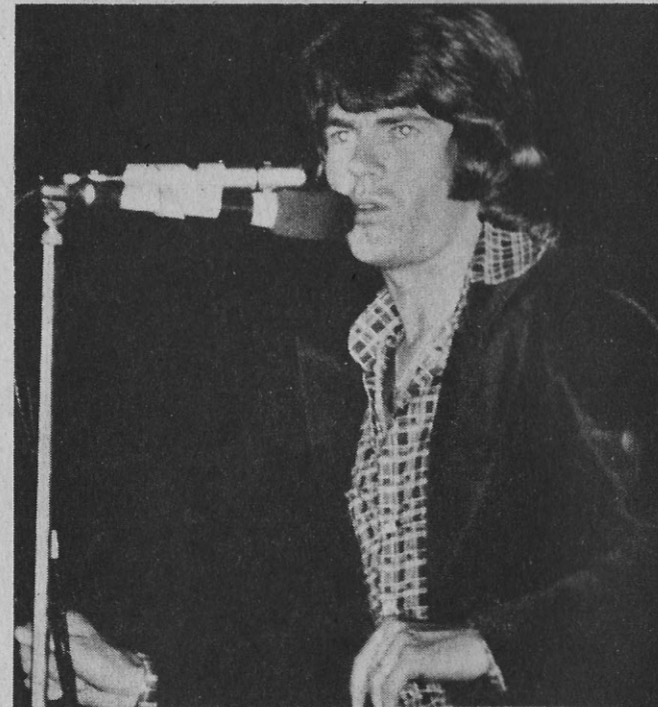


Variety Show

The Variety Show pictured on this page was described as a 'Family Show'. Be that as it may, the show left something to be desired and many patrons of the Bowl of Brooklands (where the show was staged) came away feeling disappointed. Many troubles have been blamed on the Bowl in the past and while the venue certainly creates problems for many entertainers, this was not the basic trouble with this show. The performers were simply not strong enough to carry the show, with the exception of perhaps Bunny Walters.



Erana Clark came on stage looking somewhat older.



Craig Scott performed all his regular songs.



Definitely the brightest light in the show, Bunny Walters.



The Hammond Family did not come over 'live', anywhere near as well as on television.



SOCIAL

Staff of the Lands and Survey Department held their annual pre-Christmas Party at the Vogelstown Football Gym in Carrington Street, New Plymouth. It was not a particularly big party but those who were there certainly had the Christmas spirit and enjoyed the occasion to the utmost.



Mr and Mrs L.T. Bluett.



Eileen Kirby and Mike Candy.



Garth and Lindsay Matterson.



Chris Smith and Marlene Gee.



Patricia Humphrey and Gary Berry.



Chris Prudden and Mariska Jansen.



Stefan Martul and Marianne Cowie.



The Jet boat smashes through a breaker as it heads out to patrol events.



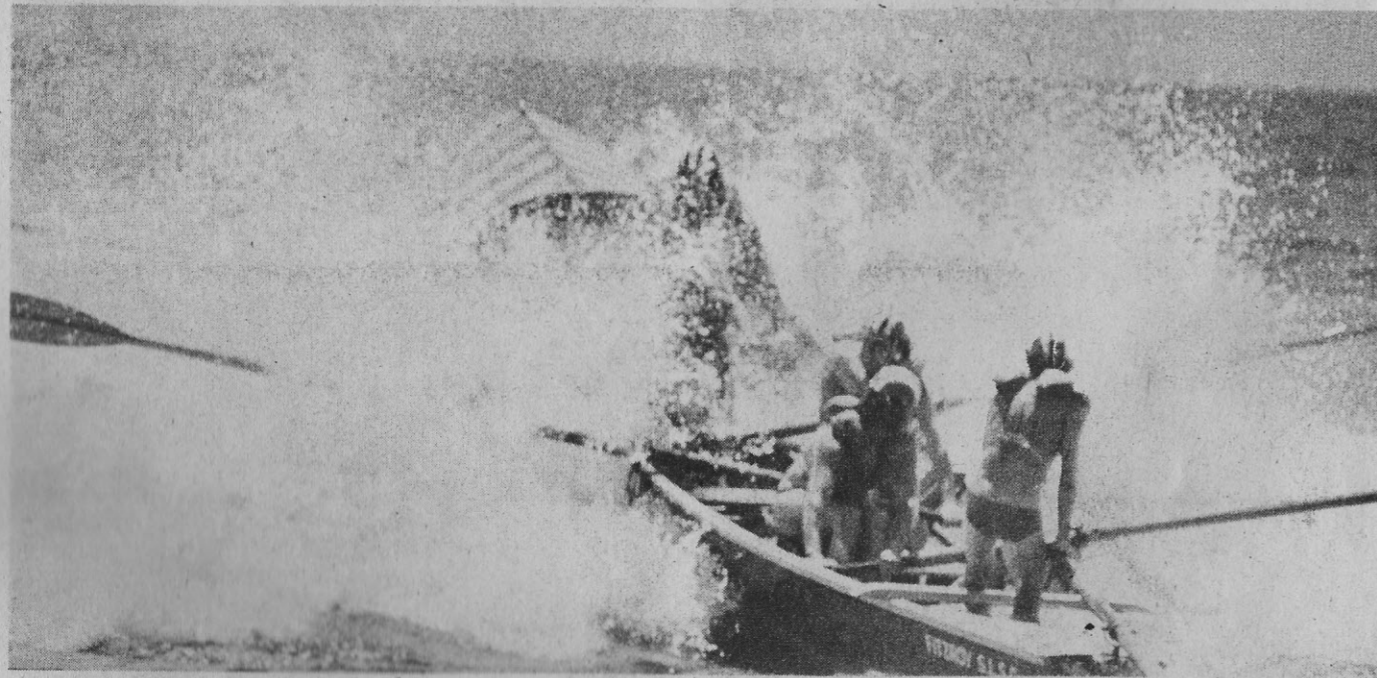
Brian Johns of Fitzroy competing in the Ski event.

SURF CARNIVAL

We concentrated our camera on the boat and canoe races at the Fitzroy Surf Carnival which was held just before Christmas. Most events received a full round of entries and there were some excellent performances on the day.



In the Senior canoe race we see Opunake in the lead but Castlecliff (Wanganui) have caught a wave and are fast catching the Opunake canoe.



The Fitzroy boat crashes through a wave as they head out to sea at the start of the senior boat race.

WIND - UP

Underwoods of Inglewood held their annual end of year staff Chrissy Social at the Inglewood Gym. Most all of the staff with their appropriate partners were present and generally enjoyed the event. A Christmas Hamper raffle was a feature of the evening and this was won by Colin Blackburn.



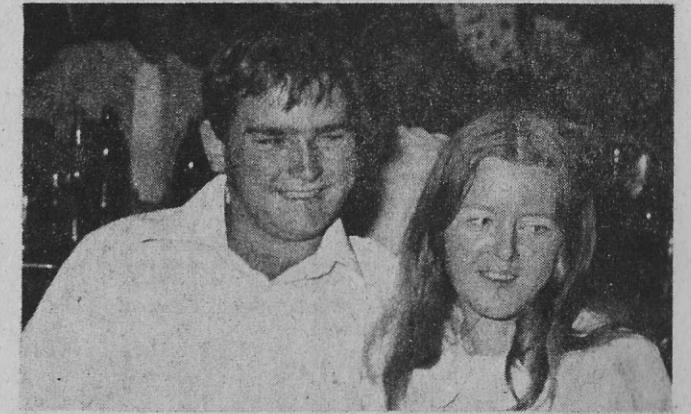
Don and Fay Jordon.



Rodney and Joy Bridgeman.



Monica and Keith Anderson.



Steven Scott and Glenys Maindonald.



Steve and Sue Beavis.



Mr and Mrs T. Pine.



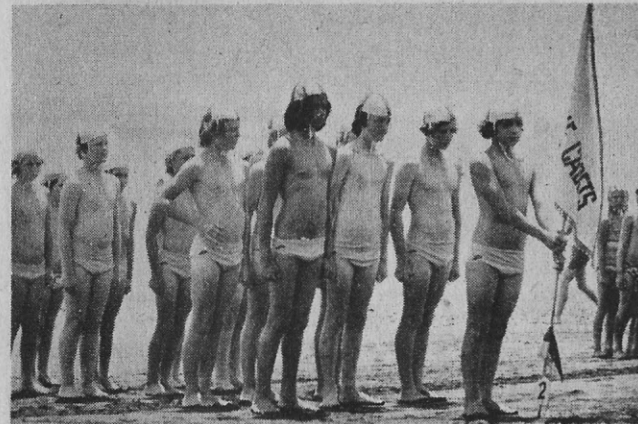
Irene and Doug Broadmore.

Cadet Carnival

The first Cadet Carnival of the Surf-Lifesaving season was held at Fitzroy Beach just before Christmas. While there are of course no boat or canoe events at a Cadet Carnival and the youngsters are somewhat smaller in stature than the seniors, these kids more than make up for their lack of height in their keenness. These are our Life-Savers of the near future.



The end of the Nippers Beach Sprint.



Opunake are pictured in the lead of the Cadets during the March Past.



There's a mass splash as entrants in the Cadet Surf Race move out into the water.



Indeed a peaceful scene. A Surfer breaks a wave, a surf boat drifts into shore in front of the wave and swimmers relax in the foreground.



A determined grab during the Nippers Beach Flags contest.



Action in the Girl Cadets Beach Flags contest.



Brent McAsey leads the pack on the last leg of the boy Cadets Beach Sprint.



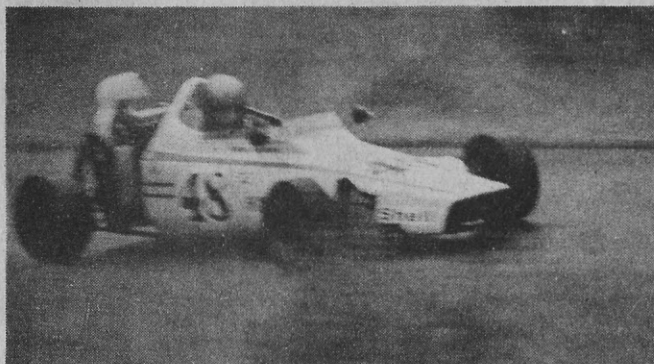
In the Girl Cadets Beach Sprint the pace wasn't quite so fast but never-the-less the competition was just as stiff.



Brian Blackburn manoeuvres his Monaro around a tight and very sticky corner.



G. Whittaker in the Charger was also reluctant to clock up the speed.



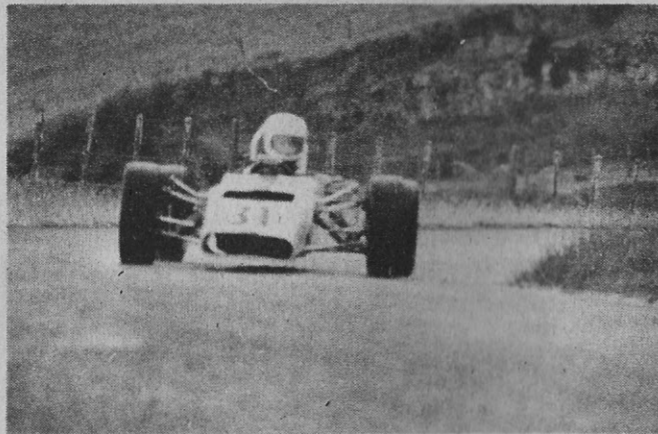
Darryl Seymour was better equipped with his vehicle for poor conditions.



Jim Haycock was not so fortunate in his Lotus and ended up in the predicament pictured above.

Hill Climb

The South Taranaki Car Club were in lucky that the weather was appallingly atrocious on the day of their scheduled Gold Star Hill Climb. The event was held at Eltham and although it did get underway, the conditions were such that it was decided to cancel the climb.



Wayne Veysey in a Lotus put up a good performance even under the bad conditions.



car trials

Once a year, the Taranaki Car Club hires Bay Park in Tauranga for a series of club races. This year the Photo News camera went along with club members and recorded some of the action.



Wives and girlfriends of drivers watch the action from a safe distance.



Max Sole accelerates onto a straight.



B. Blackburn tries that corner just a mite too fast.



Lindsay Sheard has no trouble in keeping ahead of Larry Taylor in the Mini.



Dave Piggot in his Datsun and T. Power in his Mini drive out of a tight corner.



Max Peddington spins out on a tight corner.



Colin Peterson's Zephyr rides a fast corner.



Wally Smith had a good time too.



Lynette Young and friend.



Julie Tanner and Marie have words for our photographer.



Ray White and Julie Tanner.

Oil Cabaret

Oil Companies in New Plymouth combined for a joint Christmas Cabaret. The cabaret was held at the Westown Hall in Omata Road and drew a fairly big crowd from among the staff of the various oil companies.



Marie and her husband seemed to enjoy the night.



Penelope Brodie and Chris Greamey.



Mr and Mrs David Wisniewski were pretty happy about something or other.

Now Sound

Entertainment News, Views and Reviews

CORONATION STREET STARS FOR N.P.

Promoter Phillip Warren has announced that a stage production of the thriller "Gaslight", featuring three of the top stars from 'Coronation Street' is to play at New Plymouth's Opera House in March.

The stars concerned are PATRICIA PHOENIX, ALAN BROWNING and IVAN BEAVIS.

'Gaslight' is the biggest grossing theatrical play in the history of British Theatre and it is to play a three day season in New Plymouth, from March 27th through March 29th.

The mere fact that a stage production of this quality is to perform a three day season in New Plymouth is indicative of a greater interest in this city by our national promoters. If such a season is well supported we will see more of these productions here in New Plymouth. If not, then the answer is obvious. It is therefore, entirely over to the public to support this show and thereby ensure that Taranaki does receive its share of the future visiting shows.

Patricia Phoenix will be remembered as 'Elsie Tanner'. She held down the role for a thirteen year period. She has also appeared in 'Miracle Worker', and 'The Subway in the Sky'. Alan Browning appeared in Coronation Street for three years. He has also appeared in the Caine Mutiny. Ivan Beavis has appeared in Coronation Street for four years as Harry Hewitt and also appeared as the Sergeant in The Long, the Short and The Tall.

DOES ANYONE HAVE GUTS?

The summer holiday period has seen quite a large share of entertainment coming through Taranaki and there's a lot more to come yet.

There have been two all New Zealand Variety shows at the Bowl (the least said about these the better I think) Glen Campbell, the Hollies and Opunake was lucky enough to have John Hanlon there for the New Year Mardi Gras. Generally speaking locals have been well treated over the holidays for entertainment and there has even been a free open-air concert featuring Taranaki artists.

It is to be hoped that this trend continues and all we need now is a couple of promoters with enough guts to either bring a few good overseas shows to the province that cater for the younger set (I refer particularly to acts such as Uriah Heep and Doobie Brothers) or to open a decent discotheque in the province.

The latter move would be very welcome especially if the management were to observe strict security and thus keep out the 'heavy' element that always seems to cause or create trouble. There are certainly more than enough kids who would patronise a well run disco to make it a paying proposition. All it needs is some guts, a bank account and good old common sense in the disco's operation.

ON THE GRAPEVINE

'Lil Big Band reformed for about a three week period over the Christmas holiday period and there are many in New Plymouth who wish they would stay together as a permanent unit. It's a pity I guess but bands never seem to stay together for long do they? Guess what, Nevadas and Count Five must be about the longest running bands in the province, with the exception of the real oldies like Saints and the Colm King group. Hear tell that ex 'Lil Big Band drummer, Grant Houston is to split from New Plymouth. Word has it that he is soon to be Christchurch bound. In the meantime Grant's younger brother, Craig is scheduled to be married in February so that means congratulations are almost in order.

WORST COMMERCIAL

This month's nomination for the years worst commercial is the Ajax commercial. The "No mess Charley" line tends to grate on one's nerves with repetitive screenings and after some time really gets to 'bug' the TV viewer.

NEW ALBUMS

WISHBONE ASH...Live Dates.....MCA 7169

This double album set is not a brand new release but because it marks an important milestone in this groups career it is worth a close look.

The album is an example of how a group has had to change from a purely "heavy" musical scene to one where they perform music that is not stylised in a particular category just because that style happens to be in vogue.

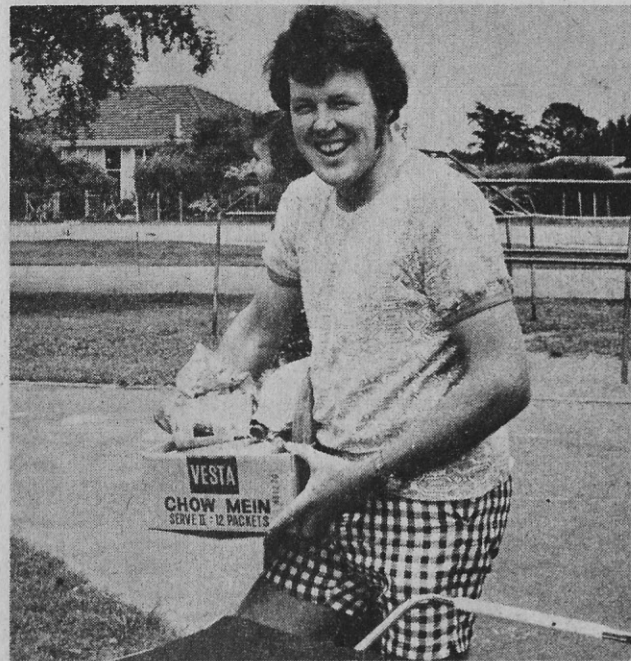
Today the music of Wishbone Ash displays the imagination that is so necessary for success. Their Writings have a strong lyrical content which are supported by excellent production and arrangements that feature and display each musicians individual prowess at the instrument (or instruments) that he plays.

The group are well out of the darkness and are displaying their wares. These wares are of a quality that will hold a ready market for a long time to come.



The Hollies came and conquered. They drew just over 14,000 people from all parts of Taranaki to the Bowl for their one night stand concert. The Hollies were excellent and enjoyed by all. Once again we saw a 'swimming episode' in the Bowl Lake. Pictured above and below are the group and the swimmers. See next issue of Photo News for a complete coverage of the show.





Along came Dennis Boucher with more goodies to eat.



A rope net provided hours of entertainment for many kids.



Learning how to operate a drinking fountain was a new experience for Mason James.

Barbeque

Parents and children from the New Plymouth Playcentre in Hori Street, held a Barbeque at Mangorei School some two weeks before Christmas. At the time we visited the barbeque only a few of the party had arrived. However children had already discovered the many delightful play objects that were in the school grounds and were making the most of them.



Mr M.L. McIntyre was busy cooking sauseages.



Greg Boucher and Kelly Stephens were quick to find that "driving a grader" was great fun.

FANCY DRESS

Norfolk School held their Fancy Dress just a few days before the school "broke-up" for the end of the year summer vacation. There were some mighty costumes to be seen and needless to say, the kids thoroughly enjoyed the fun of it all.



Bronwyn Davis wore a sweet smile.



Fiona Davis made a neat clown.



Scott Marshall came as a clown.



Zorro himself, Phillip Wisnewski.



John Hartigan was the inevitable cowboy.



Andy Kennedy came as Davy Crockett.



"Jester" Eric King.



Jamie Fabish was a pirate.



Diane Keast looks fine in this lime green patterned bikini.

Fashion Parade

Plunket Mothers in New Plymouth ended their year with a Christmas Party at their club rooms. The party had as a highlight, a fashion parade by four members of the Le Fillettes Model Agency, who are pictured on this page. A variety of clothing was modelled by the girls, from summer, to evening wear.



Naomi George models a green floral print dress.



June van Stigt in a Midnight Blue long frock.



Brenda Dalton models a brief satin look bikini.

Go-Cola Show

During the Christmas-New Year break a couple of all-New Zealand Variety Shows performed at the Bowl of Brooklands, in New Plymouth. The Go-Cola Show was the second of these shows to play at the Bowl and was generally considered to be the better of the two. This was reflected in a slightly higher attendance.



Rob. Guest was a popular performer.



Mark Williams hosted the show and sang as well.



The Yandall Sisters have shown a lot of improvement since their last visit to this town.



Backing group for the show were called "Sass".

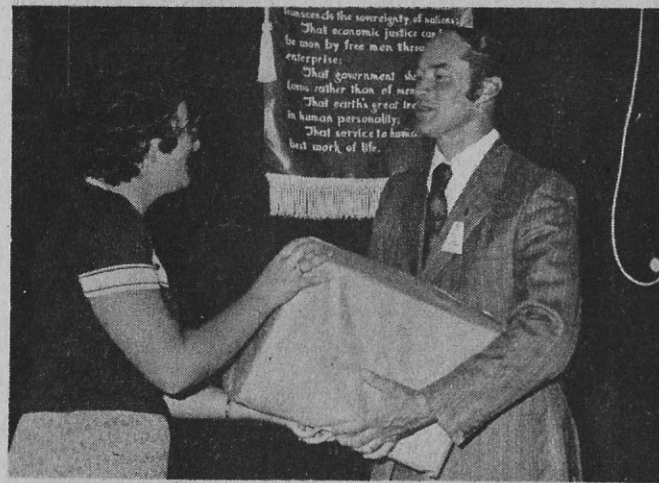


Big man with a big voice, Laurie Dee.

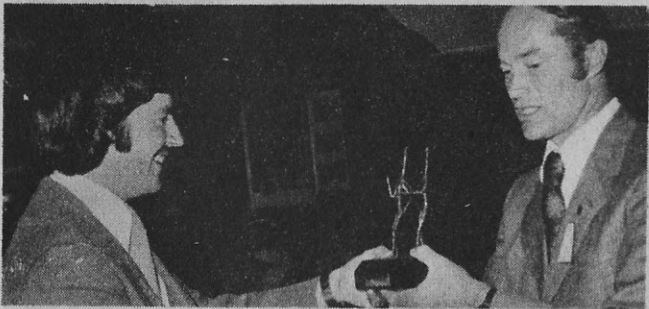


The brightest spot in the show for most spectators were the Bulldogs Allstar Goodtime Band.





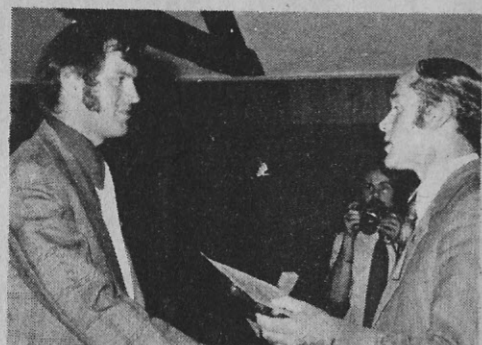
Jaycee Wives presented a briefcase to the President. Maureen Aldrich made the presentation.



To Gerard Charteris went the Fellowship Award.



Peter Mochnecki won the Golf Award.



Chris Johnstone was declared Jaycee of the Year.



Larry Ranford was declared the Most Entertaining Golfer.



Chris Johnstone was sworn in as President for 1975.



The Rhubarb Award went to Charley Grant.



The Best Project Award went to Iain Hawken.

AWARDS NIGHT

Pukekura Jaycees celebrated their annual "Awards Night" at the Braemar, just before Christmas week. The awards were quite varied, some were in a humorous vein and others were quite serious. Awards were presented by the Pukekura Jaycees 1974 President, John Foreman.



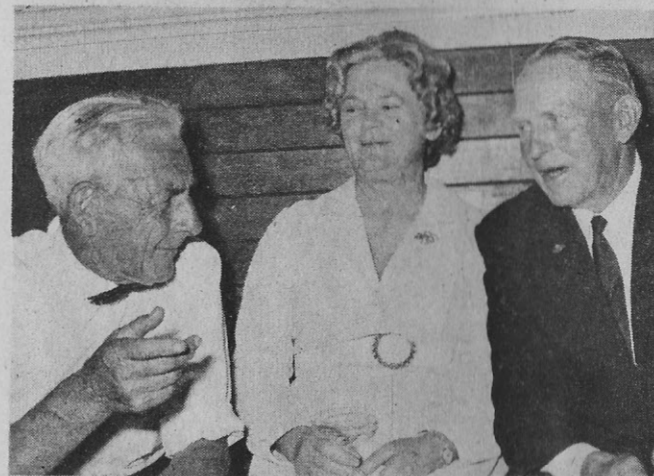
The Stirrers Award went to John Wheeler.

Dinner

The annual Waitoitoi Beach Races were run recently. However this year there was a difference in that this was the 75th Jubilee Race Meeting at Waitoitoi. After the days racing was over a Dinner was served in the Urenui Hall and many were the people who attended to enjoy the company of others who had had a long association with the Waitoitoi races and to discuss different times long gone by.



Charlie and Pearl Rumbal of Urenui.



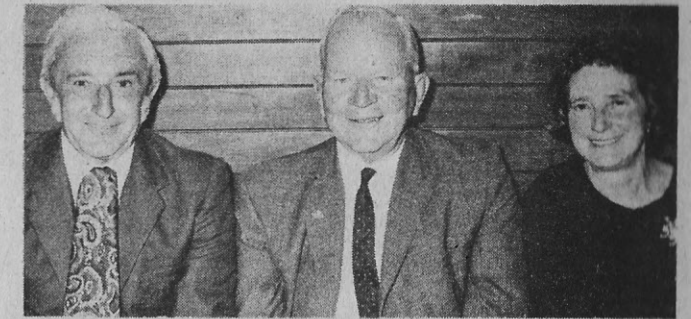
Mr and Mrs T.G. Fowler of Bell Block and Mr V. Wells of Urenui.



Alan and Ivy Phillips of Waitoitoi.



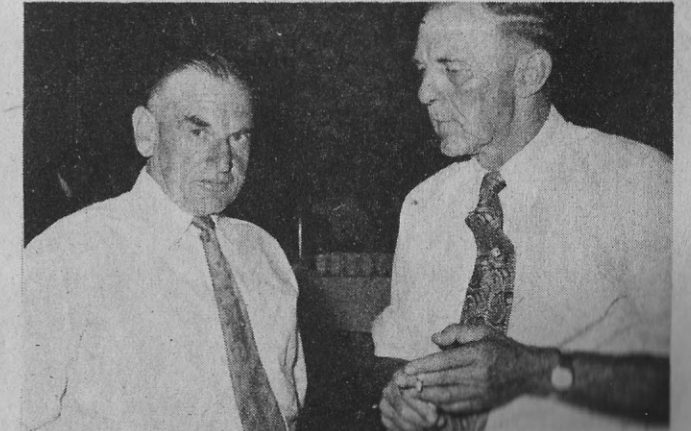
Mr and Mrs B. Blackbourn of Kaimata with Barbara Sharrock of Waitara and Lesley Herlihy also of Kaimata.



Mr and Mrs D. Radcliffe of Uretī with Mr L.G. Dickey of New Plymouth.



Mr Des Glassford and Dave Hine, both of Urenui.



Mr L.G. Perrott of Tikorangi and Mr. D. Kendall of Wanganui. (an ex New Plymouth resident).



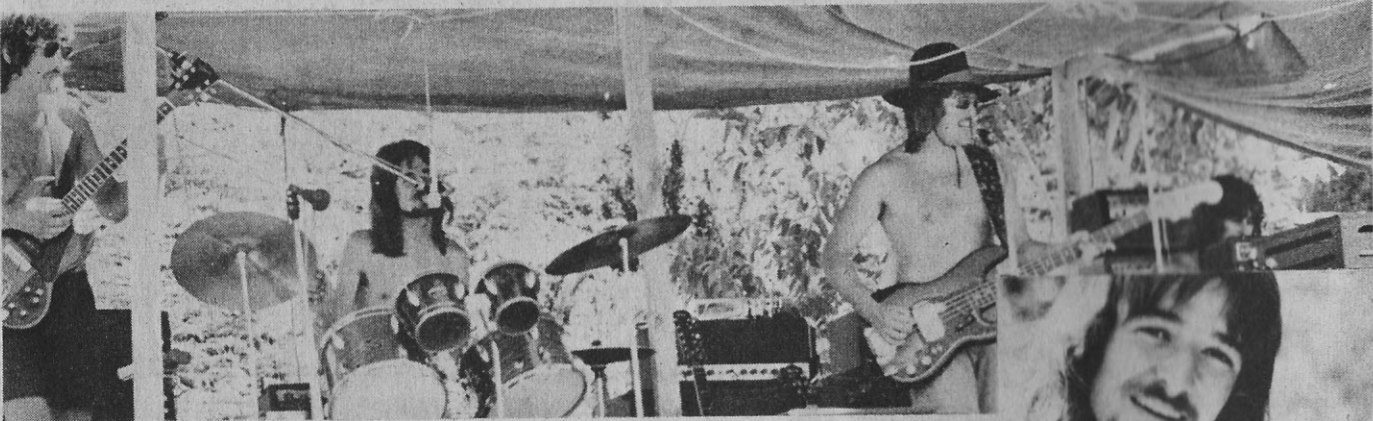
A section of the crowd who enjoyed the sun and the music.

Rock Concert

While the first date on which this concert was scheduled saw heavy rain and a postponement, the day of the concert was blessed with brilliant sunshine and it is estimated a thousand people attended during the three hours that the concert lasted, though there were never more than 500 there at any time. Much publicity has been afforded a very brief flare-up between a group of some 20 people which caused the early closure of the concert. Of greater importance is the fact that for three hours many hundreds of people enjoyed a peaceful afternoon, lazing in the sun, listening to the music and swimming in the nearby river.



Surprise of the show was Peace Trane from Stratford. Unfortunately this was their very last performance.



Shaft performed a solid bracket of popular rock music.



Uncle Funky came up from Eltham to perform at the concert and performed a varied and pleasing bracket. Compere Grant Houston appears to the extreme left of the stage.



This folk singer came up from Wellington especially for the concert.



Shaft member Roger Birch was caught by our camera ready to explore the river and fish it out by means of ultra-sonic waves provided by his guitar.



This sign, which was hung in the trees by the stage area, seemed to sum the day up nicely.

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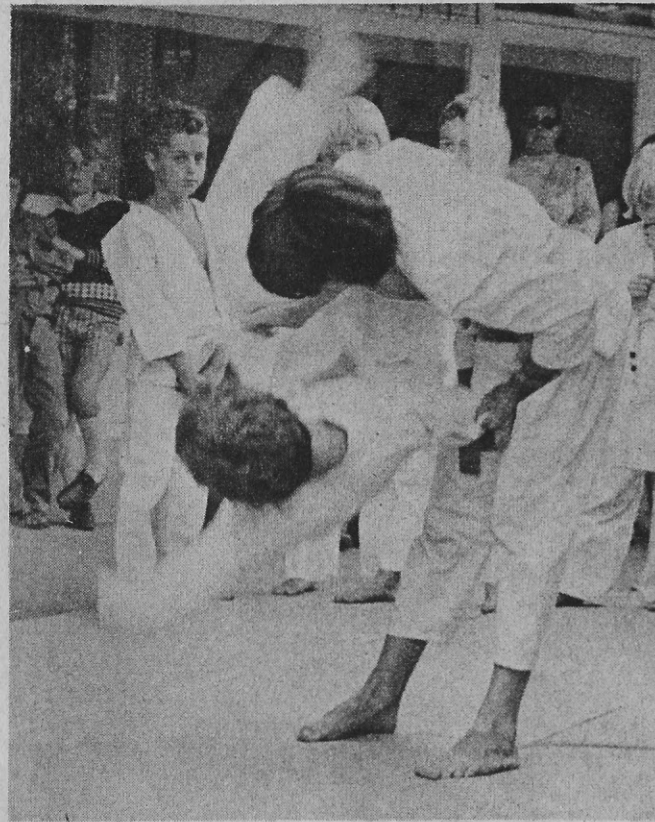
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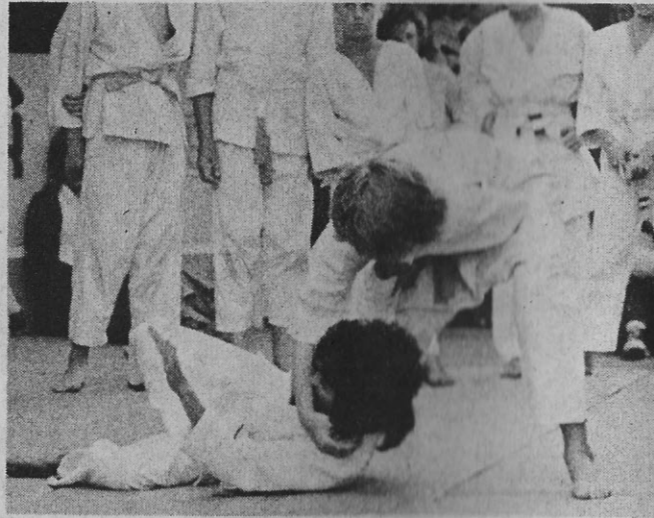
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Judo Display at Fitzroy

As part of its pre-Christmas activities, the Fitzroy Shopping Centre arranged for a Judo display in the centres' Arcade. Junior and Intermediate members of the New Plymouth Judo Club staged the display under the supervision of their instructor, Jim Aucker. The display attracted a great deal of interest from shoppers in the area and also from local residents.



Club members stage demonstration throws while their instructor explains the uses of the various throws.



Jim Aucker explains to the crowd what Judo is all about. Here he explains the value of basic exercises.

christmas party

Members of the John Mack organisation from Waitara celebrated their Christmas Party at the Bali in New Plymouth. About sixty five people attended the outing which was obviously highly enjoyable.



Mr and Mrs Danny Webb.



Dulce and Jack Collingwood.



Patsy and Rex Turner.



Una and Ted Maha enjoyed the night.



Arthur and Cathy Alsop in happy mood.



Grant Collingwood and Tonga Makawe.

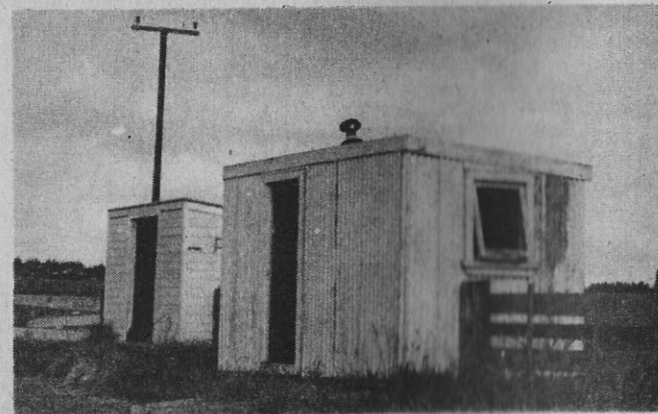


Mr and Mrs Paul Wood exchange smiles of happiness.

South Taranaki News



HONORED.....
 Three South Taranaki men were honored recently for their work for the Scout Movement. Mr A.T. Hughson (left of photo) was presented with a "Thank You" badge for his work as chairman of the Scout group committee. Mr H.W. Swinburn, (seated) who is already a life member and has been a committee member for 42 years, was presented with a picture which will be hung in the Scout Hall gallery. Mr K. Collins (right) was presented with the Chief Scout's Commendation for his work with Cubs.



SMALLEST STATION?
 Is this the smallest railway station in the world? It could well be, but we don't know for sure. The station is Pihama Railway Station and is only served by three trains per week.

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COLOURFUL GARDENS...
 Kaponga Lions members help Mr B. Hollard, of Hollard's Gardens, with some of the heavier work involved in keeping the gardens in order. Once a year such work is rewarded when Mr Hollard allows the Lions to organise an Open Day at the Gardens, with the takings used as part of the groups fund-raising. Pictured above and to left is the last open day with Mr Hollard (above) showing Mr Jellyman of New Plymouth Parks and Reserves Dept some of the gardens delights.



Pupils from various Taranaki Primary Schools spent a weekend in Hawera before Christmas to attend a cricket coaching school. Pupils attending were able to convert the Athletic Rugby Football Club's rooms into a dormitory for their use during the weekend. Pictured are coaches, M.T. Neal, L.C. Park and S.C. Cowman with those who attended the weekend school.



The Te Ngutu Ladies Golf Club team recently won the Taranaki zone pennant golf finals beating both Waitara and Patea to win the competition. The successful team consists of...G. Edgecombe, M. Johnson, L. Beauchamp, M. Dickson, F. Kerr, P. Holden and S. Elgar.

honored



Mrs D. Crutch (top of column) and Miss A. O'Sullivan (above), both of Hawera, were awarded Honorary Life Membership in the Registered Nurses Association. The awards were made at a function held at the residence of Mrs H. L. Barker of Hawera. Mrs Crutch's membership goes back to 1945 and Miss O'Sullivan has been a member since 1920.



Mr McIntyre is given the traditional Maori Challenge. It is performed by Bryce Rangiwananga.



The challenge is performed.

DEB. BALL

The Aotearoa Debutante Ball was held at the Hawera Community Centre some weeks before Christmas. Over 250 people attended the Ball and eleven Maori Debs were presented to Mr Duncan McIntyre, the former Minister of Maori and Island Affairs.



Rita Lawson is presented to Mr McIntyre.

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Debutantes line up on stage after being presented.



Jeanette Manu meets Mr. McIntyre.



Sid Yardley escorts Julie Nuku.



Dick Nuku escorts his neice Mehai Kendal



Raewyn Robinson



A happy Mr and Mrs B. Barker.



Gerard Ottens and Stephanie Grace.



Rama Ryder and Mark Gauntlet.



Mr and Mrs N. Ryder with their two 'Kansas friends'.

CABARET

The Ngatimaru Culture Group held a cabaret at the Ing- lewood Gym some few weeks prior to Christmas. The cabaret was well supported and a fairly large crowd filled the Gym. Those who attended were pretty much a fun crowd so the event turned into a very pleasurable occasion.



Mr N. Ryder with Polly and Sonny Wharepouna.



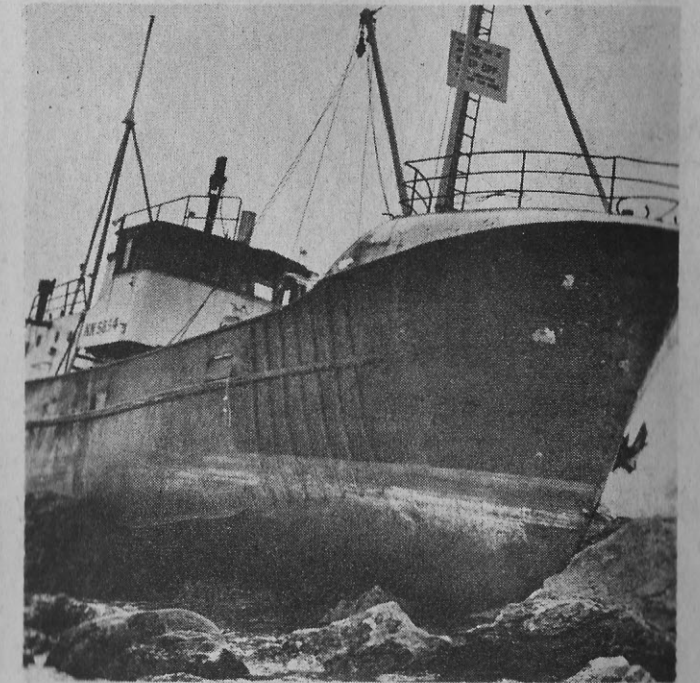
Glenys and Ian Hayman.



Mr M. Peter and Miss P. Reade.

Ship Aground

A real life drama has unfolded step by step on the Taran- aki coast by Cape Egmont ever since the fishing boat Tam- ara was grounded there in heavy seas. First of all a group boarded her and claimed salvage rights, then the successful tenderers for the salvage, after several attempts to refloat the boat, cut her in half and towed each half on shore, where they still lie at the time we went to press.



Her plates are bent and buckled and she is wedged tight.



A view from the air of the grounded Tamara only hours after she ran aground.

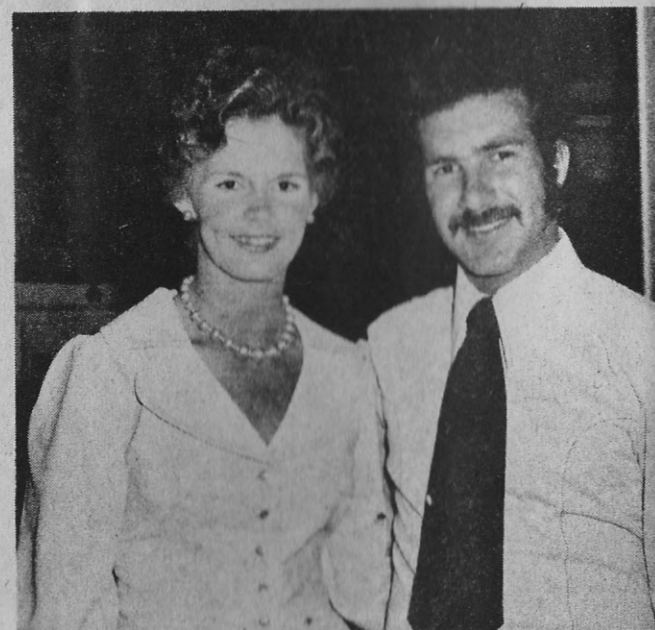
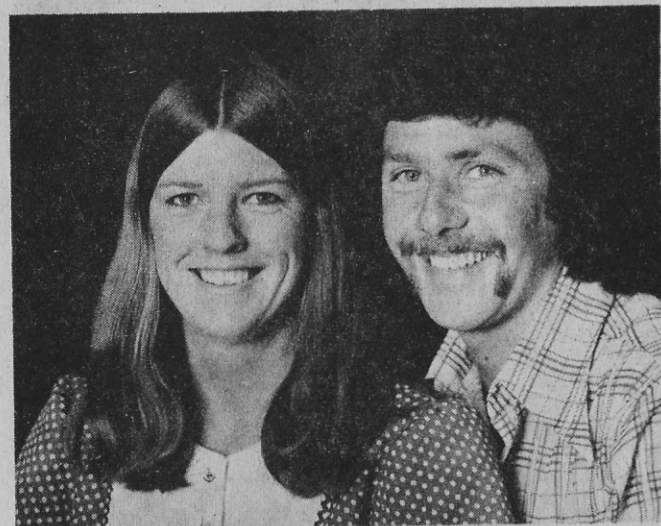


The Tamara lies hard aground, wedged firmly between rocks and with her hull split.



ENGAGEMENTS

Above.....MARSH-DWYER...Kristine Robyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.M. Dwyer of New Plymouth, to Russell John, son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Marsh of Foxton. Top Left.....
 ...PRATT-SMITH...Diane Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. Smith of Inglewood, to Stephen Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs T. Pratt of Featherston. Left.....PATON-WOOD.....
 ...Jeannette Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J. Wood of New Plymouth, to John Barclay, son of Mr and Mrs A. Paton, also of New Plymouth. BelowLeft.....OAKLEY-SUTTON...Dianne Barbara Jean, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. E. Sutton of New Plymouth, to Noel James, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Oakley, also of New Plymouth. Below.....
 ...SHEEHAN-COOMBE...Marion, daughter of Mr B.T. and Mrs D.M. Coombe of New Plymouth, to Gerard, son of Mr A.J. and Mrs T. Sheehan, also of New Plymouth.
 (all photos by Fitzroy Studios)



New Zealand's "King of Quiz", Mr Ralph Durnley married Miss Jessica Craig, a former New Plymouth school teacher earlier this month at a ceremony in the Fitzroy Presbyterian Church.



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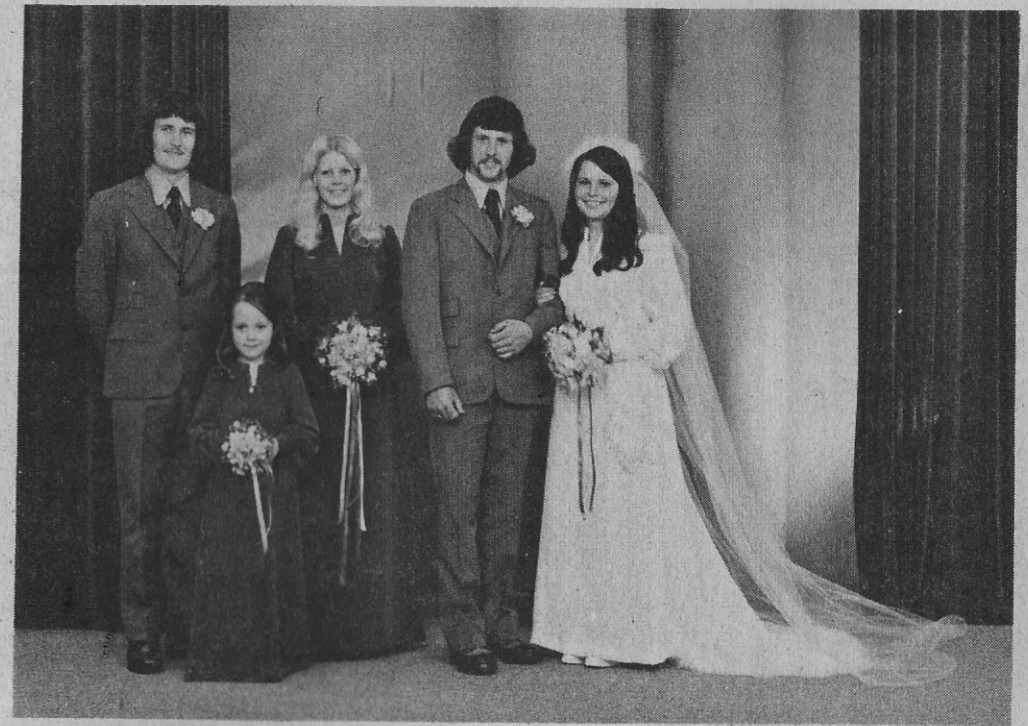
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COURTNEY—EVEREST.....At Whitely Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Joanne Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. Everest of New Plymouth, to Bryan Charles, son of Mr W.C. and the Late Mrs D.P. Courtney of Waitara. The attendants were Christine Gordon of New Plymouth, Tracey Meuli of Bell Block and Tony Leatham of Lower Hutt. The couple will live in New Plymouth.



VICKERS—LIND.....At St. Marys, New Plymouth, Anne Rita, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.A. Lind of New Plymouth, to Bryan Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Vickers, also of New Plymouth. The attendants were Helen Belcher and James Carswell, both of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home at Omata. *(Fitzroy Studios)*

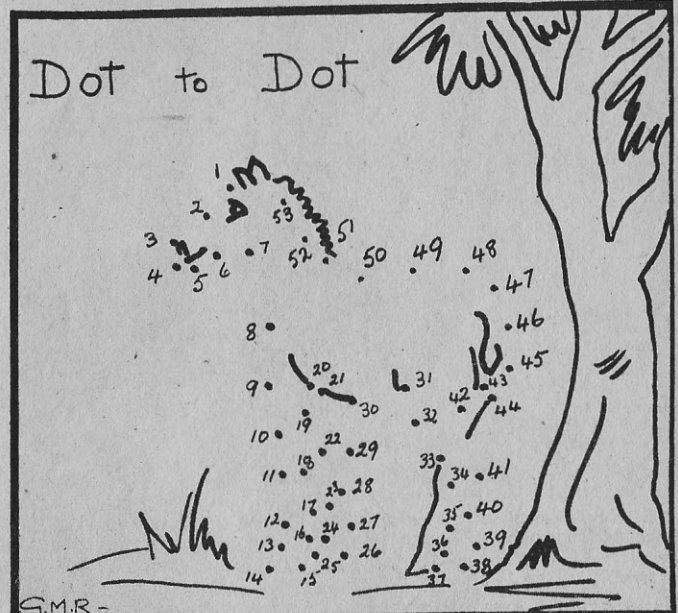


HANCOCK—SNOOK.....At St. Andrews, Stratford, Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Snook of Dunedin, to Chris, son of Mr and Mrs T. Hancock of Stratford. The attendants were Wayne Hamilton of Stratford, Sharon Cameron of Eltham and Phillipa Hinds of Dunedin. The couple will make their home at Stratford. *(Kieran Studios)*



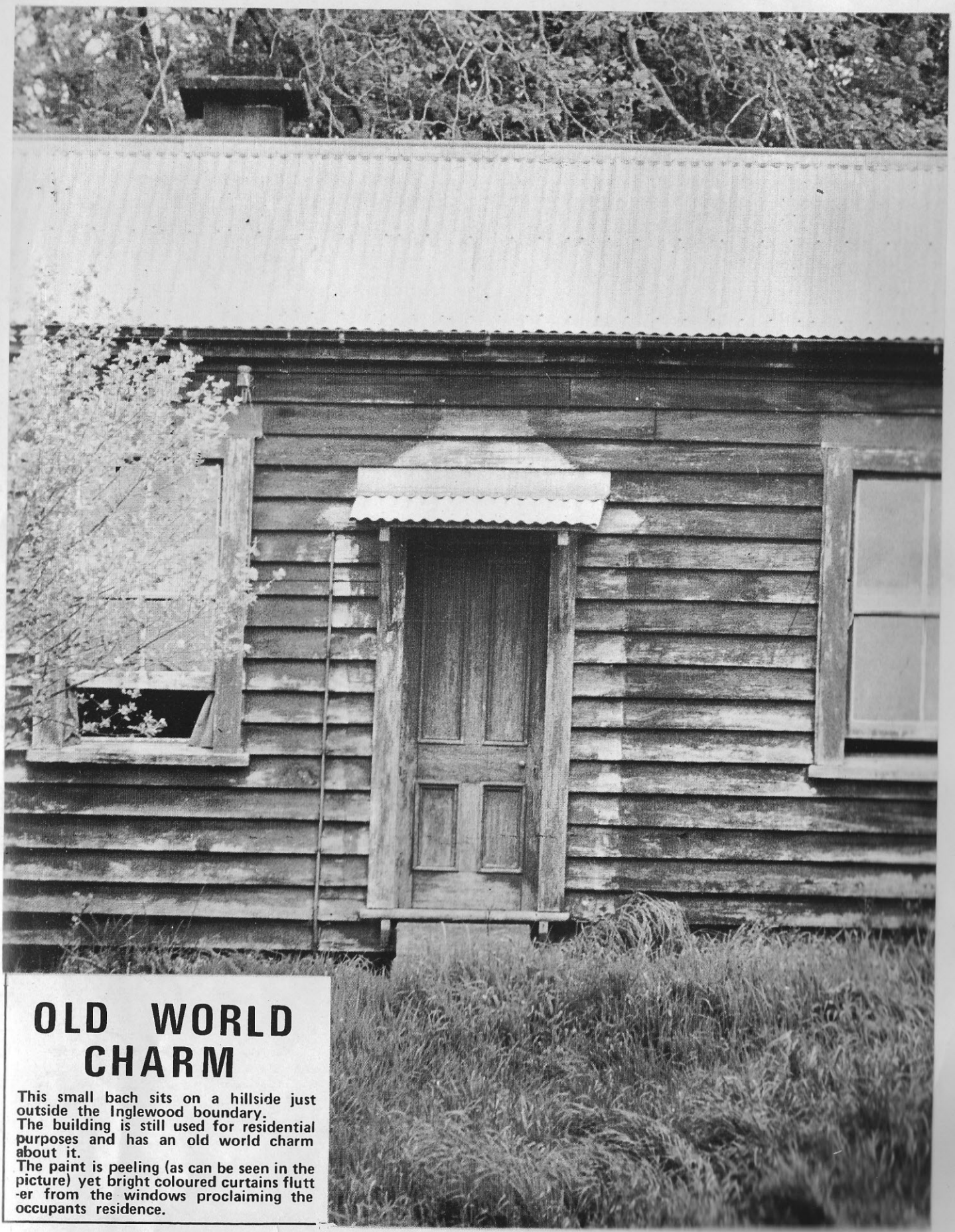
MERRIGAN—PETHERICK.....At St Johns Presbyterian Church, Hawera, Aileen Lois, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.O. Petherick of Hawera, to Denis James, son of Mrs R. Merrigan of Patea. The attendants were Fiona Petherick of Hawera, Margaret Brown of Palmerston North, Richard McKinnell of Auckland and Dougal Campbell also of Auckland. The couple will live in Hawera.

Children's Corner

RHYMES and RIDDLES

- Q. ...Why is the sea so clean?
A. ...Because it is tide - y.
- Q. ...What is the difference between Noah's Ark and Joan of Arc?
A. ...Noah's Ark was made of wood and Joan of Arc was maid of Orleans.
- Q. ...When is a baby like a parcel?
A. ...When it is well wrapped up.
- Q. ...Why was Adam a good runner?
A. ...Because he was first in the human race.
- Q. ...What is taken from you before you get it?
A. ...Your photograph.
- Q. ...When does a boxer wear clothes in funny places?
A. ...When he sometimes has a sock in his eye.
- Q. ...When is a river, real wealthy?
A. ...When it has high banks both sides.



OLD WORLD CHARM

This small bach sits on a hillside just outside the Inglewood boundary. The building is still used for residential purposes and has an old world charm about it. The paint is peeling (as can be seen in the picture) yet bright coloured curtains flutter from the windows proclaiming the occupants residence.