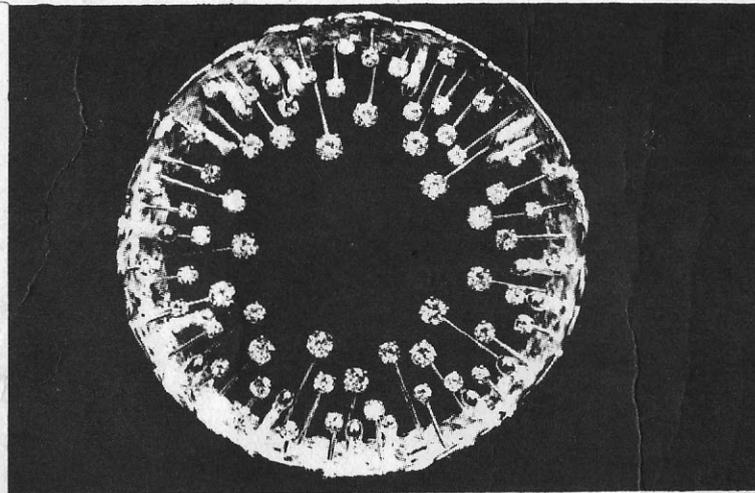


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Photo News will be published, as in the past, at four weekly intervals throughout the year, with the exception of the month of January, during which our offices are closed for the annual vacation.

This issue of the magazine sees the introduction of the first of a number of improvements, that were promised to readers in the last issue. Yes Photo News has grown to 80 pages and that means more pictures.

Holiday-makers will have been grateful to the 'weather-man' for the abundant sunshine enjoyed during the months of December and January, the period that this issue of Photo News covers. The sunshine allowed everyone to enjoy the many events, the entertainments, and the activities held during the holidays and which are pictured within the following pages.

We hope you enjoy the holiday memories pictured in this issue and look forward to seeing you again at the same time next month.



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Featured on cover is our 'Model of the Month', Susan Roger-Allan. Susan who is Director of a Model & Casting Agency is also a compere and Fashion Co-ordinator. She recently left New Plymouth to extend her business into the Auckland area but her Agency in New Plymouth is still operational.

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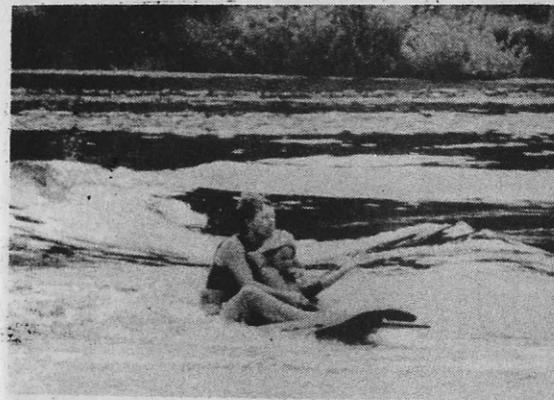
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# WATERSKI CLUB DAY

Lake Rotokare, just a few miles out of Eltham, is the scene where many happy faces can on certain days during the summer, be found. Many of them come for a day in the sun, while others come with powerful boats and sets of waterskis. We visited the lake on a clubday during the heat of January sunshine.



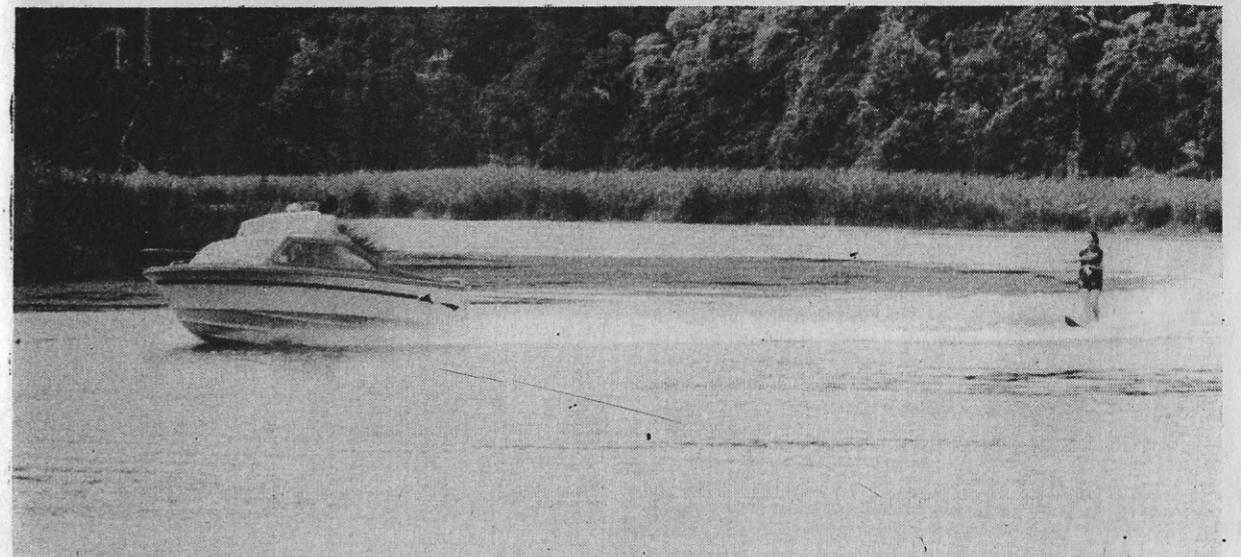
Part of a group from Stratford who came to watch the fun.



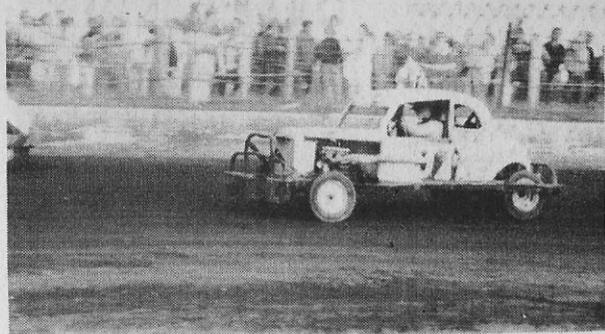
Che and Lloyd Evans of New Plymouth riding the waves in tandem.



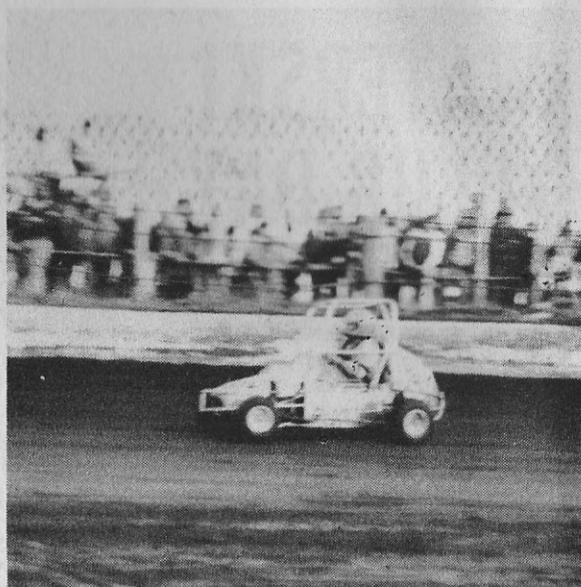
Owen Richardson of Stratford shows his style.



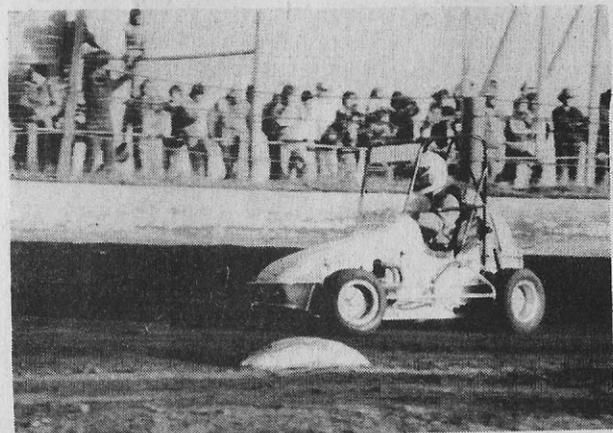
Jeannette Barr of Okaiawa comes back to shore after a trip round the lake.



Wayne Brooker of New Plymouth had his V6 Ford working in top order that evening



Dennis Topping racing in the second TQ race of the night.



Pat Chapman proved that he really knows how to handle his TQ.



The highlight of the night, and the main attraction was the Demolition Derby.

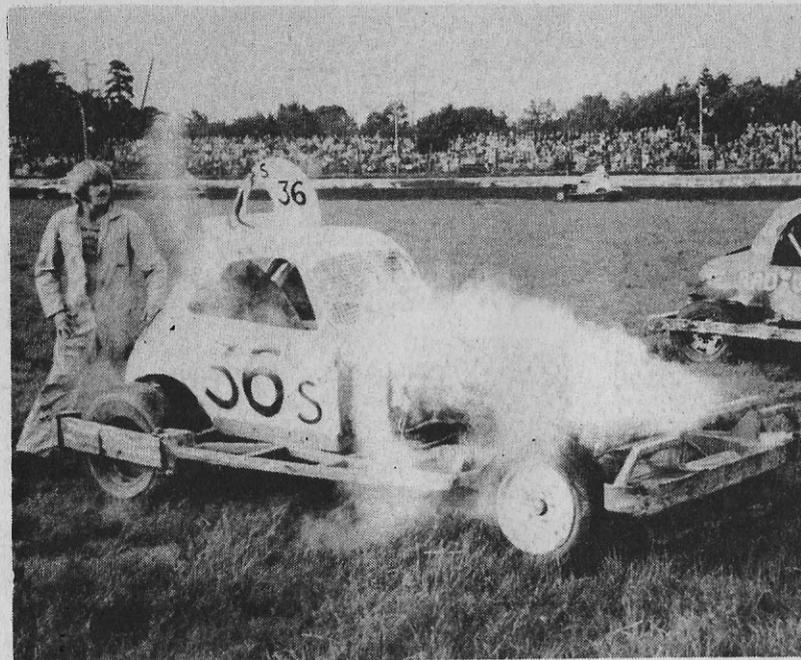


As in most Demolition Derbys, almost anything seems to go, and usually does. In the two pictures above it can be seen how as the race progresses ( ??? ) cars shudder to a shaking, smouldering compulsory stop.

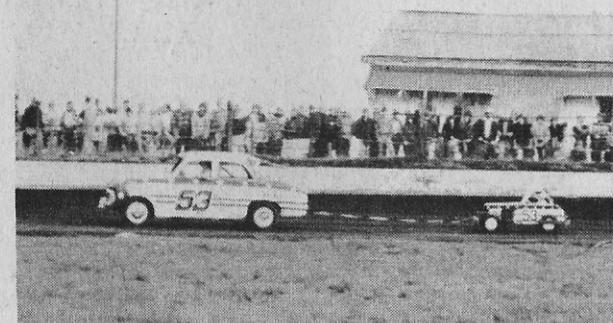


# STOCK CARS: DEMOLITION DERBY

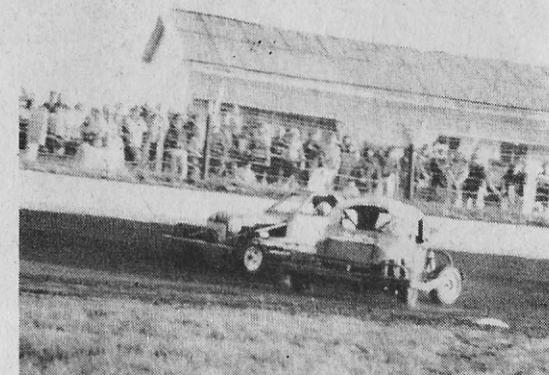
One of the most popular events that any Stock Car Club ever organises is the Demolition Derby. Such a Derby was held at the track in Stratford early in January and predictably it drew very good crowds of spectators. The Demolition Derby did of course live up to its reputation with plenty of crashes and a high pace of excitement.



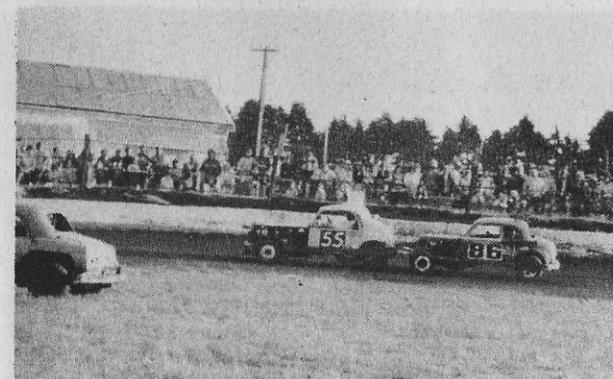
A blown radiator put Steve Tanner out of the race.



This car raised the laughs with a miniature in tow.



A spectacular collision had the crowd whistling



A not too gentle bump in the rear, but for spectators it's all part of the fun.



Trying to shake each other loose, out in the grass centre.



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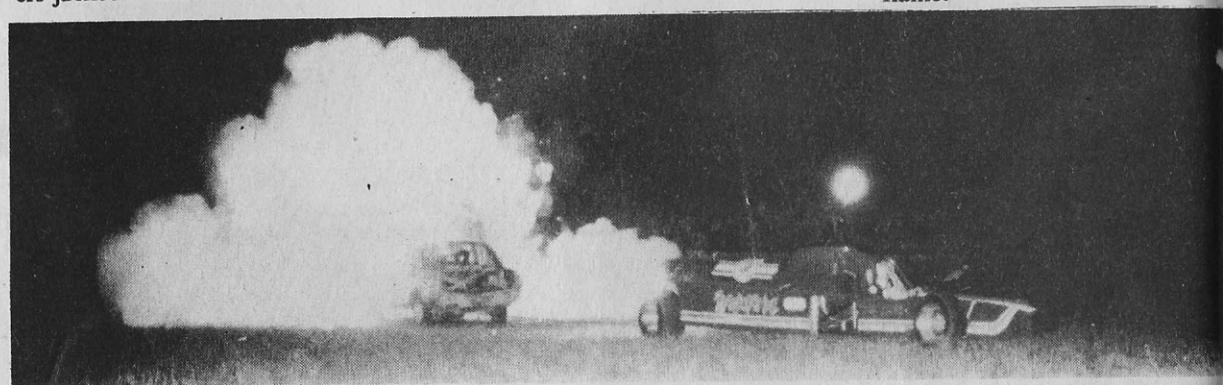
# STOCK CARS: Hillman explodes

Two weeks after the Demolition Derby at the Stock Car Track in Stratford came an evening that was highlighted by the blowing up of a Hillman vehicle by American Doug Brown who drove what he called his Pennzoil Pulse 'Wildfire'.

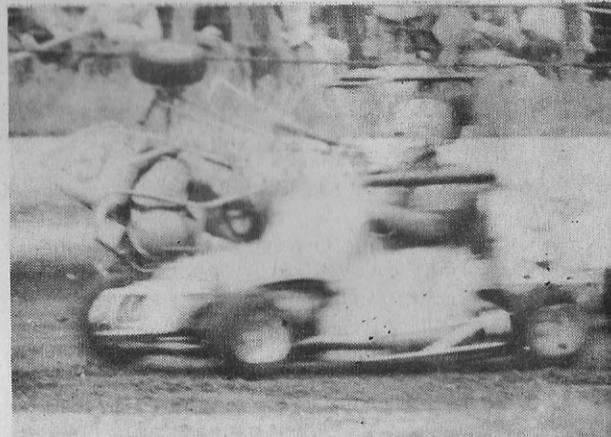
Excitement reached fever pitch as the highlight of the evening approached.



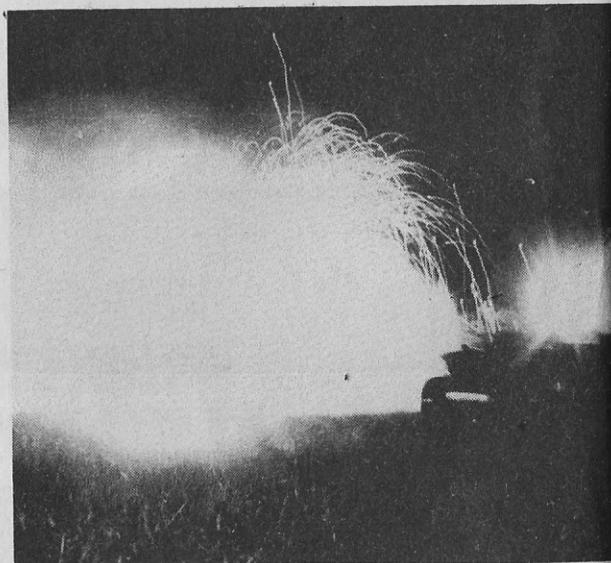
This bike rider slides into a corner in one of the early races. Note the Confederate flag on the riders jacket – shades of 'Dukes of Hazard'?



Doug Brown from California, USA, destroys a Hillman with the thrust produced by his Pennzoil Pulse 'Wildfire' jet, which produced a 5,000 lb. thrust.



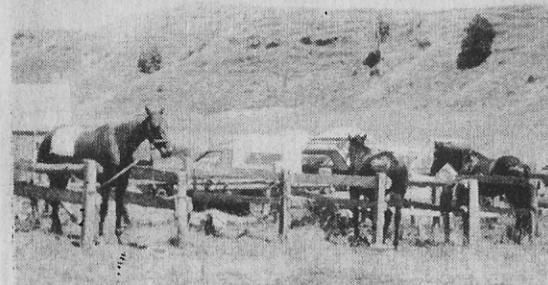
Dennis Topping wipes out his TQ in a spectacular crash, caused by a slight misjudgement on his part.



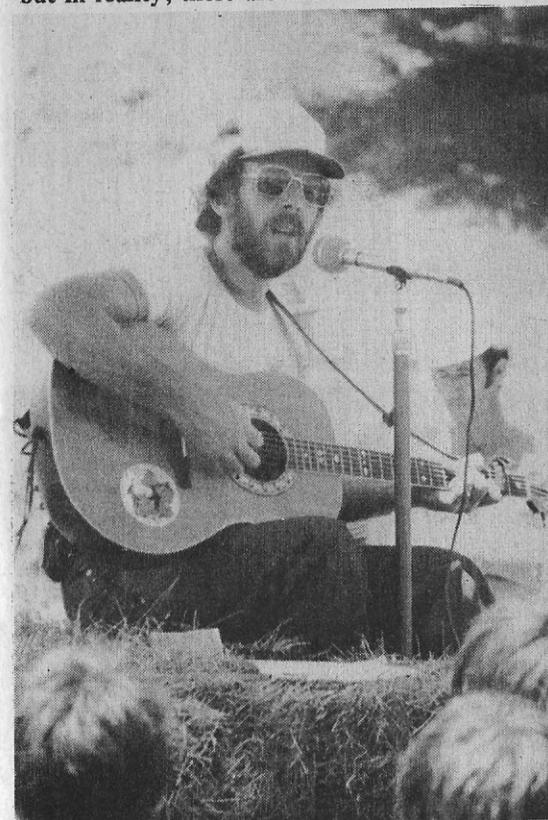
Smoke and fire as the Hillman, prepared especially for the event by Blondie Chamberlain, the new N.Z. Stock Car Champion, explodes in a ball of flame.

# BEACH RACES

There's always something of a carnival 'air' to the running of the Waitoetoe Beach Races and this year's event was certainly no exception. The sun shone brilliantly, the crowds came from all over, and turned it into a 'picnic' affair.



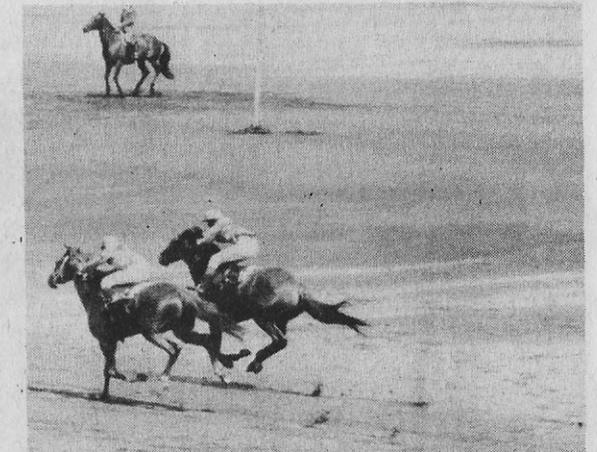
It may look like the setting for a western movie, but in reality, these are horses' stalls.



John Hore made himself comfortable and entertained the crowds at Waitoetoe.



Rob Godderidge & Ralph Bryant made a real picnic of the day, complete with barbeque lunch



'Favour' winning the second race, the 'Maple Park Maiden', with 'Summer Sox' following second.



The winning line during running of race four.



The objective here was for the group to 'tie' themselves into 'knots' and then untie themselves.



Passing an apple along a human chain using only the chin – Sheryl Schwass of New Plymouth & Denise Kurta of Urenui



Tracey Black of Awakino takes her turn



Children were instructed to throw a ball to land in a cardboard box some thirty feet away, then run and retrieve it, passing the ball on to the next person. Simone Elston (left) New Plymouth sends the ball flying, while Angela Garlic (right) also of New Plymouth takes aim, and scored.

## MINI OLYMPICS

Children from many parts of the province were to be seen at YMCA Camps at Camp Huinga over the Holidays. During one of these camps we attended their 'Mini Olympics' and found that not only did the 'kids' really have a ball, it was good fun watching too.



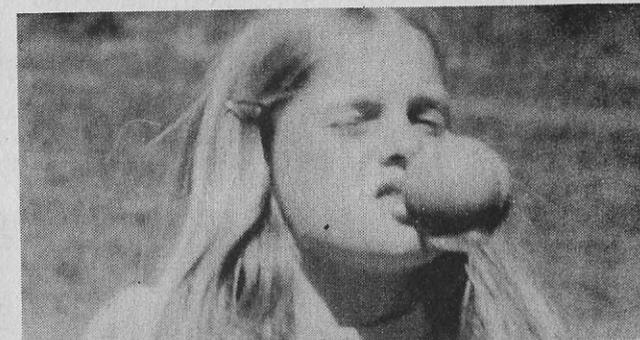
It's hard to smile with a spoon in your mouth but Kristin Wilkes of New Plymouth does so and doesn't drop the ball either.



This lass was going 'cross-eyed' looking at the ball



Allison Dallas of Patea starts the ball & spoon with supervisor Roanna Davidson of New Plymouth standing by.



Utmost concentration from Raewyn Waters, Bell Block.



Helen Ross of Eltham starts the ball rolling – the idea was to roll the ball along the form without it falling off.



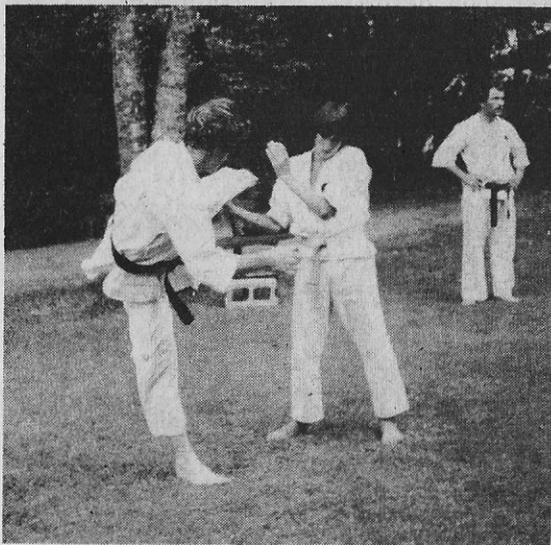
Rebecca Gordon of New Plymouth, a smooth ride down the form.



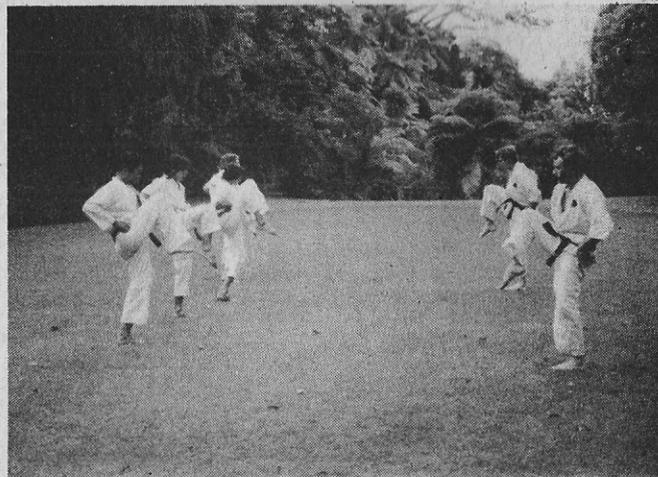
A nice pass from Kristin Wilkes of New Plymouth to Donna Trott of Inglewood.

## PUKEKURA PARK ENTERTAINMENT

During much of January, New Plymouth's Pukekura Park was the scene of a number of demonstrations by various local clubs and organisations. These demonstrations attracted much interest from both visitors and Taranaki citizens and several of the activities in the Park are pictured on the following pages.

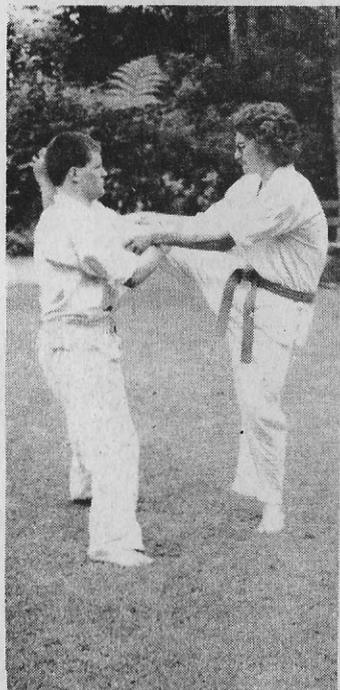


Above— Chris McMahon & Shane Lyes go through attack & block exercises — Above Right — the karate class in warm up pose.

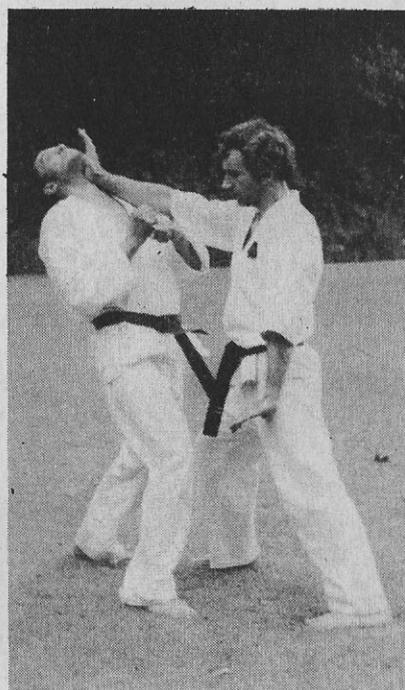


## KARATE

The Rembuden Karate Club staged a demonstration of the finer points of karate training and what the art is all about. Their demonstration was well received.

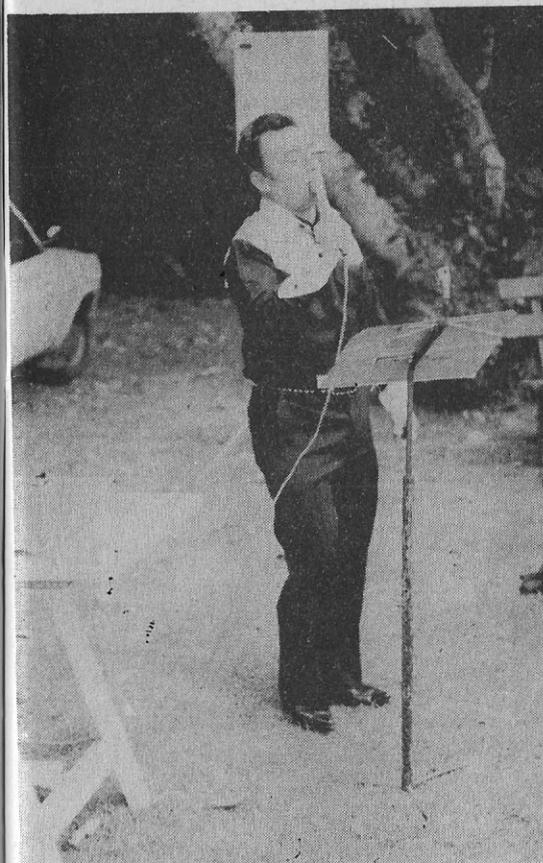


Above from Left — Mark Gallagher & Lee Rose work out, Ken Roberts (instructor) shows Keith Abbott the way its done, Chris McMahon demonstrates how to break a stone with the bare hand.



## BLACK & WHITE SQUARES

Black and White Squares they call themselves. In itself the name may not mean much to Mr & Mrs Average, but those who watched the display soon discovered that this meant Square Dancing and they also learned that this style of dancing has changed a lot over the years.



Club organizer and Caller, Eric Dwyer.



"Now it's swing your partners round and round"

## SPINNING CLUB

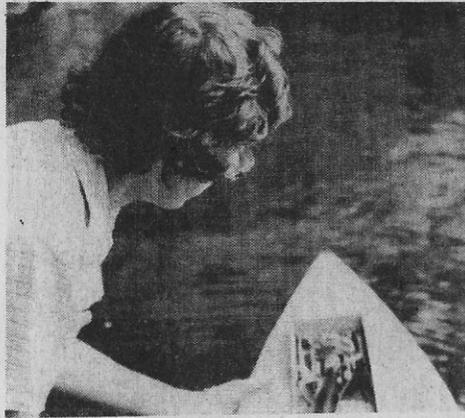
The 'Old Frankley School Spinning Club' were proud to display their age old craft and indeed it proved a fascinating sight for those who watched.



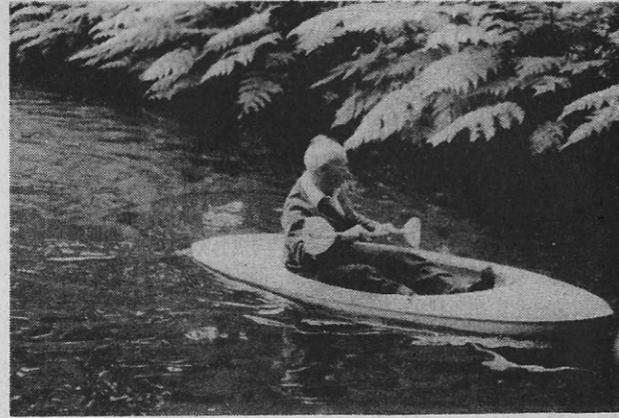
Mrs Pat Mawson shows how the age old craft is followed and wears a product of her own handiwork



ABOVE — Unice Bothwell, Pat Mawson Glad Morecraft and Olive Ward are spinning, spinning, spinning.



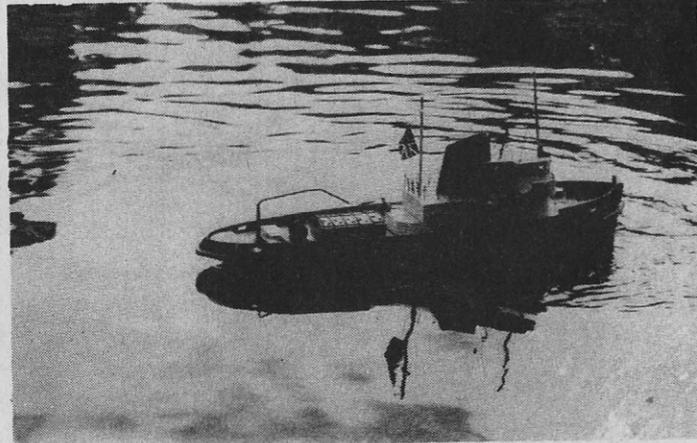
Maui De Baffy tunes his boat.



Bert Winmill rows out to collect a 'crashed' model.



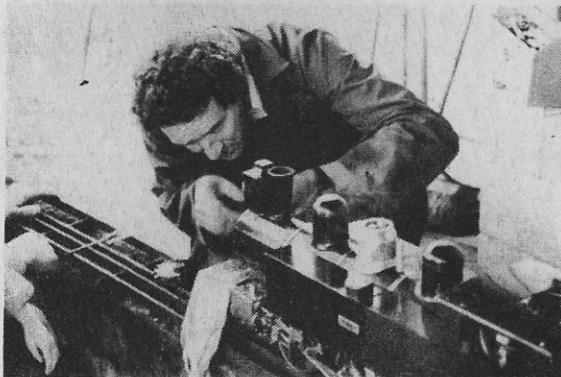
Bert Winmill steers his model, watched by John Polglaze.



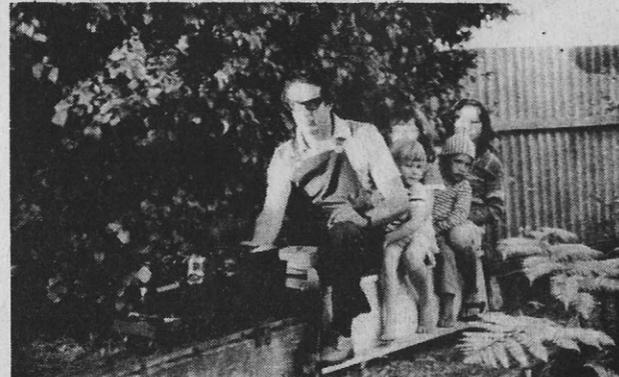
An intricate two foot model, complete with flag.

ABOVE — A demonstration by the New Plymouth Model Marine Club gave everyone a chance to observe the intricate detail in models that the group have made and their operation on water.

BELOW — During the holidays the train by the Park run by the New Plymouth Model & Experimental Engineers Club received good patronage.



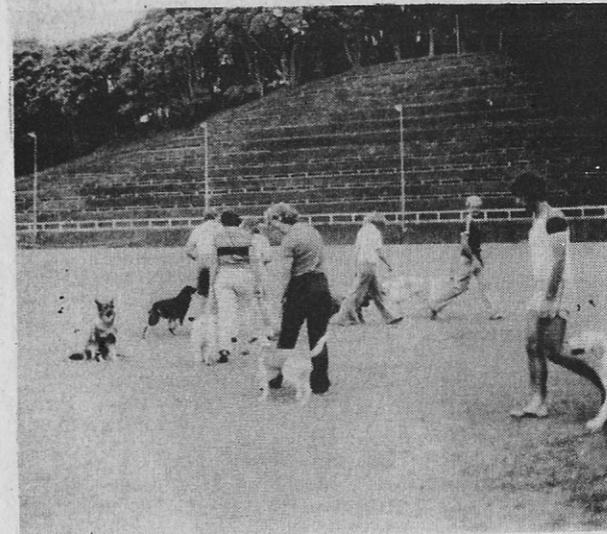
AboveLeft — Jim Clarke stokes the engine before setting out, Above Right — And then takes a full load of children for a ride around the circuit.



## BOATS & TRAINS

## CANINE OBEDIENCE

The North Taranaki Canine Obenience Club took the opportunity to participate in the series of displays at the Park and held a training session for dogs for all to observe.



Members of the class shown walking their dogs at heel, all very obedient, well almost.



"Now she stands there and demands that I jump" the dog might well be muttering, but obeys without hesitation anvwav.



Ian Hawkin walks 'Frenzy' through a low jump



Elaine Whiting walks 'Poppet' in proper fashion around the field (above) and then over the high jump (below)

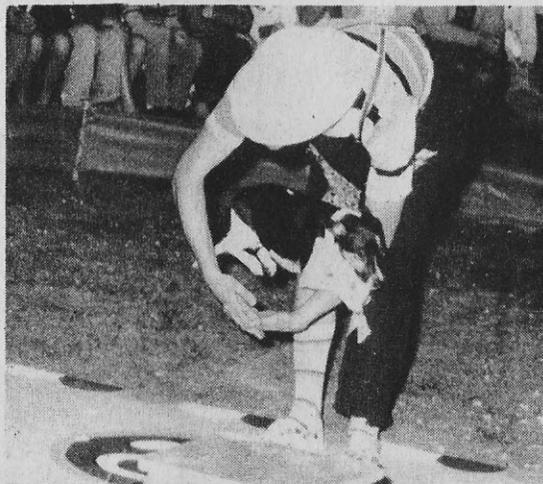




Bwana the Baboon surveys children assembled at a local retail store — a build up to the Circus performance at night.



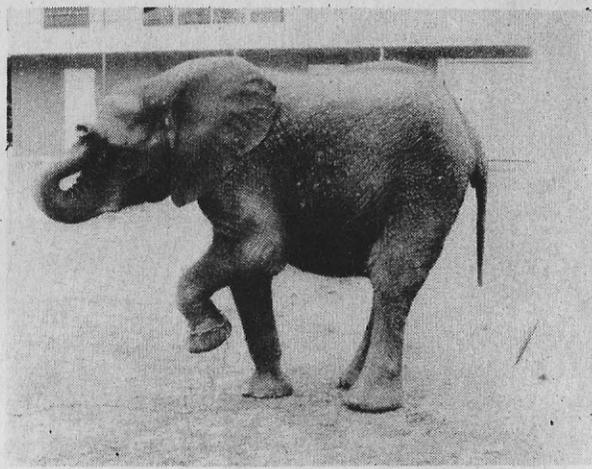
Guess it's not every day you see a clown & a Baboon walking the streets, not in Taranaki anyway



Everybody has to work for his supper in a Circus — even a pet fox terrier.

# WHIRLINGS' CIRCUS

Early in January Whirlings Brothers Circus was seen in Taranaki, entering from the north and working their way through the province, southwards. It was good to see that even very small towns were included in the Circus' itinerary, a fact that must surely prove that there is potential in small towns for more entertainment. One feature of the Whirlings Circus was small two man entertainment troupes playing in a local retail store on the afternoon prior to the main performance of the Circus. Obviously the whole idea was publicity for the Circus, with the objective of paying crowds in the tent, but it was an excellent public relations exercise.



Jumbo is a 7 year old African elephant. When full grown she will be 14 feet in height and will weight 12 ton. In this picture she was asked to salute our photographer.



Clowns Charlie & Oscar staged a competition for kids in the audience. This little winner gets to hold the clowns hand as he goes for his prize



Our vision was 'stilted' but this guy kept 'clowning around' while wearing stilts.



Clowns are the real heart of any circus and Whirlings was no exception. This 'character' had ideas he could juggle with eggs.



They even taught this poodle to jump twice his own height and — hoop-la — through the hoop.



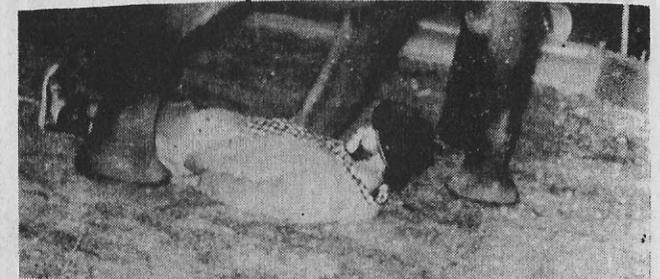
Willie the Clown was a hit with all the kids. Here he shakes hands with the crowd of kids.



Like Skewthorpe's in the old days, Whirlings were complete with an excellent stock whip act — glad it was the clown on the receiving end, not us.



Ray Ramon chose to talk with words of fire



Jumbo of course trod the centre ring too and was taken through her paces — those paces did not even touch the clown, though of course he tried to 'kid' the audience that she would.



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It became a fun thing all their own for Michelle King and Janaya Kopu.



Karen Hollis, Gaye McCarten, Arlene Brigg and Alistair Moran operated the Candyfloss stand.



There were stalls of several types at the Bowl selling all manner of paraphernalia.

*Fleamarket*

A Fleamarket and general Gala was held at the Bowl of Brooklands on January 24th and while we heartily endorse the usage of the Bowl for other activities, such as this one, it was quite disappointing, especially for the organisers, that more people did not attend the event.



A book stall was operated by Pauline Grigg and Jane Collins.

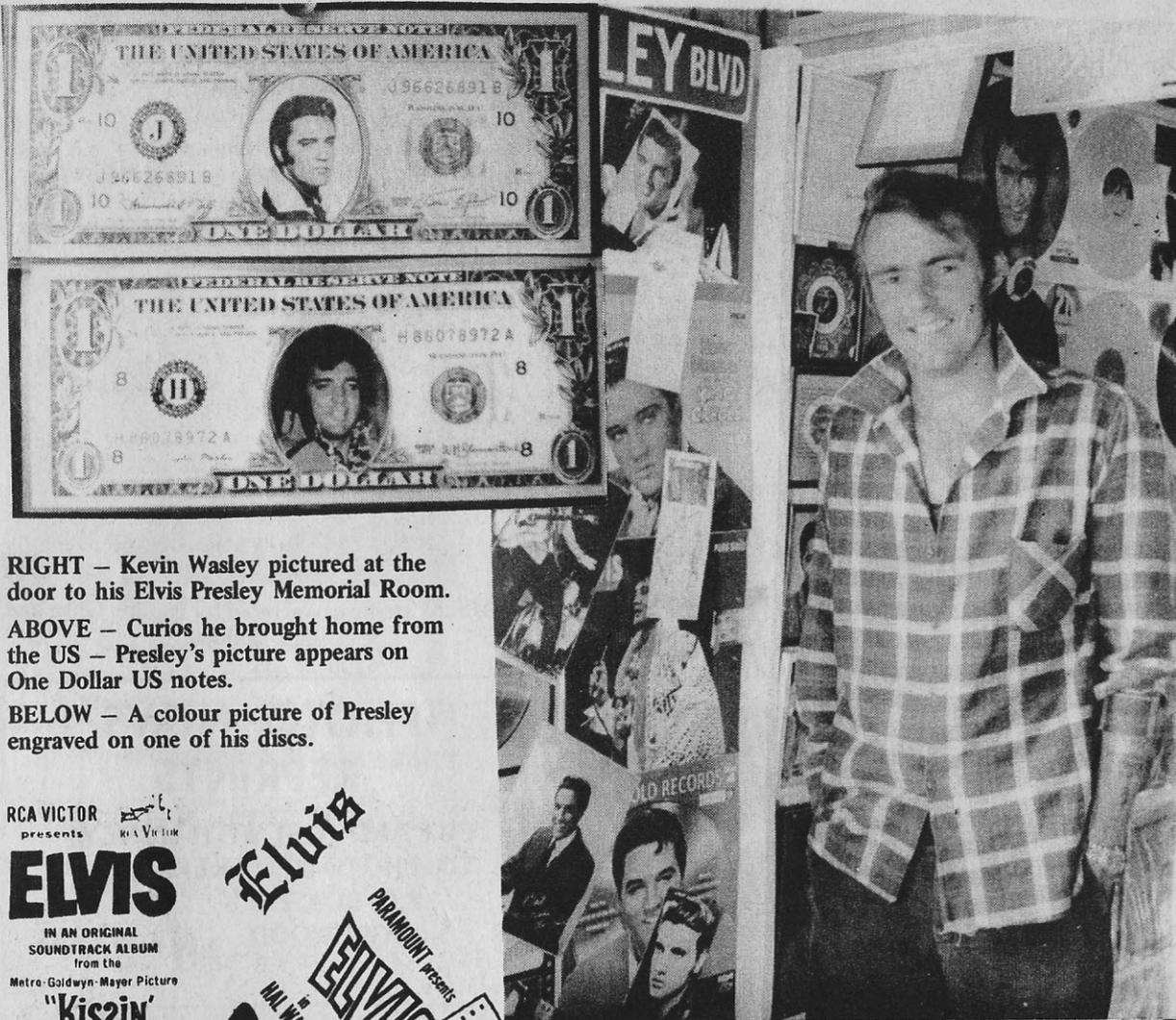
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RIGHT – Kevin Wasley pictured at the door to his Elvis Presley Memorial Room.

ABOVE – Curios he brought home from the US – Presley's picture appears on One Dollar US notes.

BELOW – A colour picture of Presley engraved on one of his discs.

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# ELVIS PRESLEY MEMORIAL ROOM

A painter in Hawera, Kevin Wasley, some time ago dedicated a whole room to the Late Elvis Presley.

He was building a new workshop back in 77-78 and decided to incorporate one room at that time as his personal memorial to Elvis.

Today the Room has become something of a sightseers stop in Hawera and Kevin has a number of visitors all of whom are politely asked to sign a visitors register.

Kevin started collecting Presley records when he was 13. "Some kids collect cars, I collected Elvis records" he recalls, and today his collection number about 1,120.

In 1979 Kevin won a national competition which gave him a prize of a trip to Memphis. This year he hopes to return as host of a 3 week tour which is due to leave in October.



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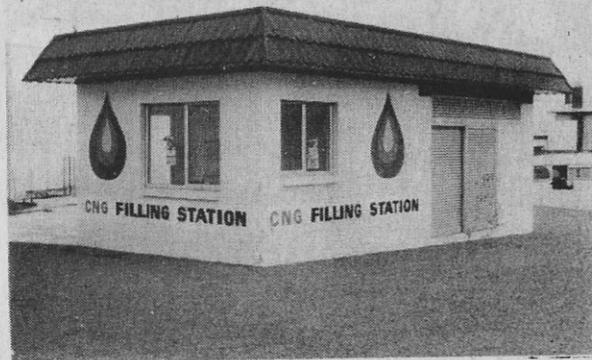
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## New Plymouth Trots

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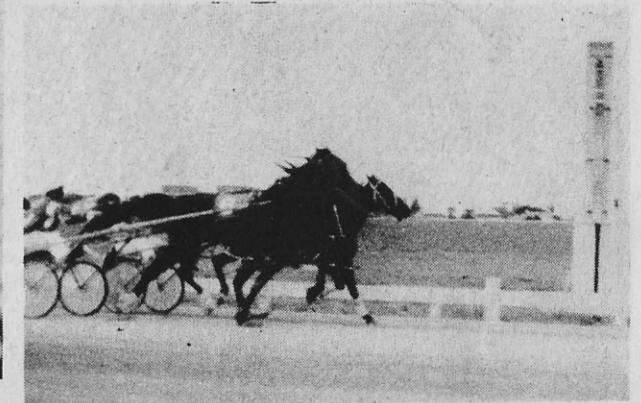
Those who spent the day at the meeting, commented more on the weather than on the racing, but there were a number of exciting moments for punters who bet, and lost.....or won.



The start of the Festival 81 Mile.....



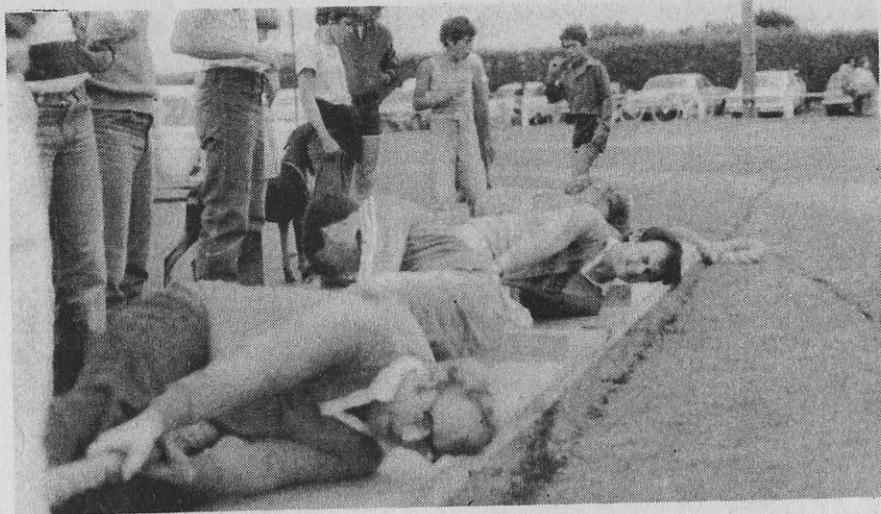
The Starter, Mr N. Jones with Mr Mailman and son Ian who help him on the day.



....and the finish, a really close result.



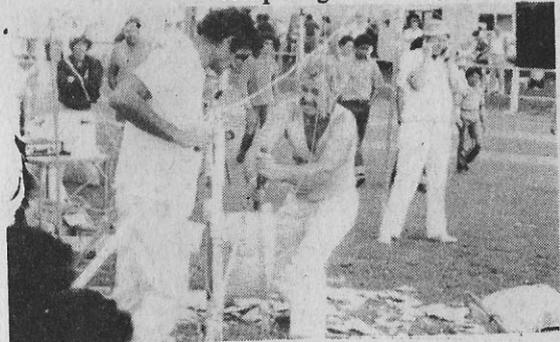
A 'starter's eye view' of the beginning of the Leopard Breweries Race.



The Firefighters team from New Plymouth competing in the Tug-O-War.

# WAITARA CARNIVAL

Many of those who attended this years Waitara Carnival felt that the event was not what it had been in previous years. However it is well to remember that this year there was no gate charge & the event was more like a Gala Day. It was run this year jointly by the Taranaki Axemen's Association and the N.P. Cycle Club.



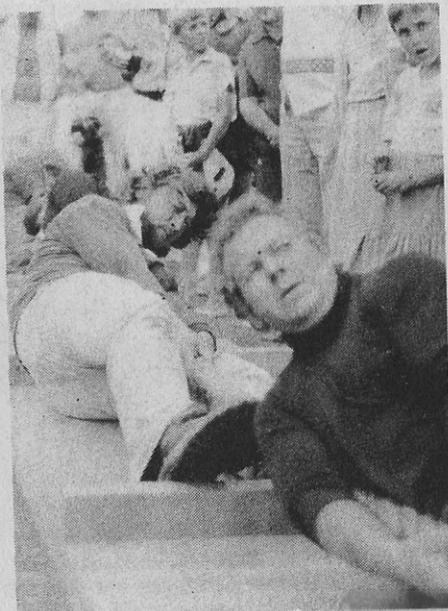
Social Credit's candidate for the Taranaki electorate, Brian Herlihy, finishes 2nd in the single handed sawing event.



Brendon Harris and Teresa Hori enjoyed the day out.....for them it was great fun.



Stewart Osbourne trys his skill



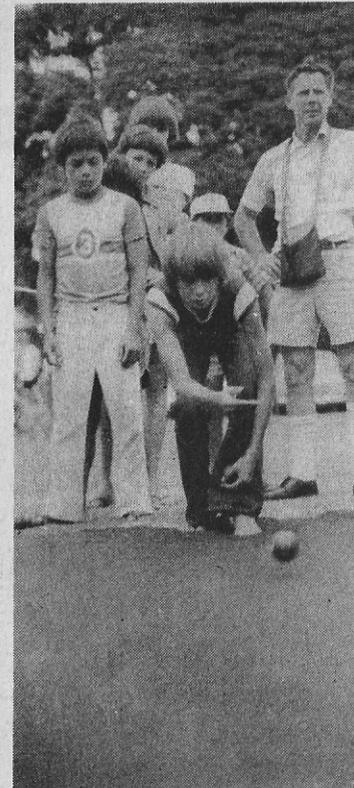
Stratford A team were winners



Competitor in the 11" under hand chop.



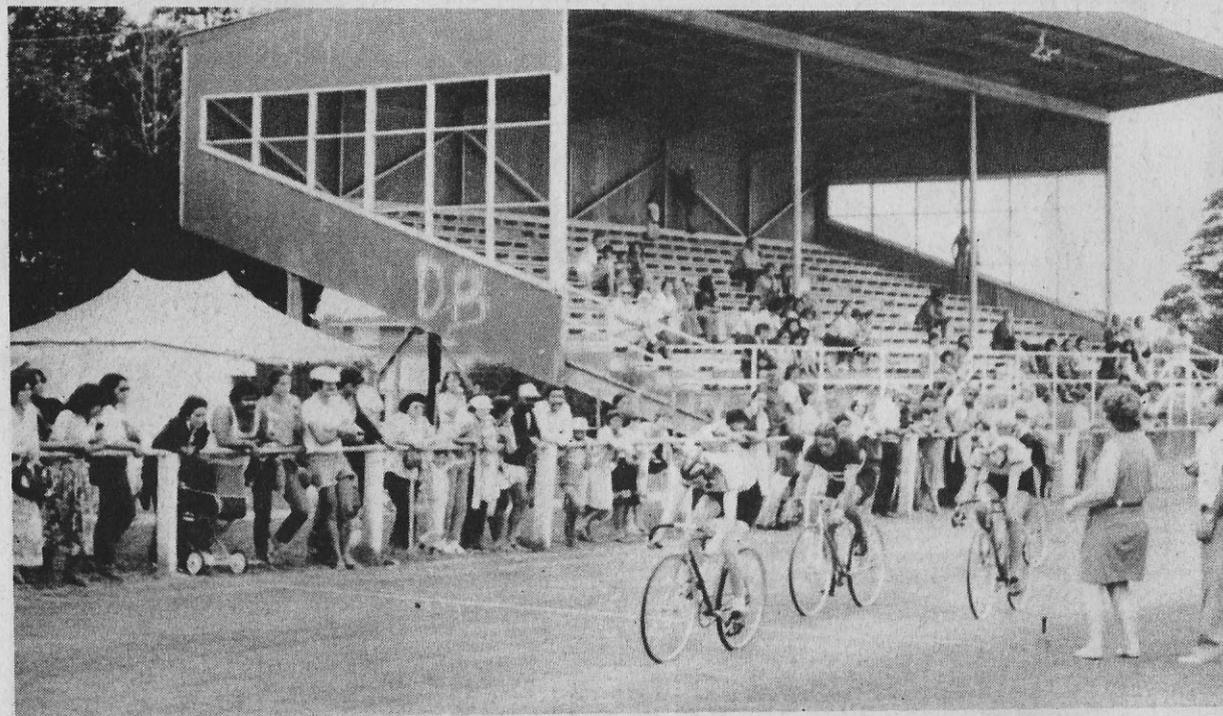
B Richard in the chopping



Dean Purdie aims most carefully



T. Haupapa had a tough block in the 12" standing chop and was last to finish



The finish of the second lap in the cycle race with K. Stratton 1st, B. Lambert 2nd and C. Haldane 3rd.

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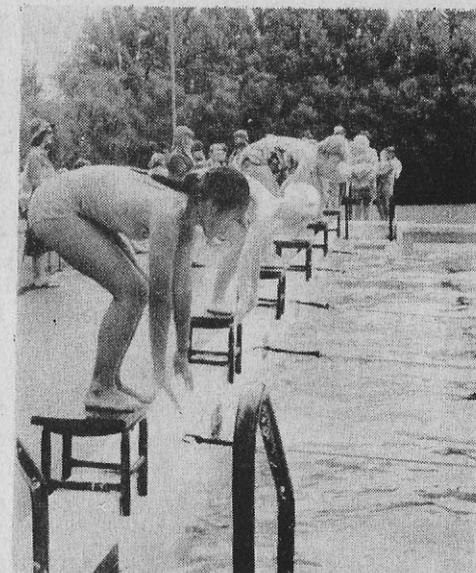
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## Kaponga Swimming Carnival

Sunday morning February 1st dawned bright and sunny and organisers of the Kaponga Swimming Carnival breathed a sigh of relief. The good weather brought good crowds and the Carnival, which was held at the Kaponga Public Baths was deemed a great success.



Start of the 12 years old 66 2/3rds breast-stroke.



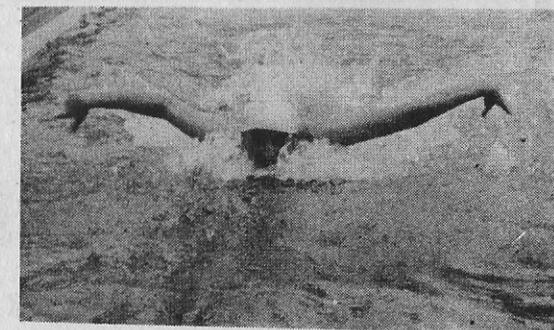
Making a picnic day of it were the Mueli family from New Plymouth



Organisers, Michelle Wisnewski, Karen Betts, Shirley Wisnewski and Heather Flinthof.



Part of a large crowd which attended the Carnival



Catherine Gadd applying the power in the 66 & 2/3rds open butterfly.



The Salexin raft not only had peddle power, they also had an elaborate canopy & cabin.



'Moa-Nui' Social Club's raft looks like it's struck a little swampy ground



First raft home was this entry by the National Dairy Association all the way from Hawera.

# Raft Race

The annual Raft Race on the Waitara River took place as usual close to Christmas and caused as many laughs amongst spectators and entrants as is normal. Long may this event continue, it is light hearted moments in life such as this provides that we all need.



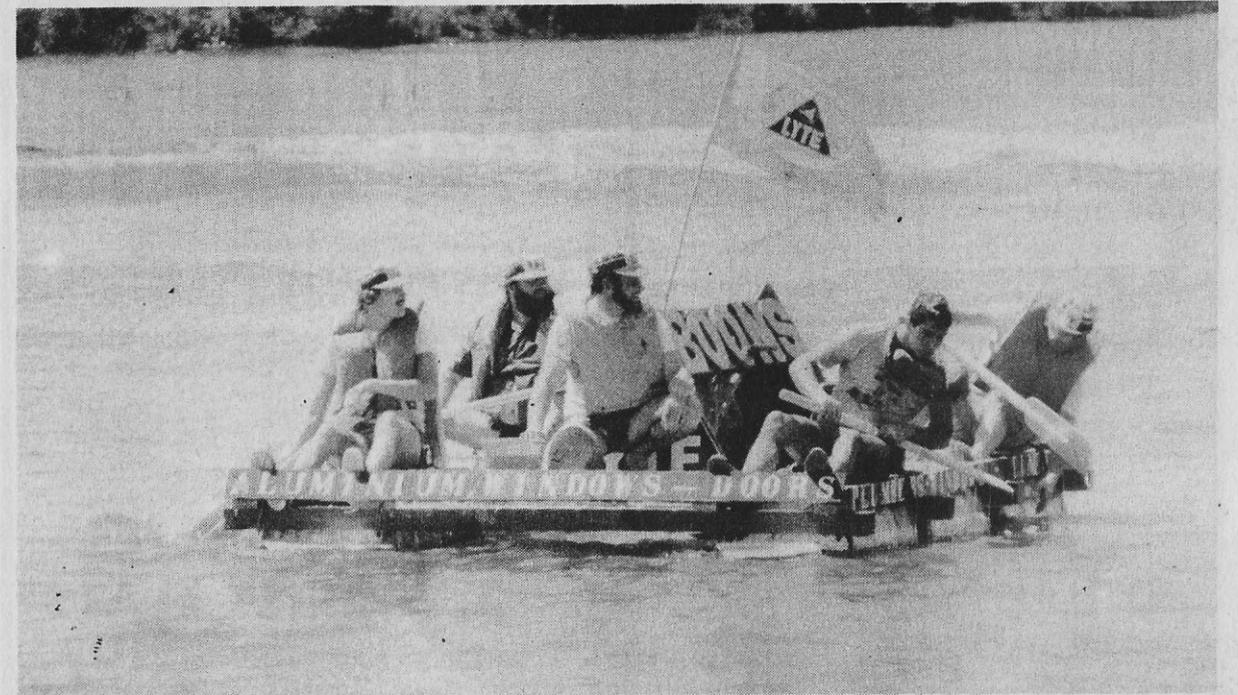
Tikorangi Young Farmers tended to prove that they were farmers, not seamen !



Nothing elaborate about the Round Table raft from Waitara, but it made speed (at times)



Coming home in style to take third place.



Boons raft was the subject of considerable ingenuity



Two of the rafts ran out of 'gas' and had to be towed across the line.



Putting considerable effort into the oar-work are those aboard the 'moa-nui' raft



Yes the CB'ers were there too with those strange call sign numbers all over their raft.

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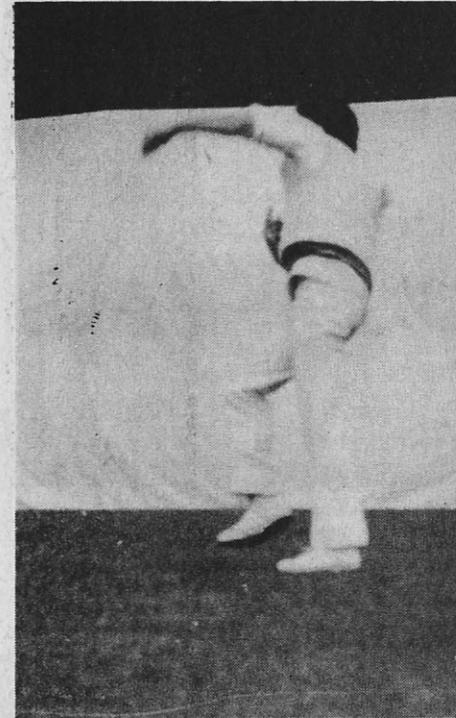


## CRICKET: Taranaki v. Marlborough

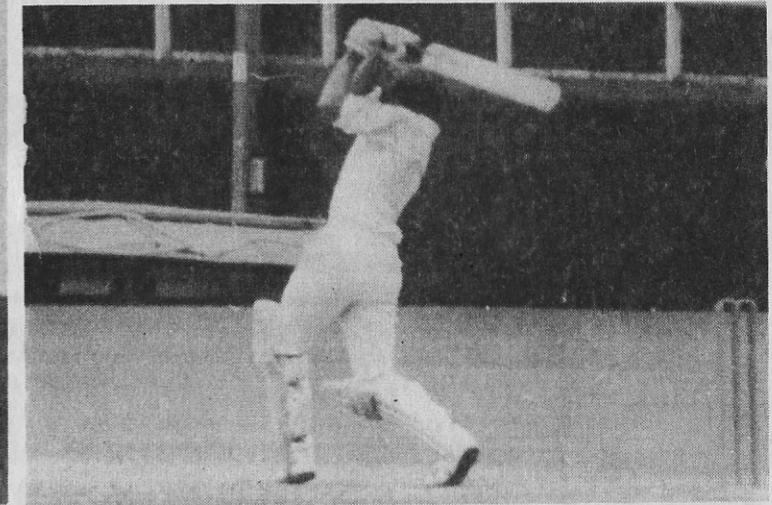
Taranaki took the Chapple Cup match against Marlborough held at New Plymouth in January with a show of skill and determination that paid off with a most convincing win for the home team.



Not out batsmen Crowley and Blackbourne return after a partnership of 30.



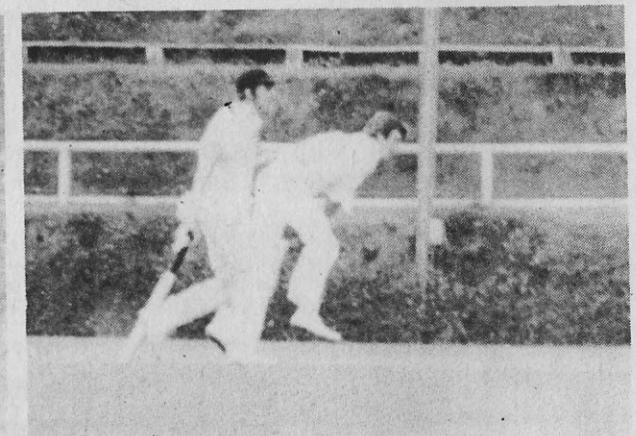
A late effort from a fielder does not save and another boundary is made.



Keiran Crowley sends it across Cresswell's head for a further 4 runs.



Peter Blackbourne hits Thomas through mid-wicket for another 4 runs.



Turning on the heat and notching up more runs to the tally

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## Trolley Derby

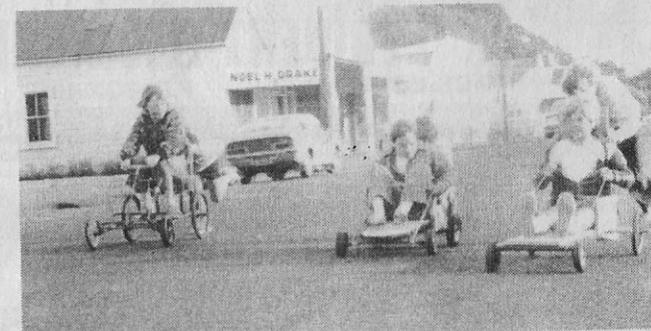
On a late shopping night just before Christmas, Moa Street in Inglewood became the scene of many weird and wonderful looking 'machines'. The event was a Trolley Derby organised by the local Jaycee Chapter.



Setting a fearsome pace are Jenny Aiken and Claire Burkitt

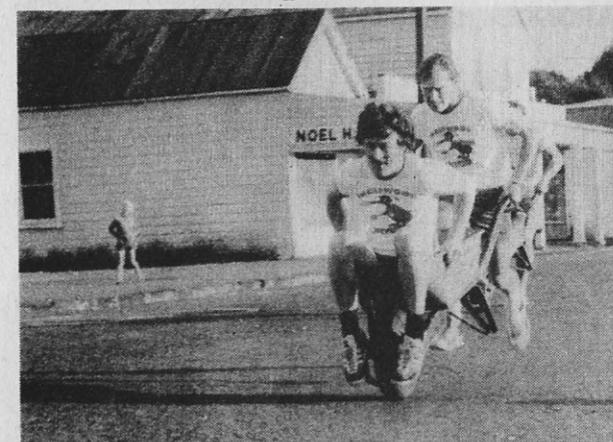


'Just Like Chasing Cows' - the Tariki Young Farmers appear to be saying.



The Hatcher kids really put some strain into it

"Okay buster - we'll show these old clowns how it's done"



Ron Dodunski found this barrow pushing thing wasn't that easy, especially with a passenger (passenger is Rodney Ewing)

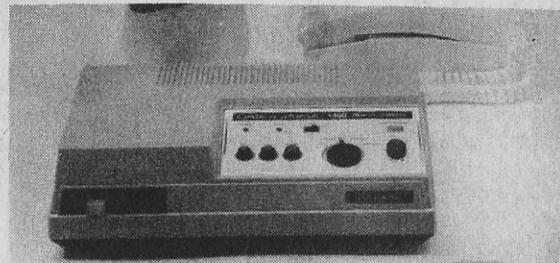


Showing how youth makes easy work of it all are the MainDonald boys

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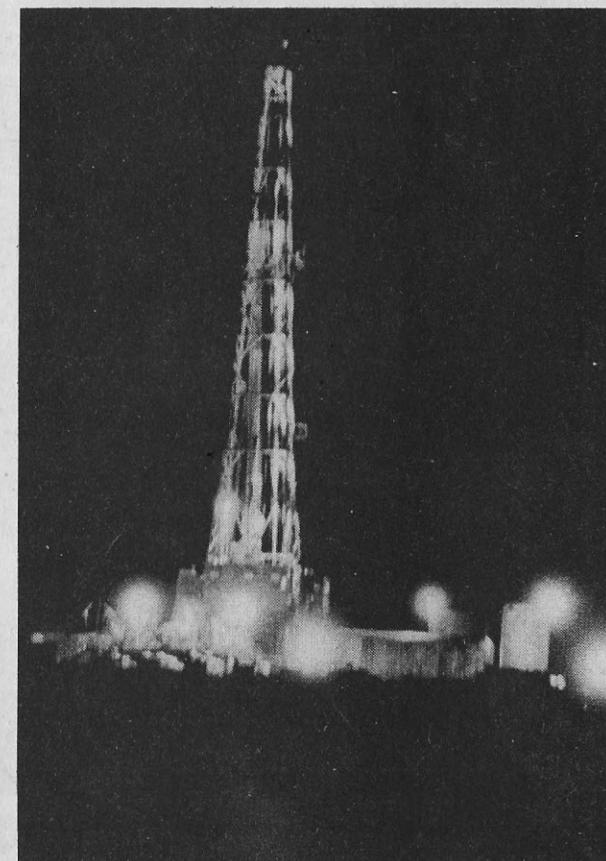
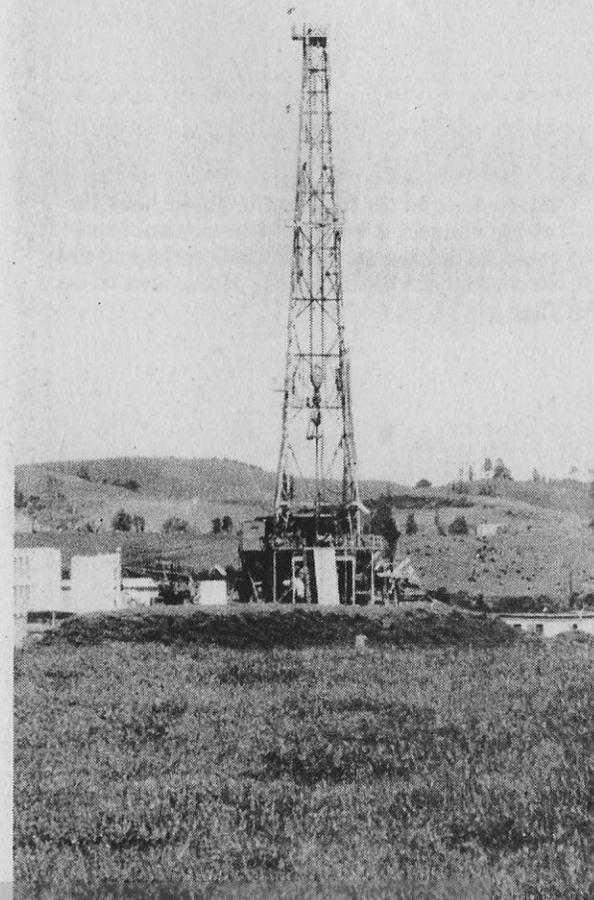
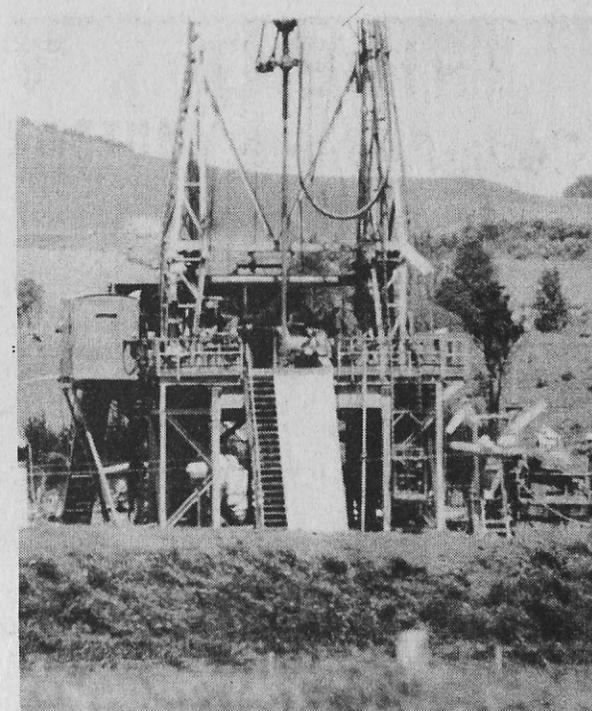
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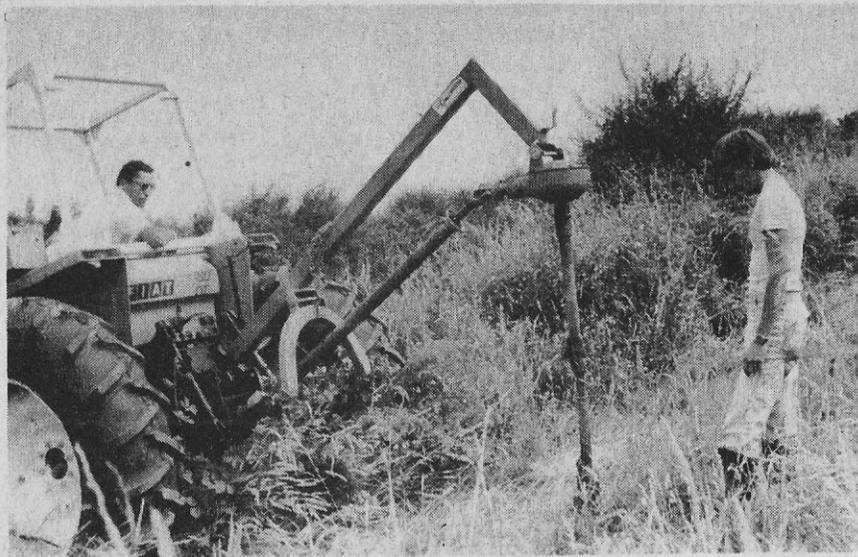
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# OIL SEARCH

As the Oil Search in Taranaki steps up in pace a growing public interest mounts over the many questions now associated with all aspects of the projects involved.

Pictures on this page depict the Petrocorp Drill when it was operating on the Onaero site which has officially been declared 'dry'. The shot of the rig at night makes a most interesting contrast to the daytime shots.





## SEISMIC SURVEY

An English firm has been busy carrying out a seismic survey in the area where oil was struck at the McKee field. The objective of the seismic survey is to determine where the best places are likely to be to drill production wells and also to determine the size of the McKee field. We followed through the survey team during one day and the following pictures show the work involved.

Four wheel drive tractors equipped with post hole type diggers are used and holes are called for in all manner of terrain, from flat, to hillsides.



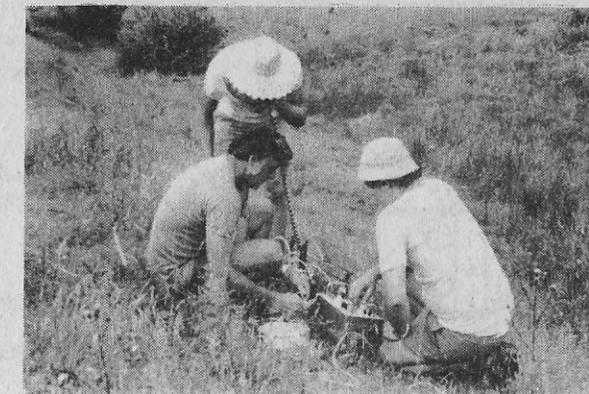
Small charges of Gelignite are placed and wired then the holes are filled with sand & rammed.



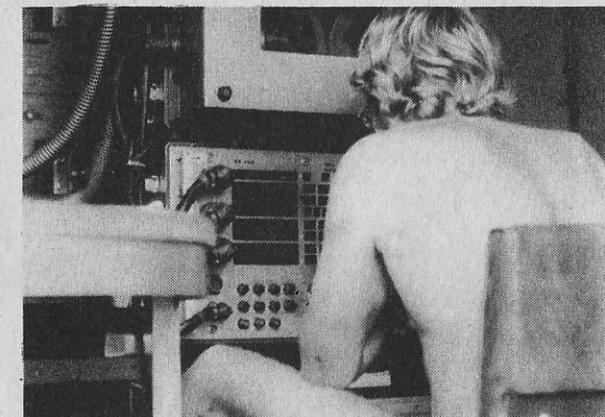
Equipment boxes such as the above have the wiring connected to them (the control boxes are estimated to cost \$3,000 each) and are strung out the entire length of the area to be fired.



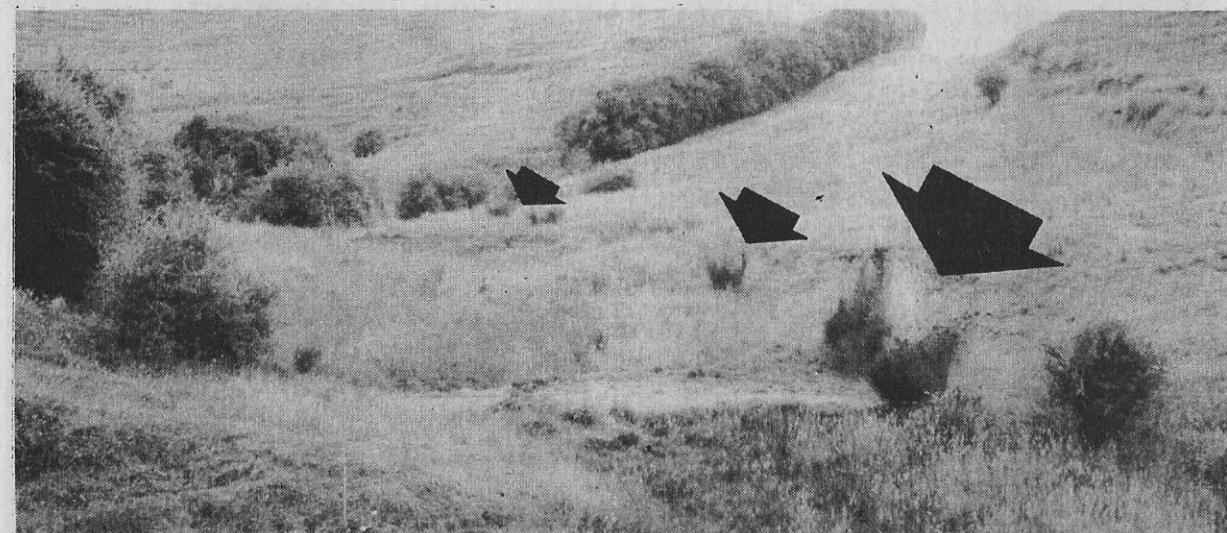
A general view showing the team working on a farm in Waitui area.



The final stages of wiring and preparing to blow the charges. Above right we can see one member of the team in phone contact with the control base. It is from this control base that the charges are actually fired, after that is, a warning blast of vehicle horns has been sounded.



The control base for the operation. It is here that computer equipment records the series of explosions on each section and also records the shock waves of these explosions downwards into the earth's structure. These are recorded on computer tapes and these tapes are later analysed to produce maps for study.



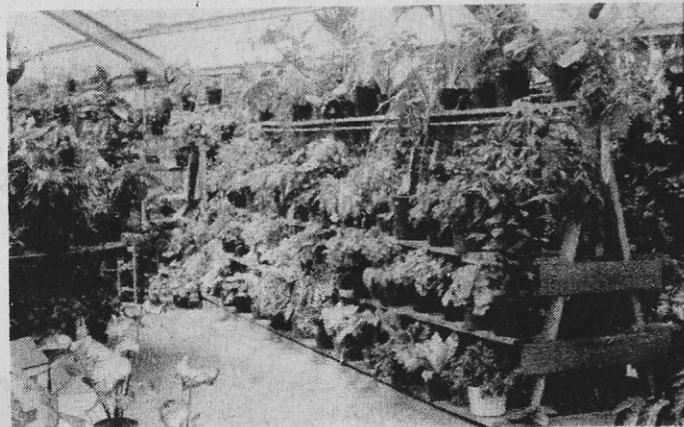
Simultaneous explosions in a difficult stretch of terrain – difficult because of a swamp area. The arrows show the blow-ut of sand where each piece of 'jelly' was planted.



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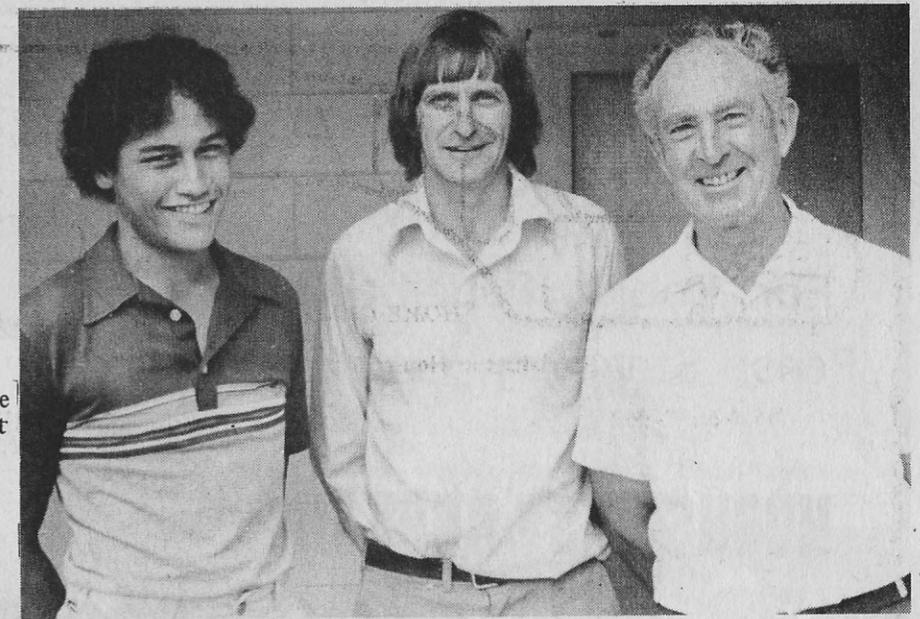
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## Golf Reps.

The Taranaki finals of the  
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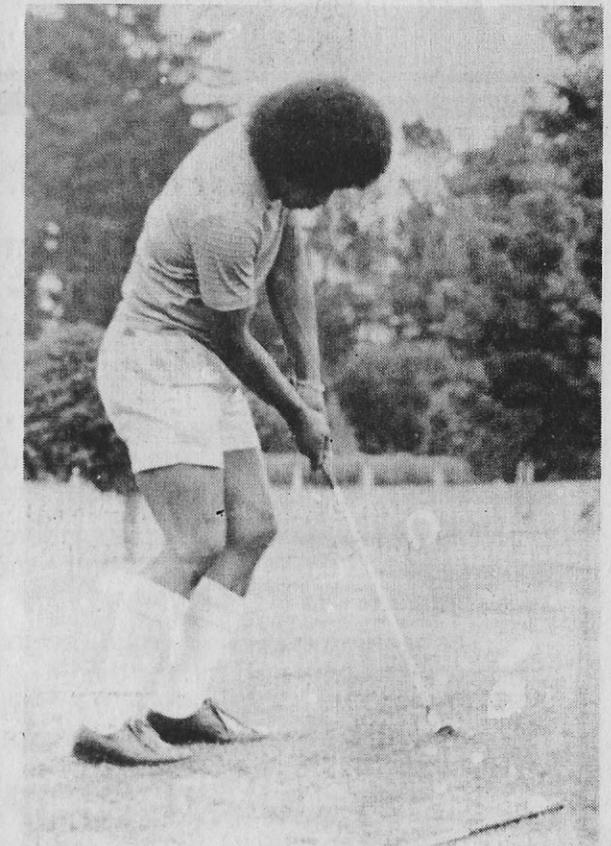
It was the Hawera team  
of Beauchamp, Lloyd  
and Ropiha that took  
the honours (to the  
surprise of some).



The winners who go on to the National Stuyvesant event –  
Junior – Dick Beauchamp, Intermediate – Selwyn Lloyd,  
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Dayle Montgomery of Eltham holds the  
flag on the final green for a fellow player.



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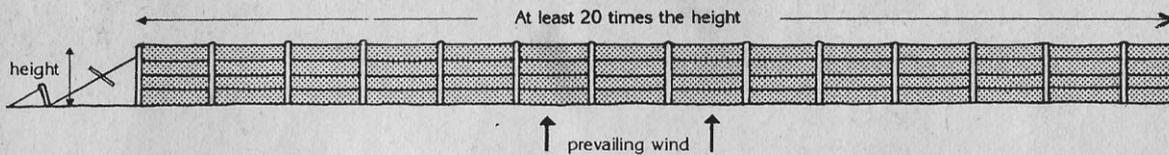
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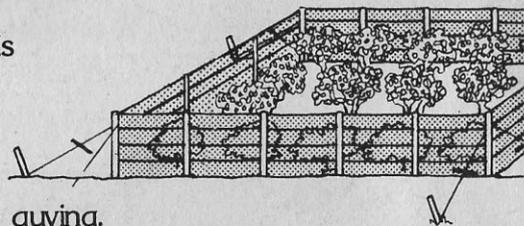
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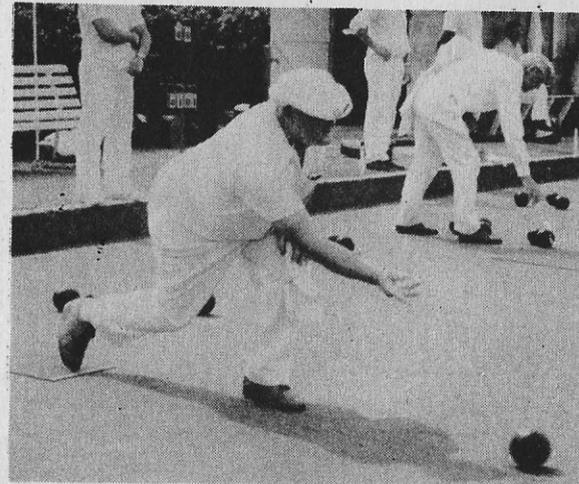
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**BOWLING TRIPLES AT HAWERA**

At the end of last month an Open Triples Bowling Competition was held at the Nolan-town Green in Hawera. Photo News was there to catch some of the play, much of which is reproduced below.



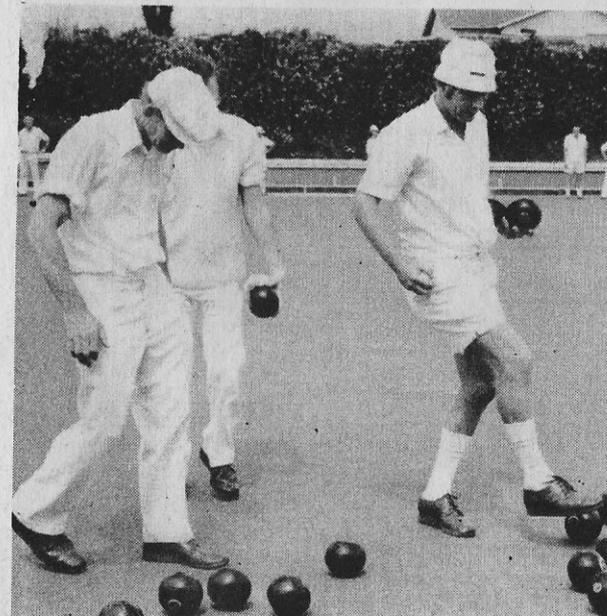
Nick Sinclair, Ian Norgate, Eddie Bayliss and John Lawrie bring the bowls back for another.



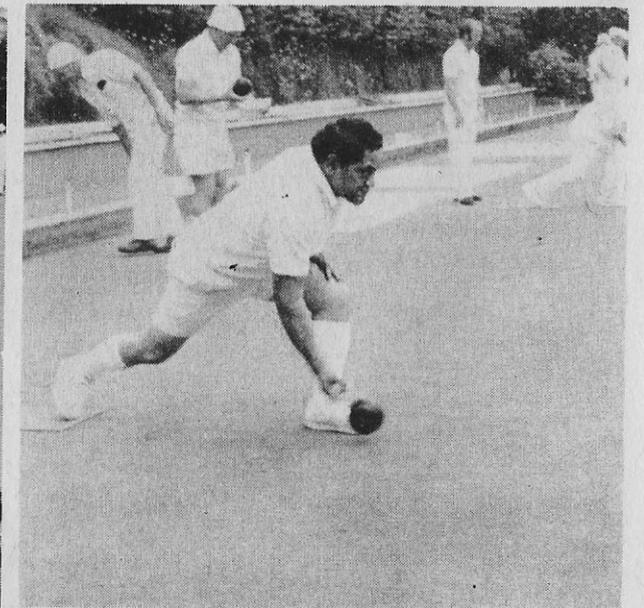
Ed Hurley had a very precise shot to make and this one was sent down with care.



Technical discussion between Ken Fairbrother and Jack Richards



All hands get there preparing for another end.



Carefully lining up the objective and Wally Omahura sends his bowl 'a-spinning'.