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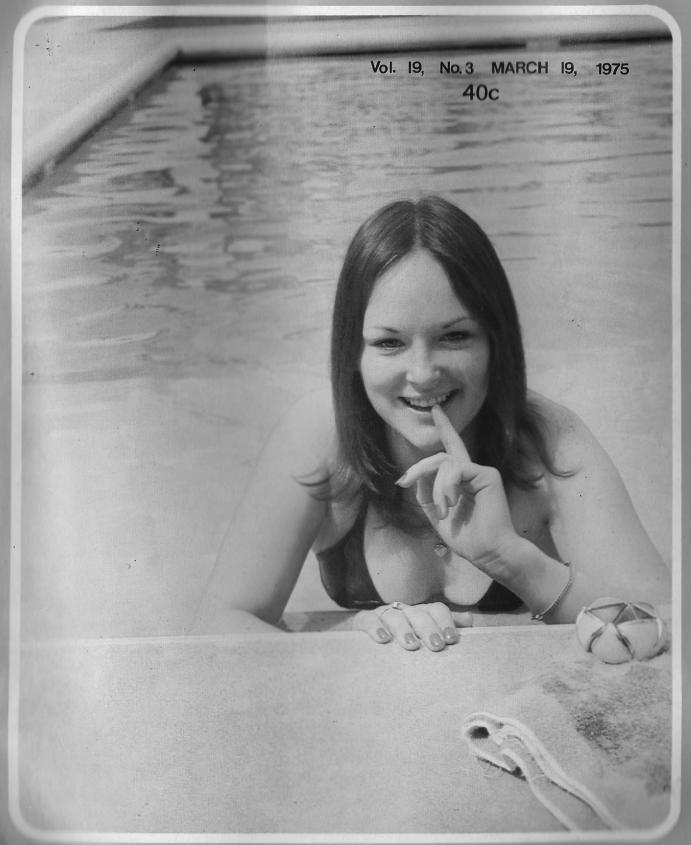
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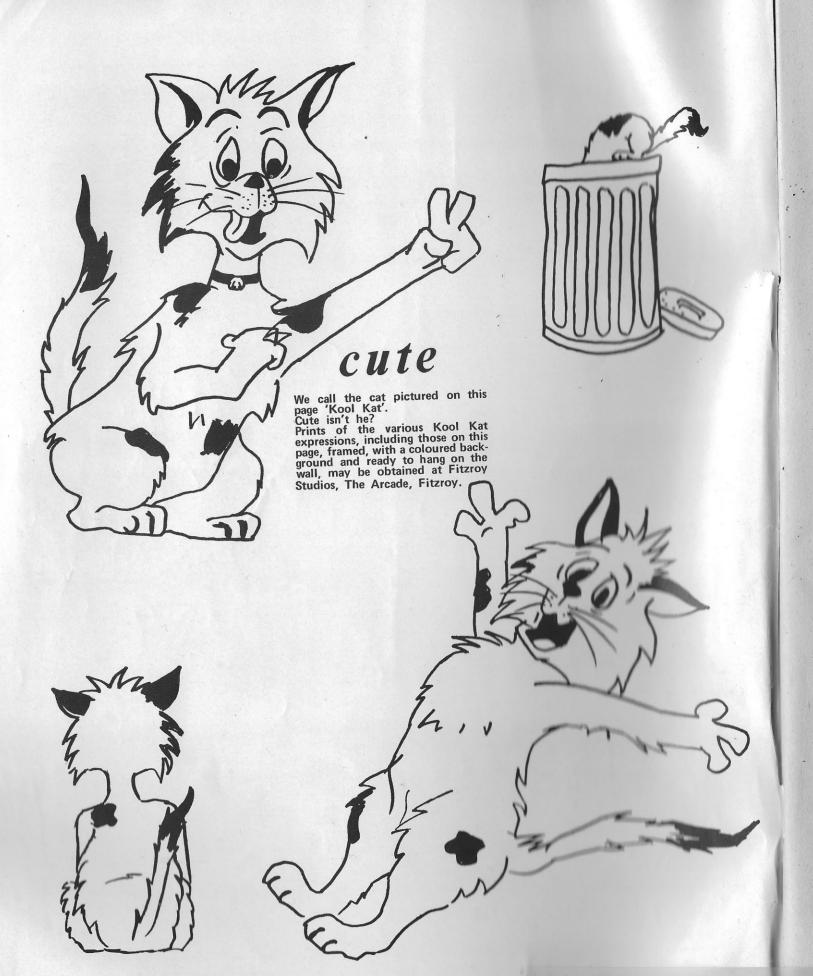
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Details of your nomination should be sent to P.O. Box 427, New Plymouth.

Would Bernadine Dodunski of Inglewood, a consolation prize winner in a recent Photo News contest please contact Photo News at your earliest opportunity.

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Miss March Photo News is Susan Reed of New Plymouth. Sue lists her main interests as swimming, modelling and netball. She describes herself as a lover of the great outdoors.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE YOU'LL SEE Tennis Champs, The Demolition Derby at the Stock Car Track, The Harry Secombe and Cilla Black Shows plus all our regular features.

The Big O. seemed a lot happier on this visit.



"Friends" of Studio One fame opened the show.



He performed most of his old hits, like "Penny Arcade" "Pretty Woman" and "Crying".

# ORBISON SHOW

Roy Orbison has grown a little plumper since we last saw him, but he has lost none of his magical vocal qualities. An entertainer from a long way back, Orbison knew how to keep his audience happy, and he did just that. He performed all of his hits from way back and closed on perhaps his biggest hit "Pretty Woman". The only disappointment was the small crowd of roughly 1,500, but then it is a long time since Orbison had a hit and it would only have been those who remember the sixties who would remember him.

sixties who would remember him.



Roy Orbison carries a bit more weight than when we



Orbison brought his own backing band. Pictured is Bass guitarist Terry Widlake.

## CRICKET

NEW ZEALAND v. THE REST

A Pukekura Park 'turner' reduced the New Zealand Versus The Rest cricket trial on February 7-8 and 9th, to a spinn-ers' dream and a batsmans' dread. Although the pitch left a lot to be desired as a first class strip, bad shots and lack of application contributed to the downfall of many of our test hopes. However, there was some entertaining cricket for the knowledgeable spectator and, while The Rest took the match honours, the NZ side was not without its talent.



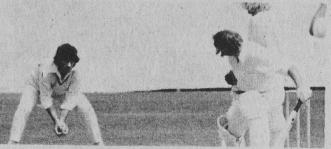
D. Hadlee bowls to J.V. Coney (The Rest).



The Rest opening bowler L. Cairns hits D. Hadlee for six and wins a bottle of champagne, BUT.



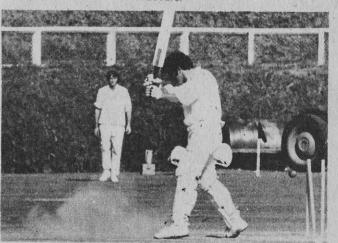
R. Anderson (The Rest) watches as B. Hastings (right) dives in attempting a catch. At slip is NZ captain B. Congdon, the wicketkeeper is K. Wadsworth and in the

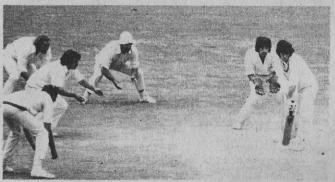


NZ slip fieldsman J. Parker (left) takes a catch to dismiss Anderson off the left arm spinner, D. O'Sullivan (right) while wicketkeeper Wadsworth watches.



Hadlee follows through as R.W. Anderson (The Rest) plays the ball into the covers.



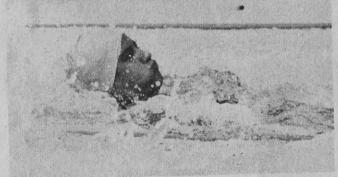


NZ's J. Parker plays very correctly with, from left J. Coney, J. Edwards, R. Anderson, K. Campbell and wicketkeeper W. Lees waiting for a mistake.

Noelinė Elms of Inglewood in a backstroke event.



M. Laurel of Waitara competes in the Boys 14 and Over backstroke.



S. Spice competes in the Boys 12 & Over backstroke.



P. Linley of Inglewood in the Girls 13 & Over backstroke.

# swimming at stratford

A swimming Carnival was held at the Stratford Public Swimming Baths on the last Sunday of February. There was a good number of entries in all events and entrants came from all over the province to compete in the Carnival.



G. Parkinson in Boys 12 & Over backstroke.



D. Mills of Pungarehu in a heat of the Girls 13 & Over backstroke.

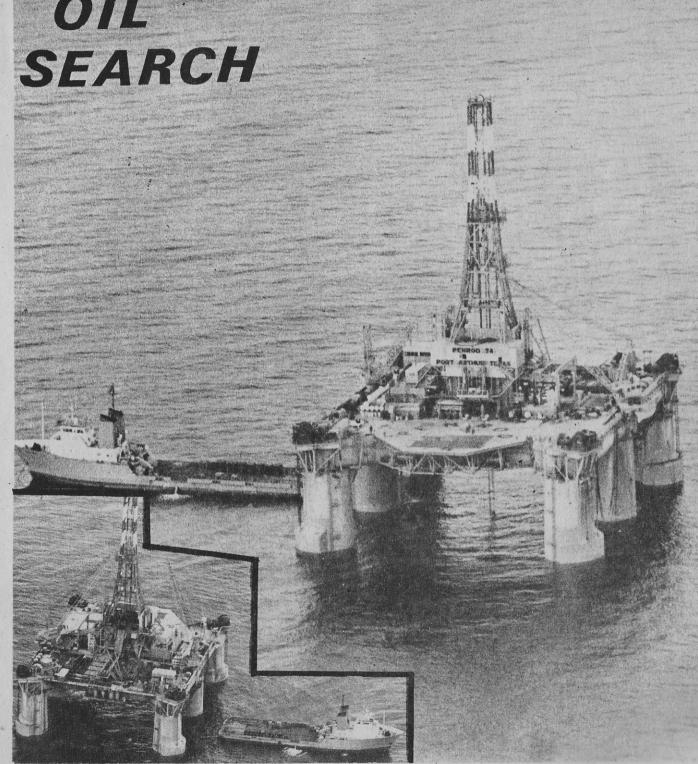


Swimmers wait their turn to compete in the Girls relay.

# THE GREAT OIL

PENROD 74....one of the marvels of the modern world, is now drilling the first of a series of exploratory wells off the Taranaki coast. Who knows what lies beneath the seabed? Of one fact we can be sure — Penrod is geared for

The massive off-shore drilling rig is one of the most advanced in the world. The platform is equipped with the latest and largest drilling machinery and living conditions for the 92 men are in keeping with the other up-to-date facilities. Penrod will be used off the coast for several months.





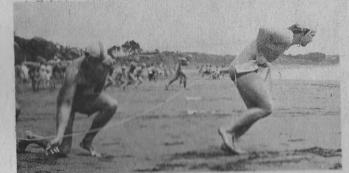
Change over time during the Beach Relay.



An Old Boys team member wins the Beach Relay.



John Power races for the beach at the end of the Paddle Board race,



The Mairangi Bay (Auckland) heltman propels himself towards the water like a rocket at the start of the Senior Six Man R & R Event.

# Surf Champs.

The Taranaki Surf Life Saving Championships were held in the middle of February at Oakura Beach. The event was staged over a two day period (Saturday and Sunday) and attracted entries from Auckland, Wellington and Palmerston North in addition to the Taranaki teams. It was noted that the Palmerston North team were very strong and will obviously provide a strong challenge at the National Surf Life Saving Championships.



The Neo Prene tube race.



Old Boys won the Junior Paddle Board race.



The Island Bay team who competed in the Senior Six Man R & R Event.



Graham Hasse of Old Boys feeds out the line.



Old Boys reelman keeps his eye on the swimmer.



East End's Brian Walsh on the reel.



The Old Boys Canoe nears the beach.



The East End boat crashes through a wave.



Old Boys compete in the Four Man R & R event. Old Boys were by far the most successful team on the day.



Fitzroy with their patient onshore -Senior 6 Man R & R.



near the beach at the end of the canoe event.



The Waitara team finishes the boat race.



The Palmerston North boat - a team to watch.



Fitzroy during the march past. Nine men from Fitzroy were selected to represent the province at the Nationals and with the team only consisting of 14, they dominate.



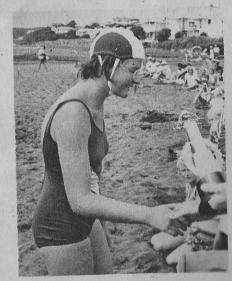
Fitzroy won the senior boat race.



Opunake during the march past. The Opunake team's major success of the day was winning the canoe race.



Russell Philp of Fitzroy.



Lyn McSweeney of Old Boys.



Russell Moffat of Fitzroy.



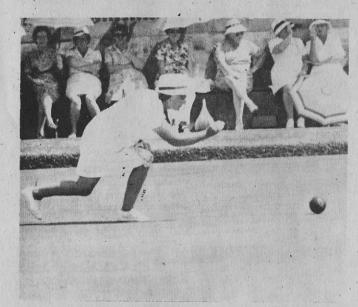
Castlecliff (Wanganui ) pictured during the march past.



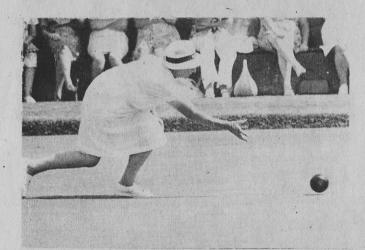
\*East End Juniors during the march past.

# BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Taranaki Centre Womens Bowling Championships were held last month on greens in and around New Plymouth. Pictured on this page is the final of the Women's Fours played between Mrs Ruby Hammond's team (who were the eventual winners) and Mrs McKee's team.



.....and Mrs McKee tries to better it.



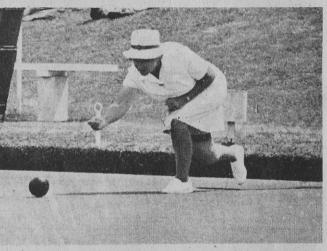
A member of Mrs Hammond's team plays a careful shot.



The two teams gather and discuss the position of the bowls.



Mrs Hammond plays a winning shot......



A fast shot from Mrs McKee's team.



Mrs McKee's team replies with an equally careful shot.

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Rod Smith and Terry Hayman seemed to be closely fighting each other position most of the day.



Nelson Jones gather speed as he comes out of the corner.

# Gold Star Meeting

The Taranaki Kart Club held their Gold Star Meeting a few weeks ago at their Waitara track.
The feature event was the Champion of Champions race which was finally won by W. Brown.
Three races from the days events are pictured on these two pages.



Gordon Brown leads Nelson Jones out of the corner.



Gordon Brown and David Silver watch the finish.



A new race has just commenced and at this stage competitions are all hunched up.



Gordon Brown comes into collison with another Kart and together they slide.



...ending up in the grass like this.



For this kid, sitting in the Kart conjured up dreams of high speed racing and glory at the finish line.



Lance Chapman checks his machine over.



Terry Hayman slides of the track while Rod Smith gathers speed for the straight ahead.

Linda Elliason of Kaponga takes the batton ahead of Janet Stokes of Waitara in the relay. The Wanganui team appears at right of picture.



Gwen Rapley's Shot Putt scores points for the Inglewood team....



Shane Hartley of New Plymouth makes ground on the Wanganui team during the relay.

# Athletic Champs.

West Coast District Athletic Championships were held last month at Pukekura Park.
Teams from Manawatu, Wanganui and throughout Taranaki turned out in full strength for the event and it almost looked like a miniature New Zealand Games at one stage. A close look at those competing revealed some great new talent developing and it will not be long before these young athletes become the New Zealand stars of tomorrow.





and her sister Christine Sole adds a few more points to the team's



reliding's V. To Oka carries the batton at high speed.







Ready to pass the baton to the next runner after an excellent

# NEW CANOE

The Fitzroy Surf Club last month took delivery of a brand new Surf Canoe. Simply called US after the product name of the sponsor, Johnson's Wax, NZ Ltd, the new canoe was taken for a test run on completion of the appropriate speeches and was pronounced "a beauty" by those who rode in her.



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### Now Sound

Entertainment News, Views and Reviews

#### TV OR NOT TO BE

While it is appreciated that the NZBC has been 'fair game' for many critics over the years, and not really wanting to fall into the same trap, Now Sound feels that; it being the eve of the new look for radio and television an appraisal of our broadcasting and television Corporation's offered fare to the public is warranted.

We feel that the lack of competition is largely responsible for the poor quality of both radio and television in this country and that the introduction of a second TV channel will not alter things overly much. Certainly the powers that be are trying to kid us into believing that the two channels will operate in-competition to each other (even to the degree of buying programmes) but, because both are government owned, we find that one a little hard to swallow. We can't see them passing up discount opportunities of bulk purchasing and feel that this so called policy is merely window dressing.

icy is merely window dressing. TV has many problems in this country and we wonder just how much of the blame lies with the attitude of those who run the station. Such common faults as faulty crossovers between stations, mistakes in presentation, especially news, inumerable film breaks (are films checked before transmission?) poor quality and at frequent intervals no sound at all, equipment breakdowns, and poor timing of programmes, all lead to a large vote of NO CONFIDENCE in the NZBC.

It is not for us to say where the blame lies but it could well be an attitude by staff and the only way to correct this situation is to inject real competition. Look what happened to NZBC Radio in the centres where they had their first ever real opposition in the form of private radio.

Also look at the centres through New Zealand where there is no opposition from private radio. In these places the NZBC Radio stations are almost all poorly run, suffer from poor presentation and an almost apparant "couldn't care less" attitude. In the centres where private radio operates, the NZBC Radio stations have pulled their socks up and as a result operate a much improved station giving the public a better deal.

But it is not only the public who deserve a better deal. So also do the advertisers who shell out real gold to advertise on tele and radio. The best produced commercial in the world can still be ruined by operator error. It is appreciated that Government policy dictates the direction of broadcasting. Changes in such Government policy must have an affect on the staff of Radio and TV at all levels. This affect could be a resignation to not knowing where we are going, or going one way until the next change of Government and then yet another change. This in turn could show up to the viewer as operator mistakes and poor presentation, both in radio and television.

Perhaps the blackest day for New Zealand television was the day that the Labour Party came to power. It was they who refused to allow a privately owned second TV channel even though the recommendation was for a private second channel.

So until the next change of Government, it seems as if the TV viewer will have to continue accepting the common "goofs' from his box with such comments as "we regret the poor sound quality" and "normal transmission will resume as soon as possible".

(all views and comments expressed in the above story are the personal opinion of the writer)

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Any comments from readers on the above subject will be welcome as Now Sound would like to hear the opinions of Mr. Average TV Viewer.

#### WORST TV COMMERCIAL

This months nomination for the Worst Tv Commercial of the Year Award, is the Knights Castile Commercial.

The child's voice is totally insipid and grates on the nerve base at the top of the spine with the words.... "skin smoother".



new albums

ELVIS-A New Album.

GEORGE McRAE.....Rock Your Baby......RCA 1-0501

McRae must rate as one of the best newcomers of the last twelve months.

An American negro, he has that unique negro quality to his voice and regularly performs his own brand of musical calisthenics throughout his repertoire.

With Rock Your Baby for openers this album also feet.

With Rock Your Baby for openers, this album also features a fist full of tracks of equal power. Picks are I Can't Leave You Alone, Make it Right, Somebody Like You and of course the title track.

ELVIS PRESLEY....Elvis, Live on Stage in Memphis.....RCA 1-0606.

Elvis should be riding the crest of a wave of nostalgia with the current return to the sound of before. But Elvis has never stopped riding the crest of his own wave since way back in the fifties. New fads and styles have not altered his millions plus sales of most everything he produces and this album will probably head the same way. He returns to his beginnings with material like Jailhouse Rock and Hound Dog, plays with words and music on I Got a Woman, touches on religious songs and quips with both his audience and his backing orchestra.

TONY CHRISTIE...From America With Love...MCA7572

As the title suggests, this album was recorded in America — with the exception of two tracks. In Los Angeles to be precise. Material includes Vado Via, The Most Beautiful Girl (great track), Drift Away (a so-so cover), Tequila Sunrise (an extremely beautiful and tender song) Mary Lee (nice ballad) and A Lovers Question. The album is good value and the production is excellent.

#### DOLLY PARTON...Bubbling Over..RCA 1-0286

There's a few import Quad records starting to appear and this is going to please those with the appropriate quad gear, to no end. This disc is such an import. While the singer does precisely nothing for me (she sounds like oh so many other "you—all" southern US girl singers) never-the-less some good material is included. Bubbling Over is quite catchy, while Travelling Man gives memory to the best of Jeannie C. Riley and I'd really like to hear someone like Charlie Pride sing Alabama Sundown.

TERESA BREWER...Good News.....Signature 0598.

The Good News is that the backing band on this album "Yank Lawson & Bob Haggart Jazzband", is really quite something else. They must rate as certainly one of the best. Teresa Brewer sounds like the 1930's and at times very much like the Late Marilyn Monroe. Don't get me wrong, this album is really enjoyable I simply love Button Up Your Overcoat. Sunny ide Up is also good news and likewise You're the Cream in My Coffee. —And that band, they are great.



# WOT'S



March	
19-	Paraplegics Social, Merrilands Hall, N.P.
19-	Opunake Racing Club's Meeting at Hawera.
19-22-	Quincy Conserve at Westown Hotel, N.P.
20-	"Carry On Barbara" at Opera House, N.P.
21-22-	"Merry Minstrel Show", Opera House, N.P.
22-	Whitehead Shield Rifle Shoot, Rewa Rewa Range
22-	Taranaki Secondary School's Athletic Champs at Stratford High School.
22-	Old Time Dance, Senior Citizens Hall, N.P.
23-	Car Club Ladies Daylight Trial.
23-	Pipe Band Recital at Pukekura Park, N.P.
25-	West End Croquet Club's 50th Jubilee.
27-29-	"Gaslight" at Opera House, N.P.
28-31-	McDonald Family Reunion, Manukorihi Pa, Waitara.
28-31-	Westown School Jubilee at School, N.P.
28-31-	Ex-P.O.W.'s Golf Tournament.
28-31-	Inglewood School Jubilee.
28-31-	Catholic Maori Hui at Francis Douglas, N.P.
29-	Trotting at Hawera.
29-	Opunake Pony Club Gymkhana.
29-	North Taranaki Power Boat Day, Major Regatta at Lake Ratapiko.
29-	Stock Car Races at Stratford.
30-	North Taranaki Power Boat Club's Closing Day, Lake Ratapiko.
31-	Trotting at Hawera.
April	
1-	Guides and Brownies Pancake Race in N.P. Mall.
2-	Car Club's One Hour Night Trial.
5-	Trotting at New Plymouth.
5-	Okato Toastmistresses Charter Evening, Hempton Hall, Okato.
12-	North Taranaki Cage Bird Show (young birds), Methodist Church Hall, Waitara.
12-	Stock Car Races at Stratford.
13-	Carillion Recital, New Plymouth, 2-9 pm.

#### WOT'S ON AT THE MOVIES

C.A.S. Concert - String Trio Bel Arte.

15-19- Little Theatre Production, N.P.

STATE THEATRE, New Plymouth.		29 to
March 19-20-	That's Entertainment.	April 8—
21-24-	Ash Wednesday.	Sunday Movi
25-27—	Soldier Blue & Mucho Callahan (double feature).	March 23—
28 to April 7—	Blazing Saddle.	30- 30-

Sunday Movies at the State.

March

Dirty Dozen. 23-The Longest Day.

MAYFAIR THEATRE, New Plymouth.

March 19-20-

Jonathon Livingston Seagull.

The Odessa File.

21-27-29 to April 10-

The Dove

Serpico & Cyclone Tracy (double feature). 11-17-

Sunday Movies at the Mayfair.

March

Return of Sabata & Red Baron (double

30-

30-

feature).
(Late Show) Scars of Dracula & Horrors of Frankenstein (double feature).

Frenzy.

REGENT THEATRE, Hawera.

March

The Sting. 19-20-

One Armed Boxer & When Taekwondo Strikes (double feature) 21-24-

Gunfight at O.K. Corral

25-27-

29th to April 10-

Airport 1975.

Sunday Movies at the Regent in Hawera.

March

Lawrence of Arabia. 23-

Billy Jack. (late show) Curse of Frankenstein & Big Cube (double feature).

April

May God Forgive You, I Won't.

REGENT THEATRE, Stratford.

March

The Three Musketeers. 19-20-

21-27-

The Sting.

Airport 1975.

ies at the Regent in Stratford.

Black Belt Jones.

Cate Show) Frankenstein & Mothra

### BEER FESTIVAL

The Car Club held a Social at their clubrooms, last month, in the form of a Beer Festival.

There was a full turn-out of club members along with a number of invited guests and one of the most noticable things about the event was that almost everyone arrived early

arrived early.





John and Dianne Parkinson.



Mr and Mrs D. Blackburn.

#### CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS-

THE EDITOR WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU AT ANY TIME - IF THERE IS SOMETHING "COMING UP" CONTACT US



Lindsay Sheard just didn't believe that story.



Wayne Gray.



Mrs Wills pours out another beer.

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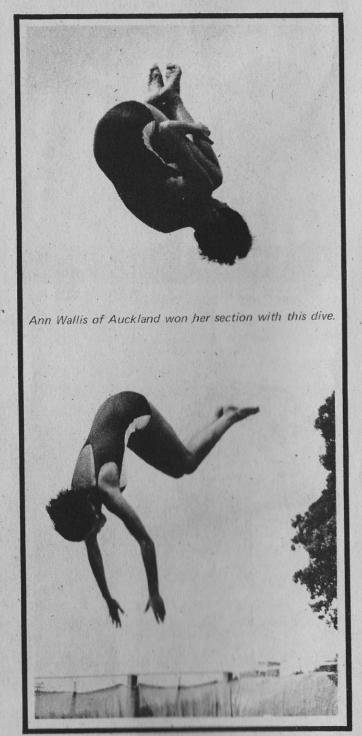
This sequence of pictures is of Maree Gibbs of Poverty Bay. Almost perfect grace and style is evident throughout her dive.





# DIVING CHAMPS.

The 1975 New Zealand Age Group Swimming and Diving Championships were held this year at the Kawaroa Pool in New Plymouth, between February 21st and 23rd. Photo News concentrated our camera on the diving events and shot sequence pictures, using a motor drive attached to the camera.





Wanting to disapeer she hid behind her case but that didn't provide comfort for too long.



For this young kiddle it was just too much. He broke down and cried.



These two were well prepared with school bags and loads of confidence.

# FIRST DAY AT

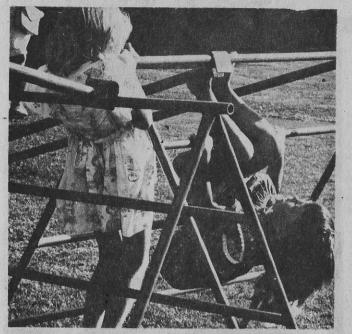
Going to school for the first time can be a very unnerving experience for a youngster.
We observed a bunch of newcomers early in February and found that their expressions told the story better than a thousand words.



Close to tears as he leaves Mother and prepares to enter the classroom.



Shy and unsure of the future.



For these two it was fun on the 'Jungle Gym'.



A helpful word of encouragement helped this youngster.



Meeting new friends was in itself a great experience.



This lass took it all in her stride- no worries.



He was unsure of it all but, never the less was unafraid.



Holding close to mother.

#### MCKAY at NOEL the Westown

Noel McKay is certainly one of the best entertainers to have come from New Zealand and is possibly just about the finest female impersonator in the world.

New Plymouth had the opportunity of seeing him again last month during a one week season at the Westown

Hotel.
Those with long memories remembered him as part of the "Kiwi Diggers Revue" which toured New Zealand at the end of World War Two. He has lost none of his magic since those days and has greatly increased his reputation as an entertainer. McKay is now based in Sydney.
The management of the Westown report that the Lounge Bar in which McKay performed usually caters for a young crowd but that during McKays one week season many older repople were seen; mostly we assume those who were family

people were seen; mostly we assume those who were familiar with the Noel McKay magic.



As an entertainer Noel McKay is first rate: as a female impersonater he would have few peers.



# BABY PHOTO CONTEST

Entries are really starting to pour in for this years Kiddy Photo Contest.
Pictured here are a very few of those who have been entered in the last month. There is still time to time to the process of t



Lyle Robbins, age 12 months.



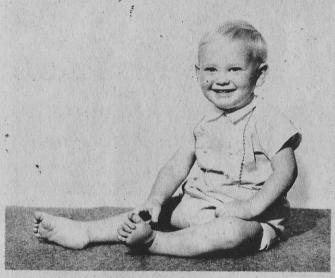
Nigel Davey, age 13 months.



Jason Hurley of Hawera, age 31/2 years.



Matthew Jans, age 101/2 months.



Tony Western, age 19 months.



Mark Cameron, age 8 months.

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

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

#### CONDITIONS

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- 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.
- 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.
- A selection of photos entered in the contest will be published in each issue of Photo News during the course of the contest but no guarantee can be made that any particular photo will, or will not be published.
- 7.... Photo News reserves all rights in this contest.
  No correspondence will be entered into and
  the judges decision will be final.

Phone Fitzroy Studios on 85-893 to make your appointment but state that it is for the contest when you phone.

Enjoying a double areCarolyn Watson and Jane Higham, both of Stratford.



Belinda Wakeling of Eltham on Misty Blue.



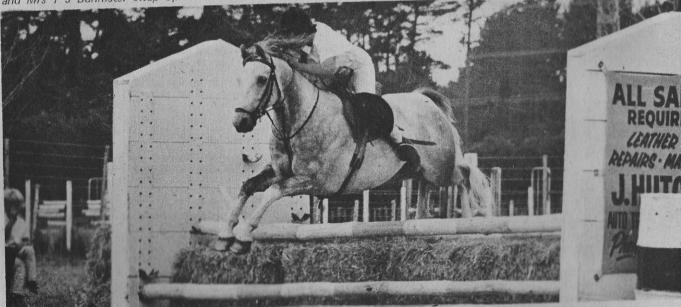
Sam Johnstone (Commissioner of Stratford Pony Club) and Mrs T J Bannister swap opinions on horseflesh.

# Gymkhana

The second Gyrnkhana of the season to be held at Stratford, took place in the middle of February. As usual a large number of entries in almost all sections were received and the Stratford Pony Club considered it a very successful day. Pictured are a few of the entries in both the junior and senior sections.



Lorraine Watson (Stratford) thought it a huge joke when her horse Bronze Nugget joined the St John Unit.



Marise Perry takes Paramount Misty Morn, over the fourth jump during the Consultation event (Novice Ring).



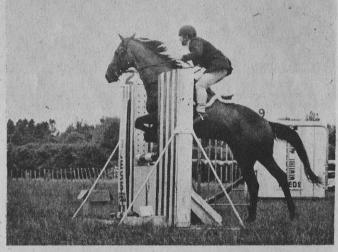
Linda Riley and Paul Chitty competed as partners in the Rescue/Relay event.



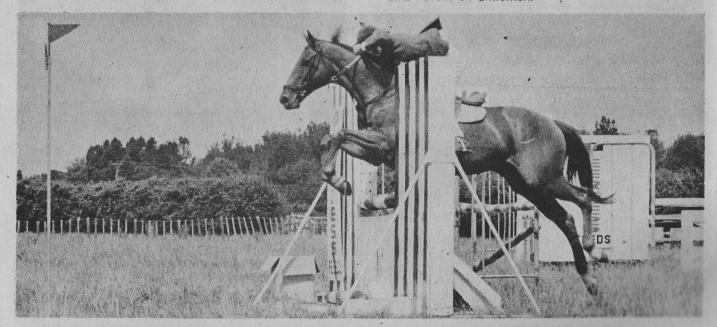
John Nelson of Midhurst takes Pizzaro over a fence.



lan Corkill and Jill Chitty competed as a team in the Rescue/Relay.



Bruce Clarry of Opunake won the "Take Your Own Line" event on Simonsen.



Shaun Brannigan of Patea jumps Killarney during the "Take Your Own Line" event for hacks.

## OUR PART TIME ARMY

For some two weeks last month, members of the New Zealand Territorial Force Volunteers were camped at the top of Puniho Road, Okato and involved in training exercises in the area.

The majority of those encamped were from New Plymouth and Hawera, but a fairly large contingent from Wanganui was also present along with some from Palmerston North and Levin.

Photo News spent a day recording the activities of the Army and the following pages picture some aspects of the training involved for the Territorials.



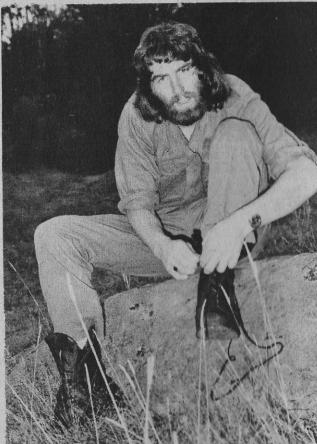
The site of the camp, photographed from a helicopter. The arrow marks the entrance, near the end of Puniho Road. Tents can be seen in the scrub and these continue for some distance out of the picture. The large tents at bottom left of the picture are Mess tents and the cookhouse.



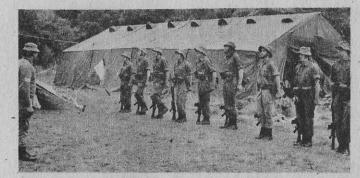
One of the first shocks we received when we entered the camp, was to see New Zealand soldiers, in US Army equipment. Much of the gear still has the letters US stamped on



While we were at the camp, two officers of the Fijian Army landed by helicopter. They were to spend a few days as guests of the New Zealand Army at the camp and observe the exercises. Pictured isMajor Cerewale meeting 2nd lieutant G.S. Lewis of Levin, watched by Lt. Colonel Buadrome.



Private Pat. Fake of New Plymouth in civvie life is a spray painter at the Power Project. In todays Army long hair and beards are not forbidden, though we gained the impression that the more traditional 'short back and sides' was still



A Company (New Plymouth) spent the day on patrol, or as the Army calls it, contact drill. We went along for part of the exercise with them. Here they prepare to leave camp.



 When 'enemy contact' was established, soldiers fanned out through the area and advanced with caution, using every scrap of cover to protect themselves.



Included on the patrol was a bren. In this picture the bren is "giving covering fire" while the rest of the patrol break to the left.



The patrol spreads out and advances at the ready.



Armed and extremely dangerous (if you are the enemy that is)



Radio contact is maintained throughout the operation.



With 'the enemy' all but routed, part of the patrol goes in at a 'rush' to clean up a final pocket of resistance.



The helicopter training involved a 'dunimy run' initially, in which soldiers learned embarkation and disembarkation proceedures under assumed 'battle conditions'. After the 'dummy run' (during which the chopper did not leave the ground) the proceedure was repeated but with the chopper actually flying a circuit of the area.



embarkation was at the double.



As can be seen in this picture, space is at a premium in a chopper. It is quite easy to fall or trip when you are heavily laden with equipment, so careful training is quite essential.



G. Porter of Wanganui signals the chopper pilot as he prepares to land:.....



Once inside the chopper there is still a correct way to do everything, including holding your rifle.



Members of B Company (Hawera) wait their turn for a flip in one of the two choppers involved in the training.



......and the helicopter hovers a few feet above the ground with doors open and soldiers ready to disembark.



Mortar drill in the field was part of the training too.



After dinner, the officers and sergeants of each company are briefed for the following days activities. At the same meeting, a check is made on morale and any complaints are aired and the necessary action decided.



Food was excellent. On this day, the evening meal consisted of roast beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes plus apple pie and custard.



And in their tent before lights-out, men read or write a letter home. Most of the tents were three or four man. This was the only large tent in which about ten or twelve men slept.



And in the field, this recce, unit were studying map reading and location of landmarks.



The last duty of the day was a parade at which sergeants passed on to the men, the orders for the following day.



For the enlisted man, beer is freely available in the mess tent after duties are finished for the night.



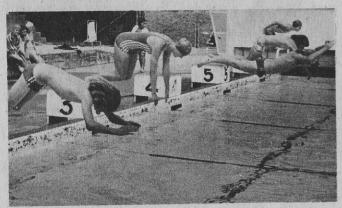
Men of the Hawera Company erected this net at their camp site and when the days work was over it was used as another it was used as another means of relaxtion.

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The start of race one. Results were David Wright, Ist, Ian Webster, 2nd, and Glen Adams 3rd.



Coral Smith watches Mesdames Lowe and Smith, enter results of the events.



Into the water at the start of race three — 110 yards freestyle. First was Mathew Klenner, Kirstine McFarlance was second and third was Gary Wingar.



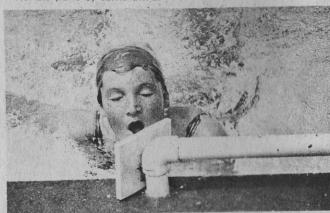
Interested spectators all....David Laurence, Clive Smith, Peter Jones, Alister Kapu and Reggie Golf.

# swimming carnival

The Waitara Swimming and Surf Life Saving Club held a swimming Carnival at the Waitara Pool last month. A large number of entries were received from many clubs throughout Taranaki and the weather was most kind. Pictured are a few of the participants in the Carnival.



The finish of race five. Robert Laurie (lane 6) was first, Margaret Leatherby (lane 4) came second and Karen Mc-Kenzie (lane 3) came third.



This swimmer won the seventh race....110 yard freestyre.



Relaxing at the pool's edge are Sharon Barlow, Linda Gall, Anna Miekeviwiss and Helen Wood.

## RAFT RACE

Early in February, a Raft Race was held at Ngamotu Beach.

The event attracted thirty seven craft and the object was to raise funds for Surf Life Saving Clubs throughout Taranaki.

Craft were required to race from the beach to a buoy near the Breakwater, and then back to the beach.



Egmont Electric Power Board's raft comes home to win the event.



Rotaract's entry makes it back to the beach.



The start — and thirty seven rafts head for the break-



The Anchor and Ellis raft nears the finish line.



The crew of the NP Power Boat Club thought the whole race to be hilariously funny.



As the race ended, floor bombs, apples, tomatoes, peaches (all half decomposed) were hurled at other craft.

# FITZROY

# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS



Mrs Sutherland renacted the christening of the township o' Fitzroy, by breaking a bottle of champagne. The original ceremony was performed (exactly 100 years previously, to the day and time) by Jessie, daughter of the then Mayor,

The Fitzroy Centennial Celebrations were held in the middle of last month over a four day period. The event got underway on February 19th with the re-enactment of the christening of the township of Fitzroy. A Pioneer Village was set up with exhibits such as a Blacksmith's shop, weaving and spinning exhibitions, thatching and pit sawing. In addition almost all of the stores in Fitzroy dressed their windows with exhibits appropriate to the ocassion. On the Friday the auction of sections was reenacted and the whisker growing and Victorian dress competitions were judged by Ron Barclay. The celebrations were climaxed on the Saturday evening with a Ball.



Studios window display featured new and old style wedding raphy in addition to pictures of the Fitzroy area years ago.



Ray be kie of Fitzroy Cycles displayed this old "Penny Farthing" and he did his best to ride it, awkward though it was.



Fitzroy Footwear Repairs displayed old style footwear.



In White's, this Colonial soldier was on display.



Toby Moore (CBA Fitzroy) demonstrates the use of an old style hand water pump.



One of the exhibits of the Pioneer Village which was set up at Fitzroy during the clebrations was a blacksmith shop.



School children from schools in the area came through Fitzroy under the guidance of their teachers and inspected the window displays. No doubt it was an excellent educational exercise.