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Although she has not been well for some time, it still came as quite a shock to the community to learn of the death on Friday, 23rd January 1987, of Mrs. "Putch" Partridge.

Born in 1908 Ida Mabel Allen, was the youngest child of the late Gus and Mary Allen of Norfolk Island.

We enquired where the nickname "Putch" originated and we were told by her surviving sister Avis (Mrs. Dunning) that it was given by Avis when Putch, who wore mostly pink nightdresses, could not get her tongue around "pink" - and Putch was the nearest!

Putch lived most of her life on Norfolk, being absent in Australia and New Zealand for only short periods of time.

Possessed with a kind, gentle, happy nature, Putch was a great lover of her garden, a keen bowler and also a very keen golf player, but as son Allan said to us she was possibly happiest down on the rocks complete with bamboo rod, getting amongst the rock fish.

Putch also loved children and it was obvious when the Editor spoke to her during his own brief stay recently at the hospital, that she was missing her grandchildren Kim, James and Tina.

It was interesting to learn that when the Wives and Mothers Club started their Playcentre, it was Putch who, together with a group of other mothers, helped establish the Playcentre at the Pitcairn Hall on a voluntary basis - another example of her love for children.

In this loss of Putch the community is bereft of another Norfolk Islander whose courteous and hospitable lifestyle is disappearing all too fast.

Putch is survived by her son Allan and his wife Roz and her grandchildren James, Kim and Tina and her sister Avis to whom we extend our very sincere sympathies at this sad time.

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THANK YOU.

The family would like to thank most sincerely, all who have helped them over this sad period. They would particularly like to thank the doctors and nurses of the Norfolk Island Hospital who have shown such tender, loving kindness to Putch during the many times she was an inmate at the hospital.

Many thanks also for the floral tributes and kind expressions of sympathy extended to them.

LIONS CONVENTION.

At the time of going to press, the Twenty-fourth Lions Convention of District 201N5 will be opening at the Rawson Hall.

In his message, District Governor Bede Long said "Over the next few days we are going to serve a special service by discussing our Lions' past, present and future, making decisions that will affect our district, our members and our community.

"This year" he said "we are fortunate to have two candidates for the position of District Governor. I extend my best wishes to these two Lions - Lion Brian Pieterse from the Ermington-Rydalmere Club and Lion Alan Judd from the Winston Hills Club."

The District Governor extended a warm welcome to International Guests - International Director Ken Jones and Lions Lady Margaret, from Te Awamutu, New Zealand; International Secretary A. James McLardie and Lioness Marjorie. "We are also honoured to have with us, our Multiple District Council Chairman Ron Jane and Lions Lady Hazel with several fellow Governors - Roger Sherrington and Lioness Dianne (N2), John Kilpatrick and Lions Lady Ellen (N3); Warren Milevskiy and Lions Lady Marlyn (Q4).

On the local scene our guests are the Administrator John Matthew and Mrs. Matthew, the President of the Legislative Assembly John Brown and Mrs. Brown while our special guest on this Friday night is Colleen McCulloch who will address the Convention".

The business paper for the Convention covers some 87 pages and ranges over much of the work done by Lions Clubs including Health and Drug Awareness; Youth Exchange; Save Sight; Hearing Dogs; Youth of the Year; Lion Mints; 2UW Blind Appeal; the work of the Lioness Clubs; International Relations; Public Speaking and Debating; Miss a Meal, Give a Meal Appeal; Miss Personality and Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Report.

All of this business session, combined with the social activities that the local Lions have arranged for the visitors will make for a very busy weekend for all concerned.

OOPS, OUR SLIP IS SHOWING!!

We know that it is very poor taste to reveal a ladie's age but unfortunately in this instance we have no option.

Our "Citizen of the Year" Mrs. Eliza Clarkson is shown on our front page as being born in 1985. This should read "1905".

Our apologies Eliza.