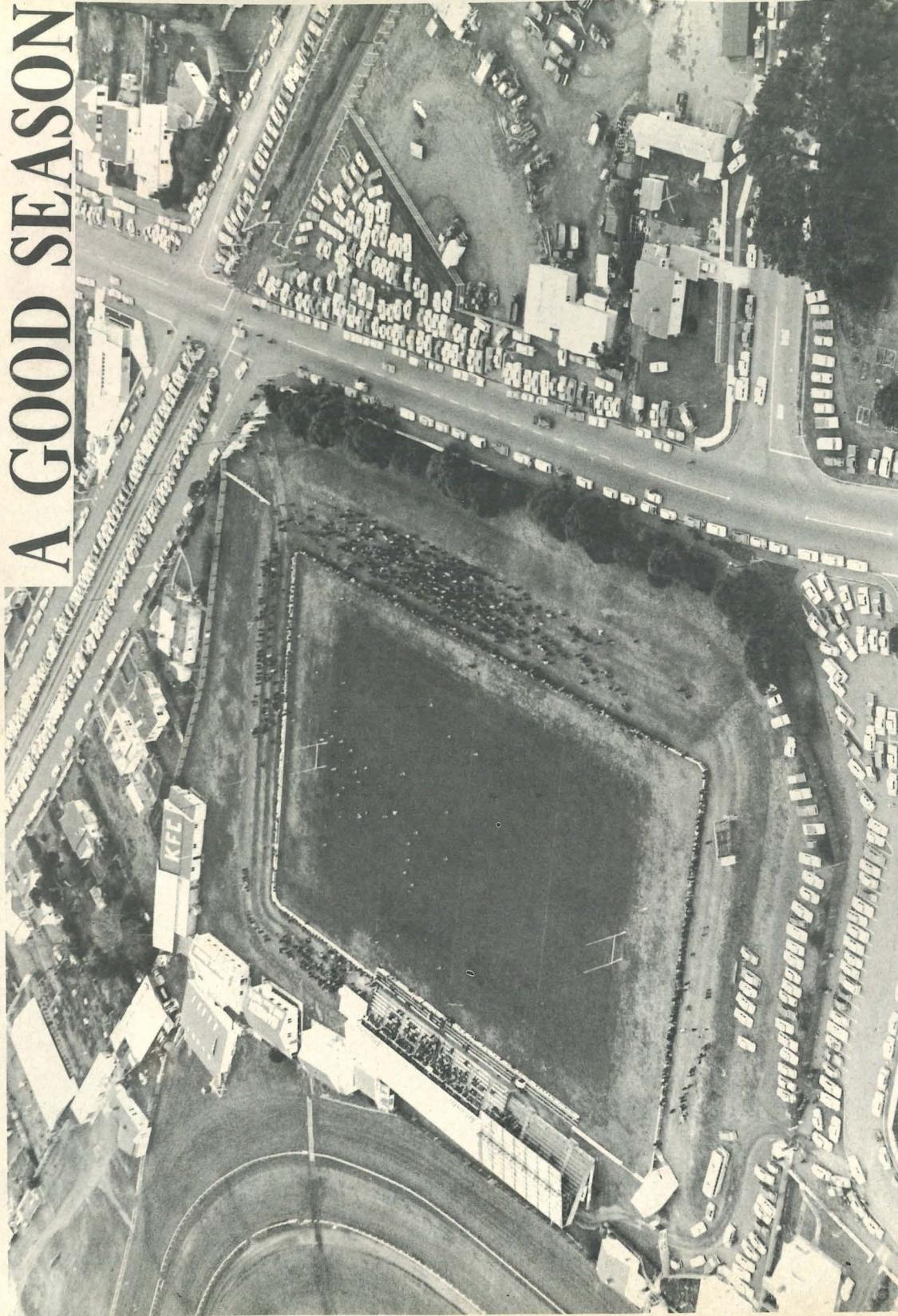




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A GOOD SEASON



Wanganui's Rugby image over the country was restored to a lighter standing after the efforts of our representatives this season. Our boys beat the giants from Wellington, Manawatu, and King Country, gained an All Black in Buff Milner and generally enjoyed their best season for a great number of years. The aerial pix by Berwick Dalcom show Spriggens Park, home of Wanganui's Rugby.

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OUR COVER: Resplendent in a gown made by Mrs Joan Henderson is Paulane McLean. The frock has been hand-painted with the classic willow pattern.

BACK COVER: Three little one-year-olds celebrating their birthday all on the same day... Tony Richardson, Greg King and John Burkett.

ABOUT PEOPLE



Below: Neale Hawke has won selection in the New Zealand secondary schools' cricket team which will tour New South Wales after Christmas

Left: Doing the old Cinderella trick??? Well we are not sure but Alf Hulme and Marion Edwards are having fun with the shoes at the Municipal Rifle Club's social.

Bottom Left: Municipal Rifle Club patron Doug Pointon presents the club championship trophy to Mrs Elva Hounsell.





National Hairdressing Champs

Five Wanganui hairdressers, three of them from the Salon Chonel, gained major placings in the New Zealand Hairdressing championships held at the Stadium a fortnight ago. A total of 95 entries, the best at their trade, were received from all parts of the country. Wanganui also finished a close second in the teams' points prize. Local successes went to Annette Terry (the winner of the impromptu), Lurline Sargent (second in open haircutting), Andrea Lockett (second junior day style under 4 years), Heather Forlong (third junior day style under four years) and Annette Stewart (third junior day style under two years). Above: The handsome trophies on show.



Andrea Lockett at work—she gained a second



A third placing was awarded to Heather Forlong for her work with Dot Williams's hair.



Wanganui's Theresa Hodson teams with imported Indian beauties for a hairshow with a new twist.



Lurline Sargent receives her second-place awards from national president, David Bradford, ChCh.



Lesley Robins was up against the best in the country in her complex "conversion" event. Her model is Penny Franks.



Radiant after becoming third in the junior day style (under two years' experience): Annette Stewart.



Little Hayley Kenny stepped up to be fitted with a wig



Guinea pigs for this wig demonstration received applause as their appearances kept changing



Fascinated with the magician's escaped dove was Alan Kenny. Perhaps he was trying to learn a few tricks from the little bird.



Placegetters in the junior day style (under 4 years). Winner Mary-Ann Burnett is at right. She hails from Palmerston North.



Model in Annett Stewart's success was Lyn Neal



Yvonne Black wore a bikini when she modelled a wig for one of the exhibitors.



Edwina Nieper parades in a La Boutique garment.



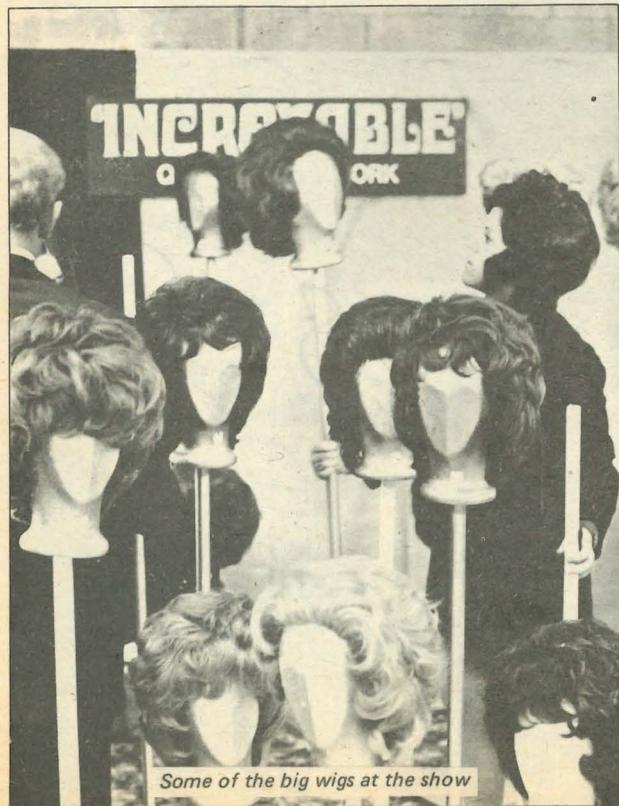
The Stadium was packed with competitors, models, officials and scores of spectators.



Annette Terrey receives her winner's trophy from president Bradford.



Karen Rountree was model on this occasion for Annette Stewart.



Some of the big wigs at the show



Thrilled with their success: Heather Forlong and model Dot Williams.

THE CABARET



Local officials Shirley Mulholland and Anne Petherick are pictured with the competition's judges at the dinner and dance at the Red Pepper which wound up the very successful championships for 1970.



Local hairdresser Claudio Petronelli and his attractive wife, Chris.



Two guests at the dinner were Ian and Eileen Watt



The successful little hairdresser from Invercargill, Mrs Lilli Nau, and her hubby.



Paula Asher was partnered by Charles Hutchinson



WEDDINGS

Above. MARRIOTT-ABBOTT: At the Wanganui East Baptist Church, Raewyn Doreen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. R. Abbott, 10 Gorran Avenue, Gonville, to Brian Geoffrey, second son of Mr and Mrs M. R. Marriott, 95 Tirau Street, Putaruru. The attendants are Dorothy Marriott, sister of the groom, Putaruru, chief bridesmaid, Diana and Karen Abbott, sisters of the bride, Trevor Brougham, best man, and Des Thiele (all of Wanganui). Future home, Wanganui. (ROBUCK STUDIOS)

Below. SIMON-REI: At St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wanganui, Lucy Hine, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Rei, 55 Ngatai Street, Manaia, to Randy John, son of Mrs M. Simon, Kaiwhaiki. The attendants are Mrs Frances Huwyler, sister of the groom, Putiki, and Bill Oram, Wanganui. Future home, Wanganui. (ROBUCK STUDIOS)



Colin and Lorraine Jacobsen were there



John Keltie plays up with a squeeaker



Mr and Mrs Clarrie Beaumont had a great night out.

TEACHERS RELAX

Chalk, exams and wage claims were almost forgotten when Wanganui's teaching fraternity staged a cabaret in the Regency Lounge earlier this month. Just a few of the guests are pictured here by the Robuck camera.



Mr and Mrs Monty Penman get together for our camera.



The Bill Carrans and co in a pretty happy mood

COMING OF AGE



Radio announcer Mike O'Sullivan, son of Mr and Mrs J. M. F. O'Sullivan, 22 Broadhead Avenue, celebrated his 21st birthday last month. (ROBUCK STUDIOS)



National hockey rep. Alan McIntyre is pictured with his parents, Mr and Mrs Neville McIntyre, at his 21st celebrations. (ROBUCK STUDIOS)



The Red Pepper was the venue for the 21st birthday party of Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. J. Coe. (ROBUCK STUDIOS)



Family and friends of Fenella Hicks, Hutchison Crescent, gathered at St. Andrew's Hall last month for her coming of age party. (ROBUCK STUDIOS)

ROVING CAMERA



Officials and bowlers are pictured in front of the new St. John's Club just prior to the opening of the Victoria Bowling Club's 1970/71 season.



Quite extensive damage was suffered by this Luxury Landliner which first came into collision with a car and then hit a brick wall near St. George's School a few weeks back. Nobody was seriously hurt.



We know of one chap who didn't mind the rain.



Buff Milner unloads the ball. The conditions and close marking didn't allow Milner to put on much of a show.

FINISHED WITH A LOSS

In spite of a pretty successful season (compared to others) Wanganui's Rugby reps let Manawatu defeat them in the last game of the season on Spriggens Park. Conditions were dismal and the ball pretty greasy, which may or may not have contributed to Bob Barrell's miss after miss at his goal attempts. Some of the kicks were so close that he could just about have thrown the ball over the bar. However, the Manawatu fullback-kicker was playing under the same conditions and he put a couple of beauties over. Still there is no good crying over spilt milk (or missed goal kicks) and the record book shows that Wanganui were defeated by Manawatu, 6-13.



Tigerish Wanganui forward John Knofflock has the Manawatu players scrambling as he barges through with the ball at toe. Knofflock could become one of Wanganui Rugby's "names" in the years to come.



Our pick of the backs would have been the elusive Patrick.



Nobody within reach as Patrick scores a classic try



Manawatu players sprawl on the ground as Patrick evades them and combines with Selby to take play out of Wanganui territory.

WEDDINGS

Right. BARNES—CUFF: Pictured with their attendants after their recent marriage at the Baptist Church, Wanganui East, are Janice Ngaire Cuff, elder daughter of Mrs N. Sleeth, Symond Street, Wanganui East, and Barry Earle, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Barnes, Puriri Street. Future home, Wanganui. (Photo News)



Below. HUGHES—EATON: At St. James's Presbyterian Church, Lesley Anne, daughter of Mrs Ivy Eaton, 8 Gloucester Street, to Murray Roy, son of Mr and Mrs Cedric Owen Hughes, 45 Field Street, Aramoho. The attendants are Jocelyn Eaton, sister of the bride, and John Hughes, cousin of the groom. Future home, Wanganui. (Robuck)



READERS' PIX

Above: Coming Of Age: Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. Hamley, Waitepapa Road, Hunterville, cuts her 21st birthday cake with her parents. Top right. Four generations: Wee Kim Michelle Stewart is pictured with her mother, Mrs B. J. Stewart, her grandfather, Mr Alex Hird, and her great-grandmother, Mrs A. Hird.

Right. Married. MARSHALL—WILSON: At Christ Church, Anne Lynda, only daughter of Mrs O. Wilson, 11 Fergusson Street, Wanganui, to Robin Kahu, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Marshall, Koriniti, Wanganui River. The attendants are Judy Penman, chief bridesmaid, Jane Marshall, Frances Marshall, flower-girl, Kevin Marshall, best man, and Barry Marshall. Future home will be Koriniti.

(All photographs contributed).

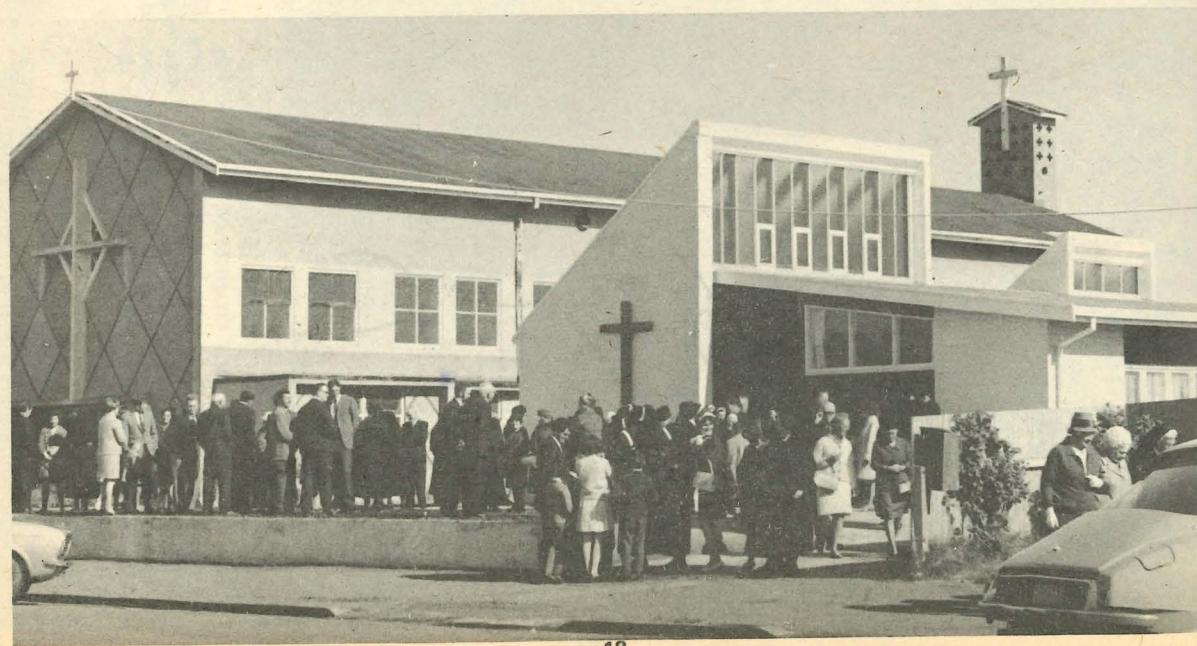
(We cordially invite readers to contribute to this page any recent photographs which they would like published).



The Patea Scene

(By Aidor Films)

Left: Twenty-one year old Kakaramea dairy farmer John Hall demonstrates the flexibility of his self-insulating plastic fence posts. These featured on a recently TV Country Calendar programme. Above and below: Auxiliary Bishop Sneddon opened and dedicated the new St. Joseph's convent at Patea. Pictured with him is Father Rowan.



Jamie Peffers was adjusting his boots



Robyn Knofflock, Patricia and Kathy Gudsell take time out for a natter



Stall-holders had a busy time while it lasted



MINI GALA

The Rutherford School earlier this month was the venue for a mini-gala.

ABOVE—Buying some iceland poppies was the headmaster, Mr D. J. Dale.

BELOW—Desmond Noble scored a nice big bunch of silverbeet.





Centre Bowls Closing

All of the big names in the Wanganui Indoor Bowling world were present at the Sports Stadium when the Centre held its closing tournament and presentation of trophies.

ABOVE—Mrs Olive Porteous presents a life membership badge to Dave Robb.

TOP RIGHT—A gold star (for five Association titles) was presented to Eastown's Ron Shaw.



J. Smith, Aramoho, won the champion junior singles. He receives his trophies from Mrs D. Robb.



Bill Gannon, St. John's, is the senior singles champion of Wanganui



Champion junior pair: Mrs J. Thompson and Mr D. Watson of St. John's



Wanganui East's D. Boyd and Mrs T. Paul are the champion senior pair



The champion four hail from the Castlecliff Club: A. Brydone, Mrs J. Silk, J. Alcorn and Mrs P. Burgess



Manchester Unity Cup winners: B. Jewell, N. Kenny, N. Budge and Mrs G. Budge



A line-up of the handsome trophies which our indoor bowlers vie for each season



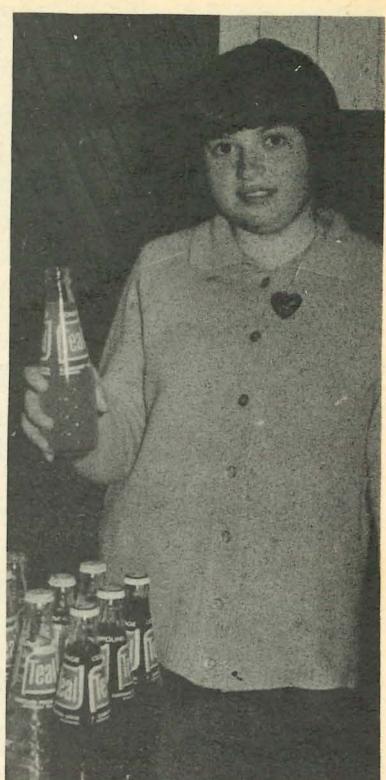
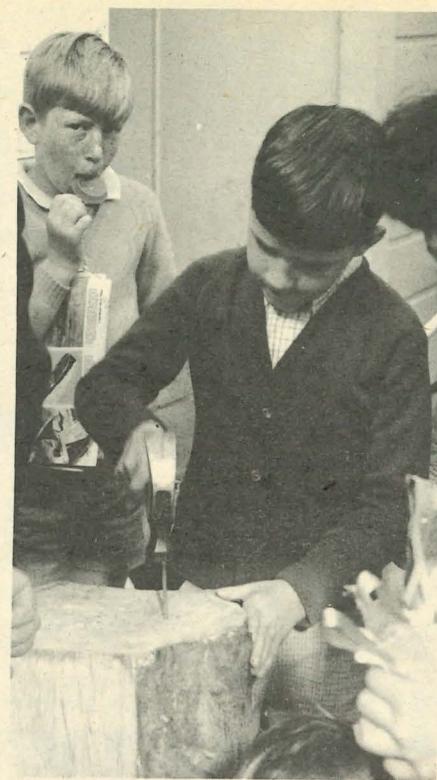
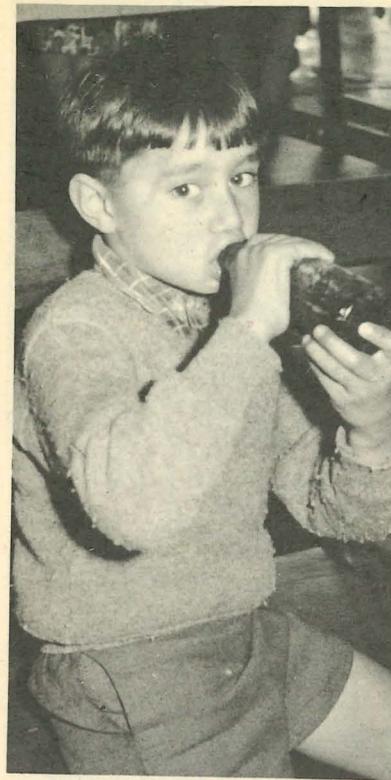
The Robb rosebowl was presented to Mrs O. Tulloch, Durie Hill



Peter Sammons of the Visually Handicapped Club receives the Signal Shield



Wenham Cup winners were the Aramoho four of P. McNamara, Mrs J. Springer, J. Smith and Mrs S. Smith



SALVATIONISTS SHOP DAY

A shop day at the Salvation Army hall was well patronised, especially by the younger folk. TOP LEFT—Preston Hooper downs a bottle of pop. TOP CENTRE—Glen Anderson tries his skill at driving the nail. TOP RIGHT—Selling the soft drinks we found Sharon Price. BELOW LEFT—Manning the book stall were Gwenda Knight and Peter Roberts. BELOW RIGHT—A customer browses through the bargains.





Toni Baumann dressed as a ballerina



Gala at Gonville Kindy

The weather wasn't the best but the crowds still managed to squeeze in when the Gonville Kindergarten held its annual fete last month. ABOVE—Mr McGonigle has his arms full with children Dean and Tracey.



Mrs J. Lyons attends to her customers



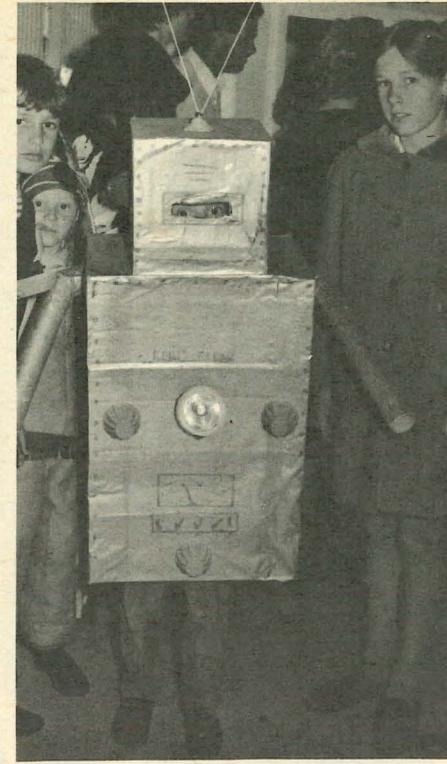
Alan Tong looked after the spinning jenny



It was a wet and dismal scene outside



Todd Roebuck, the flower power kid



Under that robot suit hides Mark Harrison



Dressed as a Viking was Shaun Killerby



Some of the many children who entered the fancy dress contest



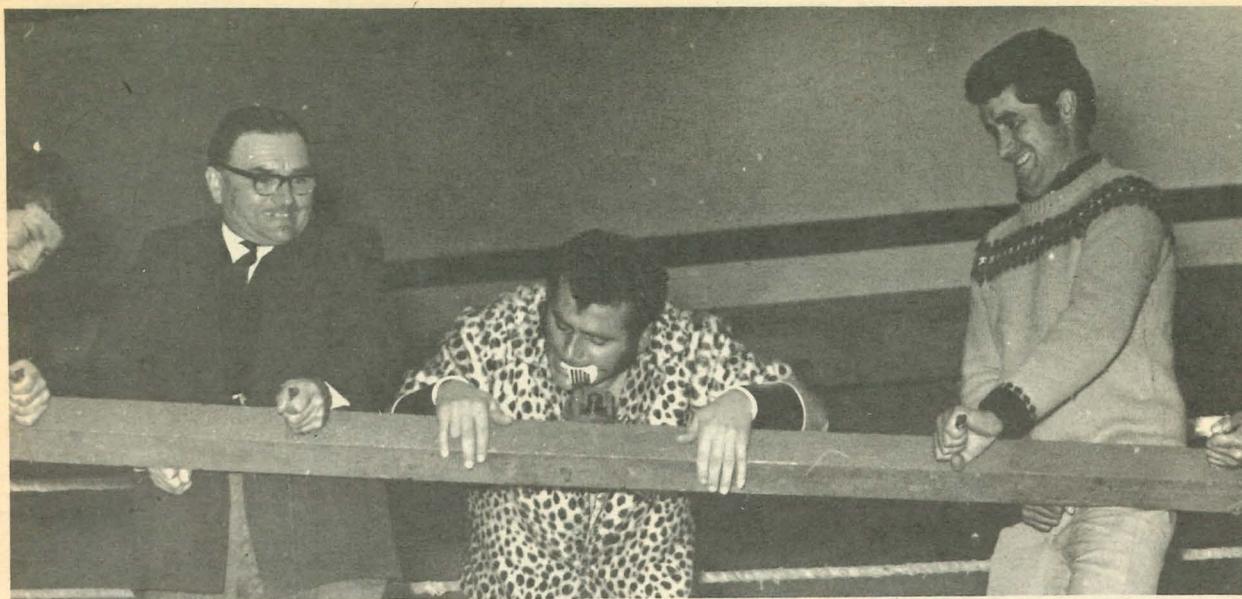
FASHIONS AND JEWELRY

Rings, bracelets, old and new fashions were featured in a fashion parade held at the Red Pepper recently. The proceeds of the function went to the organising body, the Gonville Plunket. The audience was predominantly female. A group is pictured BELOW.
 TOP LEFT—Edwina Neiper steps out in style. TOP CENTRE—Tonia wears something a little different as wedding gowns go. TOP RIGHT—Colleen Slaughter was one of the Plunket mothers who modelled.



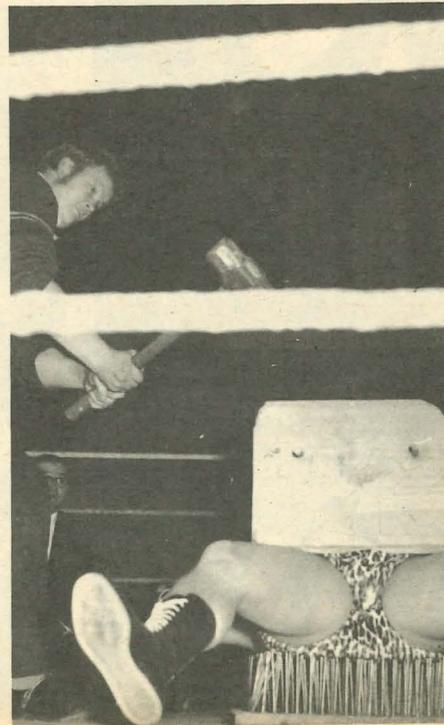
ABOVE—A closer view of Edwina's rings for some of the guests.
 LEFT—Modelling an old Paris gown was Toni.
 BELOW—Colleen helps Toni with her pearls.
 RIGHT—This time it's Tonia in a split midi.





Tons of Fun

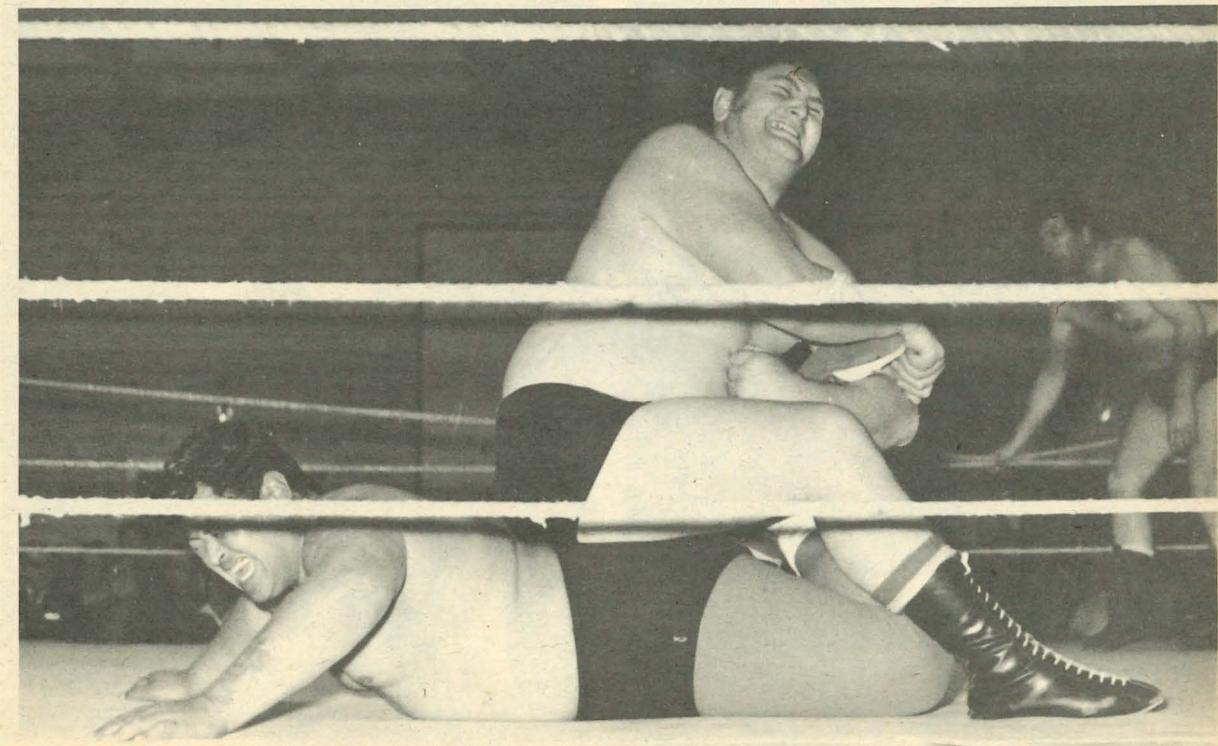
Wanganui's wrestling fans were given a feast of entertainment by the touring "Acropolis Assn." at the Memorial Hall late last month. A full bill of Greek and New Zealand "heavies" kept the very large house entertained with a fair variety of good and bad performances. One of the features of the evening was a strongman act by "Samson". He is pictured ABOVE breaking a bunch of six-inch nails with his teeth. In the other pictures he lies on a bed of nails, has a very weighty block of concrete laid on his chest, which in turn is soundly pounded with a sledgehammer.



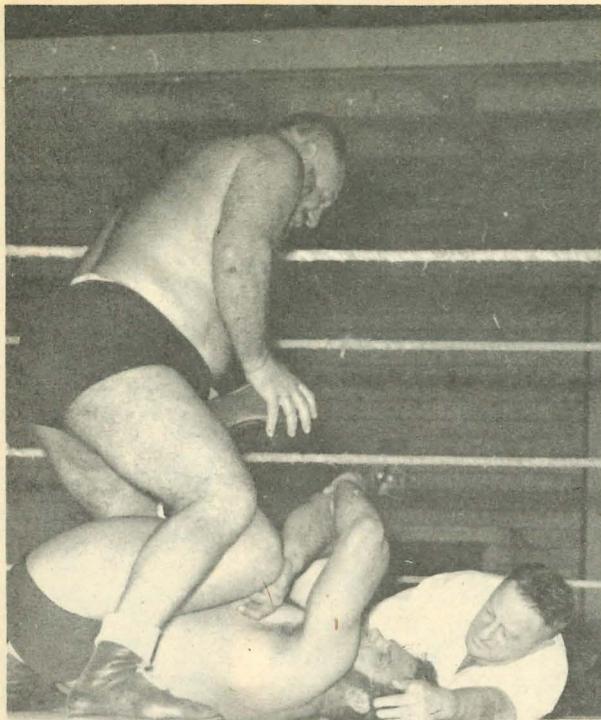
Looking more like a candidate for the old folk's home, "The Mask" is assisted from the ring



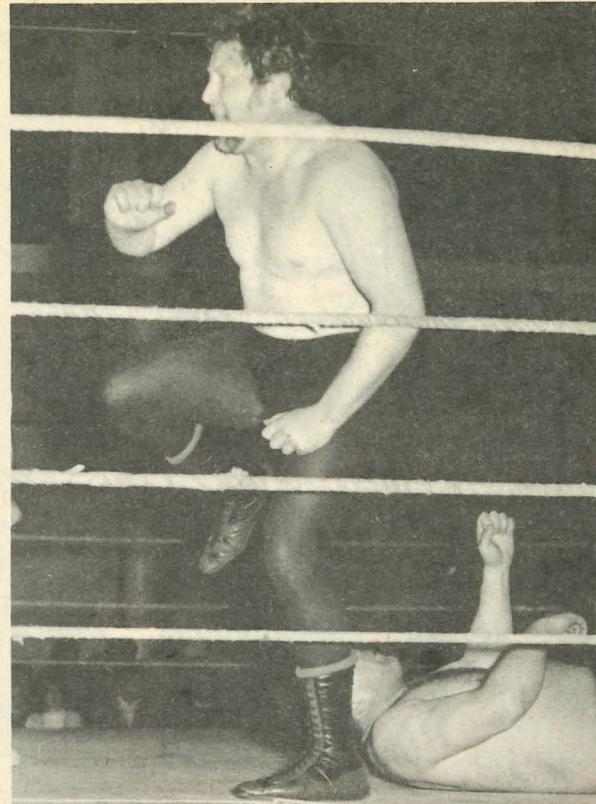
Heavy chap this Jack Karepa!



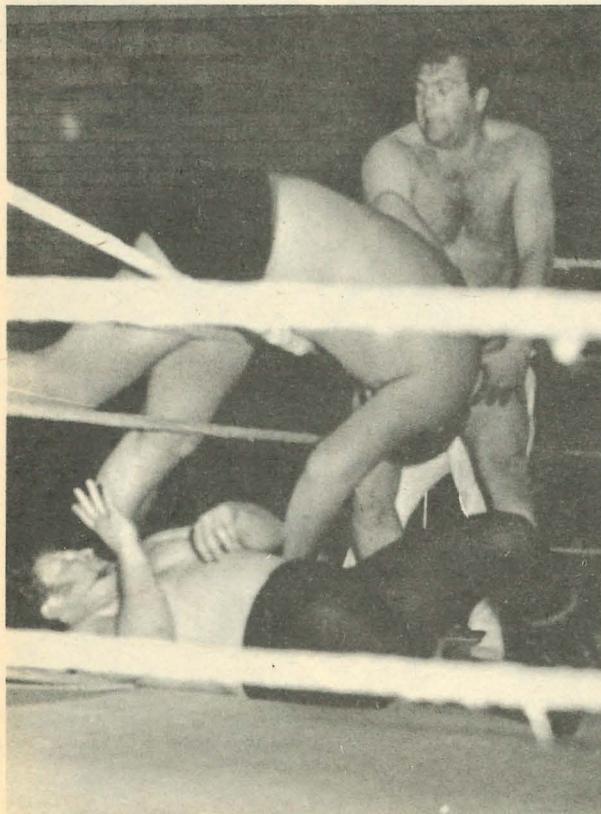
"It hurts me to have to do this to you!"



Elias Panagos gets Sultan Karim down



A victory dance by Artin Coloustian during the tag bout



The more in the ring the better—so thinks Clem Lakis and Co.



The crowd even sat on the stage to get a view—the biggest crowd we've seen at a fight for a while



“TOAD” AUDITIONS

Auditions were held recently at the R.S.A. Little Theatre for “Toad of Toad Hall”, being produced by Molly Stewart. Pictured ABOVE, grouped around Don Robertson, who will play the part of Toad, are a group of “wild-wooders”. In the pic BELOW, Janice Watt, Mark Dwight and Suzanne Watt act as rabbits.





Talking on accidents in the home was Miss B. Gerraghty of the Department of Health.



Bulls School pupils Kathleen Richards, Suzanne Bowman, Monica Simpson and Vera Iraia study water safety



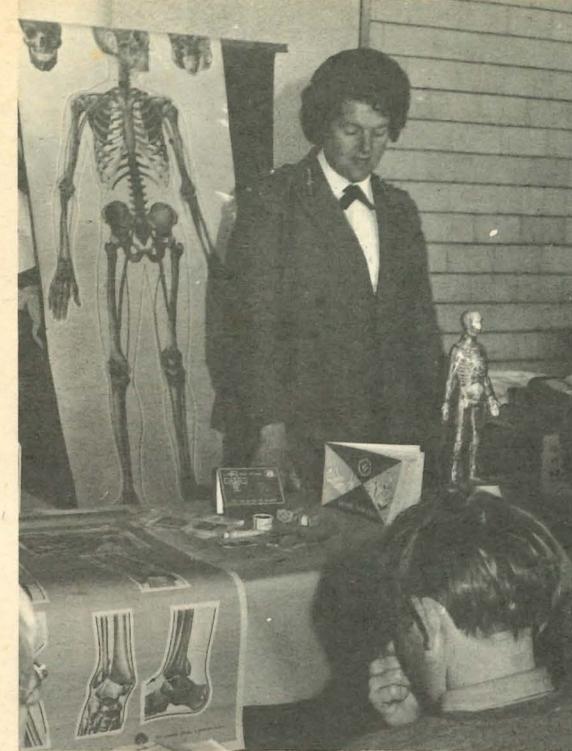
Speaking on electrical safety was Power Boardman Mr C. W. Piper

HEALTH PROJECT

Form II pupils of Wanganui and surrounding districts were presented with a health project by the Wanganui district office of the Department of Health in mid-September. Six local organisations concerned with health and safety mounted exhibits and lectured to the dozens of children.



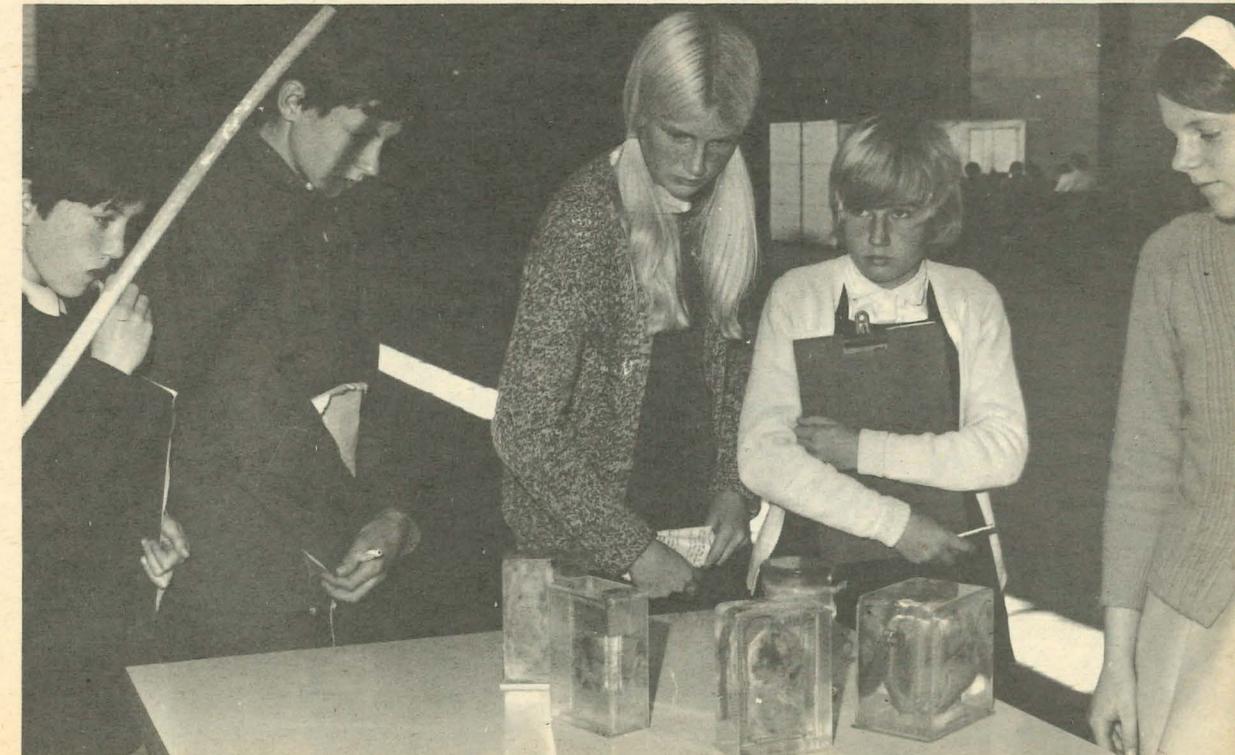
Senior Fireman G. Fisher helped with instruction on fire safety



First Aid instruction was given by Mrs Betty Simpson



Hydatids officer Mr Don Fitchet shows infected livers to pupils

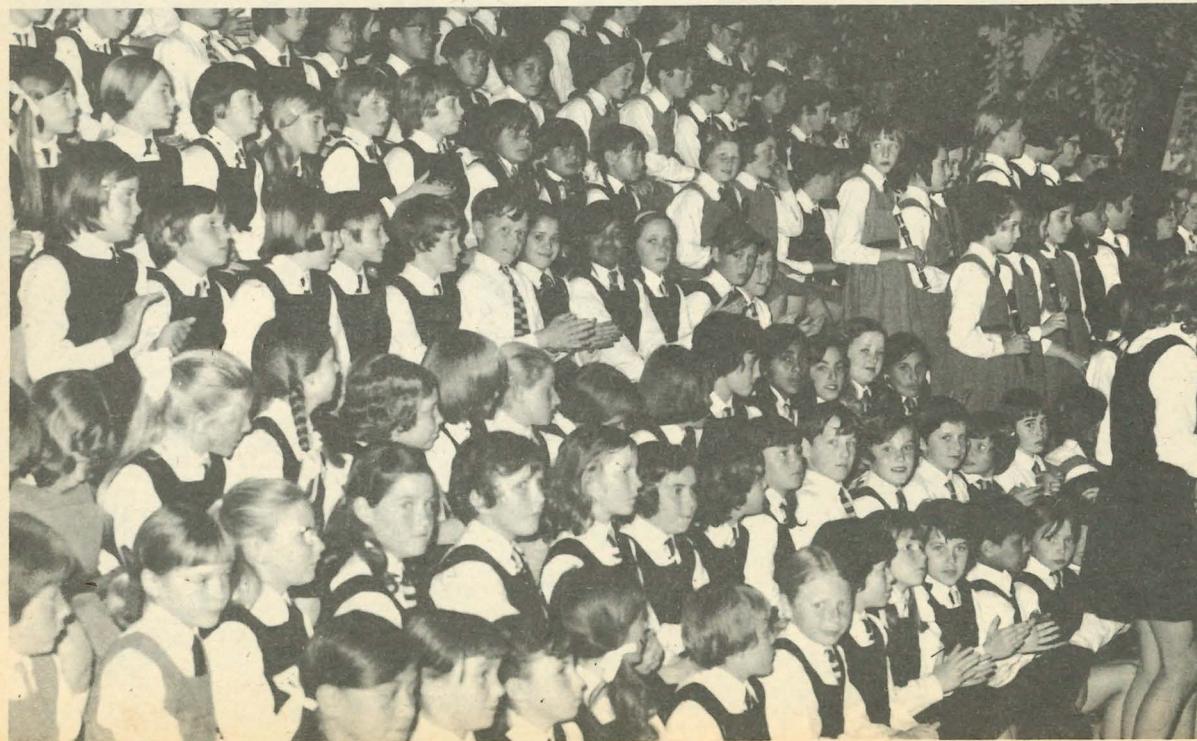


Youngsters gather around and study human specimens



SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL

The annual Primary Schools' festival was held in the Opera House a couple of weeks back and much interest was displayed by parents of the pupils involved and by friends. Pictured ABOVE are some members of the Wanganui Junior Orchestra who entertained. From left are Diane Seddon, Wendy Griffiths, Gordon Hallam, Anthony Kane, James O'Brien and John Bird. BELOW—Massed school choirs pictured on the Opera House stage.

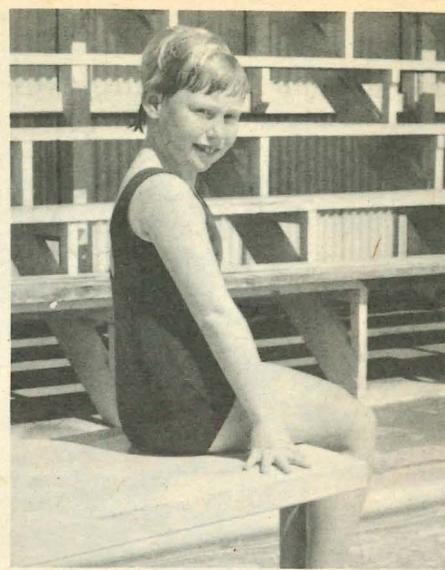


ABOVE—A school guitar class prepares backstage for its appearance. Pictured with Mr Kerry Herbert are David Sefton, Vicky Gordon, Christine Watson, Karen Palamountain and David Flintoff.
BELOW—A group of percussionists. In front are Julie Wilson, Diane Hartwell and Elizabeth Gilligan.





Norm Helleur and some youngsters take the plunge



First Of The Season

The opening of the current swimming season saw no shortage of the keen types at our city pools. We sent our camera to the Wanganui East pool where we guessed there may have been plenty in the water (it's heated out there, you know).
 ABOVE—Little Penny Beach takes it easy on the diving board.



Lynn Cartwright emerges from the water with a bright smile

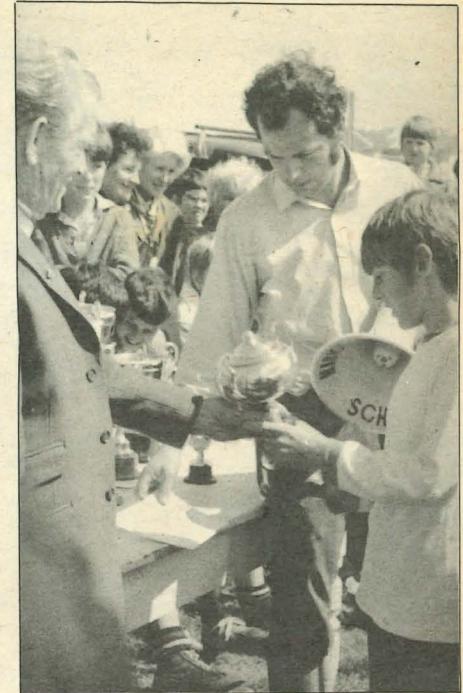


Taking her first dip of the season was Karen Wilson



Some fun underneath the board

★ SOCCER CLOSING ★



Schoolboy soccer for 1970 came officially to a close in Wanganui with the presentation of trophies at Wembley Park a few weeks back.

ABOVE—Mr Jack Brotherston hands a trophy to the captain of the 8th grade champions, Rutherford.

TOP LEFT—Aramoho A 10th grade winners pose for a team photograph.

LEFT—Mr Alex Kidd gives a trophy to the skipper of the Gonville 11th grade team.

BELOW—Spectators crowd around.





SEA CADETS GALA

The lads of T.S. Calliope helped funds along with a gala they held at their headquarters recently. Pictured at LEFT rustling up some home-cooked food is Dexter Sketcher.

ABOVE—A lass called Barbara tries a frock for size.

BELOW—Some of the young hosts pictured looking after guests at their gala.



Charles Martin and son Michael look over the "ship"



Trevor Stratford and Tom Finnerty sell some tickets on the spinning jenny



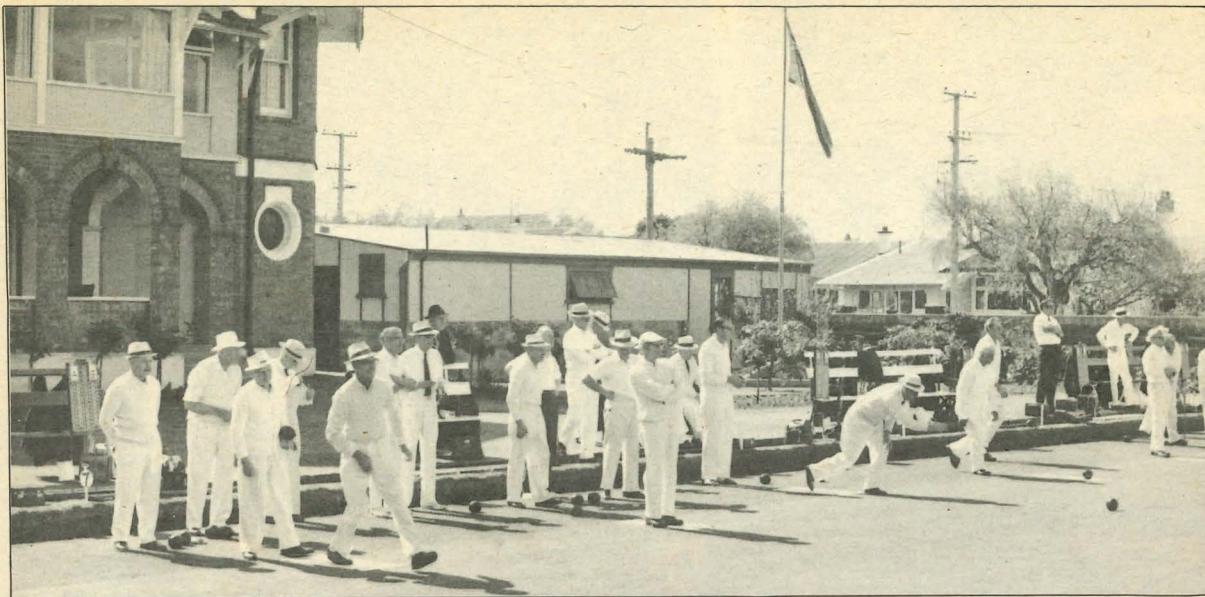
Mrs J. Terris was on the sweets stall



Sub.Lt. Gibson, P.O. Matt Morton and Cadet instructor L. Wilson splice some ropes



The premises were crowded with visitors



Bowlers Recommence

The whites were out in force on the greens at the Wanganui Bowling Club when it opened its 1970/71 season a couple of weeks back. We picture the scene ABOVE.

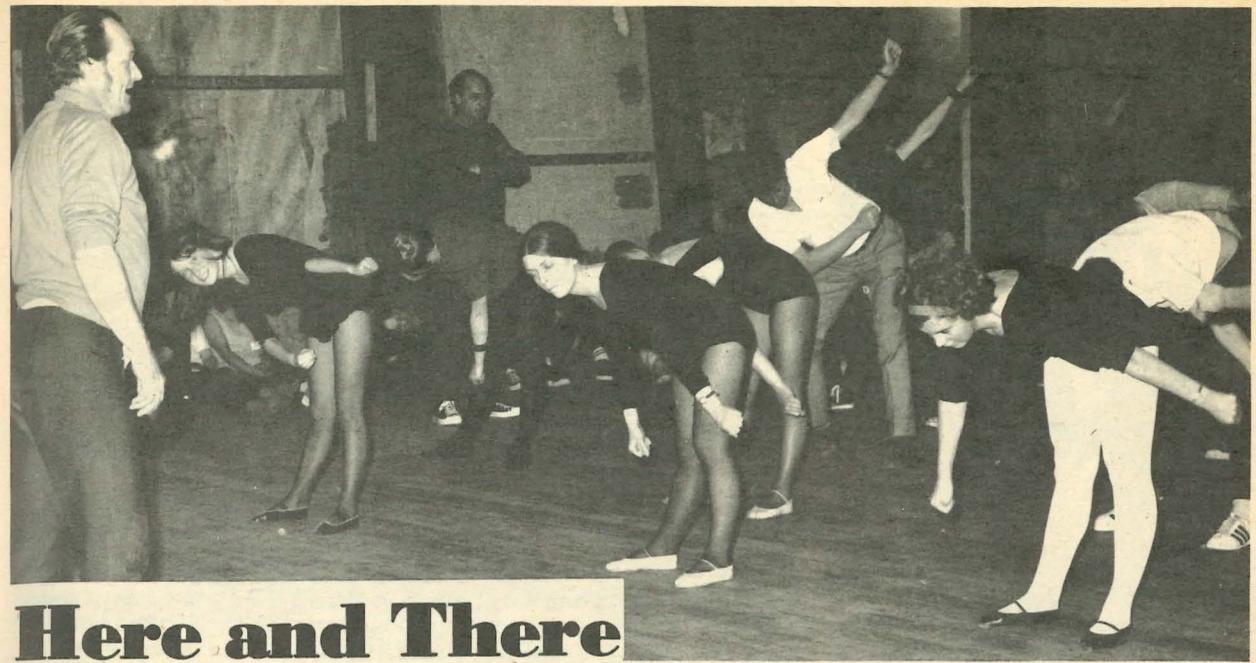
LEFT—Bill Townsend follows the progress of his bowl.



Ces McPike dots down the score



Over 30 years a club member, Mr Allen Dick (left) was selected to roll up the first bowl of the season. With him is Mr Jim Angus.



Here and There

One of New Zealand's top ballet personalities, Poul Gnatt, has been visiting Wanganui regularly over recent weeks to supervise the choreography for the R.S.A. Little Theatre's production of "West Side Story". He is seen ABOVE taking his class of fifty dancers.

BELOW—Tawhero Scouts Brett and Carey Smith, Murray Ross and Allan Crosby are pictured with the souvenirs which they brought home with them after attending the third Fijian Jamboree, held at Lodoni. The jamboree was attended by 1400 scouts—86 from New Zealand.





Ray McLean and Garry Carvell do a deal on raffle tickets



KOKOHUIA GALA

The last few weeks sure have been "gala time". This is the time of the year when just about every school, kindergarten or organisation holds its produce days and tries to build up funds. And even though there are so many of them going on, they all succeed in their aims. These photographs were taken at the Kokohuia School's recent fete. Pictured ABOVE with decorated bikes are Susan Bloomfield and Julie Hepburn.



The master of the spinning jenny, Bob Stewart, at work



Swarms of people gathered for the event



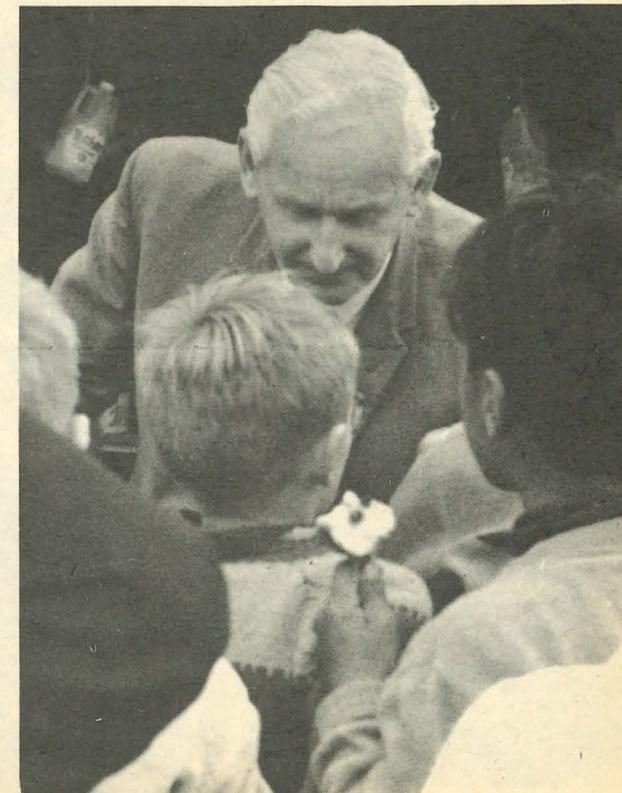
Shirley McLean is in charge of the book stall



Great money-spinners these galas! Just look at the crowds around these stalls!



Mrs Zinsli sits and rests while daughter Eileen makes short work of her toffee apples



Headmaster Mr O'Sullivan worked on the stalls too



HARRIETTE VINE GALA

Crowds flocked to the Harriette Vine kindergarten for its recent gala. All kinds of stalls and attractions ensured the success of this venture.



Maria Lucia Petronelli shopped for flowers



Having words: Sherie Linder and Deborah Cuttell



Gypsy Nichola Thompson downs another sweet



Dean Raybould dressed as a clown



A smart little king was Lance Bridges



Jewell Waitai bought a knitted elephant



Musicman Ron Jeffares had son Simon as assistant



Trying the hats: Jennifer Schmidt, Colleen Burlace and Dawn Jeffares



Two little cuties: Nichola Stansfield and Patricia Silk



CEETEE GOLF

The annual triangular golf tourney between Taranaki, Wanganui, and Manawatu Commercial Travellers' Clubs was won this year on the Castlecliff links by Taranaki with 408 stableford points. They defeated the Wanganui team by a small margin for the George Mason rosebowl.

ABOVE—Keith Proctor, captain of the New Plymouth team, is handed the trophy by Tom Hislop, president of the Palmerston North club.



Best stableford in the senior division was scored by Gordon Purvis, Wanganui



Best junior stableford was won by Alex Kidd



Steve Jones was runner-up for the intermediate stableford



Paul Ewing won a prize for having the most strokes on the 16th

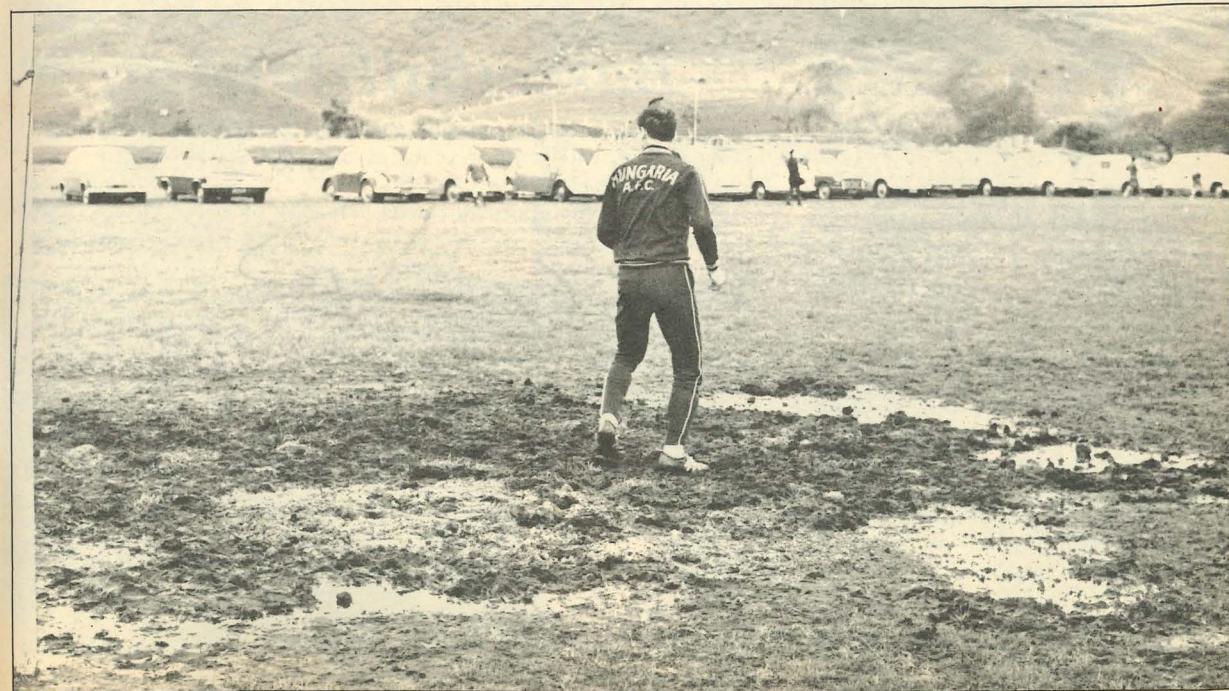


The scruffiest-dressed award went to Charles "air-shot" Martin



FIELDS A DISGRACE

The proud name "Wembley Park" given to the paddocks over at Wanganui East on which our soccer is played is sure a misnomer. We are sure that nobody would visualise THE Wembley as being anything remotely like our fields. Fair enough, the local Football Association has done just about as much as it can to make something out of its playing area. But we feel that a lot more needs to be done to help our lads hold their heads up when in the company of visiting teams. We felt a little ashamed ourselves when National League players, Hungaria, visited Wembley Park to play a few weeks ago. Their goalie is pictured standing in the middle of a mire, BELOW. It was worse than this before the game—until somebody got a shovel and dug up huge sods of grass and earth from inside the goal and scattered them into the water. Other fields are uneven, stony, and generally really rough. C'mon city folk, what do we do to help?



Dave Arbuckle collects a team prize (a dozen of them in fact)



Keith Rasmussen has his arms full with Nancy Kenny and Margaret Norman



One of the original basketballers present was Neil Wilsher

Basketball Jubilee

The Wanganui Indoor Basketball Association celebrated its 25th anniversary with a dinner, cabaret, and presentations at the Aramoho Boat Club last month.

TOP LEFT—Miss Barbara Baxter officially slices the jubilee cake. LEFT—One of the speakers at the function was former rep player John Nolan.



Mr and Mrs Russ Baron were also there



John Kilkolly was in on the celebrations too



Well, the sport is not always this tough!



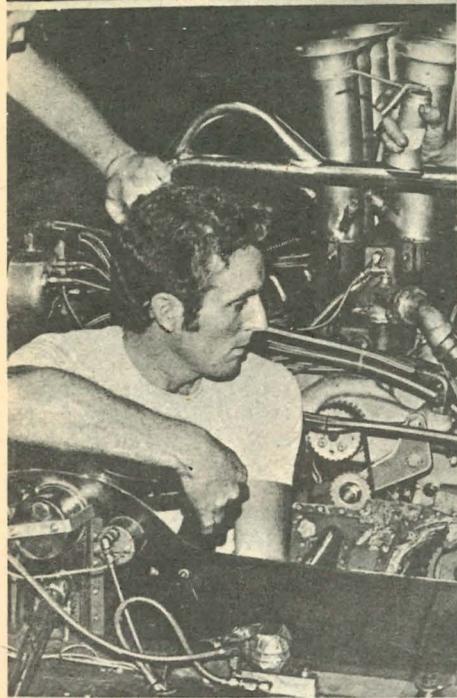
Mr and Mrs Graeme Lawless



Another of Wanganui basketball's early players is Ron Brown, pictured with Mrs Brown



Ron Glover receives a trophy from Mrs Gay (guest from Nelson)



IT BREATHES—THE SPIRIT OF EDMONTON'S NEW ENGINE COMES TO LIFE
Graeme Lawrence, Tasman Trophy Winner, Is Waiting For Sunday's Can Am

Can Am Cars Different To New Zealand Champ

By LOUIS SOHN III
Journal Sports Editor

In the United States, most people know sports heroes like Johnny Unitas, and Joe Namath, and Mario Andretti or A. J. Foyt.

But in New Zealand and Australia, the motor racing names that bring exultation to the fan are Denny Hulme, and until his death, Bruce McLaren, and the name of a rarer-than-New Zealand—who won the Tasman Championship—Graeme Lawrence.

The Tasman Series might be likened to the NASCAR Championship, or the USAC title, and Graeme Lawrence, to his New Zealanders is as

much an object of hero worship as Mario Andretti is to the millions of racing fans in the United States.

Lawrence has been in at George Hair's Southeast Racing shop in Marietta the past week, as his crew prepares the "Spirit of Edmonton"—an M12 McLaren for the Canadian-American Challenge Cup race at Road Atlanta this Sunday.

The "Spirit of Edmonton" is a story unto itself. The 427-Chevy-Powered, Group Seven car is owned by the people of the capital city of the Canadian province of Alberta, having been the property of Canadian industrialist-racer

George Eaton. The car was bought with money raised through the sale of little car window stickers, at \$2.00 per each. A sticker gives a citizen of Edmonton a share in the "Spirit."

Lawrence, who won the Tasman championship driving the spidery open-wheeled formula racers (as in the movie "Grand Prix") came to Canada to drive the Spirit through friends of his from New Zealand, and has piloted the car in four Can Am's thus far this season.

"I was in Tokyo at the time the discussions about a driver for the Spirit opened, running in the Japanese Grand Prix,

and my friend got in touch with me about the driving in the Can Am," explained Lawrence, while he was waiting for the crew to put the finishing touches on the car before going to the track for practice.

Lawrence had driven only 10 laps in a car with over 150 cubic inches when he took the job as the "Spirit's" pilot.

A Can Am car has at least 427 cubic inches and over 600 horsepower, and Lawrence readily admits that the Can Am machines are different.

"In 1968 I did about 10 laps in Denny Hulme's Can Am winning car of the year before, at Goodwood, in Eng-

land, and other than that I've never driven anything nearly so powerful," Lawrence explained.

In just about all ways, they (Formula vs. Can Am) are considerably different cars to drive, and I think I'd sooner drive a formula car, because I think there's more skill involved in formula cars. But I'm enjoying the Can Am racing, it's a great challenge to me, and it's very valuable experience."

The Can Am cars reach incredible speeds, some of them can do over 200 miles per hour, but Lawrence says that he's not aware of the speed difference—after a certain point.

"The fastest we've done is around 150," he said, "and after you get over 150 miles an hour, you don't really notice the speed much at all."

"The thing is, with the Can Am cars, they are such a tremendous handful, just to keep on the road—even on the straights, that you're working so hard you don't have time to think about anything except holding the car in a straight line."

"But don't get the idea that a Can Am car is just a big monster," said Lawrence with a little grin, "because it's a tremendously complicated piece of machinery, and I really enjoy driving the 'Spirit'."

Danger is a part of motor racing, and the Can Am cars are no different, but Lawrence finds the "Spirit" both

Wanganui Driver In Big Time

Time

"The Saga Of The Spirit"

The ups and downs of the only Race Car owned by
Four Hundred and Sixty Thousand People



THE MEN AND THE MACHINE
...Graeme Lawrence, foreground, and crew of Peter Harden (left) and Dave McMillan, with new-look Spirit of Edmonton.

The story you are about to read is true and not even the names have been changed to protect the innocent. It is the saga of The Spirit, that McLaren MK-12 owned 460,000 Edmontonians.

Few stories in sport are as bizarre as the tale The Spirit of Edmonton Group 7 Can-Am race car.

Regardless of the performance of the machine nothing quite like it has been a part of auto racing history.

The idea started one year ago when Duane Williamson, a 39-year-old driver from Bellevue, Wash., pulled in Edmonton with a vehicle he called a race car and a much else.

Two Edmontonians, stock car driver Grant Armstro and public relations man Bob Russell somehow became involved with the blonde driver who is built along the same lines as a fire hydrant.

Attempting to get Williamson's car into some kind shape for the race, the three managed to get into discussion about sponsorships in the sport.

Someone remarked about the enthusiasm of Edmonton sports fans which made this city into an auto racing capital with crowds of 42,000 and 45,000 in the first two runnings of the Klondike 200.

Both Williamson and Russell take credit for it, but one roughly stated that this town is enthusiastic enough to be able to sponsor a race car.

Williamson made one of his better showings, leaving the race on the same lap in which the late Bruce McLaren blew an engine, then went home.

Russell kept thinking about the statement. Then I

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Wanganui's racing driver, Graeme Lawrence, is really among the big time at present. He is currently competing in the 12-race Can Am series being run on race tracks in Canada and the U.S.A. The last race of the series is to be held on November 1st.

After winning the Tasman championship in his ex-Amon Ferrari (the first New Zealander to do so), Graeme went across to Singapore and Malaya to win those Grand Prix for the second time. Then he drove in the Japanese Grand Prix to come in fourth behind Jackie Stewart. Later, out of the blue, Graeme found himself adopted by the people of Edmonton, Ontario, to drive that city's Can Am entry, "Spirit of Edmonton", a McLaren Mk.12, owned by 460,000 Edmontonians.

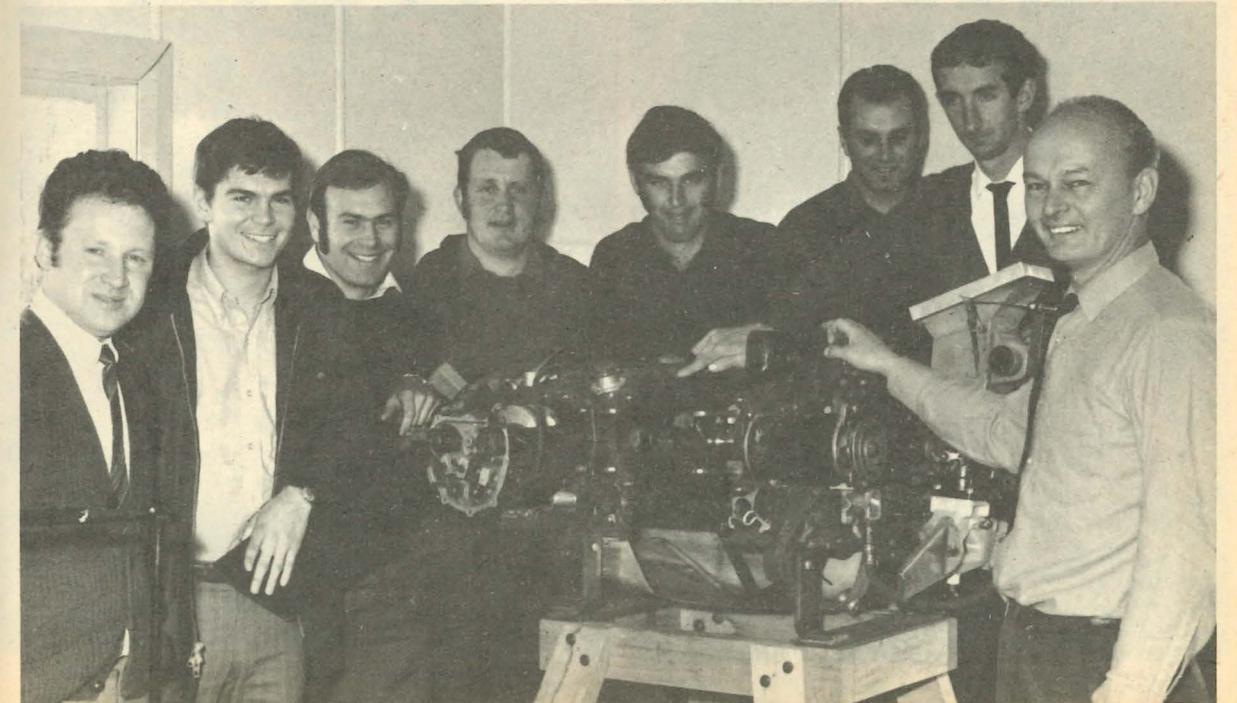
We reproduce here overseas newspaper stories about Graeme Lawrence and also a telegram sent to Graeme's father, Doug Lawrence, in Hamilton, by the Mayor of Edmonton. Wanganui has lost Graeme now to Hamilton as a resident, but we still regard him as being from the River City.



HERE AND THERE

ABOVE. TRIPPERS: Members of the Pirates Rugby Football Club are pictured before embarking on their Greyhound bus for a trip to Gisborne. Every year the club goes for a weekend visit to play social rugby with some distant club.

BELOW. FLIERS: Class 50 of the Wanganui Commercial Pilots' School are pictured with their Chief Instructor, Mr Ivon Warrington (extreme right). From left are Doug Boulton, Sussex, Keith Gumley, Vancouver, Brian Moulvnox, Palmerston North, Guy Wilson, Ashburton, John Funnell, Paihiatua, Wayne Harrison, Lower Hutt, and Bob Leslie, Australia.





PETS ON PARADE

In observance of World Animal Week the S.P.C.A. here staged a pet parade at the Wanganui Racecourse. Horses, cats, dogs and birds, etc., materialised from all parts of Wanganui and the owners and animals alike all seemed to enjoy their outing.

Above: Leanne and Janine Morrison won a first prize with "Spotty".
Left: Phillip Head sticks close to "Charlie".



Mary MacNicol and Suzanne Baker with "Bambi"



We didn't catch his name, but he was mighty proud of that poodle.



Jane McLachlan and "Nicky"



Patricia Milson and her mother give "Rusty" a walkabout



Mary-Anne Leen had a little lamb and so did Mrs Gray, Janine Gray and Diane Urry.



Chippy provides a stout back for Christine Watson. Dale Cameron holds the reins.



Fred the guinea pig is given a big cuddle by Rory Graham



Lucky Pitzy gets the special treatment from Denise Herdman.



Keeping an eye astern we found this little poodle called Julie.



Bernice Jackson had her guinea pig tucked into a little cot.



Gavin Jackson's prize-winning duck, "Paddy" is 16 years old.



Wife of the local SPCA inspector, Mrs J. Broadhead, with her arms full of Corgi pups.



Ponies "Tony" and "Miss Trix" were in the hands of Ida Waddell and Suzanne Gibbs.



Dean and Clinton Herdman display "Pitzy" and a first and second prize card.



Thirty young children recently celebrated their first communion at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Aramoho. The kiddies, pictured with their teachers, in the TOP photograph are members of the Maori Mission group from the Wanganui River. Pictured BELOW are pupils of St. Joseph's convent, Tay Street.



RUGBY TYPES

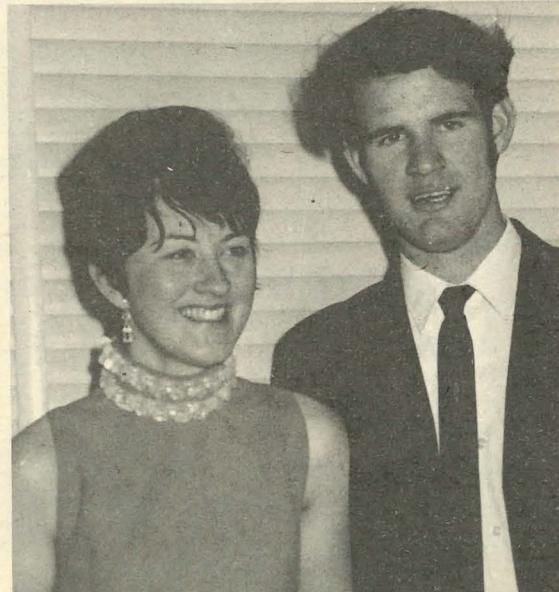
Above: Members of the Wanganui Rugby Referee's Association are pictured by the Robuck camera at the end of the recent season. (Have you all ordered your photographs chaps?)
 Below: Competition Winners: Winners of the 3rd grade competition and holders of the Maoriland Cup this season were the Wanganui and High School Old Boys' third graders. Pictured from left are, back: T. Hansen, L. Jones, G. Pollard, W. Bennett, M. Oliver, S. Gallen. Middle: A. O'Keeffe (club capt.), C. Adams, A. Hill, D. Copps, P. Hunt, C. Graham, O. Thompson, M. Kennard, D. Smith, J. Fitchet (coach). Front: D. Potaka, T. Gudsell, B. Sweeney (secretary), S. Corner (capt.), D. Malcolm (pres.), P. Vivian (v. capt.), R. Fletcher and David O'Keeffe (ball boy). (ROBUCK STUDIOS)





SOCIAL ITEMS

Above. **MARRIED. O'CONNELL—CASEY:** At Christ Church, Wanganui, Barbara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Casey, 3 Owen Street, to Alex John, younger son of Mrs Ruth O'Connell, 41 Smith Street, Waverley. The attendants are Gloria Johnston, chief bridesmaid, Mrs Maree Lett, sister of the bride, Lynette Fantham, Bill O'Connell, best man, brother of the groom, Waverley, Richard Harden, Waverley and John Palamountain, Wanganui. Future home, Wanganui. (ROBUCK STUDIOS)
 Below Left. **ENGAGED. BELLVE—CONNOR:** Carolyn Anne, daughter of Mrs M. and the late Mr K. V. Connor, 8 Caffray Avenue, Aramoho, to Bruce Winston, son of Mr and Mrs L. Bellve, 15 Maxwell Avenue, Durie Hill. (ROBUCK STUDIOS)



ENGAGED. FILER—RUSH: Pauline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stan Rush, 16 Balgownie Avenue, to Don, son of Mr and Mrs S. H. Filer, 54 Field Street, Aramoho. (PIX: REX LUFF)

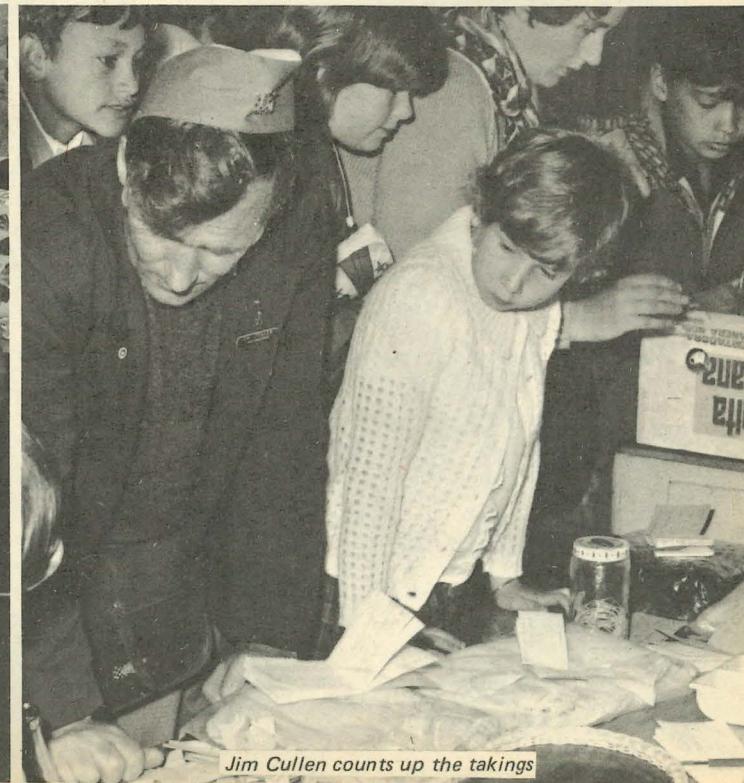


MARCHERS RAISE FUNDS

The River City Marching Club boosted their funds somewhat when they staged a shop-day at the Castlecliff School. There were plenty of bargains for young and old and the gala was pretty well supported.
 TOP LEFT: The rush-hour at the bookstall. Must have been looking for Photo Newses. TOP RIGHT: Jillian O'Connor thinks that iceblocks take a lot of licking.



Raewyn and Angela Tildesley and Christine Brown look for more articles on which to spend their money.



Jim Cullen counts up the takings



KNOX FAIR

The Knox Presbyterian Church in Gonville staged their annual fete at their Gonville Avenue grounds earlier this month. In the picture above are stallkeepers Mary Harrison, Val Steele, Rona Gerrie and Noeline Borrett. Right: Mabel Ross admires a wee garment.



BRIGADE SPORT

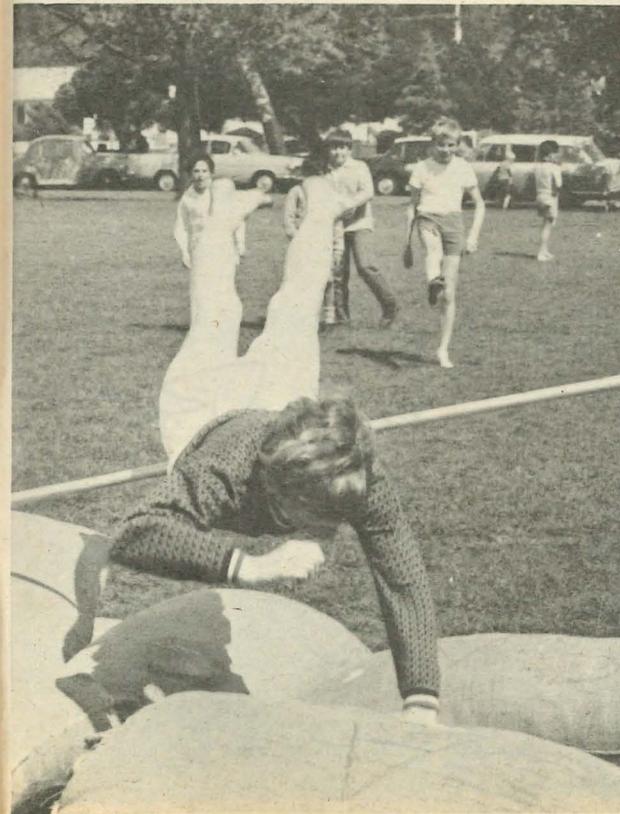
Williams Park, Wanganui East, was the venue for the local area Boys' Brigade sports earlier this month. Just managing to scrape across the high-jump bar (above) is J. Webster. Below left: R. Loomes took the bar down with him as he hit the shock absorbers. Below right: Measuring up for an event are Doreen Ireland, Marton, and Bill Young, 6th Wanganui Company.



Customers patronise the garden stall



Bruce McFarland and Michael Wahlstrom raised money by exhibiting a five-legged hogget.





BOWLS CLOSING

The St. John's Club indoor bowlers closed their 1970 season with a social and the presentation of trophies. ABOVE: Mrs D. Hackett was the winner of the junior singles title.

RIGHT: Winners of the Swan Cups after taking the senior pairs title were Bill Gannon and Mrs Elsie Goater.



Winners of the club fours were Colin Ward, T. Ward, John Grantham and Jack Porteous (skip).



The Glentworth Cup for the most improved player went to Mrs Joan Thomson.



Mrs N. Ward won the ladies' singles



Mrs M. Wallis won the colts' singles



Jack Porteous won the Dixon Cup for the men's singles.



Mrs Joan Thomson and Des Watson were successful in the junior pairs.



Handicap singles winner was Mrs K. Davey.



A big variety of costumes here

FANCY DRESS

Aldor Films, Patea, sends us these pix taken at the St. George's Church Fancy Dress Party.



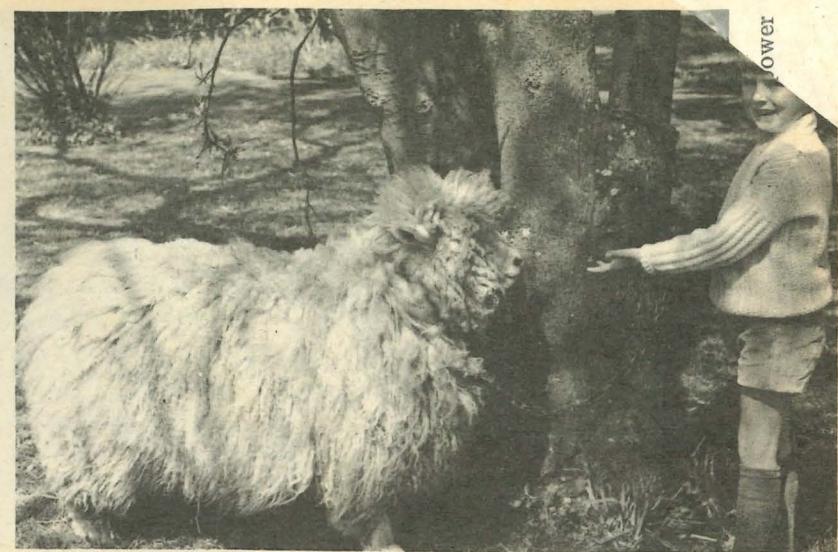
A group of teachers: Miss Jones, Mrs Bourke, Mrs Minton, Mrs Clifton and Mrs Prior.



Clare and Steven Minton



Magician Selwyn Metcalfe bewilders the kiddies



Christ Church Fair

It was a great day for the younger fry at Christ Church a few days ago when the annual parish fair was held. Pictured at left munching his toffee apple is the Rev. Gordon Dempsey. Above: Scott Wilson sizes up "Irmatrude" in the sheep weight-guessing contest. Below: Jocelyn Bristol takes Melanie and Louise King for a ride on "Cuddles".



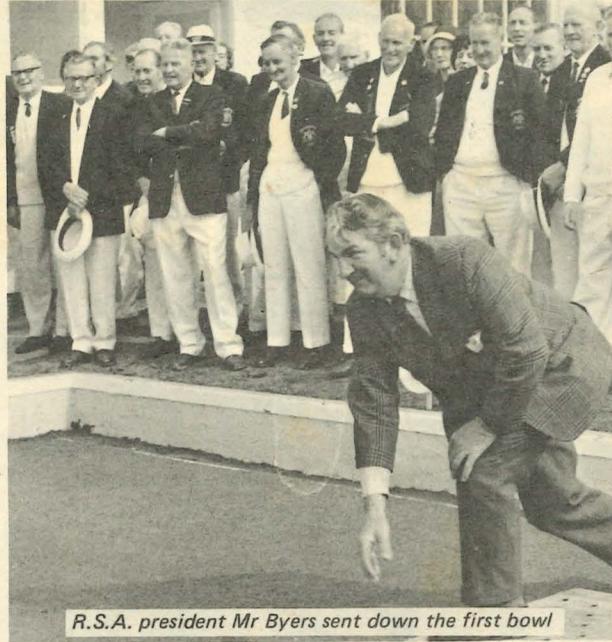


R.S.A. BOWLING OPENING

It was a gala affair at the R.S.A. Bowling Club when they opened their 1970/71 season a couple of weeks back. Club members were using their new extended pavilion for the first time. A general view of the scene is pictured above.



The honour of rolling down the first kitty went to Mrs Sherriff.

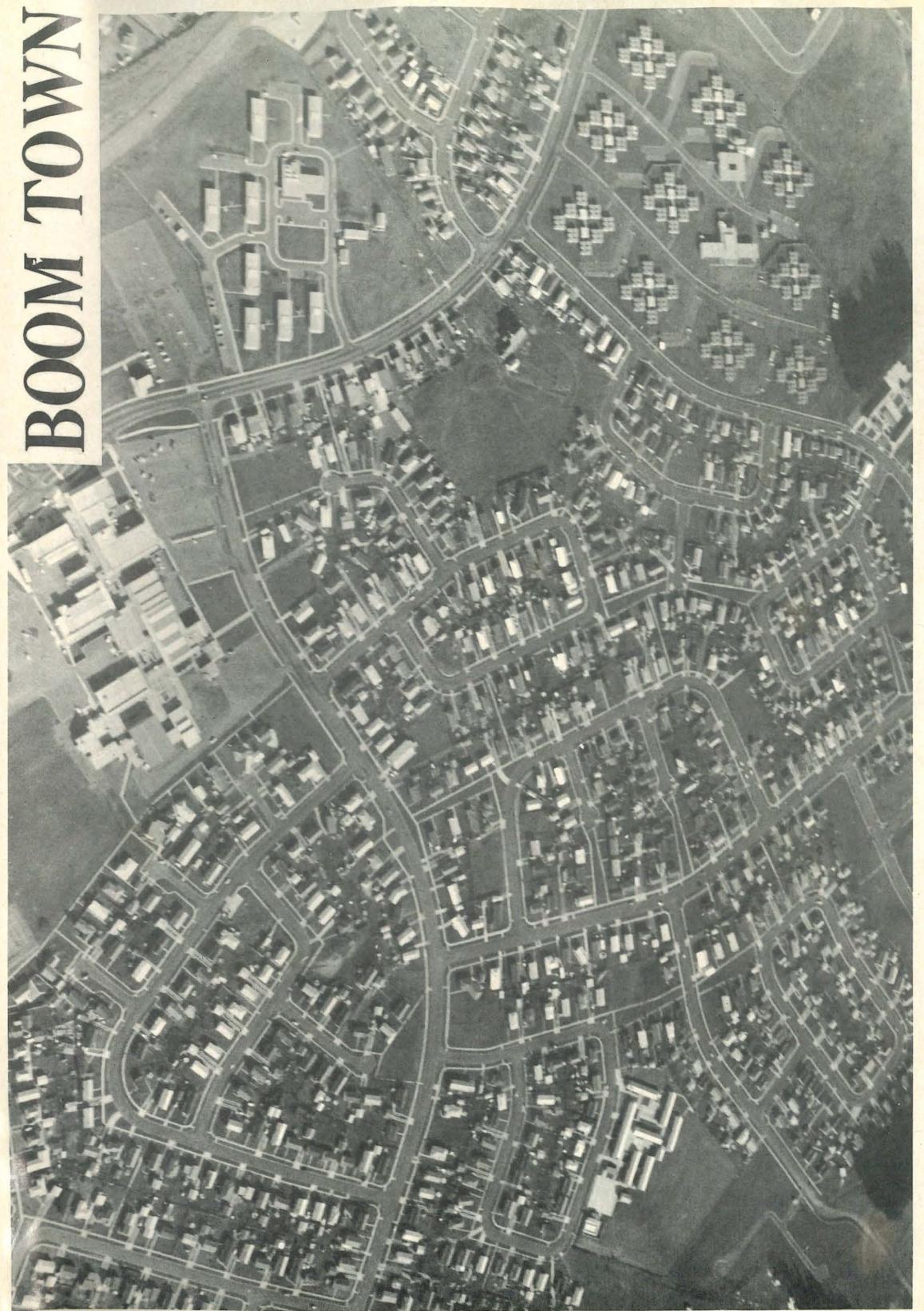


R.S.A. president Mr Byers sent down the first bowl



3 Officiating at the opening. From left: President B. Dow, Cr. E. Laws, R.S.A. president M. Byers, Centre delegate G. Spooner, Centre president W. Pidwell, vice-president W. Rusden, secretary J. Garrity, treasurer J. Galloway, vice-president D. Sherritt and Centre delegate J. Howes.

BOOM TOWN



The thriving township of Turangi pictured from the air by Dalcom Aviation. Some people are wondering about the future of Turangi once the power scheme workers pack up and go. But some sources indicate that the place will live on as a forestry settlement and as a tourist centre.