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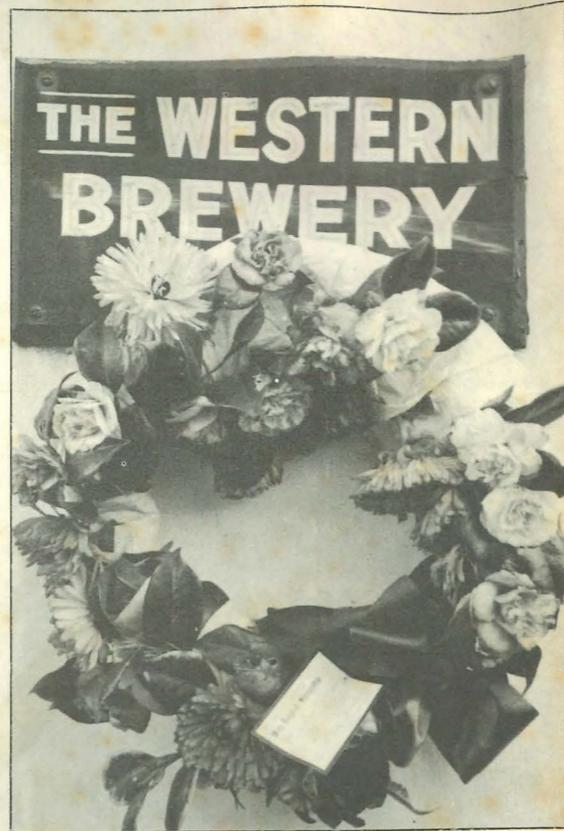
OUR COVER

Aramoho Park Motor Camp is well known to thousands of people in New Zealand. During vacations the park becomes a sea of tents and caravans. This is a scene shot during a quiet period at the Park. Autumn tints in the trees highlight the tranquil setting.

BACK COVER:

This fine colour view of the Wanganui War Memorial Hall was taken on a sunny winter's day.

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Right: With the closing down of the Western Brewery in Wanganui, some wags fastened this wreath to the name plate. A card on the wreath read.... "With deepest sympathy from a long-standing neighbour and two satisfied drinkers".

Below: Delegates pictured during the recent N.Z. Auto-Cycle Union Annual Conference held in Wanganui. Mr Sam Brewer, Wanganui, is the president of the association.



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The ideal housewife...Mrs Sicely is a good cook and keeps a spotless house...even though she has five children.



Mrs Sicely and three-years-old daughter, Prudence, play in the sun.

At Home With "Mrs New Zealand"

The Photo News photographer recently had the privilege of visiting Mrs Jill Sicely, now better known as "Mrs New Zealand", at her home. Jill lives happily with her husband and five children on a 1200 acre farm 22½ miles from Wanganui, on the Parapara Road. The daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J.Tasker, Makirikiri, Jill was educated at the Upokongaro School and the Wanganui Girls' College. After leaving college, she was employed in the Wanganui office of the Maori Affairs Department.

"Her greatest attributes are the fact she has five children, she is young, she is interested in church affairs and the local school committee, she has good general knowledge, and knowledge of etiquette and nutrition. She has also a good dress sense and is appealingly feminine and gay". These words were spoken by one of the judges of the final at Wellington...Mrs Ina Allan. After seeing Jill in her home surrounds, we can sincerely endorse those words.



Happy Couples

Top left: ENGAGED. DUGGAN--HERMOND. Gwendoline May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Hermond, Gonville, to Dennis William, third son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Duggan, Gonville.
Above. 54th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Mr and Mrs W. Atkins, 37 Matai Street, Castlecliff, were married 54 years ago at the Putiki Church.

Bottom left: ENGAGED. DUDLEY--TRILLO. Colleen Rose, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.B. Trillo, 9 George Street, Aramoho, to Peter John, only son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Dudley, 6 Kawakawa Street, Wanganui East.
Below: ENGAGED. Margaret Hawkins and Lindsay Wheeler recently announced their engagement.



NIGHTINGALL'S



Pot Pourri

Above: With the recent passing of Mr Ariki (Alex) Marehūa Takarangi, M.B.E., Wanganui lost one of its greatest ever Rugby sportsmen. This picture was taken when Mr Takarangi was being congratulated by Kaierau Football Club representatives after his being awarded the M.B.E.

Top right: OUTSTANDING BANDSMAN. For the 2nd year in succession, Selwyn Holmes, a member of the Wanganui Garrison Band, has been selected for the National Junior Brass Band of New Zealand. This entails going into a band school for a week at Wellington (as from yesterday). After the week's schooling and practice, the band will make recordings. Selwyn started his band career at the age of seven, eight years ago, with the New Plymouth City Silver Band. He has been living in Wanganui for the past four years.

Below: Geisha Girls making with the orange juice are really pupils of the Girls' College at a recent Wickham House school dance. The girls are: Kirsty Sommerville, Simone Burgess and Judith Skermon.

Right: Miss Huia Kirk is pictured on the occasion of her visit to Eastman Kodak's Rochester, New York, factory while holidaying with Zona Elliott in the U.S.A.



KINI CAMERAS





At the official table: Mr Ron Russell, deputy-mayor, and Mrs Russell; Dr. T.Simpson-Crawford, guest speaker, and Mrs Simpson-Crawford; Mr Andrew McSkimming, chieftain, and Mrs McSkimming.

Gathering of the Clans

The Wanganui War Memorial Hall presented a colourful sight recently when nearly 400 guests, many in national dress or wearing their tartans, attended the 22nd annual gathering of the clans held by the Wanganui Highland Pipe Band. The evening was crammed with a banquet, piping, vocal items, dancing, and other Scottish pastimes. Highlight of grand banquet was the piping in of the haggis.



Enjoying the function: Barry and Barbara Scott, Julia Brown, and Peter Ellery.



8 Some of the 370 guests pictured at the dinner



Sheena and George Armishaw, Elaine Davis and Bill Loveridge pictured at dinner



A row of happy faces



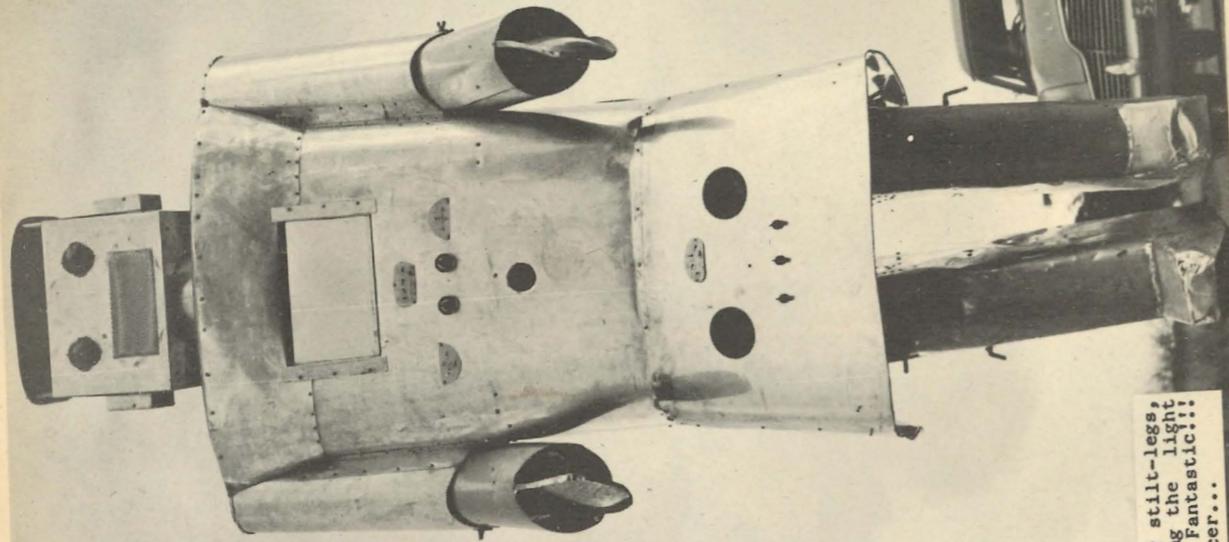
Braw wee laddies...David MacGregor, David Morgan, and Brian Alexander

Brosco Takes A Walk

Not from another planet.... not a fugitive from Watties Canneries...No, this is Brosco the Robot, a 9ft 6in. Wanganui born-and-bred tin man. But that heart that races under that 97lb suit...and the skin that pumps out gallons of sweat is that of Mario Gradoff, a Jaycee Industrial Fair type. Mario, a Swiss, is only a little over 5ft himself...but he plans to motivate this monster (at the time of writing) on a 148 mile trek from Wellington to Wanganui as a publicity stunt for the Industrial Fair here.



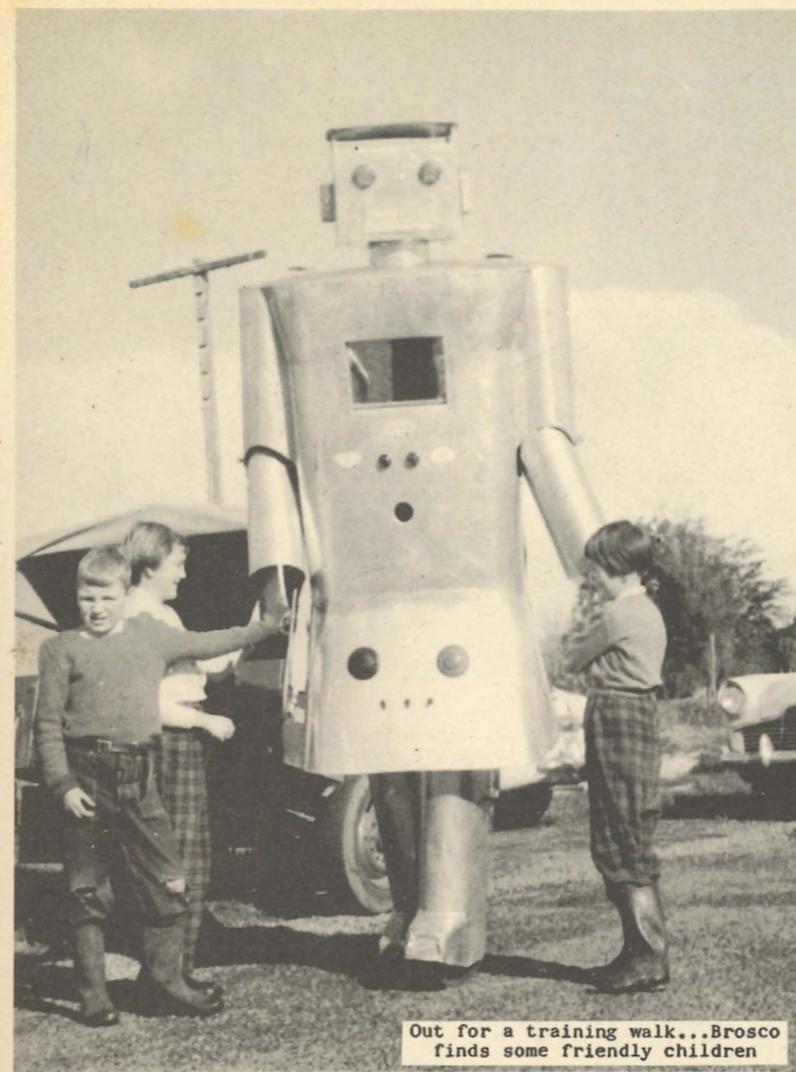
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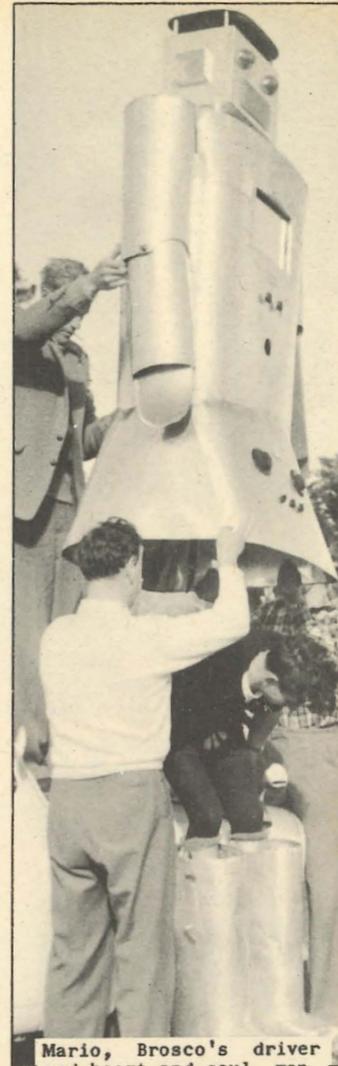
Laced into his awkward looking stilt-legs, Brosco has no trouble in dancing the light fantastic with Maurie Harris. Fantastic!!! Maurie is such a terrible dancer...



Walking is no novelty to this game little Swiss. Mario was a member of the Swiss Gold Medalist walking team at the Olympics held in London. He has also been an Army walking champion. To date, Mario has logged something like 1600 miles of road work in training for his walk from Wellington to Wanganui. Most of this mileage has been done wearing these heavy stilt-like legs.



Out for a training walk...Brosco finds some friendly children



Mario, Brosco's driver and soul man, comes out for a breather



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Happy Occasions

Above: MARRIED. WALSH--MCKAY. At Christ Church, Wanganui, Gloria Margaret, daughter of Mrs M.E. McKay and the late Mr B.E. McKay, 4 Brassey Road, Wanganui, to Peter Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Walsh, Spotswood, New Plymouth. Attending the bride were Sylvia McKay, Wanganui, chief bridesmaid, and Patricia Walsh, New Plymouth. Andrew McLeod, New Plymouth, was best man and Alan McKay, Wellington, was the groomsman. Future home....New Plymouth.

Bottom Left: Derek John Hooper, son of Mrs D.E. Hooper, 30 Kawakawa Street, Wanganui East, recently celebrated his coming of age.

Bottom right: June Bartram, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W. Bartram, 30 Rangitikei Street, Wanganui East, is another who has reached her majority.

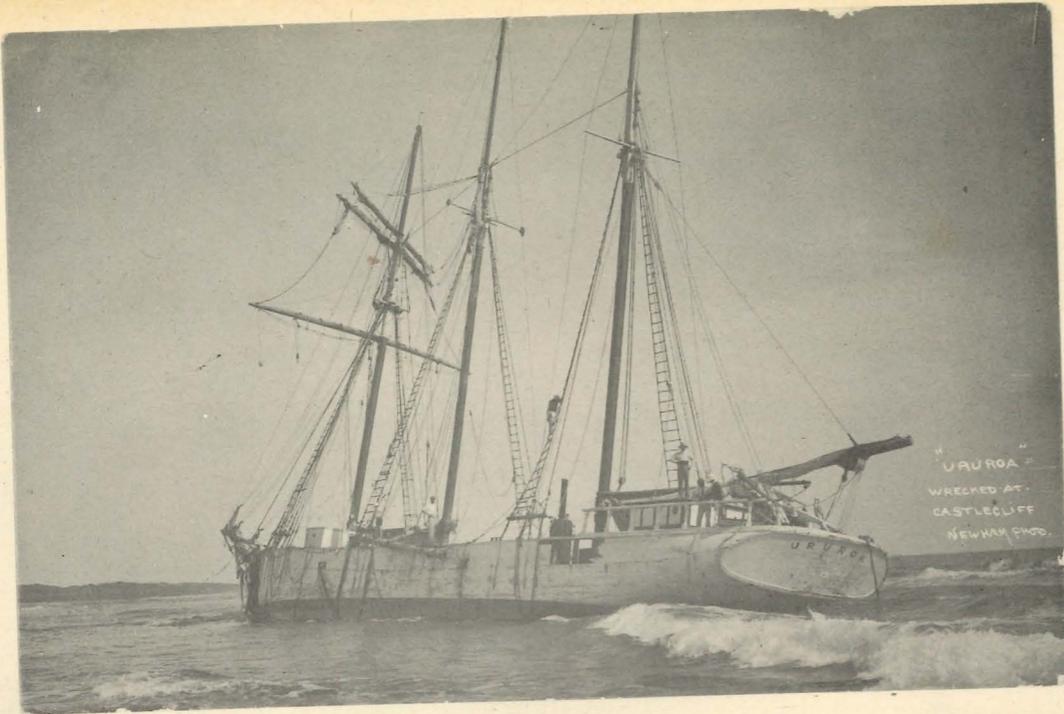


Roving Camera

Above: At a meeting of the Wanganui Kennel Club in the Old Folks' Rooms recently, the immediate past president, Mr Norman Bond, was presented with a chiming clock in recognition of his 25 years as president. In the picture, Mr Gordon Bunney, the new president, congratulates Mr Bond. Watching are Messrs W. Thompson, patron, and Mr N.T. Quinn, one of the two vice-presidents of the club.

Below: Miss Dorothy Eden, famous New Zealand authoress, visited the New Book Club, Marton, to autograph copies of her new book, "Sleep in the Woods". Miss Eden, seated, is pictured with the mayor of Marton, Mr Meads, Miss Middlemiss, Mrs Shelton, and Mrs Meads.





Old Shipwrecks

We have here a selection of photographs of some of the unfortunate vessels which have been claimed by the sea on Wanganui's coast. Pictures supplied by the Wanganui Museum.

Above: On December 17th, 1908, the schooner, Ururoa, was wrecked three miles south of the Wanganui River mouth.

Below: The S.S. Charles Edward pictured lying against the North Mole inside the Wanganui River mouth. The Charles Edward was originally a paddle steamer and brought the old bucket dredge to Wanganui from the West Coast. Wrecked December 15th 1908....two days before the Ururoa.



Above: One of the ones that got away...the Indrabarah, grounded on the Rangitikei Beach May 10th, 1913, was eventually refloated on July 6th, 1913.

Below: The coaster "Moa" was not so lucky....carrying a cargo of 5,000 cases of benzine, kerosene, motor spirit, and turpentine, the Moa developed a fire in the hold. The resultant explosion killed a man who was unlucky enough to be sitting on the hatch cover. It is stated that the man was blasted many feet straight up in the air. At the time of the explosion, the Moa was six miles from the mouth of the Wanganui River....February 3rd, 1914. The fire was extinguished and the ship beached two-and-a-half miles from the South Mole. The following day fire broke out again and gutted the vessel.



The tout ensemble line up for a pix on the beautifully contrived set.



The Repertory Theatre's major production for this year was "Death Takes a Holiday", a tragi-comedy by Alberto Casellao, and produced by Alexia Rankin. The set, interior of a villa on the Italian Riviera, is one of the most ambitious and beautiful ever seen on Repertory's stage. The cast numbered 13 and the play ran for a season of five nights...packed for all performances. The theme of the play was that "Death" (Jim Pettigrew) appeared on earth to find people's reactions to being dead. While on earth, "Death" has three lovely women fall for him. When he tells them that if they want to be with him they would have to cross 'the great divide', two of the ladies pull out...but one decides to go. In all, full marks go to Alexia Rankin and the cast for another fine show.

"Death Takes a Holiday" A Holiday



16 Bill Delves played the comedy lead...Baron Cesarea



Athelle Wilson played the Princess's part.



Jim Pettigrew as Prince Sirki...alias Death... the male lead.



Female lead...Grazia. Played by Lynn Elliot



Glyn Reynolds played the part of Alda



Jerry Warner portrayed Major Hauser



Ethel Aston was the Duchess...Stephanie



Archie McIntyre... the Duke of Vitalba



Glennis Nodwell played Rhoda Fenton



David Symes made a good job of his part



Gus Linneweever was Eric van de Meer.



Peter Sigani was Fedele...the butler



Lanis Furrrie played the maid...Cora.



Auckland hooker, C. Currie, makes faces as he bursts through a ruck with the ball.

Rugby.. Wanganui v. Auckland

Auckland, holders of the Ranfurly Shield, defeated Wanganui by 14 points to six in their recent match here at Spriggen's Park. A crowd of approximately 2,500 saw the game which did not rise to great heights. For holders of the log of wood, Auckland were not too hot...they should look to their laurels if they hope to keep the trophy. On the other hand it was an unhappy day for Wanganui too...the handling in the back line was at times pathetic...and it is obvious now that a couple of speedsters in the backs are badly needed. Too many Wanganui backs seem to favour neck tackling and jersey grabbing rather than going for the legs. Time after time the Auks were able to slip past not one player but several.



Shaun Crowley left—foots for touch



18 A section of the crowd of 2,500



Married

Above: STOREY—COUCHMAN. At Christ Church, Wanganui, Rosa Kathrine, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Couchman, 42 Jellicoe Street, Wanganui East, to Graeme Meredith, son of Mr and Mrs E.H. Storey, 78 Albert Street, Palmerston North. Attending the bride were Gill Goss (Wellington) chief bridesmaid, Lynne Storey (Palmerston North) and Jill Murdoch (Wanganui) bridesmaids. Bruce Storey (Hawera) was best man, and Gordon Paterson (Opiki) and Wally Lynch (Wanganui) were the groomsmen. Future home Feilding.

Below: COOK—JOHANSSON. At St. Andrew's Church, Marton, Edna Ann, daughter of Mr H.F. Johansson, 24 Ross Street, Marton, to Colin Wilfred, son of Mr and Mrs A. Cook, Parewanui Road, Bulls. In the photograph, from left: Trevor Cook (Bulls), groomsmen, Beryl Cook (Hamilton) bridesmaid, the bride and groom, Lynette Richards (Marton) chief bridesmaid, Graham Pattern (Palmerston North) best man. Future home...Te Awamutu.



RICHARDS, MARTON



Mrs A. Waitai got through but drew a booby prize.



Mr M.R. Boothby was put out by a tough question.



Selwyn looks exasperated as young David Gale makes off with piles of "parcels of my company's fine products".

Selwyn Toogood Entertains

Selwyn Toogood, the "biggest man in N.Z. radio", recently staged a two-night quiz contest in the Wanganui Memorial Hall. The shows were well attended by large crowds on both nights and Mr Toogood ably carried the two-and-a-half hour shows with his stagemanship and wise-cracks. On the first night prizes to the value of nearly £200 were won by contestants in the "It's In The Bag" contest. Also on the programme were the other radio shows, "Gateway to London" and "Magic Carpet". The "It's In The Bag" show was presented on behalf of the Queen Alexander's Own Band, which introduced the show with selections played on the forecourt of the hall.



20 A view of the packed house



Contestants vie with each other for the chance of going for a prize.



Dan Coakley made £39.10.0 on the deal



There were plenty of aspiring contestants who had to be thinned out by elimination questions.



The audience loved the shows



Impressive Opening Ceremony

A crowd of over 600 attended the recent opening ceremony of the new "Mary Lambie" Nurses' Home at the Wanganui Hospital. The 170-roomed, four-storey building was officially opened by the Minister of Health, Mr H.G.R. Mason, the guest speaker.



Mr Mason pictured addressing the crowd just prior to his officially opening the building.



Mr Mason turns the gold key in the main entrance doors.



Some of the crowd of about 600 who attended the opening of the magnificent £300,000 building



Eileen, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Whitmore, 25 Station Road, Marton



Mary Eleanor, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Morton, 61 Portal Street.



Alastair, son of Mrs and the late Mr A. McKenzie, 30 Jellicoe Street, Wanganui East.

Coming of Age



Bob, son of Mr and Mrs L.C. Ackroyd, 14 White Street, gets his key.



Gary Herbert Marsh, pictured with his mother, Mrs N.H. Marsh, 1 Beavan Street, Marton, cuts his birthday cake.



Holy Name Procession

Upwards of 1,000 representatives of Holy Name Society branches from New Plymouth to Wellington attended a rally in Wanganui recently. The rally started with Mass at noon and ended with a public procession through city streets from the War Memorial Hall to St Mary's Catholic Church. These pictures were taken during the procession.





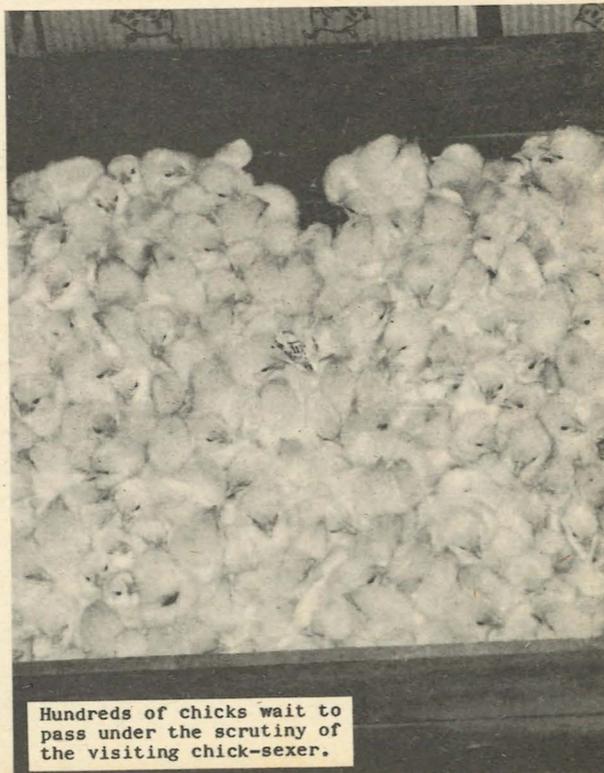
The cafeteria battery-cage laying system enables testing the individual quality of Mr Rasmusen's pedigree Australorp hens. When the eggs are laid they roll to the front of each cage. A conveyor moves along the cages with feed, and water runs continually along troughs in front of the cages.

The Chick Business

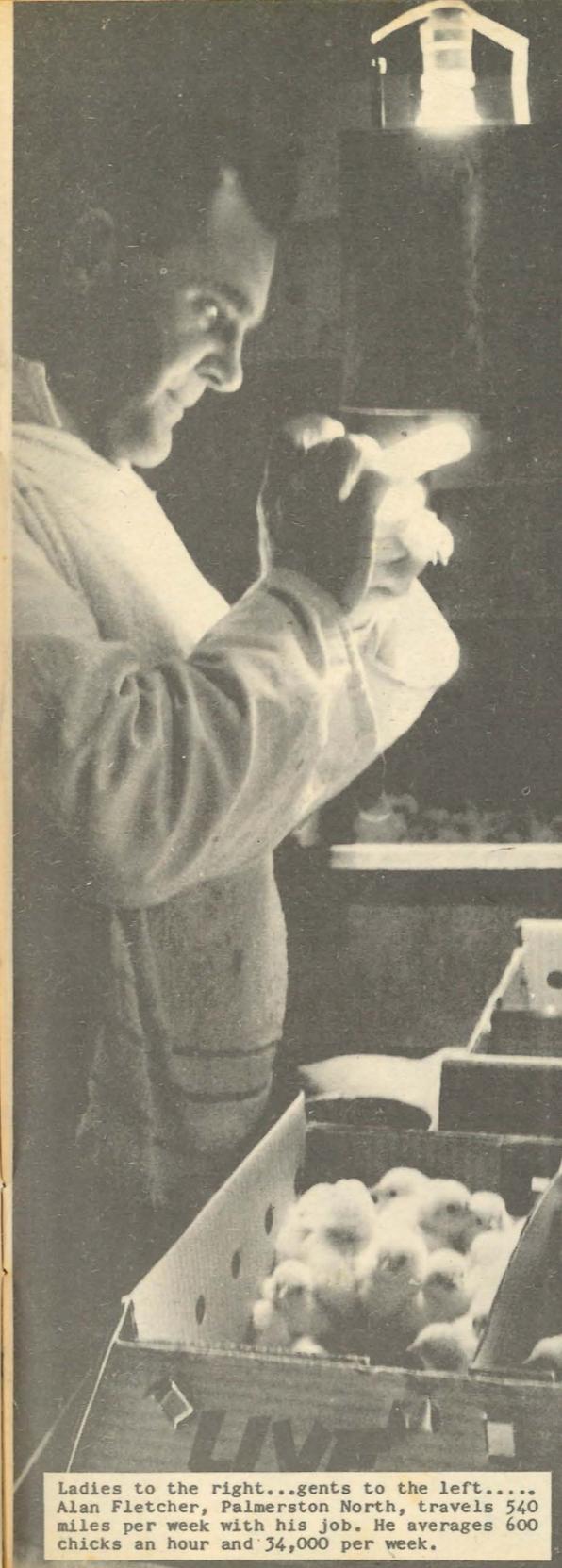
Mr M.A.Rasmusen of Rasmusen's Poultry Farm is one man who knows that you don't count your chickens before they are hatched. Photo News recently paid Mr Rasmusen's farm a visit as a batch of chickens was hatching in the battery of incubators. Each of these huge incubators is capable of holding 10,200 eggs. Power failures, which could doom batches of eggs, are no worry.. Mr Rasmusen has a diesel standby power plant to take over automatically when the outside mains fail.



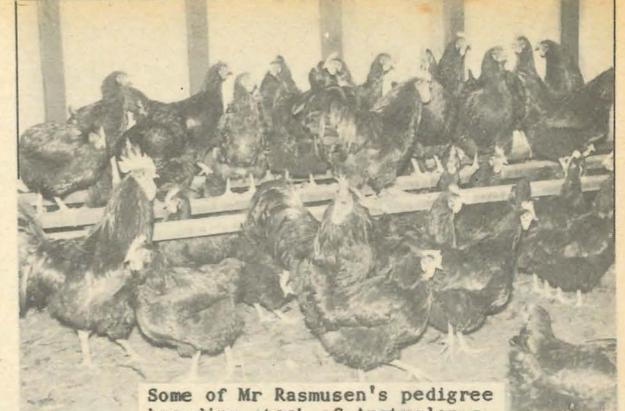
Glenyss Cambell puts a tray of eggs into the incubator



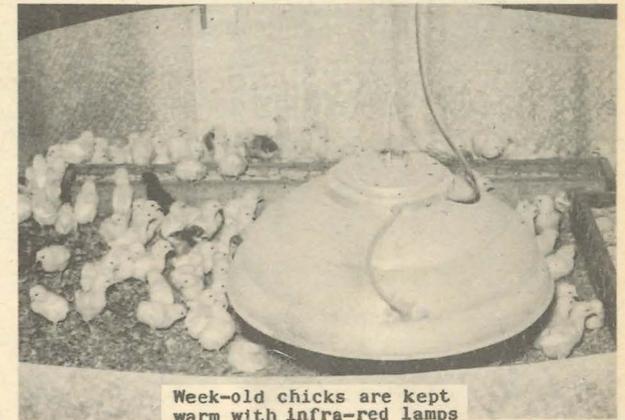
Hundreds of chicks wait to pass under the scrutiny of the visiting chick-sexer.



Ladies to the right...gents to the left..... Alan Fletcher, Palmerston North, travels 540 miles per week with his job. He averages 600 chicks an hour and 34,000 per week.



Some of Mr Rasmusen's pedigree breeding stock of Australorps.



Week-old chicks are kept warm with infra-red lamps



Mr Rasmusen loads boxes of day-old chicks into his truck for delivery.



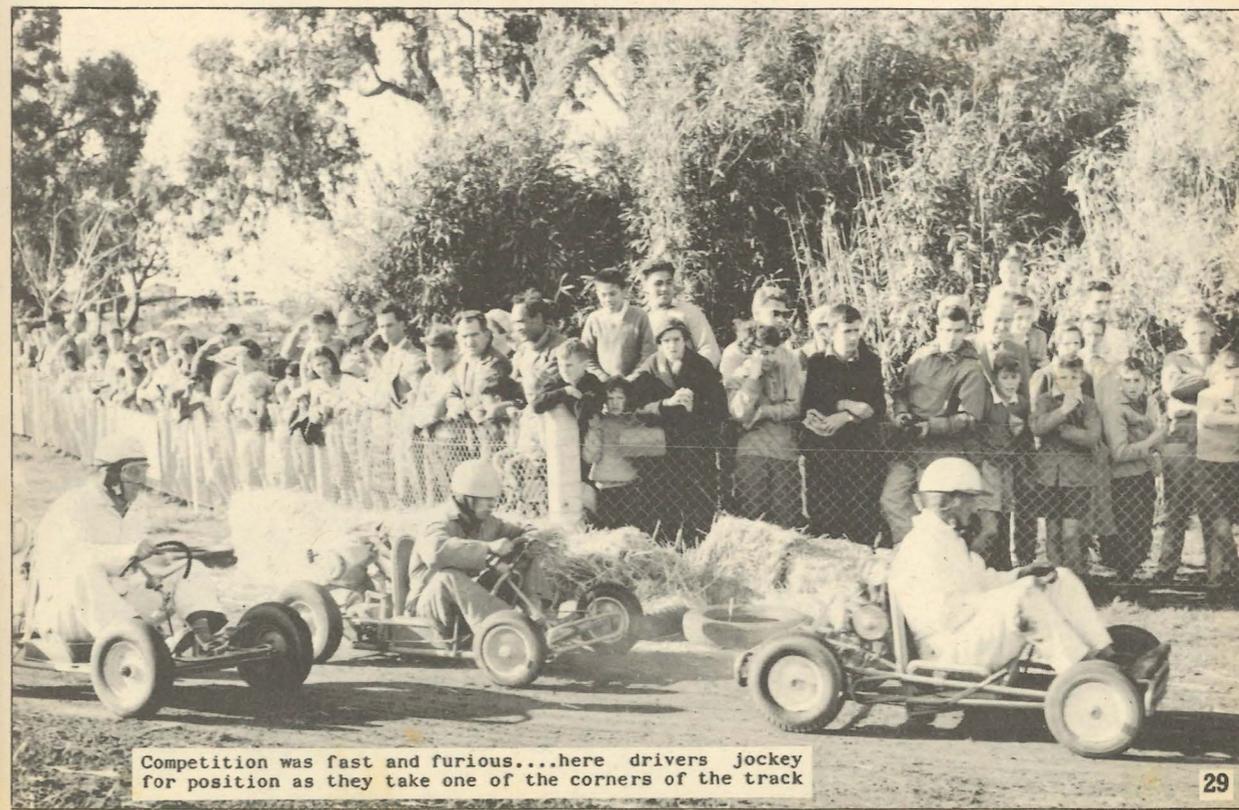
Go Kart Racing

The Wanganui Go-Kart Racing Club staged their first race meeting at the new course on the river-bank near the Dublin Street bridge. Visiting competitors from neighbouring districts swelled entries and provided good racing with tough competition.

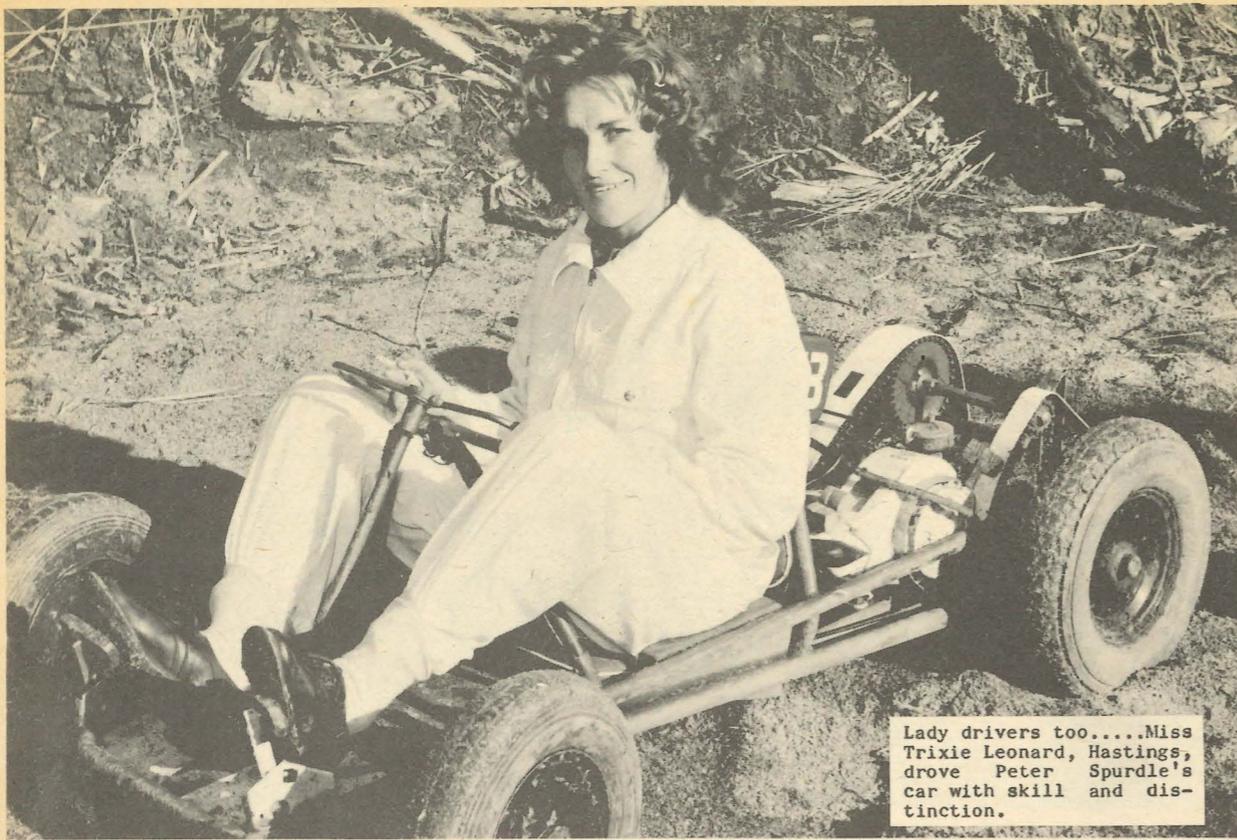
Above: Spectators line the safety fence as the little racers burn up the track.
Below: Drivers check in with the starters before their races.



Ready to go...Drivers and starters wait for the flag which will send them away



Competition was fast and furious...here drivers jockey for position as they take one of the corners of the track



Lady drivers too....Miss Trixie Leonard, Hastings, drove Peter Spurdle's car with skill and distinction.



The pits were always a hive of activity as drivers and mechanics tune their Karts to peak efficiency.



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Married

Above: JAMES--SHAW: At St.Paul's Presbyterian Church, Wanganui, Doreen Violet, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.L.Shaw, Brunswick, to Eugene Thomas, son of the late Mrs R.James, Wanganui. Barbara Wiblein was bridesmaid and David Mathews was best man. Cubs formed a guard of honour at the church door as the couple came out. Future home....Wanganui.

Below: TEKI--MATHEWS: At St.Anne's Church, Wanganui East, Judy Fay, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.J. Mathews, 15 Young Street, to Larry, son of Mrs M.Teki, Kai Iwi. Bridesmaid was Yvonne Mathews, and the flower girls were Raewyn Mathews and Susan Brett. Future home....Kai Iwi.



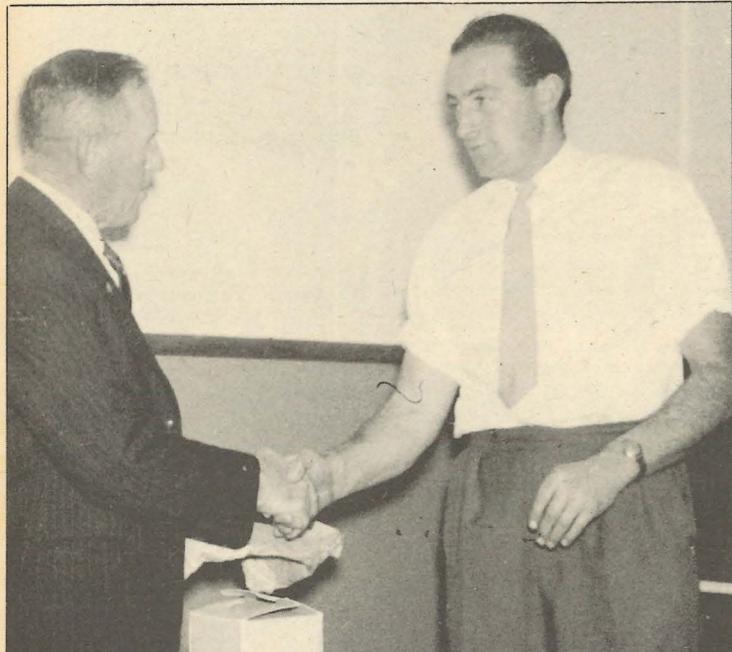
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Referees' Smoko

Back-bench men in this pix are: Messrs M.McNae, D.Nancarrow, G.Mill, B.Battell, J.Jones, and E.Lawrence

Wanganui's Rugby Union referees had their big night out recently when they held their annual Smoko in the Tech Old Boys' shed at Spriggins Park. Visitors included refs from other nearby centres.



During the evening Bob Watson was presented with his referee's representative blazer by Ernie Bevege, senior vice-president of the New Zealand Rugby Union.



Russell Blue quaffs ale from the trophy he won for being the most conscientious member of the referees' association.



32 Listening to speeches only took up part of the time



Birthday Celebrations

NIGHTINGALL'S Mrs Chelley, Puriri Street, had a special celebration recently when she turned 94.



RICHARDS, MARTON

Mrs A.Waahiawa (Ashford), 13 Waitere Street, Marton Junction, is pictured with Mrs P.Karena (left) on the occasion of her 50th birthday.



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Mr and Mrs H.J.Tod, 44 Karaka Street, pictured on the occasion of Mrs Tod's 70th birthday anniversary.



RICHARDS, WANGANUI

Lorraine (16) and Gary (18) Dundon, children of Mr and Mrs P.S.Dundon, 12 Rawhiti Place, recently celebrated their birthdays.



Admiring the souvenirs: Messrs Arthur Crisp, Cam Linwood, Maurice Buckrell, Ian Fawcett, and George Ward.

Aussie Travel Agents Impressed with Wanganui

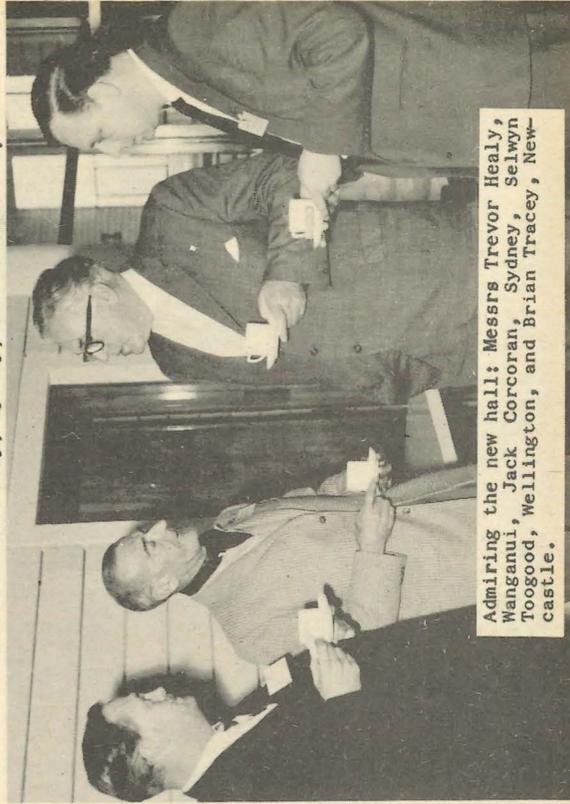
A party of 12 Australian Travel Agents spent 24 hours in Wanganui recently during their fortnight's tour of New Zealand tourist attractions. The visitors all agreed that their stay here was all too short...as time limited their getting a good look around this wonderful district. They were looked after by members of the Wanganui branch of the New Zealand Holiday and Travel Association, the Wanganui Chamber of Commerce, and the public relations committee of the City Council. Included in the visitors' itinerary here was a visit to the Wanganui War Memorial Hall, the Museum, the Sarjeant Art Gallery, a cocktail party at Shangri La, a concert by the Putiki Maori Club, and a farewell function at the home of Mr and Mrs Cam Linwood, St. John's Hill. At this function, the visitors were each presented with a memento of Wanganui....colour photographs of the Wanganui War Memorial Hall (see back cover) donated by Photo News, mounted in beautiful frames of native timber made by Sovereign Woodworkers Ltd.



34 The visitors pose with some of their hosts



Having a cuppa in the War Memorial Hall: Mr M. Buckrell, Wanganui, Miss Betty Howell, Melbourne, Mrs Dorothy Bryant, Wanganui, Miss Barbara Foley, Sydney, and Mr Millward,



Admiring the new hall: Messrs Trevor Healy, Wanganui, Jack Corcoran, Sydney, Selwyn Toogood, Wellington, and Brian Tracey, Newcastle.



Bill Harvey, Melbourne, and Barbara Foley, Sydney, chat to Mr S.V. Smith, Wanganui



At cocktails: Messrs Harold Low, Wanganui, Ray Butchart, Perth, Ian Fawcett, Wanganui, Brian King, Adelaide, Reg Andrews and Martin Smith, both of Wanganui.



On arrival at Putiki for the Maori concert, the visitors were challenged by a warrior



Canon H. Taepa greets Aussie George Ward in the traditional Maori manner



Some of the welcoming party



Wiremu Taiaroa challenged the visitors on their entering the Marae....



Tony Broughton, Melbourne, joins in the fun with Mesdames W. Taiaroa, A. Waitai, M. Waitai, and A. Davenport



The cast and writer-producer of the Maori play, "The Changing Tide", pose for this pix. From left, Standing: Mrs P. Hawea, Mrs M. Waitai, Miss Zenith Sutherland, Paru Parata, Seth Barnes, Earle Nelson (the playwright), and Mrs A. Davenport. Kneeling: Bill Taiaroa and Joss Waitai.

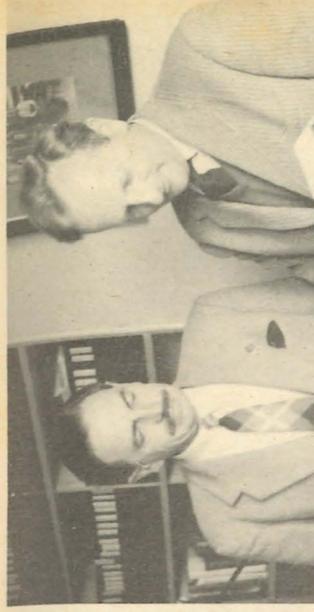
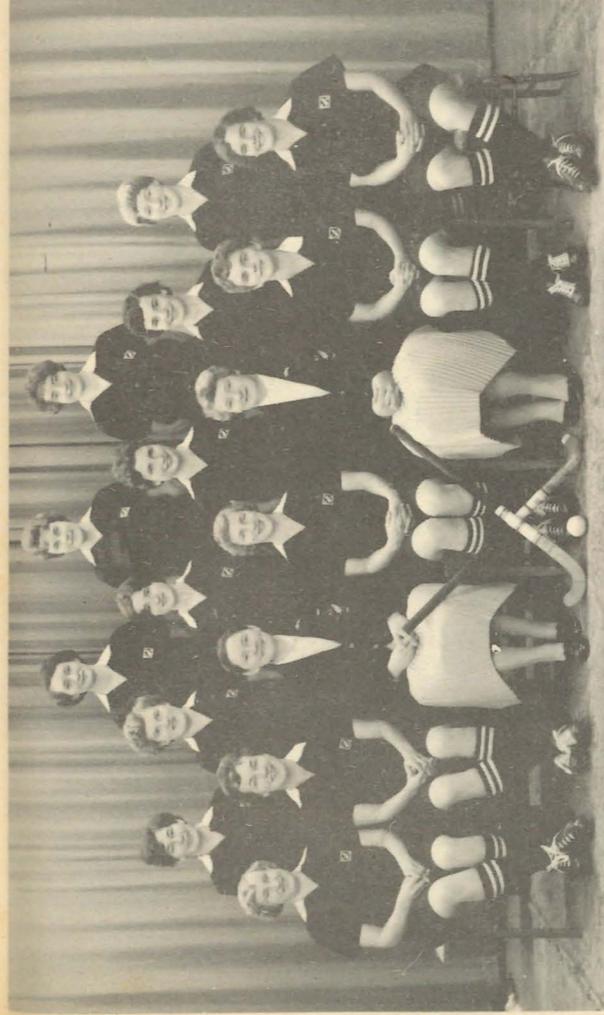


Public Services Ball

These happy groups of revellers were "shot" at the recent Public Services Ball, held in the Memorial Hall, by the cameras of Nightingalls Photo Service.



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Top left: The New Zealand Women's Hockey team touring Australia. The manager of the team is Miss Mami Wilkie, Marton, and the assistant manager is Mrs Betty Pearson, Auckland.

Above: Mr Robert W. Burchfield, right, son of Mr and Mrs F. Burchfield, 58 Pitt Street, is one of Wanganui's noted scholars. Born in Wanganui in 1923, he matriculated at the age of 13, lectured at Victoria University, and was a Rhodes Scholar in 1949. Later he lectured in English at Christchurch College, Oxford, and is now editor of the Oxford Dictionary Supplement, and is also revising the Oxford Dictionary. His early education in Wanganui was at Keith Street, Intermediate, and Tech. schools.

Pot Pourri

Bottom left: Three weeks after giving birth to a lamb, this ewe, belonging to Mr J. Patterson, of Surrey Road, surprised everybody by repeating the feat.

Below: This bevy of beeeeoootiful gals caught the camera's eye at the Public Services Ball. Come to think of it...most of these cuties belong to the Castlecliff Ladies Surf Club....HELP! HELP!



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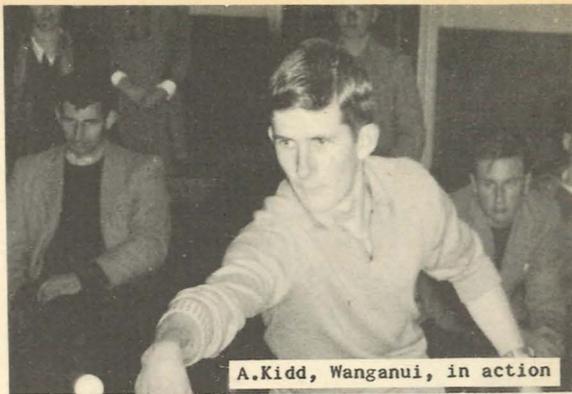
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16-year-old Australian M.Wilcox returns a ball while his partner, G.Jennings, waits his turn in a doubles match.



E.J.Urlich took a set off G.Jennings in their singles



A.Kidd, Wanganui, in action

Table Tennis... Australia v. Wanganui

The touring Australian table tennis stars, G. Jennings and M.Wilcox, had no trouble in disposing of the best Wanganui male players by 5-0 when they played in the Gonville Town Hall recently. The tourists played unfanciful table tennis with the orthodox pimpled-rubber bats. The games were good to watch and the Aussies impressed with their speed and fitness.



Some of the spectators



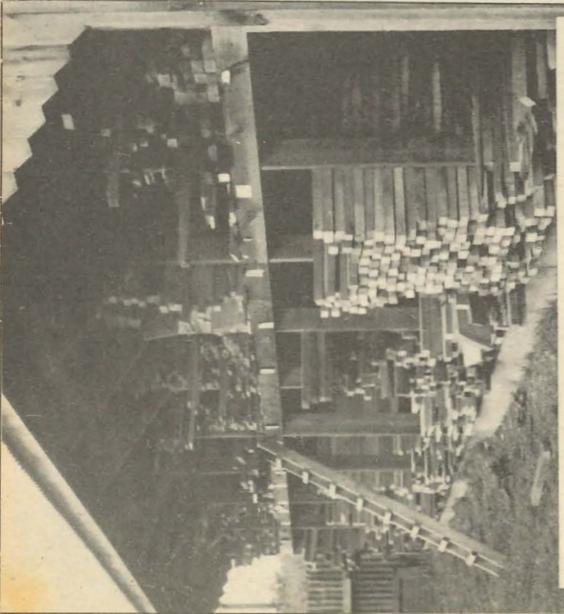
N.H.Tizard won a set from M.Wilcox.



School Reunion

These photographs were taken by Tesla Studios during the recent annual dinner and meeting of old-boys of the Otago Boys' High School. Pictured above: Members of the new committee. From left: Messrs W.L.Cadwallader, L.W.Penrose, R.G.Tallboys (new president), Dr F.C.Hutchison (past president), and Mr L.Titchener. Below: A group of old boys having a chat. Dr Alex Priest, Mr George Carline, Mr Ted Orchard, Mr Chas. Mathews, and Mr G.A.Malcolm.

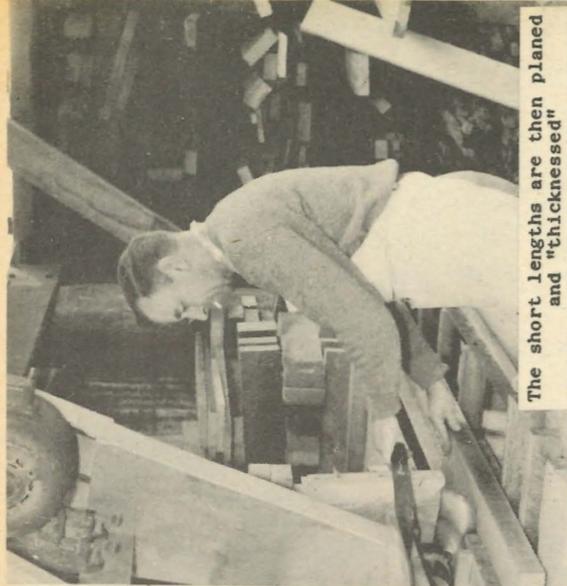




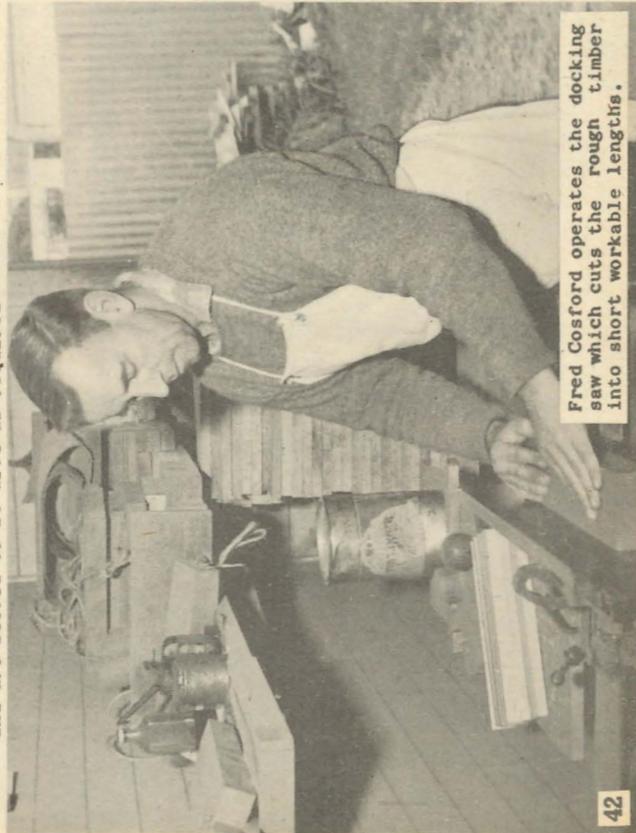
The various native timbers arrive in this state and are stored to be used as required

Picture Tour... Sovereign Woodworkers

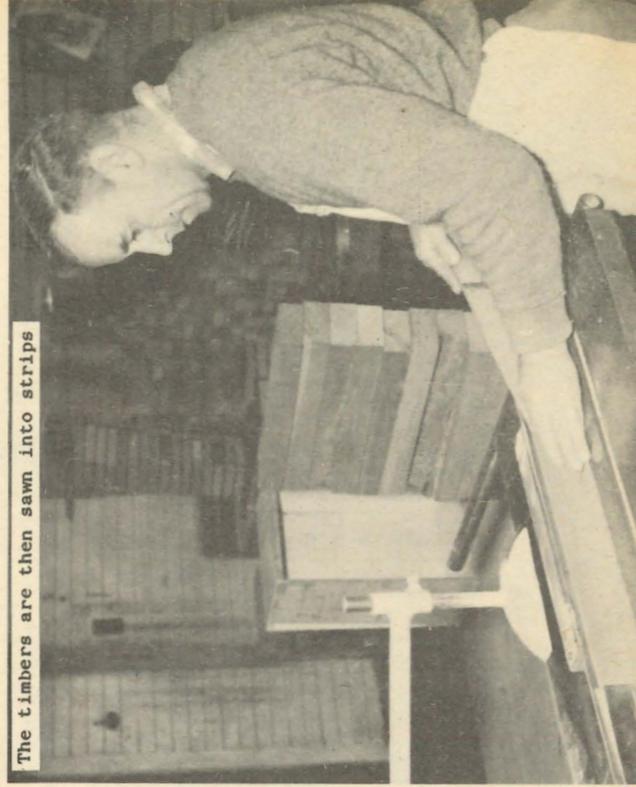
Just after the last war, a Wanganui man, Mr Austin Brasell, started up a little business in the garage behind his home. This business has steadily grown to the stage that Sovereign Woodworkers Limited now occupy extensive premises in Tawa Street, Gonville and employ 18 men. For about 11 years now Sovereign Woodworkers have produced gifts and souvenirs in native timbers of New Zealand. At present about 62 lines of articles are made at the factory. All articles are polished in natural colour. Each year approximately 70,000 feet of timber is used and about 120,000 articles are produced per annum. The firm supplies over 250 retailers all over N.Z. and some overseas. This is the only factory that mass produces this type of product in New Zealand.



The short lengths are then planed and "thickened"



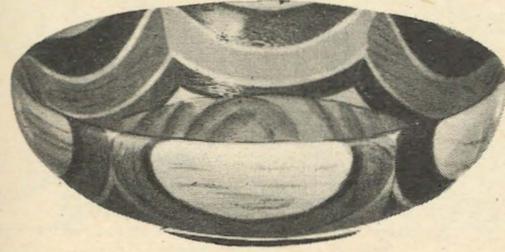
Fred Cosford operates the docking saw which cuts the rough timber into short workable lengths.



The timbers are then sawn into strips



Glued strips stacked for drying



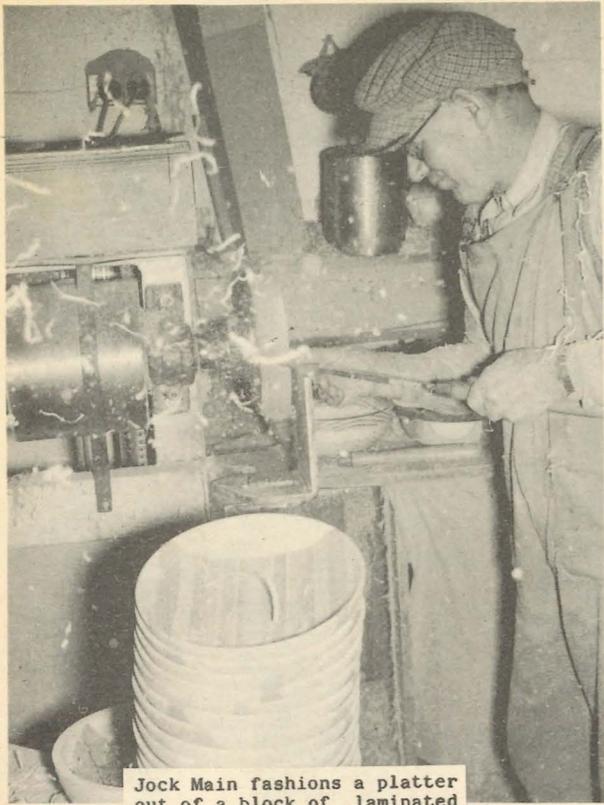
The strips of different timbers are stacked in their different types and sizes ready for use. Foreman John Lundon pictured here.



Merv Hartley sands a horseshoe-shaped letter rack end



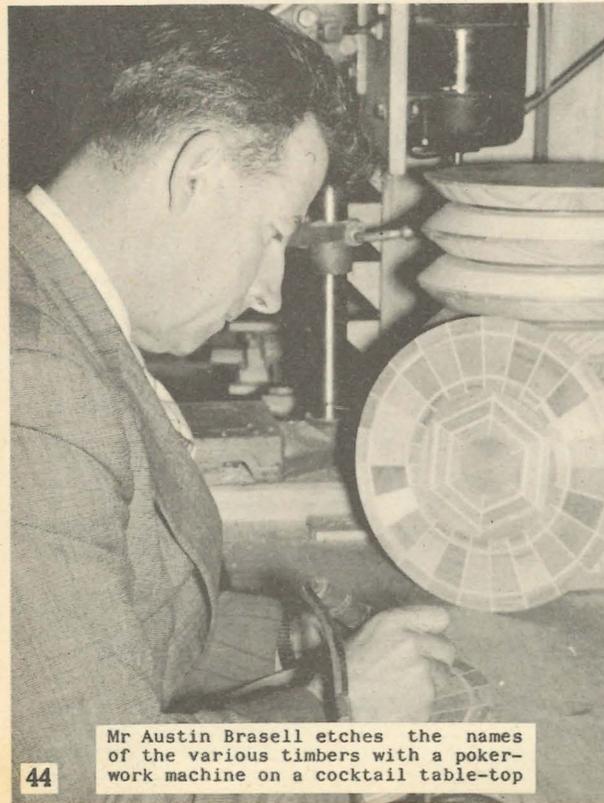
Gordon Gray glues the strips of native timbers together



Jock Main fashions a platter out of a block of laminated wood on the lathe.



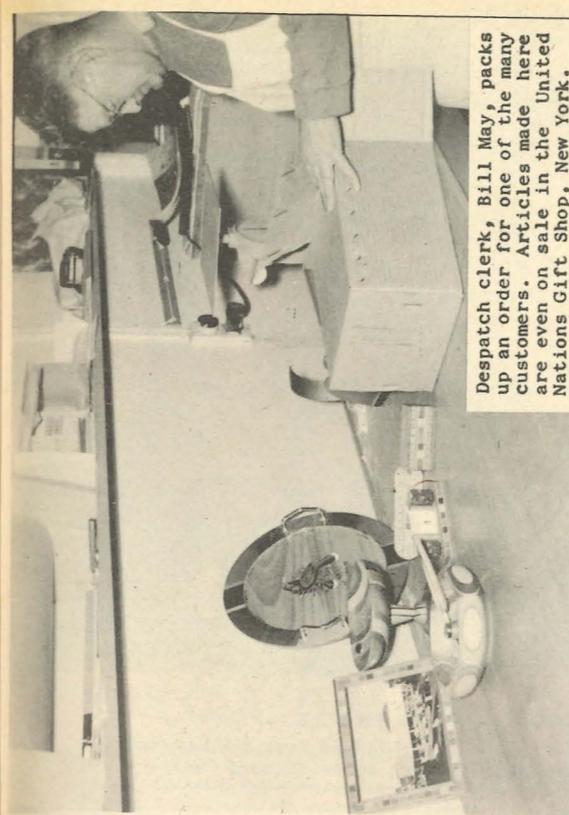
Sanding a cocktail table-top...
Bob Strother at work



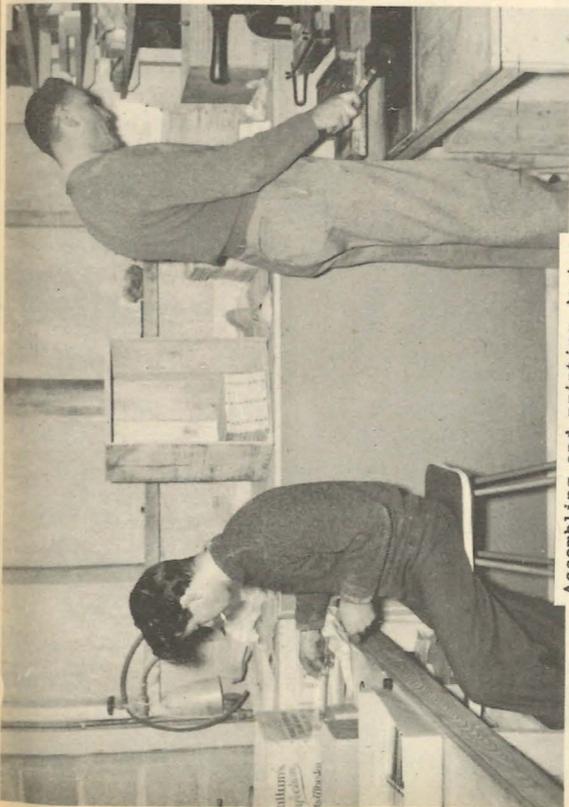
Mr Austin Brasell etches the names of the various timbers with a poker-work machine on a cocktail table-top



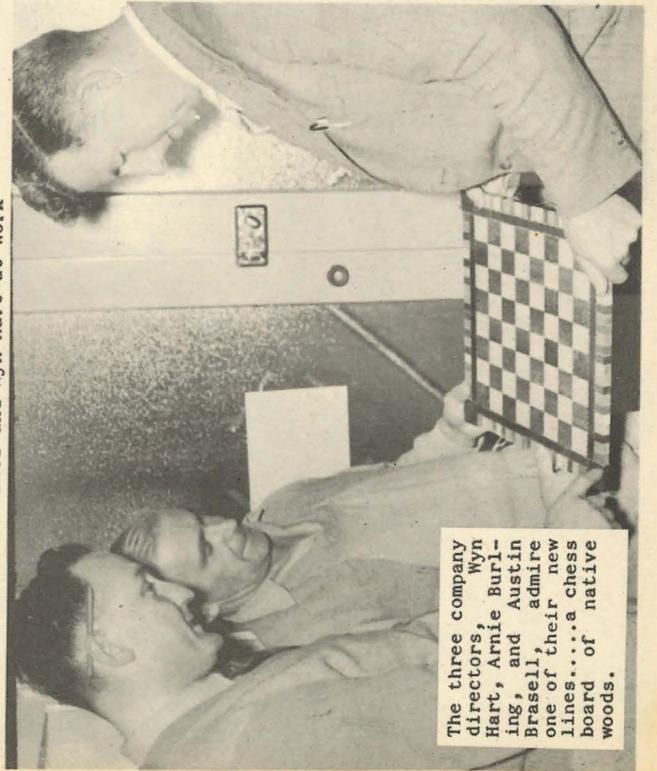
Albert Schmidt sprays a nearly completed article with lacquer



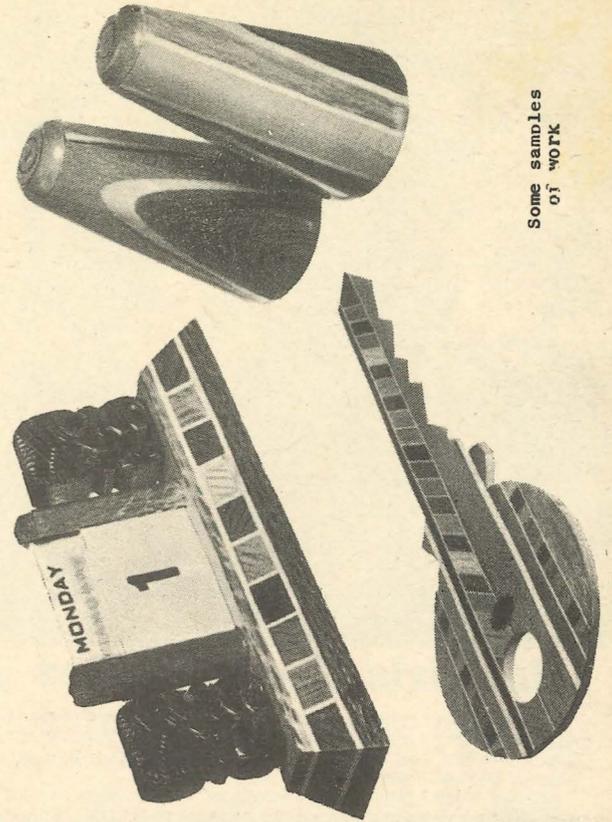
Despatch clerk, Bill May, packs up an order for one of the many customers. Articles made here are even on sale in the United Nations Gift Shop, New York.



Assembling and printing dept.: Ben Dawes and Wyn Hart at work



The three company directors, Wyn Hart, Arnie Burling, and Austin Brasell, admire one of their new lines....a chess board of native woods.



Some samples of work



Family Gatherings

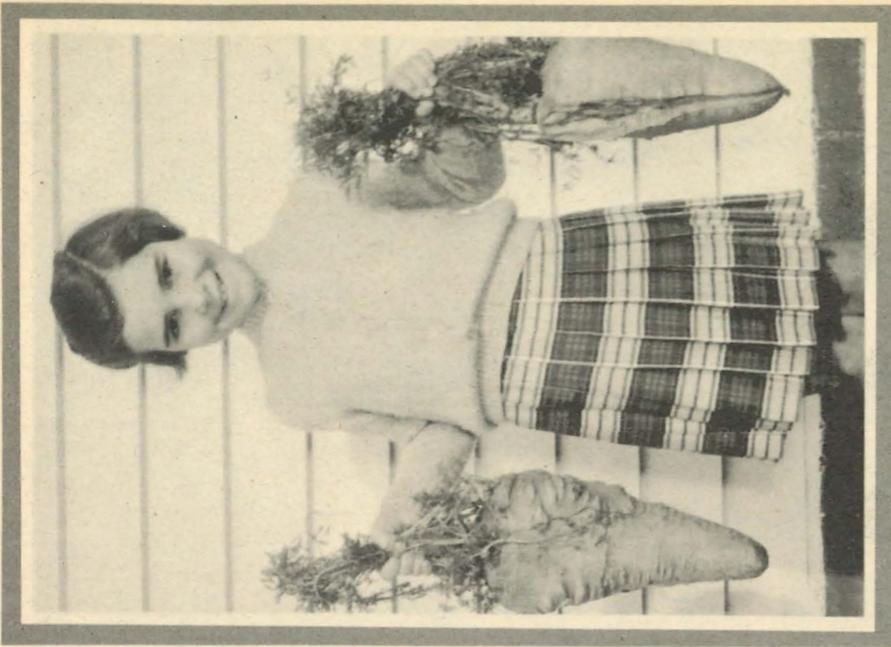
Above: CHRISTENING—FOUR GENERATIONS: Young Allan David Lamplugh coos happily for the camera after his recent christening. In the photograph are Allan's mother, Mrs D.Lamplugh, grandmother, Mrs F.Prince, and holding him is Mrs Fairweather, his great-grandmother.

Below: Mrs Julia Johnstone, a well-known Wanganui resident, recently celebrated her 93rd birthday with a small party. She is pictured here with some of her female relatives.



Winning Golfers

Pictured here are the members of the Manawatu--Wanganui Ladies' Golf team.....winners of the Russell-Grace Cup, presented by Mrs Douglas Young, Wanganui. This team won the North Island section after competing with seven teams. They won the final, played against the South Island winners, Canterbury A, at Paraparaumu. In the photograph, from left: **Standing:** Mrs S.Binning, Wanganui, Mrs W.Mangan, Manawatu, Miss A.Nash, Manawatu, Mrs D.Henderson, Levin, Miss B.Anderson, Manawatu. **Sitting:** Mrs R.Rountree, Awatapu, Mrs K.Aiken (captain-manager) Wanganui, Mrs R.Laugeson, Wanganui.



Rolling Camera

Top left: Mr W. Down, 33 Ahuru Street, Marton, recently celebrated his 80th birthday with a family gathering at Rangiwai. He is pictured here with Mrs Bettridge, Mrs A. Griffin, and Shirley Griffen.

Bottom: With his friends and relations around him, Mr Down cuts into his birthday cake.

Above: Young Robyn Jackson holds two monster carrots grown by her grandmother, Mrs J. Jackson, 18 Talbot Street. The carrots are "James Intermediate" and the biggest of them weighs 7 lb.



Guests applaud an item at the concert



Local mothers staged a can-can



The Del Rockers entertained



Mrs Kidd lit the birthday candles and Mrs J.A. McFarlane cut the cake

Kindergarten Birthday

Over 200 mothers attended the recent celebration of the Central Kindergarten's 11th anniversary. A concert was given and supper was provided on this enjoyable evening to mark the occasion. Photos by ELDON.



"Mrs Wanganui" Becomes "Mrs New Zealand"

Well, we here in Wanganui are mighty pleased that our Mrs Jill Sicely turned out tops for the title of "Mrs New Zealand". The wife of a sheep-farmer on the Wanganui-Raetihi State Highway, and the mother of five children, Mrs Sicely was chosen as the ideal New Zealand housewife and mother in the national contest sponsored by the N.Z. Broadcasting Service. The quest was open to wives and mothers between the ages of 25 and 50 years.

Let's start our picture coverage from the beginning....dozens of women packed into the studio at Station 2XA in Guyton Street to see who was the winner in the Wanganui district final.

Above: Before the big announcement a fashion show was staged by McGruers Departmental Store. Doing the modelling were Carol Anderson, Marjorie Craig, Eileen Wadey and Rose Brown.

Below: Some of the audience which packed into Radio 2XA's studio for the occasion.



Mrs Eileen Wadey parades before some of the finalists for the Mrs Wanganui title while Mrs Dorothy Bryant of the Radio 2XA staff gives a running commentary



Mr Eric Lawrence, manager of 2XA, introduces the judges, Mrs A.K. MacLean and Mr S. McCallum, to the public.



Mr Lawrence congratulates "Mrs Wanganui", Mrs Jill Sicely. The country was soon to hear that Mrs Sicely had won the final and the title, "Mrs New Zealand", at Wellington.



Mrs Sicely waves from her seat next to the driver of the railcar

TRIUMPHANT HOME-COMING.

Long before the arrival of the railcar which returned Mrs Sicely from the finals in Wellington, crowds began to throng the Aramoho Railway Station. "Mrs New Zealand" was up beside the driver when the railcar arrived and a burst of cheers met her as she disembarked.



Early arrivals at the station ensure that they will get a good position to see Mrs N.Z.



Mr Sicely and Mrs A.K. MacLean greet Jill on her arrival



Some admirers



The football team. **Back Row:** Maurice Petherick, Ian Luff, Terry Corrigan (capt), Bryan O'Donnell, Dennis Smith, Ron Pengally, Brian Taylor, Roger Gee, Neil Smith, and Bernie Lock. **Front Row:** Graham Luff, Brian Harris, Shean McCarthy, Peter Quirk, Ian Orr, and Barry Gosnell.

Sporting Bankers

Representatives of Wanganui's banks dropped their pens and accounting machines recently and high-tailed for Wellington where they played the annual Wanganui Combined Banks v. Wellington National Bank sports fixture. This year for the first time a team of girls played basketball in the competition. The boys played rugby for the White Shield, which they held, at Mirimar Park. They lost the shield this time by 5-8. The girls also lost at basketball, 9-14. However, everybody had a good time and are now looking forward to next year's meeting.



The basketballers. Joni Edwards (capt.), Pam Trass, Barbara White, Barbara O'Connor, Barbara Proffit, Sally Kirk and Josie Carde.

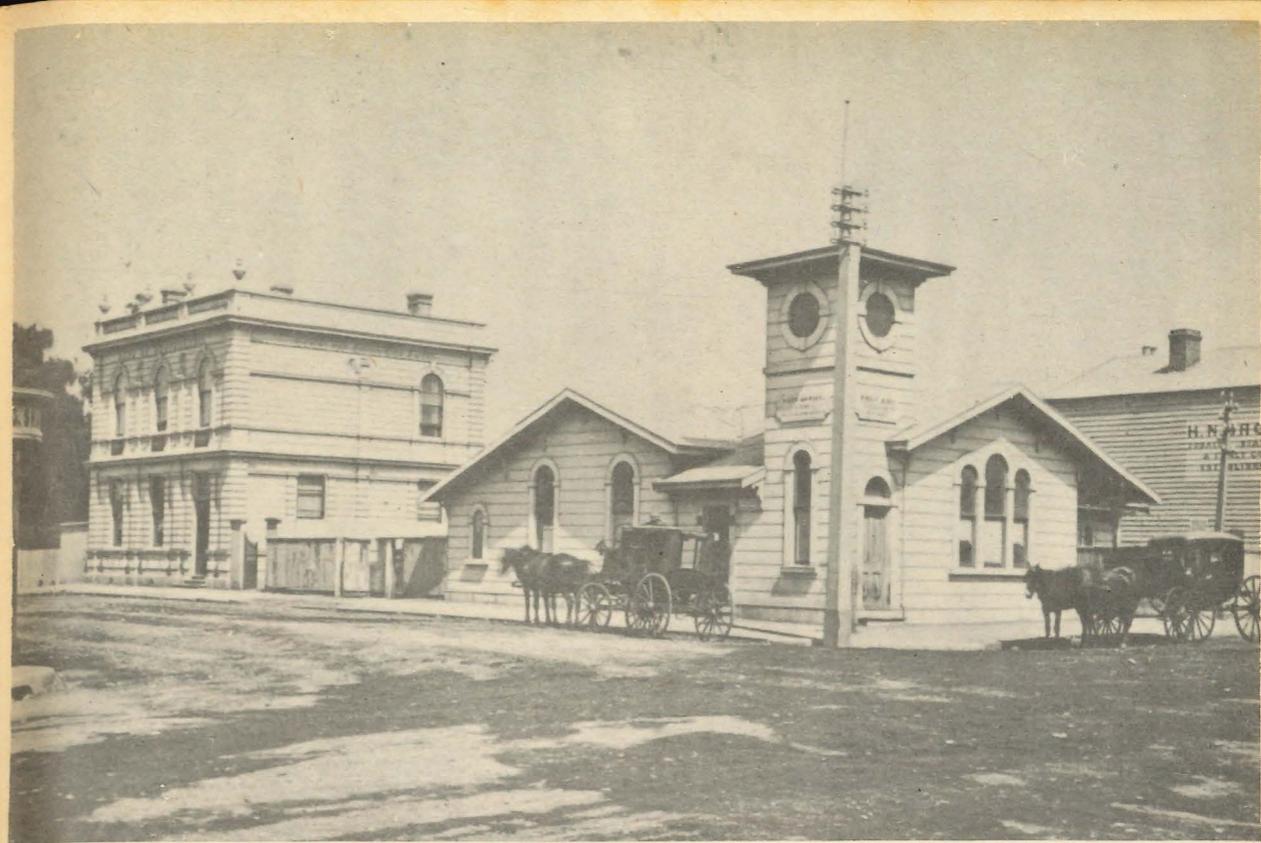


Pictures From The Past

Continuing the popular series on pictures from Wanganui's past, we bring you this month some of the Wanganui Museum's collection of old time scenes, and ship-wrecks on the Wanganui coast.

Above: Photograph taken at the height of Wanganui's record flood...that in 1904...shows the waters lapping around in Taupo Quay at the Avenue intersection. Foster's Hotel now stands where the bank is in this picture.

Below: A line-up of taxis in Ridgway Street way back in 1910. Oddly enough, Wanganui Taxis still have a rink at this site, and until recently their headquarters were situated here.



Above: This is how the Post Office corner looked waaaaay back in 1878. The big building down the street was the Bank of Australasia and the corner building was the old Post Office.

Below: The same scene today. The big building down the street is the new Post Office and the corner edifice houses the Department of Agriculture and the Child Welfare offices.





Social Items

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Mr and Mrs F.J.Lundon, 64 Boydfield Street, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a party at the home of their son.



CHRISTENED. Young Denyse Anne Lehrke, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Lehrke, 38 Tawa Street, smiles sweetly after being christened recently.



MARRIED. GILLESPIE--FINLAY. At Knox Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Winifred May, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.Findlay, Tauranga, to Graeme Leslie, son of Mrs D.M.Gillespie and the late Mr H.W.Gillespie, Hamilton (late of Wanganui).



MARRIED. SPERLING--HAMMOND. At St.Agnes' Church, Wanganui, Barbara Heien, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R.Hammond, Tangiwai, to Allen Keith, son of Mr and Mrs F.A.Sperling, Rangiora Street, Castlecliff, Future home..Taihape.



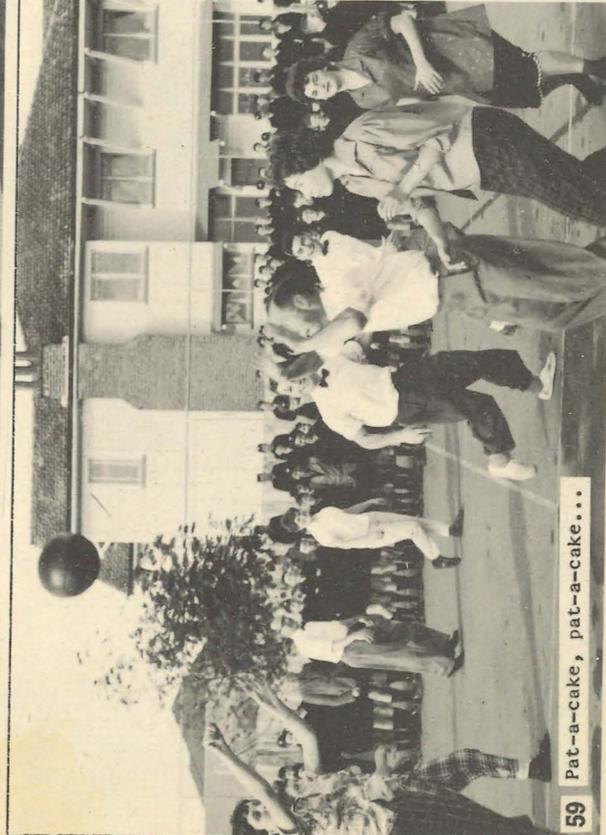
Footballer Brian Upston looks as if he is going in for a tackle here



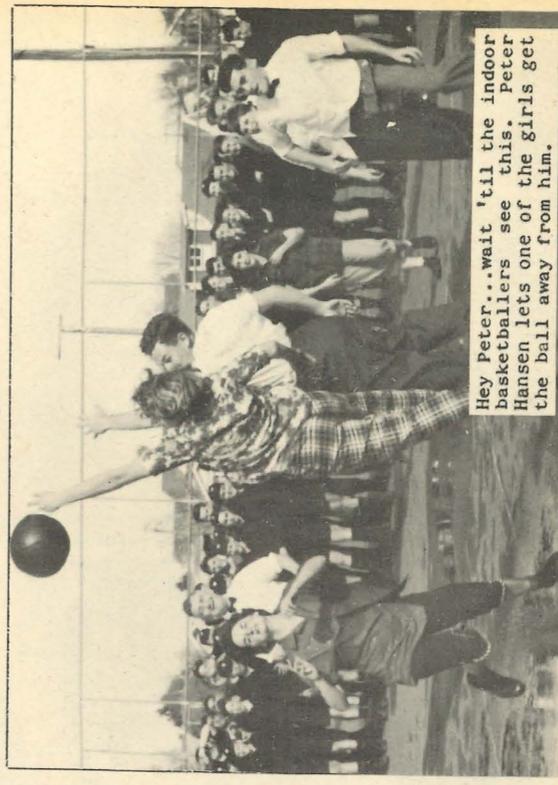
Fun At Tech.

Ian Kerr looks for help as the girls hem him in

Once a year the staff at the Technical College let the pupils get the better of them. Well that is usually the case when the staff play the girls at basketball. Of course the staff should win...one of their number being the referee...but the boys who watch the game twist the goal posts when a teacher shoots and cause him to miss. These pix were taken during the Tech's recent charity day fun and games.



59 Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake...



Hey Peter...wait 'til the indoor basketballers see this. Peter Hansen lets one of the girls get the ball away from him.



Getting into the rough on the 19th: Jack Petersen, Patea, Mike Dowdall, Castlecliff, Bruce Brodie, Castlecliff, Ernie Abraham, Patea, Jack Edwards, Patea, and Gus Wilson, Paraparaumu.

Licensed Trade Golfers Relax

After three gruelling days playing golf on the Castlecliff greens, sportsmen competing in the North Island Licensed Trade Golf Association's inaugural tournament found the best way to unwind was to finish up the event with a good old get-together. The culmination of the tournament was the most swept-up sumptuous dinner ever turned on in Wanganui. Mr Jim Carey of Foster's Hotel was the host at the grand trophy presentation dinner which was provided by Leopard Breweries.



At the dinner: Joe Allan, Neil Collins, Ross Glennie, Ted Holland and Doug Sweeney pal up with the wine-waiter



Enjoying themselves: Les Bailey, Trentham, Ainslie Doyle, Wanganui, Walter Barton, Palmerston North, Doug Burton, Wanganui, Gordon Edmonds, Wanganui, and Rex Cederwall



Jack Rowe collects his trophy from the president, Gwyn Crozier



Rex Cederwall was in the winning too...

SOME OF THE TROPHY WINNERS.



Reg Brown, Levin, collects his loot. Hovering in the background is Bluey Moore, the very capable secretary.



Des O'Connor, Waitotara, took back a prize for his ability.



Jock McMasters won the Royal Cup for visiting players



Keith Brooks won two very nice trophies with his skill



Rugby: Wanganui v. Waikato

The Wanganui rugby representatives suffered a severe thumping when they met the touring Waikato side at Spriggins Park. The first-class teamwork of the Mooloo boys paved the way to an easy win of 24-0. Waikato's speed to the loose ball and the deadly tackling of their players contributed greatly in the unsettling of the Wanganui boys. However, the game was a great spectacle of rugby as it should be played. A crowd of about 1,800 watched the game which was a mid-week fixture.

Rival hookers, E. Peacock (Waikato) and G. Grenside (Wanganui), scrabble for the ball in this piece of forward action



Wanganui half-back, Brian Upston, gets a dive-pass away to his back line



A ruck forms about George Wilson as he clings to the ball



Roger Green, Wanganui, leaps high for the ball



D.R. Wood, Waikato, and Ian (Budge) Lockett, Wanganui, lead their teams to the field. This was Lockett's 50th game for Wanganui.



Determination shows on Waikato faces and concern on Wanganui's as the tourists press for the home touchline.



Roving Camera

Above: Children at the Public Hospital had their hearts gladdened recently when they were presented with toys made by Red Cross Link Cadets of Sacred Heart College. At the presentation, the cadets were accompanied by Mrs Guthrie, centre commandant, and Mrs M.Benefield, officer in charge of the Sacred Heart group.

Below: Ballet pupils are seen here at an intermediate "open" class given by Miss Betty Davis, of the Royal Academy of Dancing (London). Miss Davis, who is one of the Academy's major examiners, is pictured here giving the girls some helpful tips. From left: Keitha Syme, Joy Nicholls, Regina Chainey, Barbara Crozier, Christine Reid, Bronwyn Barlow, and Denyse Percival.



Coming of Age



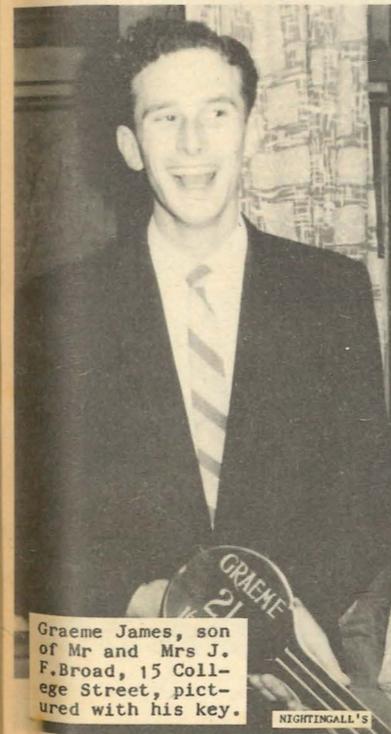
RICHARDS, MARTON

Shirley, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.S.Spooner, Rata, now has the key of the door.



NIGHTINGALL'S

Josephine, daughter of Mrs and the late Mr L.Barns, Kawatiri Avenue, announced her engagement to Sydney Scott, Palmerston North, during her 21st birthday celebrations.



NIGHTINGALL'S

Graeme James, son of Mr and Mrs J. F.Broad, 15 College Street, pictured with his key.



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Murray Frederick, son of Mr and Mrs F.H. Laing, 107 Gonville Avenue.



NIGHTINGALL'S

Ken, son of Mr and Mrs I.N. Malcolm, 194 Guyton Street.



Mr Hussey with a wallaby which he brought home for his father. The wallaby, in captivity for only a week, was quite tame.

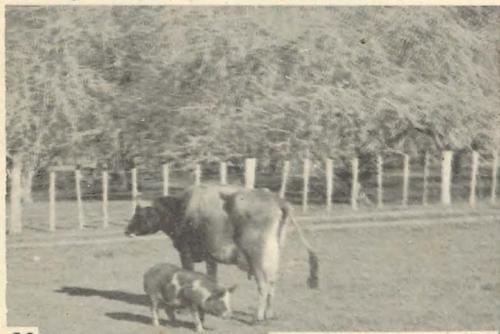


Young Chris Green, Aramoho, had never seen anything quite like this before.

Animal Oddities

Above: Frank Hussey, son of Mr and Mrs M.E.Hussey, 15 Koromiko Road, has an unusual hobby. He lives up Rotorua way now, and whenever he has any spare time he snares wallabies...yes, wallabies. Frank assures us that the bush up there is teeming with these smaller versions of the kangaroo. Frank sets snares on the wallabies' trails and when the animals come out....they are nocturnal... they trap themselves. All Frank has to do is wander along and pick them up. He says that he has caught up to 10 in one night. He finds that country hotel-keepers will buy pairs of wallabies to use for a garden attraction at their pubs. (Some pubs in New Zealand actually have small zoos.. one in Gisborne keeps cages of monkeys).

Below: Greedy Pig: Yes this must be the original greedy pig. Mr Crisp, schoolteacher at Orangi-mea, took these snaps of a pig feeding from a cow in a paddock next to the school. The pig made a regular practice of this until he finished up in a few pounds of pork sausages.



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Anyone looking....?



Mmmmm this is good...may as well take things easy.

Send a friend a "PHOTO NEWS"

(It will be appreciated!)

Welcome . . .

"Welcome to Friendly Wanganui" says the sign. And we are proud to say that our city is full of friendly people...about 33,000 of them. "Opportunity awaits you in our thriving city"....and we are proud to say that there are plenty of opportunities here for people looking for work....considering starting up business... ..or even just looking for a good bargain out of life. This sign is on the northern approach to beautiful Wanganui near the city boundary on St.John's Hill.

