

HERE AND THERE.

... Pastor and Mrs. Smart arrived on Monday last for a stay of 29 days - relieving Pastor Seymour Brown who is on leave, visiting Sydney with Ella and Wayne.

Marjorie and Elvyn are delighted to be back among their many friends and with the memory of their last visit in October, 1981, fresh in their minds.

Elvyn will be conducting special Mother's Day services next Sunday - details in the Church Notices.

Marjorie's sister Nancy and her husband Trevor of Canberra, arrived with them and they are staying at Pine Valley Units.

Then, Mrs. Joy Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dench of Pastor Smart's Beecroft Uniting Church, are arriving this week and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coates from the same Church are arriving on Saturday, 15th May.

Naturally, Elvyn and Marjorie are staying at the Manse in Cascade Road.

A big welcome to you all!

...Bryan Nunn has returned after a long spell in hospital in Sydney. Bryan suffered a fall which did damage to some of his vertebra and is still strapped up - but able to get around, thank goodness! Glad to see you home again, Bryan and we wish you a good recovery soon.

... Best wishes for successful treatment to Joyce Christian who has gone to Sydney for further medical tests. Hope you will soon be home Joyce.

...Also like to send Best Wishes and Cheers to Warner Vincent who is hospitalised in Sydney - trust all is going well with you Warner and that you'll also be home soon.

...We did not have the opportunity to visit, but kept well up with the news of Billie Ward who is now out of hospital but in a nursing home just out of Auckland. Billie was all set to come home but things just didn't go right and at the time we came home she was still undergoing treatment with no set date for return.

We do hope that the trouble has now been found and that she will be coming home soon. Freda Ward will be keeping us posted.

.. Our dear Rose Arthur came to visit us at Brown's Bay on the Saturday before Tom came back from Apia, so he didn't get to see her. However, Valerie and I had a lovely afternoon with Rose, her daughter Margaret and Rose's cousin Gretta who is no stranger to Norfolk.

Rose has promised to pay us a visit before the end of the year - we are hoping she will be here for the Show in October. Meantime, she sends her love to her numerous friends on Norfolk.

BOUNTY BALL JUNIOR OLD TIME DANCERS

Classes for those aspiring to the Old Time Waltz competition at the forthcoming Bounty Ball, will commence on Monday, 10th May at the Pitcairn Hall after School.Tim.

VALE

On the day before we left for our fortnight's absence from the island, word was received of the very sad passing of Roger Matthews in Brisbane on Monday, 12th April.

Roger and his family lived on Norfolk for quite a few years, 13 of them he served the community through the Norfolk Island Lions Club. He was employed as a carpenter. His wife Pam was working with the N.I. Travel Centre just prior to their departure for Queensland only recently. The children, Nicola, Shane and Tamson all attended the Norfolk Island Central School.

It was while he was in Townsville that he was taken ill and transferred to Brisbane for medical attention but did not recover.

The family was very much respected within the community and Lion Roger was always ready to assist anyone. Both Tom and I had reason to be very grateful to Roger and to his dad who worked unstintingly in helping to demolish our burnt-out printery and pouring the cement for the foundation of the new building.

From Secretary of the Norfolk Island Lions, Jack Clapp, we hear that Pam and her children have returned to New Zealand and their address is - c/- C.B. Matthews, 23 Todey Street, Pakaranga, Auckland.

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to Pam and her family in their deep distress - the loss to this young family of a dearly loved husband and dad.

A well-known identity on Norfolk Island, Tom Elliot, passed away at his home on New Farm Road on Thursday, April 29th.

Born in Bristol, England on 7th April 1894, Tom and his wife Dorothy retired to Norfolk Island twenty-four years ago and they lived for many years in Watermill Valley before moving to a smaller home on New Farm Road.

Before they came to Norfolk, Tom and Dorothy conducted a Health Home in Bristol for 24 years.

They had been married 66 years. There were no children.

In the years they have been on Norfolk, Dorothy and Tom became much loved by a large circle of friends who will be a great solace to Dorothy in her loss of a dearly loved husband - a mate of some 66 years.

To Dorothy we extend our most sincere condolences - within the last month she has had her fair share of sorrow - with the death of her sister Gladys Ashburner on 6th April and Tom on 29th.

Tom's nephew, also Thomas John Elliot, known as Jock, was able to come from Whangarei to be with Dorothy in her bereavement and we extend also to Tom from Whangarei and his family, our sympathies.

The funeral service was conducted by both Rev. David Reay and Pastor Neil Smith.

Dorothy has given us the following message to relay to the people on Norfolk Island:

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