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Outlook took its tentative first steps in the world now twelve issues ago. That's our birthday cake on this month's cover. It has been a near miraculous achievement to get our magazine to you over the year. We are all a group of part-time contributors busy with our jobs or careers but coming together each month in our spare time to give you a monthly photo album of our town. We now can at last boast a full time contributor and the discerning ones amongst you have probably noticed a lot more photos appearing with the right captions. Those who haven't, turn the book up the other way. You will get to meet us in next month's issue.

With Outlook we could make a lot of fuss about community spirit and how our magazine exists to foster just that and maybe you should support our community (and us) but we prefer to take a low key approach and simply offer our pages to you to fill with your many and varied activities and hope that you like it. We thank everyone who has brought in their own negatives for publication and we thank all those who have phoned us with details of what has been happening. We also thank all those who have told us about the great things they have been doing — after they've happened. We also make a small apology for those few events we covered where our film has self destructed before it got to the print stage. Just as well we don't do it for a living.

So we look toward another year with the same bizarre, if not wiser, optimism that led us to our first issue. Publications in New Zealand come and go like spring showers, so before we drown in a deluge we have had to increase the price of Outlook to \$1.50. We are the victims of rising costs like everyone else and we thank our advertisers who contribute the extra income to cover the costs not met by our cover charge. We also thank you for making Wanganui, despite the trenchant self criticism, the best town in New Zealand to live in.

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COVER PHOTO: Vianca Grootveld celebrated her seventh birthday with Outlook's 12th issue.



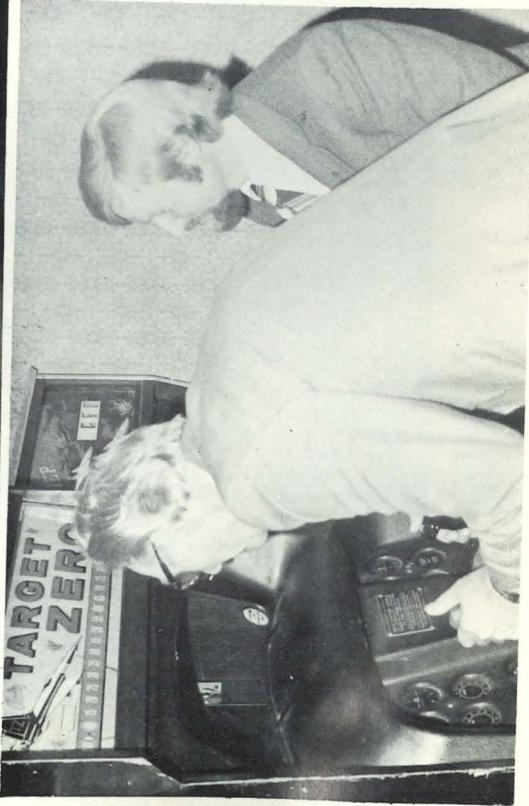
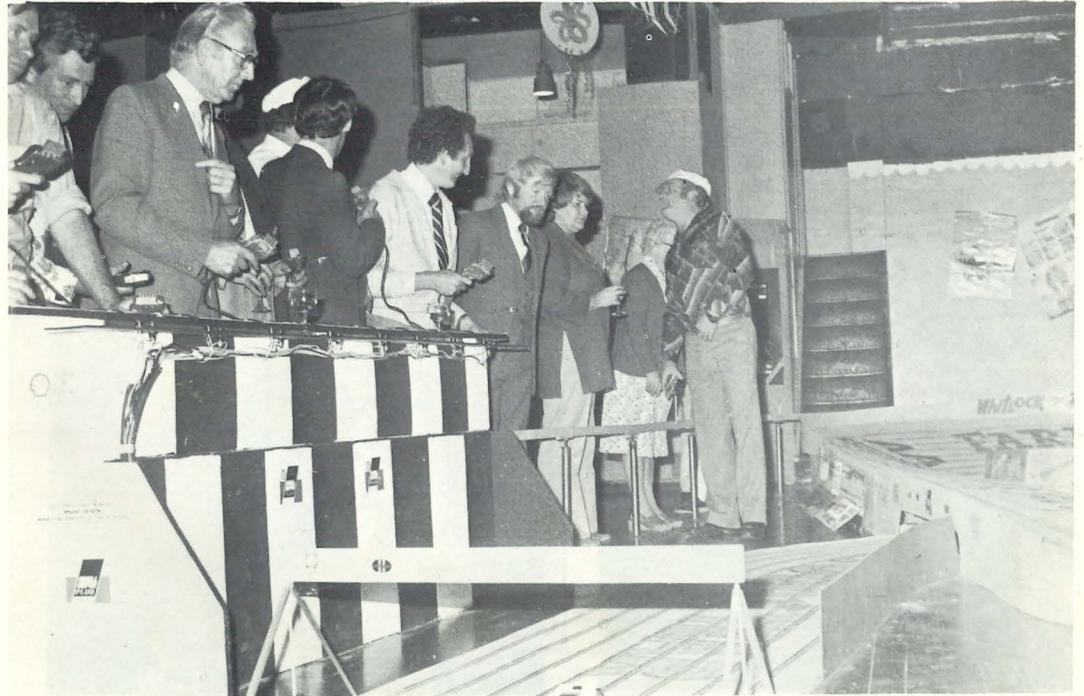
We also had a bridge building policy that went nowhere. The bridge to nowhere was photographed by Chris Henderson for this month's feature article.



Fun City opened their new Slot-Car Race Track and invited the 'bigger boys' to try their hand ... except, they were side-tracked by the other 'fun' games —
ABOVE LEFT: Gerald Weekes at the ready. **LEFT:** Mayor Ron and councillor Chas on target. **ABOVE:** Jay Neal and Simon Pearce went on to play ...

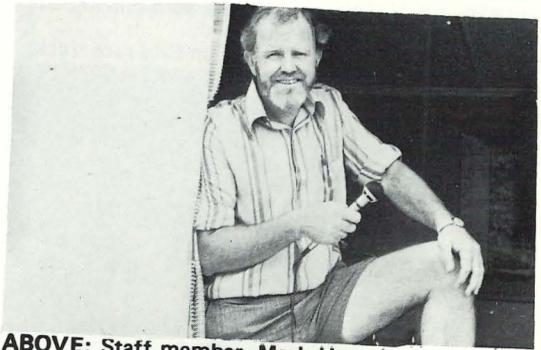
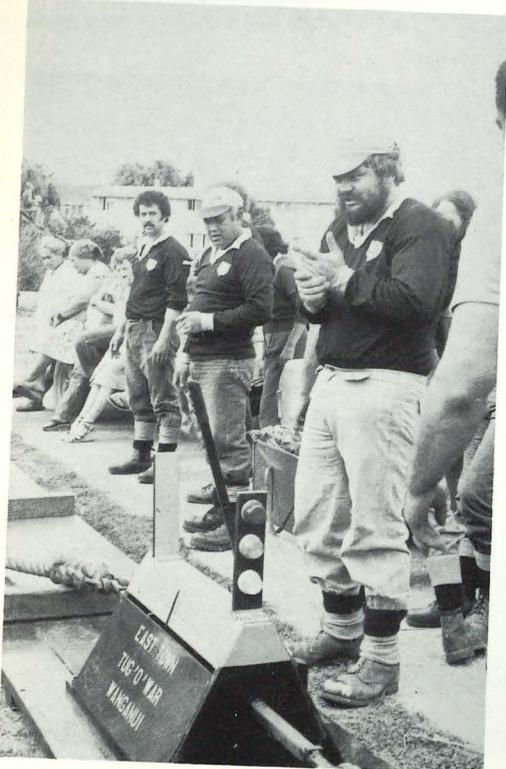


ABOVE: While other councillors were playing 'Space Invaders', Paul Mitchell had a shot at a new game — called 'Harbour Board Invaders' ...
BELOW: City Fathers and the Fun City race track.





The Aramoho School Gala was a festive occasion with men's tug-of-war, hangi, kids farmyard express and a glorious day for an outing. **ABOVE:** Judy, Andrew and Simon Grant with friends



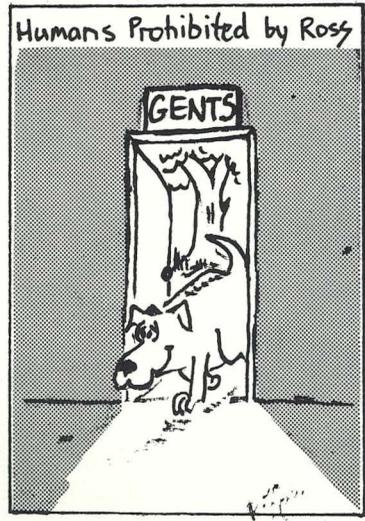
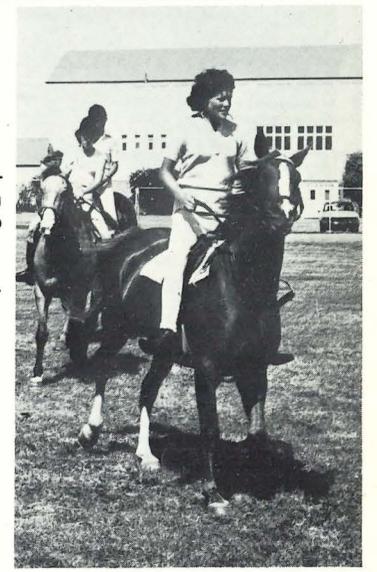
ABOVE: Staff member, Mark Humphrey, Gala MC. **BELOW:** The man responsible for the delicious hangi, Bunny Hiroa.



WANGANUI DRESSAGE CLUB

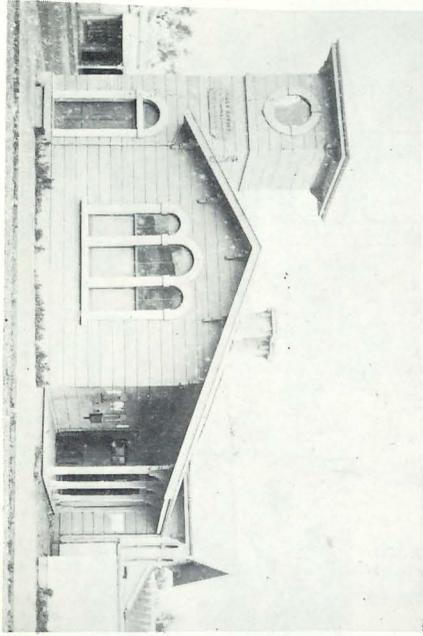
The Dressage Club helps in the discipline of riding and in teaching the horse better manners. The Club meets every month with a guest instructor. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to phone Cathy Matthews, 27-747.

ABOVE: Gary Munroe instructing club members on the importance of being relaxed and having the right posture.





residence in Victoria Avenue (opposite the Embassy Theatre) and apparently Mr King JP., was still acting as Postmaster. On 13 March 1849 His Excellency had been pleased to appoint Mr Charles Lett to be Deputy Postmaster at the princely sum of forty pound per annum ... In the 1850's a building to house the Customs and Post Office built on the corner of St Hill Street and Taupo Quay was a relief to all concerned. A desirous necessity to the growing town and of its residents ... **ABOVE:** In 1882 the PO was enlarged and a top floor added. The town clock was placed in the tower and later, a large veranda was added to shelter the patrons. **TOP RIGHT:** C.1872. The PO built on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Ridgway Street. **RIGHT:** Ridgway Street view of the PO in the horse and carriage era.



MUSEUM ARCHIVES ...

WANGANUI POST OFFICES

The chequered existence of the Wanganui Post Office during the first few years of the settlement was a 'sign of the times', beginning in a 'dusty sooty leaky' raupo hut on Taupo Quay on 12 November 1841. The first Postmaster was Gilbert Dawson and in 1842 Samuel King was Deputy Postmaster.

As the first Post Office was built across a roadway this had to be removed. Mr King then commenced to build a post office in Cooks Gardens Reserve 'unofficially' and so this too had to be removed.

At a much later date the office was operating from a room on the veranda of John Garner's

(Theatre) and apparently Mr King

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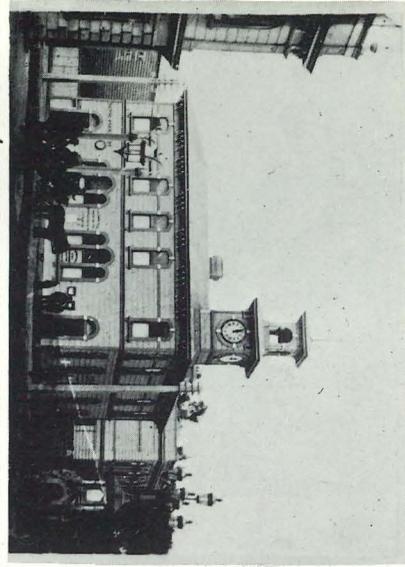
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RIGHT: Ridgway Street view of the PO in the horse and carriage era.



ABOVE: A busier than ever P.O. corner with the advent of the tram.

BELOW: The Eastown Band. Standing from left: Alf Climo, Geo McDonald, Bill Sleyer, Bill Coleman, Jack Farrell, Sid Beswick, Geo Wright and Reg Andrews. In front: Jack Ritson and J. Moore.





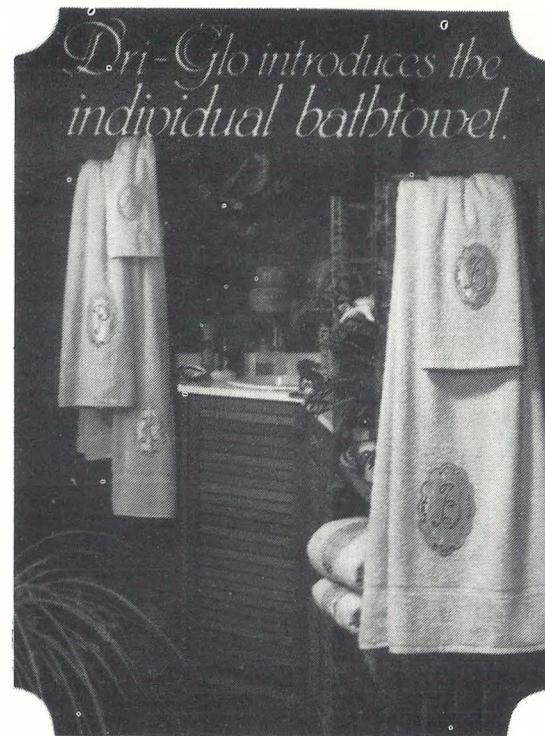
THE ALTRUSA CLUB photographed at their birthday meeting progressive dinner. Altrusa in NZ began in the mid 60's and the Wanganui Branch was founded in 1972. Samaritans, the Women's Refuge and a child sponsored through World Vision are a few of the many services and charities that have received active support from Altrusa. **ABOVE:** Pauline Quinn, Audrey Douglas, Hazel Menehira, Shirley Bates, Jean Frank and Veronica Weston. **BELOW:** Wendy Knowles, Joy Payne, Freda Dowdall & Olwyn Owen.



THE DURIE HILL MOTHERS CLUB celebrated their 25th Reunion on 4 April. From left, Miss Nancy Frampton, Plunket Nurse, Mrs Vera Dickinson (2nd President, Mothers Club) now residing in Johnsonville, and Mrs Daphne McNeill (1st Secretary/Treasurer) now in New Plymouth.



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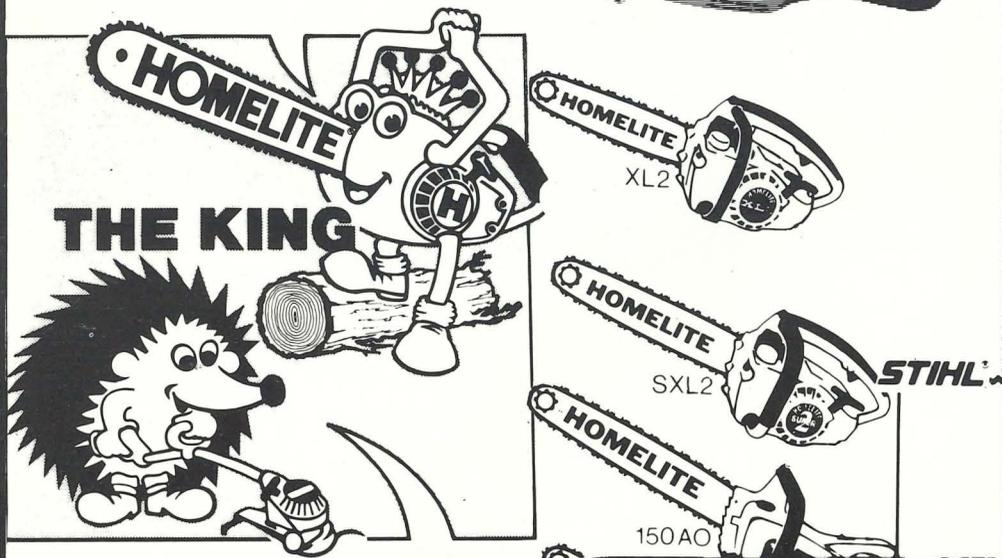
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The Wanganui Newspapers River Run attracted those who ran, those who skated, those who rode and the rest.
ABOVE LEFT: A somewhat pained Gerald Graham. ABOVE RIGHT: Terry Caboon brought his flags. BELOW: This is what happens when everyone tries to run down Parsons Street at the same time.



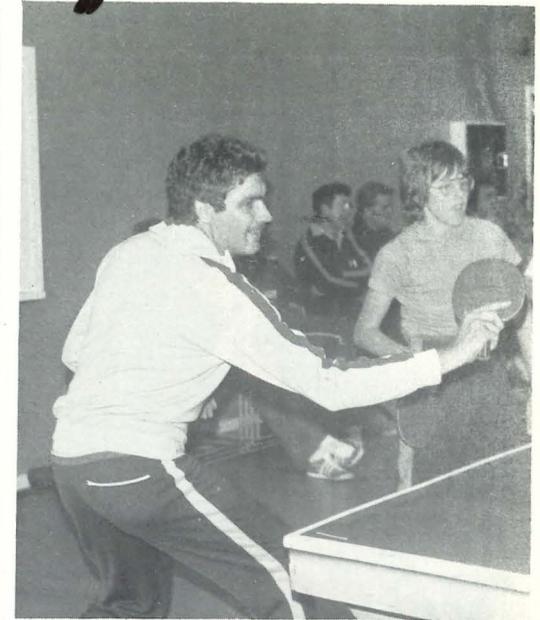
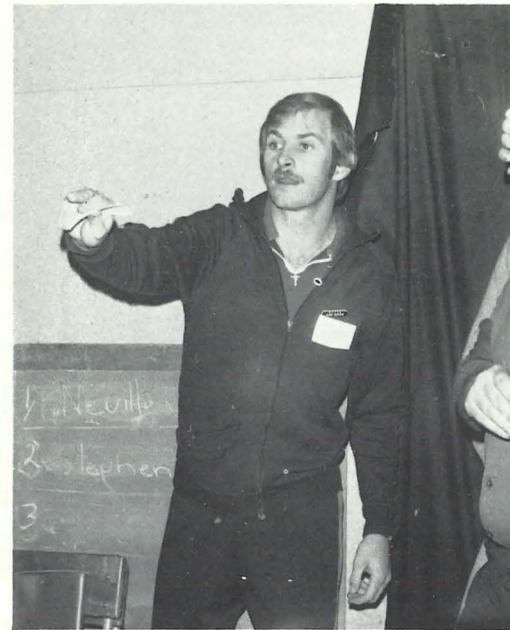
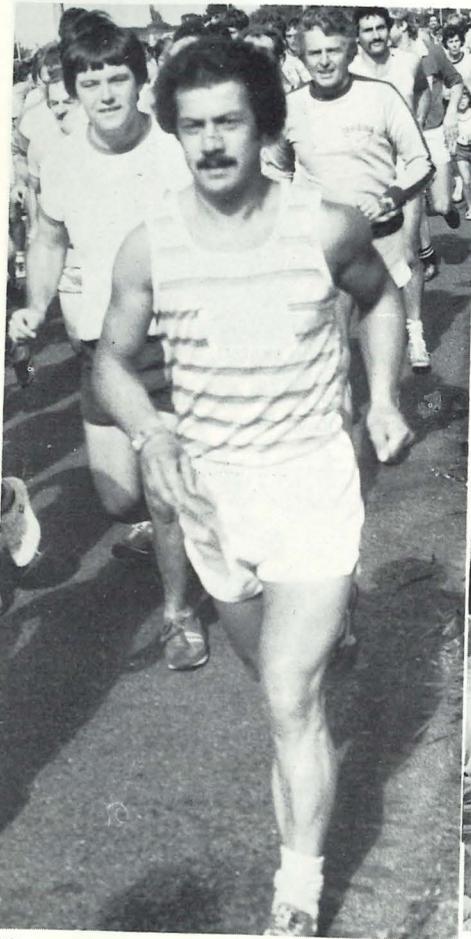


The guys with Zap helping out Zip on the Wanganui Newspapers River Run.

ABOVE: Gerald Graham, Trevor Schmidt, Paul Neal, Lew Boosey and Geoff Blackmore.

LEFT: Sorry, this man is unknown to us.

BELOW: Gerald Graham takes his bicep for a jog.



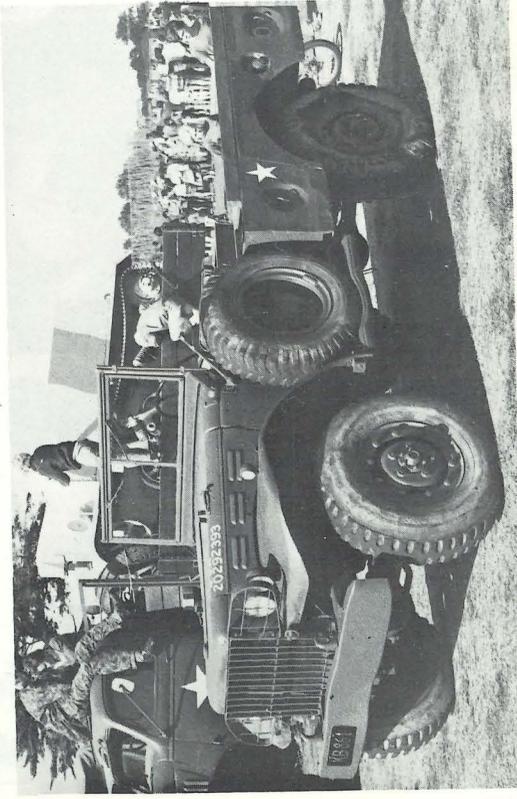
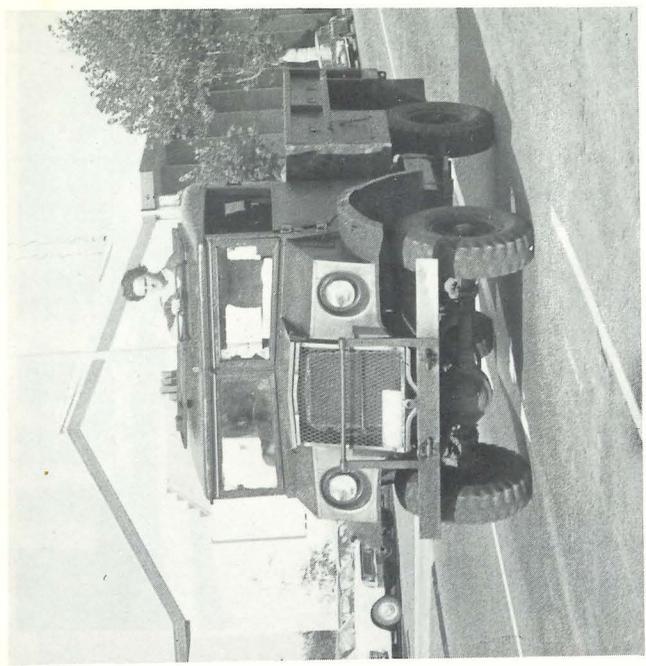
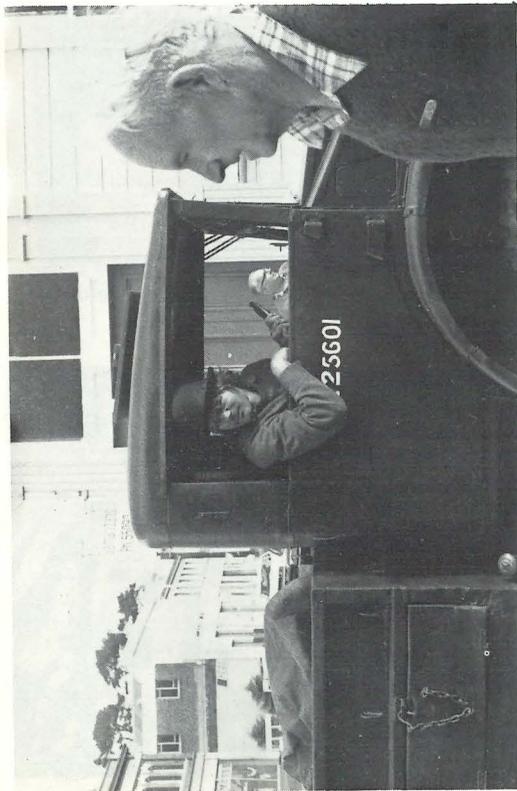
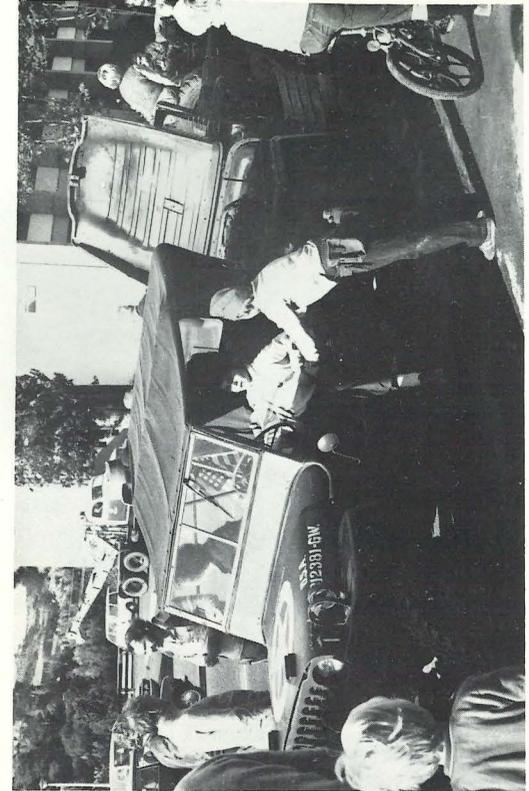
WANGANUI EAST TABLE TENNIS CLUB OPENING NIGHT ... ABOVE LEFT: Captain Neville Sammons. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Eddie Abbott in action. **BELOW:** With back to camera Annette Carse, left, Michael Garvin, President Lee Mummery, David and Jason Carse.



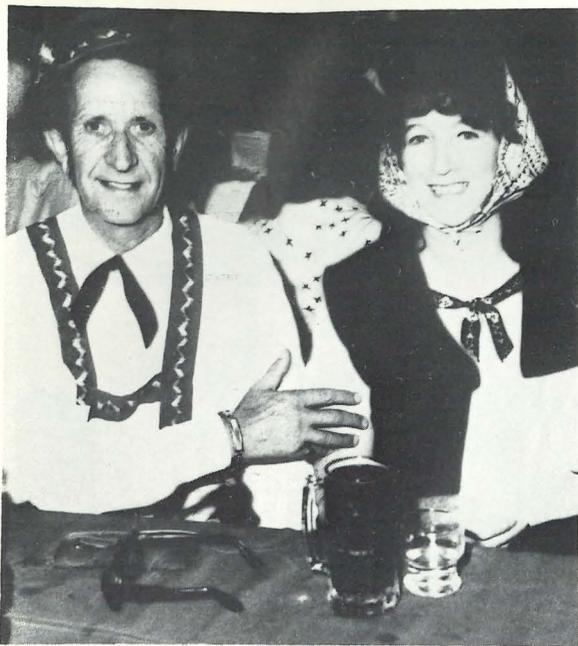


THE MILITARY VEHICLE PARADE

The 1st National Rally of the NZ Military Vehicle Collectors Club was held in Wanganui over the Easter Weekend, with thirty-five vehicles attending. A collector's ambition is to restore, preserve and operate ex-military hardware.
ABOVE RIGHT: Gerald Weekes 1942 jeep with daughter Tania in the driver's seat and Helen, passenger.
RIGHT: Ken Boese brought his 1942 jeep up from Picton.



ABOVE LEFT: Mr. Jumbo Perry, in foreground, formerly Wanganui, now Carters Beach, Northland, returned for the Military Vehicle gathering. Len Cooper sits in his Chevrolet.
LEFT: A 1943 model Dodge Weapons Carrier owned by Bede Alpass of Palmerston North.
ABOVE: 1942 Chevrolet, 15cwt, known as a 'puddle jumper', owned by Len Cooper of Northland.



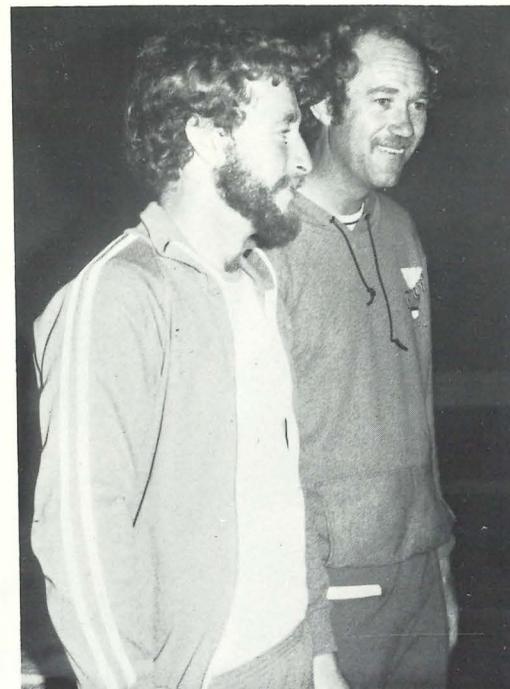
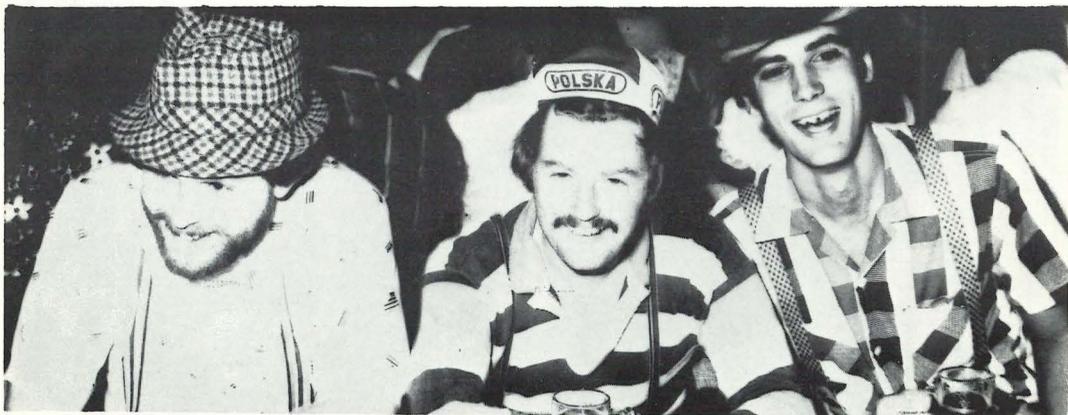
On the night of the **CASTLECLIFF CLUB BIER FESTIVAL** they drank Castlecliff Beer.

ABOVE LEFT: Ron Williams and Patricia Trevor-Roper.

ABOVE RIGHT: B.R. & Carol Davis.

LEFT: Serving the Bavarian, Jean Travis and Elsie Hymers.

BELOW: Mike Muir, Robert Baldwin and Alex Baumanis.



THE GONVILLE BADMINTON CLUB opened their season in March at the Sports Stadium where they meet every Monday at 7.30pm. **ABOVE LEFT:** Laurie Hunt Vice President with (right) President, Leigh Grant. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Teemaker, Paul Strichen. **ABOVE:** Glenys Barnes and friend.





ABOVE LEFT: Stuart Funnell with parents, Ann and Gordon, celebrated his 21st on the 12th April with family and friends at the Rutland Hotel. ABOVE RIGHT: Robin Winter 'flaps' backstage during the performance of 'There Goes the Bride'. BELOW: The 'No Frills' 'Wanganui Furniture' decorated truck owned by 'Hobday and Lorentzen' and driven by Stewart Pratt, Shaun Garrett and Gavin Packer.



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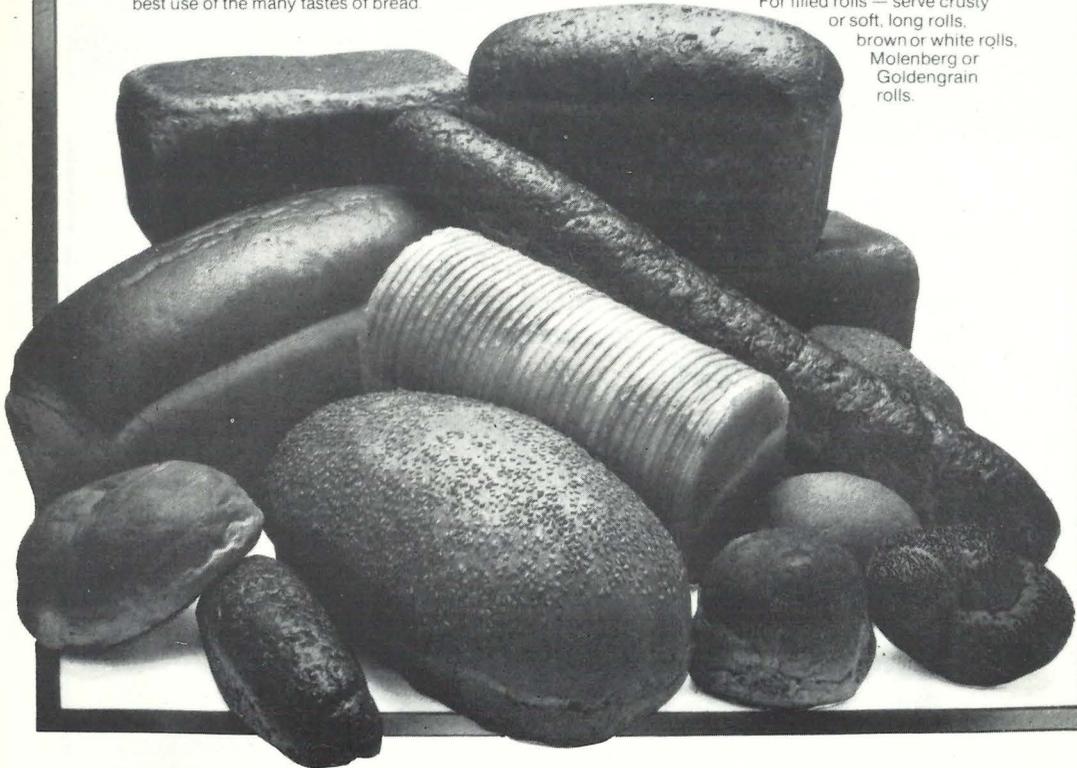
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The variety of bread... and its many uses

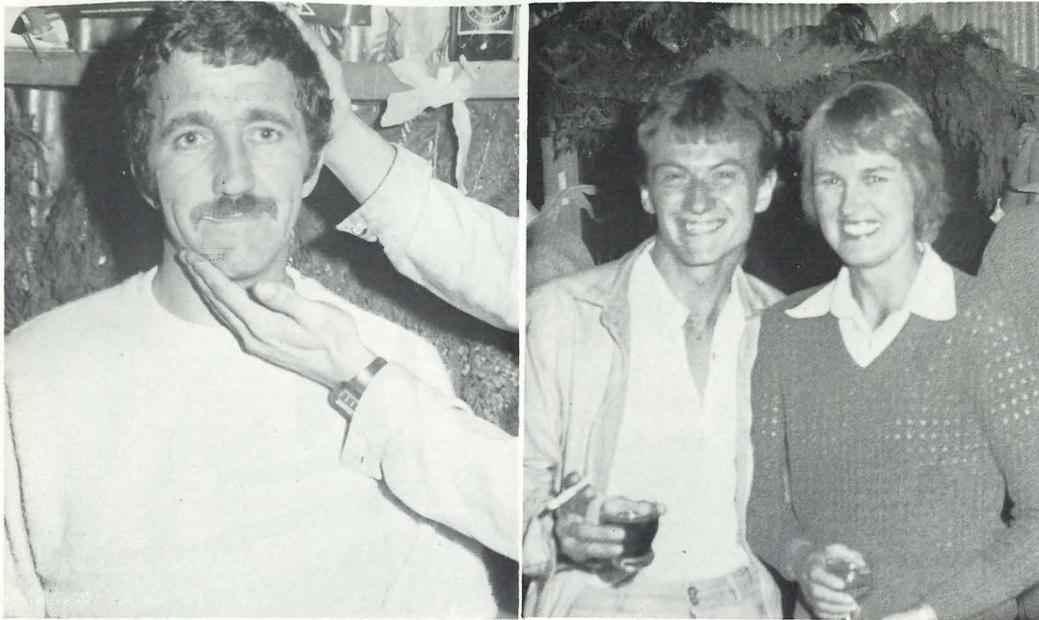
- To serve with soup — thickly sliced Molenberg, Vienna, brown bread or selection of rolls.
- To serve with cheese board — Molenberg bread and a selection of rolls.
- For closed sandwiches, plain or toasted — pre-sliced white, brown and Goldengrain bread.
- For snacks on toast — pre-sliced white or brown breads, Molenberg, barbecue buns, or bread rolls.
- For different shaped sandwiches — try round slices from a Concertina loaf, Vienna bread, long rolls and hamburger buns.
- For a double or treble-deckers sandwich — use white or brown bread, or Goldengrain pre-sliced to save time and to give a neat finish.
- For rolled sandwiches — use thin sliced sandwich bread.
- For loaves with salad fillings — try Molenberg Piccolo sticks or French sticks.
- For filled rolls — serve crusty or soft, long rolls, brown or white rolls, Molenberg or Goldengrain rolls.



THE WANGANUI EAST BOWLING CLUB EASTER TOURNAMENT sponsored by the **WANGANUI SAVINGS BANK** saw the finals between the Wanganui Club 1st, and runners-up, the Wanganui Services Club.

ABOVE LEFT: Alby Eales (Wanganui Club) with the Winners Shield. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Laurie Penn (Wanganui Services) with the Runner-up Cup. **BELOW:** Both teams pictured with Don Ratchford (left) WSB and right Hugh Burrell, President. Standing, the winners: Ian McLay, Don Corby, Alby Eales and Fred Price. In front: Laurie Penn, Stafford Hiroti, Bill Fowlie and Tua Teau.





ABOVE LEFT: Graeme Scott, at the end of the evening, had his vision adjusted ...
 ABOVE RIGHT: Jolene Scott — who did not need any adjustment, with photographer Simon.

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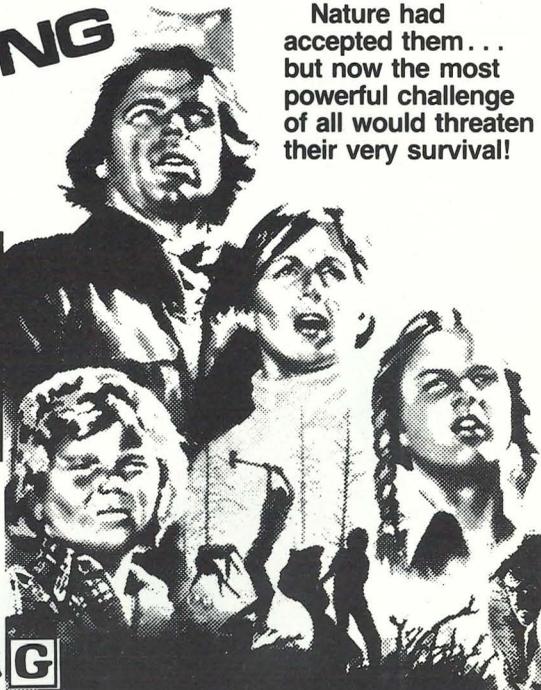
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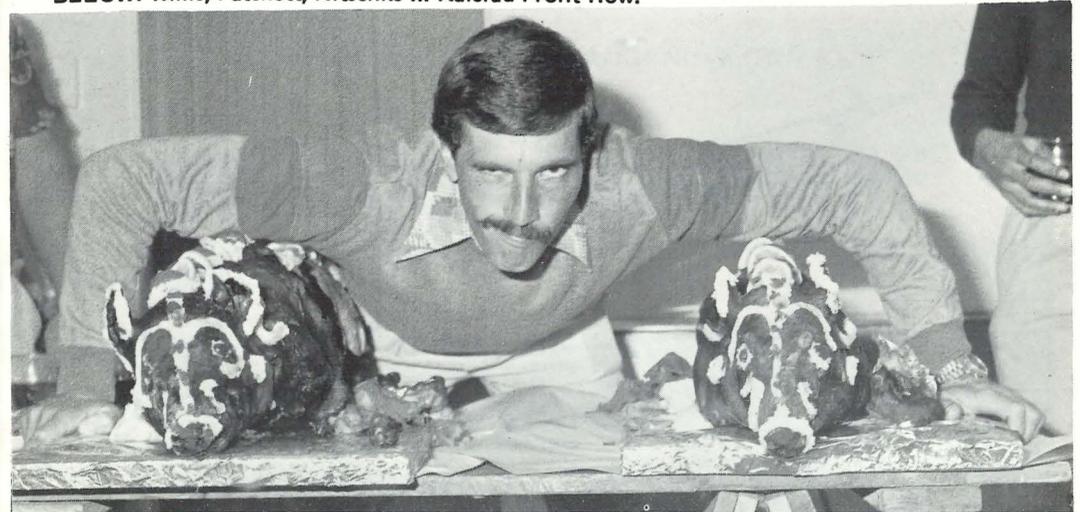


The Chris Kennedy 21st ...
 ABOVE: Chris with Ann-Marie O'Leary.

RIGHT: Judy Webster and Clark Allen.



BELOW: Willis, Patchett, Nitschke ... Kaierau Front Row.

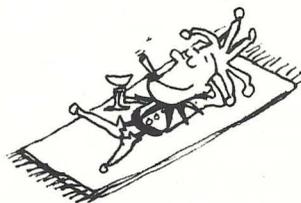




ABOVE: Barbie-Too, Mike Pettersen's 32 foot ferro-cement launch which was four years in the building, left her suburban Moore Avenue mooring for deep waters.



BELOW: Another successful launching - this Levin yacht was brought to Wanganui for her launching.



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RIVER JOURNEY

— CHRIS HENDERSON DISCOVERS THE WHANGANUI —



I just happened to see a pictorial feature on the upper reaches of the Whanganui River. Suddenly it seemed like a good way to spend a few days — looking at it a bit closer. Someone suggested that a canoe was a good method of transport for a look at the river, and that Wally Glentworth at Wanganui River Jet Tours was the man to see. A phone call later and it was done. The last trip for the season was leaving in about a week, and I was booked on it. Wally assured me there was nothing to it . . . after all he's done about 90,000 miles on the river. Sure most of it was in a jet boat, but I was prepared to bet that he knows the river and the scenery.

I think it was about then that I realised I knew nothing at all about canoeing in fact I'd never been in one. A kayak seemed the best bet . . . light and easy to handle, so a kayak it was to be.

Sunday arrives. Wife delivers a somewhat doubtful voyager to River Jet terminal at 8.45. I find four other local men, and a young lady tourist from America to be my companions for the next five days. Wally has decided he needs a break so he's coming along as guide, and his son Chris, who's on leave, and looks good and strong, is also coming along to help out. Eight of us, and I secretly wonder if I'm the only one who's never been in a canoe before. I look at the trailer already loaded with the boats.

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There's one big canadian canoe . . . that's for the guides and the food . . . it's got an out-board, that's in case someone gets sick and needs to be brought out fast. There are two smaller canadian canoes, they will take two in each, and right on top a very small and suddenly frail looking kayak. We seem to have enough food for a month, but someone's left the beer at home?

All into John Hammond's mini bus for the drive to Taumarunui. Stop off at the Taumarunui Police Station to tell them who we are and when we expect to be home. At least if we're not back by Thursday night someone will be looking for us.

On the drive North I find I'm not the only one who has never canoed. Some comfort. We drive a short way down the Ohura Road before stopping to put up camp for the first night. Then back towards Taumarunui, and we launch the canoes. There's still time to go home in the bus with John. We make a somewhat undignified entry into the canoes for the first time. I feel sure that the frail, highly mobile piece of fibreglass under me will never stay upright. Ten minutes later, and it starts to feel a little better. Then the first rapid, and I discover one of the principles of canoeing. I'm going to get wet. Shi Ship a lot of water . . . but we're still afloat. That Kayak feels very small in rapids. Still I'm

still upright after the first two rapids, which is more than one pair in a canoe can say. An hour or so later and we've made our way down the river to the camp site. Fires alight, we've had a swim, and the fishing rods are out.

Trout for tea, and as it's soon dark, an early night. The ground's hard, but the next time I look at my watch it's 5.30am. Time for a swim, gentle trot up the road and back for breakfast. Surely all that gear won't fit in the boats . . . but it does — all carefully wrapped in plastic bags, and stowed in our respective boats.

Today the kayak feels much better . . . more like I belong with it. I can



ABOVE: Ted Fox, Laurie Petherick and Gil Bycroft fishing for dinner.

actually steer it, and it doesn't feel as if it's going to fall over every time I move. We're off, with Wally pointing out the history of the river as we make our delightfully quiet and peaceful way towards our final destination — Pipiriki.

First stop is to visit Jock Ercegs private museum to look at a great collection of artifacts which have been gathered from up and down the river over many years. An hour later and we're afloat again heading for our lunch stop at the mouth of the Ohura River. Climb up the hill and look at the Maori Niu poles, then down to the swing bridge built by soliders from the Fijian Army. It's a pleasant spot, but we have to move, and

we head down past the mouth of the Retaruke where we're to set up camp again. Dinner will taste pretty good to-night. Well we've shot some 60 odd rapids today . . . no one's canned out YET.

Another early night . . . it's dark and there's more than a hint of rain about. I fall asleep almost instantly. About three hours later I'm awake. My lower arms aren't used to paddling a kayak all day . . . why do they decide to protest at 11 at night. Back to sleep eventually and wake at daybreak to find Chris has the fire going . . . and it's wet. The mist adds to the splendour of the hills around us.

Wet clothes on . . . no point in getting too many wet . . . and we're back on the water. This kayak is feeling great . . . the pain's gone and I reckon you could keep going all day. Still no-one's canned, it looks like the offering we made to the Taniwha at Te Ohu yesterday is working. For the next two days we're in the gorge . . . no roads . . . no noise except the birds. The water is perfectly calm, and there are incredible scenes created by the reflections. I won't take too many photos today . . . it gets even better tomorrow. Stops for snacks . . . taste the water from a salt spring . . . learn of the trees on the banks . . . the birds . . . the history of the Whanganui River. It's very relaxing, enjoying the scenery from

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ABOVE: Chris Glentworth, Brian Battell, Gil Bycroft and Ted Fox at the Jock Erceg Museum.

the calm quiet canoes. Bursts of excitement through the rapids . . . all still afloat, although one canoe has run aground because the river is low, and Ted has made a hurried exit over the side . . . still vertical however.



The weather is getting worse so we decide to head for the Coull Hutt for the night to avoid putting up tents again. The tributaries are starting to get muddy and the colour of the river is changing. We make the hut in good time, and spend a pleasant evening around the stove before retiring to mattresses . . . relief for some who're not used to the hard ground yet.

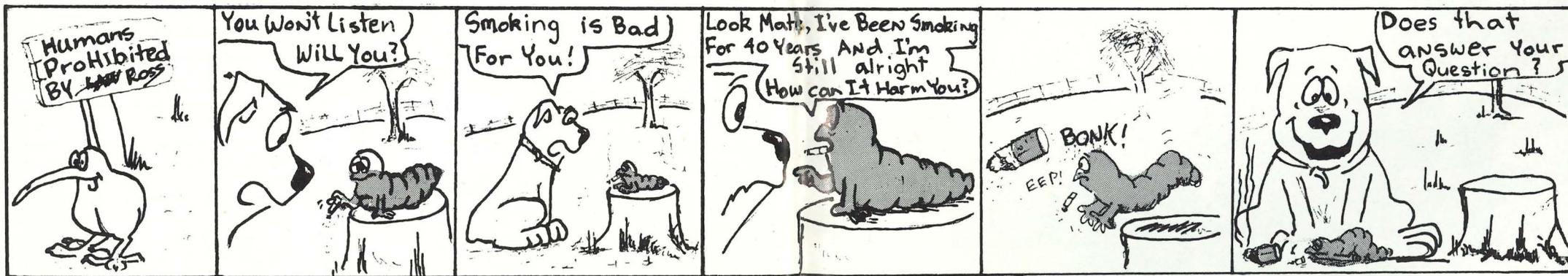
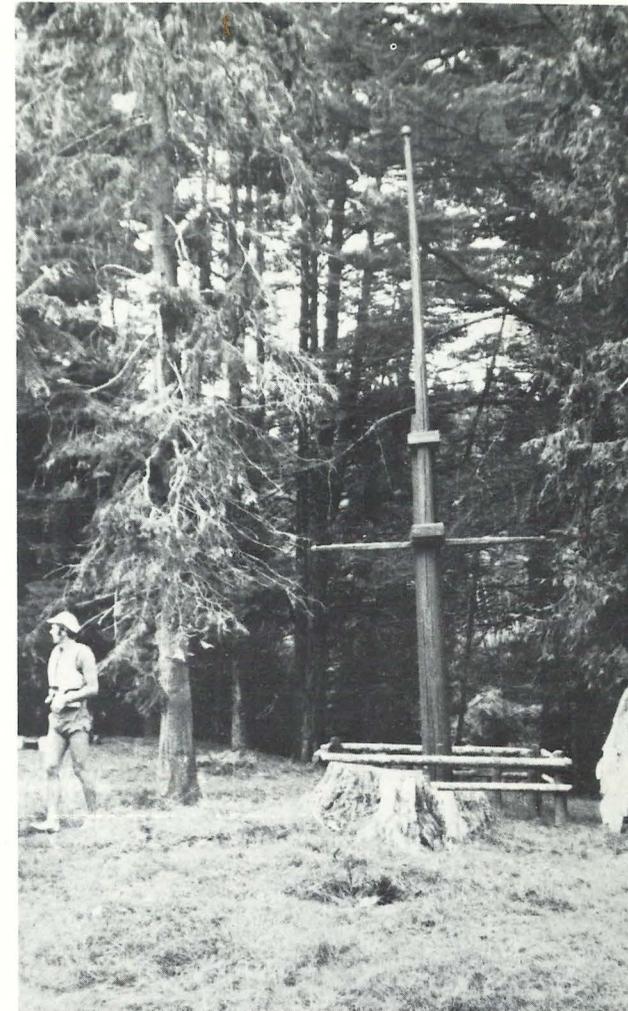
The next morning looks very wet. We decide to head right to Pipiriki to avoid the tents again . . . its 36 miles. Still no-one's canned out, but the biggest of the rapids are

ahead of us today.

First stop and we take a 35 minute walk up to the bridge from nowhere. A couple of engineers with us are most impressed with the structure . . . even to a sightseer like me it looks impressive. Pity it's raining. Back to the river. Miles of beautiful scenery through the gorge. Wally talks about the river boats and the landings we pass. Past the Manganui A Te Ao River mouth, and we stop for instructions from Wally on how to negotiate the Ngaporo rapids. Down to the right, and then turn left and keep out from the rocks. We get to the top. Doesn't look too easy, but suddenly I'm on the way down . . . paddle to keep way on . . . out the bottom. Shipped a lot of water . . . stop and turn the Kayak upside-down again to empty out. Nothing to it . . . think I must be ready for anything. Down past the drop scene, and Wally tells us that the Autapu rapid is just ahead. The big canoe will go through first and Chris will take photos as the rest of us come through...

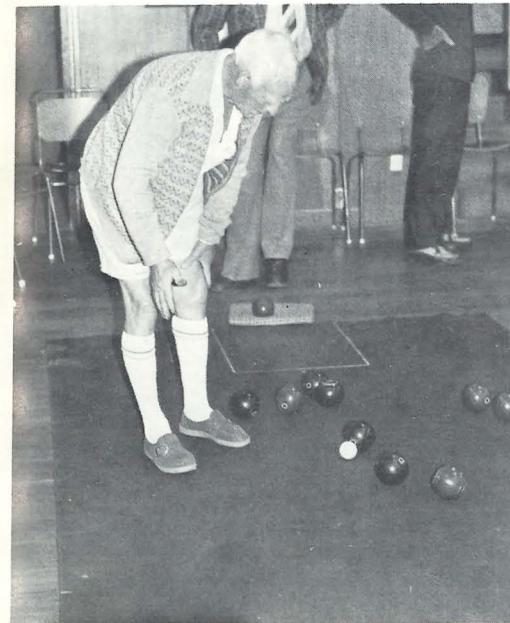
. . . to be continued.

BELOW: Laurie Petherick by the Niu Pole above the Ohura River.





THE SENIOR CITIZENS (one must be over 60 to join) held in their Guyton Street Rooms, a Bowls Match between Wanganui and Palmerston North.
ABOVE: Bowling Percy Watts with from left, Bill Millard, a Palmerston North visitor, Mrs E. O'Brien, another Palmerston North visitor and Cedric Foote.
BELOW LEFT: If you coax it . . . Tom Lockhart.
BELOW RIGHT: Myra Payne, Chairwoman and Joan Lewer, Vice Chairwoman.



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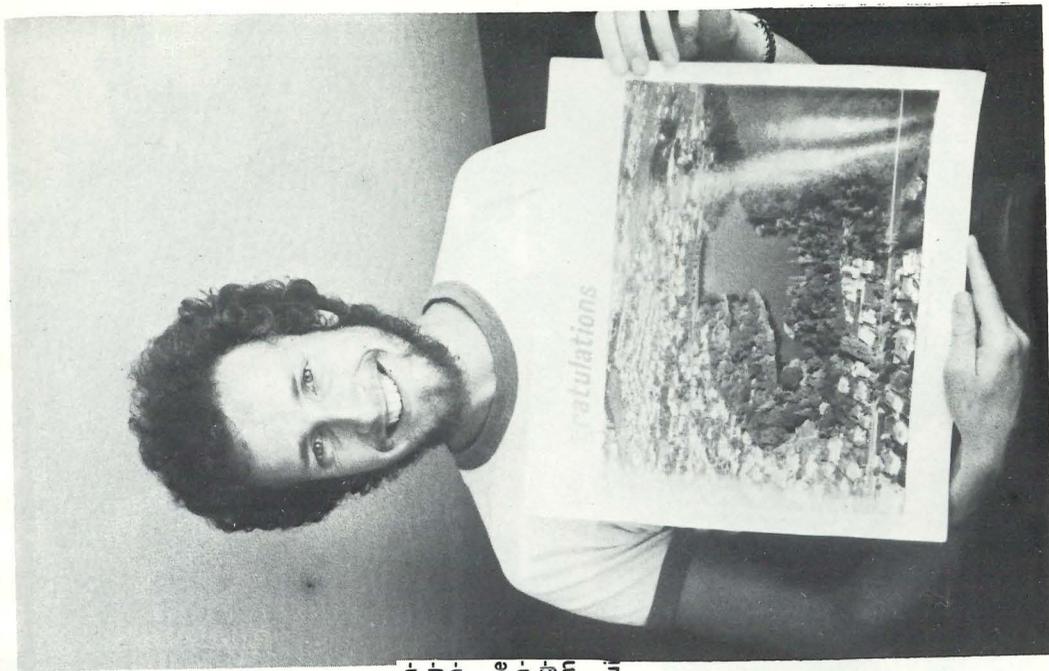
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ABOVE: The Municipal Rifle Range Club Champions. Harry Thompson (Pahiatua), Les Stewart (Levin), Betty Hooper (Kimbolton), Lawrence Moodie (Wanganui), Ivan Keegan (Wanganui), Bob Travers (Wanganui), Peter Gillespie (Wanganui), Noel Palmer (Marton).

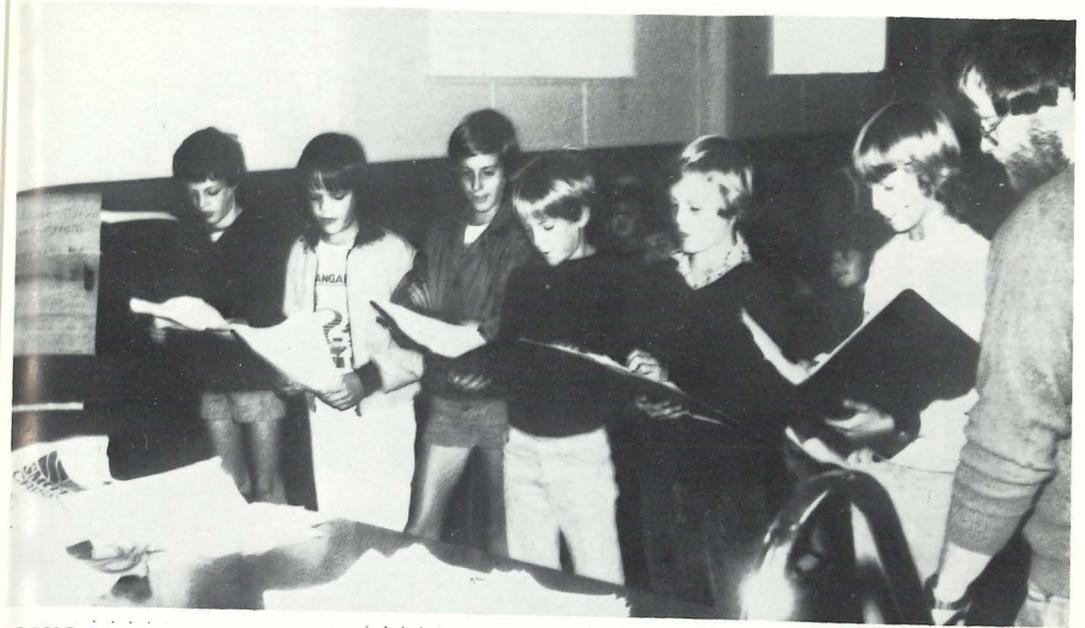
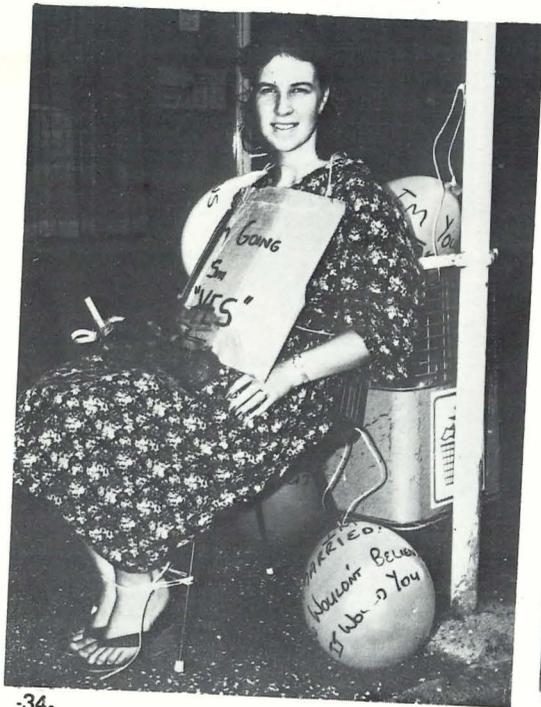
BELOW: The Wanganui Women's Cricket Association held a Cake Stall to raise funds for Women's World Cup Cricket to be held in January 1982. The Wanganui ladies share of the cost for this event of which three games will be in Wanganui, is \$1200. Future fund-raising is planned and we hope further support from the locals. From left: Shane Carroll, Margaret Sarginson, Annette Maher.

RIGHT: 2ZW's David Brice with the engagement card sent from the Wanganui people to Prince Charles and Lady Diana.



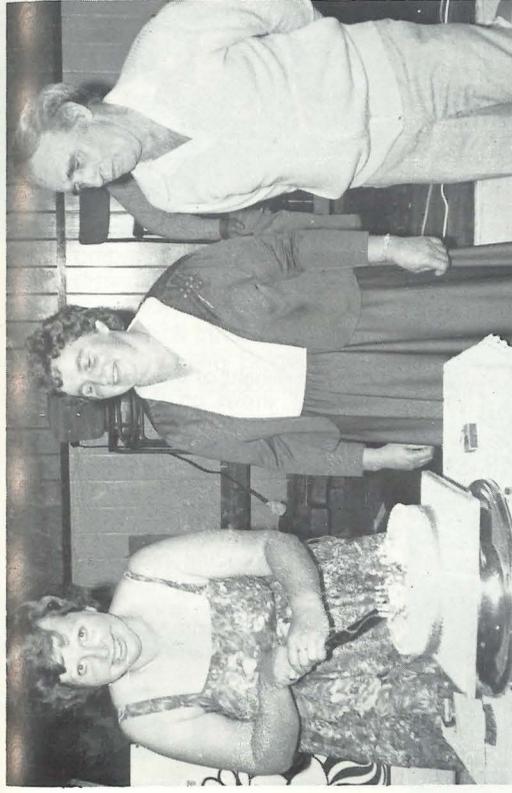
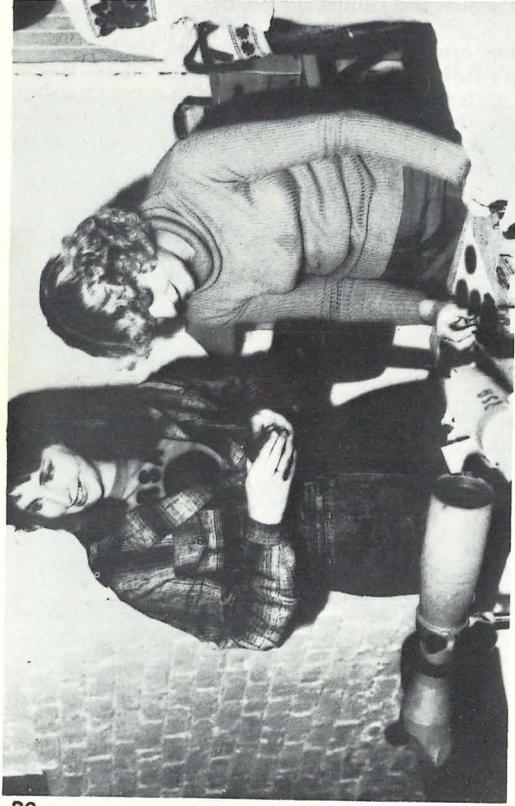


THE GIRLS BRIGADE CAR WASH ... Tame in comparison to the American Car Wash - but getting them washed all the same. **ABOVE LEFT:** This hose needs two - Katherine Manning and Coralie Bycroft. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Nina Sandilands and Ann Wilks. **LEFT:** At least, marriages are still taking place even though the divorce rate is increasing. Catherine Sanson said YES to David Norris. **BELOW:** Pat Wolland and Joyce Inglis gracefully accepted their inclusion in the magazine.



GANG SHOW TIME IS HERE AGAIN ... To those of you who do not know what a Gang Show is all about, it is, in simple terms, a variety show put on by Scouts and Guides for the public. It is fun, entertaining, and we believe good training for the Scouts. It is said that every night of the year somewhere in the world a Gang Show is being performed. Gang Shows originated from shows put on for servicemen during the War (similar to the TV programme, "It ain't half hot Mum".) A man named Ralph Reader was a producer of one of these wartime entertainment units and after the war offered to produce a show for Scouting, and so was born the London Gang Show. Ralph wrote and produced these shows every year thereafter until his retirement two years ago. The vast amount of songs and sketches that he wrote over the years is what we use to form the basis of our shows. **ABOVE:** David Downs, Robert Brough, Wayne Boswell, Timothy Patterson, Andrew Hardaker, Robert Barrington and producer Mike Christie. The Show begins on June 12th. **BELOW:** Kimiora Vuleta's 5th Birthday. From left - Nicola and Tania McElwain, Wendylee Tapa, Kim, Patricia Vuleta and Sharleen Thompson.



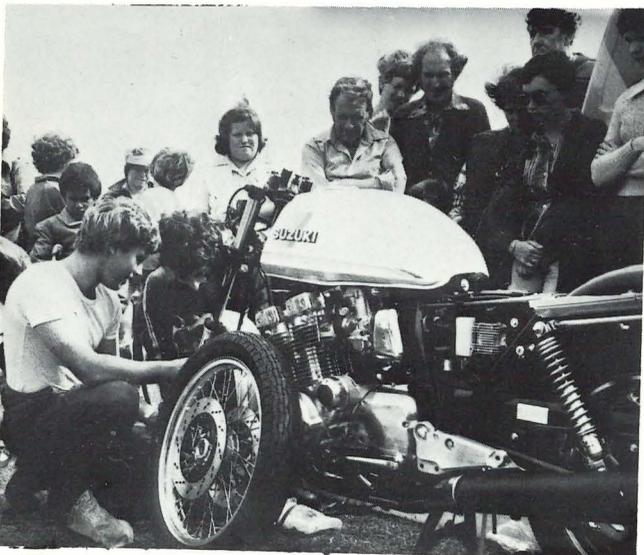


THE RSA SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB meet every Tuesday, 7.30 - 10.00pm. Contact Raewyn Green - 47-006.

ABOVE LEFT: Raewyn Green, Secretary and Lois Rush. **LEFT:** With sights on you, Tim and Lorraine Gullery with Pat Mitchell. **ABOVE:** Marion Watson catches up.



ABOVE LEFT: Janet Rudkin turned 21 and had a ball doing so. With Janet is mother Doreen and Uncle George. **ABOVE:** Creeping around the Janet Rudkin 21st we spotted Wayne Steele. **LEFT:** Another 21st for the Outlook pages - Kevin Hartell with parents, Derek and Patricia.



TOP: The delight of being hugged by a real 'CHiP' shows on this youngster's face. The California Highway Patrol toured NZ recently, and stopped off in Wanganui to show our locals what Highway Patrolmen do. We heard an interview on the radio that one CHiP's first impression was that of a CHiP pursuing a speeding motorist with a large cigar in his mouth!

LEFT: Kim Steedman and Michael Vahout of Coleman's assembled this bike in 1½ hours.

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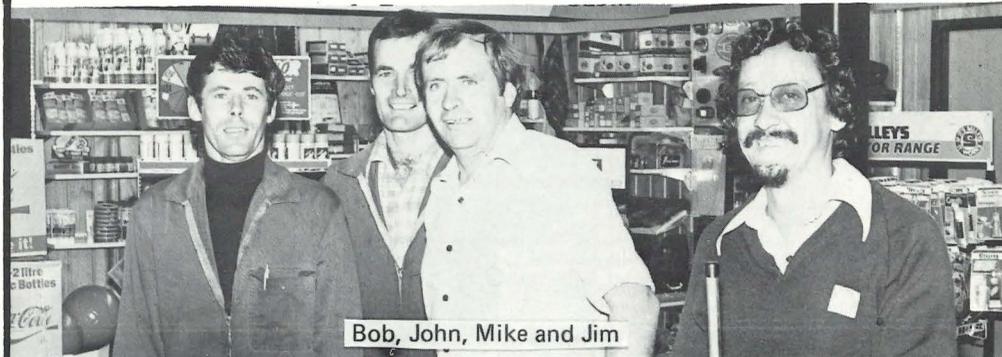
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ABOVE: A Lady's Best Friend.

BELOW: Bruce Beadle, driver, is assisted by Gary Sanson and Peter Shenton when his Datsun 1600 stopped — due to a minor starting fault.





THE LIBRARY — providing initiative, and Mary Gilchrist organising, recently held a 2-hour programme with Wanganui companies and community involvement. Supervised by parents, the kids had a creative and enjoyable time.
ABOVE: Samantha Leighmarks and Craig Gregg with Snoopy (Rachel Wooding) and Pooh Bear (Just Pat).



ABOVE: Emma and Katie Graham with their Easter eggs found in the 'egg hunt'.

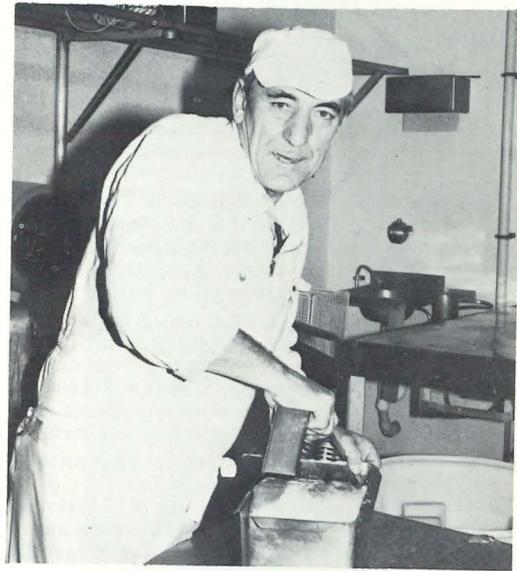
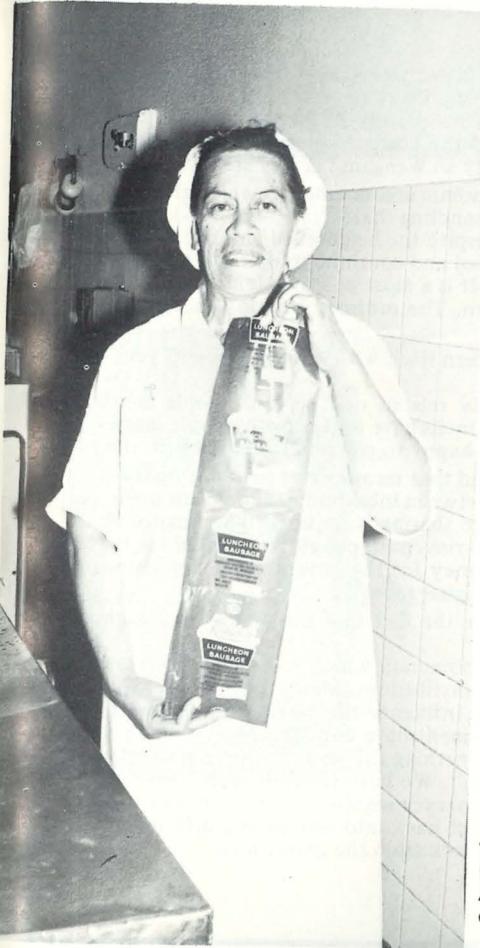
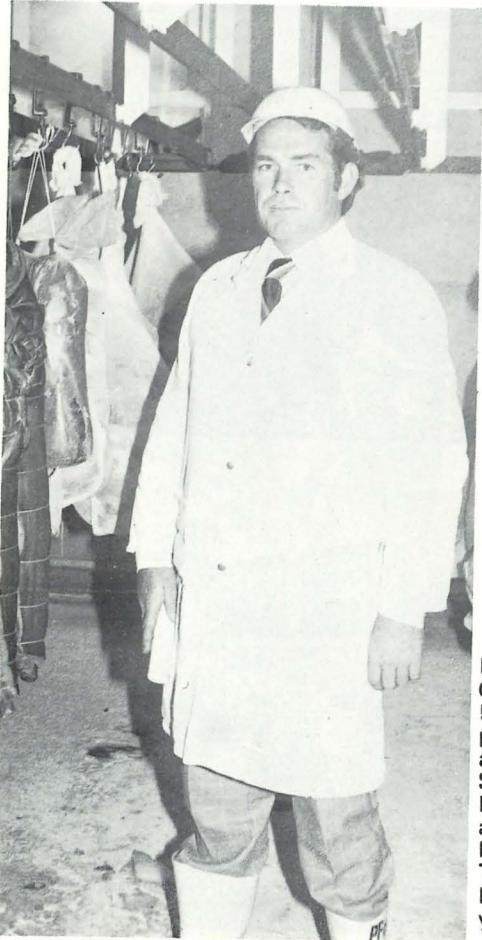
LEFT: Caleb Rowan, winner of the painted egg competition judged by Phyllis Brown.



THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE held a bike-a-thon to raise funds to send a First Aid team to compete in the National First Aid Competition. The Rep Team selected from Wanganui and district are pictured **TOP** with their Asst. Manager Eric Little, left, and Iona Orr, Manager on the right. Tania McCulloch, Chris Meads (Huntermville), Linda Rundle, Alisdair Thomson (Hunt, at present in Fiji with the NZ St John Cadet Team), Debbie McConachie, Dean Voelkerling (Hunt), and Karen Weaver.

ABOVE: Iona Orr receiving from Acting Commissioner Mr Strichen, the 'Russell Smith Memorial Cup' for her outstanding service to St John's. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Philip Jellyman, Paul Morris and Scott Orr.





End of an Era . . . **THE WANGANUI MILD CURE BACON** Company has supplied the local market for over 50 years in both the retail and wholesale area with pork, bacon and associated smallgoods products. Wanganui will miss the wholesale supply of all Monarch and Salisbury brand products. We acknowledge the contribution of the Mild Cure Bacon Staff toward Wanganui and hope that Wanganui is able to return that contribution through alternative employment.
TOP: June Kerr (7 years service), Sandra Albert and Doreen Reid (11 years service). **LEFT:** Noel Broad (7 years service). **ABOVE:** Betty Tahu.

TOP: Phat Chow with Allan Harris, who gave 11 years of service to Mild Cure Bacon.
LEFT: Harriet Tamou.
ABOVE: Warren Shearman, who also gave 11 years of service.

from the Mayor's Desk —

Outlook interviews Ron Russell on the subject of employment.

Outlook: Unemployment is now a hot issue. How is council contributing to employment in Wanganui?

Mayor: The ratepayers through the council, are making a large contribution to employment with the capital expenditure on the sewerage scheme. This has created and sustained many jobs. We are also active in work development programmes. We hold meetings with employment groups, school advisory councils, mahi-tahi, social welfare, etc., and are establishing a job co-ordinator through the Labour Department.

Outlook: How is Wanganui faring?

Mayor: One of the barometers of economic activity is regrettably unemployment but we are surprised by our low level of unemployment compared with other centres. We are doing better than most.

Outlook: How come?

Mayor: We have a more stable economic base. Years ago when the port declined we went through a period of contraction and adaption. From that we built a financial, administrative, industrial and educational infrastructure to give us a strong economic base which is helping us to withstand the current conditions. We also have no wild fluctuations in our business activity so Wanganui is very steady.

Outlook: The weight of media activity on our economic and unemployment malaise creates a climate of gloom. How is Wanganui handling that?

Mayor: To the credit of Wanganui people and despite the heightened emotive headlines it is amazing how our people keep their cool and continue to do their thing. Ordinary people are getting on with the job. It is a most positive element and a very fragile one. We encourage it at every turn. The ordinary person deserves to be supported.

Outlook: It is not really the council's brief to concern itself with unemployment, yet you have. How has this come about?

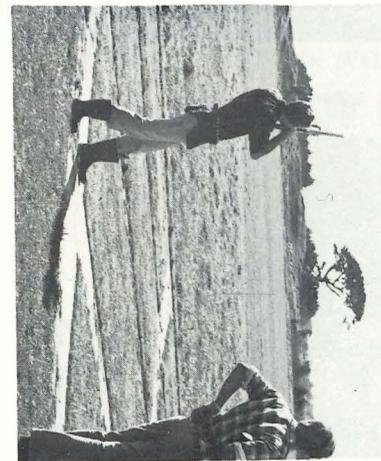
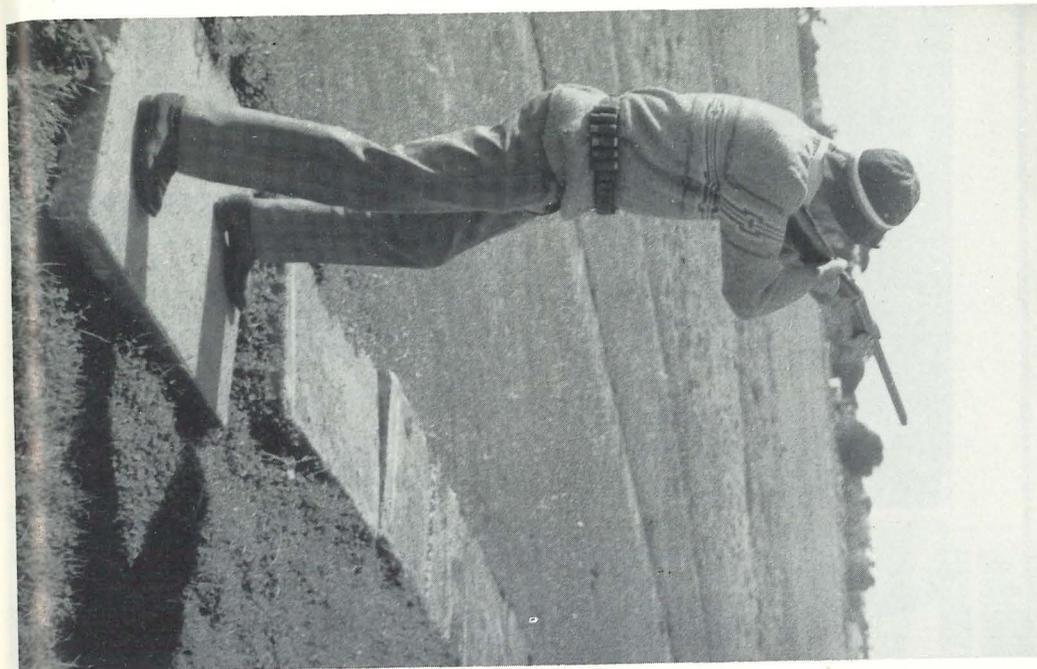
Mayor: Traditionally councils dealt with property related matters and people matters were the concern of government. Now councils have to deal with people matters. However they are 'our people' so we are happy to concern ourselves with them.

Outlook: This extra concern means extra services and that means extra cost. Who pays?

Mayor: Argument is continuing at the moment between local bodies and government. A new system of financing involving revenue sharing is required. The finance minister's coffers are always full because pay rises push people into higher tax brackets which automatically means more money for the government. The council, on the other hand, has to reluctantly fix higher rates.

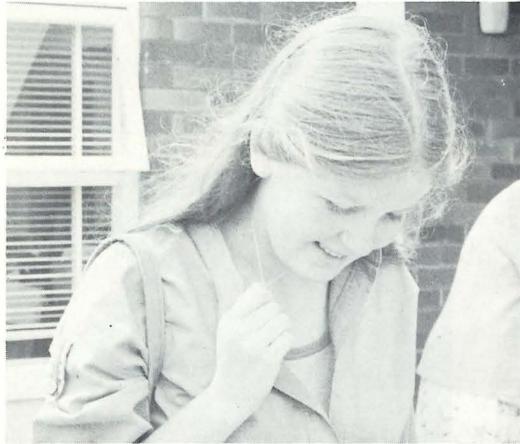
Outlook: Higher rates must meet resistance despite the fact that the money is ploughed back into Wanganui?

Mayor: Yes, this is a symptom of a national phenomenon which has tended to create a credibility gap between people and their institutions. Many people have simply switched off. They feel no longer able to influence the situation. I believe that politicians, both central and local government, have contributed to this by saying in effect "elect us and we will do everything for you" — the truth which is being borne home today is that they can't. We have to learn again that democracy cannot function from the top. Democracy requires a contribution from all and that is why I am urging people to get back into our community organisations and institutions. We've got to build back from the grass roots.



THE WANGANUI GUN CLUB held a special shoot on Anzac Day on the Marangai Road Club grounds.

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THE HERB SOCIETY are a group with an interest in and the usage of herbs. The group meet in the CES Rooms in Dublin Street every 2nd Wednesday at 7.30 pm. **ABOVE:** Pictured on a herbal garden visit are, Marion Marshall, Adrienne Hay, Mary Hoek and Vicki Francis. **LEFT:** Marion Marshall. **BELOW:** Behind the shades, Cherie Polkinghorne and Mangu Scurr, now mother of Nathanael.





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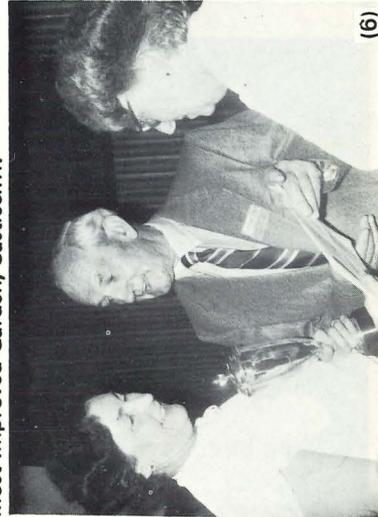
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An event to boost the pride in our environment is the Senior Lions Garden Awards which this year attracted 130 keen gardeners.
(1) Mrs Everest — Best Small Garden. (2) Mrs Forsyth — Best OYO Flat. (3) Mrs Rogers — Most Improved Garden, Central. (4) Mrs Watt — Best Small Garden, Gonville, Springvale, Castlediff. (5) Mrs Walker - Most Colourful Garden. (6) Mrs Bird — Most Improved Garden, St John's Hill. (7) Merle & Christopher Raine — Most Improved Garden, Castlediff.



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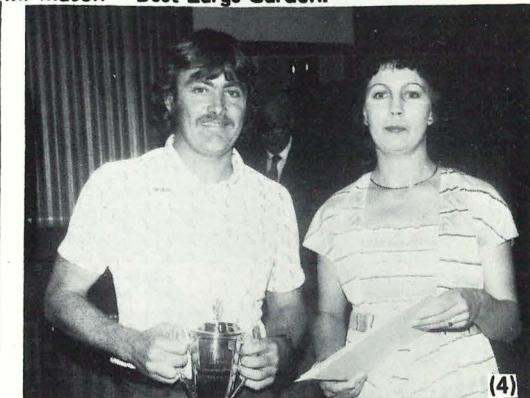


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(1) Mr Kuzmanic being presented his Best Vegetable Garden Award by Mrs Hawken. (2) Mr & Mrs C. Desmond — Most Improved Garden, Aramoho. (3) Mr Mason — Best Large Garden.



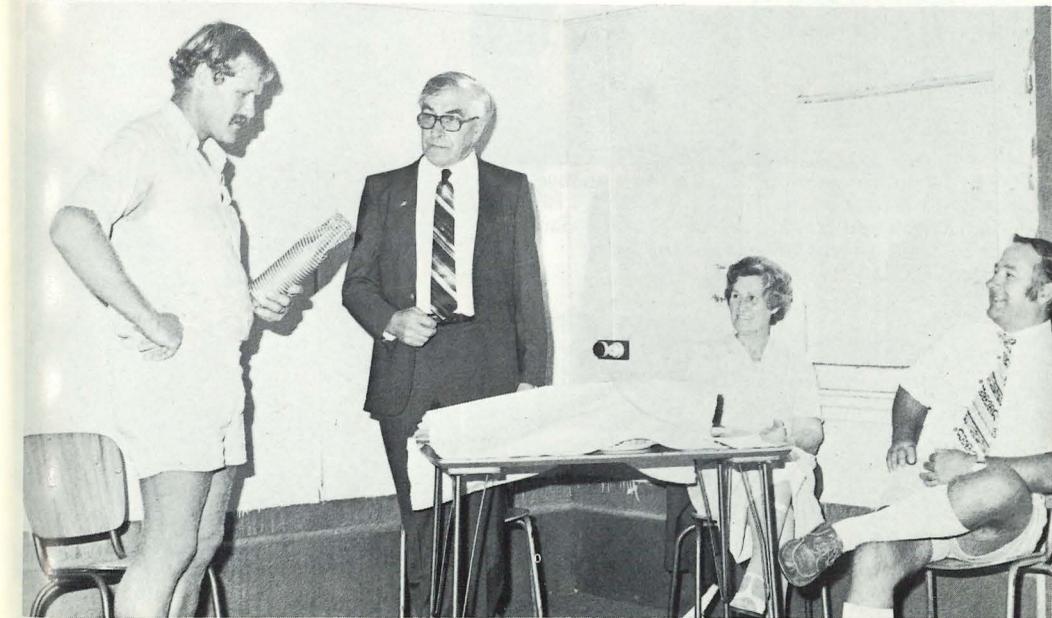
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(4) Mr & Mrs Willcox - Most Improved Garden, Springvale.

BELOW: Mr Allan Robinson retired from service with the Post Office — and was given quite a send-off. Peter Vivian left contemplates, whilst Allan Robinson stands attentive, and Mrs Robinson and Mack O'Dell enjoy the moment.





WANGANUI COMMUNITY FAIR DAY – VENUE, PURNELL HOUSE

Hera Fyfe was pushed in her wheelchair from Marton to Wanganui in less than five hours, by a team from the Base Hospital's Physiotherapy department. \$1600 raised from the 'push' will go toward a vocational training unit at the Wanganui Enterprises centre for the disabled at Purnell House.

ABOVE: With Hera are from left, Nick O'Neill, (on Hera's right) Delwyn Dougherty, Trina Pepper, Kim Williamson, Joan Duggan, Peter Jamieson, Ann Collins, Bob Walker and Dennis Frost. On Hera's left are Sharon & Steven Paul.



ABOVE: Kiwanis operating the barbecued sausages, Ken Burton with his tasty fare, and Laurie Jones. **BELOW:** Pat Payne (left) and Mrs Mary Sawyer, of the Gardening Service for the Regional Council for the Aging.



ABOVE: A Monster Gala is not a Monster Gala without our illustrious fire-fighters.

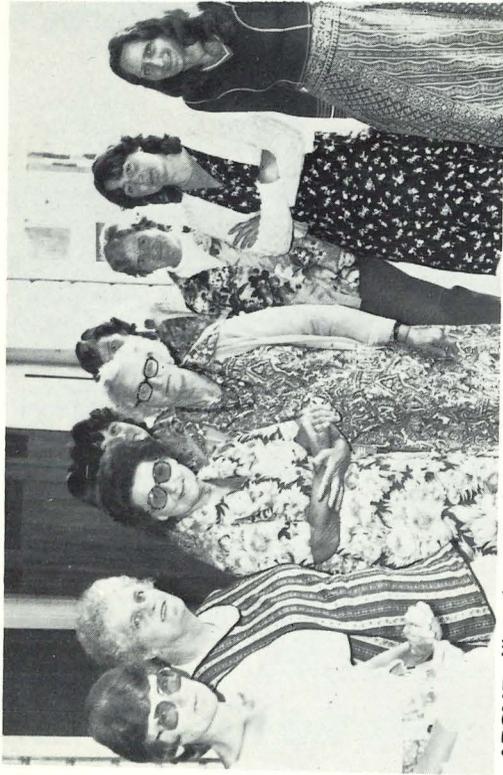


ABOVE: Entertaining at the Community Fair Day were the Junior Dutch Society. From left: Jackie Hagenaars, Inger Walker, Christine Bodel, Katherine Peek, Angelique Walker. Back left: Linda Van Bussell, Patricia Van Bussell, Charmaine Van der Lubbe, Carl Walker, Shaun Van der Lubbe.

BELOW LEFT: Square Dancer Janet Cribb with son Stanley.

RIGHT: Heather Kidston bathes in ice – and drinks wine in the bath.





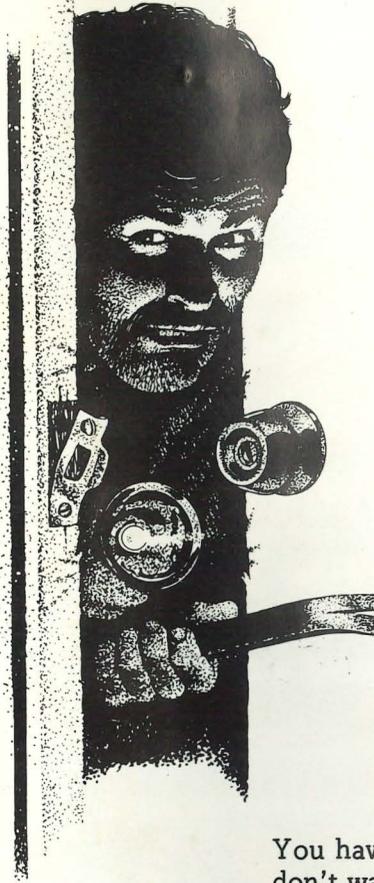
ABOVE: Illen about to place a doll's head in the kiln.
RIGHT: A reproduction of a Kammer Reinhardt 101 porcelain doll.



PORCELAIN DOLL-MAKING, a fascinating and beautiful craft has been revived for some time now by Illen Carroll of Station Road.

The French made 'the' dolls of the time, and later the Germans picked up the craft and made character dolls — basing their models on children. With the advent of World War I, the craft all but died but was revived again in the 1920's only to disappear during the 1930's.

Illen was appointed NZ instructor for the Doll Artisan Guild — having been selected by the American Guild after submitting two works. Based in America, the Guild is a world-wide organisation. The Wanganui Doll Club was formed in November 1980 and has some thirty members. Illen held a beginners workshop over the Easter weekend with eleven people from throughout the country. (pictured left).



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