



**BULLDOZERS** move in to start work on completing the road access to New Plymouth's Barrett Domain. The new work will start at the culvert (centre) over the Mangaotuku Stream and continue to the Barrett Lagoon.

## Mother gaoled

**AUCKLAND, This Day (PA).**—A woman described by her counsel as being "virtually lacking" in maternal instinct was today gaoled for nine months for unlawfully abandoning her two young daughters.

The mother, 23-year-old car washer, Eleanor Mary Baker, appeared in the police court before Mr M. C. Astley, SM, for sentence on the charge.

She pleaded guilty last week when the court was told how she left the children—one had a broken leg encased in plaster—while she flew to Australia with a de facto husband.

## Work on road in Barrett Domain

**EARTHMOVING** machinery moved into New Plymouth's Barrett Domain today to begin work on completing the road access and forming a parking area.

The domain committee's chairman, Mr W. E. Still, said today the committee had received a special grant of £500 from the New Plymouth City Council.

This was to be spent on completing the earthworks and metalling the road, he said.

"Our main object is to get the earthworks done so people will be able to drive down, in fine weather anyway," said Mr. Still.

The roadway from Roto St to the culvert over the Mangaotuku Stream had been formed, he said, and the present work would complete the road to Barrett Lagoon.

### METALLING

When the earthworks had been completed the remainder of the money would be spent metalling as far as possible in from Roto St.

The access to the lagoon had only been made possible by the donation of land to the city by the late Mr Fred Cowling, said Mr Still.

A £150 donation had been received from Mrs M. W. Rayward, New Plymouth, for work at the domain.

### FENCING

This had been spent fencing and planting shrubs on an acre of the 88-acre reserve, said Mr Still. The donation had also enabled maintenance work to be carried out on other fences.

"The domain will be different from anything else in New Plymouth," said Mr. Still. "People will be able to drive down, picnic in the bush, beside the lagoon or on one of the grassed areas. It is also within walking distance of the bus terminal."

## BEHAVED IN DISORDERLY MANNER

A youth who played "chicken" with traffic in Devon St, New Plymouth, just after midnight on Saturday night, was convicted and discharged when he appeared before Mr A. W. Yortt, SM, in the New Plymouth Magistrate's Court today.

Thomas John Neilson (19), single, Waitara, pleaded guilty to a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner.

Senior-sergeant B. G. Waller said Neilson was seen to run in front of traffic on several occasions between Elliot St and Liardet St in Devon St about 12.10 a.m. on Sunday. Several vehicles had to brake and swerve suddenly. He was playing what was commonly referred to as "chicken."

When stopped by Constable B. D. Drader, he used abusive language and ran off. He was caught after a brief chase.

The senior-sergeant said Neilson had been drinking and was intoxicated. He was arrested and allowed out on bail of a nominal amount. He said there was a steady

## RESCUED BLAZE

**This Day (PA).**—A 10-year-old sleeping baby from a house in Wellington St,