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MODERN MOTORISED MISS

Gone are the days when you saddle up the pony—today's teenager opens the throttle of her "iron horse" and slips into the changing scene. Here, city teenager Gwenda Bracegirdle shows that a "motorised miss" can flatter the iron horse and rounded crash helmet with ease.



MAN AND MACHINE OF MANY PARTS

Great little earth-moving machine this. It is the brainchild of Lou Benton, who saves hundreds of hours in his various jobs with this little home-made machine.

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OUR COVER

New Plymouth senior marching team, the Golden Conquerors. Smart lot too. From left they are Carmel Wheeler, Andria McConnell, Gay Pruden, Jeanette Wood, Lyn Gadsden, Christine Smart (leader), Isobel Helmes, Yvonne Harrison, Linda Smiley, Janise Carrol and Carol Rainer.

BACK COVER. The mouth of the Waitara river, taken from the air. It looked very different from this when the recent flood was at its height.

PLATTERS IN NEW PLYMOUTH

BELOW—The world-famous group the Platters who were to appear at the Bowl of Brooklands, but whose concert was transferred to the Opera House because of wet weather.



THE BIG DELUGE

Well, we've had yet another flooding of the city, caused mainly by the two rogue streams which run right through the business area. It seems such a pity to stand by almost helplessly as the streams take their toll. Much has been said and written about the flooding menace to the city, and this last flood was the worst so far, but very little has been DONE. Perhaps this lesson will spur the authorities on to doing something that would alleviate the hardships suffered, not only by the business community, but by private residents too. When you look at these two pictures, it is easy to gauge just how much water does come down from the higher country. The UPPER photo was taken just a week before the flood and shows the Waiwakaiho at about its lowest for years, while that BELOW was taken at the height of the flood. Both were taken from near the same point.



The new Lion Tavern nearly got washed out to sea



Paritutu Bowling Club suffered, with one bridge being washed away



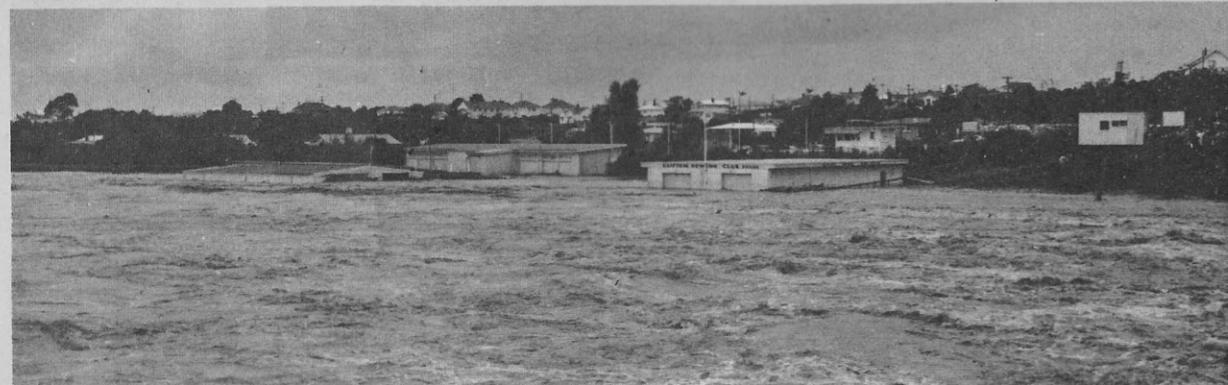
Floodwater across the road at the old showgrounds . . . first time we've seen floods here



Overhead bridge on Egmont Road was impassable



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



High School boathouse nearly under, and the Clifton Club house half full of water. Much damage was caused here on the Waitara River



Hard luck boys, they're closed!



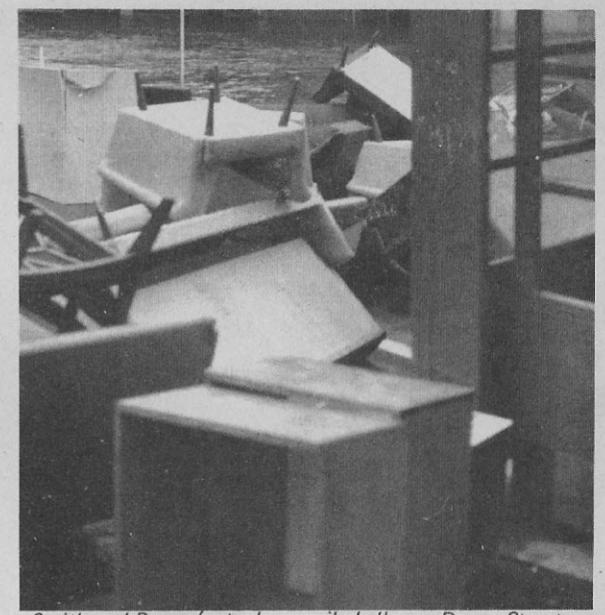
Cute pix shot at Waitara during the flood



Petrol pumps under water. No good waiting for customers, mate!



Colliers had their stock out on the road



Smith and Brown's stock was piled all over Devon Street

FLOOD DAMAGE

Devon Street resembled a scrap yard when the water of the great flood had subsided sufficiently for workers to return to the great clean-up. It's scenes such as these that make one think of the ineffectiveness of the authorities who appear to do nothing to relieve the situation.



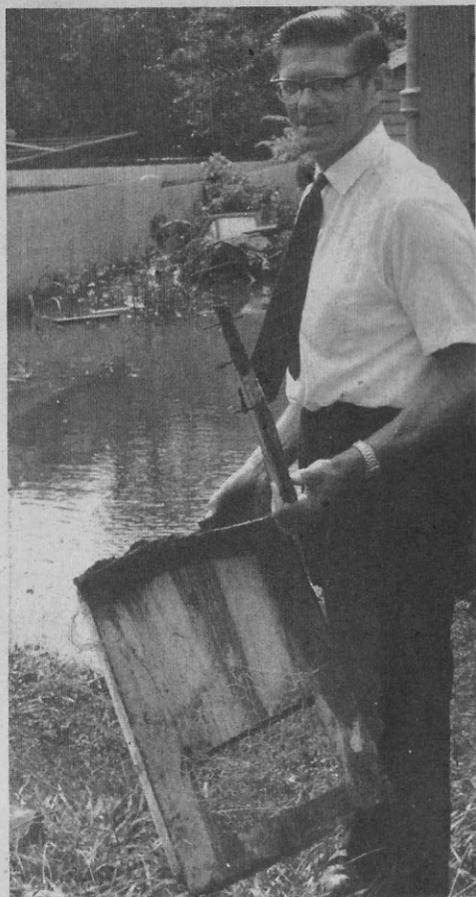
Looking down Brougham Street as the waters start to recede



What was good stock is turned into junk in a matter of seconds



Almost as though a bomb had hit Smith and Brown's



FLOOD VICTIMS' OPINION

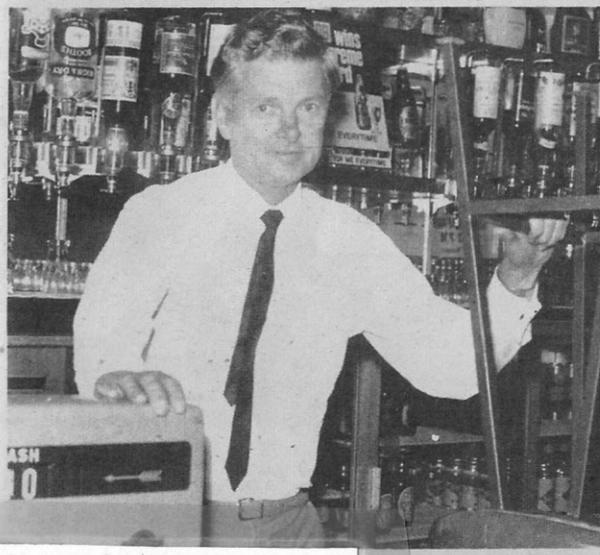


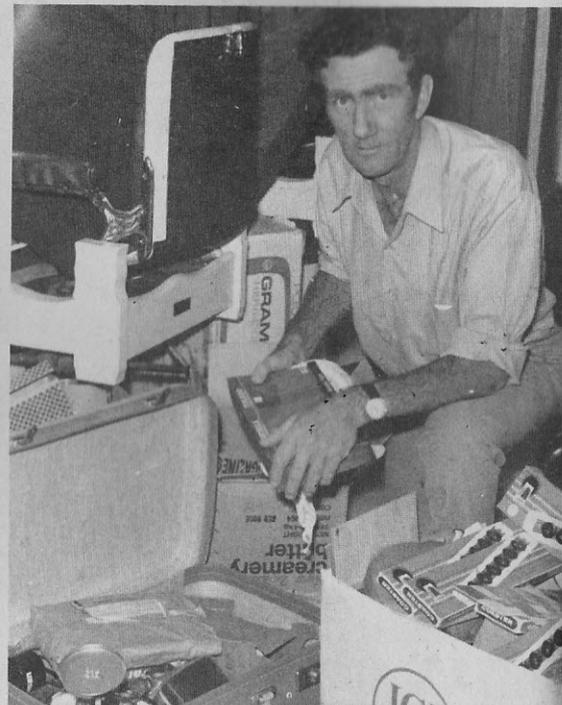
All the people shown on this page are displaying signs of strain and fatigue, with very good cause. They are all engaged in the task of cleaning up after the flood and counting their losses, most of which are in the thousands of dollars bracket. ABOVE—Eric Parsons, manager of Smith and Brown's, the hardest hit store of all, spent almost 48 hours non-stop in trying to save stock, but to no avail. His comment was, "I feel sick about the whole affair". Yes Eric, it makes us heave too! ABOVE RIGHT—Noeline Fake, one of the Smith and Brown's staff looks like we feel about the utter waste of goods. BELOW—Wally Dent, licensee of the Criterion Hotel, lost much in damage, plus 4-500 dollars a day in turnover. He says action must be taken. BELOW RIGHT—Carr Jones, proprietor of Kingsway outfitters, and staff member Ron Bennett clear up. The store closed for 14 days besides losing thousands of dollars worth of goods.

SOME OF THE UNLUCKY ONES

What did you lose in the recent flood...how were you affected? This was a question on the lips of most New Plymouth people after the worst floods ever. If you weren't hit, then you were one of the lucky ones, but just spare a thought for those less fortunate, like the residents of Aubrey Street. Every few years they are hit with this scourge, and most are just working people who haven't the resources to rebuild on higher planes.

It's both a shame and pity that the authorities only talk about what should be done to relieve their sufferings, and we all sympathise with them. A little bit of action to replace the promises and expert opinions would go a long way to help in this respect. Take the man ABOVE LEFT—Trevor Hewitt, of Aubrey Street. He knows what a flood means in terms of mess. Or the boy, ABOVE CENTRE, Darryl Busby, who rescued his dog from a watery grave. And what about the young lady ABOVE RIGHT—Colleen Sands, who won't be able to move back into her home for three months...yet she still has to pay rates on it. RIGHT—Stalwarts of the Riverside Bowling Club are used to the idea of cleaning up after a flood. They are Betty Earl, Ina Harris and Joey Nicholl.





Take a look at widow Mrs Ida McQueen, of Aubrey Street. She's a young looking 85, living along on a pension. She has experienced THREE floods in the past 16 years, and relies on her garden produce to offset the living costs, now it lies in ruins. How would you feel if you were in her shoes? She says it's just not fair. Ida, it's disgraceful! We feel particularly sorry for you. ABOVE—Des Paul, Brougham Street hairdresser, gets a sinking feeling every time it rains heavily, and is constantly worried. And you won't get rid of that feeling, Des, until the authorities do something about it. BELOW—Darroch Upton, manager of Deare's footwear, though hard hit by the flood was high in his praise for the work of the Civil Defence authorities who had helped in every way possible.



RADIO TARANAKI'S VITAL SERVICE



News team, from left, Marinus Koppe, Clive Conland and Geoff Berry operated from the mobile station

Radio Taranaki provided instant and vital communications throughout the flood period. News teams backed by administration and announcing staff gave constant service for 29 hours non-stop in an outstanding example of "live" and written reporting. Our cameras show some of the team that played a radio role running as smoothly as the 40-minute reports heard in the province and throughout New Zealand.

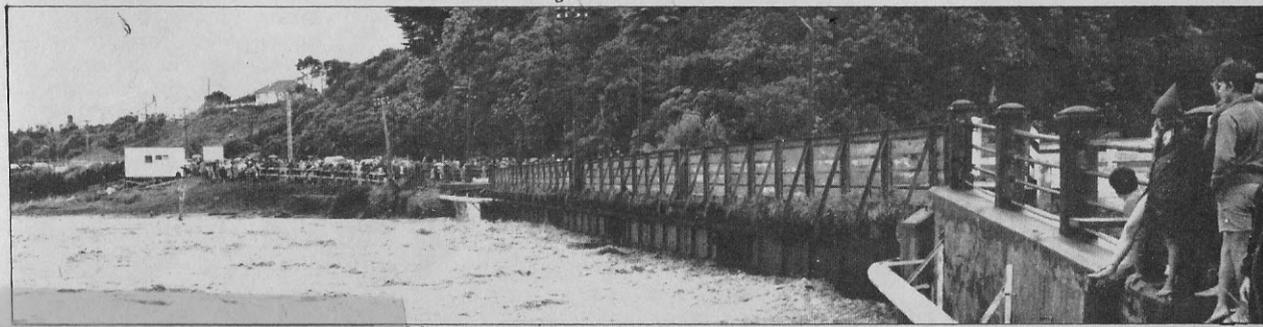


Administration team, from left, Sallie Moore, Celia Dickson and David Mills



In the announcing studios were David Sanders, Les Hyland (announcer) and right, Bruce Appleton

Waters surge through the Paritutu Bowling Club's green



Constant reports of flood waters at the Waitara Bridge were given by the radio station



MARRIED

Left:
SMITH—JONES. At the Whiteley Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Jennie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Jones, New Plymouth, to Nigel, eldest son of Mr B. B. Smith, Omata. Matron of honours was Judy Filbee, Inglewood, and the bridesmaid was Diane O'Brien, New Plymouth. Best man was John Ludeman, Whangarei, and the groomsman was Alan Smith, brother of the groom, Omata. Future home, New Plymouth. (Norman Squire).

Right:
LEUTHARD—LOBB. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth, Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Lobb, New Plymouth, to John, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Leuthard, Waitara. The maids were Diane Jones, New Plymouth, Rose Leuthard, sister of the groom, Waitara, and Christine Lobb, sister of the bride, New Plymouth. Best man was Christopher Leuthard, brother of the groom, Waitara, and the groomsman was Julian Lobb, brother of the bride, New Plymouth. Future home, Auckland. (Norman Squire).



Left:
MAGON—BROWN. At St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Inglewood, Beverley, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Brown, Inglewood, to Rodney, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. A. Magon, Okato. The matrons of honour were Christine Payne, sister of the bride, Stratford, and Pamela Innes, Okato. The maids were Faith and Joy Magon, sisters of the groom, Okato. Best man was Clifford Lowry, Rahotu, and the groomsman was Lloyd Magon, brother of the groom, Warea. Future home, Inglewood. (Norman Squire).



On a hot day like it was, these were worth fishing for

St. Mary's School Gala

Crowds of Stratford folk went along to the St Mary's School gala with one aim . . . to spend money for a good cause. This they did, with the result that the school benefitted by a considerable amount. All the stalls and competitions were run by the pupils, and we must say they made a very good job of it too. Here are a few of the activities of the girls and their customers.



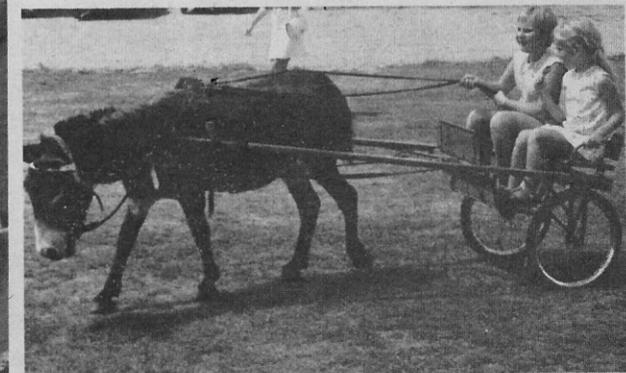
Hot dogs on a hot afternoon sold well



What's in store for these young girls? Only the fortune teller will know



Missed that time. Dad and junior wears a disdainful look

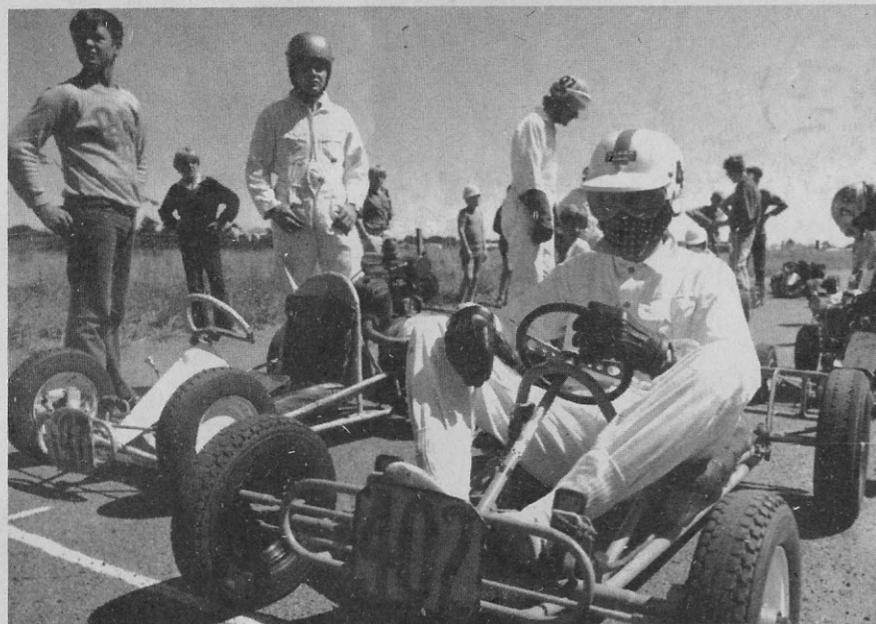


This old moke worked hard for the school

MINI GRAND PRIX AT WAITARA



A high speed snarl-up in the "S" bend



New Plymouth's David Holmes takes pole position in the second race of the day



This driver gives our cameraman a friendly wave!

Taranaki go-kart fans were treated to a thrilling Grand Prix in miniature at the New Plymouth go-kart raceway, Waitara. The spectacular event was organised by the North Taranaki Go-Kart Club who controlled their first race series for 1971 on the newly-sealed circuit. Fourteen high powered machines costing up to \$1,000 each scorched around the track at speeds reaching 50mph giving the large crowd an action-packed day's racing.



Mini driver seated in his mini car: Sean James, New Plymouth, takes his racing seriously



Dust spurts from gripping tyres as this driver careers around a tight bend



High speed turns require top co-ordination between man and machine during racing events



Somebody is going the wrong way!

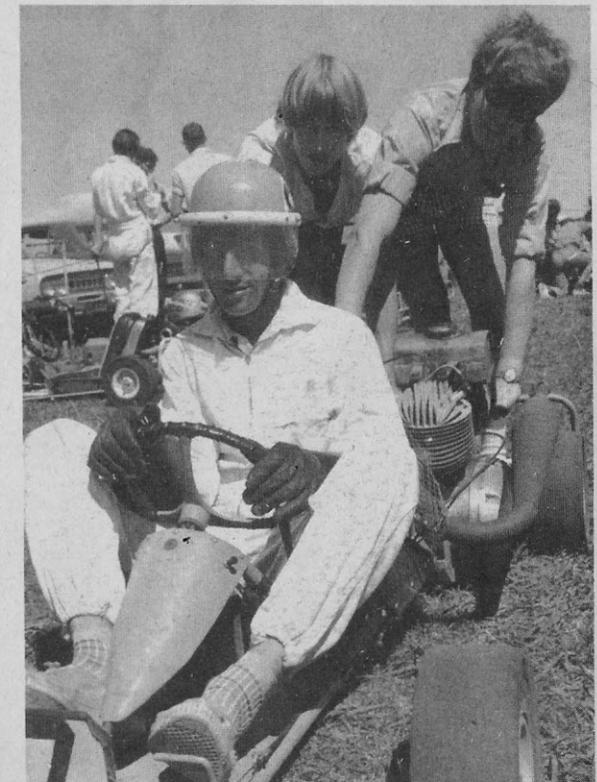


Keen Waitara go-kart fans Michael Flay, left, and David Field

Veteran drivers from Auckland Levin and Turangi joined the local teams and gave valuable assistance and advice in driving and mechanical skills to the members of the North Taranaki Go-Kart Club.



Kent Hardgrave, Waitara, takes advantage of his position in the pits to observe drivers and mechanics at work on their machines



It all starts with a good push willingly given by Dick Wells, right, and John Gally while driver Wally Brown prepares for take-off. This trio came from New Plymouth to take part in the events



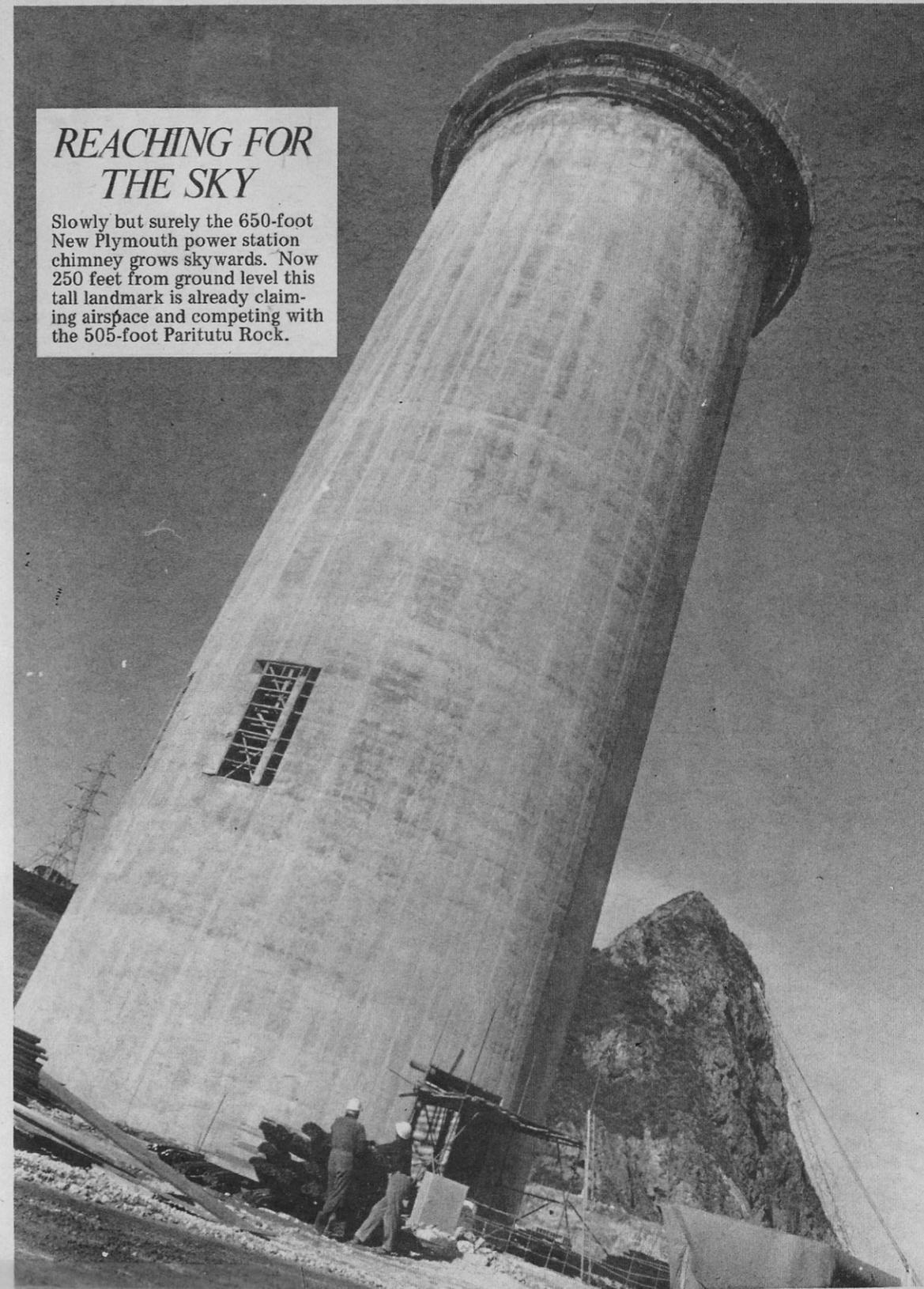
Weddings

Left:
HASSALL—DEANE. At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Christine, youngest daughter of Mrs L. G. Deane, New Plymouth, and the late Mr G. Deane, to Roger, elder son of Mr and Mrs N. Hassall, Bell Blöck. Matron of honour was Lyn Stephens, the maid was Pam Hellier, best man was Lloyd Julian, and the groomsman was Cedric Hassall, all of New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth. (Norman Squire).

Right:
WOOD—GOSS. At St. Michael's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Goss, New Plymouth, to Garry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Wood, New Plymouth. The maids were Janice Goss, sister of the bride, Hamilton and Jeanette Wood, sister of the groom, New Plymouth. Best man was Neville Carmichael and the groomsman was Robert Wood, both of New Plymouth. Future home, New Plymouth. (Norman Squire).



Left:
TAYLOR—HOUGHTON. At the Anglican Church, Waitara, Susan, youngest daughter of Mrs M. Jury, Waitara, and the late Mr D. Houghton, to Ian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. L. Taylor, Waitara. The maids were Janice Houghton, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and Sandra Jones, Waitara. Best man was Graeme Andrews, Waitara. The groomsman was George Taylor, brother of the groom, Waitara. The flower-girls were Stephanie and Michelle Houghton, Waitara. Future home, Waitara. (Norman Squire).



REACHING FOR THE SKY

Slowly but surely the 650-foot New Plymouth power station chimney grows skywards. Now 250 feet from ground level this tall landmark is already claiming airspace and competing with the 505-foot Paritutu Rock.



ENGAGEMENTS

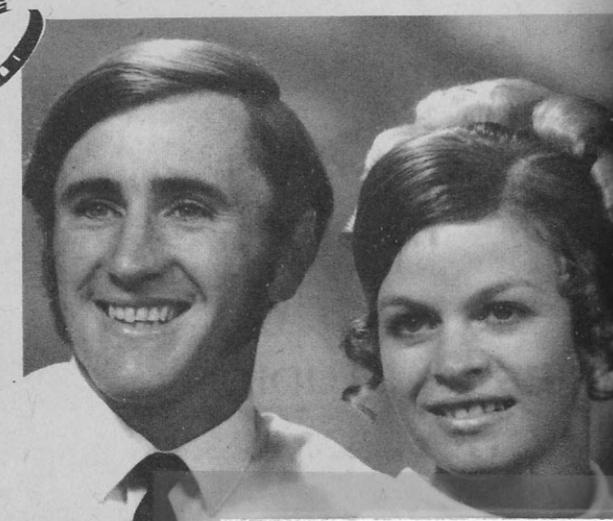
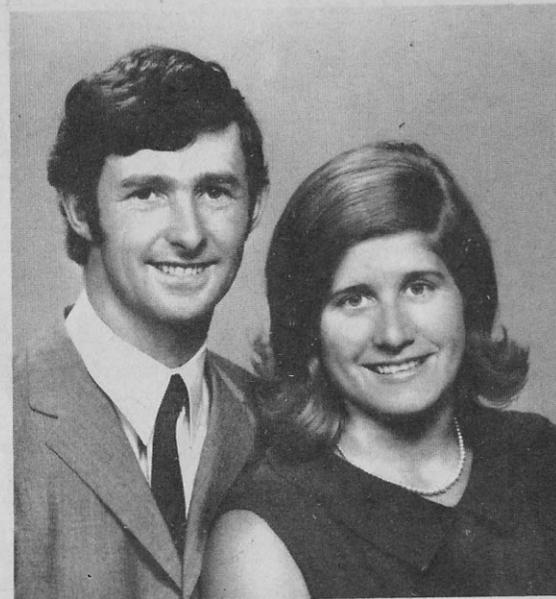
Above left: PRESTNEY—FOX. Irene, younger daughter of Mr W. Fox, Cheshire, England, and the late Mrs Fox to Gary Raymond, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. I. Prestney, New Plymouth. (*Vogue Studios*).

Left: RANFORD—JELICICH. Angela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Jelcich, Auckland, to Neil Colin, son of Mr and Mrs C. T. Ranford, Stratford.

Below left: DOBSON—CHISNALL. Aileen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. V. Chisnall, New Plymouth, to Lester, only son of Mr and Mrs C. P. Dobson, Wanganui. (*Norman Squire*).

Above: SHOTTER—REVELL. Annette Louisa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Revell, New Plymouth, to Graeme Lindsay, third son of Mrs E. Shotter, New Plymouth, and the late Mr L. M. Shotter. (*Vogue Studios*).

Below: WISNEWSKI—RAWLINSON. Linda Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Rawlinson, Stratford, to Donald John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. J. Wisnewski, Stratford.



SHEER ENTERPRISE

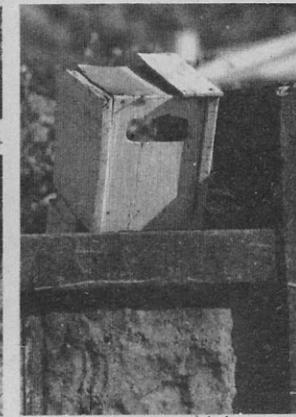
New Zealanders are well aware of Rugby, Racing and Beer, closely followed by the good old humble "Kiwi Pie" but for sheer individual enterprise try the everyday letter box. Here, the very essence of our expression adorns the entrance to nearly all New Zealand homes. "Photo News" shows just how individual the letter box is in this selection collected in New Plymouth.



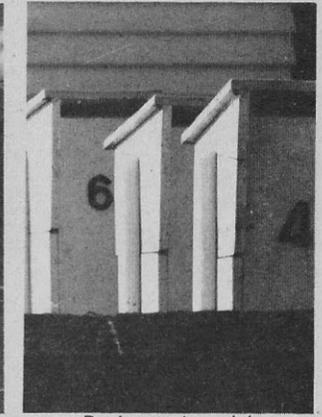
1968 model



Pigeon coop?



Shanty town job



Regimental models



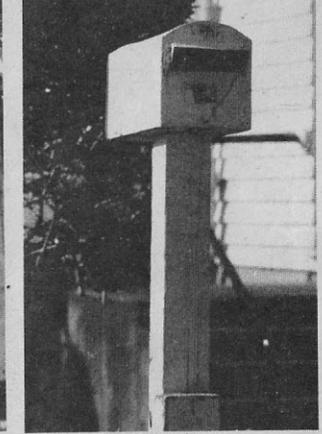
Upright basic of 1944



Secret that only the postie knows



Camouflaged — for what?



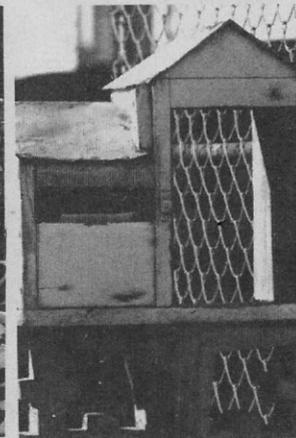
Pole sitter



Variegated model



Bird watcher's hideout



Reinforced ex bird cage?



Crowning glory

WATER THRILLS!

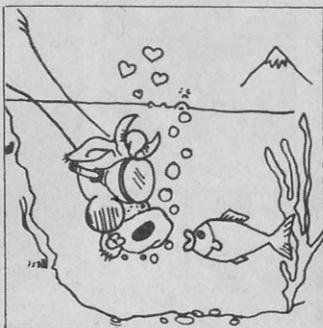
We are sure the New Plymouth Water-Ski Club is more at home on water than on land after the polished performance of water thrills given to an appreciative crowd at Lake Ratapiko. The action-packed programme listed 29 items ranging from highly difficult barefoot solos to boat and ski safety skills. One of the outstanding highlights shown was the difficult 5-man pyramid performed by Bryan Benton, Clarrie Withers, Lorrie Cleland, Sandra Christianson and Jan La Master — a brilliant display of team co-ordination.



Perfect control in the 5-man pyramid display



Hold it Don . . . hold . . . too late, submerged!

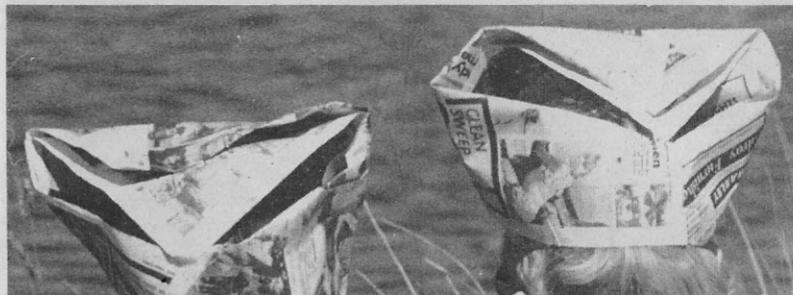


"FRIENDLY FREDA" says: "Excuse me, I'm still looking for Don Burgess after his rope jumping act!"



A section of the crowd enjoying the water events

Colin Morris soared to top billing of the day with his outstanding one-man kite flying demonstration. The brightly coloured nylon and metal framed kite reached an altitude of 150 feet during the into-wind course drawing hearty applause from an appreciative crowd.



Handy newspapers provide heady material



Colin Morris prepares for lift-off



Undercarriage up . . . flaps up



"Penny for your thoughts, girls?"



Airborne and loving it



WEDDINGS

Above: **IVES-CLATWORTHY**. At St. Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera, Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. A. Clatworthy, Hawera, to Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs F. M. Ives, Wanganui. The bridesmaids were Ann Harrison, Auckland, and Margaret Ives, Wanganui. Best man was Malcolm Byford, Hastings, and the groomsman was Douglas Ives, Wanganui. *(David Paul)*

Below: **WHITMORE-PUTT**. At the Baptist Tabernacle, New Plymouth, Janice, second daughter of Mr and Mrs N. D. Putt, New Plymouth, to Raymond, sixth son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Whitmore, New Plymouth. Matron of honour was Denise Elliot, sister of the bride, New Plymouth, and the bridesmaids were Sheryl and Michelle Putt, sisters of the bride, New Plymouth. Best man was Murray Elliot, New Plymouth, and the groomsman was Tony Elliot, Urenui. Future home, Waitara.



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THE BIG STICK-UP

You're looking at the biggest stick-up in years — right in the quiet precincts of the New Plymouth Govett-Brewster Art Gallery. Operation "glue-in" was aimed at sticking wood pieces into art forms. Hundreds took part in this novel pastime spread over two weekends.



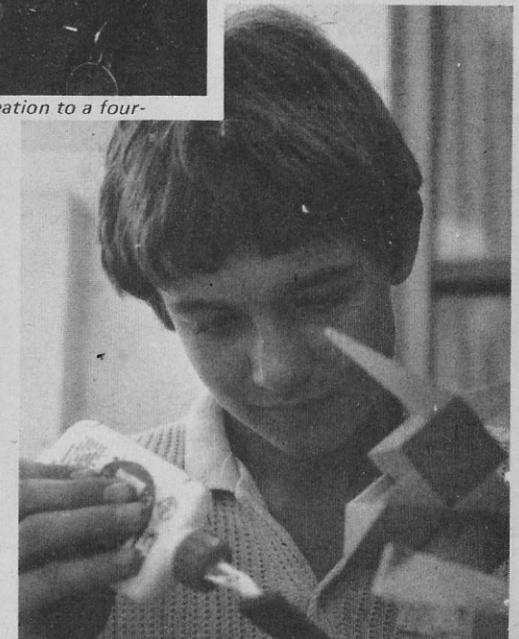
A picture really is worth a thousand words as Robert Guild displays his creation to a four-legged critic



Ian Pickering's version of "Timber Theme"



Maxine Olsson used off-set angles in her sculpture



The squeeze of a master applied by Julie Werner

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