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From the President

In recent weeks I have received literature from, and had telephone conversations with, the secretary of an organisation with political objectives of a highly controversial nature. This organisation appeared to believe that the Fellowship might be interested in lending its support in their campaign. Some members of the Fellowship are also members of this organisation, and it was on the suggestion of one of these members that the approach was made to me.

I pointed out quite strongly that the Fellowship is non-political and non-sectarian, and that in no way would we lend our support. I would like to make this point quite clear to members. All members, of course, as free citizens in a democracy, are entitled to engage in legitimate political activities as they see fit; but please do not try to involve the Fellowship.

On another matter, at our Historical Exhibition in The Rocks on Australia Day, considerable interest was shown in a map displayed by Brian Thomas of the Sydney of Governor Macquarie's era. This map has now been published by arrangement with Grace Bros, and copies are on sale for 50c each at Grace Bros., Roselands. At present they are only on sale at Roselands, but later may be sold at other Grace Bros.' stores. (In case my statement above is ambiguous, I wish to point out that the Fellowship was not involved in publication of this map.)

Finally, I would point out that Mrs Barbara Townsend, wife of Ken and keen supporter of our activities, has been admitted to hospital at Wentworthville for surgery. On behalf of the Fellowship, I extend our best wishes, and hope for a speedy recovery.

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS

has been called to hear and discuss plans
for our role in The Rocks Redevelopment
Authority's celebrations next Australia Day.
Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30 p.m.

Special Meeting

As mentioned in the panel on Page 1, a special meeting of all members has been called for Wednesday 2nd July, at 7.30 p.m., to hear and discuss plans for the role of the Fellowship in The Rocks Redevelopment Authority's celebrations on Australia Day 26th January, 1976.

The meeting will be held in the Seminar Room on the Fourth Floor of the Assembly Building, where we usually hold lectures. (Enter through Jamison Street; take lift to fourth floor).

A pilot group under the direction of Mrs June Whittaker has already formulated plans for our Exhibition, and has many ideas that involve First Fleet families, young people and children all over the State.

The Exhibition on this year's Australia Day, effected under the most trying conditions, was a tremendous success. We mean to follow this up with something even better. Come and hear our plans and give us your ideas!

Lecture Nights

(From Val Ross)

18th June. Family Night. Exhibition of Displays from 1975 Australia Day at The Rocks. Bring whatever you have of historical interest, such as Family Trees, heirlooms, etc.

16th July. Dr Peter Reynolds of the Faculty of Architecture, University of New South Wales, will bring a fine collection of slides, and will talk on Dr William Balmain and the Architecture of Balmain.

20th August. Mr E. J. G. Buchan will speak on Dr Thomas Jamison, First Fleeter and founder of his family.

17th September. Mr G. B. Gidley King will give an address on Anna Josepha King, the Governor's Wife. Anna Josepha King played an important part in the early life of the Colony. An appropriate topic for Women's Year.

15th October. For those who want to know how to do their own research and what is available in the collection of the Mitchell Library and the Archives Office of New South Wales, Mr David Jones, of the Reading Room, will give an address on the subject.

19th November. Our last lecture night for the year. Mrs B. Goodger, also of the Mitchell Library staff, will show slides and speak about Sir Joseph Banks, whose recollections of Botany Bay resulted in the choice of New South Wales and who had so much to do with the Colony which thus eventuated.

(Note: The Family Night on 18th June will be over by the time members receive this Newsletter).

Return from Overseas

The Oakeses, Dudley and Doug, have by now returned from their respective overseas journeys. Dudley has many fascinating things to tell us and show us, and we look forward to this.

Coach Picnic

(From the Social Committee)

Many members have requested a coach picnic, so a full day trip has been arranged as follows:--

Date -- Saturday 19th July.

Time -- 9 a.m.

Starting point -- Outside Assembly Building.

To -- Historic points of interest at Windsor and Richmond, and taking in Australiana Village for lunch. (Bring your own lunch).

Price -- Adults \$4; children \$2.

Remittance and stamped addressed envelope to Mrs R. Lewis, 88 Avoca Street, Yagoona 2199.

We are to be escorted by Mr D J Bowl, a First Fleeter himself and Hon. Secretary of the Hawkesbury Historical Society.

Come along, members -- you asked for it, we arranged it, so it is now up to you to patronise it. See you on the 19th!

(There will also be a picking-up point at Parramatta. Advice on its location from Mrs Lewis).

Fees Now Due

A reminder from the Treasurer that fees are -- unfortunately! -- again due: on 1st July 1975. Please fill-in the form on Page 5, detach, and forward to the Treasurer, c/- G.P.O. Box 4141.

1975 Annual Meeting

The 1975 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd September in the Lecture Room, 4th Floor, Assembly Building, at 8 p.m.

Australia Day Dinner 1975

Australia Day Dinner 1976 will be held on Saturday 24th January 1976 in the Elizabethan Room of the Carlton Rex Hotel, Castlereagh Street, Sydney. Further particulars later.

Grave of Francis Oakes

Of particular interest to descendants of Francis and Rebecca Oakes is the recent restoration of the historic grave of Francis Oakes, in St John's Cemetery, Parramatta, by the Historic Graves Committee (St. John's, Parramatta).

Cost of the restoration work was \$303. The Historic Graves Committee hopes that descendants will donate to their fund so that other graves can be restored. Donations can be forwarded to Mrs B. Hooke, Hon. Secretary, The John and Mary Small Descendants, 14 Chisholm Street, Turrumurra 2074 (telephone 44-6675), or to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr Robert Cambourn, 162 Park Road, Dundas 2117 (telephone 638 1578).

Lines of Descent

The Membership Committee is endeavouring to gather as much information as possible concerning the lines of descent of all our members who arrived in the First Fleet.

A number of members have kindly contributed some of this information, and we are hoping other members will be able to add to this.

At this stage we ask that you send us your line of descent (in Family Tree style), and add any other lines that you know to be factual. Please add dates of births, marriages and deaths, and address your letter to
Membership Committee, FFF Box 4441, G.P.O. Sydney 2001.

Should any member wish to make any enquiries regarding this matter, please ring Mrs Mary Bailey (telephone 43 4075).

New Members

The following applicants have been passed by the Membership Committee:

Miss Marsha Swenson, 2515 Connaught Centre, Hong Kong. (Andrew Fishburn)
Miss Phyllis Walker, Unit 5, 705 Pacific Hwy, Gordon. (Mary Turner).
Mrs Margaret Clement, 92 Scott St., Tenterfield. (James Shiers).
Mrs Margaret Bone, 2 Waratah St., Eastwood. (John Randall).
Mrs Annette Ford, 7 Poseidon Crescent, Jamboree Heights. (Andrew Fishburn)

"Horsley," Dapto

(Information supplied by Bert Weston. A first instalment of this article appeared in the April Newsletter).

Soon after the death in 1533 of the second Lord Berners, "Horsley," in Surrey, England, was sold and became the property of Henry Courtenay, Marquess of Exeter, until he was beheaded for high treason in 1539.

The estate was forfeited to Henry VIII, who in 1547 granted it to the wealthy and middle-aged Sir Anthony Browne, Master of Horse, who brought there his 15-year-old bride Geraldine, a beauty of the Tudor Court and the daughter of the Earl of Kildare.

Eleven months later Sir Anthony was dead, and his young widow then married the already-twice-married Lord Clinton, Earl of Lincoln, and they lived at "Horsley" until his death in 1585; Geraldine died five years later.

As her two sons had died in infancy, the place was inherited by her stepson Lord Montague, who died at "Horsley" in 1592. It then continued in the successive ownership of the second and third Lords Montague, until the third Lord sold it in 1656 to Carew Raleigh, son of Sir Walter Raleigh and who had been born in the Tower of London during his father's imprisonment there. Carew Raleigh succeeded to some extent in restoring the Raleigh fortunes by marrying the rich widow of Sir Anthony Ashley, and the acquisition of "Horsley" must have been some consolation for his failure to regain possession of Sherborne Castle.

(To Be Continued)

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