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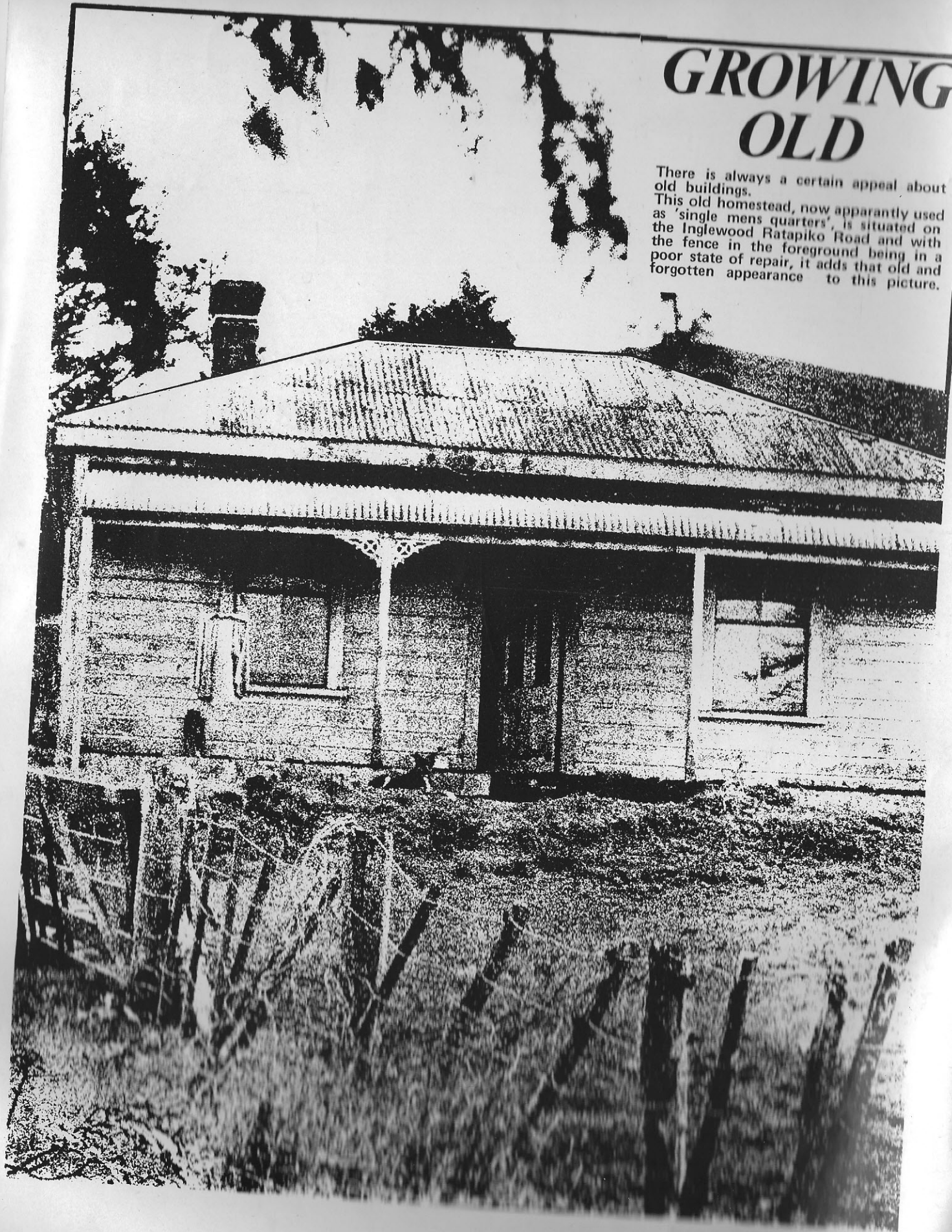
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# GROWING OLD

There is always a certain appeal about old buildings. This old homestead, now apparently used as 'single mens quarters', is situated on the Inglewood Ratapiko Road and with the fence in the foreground being in a poor state of repair, it adds that old and forgotten appearance to this picture.



Editorial

## You Tell Us

Photo News is your magazine. The contents each month is a permanent record of what happens in Taranaki during the past four weeks and the series builds into a permanent record of life in the province.

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given to companies or organisations who by way of development of a product or service, or by collective efforts, have helped to improve the way of life or environment, or who have offered service to the community that it is felt deserves recognition.

Details of your nomination should be sent to P.O. Box 427, New Plymouth.

- 2-3.....New Years Day Carnival at Oakura
- 4.....Plunket kids meet Santa.
- 5.....Playcentre Party plus Flood.
- 6.....Riddick Bros & Still Party plus 'Better Than Walking'
- 7.....Alladin.
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NEXT MONTH..... See the Catamarans in action in the National Championships, see the Hollies, see Taranaki compete against New South Wales at Surf Life Saving, plus all the regular Photo News features.



For the wee ones, water was still the biggest attraction.

# New Year Carnival

Once again, the New Years Day Beach Carnival at Oakura was one of the biggest attractions of the holiday period. There was a host of attractions this year including wood-chopping, (a New Zealand record was broken at sawing by Len Wellington), bike scrambles and of course the Miss Taranaki Beach Resorts and Mrs Oakura contests.



Glenys Ottaway (17) won the Miss Taranaki Beach Resorts contest. She later went on to win the National title of Miss New Zealand Holiday Resorts at Tauranga.



Wendy Armstrong who won the Miss Taranaki Beach Resorts title last year and then carried on to win the Miss Junior New Zealand title.



A line-up of beautiful girls who entered in the Miss Taranaki Beach Resorts contest.



Mrs Firth won the Mrs Oakura contest.



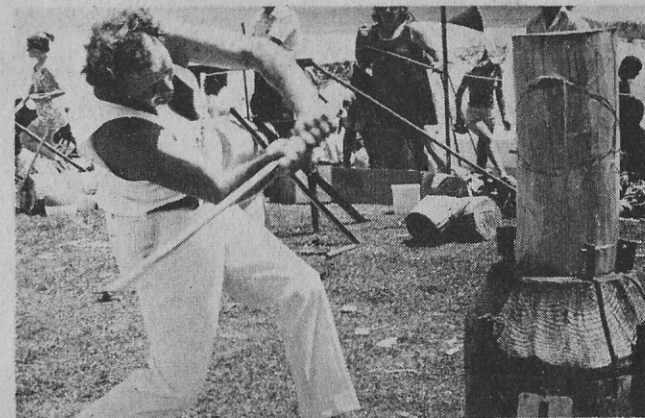
Mrs Diane Wilson came second in the Mrs Oakura contest.



Entrants in this years Mrs Oakura contest.



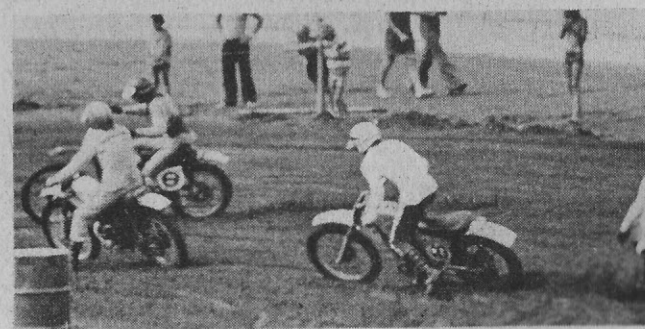
There appeared to be more adults on the merry-go-round than kids.



Les Bellamy starts his chop in one event.



Bike scrambles on the beach were novel and a large crowd gathered to watch.





Neil Withers was happy to be away from Santa and safe in his mothers arms.



Murray Foreman was plainly delighted.



Brendon Keighley was totally unsure.



Alexander and Darrell Keighley had no fears at all.

## Kid's Party

Plunket Mothers garnered all their children together for a mass confrontation with Father Christmas. For the kids (and their Mums too) the confrontation was a very happy affair with lots of presents and a party to boot. What more could any kid want?



Shane Weir was really curious about Santa.



The Anderson Family meet Santa...Michael, Stephen, Rachael and baby Craig.



Delighted with their presents are, Yvette, Carey and Amy Lukic.

## FLASH FLOOD

When the dry spell broke a couple of weeks ago, many New Plymouth streets overflowed with the downpour. So intense was the sudden downpour that water spewed onto the roadways in many parts of the city and surrounding areas. Pictured here are floodwaters in two areas of New Plymouth.



## party

As he always does at Christmas time, dear old Santa came along and visited the Hori Street Playcentre in New Plymouth. There was much excitement from the young ones when the bearded gentleman called at the Playcentre, sat down and proceeded to dish out presents.



Simone Horrill wanted to clap her hands with glee when Santa gave her a present.



Shy Keller stretches her hand to Santa (with a little encouragement from Supervisor).



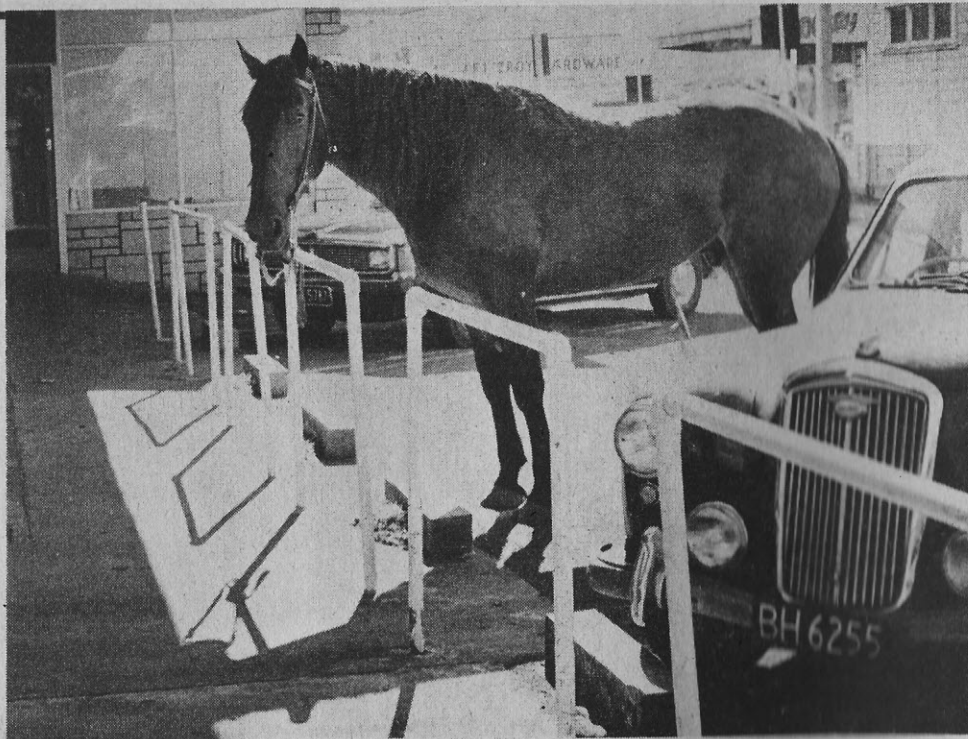
Santa had something for everyone but this wee tot had a couple of anxious moments while she watched Santa dig deep into his bag.



Leighton Hunt's face lights up as his turn comes to collect his present.

# it beats walking

At least one resident of New Plymouth is already prepared for an oil crisis. Mr Paul Roguski does not own a car and travels everywhere on his horse, Prince. We found Prince 'parked' in a car park area in one of the New Plymouth suburbs. Prince is an extremely tall horse who stands 17 hands high.



# christmas party

Riddick Bros. and Still staff members held their Christmas Party at the Braemar. It was only a comparatively small party who attended the Party but never-the-less they were a happy group who certainly appeared to be enjoying the night.



Gaile Bellette, Kath Adds and Kathy Jenkins all in high spirits.



Messrs N. Morris and L. Howarth.



Gerald and Kaye Connor share a laugh or two.



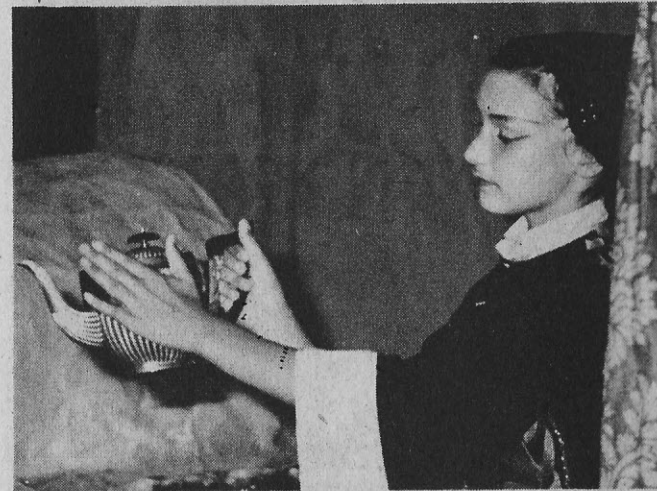
Bill Adds and Dave Miller found that joke funny.



Mesdames D. Riddick and M. Howarth.

# ALLADIN

Vogeltown School staged "Alladin" at the end of last year, just before the school broke-up. The play was quite well produced and the youthful actors played out their parts very well. Costumes too were excellent and the packed school Assembly Hall enjoyed the play as much as the kids enjoyed acting in it.



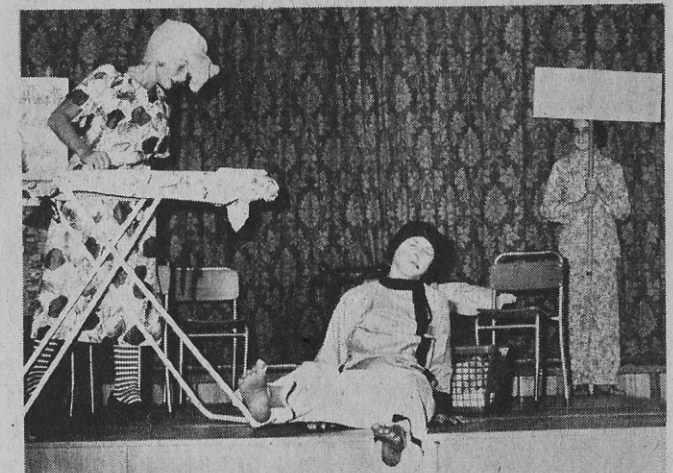
Alladin rubs his lamp and.....



....behold, a Genie appears.



Scott Simmon took the part of Widow Twanky. He was undoubtedly one of the high spots of the show.



The Chinese wash-house run by Widow Twanky.



At the Palace. Widow Twanky offers a present of fruit to the King.

## DINNER

Union Delegates from General Foods held their annual Dinner just before Christmas. This year the delegates had their dinner at the Criterion Hotel in New Plymouth. Some of the delegates are pictured on this page.



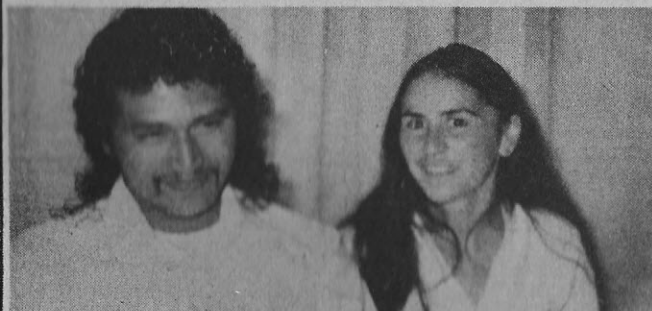
Rachael and Tama Tuirarangia.



Melva and Phillipa.



Doreen and Pauline.



Maryanne and Mr. R. Ratahi

## baby show

Nursing Mothers of Inglewood, held a Baby Show at St Andrews Hall, just before Christmas. Quite a large number of kiddies were entered in the show but space permits us to only picture four of those who entered.



Marty Jordan entered his kiddy.



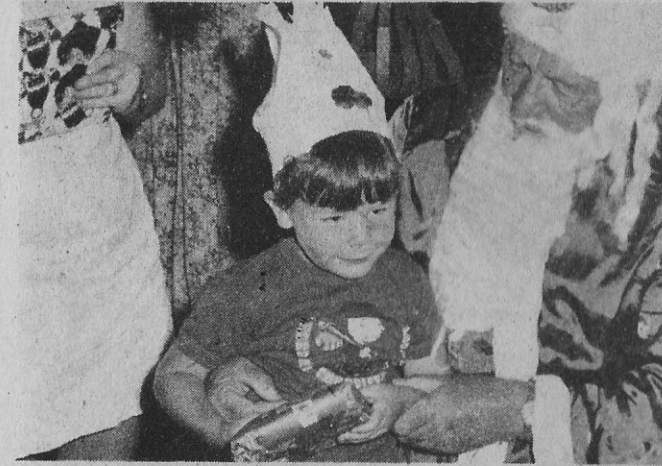
This kiddy won second prize in the 6 months to 1 year class.



The whole thing was just too much for this kid.

## SANTA MEETS THE KIDS

Santa payed his annual visit to the Mimi Playcentre at Urenui just about a week before Christmas. There were shrieks of delight when the children saw him coming and even bigger shrieks when the kids got to opening their presents.



For Trent Hall the whole experience was wonderful.



Raewyn Terrill coyly accepted her present.



Jason Hinto was really happy about meeting Santa.



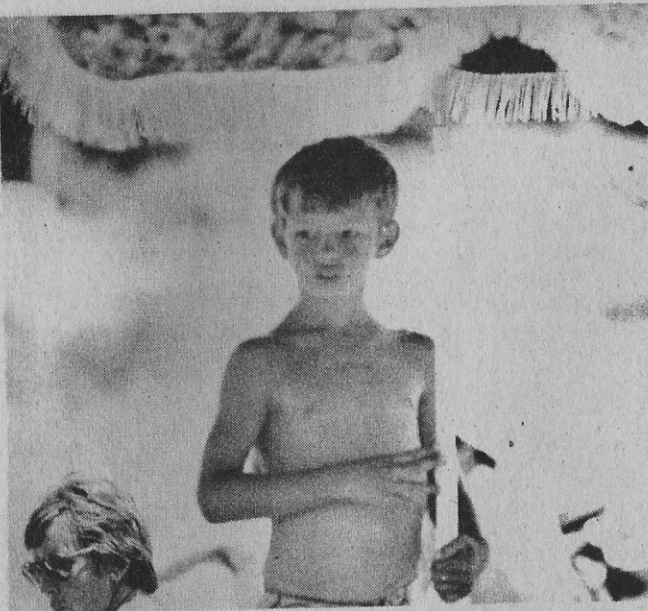
Julie Fairhurst, party hat and all.



Lance Nelms wasn't too sure about this beared guy.



Paul Maxwell had eyes only for his present.



Others like Leighton Montgomery of Waitara, used Beach Umbrellas to protect them from the glaring sun.

# Regatta

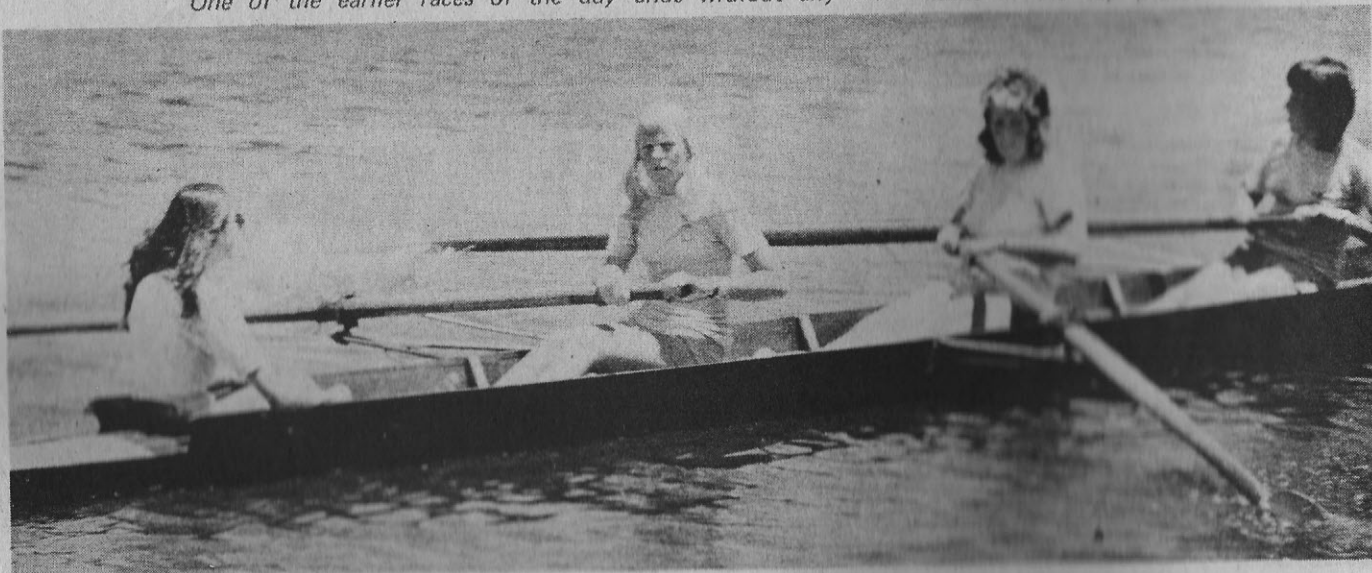
One of the first Rowing Regattas of the present season was held at Waitara a couple of weeks before Christmas. There was a fairly large gathering of spectators on the banks of the Waitara River to watch the many races held during the day and the weather couldn't have been much kinder.



There were quite a few spectators and many obtained a grandstand view on the rivers stop banks.



One of the earlier races of the day ends without any local teams in the top places.



A great deal of interest was shown by the spectators in the various female rowing crews.



# WOT'S ON

There's a lot going on over the next few weeks in all fields. Because our next Photo News is due out on February 19th this month's WOT'S ON will cover the period from today until February 21st. Details of Wot's On from Feb. 22nd until March 21st will of course appear in our February Photo News.

## FEBRUARY

- 1—Stock Cars — Racing at Stratford Showgrounds.
- 1—Miss Brooklands Presentation — Bowl of Brooklands, 8 p.m.
- 1—Racing — Stratford Racing Clubs Meeting.
- 1—Swimming — Open Swimming Carnival at Eltham.
- 2—Car Club — Concours d'Elegance.
- 2—Recital — New Plymouth City Band in Pukekura Park.
- 2—Greyhound Racing — Inglewood Track.
- 4—Swimming — Taranaki Swimming Championships, Kawarua Pool, 7 p.m.
- 4—Car Club — One hour night trial.
- 5—A & P Summer Show — New Plymouth Racecourse.
- 6—A & P Summer Show — New Plymouth Racecourse.
- 6—Swimming — Taranaki Swimming Championships at Hawera.
- 6—Surf Lifesaving — East End Craft and Cadet Carnival at Back Beach.
- 6—Hot Rod Show — Army Hall.
- 6—Cricket —
- 8—Swimming — Open Swimming Carnival at Patea, 10.30 a.m.
- 8—Old Time Dance — Senior Citizens Hall, Liardet Street.
- 8—"Tiki and Things That Go Bump" — Bowl of Brooklands.
- 8—Short Range Rifle Club Championships — Rewa Rewa Range.
- 8—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 9—Cricket —
- 9—"Tiki and Things That Go Bump" — Bowl of Brooklands.
- 9—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 9—Carillon Recital — Marsland Hill, Robe Street, 2 p.m. (1hr).
- 9—Recital — New Plymouth Pipe Band, Pukekura Park.
- 10—Swimming — Taranaki Swimming Championships, Kawarua Pool, 7p.m.
- 10—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 11—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 11—Cine Club — Annual Meeting, Chester Hall, 7.45 p.m.
- 12—Races — Egmont Racing Clubs Meeting at Hawera.
- 12—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 12—Swimming — Taranaki Championships at Hawera, 7 p.m.
- 13—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 14—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 15—Roy Orbison — Bowl of Brooklands.
- 15—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 15—Swimming — Highlands Open Swimming Carnival, Highlands School.
- 15—Stock Cars — Racing at Stratford Showgrounds.
- 15—Long Range Rifle Championships — Rewa Rewa Range, 10 a.m.
- 15—Greyhound Racing — Hawera Burnside Showgrounds.
- 16—Recital — New Plymouth City Band at Pukekura Park.
- 16—Swimming — Stratford Open Swimming Carnival.
- 16—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 16—Mini Power Boats — Club Day at Waiwakaiho.
- 16—Car Club Gymkhana.
- 17—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
- 17—Croquet — Taranaki Croquet Association 50th Jubilee Tournament.
- 17—Bowls — Taranaki Centre Women's Bowling Tournament.
- 18—Army Exercises — Puniho Road, Okato.
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- 19—Fitzroy Centenary — Whisker Growing and Victorian Dress Competition.
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## PONY CLUB EVENTS

- 1.....Waitara Gymkhana.
- 2.....Opunake F.E.I. Day.
- 5-6.....New Plymouth A & P Show.
- 8.....Stratford Jumping Day.
- 14-15...Ohura A & P Show.
- 16.....Inglewood One Day



## WOT'S ON AT THE MOVIES

### NEW PLYMOUTH

- 31st Jan to Feb 6th...Caravan to Vaccares, Mayfair.
- 31st Jan to Feb 6th...Boot Hill, State Theatre.
- 7th to 10th.....The Killer, State Theatre.
- 7th to 13th.....Juggernaut, Mayfair.
- 11th to 13th.....Shaft & Africa (double feature) State.
- 14th to 17th.....Valdez Horses, State.
- 14th to 20th.....Paper Moon, Mayfair.
- 18th to 20th.....Dagmar's Hotpants & Road to Salina, (double feature), State.
- 21st to 27th.....My Name is Nobody, State.
- 21st to 27th.....Buster and Billie, Mayfair.

- 28th to 6th of March.....Legend of the Seven Vampires, State.
- 28th to 6th of March.....The Graduate, Mayfair Theatre.

### SUNDAY FILMS AT THE MAYFAIR

- Feb 2nd.....Great Northfield Minnesota Raid.
- Feb 16th.....Five For Hell & Killer Adios (double feature).

### REGENT-HAWERA

- 1st to 5th.....Pat Garrett & Billy the Kid.
- 6th to 10th.....Lady Kung Fu.
- 11th to 13th.....Chariot of the Gods.
- 14th to 20th.....Man with the Golden Gun.
- 21st to 27th.....Three Musketeers.
- 28th to 6th of March.....Gone With the Wind.

### REGENT-STRATFORD

- 1st to 3rd.....Stone Killer
- 4th to 6th.....Virgin Soldiers & Easy Rider (double feature).
- 7th to 10th.....Pat Garret & Billy the Kid.
- 11th to 13th.....Chariot of the Gods.
- 14th to 17th.....Lady Kung Fu.
- 18th to 20th.....Percy.
- 21st to 27th.....Man With the Golden Gun.
- 28th to 3rd of March.....Day of the Dolphin.



*Pupils of Form Two enjoyed daylight saving until it was time to serve the meal.*



*Marc Cleaver with his parents.*



*Alana Lawrenson with her parents.*



*David with parents Mr & Mrs Lucki.*

## FORM 2 DINNER

Egmont Village School hold an annual event at the end of each year. This is their Form Two Dinner at which Form Two pupils prepare a full dinner at the school and in the evening share the meal with their parents. Last year's dinner at the school is pictured on this page.



*Fiona with parents Mr & Mrs Dodunski.*



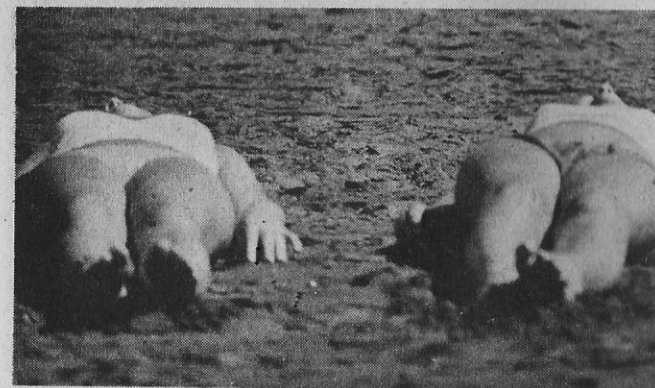
*Richard Kerr with his parents.*



*Mary with parents, Mr & Mrs Gower.*

## Opunake Mardi Gras

The Opunake Christmas Carnival was considered to be even more successful this year than in previous years. The crowd turned up in large numbers for the fun and pleasure of the carnival and they were certainly given what they came for. Most events received good entries.



*Content to just laze on the beach and enjoy the sun were Heather and Linda.*



*Entrants line-up for the Tiny Tots contest.*



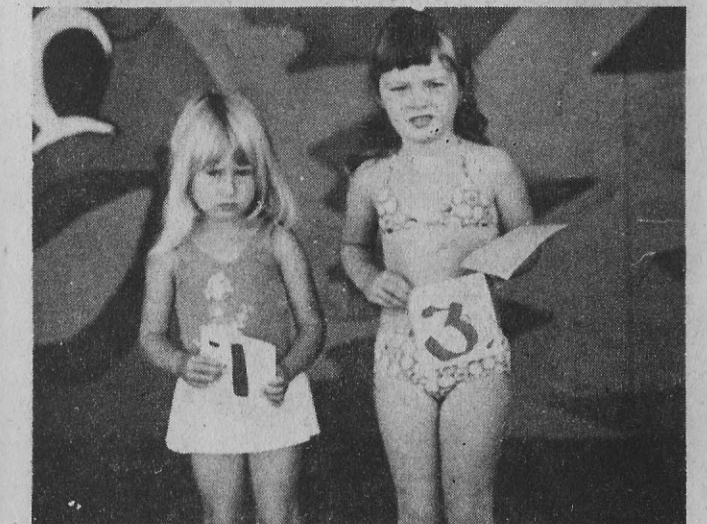
*Some of the cuties who entered Miss Poppett.*



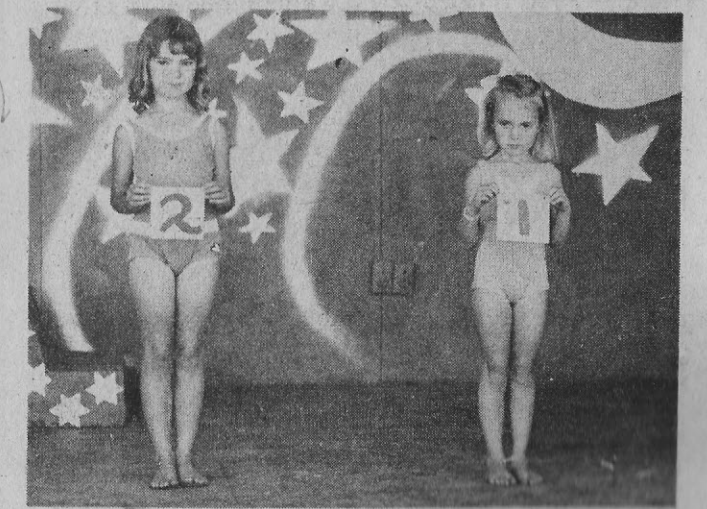
*Adrienne and Ruth get with holiday feeling.*



*Glenys Wilson of Auckland won Miss Junior Mardi Gras contest.*



*Winners of the Tiny Tots contest were Michelle Deagan and Janet Reeve.*

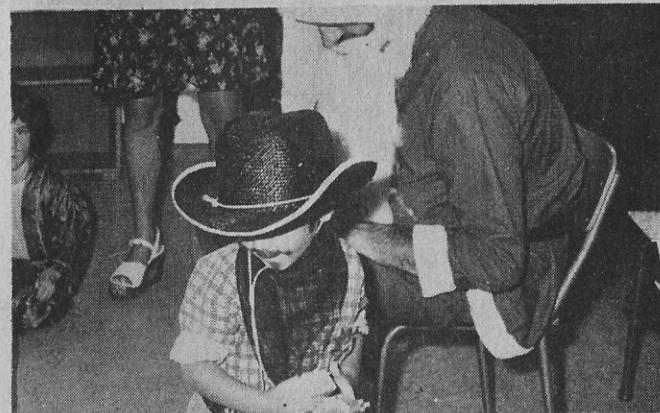


*And the winners of the Miss Poppett contest were Levonnie McNeil and Maree Reeve (winner).*





An unsure Kayleen Heatley accepts her present.



Cowboy Paul Fenton was pretty pleased about the whole thing.



Dale White collects his present.



The girls have eyes only for Santa...Jill Ryan, Robina Whittaker and Julie Varga.

# XMAS PARTY

Fitzroy Kindergarten ended their year with a Chrissy Party for the kids. Santa of course was one of the main attractions and when we visited the Kindy, Santa was the centre of attention. From an adult viewpoint, the most interesting aspect was to watch the expressions on the faces of the children as they collected their presents from Santa.



Robina Whittaker shakes Santa's hand.



Brett Cole had eyes only for his present.



Fancy Dress was the order of the day.. Louise Geraghty, Maree Dixon, Stephen Johns, Kurstin Johns, Ingrid Hunter and Gregory Adlam.

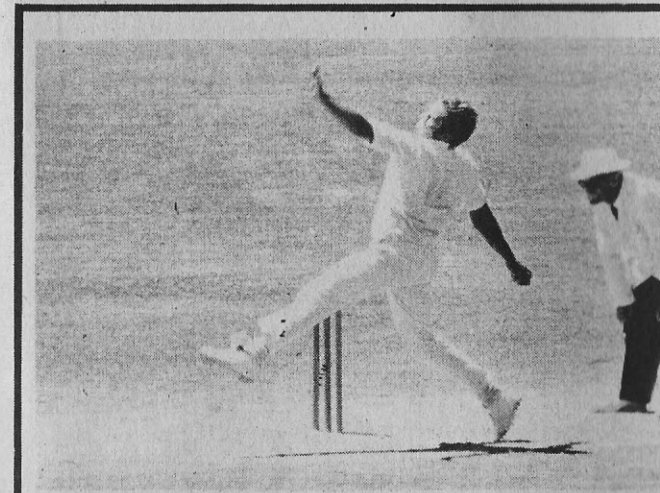
# CRICKET

WELLINGTON B. v. TARANAKI

Wellington B. led by former cricket international, Bruce ('Bags') Murray, played Taranaki at Pukekura Park on December 26th and 27th. The Photo News camera was there to capture some of the action. The game ended in a draw.



GOTCHA.....this fieldsman does everything right as he fields the ball.



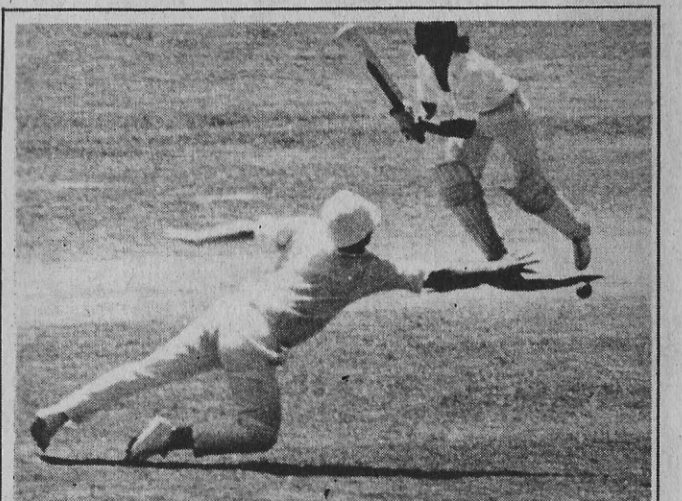
UP.....the bowler caught in his delivery stride.....



THAT WAS.....finger lickin' good, says this pretty spectator on the banks of Pukekura Park.



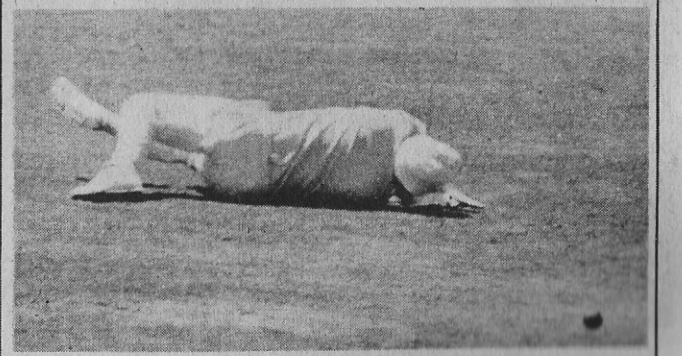
OVER.....the ball is about to be propelled at the batsman (left), whose partner prepares to support any scoring shot.



GOING.....a despairing dive by a Taranaki fieldsman, the ball eludes his outstretched fingers and.....



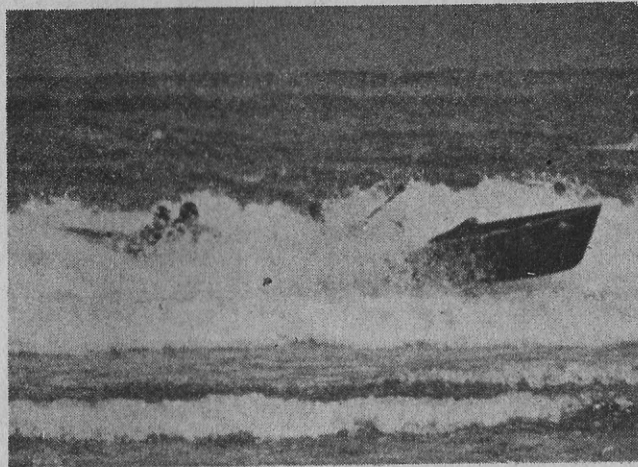
WHILE.....the wicketkeeper and slips wait in anticipation.



GONE.....the ball goes toward the boundary as the fieldsman crashes to the turf.

# SURF CARNIVAL

The second Surf Carnival of the season was held early in December, at Opunake Beach. The first race of the day was a canoe race from Middleton's Bay which was won by East End with Opunake second. This race had some dramatic moments as can be seen in the pictures on this page.



East End about to beach their canoe and win the Middleton's Bay race.



This canoe wasn't quite so lucky. After travelling all the way from Middleton's Bay they wiped out close to Opunake Beach.



Fitzroy's four man team compete in the R and R.



Home in second place in the Middleton's Bay race is Opunake.



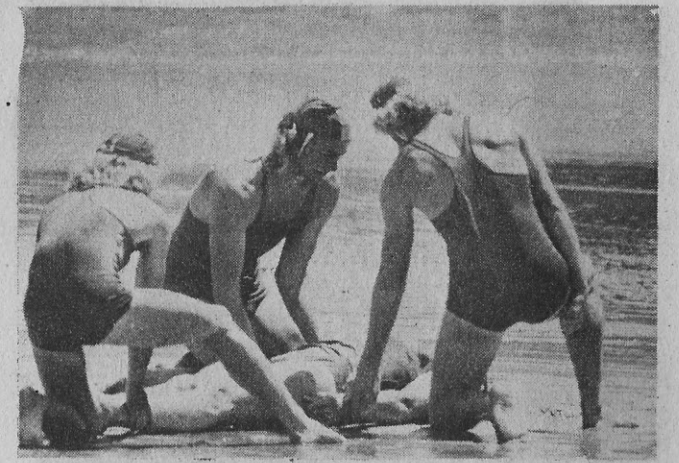
The Opunake canoe comes home to win this event.



"Now if I turn it like so....."



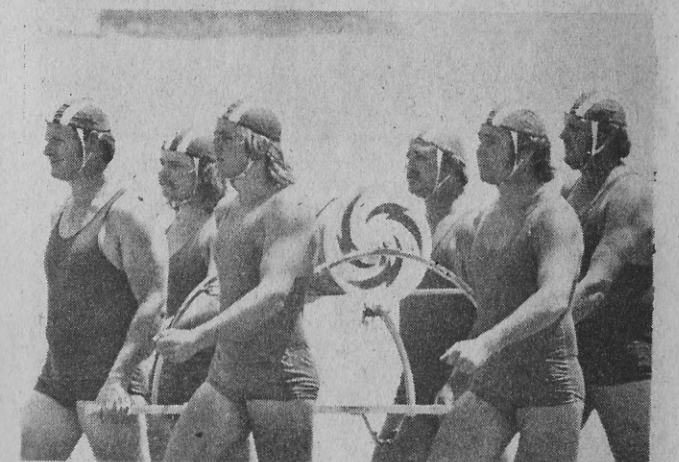
The East End four man bring their patient back.



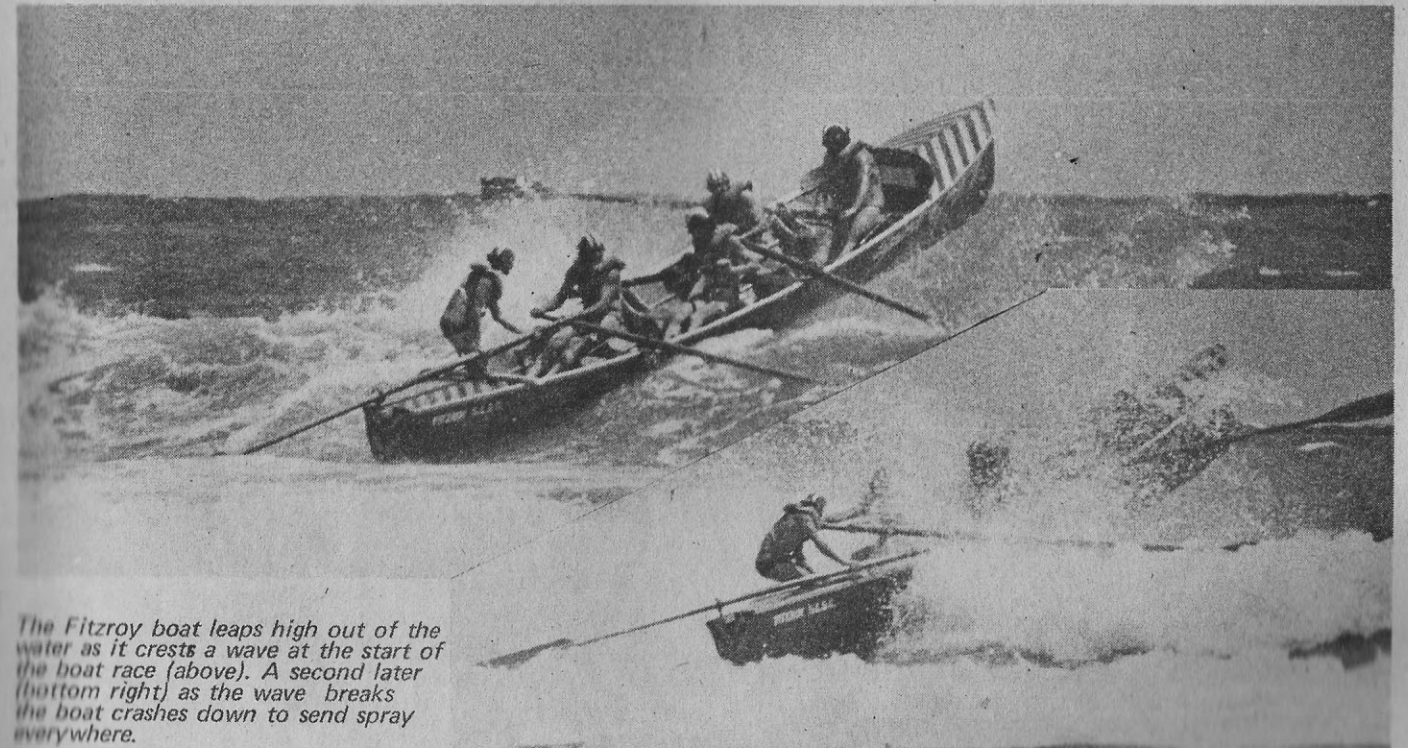
Old Boys Junior Four man team in the R and R event.



Old Boys Junior Six man retrieve their patient from the water.



The Fitzroy Senior 6 man team who won their event.



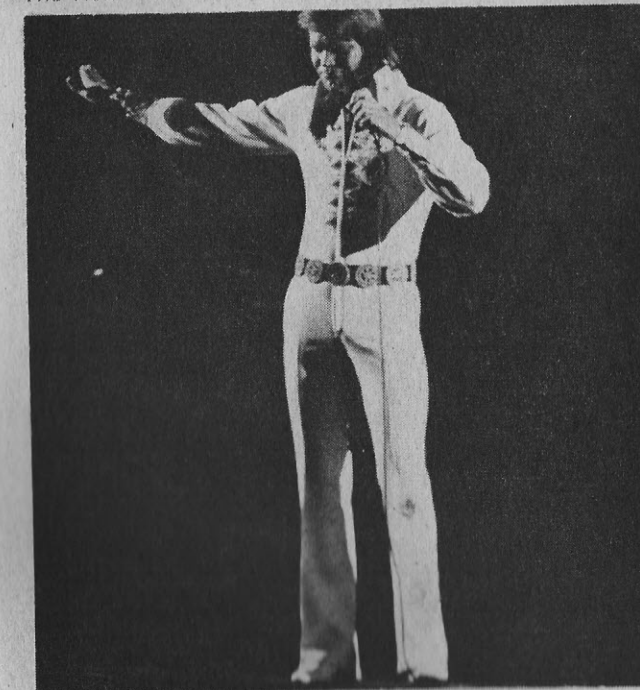
The Fitzroy boat leaps high out of the water as it crests a wave at the start of the boat race (above). A second later (bottom right) as the wave breaks the boat crashes down to send spray everywhere.



New Zealanders, Bill and Boyd were the support acts and for those of us who remembered them years ago, they showed us that they had not changed much over the years.



The violin had a few valid comments to make.....



Campbell won over the hearts of the audience with ease as he sang their favourites. Songs like, "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" and "Wichita Lineman".

## GLENN CAMPBELL SHOW

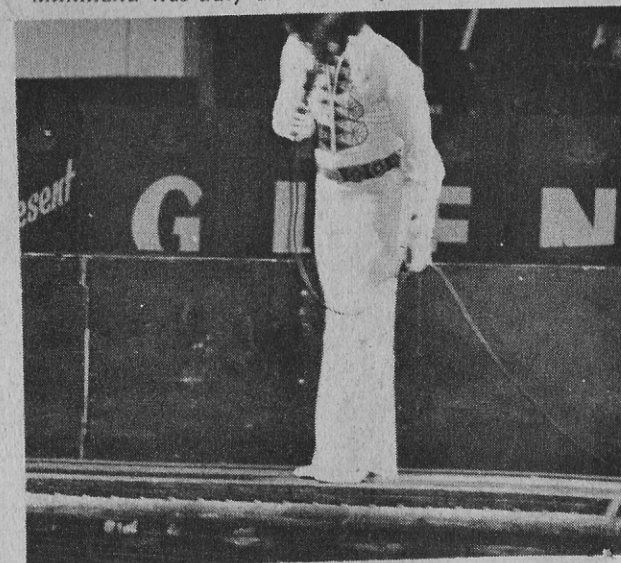
Sickness almost prevented the Glen Campbell Show from being staged at the Bowl of Brooklands. But, like the true professional that he is, Campbell treated the seven odd thousand who had come to the Bowl to hear him to a magnificent show. Immediately afterwards, Glen Campbell cancelled the rest of his New Zealand tour, but with a promise to come back soon.



One of the highlights of the show was the musical duel between guitar and banjo.



.....and was duly answered by Campbell's guitar.



Glen Campbell was pretty uneasy about being unable to communicate with the audience and at one stage looked into the Bowl Lake and remarked "Who was responsible for building the moat?".

## They Were Right (T.V.) Characters

The New Plymouth Fire Brigade's Christmas Social was again a Fancy Dress affair and this time everyone was required to be dressed as TV characters. As can be seen from the pix on this page, there were some mighty costumes and many of the more popular TV characters were depicted.



Pastor Eric Thomas and Hilda Hogden.



Hans van Stigt won a prize for his costume. He dressed as Orson Wells.



The ever loving Mash gang, Bruce Walker, Max and Carol Rogers, Graeme Trigger and Graeme Mells.



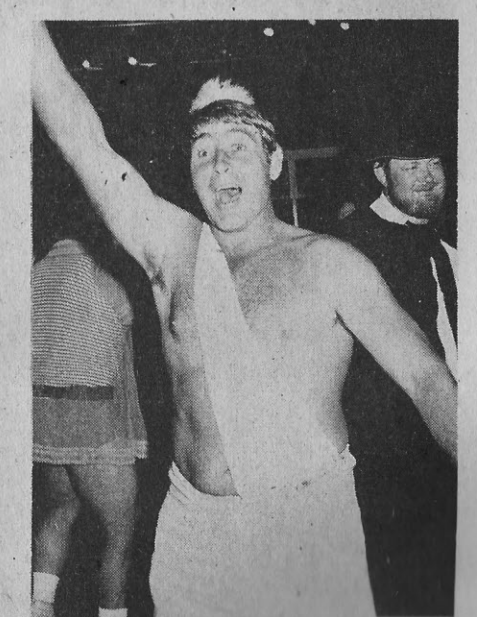
Helen Proctor and Ron Smith had words to say.



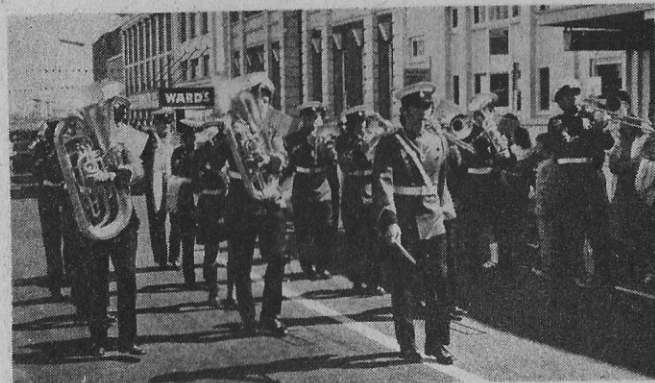
"Gorgeous George" (Ron Smith and "Sabrina the Lady (?) Wrestler" (Daphne Smith).



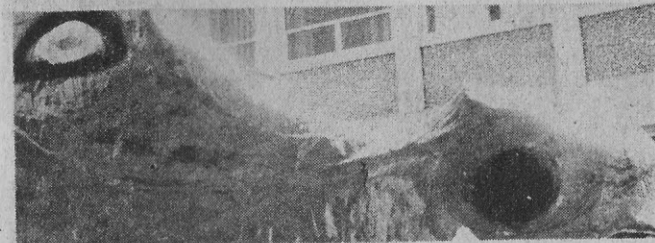
Carol the Clippie spares a moment to talk with June the Arrowmint girl.



Ray Cronin was a great "Bam Bam".



Seventy six trombones led the big parade. (well, maybe not quite seventy six).



For those game enough to look him in the eye — a fearsome sight was to be seen.



This was quite a character.



For the kids, the stars of it all were those clowns on their bikes.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

Lions held their annual Christmas Parade through New Plymouth streets as usual, just shortly before Christmas. The event this year seemed to awaken local residents to the fact that it was nearly Christmas for the Chrissy spirit took a lot of awakening this year. It was in fact a last minute rush for many.



Dear old Santa was there in his sleigh.



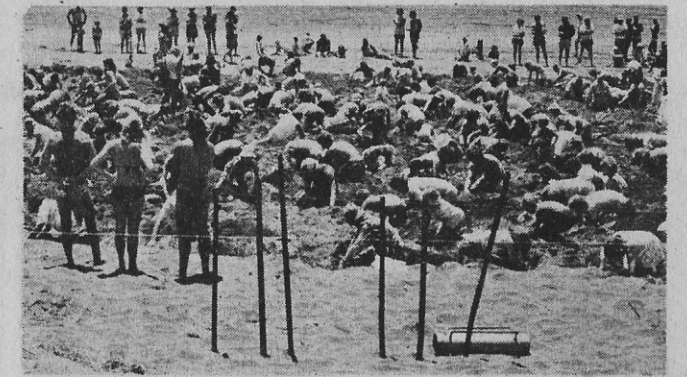
This girl had a thing about fruit.



A scene depicting Cinderella.

## BIG DIG

The first "Big Dig" of the holiday season was held at Oakura Beach on Boxing Day. The beach area where the "Dig" took place was literally alive with people, looking for all the world like human ants digging furiously to find the elusive "pot of gold".



They looked like human ants.



Lloyd Franklin burrows his way under the sand.



Marie McDonald enjoyed the event, wet sand and all.



Wendy Ashley accepted this prize on behalf of Edgar Smith.



Barry Moore won this sausage sizzler.



FAREWELLS



The New Plymouth City Treasurer, Mr N.J. Turner retired at the end of last year. He is pictured above receiving a gift from staff of the City Council. The presentation took place at a small gathering at the Royal Hotel.



Mr. Cedric King has retired after 25 years service with the Livestock Improvement Association in New Plymouth. Mr King, who is pictured above receiving a farewell gift from the staff of Livestock Improvement, plans to spend his retirement at Takaka, near Nelson.

Travelled 1,000 miles during a short vacation over the holiday period. Experienced the usual car problems, but when the vehicle was running we observed the open highway speed limit which, according to pre-holiday reports, "would be strictly enforced". Talk about the tortoise (us) and the hare (almost everyone else). We overtook a few assorted vehicles (most of them parked) but generally "ate the dust" of other road users.

There was some exceptionally fast traffic, both on the open road and in restricted areas, and though we saw no accidents, we did note numerous highly dangerous actions by cars, trucks, coaches and towing vehicles.

I read the Minister of Transport, Sir Basil Arthur's New Year comments on the 1974 road toll: and I was particularly "taken" by the antics of a (govt.) coach travelling between Auckland and Hamilton two days later.

The coach passed all and sundry —and traffic was very heavy— caused oncoming vehicles to take to the gravel or slow appreciably as it undertook 'improbable' overtaking manoeuvres and moved both on the open highway and in restricted areas, at what must have been excessive speeds.

It would have taken less time in that coach than in a car doing a steady 50mph to reach Hamilton from Auckland. I wonder what the tourists — it was a special cruise ship excursion party — thought about the 'slow' traffic on the road?

No doubt about the fact that Taranaki is one of the better areas on New Zealand in which to live. We hear it was pretty warm and humid here over the major holiday period. But it couldn't have been as bad as it was in Northland where we stayed for a week. The humidity was so intense that even the slightest movement was an effort.

We experienced car troubles a few miles south of Te Kuiti. Walked to a nearby farm house and spoke with a very pleasant gentleman who volunteered to have a look at our vehicle. Seems he was something of an amateur mechanic. And he located the trouble and effected a solution and we made it home. There are some very nice, cooperative people in this country.

Noticed a worker operating a special motorised saw to cut through a tar sealed footpath. He was doing so by resting his backside on the handle of the machine, his weight undoubtedly sufficient to assure that the circular saw blade continued its work. If he had slipped back onto the blade.....!!! Worker would have had a "saw bot".

mardi gras

Jaycees held their New Plymouth Mardi Gras on January 4th, this year, the first Saturday of the New Year. Part of Devon Street was closed off for the event as usual and the holiday crowds came, saw and moved on.



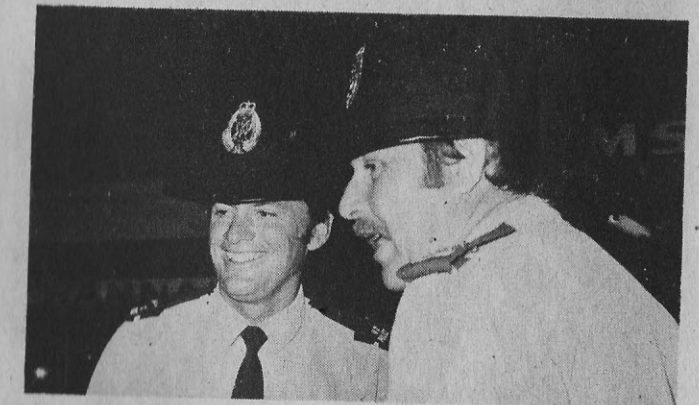
Mr. V. Brownson ran one of the stalls.



Mr J Bride ran a lucky wheel.



Jesus band Maranatha performed at the Mardi Gras.



The Law was present but there was no trouble and these two Constables seemed to enjoy the event too.



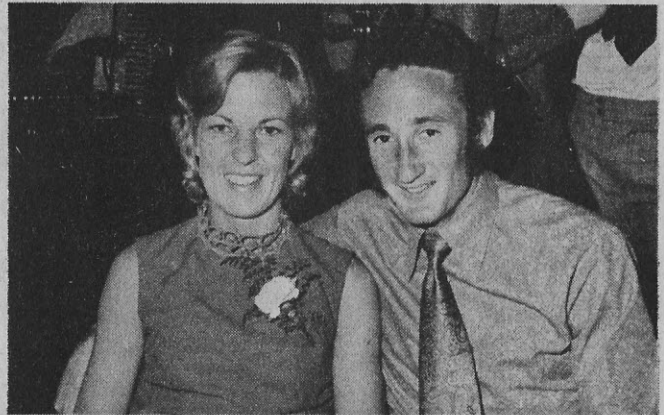
The star attraction was Ebony from Wellington.



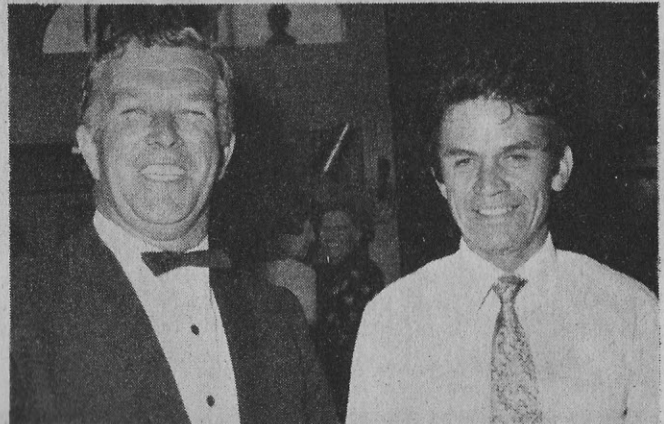
Cynthia, Stella and Chris in animated discussion.



Alistair Fleet and his fiancée' Barbara Johns.



Les Purdie and wife Jenny.



Lin Bracegirdle and George Rowe.

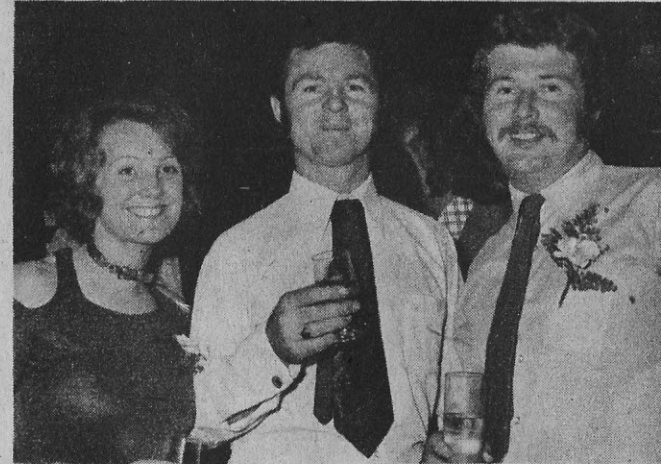


Allan Dunbar finds the surprised look on the face of Mrs Beatie quite hilarious.

## NAC Party

Staff of National Airways Corporation in New Plymouth held a pre-Christmas party at the Bali just before Christmas week.

Most of the happy faces seen on this page will have been seen at some stage by readers when they have contact with NAC. Here then is the proof that these people are just as happy at work as they are at play.



Tina and John Edhouse and "Toot" Fleet.



This happy group comprises Fay Dempsey, Roger Okeby, Ted Whittaker and Mrs R. Okeby.



Sheryl Patton and Paul.

## announcing 1975 Bank of New South Wales-Photo News CHILD PHOTO CONTEST

The 1975 Bank of New South Wales - Photo News Child Photo Contest starts on January 6th. From that date on you may have your child photographed for the contest. Last contest we received so many entries that we have been forced to extend the time limits this time: so be early.

### the prizes

1st

**\$50** SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT with the Bank of New South Wales, plus Winners Trophy and miniature.

2nd

A large size hand coloured, framed picture of the child you entered in the contest. value \$37-00.

3rd

Hand coloured miniature of the child you entered in the contest. value \$24-00.

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### CONDITIONS

- 1.... All photos for the contest must be taken by Fitzroy Studios, New Plymouth.
- 2.... A Sitting Fee of \$6-50 will be payable at the time the photos are taken and this price will include one 6 X 4 print of your choice which will be entered in the contest. This print may be re-claimed after judging is complete.
- 3.... Any child may be entered in the contest provided he or she is between the age of 6 months and 6 years. Photos will be judged in sections according to age and then section placegetters will be judged against each other to find the eventual winners.
- 4.... Staff of the Bank of New South Wales, Photo News and Fitzroy Studios will not be eligible to enter their children.
- 5.... All photos for the contest must be taken between January 6th, 1975 and April 30th, 1975. Judging will take place as soon as possible in May and results will be published in the May or June issue of Photo News.
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- 7.... Photo News reserves all rights in this contest. No correspondence will be entered into and the judges decision will be final.



The winner of the last contest, Tracy Waters with her proud Mum, the Trophy and the miniature.

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# Donnegan in town

Lonnie Donnegan visited New Plymouth just before Christmas. He performed at the White Hart Hotel before a packed auditorium. Donnegan showed that he had not lost any of the wit and humour that made him a top attraction years ago and he readily brought forth smiles and laughter from the audience.



*Even in song Donnegan had a wicked twinkle in his eyes.*



*He played on audience reaction and here he coaxes the reaction he desires from the audience.*



*Laughter came easily from the audience*

# LEAD SOCIAL

The L.E.A.D. Social Club held their annual Christmas Social at the Stratford Gymnasium. There was quite a big crowd at the Social and as everyone was in a pretty happy mood, perhaps needless to say the event was a resounding success and made a fantastic prelude to the annual holidays.



*Mr and Mrs Leo Ruston.*



*Gavin Howell and Irene Smith.*



*Peter Keller and friend.*



*Mr and Mrs Dale, Elliott Lawrence and Chris.*



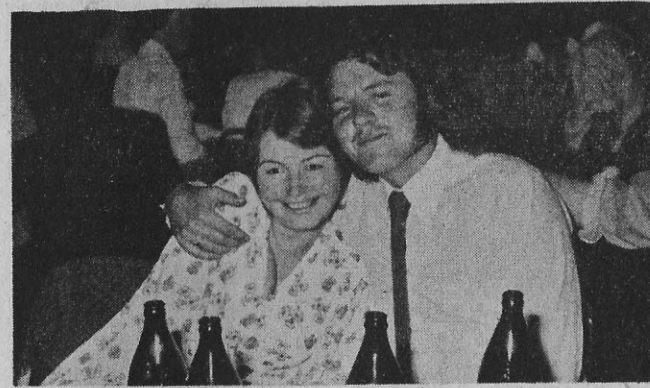
*Maurice and Merle Evans.*



*Russell Keller and his fiancée.*



*Graham Kelly, Paul Lawrence and Rachael Kelly.*



Mr and Mrs T. Lewis.



Mr and Mrs McLaughlin.



Mr and Mrs Gregg, Jans.



Ray Inwood and Colleen Garnett.

# Chrissy Party

Staff of A. and T. Burts held their pre-Christmas Party at the Star Gym. The event was held on a Friday night and quite a large crowd attended, all in high spirits and ready to enjoy a full round of Christmas parties, commencing we thought, perhaps with this one.



Eileen and Charley Oregon.



Robert Hussiff and Susan Wood.



Adele Prentice and friend.

# FOUND IN RUBBISH

This young seabird was found just before Christmas, alive and kicking in, of all places, a rubbish tin. Sharon Gifkins of New Plymouth, found the bird, thought to be a Petrell, when she went to place rubbish in a rubbish tin outside a shop.



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*Renée Pope, Ruth Monk and Zoe Richards.*



*Mr and Mrs Harry Fox were in a fun mood.*



*Mesdames Myrie Semenoff and Elyne Plumb.*

## CABARET

Members of the Fashions Darts Club held a Christmas Cabaret in the Merrilands Domain Hall just a few weeks before Christmas. Familiar happy faces were to be seen wherever we turned and it was quite obvious that everyone was having a really great time.



*Mr and Mrs James McKay.*



*Noeline Smith and Wendy Clark enjoyed the night too.*



*A very happy Mr and Mrs Charlie Humphries.*

## Meeting Santa

Children of the staff of Shell BP and Todd Oil Services in New Plymouth met up with Santa at a staff party especially for them. The party was held at the Merrilands Domain Hall. The large number of children present at the event, was evidence of the huge expansion in staff numbers by this company during the past twelve months.



*Tonia Pascal wouldn't let go of her balloon.*



*Craig Whittemoor is full of wonder at the whole thing.*



*David Asford was happy about meeting Santa.....*



*Graham Bond doesn't look too happy about Santa's presence.*



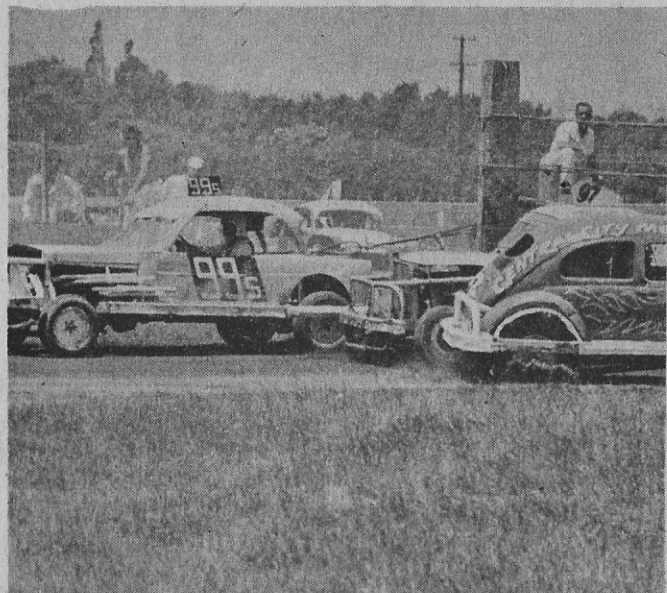
*Sibohan Kilday couldn't wait to open her present.*

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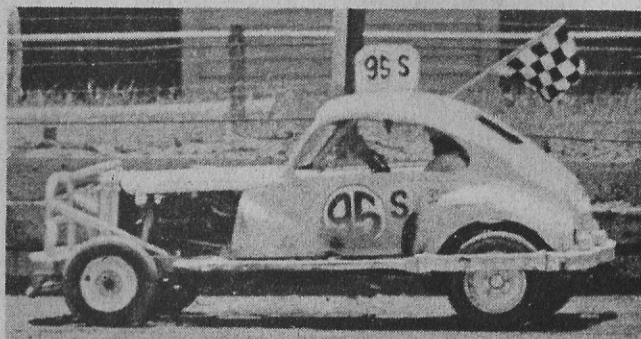
*.....while Justine Ingles was just plain curious.*



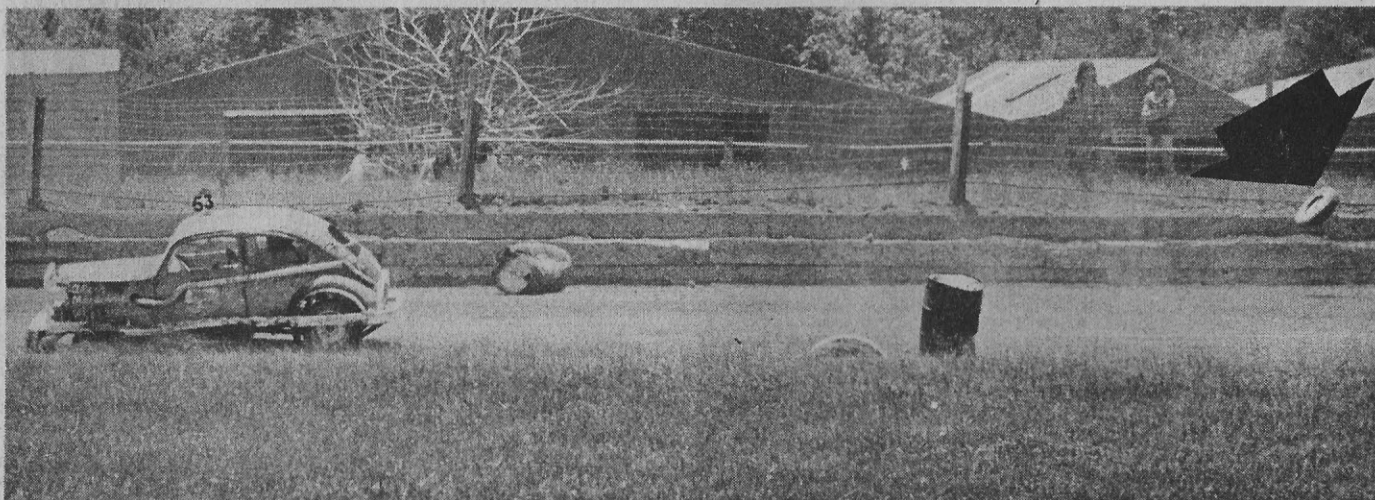
A Wanganui car (53) spins about the way it came while two crestas, (99 and 97) from Stratford speed past.

# STOCK CARS

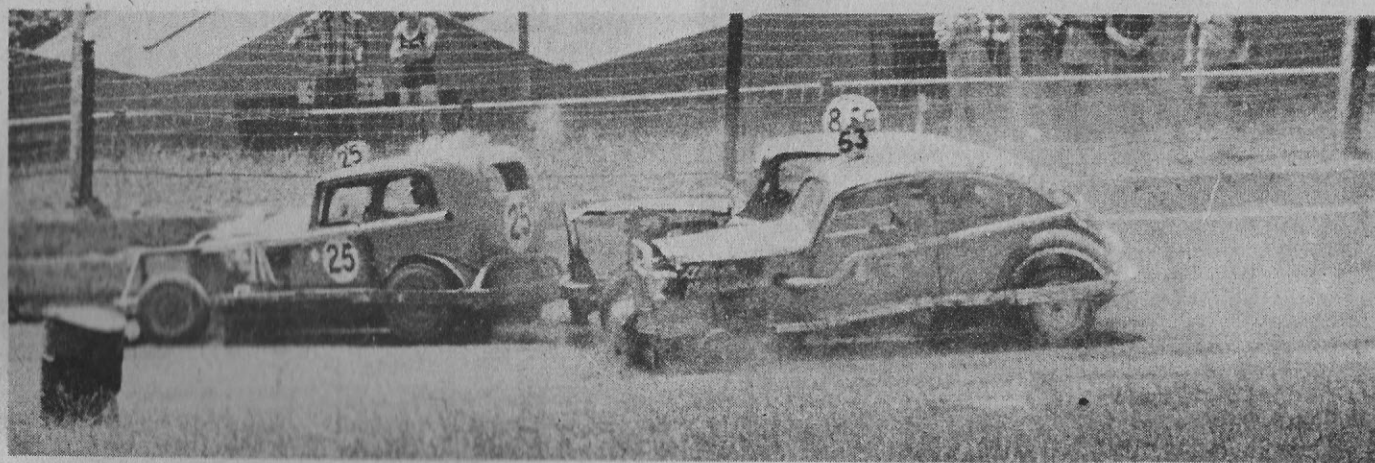
The first Stock Car meeting of the season at Stratford was held on Boxing Day under extremely hot conditions. A team from Wanganui came up to compete on the day and a race between the two teams was a highlight of the days meeting. While there were no really dramatic smashes, the days racing was fast and furious and the fairly large crowd certainly got their moneys worth of excitement.



Winner was Alby Gordge, shown with the chequered flag.



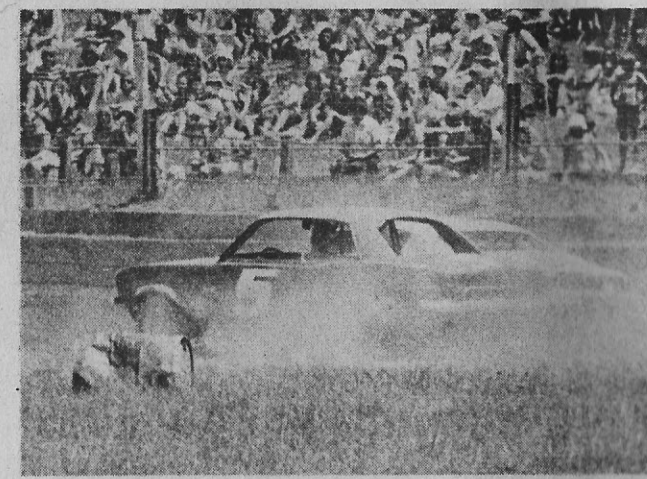
A Wanganui car loses a wheel (see arrow in picture) but continues to race on his hub.



The car continues to race but finally comes into collision with Coxhead's (Waitara) Valiant and Wanganui driver, Noel Cudby



The objective is supposed to be not to touch other cars in saloon racing but here's a bump. Zephyr and Mini collide.



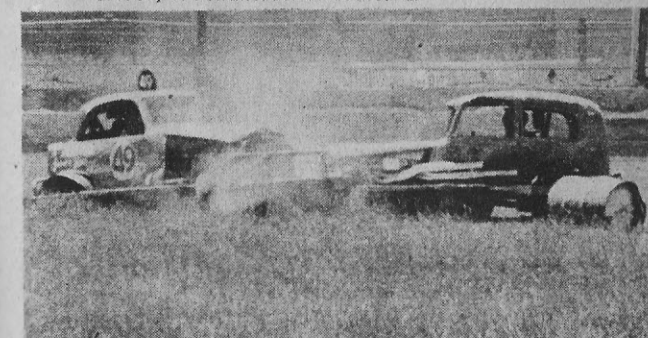
The speed is applied along the straight and two cars jockey for prime position.



Wanganui car 53 is back in the running for the Stock Cars Grand Final and again up to his pranks.



Adrian Flett (89) Wanganui attempts a blocking manouvre while an anxious moment or two are created for Car 8's driver, J. Adamson of Waitara.



Dave Baxter of Wanganui finds himself in a head on collision.



A victorious Alby Gordge of Hawera waves the chequered flag as he performs his victory lap.