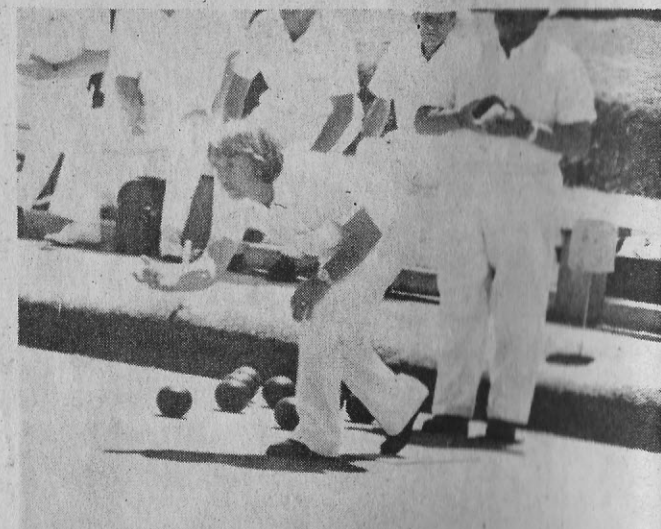
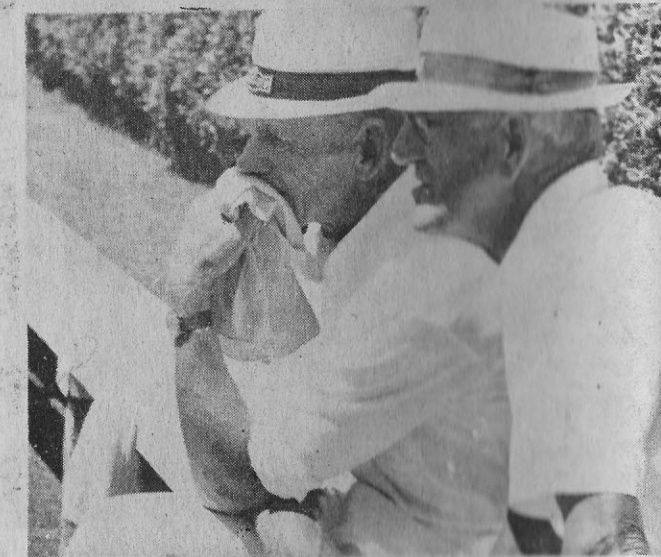




Doug Richards was lucky to find a shady spot.



Bill Neale was one of the younger players.



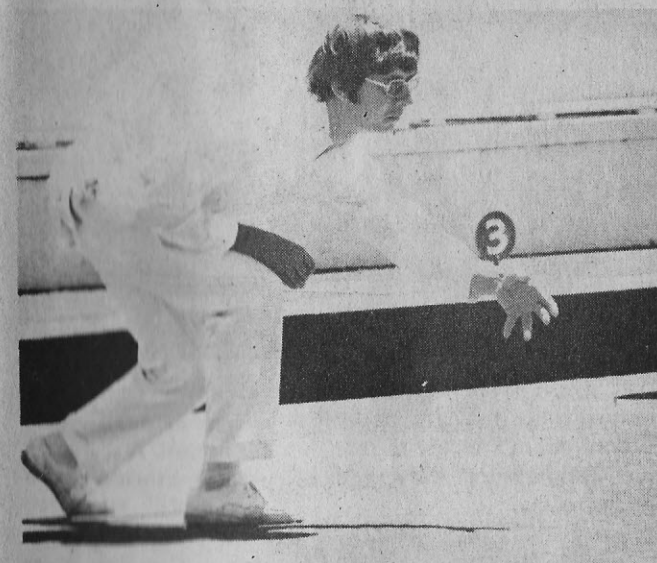
Alf Bland and Lewis Roper analyse the situation

BOWLING TOURNEY

The seventy first annual Taranaki Centre Mens Open Bowling Tournament was held on thirty eight greens in Taranaki in the latter half of January.

The fours event, which we photographed, saw a record entry of some 500 team.

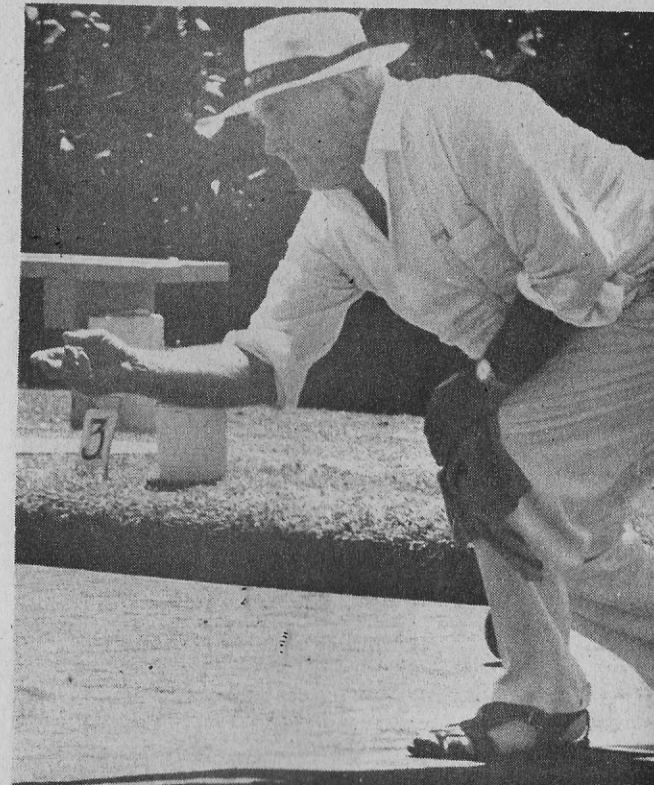
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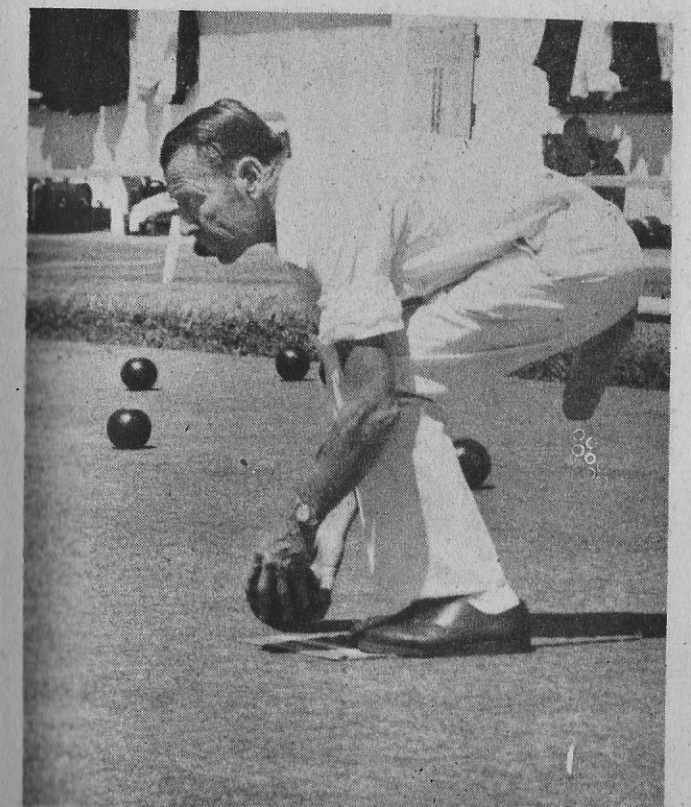
Mr G. Baird of West End Club



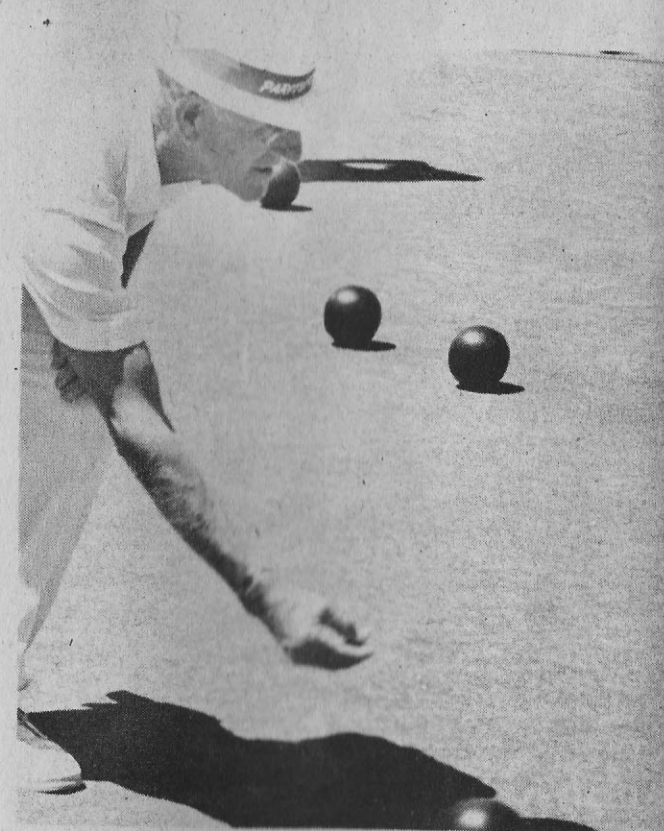
Content to rest awhile are Des Callender and Ross Brown both of New Plymouth.



Don Betteridge of Paritutu Club



Peter Bird of New Plymouth lines it all up very carefully.



Alf Bland of Paritutu Club



Mr Baddley of Tauranga places his bowl.



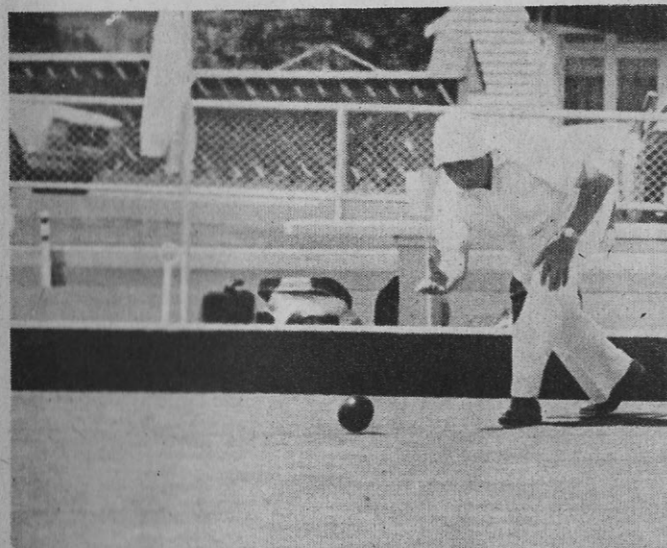
Watching progress in comfort — Mr E. Godderidge of Urenui



Keeping tabs on it all is Mr I. Harris of Rahotu



Watching with interest — Elizabeth Winters, Grace Roper and Sally Winters.

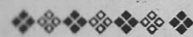


Mr N. McCallum of Okiawa lets his bowl zoom down the green.

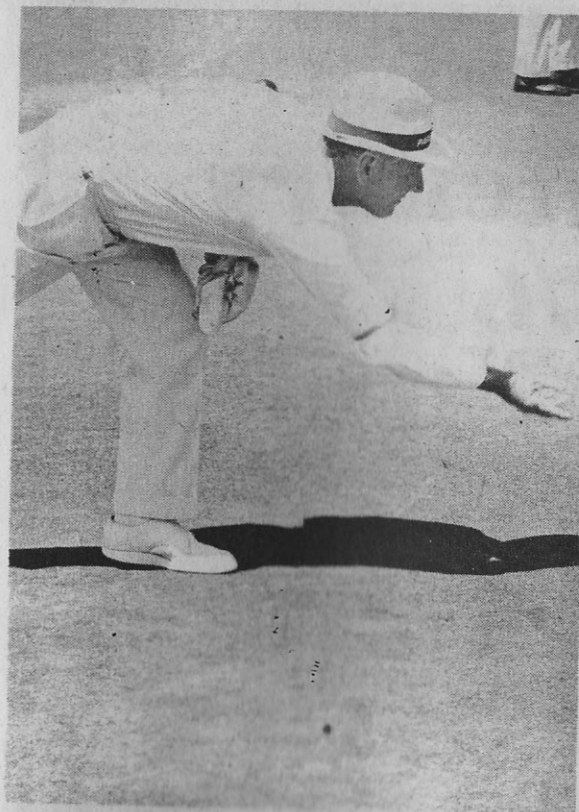


W. McArthur of Paritutu Club

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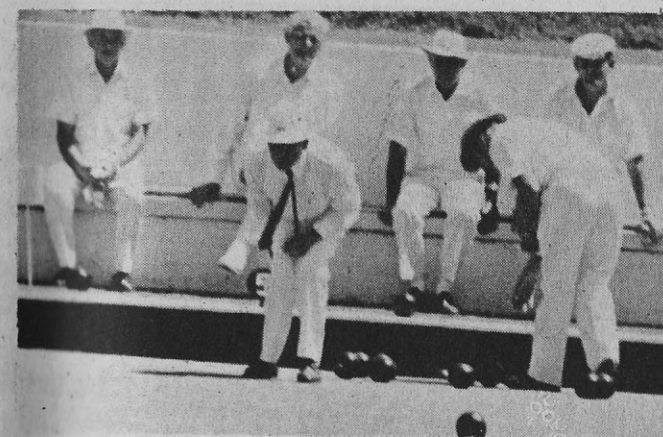
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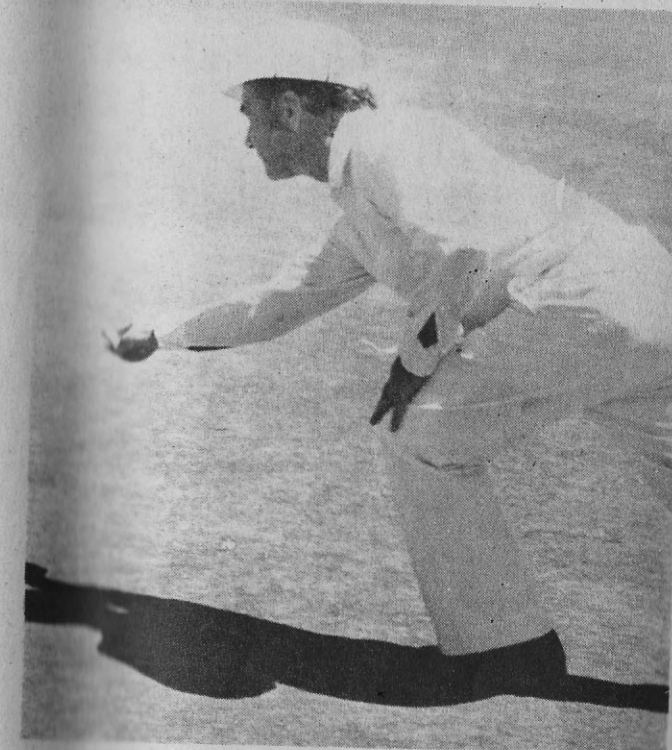
T. McArthur of Paritutu Club plays his bowl carefully.



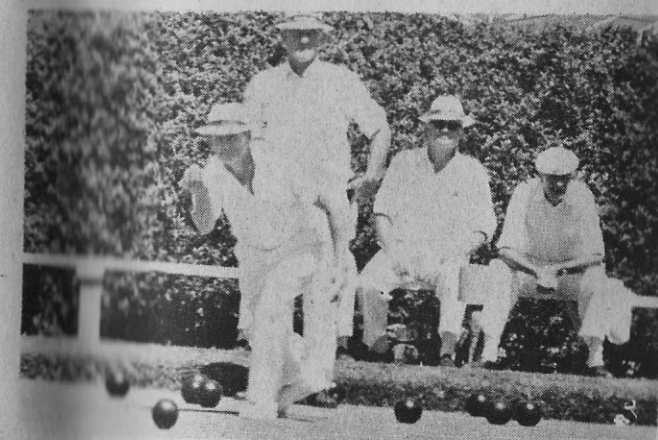
One of the best known visitors was Nick Unkovich.



Lawson Owen of Palmerston North sends down a slow and careful one.



Mr F. Fowler sends a fast bowl down the green.



Jack Walsh of Stratford put some power into that one.

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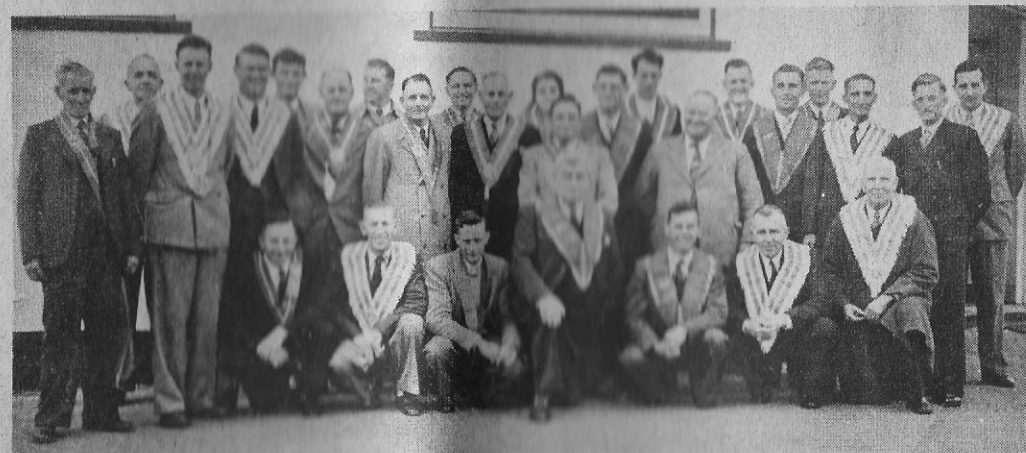
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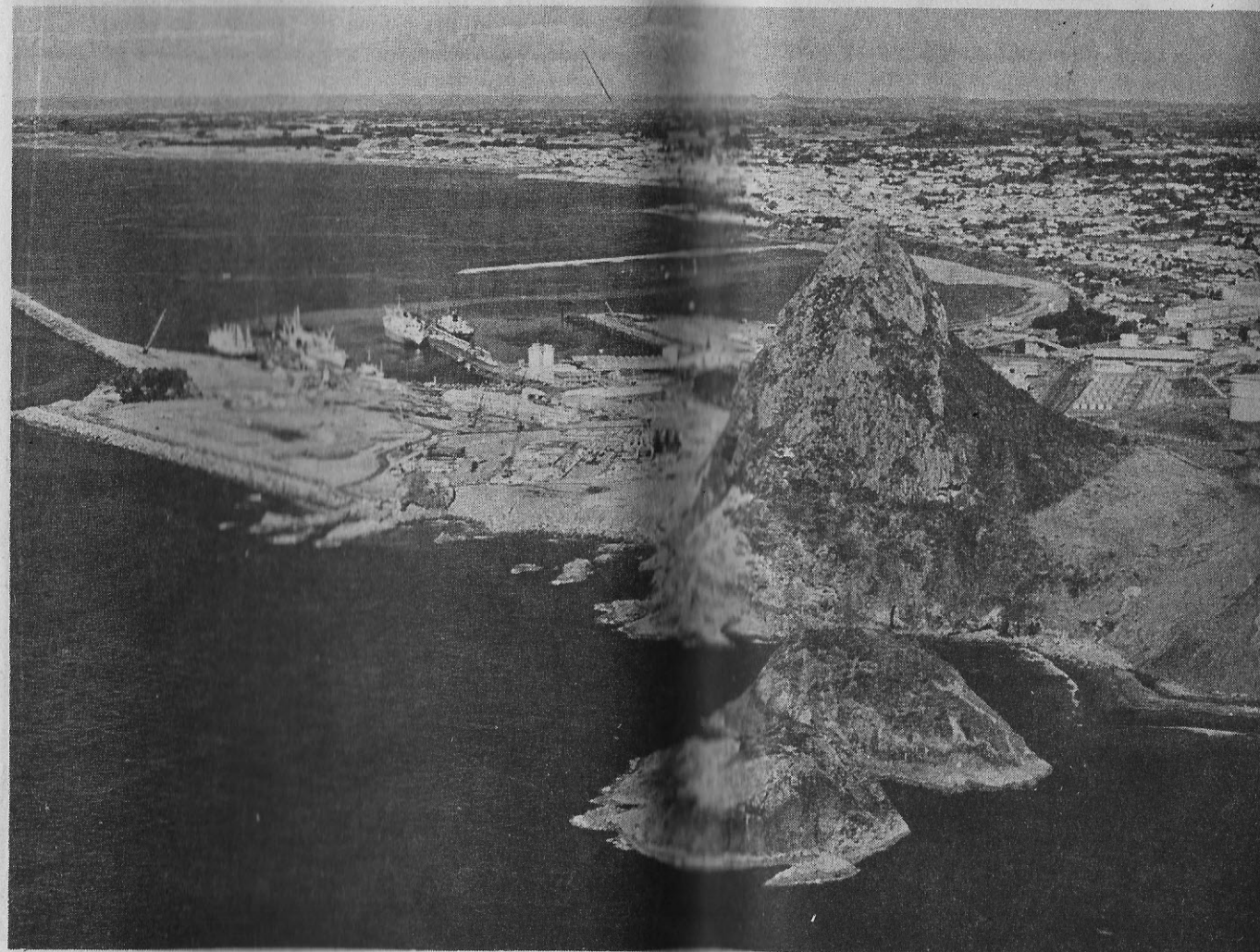


Court Officers and Delegates pictured at a half yearly district meeting in 1955. (a photo from the history of the Court).

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Before the Power Project

While checking through our picture files we discovered these two aerial photographs taken of the port area in New Plymouth, before the Power Project had really got under way in earnest. Of course the whole landscape of the area has since been vastly changed by the advent of the Power Project and so this look at how it used to be is particularly interesting.



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PRObe with Bryce McPherson



Women tourist: "What a lovely cow. But tell me, why doesn't it have horns?"

Taranaki farmer: "Well, lady, there can be many reasons. Some don't get horns 'til they are older. Others have their horns sawed off, while some are born without 'em. This one ain't got horns coz it's a horse."

We're in the throes of having a new Taranaki publicity brochure quoted for printing about April. An average of 51,000 brochures have been distributed throughout New Zealand and to many parts of the world annually for the last four years.

A comprehensive provincial map is in planning. It will give details of mileages between points and illustrate all viewable attractions in Taranaki. The idea is to hold visitors for a day or two longer; and the maps will be of value to residents who, almost without exception, don't really know and/or see much of Taranaki's splendour. The map will be published about the same time as the new brochure.

Tremendous impact was achieved as the result of a new four-colour booklet featuring New Plymouth's Christmas Illuminations. People flocked to my office to collect copies, a majority of which were bound for overseas destinations. The booklet was produced for the city Electricity Department.

There is no doubt that Taranaki is THE place to live, work and raise a family. And as a parting thought, might I suggest that we all take pride in our surroundings and at all times be prepared to share what we have with others.

During the last three and a half years this column has allowed me to express various opinions, while at the same time reminding you, the reader, about attractions and activities within this wonderful province of ours.

The publishers of Photo News entered into the total communications system by allocating additional space for a monthly 'Calendar of Events' programme: and it is that particular outlet that I personally will miss with the closing down of this publication.

Rightly or wrongly, the demise of Photo News will create a void in that contact will be lost with some of the people of Taranaki, to whose service, well-being and prosperity my office and myself are dedicated.

It must be recognised however, that people are the reason for the publication's passing. Continuing support is vital to the survival of businesses no matter how small or large they might be.

Reducing sales could have indicated many things viz. standards, content, visual appeal; but in summary it is fair to say that in general, the people of Taranaki did not want Photo News, regardless of the publisher's efforts to extend coverage and to hold resale costs to Mr Average Man's pocket.

And so this is the last issue of the only truly provincially orientated magazine, and I for one though sometimes critical of the production, lament its demise.

This saying becomes a trueism in this case — "To try is to risk failure, No" to try is to guarantee it !".

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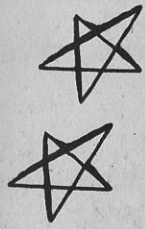
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1957

In February 1957 the first issue of New Plymouth Photo News (later to become Taranaki Photo News) was published. The magazine went on sale for the first time on February 21st. At that time 'runners' (door to door sellers) were used to sell the magazine in addition to the conventional retail outlets.

New Plymouth
PHOTO NEWS

Our first-cover girl was Maryanne Fraser



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PICTURES

In 1957 Taranaki won the Ranfurly Shield from Otago. Pictured here is the huge crowd that welcomed the team and the Shield home. 'Ferdinand' was of course prominent in the celebrations.

1957



A Great Day..

It was wonderful, stupendous.. almost too good to be true, in fact!

But there it was — that famous piece of wood — here in Taranaki.

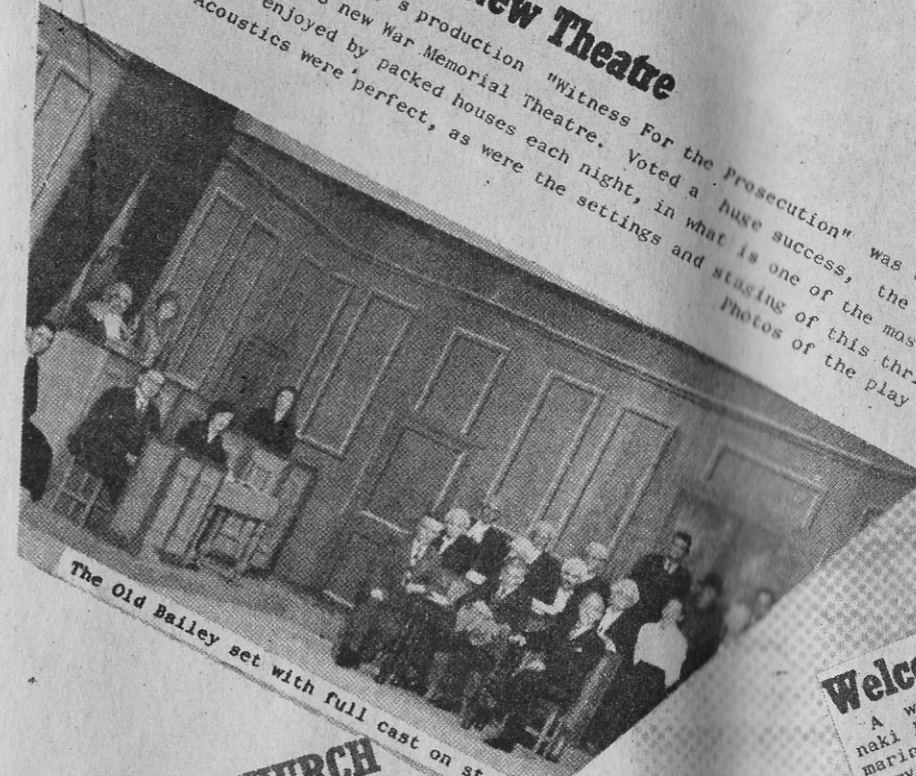
Shouting, laughing, and happy, the citizens of New Plymouth turned out in their thousands to welcome home the team which had wrested the coveted Ranfurly Shield from Otago.

In this picture, taken from the balcony of the State Hotel, in Devon Street, the crowd (and Ferdinand) gather to pay homage to the men whose skill & determination were responsible for this great moment in the history of Taranaki Rugby.

1958

First Play in Hawera's New Theatre

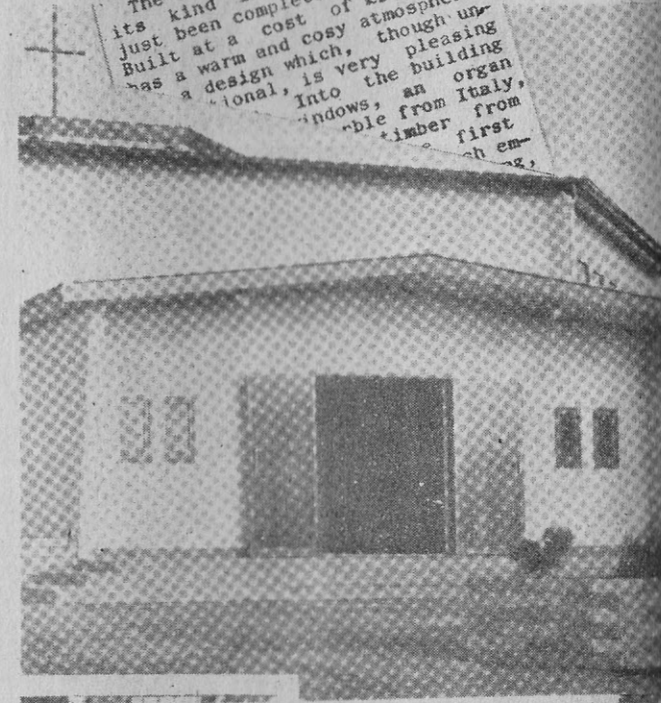
The Hawera Repertory Society's production "Witness For the Prosecution" was the first play in the Community Centre's new War Memorial Theatre. Voted a huge success, the play, written by Agatha Christie, was enjoyed by packed houses each night, in what is one of the most modern theatres in the country. Acoustics were perfect, as were the settings and staging of this thriller. Photos of the play by Co



The Old Bailey set with full cast on stage.

NEW CHURCH

The only Catholic church in its kind in New Zealand has just been completed at Fitzroy. Built at a cost of £24,000 it has a warm and cosy atmosphere, a design which, though unusual, is very pleasing. Into the building, an organ from Italy, windows, timber from the first



In 1958 we saw a visit to Port Taranaki of a British Navel submarine. Many locals made a trip to the Port to look the sub. over. In Hawera the Community Centre was opened and a play staged to celebrate the opening. Meanwhile in Fitzroy a new and modern Catholic Church is opened.

Welcome Visitor

A welcome visitor to Port Taranaki last month was the British submarine HMS Telemachus. She attracted very large crowds of people eager to see the inside of such a fearsome-looking monster. Below: The submarine comes in from the sea with a cloud back-drop made dramatic by the morning sun. Left: Union Jack flies proudly over the business end of the sub, while wharfies stand and gaze.



1959

In 1959 Photo News introduced colour covers. This was the first significant change in the format of the magazine. The first colour cover is reproduced here - in black and white.



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1959

1959 was a year of celebration for Eltham. It was then that the town celebrated their 75th Jubilee.



Eltham Municipal Band leads the procession through the main street

ELTHAM'S 75th JUBILEE

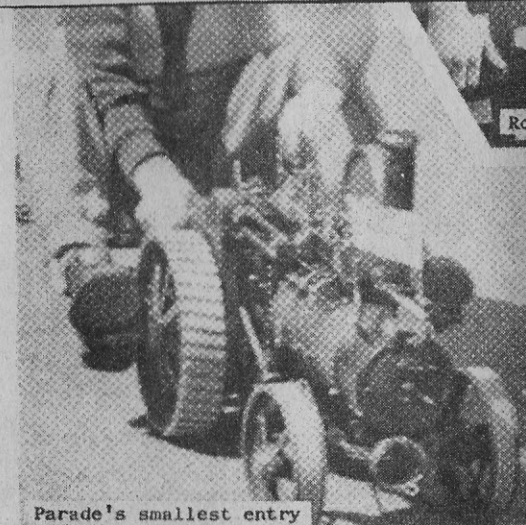
Eltham's normal population of 2400 was at least trebled for the start of the town's celebrations which began on a high note. The proceedings opened with a parade of floats the biggest that the town has ever seen. It certainly did credit to the organisers. The floats were outstanding in their originality and ingenuity. The parade, officially opened the week of celebrations. It was the first visit afloat to Eltham since the golden Jubilee 25 years ago. Bravo Eltham, it was a wonderful day. *John Tocher, Beverley MacFie.*



Maori representation



Roll out the barrel...no clowning



Parade's smallest entry



Bearded drover



On a bicycle built for two...

1959

1959 was a mixed year. Photo News promoted a 'Queen of the Ballroom' contest and the first Photo News Ball was held. Some fourteen years later the Photo News Ball was revived and a system of Photo News Awards instituted. These Awards were presented at the Ball. The bad news of 1959 was that Taranaki lost the Ranfurly Shield to Southland.



Beaten, But Not Disgraced ... Taranaki Loses Ranfurly Shield To Lively Side From Southland



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The "Photo News" "QUEEN OF THE BALLROOM" COMPETITION
CALLING ALL GIRLS AND YOUNG GIRLS IN TARANAKI AND YOUNG GIRLS IN TARANAKI



Congratulations from the Mayor ..

Above: Glittering scene as the finalists and the Queen and official party line up during our tremendously successful ball, organised in conjunction with the New Plymouth Ballroom Dancing Club. In the centre are Queen Shirley Whitehead.

"PHOTO NEWS" BALL PRESENTS THE QUEEN OF THE BALLROOM



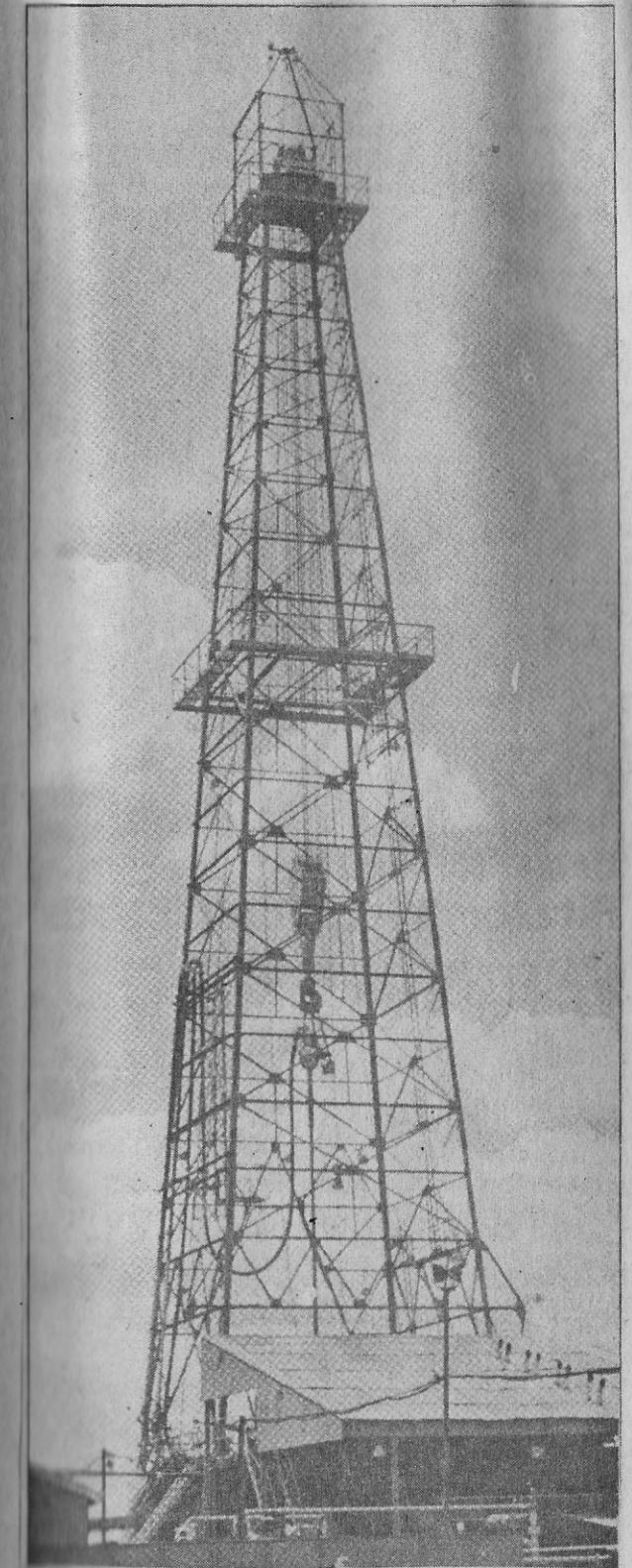
1960

Back in the fifties and sixties, Selwyn Toogood was a radio star and was forever tripping around New Zealand bringing his show to many parts of the country. In 1960 the show hits New Plymouth. Fifteen years ago people were talking of black gold in Taranaki. Oil exploration was taking place in the province then, at Tikorangi.



Big Broadcast of 1960
Full marks again to the promoters of the Big Broadcast show of 1960. They do a mammoth job in putting on the best-attended show in Taranaki with the best talent. This is truly a variety show, which is promoted to help one of our worthy causes. This year, it was the turn of the Guides and Scouts, who benefitted to the tune of £250. With stars like Selwyn Toogood to comper the programme and Silvio de Pra to entertain with his piano scordion, the show couldn't fail to be a huge success.

Theatre manager Shaller Cottier made up his mind to find out what made Big-Man-Toogood Tick. He gave him a thorough examination and concluded that in that huge breast...which sounded like a washing machine.... was a heart someplace.



Drilling Starts at Tikorangi

After much trouble encountered in the shaft, drilling at the oil site at Tikorangi is now in progress. Due to the nature of the crust penetrated, the walls of the shaft were constantly collapsing, but the difficulty was soon overcome, and drilling is now under way. Above: A drill is withdrawn from the shaft, and washed with high pressure hoses.

Tornado Hits New Plymouth

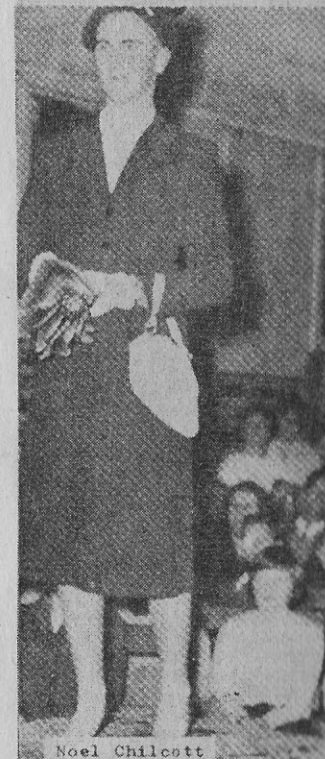
In 1962 New Plymouth suffered considerable damage when hit by a tornado. The tornado cut a narrow swath of damage across the city. However the year had some lighter moments too as evidenced by the, "mannequin parade".



This poor old city has been having its share of bad weather lately, what with near floods in the city, high seas and strong winds, and then this peculiar tornado. It does seem that we have had our share of the rough weather. Striking in the early hours of the morning, the tornado swept in from the sea, and cut a path of damage across Devon Street East, and whirled its way across the back of Waiwhaka terrace, where it seemed to have disappeared. The result of this way across the evident in the form of blown-down sheds, iron have disappeared, and general damage to fences, houses in Devon Street that suffered heavy damage during this freak of nature, and a car shed in Devon Street was completely wrecked by the force of the tornado.

Fitzroy Methodist Youth Club Mannequins

The annual concert organised by the Fitzroy Methodist Youth Club, recently held, provided a ton of fun for the patrons, when youth club members put on a mannequin parade. On this and the following page we picture the stars of this hilarious show.



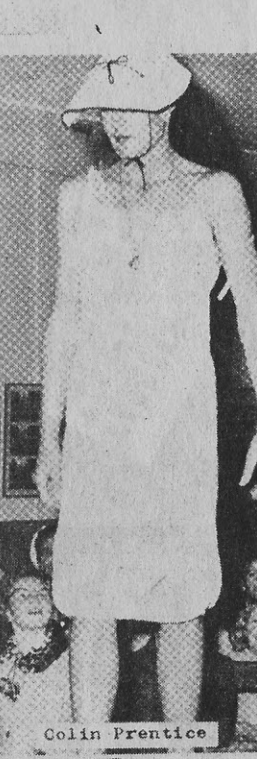
Noel Chilcott



John Hutchins



Bruce Winmill



Colin Prentice

There was jubilation throughout Taranaki in 1963 when the Taranaki Rugby team won the Ranfurly shield from Wellington after a gruelling match. Once again the Shield was stationed in Taranaki.



Above: Captains Ross Brown and Mick Williment lead their teams onto the field.



IT'S BACK HOME AGAIN!

The province went wild with excitement when our boys brought back the Ranfurly Shield from Wellington, with cheers and warm greetings all the way. Crowds lined the route, and thousands were at New Plymouth for the civic reception on the library steps. Nothing could dampen the joy, not even the heavy rain falling at the time, of the thousands who had turned out to welcome home the shield. Above: Captain Ross Brown holds the shield staff for all to see at the Library. Others in the picture are Ritchie Coles, manager Mr Grace and fullback Barry O'Dowda. Below: The youngsters were like drowned rats, but that didn't dampen their enthusiasm to cheer Ross Brown and his men.

1964

1964 WAS THE YEAR OF THE TOPLESS DRESS — OR WAS IT?



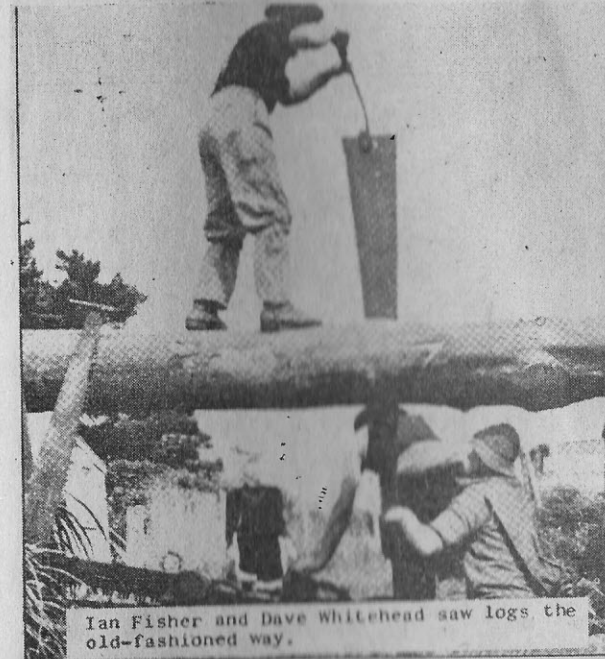
HAIR-RAISING!

This is IT. The topless dress....and, it is the winter model, which accounts for the sleeves. We asked the model how she felt in it, but she was a bit of a dummy. Originally, we asked the cover girls to photograph it, and it made their hair stand on end, so we had to do the job, and we must admit our eyebrows did a little flutter! Frankly, we think that people who design such as this are not quite the full pound. Can't imagine what would happen if all the young girls started wearing these dresses....suppose all the brassiere manufacturers would go out of business and the opticians would be doing a roaring trade! Stupid though, aren't they?

1965

OKATO CENTENNIAL

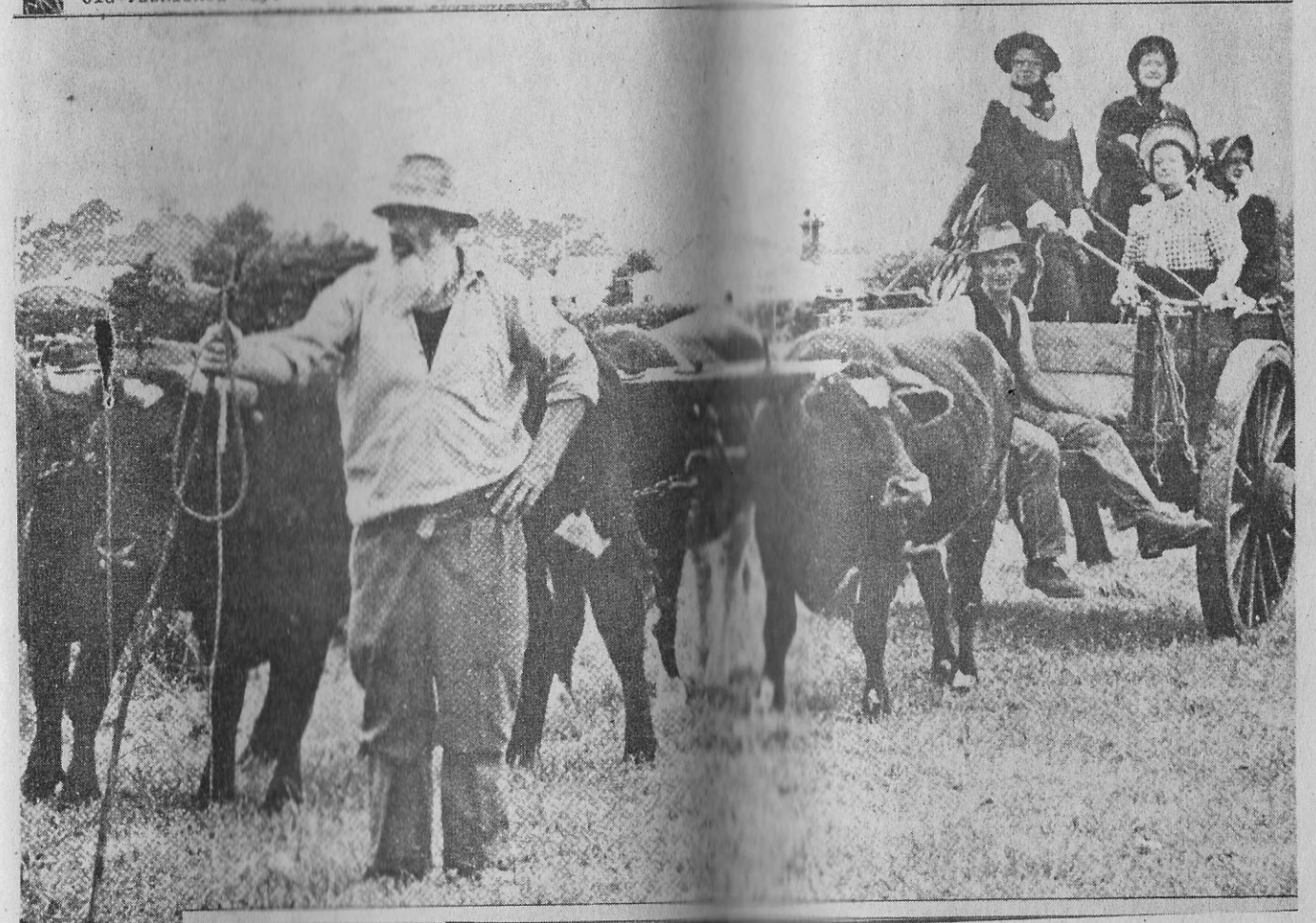
Okato celebrated its first 100 years with a big parade, school celebrations and of course, a beard growing contest. It was an extremely happy event and one of some significance in the province.



Ian Fisher and Dave Whitehead saw logs the old-fashioned way.



Three horse-power carrier



1967

In 1967 the new Airport was officially opened amid appropriate pomp and ceremony. A new milestone is accomplished and this is of great importance for the province.

**30,000 AIRPORT OPENING:
★ SEE THRILLING AIR PAGEANT ★**

It will be many a long day before New Plymouth is treated to such enjoyment as the recent air pageant at the opening of the new airport at Brown Road. Cars jammed the entrances from as early as 11 o'clock in the morning, right up to lunch time. Many types of aircraft not normally seen in the air around the province were on view to the public. Naturally, we have come and many provided thrills with their flying and handling of these planes. Normally, the RNZAF to provide the high speed of any air pageant, and this they did in no small way. One thing which we thought was particularly well organised, was the crowd control. In fact, the most orderly crowd we have ever seen. The air was so well patrolled by the police and a civilian motor-cycle corps that there was no crushing or pushing--they were, in fact, lined around the terminal building. The air was further out on the airfield, with crowds many deep lined around the development of the airport. The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. K. J. Holyoake, who spoke of the development of the airport, and a fine job he made of them too.



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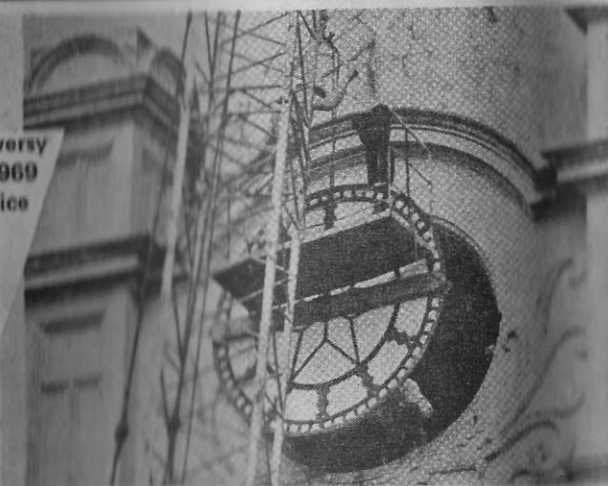


The Seekers Here

The visit of the Seekers to the Bowl of Brooklands was the prime factor in this being the most successful festival ever held. It certainly was a financial success, which will enable the Trust to go ahead on much needed work at the Bowl. And furthermore, it was a tremendous boost to the city for there were thousands of visitors who came here just to see the Seekers, and who went away with a wonderful memory of our pride and joy, the Bowl. Even now, Napier is talking about having their own open air theatre, similar to our Bowl, and we feel that many cities would like to follow suit. It is to the credit of our local newspapers and radio that the shows rated the success they did, with the

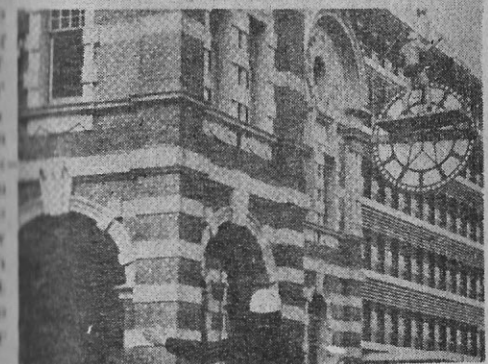
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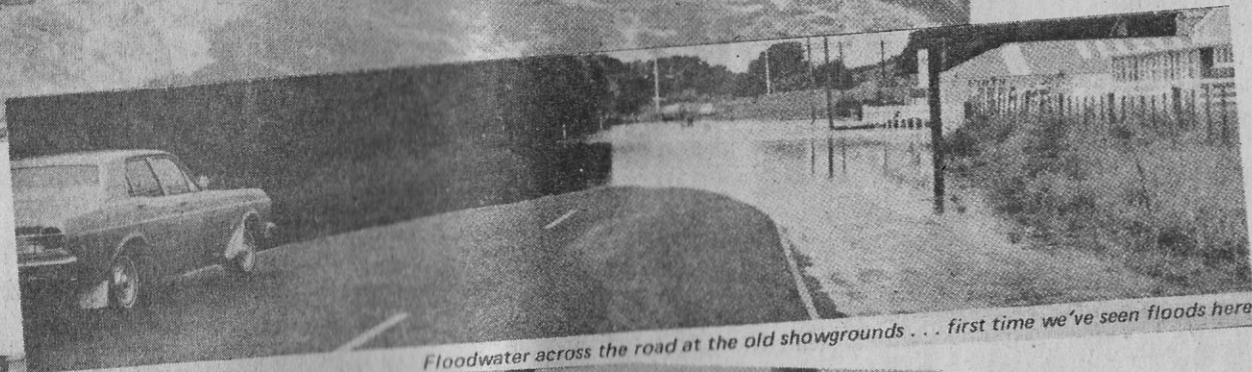
Little notice, except from a few passers-by, has been taken of the demolition of the Post Office clock tower, but on a recent Saturday morning quite a few people stayed to watch the removal of the four clock faces. It was a hazardous job for the demolition contractor but being well planned, it went without a hitch. Above: Face number one is lifted clear of the tower. Above, right: With workmen peering through the vacant hole, the face is ready to be lowered to the ground. Below: With the crane swung over Devon Street, it starts its slow downward journey. Right: Near to the ground with traffic temporarily halted. Below, right: Almost at its journey's end, the clock face awaits the truck that will take it to the council yards for storage.





1971 FLOODING

In 1971 the worst flooding known in the district for many years caused untold damage. Photo News cameras surveyed the damage, the human angles and the floodwaters.



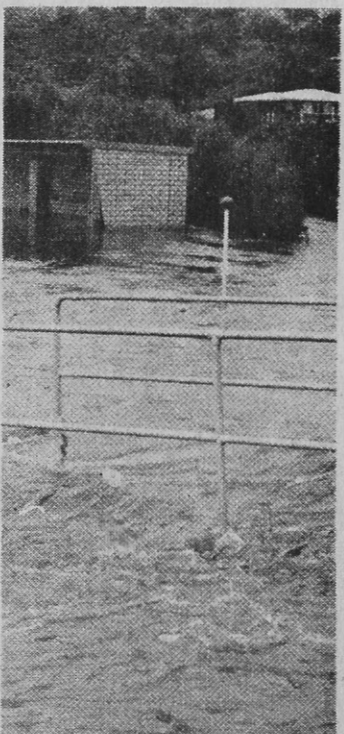
Floodwater across the road at the old showgrounds . . . first time we've seen floods here



re of floods. Here's a novel way to move from the Masonic Hotel. Just a precaution, but a wise one



house nearly under, and the Clifton Club house half full of water. Much damage was caused here on the



Waters surge through the Paritutu Bowling Club's green



WHAT'S THE VERDICT?

Oil? Gas? Condensate? Who knows? If anybody does they are keeping a pretty closed mouth about it. Taranaki's latest oil

drilling venture south of Urenui is catching the imagination of all of New Zealand, and we will await the outcome. But what if commercial quantities of oil, gas or condensate are found? Will our government require the well to be "corked" like the Maui field? What price pollution? To think that all that beautiful CLEAN natural gas out there is not being used because of a breakdown in price negotiations! To think that the government is considering using coal or oil or even, horror of horrors, a nuclear reactor to produce electricity for the country. Let's hope that if something is found at Urenui it will be used to the good of the people of New Zealand.



TOP LEFT—Aquitane representatives Neil Campbell and Robin Beiers check to see that all is well. RIGHT—Checking the equipment and . . . LEFT—They're away, Tony Foreman, Bill Clement and Bruce Langslow doing their bit to maintain a smooth operation.

1972

1972 saw a stepped up search for oil and gas. It also saw a completed power project chimney a new land mark for New Plymouth.



YEARS OF WOR

This latest aerial view of the whole of the Pov some idea of the immensity of the project, and has been made. It looks to us like there's a ton yet before we see smoke belching out of the chimney. It is evident from this picture just ho been done. In fact, there aren't many people w what the place used to look like before this maj



Reg and Ellen Eves

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1972

1972 and Photo News changes hands. Man at the helm for many years, Reg Eves retires to live in Auckland.

Later in 1972 the Moturoa Oil well is closed as being uneconomic.

END OF AN ERA
At the end of this month New Zealand's only commercial oilwell, and the second oldest will cease production. The shutdown of the Moturoa oilwell is due to the decreasing production reached an uneconomic stage. Total production from the well, which first started production been roughly seven and a half million gallons.



1973

February 1973 and a controversy over swimmers in the Bowl Lake during pop and rock concerts. It happened first at the Sweet-Daniel Boone Show and was followed a couple of weeks later at the Lulu Show.

THE SWEET-BOONE SHOW

The Bowl came to life — the audience stood on their seats and clapped, danced or sang with the Sweet — everyone forgot their inhibitions and really enjoyed themselves . . . and one of the biggest controversies for quite a time was started. People swam across the lake, reached the bottom of the stage, climbed onto it and danced.

Of course the show was condemned from many quarters, because of the noise (it was loud) and because of the swimming episode, but apart from these incidents the fact remains that this was definitely one of the best shows to ever play at the Bowl of Brooklands.

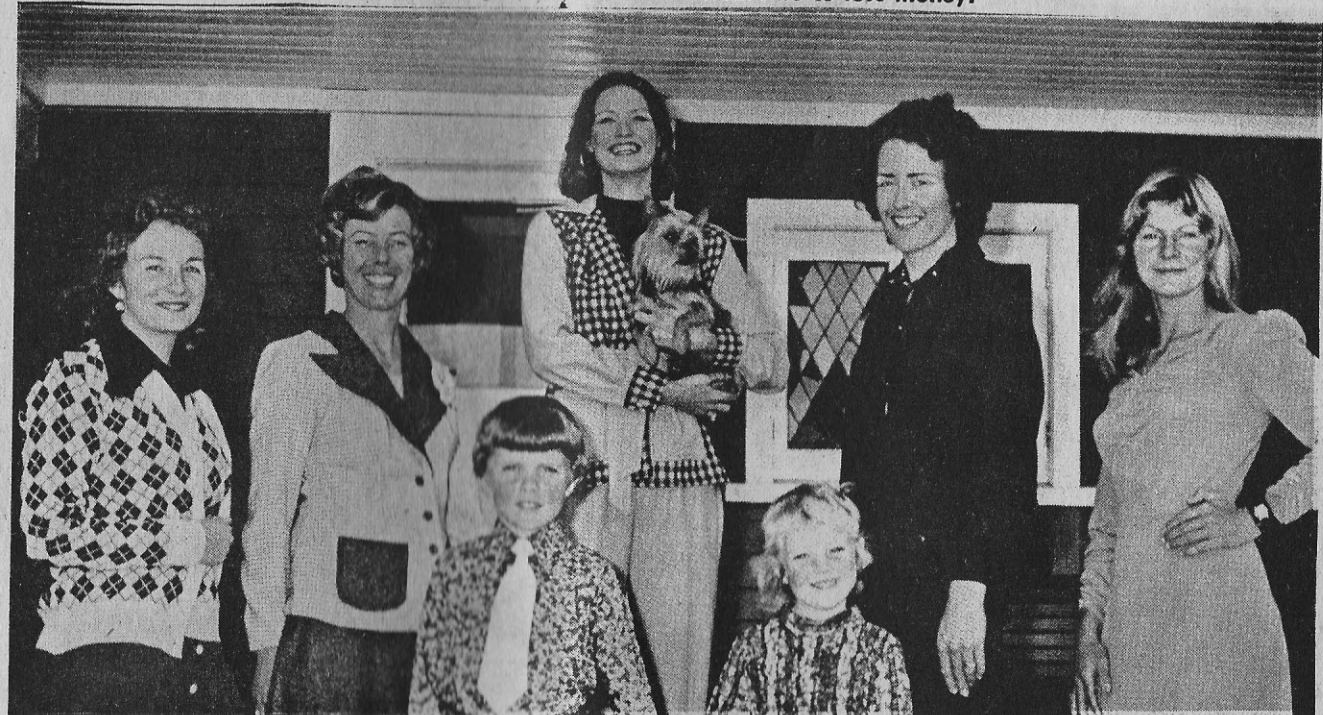


Some members of the audience swam the lake, reached the stage, climbed onto it and started dancing. Security men stood there and watched them.

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In April of 1974 we were faced with the option of closing Photo News down because our printer at that time had increased the printing price to such a phenomenal degree that to continue would have meant a loss of money. We chose to switch printers and use a different printing process with the result that Photo News was vastly changed in appearance. For nearly two more years we continued to fight continually rising costs. Today we give up the fight for to continue would be to lose money.



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And so we reach the end of the trail. My wife and I thank you for your support over the past few years and extend special thanks to those readers who have regularly purchased Photo News each month. Our future remains in publishing and we will be devoting our time to our other national and international magazines.

And so we say farewell . .

Pictured at left
Editor Lin Annabel and wife Lyn

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up and over

Sport has always played an important part in the lifestyle of Taranakians. Many sports are played in this province at all levels from children to senior grade. One activity that always attracts good entries in the summer is athletics. Pictured is an entrant in a high jump event at a recent Athletics meeting at Inglewood.

