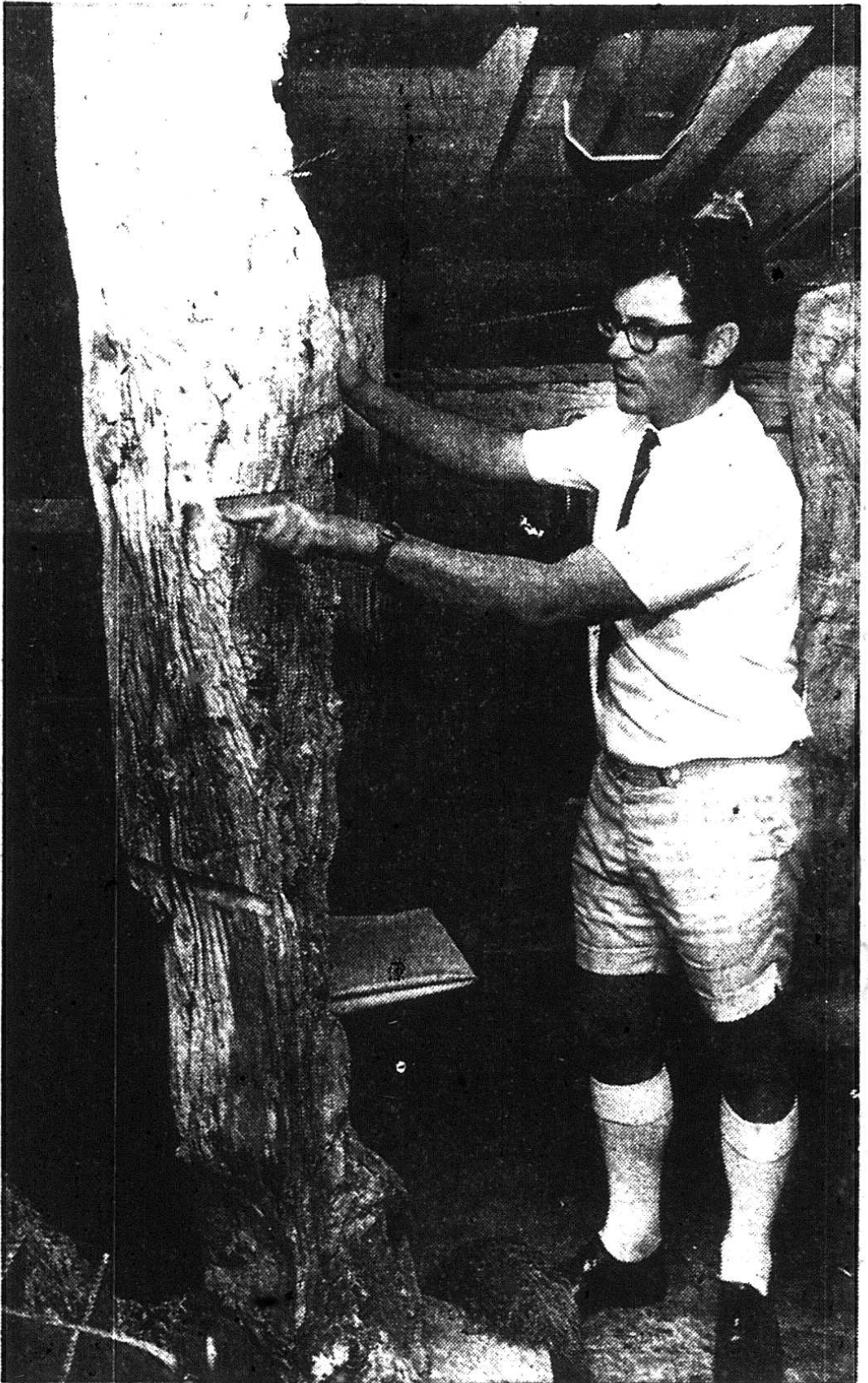


# UNDER THE IMPERIAL



A FORMER MANAGER of the Imperial Hotel in New Plymouth, Mr Roy Johns, studying one of the puriri pillars in the hotel's cellar today. He is pointing to holes which were drilled before the original tree was split by blasting.