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NOT A COLONSAY 93 COTTAGE!



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



We're coming very rapidly to the end of another year. Its been a busy one for the Clan and for our Clan Society. It augers well for next year's historic return of the Clan to its ancestral Homeland, the islands of Colonsay and Oronsay.

Helen and I were in Perth, W.A., in April for the Clan Society's well organised 9th Biennial General Meeting and in Sweden and Scotland in July for Clan Society General Meetings in both countries. A report on that most enjoyable trip is in the Clan Macfie News included in this Newsbulletin.

At the end of November we will be attending the International Gathering of the Clans being run in conjunction with Scottish Week in Sydney. In the past, Clan Society members have been very poor in supporting the Clan during Sydney Scottish Week. This year, I make a special appeal for your support, it being an International Gathering year. The programme is detailed on the page opposite - what about making a special effort please to be at the Clan Barbeque on the Saturday; at some, if not all, of the events on Sunday; and those who can, at the official opening in Martin Place on the Monday. Let's show them we do have the numbers in Sydney -

There's an enclosure with this Newsbulletin to provide Scottish Migrant information to the genealogists at the Scottish Australian Heritage Council in Sydney. I commend this project to you and ask you to assist in completing these historical and genealogical records.

Too, on page four you will find details of The John Dunmore Lang Poetry Competition which is being promoted and run by the Clan Society. It is the brain child of Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhie and is being conducted Australia wide. Wouldn't it be great if a Clan Society member was the winner?..... Why John Dunmore Lang? His record in things Scottish is significant. In fact, his bounty ships brought many of our ancestors to Australia and there is little in the Scottish scene here to honour his memory. A good choice, I feel.

Winners of the poetry competition will be announced at the Maclean Highland Games in Northern N.S.W., next Easter. Helen and I will be attending - our first visit to Australia's Scottish Town - so what about marking that down for a strong Clan turnout next year too, please?

The other big item next year of course, is the Clan's return to Colonsay for the first time as an organised body since our last Chief, Malcolm, was murdered there in 1623 - 370 years ago. At the last count some 25 Australians will be attending, accommodation is available for more - see the update information in Clan News inside. What a week it will be! Why don't you join us?

As the year moves to a close, I again thank all members for their continued interest and support and look forward to another progressive year in 1993. Helen joins with me in wishing you and yours the best for a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sandy McPhie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

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President

30 Oct 92

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INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS

SYDNEY, N.S.W. - 29 NOV/6 DEC 92

A detailed programme for Sydney's Scottish Week this year is on page 6. Details below are for the Clan Macfie Barbeque on Saturday 28th November and of Sunday's and Monday's programme where Clan Commander Sandy McPhie and wife, Helen, will be attending.

Saturday, 28th November: Clan Macfie Barbeque at the home of Clan Society Vice-President in New South Wales, Bill Tyrrell at 18 Yeran Street, Sylvania, 2224. (Telephone 02 522-6420)
Commencing at 11:30 am it is a BYO Everything BBQ and would you please give Bill a ring if you will be a starter.

Sunday, 29th November: 10:00am Kirkin' o' The Tartan, Scots Church, York St., City
12:30pm Clans Picnic, Hyde Park - look for the tartan
1:30pm Clans March to Darling Harbour via Liverpool St.
Please be there to support your Clan Commander
2;30pm Darling Harbour Scottish Concert.

Monday, 30th November: 12 Noon Scottish Week Opening Ceremony in Martin Place
amitheatre.

CLAN PICNIC - BRISBANE, SUNDAY, 6th DECEMBER 1992.

Queensland members, and all others who can make it, are invited to a Clan Picnic in Brisbane on Sunday, 6th December 1992.

Venue: J.C.Slaughter Falls Picnic Area at the base of Mt Cootha.

Time: 10am onwards BYO Everything

Clan Society Vice-President in Queensland, Bob McPhee, of 23 Green Terrace, Windsor, 4030, (Telephone 07 357-9279) is your host and he and Anne intend being there by 10 o'clock to lay claim to a barbeque site.....Look for the Tartan.

Bob would appreciate a phone call if you intend being there. If the unexpected happens and we actually do get some wet season rains this December, ring Bob for alternative arrangements out of the rain.

TENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING 1994. Clan Society Vice-President in the A.C.T., Glen McPhee (N77-357) of 88 William Webb Drive, Evatt, A.C.T, 2617 (Telephone 06 258-6058) has accepted the invitation to host the Tenth Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society due at the end of 1993 or early in 1994.

For some years we held our General Meetings on the Australia Day week-end at the end of January. More recently we have moved to later in the year 8 BGM 31 MAY 90 and 9 BGM 25 APRIL 92. What do you think for our next one? When would you like it to be held, bearing in mind the period of office etc finishes on 31 December 1993 but a hand over of duties does not occur until the BGM? Please write to Secretary Helen and let her know if you have any strong preferences. Otherwise the Executive will negotiate an acceptable date with Glen.

FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPHS.

Top Left: Clan Dinner, Adelaide, 16th April 1992, in the After Cabin on HMS Buffalo Seafood Restaurant and Maritime Museum.

Top Right: At the Ninth Biennial General Meeting at the WACA, Perth, 25th April 1992. Helen and Sandy McPhie (Q74-014 and Q74-001) of Toowoomba, Q., and Rhonda McPhee (W91-759) of Karrinyup, W.A., waiting for the guests to arrive.

Bottom Left: Ruined cottage north of Scalasaig on Colonsay. It will probably be the only vacant accommodation on the island in the first week of September '93.

Bottom Right: Gladys McIntosh (S77-255) of Glenside, S.A., and Clan Commissioner in Australia, Sandy McPhee (N74-012) of Mt.Vincent, N.S.W., 2323, in deep conversation at the Adelaide Dinner,

WE CONDUCT A POETRY COMPETITION -

Thanks to the thought and initiative of our Vice-President in Queensland, Bob McPhee of Brisbane, The Macfie Clan Society of Australia are conducting a Poetry Competition on an Australia wide basis.

Known as "The John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize", details are contained in the copy below of a Media Release Bob put out when announcing the competition on 17th October. Entry Forms and Rules and Conditions pertaining to the competition are available from Bob at 23 Green Terrace, Windsor, Q., 4030 (Tel 07 357-9279) or from Secretary Helen. Entries close on Monday, 1st March 1993 and winners will be announced at the Maclean Highland Gathering's Ceilidh in Maclean N.S.W. on Easter Saturday next year, 10th April. The name of the competition is most appropriate given the large number of Scots (including many Macfies) who came to Australia on Lang Bounty Ships.

MEDIA RELEASE

INAUGRAL POETRY COMPETITION - THE CLAN MACFIE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia are conducting a Poetry Competition, Australia wide, to be called:-

"THE JOHN DUNMORE LANG POETRY PRIZE"

The Competition was announced by Robert McPHEE, Q'ld Vice President of the Society, at a Ceilidh conducted by the Scottish Clans' Congress of Q'ld, at the Irish Club, Brisbane, on 17th October. Cash and medallions will be awarded to winners.

Entries close 1st March, 1993, and winners are to be announced at the MACLEAN Highland Gathering's Scottish Ceilidh (NSW), on Easter Saturday night, 10th April, 1993.

Each poem is required to have a SCOTTISH or IRISH or CELTIC - AUSTRALIAN theme and preferably one which accents the contribution made by these people in Australia from colonisation to the present day.

Entry forms are available from Mr. McPHEE, 23 Green Tce, Windsor, Q, 4030 (Tel. 07 357 9279). Winners to be announced by Clan Commander, Mr. Alex McPHIE, of Toowoomba, the world Chief of Clan Macfie. The clan has kindred societies in Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, New Zealand, U.S.A. & Canada.

The competition has been named in honour of the Reverend John Dunmore LANG, born Greenock, Scotland in 1799, and died Sydney, in 1878. Rev. LANG came to Australia in 1823, already an M.A. from Glasgow University and a Minister. He became the first Minister of Scots Church in Sydney and retained this Ministry for the next 50 years. He has been referred to as Australia's great 'Fighting Scot'. His statue is at Wynyard in Sydney.

Rev. Lang is remembered not only as a clergyman, but as a politician, educationist, immigration organiser, anthropologist, journalist, etc. He made 21 voyages to and from Australia, mostly in windjammers. He made many trips to England and Scotland in attempts to persuade free settlers to come to Australia.

On a trip home in 1840, he had been able to induce the Home Government to provide at the expense of the Land Fund of the Colony, free passage to Australia for about 4,000 Highlanders who had suffered during the famines of 1837-39, in the Highlands and Scottish Islands.

Some of the quotes from a speech made by Sir Henry PARKES, at a meeting to celebrate the Jubilee of Dr. Lang as a Christian Minister for 50 years, were:- 'one of the greatest Australians', and 'the boldest champion of the freedom of the press, when it was dangerous to be a champion', and 'he has beyond all question been one of the greatest benefactors of the country'. It is hoped the competition will become an annual event.



THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

The Kirkin' o' The Tartan as a ceremonial event began in Washington, D. C. during the gut-wrenching days of World War II. In peacetime it has become a gathering for religious celebration within the church of the values and aspirations held dear to Scots, Ulster Scots, and their descendants.

Dr. Peter Marshall, a U. S. citizen and a native of Scotland, was Chaplain of the U. S. Senate and a member of The Saint Andrew Society. He preached many sermons in support of The British War Relief and The Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. Frequently his sermons were published and sold for the benefit of those programs. His sermon of May 2, 1943 titled "Kirkin' o' The Tartan" proved a stimulus to churchmen and laity alike. About the same time, The Saint Andrew Society in the Washington area began an annual religious event also known as "The Kirkin' ". In 1950, the The Kirkin' became an annual ceremonial in Washington National Cathedral and the observance has now spread across the U. S., Canada, and continues to grow.

The theme of the Kirkin' is praise and thanksgiving for the relief of constraints the Crown imposed by The Act of Proscription in 1746; which placed a ban on the gathering together of persons, the carrying of guns, the wearing of the kilt, and the playing of bagpipes.

There is considerable flexibility in the manner each church elects to conduct worship service that combines a prayer of blessing for all Scots and the preservation of that true Scottish symbol: The Tartan.

In some churches, one or more Scots Societies with the cooperation of church officers, suspend tartan banners of the various clans in permissible areas of the main auditorium, thus giving increased material focus to the worship service. Heather and other floral gifts to the church further enhance the program. The appearance of 'Scots' descendants in kilts, piper(s) who call communicants to worship, and the presentation of Clans' tartans for blessing, is at once a harmonious blend of color, pageantry, and of religious reverence.

It has become traditional that the Gaelic Proclamation on repeal, in 1782, of the ban on wearing of Highland Dress be read by a kilted Scot delegate, at the pleasure of the minister:

LISTEN MEN!

This is bringing before all the Sons of the Gael that the King and Parliament of Britain have for ever abolished the Act against the Highland Dress that came down to the Clans from the beginning of the world to the year 1746. This must bring great joy to every Highland heart. You are no longer bound down to the unmanly dress of the Lowlander. This is declaring to every man, young and old, Commons and Gentles, that they may after this put on and wear the Trews, the Little Kilt, the Doublet and Hose, along with the Tartan Kilt, without fear of the Law of the Land or the jealousy of enemies.

There follows the presentation of the tartans, the rites of blessing and the program directed by the minister.

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council address is G.P.O. Box 421, Sydney, 2001. Telephone 02 232-2473. An Information Centre will be open during Scottish Week in the Convention Room of the CTA, 35 Martin Place, City, between 11am and 4 pm.

- SAT 28 NOV 7:00 Reception for overseas guests at 48 Wentworth Rd., Vaucluse (\$60)
- SUN 29 NOV 10:00 Kirkin' o' the Tartan, Scots Church York St., opp Winyard Park
12:30 Clans Picnic Lunch, Hyde Park
1:30 March of Clans to Darling Harbour via Liverpool Street.
2:30 Scottish Concert, Darling Harbour
- MON 30 NOV 12:00 Opening Ceremony in Martin Place Ampitheatre
1:30 Lunch at Parliament House (\$60)
7:30 Seminar on Present Sate of Scotland, CTA Club, Martin Place.
- TUE 1 DEC 8:30 Golf Day at Cromer (Lunch only 1:30 pm) (\$50 and \$35 respectively)
2:15 Afternoon seminar at CTA Club, Martin Place. Topic to be advised
7:30 Patron's Dinner (\$200)
- WED 2 DEC 7:30 City/Northern Ceilidh, Mosman Town Hall, Spit Junction.
- Note: There is no Race Day this year.
- THU 3 DEC 11:30 Scottish Art Exhibition, Mungo MacCallum Building, University of
Sydney Club (including luncheon) (\$20)
7:30 Sydney Society for Scottish History Evening. Level 44 MLC Centre.
- FRI 4 DEC 7:30 Grand Scottish Ball, The Roundhouse, University of N.S.W. (\$80).
8:00 Southern Ceilidh, Jannali Community Centre, Jannali.
- SAT 5 DEC 2:00 Garden Party at Central Gardens, Merryland
8:00 Western Ceilidh, Bankstown Scottish Hall, Bankstown.
- SUN 6 DEC 8:30 onwards Highland Gathering and Games at Rawson Park, Mosman.
Luncheon (\$25)

Note: During the week days following the Opening Ceremony on the Monday, there will be Scottish activity each day in the Martin Place ampitheatre between noon and 2 p.m..

Official Guests this year are The Rt.Hon.Sir David Nicolson of that Ilk, Bt of Lasswade and Carnock, Lord Carnock, the Chief of Clan Nicolson, and The Much Honoured Iain Gunn of Banniskirk, Commander of Clan Gunn. (The Earl of Cromartie, Chief of Clan Mackenzie, has been prevented by illness from attending.)

Macfie Clan Society Members interested in attending any of the above functions should let Clan Society Vice-President Bill Tyrrell of Sylvania (02 522-6420) know in order that a Clan group can be arranged if desired.

NINTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING The decisions taken at the Ninth Biennial General Meeting in Perth on 25th April this year have been ratified by the membership as a whole, there being no objections to them in accordance with paragraph 15 of our constitution.

1992 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS



Accounts are enclosed for members who have yet to pay their 1992 subscriptions.

For those who haven't paid - please give this account your prompt attention -

You will make Treasurer Lorraine happy,
We need the money, and

Our friend opposite wont be after you!

Payment of subscriptions in advance and the taking out of Fully Paid Membership will always we welcome.



CLAN MACFIE NEWS

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CLAN COMMANDER'S VISIT TO SWEDEN AND SCOTLAND.

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie and wife Helen, of Toowoomba in Australia, visited Sweden and Scotland in July this year.

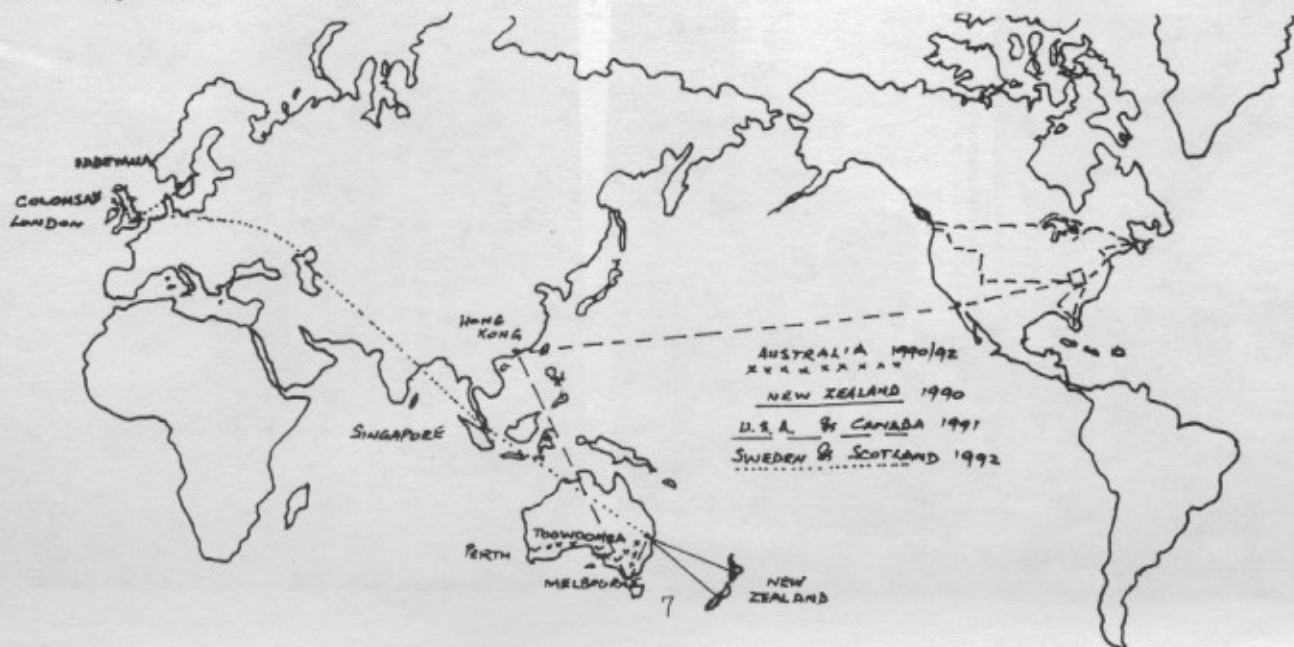
Flying to Stockholm via Singapore and London, they spent several days in the Swedish capital before going down to Uddevalla by train to stay with Ulf and Nanna Hagman for the Triennial General Meeting of the Thorburn-MacFie Family Society. Over 140 members attended the luncheon and meeting on Saturday, 4th July. Their time there was interesting and most enjoyable with a warm and friendly welcome extended by their Swedish "cousins" wherever they went.

In Scotland Sandy and Helen spent five days on Colonsay discussing arrangements for the Clan Gathering and Parliament next year. The island residents are keen supporters of our "return". From there Sandy and Helen were in Edinburgh for a day for discussions with the Lord Lyon King of Arms before returning to Glasgow for a General Meeting of members of Clan MacFie (Scotland) and an enjoyable luncheon hosted by President, Bobbie McFie. Over twenty members were in attendance.

Moving south the travellers called on David and Joyce Morgan in Solihull before going on to (eventually) London for several days with Andrew and Vanessa Duffy. David, by the way, is a descendant of the McFee family on the Isle of Man. Evidently there have been Manx Macfies established there for many generations....Can we claim another island home?

This trip completed the Clan Commander's programme of visits to all the Clan Societies of Clan MacFie around the world. The map below shows the extent of his (and Helen's) travels rallying the Clan. Quite an effort in distance, time, money and people contacted - something they will treasure for always.

COLONSAY '93 UPDATE. Arrangements are progressing steadily for Clan MacFie's historic return to Colonsay in the first week of September 1993. Well over a hundred members of the Clan from around the world have indicated an intention to attend. These have received updated lists of travellers, programmes etc. Some accommodation is still available - if you are interested in being there contact Clan Commander Sandy McPhie or your Clan Society without delay for further information.





Above Members of the Thorburn-Macfie Family Society gather for a group photograph following their Triennial General Meeting in Uddevalla, Sweden, on Saturday, 4th July, 1992.

JIM FEE HONORED GUEST

Jimmy Fee was the Honored Guest at the 16th Annual Savannah Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, 7 - 10 May, 1992.

Jimmy, born in Glasgow, Scotland and brought up in Dumbarton, has been involved in all aspects of piping throughout his life. He has played in Canada, Scotland, and the United States. He started playing when he was eight years old. He was 12 when he played in Grade 1 with the Bonhill Parish Pipe Band; Jimmy was the youngest piper in that grade when the band won the British, Scottish and European Championships. Another accolade is that he is the only piper to have played for the U.S., Canadian, and World Highland Dancing Championships. Beyond that he has taught piping and has also judged piping competitions. If there is a Highland Games or Scottish Gathering anywhere, Jimmy is there!

Jimmy was joined in Savannah by his spouse Jeannie Allison when the Mayor of Savannah bestowed upon Jimmy the "Honorable Medal of Savannah" for "Continuous Meritorious and Distinguished Service to Savannah and to the Scottish Community in Georgia and the United States." Jeannie Allison was born in Balloch, Loch Lomond. Jimmy and Jeannie married in 1958 in Renton Parish Church, Renton, Dumbartonshire and emigrated to the United States in 1959. The Fees, have two daughters, Rhona-Jane and Lindsay.

The week-end in honor of Jimmy and Jeannie included receptions, taking the salute at a pass-in-review, visits to all the Clans and Societies at the Gathering, Ceilidh, and Kirkin 'o' the Tartan to name a few activities.

Below left At the General Meeting of Clan Macfie (Scotland) in Glasgow on Saturday, 18th July, 1992. (l to r) Bob McFie (President), Iain McFie (Treasurer), Vanessa Duffy (London) and Mary Gillies (Glasgow).

Below right Brothers? - No, not really. On the left is Manx Macfie David Morgan of Solihill, U.K., on the right is Oz Macfie Clan Commander Sandy McPhie of Toowoomba, Q.





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.

Above Left. Brothers Iain and Bob McFie, Scotland. Iain is co-ordinator in Scotland for arrangements next year. Bob, a noted piper, is President of our Clan Society there.

Above Right. At Uddevalla, Sweden, Clan Commander Sandy McPhie, Nanna Hagman and Clan Commissioner in Sweden Ulf Macfie Hagman who is President of the Clan Society there.

CATHEY REUNION ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

Although they normally gather every second year, President Boyt Cathey called members of the Cathey Reunion Assn. in the U.S.A. in for two mini-gatherings this year. One at Greenville S.C. on 1st August with 14 or so present and the other at Columbia TN on 29th August with 45 members attending (photo below).

Cathey Reunion Assn members have also been well to the fore with financial support for the Clan. 24 members donated A\$195.82 to the working account and another 23 members donated A\$440.82 to the Clan Capital Fund in the past few months. Our thanks to Boyt and his members for this welcome and most useful assistance. Well done the Catheys!





Photo Left. At the Sixteenth Scottish Games and Highland Gathering in Savannah GA, 7 - 10 May this year (l to r) George Roussos, Jimmy and Jeannie Fee, Mary (McPhee) Roussos, Ruby and F.B. McFee, and Sonja and Ken McFee. (see also article on Jimmy Fee being honoured, page 2)

A DIRE WARNING - WHICH WE WILL NO DOUBT, IGNORE!!

☐ Scotch whisky drinkers could be exposing themselves to a greater risk of throat cancer, according to a report in the British Medical Journal.

University of Edinburgh researchers have discovered people living in Speyside and the Isle of Islay have three times the number of throat cancers than communities in other parts of Scotland.

Speyside and the Isle of Islay also boast the most number of distilleries in Scotland.

The researchers point out there is other evidence to suggest a link between alcohol consumption and oesophageal cancer.

POETRY ANYONE? The Macfie Clan Society of Australia is running a Poetry Competition for everyone across Australia. Brain child of the Clan Society's Vice-President in Queensland, Bob McPhee of Brisbane, all entries are to have a Scottish or Irish or Celtic theme. Winners will be announced next Easter.

WAYNE McAfee Honoured. Wayne McAfee of Custer, S.D., U.S.A., has been accepted as a member of The Imperial Constantinian Military Order of Saint George in the U.S.A. and will be invested next April. The Order is a non-profit charitable, philanthropic, benelovent and humanitarian fraternity with traditions tracing back to the Roman Emperor Constantine I in the fourth century. Wayne is a Vice-President of the MacPhee Clan Society of the United States and with wife, Le, has visited Scotland several times. Congratulations Wayne, well done!

On the Sick List with heart problems are Bruce McPhee of New Zealand in February, Ulf Hagman of Sweden in September and F.B. McFee of the United States in August. All are well on the way to recovery on last reports. Bruce and Ulf had heart attacks - Ulf did it in style while in New York on a visit to the U.S. and Canada, probably trying to cross Fifth Avenue at peak hour. Bruce has found giving up smoking some years ago was easier than slowing down as he has been told to do by his Doc... F.B. (what does that stand for F.B.?) had surgery to remove an aneurysm which was discovered accidentally during a check-up for a back problem. Clan members will wish all three well for a speedy return to top health.....and perhaps the Clan Commander will stop working them so hard -

Fireman killed by ball of flame in flats rescue

Wednesday, July 29, 1992

A FIREMAN who plunged through flames to help rescue dozens of families from a blazing tower block died yesterday from his burns.

After the evacuation, 22-year-old Ian McPhee and colleague Chris Ryder battered down the door of an empty flat where the fire had started but were knocked back by a 'flashover' explosion.

They were engulfed in a fireball before being pulled to safety by other firemen, then taken to hospital.

Mr McPhee, a bachelor from King's Norton, Birmingham, died from 60 per cent burns.

The pair were among 60 firemen who fought the blaze at the 20-storey block, Charlecote Tower, in Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Monday afternoon.

Fire service spokesman Ivan Evans said: 'This has shocked us all. Ian had been with us for three years. He and Chris suffered horrendous injuries.'

'They were doing their job and were met by a fireman's worst nightmare. They were met by a flashover. When it happens there is really nothing anyone can do.'

A Gallant Macfie. The newspaper clipping on the left is from the Birmingham newspaper when Clan Commander Sandy McPhie was in Solihull, U.K., in July. It reports the untimely death of Ian McPhee one of the city's firemen while on duty.

"Mom, I'm Home!" George and Mary Roussos manned the Clan tent at the Savannah Highland Games in U.S.A. last May (see photo above). The field for the Games is located alongside Hunter Army Airfield, home of the US Army Third Ranger Regiment. A group of Rangers invaded the Macfie tent and one greeted Mary arms outstretched and with a big grin "Mom, I'm Home - I'm a McPhee!" And he was - in fact two of them were McPhees from Chicago. Needless to say they were made most welcome -

Congratulations Ray McFee on election as the new President of the Macfie Clan Society of North America at their AGM at Stone Mountain GA in October. Ray and wife Jeanne come from Columbus, OH Standing down at that time were Clan Society founders Scott and Marvene McPhee of Florida who did so much over the years and are sincerely thanked.

PHEE FAMILY REUNION AT CESSNOCK, NSW.

Members of the Phee family held a most successful and enjoyable reunion at the Cessnock Workers Club in Cessnock, N.S.W., on Sunday, 4th October this year.



Organised by Trevor and Suzanne Phee of 24 Bibby Street, Hamilton, 2303, there were over 120 in attendance on the day including seven from New Zealand. The majority of the other family members came from New South Wales with strong representation from Victoria and Queensland.

Driving force for the reunion was Trevor himself who, by his own admission, has been researching his Family Tree seven days a week for the past 3½ years. Who said this genealogy business doesn't get you in ??

With contacts now in Scotland in Glasgow and Lockerbie, and in New Zealand, Trevor is hopeful of further information being added to his already considerable store which he has put together in book form.

At the top of the tree Trevor has a Henry Fee and an Agnes M. Connolly, parents of Patrick Fee (died 1875, aged 54) who had married Mary Gault and went to Airdrie, Scotland, from Ireland. They had ten children - and Mary married twice more after Patrick died, passing away herself two months before her 107th birthday. William Phee was one of Patrick and Mary's children. He was born in Airdrie 11 FEB 1860, married at Bell's Hill, Scotland on 05 MAR 1880 to Beatrice McKay (b. Armadale, Scotland 22 DEC 1862; d. Cessnock, Australia, 02 FEB 1925) and migrated to Australia on the "Stirlingshire" disembarking at Townsville on 07 NOV 1882. William travelled to Newcastle, Maitland, Ipswich and back to Maitland before settling in Cessnock in 1910/11. He died in Cessnock on 05 JUL 1914.

William and Beatrice had ten children also, the youngest being Beatrice Janet (O'Neill) born Homeville NSW 12 JAN 1901. That's Beatrice in the photo above at the Family Reunion with Trevor. Trevor being a great nephew of her's.



Do and Hope

With all these Phees and Fees and their connection with Ireland the question naturally arose as to the names, and Arms and that Mac or Mc means son of - and aren't we Macfies really descendants of the Fees of Ireland whose Arms appear above right? Perhaps there was a connection there back before records were kept given the history of the early tribes in Ireland and South Western Scotland and the Western Isles, and the relatively free passage between these areas. But in recent times there are two distinct Clans involved, the Fees in Ireland and the Macfies in Scotland. We are of course, concerned with the latter but can certainly be friendly with the former.

Hagar (WITH APOLOGIES) VISITS COLONSAY !



Rodeo royalty on a city stampede

BRISBANE will enjoy a royal visit next month, but this family has got nothing to do with Buckingham Palace.

Four quietly spoken horsemen known as the "Fighting McPhees" are the royals of Australian rodeo.

Crowned by their Akubras and mounted on some of the country's best stockhorses, the McPhee family have dominated rodeo since they arrived in Australia from New Zealand in the 60s.

Scion Garry consistently topped professional rankings in the 1970s and is now the leading stock contractor for Australian rodeos.

His brothers Stuart and Robert still compete in rodeo with varying degrees of success, and Garry's teenage son Guy has just started on the

professional circuit.

Away from rodeo, Garry and Guy live in Benalla, Victoria, while Robert is based in Melbourne and Stuart trains horses at Toowoomba.

All four will hit town on September 19 and 20 for the Brisbane Stampede 92.

The Stampede's main attraction will be the McPhee family's crown jewel — a bucking bull named Chainsaw.



The McPhee rodeo dynasty, from left Stuart, Guy, Robert and Garry . . . coming to town in September

Named 1991 Bucking Bull of the Year, the quarrelsome brahman has been ridden to the limit only five times.

Stampede promoters have put up \$10,000 for the lucky roughrider who becomes number six in Brisbane.

Other McPhee champions on show will be Toss Up, 1991 Bareback Horse of the Year, and top saddle bronc Which Way.

You Will No' Peek Again Lassie!

Thousands of American tourists visit Edinburgh and its famous Castle every year.

But when Brenda Henderson of Long Island visited Auld Reekie, her curiosity went a little further than that of the average tourist.

She simply had to know what the guards at the Castle wear under their kilt.

So, after purposely dropping a coin, Hender-

son leaned over to retrieve it and on her way up, lifted a guard's kilt and snuck a peek.

And what did Henderson, 58, get for her trouble?

A day in court, a night in jail and a 156 pound fine for committing malicious mischief.



□ WHEN Monique McGuffie ← of the Gold Coast fronted a bunch of judges in Seoul recently, they were much more interested in what was in her head than in her swimsuit. That's because Monique was being judged in the Miss World University Quest, representing Australia and Griffith University in a line-up of 70 entrants from universities around the world. The 20-year-old Bachelor of Arts student says judging took a tiring eleven days with entrants attending seminars at which they discussed world affairs and the cause of global peace while stern-faced Korean judges took notes. In the process she formed firm friendships with entrants from the Philippines and Croatia and hopes to see them all again soon. Although Monique missed out on the major title, the judges were obviously not entirely oblivious to her charms in beach gear. They gave her the Miss Swimsuit Queen Of The Year award. "It's not as tacky as it sounds," Monique laughed. "It loses something in translation from the Korean".

How to Celebrate Celtic New Year's Eve Today

Although it was originally a moveable feast the night from 31 October to 1 November has come to be the accepted date for Celtic New Year. Therefore it is best (though not absolutely necessary) to celebrate it on that date.

The sacred bonfire was essential to the original ceremony, but it is of course not very practical to have a bonfire if your party is indoors. We suggest that you use one large candle to represent the bonfire, and six smaller candles to represent the six modern Celtic nations, whose "home fires" are to be relit from the central fire.

The only other essential ingredient for your party is plenty of food and drink. Apples, hazelnuts, turnips (both for eating and for carving and lighting), and salmon are all traditional items for the occasion, and the many cheeses from the six Celtic nations are also appropriate. Irish and Scottish whiskies as well as Breton (Muscadet) wine will fuel the festival atmosphere. Not all Muscadet wine comes from Brittany, so make sure that the label has the initials *L-A* or *L-Atl* (for *Loire-Atlantique*) on it, or that it specifically mentions Brittany. (Don't trust your wine dealer, he may not really know!) There are any number of good Scottish and Irish brews on the market, but if you're looking for something a little different we suggest honey wine (mead).

As a mark of respect for the Celtic nations we ask that you avoid English and French items.

The choice of decorations and entertainment are up to you, as long as

they are in the Celtic spirit and express something of the traditions relating to the feast. Of course it is better to have live musicians and singers, even if they are amateurs, but if this is not possible there are many recordings by Celtic artists available. Harp music and bagpipe music are particularly appropriate.

The actual observance of the arrival of the New Year is not so much based on the clock's hands hitting midnight as on the feeling that it is time to bring in the New Year. To begin the celebration light the large candle and gather in a circle around it, then light the six smaller candles from the large one to simulate the rekindling of the household fires.

After the candles are lit and placed, there should be a moment of remembrance for the spirits of your ancestors — remember that they may return tonight! (It is nice if you can mention an individual who has passed on that year from each of the Celtic nations.)

Still in a circle, join hands and start singing *Auld Lang Syne* (the Scottish song). After a chorus or two, cross hands over your chest and grasp the hands of the people next to you. As you're singing close the circle toward the central candle. Then move back again, opening and closing the circle. This can be done faster and faster as you speed up the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*. Continue till you've had enough. Then it is time for the age-old Celtic custom of kissing — mistletoe or no!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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What do you know about tartan..

- The oldest known tartan dates back to before 250 AD — it was found stuffed in the mouth of a crock full of Roman coins.
- The name tartan is thought to derive from the Old French *Tertaine*, a wool fabric, or possibly even the Old Spanish *tiritana*, a fine fabric, from the verb *tiritar*, to rustle.
- The furthest travelled tartan in history must be the MacBean — a piece of it went to the moon and back with US astronaut Alan Bean, a journey of almost one million miles.
- Five Scots buried their bagpipes before going

to meet their death in battle — with General Custer at the Massacre of the Little Big Horn.

- The longest Scottish name is Mac-Ghillesheathannaich — the shortest Og.

- In the early 1800s a MacGregor stranded in Mexico produced 22 sons by his native wife — there are now over 250 MacGregors in Mexico City alone!

from Martha McPhee
(V76-226)

VALE.

With deep regret we record the deaths of five of our members - two of them with membership extending back to the very early days of the Clan Society.

Deepest sympathy has been extended to their families. Their membership of, and support for, the Clan Society over the years was always appreciated and will be remembered.

- Mrs Alison Anderson (V79-460) of Geelong Vic. in late '91/early '92;
- Mrs Una McPhee (N88-680) of Ballina N.S.W. on 15th May 1992, aged 81;
- Mrs Muriel Brown (N75-135) of Yamba, N.S.W., on 29 May 92, aged 92½;
- Mrs Florence Nellie McPhie (Q74-029) of Toowoomba, Q., on 5th July 1992, just seven weeks short of her 97th birthday; and
- Mr Keith McPhee (W88-613) of Girrawheen, W.A., suddenly on 2nd October 1992, aged 39.

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GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

While Clan Commander Sandy McPhie was in the United States last year a suggestion was put to him by Joseph McPhie of Salt Lake City, Utah, for copies of all Clan genealogical records to be placed on the Mormon Church computer there.

The Clan Macfie Clan Societies and Clan members around the world hold extensive records of this nature and indeed, a lot of this data has already been placed on the Church computer. However, the Clan does not have any type of central storage for this information and is thus unable to cross check family details from country to country when research is being carried out or when a query arises.

By placing our information on the Church computer ready reference to this data will always be available. When the Clan does eventually establish its own Heritage Centre with adequate facilities, the consolidated data will be available for transfer to it.

Joe McPhie, an Elder of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, has offered the handling and recording of the information there. The idea is an excellent one from a research point of view, but for various reasons might not be acceptable to some Clan Society Members and thus your comments are requested.

If you have any difficulties, questions or objections regarding this proposal please let Secretary, Helen, know in writing as soon as possible.

or if you would prefer to contact Joe his address is:

Joseph R. McPhie,
920 South 900 East,
Salt Lake City, Utah, 84105,
U. S. A..

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WHO WAS DUNCAN CAMERON? John Redman of 52 Raglan Street, Wallsend, N.S.W., 2287, wishes to find information on a Duncan Cameron from the Hunter River area of NSW in the middle of last century. If you can help please contact John direct.....

Duncan Cameron married Anne McPhee and they had children John (1841), Allan (1843) and Anne (1844) at Nelson's Plains, Lower Hunter River. The mother Anne was the daughter of Donald and Catherine McPhee who migrated on the "Brilliant". The son John might be John "Bowthorne" Cameron who married a Jane MacPherson; his sister Anne married "Red John" McPhee. But who was the father Duncan Cameron?

CEMETRY INSCRIPTIONS. Historian Margaret Phee (N74-075) provided the following cemetery inscriptions from the Bourke area in western NSW some months ago - Ford's Bridge Cemetery. No parents names were available - how sad if they were from the one family - Sarah Ellen McPhee 20 Jan 1878, 2 months, 4 days. Mary Margaret McPhee 6 Nov 1881, 2 years. Patrick James McPhee 19 Jul 1882, 4 months. and Donald McPhee 8 Feb 1891, 4 months.

GEORGE AND MARY'S SCRAPBOOK.

George and Mary Roussos of Fayetteville, N.C., U.S.A., have written with a proposal for a special scrapbook record of the Clan Gathering on Colonsay next year. It is an excellent idea and is commended to all members whether you will be there in person or not. Remember, reply direct to George and Mary please, by 1st February.

Dear Clan Society Members:

We plan to collate a Clan Macfie Scrapbook to commemorate the Clan Parliament of 1993. This will be the first time that Macfies of all spelling will be together at home in Colonsay. This is to solicit your support whether you plan to attend or not attend the Parliament.

Would you please provide us one or two color or black and white photographs of you and your family and/or ancestors. We request you identify those in your photograph(s). Be aware that the photograph(s) received will all be placed in the Scrapbook; they will be not be returned to you! Tell us a little about yourself and your family, information relating to where your ancestors originated, etc. would also be deeply appreciated. Your comments/notes will not be edited. They will be placed in the Scrapbook as they are received togetherwith your photographs.

The Scrapbook will be presented to the Ceann-Cath during the course of the Parliament in Colonsay. At this point we plan on placing the Scrapbook in a case at The Hotel in Colonsay for everyone to view.

Please send your photographs, comments about yourself and your family, and notes to arrive no later than 1 February, 1993 to:

Mary (McPhee) and George Roussos, Tigh-Na-Greine, 2143 Baywood Road, Fayetteville, N.C., 28301.

We look forward to your favorable response and deeply appreciate your support in making the Scrapbook possible. Please accept our very best wishes. We remain,

Yours aye,

MARY and GEORGE

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members are warmly welcomed since our last Newsbulletin:

N92-778	Liam Michael Phillips	45 Watson Road, Padstow NSW 2211 (b,10 May 92!)
N92-779	Mrs Robbie Anne Moore	17/2 Freeman Place, Carlingford, NSW, 2118
V92-780	Ms Miriam McFee	14/36 Camellia Avenue, Noble Park, V. ,3174
W92-781	Mrs Evelyn Martha Chapman	18 Zelkova Drive, Parkwood, W.A., 6147
W92-782	Graham Eric Chapman	18 Zelkova Drive, Parkwood, W.A., 6147
W92-783	Mrs Annette Maud Chapman	18 Zelkova Drive, Parkwood, W.A., 6147
W92-784	Ms Helen Margaret Stanley	10/16 Laluma Street, Essendon, V., 3040

LOST CONTACT

We have lost contact with John Palmer McPhee (V89-695) formerly of 5/14 Hanby Street, Brighton, Vic., 3186.....The last Newsbulletin was returned post marked "left address" - Can anyone provide his new address, please?

THEY'VE MOVED

- Keith McPhee (V88-637) of 40 Hart Street, hasn't - moved, that is - but his suburb is now Airport West, V., 3042, in lieu of Niddrie.
- Christina Backus (W89-707) from Bateman Street just down the road and around the corner to 105 Glyde Street still in Mosman Park, W.A., 6012.
- Mrs L.M. Summerhayes (V91-750) from Stawell, V., to 109 Wawunna Road, Horsham, V., 3400.
- Janine Masso (N90-730) is staying put in Bowral, NSW, 2576, but now at 7 Lilac Avenue.
- Don McPhee (V76-175) from Creswick, V., to 103 English Street, Ballarat, V., 3350.
- Trevor Phee (N87-720) has moved next door from 26 to 24 Bibby Street, Hamilton, NSW, 2303 - or have the house numbers been reallocated Trevor?
- Mrs Isabel Clark (V74-035) from Kew, V., to 401 Elgar Road, Box Hill, V., 3128.
- Alexander McPhie (N88-645) from Woolli, NSW, to "The Haven", Warra Road, Tamworth, NSW, 2340.
- Bill, Trish, Alexandra, Catriona and Anna McPhee (N80-474/75 and N87-592/3/4 resp.) from Seaforth, NSW, to 2/33 Muston Street, Mosman, NSW, 2088.
- Donna McPhee (N87-591) from Seaforth, NSW, to 22 Ashton Street, Bondi Junction, NSW 2022.
- Cameron Macphee (Q89-694) to 21 Fleming Road still in Chapel Hill, Q., 4069.

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GENERAL NOTES

- * Is our fame spreading? - our address certainly must be as Secretary, Helen, recently received a sale catalogue from Tango Trading Co., 4/369 Mori Gate, Sialkot, 51310, Pakistan, listing bagpipes, chanters, and Clan crests and jewellery galore.
- * Bruce Taylor (N91-749) of Yagoona, NSW, was a proud representative of Clan Macfie at the Bankstown Scottish Assn's Clans Night earlier this year.
- * Have our Kiwi cousins gone into a lengthy recess or are they speeding ahead of us over there in areas other than the economy? Mid-year we received the July 1993 copy of the New Zealand Newsletter and are wondering if they intend mailing all future copies so far in advance.
- * Q'ld Clans Congress Ceilidh 1993. The annual ceilidh in Brisbane under the sponsorship of the Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland will be hosted in 1993 by Clans Henderson, Shaw and Macfie. Planned for mid-October, it will be most likely held in the Irish Club in Elizabeth Street. More details next year -
- * Isabel Clark (V74-035) of Box Hill, V., up and about again after some operations earlier this year.
- * Congratulations to Mark and Robyn Phillips (N83-518) of Padstow, NSW, on the birth of their son, Liam Michael (N92-778) on 10th May - our youngest member! And soon, a playmate for Sarah (N86-563) aged 7 and Kate (N88-606) aged 4.
- * Is there an author in the Clan? Yes, a number of them it seems. Latest one is Cheryl Threadgold (V77-289) of Black Rock, V., who has just produced a self-published, self-distributed epic The Riddle-O-Pedia. It is an entertaining encyclopedia of riddles for all ages containing 2022 different riddles the cover says, but a quick glance inside indicates far more than that. Cheryl had 18,000 copies printed and they are available at \$7:95 in ABC shops Australia wide.
- * Bundanoon is Brigadoon. Situated in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, Bundanoon does indeed become Brigadoon for one day of the year. Robyn and Morrison McPhee ((89-702 and 701) of 56 Russell Street, Eastwood, NSW, 2122, have suggested a Macfie group should join the fun for the day next year - Saturday, 17th April - and travel down and back on the train specially provided. What about it? Any starters? Contact Robyn or NSW Vice-President Bill Tyrrell (02 522-6420). We could well have the Clan Commander with us for the day if we make it an outing.

