

## VALES.

Over the last few weeks we have had more than our fair share of sadness.

We received a letter from our friend Peg King of Oak Flats this week, informing us of the death of her husband Ron on 29th October, while listening to the soft music of "Beautiful Norfolk Island", "The Ship of Fame" and the Pitcairn Anthem.

Peg has asked that the following be published:  
"No wonder we returned to Norfolk Island every year for 13 years!

Just to know the love and care that has been given to me on the passing of my loved husband and best friend, Ron.

Much thanks to you all for caring so much.

You may be a small island but there is more love there than any place in the world.

I will return to see our mates as that is what Ron would want. Love to you all. Peg".

Ron King went to school on Norfolk from the age of 7 until 11 years.

(Our sincere sympathies to you, Peg..we will keep the papers going to you - and we know that you will be over again to see us and all your other good friends on Norfolk).



On Saturday, 9th December, on her way to Church Charlotte Gondon passed away.

Charlotte Odette McPhail was born on Norfolk Island on 22nd March 1906, daughter of Robert and Mary (nee Bataille) McPhail. On 19th August 1926, Charl married Louis Felix Marsh Gondon (who was known as Toothy). They had two children, Felix and Dorothy. They also raised a foster son, Ross, from an early age.

It was in June 1930 that Charlotte was baptised into the Seventh-day Adventist faith and was a staunch supporter of her church.

She lived a quiet, unassuming life, never one to be "up front" as Ralph Weslake said during the church service. Her home was always open to anyone calling and she lived for her family.

After the death of her dear Toothy her health was not the same, eventually she had to rely on her faithful walking stick - and her little car. That little red Fiat became part and parcel of life on Norfolk.

She was a careful and slow driver and in all the years she drove around Norfolk she "couldn't make it go backwards".

Charlotte leaves her two children, Felix and his wife Bobby, Dorothy and her husband Bev, and between them there are 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren - two brothers John and Tom and a sister Joyce. She will be sorely missed by them all - and by the community as a whole. Another loss of one of those grand old Norfolkers who did her best to preserve the Christianity, the gentleness, the courtesy and hospitality of the true Norfolker.

We, who had the privilege of knowing Charlotte (and Toothy) convey our sincere sympathies to all members of the family in their sadness.

## THANK YOU.

Dos McCoy and Felix Gondon wish to convey their sincere thanks to all who assisted them in the sad loss of their mother, the late Charlotte Gondon.

To the doctors and staff of the Norfolk Island Hospital, ambulance drivers, Administration, and the ladies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to those who prepared and sent wreaths and other floral tributes, cards, etc. thank you all for your help and co-operation.

..Our sincere thanks to Dr. Barry, Kaye, Julie, Raewyn, Fla and all other Hospital staff for the care and attention given to Michelle and baby Emma" - David and Michelle Pitcher.

...On Tuesday morning, December 12th, in New Zealand another Norfolker, Stan Christian, passed away.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sid Christian Stan was married to Lois. They had three children, Janne (Hayden), Paul and Megan (Spreag).

It would appear that Stan died in his office. He was an Accountant for McDonalds and was nearing retirement.

Both he and Lois made frequent visits to Norfolk. Jan and Paul live in New Zealand and Australia respectively, while Megan lives on Norfolk.

He was a dearly loved father-in-law of Chris and Roland and grandfather of Debbie, Nicola, Amy, Joshua, Roxanne and Alana.

To Lois and her family, to Stan's brother Graham and family we send our loving thoughts and sincere sympathies in their sad loss.

Lois' address is 213 Onewa Road, Birkenhead, Auckland.

## POSITION VACANT.....

OFFICE MANAGER required by Marie's Norfolk Tours.

Duties included the day-to-day running of sales office, attending to clients, groups, etc. Public relations. Some meeting and greeting, limited amount of driving. Daily accounting to Head Office.

This position can offer a career. Enquiries to Mike Perkins on 3154 or 3164.