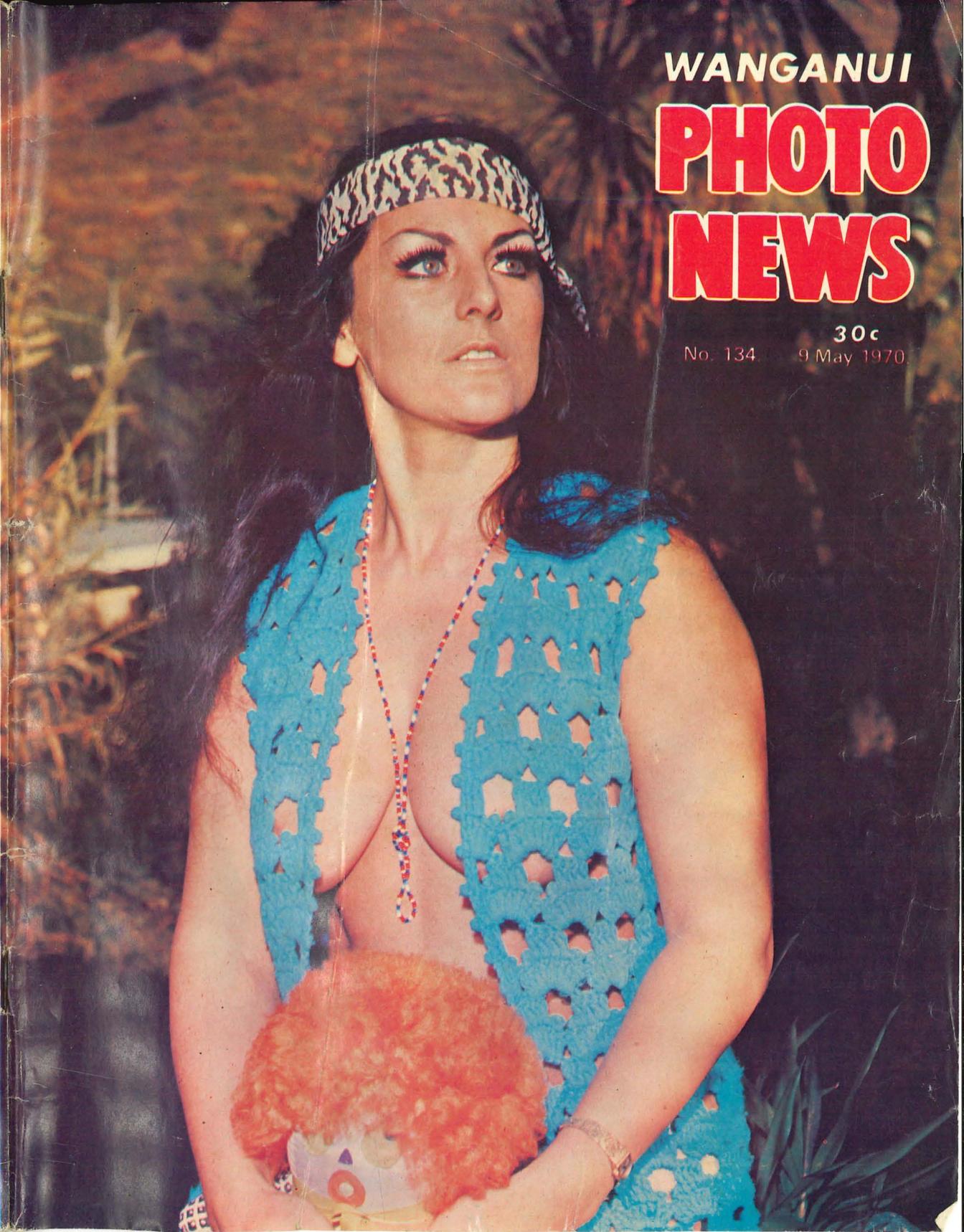
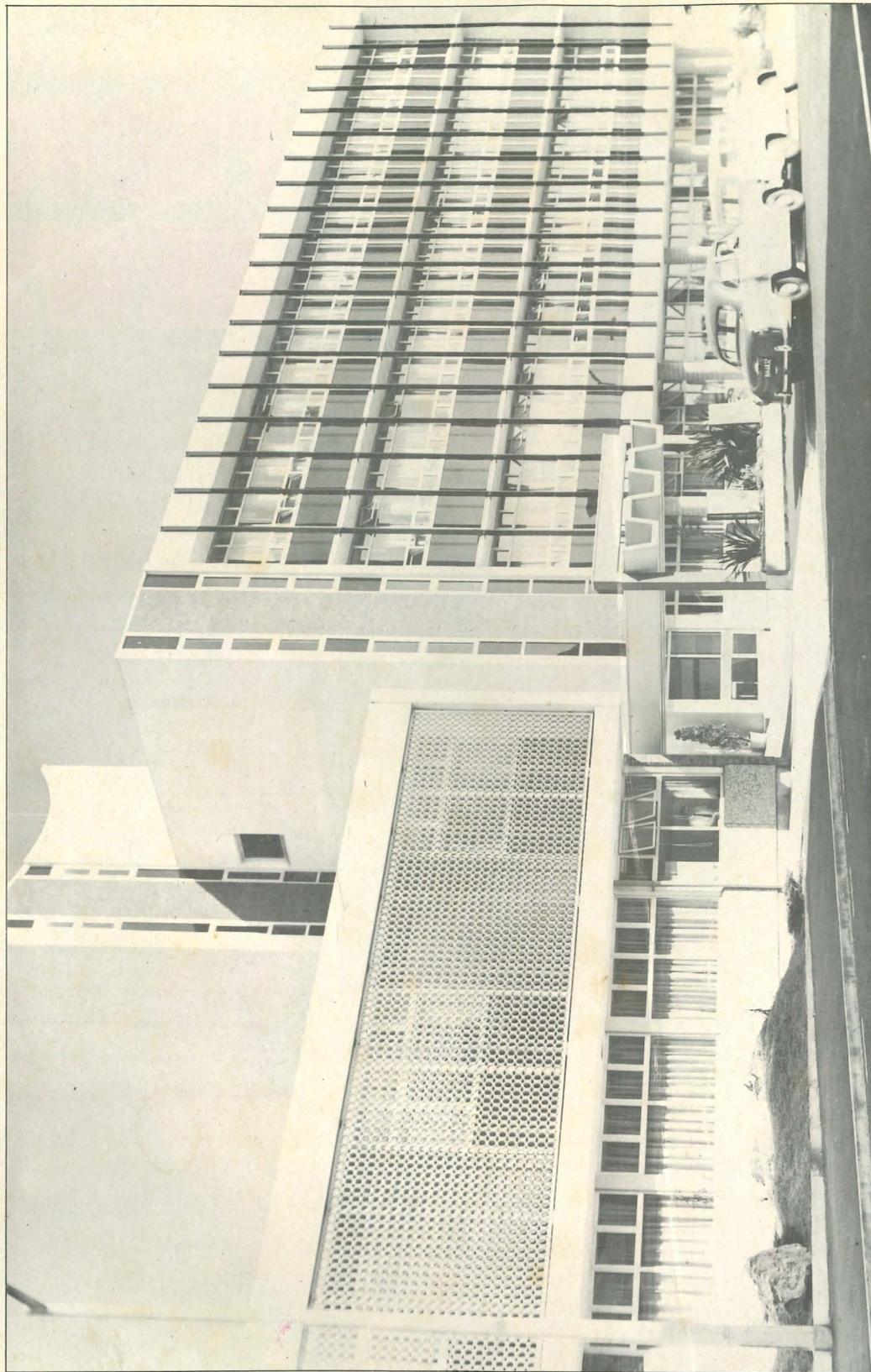


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The Cultural Centre

What a smart appearance our local government centre has. The modern City Council offices are really something that we as Wanganui citizens should be proud to own. They cannot help but give a good impression to tourists and visitors to our fair city.

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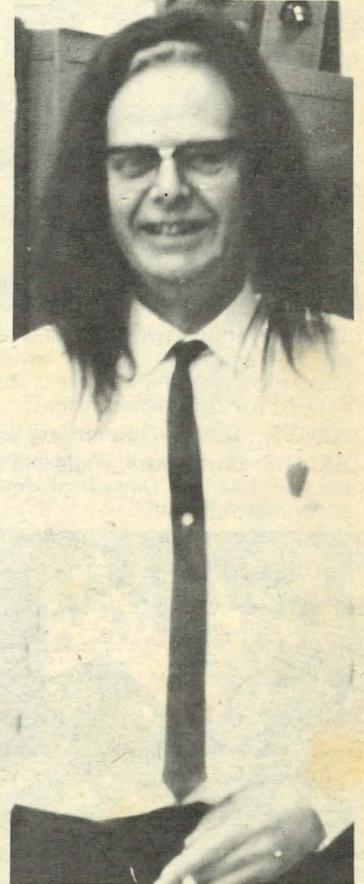
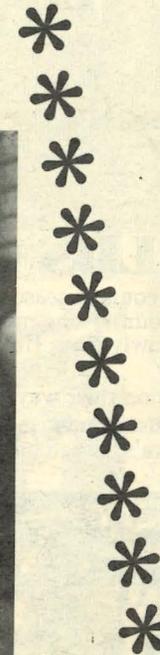
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OUR COVER

OUR COVER—We are showing a little more on this cover than we ever have before. But read on through this magazine and learn more about our covergirl Dawn Thomas.

BACK COVER—A busy scene at Kowhai Park's Tot-Town Railway as passengers mill around waiting for the express to pull in.



PIX FROM OUR READERS

TOP LEFT—The ladies won't be very flattered when they see how this low-angle pic turned out. Taken by a chap we know with a polaroid camera.

ABOVE—He's a big-wig in the P.O.S.B., but the reader who brought in the pic does tell that Cliff Cresswell is "going out to graze" in a few months.

LEFT—Shades of Herman Munster and Frankenstein. Just look what was hiding in Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard, (eh, Norm).



RECORD FIELDS OPEN SEASON

The Wanganui Harrier Club's cross-country season opened in great style with record fields of 27 teams entered for their annual Anzac Day cross-country one-mile relays. Once again the local boys were too good for the opposition, winning the event narrowly from Hawera. Teams from as far away as Taranaki and Manawatu entered for this popular event.

ABOVE—The first runners are sent on their way by the starter.

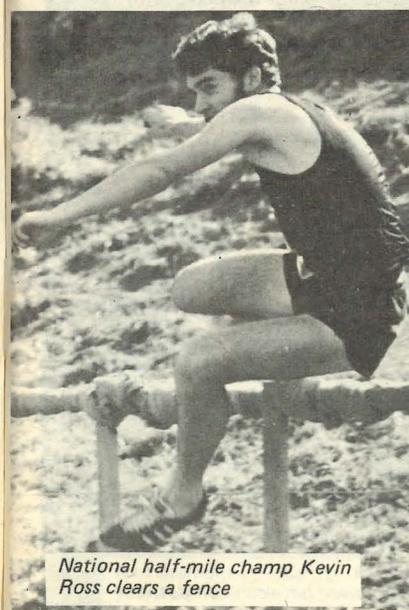
BELOW—Chris Daws, Wanganui's last runner, takes over from Eric Kemp just as the Hawera pair also change for their last lap. Daws beat Hawera's Savage home by quite a few yards to notch yet another win in the event for Wanganui.



Watching with interest are Messrs Warner, Smith and Prince



Wanganui's Phil Masters. He won the Hastings marathon.



National half-mile champ Kevin Ross clears a fence



Christine Manning just climbs over.



Long hair has its disadvantages for sportsmen



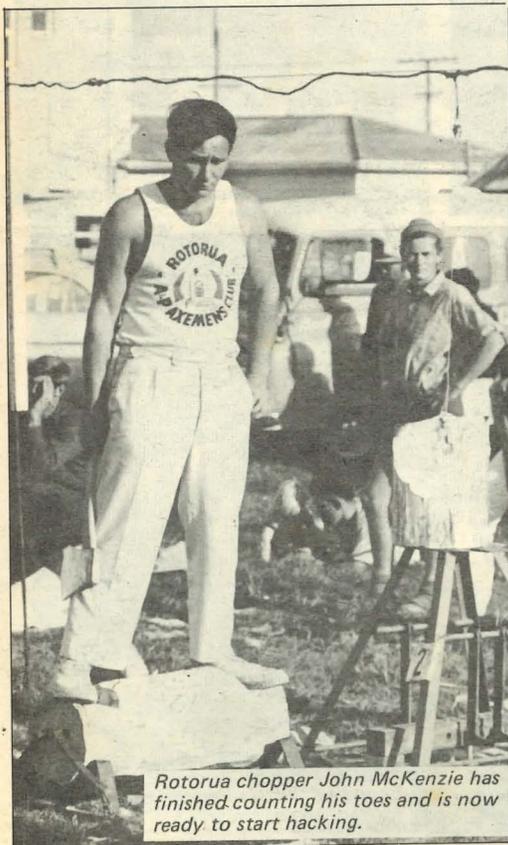
Three axemen do their blocks

It was a woodcutters' picnic when the Upper Aramoho and Papaiti Sports Association held their annual axemen's carnival at Aramoho late last month.

ABOVE—Noel Dickinson, Rangitikei, takes things easy between events.



"Och aye . . . we niver see this in the heelands the noo . . ." These good folk came all the way from Scotland to see the woodchopping (and other things of course).



Rotorua chopper John McKenzie has finished counting his toes and is now ready to start hacking.



Conversation piece between competitors

The Chips Were Flying



Fire Service Awards

A number of Wanganui and Castlecliff firemen were presented with service awards by the chairman of the Fire Board, Mr H. Daws, at a recent social evening at the Station. Here are some of the recipients.

ABOVE LEFT—After 27 years' service Bunty Allpress was awarded a coveted gold bar to his medal.

ABOVE—George Anderson received a bar after 23 years of fire-fighting service.



Ken Malcolm . . . bar for 13 years' service



A five-year award for Bob Morris



Bob Johnson received a two-year bar to his five-year medal



There was a hair extravaganza at the Red Pepper restaurant recently when Salon Chonel featured Wella and a special Wanganui coiffure called "Raukawa". There was a certain bit of wine and cheese and all round a great night. Proceeds (about \$140) were presented to the Cancer Society.

ABOVE—Jenny Tyson models an unusual style.

RIGHT—Andrea Lockett with two wee models, Vickie and Susan Stanfield.



HAIR...



Guest demonstrator David Bradford (Chch) and the models



David Bradford about to start work. With him is Wella manager, Rex Chapman.



Mrs Ann Petherick (of Salon Chonel) presents a cheque to Mr Leo McCarthy in aid of the Cancer Society



The guests were intrigued

ENGAGED

BARBER—HEWITT. Dianne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. H. Hewitt, 10 Stewart Street, to Jeffery, elder son of Mrs E. Barber and the late Mr E. J. Barber, 5 Bryce Street. (Robuck Studios).

FOUR GENERATIONS

Little Vaughan Holt is nursed by his great-grandmother, Mrs Annie Holt, while grand-dad Fred Holt and father Barrie stand by. (Robuck Studios).

BABY OF THE MONTH

The cheeky little chappie we feature this month is Tony Cunningham, son of Mr and Mrs N. Cunningham, 15 Kauri Street, Gonville. Tony was celebrating his first birthday when we called to take some candids. (Robuck Studios).



WE ARE THE MAGAZINE WHICH SURVIVES ON POPULARITY . . . NOT ADVERTISING

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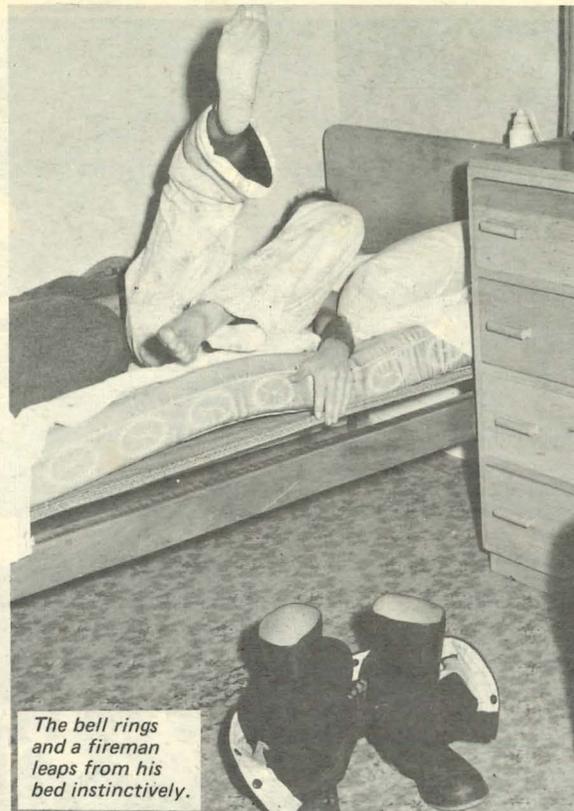
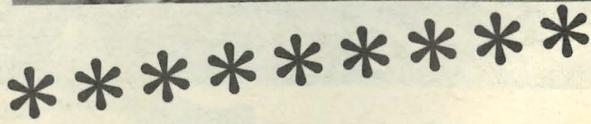
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Remember . . . "PHOTO NEWS" is the magazine that is passed along or kept on the bookshelf. It's NOT the one that finishes up around the kitchen scraps.



POT POURRI



The bell rings and a fireman leaps from his bed instinctively.



He jumps straight into his boots and pants in one movement . . . they're always at the ready beside the bed.

SNAPPY SERVICE

They're quick out of bed while on night-call at the Central Fire Station. It's only a matter of a couple of minutes from the time a call comes in until the firemen are in their tender on their way to a blaze.



A quick trip down the pole from the upstairs bedrooms . . .



. . . and into the fire-tender. (They can always finish their dressing en route). Keep it up boys . . . you give a truly great service.



Young Footballers On Parade

Dozens and dozens of Wanganui's schoolboy rugby footballers paraded through Victoria Avenue last month as part of the official opening ceremony of the 1970 Rugby season.

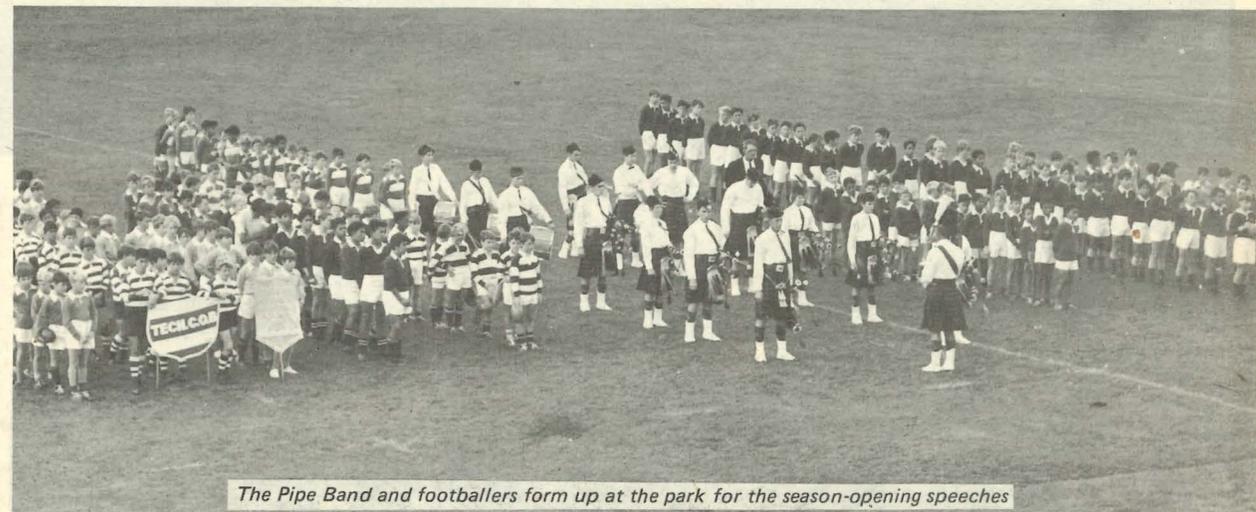
TOP—The little rugger players were marched to Spriggens Park to the music of the No. 2 Wanganui Pipe Band, who were also having their first-ever street march.

ABOVE—Smartly turned out and looking forward to their season of competition.

BELOW—The parade turns from Victoria Avenue into Guyton Street en route to Spriggens Park.



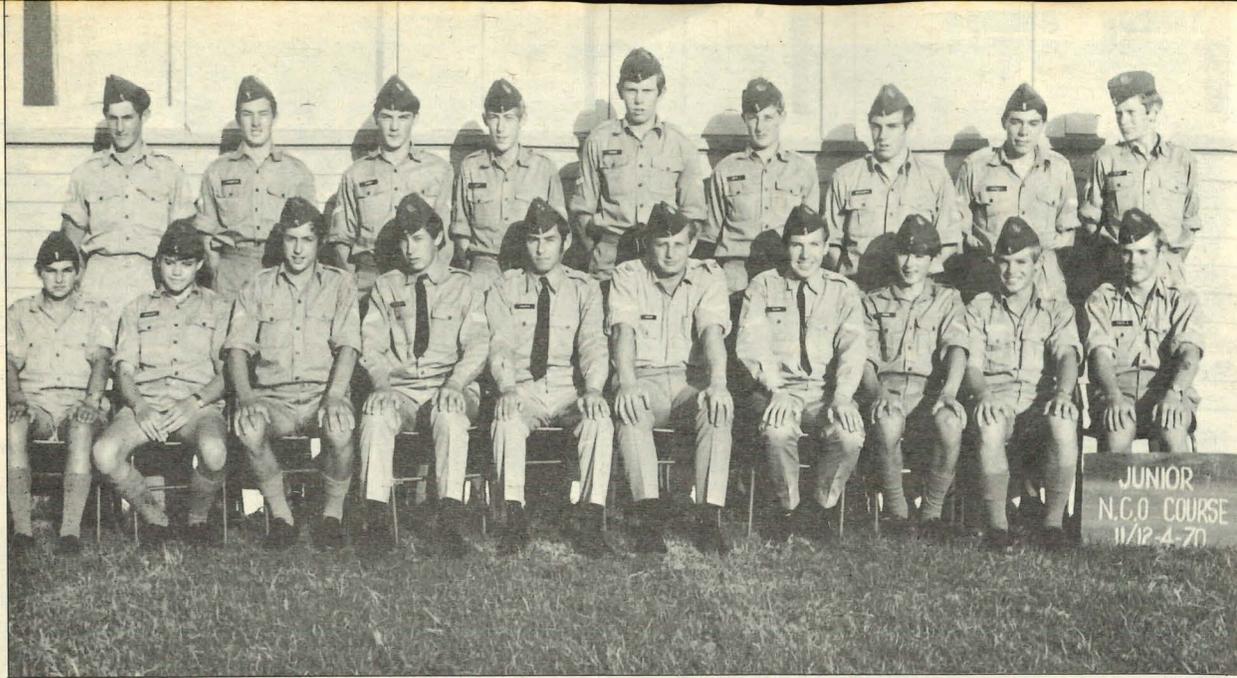
Grouped together for our camera, the younger-grade players of the Kaierau Club



The Pipe Band and footballers form up at the park for the season-opening speeches



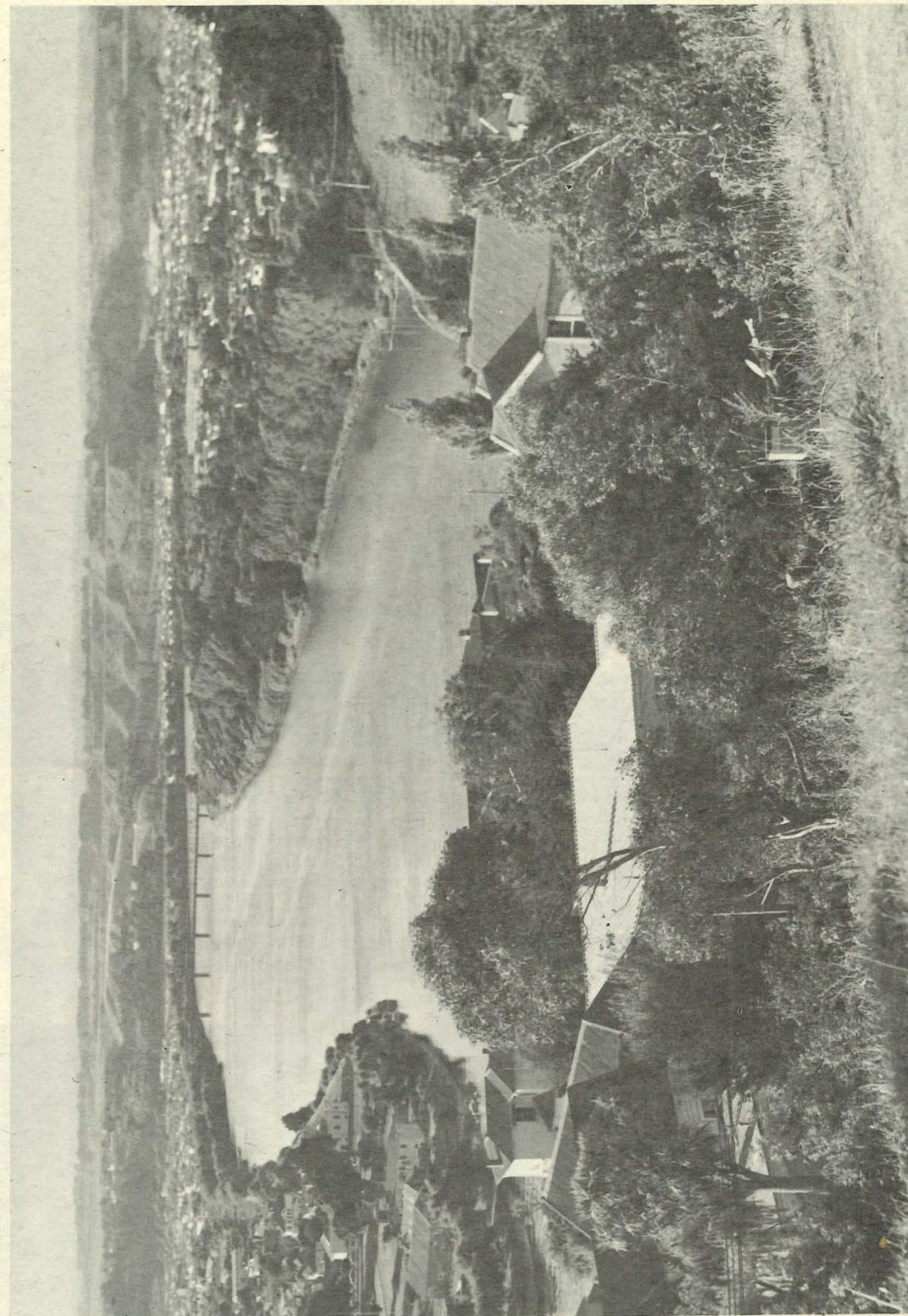
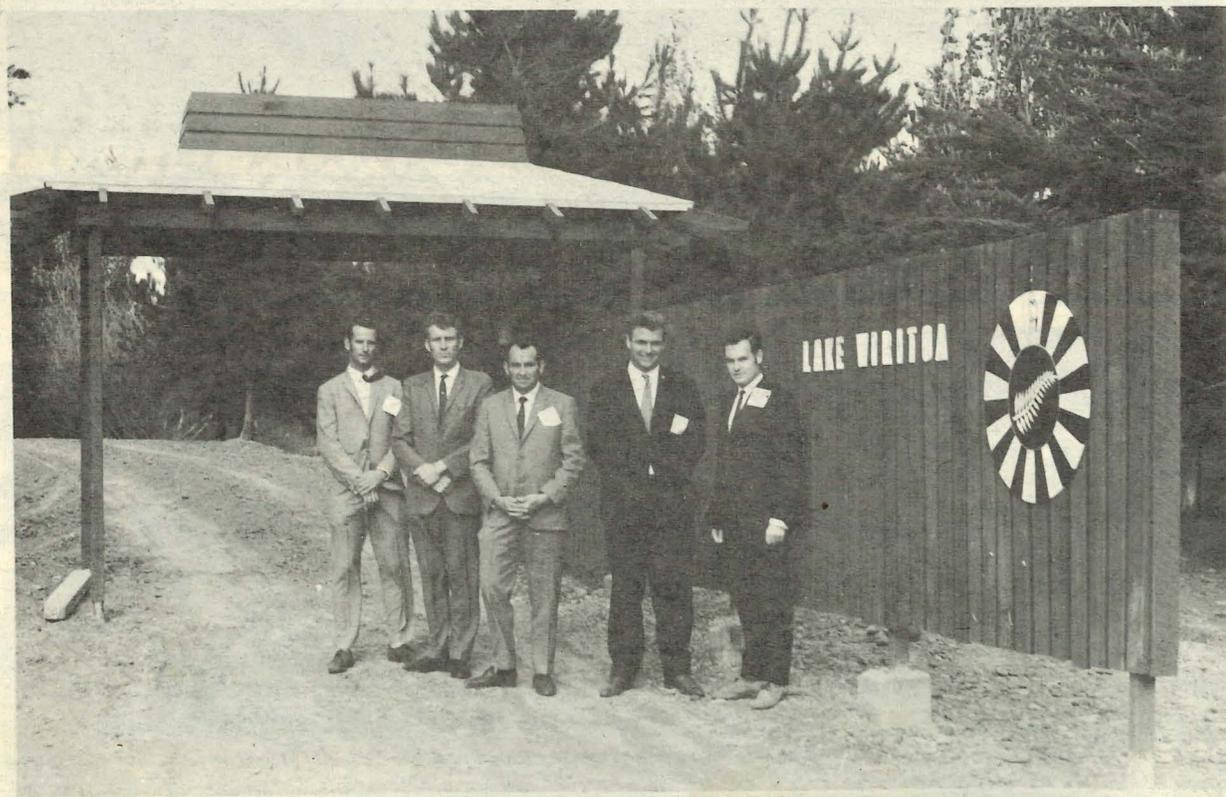
And at long last . . . THE GAME. In this warm-up game between 12th graders Tawhero and Wanganui East, Ross Tong (Tawhero) heads off through defenders to score a try.



HERE AND THERE

ABOVE—Air Training Corps cadets who attended a junior N.C.O.'s course here last month are pictured in this photograph kindly submitted to us by Mr Denton Tyler.

BELOW—Admiring the Round Table's project at Lake Wiritoa during their recent charter weekend are, from left, Tablers Brian Taylor, Wayne Barlow, Ian Watt (pres.), national chairman Peter Nicholson and vice-chairman Alan Dickason.



*Our Lovely
City*

Let them call it "Sin City" . . . let them call it "poverty stricken" . . . let them call it what they like. We still live in one of the friendliest and prettiest places in New Zealand — a great place to rear a family and a great place which provides all (and in some cases better) of the amenities, cultural and sporting, of a metropolitan city. There's still room in Wanganui for any of you outsiders who would like to live here.



MISS N.Z. CONTESTANTS HERE

We're not superstitious — it's too unlucky! The fact that there are 13 girls contesting the current Miss New Zealand title is not going to be unlucky — for the winner! She's the lass who will go tripping around the globe as our entry in the Miss World contest, etc. Great stuff! The win would make it worth while spending all these weeks traipsing around draughty theatre stages every night in swim togs. The girls came to Wanganui with their show recently. Don't know why they came here — our folk are not even interested enough to have a representative in the running. Perhaps we haven't got any nice looking girls here. What rot!

ABOVE—Editor Rob knew you couldn't get a good look at them from your Opera House seats, so he gathered the birds up backstage and took this close-up for you (and him).

BELOW—A change of scenery for the audience.



The girls just couldn't keep their eyes off our Rob in the wings . . .



. . . and we think John Hore was getting jealous. (Ho hum . . . rave on, Graham).



They really packed them into the Opera House for the show

HAMBURGER EATERS



Lining up for the first heat are Barry Holland, Harvey Bowling, Paul Carrick, Dennis Cook and Gavan Molan. (We notice an abundance of car dealers . . . hungry types!)

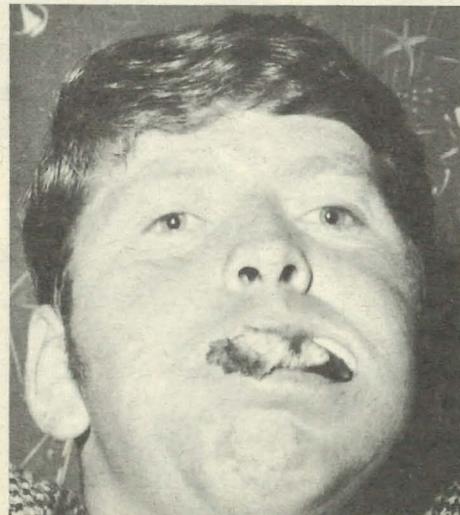
Call it a hamburger-eating contest . . . or call it just entertaining gluttony. It was a whole lot of fun for those who entered and those who watched the Provincial Hotel's quest to find the man who could scoff the most of Graham Palmer's hamburgers in thirty minutes.



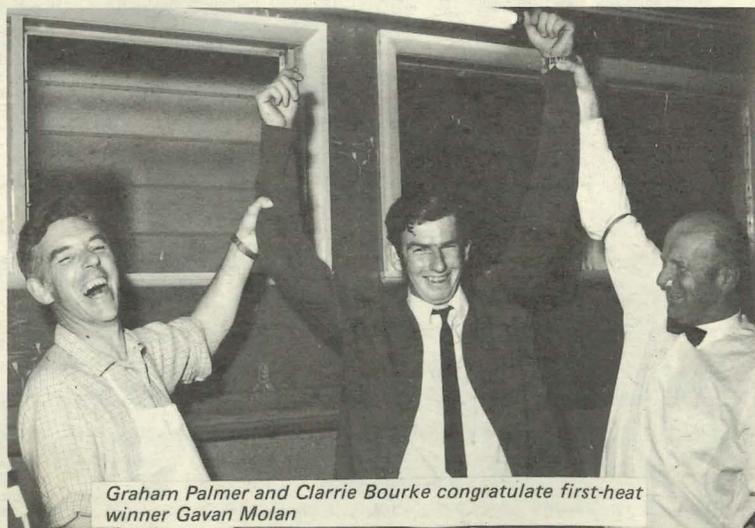
No thanks, said Paul, no need for the bucket (yet)



Just looking



Keith Phillips beaten by a slow swallow



Graham Palmer and Clarrie Bourke congratulate first-heat winner Gavan Molan



BASKETBALL AGAIN

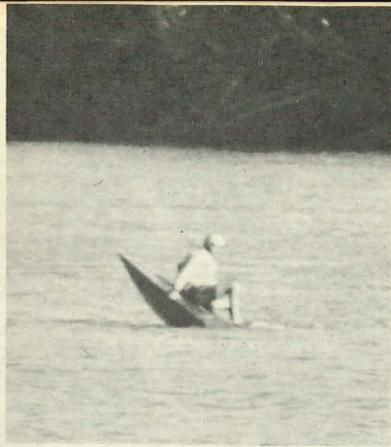
Wanganui's fit young femmes are out in force again on the courts at Laird Park. The outdoor basketball season was opened for the 1970 season recently and we recorded these pictures.

ABOVE—An early-season casualty receives treatment from the St. John girls. Miriam O'Connor has her ankle attended to by Kathleen Pidwell and Diane O'Connor.

BELOW—Crowds of girls line the Laird Park courts for the first-of-season games.

RIGHT—Taking a cooler is ref Helen Gudsell.





King Of River Racing

Some exciting racing by some of the fastest boats in the country was witnessed on the Wanganui River recently when the Wanganui Motor Boat Club staged its annual "King of the River" regatta.

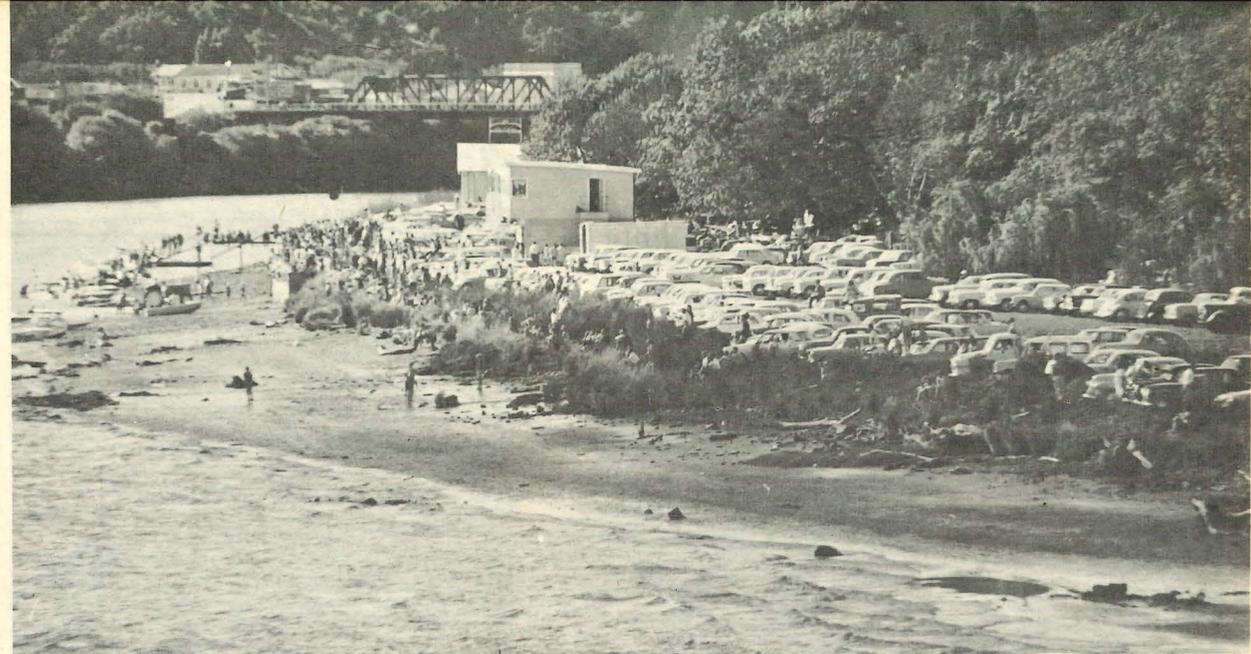
ABOVE—Help! Help! Stewart Weaver perches on the prow of his sinking Ajax.



Winner of the King of the River event for hydroplanes was Mr Rogerson in his "Miss Queenwood" from the Waikato



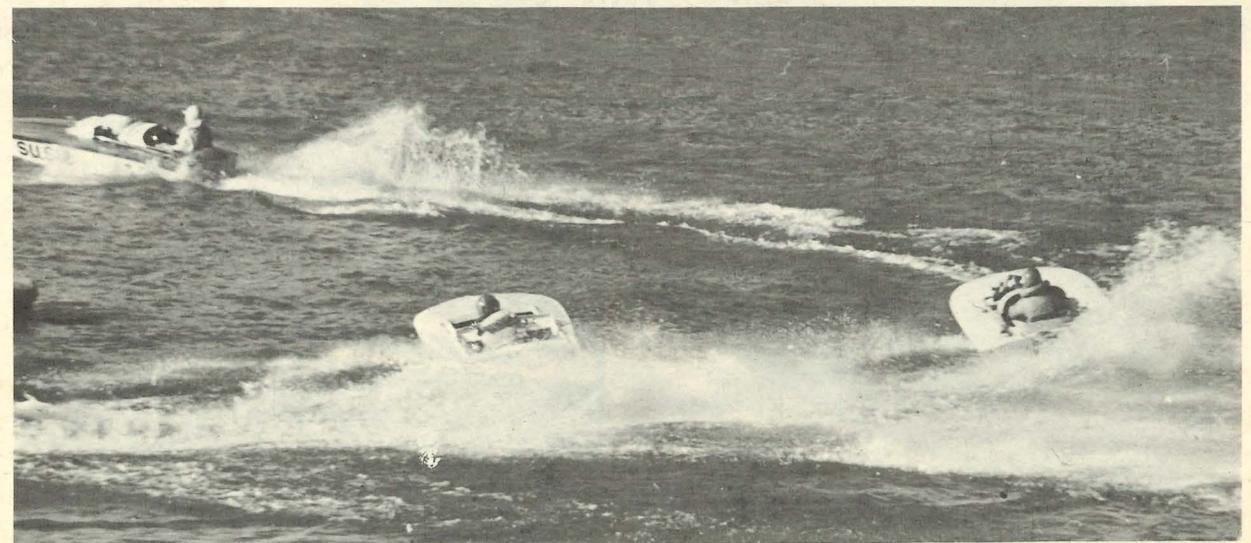
Miss Fantail was runner-up to Miss Queenwood in the hydro race. We picture Les Palmer (Wellington) piloting her at high speed.



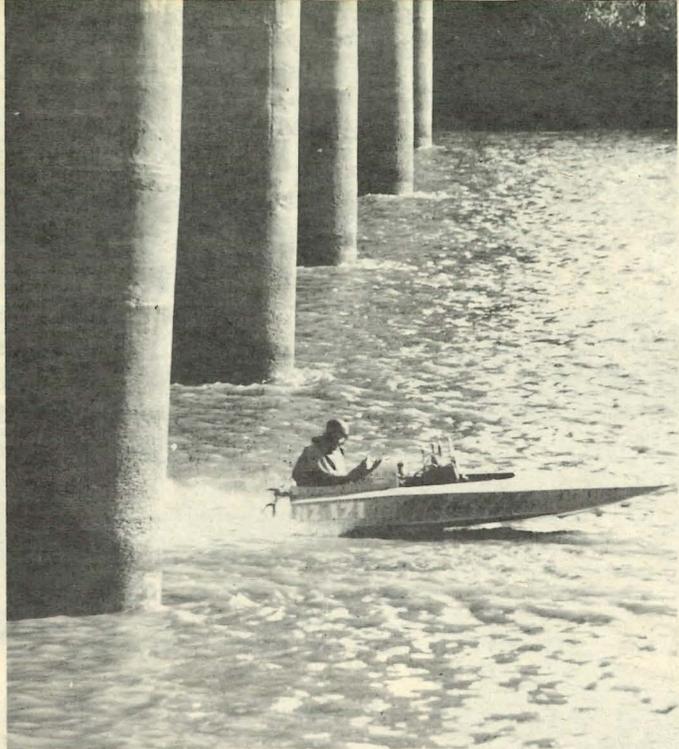
Our view from the Dublin Street bridge of the riverbank headquarters of the Motorboat Club



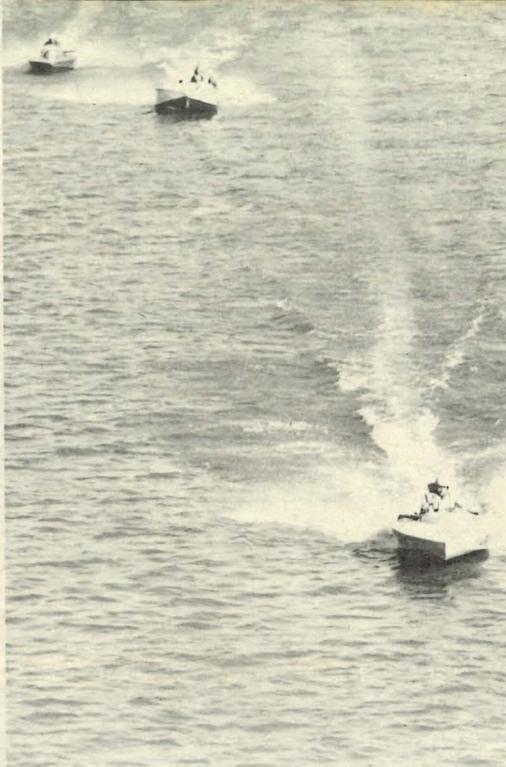
Miss Coquette came all the way from Whangarei to win the race for vee-bottoms



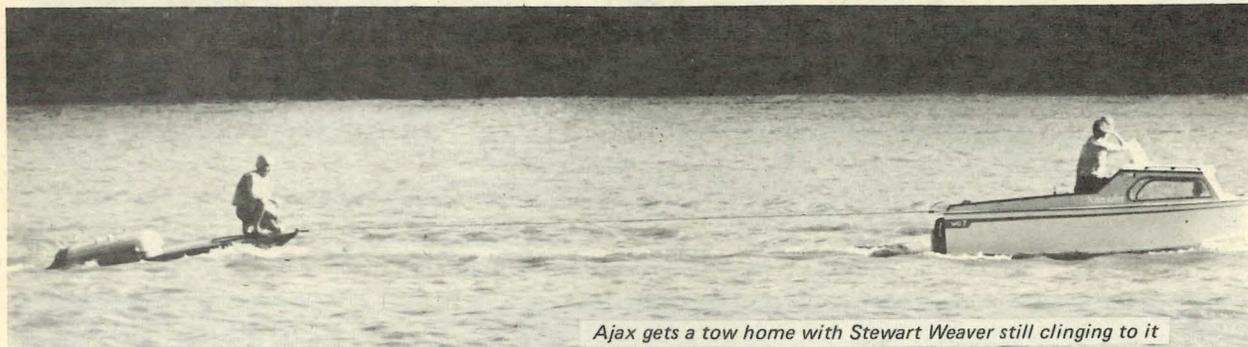
Three of the racers round the bottom buoy



The Taranaki boat "Mr Sin" emerges from between the piles of the Dublin Street bridge



Somebody's got a good lead



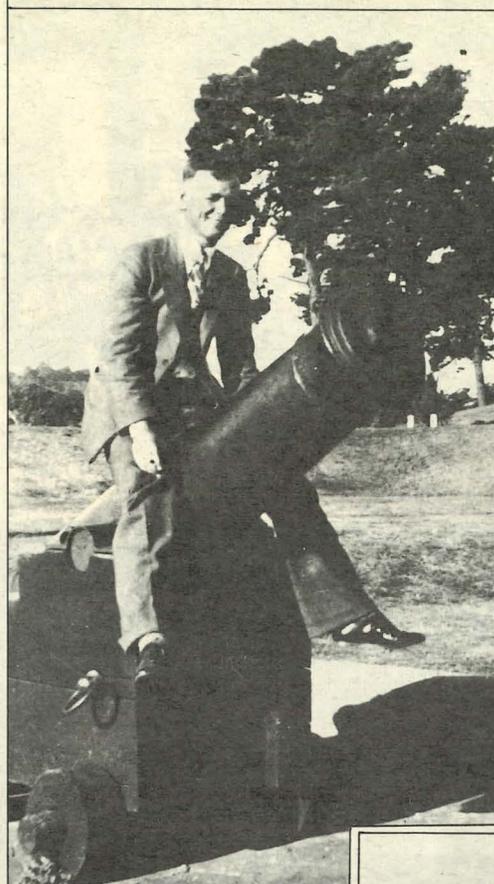
Ajax gets a tow home with Stewart Weaver still clinging to it



Peter Read, Wanganui, in his "Miss Tetramel"



Brian Thomas, Waikato, in Loopy Lou

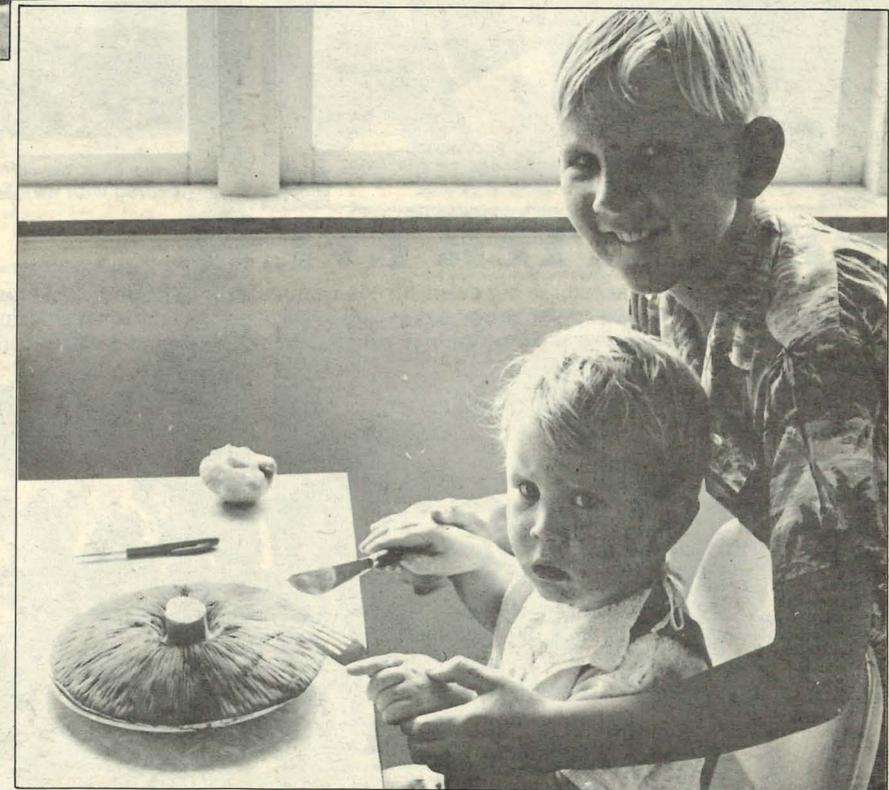


ABOUT PEOPLE

ABOVE—Harry Graunger, 33 Moore Avenue, sends us this pic of himself taken soon after his arrival in Wanganui from Australia. The picture was taken on Boxing Day, 1937, and Harry is seated astride the cannon which used to be situated in front of the Art Gallery.

TOP RIGHT—Pictured before leaving Wanganui for Australia to entertain with the Maori Theatre group are John Haami and Danny Tiraha.

RIGHT—A plate full of mushrooms and there's only one there. John Taylor helps little brother Philip slice into this 9-inch biggy.

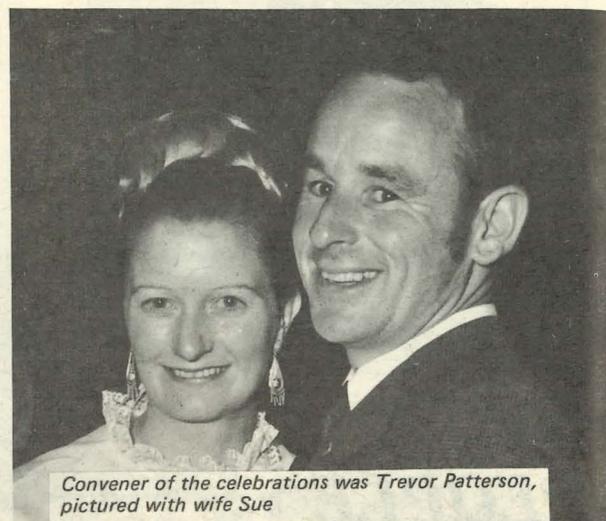




A Wanganui Maori challenge for the big-wigs of the Round Table



Local chairman Ian Watt receives the charter from national chief Nicholson



Convener of the celebrations was Trevor Patterson, pictured with wife Sue

RED LETTER EVENT

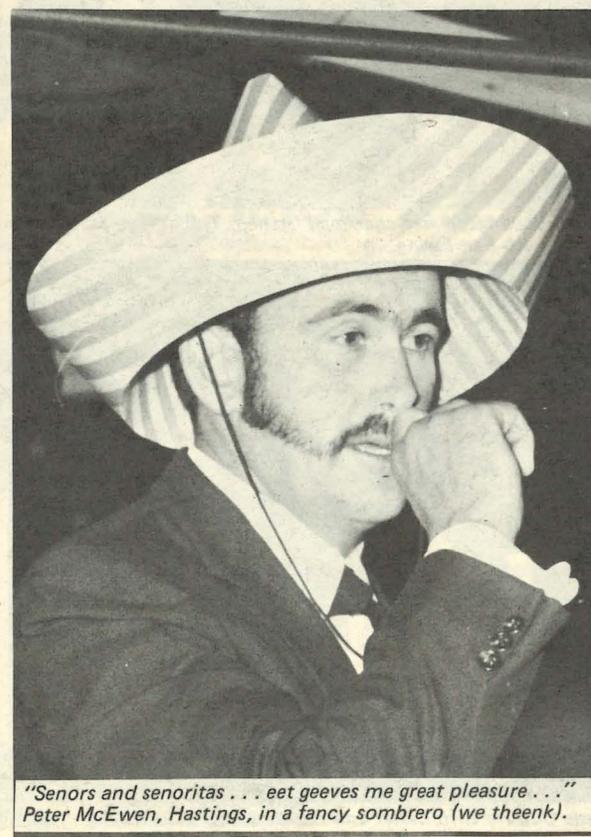
A day of celebrations marked the big event for Wanganui's No. 42 Round Table here last month. It was the day on which the local group was presented with its charter by the national chairman, Mr Peter Nicholson, Christchurch. Charter day was climaxed by a rousing evening of fun at a cabaret in the Regency Lounge.



Round Table members and guests watch the Maori Challenge at the Memorial Hall



How's this for a novel idea? Have your bubbly served by three Maori maidens.



"Senors and senioritas . . . eet geeves me great pleasure . . ." Peter McEwen, Hastings, in a fancy sombrero (we theenk).



They had tickets on her! Peter Nicholson adds his name-tag to the others pinned on Isobel Price by some of the wags.



Making a pig of himself. Hogging down a bite of pig's head is Lower Hutt chairman, Ray Shallow.



National chairman Peter Nicholson is photographed with local leader Ian Watt and Eileen Watt



Gerard Carey about to carve the pig



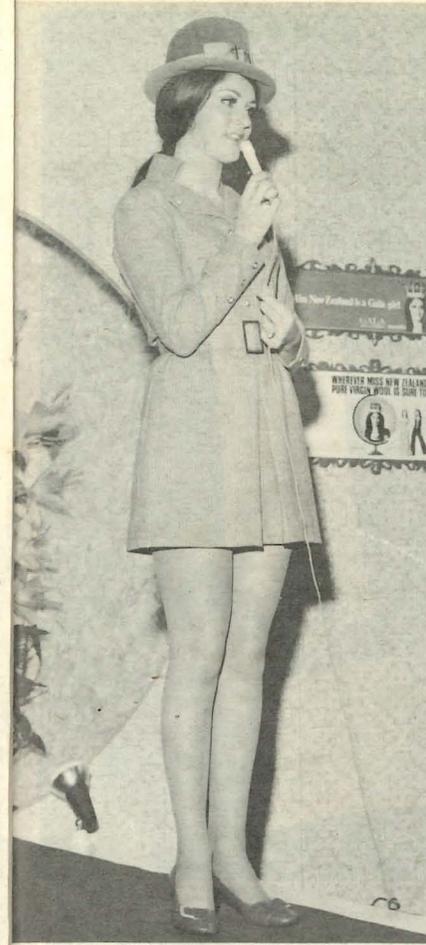
Wellington area chairman Graham Talbot dances with Rae Ewing



Enjoying themselves: Earl and Diane Doble



A local foursome pictured at the cabaret: Peter and Josie Guthrie with Lester and Sandra Knowles



MISS N.Z. PARADES

In-store parades at John Courts Ltd recently featured Carole Robinson, Miss New Zealand, and lovely garments. The NZ Wool Board promotion attracted large crowds of shoppers, all of whom were impressed by Carole's nice personality.

TOP LEFT—Carole tells her audience about her trip overseas.

ABOVE—Local model Diana Tripe.

TOP RIGHT—Miss New Zealand again.

LEFT—Compere was Mary Chetwin, Wool Board co-ordinator.

RIGHT—Robyn Ward shows a smart suit.





Senior boys champion of the club is Brian Scott



Senior ladies' champ was Gaelyn Grant



Champion boy freestyler was Trevor Barnes



Blair Grant: junior boys' champion

Swimming Club's Closing

The Durie Hill Swimming Club's 1969-70 season closed recently with the presentation of trophies by the president, Mr Ian Drummond, and Mrs Drummond.

They are pictured ABOVE about to give a cup to Peter Tewira. (Pix by Robuck Studios).



Kim (second) and Theresa Barnes (first) were given beginners'-dive trophies



We've had Graham and Shirley Wickett in "Photo News" plenty of times, but now we have them with their sons as well. (You should sell plenty of this issue now, Graham).



Marie Middleton was the most improved girl



The best-dressed boy in the room, little Master Campbell



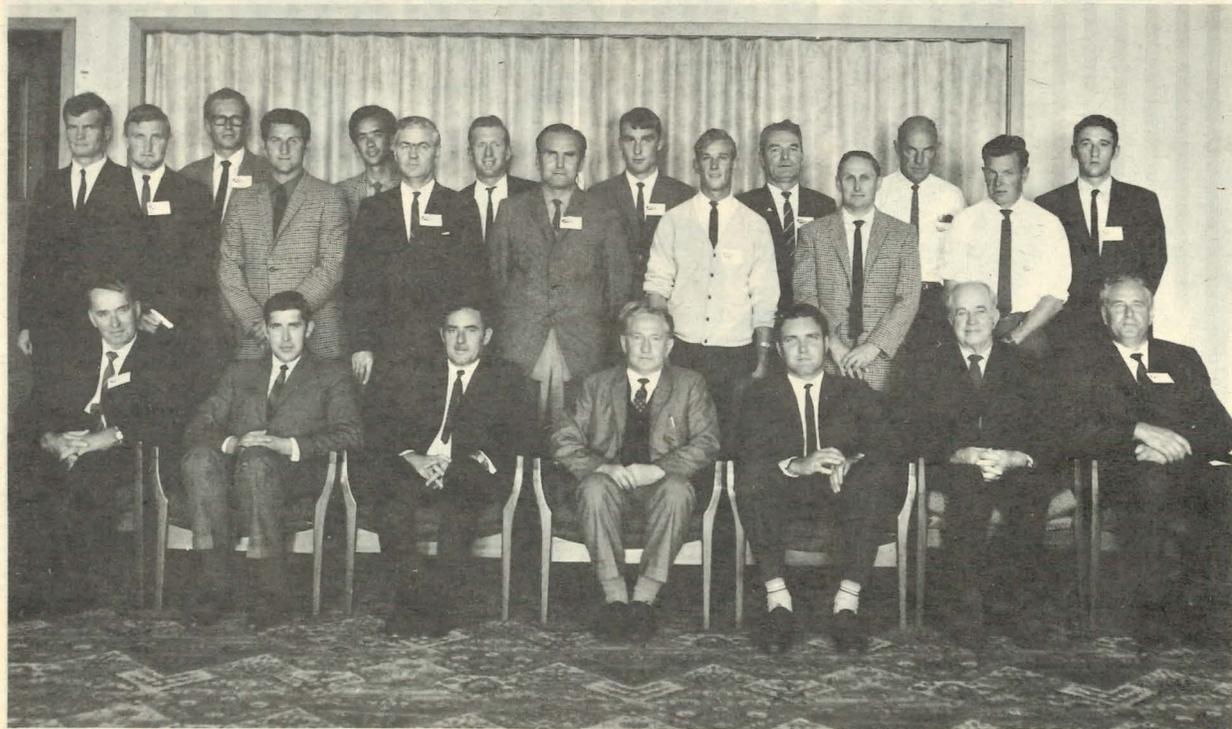
Ester Buckholt is the club's youngest competitor

AROUND TOWN



ABOVE—Look out Masterton — here comes a complete new shop. Well, it's interior fittings anyway. Trucker Ron Swain directs loading at Dickson Construction of the internals of a jeweller's shop, manufactured right here in Wanganui.

BELOW—Annual Conference. The national conference of Farmers Industries Ltd was held at the Grand Hotel recently. In our official conference photograph are, from left, front: L. Pease (Hawera), G. Stevens (administration manager), G. Tyler (sales and marketing manager), J. McPhail (managing director), S. Whyte (marketing manager fertiliser division), O. Lynch (P.Nth), R. Gawn (sales supervisor, H.Bay). Middle: P. McCarty (P.Nth), M. Coad (N. Ply), H. Gaskin (Masterton), J. Graham (Gis), J. Law (Levin), D. Hesketh (South Island sales supervisor), B. Hanam (Ashburton), T. Miles (Oamaru). Back: N. Connolly (Chch), G. Fyvie (sales supervisor, Hamilton), N. Allen (Rotorua), T. Morris (Chch), G. Whitta (Leeston), D. Spittle (Gore) and G. Thomas (Chch).



The hard-working committee that is responsible for the great shows at Fordell

FORDELL CABARET

Every year out at Fordell they have a function that's a real ball. It's the Fordell Scouts' cabaret and it's a function that is always well patronised.



Some of the towney gals



The Trev Philpotts were having a great time of it



Carol Webb was there too



Celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary were Ian and Shirley McKenzie



Johnny Buller was sporting a snazzy titfer tat



Beth Simpson and Tania Holland make it again — with a change of costume.



Standing nicely is little Carol Murray



Tracey Lockett points her toe

ONE — DAY COMPETITIONS

The Wanganui Competitions Society staged a very popular and well contested one-day event at the Intermediate School recently. Some of the young dancers are pictured here.

ABOVE—Raewyn Jones in costume for character dancing.

TOP RIGHT—Keri Ebbit, Tracey Aldridge and Trudi Smith strike a pose for the photographer.

RIGHT—A little cutie: Dominique Douglas.

FAR RIGHT—Tania Holland and Beth Simpson team up.



Allison Murray leans on her cane



Delwyn and Winston Bowler



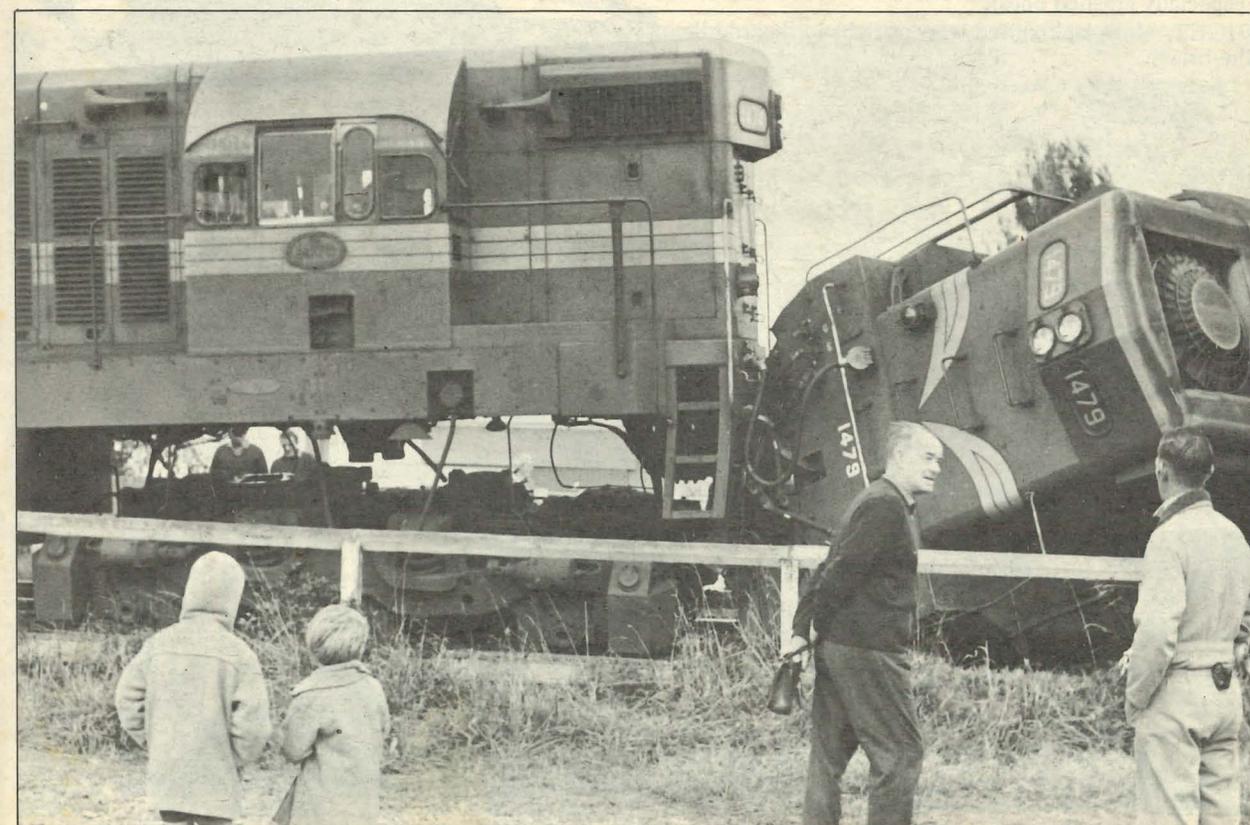
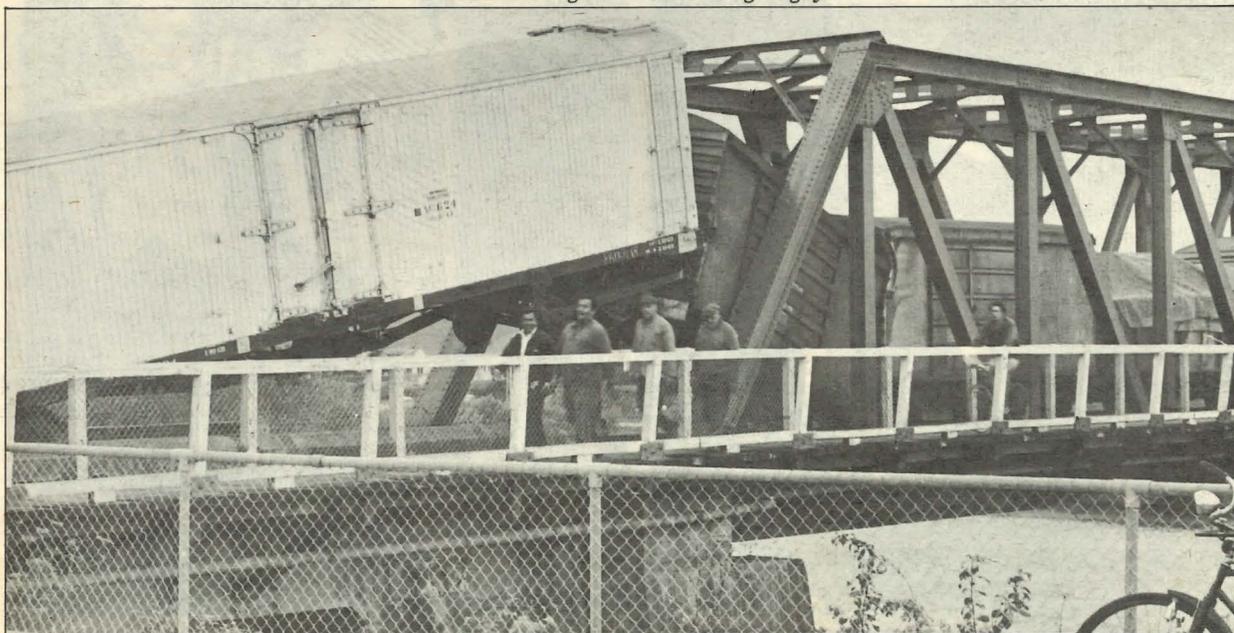
THE BIG PILE-UP

Nobody suffered any injury when the Wellington-to-New Plymouth goods train left the track at Aramoho early one recent morning. The two D.A. locos slewed from the rails, one overturning, just as the train came off the Aramoho Bridge. The resulting chaos blocked the main road from Aramoho to the city and traffic was forced to use the emergency underpass.

ABOVE—The scene from near the Aramoho railway station looking back towards the Aramoho Bridge.

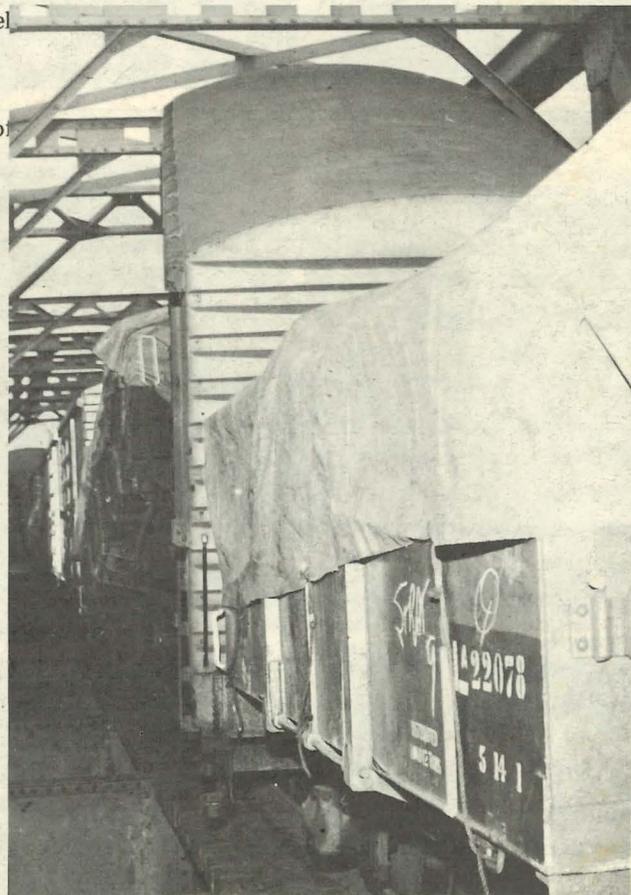
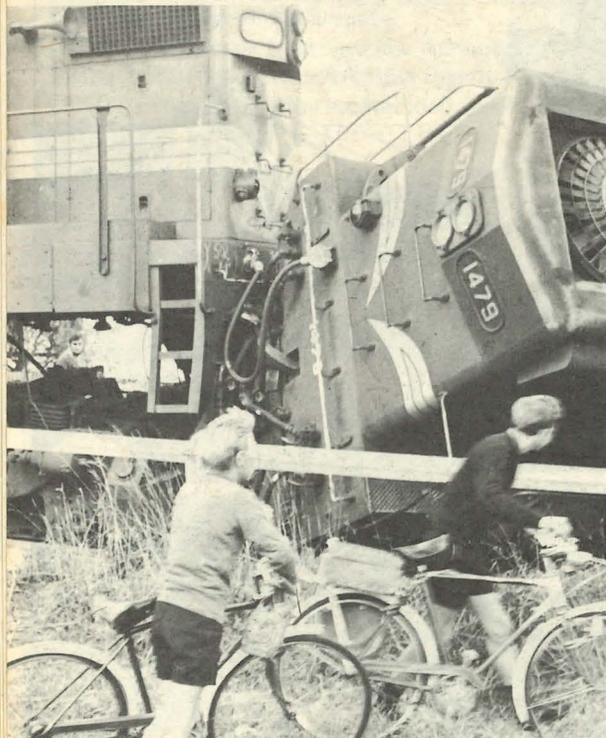
BELOW—Wagons were jack-knifed together on the bridge.

RIGHT—The front of the second loco was lifted right off its leading bogey.





ABOVE—What a mess . . . but we don't think that railwayman will get it back on its wheels with his shovel.
 BELOW—If there were any children late for school in Aramoho that day, it's because all kids love trains (especially crashed ones).
 RIGHT—More jack-knifed wagons right in the middle of the bridge.

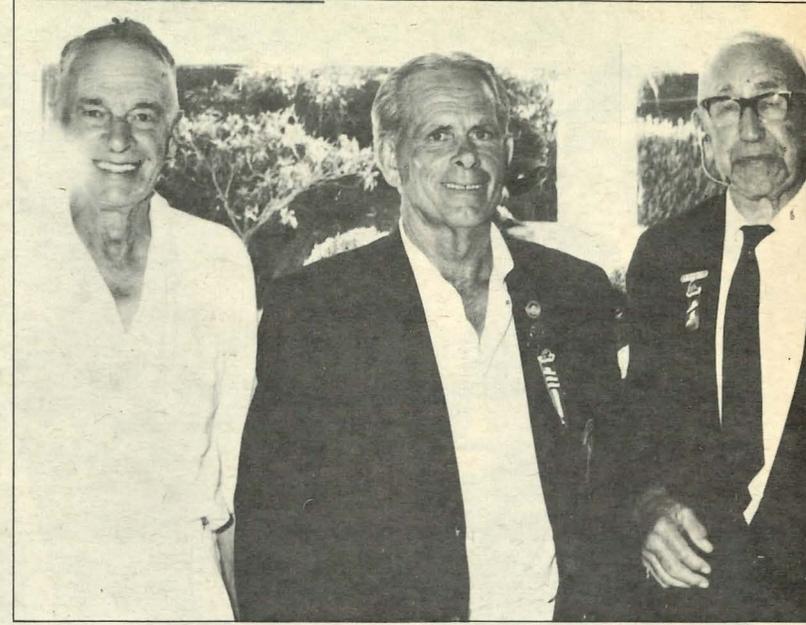
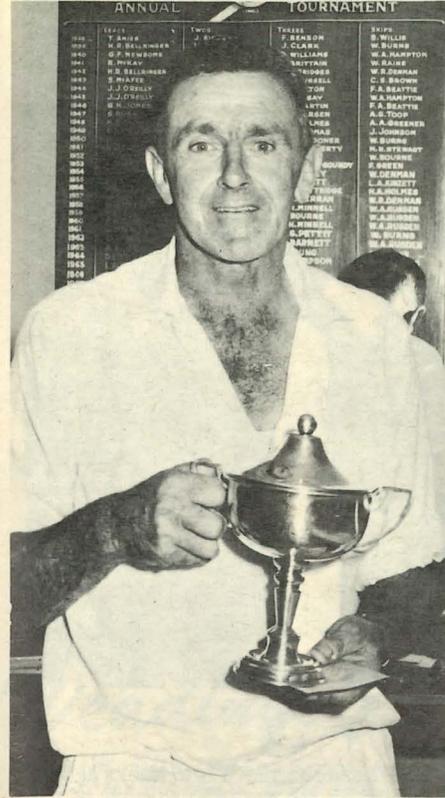
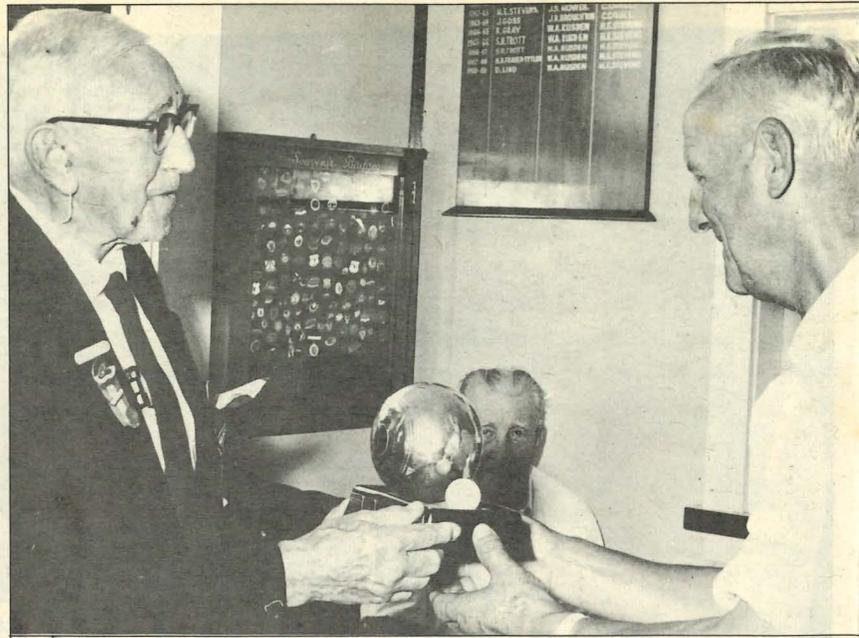
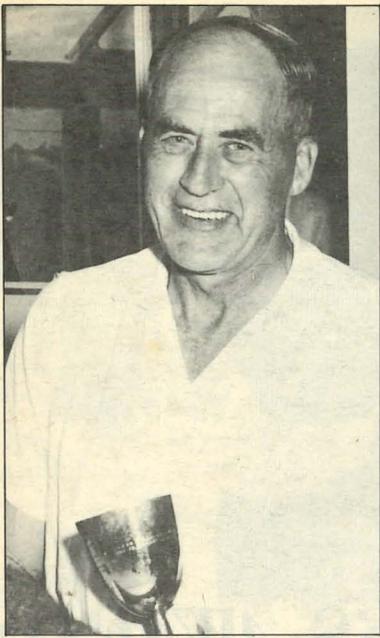


RED CROSS AWARDS

Mrs A. S. Guthrie, president of the Gonville Red Cross sub-centre, presented trophies at the recent annual meeting. She is seen, ABOVE RIGHT, giving the Barrow Prince Cup for home nursing to Mrs M. Johnston.

LEFT—Mrs J. Spurdle received the Doris Tilley Cup for first aid.
 BELOW—Some of the members at the meeting.





R.S.A. BOWLS CLOSING

The R.S.A. Bowling Club closed its 1969/70 season recently with the presentation of trophies. The patron of the club, Mr Eric Merewether, officiated at the trophy-giving. He is pictured at TOP RIGHT handing a trophy to colts' singles winner, Harry Case.

ABOVE LEFT—Ewen Granville won the "B" singles.

ABOVE—Winner of the "A" singles was Keith Lynch.

TOP RIGHT—Pictured at the closing are Bill Rusden, secretary, Bernie Dow, president, and Mr Eric Merewether, patron.

RIGHT—Bob West, George Spooner and Jack Hodge — all tanned.

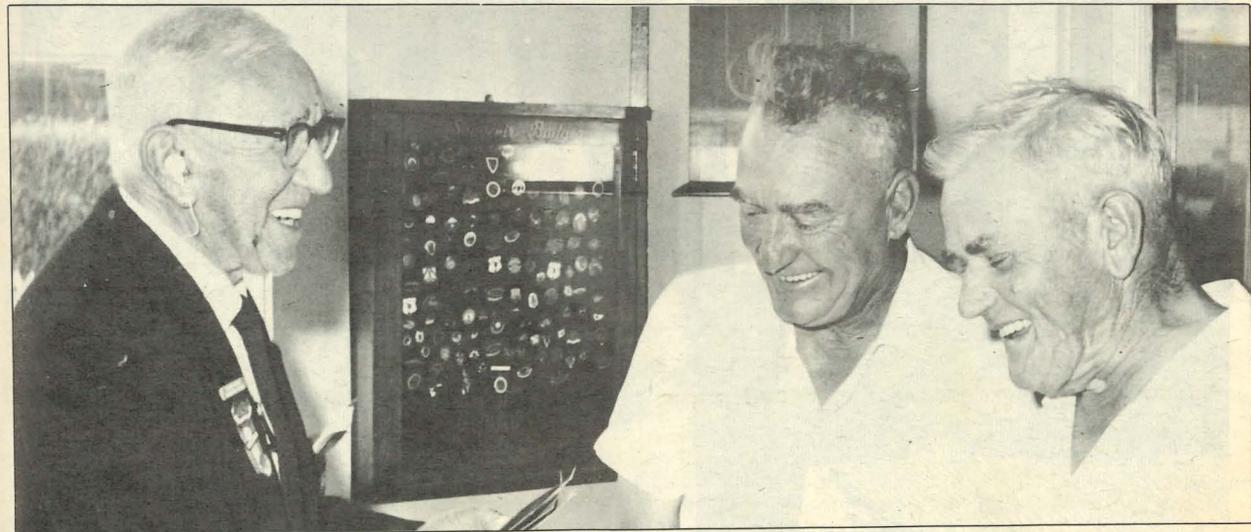
BELOW—Mr Merewether congratulates two of the club fours winners, Laurie Clark and Wally Brown.



Len Head and Laurie Penn won the "B" pairs



Gordon Sharpe and Jack Howes were the winners in the "A" pairs





PRESENTATIONS

ABOVE—There was a small presentation ceremony at the Aima Road I.H.C. headquarters a few weeks ago. Four Rutherford School pupils handed to Mrs L. Pearson, assistant supervisor, \$5.50, the full proceeds of a shop stall they set up at 56 Caius Avenue. From left with Mrs Pearson are Karen Mackie, Gay Wrigglesworth, Toni Wilkie and Susan Walker.

BELOW—The Wanganui Commercial Travellers' Club farewelled their patron at a small function at Fosters Hotel recently. President George Trass is pictured presenting Jim and Mrs Aileen Carey with an electric frypan on behalf of the club. The Careys are to travel overseas before going into retirement.



Weddings

BLYDE—HILL. At the Presbyterian Church, Patea, Marion, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Hill, Patea, to Graeme, son of Mr and Mrs S. Blyde, Patea. The attendants are Barbara (chief bridesmaid) and Debra Hill, sisters of the bride, Lynette Blyde, sister of the groom, Cherie and Darryl French, flower-girl and page boy, New Plymouth, Jim Blyde, best man, brother of the groom, Ian and Warren Read, Stratford. (Aldor Films).



DEVANE—PRELLER. At St. Patrick's Church, Patea, Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Preller, Patea, to Brian, son of Mr and Mrs J. Devane, Taihape. The attendants are Jan Moody, chief bridesmaid (P.Nth), Katherine Devane, sister of the groom (Taihape), Patrick Devane, brother of the groom, best man (Taihape), Vincent Merwood (Bulls), and Barry Nock, page boy (Paihia). Future home, Taihape. (Aldor Films).

MOK CORT

The Moutua Lions Club of Wanganui raised some \$1200 towards their target of \$3000 for a new mini-bus for the local I.H.C. with a Mock Court in Victoria Avenue last month. Local businessmen and personalities were dragged before the judges and had fines slapped on them for various alleged crimes. A lot of fun and a great effort by our new Lions Club.

RIGHT—Hullo! The cops even had the meter maid on the run. BELOW—Fined for selling two left-handed socks (he must have mixed them with the gloves) was Brian Hall of Harold Hall Ltd. BOTTOM RIGHT—Clerk of the court John Grey reads a charge for the judge — hanging Jim Mack.



Secure in the stocks, Dick Owen faces the music



Constable Ian Collings has his makeup applied by Nick Cvitanovich



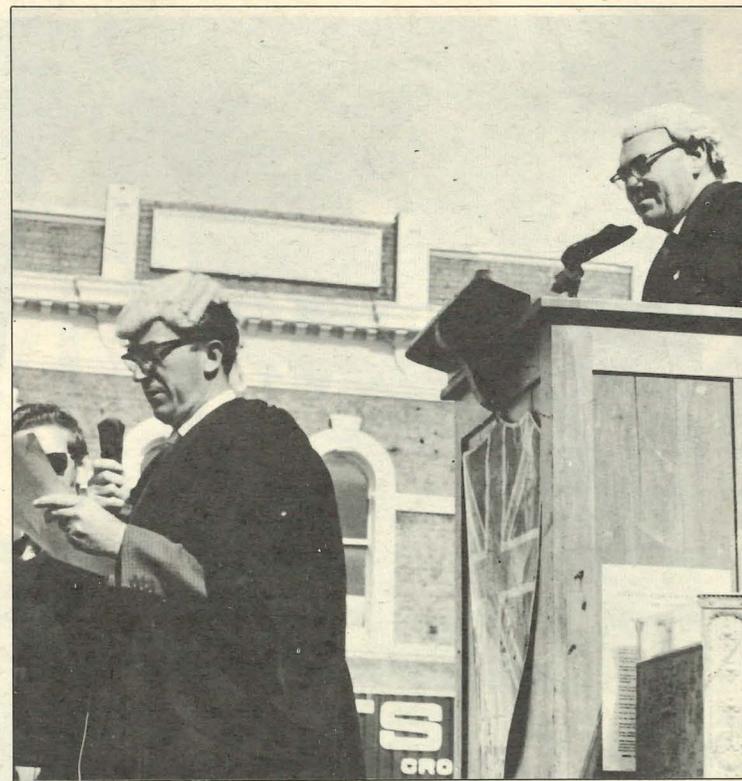
Power Game's Dave Boswell under arrest



Chas Poynter gets Chas-tised. This copper was all for whipping his helpless victims.



Into the stocks goes John Dyke



Swimming Club's Closing



When the Wanganui East Swimming Club held its closing night concert all present were given a really humorous evening. It was just about all laughter and a good finale to the season.

LEFT—A graceful ballet item by Alexia Wilson.

ABOVE—Susan Helleur with the trophy she won as junior freestyle champion.

BELOW—Club officials on stage before the presentation of the trophies.



Maxine Harkness down by the seaside



Paula Dromgall played and sang very pleasantly



June Hylton has a fling



Katrina Groenveld gives a song and dance



Dot Holloway in action



A performance by Karen Wilson



Betty Payne goes all coy after receiving a "trophy" for her ballet dancing



Performing a skipping dance was Wish Harkess



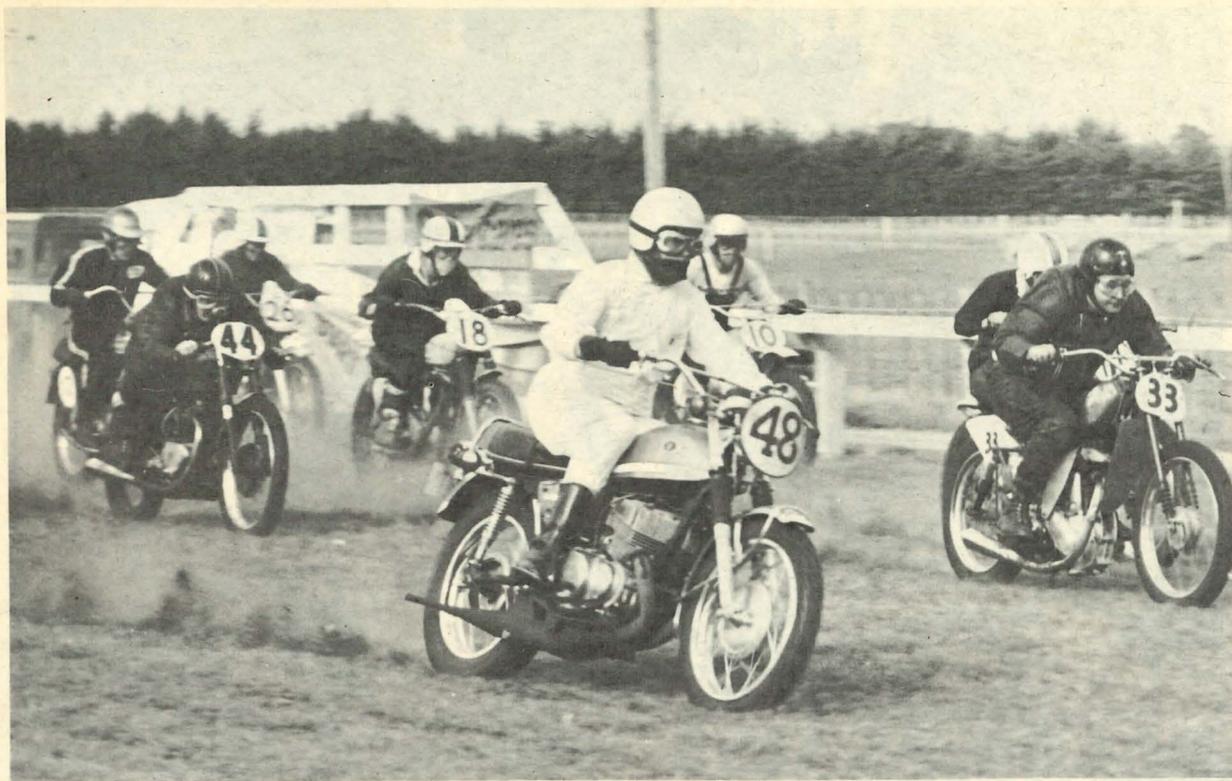
And the crowd just loved it all



RUGBY AGAIN

With the oncoming of winter, Rugby has started to rear its leathery head already. Just a few weeks back hundreds of youngsters gathered at Spriggins Park to be weighed in for grading for this season of chasing the pigskin. Pictured ABOVE is Mr Wilf Ferry recording the tonnage of young David Lynch of the Wanganui East School. BELOW—After their weigh-in the boys indulged in an unofficial game of "everybody against the guy with the ball".





They didn't open the racecourse tote for the day's racing — too many horses per drivers



No wonder Bob didn't crack that record — with big Pete Scott weighing the back end!



Also having a lick around the track was former stock-car driver Alan Pryce

"SPEEDACULAR"

Cold and windy conditions prevailed for the big "Speedacular" held at Bulls racecourse recently. Some interesting motorbike and saloon car racing was witnessed by the smallish crowd.

ABOVE—Wanganui's Bob Coleman (in white) screams away from the field on his big Suzuki. He tried to break his father's one-mile grass track record but failed by about four seconds.



First time we've seen a Maori robot



Relegated from the bikes to a pushchair . . . Spotted Steve Palmer being all fatherly.



Some of the spectators huddle up against the wind

Patea Scene



(By Aldor Films)

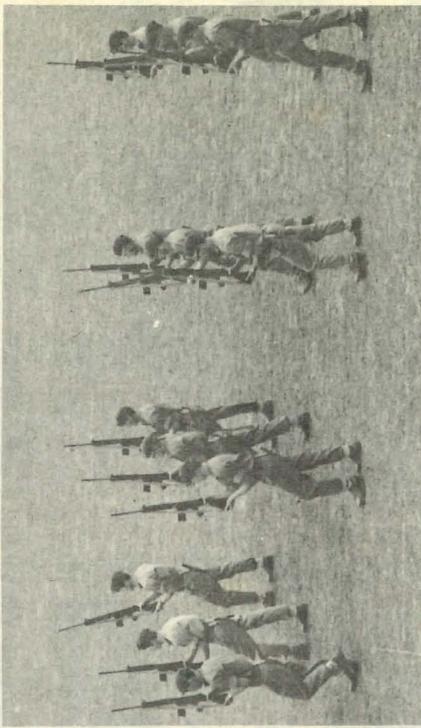


TOP LEFT—Torrential rain forced the abandonment of this year's Patea Spectacular. Chairman David Black and Betty Bourke are pictured before the closing.

ABOVE—A big working bee cleaned up the Patea Beach over a recent weekend. Some of the workers are pictured clearing logs from the river area.



Soldiers from Linton Camp staged a ten-minute war and a marching display before the rain washed the Spectacular out



Four Season's director David Smiles speaks to the assembly



Meeting Sir Arthur: David Smiles introduces Mr and Mrs John Visser

VICE-REGAL OPENING

Wanganui's first professional theatre was launched by the Governor-General, Sir Arthur Porritt, last month. Sir Arthur was guest of honour at the opening of the Four Seasons Theatre, brainchild of David Smiles. Many invited guests were in attendance and some came from far afield to wish the new venture success. Showing at present at the theatre is "The Knack".



Members of local theatre groups and other invited guests packed the premises at Putiki



A Woman Of The World

From the Wanganui Technical College (1954-56) to the theatres of the world. That's the story of Wanganui-born Dawn Thomas, back here for the past few weeks. After leaving the then co-ed Tech, Dawn worked in Auckland and Wellington while studying modern ballet. Then it was off to Sydney and a job as a stripper in the Pink Pussy Cat for a short spell before joining bigger production shows doing chorus work in Carmen, Porgy and Bess, etc. After studying dramatic art at "The Ensemble", Dawn joined the famed French Bluebells as a specialist act and travelled the Far East. Then she was to join the "Golden Girls" in Japan and entertain in Vietnam. Later, after returning to Australia, Dawn (stage name Niki) visited the United States singing and dancing in nighteries such as The Sands and Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. From here she went to Paris as a lead (specialising as a Japanese Geisha) in the "Ooh La La Show". Dawn was repatriated back to New Zealand a few weeks ago after being stranded in Easter Island. Now she is working "flat out" to repay the Government's \$800 repatriation fee . . . then back to Los Angeles "to pursue my only happiness, show biz". In our interview with Dawn she told us to recommend girls to travel the world to broaden their horizons . . . "but if they are thinking of this line of work, well it's not all glitter — a lot of heartbreak and a lot of hard work."

ABOVE—Dawn (or "Niki") as she appeared with The Bluebells at Okinawa.



Singing with the "Ooh La La Show" in Bangkok

"I averaged \$250 a week, three hours a night and seven nights a week with the shows, plus the rehearsals each day. I've worked on the same bills as Billy Eckstein, Tony Bennett, Cyd Charise, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Trini Lopez, Peter, Paul and Mary, Matt Monro and Robert Lansing (the Man Who Never Was), and with Tom Jones in Sydney's Chevron . . ."



Dawn and the girls relax in their dressing room between stage appearances in Singapore



Dawn in her spot as a Mexican with the Bluebells in Singapore



President Des hands a prize to Vic Mailman

Gonville Bowls Closing

The president of the Gonville Bowling Club, Mr Des Deere, officiated at their recent closing-day presentation of trophies.

LEFT—Doug Mailman won the senior singles title.

ABOVE CENTRE—Keith Hayhurst was half of the champion senior pair (Jim Gordon was absent).



The champion four: George Cann, Mick Pettis, Bill Wilson and Fred Perry



The club four: Andy Fisher, Gordon Gilberd, Perc Gurney and Colin Campbell



Trevor Waterson won the colts singles

COUNTRY CHILDREN ENTERTAIN



A party of senior pupils from the Makakaho Junction school, 28 miles up the Waitotara Valley, came to Wanganui last month to entertain the members of the Old Folk's Association.

ABOVE—The kiddies sing to the piano played by Mrs Gower-James.

RIGHT—The lasses from Lancashire.

BELOW—The audience loved the concert and the flowers given to them by the kiddies.



ARAMOHO SWIMMING PRESENTATIONS



The Aramoho Swimming Club's closing night was a big event for the youngsters. After all the trophy winners had been presented with their cups, well then it was into the cakes and the drinks.

ABOVE—They all wanted to get their photo in "Photo News".

RIGHT—John Gibson received a trophy for sportsmanship.



Jane Work was second in the 100 yards butterfly



Pauline Sharrock was the most outstanding women's competitor with many titles to her name.



Michael Boobyer was awarded the under-14 points cup



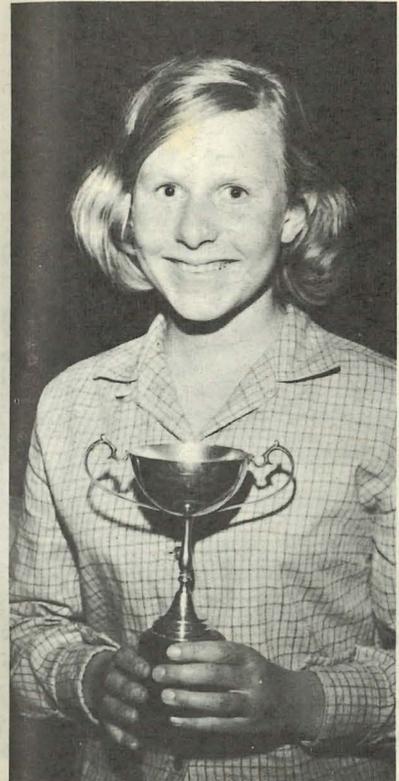
Ten championships were won by Bruce Walker



Lee Martin is a young freestyle expert



Third in the 100 yard freestyle: Vicky Dempster



Helen Work was awarded the sportswomen's cup



The outstanding Duggans: Helen, Kay and Glennis won many titles and trophies



The hardworking committee of the Aramoho Club

Roving Camera

RIGHT—Just back from the Australian championships (after earning a trip by winning the N.Z. Rothman's husband-and-wife pairs) are Joyce and Leo Taylor, two of our foremost dart players. Joyce scored a possible 180 in Australia, the two were semi-finalists in the mixed pairs, Leo was runner-up in the men's pairs at Ipswich and was also a semi-finalist in the men's singles. We picture them with their Australian badges and an accumulation of N.Z. trophies. Leo holds a trophy of which he is a joint donor for competition (starting this year) between Wanganui and Palmerston North.



Married

Above: WATSON—DAVIS. At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Nada Constance, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. Davis, 81 Carlton Avenue, to Raymond Godfrey, son of Mr and Mrs S. M. Watson, No. 2 Line, Wanganui. The attendants, from left, are Robin Stephenson, best man, Margaret Adams, matron of honour, Noel Adams and Annita Davis, sister of the bride. Future home, Wanganui. (Tesla Studios).

Below: CRAFTS—SIMONSON. At the Church of Christ, Wanganui, Linda Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. A. Simonson, 47 Konini Street, Wanganui, to Ivan Frederick, only son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Crafts, Palmerston North. Future home, Palmerston North.



THE LADY DRIVER of this car escaped with a shaking when it left the road in Wharf Street and plunged into the water at the port. Our thanks to the alert chap out there who remembered to ring "PHOTO NEWS".





Rapanui Bowls Closing

The Rapanui Ladies closed their bowling season with their trophy presentation last month.

LEFT—Jean Stewart won the senior singles.
 ABOVE—Belle Goldsbury and Flo Wallace won the junior pairs.
 RIGHT—May Manley.
 BELOW LEFT—Winner of the Intermediate singles: Belle Goldsbury.



Senior singles champ of the Rapanui men's bowling club is Len Stewart.



Gil Bunn won the title for intermediate singles



Peter Hawken won the handicap singles



Percentage fours winners Ada Peterson, Anne Sharp, Jean Stewart and Jean Stewart (yes, there's two of them) with centre president Mrs Palmer.



Bowling officials and club members



Junior pairs winners were Gill Bunn and Bob Gibb



Tom Peterson and Gordon Christie won the senior pairs



Winners of the Gordon Pairs were Don Goldsbury and Bert Harrex



The champion four: Bob Gibb, Bob Christie, Hugh Burrell and Len Stewart.



Social Scene

COMING OF AGE

ABOVE—Wife Morag helps John Hall, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Hall, Kakaramea, to light the candles on his 21st birthday cake. (Aldor Films).

TOP RIGHT—Heta Taea, 80 Dublin Street, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Taea, Samoa. We pictured her with her 21st key at her recent party. (Robuck Studios).

ENGAGED

Below: LEAITUA—HAAR. Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. F. Haar, 17 Aotea Street, Wanganui, to Vaiuta, son of Mr L. Leaitua, Letogo, Apia, Western Samoa. (Robuck Studios).

FAREWELLED

RIGHT—Guests of honour at a recent farewell party were Trevor and Velga Coley who have since left Wanganui to live in Australia. (Photo by Robuck Studios).



ENGAGEMENTS

Above: CLARKE—WEARNE. Pamela Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Wearne, 3 Durie Street, to Forde Gladstone, only son of Mr and Mrs M. G. Clarke, Blenheim. (Robuck Studios).

Top right: TEE—WEARNE. Jeanette Isobella, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Wearne, 3 Durie Street, to Gary Fielden, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. F. Tee, 38 Reeve Road, Rotorua. (Robuck Studios).

Right: MOULDEY—CRAWFORD. Beryl Diane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. A. Crawford, 65 Fox Road, to Noel Henry, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L. H. Mouldey, May Street, Gonville. (Contributed).

Below: TAYLOR—MIDDLETON. Aileen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sandy Middleton, Waverley, to Kevin, son of Mrs and the late Mr K. Taylor, Wanganui. (Aldor Films).

Bottom right: SALT—DOYLE. Leigh Patricia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Doyle, Memorial Hall, Wanganui, to Peter Allan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Salt, Tauranga. (Robuck Studios).

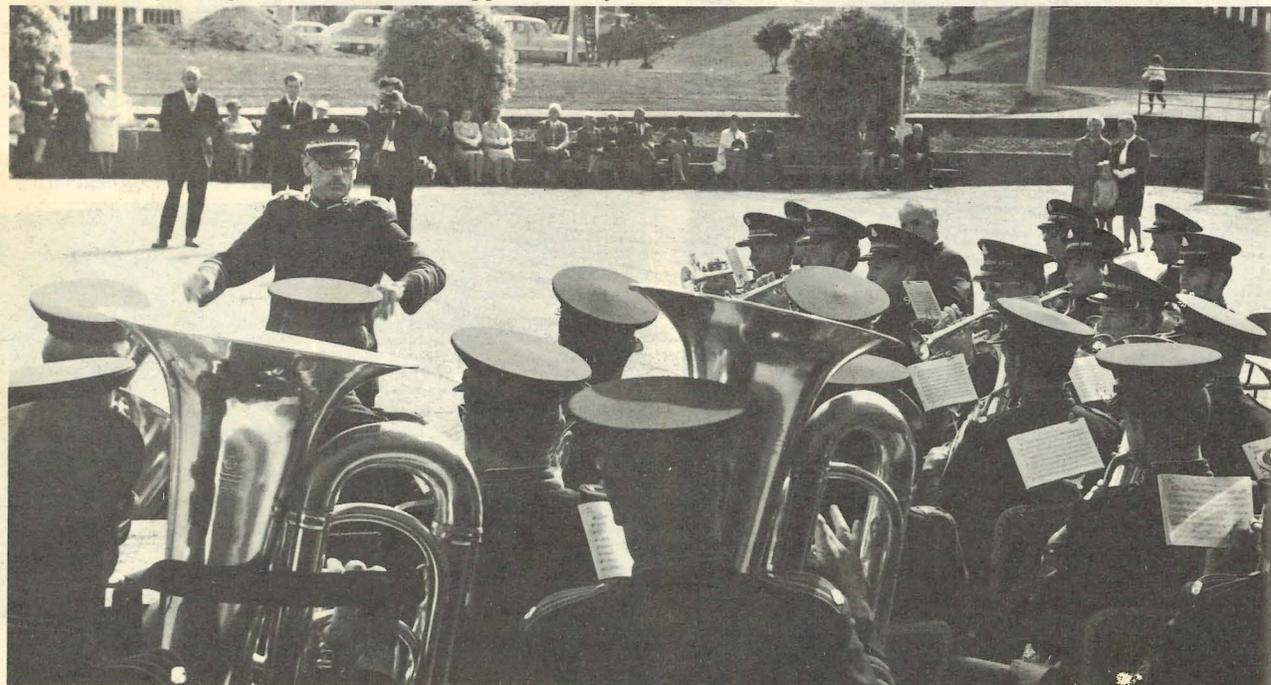




ROVING CAMERA

ABOVE—Things are getting more and more interesting as work progresses on the new Western Building Society's premises in St. Hill Street. Yet another outstandingly fine building for Wanganui-town.

BELOW—Lunchers at the Memorial Hall forecourt were treated to some stirring music by a group of Salvationists from Australia recently. The members of the Dulwich Herald Temple Band, Sydney, played and sang with gusto and were much appreciated by their small audience.



MAORI ANZAC SERVICE

A large crowd gathered in the warm sunshine at Moutua Gardens to observe the Wanganui Maori community's Anzac service.

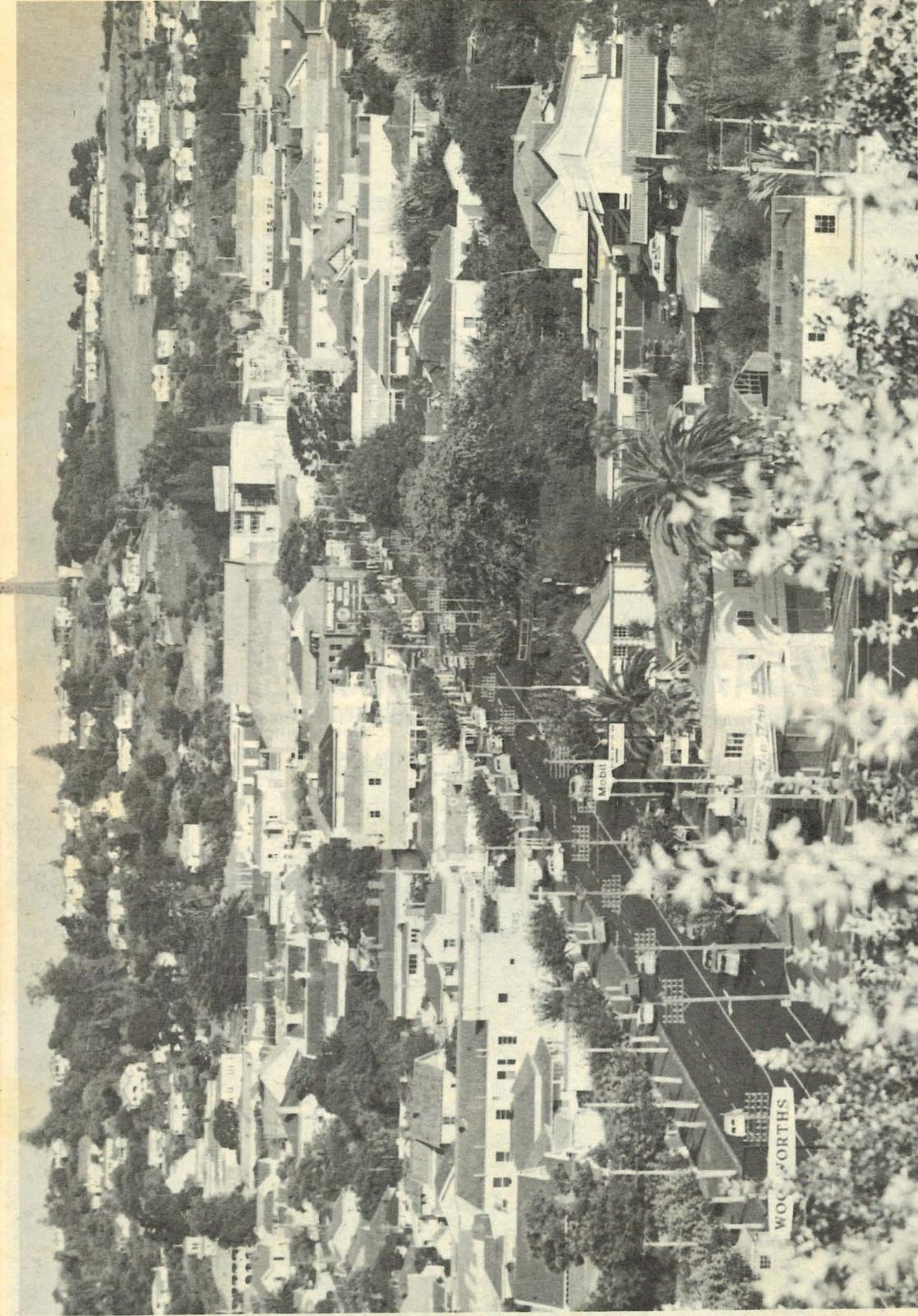
TOP—The Rev. C. B. Shortland leads the official party during part of the service at the 45th annual commemoration of Anzac Day by Wanganui Maoris.

UPPER LEFT—Some of the pakehas in the sunshine.

RIGHT—Leading cadet A. Kiddie at his post beside the memorial.

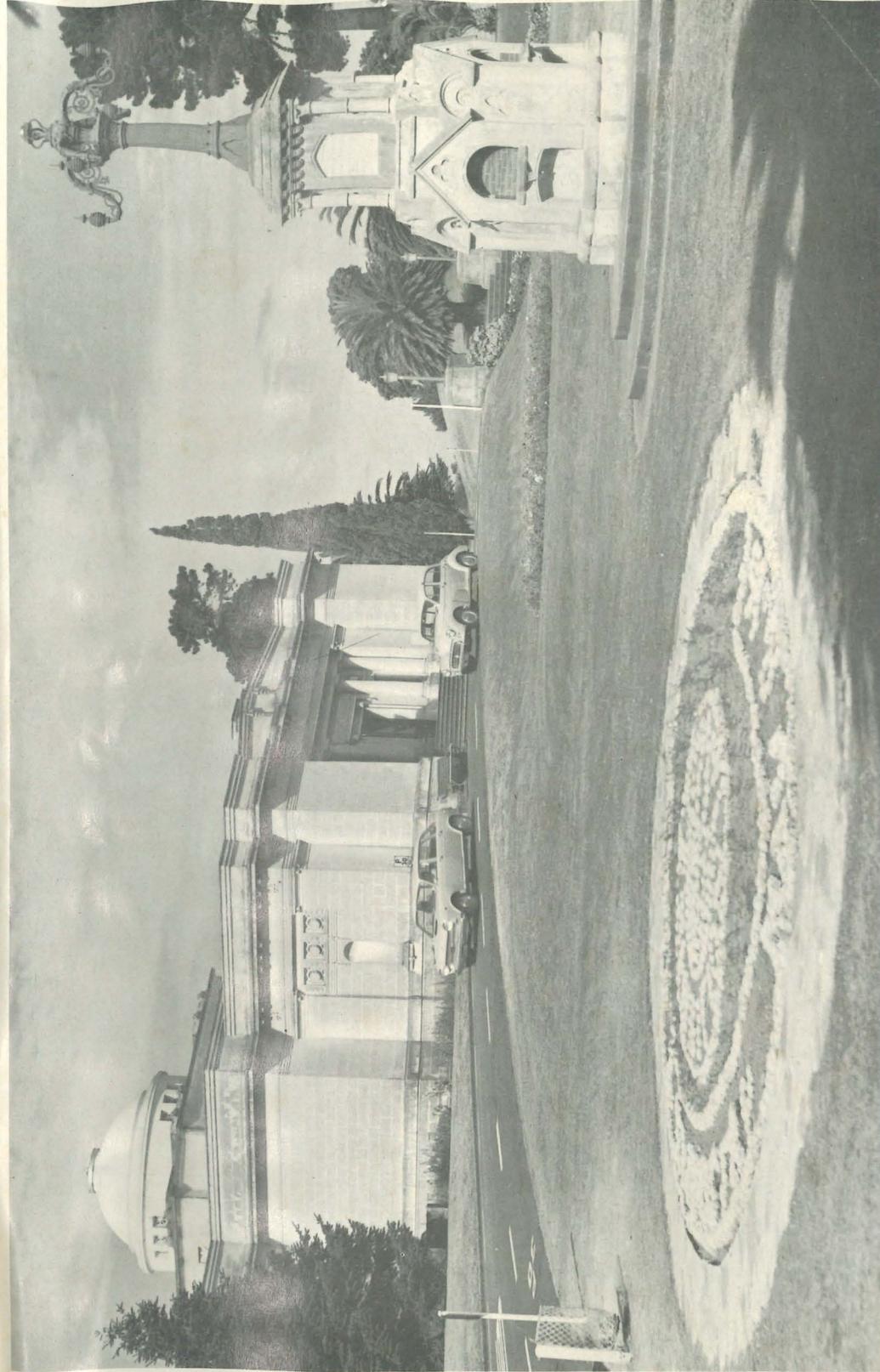
BELOW—A view of the service in the picturesque grounds of Moutua Gardens.





Smartening Up

How many of you have noticed over the past couple of years how Wanganui City is smartening up? A rash of new prosperous buildings are pushing out the older premises. National big-businesses are sinking thousands of dollars and all their faith in the future of our fair town. We had a period of apparent poverty which became a talking point throughout the country once. We dropped from our position as the fifth city of New Zealand quite a few years ago. But just keep your eyes open. Make no mistake, Wanganui is on the up and up.



A Proud Building

Many another city or town would give anything to possess the cultural amenities which we enjoy and sometimes tend to take for granted. Apart from our fantastic museum we are very fortunate to have such an elegant feature as the Sarjeant Art Gallery and its valuable contents. This shot of the gallery was taken from a spot in front of the Alexander library and shows some of the Queen's Park area in which the gallery stands.