

# Fitzroy Centennial



Many people dressed in appropriate clothing for the period. Pictured on this page are a few whom we saw in Victorian dress. Above... Gentleman Ron Phillips escorts his wife and Mary Fitcher down a busy Friday night street.



even children got into the Victorian dress act



Raewyn Anderson looked rather cute despite her heavy dress.



Eddie Burnett (Aroa Store) was quite dapper.



Many of the dresses worn were black.



Pat Cadman looked very distinguished.

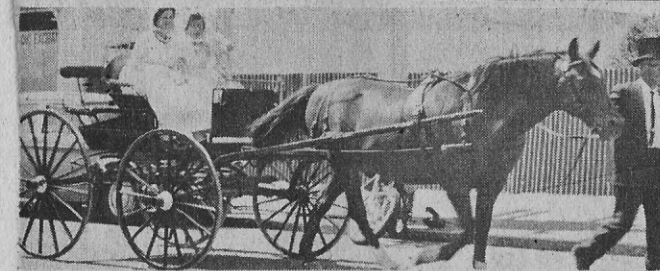


This hat relived the past.



A quiet chat, just as in days gone by.

# Celebrations



"Lady Smart" and her "bridesmaid" arrive for the Victorian Wedding.



The marriage of "Lady Smart" to "Lord Fitzroy".



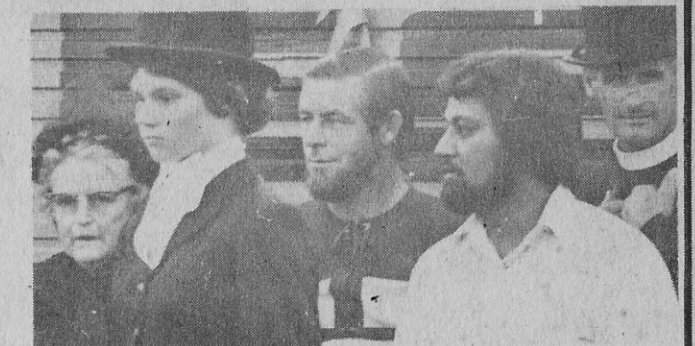
The "Victorian Wedding Party" pictured at the afternoon tea in the Fitzroy Hall on Wednesday afternoon.



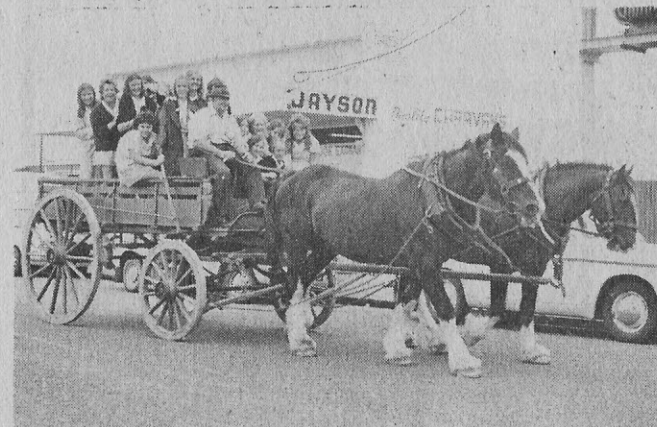
Mr Nolan conducted the "auction" of Fitzroy sections.



Ron Barclay judged the Victorian Dress competition, which was won by Grace Rowland. (pictured extreme right).



Neil Cleland (centre back) won the whisker growing competition.



Lou Mugeridge of Opunake, who still works a six horse team, brought three of his horses and a cart and dray up for the celebrations. On the Friday afternoon, he gave children rides in the horse drawn vehicles.





# OLD FITZROY



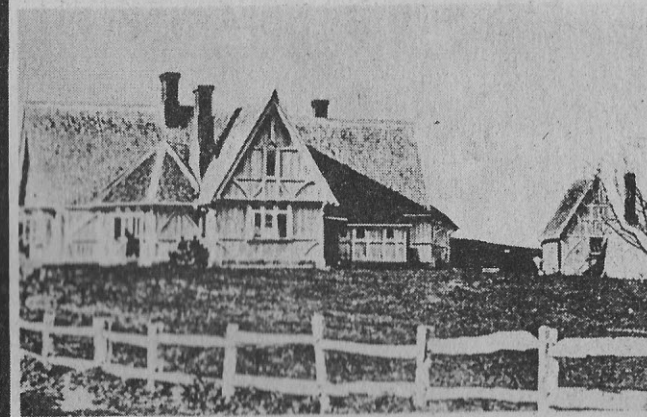
A reproduction of a painting showing the Volunteer encampment on the banks of the Waiwakaiho River in 1887.



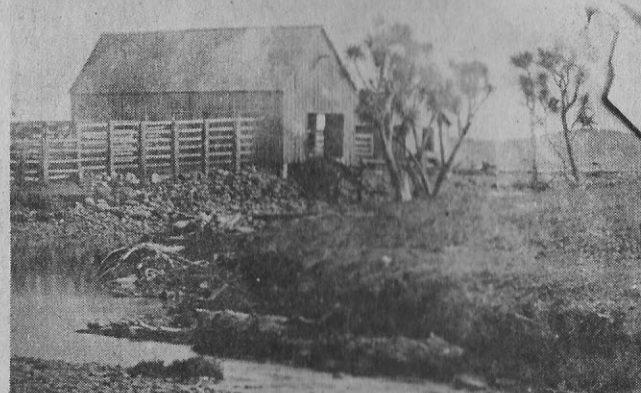
The original Henui Church. This Anglican Church was later replaced by the church pictured opposite.....



The original church was built in 1845. In 1911 it was replaced with this building and named Holy Trinity.



This building is now the Gables. It was previously a Colonial Hospital and sited where the Girls High School now stands.



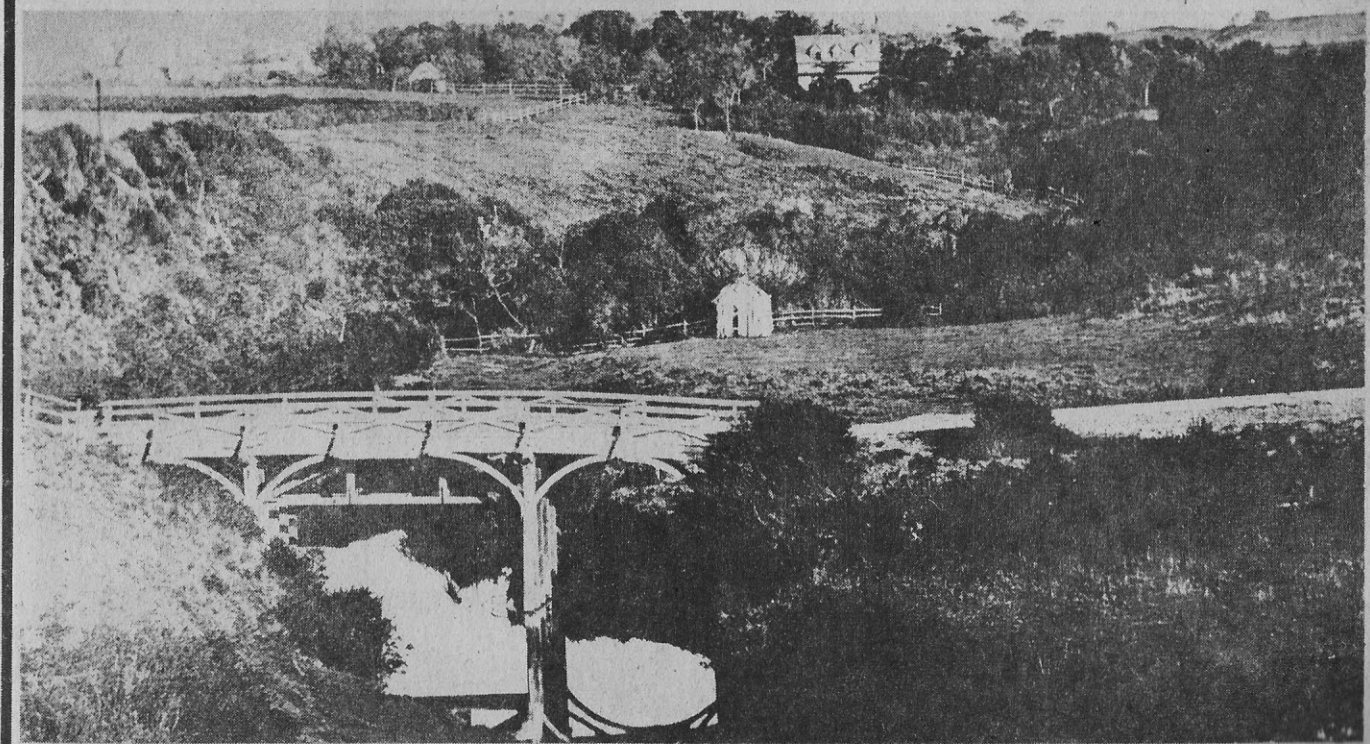
The original Abattoirs at the mouth of the Te Henui River.



A reproduction of a sketch of the Raimiti Pa, on the banks of the Waiwakaiho River. The sketch was drawn in 1857.



The original toll gates between New Plymouth and Fitzroy. They were sited on the corner of Devon and Watson Streets.



Bridge of the Henui River. The picture was taken around 1844. The house in centre background was the residence of the Hon. Scotland. At extreme left of picture (only just visible) stands the Gables, then a Colonial Hospital.



# CENTENNIAL BALL



Mr and Mrs Vern Morris.



Mr and Mrs Don Andrews.



Dave and Maureen Moki.



Bill and Ann Brotherson.

The Centennial Ball was a fitting climax to the Fitzroy Centennial Celebrations. Around 250 people attended the Ball, which was held in the Bell Block Hall and most people seemed to be in fairly good spirits. The only complaints we heard were about the band, but the happiness of those who attended seemed to overcome these complaints.



Mr and Mrs Ray Upson.



Mr and Mrs Ron Phillips.



Roy and June Yearbury.

# TIKI WAS SPLENDID

The childrens show 'Tiki and Things That Go Bump in the Night', was one of the few performances at the Bowl of Brooklands where the facilities and space available was used to its full capacity.

Although the show was entirely mimed to pre-recorded music and speech, it is doubtful if any of the children who attended would have noticed this. The performance itself was quite delightful and certainly must rate as one of the best childrens shows we have ever seen. It is therefore all the more disappointing that so few took the opportunity to attend, even though the programme was staged on two nights.



Tiki and Ethel escape the naughty tree spirits with a quick row across the lake by boat.



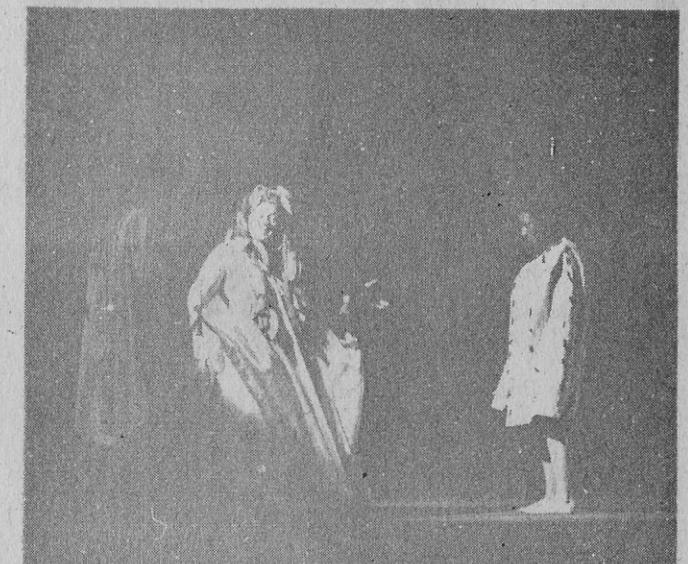
Ethel was a hit with the audience especially when she enticed them to join in vocally.



Tiki, Kiwi, Moa and others members of the cast, are mirrored with ghostly reflections in the Bowl's lake.

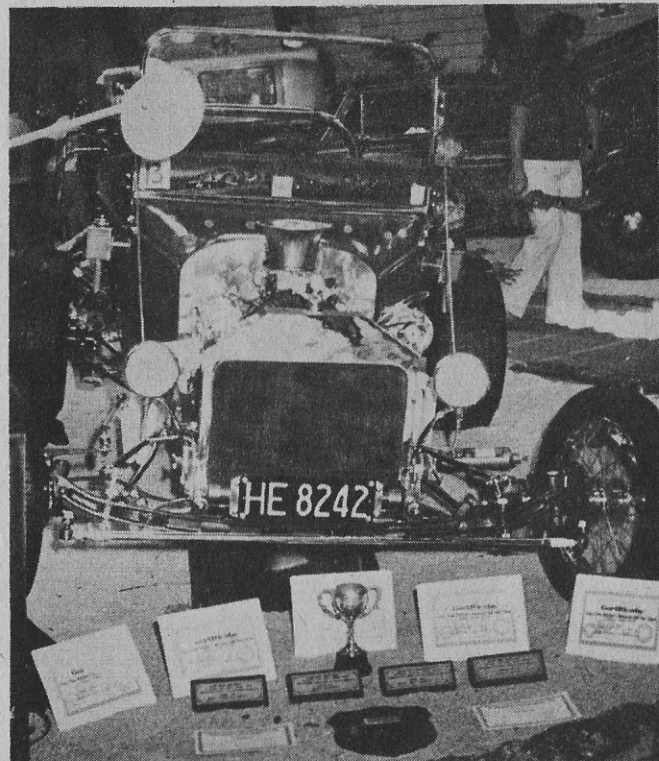


Central character in the panto. was Tiki. He becomes seperated from his mother and the panto tells of those he meets and the adventures he had on a long journey in search of her.

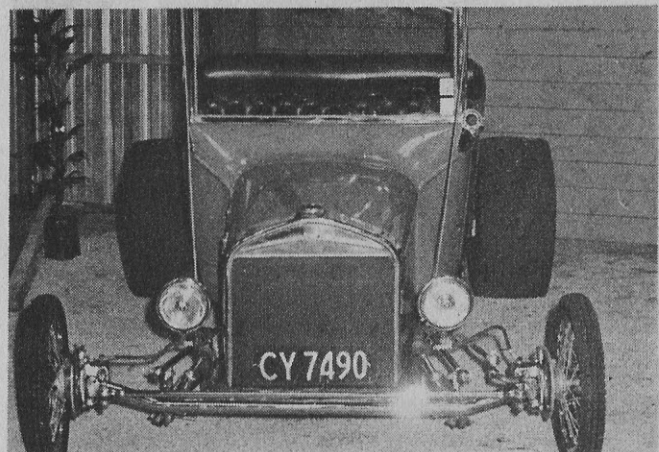


A shy Princess bows her head before Tiki's mother.





Shane Dumbell's (NP Rodders Inc) 23T Ford Pick-up.



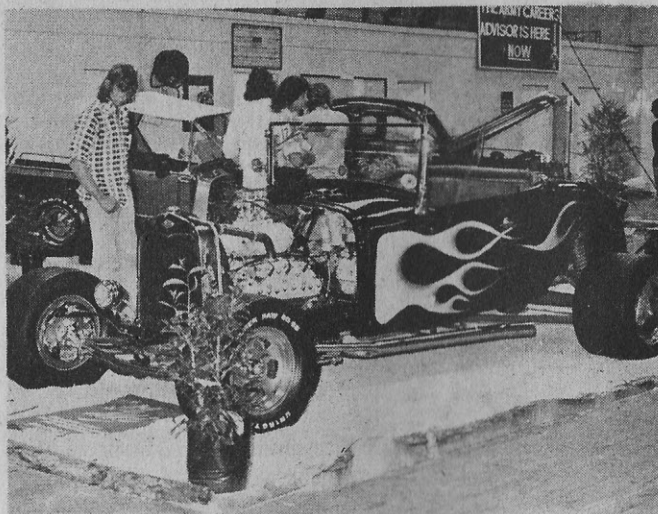
Terry Vaughan's (West Auckland Street Rods) 23T Ford is powered by a VW motor.



Craig Houston's (NP Rodders) 1933 Ford Coupe.

## ROD SHOW

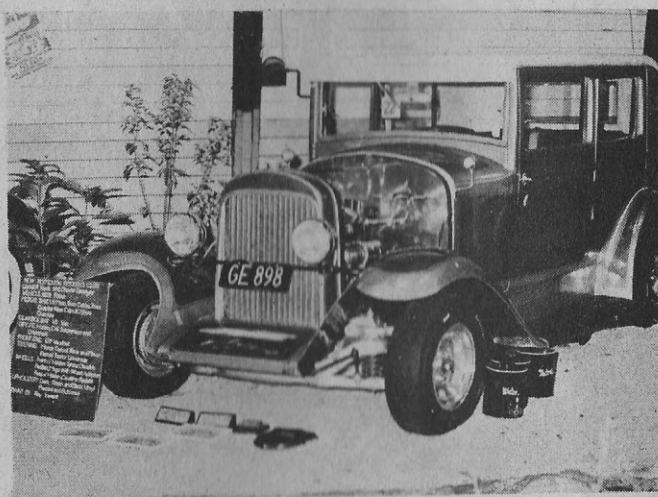
New Plymouth Rodders Inc., promoted their own Rod Show in the A & P Winter Show buildings last month. For the Rodders, it was a very rewarding experience for they received entries from many parts of the North Island, as far afield as Gisborne and Auckland.



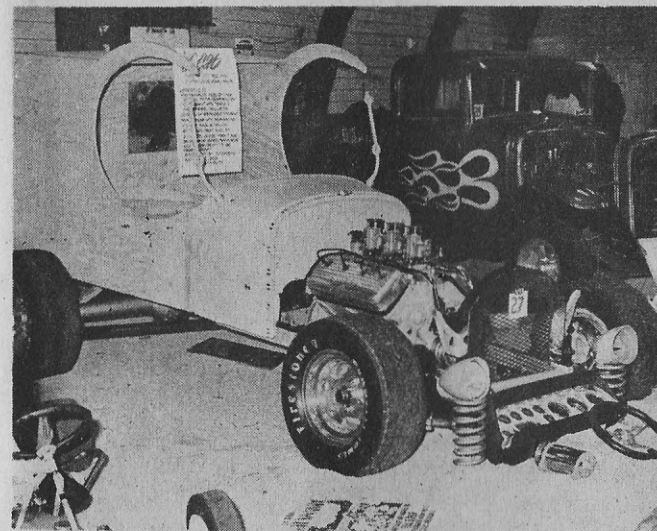
This 1930 Ford A Roadster is owned by G.R. Parks of Scenic City Rod and Custom Club.



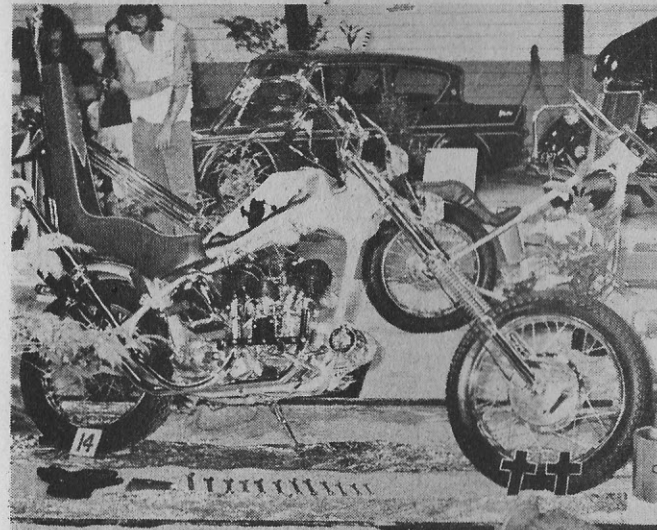
This "Mr Capone", was entered by Jackie Crane of West Auckland Street Rods.



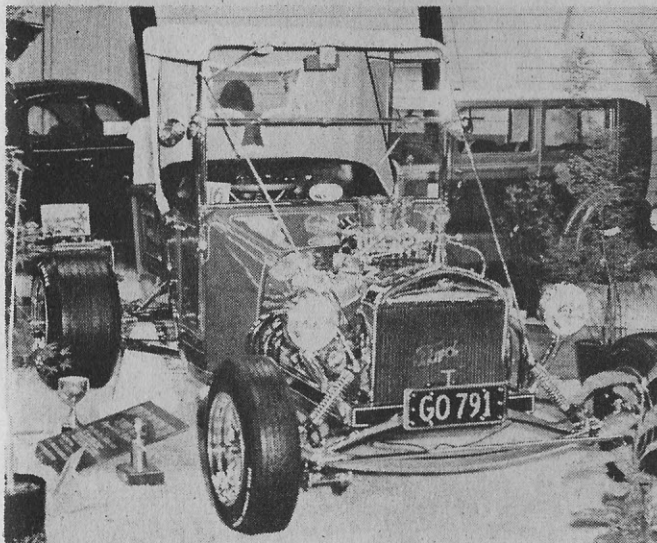
Ross Spranger of NP Rodders owns this 1929 Essex.



Dave Coxhead and K. McLeod of Scenic City Rod and Custom Club own this Dodge "C" Cab.



This was something really differant. A 1942 Indian Chopper, owned by Neil Robinson of Scenic City Club.



Frank Pitcher of Surf City Rodders (Gisborne) brought over his 23T Ford.

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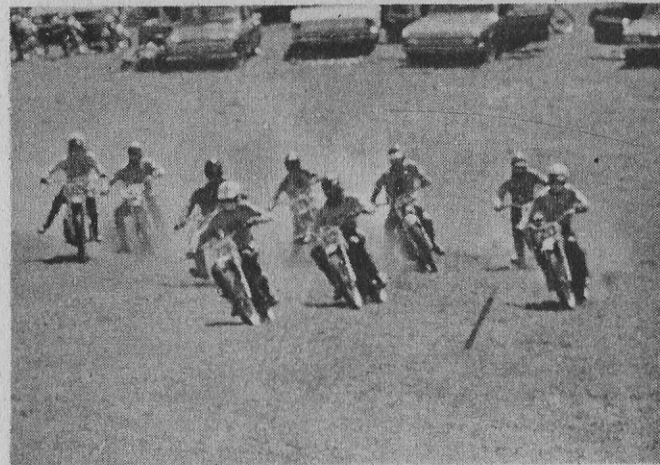
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The start of the course and riders move out.



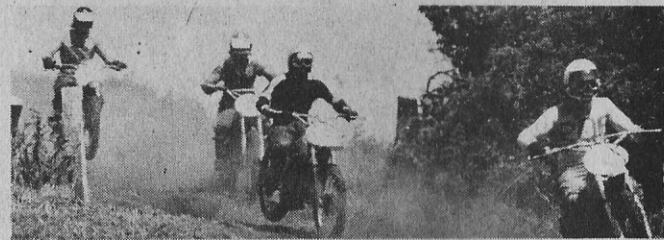
Dennis Goodwin flies through the air with the greatest of ease and lands on his front wheel.



Steven Ward and Dennis Goodwin running almost neck and neck.

# SCRAMBLES

Members of the North Taranaki Motorcycle Club staged a Scramble at Veale Road, just out of New Plymouth, last month. Proceeds from the event went to a local Kindergarten. A reasonable crowd attended the days events, showing that there is a considerable amount of interest in this area in the sport.



The pack of bikes follow a downhill course.



Well known rider, Reg Dixon was there too.



Keith Merewether lands, front wheel first.



Guy Merewether looks quite graceful as he is airborne.



Craig Siddal wheelstands his machine.



An anxious moment for G. Williams.



Craig Siddal takes his bike over some rough country.



Gary Soffe wheelstands as he crests a hill.



# ROTARY CELEBRATES

On February 10th, 1975 the New Plymouth Rotary Club was formed with an initial membership of 20. Fifty years later (last month to be precise) the club, now with a membership of 84, held a celebration to mark their first fifty years. The celebrations took the form of a dinner which was followed by a dance. Speeches were made to mark the occasion, and the celebrations were held in the New Plymouth War Memorial Hall.



Visitors for the Celebration were Tom and Pat Hotter.



Jim and Pam Prince of New Plymouth.



Lew and Mrs Morgan of New Plymouth.



Mr and Mrs Tony Le Grove of Stratford.



Bill and Dawn Marshall. Bill is the President of the New Plymouth club.



Tom and Patricia French. Tom is Vice President of the New Plymouth club.



Claude and Joan Drury of Fitzroy.



Carol Norman and Lin Tempest of Fitzroy.



Roy and Joy Mulrooney of Fitzroy.



Russell and Jean Moller of New Plymouth.



Stuart and Mabel Hayton of New Plymouth.



Mr and Mrs Bruce McIntyre of New Plymouth.



Bert and Joy Tilley of New Plymouth.



Mr and Mrs Ian Young of New Plymouth.



Esme Lind, Sheila and Nelson Firth of Fitzroy.

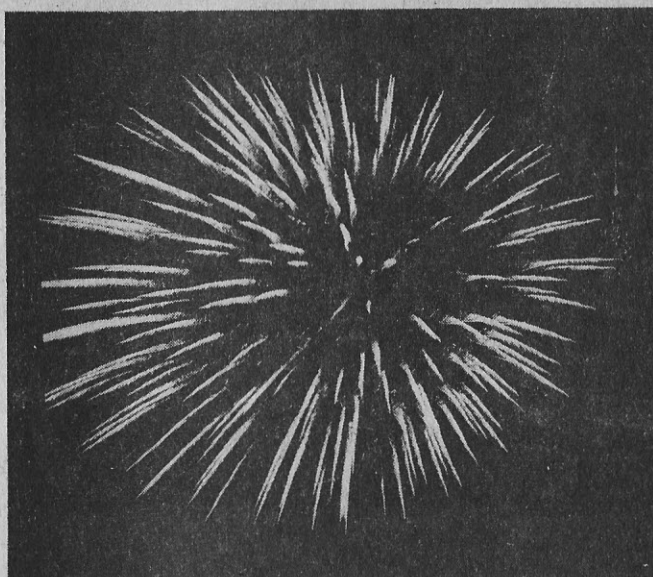




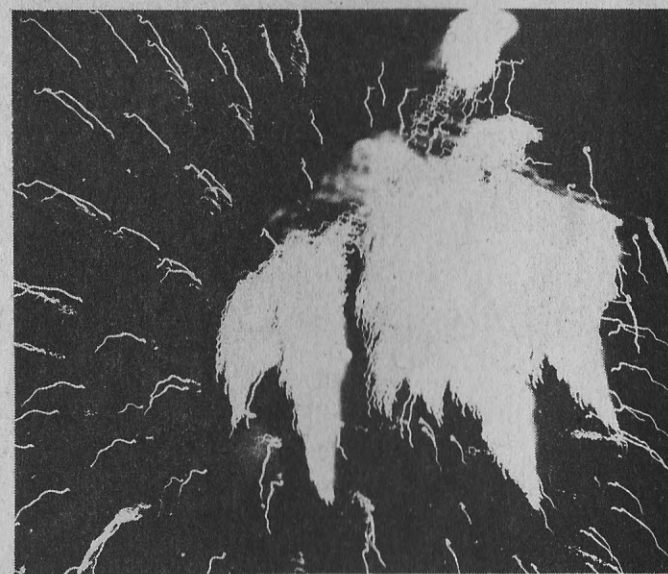
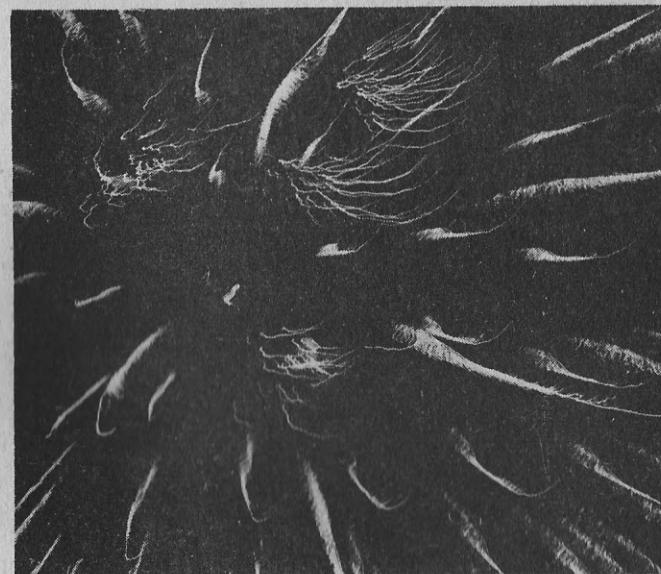
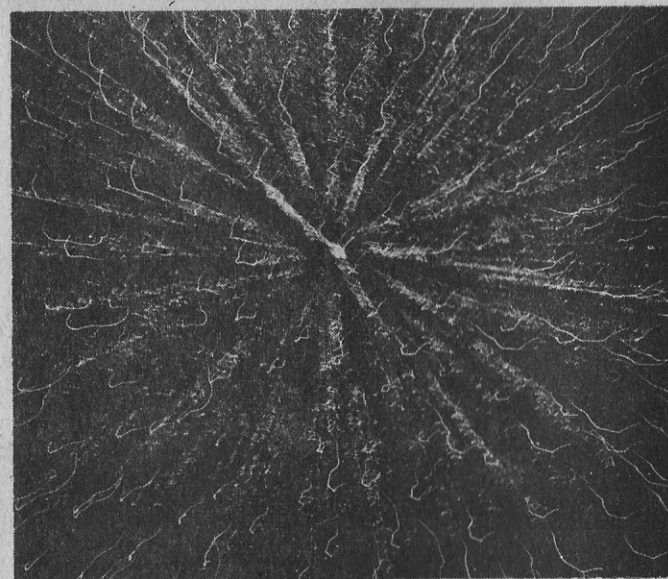
Members of the C & W Club opened the show.

# FIREWORKS Display

The Fireworks Display at the Bowl of Brooklands has become an annual event. It is always a spectacular and colourful night and this year's display was just as exciting as past performances. Members of the Taranaki Country and Western Club opened the show with a short bracket of songs, then after interval the fireworks display commenced and lasted for about three quarters of an hour.



The display was both spectacular and colourful. Rockets were perhaps the most colourful but the ground area display was none the less dramatic.



# YFC Cabaret

Inglewood Young Farmer's Club held a Cabaret last month at the Mangorei Hall. The hall was literally packed, quite early in the evening and there were few who left to go home until the early hours. It all just goes to show that when country people have a night out, they really make the most of it.



Linda and Parker really enjoyed the evening.



Colin Gee and Dianne Elmes.



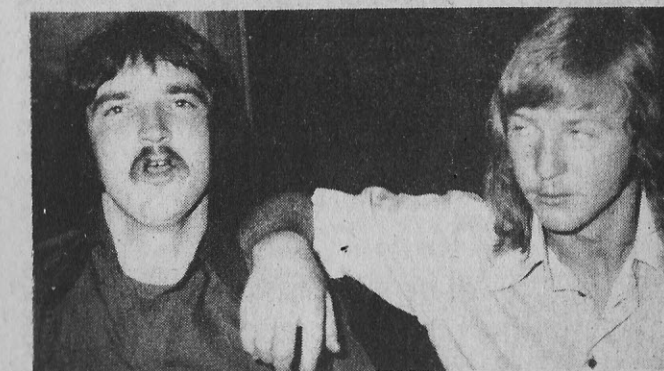
Ben Corney and Ann Gower.



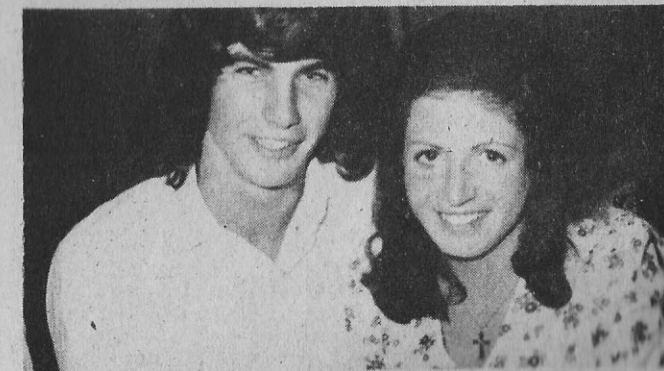
Mr and Mrs Baker had a ball.



Chris Smith and Marlene Gee.



Rodney Mischefski and Maurice Rumbal.



Bryan Fabish and Catherine Maltzig.





John Calvert and Pauline Mitchell.



Liz Jones and Graeme Richardson.

# SOCIAL

Employees of Robert Stone who work in the Foundry Department held a small social in the Tasman Hotel early this month. While it was only a quite small social, it was very obviously a highly enjoyable night out for all concerned.



Mr and Mrs Brooking.



J. Archer and R. Old.



Vi and Eddie Milne.

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**FIRE** ..... Fire completely gutted the Service Department of Gray and Inch Ltd., in Fitzroy. As can be seen from the pictures above and below, the damage was extensive and much valuable plant was destroyed along with two vehicles. It was fortunate in a way that the fire did not spread to other areas.



'Come Alive, New Zealanders'.....the theme of the Ministry of Recreation and Sports campaign for this year. The idea is to motivate people both young and old to get up and go.

It is true that people like to remain individuals and that a majority dislike attempts to organise them. Thus it would be fair to forecast that only a few will 'Come Alive'. There are, in the City of New Plymouth alone, many hundreds of clubs and organisations - some with flourishing membership, others barely functioning but there are outlets for most known activities.

A comprehensive list of contacts is held at the Public Relations Office and a special 'Leisure Line' will operate throughout March - longer if justified - to allow people who want to 'Come Alive' to seek advice and / or contacts. The number to ring is 88 - 803 between 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and on Saturday morning.

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"It wasn't a blue movie, it was in black and white."

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I'm becoming rather interested in the game of croquet. I had occasion to watch a number of games during both the Hawera and New Plymouth tournaments this year and found the action quite intriguing. Croquet isn't wholly a women's game: in fact most of the country's top players now are men. The skill required to manipulate the croquet balls around the lawn and through hoops is considerable. In fact the game is essentially one of touch, judgement and angles. It reminds one of snooker and billiards.

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A NEW RESIDENT DROVE INTO PUKEKURA PARK LATE ONE AFTERNOON: CAME TIME TO LEAVE, ONLY TO FIND THE MAIN GATE SHUT AND LOCKED. THE NEWCOMER, WITH WIFE AND YOUNGSTER, HAD A TERRIBLE JOB FINDING THE HOLDER OF THE SPARE KEY - 'T' WAS A CASE OF SHUTTING THE DOOR BEFORE THE HORSE BOLTED.

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"I'M AFRAID YOUR DINNER WILL BE BURNED TONIGHT, DARLING," said wife to husband. "WHAT'S THE MATTER, DID THEY HAVE A FIRE AT THE DELICATESSEN?"





Mrs Marshall of Tauranga plays a slow careful shot.



A sharp quick shot is enough for this Whangarei player who is competing in the Singles.



Mrs Bremer plays in two clubs... Hawera and Parks.

## CROQUET TOURNAMENT

The annual Croquet Tourney held in New Plymouth took place last month. Competitors from many parts of New Zealand took part in the Tournament which was held on several greens in the area and lasted for just over a week.



Mrs Boyce belongs to the South Taranaki Croquet Club.



Mrs E. Wood, a player in the Doubles event.



Mrs Bensley of New Plymouth send the ball close to the hoop.



Mr and Mrs Dyer of Whangarei. They were the only husband and wife team present.



Mrs Bremer of Hawera shows what its all about in this picture.

### competition results

HERE ARE THE RESULTS OF LAST MONTHS "SEE THE STARS" Competition.

A double pass to the Harry Secombe Show plus a copy of a Harry Secombe LP goes to.....

Valma Jean Knight, New Plymouth.  
Karen Wells, Stratford.  
Helen Harrison, Eltham.

A double pass to the Cilla Black Show plus a copy of a Cilla Black LP goes to.....

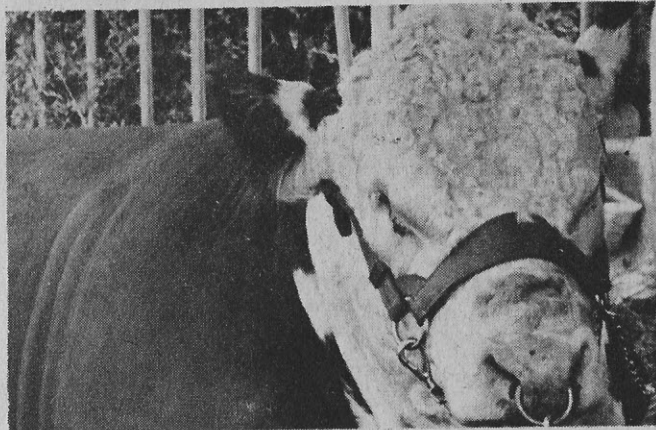
Mrs Hanscombe, New Plymouth.  
Mrs C. Anglesey, Okaiawa.  
Mrs L. Humphreys, New Plymouth.

Consolation Prizes of a Cilla Black LP goes to.....

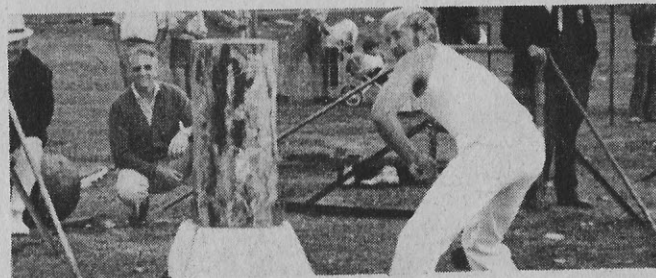
Bernadette Aylward, Okato.  
Jane Kennedy, New Plymouth.  
Georgina Johns, New Plymouth.

We trust those of you who won prizes to the shows, enjoyed your night out and thank the many hundreds of you who entered this contest. Thanks also go to Christopher Cambridge Productions and EMI Records Ltd, for making this contest possible.

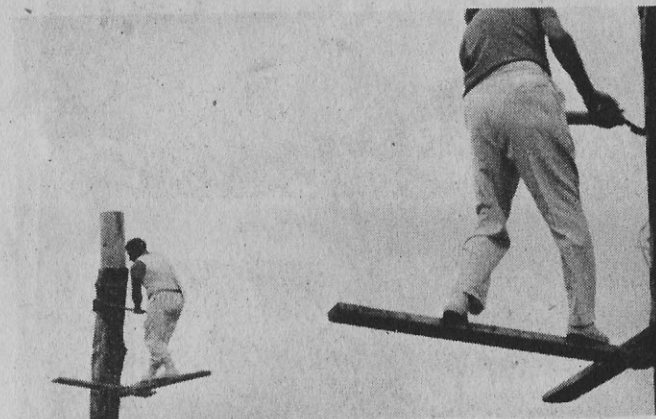




*"Imperious had a reason for that smile, he won a lot of prizes - and that's no bull!"*



*D. Maxwell starts his chop.*



*A demonstration of 'The Jigger Chop' was given by Dan McPhillips and Doug McCurdy.*



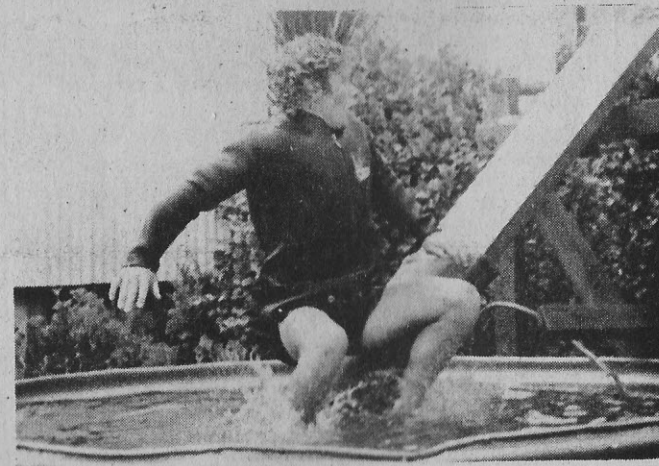
*Jeff was the clown.....*

# A & P SHOW

It may have been miserable weather for this year's A & P Show at New Plymouth, last month, but this did not deter people from attending. In fact thousands came to enjoy the day, visit the many stalls, view new equipment and watch the many exhibitions of skill, livestock and produce.



*Linda Kreger and Sharon Lilley entered the Highland Dancing and performed well.*



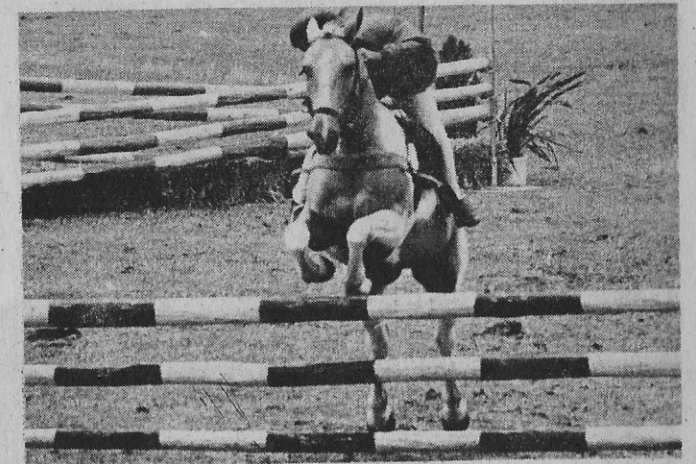
*.....and he got drowned.*



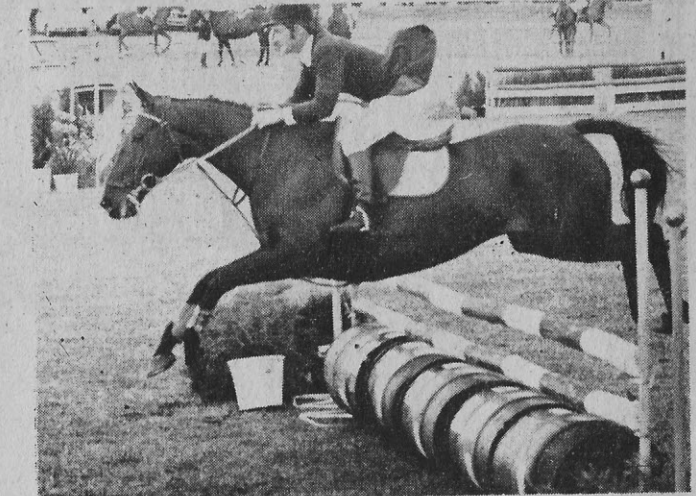
*"Bette" performed very well in the trials. She is owned by Mr W.E. Forbes.*



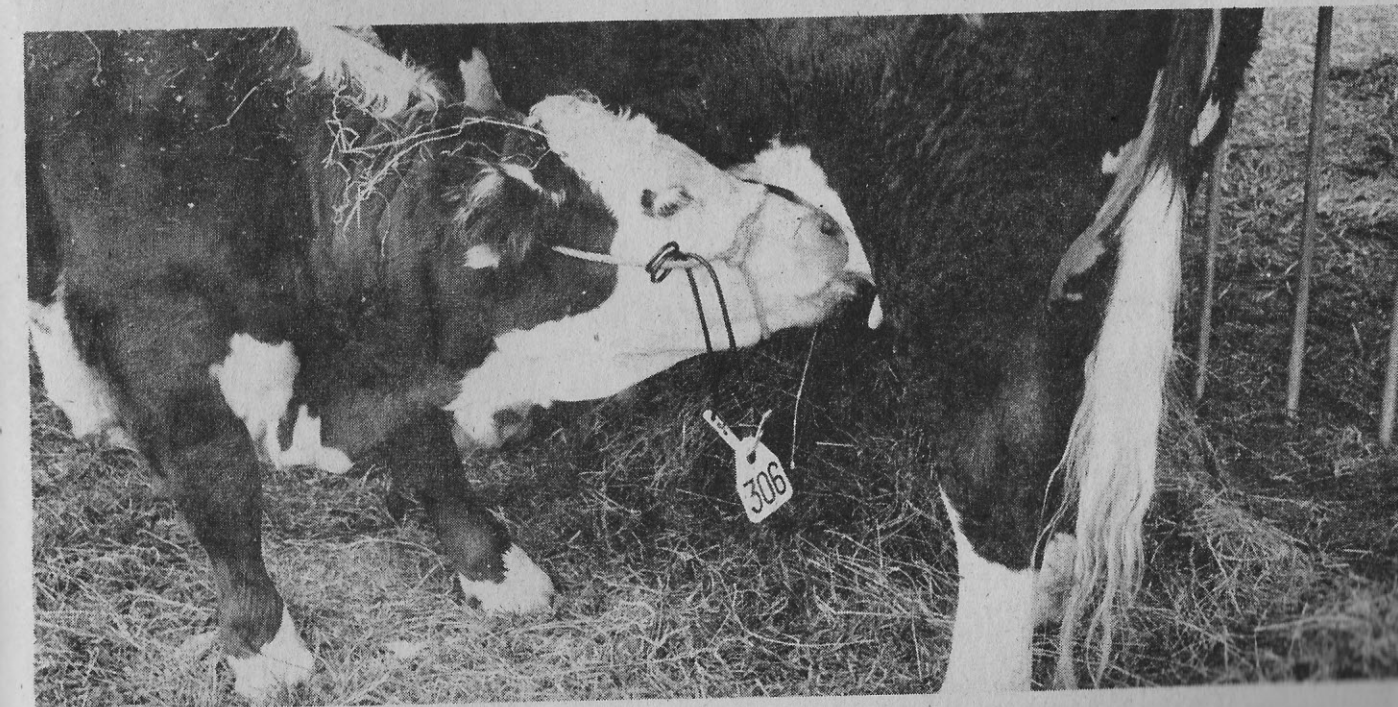
*Peter Miles clears a hurdle on 'Goldfinger'.*



*Miss Holmes entered 'Tiger Bay' in the jumping.*



*P. Myers guides "Turpin" around the course.*



*Even royalty needs sustenance and 'Cynthia the eighth' drinks her fill.*

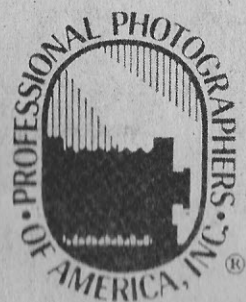


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## Rifle Shoot

The Smallbore Rifle club held a Long Range shoot at the Rewa Rewa Range in New Plymouth last month. We went along and were quite fascinated with the equipment that riflemen use for the business of shooting. Like many hobbies, it certainly must prove to be quite expensive for these men were well equipped.



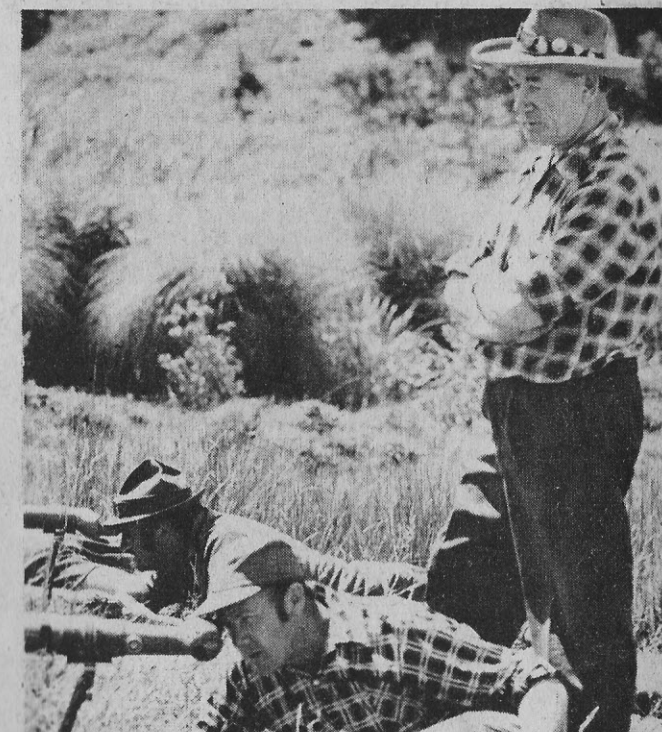
*Peter Williamson shoots off a burst. He scored well too.*



*"Where the heck's that bloomin noise comin' from".*



*Graham Gray put up a very creditable tally.*



*Alex Swanney watches while scores are checked.*



*Stuart Greentree keeps a close watch on things through this rangefinder.*



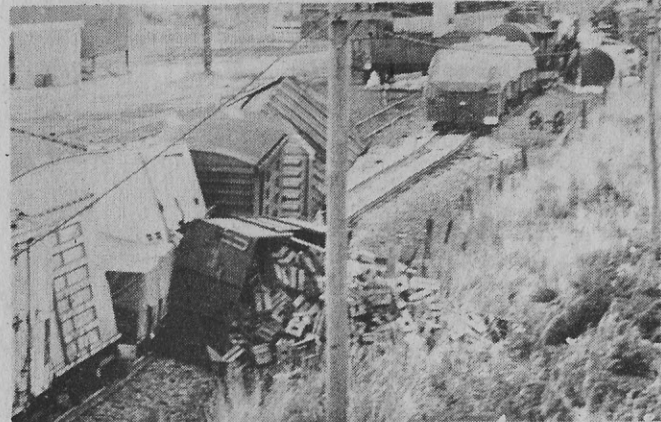
*Bob Benteen prepares himself for his shoot.*



# South Taranaki News

## train leaves tracks

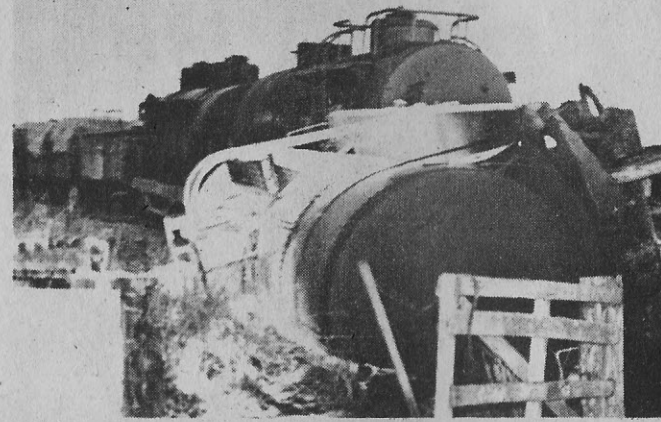
The recent derailment at Normanby could have been a major disaster if it hadn't been for the smooth and efficient operation carried out by the Hawera Fire Brigade and Police. The derailment just north of Normanby Station occurred at 3-20am. When the Fire Brigade arrived, the potential danger presented by an overturned petrol tanker spilling its load of 7,000 gallons of premium grade petrol was considerable. The immediate problem was to right the tanker without igniting the fuel.



A general scene of the derailment looking south towards the Normanby Rail Station.



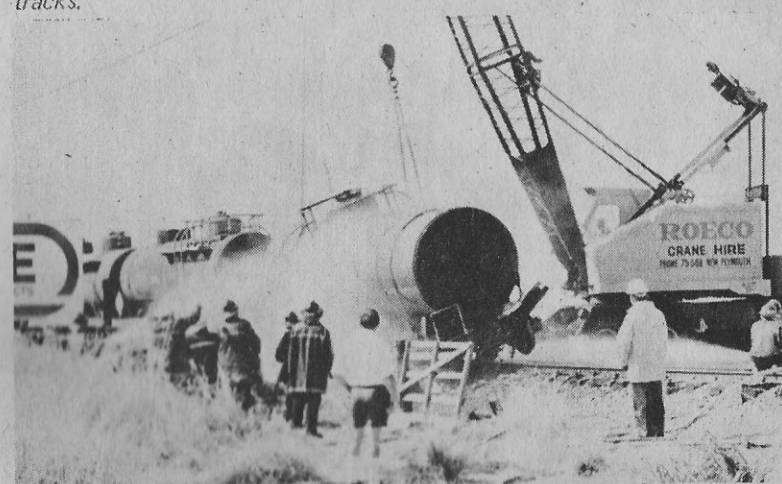
Upon impact, goods spilled out of the wagons alongside the tracks.



The overturned tanker covered with foam.



A difficult problem. Petrol continues to leak from the overturned tanker.



A crane was called in to lift the tanker back onto the track. As the lift goes on, firemen keep up a steady stream onto the tanker.



One of the tricky jobs involved with the clean up - workmen carry away a box of high explosives which were carried by the train.

## jubilee

South Taranaki Womens Division of Federated Farmers held their 50th Anniversary recently in Hawera. Part of the festivities included a parade of various styles and trends of fashion throughout the years.



South Taranaki President of WFFF, Mrs A. Hooper, presented a cheque for \$2,572 to the organisations Dominion Vice-President, Mrs Val Tarrant at the Jubilee. The money will go towards leptospirosis research.



The Hooper Plaque was presented to Mrs Nan Laurence by Mrs Hooper.



Pictured during the parade of fashion styles are.... Left, Jan Bergisson, Centre "The Charleston Era", and Right, Jan Burgess-on joins Justina Sweetapple for a Hula display.



Later on came "The Can Can" and.....



....."Flappers"





Taranaki may have lost the Christie Cup to Hawkes Bay, but the local side gave Hawkes Bay a hard time during the play. Hawkes Bay won 14 matches to 10 when the teams met at Hawera. Pictured above is the Taranaki Representative Tennis team which met Hawkes Bay at Hawera.



Mark Johnston of Hawera won two titles at the Hawera Park Bowling Club recently. Mark, who has only been playing for three seasons won the club singles (third year in a row) and the Senior singles.



Hawera's King Edward Park Pool has been a very popular palce for the young fry over the past few months. With the advent of warm weather, kids in their hundreds have been attracted to to the water. Pictured by one of the fountains are Tina Rolls, Howard Rolls, Erica Graamans and Stuart Rolls.

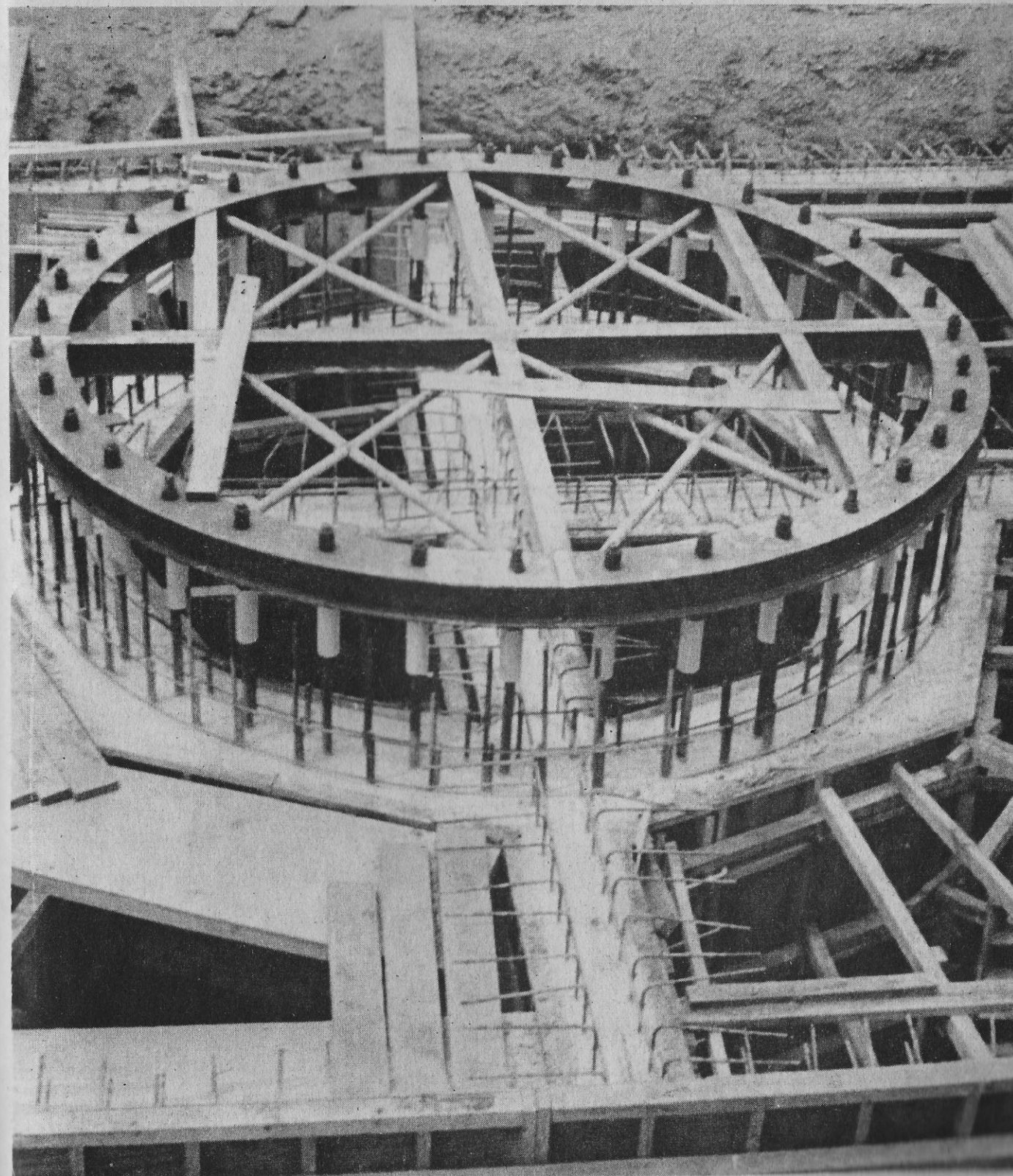


101st... Mrs E.M. Woolliams, recently celebrated her 101st birthday. Friends and family gathered with her as she cut the traditional birthday cake.

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## new tower

By the time this magazine hits the newstands, this new tower at the Kapuni Gas Plant will be nearly completed. Pictured below are the foundations for the new regenerator tower which is due for completion at the end of March. The towers are used in the carbon dioxide removal process of the gas treatment, and the towers are designed on a honey-combed structured base which is designed to give extra strength to the construction.





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for fun**

There's a farmer down Puniho way who is very handy with a paint brush and who decided to brighten up his hayshed a bit. The shed roof is now decorated with sketches and the title "Honeymoon Lodge Love Nest". One sign says "Cot Wanted" while others are titled "Brat" and "Pot". The shed is easily seen from the main road south between New Plymouth and Opunake and is close to the Puniho Road turn-off and Jensen's Store.



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**honored**

The Rahotu Branch of W.D.F.F. recently honoured six of its members. The ceremony took place at the homestead of Mr and Mrs Washer (Mrs Washer is the Branch President). Five members were presented with the Honours Bar and one member received a Life Membership.



Members who received the Honours Bar were (from left), Mesdames A. Gibson, Betty Billing, Madge Jarman, Alma Stokes and Miss Winnie Weaver.



Mrs Linda Berrett receives her Life Member Badge from President, Mrs Washer.

**Swimming Carnival**

The Highlands Swimming Club held an Open Carnival at the end of February. A fairly large number of entries were received in most events and the day was made quite pleasant by warm sunshine which was all the more enjoyable as it followed a rather unsettled period of weather.



E. Ferris competes in the Over 13 backstroke.



Mothers of competitors, Pat Taunga and Joan Sole.



L. Barry slices through the water in the Over 13 backstroke



Hine Parata did quite well in the Over 13 freestyle event.

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Raewyn Kenny won the Under 13 Freestyle event

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# RECENT WEDDINGS



WETTON-LUCAS.....At the Presbyterian Church, Waitara, Christine Gayle, daughter of Mr and the Late Mrs A.S. Lucas of Waitara, to Gavin John, son of Mr & Mrs J.A. Wetton of Bell Block. The attendants were Erica Heppell of Waitara, Janine Yardley, also of Waitara, Graeme Wetton of Bell Block and Pat Kershaw of Waitara. The couple will live in Waitara.



PROFFIT-AUSTIN.....At the Presbyterian Church, Fitzroy, Lynette Ann, daughter of Mr & Mrs N. Austin of Bell Block, to Jeffery Clive, son of Mr & Mrs C. Proffit of Huinga. The attendants were Joy Stallard and Judith Pree of Stratford, Janet Klenner and Judy Dodunski of Inglewood, Brian Stallard of Stratford and Colin Foley and Trevor Proffit both of Huinga. The couple will live at Huinga.



HOUSTON-PEPPERELL.....At Whitely Methodist Church, New Plymouth, Rhonda, daughter of Mr & Mrs E.L. Pepperell of Auckland, to Craig, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Houston of New Plymouth. The attendants were Deborah Pepperell of Auckland and Alister Wells of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home in New Plymouth. (Fitzroy Studios)



SMITH-WHEELER.....At St Josephs Church, New Plymouth, Carmel Marie, daughter of Mr & Mrs L.F. Wheeler of New Plymouth, to David Gregory, son of Mr and Mrs L.A. Smith also of New Plymouth. The attendants were Helen Jackson, Mary Wheeler, Peter Jackson and David McGiven, all of New Plymouth. The couple will make their home in New Plymouth. (Fitzroy Studios)



# Children's Corner

With Grace.



Dot to Dot.



## RIDDLES

- Question — Why is the letter E lazy?  
 Answer — Because it is always found in bed.
- Question — What tree never bears leaves?  
 Answer — A Shoe-tree.
- Question — If an elephant had measles, what would a rabbit have?  
 Answer — Long ears.
- Question — Which fish carries a weapon?  
 Answer — A Swordfish.
- Question — What is a bull called when he is sleeping?  
 Answer — A Bull-dozer.
- Question — If two is company and three is a crowd, what is four and five?  
 Answer — Nine.
- Question — When is a car not a car?  
 Answer — When it turns into a Garage.

# EASTER GREETINGS



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# PEACE

One of the things about living in the country is the peace and serenity to be found. The scene pictured is typical of this serenity and was taken at Awakino. Fishing is one of the favourite forms of relaxation for local residents and in this picture we see a youngster in pursuit of this ageless relaxation.

