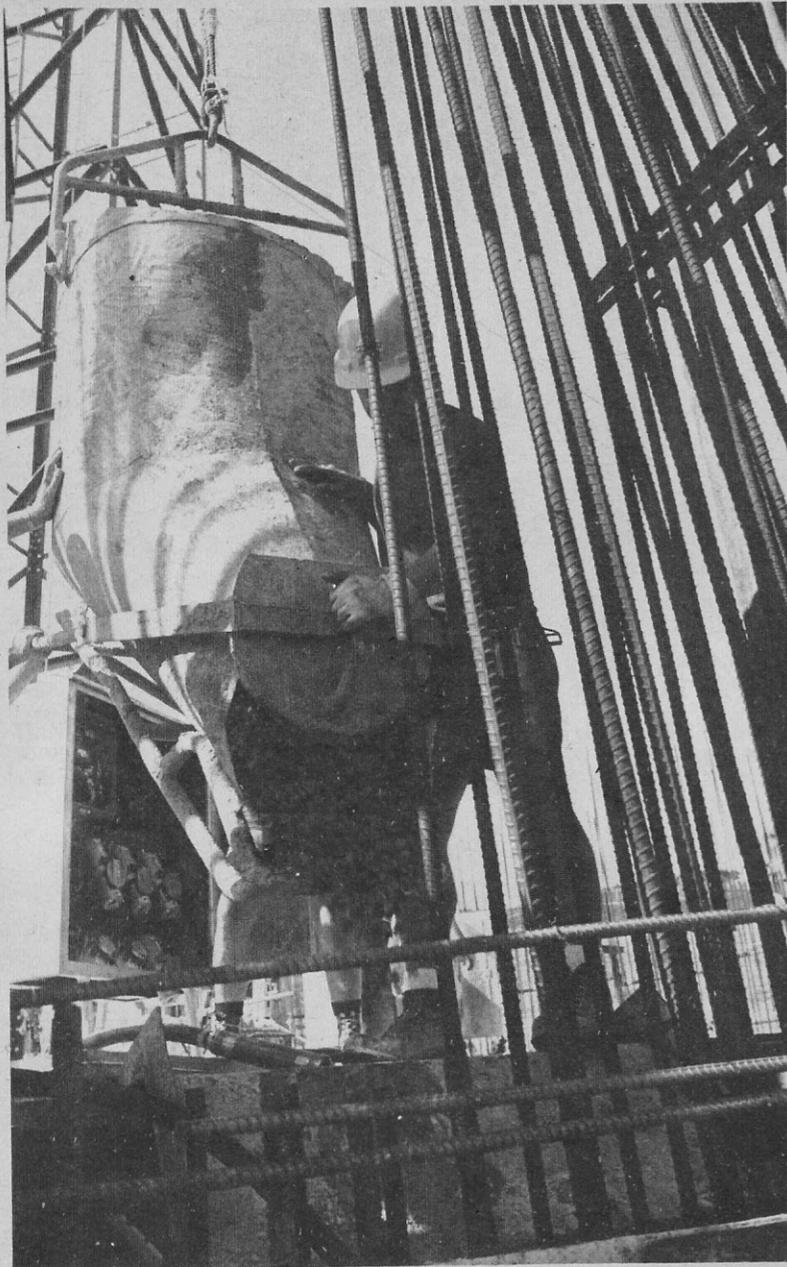
Below: **CLOKE—McCARTHY.** At St. Augustine's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Jocelyn Ann, third daughter of Mr and Mrs C. McCarthy, NP, to Graham John, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. G. Cloke, NP. Matron of honour was Vicki Sutton, NP, and the bridesmaid was Pauline McDonald, NP. The best man was Rob Rucker, NP, and the groomsman was Graeme Asquith, NP. Future home, New Plymouth.



THE BIG POUR FIRST OF 7000 YDS OF CEMENT

Just before 9 a.m. on February 1 the big pour began on the chimney down at the power project. This is the beginning of a pour that will be continuous for something like 52 days, 24 hours a day. Now, for those who have interested themselves in the progress, there will be a marked difference as the chimney will steadily rise to its full height of 650 feet. Into this job will go some 7000 yards of cement, brought to the site by a fleet of Conroc trucks, each carrying in the vicinity of seven yards. Stringent tests are carried out from time to time to ensure strength and mixing quality.

LEFT—The very first pour goes into the foundation of the chimney. **BOTTOM LEFT**—Soon, the chimney will rise by about six inches an hour. **BELOW**—Masses of steel rods go into the project, and these will continue to tower over the project.



ABOVE LEFT—The first of many. This is the very first truck to arrive with cement for the chimney. All-up weight of this is about 19 tons. Next a bucket is filled with the first cement to be poured for the chimney. Next the first cement goes up, up and away to the site, and lastly is suspended over the position for the pour. **BELOW LEFT**—One job that must be carried out with accuracy is done by John Downey (New Plymouth), who sees that the concrete is of the right strength and mix. **BELOW CENTRE**—Alf March (New Plymouth) drove the first of the fleet of radio-controlled cement trucks onto the site. **BELOW RIGHT**—Steel bending will be the lot of these men for at least the next 50-odd days.





CONCERT AT THE WAITARA CENTRAL

Standard Four pupils of the Waitara Central School, due to move up to Intermediate this year, put on a farewell concert for the staff and the rest of the pupils. This took place just before they broke up for the holidays, and when invited, we thought it would be just singing and items, but were surprised to find that these children had done a wonderful job in costuming for the plays they performed.

ABOVE—This was the scene in a short play about a king who loved playing “snakes and ladders”. The king was played by Darren Nicholas. RIGHT—Nativity play with a difference, with many fine young voices. BELOW, LEFT AND RIGHT—Two further scenes from the Nativity play.



ENGAGEMENTS

Above left: **BISHOP—STOBIE**. Sharleen Heather, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Stobie, New Plymouth, to Kerrin John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. F. Bishop, New Plymouth. (*Vogue Studios*).

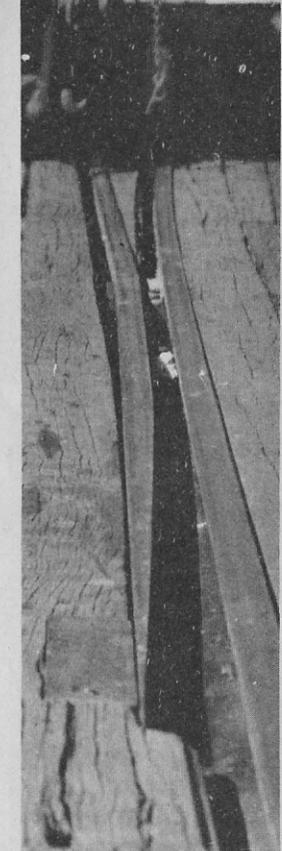
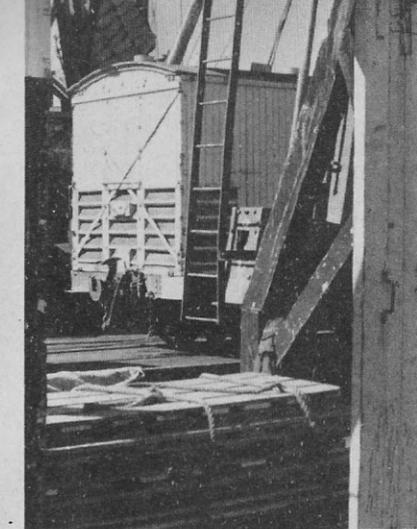
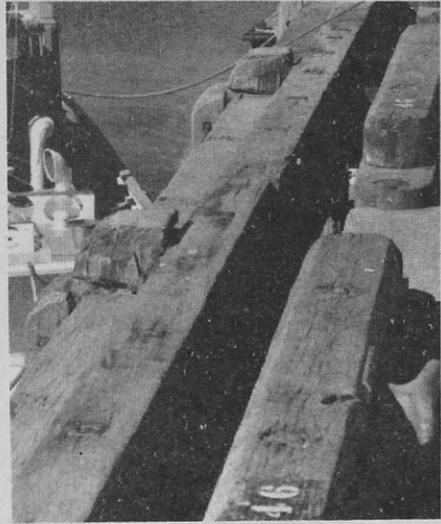
Above: **SHEEHAN—DOHERTY**. Josephine Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Doherty, New Plymouth, to Anthony John, only son of Mr and Mrs R. J. Sheehan, New Plymouth. (*Vogue Studios*).

Left: **MILLS—BULMAN**. Evelyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Bulman, Patea, to Kevin Michael, son of Mr and Mrs H. H. Mills, Hāwera. (*David Paul*).

MARRIED. Below: **FÖRMOSA—MAGRATH**. At the Frankleigh Park Presbyterian Church, Ivy Magrath, New Plymouth, to Tom Formosa, New Plymouth. (*Vogue Studios*).

20th BIRTHDAY. BELOW LEFT—Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Hinch, New Plymouth, poses with her parents on the occasion of her majority.



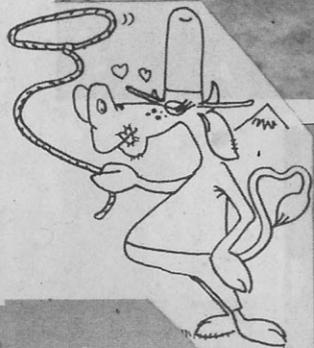


DANGER AT THE WHARVES

The Taranaki Harbour Board have at last reluctantly put an embargo on fishing from the wharves when ships are being worked. Not too good for the kids who fish there, but a darned sensible idea when one stops to think of the dozens of dangers that lurk in that area, particularly with so much work going on in other directions. We were taken on a tour of inspection of the wharves by the deputy harbourmaster Captain David Giles, who pointed out where accidents had occurred in the past. Though he was very loathe to see the kids done out of their fishing possies, it was for their benefit that the rule was made. We show you, who are possibly parents of fishing addicts, some of the dangers there.

ABOVE LEFT—Did you realise that if one of these mooring lines broke, it would uncoil so fast that it could sever a limb? ABOVE CENTRE—Trap for the wary is the space at the wharf edge. ABOVE RIGHT—Captain Giles tells what would happen if a hawser broke. BELOW—Shunting railway waggons have killed the wary before now, so what of the unwary? BELOW RIGHT—Swinging cargo trays are another hazard; a bump from one could knock you cold.

FRIENDLY FREDA SAYS—The Harbour Board's right mum, there are hundreds of dangers on the wharves, and there are plenty of safe possies elsewhere.



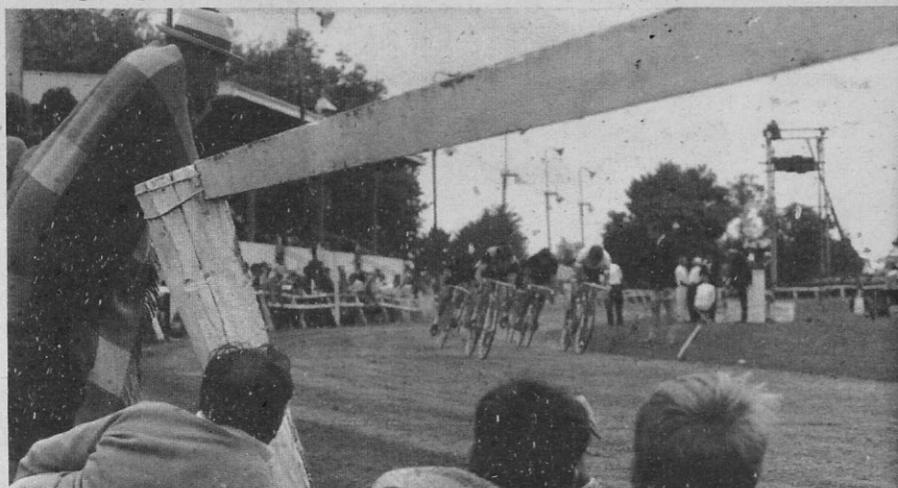
Here are just a few more of the many hazards and dangers down on the wharf. TOP LEFT—Here a mooring rope, valued at over \$100, has been cut by someone, making it almost useless for the work for which it was intended. TOP CENTRE—Sliding doors also present some danger. ABOVE RIGHT—Railway line points have been known to trap many feet, even breaking ankles. ABOVE—Even these innocent-looking things have been known to break arms. LEFT—And the moving railway trucks are killers. BELOW—In the reclamation area heavy equipment and moving trucks are a constant danger to the unwary.



GRASS CHAMPS



WCNA dominated the NZACA's recent New Zealand championship meet at Taumata Park, Eltham. Conditions weren't the best, with a cold gusty wind blowing right up the finish straight. Spectators had to get the thick clothing out too. **LEFT**—Tightly wrapped in a blanket was Linnett Jane (Stratford). **RIGHT**—Spills were the order of the day, and marred quite a few of the races. **BOTTOM LEFT**—See what we mean about the cold. **BELOW**—Some preferred to lay down on their blankets, while, **BELOW CENTRE**, hanging over the fence was a great possie.

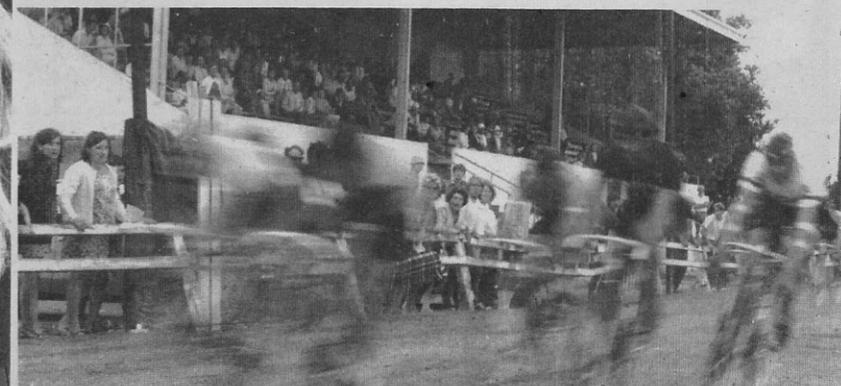


Here are some more pictures of the NZACA New Zealand grass champs at Taumata Park, Eltham. The little lass on the **LEFT** is Melinda Crafar, who had the job of handing out some of the prizes won at the meeting. **BELOW RIGHT**—We said it was cold there.

Just look at the picture, and you'll see it was so cold we couldn't hold the camera still.

**RELATIVES OVERSEAS?
RELATIVES OVERSEAS?**

Send them "Photo News"
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Weddings

Above left: WAAKA—RITAI. At St. Chad's Anglican Church, Christchurch, Maryanne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Ritai, Christchurch (formerly NP), to Cliff, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K. Waaka, Ruatoke. The maids were Anna Ritai, sister of the bride, Kathy Mahura and Frances Pierce. Best man was H. Tawa, Christchurch, and the groomsmen were W. and J. Waaka, brothers of the groom. Future home, Christchurch.

Above: POPE—WALKER. At the Waitara Methodist Church, Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Walker, Waitara, to Lindsay, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. Pope, Pitahi Bay. The bridesmaid was Annette Walker, sister of the bride, Waitara, and the best man was Michael Hollings, Wellington. Future home, Wellington. *(Norman Squire).*

Left: OXENHAM—GRACE. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Sharon Denise, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. D. Grace, Okaiawa, to Ronald, son of Mr and Mrs W. Oxenham, Urenui. The bridesmaid was Susan Jeffrey, New Plymouth, and the best man was Kevin Sulzberger, Urenui. Future home, Urenui. *(David Paul).*

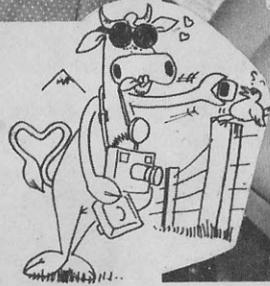


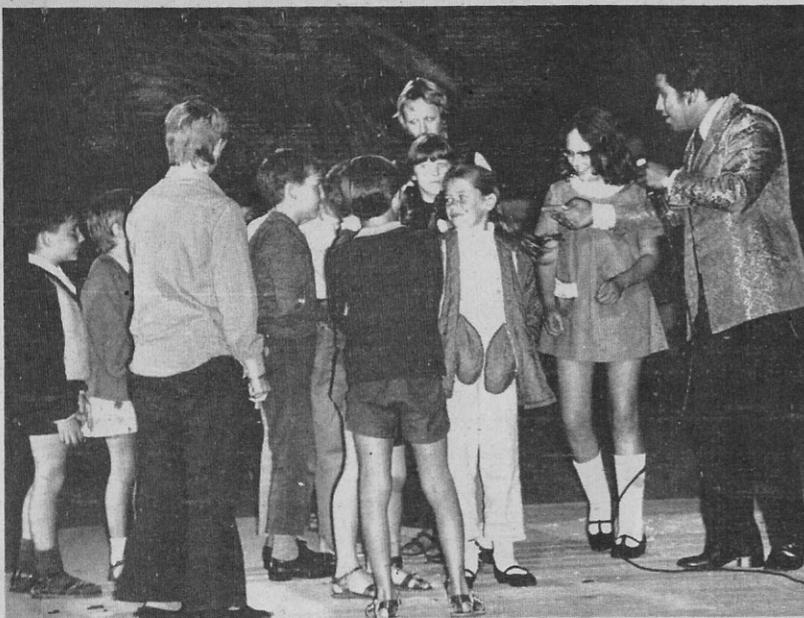


ZEDCO XMAS PARTY

Employees on the Zedco Oil Project, with their families, were the guests at a Christmas party at the Braemar just before the holidays. It was a great day, especially for the children, though the grown-ups seemed to get as much fun out of it. There were goodies to eat, and gifts for all, with a real live Father Christmas who took almost everyone on his knee, including the grown-ups (he seemed to hold them longer than necessary!). ABOVE—Young chap isn't quite so sure. ABOVE CENTRE—You can see the blushes even on black and white film. ABOVE RIGHT—Extra large present for such a nice girl. BELOW LEFT—He was sure enough with a gift coming up. BELOW CENTRE—Two at a time too. BELOW RIGHT—Mother and daughter pose for our camera.

FRIENDLY FREDA SAYS...
I want to be a camera bug with all these girls to shoot





The Shell holiday show was quite good entertainment for the whole family, with, we thought, something for everyone. ABOVE—Simon Mehana (ex Lou and Simon) proved to the large audience that he is a top class entertainer on his own. ABOVE RIGHT and BELOW—Ex New Plymouth lad George Gevini was a trick cyclist and juggler of no mean calibre. RIGHT—The show was backed by the Court Jesters.

Variety At Bowl



UK VISITORS

At left, Mr George Dawson and his sister Mrs Ellen Eves who met just before Christmas after not having seen each other for 21 years. George and his wife Amy (RIGHT) are here for a six-month holiday.



BRR... BRR... BRR...

Just look at the expression on the face of this young chap as he indulges in a bit of make-believe at the wheel of one of the speed boats at the recent highly successful Waitara regatta. He's Graham Wallace, Waitara, and a high old time he had. Bet Dad's got socked for a speed-boat for Graham.