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Ionn who was also given thanks for the many hours of "spade work" she had put in for the club. After the dinner, the actual initiation of members and installation of officers was conducted by Governor Peg Whittaker and the presentation of the Charter to the new club was given by Area Director Joan Dooley and accepted on behalf of Norfolk Island by Kathleen Percival.

Office bearers are:

President, Kathleen Percival;

First Vice-President, Joyce Dyer;

Second Vice-President Judy Jarvis;

Secretary Joyce Ionn;

Treasurer Catherine O'Sullivan;

Directors Valmai Charles, Beverley Herman, Joyce Custance and Mary Lane.

The Code of Ethics of the club revolve around the word Quota - "Quench in our hearts, O Lord, all fires of selfidriess; Unfold to us the joys of true friendship; Open our minds to a better understanding of service; Teach us the real meaning of sharing And help us to hold high those principles of Quota for which we stand".

We wish the Charter members of our newest service organisation every success and a very rewarding service to the community.

British Ship Arrives Next Friday.

The British Cruiser HMS "Norfolk" under the Command of Capt. A.D. (Tony) Hutton, OBE, is expected to arrive at Norfolk at 3 pm next Friday.

Details of the ship (thanks to Constable Len Walters) are opposite and as will be seen, the "Norfolk" carries a helicopter which will be used by the Captain when he comes ashore to pay his compliments to the Administrator.

During the afternoon a team of Rugby players from the ship will, if we can get together sufficient Rugby Union players on the island, will have a game of football.

While this is going on, the ship's band will be entertaining the local populace with a Band Recital.

Arrangements have been made for local residents to visit the ship between 3.30 and 5.30 pm (subject always, to weather conditions and the lighterage boats not being required for other purposes).

We understand it is Captain Hutton's intention to allow some 30 officers and men of the ship's company time to have a tour of the island.

Residents who are willing to take these men around the island are asked to contact John Johnstone at the Administration Office daring next week.

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Always, the death of a Norfolk Islander affects the whole community, especially when the person concerned has reached a goodly age - the age of courtesy and kindness unknown in its diimensions then, to many of us here now.

Born on Norfolk Island on 30th August 1899, George (Simon) Menzies passed away in Sydney on 30th July, 1979. He was the last of a big family of 16 born to the late Henry Menges and his wife Nancy who was the daughter of Driver Christian.

In his youth, Simon was an outstanding sportsman and one of the few who did whaling in the old days. He enlisted in both world wars.

He was looking forward to coming home to his beloved island on 8th September but instead, his ashes will be coming back on that day to be interred at Kingston.

The daughters and relatives of the late Simon Menzies of Norfolk Island would like to express their sincere thanks to all those people who so kindly sent them condolence cards.

All those on Norfolk Island who knew Simon send their sincere sympathies to members of his family on the loss of this kindly and very well liked Norfolkler.

Pitcairn Islands Club

Keith Snell, President of the Norfolk & Pitcairn Islands Friendship Club has submitted a 6-monthly report to members of the Club and Keith's report makes good reading for the progress of the Club.

He says: "It is with some satisfaction that I look back over the last 6 months and see that our club is continuing to expand and is becoming more self-reliant as the months go by.

The club is not expanding in the manner of club membership, but in the fact that it is becoming known in a wider circle. An example of this is that we have been approached by the Auckland Boat Show Committee for a senior member to open the show - and this will happen.

We are being approached more and more for information by people who wish to contact others and for general information on Norfolk and Pitcairn islands.

We have a good club now, and with the passing months I feel it will get better. We must not, however, lose sight of the purpose of the club and what it stands for. My long term ambition is to see the club totally self-reliant and have its own clubrooms Others can - so can we.

This ambition I know is large and will take time but with the continuing support of members, this long term goal can be reached.

The last Norfolk Island raffle will assist this project immensely. I continue to receive praise aimed at all members of my committee. I can but add support to this praise and congratulate them all for a job well done during the last 6 months. I consider the next 6 months the busiest period but I know that they will continue as they have in the past and we will have an enjoyable next 6 months.

I would like to say that at long last we have conducted a function - the Bounty Dance -which has not run at a loss of revenue. I put this down simply to support by members and look forward to your continuing support in the future".

In the Newsletter we read that Sid Christian will be opening the Auckland Boat Show which is timed for 6.50 pm on Friday 21st September at Epsom Showgrounds. The Norfolk Island raffle - presume this is a trip to Norfolk Island, was drawn at the Papakura Police Station on 4th August, the winner being A. Gordon. Second prize - and,we don't know the prize for this) was won by J.Sexton.