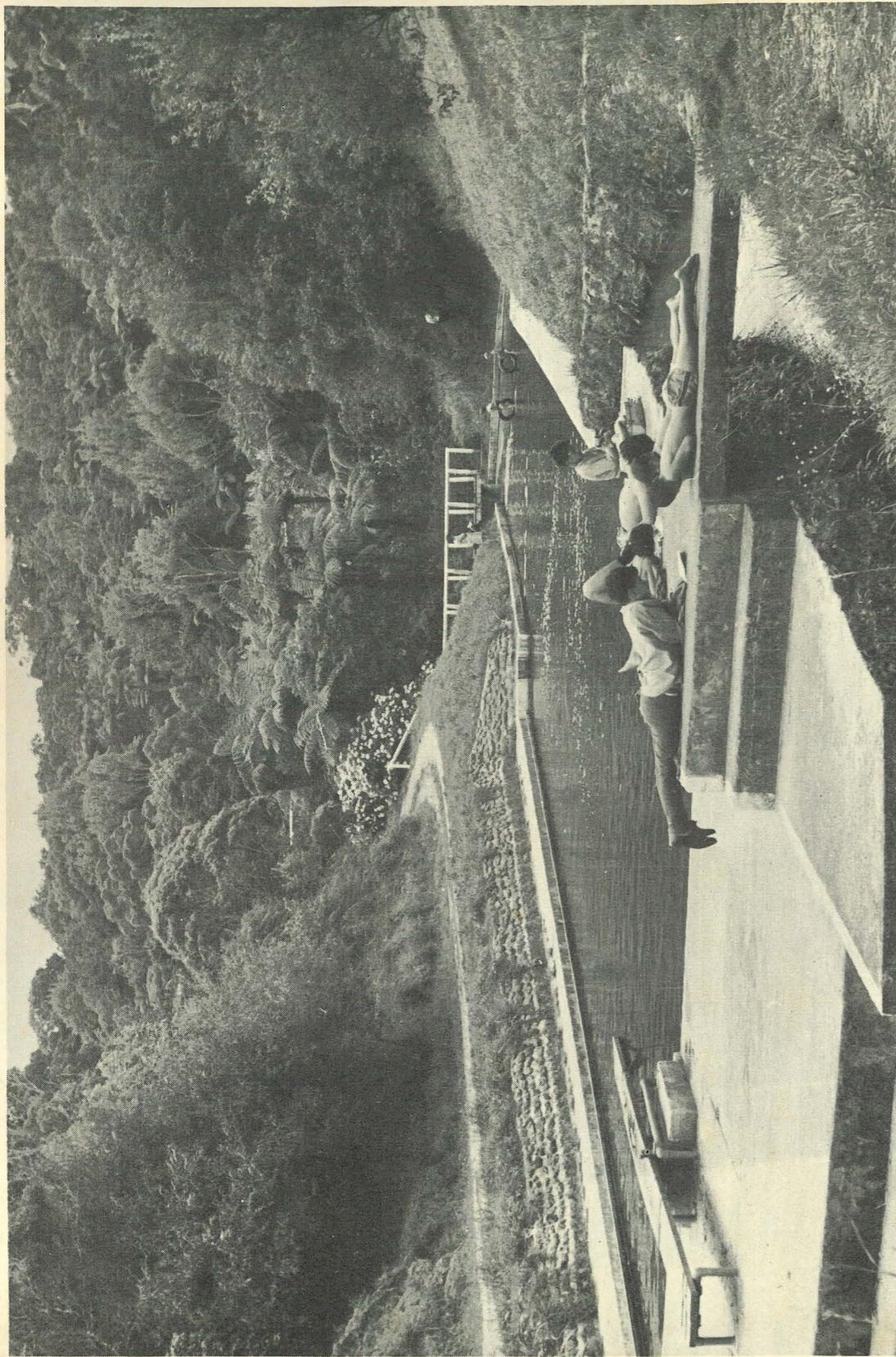


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Picturesque Spot

The William Birch Memorial Park near Maxwell is certainly a most attractive spot. Native trees and ferns ring a swimming pool which is fed by a stream. Locals and some passersby call at the pool for a refreshing dip. But for our money one would have to be pretty hot to take the plunge. In spite of the attractive surroundings the pool does not look very inviting. We have never yet seen it that it has not been full of very muddy water. One has fears about sending small kiddies in as the depth is unknown through the murk. Small kiddies are also rather timid in case there are monster eels lurking in the mud too.

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Sang Here

A big attraction during the Festival Week was the appearance for the first time in Wanganui of pop singer John Rowles. His show at the Majestic Theatre was packed out.



Award Winner

Dominique Douglas won the award for the best child handler at the Wanganui Toy Dog Club's show here in January. She also had a win at the Manawatu Toy Dog Club in February with her 4-month Peke puppy, "Sari-Moto".

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Anne models a day dress and contrasting jacket which she made.



She Knows Where She's Going

In her first year out of High School seventeen-year-old Anne Dyer has very positive ideas about her future. She has just opened a dressmaking business "Anna Boutique" opposite the Post Office in Ridgway Street. Although she has been making her own clothes since she was only 12 years of age (and she is very capable at all types of dressmaking), Anne will be specialising mainly in teenage clothing. With a keen sense of fashion and an artistic eye, Anne often makes her own design before making a garment.

Above: Anne Dyer, a go-ahead teenager who plans to cater for the clothing trends of the young fashion miss and the not-so-young.



A crochet see-through dress made by Anne



A smart winter dress for the secretarial type



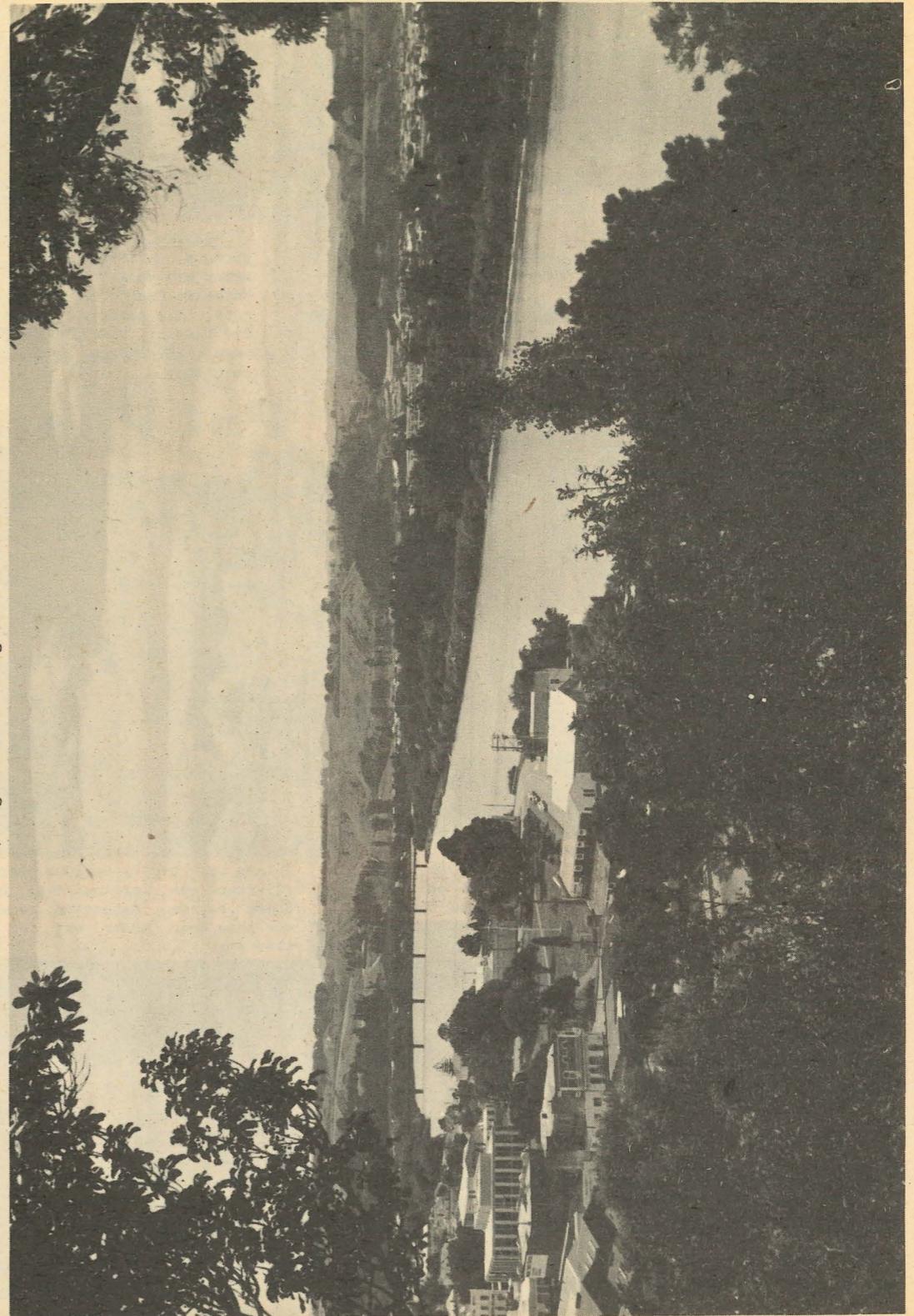
A ball gown in white organza



Anne made a very professional job of this double-breasted mini-coat.

A Peep Through The Trees

As everyone knows, many beautiful views of Wanganui can be had from most places on Durie Hill. But the one that appealed to us as we strolled down the steps recently was this glimpse we had of the river and Moutoua Gardens/Wanganui East through a framework of trees.





Pictured with her friends at a dinner party on her ninth birthday is Robyn Clemens (extreme right), daughter of Mr and Mrs Len Clemens, 22 Rimu Street. (ROBUCK).



CHRISTENING: Pictured with his god-parents, Christine and Murray Smith, after his christening at St. Mary's Catholic Church is baby Russell Tarrant. His parents, Mr and Mrs Charlie Tarrant, now live in Takapau but were formerly of Wanganui. (Photo contributed).

Pot Pourri



Earl Stewart, president of the Wanganui Swimming Centre, greets Wanganui's Festival Queen, Lucille Coker, her princesses and members of the festival committee. The party called in to look at the age-group swimming champs.



Things were pretty serious where the riverbank was falling away beside Somme Parade. Extensive retaining work has been under way for some time now.



Festival Queen contestants made a surprise call to the Castlecliff Golf Club earlier this month. Our Nan Dyer was soon on the scene to photograph the entourage.



Queen Candidates

Twenty-three-year-old Lucille Coker was sponsored by the Wanganui Commercial Travellers' Association and was finally adjudged the Wanganui 1969 Festival Queen in the contest which was climaxed just a few days ago. Lucille is pictured above. Pictured below are the two princesses, Joy Comrie and Patricia Battersby, and also on these pages are the rest of the 18 contestants.



Mary Deere, aged 18



Adeline McCarthy, aged 20



Anne Bunker, aged 18



Sandra Taylor, aged 19



Marion Ryland, aged 19



Robyn Murdoch, aged 20



Fiona McGregor



Gail Williams, aged 20



Marilyn Parker, aged 20



Lorraine Parker, aged 20



Denise Taylor, 18

The Queen Is Crowned

A large crowd at the Opera House saw twenty-three-year-old clerk, Miss Lucille Coker, named from 18 contestants as Wanganui's 1969 Festival Queen. She was presented with tickets for two to Sydney (and Noumea if she chooses to go that way) by Mr Pierre Huygen, representing the Flotta Lauro Line. Above: Barbara Glazewski, last year's queen, presents Lucille with a statuette.



Contestants are lined up on the Opera House stage before the name of the winner is announced



Carol Gibson, 18



Karen Rountree, 18



Dawn Ruscoe, 22



Ailsa Stewart



Joy Comrie and Pat Battersby were chosen as Miss Coker's princesses



Judges were Minister of Customs Norm Shelton, Mrs L.Howarth (Taihape) and Mrs M.R.Grace.



Above: **STACK--DALY.** At Christ Church, Wanganui, Barbara Rose, only daughter of Mr H. Daly and the late Mrs Ethel Daly, to Neil, son of Mr and Mrs Stack, Abbot Street, Gonville.

Married

Top right: Recently married at St. Carice's Church, Westport, Mr and Mrs J. Church. The bride was formerly Miss M. Higgins. (LEO MOREL PHOTO).

Right: **JACKSON--TUNBRIDGE.** Karene Jessie, only daughter of Mrs N. Tunbridge and the late Mr T. P. Tunbridge, Wanganui, to Allan Charles, second son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Jackson of Wanganui. Attendants are Jennifer Tindle and John Dennett (Auckland). The wedding was solemnised at Christchurch and the happy couple will live in Wanganui. **ROBUCK**

GETTING MARRIED?

Don't forget...we are no longer buying photographs from local studios. If you want your wedding in "Photo News" then ring 8055. We will send a photographer to your church and take a couple of shots for the magazine. This is a free service--it costs you nothing at all.



Festival Ballet



One of the highlights of the festival must surely have been the afternoon of ballet presented by six of the ballet schools in Wanganui under the auspices of the Ballet Circle. Above left: Guest artist from Wellington, Sandra Kelly is seen here with Cherie, Leonie, Debby, Sonya, Christine, Kim and Jane. Top right: Shirley Morrison in a last-minute run through her tap dance. Right: Mrs Watt puts the final touches to her daughter Susanne's dress. Below: The tinies of the Phylis Wansborough school posed for us.

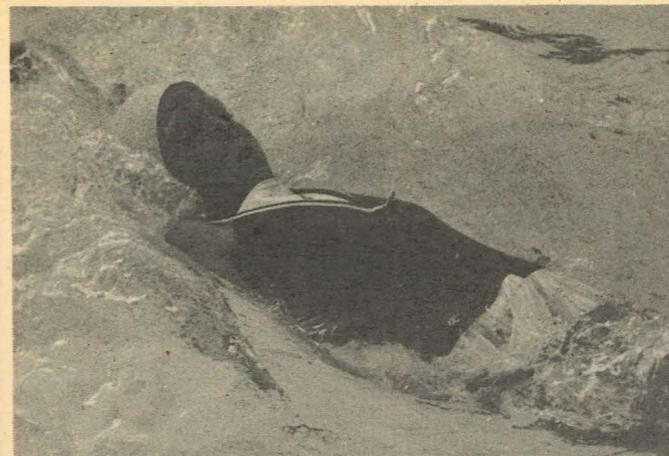


Roving Camera



Above left: Another newshound to hit the road for overseas is Elaine Reeves. We met her loading a camera at Putiki and she told us that she was leaving the Chronicle this month and heading for Australia. Good luck Elaine...give our regards to all our friends over there if you see them.

BEACH IMPROVEMENTS: Things are really on the up and up at Mowhanau Beach. The shot below shows a section of 800 cars which parked comfortably in the up-graded parking area. In the centre of the pic is the beach's latest amenity, an ice cream caravan. Above are Bronwyn Grant and Don Bassett looking after young customers at the stall. Due to the efforts of certain citizens out at the popular beach we are sure that Mowhanau will become THE place next summer. And if Lionel Grant and Co don't mind the suggestion...how about a beauty contest? Right at the peak of the Xmas and New Year period. Photo News will help you get one going if you're interested. These pictures were taken for us by Ron Coleman--he spent his holidays out at the camp there.



SWIMMING CHAMPS

The Wanganui Swimming Centre held its age-group championships in the city pools over five days a short time ago. These pix were taken at one of the sessions at the Central Pool.

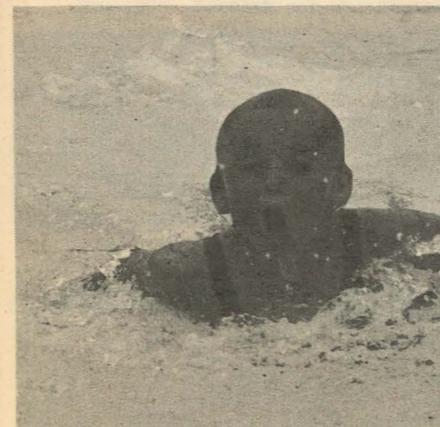
Above left: Tracey Allen, Wanganui East, in the 8 years and under 25 yds backstroke. Above right: Well we guess that's as good a place as any to sit when it's raining.



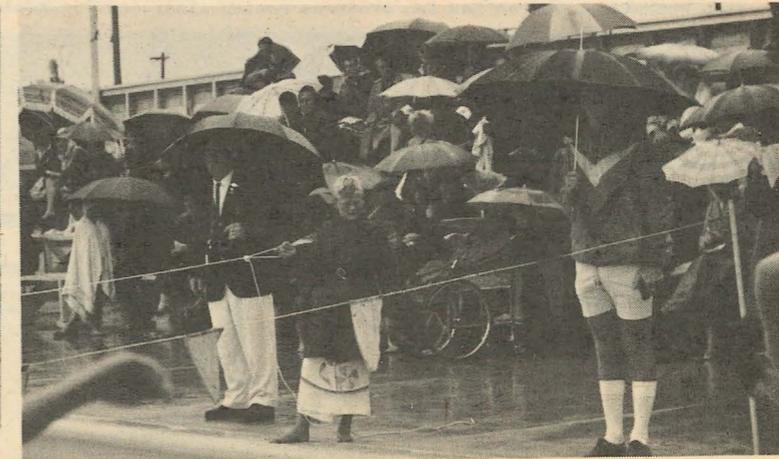
Young lasses at the start of a backstroke heat



Glen Walker won the final of the boys' (9 years) 50 yds freestyle



Margaret Stubbs touched in second in her heat of the butterfly



The umbrella brigade



The Aramoho junior four which gained a third in the final: B.Bridger, T.Rush, R.Mowlem, A.Luff and G.Uren (cox).



To heck with the rain...they're dead keen on their rowing



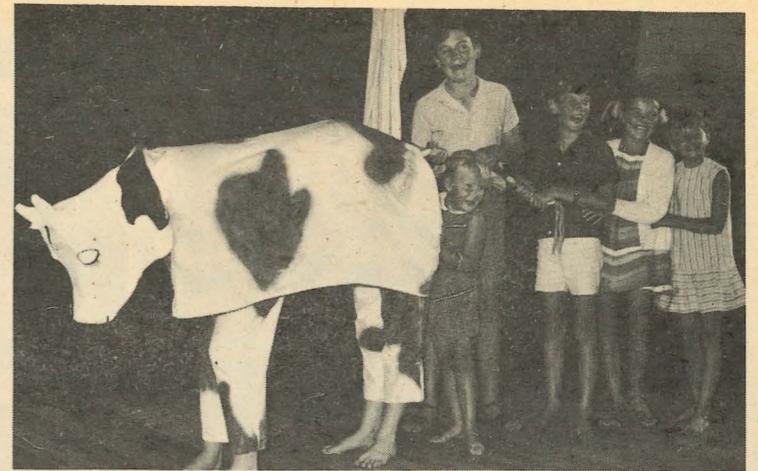
The Wairau girls carry their four out of the water



The only senior title to change hands was when Wellington beat Auckland for the senior eights



C.A.T. is on the road again visiting schools all over the North Island. With two new girls in the team and the assistance it is now receiving from Rothmans Cultural Foundation, C.A.T. is all set for another successful year. Above: David Smiles as a Roman centurion in the "Pipes of Pan". Top right: "The Cow" with Reade, Rodney, Denise, Clare and Monique. Right: As the Furies, Kathleen Jason-Smith and Ephra McNaught are sure to please the young audiences in the schools.



Children's Art Theatre

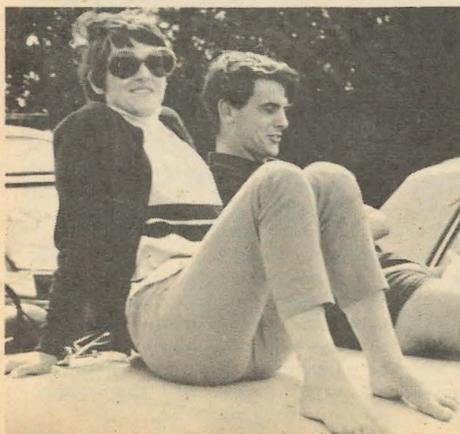


**W.
R.
T.** Wellington Repertory Theatre came to Wanganui in the first week of March and played to the children in the hospital as part of a charity tour. They played in three hospitals from here to Wellington. One of the players was a one time member of our own Rep. She is Gaye Fletcher and she played the part of Aladdin. Left: Gaye in her part. Right: Some of the young patients watch avidly as the story unfolds.

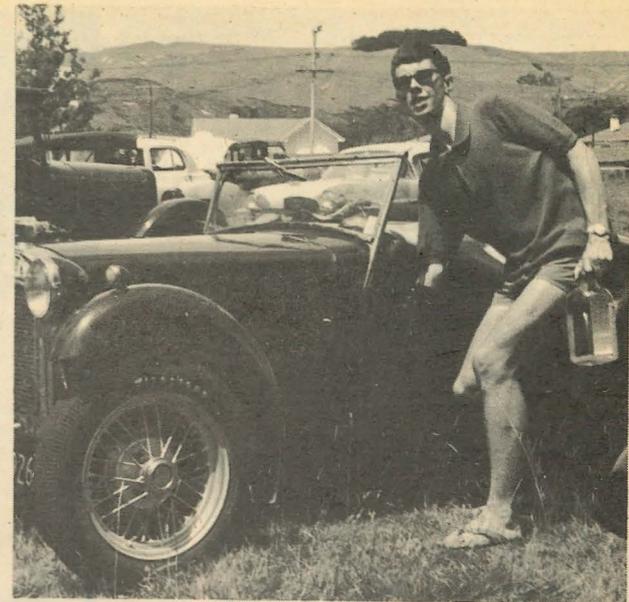
CAR CLUB'S GYMKHANA



What is a wiggle-woggle or a clover leaf? Ask a car club member—they seem to know! That is what they were doing out at Fordell in February. Top left: Bruce Hammond in a Ford. Above left: Anne Edwards, the only girl entrant in a "Bitsa", so they told us. Top right: Timekeepers John and Alan Croasdale and Garry Hutchins. Right: A beautiful Porsche. Well, it will be restored to its former glory one day! David Jamieson, Dot Barrett and Bruce Chisholm are "minding" it! Below left: Lynda Payne and Alan Smith watching the events. Right: It's a serious business this! Ricky Walsh, Robert Bartley, Sally Wright, Graham White and Bryan Stewart.



Ken Wright takes a tele-photograph as one of the old-timers chugs its way up a steep and winding hill.



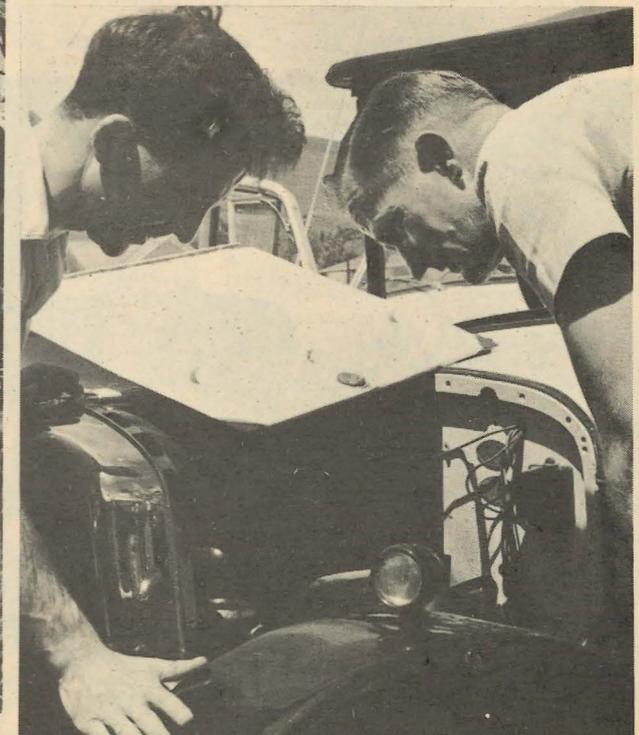
Burma Trial

Jean Wright took her camera along and scored these shots when the Wanganui Vintage Car Club staged its annual Burma Road trial recently. About 25 cars and motorbikes entered this very popular event.

Above: The contents are not very dark so we guess that this Palmerstonian was carrying just water in his half gee. His car is a 1934 Austin Nippy sports.



Brian Glennly tinkers with his early model Velocette motorcycle



John Little shows Warren Birch the innards



The first event was the beginners' width

WET FOR SWIMMING

When the Durie Hill Swimming Club held a carnival last month the rain fell in buckets--full. Consequently not many good times were put up by the swimmers--the course was too wet and heavy!! In spite of the damp the club enjoyed a good day with many swimmers coming from all over the district to swim.

Above left: A busy girl....Mrs Scott had the job of getting swimmers marshalled into place for each event.



These swimming types don't mind a bit of water



L.Middleton, W.Penn, K.Reardon, M.Stewart and D.Mander ready for the start of the 25yds freestyle



Lynette Prout, Waverley, swam very well



He shone in the 220--young R.Meads from Marton



Four boys and a girl launch themselves out for one of the 220 yards heats

Some of the dads watch the swimming and listen to the races on a radio



Conference chairman was Mr Ron Russell



Some of the official party at the opening

Rotarians Confer

The annual conference of the 294 Rotary District was held in Wanganui last month. The three-day meeting was held in the Memorial Hall but a luncheon was held in the car-park building. A novel use for a car park!!!but it's good to see it being used for something.



Mr Ron Lewis, president of the Wanganui Rotary Club.



Rotary members of the three host clubs greeted visitors as they arrived for enrolment



Rotarians and members of kindred clubs were present at the opening

FIJIANS FOR LOCAL FARMS



Local farmers were finding it nearly impossible to get enough labourers in New Zealand to come and knock down their scrub. Certain agitation was presented by a group spearheaded by Mr Nick Tripe and they won their case to employ labour from Fiji once again. The end result happened last month when a party of about 70 Fijians and Fijian Indians arrived in Wanganui to be assigned to the various farms.

Above: Pictured at right is Mr Frank Donaldson whose job it was to allocate each Fijian to his future place of employment.

Below: It was a long process as each of the visitors had to wait his turn to be given a farm on which to work and then wait for his new employer to pick him up.



PICTURES from the PAST

One of the most popular features we have ever run in Photo News is this which brings back the memories of old Wanganui. When we stop publishing them we get letters and phone calls asking for more. Now look, you old-timers! We haven't got an endless supply of these pictures. When we run out we have to stop this feature. So why not be like Mr Palmer and send us in a supply which may be of interest.



I don't think I got your address, but many thanks Mr Palmer for these photographs you brought in.

Above: Ridgway Street, 1906. This is the area around Drew's Avenue.

Left: Maori traders from up river push their canoes up on to the mud and pitch camp on the area around the Union Rowing Club. The Maoris used to sell fruit etc.



Ridgway Street, 1904, looking towards the courthouse from the slopes of Queen's Park.



Top right: There were no breafalizers in 1870. But when you drove a horse and cart home you would not exactly need such tests of your ability to drive. This pic shows the old Rutland Hotel about 100 years ago.

Right: Moutoa Gardens from across the river in the days before the Rutland Stockade was pulled down. That's the courthouse dead centre. Union Rowing Club in foreground.

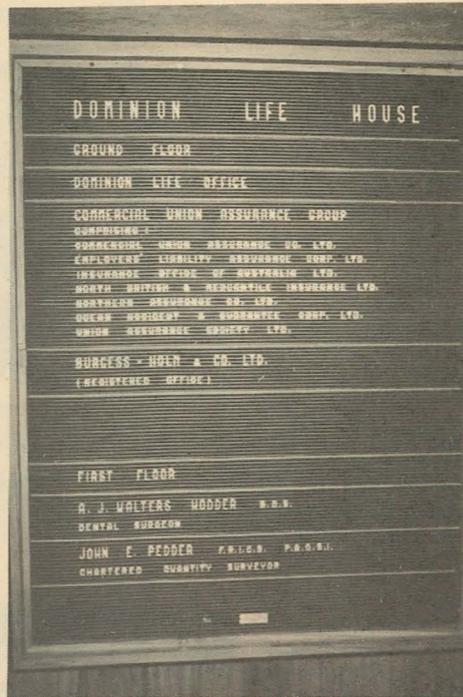
Below: St.Paul's Church in 1890 before it was shifted out of Victoria Avenue. The photo was taken from Cook's Gardens across St.Hill Street to the Avenue.



IN A NEW HOME



Manager Ces Williams and his Dominion Life representatives, Lionel Hussey and Lance Glass.



A cocktail party in their new premises in Maria Place marked the opening of Dominion Life House last month. The building has been extensively remodelled inside and has as new tenants the Dominion Life, Commercial Union Assurance and Burgess and Holm Travel.

Above: The index inside the door tells all about the new tenants.



Mr Guy Burgess made the move to Maria Place after many years in Ridgway Street (opposite the Post Office).



Mr George Wilson, Commercial Union manager, chats in his new office with his reps, Brian Schofield and John Wootton.

Another Nite In Cairo



The fewer the better..Heil Pat Falconer!



Bill (Ali) Groves..that's him with the Colgate smile... smuggled a hen in under his robes. The other chick is Dorothy Small.

Most of you will remember what great successes the R.S.A's "Nite in Cairo" cabarets were a few years ago. Do you remember when they had the first one about six years ago and one character came dressed as a "wog"..complete with dead flies glued on his face? And then about a year later there was "Another Nite in Cairo", also attended by a pack of assorted wogs and harem gals. Well, great news folks...this month (March 28 in fact) there is to be another of these verrrry popular fancy-dress balls. In the Memorial Hall again too.

These pictures, taken five years ago, may jog your memory and remind you of the fun that can be had at these shows.

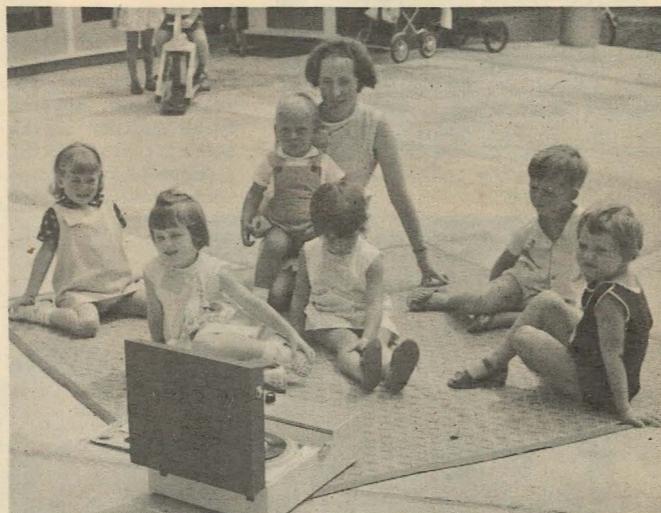


Some familiar personalities...Farouk (Earl Pritchard), Mussolini (Tim Hurley), Farina (Syd Judd), Churchill (John Schofield) and Tojo (Morrie Marks).

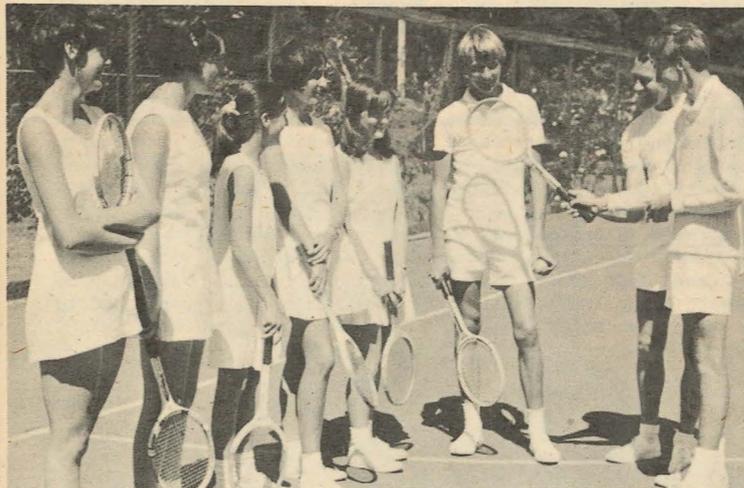
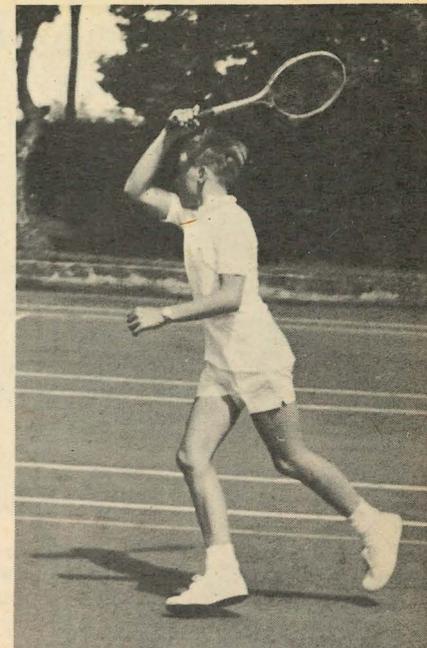


New Kindy

Last month we published a photo of the new kindy in Gonville and this month we follow it up with pics taken on the first day of the Harriet Vine kindergarten. Only a few children attended at a time. This was arranged so that the children could get used to the new surroundings. Miss Ann Dickason, who last year was in charge of the Castlecliff kindy, is now in charge of this lovely new kindergarten. Above: A group of children with the building blocks: Pamela Cronin, Vaughan Pene and Monique Robertson. Right: Barbara Hall and Donna McDonald busy with their paint while Miss Dickason looks on.



When a new kindy starts there is a need for all kinds of material such as plastic bottles, greetings cards, cardboard and egg cartons, etc. These are all used for the activities in the kindy. Left: Mrs Kilpatrick and David arrived with Mrs Barlow and Jane on the first day. Both mothers brought a few more of these things to go in the store-room for future use. Above: Miss L. Flower is the assistant at the Harriet Vine and here we see her listening to music with some of the children. Monique and Pamela were here too and Sandra Dawson and Monique Black, also Steven Smith.

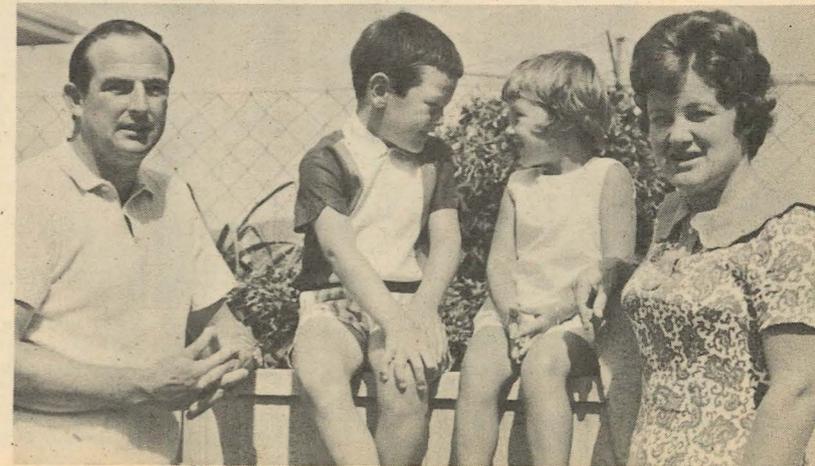


Tennis For The Young

The Girls' College kindly allowed the college courts to be used for a school for young tennis players. The Wanganui Lawn Tennis Assn sponsored the school and Mr Leith Shand was coach for the players. Although many of the young players leave the city in the course of their training, tennis throughout the country must gain from schools of this sort. Above left: Mr Shand gives help to one of the players. Centre: D. Anderson reaches for the ball. Right: Murray Seator. Left: A group lesson. Anne Fitzpatrick, Coral Reid, Kaye Seator, Prue Wilson, Gloria Gibbs, John Mitchell and Ian Howells with Mr Shand.

Leaving Wanganui

After spending all their lives in Wanganui Mr and Mrs Dennis Gilbert are leaving for a new home in Rotorua. Mr Gilbert is taking up a new position in Rotorua and though sorry to leave his home town is enthusiastic about the change. Right: Mr and Mrs Gilbert with their children, Janeen, who is three-and-a-half, and Mervyn, who is just seven.





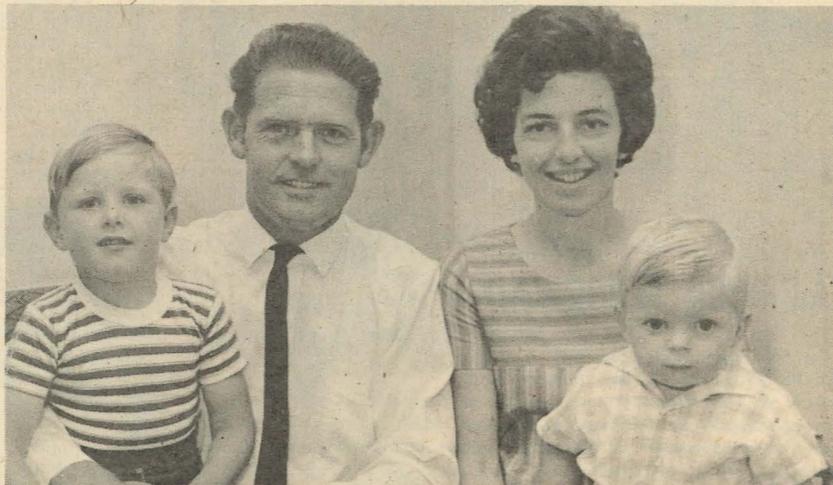
ABOUT PEOPLE

Top left: Long Time Apart. Their 76th birthday on the third of February was a memorable occasion for Mr A.B.Nicholas, 2a Beach Road, Wanganui, and his twin sister, Mrs A.T.White, Picton. This was only the second birthday that the twins had celebrated together in 57 years.

Above: They Love Wanganui. Mr and Mrs Alf Glass recently came over to New Zealand to visit their son in Wanganui, Lance Glass, from one of Australia's garden cities, Toowoomba. We don't know whether they are just being nice to us, but they reckon Toowoomba's not a patch on Wanganui. It could be just a yarn--Alf's full of funny stories.

Left: In The News Overseas. We reproduce here a section from a page in an overseas magazine which shows (centre strip) two Wanganui folk who were attending an International Bakery exhibition in Stuttgart. Most of you will recognise former city pastrycook Howard Smith and his wife Jackie (formerly Thomson). They return from their world-roaming next December.

Bottom: Married In England. Pictured with her husband, Max Coles of Surrey, is Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.Wright, 6 Hurworth Place, Wanganui. Janet left NZ 14 months ago for London. She toured the Continent with three Aussie girls in a van and has now married and is living in London. Both are engaged in banking computer work.



OFF TO NEW PLYMOUTH: Lyal and Dawn Towgood have shifted from their home at 29 Raine Street to live in New Plymouth. After 11 years with Tingey's as a glazier, Lyal has taken a similar position in Taranaki with Henry Brown & Co. Members of Citizens' Smallbore Rifle Club, both have represented Wanganui, Dawn has been a North Island B grade champ and Lyal has shot for NZ in the B grade. Their children are Gavin (6) and Paul (3).



Coffee & Fashion

They sure look after their customers at the D.I.C. Ladies who attended a series of millinery parades at the store recently were made comfortable on chairs and served tea and coffee as they watched the array of hats.

Above: Marjorie Craig moves among the customers and shows them part of the range of chapeaux carried by the DIC.

Left: Shop assistant Janice Benseman serves a lady with a nice hot cuppa.

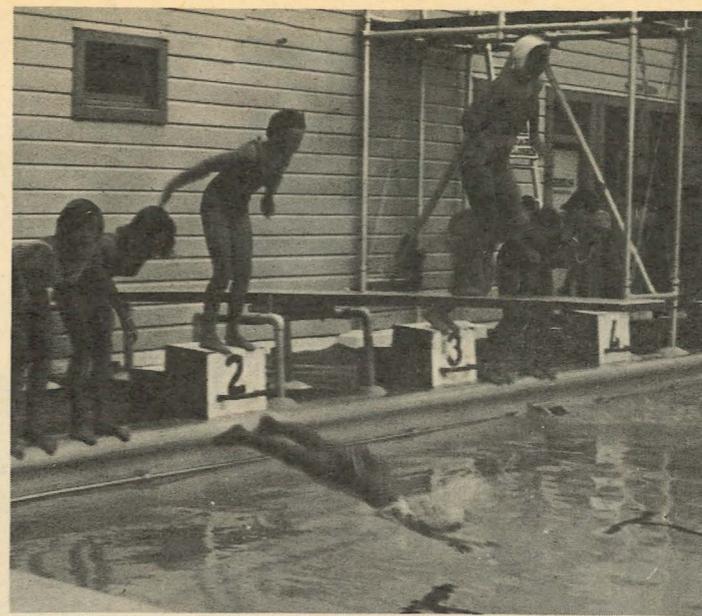
Below: Just two of the very satisfied shoppers who appreciated the chance to rest and sip a hot drink.





Bus Drivers' Annual Dinner

The social club of the Greyhound Bus Drivers club decided this year to hold a dinner and hopes to make it an annual event. Judging by this group it was well worth it. Dinner was served at the Grand Hotel for sixteen drivers and the manager, and their wives. Above: The whole company. Centre left: Mr and Mrs Bonnet. Centre right: Mr V. Jones and his wife. Below left: The Phillips and the Stewarts in party mood. Below right: Mr and Mrs Ward.



Training Squads At Central

We think the early morning swimmers were surprised to see us turn out to take all these pics but we are always on the job. Some of the squad found it hard to break the ice but once in it was all hard work. Top left: The order was "all in" and in they went. Top right: Two of the promising young swimmers, Valerie Colburn and Jenny Williamson. Both hold records. Centre left: Jenny Searle who is also breaking records. Centre right: For Lynette and Dianne Powell the water was just too cold!

Terrance Wheelan, Phillip Power, Ray Griffin, Peter McGregor, Garry Johnston and John Wheelan and Gavin Buxton, at the back. The early swim was cold but accepted as part of the necessary training for the squads at Central baths.

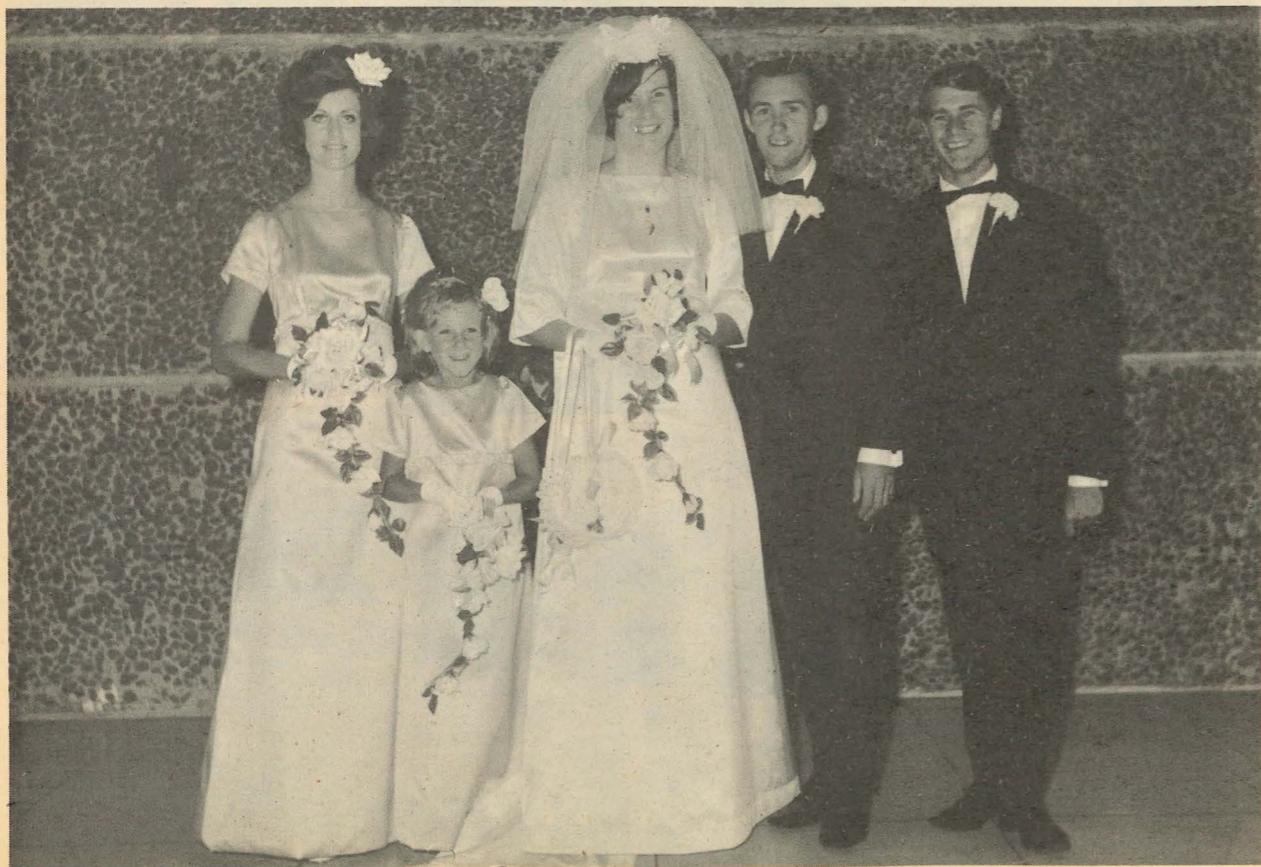


Married

Right: BAKER--WILSON. Wolf Cubs and Cub Mistresses formed a guard of honour at a recent wedding at Bulls when Julie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.V.H. Wilson, San-toft, married John, only son of Mr and Mrs M. Baker, Patea. The happy couple will live in Palmerston North. Photo by Les Nicholls.



Below: HODDER--GAUDIN. At All Saints' Church, Wanganui East, Margaret Rose, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Gaudin, 40 Alexander Street, to Vivian John, only son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Hodder, 28 Salisbury Avenue, Wanganui. The attendants are Helen Robertson, Wayne Ruby and Carolyn Greig, flower-girl. Future home, Wanganui. ROBUCK.



About Town



Top left: Two of the happiest guys that we know of are Pat Falconer and Johnnie Meikle. By themselves they are full of fun, but get the two of them together...oh boy! We found them both at a wedding party recently, trying to look innocent while lurking around the mini beer tanker.



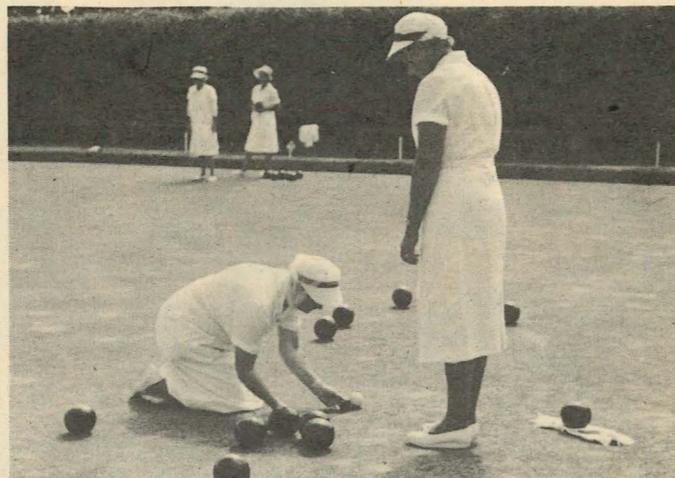
Middle left: Raising money for Vivienne Gallie...the Caledonian Society's "Girl of the Month"...we found this group parading through Victoria Avenue one recent Friday night. From left are Vivienne, Joanne and Don Gallie, Janet Foster, Edgar Boyd and Adrienne Gallie.



Above: Coming Of Age: Alan John, only son of Mr and Mrs J.L. Short, 39 Lewis Avenue, Aramoho. (ROBUCK).

Left: The Cine Club executive for 1969 is, **back:** Messrs E. Burkett, C. Nichol, A. Silcock and J. Black. **Front:** Mr J. Harvey (pres) and Mr K. Thomas (v. pres).

WOMEN'S BOWLING CENTRE TOURNAMENT



The Wanganui centre held its open tournament in beautiful weather in February. There were a number of teams from other centres. These are some of the pics from around the greens. Top left: Mrs Raine of Wanganui and Mrs Gardner of Beramphore, Wellington club. Top right: Mrs Tuohy and Mrs Richardson measure up the head. Right: Some of the onlookers in the sun. Bottom left: Mrs Cleghorne plays her bowl. Centre: Mrs Nicoll at the score board. Below right: A tense moment for the Beramphore skip.



"Cossie" Club Picnic



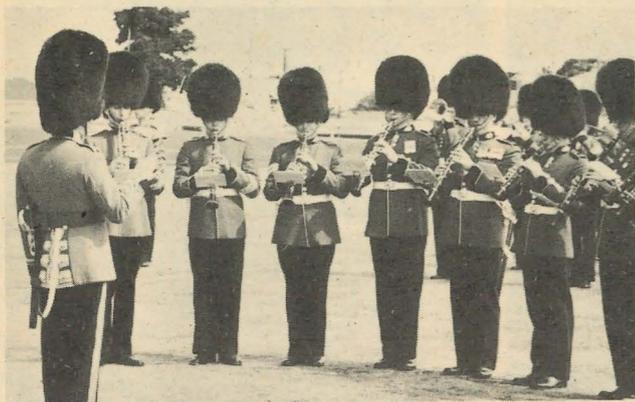
The Cosmopolitan Club held its annual picnic at the Turakina Showgrounds one Sunday in February. There were hundreds of people and crowds of children who devoured scads of free icecream and drink. Must have been some funny tummies. Above left: Some of the future club members practised with the rope. Left: The Pearce family relaxed after a long day in the sun. Above: Miss Cosmopolitan, 1969. Judith Weeks as she looked to the judges.



There were donkey rides to be had too and the poor donkeys must have had quite a day of it. Above: They are seen here with Paul Dinnington, Jan Wainhouse, Sally Bretherton, Jan Greg and Jane Arrowsmith. Right: Annette Cawley and Lynda Knofflock won one of the three-legged races.



IT HAPPENED 5 YEARS AGO



Several thousand thrilled to concerts given at Cooks Gardens by Her Majesty's Scots Guards



The framework of the new Trinity Methodist church was erected in Wicksteed Street



Site preparations started on the Magnus Motors building in Victoria Avenue



The Millward valedictory flagpoles were installed beside the Veterans' Steps



The Wanganui abattoir killed its largest pig--the gutted and headless carcass weighed 663 lbs. Made Joe Coulston look tiny.



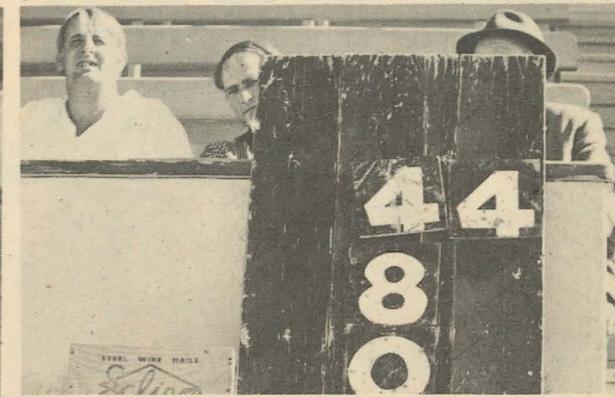
Wicket-keeper Jack Vernon faces up to a delivery from Jordan

It's Just Not Cricket

It's not fair...the way other representative cricket teams get stuck into our boys. Taranaki only had to score 21 runs in their second innings to score an outright victory over Wanganui at Cooks Gardens. We visited the game with our camera and found our lads trying to catch Taranaki's first innings score of 240. Shortly before we left the game Wanganui were eight down for a little over 30 runs. They added a few more and then the photographer sloped off. Alister Jordan was the visitors' danger man...he took six wickets for 16 runs in the first innings. After Wanganui's painfully weak display against Hawkes Bay for the Hawke Cup, and a showing not very much better against Taranaki, it comes as no surprise that only half-a-dozen people or so watch the rep matches at Cooks Gardens.



Brian Andrews gets his bat up to the ball... just a touch...and he's caught in slips for a duck.



This was Wanganui's position when we left. No wonder they don't use the big scoreboard!!!



Wicket-keeper Vernon scored 22 and 49 to be top batter



Andrews' bowling was much better than his batting. He took eight wickets for 100 runs.

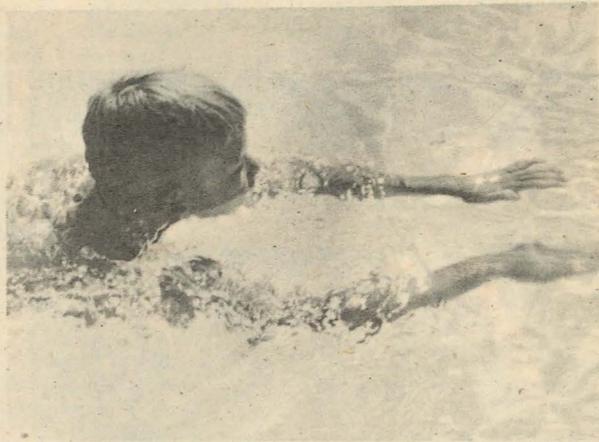


Jordan again



Learning To Swim At Gonville

One bright Saturday morning recently the Gonville baths had a special session for the littlest ones. They were learning to swim. There was a bit of doubt on the part of the children but the capable assistance of the teachers soon dispelled all fears. Left: A group of the children with one of the teachers, Miss Caroline Respinger. Below left: Catherine Horne shows her certificate to her sister Lillian and explained to us that she swam across the baths frontwards! Below right: Christopher O'Connell was learning breaststroke.



New Head

Tawhero school started the new school year with a new headmaster who has come from Hamilton. Mr A. E. Norris spent six years in Hamilton and prior to that was in the Islands on the teacher exchange scheme. Left: Mr Norris with Mrs Norris and their daughter Robyn who is in the fourth form at Girls' College.



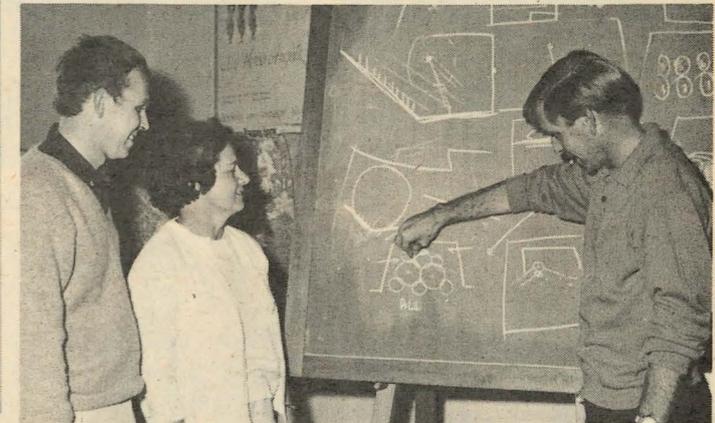
KARATE



The art of self defence or karate would seem to be a sensible thing to learn in this day and age. Evidently some parents feel this way or perhaps it was the children who thought they would like to be able to defend themselves were it necessary, or maybe it was a good way of getting fit. Anyway there were a number of boys and one girl at the first session in Wanganui East. Above: The group with the instructor, Rob Begbie. The children train to achieve certain standards marked by different coloured belts. Right: Sharon Bugg, who was the only girl at the lesson.



Backstage at Rep.



In the middle of February the Repertory Theatre held a weekend school for anyone interested in the backstage work of the theatre. Stage management, lighting, make-up, design, and numerous other aspects were tackled by the group under the leadership of Robert McMurray. Mr McMurray comes from Palmerston North and has had a great deal of experience in the theatre both here and in England. Above: One of the costumes and masks used for a modern play. The mask was one of several Mr McMurray made for the play. It is "modelled" here by one of the members of the school. Above right: Ken Mells of New Plymouth and Thelma Good of Wanganui Rep discuss a point in lighting with Bob McMurray. Right: One of the groups which found ample scope for thought in a very worthwhile school.





Heap Big Fun At Ratana

Nine very colourful visitors to this district last month were the party of American Indians who came to New Zealand on an exchange with a group of Maoris who travelled to America. In the Wanganui area the Indians visited and stayed with Maoris at Ratana and Putiki. We picture on this page shots taken at a social at Ratana where the Indians really let their scalps (oops) down.

Top left: Jess Six Killer does the Gay Gordons with one of the hostesses. Jess is a Cherokee.

Top right: In spite of the name, Raymond Kane, this chap is an Apache. He has everybody amused as he whoops it up during a dance.

Below: Inscrutable and immaculate in buckskin, Frank Ducheneaux nurses his peace pipe as he sits and watches the fun. Frank is a Sioux chief of Eagle Butte.



Lanoma Cooper and another Ratana lady listen with marked interest as Chief Frank tells them a tale



Phillip Cook, a Mohawk, gets twisting with a Maori lass

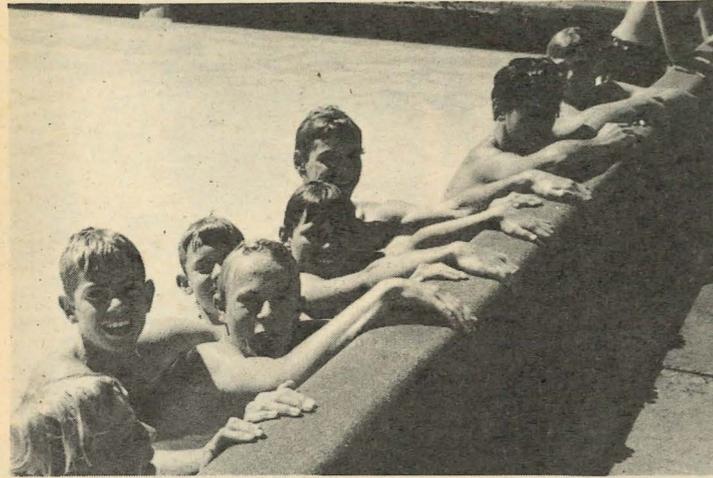


With all of the different costumes the social looked like a fancy dress do



Good fellowship between the Indians and the Maoris. From left are William Alcaida (a Chemehuevi), Mr J. Butler (Ratana), Sef Tenorio (Pueblo, New Mexico), Mr R. Aperahama (Ratana), Jess Six Killer (Cherokee) and Raymond Kane (Apache).

High School Swimming



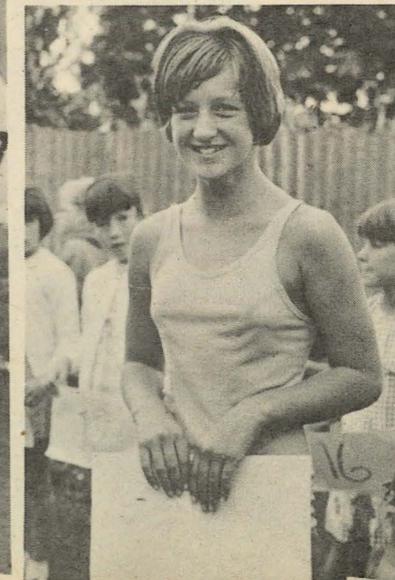
There was plenty of friendly rivalry at the H.S. tabloid swimming sports held in February. Top left: Boys at the finish of the backstroke race. Top right: The score-board at the close of the sports saw Balance house well in the lead. Above: Patricia Wilson, Ria Tauroa, Sylvia Flower, Roberta Evans, Suzanne Collard and Vivien Krivan. Left: Balance supporters. Bottom left: Denise Hopkin swam for Seddon. Right: A group of third formers and Nevan Dawson at the back who is deputy head prefect.



The weather spoilt the Central Club's gala day but there was a crowd of supporters just the same. The main attraction of the day was the Miss Central competition, judged by Mr and Mrs Ross Gilbertson. There was also a Mr Central title. Top left: John Shipper who won one of the colouring competition prizes. Top right: Three of the Miss Central jnr. contestants. Bottom left: Louise King won this section. Centre: Valerie Colhoun was Miss Central for the older group. Bottom right: Paul McDonald also won a prize.



Swimming Club Gala Day



First Birthday For Solo Parents



Wanganui Solo Parents celebrated the end of their first year with a social in St. Andrew's Hall last month. A large crowd was present, including visitors from New Plymouth, Palmerston North and further afield.

Above: A group of solo parents from Palmerston North.

Right: Secretary Jackie and Mayor Andrews have a chuckle together as Mr Andrews nurses a sheaf of flowers.

Below: The Wanganui Solo Parents Committee.



Above: Tity Elkink slices the birthday cake with its one candle proudly burning.

Below: Diane, Doreen and Sylvia.

Bottom: M.C. Jim Hodson pictured with the Palmerston North president.

Right: Hazel, Mavis and Bruce came through from New Plymouth.



From Wellington came Ron, Barbara and Peggy.



Young helpers get into the soft drinks. From left: Cheryl Hobbs, Lynette Cowan, Nicky, Sharon and Roseanne Hill.



FASCINATING HOBBIES



Wanganui was able to add another keen Arts and Crafts member to its list of talented people when Mr Bartlett, the new Station Master, arrived in the city from Wairoa. Mr Bartlett not only paints but carves in wood. His work is a delight to see and touch. Above left: Mr and Mrs Bartlett. Above right: Mr Bartlett in his "den" where he works on his paintings. Left: In his workshop the chips fly. He is at present working on the birds in the decimal currency. Bottom left and right: Some of the lovely birds and figures in the collection of finished pieces.



Castlecliff Kindy Flower Show

Last year the Castlecliff Kindergarten held a flower show and it was such a success that they were asked to have another one this year. Held in the kindy, there were displays and competitions to please everyone. Top left: Mrs Hood enjoyed the shrub display. Below left: Teresa Gates got a bird's eye view of the pot plants. Right: Mr Parnell donated this tall creature for a raffle. Christine Gerrie shows us just how tall it was. We reckoned about 5ft 6ins. Below left: Mrs Laurine Timblich of Lorette Florists gave a demonstration of floral arrangements.



Tennis Winners



At the junior championships held at Victoria tennis courts in February these two lasses won the girls' doubles. There were sixteen pairs entered in the championships. Above: Janet Thomas and Mary-Anne Larson.

INDIANS INVVADE PUTIKI



Mr Rangi Metekingi welcomes the Indians

Chief Dueheneaux greets Mrs Takarangi

The marae at Putiki looked more like a reservation when the touring party of American Indians called there in the course of their visit to Wanganui. Most of the visitors wore either ceremonial dress or feather bonnets.

Top left: This young Putiki-ite also wore Indian head-dress. Top right: Ernie Stevens says a prayer in Indian sign language. Below: Members of the touring party represented many races. From left are a Sioux, an Apache, a Cherokee, a Pueblo, an Oneida, a Mohawk, a Pueblo and a Chemeheuri.



He swapped his tomahawk for a movie camera....Phillip Cook catches the scene.

Some of the locals on the marae



Some of the Putiki concert party give an item for their guests



When there are six charming girls in one family and the first one leaves to take up a nursing career it calls for a farewell party. Julie Deere, her family and friends enjoyed an evening together before she left for New Plymouth. Top left: The Deere girls: Shona, Mary, Kathy, Mrs Shirley Deere, Anne, Julie and Josie. Top right: Anne thought that Billy the cat should be in too. Below left: Betty Garner, Lynette Campbell and Betty Strachan were there. Below right: Julie with Coral Reid.

Farewell Party

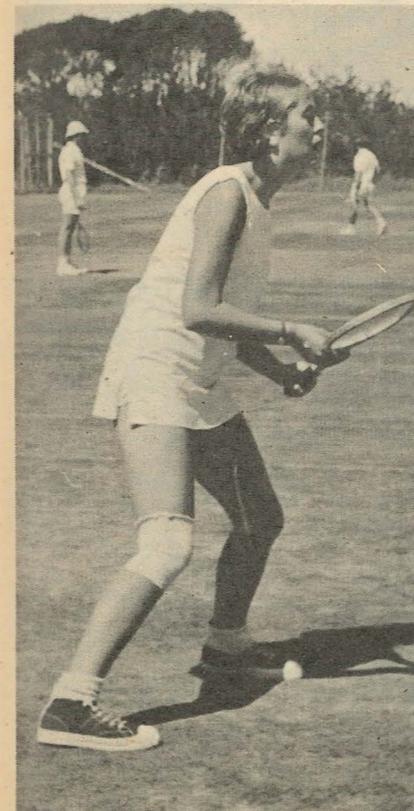
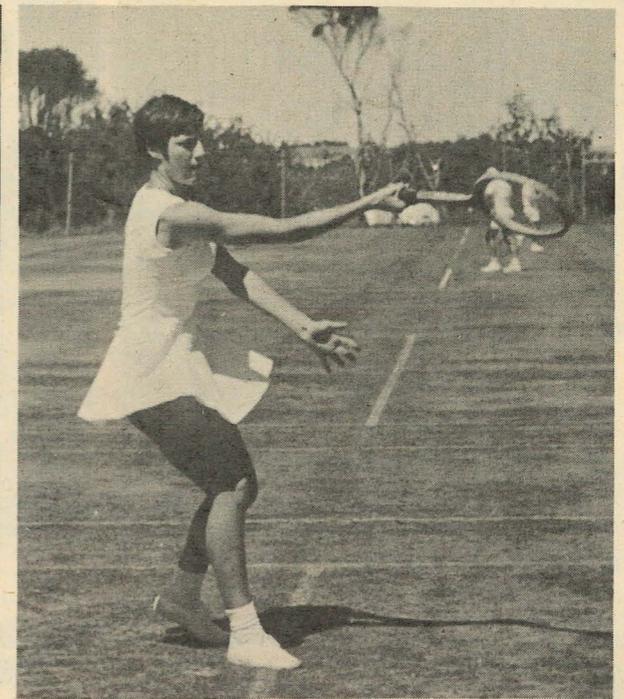


New Minister

From Gisborne has come a new minister to fill the vacancy at Aramoho Methodist Church. He has been in Auckland where he had his first parish. Having no wife as yet his family from Gisborne have joined him for a year. Right: Mr Harkness is seen here with his mother and father and his sister Raema who is attending Girls' College for a year.



Tennis Championships At Victoria



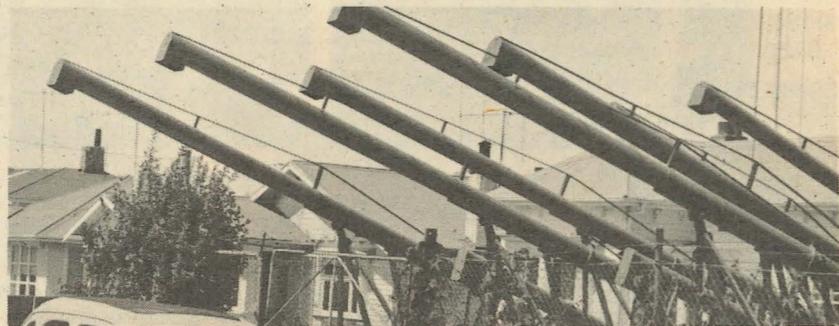
Victoria tennis club held their junior championships at the courts in February. After having to cancel them the weekend before owing to the weather conditions they were finally played in perfect conditions. Top left: Winner of the boys' singles, Ian Burgess. Top right: Winner of the girls' singles, Mary-Anne Larson. Bottom left: Janet Bates playing in the semi-finals. Centre: Alan Croasdale lost to Ian Burgess in the finals. Bottom right: Margaret Davidson also played in the finals.



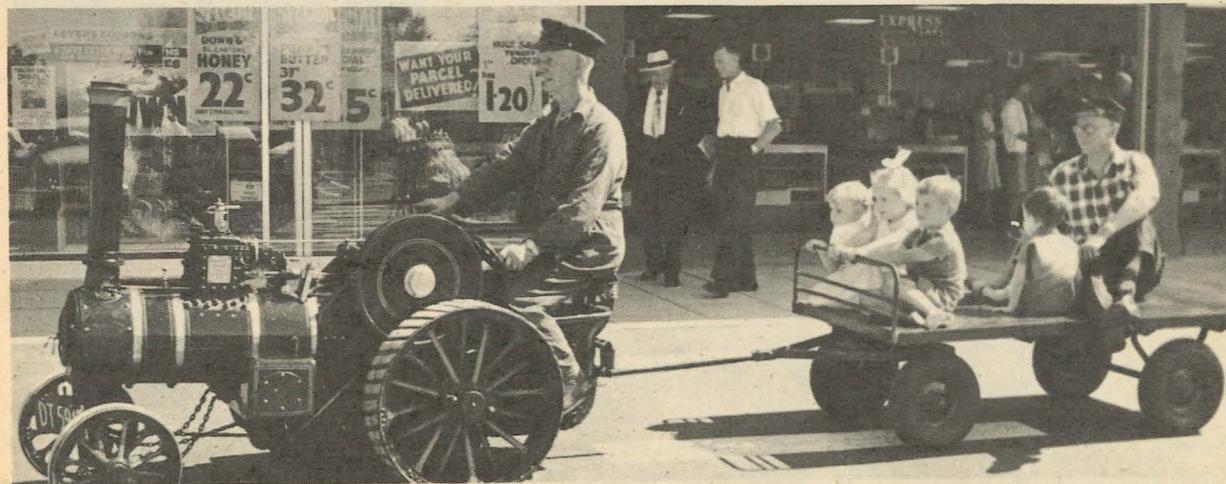
Camera Clicks

Above: Only just noticed this--reinforcing steel jutting out from the Perretts Building, Maria Place. Must have had ideas about building on. Taking their time about it though...its a mighty old place.

Top right: Must give it to Sylvia Groves...she has a very artistic eye. Take note of her Selwyn Beauty Salon display window sometime--she changes it every few weeks. These antique clocks were in with the wiglets and the hair shampoos a few weeks back.



Production Motors must think that the invasion will come from the East. At least, that's the direction their "big guns" are pointing. In fact they are just grain augers.



Hughie Rainey took two years to build this one-third scale Burrell Traction Engine down in Ashburton in 1963. He thrilled the kiddies at Woolworths by taking them for rides around the carpark last month. And if you're wondering how he got the 15 cwt monster over Cook Strait...well he didn't come that way.

A Hard-up Birthday



Norma Hardy is wished many happies by her husband, Nelson. We knew his name was Nelson...coz he only had one eye.



Robin Hume looked mighty primitive apart from the hat.

We took our camera to a hard-case, hard-up birthday party at 2a Abbot Street last month...and boy, what fun they were having!



Jim Ruscoe tries to cover up



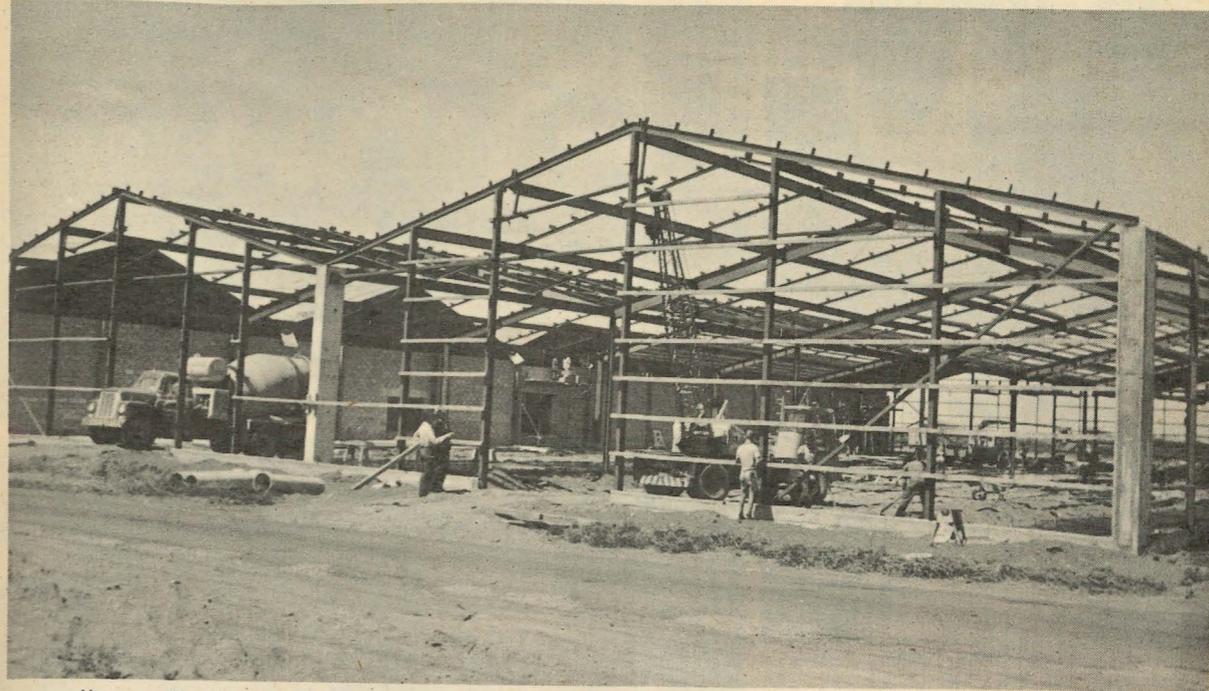
Even the kids got in the act and had a great time



SCHOOL'S IN AGAIN

Course 45 at the Wanganui Commercial Pilots' Flying School is now in training at the Wanganui Airport. Pictured here are, **top:** John Barker (New Plymouth) and David Belton (Waverley). **Middle:** Duncan Gardiner (Amberley), Bruce Smith (Hamilton), Greg Rabe (P.Nth), Bryan Fitzgerald (instructor), Ivon Warmington (chief flying instructor), Norman Wadding (Picton), Neil Gibb (Ch.Ch.), and Mike Waters (U.K.). **Front:** Philip Smyth (Levin), Ivor Bissell (Hokitika), Brian Orman and Paul Fenton (of Lower Hutt).

THE CHANGING SCENE



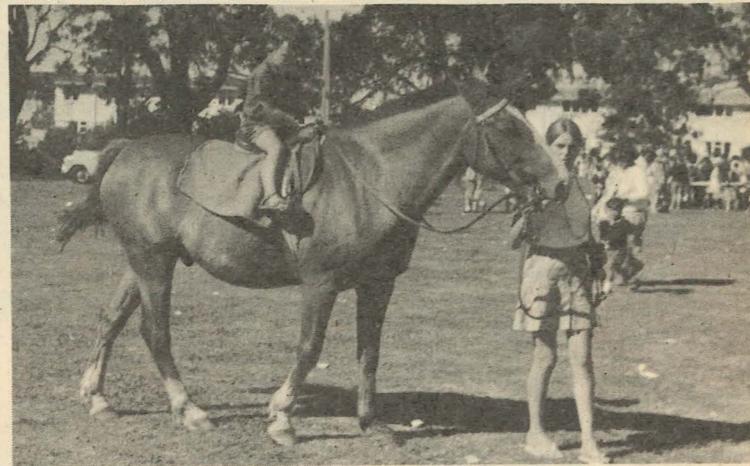
Above: Woolstore Additions...Heads Road. Dickson Construction Company has transformed 33,500 square feet of sand into this new store for Levin & Co Ltd/Murray Roberts & Co. Architect: Bruce Dickson. Engineers: Payne, Ives and Sewell. Steel Structures Ltd did the steelwork.

Below: A new shopping complex has been opened on St. John's Hill for Bristol Meats Ltd. Designed and built by Dickson Construction Ltd., incorporated in this block are a dairy, butcher, chemist, hairdresser and other tenancies.





Coconut shies, pony rides, a hangi, icecreams and all the rest of the things that go to make a good gala day were there at Aramoho school gala. **Top left:** Boyce Paul and Earl Tui had the hangi well in hand and they had plenty of customers. **Top right:** Bruce Kennedy, who is chairman of the school committee, was also the driver of the tractor train. **Right:** Heather Black leading "Jackie" while John Kent has a ride.



Gala Time At Aramoho



Peter Smith had been shopping for Mum



Sandra Work with a doll she bought at the gala



Robert Thile was doing his bit to clean up the grounds

Nice People!



How's this for service? Arch gives Rob's shoes a polish and Kev Meynell brushes his coat down.



It's the personal attention that makes one appreciate Mobil's service. Like lighting a bloke's cigarette for him.



Do you remember us publishing in our last issue that little picture at top left? Well we said in the caption that it was worth free gas for us for the free plug we gave Mobil. Guess what happened? Arch Roebuck rang from Suburban Motors at Castlecliff and told editor Rob to come and get a tank-full on the house. And boy, what great service they give you out there!

Above: A nice smile from Josephine Davis as she fills our tank.



They really give the car plenty of attention



Oh isn't that nice of them...they all line up to farewell their customers

GOLF IN THE RAIN



Fingers Foote kept his hair (?) dry with a towel



Clive McKenzie inspected a couple of bunkers

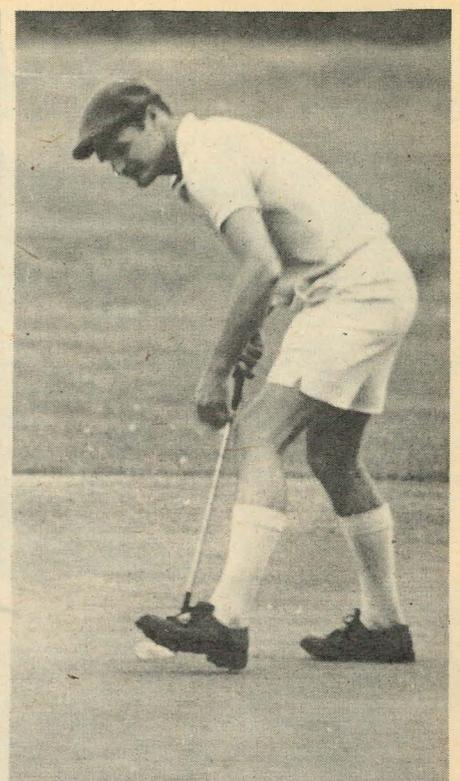
Entries for this year's Rutland Hotel Golf Tournament were so large that it was necessary to close Belmont links to other golfers for the day. Even the "mug" golfers took their play seriously as there were prizes galore for the good and the not-so-good. The rain pelted down for most of the day, but nobody particularly minded. Everybody knew it wouldn't be a dry tournament!!!



We thought Brian Armit played particularly well for somebody without legs. He stumped around in quite good figures considering.



Some of the "burglars": Mickle, Jones, McKenzie and Lategan.



Top left: Peter Rona found the ball easier to hit from a hard surface--like the roadway for instance.

Above: Keith Wills seemed to be playing mighty well. He didn't seem very surprised when he sunk this long putt.

Left: The rain tumbles down as Budge Lockett prepares to blast out of a trap.



Norm Owen tees off



All concentration as Joe Brider putts

THEN and NOW



With some of these old pictures that we publish now and then it is hard to give an accurate estimation of the date. We usually are informed pretty accurately, but if somebody thinks we're wrong, well we would like to hear from them.

Above: Now this pic was supposed to have been taken near enough to a hundred years ago. It was taken from the slopes of the hill above where the Repertory Theatre now stands and shows Bates Street, the courthouse and gaol.

Below: The same area today. A little harder to photograph now though with more buildings and trees obstructing the view. That's our new courthouse on the site of the old one.



Most of you with keen eyesight and the time to really study these photographs and make comparisons will see that Wanganui has not really changed very much in the past 60 years. The top picture is dated around 1910, the lower was taken about two weeks ago. But have a good look. A lot of those buildings are just the same--just repainted.



DON'T MISS YOUR PHOTO NEWS



Wanganui At The Jamboree

Thanks to Brian Le Comte and his Instamatic camera we are able to publish photographs taken at the 5th National Scout Jamboree held a few weeks back in Christchurch. About 80 boys and leaders from the Wanganui district attended this jamboree so we feel sure that considerable interest will be shown by their friends in these photographs.

Above: Chief Scout Sir Arthur Porritt meets the Wanganui boys and poses for photos. When he met the contingent leader he remarked that he wanted to meet all of the boys from his old home town.

Below: Members of the public plus 6,500 Scouts and Venturers assemble for the opening by the Governor General.



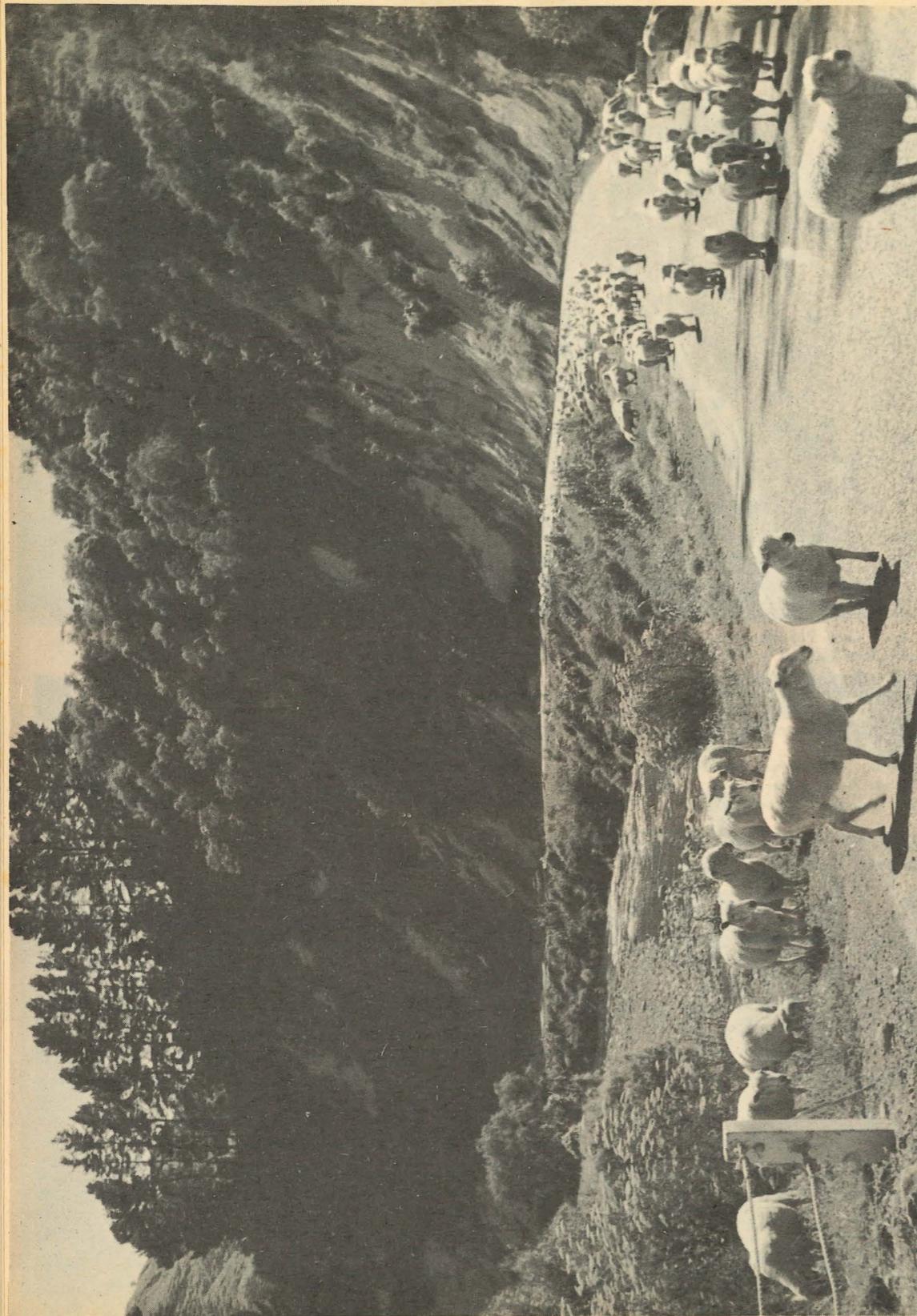
John Frew made friends with a Scout from Japan



Contingent Activities Officer Des Duffy chats with Michael Gibson, one of Wanganui's two Queen's Scouts who served on the Host Corps.



Contingent leader B.W. Le Comte directs a party of boys as they prepare their camp gateway. Good ambassadors these lads, giving the River City a fine plug.



SHEEP ON THE PARAPARA

A nice rural scene as a flock of sheep meander along the roadside in the sunshine beside a tinkling stream. All very nice to look at. But not very nice in another way. The road happens to be the Parapara, the twisting turning main highway from Wanganui to points north. This road can be hazardous enough without swooping around a bend to find yourself heading full-tilt for a flock of mutton.



The "T" exercise



A spinal exercise

SWING AND SWAY EXERCISE CLASS

Phyl Whyman, grandmother of eight grandchildren and a business woman by day, holds a class for women every week. Phyl is her own good advertisement for the Swing and Sway way to health. Though she recommends healthy exercise, Phyl says exercise alone is not enough—one must have knowledge of all the basic elements of health in order to get full physical advantage. Phyl conducts her class on Monday nights at Amdram.



COMINGS AND GOINGS

Above: John Grey, who has joined the firm of Burnett, Palmer and Mazengarb recently, is new in Wanganui and comes from Hamilton but is an Auckland. It is nice to see that we don't always lose when it comes to young people in the city.

Mr W.E. Osmand, who has spent 21 months in Wanganui on the Courthouse staff, is moving to Greymouth to take up a position there. Mr Osmand is a keen indoor bowler and has played representative bowls for Wanganui. He is also an ardent cricket fan and is scorer for Tech Old Boys' team.



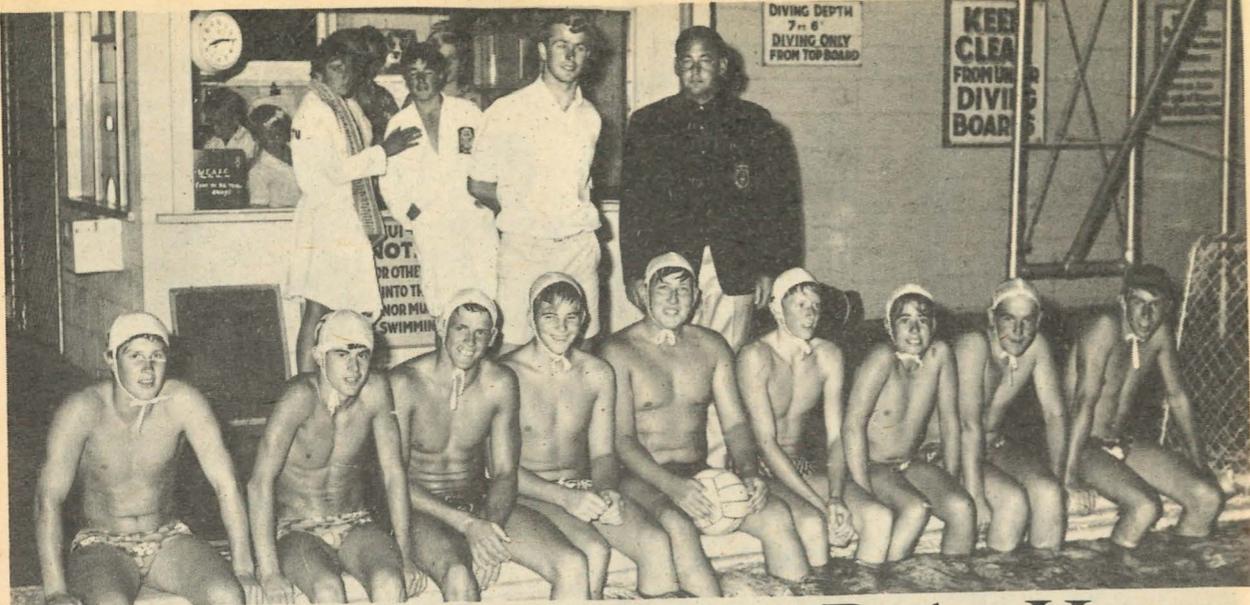
In this new series we hope to bring you news and views of the schools about Wanganui. The first school we visited was Tawhero. Above: The wee ones of primer one were having a singing class. The Farmer in the Dell was the song they were singing here. Right: Moana Parker enjoys the shower after her swim. Miss Verran works the tap. Below left: The Dental Clinic is an important part of the school and here we have Nurse M.Murphy with Sharon Sanders. Centre: Wilma Ta'ala enjoying the library lesson. Right: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.



Above: The staff of the Tawhero School. Back row: Mr A.B. McLean, Mr C.Jacobsen, Miss S.Verran, Miss M.Smith, Miss C. Anderson, Miss P.Peters (infant supervisor), Miss B.Harris, Mrs F.Austin, Mrs G.Lawless, Miss L.Boosey and Mr R.Bolton. Front row: Miss M.Murphy, Miss M.Gilbey, Mrs G.Pritchard, Mr W.L.Ferry (first assistant), Mr A.E.Norris (headmaster), Mrs D.Wansborough (clerical assistant), Mrs E.Anderson, Miss G. Lancaster. Below: A Std 4 nature class collecting leaf types.

Tawhero

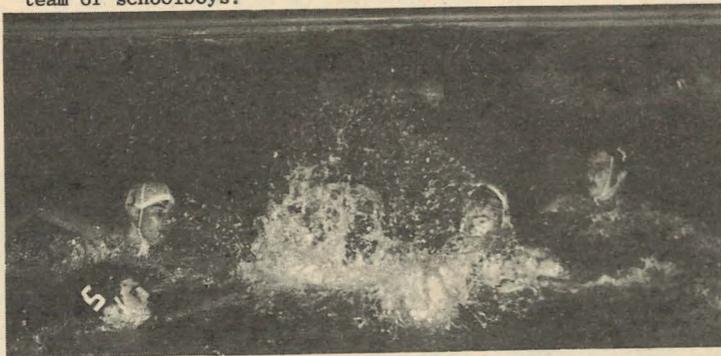




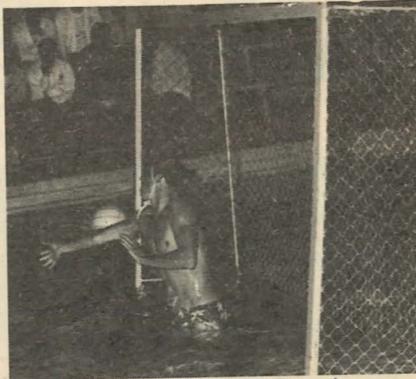
Aussies Play Water Polo Here

Australian water polo teams from the Sydney St. George Club recently visited Wanganui to play three matches. A total of 62 Australians came to New Zealand, but only the men came to Wanganui. At the time of writing this we did not have to hand the results of the matches. We managed to get photographs of the first half of the game against the Aussie under-18 side, and Wanganui's young players were matching goals with the visitors when we had to take our leave.

Above: Manager/coach Gavin McKay and assistant Graeme Ander pictured with their young Wanganui team of schoolboys.



All kinds of tactics were hidden beneath the water when the players clashed on occasions.



A goal against Wanganui



And one that missed against Aussie



Only a small crowd watched the games at Wanganui East



IMLAY RETIREMENTS

It must be quite a record for four key men to retire on the same day from the same business. We wish them well in their retirement. Top left: Mr P. Issac retires as head buyer after being with the firm for 45 years. He plans to loaf, garden, loaf, go south to visit his daughter and loaf. Top centre: Mr V. Thurston, who has been at Imlay for 20 years and was Shift Engineer, plans a tour to Japan later and gardening and fishing and a new home in Karaka St will fill the rest of his leisure time. Top right: As he was Chief Engineer at Imlay it is not surprising that Mr V. Buckendahl makes model engines and plans to spend more time at it in his retirement. He has spent 46 years with the firm. Right: Mr H. Blight has been with the firm since 1918 and hopes to spend his time collecting and repairing antiques and also plans a trip around the Pacific Islands. He was Chief Executive Officer at Imlay.



The Arts Society is holding an exhibition on the 20th of March in Wanganui. 300 paintings were offered and out of these about 120 have had to be selected. To do this difficult job the Society had two well known painters from Wellington, Miss Joan Fanning and Mrs Avis Beere. Mrs Beere is better known as Avis Higgs. Above: These two painters with Wanganui members, J. Alp, Miss B. McPhail and Mrs Jean Franks.

ARTS SOCIETY

FESTIVAL CONCERT



A concert of very high standard, and catering for a wide range of tastes was presented at the Opera House on the evening of the announcing of the winner of the queen contest.

Above: Filling in with a wee sketch were Robin Ives, Claire Magée and Don Stewart.



The most popular performers were surely the St. Andrew's Quartet: Jim Evers, Dixon Tizard, Maurice Taylor and Murray Weir.



The Ratana group is always in big demand



A happy house



Above: The Trad Dads swing it along. Right: Trad Dad Dick Falconer helps drummer Ian Newsome with his bow tie.

Below: Noel McGrail led the pit orchestra. Below right: Song and dance in the non-stop style of the B & W Minstrels was presented by members of Amdram.



Very smart in their white uniforms and red scarves: young members of the Gang Show cast.

Festival Derby



It was terribly wet for the soap box derby but it didn't seem to damp the ardour of the boys in their carts. Above: Richard Lane in his Brabham special with Michael Van Langevelde behind him. Above right: John Frew and John Green ready to go. Right: It was VERY wet. Below: Mervyn Richdale, Ronnie Richdale, Russell Jones and Kelvin Richdale relaxed with a bottle of Fanta each.

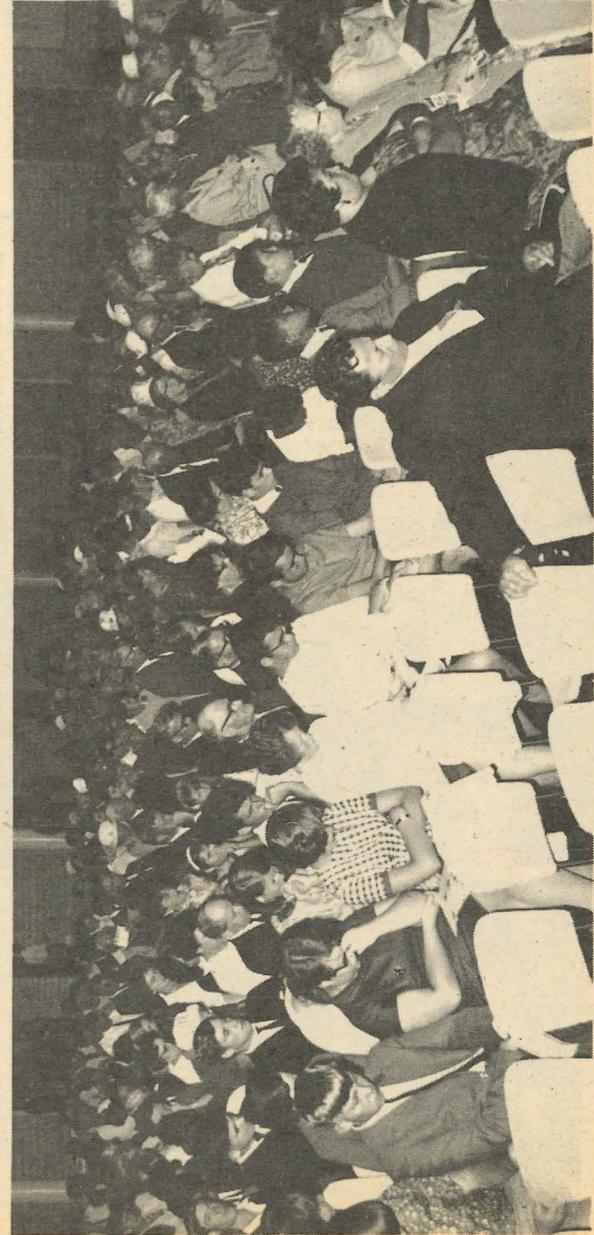
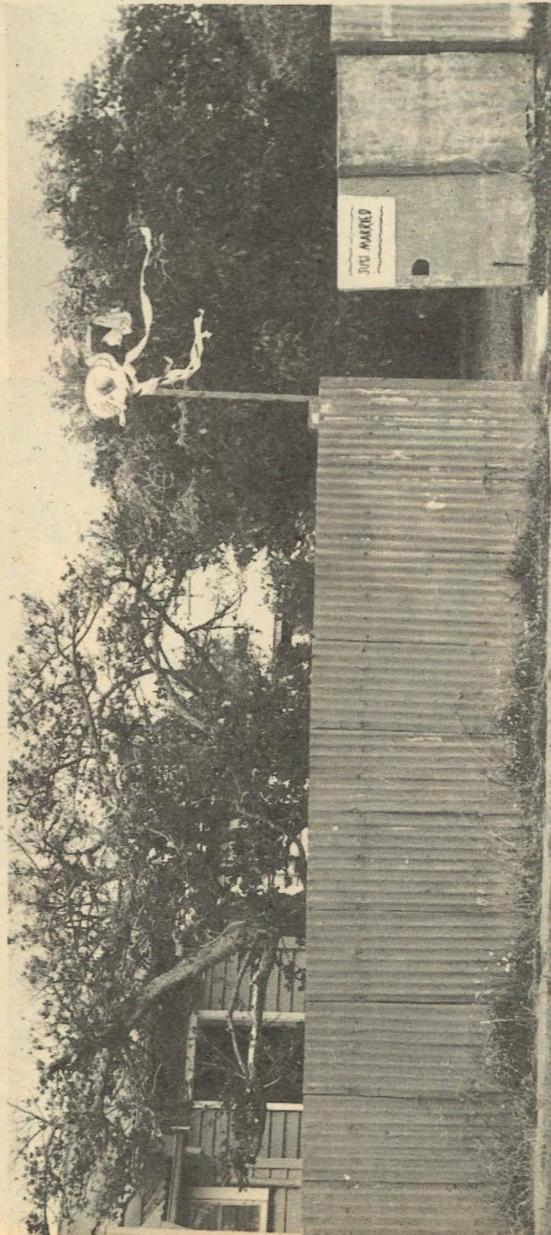


Top left: Right beside the main drag at the top of Portal Street stood this sign. It carried a picture of a stork and baby and informed all who passed that the occupants were just married.

Above: In the course of his seventh New Zealand tour Patrick O'Hagan will sing at the Wanganui Opera House on Wednesday, April 30. He will be accompanied on the piano by Oswald Cheesman.

Left: About 800 Wanganui folk packed into the Memorial Hall auditorium to listen to the first of Billy Graham's land-line broadcasts from Auckland.

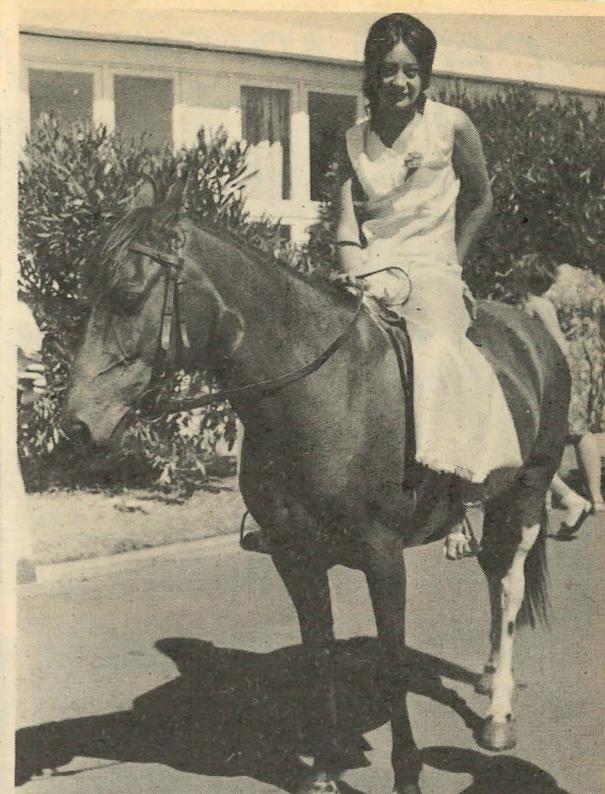
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HIGH SCHOOL GALA



Crowds turned out for the High School gala held in February. There was all the fun of the fair in the school grounds. Left: Vicki Farr won the prize for the most fetching toddler. Above: W.R.Regan tried his skill at weight lifting. Below left: Mr D.G.George bought a raffle ticket from Mrs O.Porteous on the Seddon stall. Below right: John Burton and Howard Mansell were the cooks on the hamburger stall. Bottom left: When there are two one dollar notes hidden in the sawdust the digging is fast and furious. Bottom right: A little boy with a big name, Stelious Triantiphylides, has a ride with his friend Craig Turney. His uncle is a teacher at the school.



Each house had its own queen. The winning queen was Cherry Porteous. She is seen above left with Susanne Morley and Sheridan Jones in her Royal Chariot. Above right: Another of the queens rode a horse about the grounds. She was Jackie Matakatea of Reeves house. Left: Karen Thyer was the queen for Vogel. Below: The two handsome horses for this queen's coach were Kerry Johns and Eric Leathley. Leigh Mooseman was the queen and with her are Gay Wilson and Elizabeth Ormsby.



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS



Wanganui Women's Bowling Centre held its Champion of Champions tournament in February. Top left: Maisie Wallace was junior singles champion. Top centre: Intermediate singles champ, P. Oliver. Top right: J. Stewart was senior champion. Above left: Senior pairs winners, B. Morris (L) and A. Findlater. Above right: The runners-up, P. McDonald and R. Murphy. Below: Gonville team won the Fours: V. Anderson (skip), E. Howes (3), R. Reu (2), and P. Keats (lead).



Welsh Celebrate St. Davids Day

There were Jones, Griffins, Edwards and Evanses at the Welsh dinner on March 1st. We tried to keep up with the Joneses but they were too shy so we took the pic top right of the Evanses. Mr and Mrs W.S. Evans (Mr Evans was guest speaker from Hamilton), Mr Ieuan Evans and Mr and Mrs T.C. Evans.

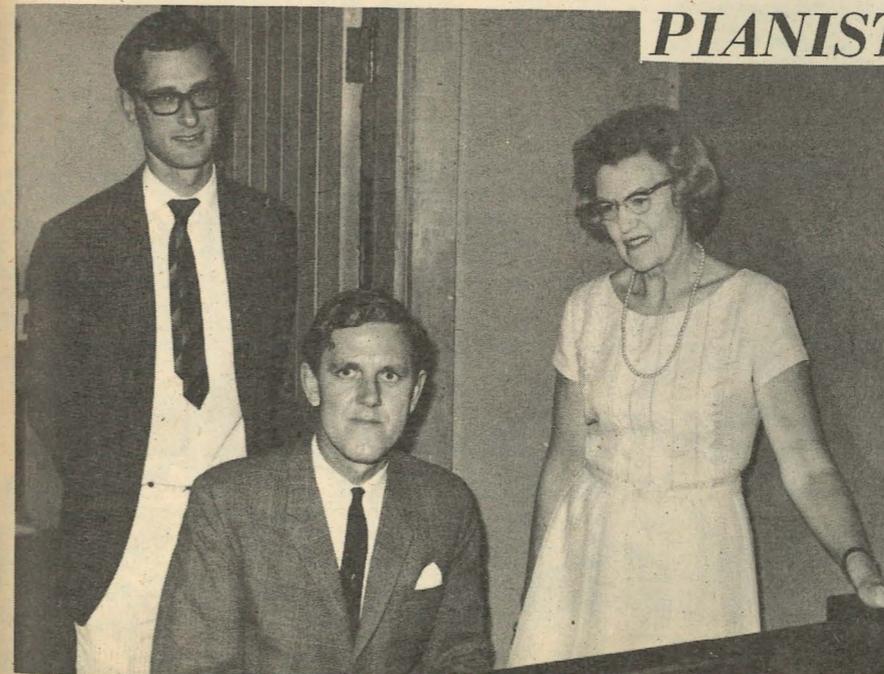


Dreaming of Wales think you? Mrs Betty Andrews.



Mr and Mrs Evans, Mr and Mrs Chelley, the Mayor, Mr Andrews, and the Rev. and Mrs Jones.

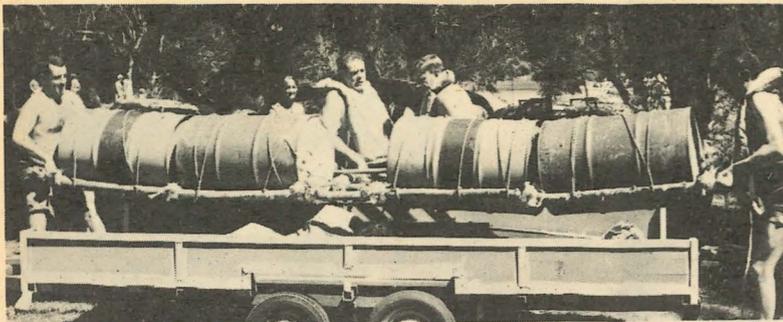
PIANIST



Wanganui was honoured to be able to hear Maurice Till during Festival Week. We found him with the chairwoman and the vice-chairman at the Opera house where he was practising for the evening recital. Mr Till started to play at the age of four. Asked by Mrs Brown if he had thought of writing his own story of a pianist, he replied that he wasn't much good with a typewriter as he kept playing octaves. Accompanying is his particular field and he has had many years of experience having toured many times in Australia, including playing with the Sydney Orchestra. With him in the pic at left are Mrs P. Brown and Mr John Slade-Jones.

Govt. Depts. Take To The River

Just about all of Wanganui's Government Departments entered the Inland Revenue-inspired raft race down the Wanganui River last month. Some crews took the race seriously--others had a great lark. All in all, a very happy event.



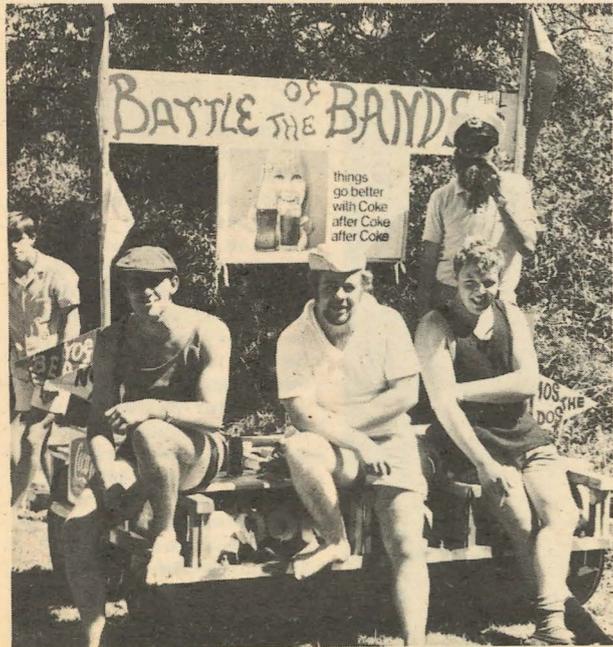
Members of the local constabulary load their craft on to a trailer ready for launching



Cheers chasps--no good carrying those heavy cans with you



This gal was prepared...to swim if necessary!!!



Black Jack Nation, Long John Weale and their crew of cut-throats...of the Railway's Battle of the Bands craft.



Shiver me timbers..a pirate



One of the Educat crews



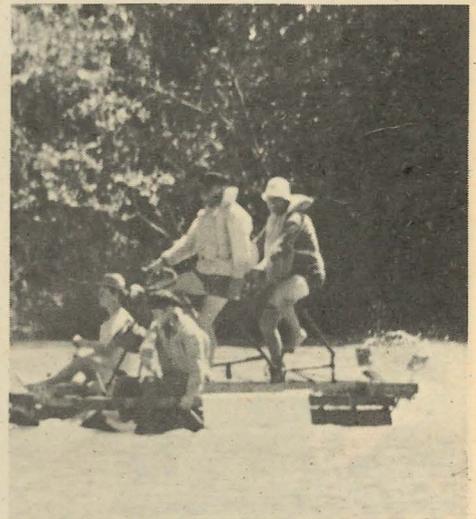
They're off! Rafts of various design head down the river from Kukuta to the city



This guy had women's undies flying from the mast



Official starter was Des Hogan



These ingenious railway types utilised a tandem bike and a paddlewheel to win the race



Following the race in style...a la Tom Halkett's big launch

THEY HAD LOVELY GARDENS



As part of the Festival festivities the gardeners of the city made a special effort with their gardens and entered them in the garden competition. This was run in two sections, one for sandy soil and the other for the heavier soil. Mr and Mrs R.W. Palmer of Hillside Tce and Mr and Mrs G. Welch came first in their sections. Top left: Mr and Mrs Palmer, jnr., accepted the prize on behalf of Mr Palmer's parents. Top right: Mr Larson with the Festival Queen.



Mrs Wakeling received a prize from Miss Coker



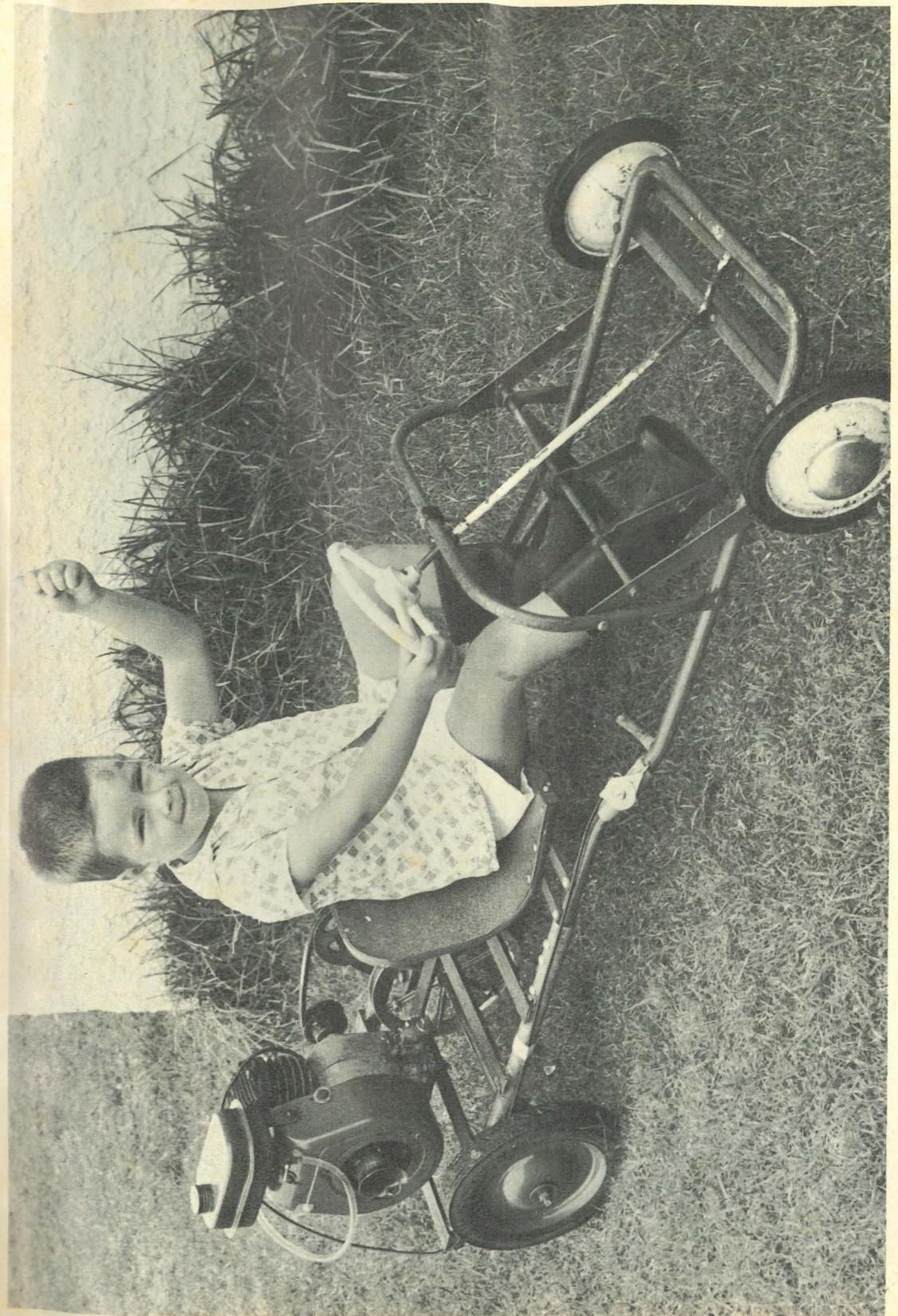
Mr and Mrs A. Brassells' garden was highly commended



Mr and Miss Prince took second place in the sandy soil section



A view in the winter gardens during the prize giving



The luckiest youngster that we know of in these parts is four-year-old Riki Love, 175 Puriri Street. He was given a go kart pedal car for Xmas and dad decided to install a motor. So father, Johnny, being a handy man with motors and a spanner fitted a one-horse four stroke petrol engine. It took him only four hours to build and now Riki is screaming around the place like a real racer. If you can see those grazes on his face...well they arrived when he took a corner a mite too fast.

Chocks Away!