



Civic Reception

The Civic Reception in New Plymouth for the new Governor-General was very well attended.

ABOVE—The official party, with the Mayor addressing the audience. RIGHT—Sir Dennis and, LEFT, Sir Dennis with the Mayor, Mr D.V. Sutherland. BELOW LEFT—The Governor makes his speech and, BELOW RIGHT, “sharing a joke”

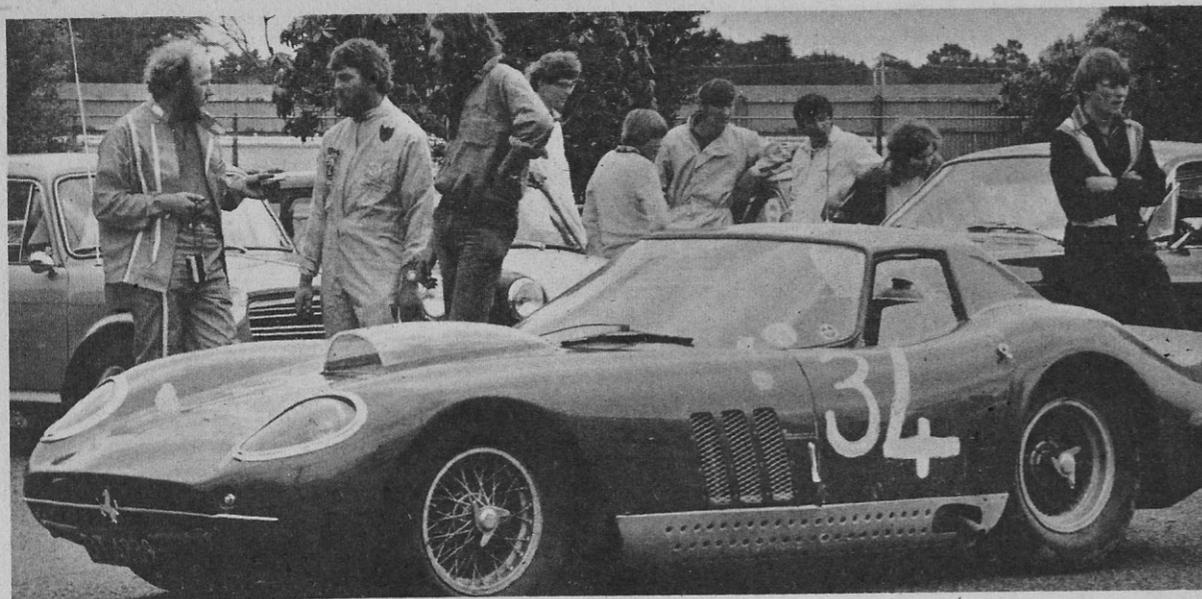


SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



Trevor Corkin won this year's Taranaki Sportsman of the Year award. He is pictured, RIGHT, with the trophy and, LEFT, being presented by the Mayor, Mr Denny Sutherland. Trevor represented New Zealand last year, against Australia, in surf life-saving tests. He was a Captain of the Taranaki team that won the Central Districts and New Zealand senior belt-man's title, at last season's National Championships.





CAR SPRINTS

The Taranaki Car Club held a sprint at Tikorangi, over Labour weekend. The outright winner was the Ferrari (ABOVE), pictured with Bruce Flavin, Logan Fow and John Caten. Close second in the event was the Mustang (BELOW RIGHT). LEFT—Watching the events with interest are Janice Hunter, Craig Houston, Alister Wells and Maree-Ann Power.



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"Photo News" is looking for yet another lucky winner. Yes, this time we have a double pass to the Great Ngaruawahia Music Festival, a three-day event scheduled for January 6, 7 and 8, 1973, and bound to be the most memorable experience in the history of music in New Zealand. Tickets to the Festival will sell at \$8 each, so our double pass will make a handsome prize.

The Festival will feature all types of modern music, including traditional and contemporary folk, jazz, Maori cultural music, skiffle and jug, and rock. This will be accompanied by light shows each evening, and the daily programme will commence at mid-day and run non-stop till midnight. At least four top overseas artists are expected to appear (the names of these acts have not yet been released) and 50-odd New Zealand acts will also perform. These include Suzanne, Ticket, The Rumour, Mandrake, Karma Quincy Conserve, The Society Jazzmen, Shade Smith, Lindsay Marks, Corben Simpson and Tommy Adderley.

The site of the Festival covers 250 acres of privately owned land, adjoining the river at Ngaruawahia. It is bounded by the river on one side and natural bush on the other and features a natural amphitheatre.

Of interest is the promoters' intentions to completely ban glass bottles and containers. All necessary food and liquid refreshments will be sold on the site and a large area has been set aside for camping. Three doctors, nurses and the St John Ambulance will be in attendance.

A special security force will control the area.

Because of the obvious family appeal of the Festival, and to encourage whole families to come along, the promoters will admit children, under the age of 10, free of charge.

"Photo News" is pleased to be able to offer some lucky Taranaki couple the opportunity to attend this Music Festival free of admittance charge, and our thanks go to Robert Raymond, of Music Festivals Ltd, for sponsoring this competition. Next month we'll tell you more about the artists who will be appearing at the Festival.

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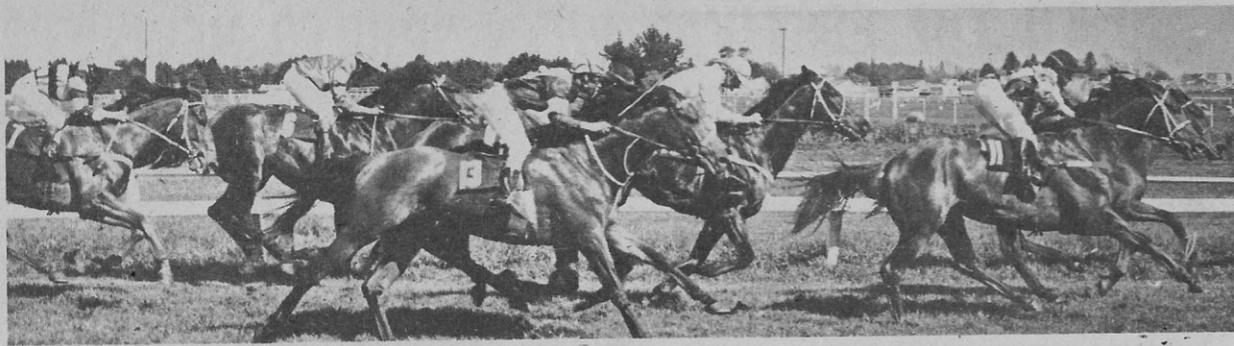
These are some of the artists going to the Great Ngaruawahia Music Festival.

ABOVE LEFT—The Rumour. ABOVE RIGHT—Suzanne. BELOW—Ticket.



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8. Honky Chateau . . . Elton John.
9. Obscured by Clouds . . . Pink Floyd.
10. History of Eric Clapton . . . Eric Clapton.



STRATFORD RACES

Watching the races (and, no doubt, their chances of winning) are: ABOVE—Mr and Mrs Frait and Mr Rook. BELOW—Mr and Mrs R. Savage and Mrs Trotter. LEFT—Mr and Mrs N. Death and Mr E. Clegg.



Y.M. GALA DAY *

The Y.M.C.A. Gala Day was saved by transferring the entire function to the Y.M. Gym, when heavy rain fell. Graham Christiansen was kept busy cooking sausages (LEFT), and the bookstall (BELOW) was also very popular. Ron Cole (BOTTOM LEFT) entered his dressed up bike in the appropriate competition, and Alan Knight (BOTTOM CENTRE) had a go with a shanghai. Jenny and Helen Monaghan (BOTTOM RIGHT) went home laden with goods. Heather Batchelor and Rayleen Moulder (ABOVE LEFT and CENTRE) entered in the Gala Princess, which was won by Darryl Walker (ABOVE RIGHT).





Celebrations

John Burdette, perhaps better known as Awahou, celebrated his 90th birthday, at Okaiawa. He is seen, ABOVE, cutting his birthday cake, with a little help from his daughters, Mrs S. Toki and Mrs M. Luke.

LEFT—Being presented with a life membership in the Taranaki Maori Rugby Union. Mr Charleton made the presentation. (Photos by David Paul Studios).

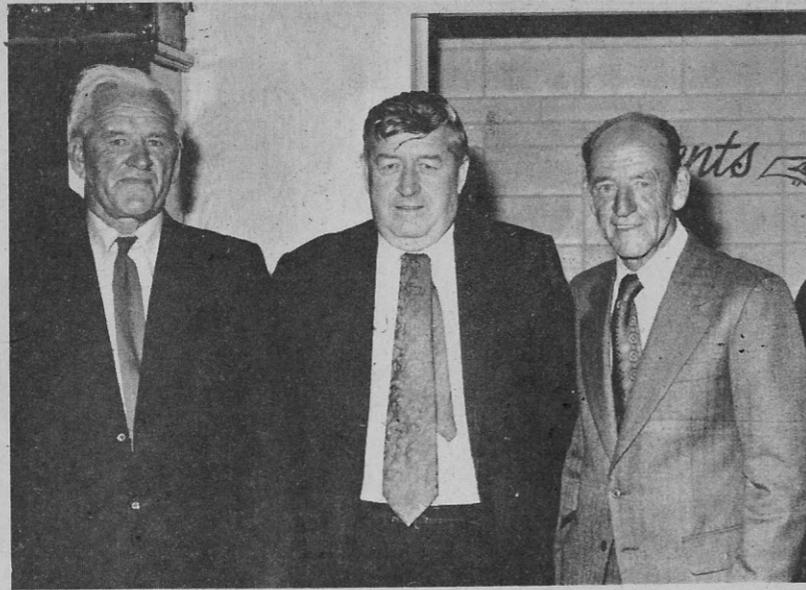
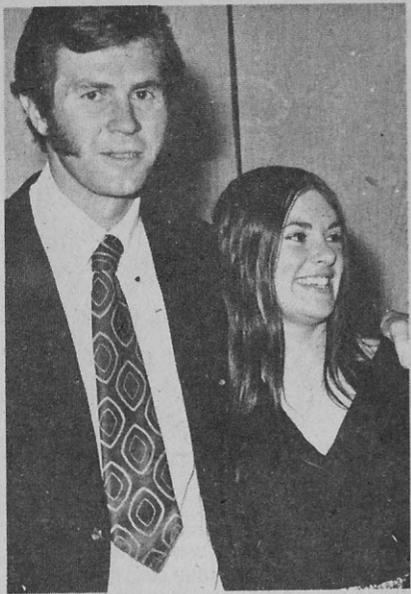
BELOW—Prize-winners at the New Plymouth Marist Rugby League's annual dinner are Kevin Bryant (Outstanding Player), Charles Tawhai (Most Versatile Player), Graham Simpson (Most Sporting Player) and Vaughan Temata (Most Improved Player). The dinner was held at the State Hotel.



COWBOY WEDDING

Residents could be excused, a short while back, for thinking that they were being invaded by members of a movie set, when they witnessed the arrival, at New Plymouth's St Mary's Church, of horses and a whole crowd in authentic Western gear. The occasion was the wedding of Brian Aroa and Sue Davis, and their friends (all members of a local Country and Western club) thought they would give the couple a surprise, with a band playing Western-style as the couple came from the Church (BOTTOM LEFT) and a guard of honour, consisting of horses and riders (TOP). LEFT and BELOW—Mr and Mrs Aroa straddle the horse, with Mrs Jean Kurth.





CRICKET CLUBS 25th BIRTHDAY

The Frankleigh Cricket Club held its 25th birthday celebrations at the Tukopa Gym. ABOVE LEFT—Elaine and Derek Hill. ABOVE RIGHT—Life members Fred Gilbert, Len Dravitski and Vin Dravitski. Prizes galore for Pat Bishop (BELOW), and Russell Gilbert, Ross Cooney and Roger Brown (BELOW RIGHT). RIGHT—George Rogers, president of the North Taranaki Cricket division, and Roger Brown, president of the club (FAR RIGHT).



Enjoying the Cricket Club's party are, ABOVE LEFT, Mr and Mrs Ross Cooney. ABOVE—Dianne and Bruce Lowe. LEFT—Lyn and Doug Ritchie and, BELOW LEFT, Marilyn Hopkins and Darcy Dury. BOTTOM LEFT—Mrs Gilbert, Michael Gilbert and Mrs Judith Gilbert.

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TEAMS

LEFT—The Fitzroy Midget soccer team, with the trophy they won last season. Back row, from left, Peter Riley, John Sperway, Mark Hayes, Brian Gernhoefer, Russell Kirkwood and Mrs Yvonne Scott. Front row: John Bernet, Robert Borckhill, Trent Scott, Robert Gernhoefer and Glen Fowles.



RIGHT—The Y.M.C.A. gymnastic team, prior to it's trip to Dunedin for the National Championships. Back row, from left, H. Creagh (coach) and Jennifer Knapman. Front row: Andrea Lester, Darryl Walker, Heather Morrison and Heather Batchelor.



MARRIED

Left: KILMARTIN—STEWART. At St Joseph's Church, New Plymouth, Lynette Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Stewart, of Waikouaiti, North Otago, to Phillip Desmond, son of Mr and Mrs D. W. Kilmartin, of Napier. The attendants were Raewyn Lovegrove, Yvonne Jordan, B. Bridgeman and J. Magon. The couple will live in Waitara. (Vogue Studios).



Right: HARTLEY—CAMPBELL. At St Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Campbell, of New Plymouth, to James, son of Mr and Mrs V. S. Hartley, also of New Plymouth.



Left: ASPINALL—POTTS. At the Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, Patricia May, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Potts, of Stratford, to Murray Grant, son of Mr and Mrs J. Aspinall, also of Stratford. The attendants were Jill Aspinall, of Stratford, and Geoff Carter, of Hawera. The flower-girls were Debbie and Donna Austin, of New Plymouth. The couple will live in New Plymouth.





Around Town

ABOVE and TOP—Hector Epae visited town with Lyn Blackwell (ABOVE RIGHT) and the Soundells Showband. They showed us what a show band should really be like. ABOVE LEFT—Lloyd Whittaker entertains with his accordion at the Royal Hotel. LEFT—Janet Marshall, of Stratford, has produced a very beautiful book on New Zealand birds. She was in town at the Farmers (where she once worked) to sign copies of the book. RIGHT—Bridgette Allen is a very dynamic performer who recently visited New Plymouth. BELOW LEFT: Judy Antill is kept very busy as a waitress at the State Hotel. BELOW—Peter Sutton is a newcomer to New Plymouth. He works for the A.N.Z. Bank and was transferred up from Christchurch. Welcome, Peter.



WEST END GALA

West End School's Gala Day was marred by rain but the result was most satisfactory, according to Headmaster Fordyce (BELOW). RIGHT—Mr P. Francis draws the winning ticket in a raffle and, LEFT, Mrs J. Tui is the happy winner.



CENTRAL SOCCER TEAM

With coaches Mrs Half and Mr Reid are, at back, team members Kevin Reid, Graham Fitzpatrick, Terry van Hattem and Ivan Fuller. Second row: Alex van Passen, Robin Shaw and Neil Commings. In front: Peter Beaumont, Ramond van Hattem and David Commings.



BASKET MAKERS

The Bell Block branch of W.D.F.F. showed off its handiwork which resulted from a recent class in cane work, organised by Mrs Audrey Pretty.

LEFT—Dorrie Robinson. ABOVE RIGHT—Baire Fastier. RIGHT—Audrey Pretty and Vi Laurent. BELOW—Audrey Pretty and Pollie Langman and, BOTTOM RIGHT—Mary Billing. BOTTOM LEFT—The whole class with the teacher.



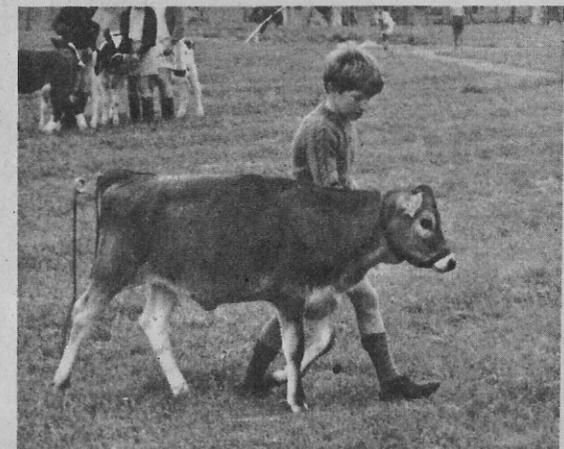
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CALF DAY

The Calf Day at Lepperton School displayed some fine examples of the dairying wealth of Taranaki.

LEFT—Raewyn Snowball. ABOVE—The children parade their animals like at a regular A. & P. Show. BELOW LEFT: Alan Hopper. BELOW—Gregory Mitchell. BOTTOM LEFT: Linda Luxford. BOTTOM RIGHT—Placegetters in the section for the leading of animals.





"Frog Princess"

The Christmas pantomime, staged recently by the Inglewood Dramatic Society, attracted almost capacity houses throughout the season. Our roving camera captures some moments from the panto.

ABOVE—Bubble Bubble, with Tom Blundell. ABOVE RIGHT—John Curd, Russell Schwartzfeger and Terry Dombroski. RIGHT—Enid Codd, Richard Le Fleming, Denise Hitchcock, John Curd, Terry Dombroski and Russell Schwartzfeger. BELOW RIGHT—John Curd, Bob Hair, Terry Dombroski and Denise Hitchcock. BELOW—Tom Tom, the wicked wizard. BOTTOM RIGHT—Juliet Reardon, Bob Hair, Karen Wright and Denise Hitchcock.



In these three pix from the "Frog Princess", we find Rhonda Hintz, Terry Blundell and Peter Ayles (LEFT), John Curd, Bob Hair, Denise Hitchcock and Terry Dombroski (BELOW LEFT), and Bob Hair with Denise Hitchcock (BELOW).



URENUI ROTARY CLUB FORMED

A new Rotary Club was founded a few weeks back, at Urenui. Members of other Rotary Clubs in Taranaki came to help celebrate, with the new Urenui Rotarians, the founding of the club. A few of the happy people are pictured here.



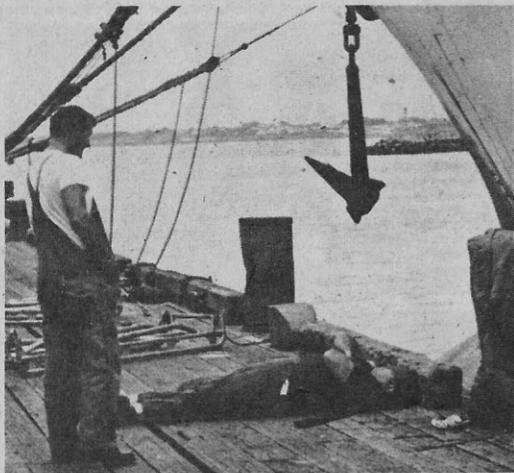


AROUND TOWN

ABOVE—Celebrating their 14th wedding anniversary are Alan and Hazel Madgwick, with friends Sid and Marjorie Sharbe and Margaret and Lee Cavey. ABOVE LEFT and LEFT—Attending a Lodge dinner were Mr and Mrs Somerville, Mrs Cowan and Mr Sturmev. In town for hotel engagements were Bunny Walters (RIGHT) and Silvia Sevana (BELOW RIGHT). Mrs Moldsworth celebrates her birthday (BELOW CENTRE).



It's "Politickin'" time again. BOTTOM, FROM LEFT—New Plymouth's M.P., Mr R. Barelay; Terry Boon; Duncan McIntyre; and Mrs Crowley. BELOW LEFT—We are not sure whether this watersider is on strike or having a rest.



HOCKEY DINNER

The New Plymouth Old Boys' Hockey Club held its Annual Dinner at the White Hart Hotel.

ABOVE LEFT—Team members.

At back: Don Betts, Howard Vosper, Kevin Neale, Leslie Honeyfield, Dave Steventon, Roley Hayward, Murray Martin and Kalvyn Davey.

In front: Rex Moore, John Whibley, Dennis Upson and Ron Reid. LEFT—Howard and Edith Vosper, and Don and Faye Betts.

BELOW LEFT—Leslie Honeyfield, Dennis Upson and Ron and Gloria Reid. BOTTOM LEFT—Club president Don Betts presents Dennis Upson with a trophy for the most efficient junior player.

BOTTOM RIGHT—Wyn and Kelvin Davey, John and Karen Whibley, Barbara Johns and Rex Moore. ABOVE—Kevin and Lyn Neale. BELOW—Dave and Lee Steventon.



Wedding
Bells



Above: ROD—LENNON. At St Mary's Church, Kaye Daphne, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. F. Lennon, of New Plymouth, to Laurence Peter, son of Mr and Mrs R. B. Rod, of Wanganui. The attendants were Wendy and Beth Lennon, of New Plymouth, sisters of the bride, Janine Preater, of Wanganui, and William Rod, of Taihape, brother of the groom. The couple will live in Wanganui. (Finnerty of Fitzroy).



Left: COLEMAN—HOLLARD. At the Waitara Methodist Church, Marion Hilda, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. S. Hollard, of Urenui, to Allan Ernest, son of Mr and Mrs E. G. Coleman, of Bell Block. The attendants were Gloria Denham, Angela Carruthers, Hilary Law and Tony Elliot. The couple will live in Bell Block. (Finnerty of Fitzroy).



WORKING BEE



The wives of Jaycee members are busy preparing for a gala. The girls have been working at night, making things to sell at various stalls. Pictured at work are: TOP LEFT—Mrs K. Cleaver and Mrs Helen Burgess. ABOVE RIGHT—Mrs Iris Herbert and Mrs J. Jollands and, RIGHT, Mrs Ngaire Elliot, Diedre Brocket and Elizabeth Kohn. ABOVE—Some of the finished work.



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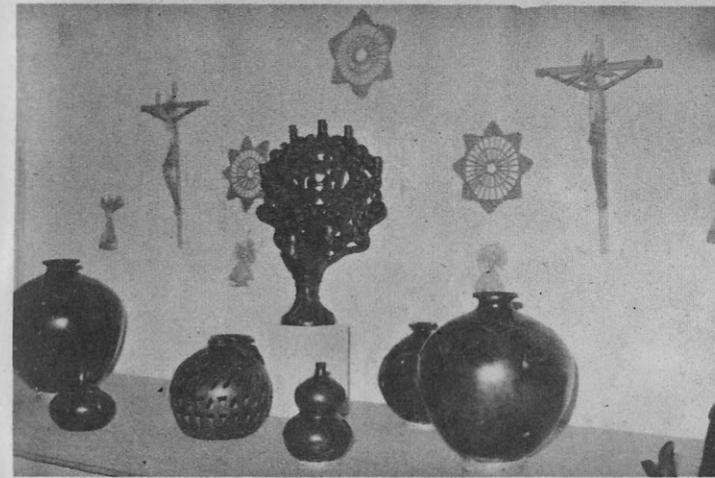
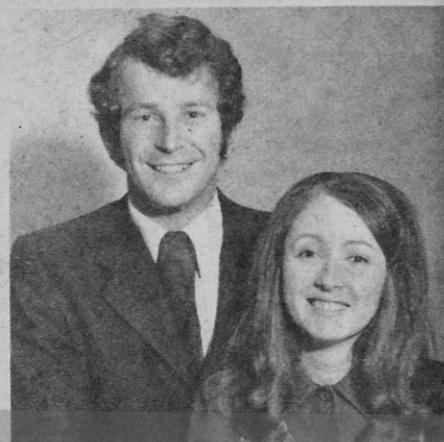
Above: POTTIS—TITO. At the Methodist Church, in Hawera, Eleanor, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs D. Tito, of Hawera, to Andrew, son of Mrs N. Potts, also of Hawera. The attendants were Faye Tito, Mary Peters, Mary-Anna August, Rodger Governor and Jack Tito. The couple will live in Hawera. (David Paul Studios).

Below: HOOPER—ROBERTSON. At the Hawera Baptist Church, Maryanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. Robertson, of Hawera, to Graham, son of Mr and Mrs I. E. Hooper, of Manaia. The bridesmaid was Helen Robertson, sister of the bride, and the best man was Terence Maindonald, of Opunake. The couple will live in Manaia. (David Paul Studios).

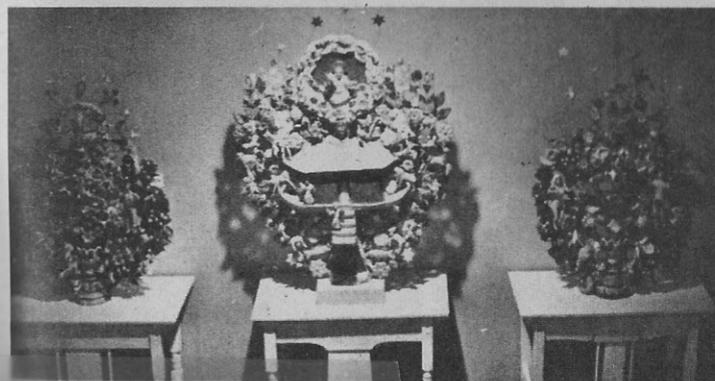
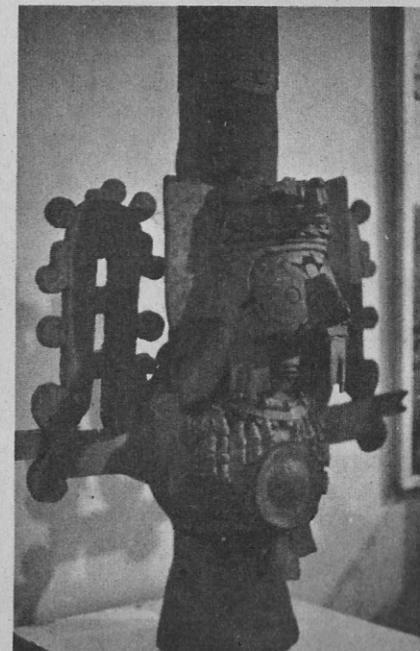


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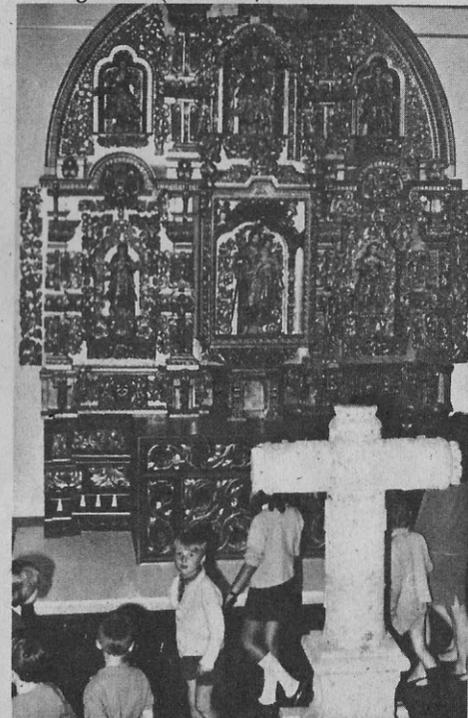
Below: RUSH—HUFFAM. Barbara Faye, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. Huffam, of New Plymouth, to Jonathan Spurgeon, son of Mr and Mrs R. E. Rush, of Eltham. (Vogue Studios).



PORTRAIT OF MEXICO



The Portrait of Mexico exhibition at the Govett-Brewster Gallery has created almost unprecedented interest throughout the province. Pictured are some of the exhibits of earthenware (ABOVE LEFT), figureheads from the Zapotec civilization of 650 B.C. to 152 A.D. (ABOVE RIGHT), the boundary marker from a ball game (FAR LEFT), a ceremonial brazier (LEFT), some fine art work from early Mexico (BOTTOM LEFT), and Saint Joseph's retablo with 17th century pink stone cross in the foreground (BELOW).

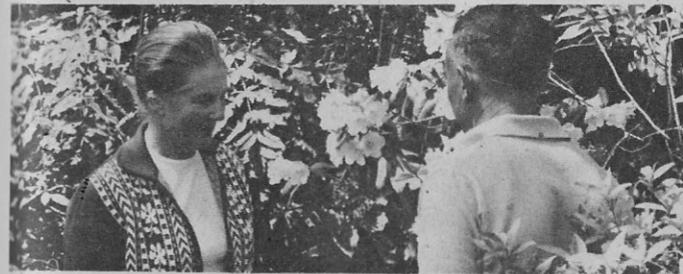
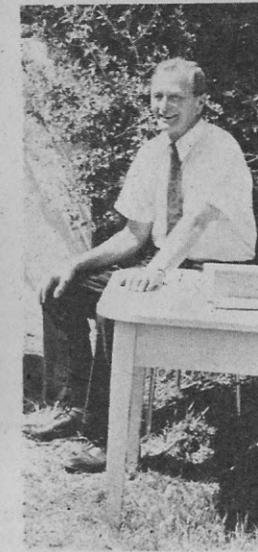




SPOTSWOOD GALA

The sun shone kindly for the Spotswood High School Gala Day and a large crowd enjoyed the festivities.

ABOVE LEFT—Lindsey Sutherland and Heather Buchanan at one of the stalls. ABOVE RIGHT—Stephanie Lenk in action during the pancake flipping contest. BELOW LEFT—Car painting turned into car wrecking. BOTTOM LEFT—Miss Brooklands, Sue Chard, arrives in a vintage car. BOTTOM RIGHT—Sue and Miss Taranaki, Linda Laursen, with head prefect Warren Williams. BELOW—The band played and the vintage cars followed.



Kaponga Gardens Opened To Public

Hollards Gardens, just out of Kaponga, were opened to the public for the first time, during Labour weekend. An estimated 4000 people visited the gardens during the three days that they were open. The gardens feature a rhododendron section, plus a native area. The project was organised by the Kaponga Lions Club.

TOP LEFT—Mr and Mrs McIndoe and Mr and Mrs Store were fascinated by the rockery and fish pond. TOP CENTRE—Lion president Paul Hermann acted as gate-keeper. ABOVE LEFT—Mr and Mrs Mackie, of Opunake, admire some of the rhododendrons. FAR LEFT—Lion members Gerard Callaghan and John O'Leary acted as guides.

BELOW—Two pix from the grand parade at the Spotswood High School Gala Day.

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GUIDES' AWARDS

Mrs D. S. R. Martin, assistant Chief Commissioner for Guides in New Zealand, was at Stratford to present various awards to Guides.

ABOVE LEFT—She presents Debbie Fincombe with a monetary prize for an essay competition. ABOVE RIGHT—Receiving a Ranger's badge is Mia Aarts. RIGHT and LEFT—Jackie Smith, who received her Queen's Guide. BELOW—The trooping of the flag and, BOTTOM, all of these Guides received their Rangers' badges.



TREE PLANTING

About 150 school children from Westown School, along with Mr V. C. Davies, of Duncan & Davies' Nurseries, conducted a tree planting afternoon at Westown Motor Hotel. The enthusiasm with which the project was carried out was very noticeable and the Motor Hotel will, in a few years, become much more beautiful for their combined efforts.

ABOVE—Lloyd Garich and Martin Gudoff. ABOVE RIGHT—Part of the planting operation at the entrance to the grounds. RIGHT—Mike Ward in action, watched by his schoolmates. BELOW—Susan Hoskin and Kim Lowen. BELOW RIGHT—Andrew Gibbs, Ron Jackson and Victoria Hansan.





RAHOTU SCHOOL GALA

It wasn't only the children who enjoyed the School Gala at Rahotu, as the pictures on this page illustrate. Apart from the usual games there were pet parades, and everyone took advantage of the sun to have a picnic. (Photos by courtesy of Henry McGee).



WIPERE NICHOLAS



Above: GALL—HIDE. At St Joseph's Catholic Church, Waitara, Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Hide, of Waitara, to Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs E. A. Gall, of Tikorangi. The attendants were Mareea Tippins and Janet Newton, of Palmerston North, Gail Lucas, of Waitara, Carey Lye, of Tikorangi, and Graeme Hall, of Ureti. (Finnerty of Fitzroy).

Below: WIPERE—NICHOLAS. At St Joseph's Church, Waitara, Lana Lydia, daughter of Noble and Sylvia Nicholas, of Waitara, to Alan, son of Tuki and Rangii Wipere, of Tokoroa. The attendants were Lynda Thomson, of New Plymouth, Yvonne Nicholas, of Wellington, and Sylvia and Rebecca Nicholas, of Waitara, all sisters of the bride, William Tehiko, of Tokoroa, Bruce and Reynold Wipere, of Tokoroa, brothers of the groom, and Shane Nicholas, of Waitara, brother of the bride. (Finnerty of Fitzroy).



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It seems my inaugural column was read by at least a few people. I've had requests from several quarters for information suitable for distribution during overseas trips, and also within New Zealand. This has been freely and gladly provided and I sincerely hope more Taranakians will use every possible opportunity to spread the word about our numerous and, in many instances, unique attractions.

By the time this edition of "Photo News" reaches your hands, a group of tour and travel promoters will have visited our city and our province to see just what we have to offer tourists and holidaymakers. They came by invitation, issued by the Taranaki Promotion Association, an organisation that was formed just over a year ago to promote the province, as a whole, for the ultimate benefit of us all.

The tour and travel promoters were shown around the mountain, hosted at the Bowl of Brooklands' concert of the New Seekers, taken to Pukeiti, and around the numerous scenic and historical spots within the city of New Plymouth. Their visit — and there were 25 of them from points such as Auckland, Wellington, Hawkes Bay, Christchurch, and even Australia — was organised by the Taranaki Promotion Association, but it would not have been possible without the co-operation and assistance of interested people and business houses throughout the province.

We flew the entire party into New Plymouth and back to their home destinations, accommodated them virtually free of charge, fed and entertained them at nominal cost and transported them in style to and from all the high points, both within the province and New Plymouth city.

None of this would have been possible without a unified effort, and the manner in which one of the biggest promotions in Taranaki's history was arranged, conducted and concluded, signalled a break-through. The break-through was in the pooling of resources and in the complete co-operation from sectional interests who, at no stage, came up with the often heard cry "What's in it for me." The association recognised that the future gains from the promotion would reflect into all sections of the community throughout the province.

We changed the original schedule for the promotion, from early October, to the weekend of November 11-12, because we felt an even greater impact could be made through showing our invited guests a live performance at the Bowl of Brooklands. The Bowl is one of our unique attractions and attendance at a show there is an experience without comparison.

The full 1973 Festival of the Pines programme has yet to be finalised but indications are that this will be one of the best festivals ever. Though the New Seekers were not part of the festival proper, it would

be fair to say that we have started on a high note and will possibly finish on an even higher one — if the tentative negotiations leading to the concert version of Jesus Christ Superstar, on March 17, next year, come to fruition.

Superstar would involve the Australian cast and the show would include the Bowl of Brooklands in a tour of New Zealand's main centres (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and possibly Palmerston North), between its closure in Sydney and opening in Melbourne. I must say again, however that, as yet, we are not certain that Superstar will play here.

But we have additional highlights arranged for the coming festival. Lulu is an almost certain starter for March 3, and we have at least two more major overseas artists or groups holding tentative bookings. The festival proper starts on December 27.

The opening shows — December 27, January 1 and January 13 — are all variety shows. The New Zealand Youth Band is scheduled to entertain on January 20 and, with the defection of the former Goon with the glorious voice, Harry Secombe, on January 27, we are attempting to attract a Polynesian group from Rotorua. I witnessed one of their concerts shortly after their four-month promotional tour of Australia and can commend them as being colourful, unusual, and certainly pleasant both to listen to and watch.

February 1 and 3 will be devoted to locally produced Rodgers & Hammerstein musicals, and an overseas artist (unknown at the time of writing) is expected on February 6. The highlight of the festival, the Miss Brooklands proclamation, is scheduled for February 10. The occasion will be graced by the attendance of Miss Coromandel Peninsula (remember, the reigning Miss New Zealand comes from that area), and artists will include the Melody Bells (bell ringers from Wellington.)

English entertainer Max Bygraves may be appearing on February 17, Sounding Brass and Voices is programmed for March 24, and the N.Z.B.C. Symphony Orchestra for March 28. As you can see, February will be a full and varied month with the attractions catering for all tastes.

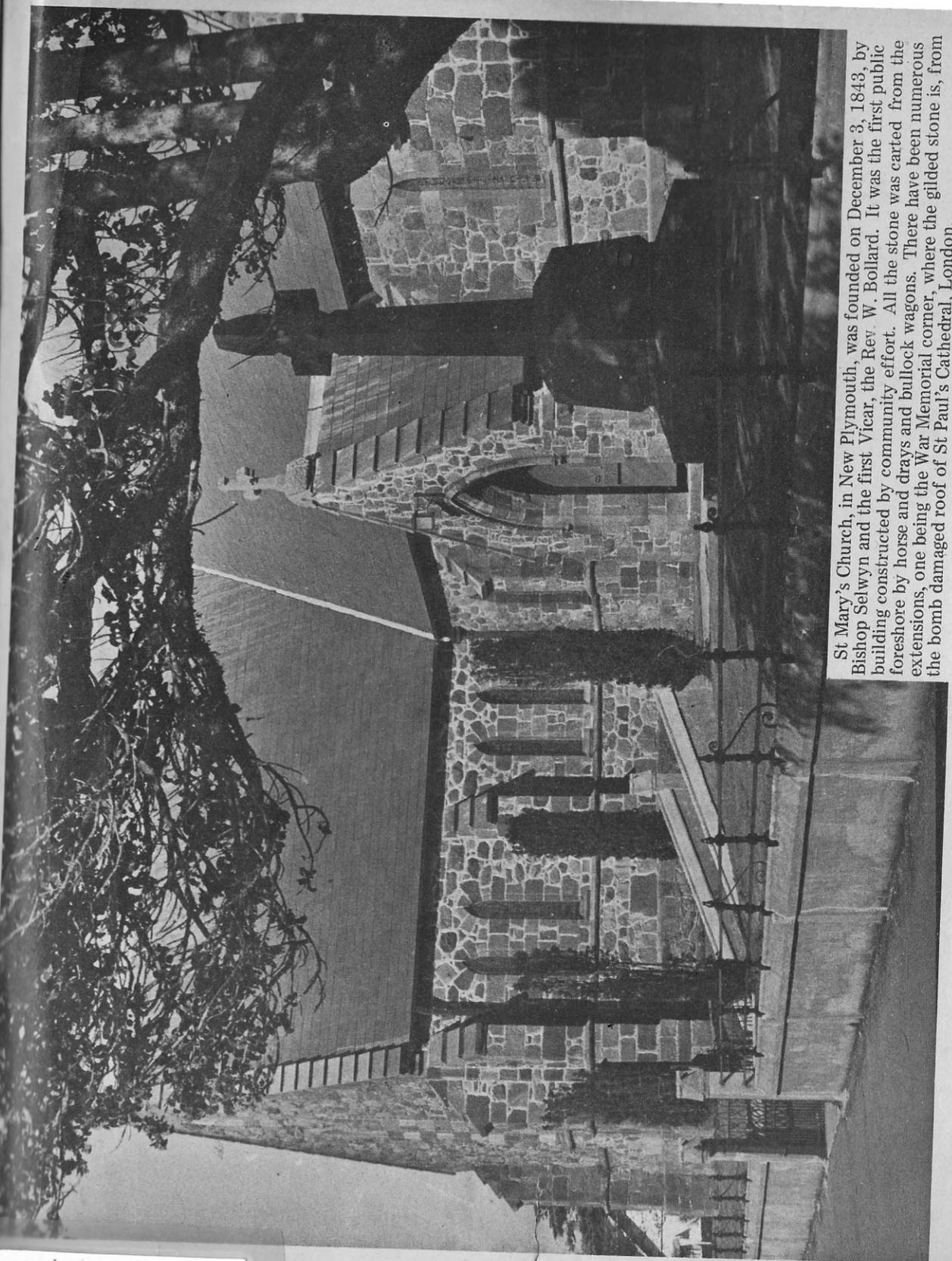
The tiny lass with the big voice, Lulu, is booked for March 3, and the annual fireworks display, supported, we hope, by the talented Napier acrobatic troupe who appeared in the last festival, will be staged on March 10, and, of course, there is Superstar.

The list is impressive, but I must repeat that the programme is not yet finalised. It will however, be a big and bright festival and I sincerely hope residents of the province will give it the support it deserves.

There are lots of people from all walks of life who freely give of their time and knowledge to present the Festival of the Pines. The Bowl of Brooklands is able to exist only because of continued support from members of the public. Profits are ploughed back into the facility, to upgrade the grounds, seating, sound-shell, lighting and sound.

Improved facilities mean better and bigger (in name) artists and they, in turn, mean better entertainment for the public of this province.

There are many advantages in becoming a Friend of the Festival. The Public Relations Office, Liardet Street, P.O. Box 354, Phone 86-086, New Plymouth, will welcome your enquiry.



St Mary's Church, in New Plymouth, was founded on December 3, 1843, by Bishop Selwyn and the first Vicar, the Rev. W. Bolland. It was the first public building constructed by community effort. All the stone was carried from the foreshore by horse and drays and bullock wagons. There have been numerous extensions, one being the War Memorial corner, where the gilded stone is, from the bomb damaged roof of St Paul's Cathedral, London.