

Mobile Acrobat

Hanging on by his eyelids . . . a side-car jockey gives all his assistance to his driver as their combination rounds a bend during the "Cemetery Circuit" motor-cycle races here on Boxing Day. It is the acrobatics of the passengers which enables the driver to maintain balance on his machine while cornering at speed.

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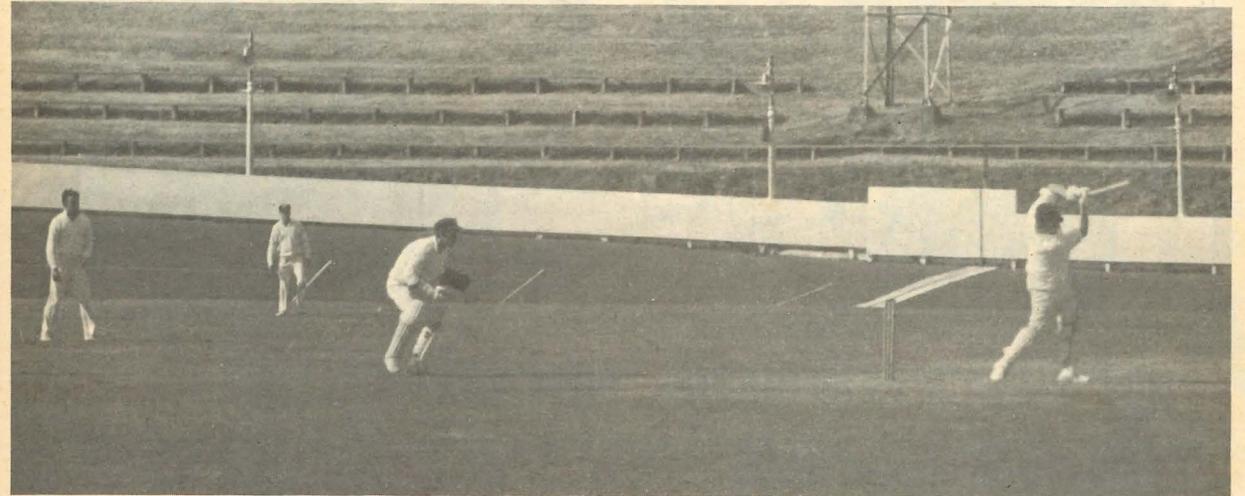
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OUR COVER

She's sweet 15 and one of the shapeliest cover girls we have photographed yet. Her name is Sandy Harkness and she lives out Fordell way.
BACK COVER: A gay evening with plenty of colour was the New Year's Eve cabaret held at the Aero Club hangar. About 400 people attended and the guest artist, all the way from Australia just for this function, was singer Paul Walden. He is pictured (now with a moustache) singing along with the High-Lites.

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CRICKET

Wanganui was beaten in a representative cricket fixture at Cook's Gardens against the touring Maryborough team from Australia. A Wanganui batsman strokes the ball away in the TOP pic.

LEFT: Brian Jewell makes his way dejectedly back to the stand after being caught out. He is being replaced by Ivan Tempero (at RIGHT).

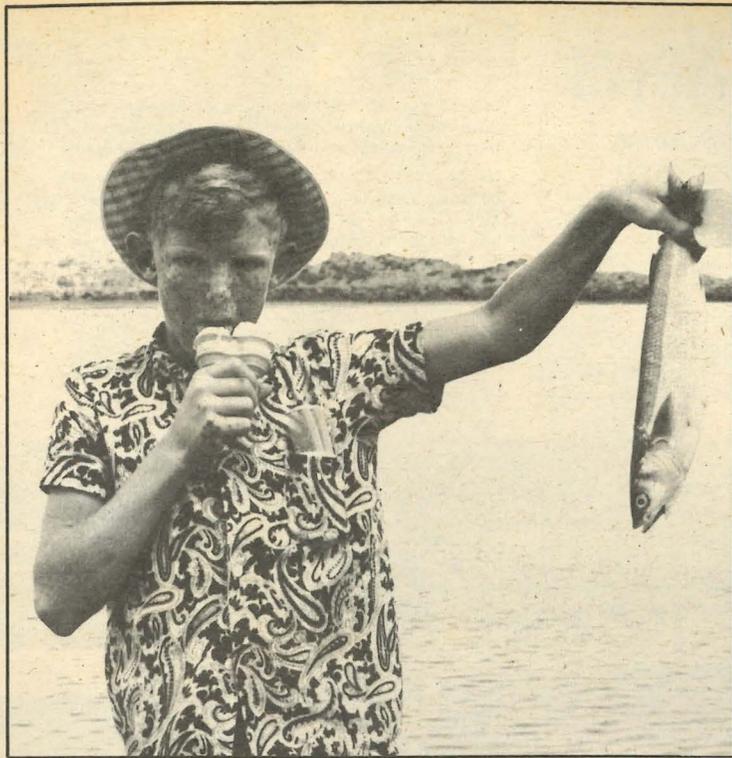
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Shane McGhie and Kim Hollenback pose with a couple of kahawai



Too bad if he hooked a big one . . . and couldn't pull it through the crack in the decking



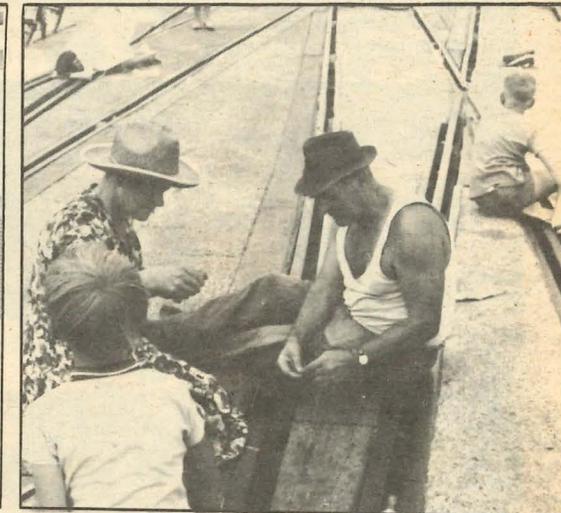
Eight-year-old twins Michael and Barry Rees caught twin herrings

THE BIG "FISH-IN"

Kiddies in their scores thronged to the Castlecliff port for the big herring contest organised by Radio 2ZW (and sponsored by Meat Packers) during the holidays. The heaviest fish tipped the scales at 1 lb 2 oz and was caught by Tony Mahoney (see picture BOTTOM RIGHT). Some of the youngsters were reported to be trying a few "swifties" — such as the lads who tried to bump up the weight of their catch by stuffing the body with stones. ABOVE LEFT: Well you see he didn't want that smelly fish too near his ice-cream, so Jan Davis posed with his herring at arm's length. Jan comes from Raetihi and he caught the second heaviest.



Erin Sinclair displays the winning fish while Meat Packers' Les Clark and Ted Mosen officiate with the weighing



Some of the fishermen were not too young either



It was every man for hisself



Bobby Brownlie and Karl Walker with a beaut kahawai



They should have jacked up for the trawler to bring in some biggies



Christine Strichen, a young swimmer with great potential.



Susan Helleur, Lorraine Smith and Wendy Taumata take to the water for the girls' 14 and 15 years 440.



That's the important job, that of taking each swimmer's times

Trials for the national age-group swimming champs were held at the Wanganui East baths a couple of weeks back. Competitors were swimming against the clock to try and reach the minimum qualifying times so as to be able to represent Wanganui at the N.Z. champs.



Keeping warm under a rug



John Tunnell easily won the boys' 14 and 15 years 440



On their starting blocks: Alex Pollock, Robert Foster, John Tunnell, Russell McKinnon and Bruce Walker.



Married

ABOVE: O'SULLIVAN-WARD. At St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Wanganui, Kerry Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Ward, 57 Tawa Street, Wanganui, to Dennis Colin Arthur, third son of Mr and Mrs O'Sullivan, Okau, via New Plymouth. The attendants are Allison Paget, chief bridesmaid, Palmerston North, Margaret Gilbert, Waihi, Athol O'Sullivan, brother of the groom, Okau, best man, and Pat Carr, Okau. Future home, Okau. (ROBUCK STUDIOS).

BELOW: SELL-CALKIN. At Trinity Methodist Church, Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. J. Calkin, 317 Heads Road, to Geoffrey William, elder son of Mrs I. H. Sell and the late Mr E. A. Sell, 19 Talbot Street, Wanganui East. The attendants are Eileen McKnight, chief bridesmaid, Mrs Shona Hogg, matron of honour, Wellington, Joanne Calkin and Lyn Kendrick (Stratford), flower-girls, Joe Lett, best man and Tony Hawkins, of Wanganui. Future home, Palmerston North. (PHOTO NEWS).



Miss Mowhanau Contest



Eighteen-year-old Heather Godwin was placed third in the senior contest.



Jennifer Barbridge, aged 16, was a popular second-place getter (from a field of 16).

The Mowhanau Beach Committee arranged a terrific gala day at their beach (more popularly known as Kai Iwi Beach) a few weeks back. The big attraction that drew the crowd of 5000 (apart from the beautifully-warm sea) was the five-section beauty contest. Each of these contests and their winners are pictured on these pages.



Some of the sixteen entrants in the senior title



Miss Mowhanau 1970 was Angela Berntsen, a 20-year-old Wanganui girl who was first successful in this type of contest at Castlecliff in 1965.



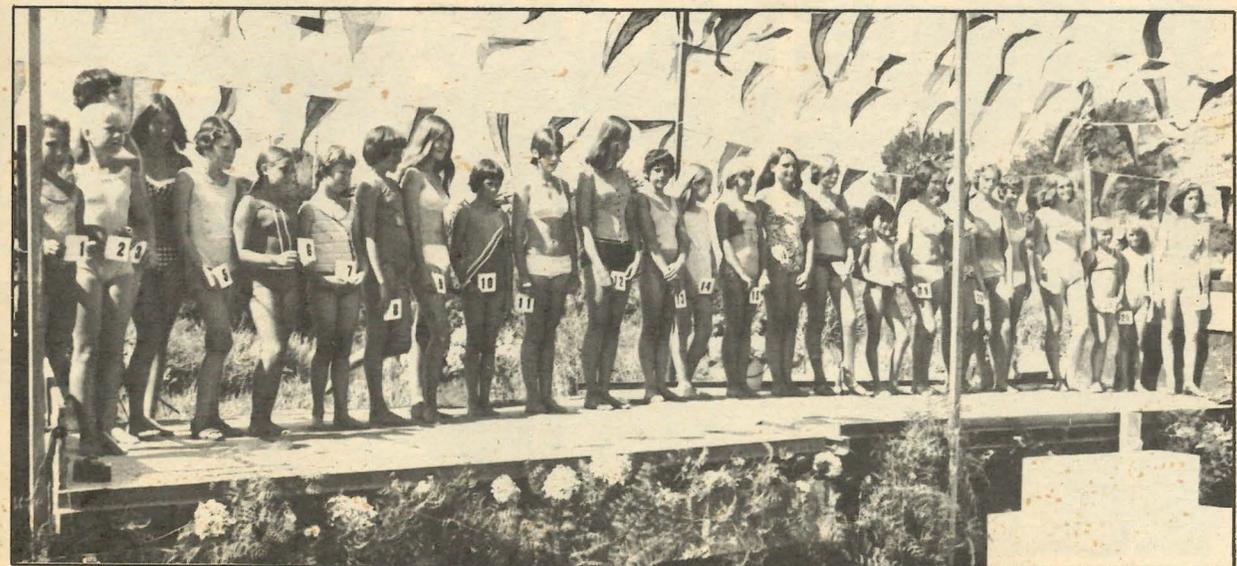
A very attractive fourteen-year-old, Catherine Walker, was adjudged winner of the Miss Mowhanau Junior title, ABOVE.

TOP CENTRE: Runner-up was a sweet fourteen-year-old, Gaye McKenzie.

TOP RIGHT: She's a ten-year-old beauty - third placegetter Denise Hammond.



Chairman of the beach committee, Lionel Grant, introduces the judges, compere and secretary to the huge crowd



How would you like to judge this lot . . . twenty-six young glamour girls?



ABOVE: Mrs Kee and daughter Jacqueline were placed second in the mother and daughter contest.
 RIGHT: Winner of the mother and daughter division was Mrs Bullock and daughters Regan and Lynleigh.
 BELOW: Twelve mothers took their daughters on to the stage in quest of the prizes.



Third placed was Mrs Trillo and daughters Linda and June



Even fathers and sons had their turn before the judges



TOP LEFT: Placegetters in the Miss Mini contest. From left: Tina Bothof (consolation), Lesley Martin (3rd), Sharon Rowan (winner) and Margaret Alison (2nd).
 ABOVE: The crowd bakes under the hot sun.
 LEFT: Visitors made donations on the approach road to Mowhanau.
 BELOW: The tiny tots who were recalled for final choice.





Mr and Mrs Peter Holland photographed by Ron Coleman at Roberta's Xmas party



Mrs D. W. Wake, managing director of Roberta



Kathy Parana entertains at Roberta's party

CELEBRATING



Also at the Roberta function were Mrs Joan Payne and son Kevin



Bill Draffin took the photos when Phillips & Impey held their Xmas party. Pictured here is the manager, Mr N. Jackson, and his wife.



Ann Allpress and Shirley Kelly were at the P & I Xmas party



Philip Gedye escorted Joy Schofield



HERE & THERE



ABOVE: They had great high jinks at the Army headquarters a wee while back when some of the boys threw a hard-up party. In the pic AT LEFT Jack Pedley is given a lift by some of the lads. RIGHT: A really hard-up appearance by Staff Sergeant Ted Morris.

BELOW LEFT: A couple of swingers at Hamish Erskine's staff party: Shirley McGregor and Shirley Titter. The party was held at the Grand's Top Hat bar.

BELOW RIGHT: A touch of the Continental life right here on lil ole Castlecliff Beach. (No wonder we get reputations like "The Sin City"! A young woman pictured in the nick by our roving cameraman recently.



THRILLS AT LEVIN



"Photo News" cameras at the Levin motor-racing circuit recorded these exclusive shots for our car-minded readers. ABOVE: Panic stations at the hairpin during the Friday practice session. It started when the car of Bryan Faloon blew its engine and dropped oil over the track. Dennis Marwood hit the oil and spun off, and then Graeme Lawrence sped into the area. The picture shows track marshals leaping over Marwood's car as Lawrence hurtles towards them. Lawrence's car avoided any collision and nobody was injured.



The flamboyant figure of millionaire Swede Ulf Norinder

Who wants to watch motor-racing when there are bikinis on the scene? Just about everybody!



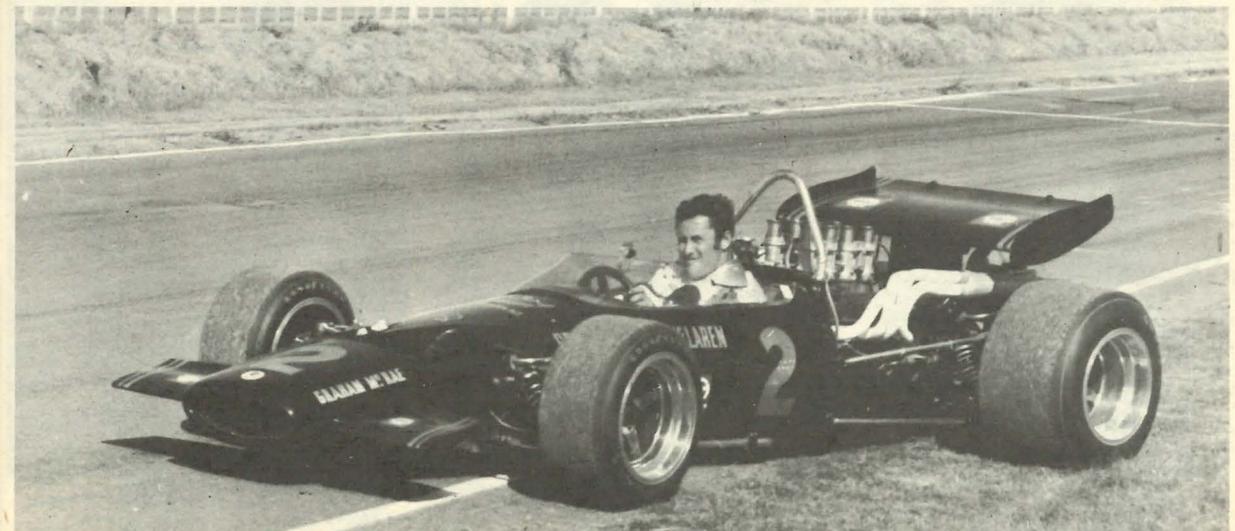
John Riley's Mustang slides wildly around the hairpin



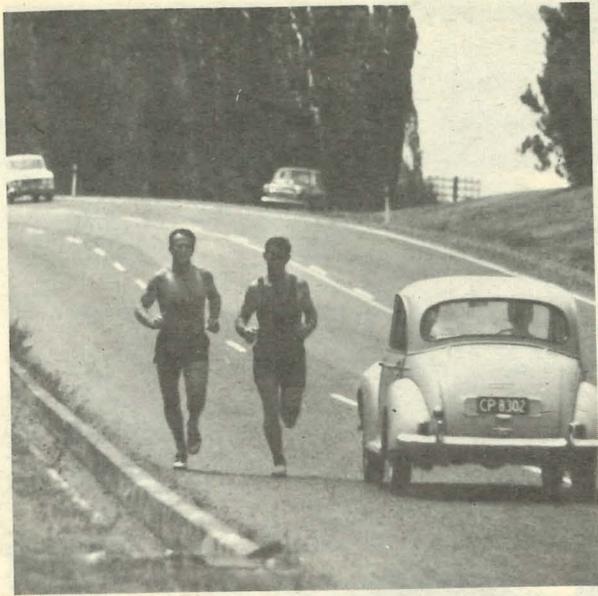
Australian Niel Allen gets crossed-up across the track in a slide



Wellington's idol Graham McRae is interviewed by TV reporter Jim Sears



McRae in his big black five-litre McLaren

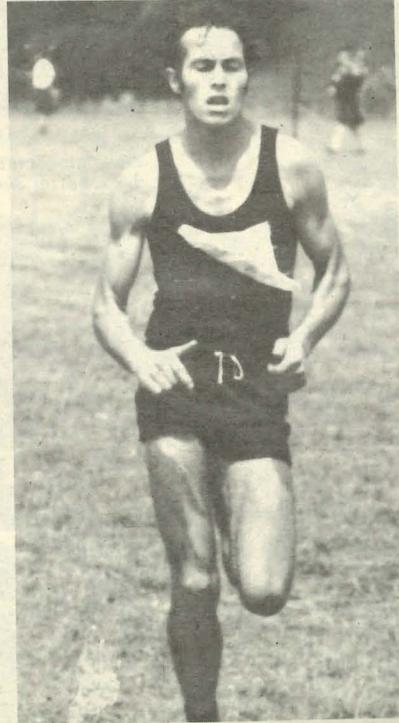


Harriers' Turakina Run

A small field of harriers this year made the 17-mile race from Wanganui to Turakina — a very gruelling event with several steep hills to climb. The race was won in very fine style by Francis Wilson, Marton.
 ABOVE: Loping down the Whangaehu Hill in the face of traffic are Alan Webby and Stan Goodgame.



Francis Wilson wins in very fit condition



Second home was Roger McKay of Hawera



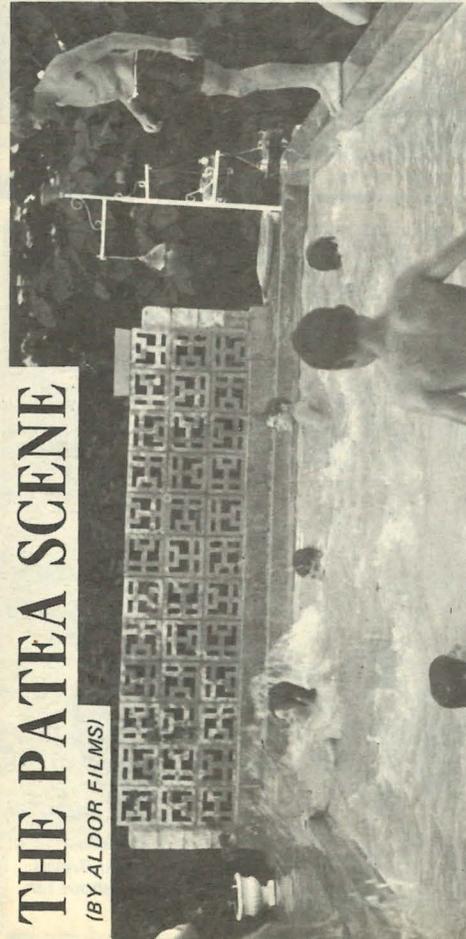
A young runner from the Palmerston North Boys' High School harrier club, D. Boyte, came home in third position.



Not content with just a sponge-down, Roy Lamberton dunked his head into a cold water bucket. But would you believe this? Roy is a youngster of 54... and he runs marathons!!!

THE PATEA SCENE

(BY ALDOR FILMS)



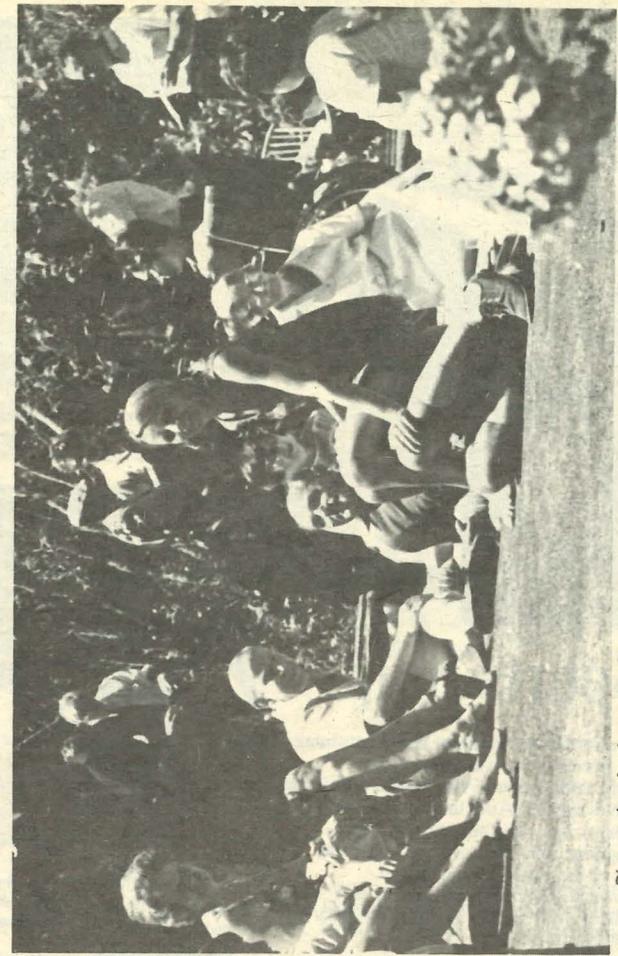
Members of the Anglican Young People's Club gathered at the Kakaramaea home of Mr and Mrs A. B. Hall for a barbecue recently. Some members are pictured having a dip.



Entertaining the crowd of over 60 were Tony Church, Chris Wyatt and the Reverend Ray Muller



Cooking their sosses at the barbecue were Yvonne Langdon; Keran Dorgan, and Sandra Dudding.

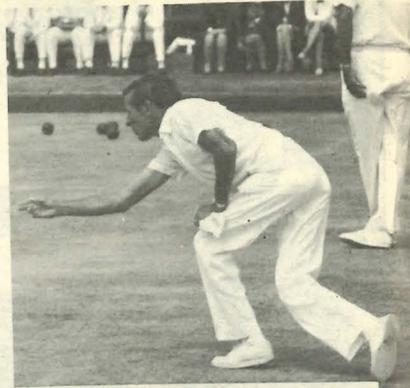


Pictured enjoying a garden birthday party at the home of Mr and Mrs J. Milne are, from left, Mrs Joyce Milne, Jack Stewart, John Milne, Penny Milne and Doris Baker.



Sports Snips

The North Island finals of the Rothmans bowls were held in Wanganui just recently and the finalists included bowlers from Northland, Auckland, Manawatu and Wairarapa. Big surprise of the tournament was the defeat of national singles champion Phil Skoglund (Manawatu) by the Northlander Bill McMillian. All smiles in the pic ABOVE is Mr McMillian.



Two action shots of Manawatu bowler Vic Sellars making a drive. Sellars was better known in the world of New Zealand sport as a successful jockey.



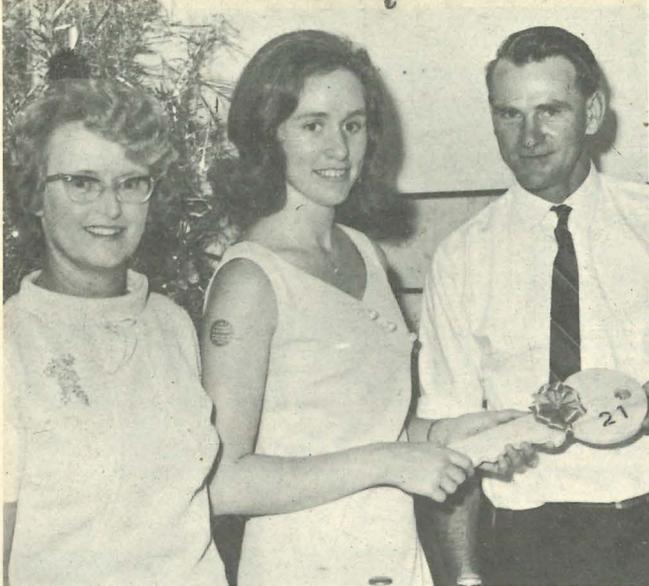
Keen interest from the sideline



The tall chap in the white softball togs is better known on a cricket field. He is Central District's bowler Brian Andrews, playing softball in an invitation team a while back.



Another look at the invitation team's softball game against top-ranked Braves. On first base (in white) is Maurie Hollenback, one of the big guns of about ten years ago.



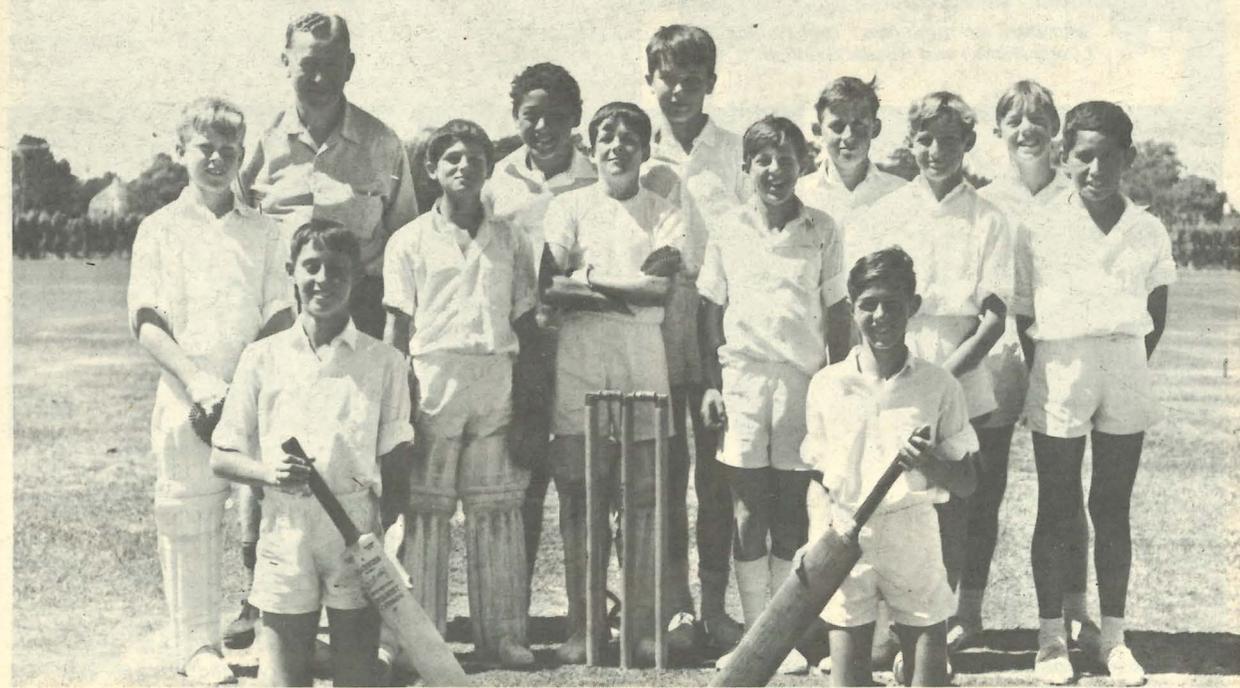
Roving Camera

COMING OF AGE

LEFT: Diane Vallely Duggan, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. W. Duggan, 24a Brassey Road, is pictured with her parents as she receives her 21st birthday traditional symbol, the key to the door of ladyhood. RIGHT: Murray Kendall, 50 Kowhai Street, is pictured with his parents as he cuts into his 21st birthday cake. Both pictures are by ROBUEK STUDIOS.

PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVES

Mr H. F. Benefield, selector-manager of the primary school's cricket representatives is pictured with his team at a recent match. The boys are, from left, BACK: Turoa Waitai, Alister Campion, Murray Campbell, Ron Barrow. MIDDLE: Henry Playne, Bill Higgins, Paul Cunneen, Andrew Cameron (captain), Richard Austin, Trevor Smith. FRONT: Gil Barnett and Brian Leith.





HULLO NEW YEAR!

The New Year was welcomed in by about 400 people attending a hangar cabaret at the airport on New Year's eve. A really swinging affair it was too — they even imported singer Paul Walden from Sydney for the event. (Photos by ROBUCK STUDIOS).

ABOVE: Some of the merry-makers get together for a photograph.



Sporting a mo these days: Paul Walden with Joan Alward, Lynne Nicholl and Rosalie Gwilliam.



Les and Gunell Stroud were nite-outing with friends



Nick ten Grotenhuis likes Latin American dances



Taking a breather: Miss Bronwyn Grant.



In merry mood: Heather and Ditch Harding.



One of their last nights out in Wanganui before leaving for Australia . . . attractive Kerri Pidging and daughter Karen.



Well-tanned, Vernon Harris looked stunning



These cute bunnies waited on customers



Over from Marton for the function was Ken Richards



Revellers line up for our cameras



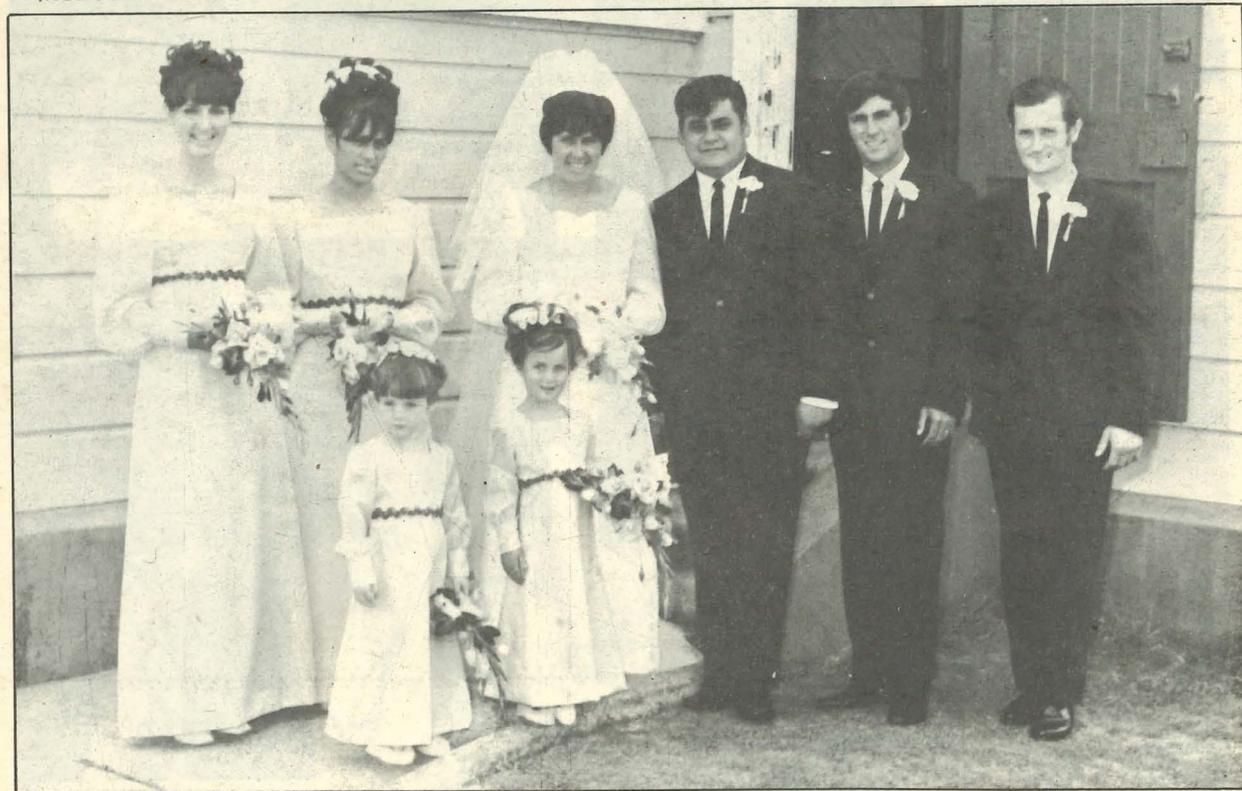
Dressed for the times were Merren Guy and Brian Flegg

MARRIED

RIGHT: HOPE-CLEAR. At Christ Church, Wanganui, Kathleen Mary, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael C. Clear, 14 Barrack Street, Aramoho, to Kerry Charles Arthur, son of Mr and Mrs A. A. Hope, 18 Kotuku Street, Castlecliff. The attendants are Barbara Power, Aramoho, and Alan Hill, Wanganui. Future home, Wanganui. (ROBUCK STUDIOS).



BELOW: PUOHOTAU – FROMONT. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Aramoho, Jennifer Elizabeth, daughter of Mr A. Fromont, 219 Somme Parade, Aramoho, to Kelly Lawrence, son of Mr and Mrs P. Puohotau, Rakatoe, Wanganui River. The attendants are Annette Hoddle, matron of honour, sister of the bride, Paraparaumu, Margaret Haami, sister of the groom, Lynn Fromont, Paraparaumu, and Annette Fromont, Gisborne, flower-girls, David Fromont, best man, brother of the bride, and Robert Edmonds, brother of the groom. Future home, Palmerston North. (ROBUCK STUDIOS).



Camera Round



Valerie Colhoun, the very talented young swimmer who recently broke the New Zealand "Teleprinter" record of 72 secs. for the 110 yards in the 11-year-old age group.



DIAMOND WEDDING: Mr and Mrs Alec Greig, Field Street, Aramoho, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in Aberdeen, Scotland, before coming to this country and Hawera and Wanganui. Mr Greig was one of the "Old Contemptibles". (ROBUCK STUDIOS).



Peter Terrey, along with parents Don and Betty Terrey, Pharazyn Street, cuts his 21st birthday cake. (ROBUCK STUDIOS).



A 21st birthday party at the Savage Club hall marked the coming of age of Peter, son of Mr and Mrs A. Salt, 74 Harper Street, Gonville. (ROBUCK STUDIOS).

AUTO CROSS



The Wanganui Car Club held a rather different meeting just recently. Members met on a farm property out at Turakina and they staged cross-country time trials on a bumpy circuitous route. TOP: Bruce Chisholm's Porsche blats around at a great rate. MIDDLE LEFT: Lifting a front leg off the ground is Ray Purdie's Cresta. MIDDLE RIGHT: The boys give the raspberries to Dave McLean for his monumental spins. BELOW: He's in a heck of a hurry — the Indians must have been closing in.



Mike Green's Valiant found the course a little bit too tight for flat stick



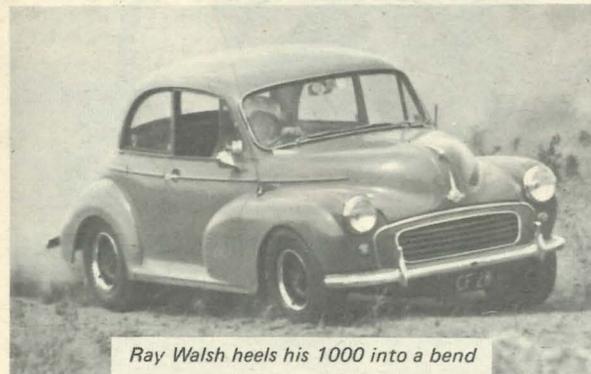
Mike Sturzaker's Mini at speed



Leaving the deck in a cloud of dust is Graham Madder's Vauxhall



Dave McLean goes for a spin . . . literally



Ray Walsh heels his 1000 into a bend



The Buckler of Mike Rogers appears through the dust



Barry Couper digs his Viva hard around a bend



Kevin Molan and John Carrick shared the driving of this Escort



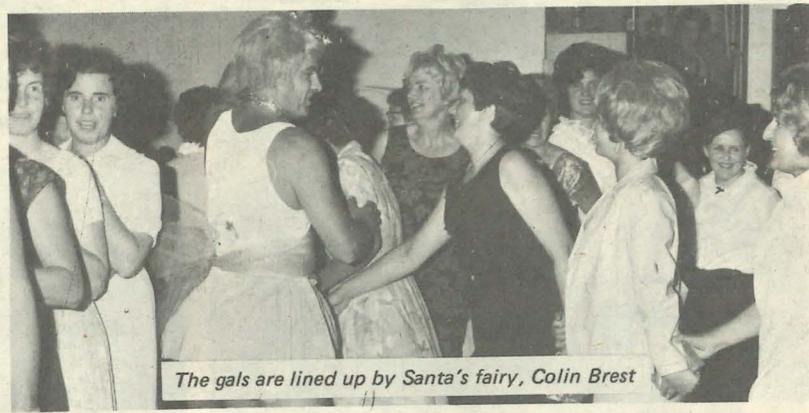
C-T XMAS

Everybody gets a Christmas present when the Commercial Travellers' Association wind up the year. The function at the end of last year was a typically great success with fun for all.

ABOVE: How's this for a hat trick? Don Carrington mixes with the foliage.



Santa gets a present in return for his gift

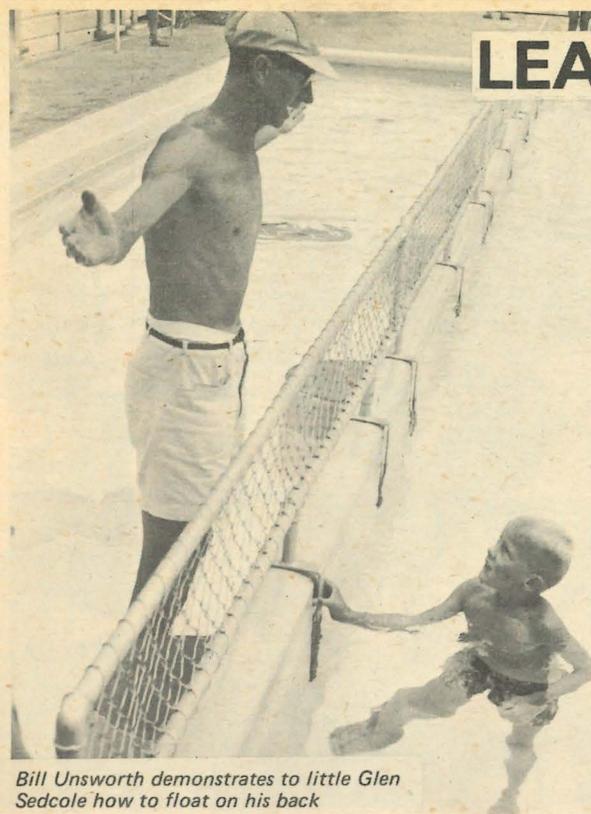


The gals are lined up by Santa's fairy, Colin Brest



Side-liners watch the floorshow — a party of Island dancers

LEARNING TO SWIM

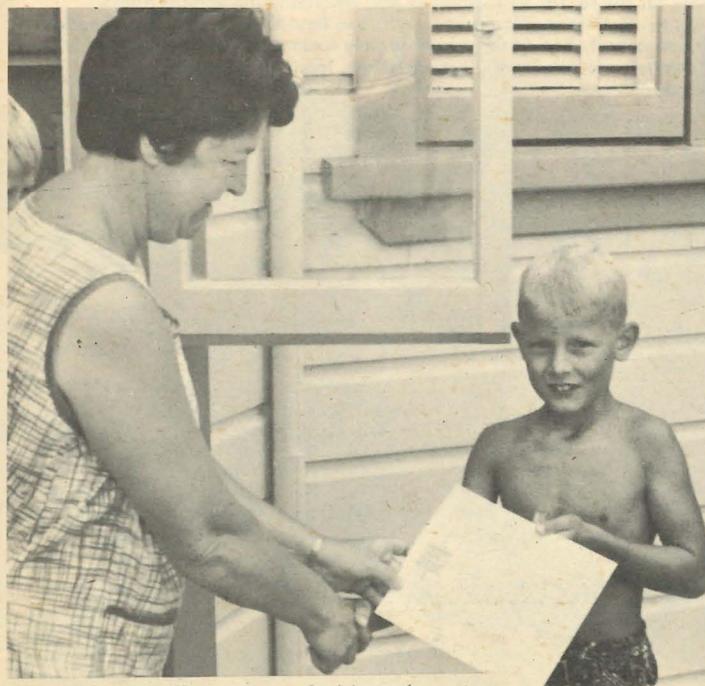


Bill Unsworth demonstrates to little Glen Sedcole how to float on his back



Glen confidently puts his lesson into practice . . .

With the number of drownings already this year more people must surely make the effort to have their children taught to swim. Regular campaigns are always held each season at our city pools and large numbers take advantage of these courses. But EVERY child should know how to swim — not just most of them. And it is so simple once you have the confidence in the water.



. . . and eventually is presented with an elementary certificate of confidence by Mrs Doris Unsworth. If wee Glen can do it, well why can't you?



Margaret Couchman learns to kick with the aid of a flutter board



SHEARING CONTEST

The Waitotara woolsheds of Barry Pearce were the venue for the recent YFC shearing and woolhandling competitions. Pictured ABOVE with heads down and sweats up are Melvin Robinson (Manawatu), left, and Pete Keenan (Horowhenua). BELOW: These Country Girls will make great wives for somebody someday, providing they keep their standard of catering up to the meals that they provided for the shearers. From left are Jan Smith, Suzanne Ross, Margaret Randolf, Jenny Martin, Aileen Randolph, Pam Darvill, Sue Lacy, Christine Nunn.

TOP LEFT: Assisting with the smooth running of things were Paul Barrett, John Hammond and Kevin Frecklington. LOWER LEFT: Judges John Stewart and Peter Rozier confer with Horowhenua shearers Peter Keenan and Allan Brown. RIGHT: A fleeco (R. Stafford) tosses the wool out on to the table during the competitions. BELOW: Horowhenua competes against Wanganui in the senior wool-handling competition.



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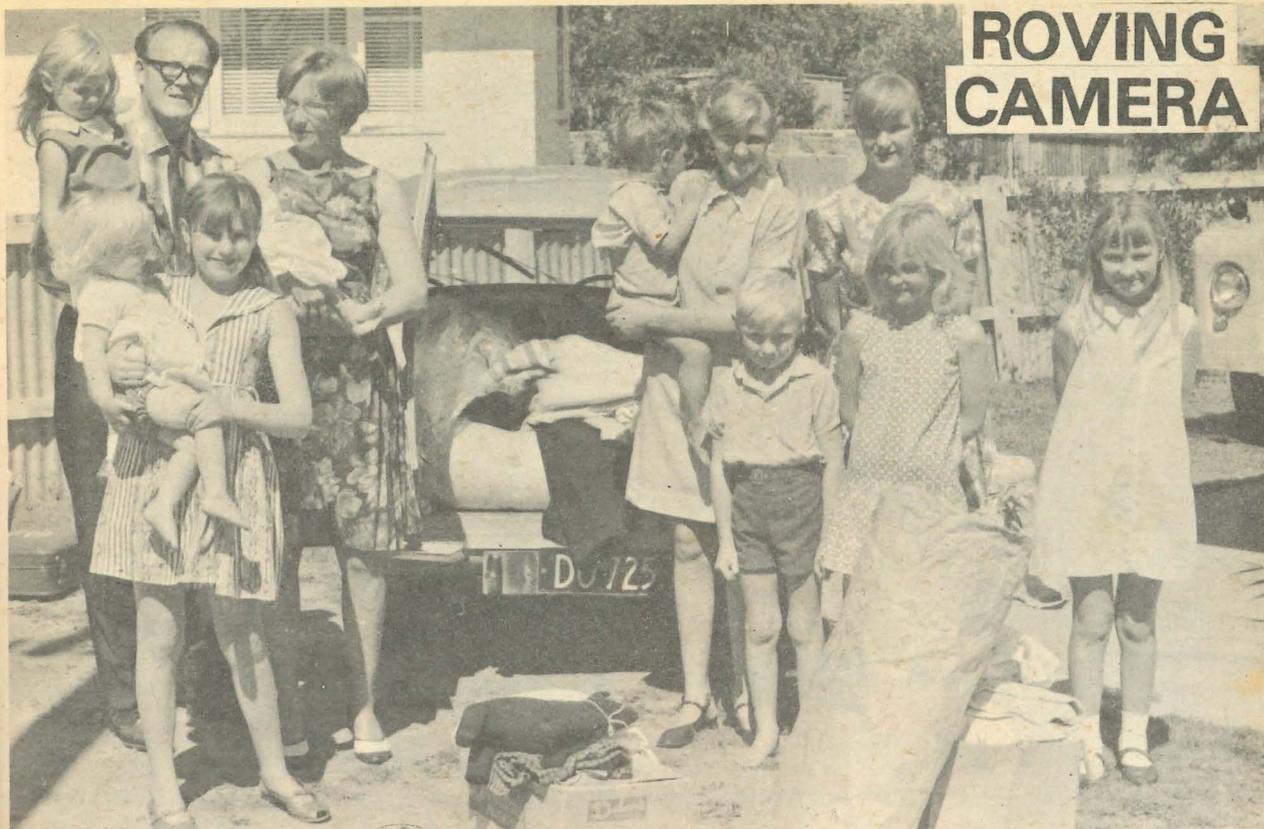
Things were getting a little warm so this character cooled everything down with a few waves of his frond. (He must have seen the Arabian Nights at the flicks recently).



Two of the glamour gals at the Transport Department's Christmas party: Anne Healy and Margaret Norman.

Party Goers

ABOVE: He was only snaffling a balloon at Taylors' Xmas "do" but it looked in the proofs as if he were milking a cow . . . or something.
 BELOW: Hey boy . . . this Father Xmas fella knots how to do the rubbing noses too . . . !
 BOTTOM RIGHT: A wee lady has her hand shaken by Mr Claus at the Ratana Playcentre Xmas.



ABOVE: Colin Davis left a wife and ten children when he was accidentally killed by a tractor over the Christmas period. Pictured with the family is Mr Keith Brown of the "Room at the Inn Committee" which is seeking aid for the family. Clothing, bedding and holiday homes are also required here for 33 Wellington children who have also been left in dire need.
 BELOW: The school holidays brought plenty of time for yachting for these lads we found on the river. At LEFT, rigging his boat, is David Ford and, at RIGHT, Allan Neiper has lost Gregory Coleman overboard.





Wal Hobson takes his eye off the game to have his picture taken



A youngster from Dunedin: Susan Wright.

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

It never ceases to amaze us . . . the number of young folk who play the (generally considered for "oldies") sport of croquet. Yet when one considers that a very keen eye is called for, plus the ability to maintain long hours of tension in hot sun, perhaps these "oldies" are not so soft after all. Pictured here are some of the contestants who played in the major fixture held in Wanganui recently.



Enjoying the shade: Mesdames G. Gilbert, L. Mellor and J. Lockett.



Youngest competitor was Robert Powell. He received valuable assistance from Mrs L. Middlemiss, Pukekohe.



Wanganui's Mrs Mellor in action



BABY OF THE MONTH

How's this for a cheeky little chappy? His name is Clint and he is the son of Christine and Ray Park of Wanganui originally but at present living in Hamilton until Ray finishes his course at the Teachers' Training College. Clint is the first of our new series, Baby of the Month, in which we select and publish what we consider the most appealing of the baby portraits taken at ROBUCK STUDIOS each month.



Wanganui River's Jet Set

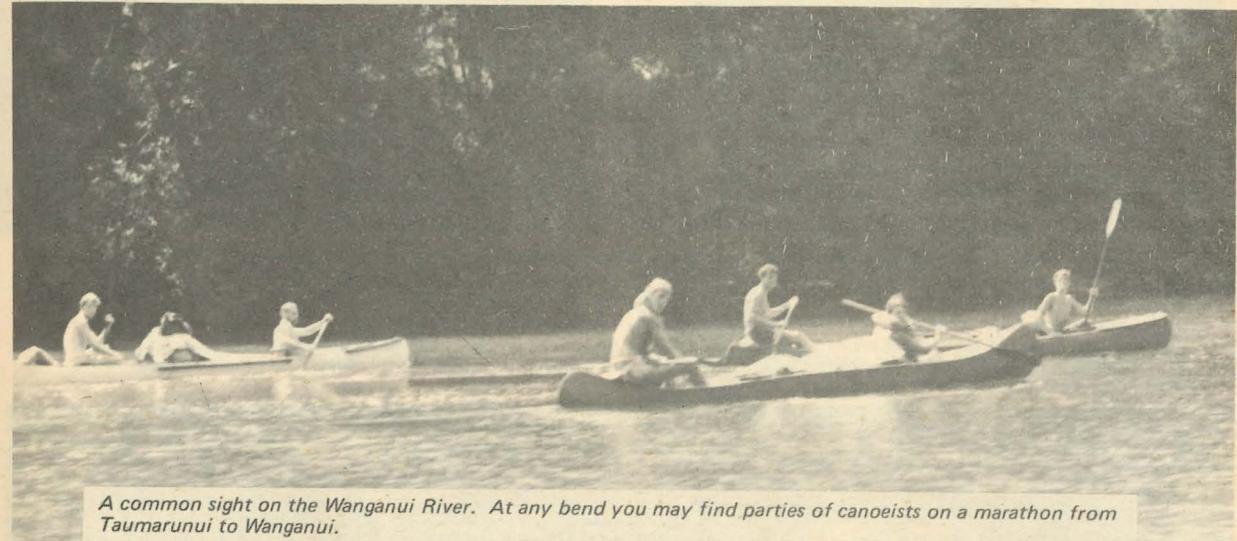
Many years ago the Wanganui River and its Drop Scene etc. were famed the world over. The river was known as "the Rhine of New Zealand" and tourists flocked here to travel the long miles by our old paddlewheel steamers. But these craft proved too slow and slowly dropped out of service (only one, the Waireka, still plies to Hipango Park) and the river trade fell by the wayside. But this is the jet age, and thanks to jet-boat pioneer Claude Prince and Hospitality Wanganui Inc. the tourist trade is once more enjoying the scenic wonders of the Wanganui River.

ABOVE: Tourists board the jet boats for an exhilarating, but safe, experience shooting rapids and enjoying the breathtaking scenery on the upper reaches of the Wanganui.

BELOW: Some tourists from a North Island Tiki Tour pose with jet boat drivers Brian Smith and Kevin Lower before boarding their craft.



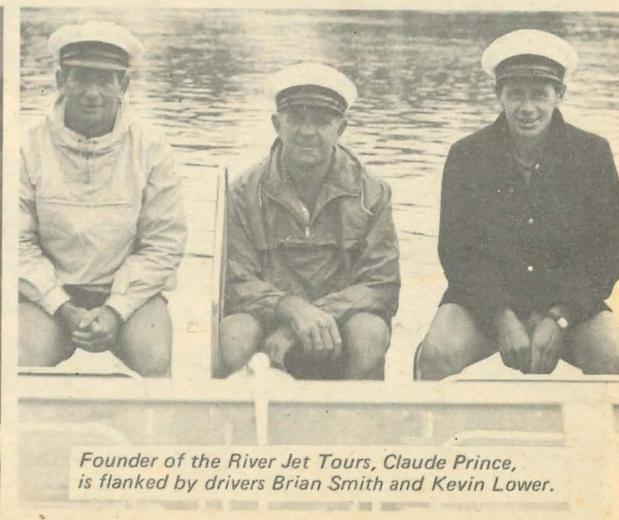
Hospitality Wanganui chairman Bryan Silk (in shorts, centre) watches as a party of tourists is issued with spray-proof parkas and leggings before tackling the rapids on the way to the Drop Scene



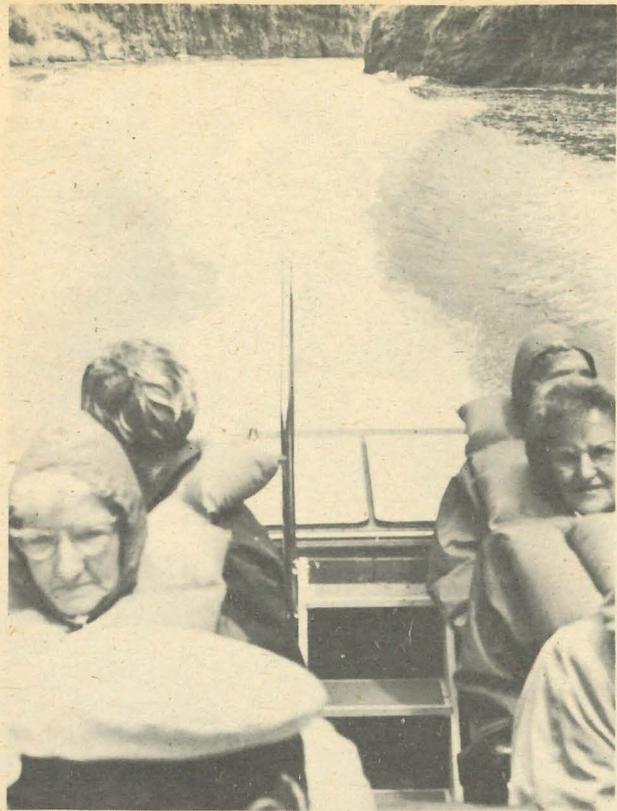
A common sight on the Wanganui River. At any bend you may find parties of canoeists on a marathon from Taumarunui to Wanganui.



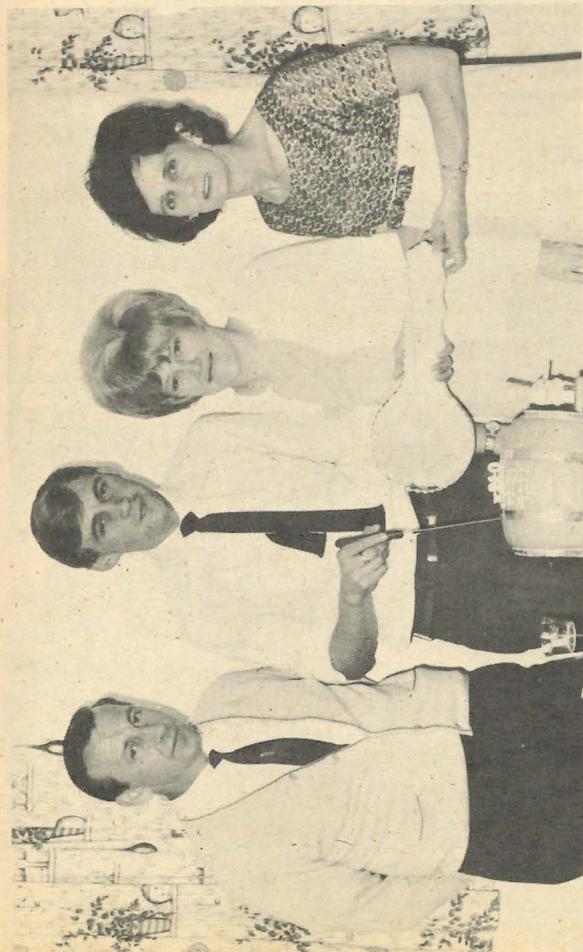
Three very happy Aucklanders after their trip: D'Oyley Snow, Mona and Jack Hutchings.



Founder of the River Jet Tours, Claude Prince, is flanked by drivers Brian Smith and Kevin Lower.



LEFT: A long white wake streams from the nimble jet boat as it speeds along in the upper reaches of the Wanganui River. RIGHT: This scene is typical of the breathtaking beauty that surrounds the river in the upper reaches above Pipiriki. BELOW: A welcoming party waits on the pontoons at Pipiriki. Once the centre of the river tourist trade and boasting a large guest house (later destroyed by fire), Pipiriki is at present being redeveloped as a boating terminal. As a footnote to this feature we would personally urge more local folk to one day make this journey. It is surely an unforgettable experience. We hope in the near future to be able to make another trip and supply our readers with some of our high-class colour reproductions of the boats and the scenery.



Social Items

ABOVE. ENGAGED: RYAN-DUGGAN. Diane Vallely, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. W. Duggan, 24a Brassey Road, to Michael Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs H. P. (Max) Ryan, 43 Roberts Avenue. (ROBUCK STUDIOS).
 TOP LEFT: COMING OF AGE. Celebrating his 21st birthday with his wife Jan and parents, Mr and Mrs G. Sullivan, is Barry Gerald Sullivan, 113 Carleton Avenue. (Pix by John Egerton).
 BOTTOM LEFT. MARRIED: TOWNSEND-SULLIVAN. At Christ Church, Annette Letitia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T. L. Sullivan, Heads Road, Wanganui, to Andrew Percy, first son of Mr and Mrs W. Townsend, 94 Paterson Street, Aramoho. The attendants, from left, are Bruce Evans, Bronwyn Hutchins (matron of honour), Trevor Townsend, brother of the groom, best man, Sue Hughes, chief bridesmaid, Gay Falconer and Garry Hutchins, all of Wanganui. Future home, Wanganui. (SOUTER).



Sticking pretty close together at the Post Office Christmas party were Ruth and Bruce Robb.



Tom Keating, Trevor Harker and Co at the farewell function for Constable and Mrs Creighton (Horry) Chessnut.

CELEBRATION TIME



Pictured together at the Post Office Christmas party are Len Walker and Mrs Watson



A slight accident at Murray Kendall's 21st birthday party. Seems as if this bloke's face got in the way of a cream sponge. Good for a laff!

Party Time



Bob James raises the giggles as he tickles Ruth Robb and Cathy Boaler at the Duggan 21st birthday.



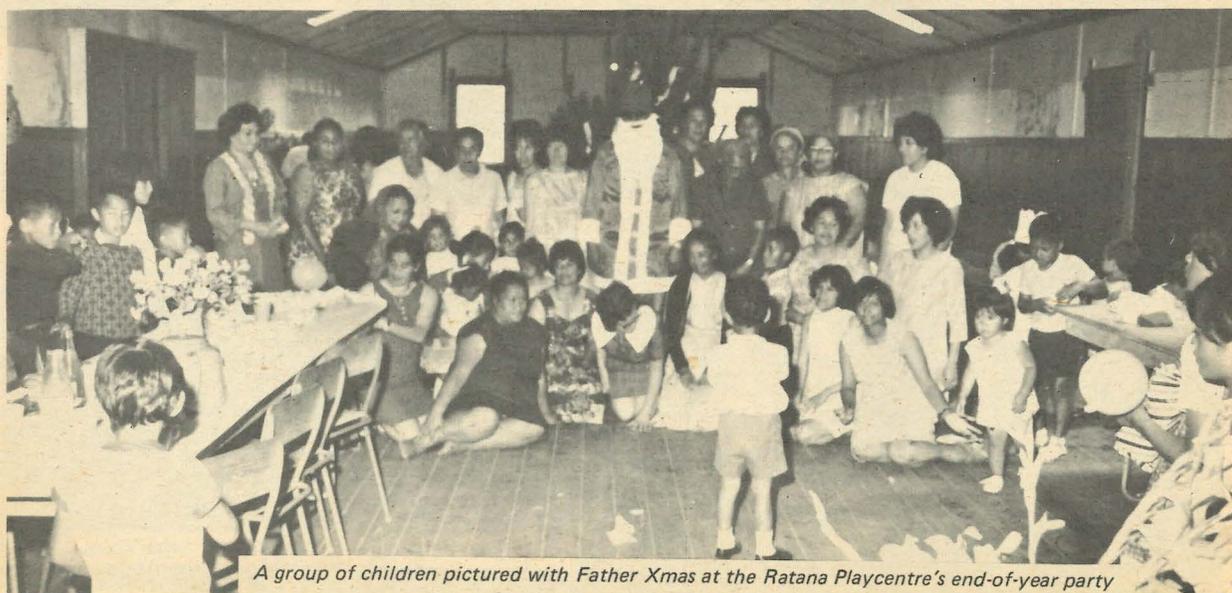
Out enjoying themselves at the Transport Department's Christmas party at the Sailing Club were Dave and Jennifer Mead.



Getting their heads together at Taylors' Drycleaners Xmas party are Margaret Norman and Des Hogan.



Tickling the ivories at Farmers' Meat's recent party at Fosters was Len Denman



A group of children pictured with Father Xmas at the Ratana Playcentre's end-of-year party



Greyhound Bus drivers work so hard and such late hours that they chose a recent Sunday night to go out with their wives for dinner at the Rutland Hotel

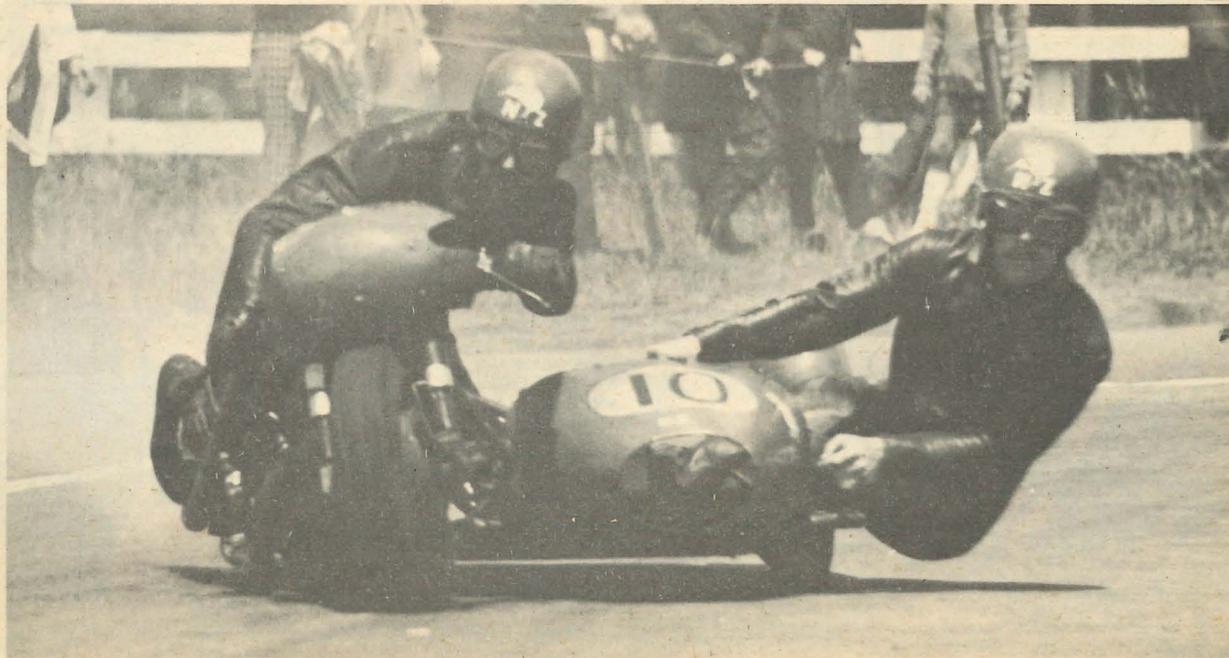


CEMETERY CIRCUIT RACING

Surely the biggest thriller on the sports scene in Wanganui each year is the classic round-the-houses motor-cycle races which are better known as the "cemetery circuit". Thousands flock to the River City every Boxing Day from far and wide to watch this exciting day of racing of bikes and sidecars. Stars of the day this year were the English-born American champion Ron Grant, young Aucklander Geoff Perry, and Christchurch star Dean Wylie.

ABOVE: The scene down Ridgway Street from the overbridge with a sidecar event in progress.

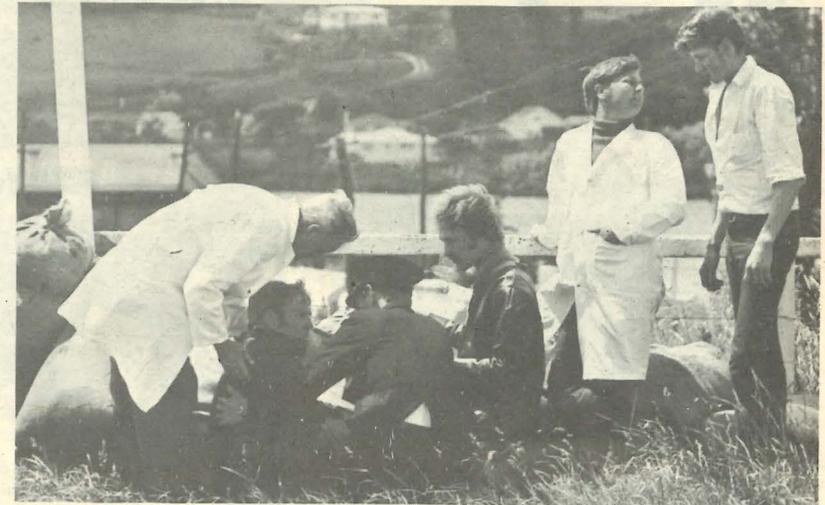
BELOW: Slithering dangerously around a bend comes the sidecar combination from Napier of V. Plummer. His machine is a JAP 1000cc.



High-speed machines dodge in all directions the fallen bike of Dunedin's J. Landrebe (standing at right)

ABOVE: Strictly for the birds is this caper of perching in trees — unless you're chicken. These roosters stay out of harm's way yet get a decent gander at what's going on. They didn't have time to duck out of the photographer's way though.

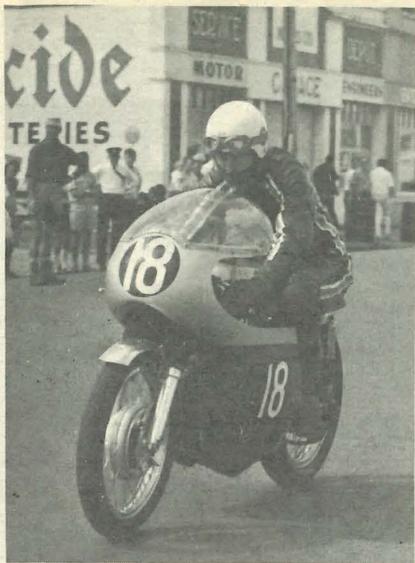
BELOW: Aucklander M. Leslie is assisted to the ambulance room by Colin Slaughter after crashing into the rail bridge.



Roadside assistance for Leslie



Landrebe well off-course just prior to his spill



New Plymouth's P. Bretherton rode well for minor placings



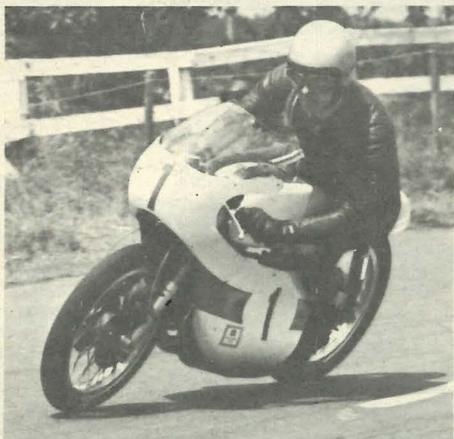
American champion Ron Grant was the big attraction with his very fast Suzuki bikes



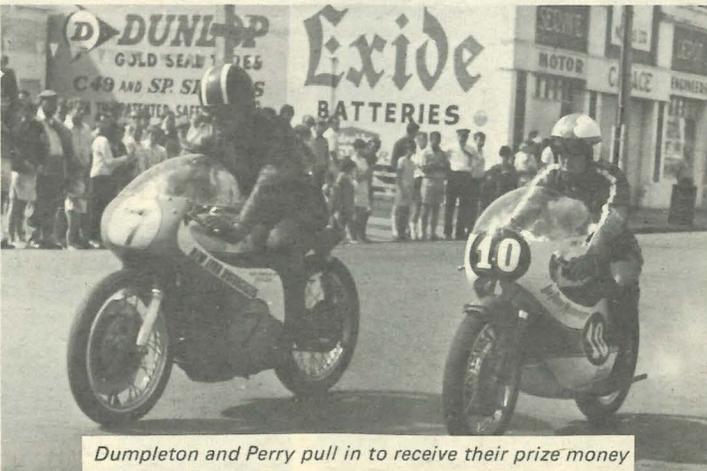
Wanganui's Joe Lett



The ambulance was called a few times but there were no serious injuries sustained during the day



The flying Yamaha (of Dunedin) rider N. Landrebe - big brother of the boy who had the flip.



Dumpleton and Perry pull in to receive their prize money



ODDS 'N' ENDS

LEFT: An exciting moment for wee Donna and Louise Hurley when their parents, Tim and Norma, returned after a number of weeks in Hawaii. Quite a reception party was waiting at Wanganui Airport to welcome the Hurleys home.
 RIGHT: Jamie Casson struggles with a monster puffball found in the Mosston area. It weighed seven pounds and had a circumference of 43 inches.
 BELOW: The end of an old favourite. The years finally told on the huge spreading willow which sprawled its branches far and wide in Kowhai Park. The weight of its summer plumage proved too much and the tree collapsed, robbing our youngsters of their favourite climbing tree in the park.





Musicians' Party

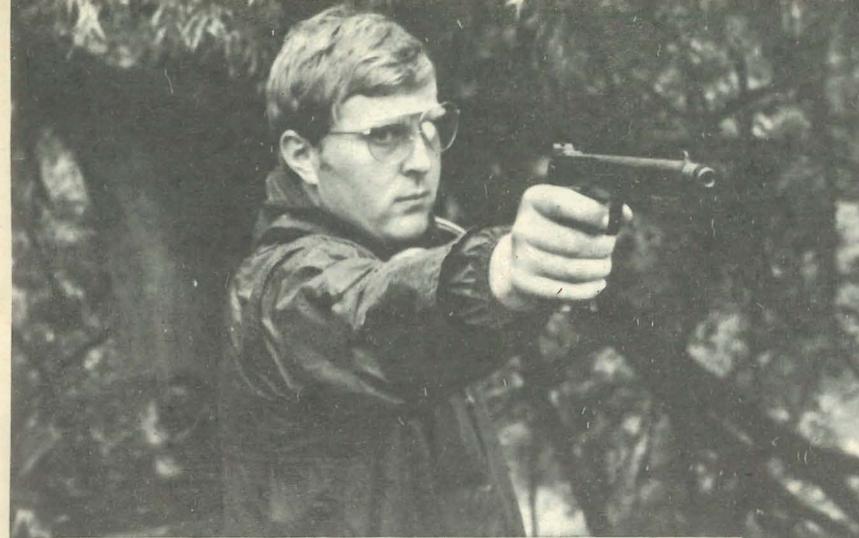
They had a great whing-ding at the Savage Club late last year to celebrate the Kon Tiki Showband's first Christmas. The Kon Tikis are the very popular resident band at the Rutland Hotel.

ABOVE: Our Robuck cameraman catches a hippy-looking shot of Joe Guthrie and Lexi Cooper.

RIGHT: Father Xmas brought Mother Xmas along for the evening. Under all that clobber you may be able to recognise Erin Robinson and Bob Kenworthy.



Entertainers get together for an informal shot: Ike Metekingi, Tama Smith, Erin Sinclair, Nash Chase, Billy Larkin, Terry Karatau and singer Frankie Price.



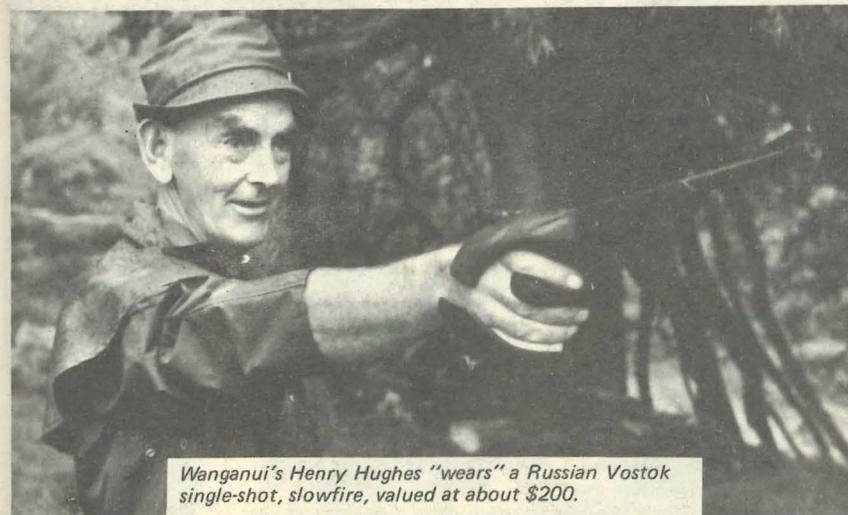
SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Smallbore pistol and rifle shooting championships were held on the Upokongaro range last month and a large number of outside entries was present.

ABOVE: Bruce McMillan, Hutt, lines up a shot. BELOW is a close-up of Bruce's \$200 Smith & Wesson Olympic Rapidfire automatic.



New Zealand Police chief arms officer J. Debney was one of several policemen competing



Wanganui's Henry Hughes "wears" a Russian Vostok single-shot, slowfire, valued at about \$200.



Inspector Frank Riley is better known as the man who introduced Police dogs and handlers to NZ.



He's been everywhere man... NZ rep shooter Brian Lacy wears plenty of tags.

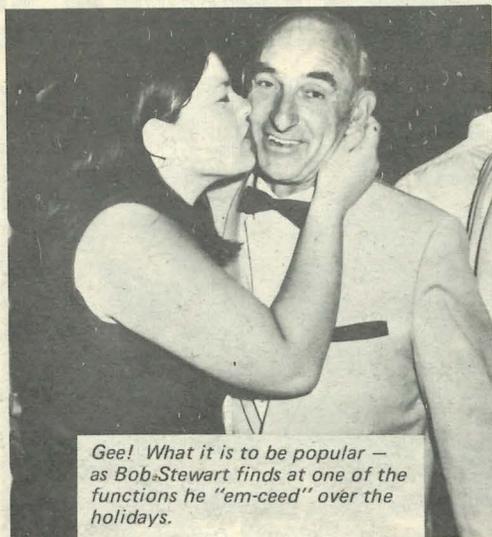
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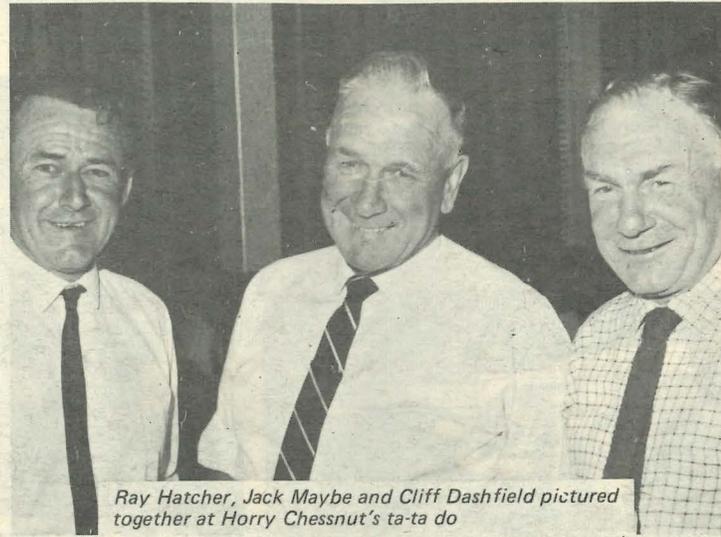
Ray Hatcher makes a presentation to Peggy and Horry Chessnut at a gathering organised by friends at the Castlecliff Hotel recently. Horry was well known and respected as a Police Constable here and has been transferred away from Wanganui.



An attractive smile from lovely Carol Tangaroa at Peter Salt's 21st birthday party



Gee! What it is to be popular — as Bob Stewart finds at one of the functions he "em-ceed" over the holidays.



Ray Hatcher, Jack Maybe and Cliff Dashfield pictured together at Horry Chessnut's ta-ta do



A happy young eightsome at the Girls' College graduation party held late last year



The Social Scene

ABOVE: These two didn't do any loafing at Newsomes Bakery Xmas party. We don't know what they called this dance . . . the roll, the twist, or the thick and thin . . . but they had fun anyway.

TOP RIGHT: Having a night off his sports writing and enjoying Taylors Xmas party was John Phillips and wife Yvonne (better known as Poppy).

RIGHT: What a handsome couple! Peter and Yvonne Lawrence were socialising at an Aero Club party a few weeks back.

BELOW: Dickson Construction men move in on the ladies at their firm's recent social.



Family Items



COMING OF AGE: Celebrating her recent 21st birthday is Pauline, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. R. McNeill, 89 London Street. (Pix by ROBUCK STUDIOS).

SILVER WEDDING: Ken and Gwen Ruby cut happily into their cake at the party which marked their 25th wedding anniversary. (Pix by ROBUCK STUDIOS).

FIVE GENERATIONS: Mrs Agnes Wilson is 102 years old this April. We photograph her with her son, Graham Wilson (Hunterville), grand-daughter Mrs Zaida Ratcliffe (Hamilton), great-grand-daughter Mrs Christine Hooper (Mangakino) and her great-great-grand-daughter, six-weeks old Lisa Hooper. (ROBUCK STUDIOS).



Sir Clifford Plimmer addresses a large assembly of guests at the official opening of the new AMP building in Wanganui. Sir Clifford is the new chairman of directors of AMP.



For about 30 years the Wanganui East Post Office (and latterly a florist shop), this old building on the corner of Duncan and Moana Streets has been removed.



What's New?

The smart new AMP Insurance building in the Upper Victoria Avenue (opposite the Regent)



The huge department store of Londontown Enterprises comes down in preparation for rebuilding

MEET OUR FIRE FIGHTERS



Their job is essentially one where not a great many people see them at work. Any hour of the day or night they speed in their tenders to work. They are the skilled men who make up Wanganui's Fire Brigade. On these two pages we introduce you to some of these men who take, at times, great risks to preserve our lives and property.

ABOVE: Wanganui's Chief Fire Officer Ford at his desk.



Inspecting fire hoses with a City Council building inspector, Jim Saunders, is Station Officer Laurie King.



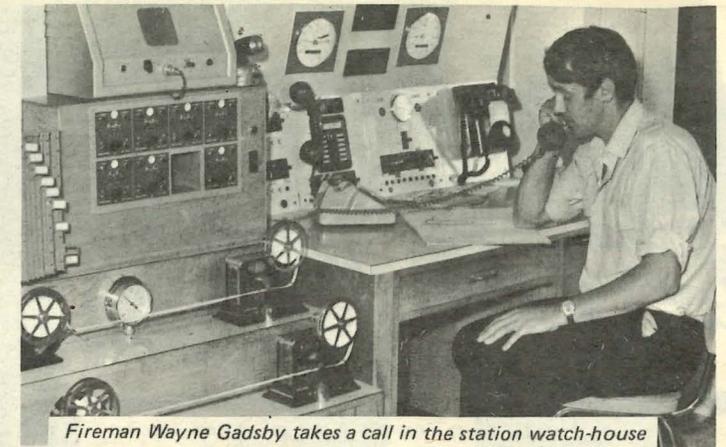
On station duty we found Senior Fireman Glenn Fisher, First Class Fireman Mike Shingles, First Class Fireman Gordon Kee, Second Class Fireman Peter Salt, First Class Fireman Tony Harris, Senior Fireman Jim Martin and Station Officer Laurie King.



ABOVE: In the shade of the station tower, firemen go through the chore of sorting out yards of hose.

RIGHT: A fireman wearing a respirator lowers himself into a smoke-filled confined area.

FAR RIGHT: Firemen have no time to worry about heights, etc. The nature of their work can put them into many hazardous situations.



Fireman Wayne Gadsby takes a call in the station watch-house



Pictured beside one of their tenders are Senior Fireman George Dunphy, Bob Johnston, Ron Seconi, Senior Fireman Ken Malcolm, Wally Watson, Teariki Nooroa, Bob Morris and Station Officer Alan Pidwell. There are other staff members who were absent when we did this feature.



Judge Diana Griffiths keeps close watch as Lauren Richardson and Fiona Hanning perform a sword-dance



Four dancers perform an Irish reel

Turakina Games

The big day at the small community of Turakina each year is their annual Highland games. Most of the programme is devoted to piping and dancing but a beauty contest and athletics also play a big part in the day of fun.



The "Mayor" of Turakina Brian Kennedy looks over the talent in the beauty contest



John Hanning's cheeks puff out as he competes in a piping event



These people preferred ice cream

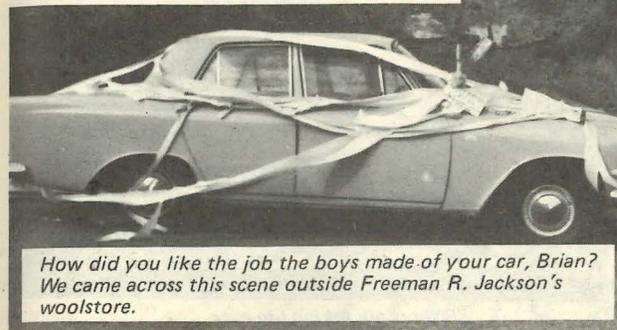


... and these chaps preferred something a little wetter and stronger

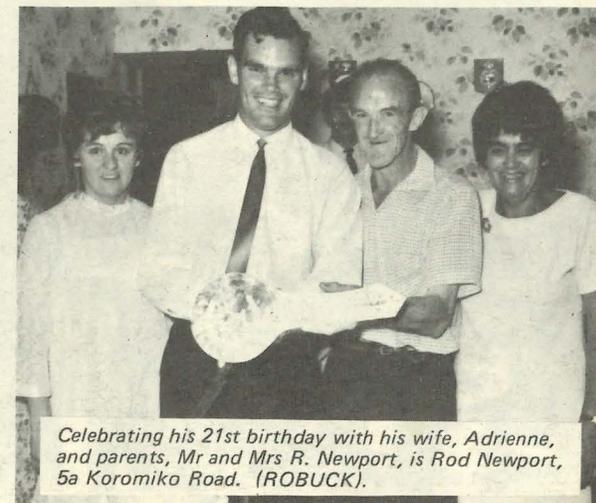


Supper was served to special guests at the Regent Theatre after the first showing here of the film, Battle of Britain. In the picture having a few words to say is Flight Lieutenant Denton Tyler (far left) of the Number 9 ATC Squadron.

Social Scene



How did you like the job the boys made of your car, Brian? We came across this scene outside Freeman R. Jackson's woolstore.



Celebrating his 21st birthday with his wife, Adrienne, and parents, Mr and Mrs R. Newport, is Rod Newport, 5a Koromiko Road. (ROBUCK).



Gordon Osmond came to Wanganui from Ohakune Junction to celebrate his 21st. (ROBUCK).



Dinner at the Grand marked the 21st birthday of Stuart Lints, pictured here with his mother, Mrs R. Lints, sister Peggy and brothers Murray and Alan. (ROBUCK).



Keith and Barry Luce were pulling up fish by the bagfull



Fisher folk taking life easy



Enjoying the sands and the sea breeze we found Hannah Takarangi, Maureen Poari, Hiriti Tamehana and Mark Tamehana.



Holiday Pastimes

The call of the water is very strong during vacation time. This could account for the hive of activity that Graham Collings found when he visited the Castlecliff beach and wharf with our camera during the school holidays. ABOVE: Alan Whale and George Gregor hook up a tiddler and turn and find our photographer recording their efforts. BELOW: To neck with the sharks . . . it's into the surf at Castlecliff for a glorious swim.



Patsy Littlewood



Sporting a mini mini was Vivienne Downs



Who's for tennis? Lynne Breed and Prudence Wilson.

CORIN RECITAL

Singing and music pupils of Jenny Corin enjoyed their usual end-of-year recital at the Repertory Theatre just before Christmas. We picture here some of the many shots we took at this annual function. BELOW: The full cast of "Salad Days" on stage.





Les Miller represented the Wanganui Cricket Association.



Secretary of the jubilee committee was Alan Raisin.



Jim Crocker, New Plymouth Marist, spoke for kindred clubs.



Guest speaker was Harry Cave



Arthur Riddell: jubilee chairman

Holiday Resort

What's the betting? We would like to predict that, should they ever get a licensed hotel and some motel complexes at our nearby Mowhanau Beach, the area would become one of the most popular holiday resorts this side of the black stump. (Aerial photograph per courtesy of Berwick Dalcom).



MARIST CRICKET JUBILEE

The Marist Cricket Club celebrated 50 years of being with a Golden Jubilee weekend of dining, dancing and playing (cricket, of course!). A selection of our photographic coverage is pictured here.

ABOVE: A handsome array of trophies. BELOW: Former players Alan Lints, Gary Watt and Jack Walsh were at the formal dinner.



Mike and Pam Bell came over from Waipukurau for the jubilee



Enjoying the cabaret were Peter Wakeling and Lorraine Main.



Mrs Yvonne Cave pictured with Father Kinghan, patron of the Marist Cricket Club

Aussie Surfers Here



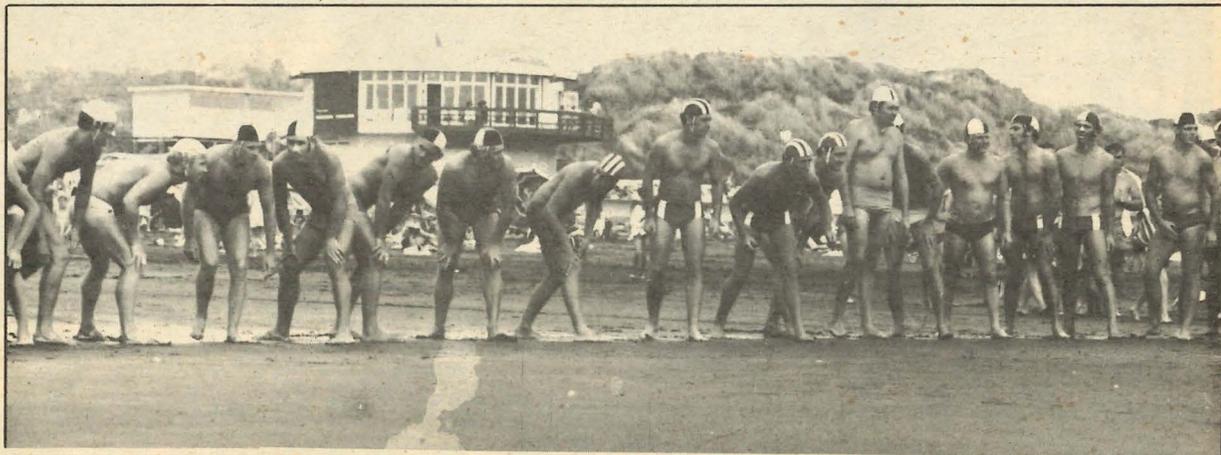
Spic and span: the team of tourists selected from the NSW country districts



Highlight of the Hackshaw Shield surf carnival held here recently was the participation of the team of touring New South Wales surfmen. As could be expected the visitors dominated most of the competition. ABOVE: A star of the visiting contingent was multi-gold medallist Peter Reynolds.



Calamity strikes during a surf canoe race



Lifesavers line up for the start of the senior surf race, won by Reynolds.



Castlecliff surfers pictured during the march past



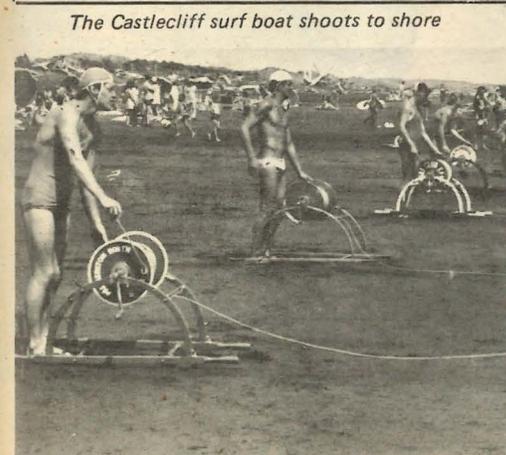
Mr Surfing . . . Jack Hatchwell busy organising things on the beach.



The Castlecliff surf boat shoots to shore



The only ladies' team came from East End, New Plymouth



Reelmen pay out their lines



Plenty of spectators were on hand



FOUR GENERATIONS: Baby Shaun Hodder is pictured with his mother, Mrs J. Hodder, his grandmother, Mrs F. Gaudin, and great-grandfather, Mr A. Charman, all of Wanganui.

Pix From Our Readers



Ex-Wanganui-ite Mick Murray is burning up the Te Marua stock car track in this sleek model of his own design. Powered by a standard (at the time) Bedford truck motor, the machine is cared for by Wellington mechanic Ian Wimms.

COMING OF AGE

RIGHT: Pictured at her recent 21st birthday party with her parents, Mr and Mrs Johnny McDonnell, and her husband, John, is Mrs Gael Hina, 20 Mamaku Street.

BELOW: Celebrating her 21st in Sydney is Kay Anderson (in white blouse), daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Anderson, Wanganui. Also in the picture are Wanganui-ites Lorraine and Raewyn Connor, Frank Tyson and Daphne Whakarau.



Pictured with their family on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary are Mr and Mrs Martin Wells, 20 Cornfoot Street. In the pic are Gordon O'Leary, Chester, Jason and Evelyn Haar, Nigel O'Leary, June O'Leary, Mr and Mrs Wells with wee Mellisa Haar and Mrs Esme Haar.



Chairman of the jubilee committee: J. Heremaia.

About 400 people from all parts of the country attended the 75th jubilee celebrated at the Pariroa Pa, Kakaramea, over Xmas and Boxing days. (Pix by Aldor Films).



JUBILEE AT PA

Ringing the original church bell is the Pa's oldest resident, Jerry Hokopaura



Running races were held for the youngsters



A group of special guests and elders. **BACK:** J. Huston, A. Kahu, T. Marsh, J. Heremaia and H. Ngarewa. **MIDDLE:** R. Marsh, M. Lockett, J. Andrews, E. Kershaw, P. Rangī, A. Andrew, J. Kershaw. **FRONT:** J. Hokopaura, D. Rangī, O. Huston, A. Wilson, S. Williams and R. Williams.

OPEN TRIPLES TOURNAMENT



Our Graham Collings paid a visit to collect this selection of photographs while the Wanganui Women's Bowling Centre triples were being held in January. ABOVE: Mrs M. Burrell keeps the score.



Mrs J. Greig, New Plymouth



Audrey Kenny sends one away



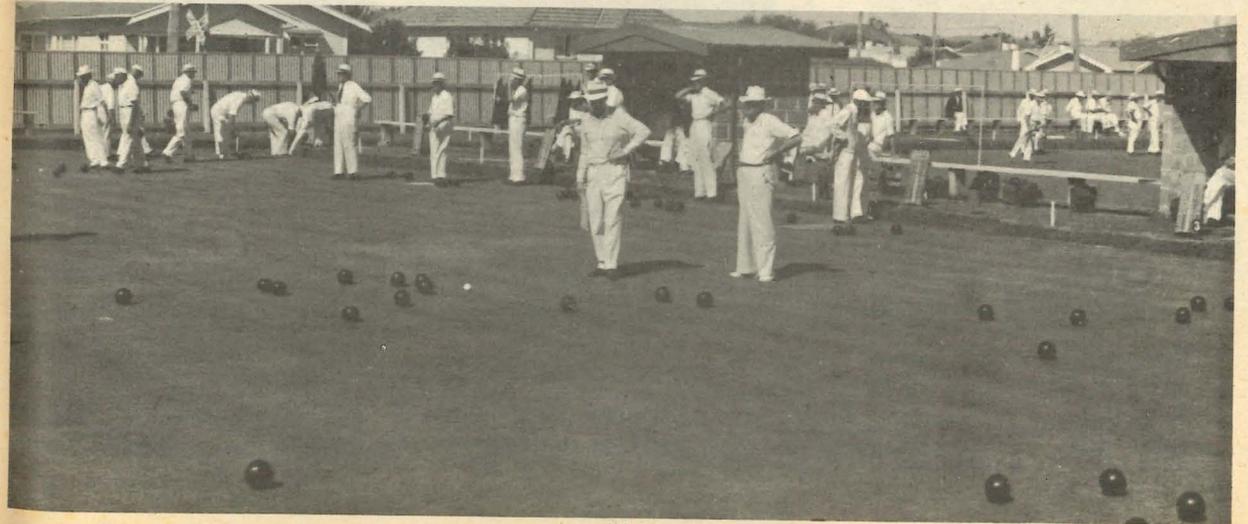
Mary Cook delivers a bowl



Beryl Yates plays her shot



Iris Miller, Wanganui East, in action



Thirty teams of four entered the 1970 Wanganui Bowling Centre's veterans' tournament at the St. John's greens earlier this year. Players are pictured BELOW on the neat St. John's greens.



Bob Rowan and Mr T. Fletcher

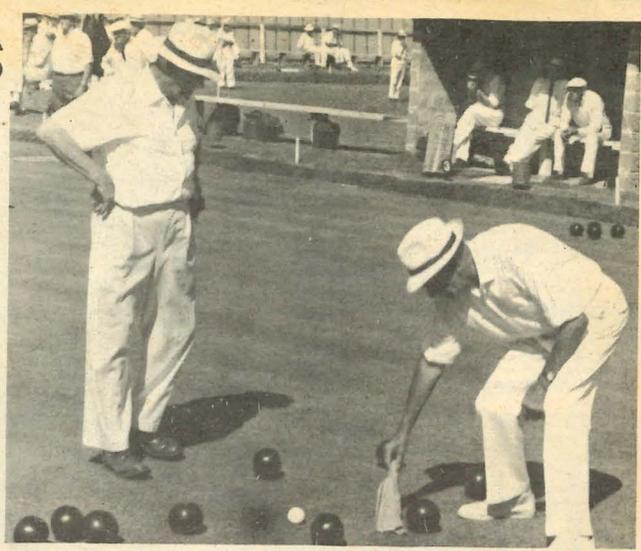


The ladies of the Wanganui Centre executive did the catering



Watching with interest are Harry Marshall, Bill Smith, Bill Rankin, and Bert Bretherton.

Veterans' Bowls



George Hawkins and Lewis Kinsett line up the path of a bowl

Roving Camera



Jenny Abrahams and Mark Rhodes . . .



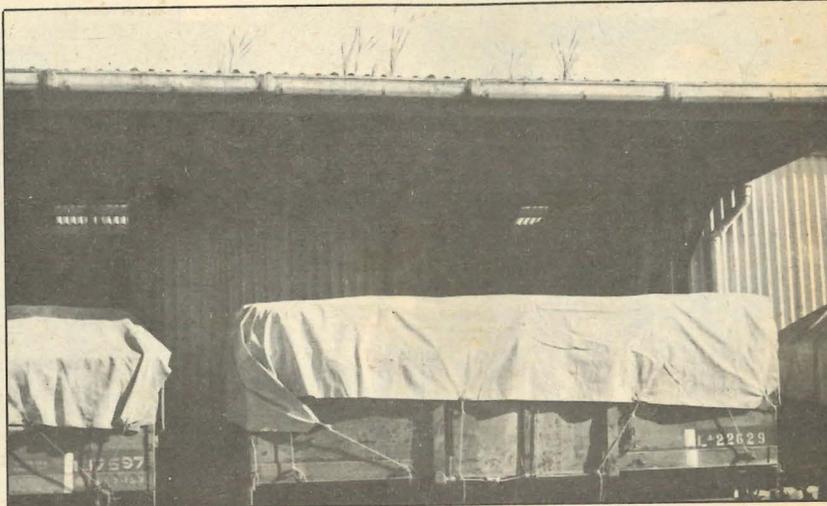
. . . show us just what you're not supposed to do . . .



. . . when you go out in a canoe



Now how's this for an unusual sight? Not unusual? Oh yes it is. The Criterion used to serve its beer from the old barrels. They're really up to date now — the tankers call.



They're growing their own crops in the roof of the Farmers' Co-op woolstore out at Balgownie now



Oh what a luvly surprise . . . to wake up on the morning of your 21st and wonder why everybody goes past your house wearing a big grin. And then you walk outside as Gael Hina did . . . !



School Wins Award For Eighth Time

Wanganui's Gladys Tonkins School of Dancing featured in the highest honours points awarded in the national British Ballet Organisation's examinations last year. The school won the Gold Taps shield for major tap exams., was runner-up in the silver trophy for tap grades; third in the Espinosa banner for ballet grades and fourth in the Founders' shield for major ballet examinations. BACK ROW: M. Syme, R. Mathie, R. Heenan, A. Murray, S. Littlejohn, D. McCallum, D. Willacy, T. White, C. Pidwell. FIFTH ROW: M. Jarman, R. Dow, D. Bayley, J. Syme, J. McIntyre, P. Wilson, D. Cook, C. Kruil, H. Loveday. FOURTH ROW: S. Peffers, D. Turner, S. Groves, A. Ives, C. Keane, C. MacDonald, W. Price. THIRD ROW: S. Rivers, A. Ives, H. Visser, C. Baldwin, D. van Ooyik, T. Waugh, M. Pelzers, J. Trillo. SECOND ROW: V. Willoughby, C. Grey, M. Wright, K. Peffers, S. Mudgway, L. Martin, S. Penfold and T. Best. FRONT: P. Crafar, W. McDonald, S. Keane, T. Jarman, K. Groenvold and C. Murray. (TESLA STUDIOS).