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# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3rd May 1974)

## Newsbulletin

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## From Your President



At short notice in September I agreed to stand as National Party candidate for the seat of Toowoomba North in the Queensland State election on 22nd October.

Following a fairly comfortable win with preferences over the sitting Liberal and an ALP opponent I find I am now a member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly. Although not in my original Air Force retirement plan, this new career will certainly provide me with the challenge I have been seeking since standing down as Air Force Air Traffic Control Chief.

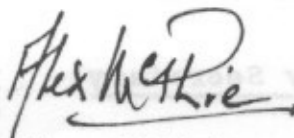
Less fortunate in the election was Bob McPhee (Q77-353) of Cairns who failed in an attempt to win the western seat of Gregory. Bob has been in charge of the CIB at Cairns with 25 detectives under him and the whole of Cape York to cover - an area about the size of Victoria or the whole of the United Kingdom! Bob had previously been in charge of the Stock Squad which operated throughout western Queensland from Longreach.

While it is great to be with a winning team, many of us so often fail to pay due credit to those others who, no matter what the job or the contest have also participated and freely given of their time - often to the detriment of the families - to support an ideal whether it is a political election, a community project or even a Clan Society. Too often to-day, involvement is left to the few while the majority sit back and do little even though they may be more able in ability or availability than those who are involved. This unfortunately, is one of our Clan Society problems as, once again, we have found less than the required number of nominees to fill Executive positions in 1984-85.

The Clan Society vacancies will be filled in due course by the few who always make themselves available, but the time will surely come when these people won't be available and our Clan Society will suffer or fail. We need new faces on the Executive and new ideas to improve our Society image and membership. What about participating?

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With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



Alex McPhie  
President

FIFTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

VENUE:: 8 Panorama Crescent,  
TOOWOOMBA. Q.

TIME: 2.30 p.m.  
Saturday 28th January, 1984

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Greetings and welcome to those Attending.
2. Apologies.
3. Opening Address - Clan Commissioner, A.L. (Sandy) McPhee.
4. Minutes of the Previous Biennial General Meeting and Matters Arising Therefrom.
5. Reports and Financial Statements.
6. Declaration of Election of Office Bearers for 1984-85.
7. To consider, and if the Meeting sees fit, to pass subject to ratification by the Society membership as a whole, the following amendment to the Society Constitution:

Paragraph 10. Society Executive to be amended by:

- (a) after "(2) Vice-President", inserting "(3) Immediate Past President";
- (b) renumbering existing sub-paragraphs (3) to (6) inclusive as (4) to (7) respectively; and
- (c) adding a new note iii to read:  
"iii. Maximum term of office of an Immediate Past President is to be three years".

Reason. To ensure that experience and continuity is not lost to the Executive following a change in President.

8. General Business.
9. Closure.

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ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE

In accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Clan Society Constitution, nominations were called for in Newsbulletin No. 37 of August, 1983 for the election of the following members of the Society Executive for the 1983-84 term of office:

- President  
 Vice-President  
 State Vice-Presidents for:-
- New South Wales
  - Victoria
  - Queensland
  - South Australia
  - Tasmania
  - Western Australia
  - Australian Capital Territory
  - Northern Territory

Treasurer

Nominations closed on Monday, 31st October 1983, and were received for:-

President - A. C. McPhie, Toowoomba. Q.  
 N.S.W. Vice-President - W. H. Tyrrell Sylvania. N.S.W.  
 A.C.T. Vice-President - H.E.V. Smythe, Downer. A.C.T.  
 VIC. Vice-President - B.M. McPhie, Forest Hill. V.

As only one nomination was received in each case the above members will be declared elected at the Fifth Biennial General Meeting.

It is expected that the incoming Executive will fill vacancies in elective offices in accordance with Paragraph 9 (5) of the constitution, immediately on taking office.

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AGENDA ITEMS

Apart from the above Amendment to the Constitution received from the Society Executive no Agenda Items for the Fifth Biennial General Meeting were received by the Society Secretary by the deadline of Monday, 14th November, 1983.

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PROGRAMME FOR GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND

The programme for the weekend of the Fifth Biennial General Meeting will follow established lines with the Meeting on Saturday afternoon, a Clan Dinner that night and a Family Picnic at lunch time on the Sunday.

Full details are included on a separate page with this Newsbulletin.

CLAN RAFFLE

KILT LENGTH OF  
 MACFIE CLOTH

DRAWN AT 5th BIENNIAL  
 GENERAL MEETING

TICKETS 50¢ EACH

AVAILABLE FROM SOCIETY SECRETARY

Once again, the Clan Society will be raffling a kilt length of Macfie cloth in conjunction with the Biennial General Meeting.

Tickets are 50¢ each - Why not buy some and forward your 1984 subscription money at the same time?

Drawing will take place at the Clan picnic in Toowoomba on Sunday 29th January, 1984.

**CLAN MacDOUGALL AUSTRALIA**

The Clan is now authorised by our Chief Madam Coline, and she sends greetings to all her Kin and Clan Septs in Australia. Our membership now stands at 280 with members in all States and we are looking for more, we have a quarterly newsletter which keeps our clansmen in touch with each other. If your name is listed below then please contact Jock, 6 Sulman Road, Cabramatta, N.S.W. 2166 Phone: (02) 728-6235.

MacDougall (No matter how spelt), Dougall, MacDouall, MacDowell, MacCoul, MacCowan, MacCulloch, MacDole, MacDulothe, MacEachan, MacHowell, MacIchan, MacLucas, MacLugash, MacLulich, MacNamell, Macowl, Carmichael, Concher, Cowan, Coull, Dowall, Livingstone.



1984 CLAN MACFIE DIARIES

We can arrange for 1984 Australian Pictorial Diaries with a Clan Macfie motif to be delivered or posted.

Approximately 17 cm x 14 cm in size the diaries will be provided through the Australian Jaycees organization.

A brochure is included for your reference.

ORDERS to Society Secretary - Price \$5.50

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WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD

*We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes;  
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.  
Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese;  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or a whole lot of mice.  
But the plural of house is houses, not hice.  
If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,  
But the plural of vow is vows, not vine.  
And I speak of a foot, and you show me your feet,  
But I give you a boot—would a pair be called beet?*

*If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?  
If the singular is this, and the plural is these,  
Should the plural of kiss be nicknamed kесе?  
Then one may be that, and three may be those.  
Yet the plural of hat would never be hose;  
We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
The masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine she, this, and shim!  
So our English, I think you will all agree,  
Is the trickiest language you ever did see.*

With thanks to Ulf Hagman in Sweden for this plea for a decode on our language.

**"TURN THE CABER MY LADDIE"**



*"Turn the caber, toss it over  
Brace your muscles "my laddie oh!"  
Turn it beyond you away from your body  
Toss it the best of your ability, please do."*

*"Balance the caber, strain every fibre  
Taut your sinews my fine Laddie strong,  
Heave the lower end, to somersault over  
End over end from your "run up" along."*

*"Turn the caber toss it over  
You can do it "my Laddie fine"  
All your strength calling, this 20' caber  
Spin over, top end landing in line."*

*"You've turned the caber tossed it over  
How proud I am "my Laddie oh",  
No more will I ask this task to attempt  
After completing a twelve o'clock throw."*

G. Saunders



# Flora Macdonald

## THE SAVIOUR OF BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE

Romantics would like to think that Flora risked her life for love. But in fact, she did it for patriotism

How wonderful it would have been for the romantic ballad makers if only Bonnie Prince Charlie and fair Flora Macdonald of the Outer Hebrides had fallen desperately in love as they sped through the heather together.

Alas, after Flora had risked her life to save the Young Pretender from 12,000 pursuing English bayonets, the couple parted without one fond kiss, never to meet again.

The songsmiths did their best to make the love light glow between the pair with such heart-searching airs as "The Skye Boat Song".

*Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing*

*Onward, the sailors cry.*

*Carry the lad that's born to be king*

*Over the sea to Skye*

*... Though the waves leap, soft shall he sleep,*

*Ocean's a royal bed.*

*Rocked in the deep, Flora will keep*

*Watch by your weary head...*

Fate ordained that Charles should go off to exile and a miserable alcoholic old age while Flora married, went to America and had seven children.

Still, no matter how they finished their careers, when they were in the heather together there was no doubting Charlie's charm and Flora's courage. For Scots and romantics the magic will never fade. Charles will be forever Bonnie and Flora forever fair.

Prince Charles Edward was aged 24 when he landed in Scotland on July 23, 1745, determined to win back the crowns of England and Scotland.

To his banner flocked 6000 Highlanders with broadsword ready to support Bonnie Prince Charlie. This army thundered into England and got to within 209km of London before the Duke of Cumberland turned it back.

Charles was still confident of victory when he lined up his 6000 followers on Culloden Moor, just outside In-



verness, to face 12,000 English troops. Battle began on April 16, 1746. It didn't last long.

The Highlanders, used to hand-to-hand fighting, could not handle the controlled cannon and musket fire that Cumberland poured into them. The Scots who charged went to their deaths before they could close with the enemy and the ranks that stood fast were blasted apart.

Seeing that his cause was lost Prince Charles turned away from Culloden Moor and galloped for 32km with a few of his officers before stopping.

For five grim months after that Bonnie Prince Charlie was hunted through the heather of Western Scot-

land. The pressure was never off because there was a price of \$60,000 on Charlie's head and thousands of Englishmen plus a few unpatriotic Scots were more than anxious to collect it.

There is little doubt that someone would have collected the vast reward and Bonnie Prince Charlie would have hung high but for one saving grace — Flora Macdonald, of Uist, in the Outer Hebrides.

By June 1746, Charlie, accompanied by two supporters, was hiding in the heather on Uist and was in a shocking condition. "His legs and thighs were cut with briars. Little flies devoured him. He scratched the scars which turned into ul-

# Great Women of History



LEFT: Flora. ABOVE: Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745 — and 40 years later.

cers..." His companions were Colonel Felix O'Neil, an Irish adventurer, and Neil MacEachain, a young school-teacher.

All three were agreed that unless they could get off the island of Uist and over to Skye, which could be seen across the water, capture was inevitable.

But how could such an escape be engineered when Uist was packed with searching soldiers and the water between the islands was constantly patrolled by warships?

Colonel O'Neil said that he knew a girl on Uist who might be willing to help. Her name was Flora Macdonald and she was described as slight, short, well-shaped with wide, dark eyes, dazzling fair skin and with the bright colour of the island girls.

It was further said of her that she had gentle manners and an elegant presence. She was aged about 24, had been well

educated and was a patriot. Most important point of all was that her stepfather had a military command on Uist, and had the authority to issue passes to anyone wishing to leave the place.

On a dark night the three men crept to a point near Flora's house. Then Colonel Felix O'Neil went on alone to rouse Flora and ask if she would be party to smuggling Bonnie Prince Charlie over to Skye disguised as a woman.

At first Flora was shocked at the idea, but when O'Neil asked her if she would like to meet Charles, she said: "I have not had that happiness before and don't look for it now. But a sight of him would make me happy though he was on one hill and I on another."

Charles was produced — "a shocking sight; filthy, ragged, covered in sores yet dignified."

The Prince's sorry plight touched Flora's heart. She flung fear aside and said she would help. After feeding the

three men she gave them a rendezvous point and sent them off while she schemed passes out of her stepfather and prepared clothes which would turn Bonnie Prince Charlie into a rough Irish spinning woman to be called Betty Burke.

When the three men and the girl came together again Flora dressed Charles in a printed linen gown of white background sprigged with blue, a quilted petticoat, a cap and apron, an Irish hood and cloak plus shoes, stockings and a pair of blue garters.

Flora had been able to get only three passes. They were made out to herself, Betty Burke and the young teacher, Neil MacEachain, who was represented as a servant. O'Neil, who had taken a shine to Flora, declared that he would accompany the party to Skye even without a pass and Prince Charles supported him. But Flora would have no such nonsense. The risks were great enough without adding to them.

A boat, 5.5m long, was engaged with four oarsmen and a helmsman. Two of the crew were Flora's cousins. The journey to Skye proved a shocking experience. A storm arose and mist and rain blotted out all vision.

Without a compass, the helmsmen steered blindly. The boat found Skye but was at first driven off by musket fire. Eventually a landing was made. It was June 28, 1746. Flora's job was done and she left the party knowing that she would be tracked down and arrested.

Other brave friends spirited Charles to the mainland, from where he was later picked up and taken to safety by a French ship.

Flora was pardoned in 1747 and returned to Scotland as a heroine. Three years later she married Allan Macdonald, a soldier, and the couple later migrated to America.

Allan fought for the British in the American Revolutionary War and was captured. Flora returned without him to Scotland in 1779.

When released Allan rejoined his wife in Scotland. Their married life was happy and produced seven children. Flora died on Skye on March 5, 1790, revered by many as Scotland's favourite heroine. □

— GEORGE BLAIKIE



P. D. Morier's painting of the battle of Culloden, from the Queen's collection.



## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Accounts are enclosed for those members who have not paid their 1983 membership subscriptions as yet. Please give them your urgent attention.

Too, why not pay your 1984 sub of \$5.00 per member or \$10.00 per family resident at the one address at the same time?... and add a little extra for RAFFLE TICKETS at 50¢ each for the kilt length of Macfie cloth to be drawn at the Fifth Biennial General Meeting in Toowoomba on 29th January, 1984.....

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### FOR SALE

MACFIE BADGES. Approximately 6 cm. in circumference with a Scottish thistle motif surrounding the Dreghorn Macfie strap and buckle badge.

Price A\$4.00 posted

CLAN HISTORY. Volumes VI and VII of the late Dr. Earle MacPhee's Clan History. These volumes deal with the Clan in Scotland.

Price A\$10.00 per set posted

Volume VIII covering the Clan in Prince Edward Island, Canada is also available.

Price A\$7.00 posted

AUTOBIOGRAPHY. The late Dr. Earle MacPhee's autobiography, "Footsteps".

Price A\$7.00 posted

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### CLAN LAMONT SOCIETY in Australia.

The object of the Society will be to bring together bearers of the Clan name along with sept members of the Clan, to promote and cultivate a friendly relationship of its members and with other Clan Societies and to foster interests in our common Scottish Heritage.

Clan Lamont is very fortunate in having its 29th Chief, The Much Honoured Peter Noel Lamont, as a resident in Sydney, and it is with his complete approval and patronage that we extend this invitation to you to become a member of the Society.

On the basis of sufficient interest being indicated, a meeting will be convened to elect a working committee, establish necessary membership fees and subscriptions, etc. and so hopefully proceed with our organisation.

Should you be interested in joining us in the establishment of The Clan Lamont Society, please write to:

Jack W. Lamont  
8 Wanjina Place,  
North Rocks,  
N.S.W. 2151  
Telephone: (02) 871-6942

### SEPTS OF CLAN LAMONT

Black, Blackie, Blake, Blaik, Broun, Burden, Burdon, Clement, Lamb, Lambie, Lammie, Lammond, Lamondson, Lemmon, Lemond, Limond, Limont, Luke, Luck, Lucas, Luckie, MacClement, MacClymont, MacErchar, MacGilledow, MacGarry, MacIlwhom, MacLamond, MacLemon, MacLucas, MacLuckie, MacLymont, MacMunn, MacPatrick, MacSorley, Meikleham, Patrick, Towart, Toward, Turner, White, Whyte.

Reference: Scots Kith and Kin Revised Second Edition.

### **Frank and Ernest**

**by Bob Thaves**





## Society of Australian Genealogists

Richmond Villa — 120 Kent Street, Sydney

### Research Enquiries

The Society's guide booklet *Compiling Your Family History*, price \$3, including postage within Australia, sets out advice on how to begin your research, how to obtain certificates of birth, marriage and death, and the types of records that are available to assist you in the search for forbears and details of their arrival in Australia. It also gives many valuable suggestions on drawing up pedigrees, methods of keeping family records and, eventually, writing the history. Two loose-leaf printed pedigree sheets, designed to record your personal ancestry, are included. *Roots and Branches — Ancestry for Australian's* by E. J. Lea-Scarlett, price \$5 plus \$1 postage, is also highly recommended.

Non-members may use the Library upon payment of a casual search fee of \$6 per day, or part thereof. Limited advice on research procedure is available to enquirers who visit the Library *in person* but it is not possible to give research advice by telephone or correspondence.

Members acting as **voluntary** Library Assistants are on duty to show new members the location of material and to give **limited** advice on research procedures. Problems may be discussed with the Honorary Research Secretary on Tuesdays. Heraldry enquiries may be referred to the Honorary Overseas Librarian on Wednesdays.

The Society of Australian Genealogists was founded in Sydney in 1932. Its growth throughout the 1970's has been remarkable and, by 1981, membership passed 6,000. It is the largest non-governmental genealogical reference library in Australia and has many unique items in its collections.

The Society is administered by a Council of fourteen from whom its office bearers are drawn. The day to day running of the Society is under the control of a Director, assisted by a small salaried staff. The Society also employs a full-time archivist.

The principal objectives of the Society, those of adding to the Society's collections and providing research facilities for family historians, are carried out by an increasing number of members who give their time and expertise in a voluntary capacity, both in field and working groups, or as library and research assistants in attendance during library hours. All members are encouraged to help the Society in this way.

The article below is from the **Know Your Ancestors** section of the October 1974 copy of **Parade**. The advice is still valid to-day, though prices and addresses may have changed.

Our Clan Society Historians have a wealth of information on 'Macfies' in Australia. If you are seeking further facts on your forebears write to:

Mrs Norah McPhee,  
47 Bellamy Street,  
Pennant Hills, NSW, 2120.

# WANTING TO TRACK DOWN YOUR FORBEARS?

Q. I have been seeking information regarding our particular branch of the Stirlings. Please advise me of a reliable person to approach. My main object is dates of births and deaths of the Stirlings. Would you give me some estimate of the cost? — Belmont, Geelong, V.

A. I do not undertake research on a professional basis, and only do sufficient research to answer PARADE readers' queries but I am happy to recommend genealogists or refer readers to reputable bodies who will recommend genealogists and record searchers.

There are many genealogists around — ranging from the suspect to the reputable. Too often the unwary seem to fall into the hands of the shady one, the sort of person generally in it for a quick dollar and who has just enough knowledge of genealogy to be convincing and as a rule charges exorbitant fees. This type promises immediate results, and generally ends up supplying you with a manufactured family tree or meagre pieces of information of doubtful veracity. They have little regard for accuracy or the truth.

Unlike other professions, there are virtually no controls over genealogists, and it is open for anyone to set himself up as one. So far as I know, there is only one body which teaches genealogy as such, and that is the Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Studies, Canterbury, England. Local Genealogical Societies in Australia do have talks and lectures for members on how to trace ancestors, but these lectures are not designed for the professionals. For the most part, genealogists become professionals

through practice. Quite often you will find they have had some experience in an allied field. Many are lawyers, archivists or librarians.

So far as I am aware, there are only two firms of genealogists in Australia. These are Ancestral Research Services of 1 Myera Street, Mt. Claremont, WA, and Chartres, Slade & Co. of 47 Fellows Street, Kew, Vic. The latter incorporates the Melbourne firm, Genealogical Research and Publishing. The Society of Australian Genealogists, Richmond Villa, 120 Kent St. Sydney, NSW, also undertakes a limited amount of research, but it is largely confined to Australia. The other two firms will arrange for research overseas through their record agents.

Most of the State Libraries and Archives in Australia have record agents or accredited researchers who will search their records. If you write to the library or archives they will send you a list of record searchers available. These authorities, however, make no recommendation as to their competence to undertake research of this nature. In many cases, particularly with archives, access is often restricted to the public on the basis that archival materials are unique and valuable records, and the authorities take the view that excessive use or mishandling will result in their early destruction with irreplaceable loss for present and future generations, and in this case, it is necessary to employ a searcher. The librarian or archivist has only a limited amount of his time available for research, and is not in a position to undertake extensive searches of their records. It is, therefore, often better to employ a searcher as not only is he or she familiar with the records and what they contain, but you can be fairly sure that all records per-

taining to your problem will have been examined.

In England, the Society of Genealogists, 37 Harrington Gardens, London, undertake searches of their records which are very extensive, and will recommend other genealogists or record searchers known to them.

The College of Arms also undertakes genealogical research, although much of the work is concerned with heraldry. Being an official body, its fees are higher than other searchers. If you wish to have research undertaken by the college, then you should write to Dr. Conrad Swan, York Herald of Arms, College of Arms, Queen Victoria Street, London.

The Scottish counterpart of the College of Arms is the Lyon Office, New Register House, Princes Street, Edinburgh. It does not undertake genealogical research, but deals with all matters armorial. The Scots Ancestry Research Society, 20 York Place, Edinburgh, does undertake research.

Genealogical research is very difficult in Ireland at the moment, and there are virtually no private searchers available. The Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin undertakes research, but because of the scarcity of searchers, it may take up to nine months before research begins.

Fees are a matter for negotiation between genealogist and client, and it is advisable to reach a firm understanding before searches start. Most genealogists work on the basis that an amount is paid in advance (anything from \$20 to \$100) and the necessary searches are undertaken until this sum is expended. You should be wary of those who promise you results for a fixed sum. In genealogy however, it is not possible to buy results. Fees vary, and anything from \$5 to \$10 an hour is not unusual.

## WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

### THE POINTS SYSTEM AND HOW THE WINNERS ARE DETERMINED

Two Piping Adjudicators will award a maximum of 75 points each:—

- 10 Points for Introduction
- 15 Points for Tone
- 50 Points for Musical Performance

Piping Adjudicators Points are then added together and average taken, thus giving an overall Piping mark out of 75.

One Drumming Adjudicator will award a maximum of 100 points:—

- 20 Points for Introduction
- 10 Points for Tone
- 70 Points for Musical Performance

Drumming Adjudicators Points are then divided by four thus giving a mark out of 25.

One Ensemble Adjudicator will award a maximum of 100 points:—

The 100 points are not divided into sections as the Piping and Drumming. The single mark out of 100 given by the Adjudicator is divided by four thus giving a mark out of 25.

The averaged Piping total, Drumming and Ensemble totals are then added together thus giving a pointage out of a maximum of 125.

EXAMPLE:

Piping	9 for Introduction 13 for Tone 48 for Musical Performance	8 for Introduction 14 for Tone 46 for Musical Performance	
	70 Total	68 Total	
	138 Total divided by two	69	
Drumming	18 for Introduction 8 for Tone 62 for Musical Performance		
	88 Total divided by four	22	
Ensemble	90 Total divided by four	22½	
	Overall Band Total	113½	

Naturally the Band with the highest total is the winner of the Grade in which they are competing.

In the event of a Tie:

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|----------------|---|
| 1st Preference | Ensemble Total  |
| 2nd Preference | Average Piping Total  |
| 3rd Preference | Average Piping Musical Performance                                |
| 4th Preference | Drumming Musical Performance                                      |
| 5th Preference | Ensemble (March, Strathspey & Reel) (Grade 1)                     |
| 6th Preference | Piping Musical Performance (March, Strathspey & Reel) (Grade 1)   |
| 7th Preference | Drumming Musical Performance (March, Strathspey & Reel) (Grade 1) |

## WEARING OF TARTAN

Court of the Lord Lyon,  
H.M. New Register House,  
Edinburgh, EH1 3YT

1. A lady of Scottish family, married to someone not entitled to a Clan, Family or District Tartan, shall continue to wear her own tartan in skirt, etc., but wears her sash over the right shoulder and tied in a bow over the left hip.

Unless her child or children, or one of the children, takes their mother's name, these children have no right to wear their mother's tartan at all. They are not members of their mother's Clan.

2. Those not entitled to wear a Clan, Family or District Tartan have no right to wear any Royal Tartan, and particularly not the so-called "Royal Stuart Tartan", which is the tartan of the Royal House, and accorded to the Pipers of The Sovereign's Royal Regiments.

Those of Scottish descent with no Clan, Family or District Tartan wear one of the following:

- (a) the now so-called "Hunting Stewart", which was originally a general Scottish hunting tartan, and only named "Stewart" about 1888;
- (b) Caledonia Tartan;
- (c) Jacobite Tartan — for those with ancestors of Jacobite proclivities;
- (d) Black Watch or "Government" Tartan in its exact regimental form, or one of the modified forms for those of Hanoverian or Whig ancestral proclivities.

3. There are a number of District Tartans which are worn, or wearable, by persons belonging to, or descended from ancestors belonging to, these Districts. These Districts, however, only cover certain small areas of Scotland.

VALE

With deep regret we record the deaths of the following Society members.

Neil Armstrong McPhie (Q74-027) passed away in Brisbane on 18th November, 1983, aged 84. A cousin of the late Victor McPhie Esq., (Q74-013) of Dalby, Q. and Hector McPhie Esq., (Q74-002) of Toowoomba, Q. Neil had been living in retirement at St. John's Wood, Brisbane, for some time. A veteran of both World Wars, Neil was wounded in action against the Japanese in the retreat from Rangoon. He finished the war as a major in the Indian Army Service Corps. He had not married.

John Donald McPhee (W77-277) of Boyup Brook, W.A. passed away recently. No details are known.

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CLAN PARLIAMENT

A lengthy report has been received from the Clan Macfie Parliament which was held in Sydney, Nova Scotia in August this year. It arrived as this Newsbulletin was nearing completion. A summary will be included in the next Newsbulletin.

CLAN COMMANDER

Initial steps have been set in motion for the selection of a suitable candidate for the Clan Commandership. This should progress through for finalisation at the next International Gathering of the Clans in Glasgow in 1985.

In the meantime, Clan Macfie will continue to be led by its three Commissioners, Ulf Hagman of Sweden, Sylvia McPhee of Canada and Sandy McPhee of Sydney, Australia. Sylvia runs the secretariat for Clan Macfie in this context.

MEMORIAL FOR DR. EARLE MACPHEE

Discussions have been initiated for a suitable memorial to our late Clan Commander, Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, Canada. A memorial garden adjoining the Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone on Colonsay is being examined and appears the best of several proposals.

EXECUTIVE RESIGNATION

Western Australian Vice-President, John McPhee (W77-297) of Victoria Park resigned some months ago. The Society Executive has decided not to make another appointment there for the present.

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## GENERAL NOTES

- \* Colin McPhee (V79-447) and Mrs. McPhee of Box Hill, Melbourne were welcome visitors to Sandy and Helen McPhie's home in Toowoomba in September. They are well on the way to moving permanently to Surfer's Paradise - lucky them!
- \* Clan Cameron Australia is reorganizing to permit their Clan Society to operate on an Australia wide basis. Previously it was only in Victoria where that Branch celebrated its 50th anniversary in October this year.
- \* An interesting genealogical note from Bessie McPhie (V76-147) of Ivanhoe, Vic., to the effect that Mary Cameron, Secretary of Clan Cameron in Australia, mentioned that her great, great, great grandmother was a Flora McPhee, born 1770 and married to one John Cameron of Aberchalder near Fort William. History records that many Clan Macfie members were sheltered by Clan Cameron when they were dispossessed of their homelands following the murder of our last chief, Malcolm, in 1623.
- \* South Australia Vice-President, Brian McHaffie (S77-280) and wife Cass (S77-396) have moved to a new home at 13 Schroder Court, North Haven, S.A. 5018.—When's the house warming Brian?
- \* Ewen McPhee (Q78-424) and Alastair (Q76-425), sons of Bob and Anne Marie McPhee (Q77-353 and 354) of Cairns, are respectively completing 4th year medicine at Queensland University and the Queensland Police Academy course.
- \* Congratulations to Peter McPhee (V77-373) of Nunawading, Vic., who is now State President of Australian Jaycees in Victoria and a member of the National Executive.
- \* Society Secretary, Helen McPhie (Q74-014) of Toowoomba, Q., was away during October looking after her parents on a trip to Greece.
- \* We are indebted to The Australasian Highlander of P.O. Box 163, Belmont, N.S.W. 2280, for the cuttings used on page 10.
- \* Brian McHaffie's South Australian members have a record well in advance of the other States in that there is a far greater percentage of family membership subscriptions there than elsewhere. All members of a family resident at the one address can be covered by the one family subscription of \$10.00 per annum.

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## NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to the following new members who have joined the Clan Society in the past few months.

- V83-533 Mrs Ruby Joyce Hook, 1/35 Keith St., Toolgarook, V. 3941
- Q83-534 Lester Alexander McPhee, "Rock Hill", Bell, Q. 4408
- T83-535 Peter MacFie, c/- Post Office, Richmond, Tas. 7025
- T83-536 Mrs. Lorraine MacFie, c/- Post Office, Richmond, Tas. 7025
- Q83-537 Mrs. Yvonne Norma Perry, 13 Hall St., Dalby, Q. 4405

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