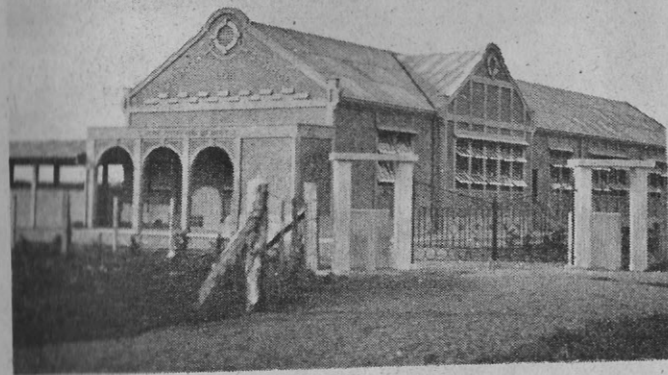


Westown School Jubilee

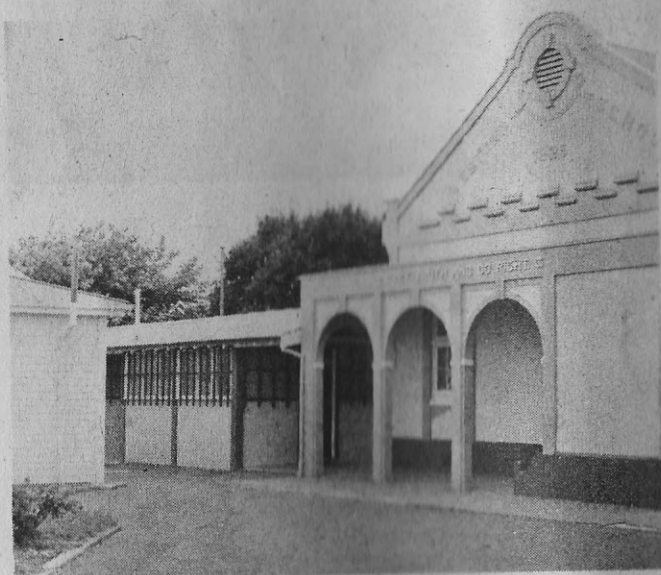
The Westown School Jubilee was held in New Plymouth over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter break. Some six or seven hundred people attended the Jubilee which consisted of two social functions (a get-together on the Friday night and a Cabaret on the Saturday night) the official ceremony on the Saturday afternoon and a service on the Sunday. Pictured on the following pages are the Decade photographs, pictures from the Get-together, plus pictures from the official ceremony, and a look at the school's past.



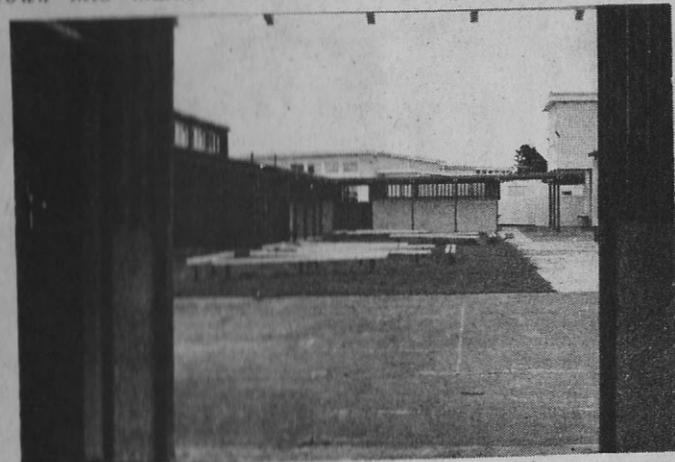
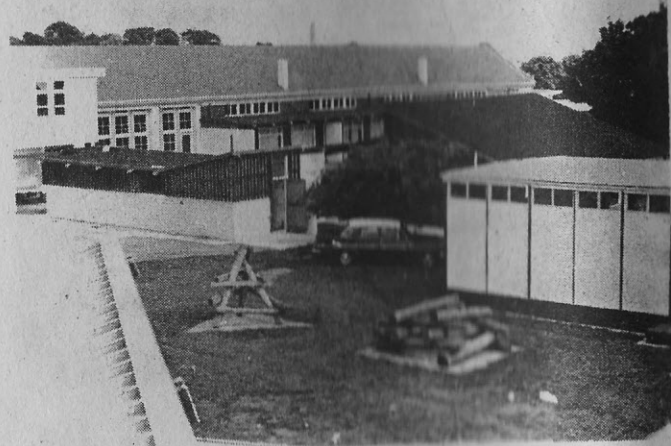
The single block that constituted Westown School when it opened back in 1925.



The original school block under construction.



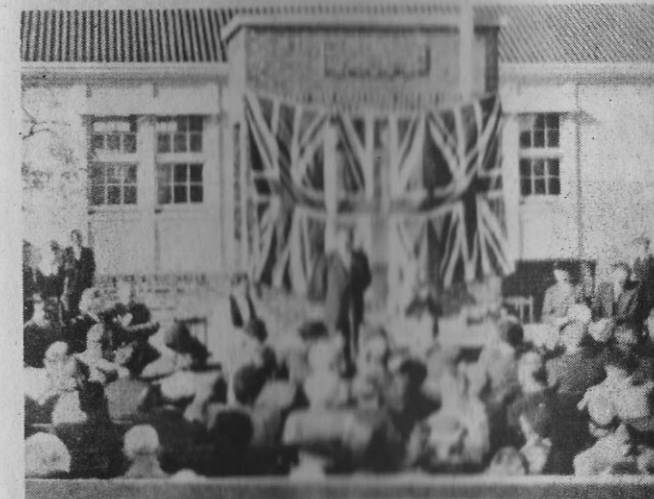
Views of the Westown School as it is today with many new buildings added to the original structure and the trees that were planted when the school opened, grown into mature and valued shade providers.



Two ex-members of the School who are well remembered. Left, Laurie Miller who represented New Zealand at Cricket, and Right, Yvonne Gibbons (nee Cowan) who represented New Zealand at the Perth British Empire games.



The bell from this tower at the school has quite a history. Seen ringing the bell is the present Headmaster, Len Ashworth.



During the Second World War, the bell was housed at St. Michael's Church in Plymouth, England. The church was damaged by bombing, and the damage can be seen in the picture at right above. The people of Plymouth in England sent the bell to New Plymouth and a tower was built at Westown School to house it. The opening ceremony for the bell tower is pictured above left. Performing the opening speech is Mr Halstead.





Jenny Houghton and husband Brian.



Jill Gudopp and Pam Gaze.



Elizabeth and Roland Rackley.



Messrs Masefield and Dick.



Ian Jobuston, Julie Jobuston and Graeme Wilson.

Of the two social functions held as part of the Jubilee the Get Together at the Star Gym on the Friday night drew by far the biggest crowd. In fact the hall was so packed it was difficult to move around. The pictures on this page were taken at this Friday night Get Together.



Carla Brown, Margaret Lewis, Peggy Thompson and Bill Brown.



Mesdames Putt and Healey.



Glenda Guardman and Allison Riley.



Mary and Ian Cameron.

On the Saturday afternoon, before the decade pictures were taken, old pupils and their friends, listened to several speakers including the Headmaster, Len Ashworth, who explained the history of the school, and the guest speaker, Denny Sutherland who gave up the opportunity of attending the reunion of his own school (Inglewood) to address the gathering and congratulate the school.



Speakers were, The Headmaster, Mr Ashworth, who recounted the history of the school.



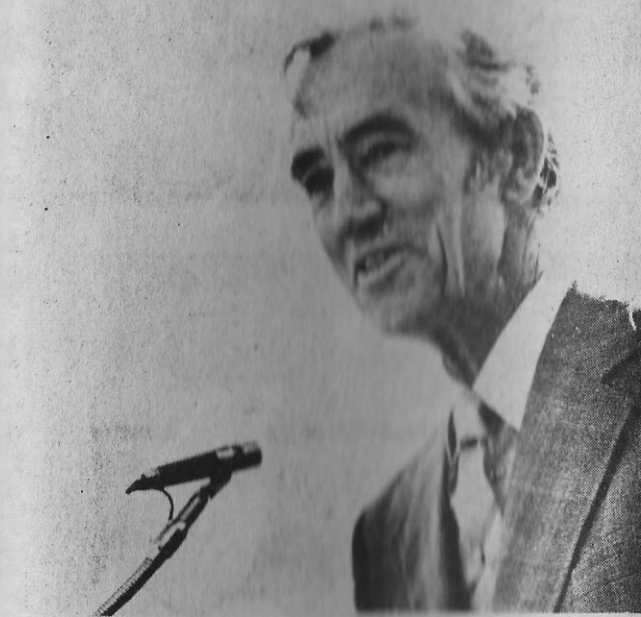
Barry Darney, Chairman of the Jubilee Committee.



J.R. Miller, Deputy Chairman of the Taranaki Education Board.



Ron Barclay represented the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education.



Denny Sutherland, New Plymouth Mayor, was Guest Speaker.



Jim Garvie, Jubilee Treasurer, thanked the speakers.



By far the greatest registrations came from those who attended the school between the years 1925 and 1934. In fact there were so many present that the group had to split into two, to have their decade pictures taken. These are reproduced above and below.



There was a good muster too, from those who attended between 1935 and 1944.



First Day Pupils.



These twenty seven represented Side School



Representing the decade 1955 to 1964



Representing the years 1965 to the present time. It is noticeable that this decade had the least number in attendance.



Present and Past School Teachers.

Now Sound

Entertainment News, Views and Reviews

YOU TELL US

We received two replies to our comment on television which was published in the Now Sound of two issues back.

Sir,
One hesitates to answer a correspondent who is not prepared to qualify his writings with his name, but the overall impression drawn by your writer 'Now Sound', in his column 19-3-75, should not remain without reply.

His statement that "the blackest day for New Zealand television was the day the Labour Party came to power" is grossly irresponsible and at variance with the facts. Private ownership for a television channel in New Zealand has never received widespread support. His implication that a National Government would introduce a private television network is surely absurd, but since the Broadcasting policies of the major political parties are not dissimilar, it is pointless to politic.

The question underlying was Ministerial control of Broadcasting. And how can a governing Administration be responsible for such television 'goofs' as transmission breaks and other technical faults.

Daniel Keenan
Wellington.

You have read questions into the story that were never asked or implied. In answer to your claim that the broadcasting policies of the main political parties are not dissimilar, we asked Tony Friedlander to clarify National Party policy on broadcasting...Ed.

Tony Friedlander, National Party candidate for New Plymouth said that while specific Broadcasting policy has yet to be released, it is reasonable to expect that the National Party will in general uphold the principals and procedures which prevailed prior to this Labour Government.

Such procedures were that where a private organisation wished to establish a radio or television station in competition with NZBC they could apply to the Broadcasting Authority who could issue a warrant for such a venture if in their opinion the establishment of such a station was justified and in the public interest. Such a warrant being subject to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Mr Friedlander added that he personally was in favour of competition in the broadcasting field.

Sir,
It is time that NZBC and its successors were told what the public thinks of their poor quality television transmission.
Thank you for publicising this subject and while I agree with your criticism, can we hope for an improvement?

Jim Wells
Stratford.

You can hope.....Ed.

NEW ALBUMS

WISHBONE ASH.....There's the Rub....MCA 7709.

Without a doubt, this has to be the best album that Wishbone Ash have yet produced.

The opening track is a number called 'Silver Shoes' and while it is much more commercial (in as much as it has catchy tune and lyrics) than any of their previous work, it still retains the solid, driving and punchy sounds that Wishbone Ash have always been known for.

Other tracks tend to revert somewhat to their more familiar style, they are however still much more appealing than previous albums.

Wishbone Ash have been gradually changing their work over the last few albums and this release shows a much more positive, more alive group than formerly.

ELEK BACSIK....I Love You....Bob Thiele Music0698.

If you like your jazz cool and sweet then you'll be overcome with this album.

Bacsik was born in Budapest in 1926, he came to the United States in 1966 and has never regretted the move.

He calls his music gypsy music (he himself being one of that breed) and while I might dispute that from the choice of work on this album, his natural prowess in the musical field, gives the work a very special charm and appeal all its own.

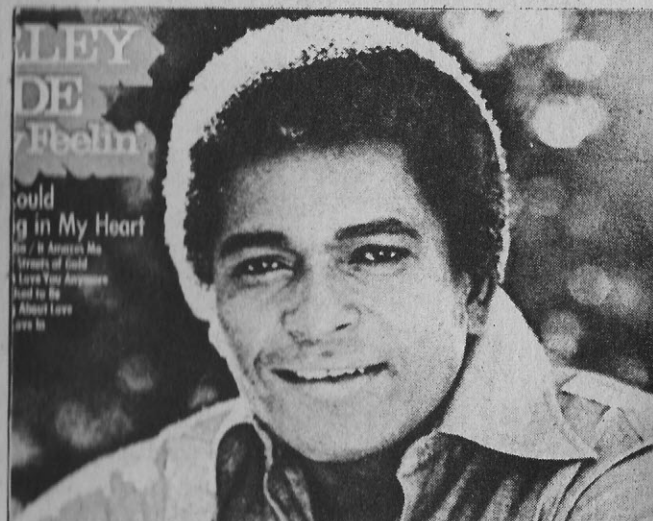
Titles include I Love You, Tea For Two, They Can't Take That Away from Me, Donna Lee and Blups for Elek.

CHARLEY PRIDE.....Country Feelin'.....RCA1-0534.

Pride has been described as the successor to Jim Reeves. To a degree, this may well be true. Pride certainly has similar qualities in his voice. It is deep throated, full of feeling and very rich.

However the choice of material sung by Charley Pride is somewhat different to Jim Reeves. On this album he sings It Amazes Me, Love Put a Song in My Heart, Which Way do we Go, I Don't See How, Streets of Gold, Let My Love In and The Man I Used to Be, to name just a few.

If your music tastes centre on country music, then Charley Pride is your bag and this album will certainly be worthy of your consideration.



CHARLEY PRIDE

ABOUT PEOPLE



GOLDEN WEDDING.....Mr and Mrs H.A. Cole of New Plymouth celebrated their Golden Wedding with a party at the Hurworth Hall. (Fitzroy Studios).



CHAINED.... One the eve of his wedding, friends of Brian Hardwidge of New Plymouth, decided to play a final prank on him. They stripped him to his underwear and chained him to pipes outside a New Plymouth Hotel. He was left chained with only a bottle of beer for company.



TELEPHONE COLLECTOR.....Mr Malcolm Edgar of Waihi Road in Hawera is a collector of telephones. He has a great number in his collection, both modern and antique and is pictured here with a few of them.



ENGAGED.....
MORTENSEN MILLS.....Beverly Ann, daughter of Mr & Mrs B.R. Mills of New Plymouth, to David Timothy son of Mrs E. Mortensen of Woodville (Fitzroy Studios)



PENFRIENDS MEET.....Mrs B. Thomson of New Plymouth has been writing to a penfriend in Canada for 38 years. The two met for the first time last month when Mrs Thomson's penfriend visited her in New Plymouth.



Saffron was Whittaker's backing band. Two members of the band opened the show with a bracket of their own.



Roger Whittaker now stands nearly ten feet tall in the eyes of his fans.

Whittaker Show

Roger Whittaker returned to the New Plymouth Opera House last month and packed the building to almost overflowing. Whittaker is one of those entertainers who keeps on coming back to New Zealand, and draws a capacity crowd every time. With each tour his stature grows taller.



Malcolm White, Anne O'Carroll & "Bubby" Mason.



Jan Mathews, Roselyn and Mr Jenkins.



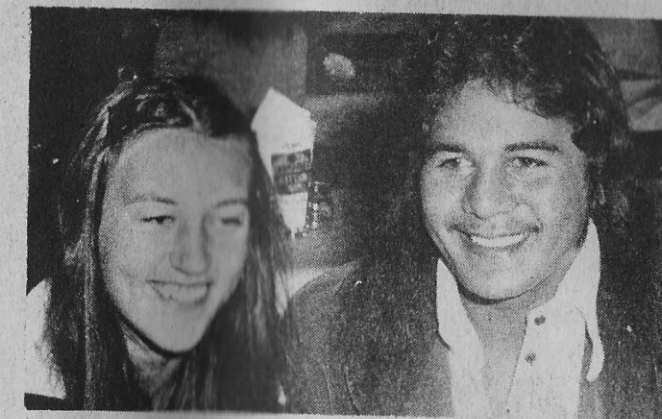
Irene Brider and Judy Hunter.



Dotty Harris and friends.

ATIAWA CABARET

The Atiawa Tribal Netball Club of Waitara, held their annual cabaret last month in the Waitara War Memorial Hall. A fairly good sized crowd was in attendance and celebrated the event with much gusto.



Andrew Hoslins and pretty friend.



Racwyn Nicholas and friend.

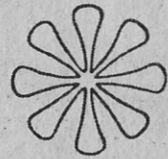


Edwin O'Carroll and friend.



GOWN OF THE YEAR CONTEST

A national Gown of the Year is currently being held by the WDFE organisation in New Zealand. Each Provincial area runs a final, the winner of which goes on to compete at national level. Pictured on this page is the Taranaki Final, which was held in New Plymouth a few weeks ago.



The winners of the make and model Gown of the Year event for Taranaki. Left to right... Margaret Fowler, 2nd, Beryl Jury (Waitara) 1st and Edith Read (Opunake) 3rd.



Margaret Huckstep.



Denise Wallace.



Sylvia Radford.



Helen Meyer of Waitui.



Margaret Brandt.



Dianne Jelliman.



Vivianne Grigg.



Edith Read of Opunake.



The six finalists in the event.



Margaret Fowler.



Sylvia Stewart.



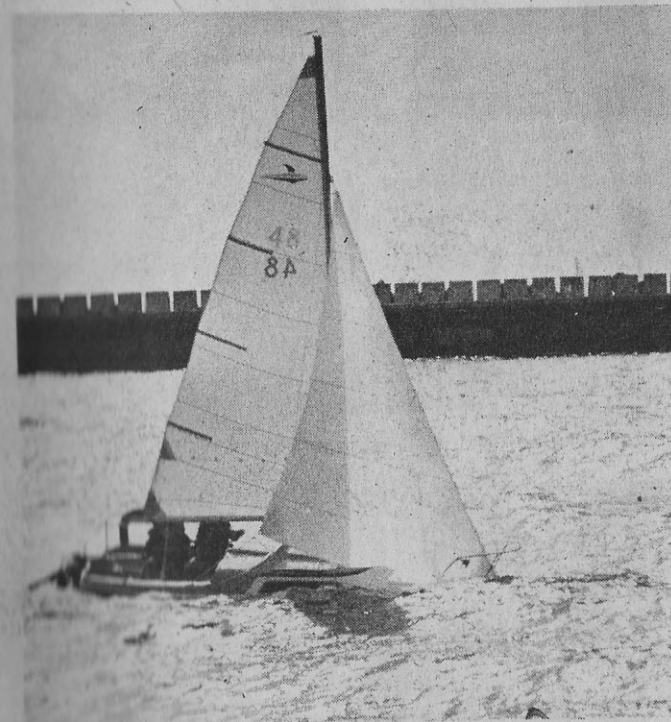
The starting point for the race and even there it is choppy enough.

Trailer — Sailer Race

One of the last races of the yachting season was run last month off Port Taranaki in New Plymouth. The feature race of the day was the trailer sailer event. There was also an open race on the same day. Winner of the trailer sailer race was D. Stevenson in 'Charisma'.



Veronica a 16 foot Trailer Sailer was sailed by R. Holt of New Plymouth



Blue Buoy sailed in the open class. A 20 footer, she is owned by A. Kitchingham of Auckland.



Boats move down the harbour and out towards the open sea. The race is on.



The race is on and the boats move out into the swell of the sea.



The winner of the trailer sailer race, D. Stevenson in his boat 'Charisma'



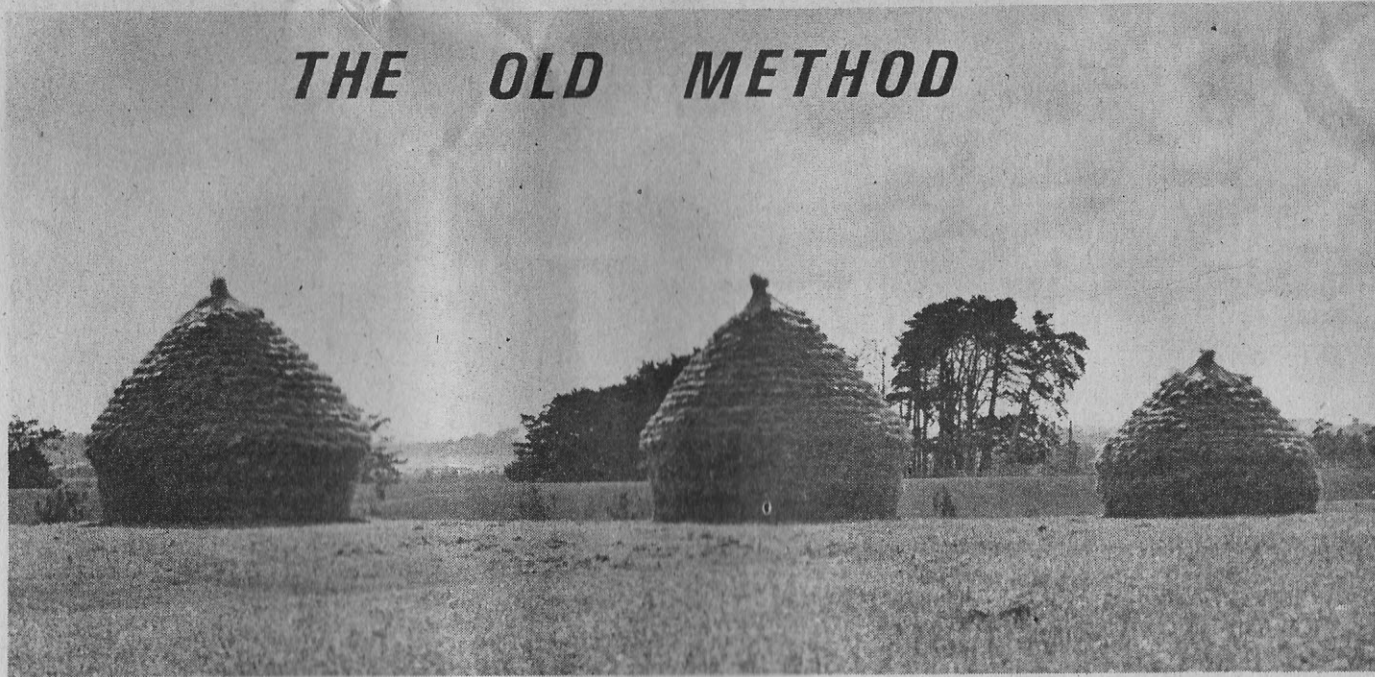
Charisma crosses the line to win his event.



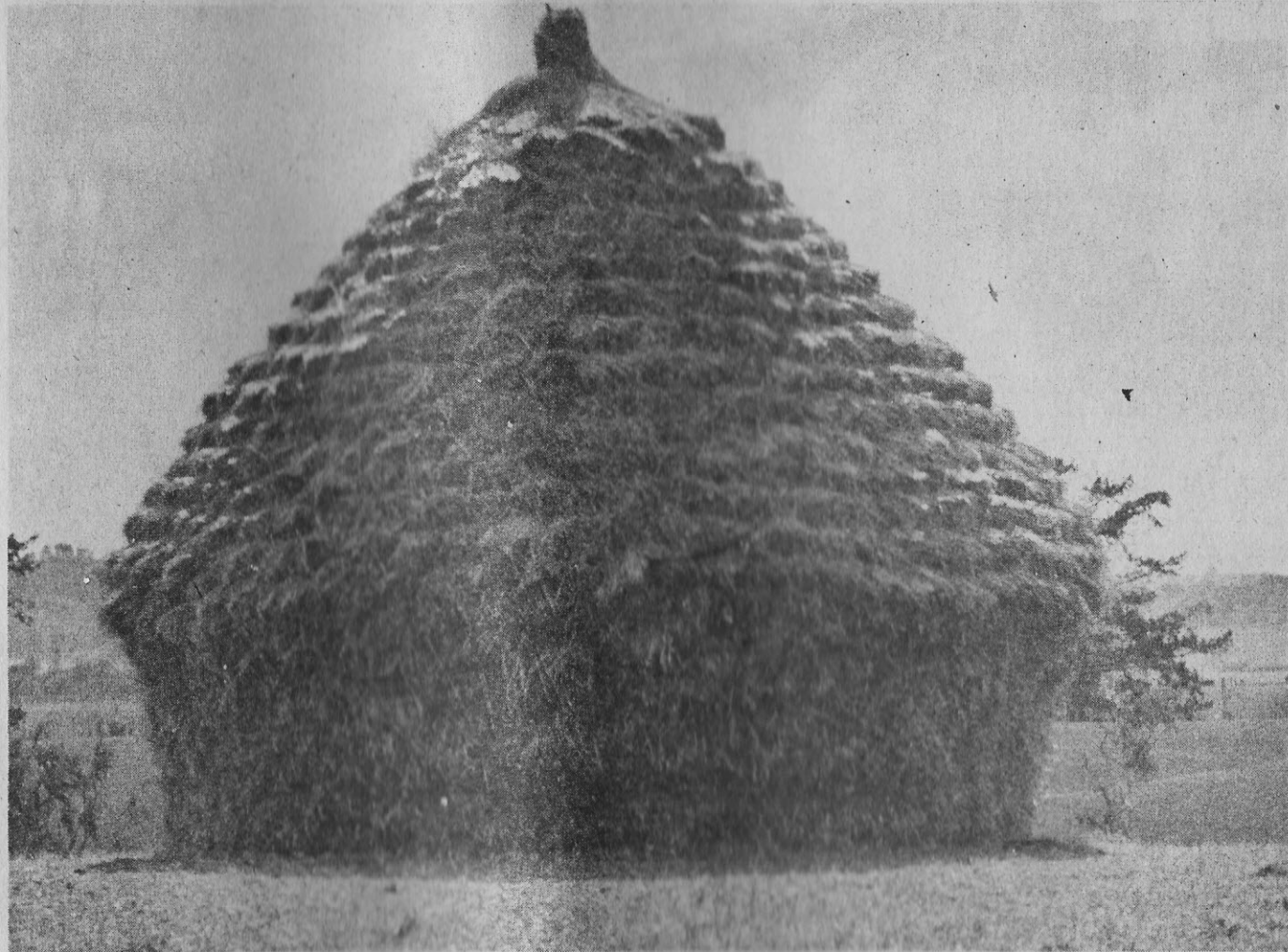
After the races were over, many a tale was told and a yarn swapped.

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THE OLD METHOD



With today's modern mechanised methods of farm production, it is indeed rare to see old methods employed. These haystacks would be a very uncommon sight today when most farmers use balers to press their hay into convenient sized bales that are easy to handle and store. We photographed these stacks a couple of weeks ago just outside of Wanganui.



RUGBY

INGLEWOOD v. OPUNAKE

It was exciting rugby for the first half of the match between Inglewood and Opunake held at Jubilee Park in Inglewood. Inglewood had the edge on their opponents during the first half but their play worsened in the second half while the Opunake side definitely improved their play and finished the game with a 19 to 12 win over Inglewood.



Inglewood go over the line to score in the first half.



The match was one in which the ball fairly flew around.



Maybe not an All Black yet, but he can dream if he wants, and who knows, one day?



Typical of the early action as this player leaps for the ball.



No, not a try, but the ball goes over the sideline.

BABY PHOTO CONTEST

This years Baby Photo Contest has now closed. We have had a record number of entries this year and no doubt our judges are finding it extremely difficult to make their final decision. One of the most pleasing aspects of this years contest has been the number of entries received from parts of the province, other than New Plymouth. This would in total amount to something like 25% of the entries and this is indeed most encouraging to us. Many thanks to all of you who entered and we hope to have the final results for you next month.



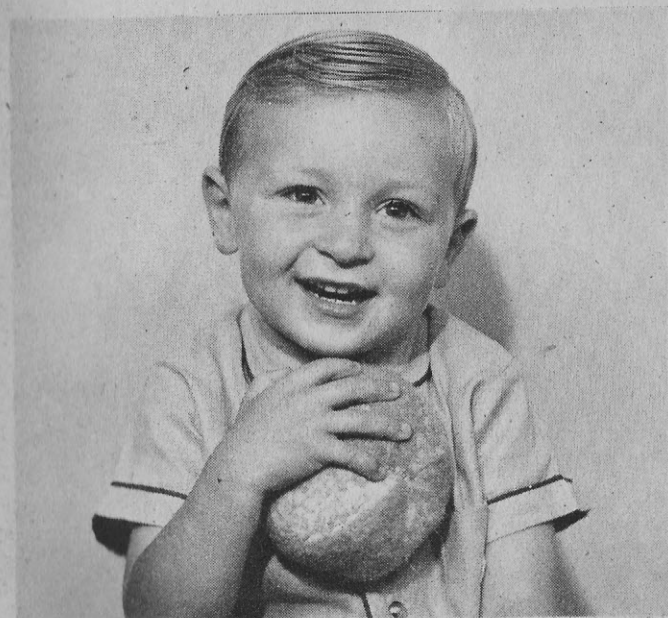
Marianne Hinga, age 9 months.



Darren Hocken, age 10 months.



Marisa McDavitt, age 19 months.



Lesley Peters, age 22 months.



Jaqueline Rochelle Price, age 23 months.



Andrea Powell aged 14 months.

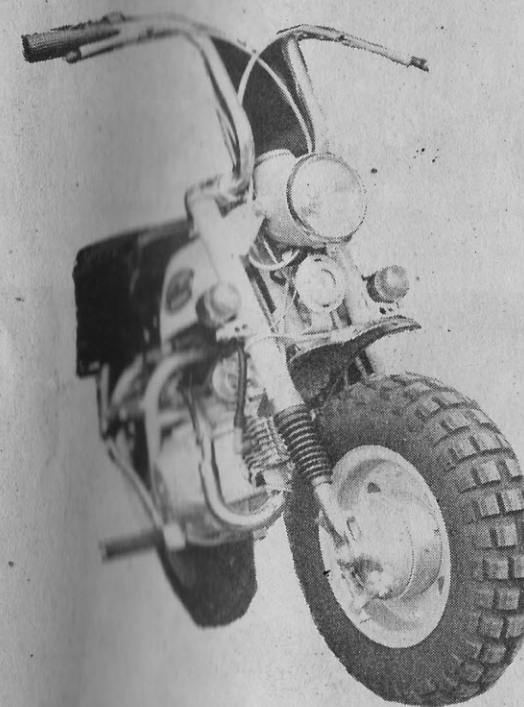


Jason Taylor aged 17 months.



Lana Ellison aged 16 months.

YOU could WIN this Mini bike



Starting with the next issue of Photo News, we have a new competition with lots of great prizes to be won including the Honda Mini Bike, pictured above. Don't miss our next issue — see how you could win this Mini bike or one of the many other prizes.



Enjoying the night out were Mr and Mrs Bill Maloney.



A private joke between Mr and Mrs Graham Earl.



Mr and Mrs Peter Fisher.



Mr and Mrs G. Bushman.

chicken & champagne

Ferndale Plunket held their annual chicken and champagne dinner and dance in the middle of last month. The event was held at the Tukapo Gym and attracted about one hundred and fifty people. We are told that the chicken was excellent and that the wine was almost even better.



Howard Jorgensen told us it was better than "finger lickin good chicken".



Mr and Mrs G. Corbett.



Mr and Mrs K. Plumtree enjoyed the night too.

1975 PHOTO NEWS AWARDS BALL

Saturday September 27

**War Memorial Hall
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Plan now to attend —
last year it was the Ball of the Year

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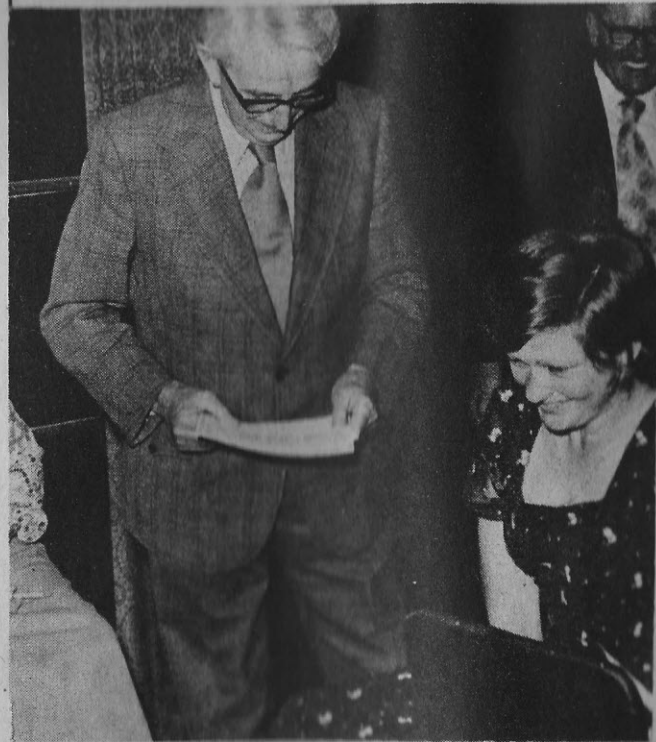
This year's Ball is going to be bigger, brighter and better than before — an event not to be missed. The Mayor of Waitara, Dick Wilson will present this year's Photo News Awards to recipients from throughout Taranaki. There will be people attending from Hawera, Opunake, Stratford, Waitara, Inglewood and New Plymouth and of course Kount Five will be there too; plus a special guest.

dress - neat casual

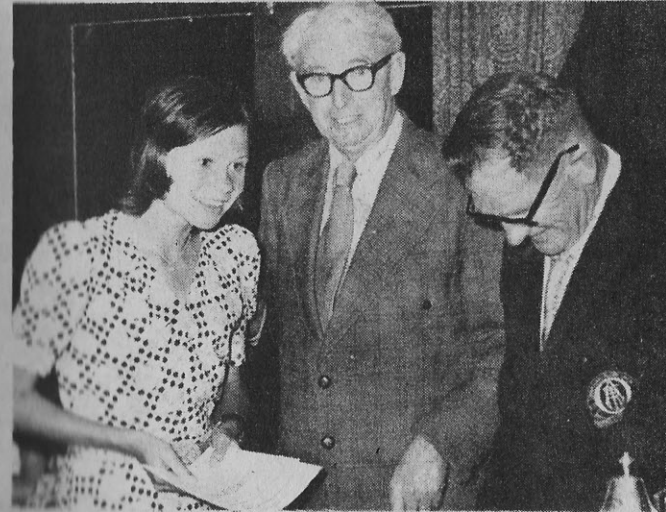
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PRIZEGIVING

The annual Prizegiving and dinner of the Hawera Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club was held last month. Club President Mr Percy Oakes welcomed guests and the presentations were made by the club patron, Mr K. Cambie.



Karen Oakes somehow became tied to her chair and had to be carried, chair and all.



Wendy Howell, Keith Cambie and Percy Oakes.



Susan Black



Pat Meads



Jackie Cook



Allison Pepperell



Paul Jones



Carol Herman

PM's Visit

The Prime Minister, Mr W.E. Rowling toured the Whareroa dairy complex last month. Soon after their arrival from Wanganui, the Prime Minister and his wife donned regulation white coats and were accompanied around the complex by Mr H.S. Benton, Chairman of Kiwi Dairies Ltd and Mr and Mrs Venn Young.



Mr and Mrs Rowling are introduced to Mr J Mills manager of the complex.



Mr P. J. Mulder (supervisory manager) shows a cheese to Mr Rowling.



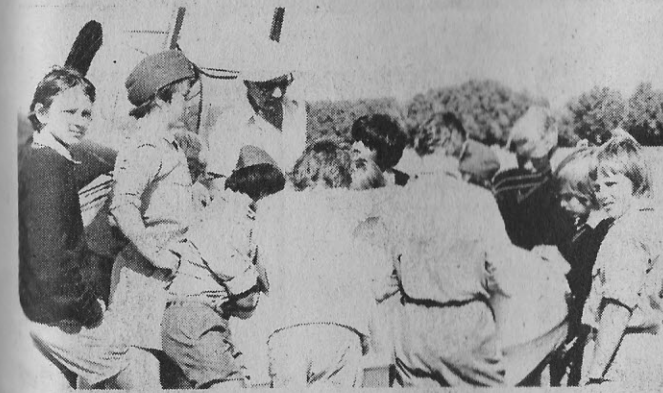
Hardy Benton, Chairman of Kiwi Dairies.



Venn Young, MP for Egmont.



Prime Minister, Mr Rowling.

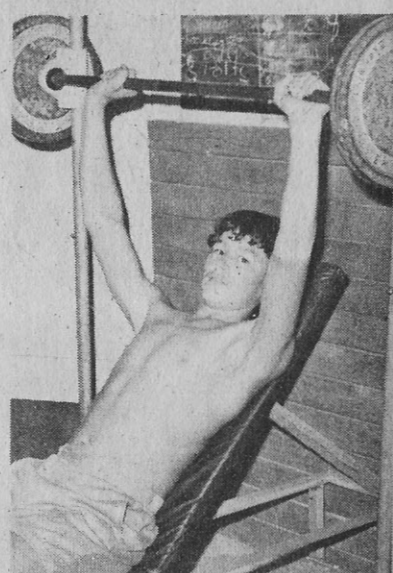


GONE' GLIDING.....Members of No 47, Hawera ATC Squadron were recently given instruction in the technique of gliding. The glider used belongs to the NZ Air Cadet League Gliding Club and is for the use of ATC Squadrons throughout the central North Island. Instruction is being given cadets by NP Gliding Club instructor, Bob Cruthers.

DO'NT MIX IT WITH THEM -----



One of Hawera's strongest clubs, is the Hawera Judo Club. The club boasts a membership of around 120 and they have some members who have excelled at their form of Martial Art. Above left are four girls who belong to the club, left to right...Diana Frew, Theresa Nuku, Anne Hungerford and Joanne MacBeth. Above Right is pictured three members of the club who participated in the national championships at Easter, left to right...Thomas Rangī, Lou Pirikahu and Henry Katene.



A NEW CLUB has been formed in Hawera called the Hawera Weightlifting Club. The club meets at the Hawera Youth Centre and with the popularity that this sports is now enjoying throughout New Zealand, it should soon become a thriving club. Pictured above are three young members working out.



The Relay team from Hawera St Joseph's Convent School won the Spragg Banner this year at recent inter school swimming sports. left to right is John Kelly, Kim Harrison, Sandra Spurdle and Michelle Keegan.

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ATHLETIC WINNERS The Hawera Junior Womens team won the Molly Dornis Cup at recent athletic championships at Wanganui. This is the third year running that Hawera has won the trophy. Pictured is the successful team and the trophy.



FRANCIS DOUGLAS SHIELD...The Hawera St Joseph's senior boys relay team won this trophy at the annual Taranaki Catholic Schools athletic meeting in Stratford recently.

Hawera Repertory's most recent production was called "Twelfth Night". A Shakespearean play it is full of intrigue and counter intrigue. The show pulled excellent houses during its season.



John Salt, Rudi Miles, Joan Dickson and Russ Standing.



Mary Neal as Viola.



Richard Kennedy-Moffitt as Feste the clown.



Russ Standing as Sir Toby and Joan Dickson as Maria.



Wendy Goodwin as Lady Olivia.

PATEA SCHOOL CENTEN-

ARY

Patea was turned into almost a city (by population figures) over Easter when hundreds upon hundreds of ex-pupils of Patea School returned to the town to join in the school's centenary celebrations. One of the most colourful sights was a parade down the Main Street of Patea by 26 floats on the Saturday morning. This was followed by speeches from the official party, the Roll Call and in the evening, the Centennial Ball.



Mrs Rose Fake who is 96, is the oldest living pupil of the school and to her went the honour of cutting the cake. She is assisted by the school's two youngest pupils, Nigel Whakarau and Amanda Cooper.



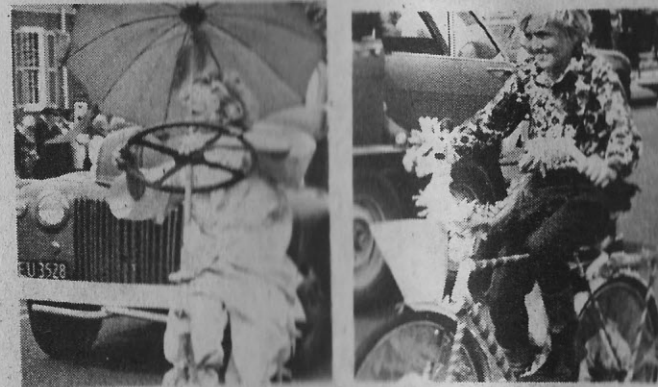
The Minister of Education, Mr. Amos declared the school celebrations open and unveiled a memorial to the old school. The Memorial takes the form of a bell.



Early pupils of Patea School listen to the speeches.



Wendy Meyer looked sweet in the parade.



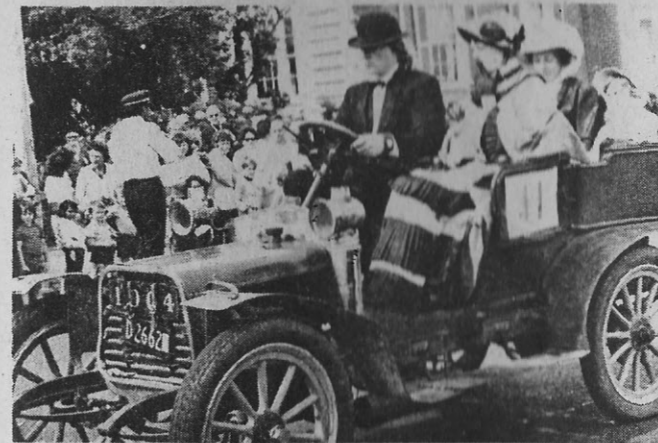
Kids dressed their cycles and joined in the parade. Some dressed in old style clothing, others as clowns.



Patea Boy Scouts entered this float.



Leading the parade was this pipe band.



Taking many back to early beginnings was this entry in the parade.



One of several marching teams.



Jaycees gained a third place with this entry.



Plunket gained a second place with this float.



The Railways Dept. entered this float.



The Patea Golf Club's entry.



A local church built on the Come Alive concept.

RECENT WEDDINGS



FRASER-MACE.....At St Andrews Church in New Plymouth, Wendy Barbara, daughter of Marina and Neil Mace of New Plymouth, to Donald McKenzie, son of Helen and Sandy Fraser of Christchurch. The attendants were Karen Mace, Christine Edwards and Julie Mace, all of New Plymouth, and Stewart Richie of Christchurch and Ian Wilson of Wellington. The couple will live in Christchurch.



RENTON-DAVIDSON.....At St Marys, New Plymouth, Jan, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. C. Davidson of New Plymouth, to Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs A.C.A. Renton of Glen Murray. The attendants were Jannette Morris David Hutchinson, and Ruenna Davidson, all of New Plymouth. The couple will live in Brighton, England. (Fitzroy Studios)



MEREDITH-LAWLOR.....At the Salvation Army Citadel, New Plymouth, Mary daughter of Mr & Mrs T.J. Lawlor of New Plymouth, to Graham, son of Mr and Mrs B.W. Meredith, also of New Plymouth. The attendants were Denise Barnes, Christine Meredith and Sandra Meredith all of New Plymouth, and Ian Battersby of Taihape and Rodney Johns of New Plymouth. Flowergirls were Lisa Long-Taylor of New Plymouth and Sheryl Fletcher of Waitara. The couple will live in New Plymouth.



JULIAN-STRONG.....At St Josephs, Waitara, Maree Adel, daughter of Bill and Nora Strong of Waitara to Mervyn Carl son of Don and Lora Julian of Egmont Village. The attendants were Janine Read of New Plymouth, Beverly Strong of Waitara, Ian MacRae of Waitara, Trevor Biesiek of Inglewood and Karen Strong of Waitara. The couple will make their home in Inglewood. (Fitzroy Studios)

