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TARANAKI'S BEST BEACH GIRLS

Here are the placegetters in the Miss Taranaki Beach Girl contest, run at the New Plymouth Old Boys' SLC carnival at Oakura Beach on New Year's Day. A large crowd attended, and showed their approval of the judge's choice. From left, 2nd place went to Janet Plummer (New Plymouth), winner Nannette Collinson (Stratford), and Sheryl Mackay of Patea, who came third. Vital statistics can be supplied by the surf club members.



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OUR COVER

Summer fun. That's the word for the enjoyment that has taken place at the Waitara swimming pool during the holiday season. Here Suzanne Welsh sits on the springboard while Robyn Ngaia goes in over the top. Great fun for the kids. Makes us wish we were young again.

BACK COVER. Here one can see a ton of progress that has taken place on the Power Project over the last few months. Almost every week the site looks different, with all the ings taking shape.

GOLDEN WEDDING. Left: Alf and Ruby Mayo, Plympton Street, New Plymouth, cut the anniversary cake that marks fifty years of happy married life.

21st BIRTHDAY. Below left: Christine Drewery, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Jones, New Plymouth, with sister Heather, hubby Ian, Elaine and Marlene, and Mum and Dad, at her 21st birthday party.

ENGAGED. Below: PUTT-NEILL. Lynda Neill, Eltham, daughter of the late Mr P. Mehaltrick, to Lloyd, son of Mr and Mrs L. G. Putt, Eltham. (David Paul Studios).

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MISS BROOKLANDS CONTESTANTS

Seventeen girls are currently facing the judges in their quest for the title of Miss Brooklands, 1972. Who will it be? We don't know, at the time of writing, but by the time this issue is published, the winner will be known. Must say they are all very lovely girls.

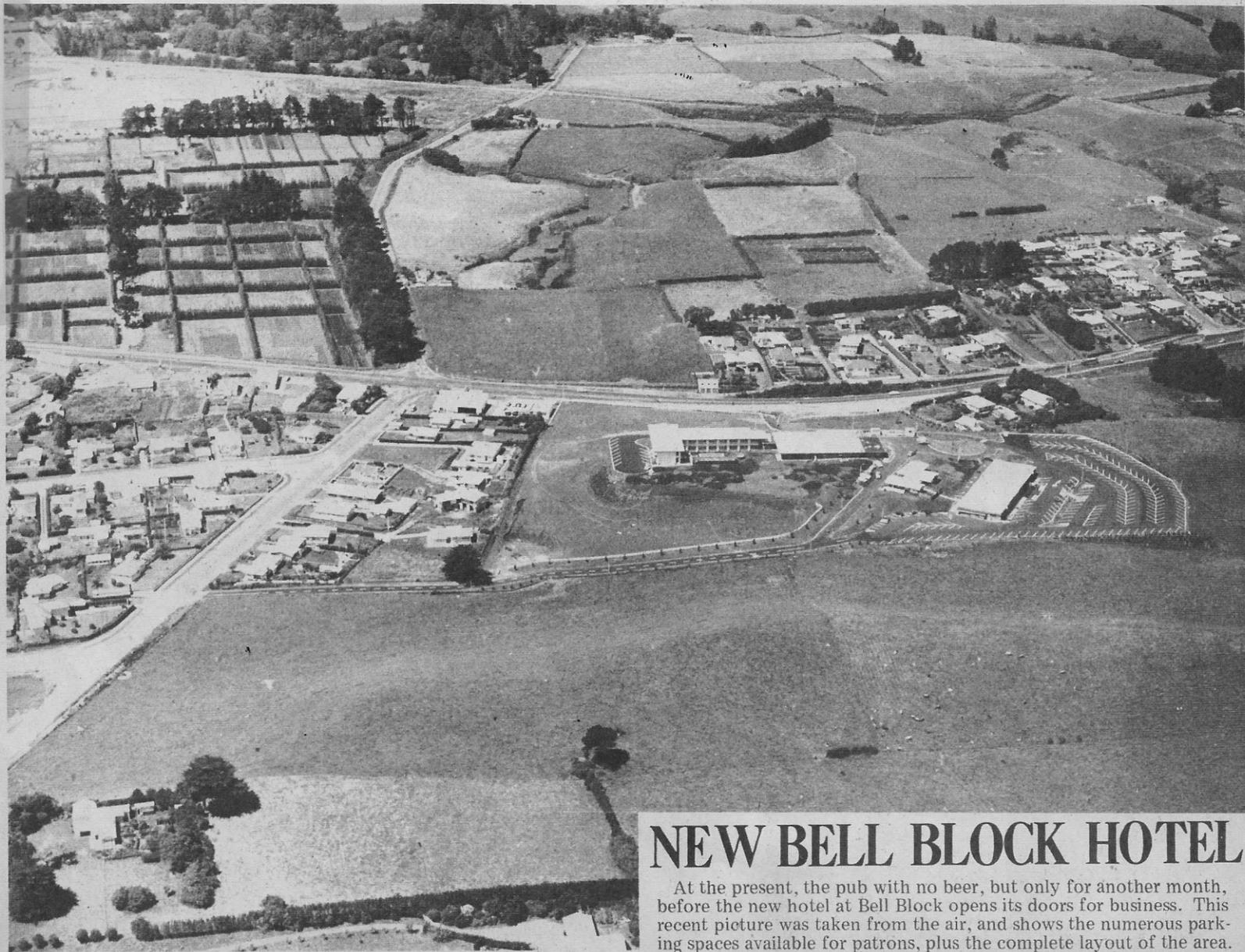
ABOVE LEFT—Cheryl Butler.
ABOVE CENTRE—Renn Black.
ABOVE RIGHT—Denise Roberts.
LEFT—Denise Quin. RIGHT—Suzanne Musker.
BELOW LEFT—Jill Craig. BELOW CENTRE—Pauline Milham. BELOW RIGHT—Christine Sole.



And here's the remaining nine of the seventeen lovely contestants. We took these pictures at the garden party recently held for contestants and parents, and were impressed by them. These could be the hardest to judge, since we think them the best collection for the title yet.

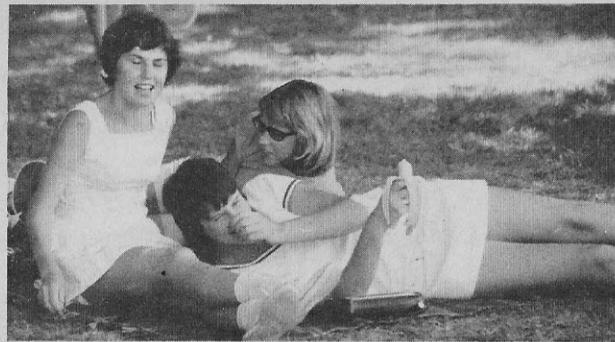
ABOVE LEFT—Denise Erikson.
ABOVE CENTRE—Barbara Smith.
ABOVE RIGHT—Virginia Mackay.
LEFT—Sharon Coe. RIGHT—Catherine Sandford.
BELOW, FROM LEFT—Linda Stone; Rachael Metcalf; Barbara Hedditch; Suzanne Chard.





NEW BELL BLOCK HOTEL

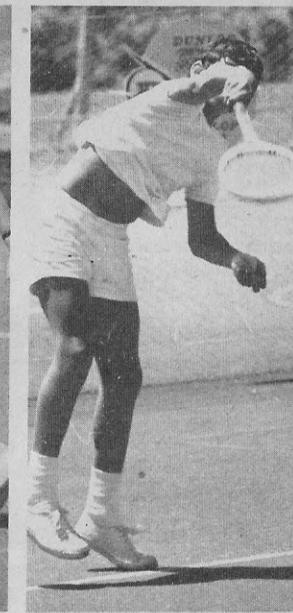
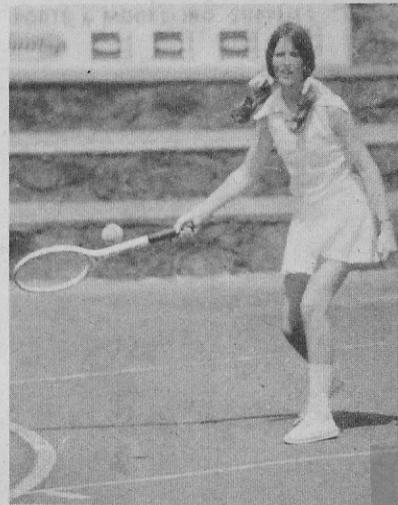
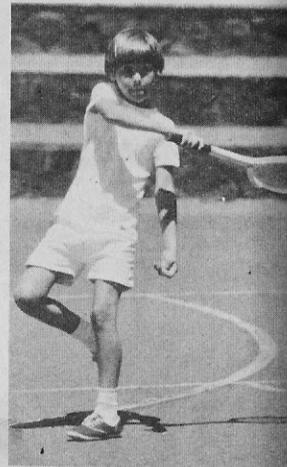
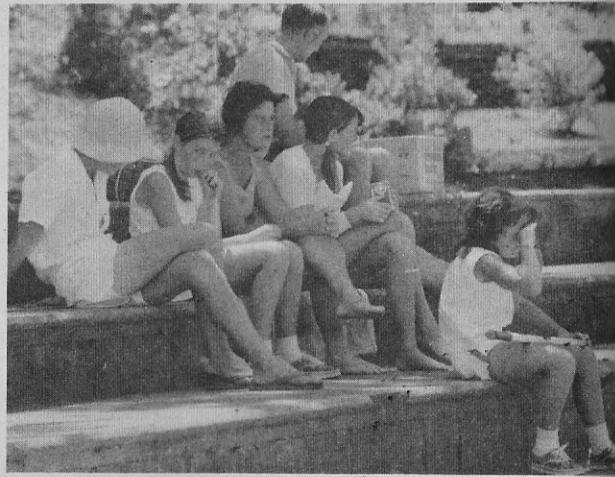
At the present, the pub with no beer, but only for another month, before the new hotel at Bell Block opens its doors for business. This recent picture was taken from the air, and shows the numerous parking spaces available for patrons, plus the complete layout of the area.



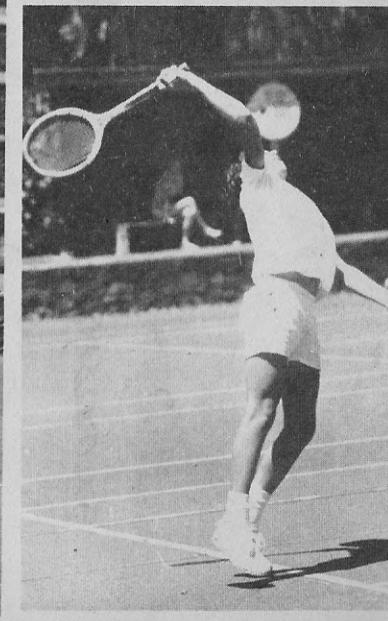
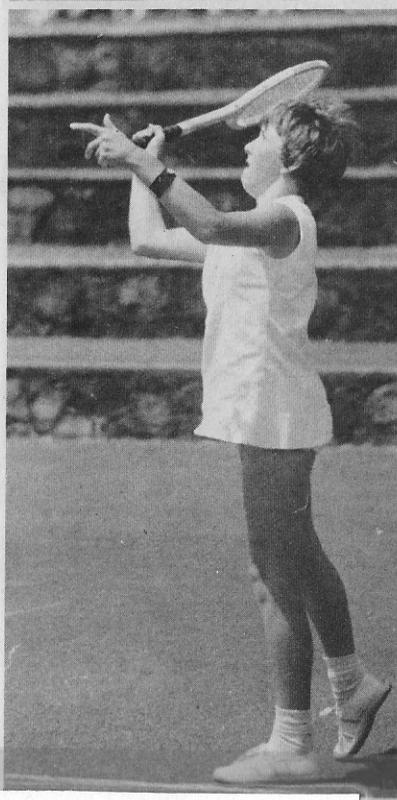
BUDDING STARS OF THE COURTS

The recent junior tennis tournament, organised by Cook and Lister Ltd, was a huge success, with entries larger than they have ever been. The tourney lasted for days, and some very promising youngsters were discovered.

ABOVE—A rest and a banana in the shade, between sets. ABOVE RIGHT—Waiting their turn on the courts at Waiwakaiho are these budding tennis stars. RIGHT—The competitors took turns at umpiring, and made quite a good job of it too. CENTRE RIGHT—K. Hancock had a very good backhand. FAR RIGHT—Diminutive R. Chamberlain returns one from the base line. BOTTOM LEFT—Jane Webley . . . every inch a tennis player. BOTTOM CENTRE—Marie Garcia keeps a firm eye on the ball. BOTTOM RIGHT—The LaRue brothers were a formidable pair.



ABOVE, FAR LEFT—S. Portway was ready and waiting for her opponent to serve. ABOVE LEFT—Jan Marshall keeps her eye on the ball as she executes a backhand shot. ABOVE RIGHT—M. Coulton plays a neat forehand volley. ABOVE, FAR RIGHT—G. Armstrong seems to have played his way out of his shirt. BELOW LEFT: G. Wilmshurst, caught by our camera during a service. BELOW—Joanne O'Keefe. RIGHT—After a hard game, a sit in the shade is most welcome. BELOW RIGHT—Here's that Armstrong boy again, still losing his shirt.





Left: CORBETT—TRANSOM.
At the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fitzroy, Laurel Katherine, youngest daughter of Mr G. Transom, Rotorua, to Mark Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Corbett, New Plymouth. The matron of honour was Sue Transom, Rotorua, and the best man was Basil Lawrence, New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth. (*Vogue Studios*).

Below: CLOUGH—AUSTIN.
At St Andrew's Anglican Church, Inglewood, Christine Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Austin, Inglewood, to Brian Harvey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Clough, Inglewood. Matron of honour was Lois Gyde, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and the bridesmaids were Joy and Carol Blackburn, Inglewood. Best man was David Clough, brother of the groom, Inglewood, and the groomsmen were Graham Mist, New Plymouth. Future home, Inglewood.

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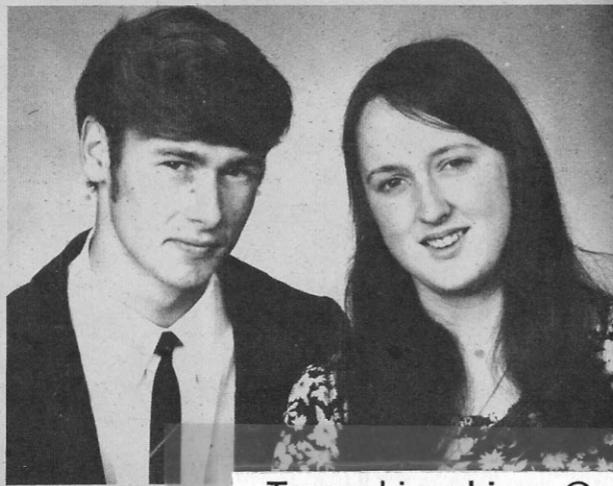
Above left: BARRON—WILLIAMS. Anne Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A. Williams, Okato, to Raymond Hector, third son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Barron, Okato. (*Vogue Studios*).

Left: BROWN—STONE. Sandra, third daughter of Mr and Mrs E. J. Stone, New Plymouth, to Wally, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. E. Brown, New Plymouth. (*Vogue Studios*).

Below left: WINDLEY—MUSKER. Sandra Lynn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. R. Musker, New Plymouth, to Brett Ernest, only son of Mr and Mrs E. V. Windley, Wellington.

Above: HARKNESS—KING. Kaye, third daughter of Mr W. A. King, Inglewood, and the late Mrs N. King, to Geoffrey, second son of Mr and Mrs B. V. Harkness, Inglewood. (*Vogue Studios*).

Below: RANFORD—BROWN. Margaret Alison, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. O. Brown, Kaponga, to Keith John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. T. Ranford, Stratford. (*Vogue Studios*).

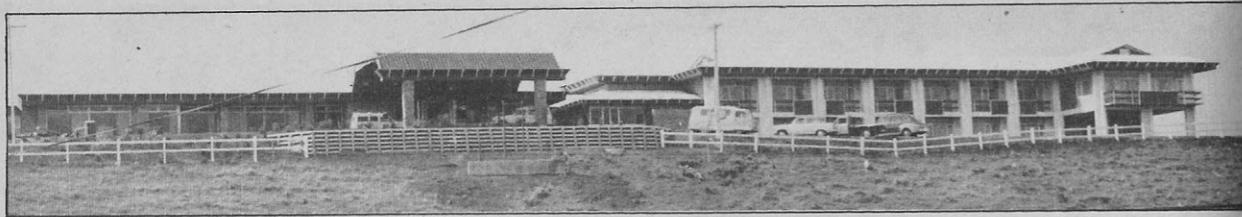


WEDDINGS

Above: BATES—ESPINER. At St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Manaia, Fay, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. Espiner, Opunake, to Kelvin, son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Bates, Manaia. The bridesmaids were Marilyn Kennett, Manaia, and Christine Priest, Manaia. Best man was Clyde Espiner, Opunake, and the groomsman was Garry Gamlin, Inaha. The flower-girls were Denise Grant and Michelle Hobbs. Future home, Manaia. (*David Paul Studios*).

Below: FISHER—GRIMMETT. At St Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Leigh, eldest daughter of Mrs K. Grimmett, New Plymouth, to Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs P. Fisher, Auckland. The bridesmaids were Lesley Grimmett, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and Sue Patterson, Palmerston North. Sandra McLauchlin was the flower-girl. The best man was Dem MacCormick and the groomsman was Jock Carnachan, both of Auckland. Future home, Hamilton. (*Vogue Studios*).

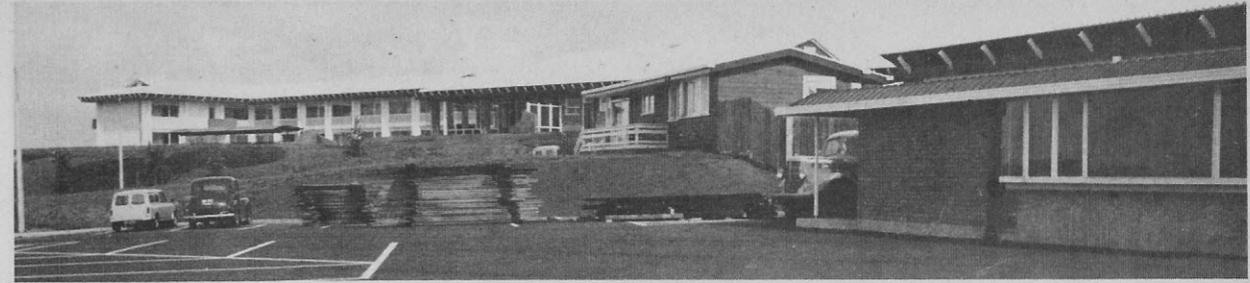




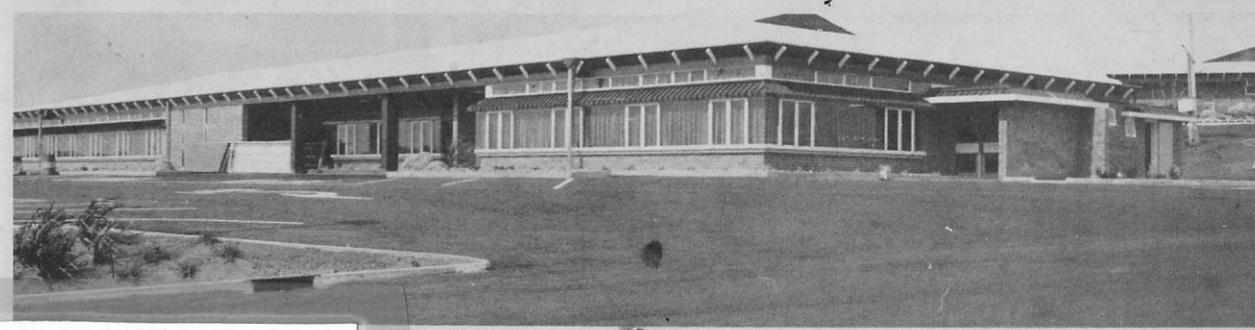
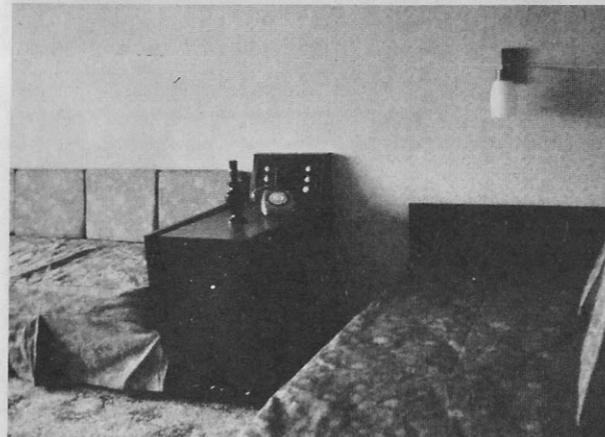
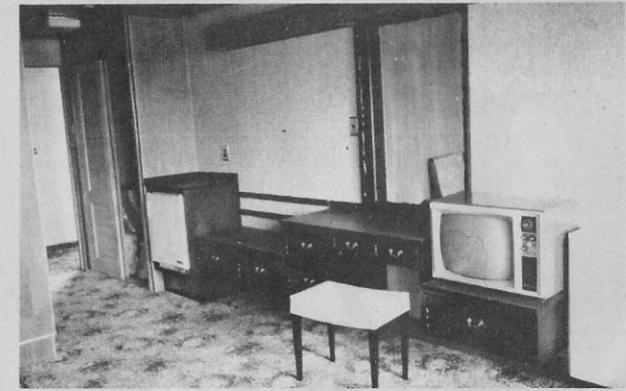
PUB WITH NO BEER-YET

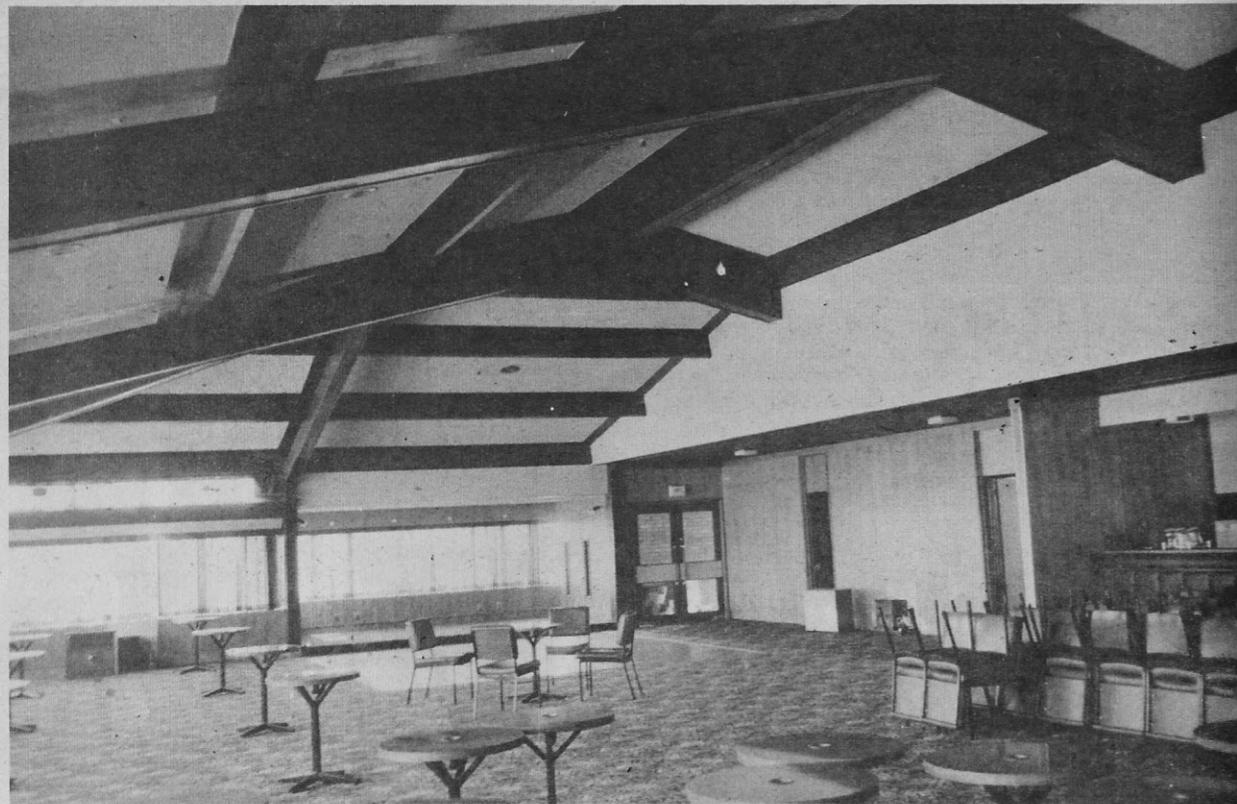
We were privileged to look through and photograph the new hotel at Bell Block recently, and things were taking shape, with workers moving along with a sense of urgency to have everything ship shape by the end of the month, for the gala opening. There's no doubt about it, visiting Americans will have no complaints about this fabulous hotel. Nothing has been overlooked, with everything functional in its own way. And if the service matches the building and its decor, then Taranaki will be able to boast the best hotel in the country. One thing's for sure, we'll be along to sample the brew and the service. This type of hotel is long overdue, where accommodation is just as important as the bar trade, and judging from what we saw, they should both be five star plus.

ABOVE—This is the view of the hotel from the main road. BELOW—The attractive pebble garden at the main entrance is a striking feature. BOTTOM LEFT—The swimming pool in the accommodation wing . . . hope they can get some clean water for it! BOTTOM RIGHT—Looking from the dining room, through to the conference room. The large hole in the ceiling is for a gigantic chandelier.

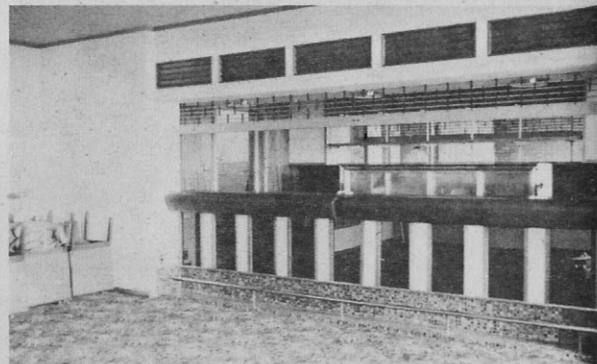


ABOVE—This is the main hotel block with its first-class accommodation, fit for a king too. BELOW LEFT—Here's the lounge of the main suite. Better than being at home, for some. BELOW RIGHT—The beautiful styling in some of the suites, with everything that one could want away from home. CENTRE LEFT—Here is the typical bedroom . . . modern simplicity is the theme. CENTRE RIGHT—Just a corner of a very modern and bright kitchen. BOTTOM—This is the bar block, as seen from the car park area, where there is parking for about 200 cars.





ABOVE—Not yet furnished, the Southern Cross lounge will be a most comfortable place to spend an evening with friends. Lofty, bright and tastefully decorated, it has magnificent views from the many windows. RIGHT: The house bar is probably one of the most up-to-date house bars in the country. Afraid this photograph won't do it justice. BOTTOM—Much behind the scenes activity will take place here, the large and modern kitchen, where almost everything is of stainless steel.



Married

Left: SCULLY—ARMSTRONG. At the Knox Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Gail, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. G. Armstrong, New Plymouth, to Des, second son of Mr and Mrs T. Scully Gore. The bridesmaids were Prue Lewis and Lesley Still, both of Hastings. Best man was Lindsay Divers, Gore, and the groomsman was David Fergie, Gore. Future home, Hastings. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).

Right: WATT—DALTON. At the Knox Presbyterian Church, in January, Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Dalton, Rahotu; to Bob, son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Watt, Invercargill. The bridesmaids were Gwenda Parry and Jenny Allen, both of Wellington. Best man was Peter Dalton, New Plymouth, and the groomsman was Don Ogle, New Plymouth. Future home, Inglewood. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).



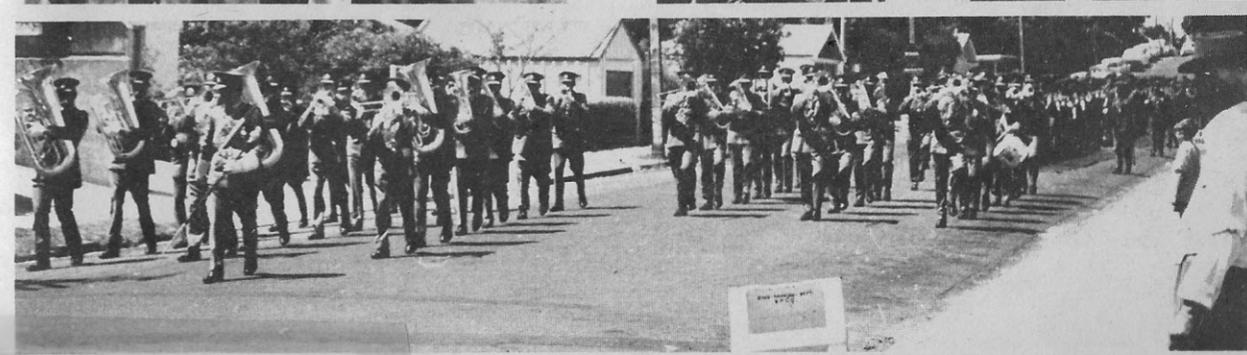
Left: HANFORD—SNOWDEN. At the Okato Methodist Church, Carolyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Snowden, Okato, to Philip, second son of Mr and Mrs R. A. Hanford, Wanganui. The matron of honour was Ngaire Grundy, sister of the bride, Wellington, and the bridesmaid was Robyn Snowden, sister of the bride, Okato. Best man was Alan White, Wanganui, and the groomsman was Brian Grundy, Wellington. The flower-girls were Wendy Snowden and Kursty Stokes. Future home, Wanganui. (Squire-Terry Finnerty Photo).

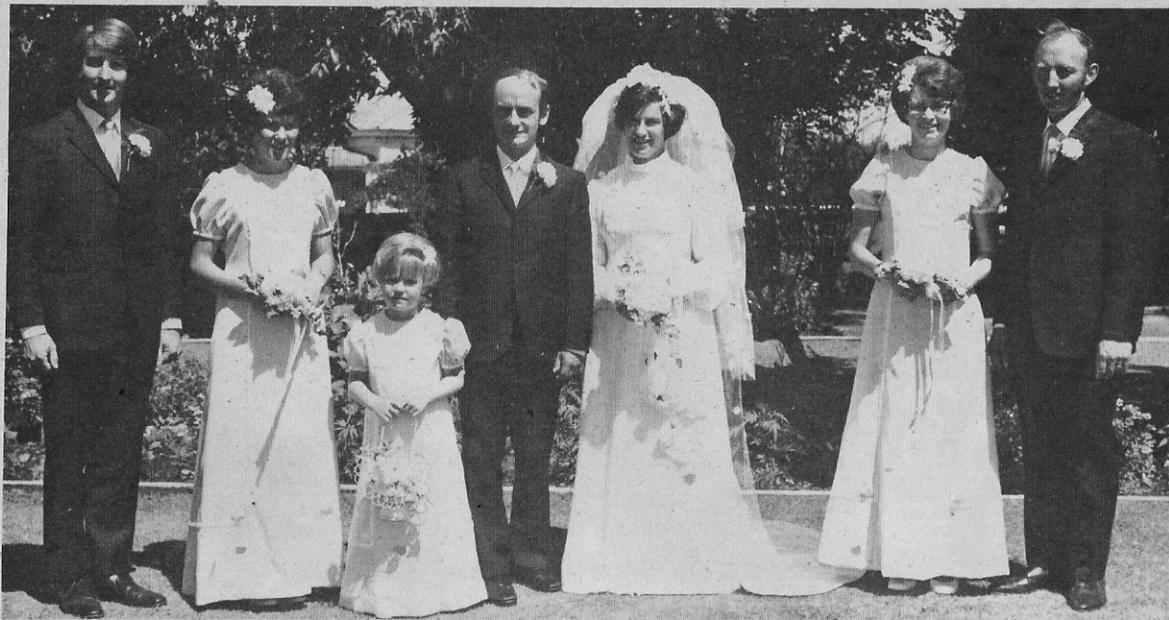
BATTALION SHOWS NEW COLOURS



The 5th Wellington, West Coast, Taranki Infantry Battalion marched to Pukekura Park, where the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D. V. Sutherland, inspected them and took the salute when the battalion recently visited the city to show its new colours, presented by the Governor-General, at Wanganui.

ABOVE—The Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D. V. Sutherland, inspects the ranks at Pukekura Park, and stopped to talk, LEFT, to many of its members. BELOW—Taking the salute outside the Council Chambers. RIGHT—Cages? Not exactly. Just waiting inside the gates of Pukekura Park. TOP RIGHT—Parading the colours with the Mayor on the saluting base. FAR RIGHT—Penny for your thoughts, Mum. BOTTOM RIGHT—The parade approaches the City Council offices, led by the band.

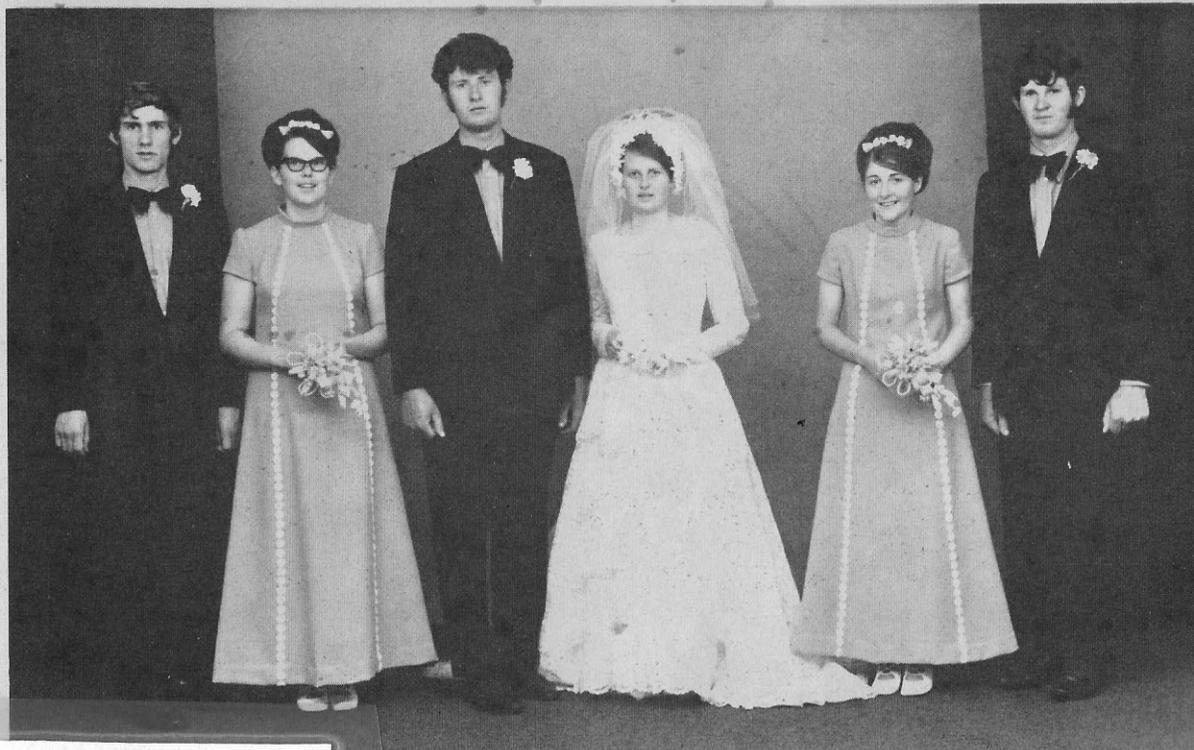


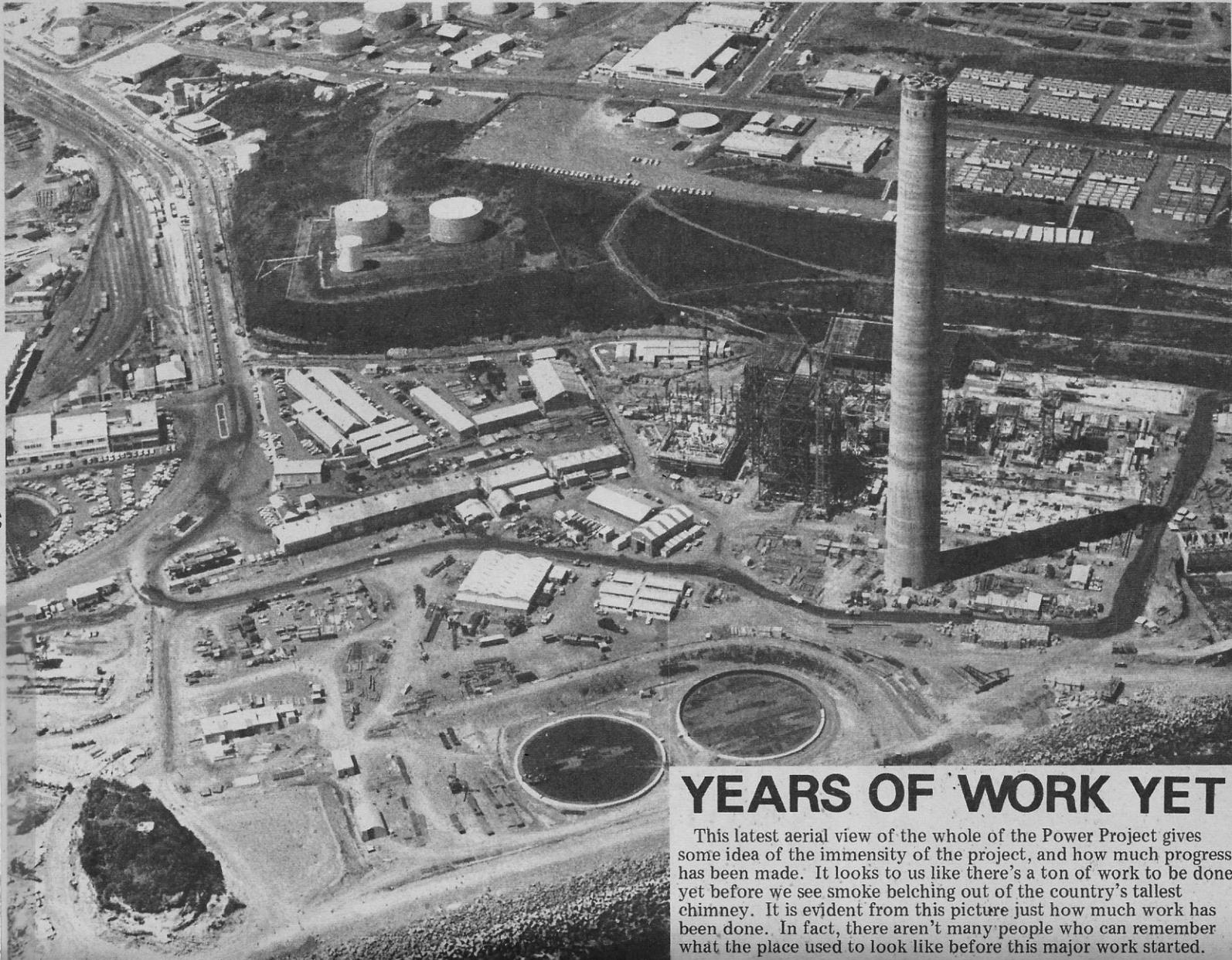


Above: KEHELY—MURRAY. At St George's Anglican Church, Patea, Valerie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. T. Murray, Patea, to Roger, son of Mrs R. Kehely, Patea. Matron of honour was Patricia Owens, Staveley, and the bridesmaid was Kay Murray, sister of the bride, Patea. Best man was Neil Fowler, Whenuakura, and the groomsmen was Bernard Reilly, Masterton. The flower-girl was Clare Murray, Hawera. Future home, Patea. *(David Paul Studios).*

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 Below: MORTLOCK—POPE. At the Hawera Methodist Church, Linnette, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Pope, Hawera, to Graeme, son of Mr and Mrs B. W. Mortlock, Normanby. The bridesmaids were Lindsay Finer and Christine Pope. Best man was Lesley Ogle and the groomsmen was Barry Sorenson. *(David Paul Studios).*





YEARS OF WORK YET

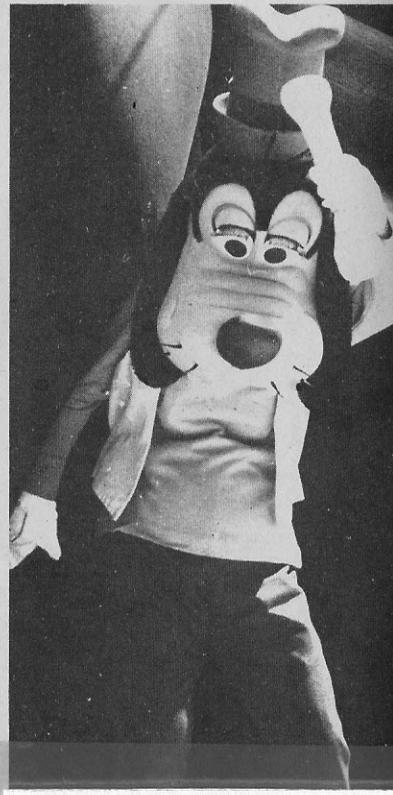
This latest aerial view of the whole of the Power Project gives some idea of the immensity of the project, and how much progress has been made. It looks to us like there's a ton of work to be done yet before we see smoke belching out of the country's tallest chimney. It is evident from this picture just how much work has been done. In fact, there aren't many people who can remember what the place used to look like before this major work started.



15,000 AT WAITARA CARNIVAL

The Waitara Promotions Society certainly knows how to attract a crowd, for they had 15,000 turn up at their recent Sunday Carnival. There was something for everybody during the day, with the special attraction of Snow White and some of Disney's characters, direct from Auckland. This naturally attracted plenty and, with their antics on stage, it provided a highlight for the children . . . and some adults.

ABOVE—Here is just a small part of the crowd who squeezed up tight to the stage in the hot afternoon sun. BELOW LEFT—Charming Snow White received rousing applause. BELOW CENTRE—Mickey, the mouse with all the answers. BELOW RIGHT—Goofy had the kids in fits of laughter.



Opunake firemen won a fine trophy for the 4-man team event



Poor old mokes, they worked as hard as anybody



Kathy isn't quite so sure that she can make the go-kart stop at the appointed place



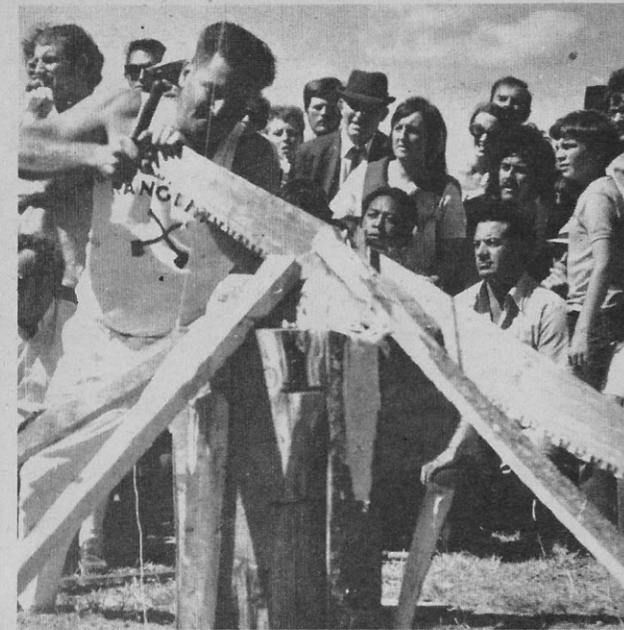
Beach buggy rides were very popular with the kids



One way of satisfying the baby is with a ride on the merry-go-round. It's a lot easier yourself, Mum!

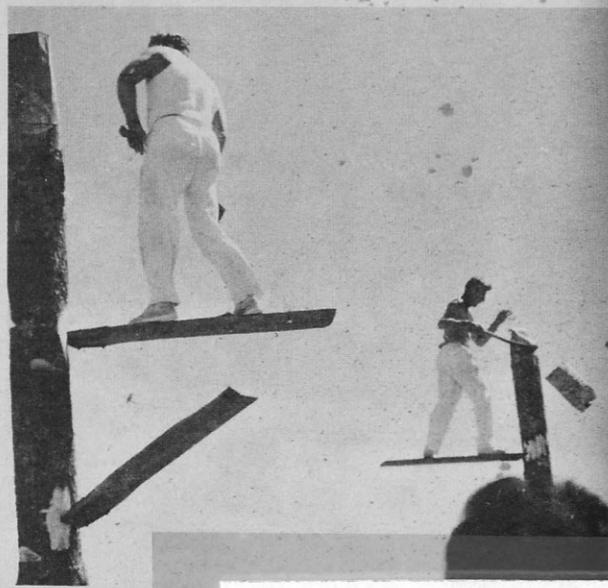


And the lolly scrambles, like the Pied Piper, brought kids from miles away

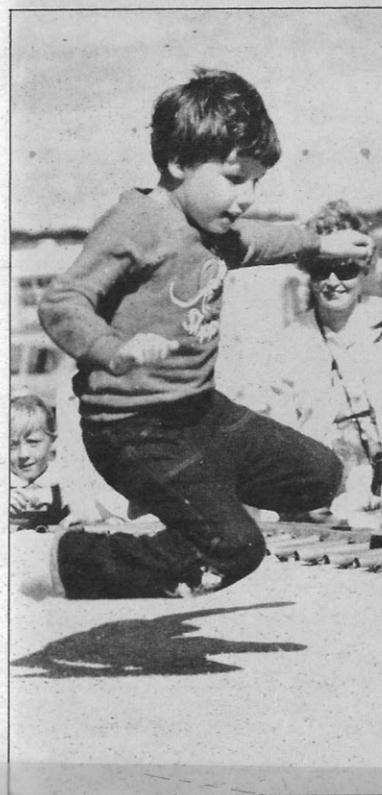


There was every kind of entertainment imaginable at the Waitara Carnival and to cover everything we would have needed another twenty pages. The Taranaki firemen worked like beavers to win for their brigades the many trophies, and the choppers got through tons of timber in their events.

LEFT—Sawing through a twelve-inch block would have been too much for us on such a hot day. BELOW—Like chopping through a ten-inch trunk . . . much too much on a hot Sunday afternoon unless, of course, you're good at it, then you might have made some money. CENTRE LEFT—Waitara A team were a smart combination in the firemen's competitions. BOTTOM RIGHT—Jigger chopping has always intrigued us, and we've never seen one of them fall yet. BOTTOM LEFT—Lone ranger.



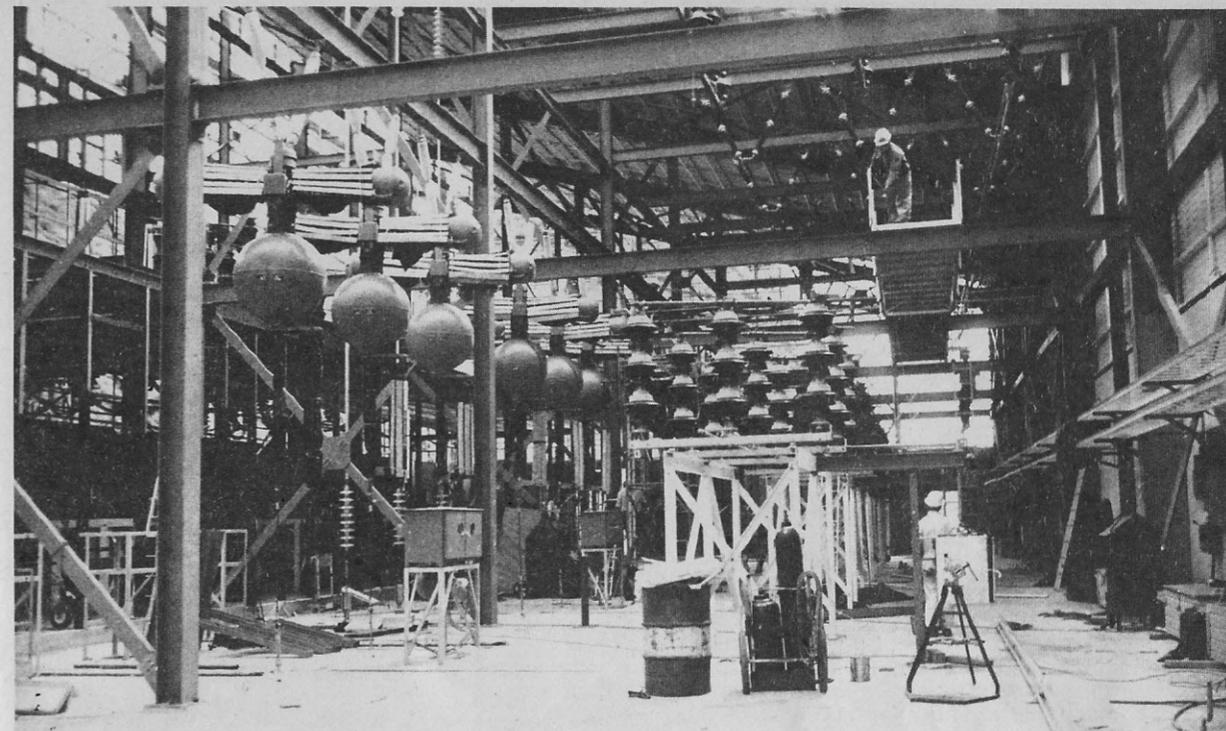
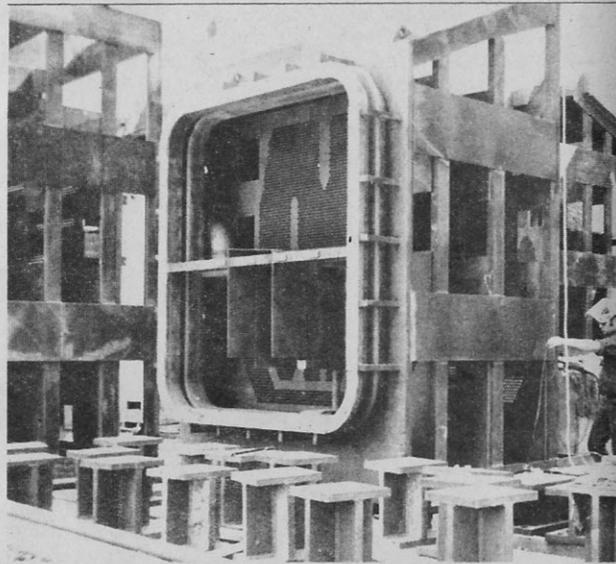
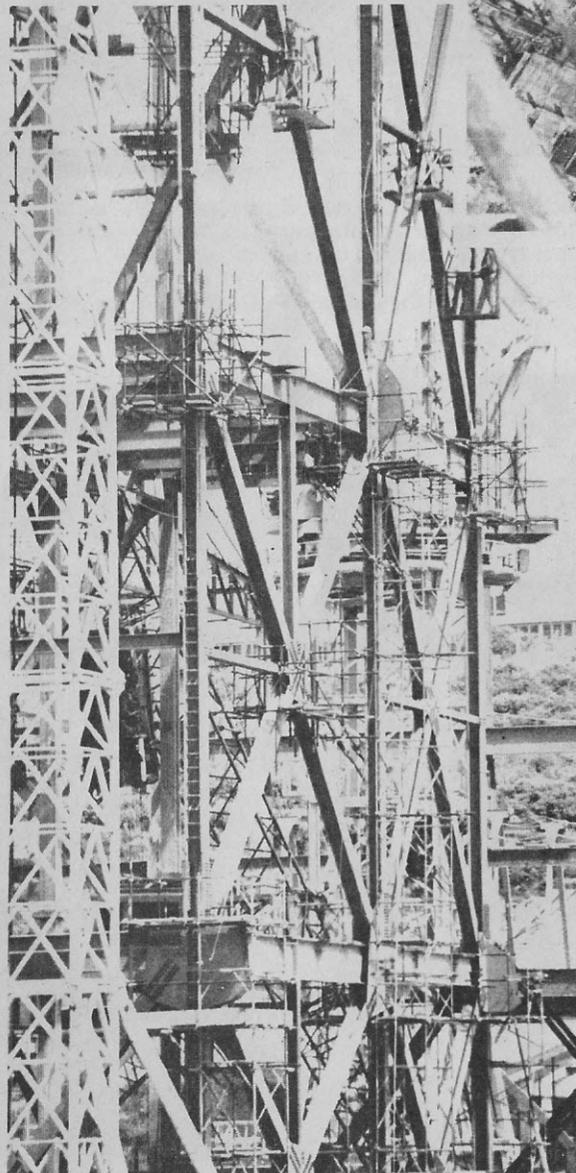
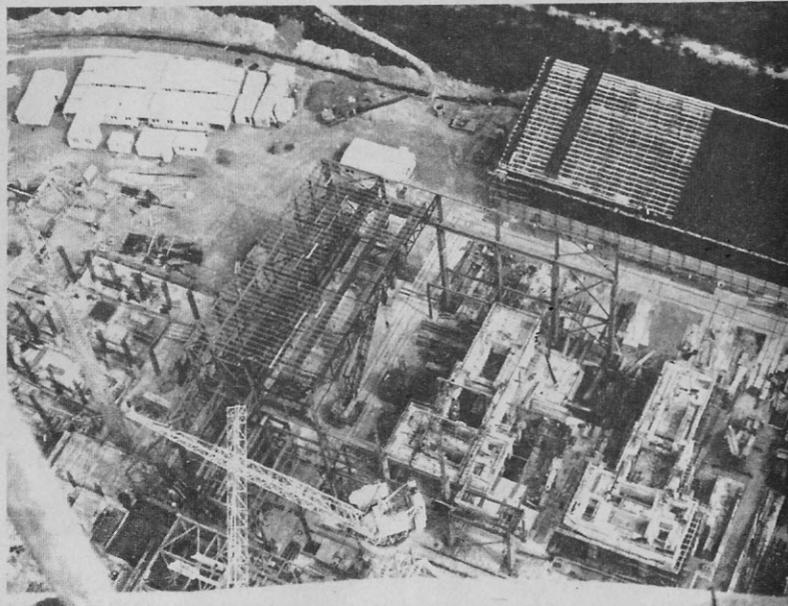
ABOVE—There were also plenty of side shows at Waitara which, incidentally, were well patronised. Here the hoop-la stall did a roaring trade and, while the prizes weren't flowing over the counter very fast, it was as fair a go as we've seen for a long time. BELOW LEFT—Junior's first try on a trampoline and, though we only caught him a few inches off the canvas, he did manage to get higher than that. BELOW CENTRE—Yes, Pop, we know how you feel. Hot, tired and broke! BELOW RIGHT—Cor, stone the crows. If we tried that, we'd finish up without any feet.



BIG JOB GOES ON

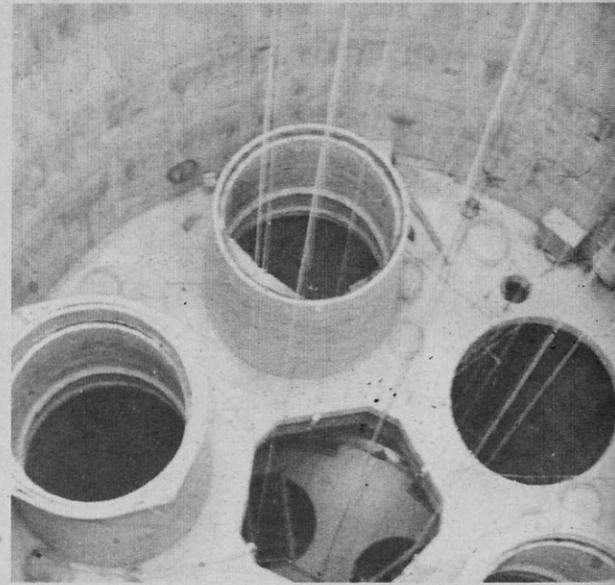
A trip to the Power Project would convince anyone that the amount and immensity of the job is something that has to be seen to be believed. So vast is everything that is growing up around the place, that one gets the feeling of being a dwarf. It isn't hard to realise that millions of dollars have been spent and many millions more will go into the buildings.

RIGHT—This is the view of the labyrinth of buildings as seen from the top of the chimney, 650 feet above ground level. BELOW—A maze of steel work that makes men look like ants. CENTRE RIGHT—Part of one of the many condenser units. BOTTOM RIGHT—Concrete is being poured almost night and day.



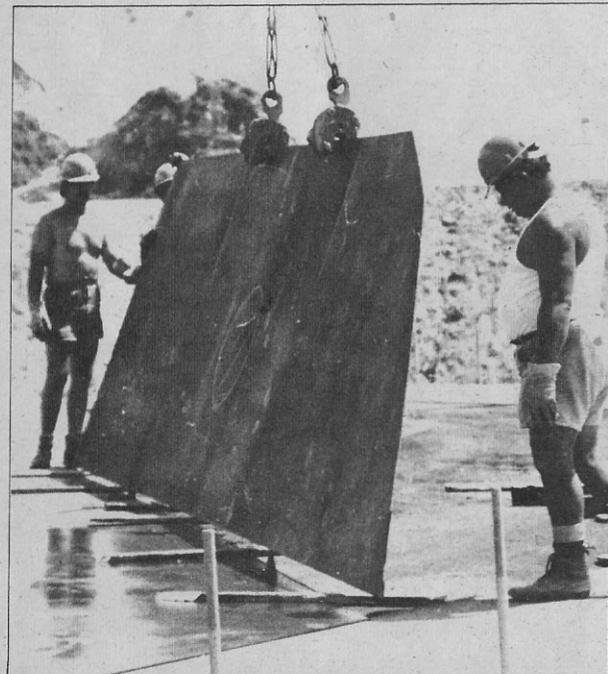
ABOVE—A complexity of equipment that is completely foreign to the layman makes up the interior of one of the power houses, which is a hive of industry around the clock. BELOW LEFT—Builders by the hundreds seem to be doing things all over the place and, to our untrained minds, look like an army of ants at work. BELOW RIGHT—Cranes are working on the site, lifting and placing bits and pieces, and it is a wonder to us that everything is put into the right places.





From the top of the power station chimney, 650 feet above sea level, one gets a wonderful view of the city and surrounding countryside and, looking over the side, the whole project lays itself bare, so that one gets an idea of the placement of all the various buildings that are taking shape.

ABOVE—Viewed from the chimney top is the new information building on the look-out area, now nearly completed. ABOVE RIGHT—Looking back down the chimney, this is what one sees — the five flues. RIGHT—Workers on the site take a break for morning tea. BELOW—Hundreds of sheets of steel have gone down to make up the base of the two storage tanks, shown BELOW RIGHT.



WEDDINGS

Left: ZENDLER—SEEBECK. At St Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Carolyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Seebeck, Hawera, to Ross, son of Mrs E. Zandler, Brisbane. The bridesmaid was Angela Robinson, Hawera, and the best man was Rod Andrews, Auckland. (David Paul Studios).



Right: JONES—MAIL. At St John's Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Mail, Normanby, to Colin, son of Mr and Mrs M. Jones, Hamilton. The bridesmaid was Mary Philpott, Hastings, and the best man was Lester Cole, Wellington. Future home, Wellington. (David Paul Studios).



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Not that the price of fish has risen that much, but just that \$500 was the trophy for the largest snapper caught at the Waitara Surfcasting Club's fishing day at Epiha Road Beach. Winner of the big cheque was Waitara's Howard Jones, shown here receiving his reward from club president Bob Soffe.

BELOW—Jack Kilmister, Waitara, got the second money of \$40.

BELOW CENTRE LEFT—Best stingray went to Jack Waiwiri. BELOW CENTRE RIGHT—D. Skelton, Wanganui, got himself a \$10 snapper. BELOW RIGHT—R. Healy caught a \$20 snapper.

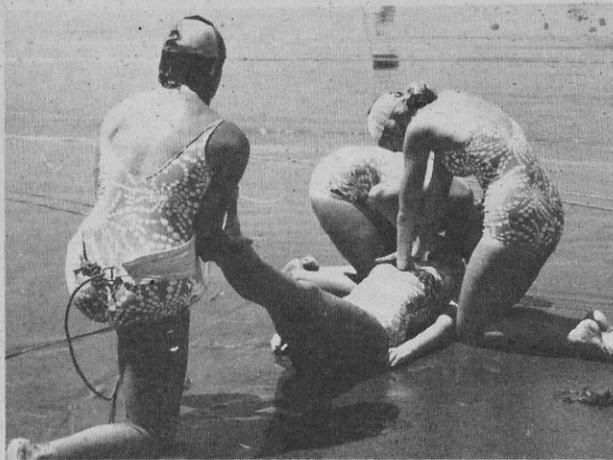
THE \$500 SNAPPER



Despite the fact that there were 15,000 at the Waitara Carnival on this same day, the Waitara Surfcasting Club still attracted 600 rods to their fishing day at Epiha Road. To our minds this proves how popular fishing is, for competitors travelled long distances to take part in the contest. Not that there were too many fish caught. It was still, nevertheless, rated a great day both weatherwise and organisationwise. Judging by the results and popularity of the contest, the prize for the heaviest snapper next year could be \$1000. This, we feel, will attract even more people to the beach, and this year there would have been upward of 2000.

ABOVE—This was the scene at the presentation of prizes at the end of the day. RIGHT—Eight-year-old Sandra Purdie of Waitara went home with \$60 and a torch, won for the best variety, best woman, and youngest entrant. BELOW—The exodus from the beach begins as weigh-in time draws near.

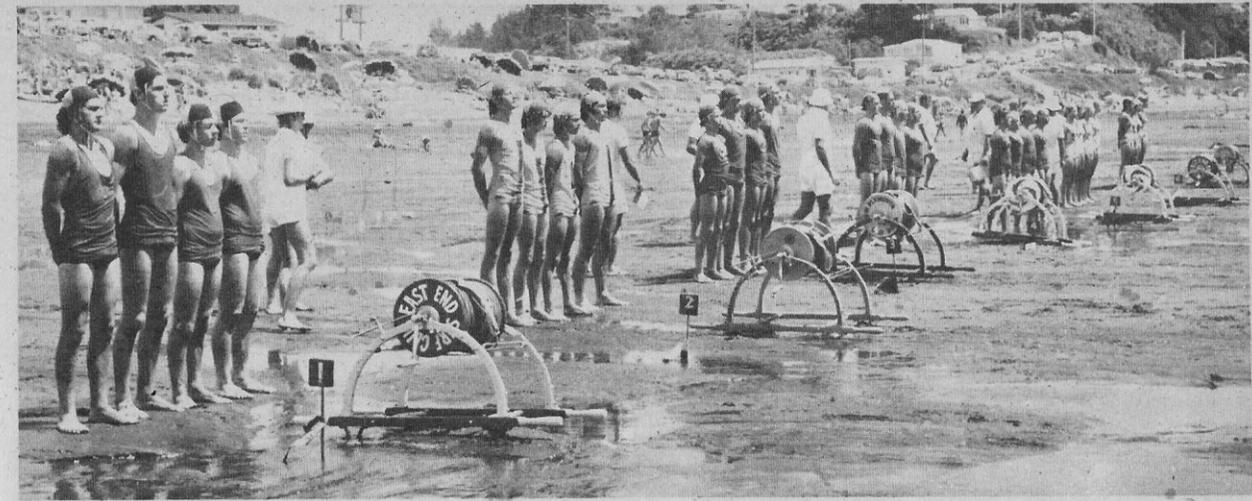
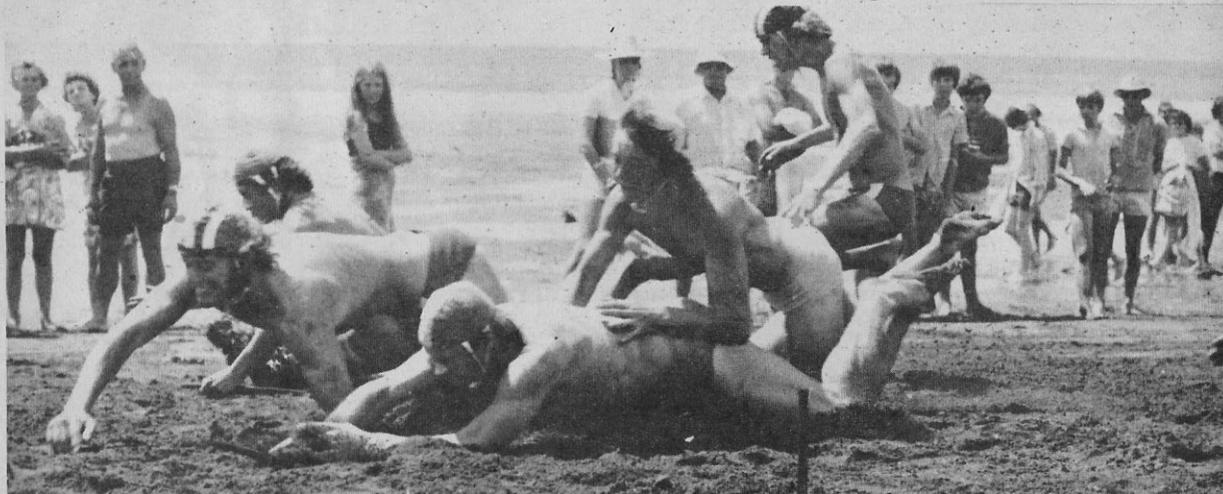




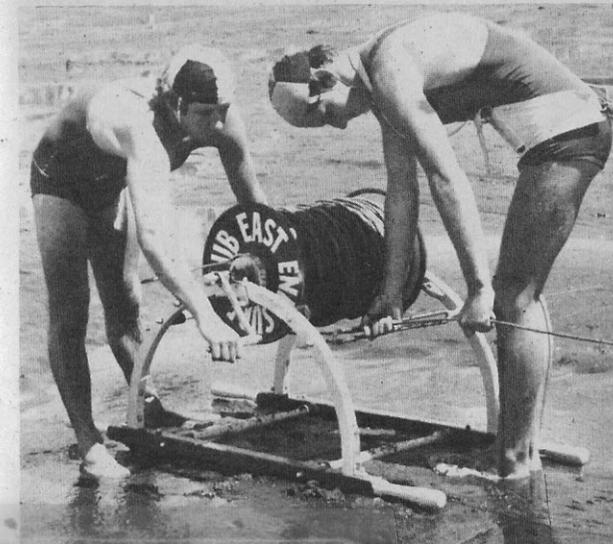
★ OAKURA SURF CARNIVAL ★

Oakura Beach proved the most popular during the holidays, partly due to the organised events which took place there. Mostly these were run by the New Plymouth O.B.S.L.C. Festivities started with a monster Beach Carnival on New Year's Day, followed some days later by a Surf Carnival where teams from near and far competed for honours. Features of the days were the huge numbers of people who came to watch the activities, all credit going to the organisers.

ABOVE LEFT—East End Ladies do their thing on a drowned girl. ABOVE RIGHT—Then it was the turn of the Fitzroy Ladies. BELOW & BOTTOM—Part of the beach competition for the men were races of a novel kind, where fitness counted most. Here's a couple of pictures of the boys during their novel races.



ABOVE—Teams line up for inspection in the four-man events at the Oakura Beach surf carnival. RIGHT—Now, surf clubs can't keep running, and doing the good they do, without the support of the public, so the boys of the New Plymouth Old Boys' team went round the beach with a blanket, and the response for the day was fairly good. When one remembers the time devoted by these club members in beach patrol, it becomes obvious that they perform a great public service and anything they collect on a carnival day such as this, is well deserved. BELOW—East End members rewind the reel after their four-man event. BELOW RIGHT—Taranaki's Sportsman of the Year, Brian Marsden, was the judge for the recent Miss Holiday Beach Resort, and is seen here with carnival organiser Nev Dixon.





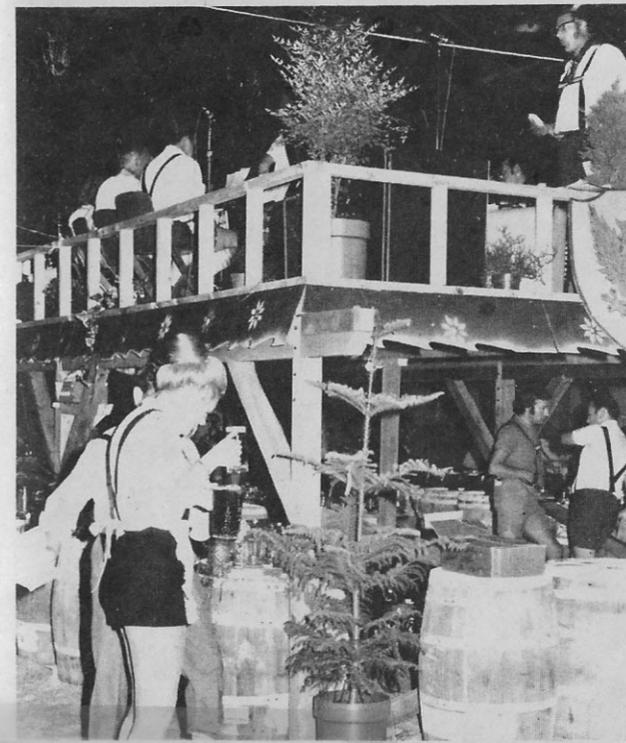
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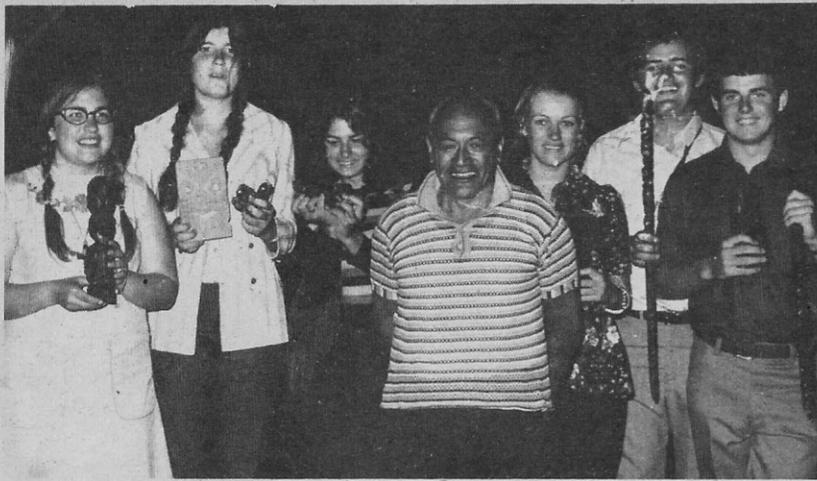
The old fashioned recipe for a happy evening would be wine, women and song. Well, there wasn't much wine, but there certainly were plenty of women, the singing was lusty, and the beer flowed free. What a night it was, at the Bavarian beer festival in the Army Hall. Over 600 of them went home happy and contented. Our congratulations to the newly formed Bavarian Entertainment Club and the New Plymouth Pukekura Lions.

ABOVE—There were chains (human) singing their way round the hall nearly all the time. LEFT—Even Don Murray with his team of Te Atutu bowlers spent a happy evening. BELOW LEFT—Waitress Joanne Naylor fills the glass of Kingsley Sampson. BELOW—If Wendy Williams is a sample of waitresses in Bavarian beer gardens, then we're off to that country, smartish! Here she smiles as she serves Graeme Duff.



ABOVE—Five of the seventy waitresses who served drinks during the Bavarian evening. They were all members of the Country Girls', and a darned good job they did too. Good job we didn't stay, or we would have been sloshed, transport strike or no transport strike! ABOVE RIGHT—Jeanette Finney serves more grog to John Foreman . . . lucky chap! RIGHT—And the band got everyone up dancing, on the sawdust-covered floor. BELOW—Band on top and bar underneath. Great idea too. BOTTOM RIGHT—Four happy revellers smile for our camera.

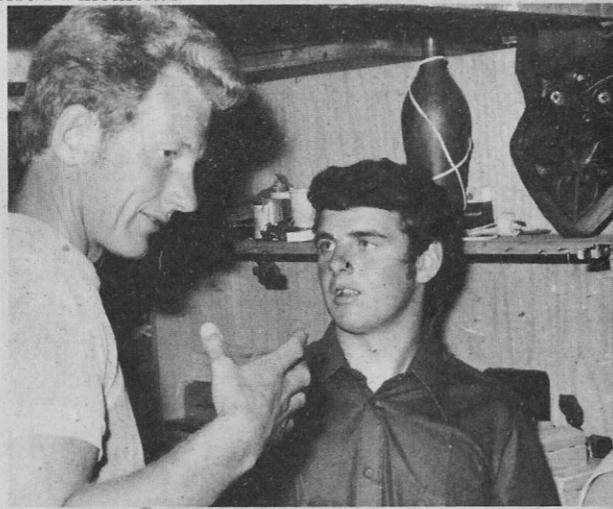




Wally Entertains Aussie Visitors

We've had a swag of Aussie visitors in New Plymouth recently. First there were the Australian girl golfers, and these were followed by the Lions' Exchange group from across the Tasman. We followed them round a bit and enjoyed their comments about our beautiful district.

ABOVE—Here's the group at Wally Gray's. They look what they are, a fine group of young folk. ABOVE RIGHT—Louise got herself a memento of her visit. BELOW LEFT—Wally displays a typical Maori pose. BELOW RIGHT—Pukekura Lion president Mike Brooke with Terry Lynch. BOTTOM LEFT—Louise, Sue and Ngaire are intrigued by Wally's carvings. BOTTOM RIGHT—Ngaire takes a further look at another of the carvings



Whilst in the city, the Lions' Exchange visitors from across the Tasman were taken up to the look-out and the new information centre being built there. Things are done on a large scale in Australia, but they were all very impressed with the power station project and could hardly believe their eyes when they looked at its immensity.

ABOVE—Here they view the whole area from the look-out terrace. BELOW—The hosts waiting with cars to transport them to the museum, where they were shown a little bit more of the history of the Maori and the district. BOTTOM LEFT—Museum curator Rigby Allen explains some detail to the visitors. BOTTOM RIGHT—Big smile for our cameraman from Sue Walker and Debbie Mills.