

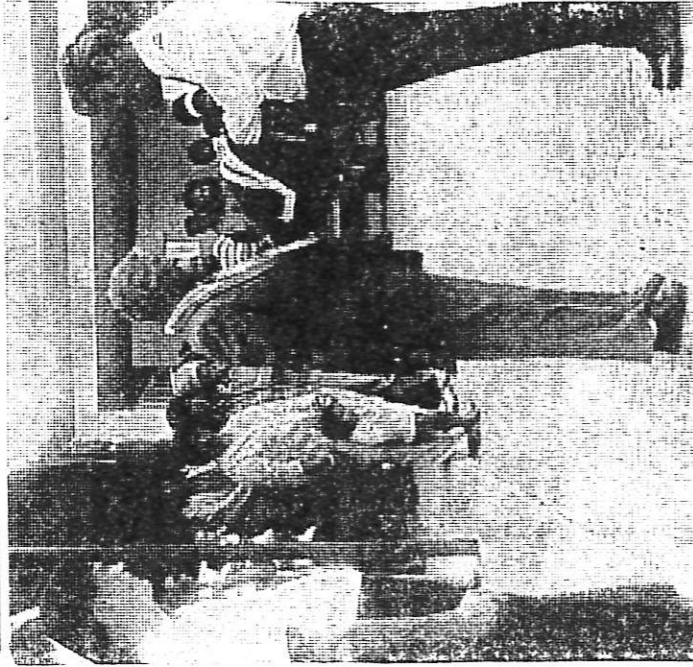
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MR PAROA KUREI accepting the flag.

NAVY 'INVADES' WAIOEKA

A party of 20 naval personnel from the H.M.N.Z.S. Tamaki gunnery school spent last week at the Waioeka Marae, as guests of the local people—and it is a week that will live in their memory for a very long time to come.

The visit was organised by Mr Joe Cross of Opotiki, as 'those who go down to the sea in ships' wanted a change of environment after weeks of study for examinations.

Most of them had never been on a marae, and the hospitality they experienced was such that they responded in their turn.

Through the week they painted the buildings and monuments, and made an adventure ladder for the children.

The new rope for the bell and for the flagpole was also included in their contribution.

Field Officer with the Maori Affairs Department at Opotiki, Mr Joe Te Maipi, said the sincerity of the men was "tremendous".

RESCUE EXERCISE

The Marine Search and Rescue exercise, which was to have been held on Sunday, November 28, was postponed because of inclement weather.

Conditions permitting, the exercise will be held this coming Sunday, December 5, and the public are reminded that the fire siren will be sounded during the exercise.



FLAG PARTY enters the marae.

WHAKATOHEA B.D. PLANS FOR FUTURE

Another satisfactory income year has been achieved by the Whakatohea Maori Trust Board, the chairman, Mr Claude Edwards, told the annual general meeting held at the Roimata Marae, Kutarere, on Sunday.

Production of butterfat on the two trust board farms was down on the previous year as had been expected owing to several contributing factors, one of which was a very wet spring.

"However, the lift in the price paid by the Dairy Board compensated, and there was an increase in the total dividends from 37 per cent distributed last year, to a 48.7 per cent distributed this year, a rise of 11.7 per cent," said Mr Edwards.

Reporting on the Huarahi with whom we have had development nurseries, Mr discussions with a view to Edwards told the meeting marketing stone fruits in that they were functioning America.

"This company have 6,000 acres of stone fruit orchards in California, and they are very interested in helping and advising this same type of orchard in New Zealand to fill their customers' orders in the off season.

"It seems likely that the Rucapaki, Waimana, Murupara area could be suited to this kind of orchard.

"The coolstore at Tanea-tua is negotiating to store berry fruits this summer, and it is expected that sufficient income will be generated from storage and freating charges to carry the servicing costs of Huarahi foods.

RETAILING CERTIFICATES

Miss Susan Young and Mr Mark Loeffen have passed their National Certificate in retailing.

They are both employed by the Farmers Trading Company.

PENSIONER HOUSING
 Mr Edwards stated that in the current year the board had purchased a section in the town of Opotiki, and has a proposal before the housing section of the Department of Maori Affairs for the erection of seven kaumatua flats on the land.

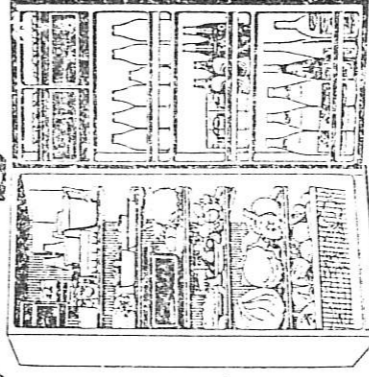
During the presentation of his report Mr Edwards made reference to the Opotiki Credit Union which has moved from the trust board to its own office.

"I congratulate them for the way in which they are serving the people of the Opotiki district," he said.

The boot and shoe factory was going very well, with a staff of 27 people

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