

BEAUTIFUL FLOAT — Symbolic of the coming together of the races was this beautiful flower float bearing Mr. and Mrs. Iris Kingi, parents of the 1963 Miss New Zealand, Maureen Kingi, who came to America to compete for the title of Miss Universe. The theme depicts the marriage between a Maori and a Pakeha, whose daughters surround them.

Rotorua's Celebration

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hunting is open 365 days of the year. With the government of New Zealand part of the British Commonwealth, its citizens are intensely loyal to the Crown. At open public meetings and in theatres, audiences rise to the picture of Queen Elizabeth and sing "God Save the Queen." There are no hoots or whistles when the Queen passes by. About 50 per cent of individual and business incomes go to the government for taxes for this highly socialized country which also has its unemployment problem. A preferential rating on exports assures the population of an English market for dairy products.

There are few automobiles in Rotorua or other spots in New Zealand because of the lack of minerals and the high cost of importing. Owners take excellent care of their autos, most of them small. The Klamath Falls visitors saw only one Cadillac during their visit.

Royally greeted, royally feted and royally sped on their way, the McIntires continued their vacation by air from the land where a white man, Captain Cook in 1769, sailed into the Bay of Plenty and found the shores well populated. There he produced seeds for crops for superior to the native plants. . . . he gave the natives iron "which made their crude wood, stone and bone implements as redundant as Edison's phonograph would seem in a modern living room." It was their first contact with men of another color.

He gave them a hundred things, each magic to the Maoris, including the musket, and sailed away from the tribesmen.

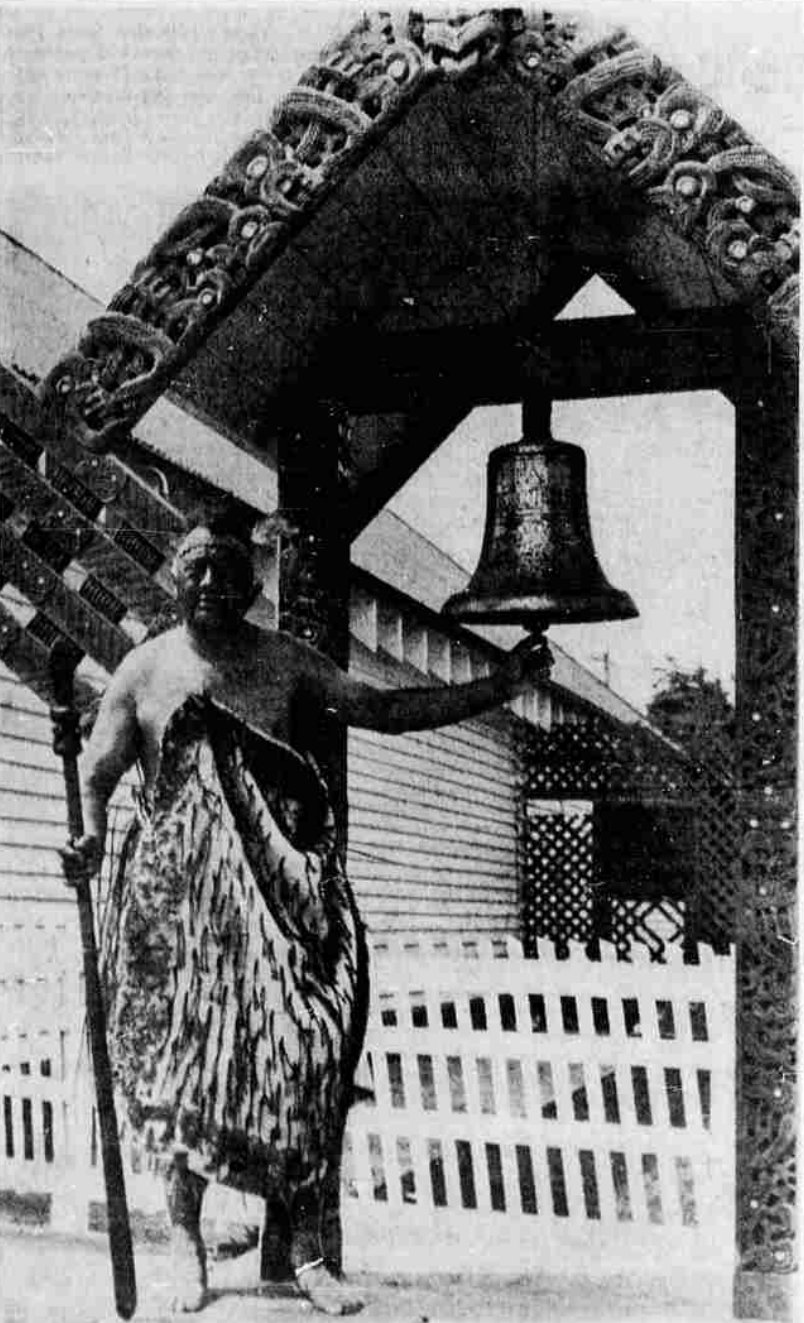
Those who first lived within the bounds of the city of Rotorua were not the Ngati Whakaua, who are there today. . . . there were the Ngati Tama, descendants of two tribes who lived on the slopes of Pukerua Hill, where stands the King George V Hospital.

There was peace for many years among the tribes before the fruit of a vine on a dividing fence between them drove them to war. Later the wanton killing of a pet lizard further "incensed the tribesmen to fury until the dead and the dying covered the ground and the vanquished tribe moved to yet another place upon an island."

War followed war, and the great of the tribes died. . . . the history of modern Rotorua began with the story of a road, one of the oldest known in New Zealand. . . . 600 years ago, found by a pathfinder Ihenga who discovered Rotorua and gave it its name. . . . a track that for centuries was the only communication from the coast to the land of hot pools and lakes. Came the missionaries, the European settlers, German and English, settlement of the new town of Rotorua in the 1860s. . . . the attaining of city status in 1963 and the influx of Americans whom a Maori guide describes, as "the people who use your fork in the wrong hand and drive on the right side of the street."



INSPECTION — The mayor of Rotorua, A. M. Linton, in robes, inspected the guard with the Hauraki Regiment officers. The regiment, which grew from a group of Opotiki rifle volunteers 96 years ago, was granted freedom of the city. There is compulsory training for 18-year-olds in Rotorua. An increasing number of Maoris have served in the regiment which has brought service honors to New Zealand. Among them is Lt. Col. C. A. Balzar, a commanding officer.



THE BELL SPOKE — In the dress of his fathers, Henare Katoro Te Kowhai, Ngati Whakaua, stands beside the Tai Mitchell bell at Tamatekapua which tolled during the reading of the Rotorua City Proclamation. Through its notes they heard the voice of Tai Mitchell, one of its leading elders of the past who did as much as any man to build the borough which during the celebration became Rotorua, 17th city of New Zealand. The bell is hung from a beautifully carved structure. Maori carvings are famous.

UN Speeds Information

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) — The United Nations has taken steps to speed development of information media in areas lacking adequate mass communications for spreading education and culture. The program is expected to produce widespread growth of press, radio, television and film facilities in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The world organization was

stirred into action by a survey made by the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) showing 70 per cent of the world's population is without proper communications facilities. According to conclusions drawn from the survey, an estimated 2 billion persons lack the benefits inherent in mass media in such fields as information, edu-

Students Tape Comics To Aid Blind Children In High School Project

PATERSON, N.J. (UPI)—A gun bangs, a dog barks, a small, worried feminine voice cries: "Sandy!" What's going on? Is it maybe murder? No. Those are the sounds of magnetic tape faithfully unrolling the trials and tribulations of ageless "Little Orphan Annie" and her dog, Sandy. The taping of "Little Orphan Annie," "Dick Tracy," "Blondie," "Winnie Winkle" and other comic strips is a New Jersey school project undertaken by student volunteers for the benefit of blind children.

This is Operation Comic Strip at Eastside High School here. It is administered by a director of student activities, Joe Frank, who is himself blind, and 50 students. Most of the rehearsing and recording is done in students' homes after school hours. The completed tapes are delivered to the New Jersey Camp for the Blind at Marcella and to Paterson's School No. 2.

Boy Sends Note — What is the response? One note from a blind boy simply read: "Thank you for the tapes. I liked the comics. Some of the comics are funny. We listen to the tapes on Friday. Even your practice tape was good. Tell the children I like the tapes very much." The note had been carefully typed on a raised-dot Braille typewriter.

And one of the student volunteers said of Operation Comic Strip: "The expressions on these kids' faces as they listened to our recording are something I'll always remember." The students use three tape recorders to dramatize the comics. One recorder has pre-recorded sound effects, with dogs barking,

guns booming or whatever a comic strip situation might call for. A second recorder has a pre-recorded tape with lead-in music by the school's band and by the choral groups. The third recorder captures all the sounds and dramatizations of the comics. A reel of tape runs about 50 minutes, but each tape takes four hours of rehearsal. Non-serialized comics are recorded every two weeks during the school year. Serials are recorded once a month to give four weekly episodes in one tape.

Urges Voice Use — Frank, because he knows the problems of the blind, cautions his volunteers that their voices must make up for in sound what blind children can't see. "All visual expressions must be brought out through your voices," Frank admonishes. "You have to make your voice denote excitement, fear, or whatever emotion is necessary to the comic strip."

Frank has answered inquiries from more than 50 schools wanting to start Operation Comic Strips of their own and has prepared his own detailed how-to-do-it memorandum available to anyone who asks for it.

One congratulatory note held in high esteem by all the student volunteers reads in part: ". . . if we but look around us, there is so much we can do to show our love and concern for our neighbor, and the activities of these boys and girls in providing, by means of Operation Comic Strip, such unique entertainment for the blind children of their community is to be commended indeed. . . ."

The letter was in reply to one sent by Marsha Cohen, an East-side student. It was signed by Ralph A. Dungan, special assistant to President Kennedy.

Youngster Rides Rodeo

CARTWRIGHT, Okla. (UPI) — Oklahoma has claimed another first among rodeo performers.

He is 15-year-old Mike Driskell, believed to be the youngest professional rodeo announcer in the nation. Mike is a sophomore at Colbert High School near here. He got his start last June when the regular announcer failed to show up at a local rodeo.

"They'd heard me mimicking him," Mike said, "and the cowboys talked the promoter into letting me fill in for him." Mike said he would like to stick with the job as a career. He said the big time announcers receive \$5,000 for a single rodeo. His price is \$10.

"I wanted to be connected with rodeos," he said. "But I saw enough from the bumps and bruises cowboys and cowgirls got from participating to know I didn't want to be a competitor." "I toyed with the idea of being a clown until the night I saw a bull pick up a clown and throw him clear out of the arena. That left only promoting or announcing and I figured I had more bag than cash."

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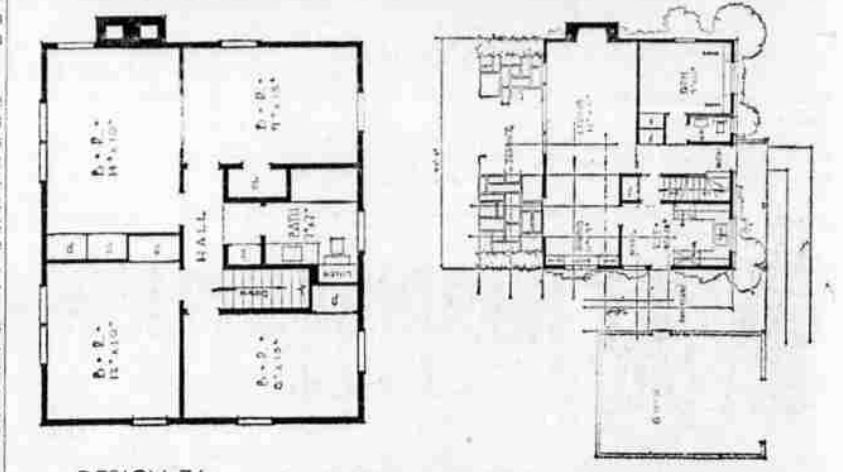
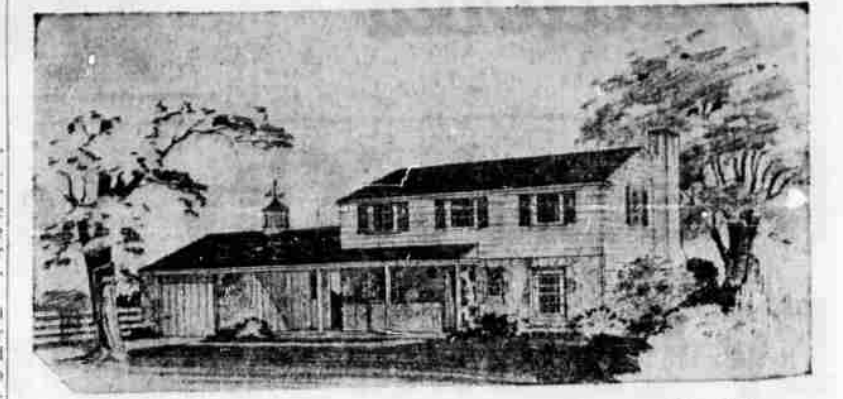
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Stenotypist Sets Record

WASHINGTON (UPI) — It isn't every girl who comes to the nation's capital and within a year is taking down off-the-cuff remarks by President Kennedy, cabinet members, and Pierre Salinger, the White House press secretary.

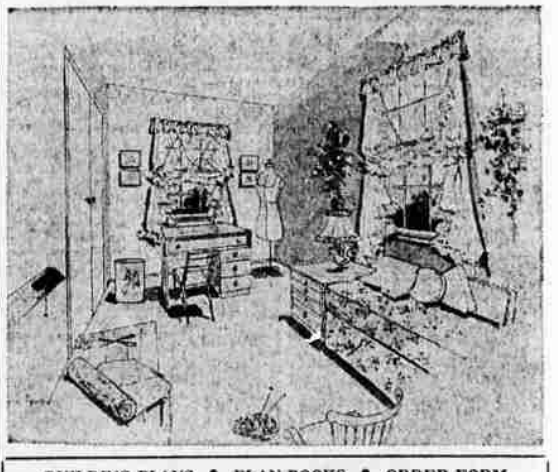
But such happened to pretty blue-eyed Gloria Horning of Mobile, Ala. Miss Horning, a blonde, is a stenotypist who goes often to the White House to record the Salinger press briefings.

Horning got a job with the Alderson Reporting Co. when her stenotyping speed reached 150 words a minute. She now is up to 200 words a minute.

She said the top men in her office can record 300 words a minute — just about the speed necessary to keep up with Kennedy at his news conferences.

Miss Horning is a graduate of Stephens College and Louisiana State University. She also studied at Juilliard School of Music in New York and as she put it, "had hoped to set the world on fire" as a coloratura in opera.

At the White House, she usually works in the west wing — the office side. But recently she went to the mansion to record the remarks of Jacqueline Kennedy who was meeting with the White House Fine Arts Committee.



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Drinking Africans Like Speakeasy Atmosphere

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (UPI)—Despite the lifting of African prohibition last August, many Africans here still prefer to drink their liquor in the speakeasy atmosphere of the illegal shebeen.

The shebeens have flourished in the cities of South Africa for decades. Their customers range from gangsters and prostitutes to African city workers and even the occasional white man who enjoys the freewheeling, no-holds-barred aura of illicit drinking.

Some shebeens have reputations for providing the best live jazz in Africa today.

The survival of the shebeens had been predicted even before the new liquor act came into force, theoretically putting them out of business. Psychologists, both amateur and professional, said the lure of "forbidden fruit" and sheer force of habit would keep the shebeens busy.

Now a sociological survey by the University of the Witwatersrand has confirmed this. The study was made by four sociology students, all non-whites. They worked independently and came to identical conclusions.

According to the researchers, the shebeen, selling its liquor illegally, without a bar license, at prices up to double the official price fulfills the function of an African social club.

With few exceptions, the scores of shebeens in the Johannesburg area are still crowded.

The Johannesburg City Council has provided "drinking areas" for the city's 700,000 Africans, but

they are drab, antiseptic places compared to the riotous atmosphere of the shebeens. The "drinking areas" are all in the African townships ringing Johannesburg. They do not cater to the mass of Africans working and living in the city.

Photo Hunter Uses Blind

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