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# Swoosh

What a delightful slide for the kids. This was one of the features at the Stratford Show, held at the end of last year. For more photos of the Show, turn to page 16.



Janice Mullin

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A holiday visitor to New Plymouth was Lynne Stevenson. Lynne is a stenographer from Auckland and this was her first visit to Taranaki.

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Dagg's mate was there in style.

# XMAS PARADE

The annual Lions New Plymouth Christmas Parade was blessed with brilliant sunshine. The Parade itself, while featuring perhaps more floats than usual (and lots and lots and lots of marching girls) lacked a little coordination. Long gaps occurred between groups of floats and it is felt that a little more organisation could have overcome this.



Christmas morning really is for the kids.



Santa and his reindeer portray the spirit of Christmas and what the whole thing was about.



Lou Mugeridge brought his team up from Opunake.



YFC entered their now well known snailway stage coach.



The Dagg's featured again in this float with just a little 'bull'.



The people on this float had a thing about littering.



A visit from the Flintstones, complete with 'rock-buggy' and Dino and Fred.

# FANCY DRESS

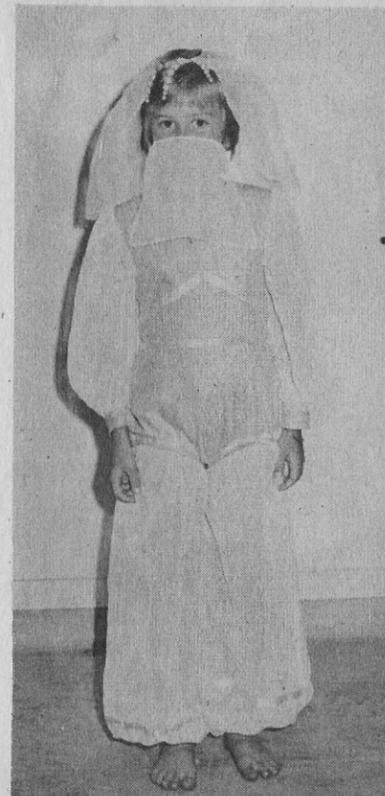
The Westown School Fancy Dress was held almost exactly one week before the break-up of Primary Schools last year. Kids turned up to the event in all manner of dress. There were of course the inevitable cowboys, a few indians thrown in for good measure ( we could almost have cast a western movie at one stage) but also a few costumes with a lot of imagination. Obviously some Mums had a lot of work to do prior to the fancy dress.



Susan Welsh



Prue Lobb



Bridgette Lethbridge



Stacey Hay



Roger Coulter



Tomothy Paul



Davis Jellyman



Ann Flavell



Sharon Kedley



Rosalind James



Adele Kay



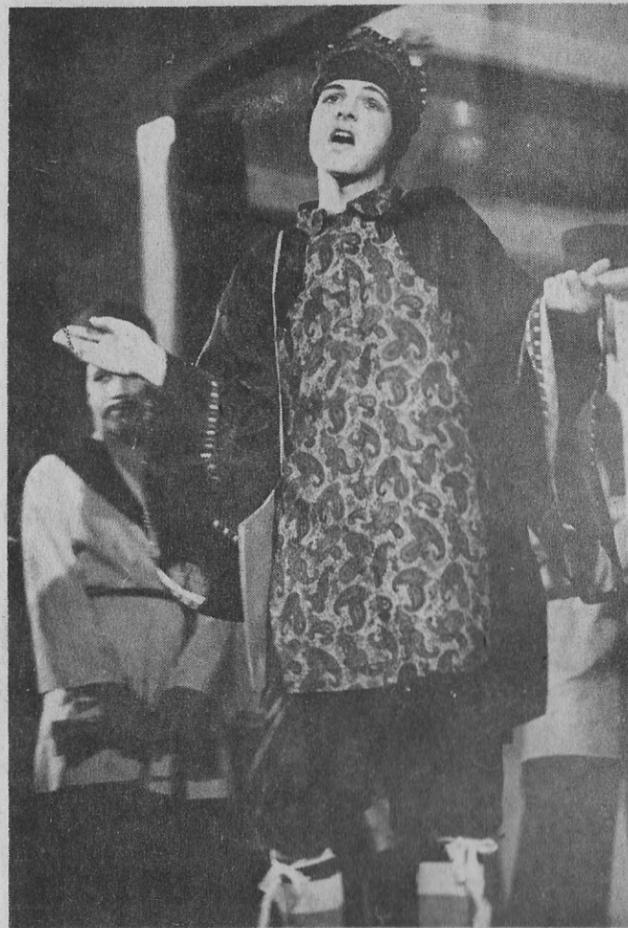
Elizabeth Marsden



Kim McDonald



Lisa Leon



K-Ko sings his heart out.

# THE MIKADO

Students of Okato College staged the Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta 'The Mikado' just a couple of weeks before Christmas. The production was presented on two consecutive nights and was extremely well received by the audience. Pictured are scenes from the show and behind the curtain in the make-up room.



"Just a little more make up here I think dear".



Katisha, an elderly lady courtier, acted by Deborah Sole.



Greasepaint makes a girl what she 'aint.



Ko-ko, Lord High Executioner, with a number of Noble Men.

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# WOT'S ON

## February

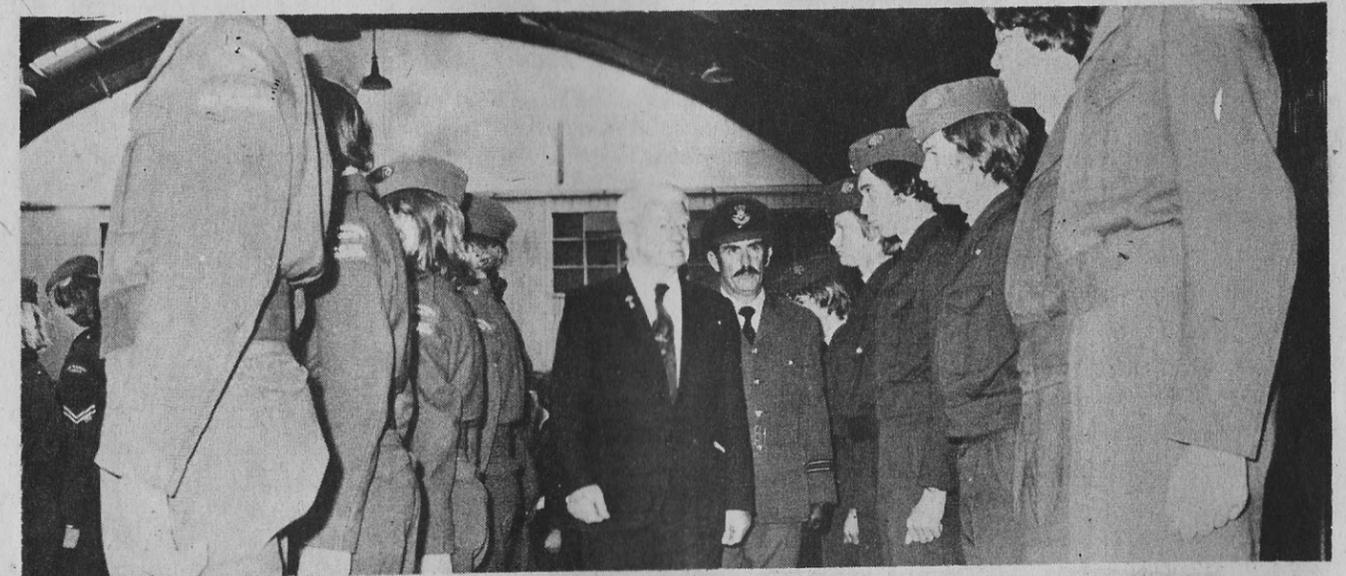
- 1- RSA Bowls
- 1- Taranaki Car Club Concours D'Elegance
- 1- The Hollies—Bowl of Brooklands, 5.30 p.m.
- 1- Pony Club—Opunake O.D.E.
- 1- New Plymouth Mini Power Boat Races—Club Day 1 Hour Enduro—Waiwakaiho Lake
- 3- Primary, Intermediate & High School commences
- 5- A & P Show—New Plymouth Racecourse, first day
- 6- Open Bowls Tournament
- 6- Urenui School Centennial Jubilee—all weekend
- 6- Square Dancing—Mountain Pine Hoedowners, War Memorial Hall
- 6- Cycling—New Zealand Cycle League National Championships at Rugby Park
- 6- A & P Show—New Plymouth Racecourse, second day
- 6-7- Athletics—Taranaki Championships, Inglewood
- 7- Square Dancing—Mountain Pine Hoedowners, War Memorial Hall
- 7- National Dancing—Inglewood
- 7- Midget Car Champs—Pall Mall Raceway, Stratford, 8 p.m.
- 7- Cycling—New Zealand Cycle League Champs, Rugby Park
- 7- Rifle Shooting—Sole Shield, New Plymouth
- 7- Go Karts—National Meeting, Waitara
- 7- Greyhounds—Progressive Challenge Cup, Hawera Showgrounds, 1p.m. (equalisator)
- 7-8- Manutahi School Centenary
- 8- Cycling—New Zealand Cycle League teams champs, Mountain Road near Waitara Junction
- 8- Recital—New Plymouth City Band in Pukekura Park
- 10- Car Club—one hour night trial
- 11- Hawera Races
- 14- Miss Brooklands Presentation, Bowl of Brooklands
- 14- Dance—Senior Citizens Hall, Liardet Street
- 14- Rifle Shooting—Short Range at New Plymouth
- 14- Surf Life Saving—Taranaki Championships at Fitzroy Beach
- 15- Pony Club—Inglewood O.D.E.
- 15- Recital—New Plymouth Pipe Band, New Plymouth
- 15- Axemen's Association—Competitions at Toko
- 20- 21st YMCA Northern area staff meeting Camp Huinga
- 21- Normanby Play Centre Cabaret
- 21- I.H.C. National Appeal
- 21- Salvation Army—Official opening new Citadel, New Plymouth
- 21- Rifle shooting—Long Range Championships, New Plymouth, 12.30 p.m.
- 21- Concert—Bowl of Brooklands
- 21- Pony Club—Jumping Day, Stratford
- 21- Stock Cars—Pall Mall Raceway Raceway, Stratford
- 21- Greyhounds—Sweepstake meeting, Hawera Showgrounds, 1 p.m.
- 22- Recital—New Plymouth City Band, Pukekura Park
- 22- Naturists Club—Open Day, Upper Mangorei Road
- 22- Pony Club—O.D.E. Hawera Showgrounds
- 22- Mini Power Boats—Club day, Pukekura Park
- 23-28- New Zealand Nurserymen's Association Conference—New Plymouth
- 23- Bowls—Taranaki Women's Centre Fours Tournament
- 23- Croquet—Taranaki Association Tournament
- 23- YMCA—Recreational gymnastics programme starts
- 26- Concert—New Zealand Symphony, Bowl of Brooklands
- 27- Bowls—Taranaki Women's Centre Open pairs Tournament, New Plymouth
- 28- Open Bowls Triples
- 28- Rifle shooting—Whitehead 8-/900 at New Plymouth
- 28- Athletics—Inter-club, Waitara
- 28- Dance—Senior Citizens Hall, Liardet Street
- 29- Motorcycles—New Zealand Gold Star Championship Motorcross, Junction Road, New Plymouth
- 29- Recital—New Plymouth Pipe Band, Pukekura Park

# Supreme Award



The Retired Chief of Air Staff, inspects the Quarter Guard upon his arrival.

Perhaps once, or sometimes twice, in the history of an ATC Cadet Unit, the Air League Cup Award is presented to a particular Squadron. The City of New Plymouth ATC Cadet Unit has this year won the Award for the first time in the Unit's history. The presentation took place at a special ceremony held in December at the Army Hall in New Plymouth.



He then proceeded to inspect the whole contingent including a flight from the Hawera ATC Squadron who took part in the ceremony.



The Award is presented to Flight Lieutenant Russ Brown on behalf of the City of New Plymouth ATC squadron.



# South Taranaki News



**SUCCESS AT SPORT.....**This team from the Awhina School competed recently at the North Island Handicapped Persons' Sports in Wanganui. They competed in many events, including, sack races, and sprint events and carried the day by winning every class in the school section.



**TE NGUTU LADIES' GOLF.....**Above left, Mrs Mary Dickson who won the senior championships. Above centre Mrs M. Bell who won the junior championships. Above right, Mrs P. Ingram who won the intermediate championships.



# South Taranaki News



The Assistant Commissioner of Trade from the Canadian Embassy, in Wellington, Mr R. B. Johnson, was in Hawera at the end of last year. Pictured is Mr Johnson, together with Mr G.A. Taylor, Mayor of Hawera and Mrs K.P. Kerrisk the President of South Taranaki WDFP, walking through a Guard of Honour, on their way to an International Day Luncheon.

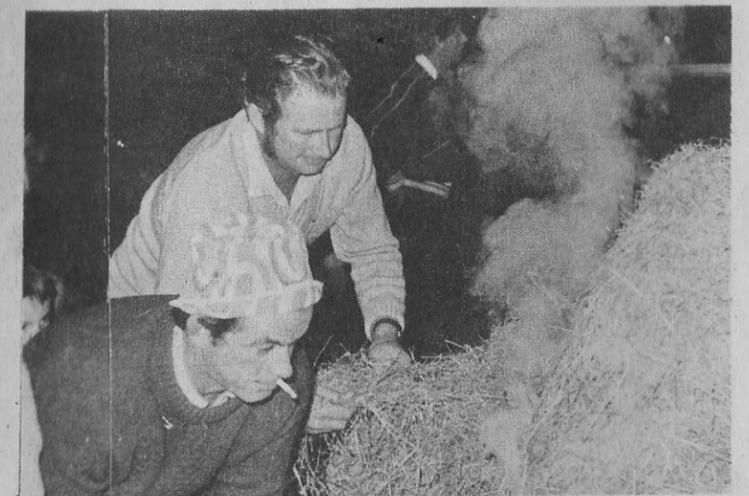


Two South Taranaki athletes who did well at the New Zealand secondary schools' third annual athletics meeting, held at the Queen Elizabeth, Christchurch.

At right, junior 400-metre runner Ann Thomas won her event with a brilliant five-metre win from her nearest rival.

The 100 metres hurdles was won by Karen Oakes left. She also won this event at Hamilton in a time of 15 seconds, which was a New Zealand record.

Her time of 14.6s in the heat and 14.8s in the final bettered the time of Susan Burnside, who held the title. Her time was 15.13s.



Members of the Citizen's Band Radio Club held a bonfire and fireworks night last year at Te Rd. Pictured are members of the club and their children enjoying the night.



Waitara's Mayor, Dick Wilson spoke during the opening ceremony.

# new track

The North Taranaki Kart Association opened their new track at Waitara a few weeks before Christmas with appropriate ceremony and with a DB Gold Star Race.

The new track is everything that a Karter could dream of. The main track is totally sealed, there is an excellent pit area (not yet quite complete) and perhaps most important for those who race the course requires some skill.



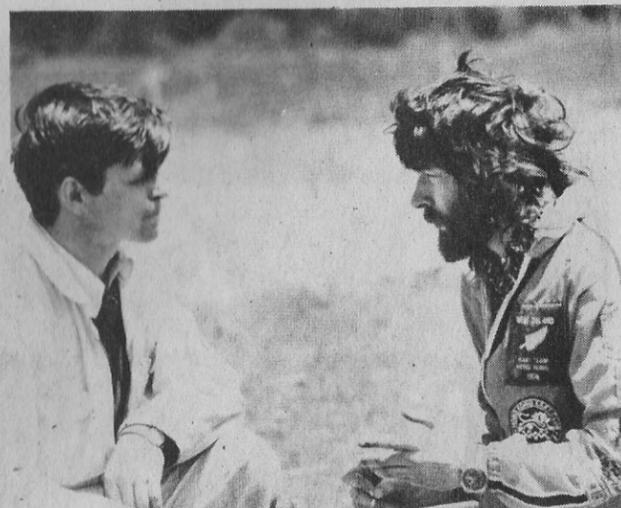
National President of the NZ Kart Federation, Mr Len Harris, presented a trophy to the local club



.....and cut the ribbon, declaring the track open.



Club President Noel Simpson.



Lou Donnelly (right) the club's publicity officer is still off the active racing list.



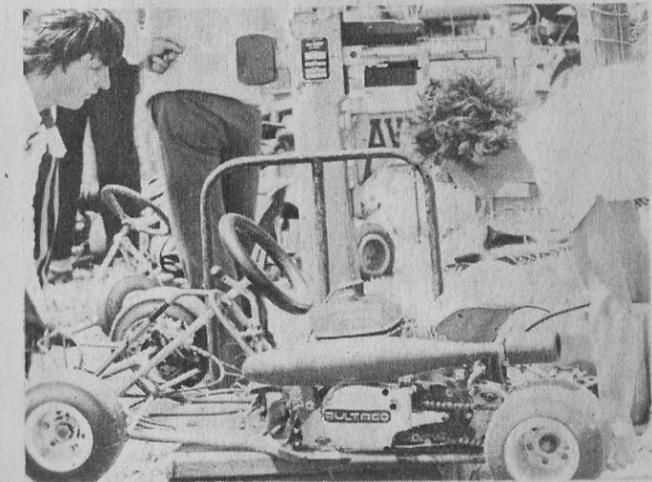
a group from Manawatu, Roy Triplow, T. Pippas, L. Triplow.



Gary and Peter Harrison from Waipawa, Hawkes Bay were two of a great number who came from throughout the southern half of the North Island to compete in the day's racing.



a slight spin out here.



Paul le Breton of Waitara and Barry McCulloch of New Plymouth weigh in their machine.



Entrants in the Junior race spread out along the track.



a fairly sharp corner on the new track.

# SANTA'S PARTY

New Plymouth Plunket Mothers held their kids Christmas Party at the Westown Kindy. There were loads of kids and loads of goodies for them from Santa. Santa's arrival reminded us of the days of pop stars and teenyboppers, for the bearded gentleman was literally rushed by a crowd of yelling and gleeful children.



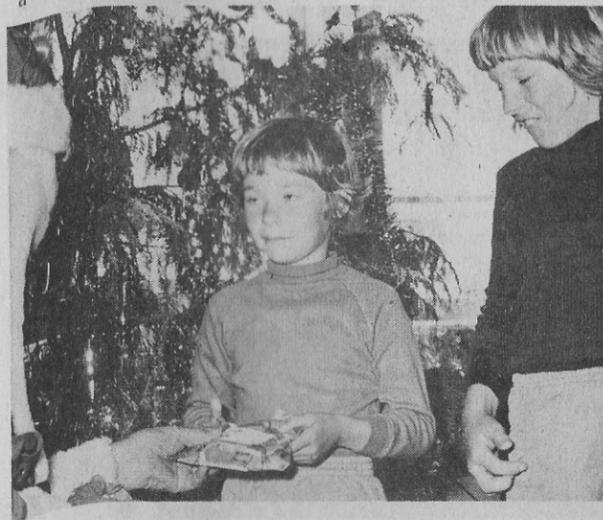
A sea of faces all waiting in anticipation.



And Santa kept on dishing out the goodies with a word of advice for each of the kids.



Usually at this age Santa is frightening, but not for this toddler.



Steven and Michael Anderson



Anticipation of the present overcomes this lass' who was reticent about meeting Santa.



Wayne and Beverley Hayman



Phillipa Vivian smiles coyly.



Well past the shy stage, this guy wanted none of the Santa nonsense, just the present.



Brendon Keighley meets Santa and gets his parcel.



A sweet smile for Santa.

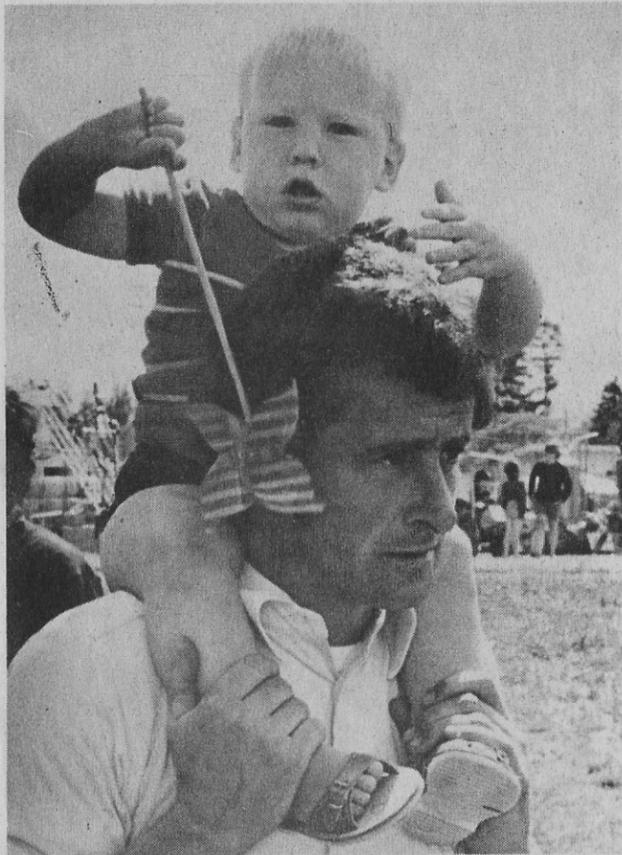


Gavin Cooper needed a little assistance from Mum.

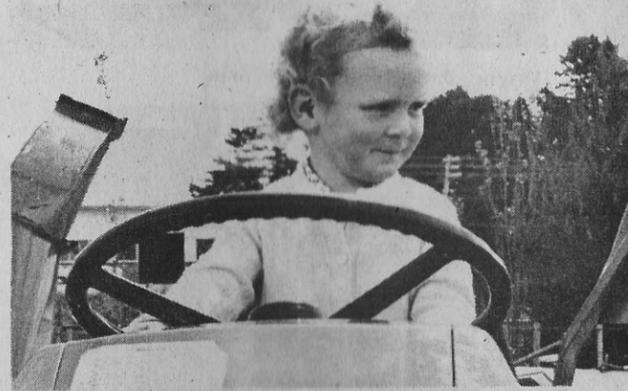
# STRATFORD SHOW

The second day of the Stratford Show, this year fell on election day. Even though a great deal of interest was shown in the elections, this did not stop crowds and crowds of people going to the Show. (there was even an election booth there for voting).

Taranaki people certainly enjoy the fun of the fair and the Stratford Show had a real gala like feel about it.



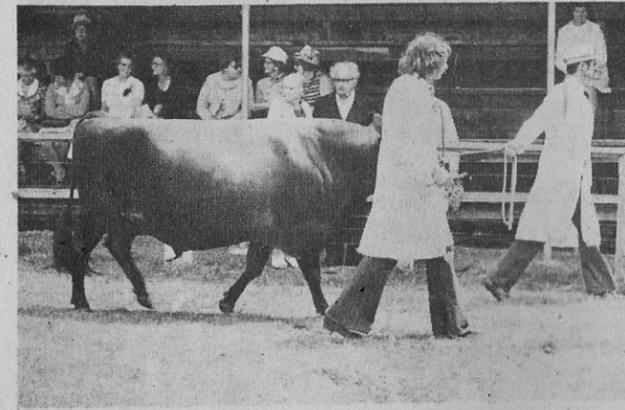
A grandstand view. William Highett rides Dad's shoulders.



Ross Aitken claims he will be a tractor driver when he grows up.



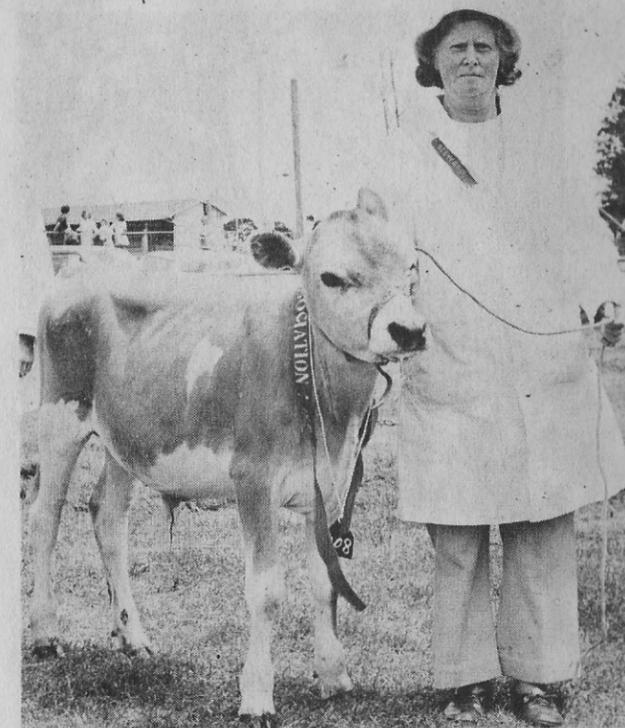
Karl had quite a ball watching all those slowly revolving funny faces.



The Ferguson's were pretty proud of this bit of bull.



Enjoying the show were Mesdames Lobb, Goodwin and Mr Goodwin.



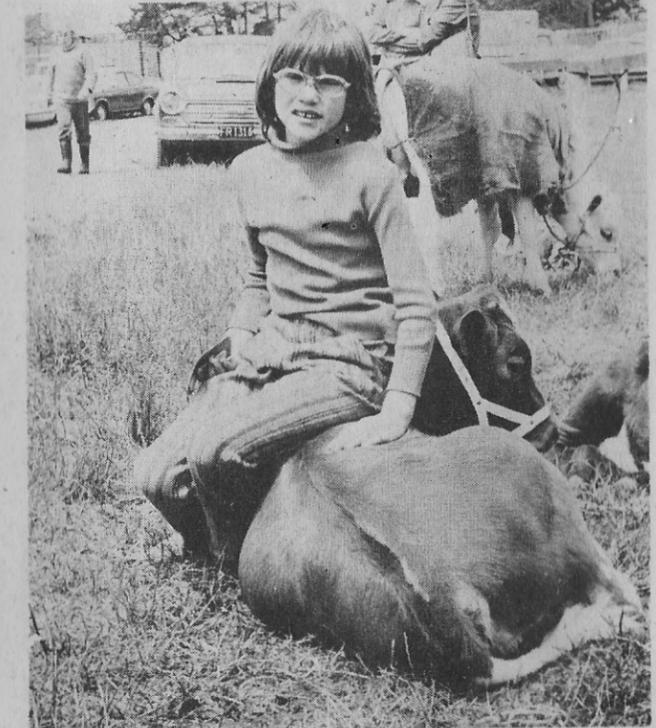
T H Pask of Huntly with her prize winner.



T. Gibbs on Moubray.



Mrs Jones introduces daughter Tracey to the delights of Candy Floss.



Shirley Kroon makes herself comfortable



Nicola Howell swoops down the slide



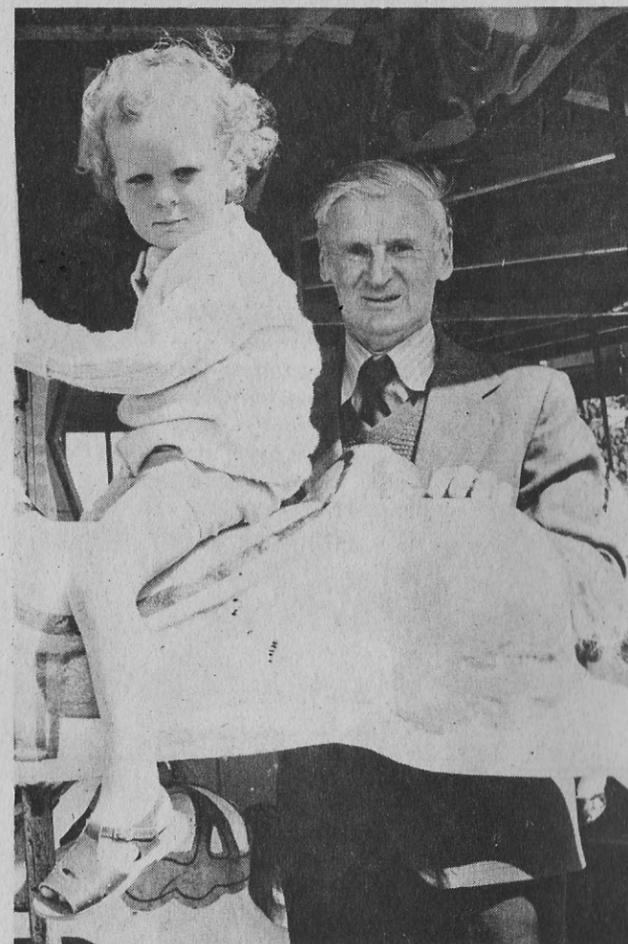
Pete George let his fantasy's carry him away... as a 'General' in the Army.



Carol Mangind and Marion Murrey with a huge bag of popcorn.



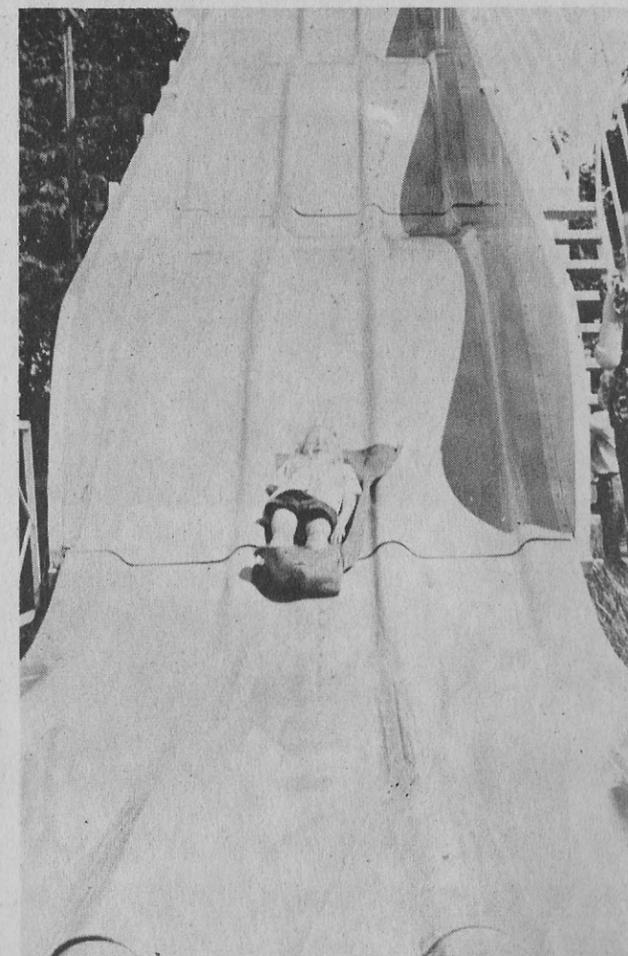
Many a yarn was told... here's a swapping session between Joan Gunderson and Jennie Old.



Ross Aitken found these horses much tamer than the ones on the farm.



Geoff Sorenson entered 'Haig' in the dog trials.



Stephen Rowe loved the slide.



Sharon Hill munches happily on her hot dog.

# Golf Club's trophy night

Manukorihī Golf Club at Waitara, held their annual end of year prizegiving and presentation night at the end of November. The prize list was even longer than that of a High School Prizegiving. The queue forming up to receive their trophies seemed to last forever and towards the middle of the prizegiving the whole thing seemed to develop into a kissing game with the Lady presenting the trophies receiving more kisses in one night than the average person receives in a lifetime.



Rex Cole receives his prize



Nigel Armstrong (schoolboy champ) gets into the kissing game.



Lyn, congratulating husband Ian. He won the Lye Trophy



R Sharrock asked for a kiss too.



Scooping the pool were Allan Ellis and daughter Janet.



R Mercer receives his cup



Ian Titter, the Intermediate Champion,



R Davison and S Henderson, Joint winners



Alex Hunter winner of the Nett Eclectic



Ron Muschamp won the Calgher Cup



Kevin Payne was runner-up in the schoolboy championship



S Peters with his two trophies



A quiet ale and a chat with friends.



Bruce McCready from New Plymouth was there.



Girls and kids did some sunbaking, when they weren't swimming in the nearby river.



Mr W G Benzie watches proceeding before.....

## Friendly shoot

The Inglewood and New Plymouth Rod and Gun Clubs held a combined shoot out at Waitui (near Everett Park) early in December. The shoot became something of a picnic affair and a chance to enjoy the brilliant sunshine. There was some serious shooting done to, but the competition spirit tended to take second place.



Nothing quite like a chat over a drink.



A meeting of old friends.



.....Taking his turn at the clay pigeons.

PRObe

with Bryce McPherson



## SUPPORT THE OPERA HOUSE

A bright young student was taking a test but seemed to be stumped on the second question, which read: " Give the number of tons of coal shipped out of New Zealand in any given year". After a few minutes of pondering the question, the lad wrote, " 1770 - none ".

Enjoyed an evening at Opunake just prior to Xmas but not the first part of the trip home late in the evening. The car felt 'wrong' and sure enough a puncture.

Didn't have a flashlight so had to drive on to Rahotu to effect a change.

Darn it, though: a week later suffered the same fate after attending a function at Okato. Am now awaiting the third.

For the cricketer: what is a geriatric?  
A German taking three wickets in three balls.

Another Christmas has been and gone, the curtain has fallen on 1975 and already we're over half way through the first month of a new year.

To the City of New Plymouth, 1976 has special significance: it marks the Centenary of Local Government in New Plymouth. And between the pertinent dates (August 9th, when New Plymouth was gazetted a borough, and October 11th, when the first meeting of the New Plymouth Borough Council was held in 1876, that is) special entertainment has been planned.

The project to mark the Centenary is the complete refurbishing of the Opera House, and it is in that 'new' facility that most of the festivities will take place.

However, there are a number of sporting and other events, viz a National Junior Stamp Exhibition that will affiliate to Centennial Year.

It should be another exciting year, what with the Maui development, on shore oil exploration etc. Yes, Taranaki's a great place to be.

A man recovered consciousness after an operation, find himself back in his hospital room; the surgeon was sitting by the bedside.

The patient smiled weakly and looked around him. "Why are the curtains drawn, doctor?" he asked. "It's not night time already, is it?"

"No" beamed the doctor. "There's a fire across the road and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation hadn't been successful".

We took delivery of a magnificent new audio-visual unit just before Christmas. It cost \$500, with the New Plymouth Chamber of Commerce contributing four-fifths of that sum. The unit will add tremendously to our see and tell promotional/educational programme.

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by Trevor Crabtree

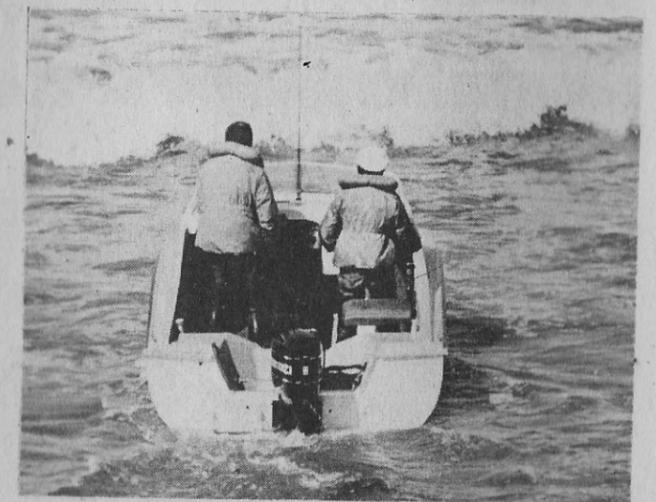
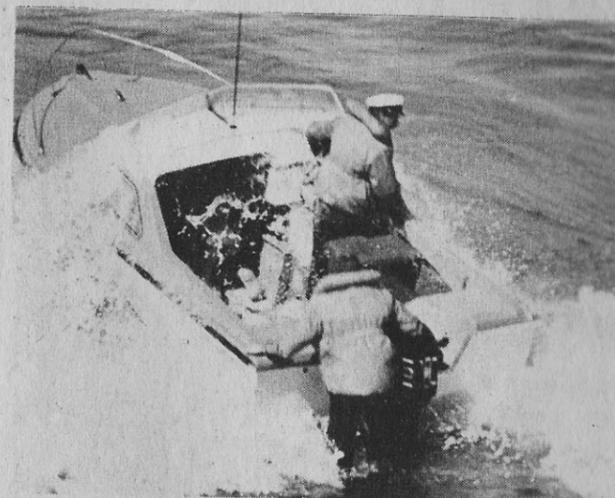
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## South Taranaki News



We now have two opera singers living in South Taranaki. Pictured is Jacqueline Chapman who has shifted to man-  
aia. (the other singer is of course Malvina Major) Jacqueline's husband, Mr M J Shone has taken up an appoint-  
ment as county engineer with the Waimate West County Council.



Fishing has always been a favourite pastime for those who live in South Taranaki. One of the most touchy  
operations of all is the launching of the boat on our open beaches. Above we see Messrs Kevin Millholland and  
Colin Williams, both of Hawera, launching their boat and waiting for the right moment to head out to sea.



Mesdames Donald and Young



Mesdames Reesby and Jones



Mesdames Hine and Watson



Mrs W Martin receives her Honours Badge from Mrs W Austin, Nth. Taranki Provincial President.

# Honours ceremony

A Presentation of Honours Badges for two members of the Westown Branch of the WDFP took place at Sanders Ave, in Westown a few weeks ago. The event also served as the group's final meeting for the year and as such was a time of Christmas greetings for everyone and happiness.



Mrs J Mercer also received an Honours Badge.



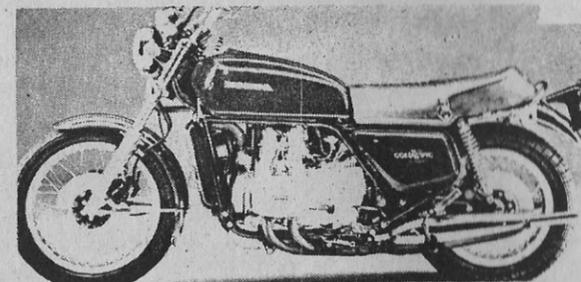
Mesdames Mercer and Wright

# XMAS SNOW

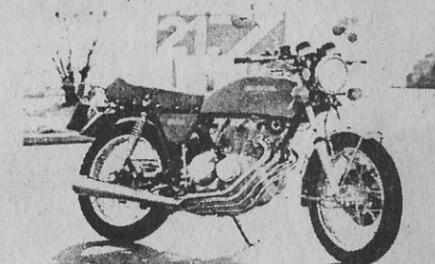
Well, we nearly had a White Christmas. The weather was so bad that our mountain was covered with a liberal coating of snow and of course, winds blowing from the mountain gave us a rather cold and bleak Christmas and New Year.



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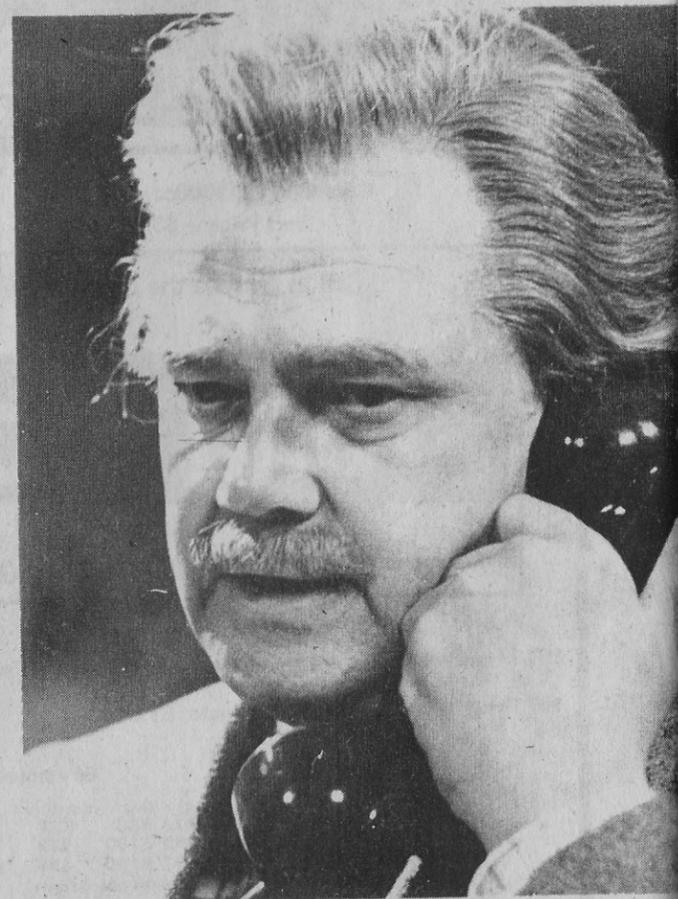
**SCENES  
FROM  
THE  
TV  
SCREEN**



The Waltons (all eleven of them) is a long running and very popular TV show. Pictured is the whole gang clustered around the old time radio set. The show screens Saturdays.



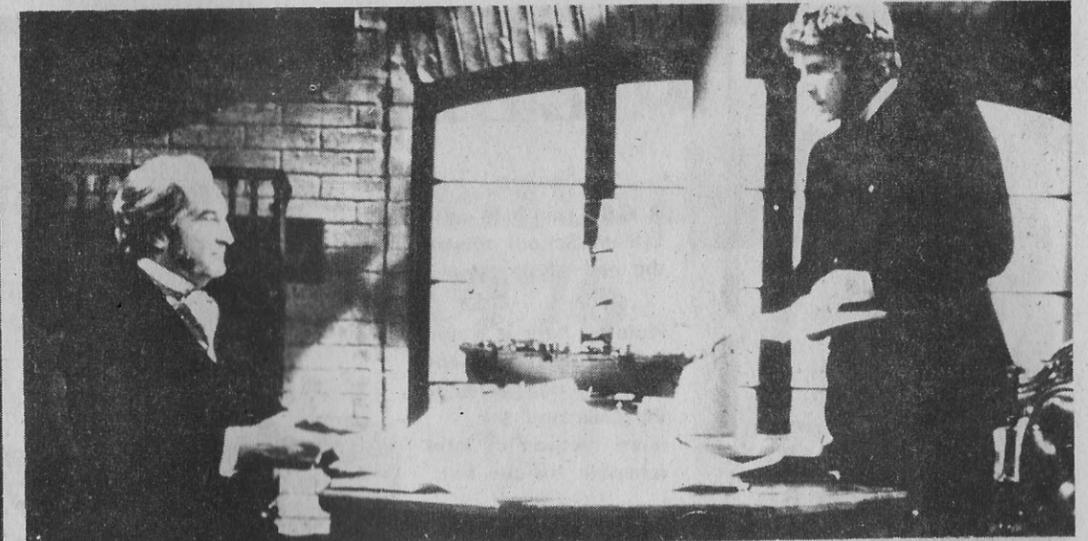
Maude is one of those TV Shows that you either love or hate. Most viewers however tend to agree that regardless of Maude, the show is absolutely hilarious.



Nigel Stock stars as Thomas Owen in the afternoon TV show "Owen - MD".



Viewers who religiously watch the Edwards show on Saturdays will recall the featured band. Lead singer of the band is Fran Barton, pictured.



The Onedin Line screens on Wednesday nights. This is a new series that is now screening, however afternoon viewers can see a repeat of the earlier series of the show.



The Dick Emery Show is another TV Show that has found large popularity in New Zealand. The show screens on TV One on Wednesdays.



The BBC TV Series, The Pallisers screens on TV One on Sundays. Pictured above left is Roland Culver who plays the Duke of Omnium and above right is Susan Hampshire who plays Lady Glencora Palliser.