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INAUGURAL "JOHN DUNMORE LANG POETRY PRIZE"

FIRST PRIZE - "PADDY'S DREAM"

Entered by Mr. Bill ARMBRUST, of Pialba, Queensland.

Now this is the tale of poor Paddy Malone,
Who grew weary and homesick from living alone.
He was tired of the sight of the sunburnt plain,
And longed to be back in old Ireland again.
So he went to the pub at the foot of the hill,
Where he drank overmuch as a lonely man will.
Then he lay down to rest by a dried up stream,
And there came to poor Paddy a wondrous dream.
The sunburnt plain and the hills so drear
Seemed of a sudden to disappear.
Just vanished away like a shower of rain,
And Paddy was back in Old Ireland again.
The creek bed so dry, so barren and bare,
Was the beautiful Shannon in County Clare
In place of the ridge where the gums grow tall,
Stood the lush green hills of Donegal.
The smelly swamps where the lillies grow,
Were the bogs he knew in Old Mayo.
The shamrocks of Waterford flourishing still,
Instead of the wild flowers that bloom on the hill.
The mirage that danced on the sunburnt plain
Became the Lakes of Killarney again.
And the eerie cries of a circling hawk
Were the Shandon Bells of County Cork.
He roamed through his homeland thus, sleeping there,
From Galway Bay to Old Kildare.
At last he awoke, when his dream was done,
To the scorching glare of the Queensland sun.
He raised himself from the dry creek bed,
While a terrible pain invaded his head.
He staggered homeward as evening died,
And aloud to himself poor Paddy cried
"Well Australia is greater than Ireland, 'twould seem,
When they make such a drink to produce such a dream."



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Much of the gloss leading up to the Clan Gathering in September has been dulled by the sad news of the death in Canada of Jennie MacPhee, widow of the late Dr. Earle MacPhee and Patron of Clan Macfie.

Jennie died peacefully in her sleep on the 15th June, aged 101. Helen and I had the privilege of meeting her on several occasions over the last eight years. She was a very special person and devoted much of her time since Earle became sick in 1979, to Clan affairs. I am sure many of us are better for having known her.

The front cover of this Newsbulletin and two pages within, carry the prize winning poems and a report on the Clan Society's inaugural John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize which was the brainchild of, and run by, Queensland Vice-President, Bob McPhee of Glenore Grove.

Congratulations to Bob on a job well done. The Poetry Prize was well received and most successful in its initial year. Two of our members submitted entries, regretfully, unsuccessful ones. But they (and everyone else) can try again next year when Bob will again be conducting the Poetry Prize on behalf of the Clan Society.

Arrangements for the Clan Gathering on Colonsay in September are well in hand. Twenty four members from Australia will be amongst the 150 to 160 Clan Members attending from around the world. A report on the gala week on "our" Island will appear in the November Newsbulletin - if we ever get around to coming home!

This Newsbulletin contains a call for nominations for Executive Office for 1994-95 (page 6) and for Agenda Items for our Tenth Biennial General Meeting in Canberra in January next year (page 14). Please give some thought as it is your Society.

Many thanks to those of you who have returned Ancestor Charts recently. The information in them will contribute towards the Clan History in Australia. (see page 14).

We welcome eighteen new members in this Newsbulletin. A healthy sign and the most newcomers for some time. A number of these resulted from contacts made during our visits to Maclean and Bundanoon. Retaining our current members is also important and I ask those members with enclosed letters pointing out that they are still unfinancial for 1992 (as well as 1993) to please give every thought to bringing their membership up to date.

With best wishes

A. C. (Sandy) McPhie
President

27th June 1993

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CLAN SOCIETY FUNCTIONS

BRISBANE: Clans Macfie, Henderson and Shaw will host a Ceilidh under the auspices of the Queensland Clans Congress in Brisbane.

Date: Saturday, 16th October **Time:** 7.30 p.m.

Venue: Irish Club, Elizabeth Street **Cost:** \$15.00 (tentatively)

R.S.V.P/Tickets: By Friday, 8th October, to Bob McPhee,
94 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, Q. 4342 Tel: [074] 66-5269

MELBOURNE: Victoria Vice-President, Kaye Macphee of 717 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully, Vic. 3156 (Tel: [03] 758-4428) has another barbeque arranged for Members down there. This time at the home of Dene Rutledge (V76-200) at 21 Bowen Road, East Doncaster for **Sunday, 21st November**. That's ample warning, so mark the date now and telephone Kaye if attending.

SYDNEY: Sydney Scottish week this year is from **Sunday, 28th November to Sunday, 5th December**. A full programme, including Clan Macfie involvement, will be included in Newsbulletin No. 67 in (early) November or details may be obtained from the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Secretary on [02] 50-8455 or N.S.W. Vice-President Bill Tyrrell [02] 522-6420. The Clan Commander does not expect to be in Sydney this year.

CANBERRA: Tenth Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society, **29th and 30th January, 1994**. Further details are on pages 6 and 14.

THOSE EARLIER FUNCTIONS IN '93

PERTH: (4th April) Clan Macfie members joined with the Robertsons (Clan Donnachaidh) for an All Clans Picnic in McCallum Park (where else?) on Sunday, 4th April. An excellent day was had by all judging by reports, but Clan Macfie members were dreadfully thin on the ground. Clans Forsyth and Maclean, amongst others, were represented.

MACLEAN: (9th/10th April) Clan Society President and Clan Commander Sandy McPhee of Toowoomba and Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhee of Glenore Grove, and their wives, attended the 89th Maclean Highland Gathering at Easter. Bob to announce the winners of the Clan Society sponsored John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize he conducted, and Sandy to present cheques and medallions to the winners at the Ceilidh on the Saturday night. The week-end was enjoyable and successful with contacts made with Clan and Clan Society members, including John McPhee (N77-299) of Palmer's Island, Treasurer of the Gathering. The Gathering incidentally co-incided with the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Lower Clarence Scottish Association Inc.

BUNDANOON: (17th April) (Is Brigadoon on that day!) A.C.T. Vice-President Glen McPhee and wife Glenda, of Evatt, set up a Clan tent at the Highland Gathering at Bundanoon, near Moss Vale in southern N.S.W. on the 17th. Over 17,000 people were in attendance for an action packed day. Not all called at our tent, but a lot did and some new recruits for the Clan Society were amongst them. The Clan Commander and his wife Helen, voted the trip down from Toowoomba via Maclean as being well worthwhile. Pressure is now on Glen to make the tent an annual fixture there.

MELBOURNE: (25th April) Victoria Vice-President Kaye Macphee and Maggie Mulherin (V75-115) hosted a barbeque luncheon at Margaret's home in Canterbury on Anzac Day. A great time, but not the biggest rollup there could have been - no doubt some of our members were away talking war-ies with the MacDonalds and Campbells on that day.

AUDITORS REPORT - 1992

The 1992 Clan Society Financial Accounts were duly audited earlier this year. In his letter of 16th March 1993, Mr. Pat Morton of Clark, Morton & Gleeson, Public Accountants of Toowoomba, Q'ld, reported as follows:

"We advise that we have completed the audit of the books and records of the Clan (Society) as at 31st December 1992 and in our opinion it fairly represents the activities of the Clan (Society) for the year, and that the Balance Sheet fairly represents the values of the Clan (Society) at that date."

1993 JOHN DUNMORE LANG POETRY PRIZE

A total of forty entries were received from across Australia in the inaugural John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize. The competition was developed by Queensland Vice-President, Bob McPhee, of Glenore Grove, and conducted by him on behalf of our Clan Society.

The Prize Winners were announced by Clan Commander Sandy McPhie at the ceilidh held by the Lower Clarence Scottish Association at its Annual Easter Highland Gathering at Maclean in northern New South Wales as follows:

- 1st "PADDY'S DREAM" entered by Mr. Bill ARMBRUST, of Pialba, Q. who received \$100 and a medallion;
- 2nd "ABYSSINIA" entered by Ms Aenone McRAE-CLIFT, of St. Helens, Tasmania, \$60 and a medallion;
- 3rd "OVER THE SEA" entered by Ms Marie BIGGART, of Valla Beach, N.S.W., \$40 and a medallion.

The judges Commended "CHILDREN OF IRELAND'S LOSS (1791-1833)" entered by Mr. Stuart CAMERON, of Wyoming, N.S.W.

The winning entries are on our front cover and opposite.

Ms McRAE-CLIFT'S second prize winning poem was written after visiting the very site where her Great-Great Grandparents, John and Margaret McRae, built their home at Bothwell, Tasmania in the 1830's. Nothing now remains, except a few stones and bricks which once formed the chimney.

Entries were required to have a Scottish, Irish or Celtic - Australian theme and preferably one acknowledging the contribution made by these races in Australia from first settlement to the present day. Clan Society members Keith Charles (V89-711) of Mildura, Vic., and Kaye Macphee (V74-023) of Ferntree Gully, Vic., were amongst the entrants.

Bob McPhee received valuable assistance from The Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Society Inc, with three of its members, Robert Davidson, B.A., B. Litt (Hons) Dip. Ed, Vice-President Jim Howard and Mark Genery acting as adjudicators for the competition. They were most impressed by the quality of the entries.

The competition was well received at Maclean and the success of this initial competition augers well for next year's competition which will again be conducted by Bob McPhee on behalf of the Clan Society.



AT BUNDANOON

17th APRIL 1993.

L to R. A.C.T. Vice-President Glen McPhee (N77-357) Rosemary Owens (N90-727) Charlestown, Clan Commander Sandy McPhie, Janine Masso (N90-730) Bowral. The girls are sisters and not too distant cousins of Sandy's.

INAUGURAL "JOHN DUNMORE LANG
POETRY PRIZE"

Third Prize - Ms. Marie BIGGART,
Valla Beach, N.S.W.

"OVER THE SEA"

That lovely old song we knew as a child
"Over the sea to Skye"
The plight of the sad young bonnie Prince
And the pain of auld lang syne

Second Prize - Ms. Aenone McRAR-CLIFT,
St. Helens, Tasmania.

"ABYSSINIA"

Blow, soft wind -
Gently stir the tussocks of dry grass;
They serve to hide that which once was, and is no more.

Fall, soft rain -
Caress the earth, foundation heaped to hold
The remnants of bygone years, now crumbling back to
dust.

The silent stones -
The hand-made bricks, more than a century old,
No longer warmed by fire...relics of a faded dream.

I tread the place -
Where once the laughter rang, and children played,
The happy home where kin and friends were one in peace.

Once long ago -
Their eyes looked out on hills and plains with love;
A new hope born so far from fields of their youth.

Pioneers were they -
Bager to build anew, and till the soil with aching
backs
To meet the challenge of a fertile, foreign land.

Thirty years or so -
The proud McRae faced winter chill and summer heat;
Faced triumph and tragedy squarely, like a "Hielan'"
man.

Now all are gone -
Fifteen decades since they worked and loved that land,
Their lives forgotten, except to one who seeks to
understand.

As I turn to go -
Something from the past caresses my being, like a
gentle wind,
And, for an instant, I hear them call to me across the
years.....

"Welcome hame -
Ye bonnie lass...'tis proud we are to call ye kin".
I smile and whisper softly, "Aye, and 'tis proud I am
of thee".

These were the memories and songs that we brought
To this promised far distant land
The skirl of the pipes, the swift dancing feet
The search for a known hand

When old loyal friendships were born anew
We talked of the homeland we shared
The bluebells the bracken the snow on hills
For the treasures of Scotland we cared

Here in this land no heather was found
But blue misty mountains on high
Blossoming plains and far distant scenes
Wild flowers a feast to the eye

The ancient old ways of our dear motherland
Were hard to leave far behind
But the shimmering seas and soft golden sands
In beauty our hearts would entwine

But on our special days we gathered again
To remember our Scotland the Brave
To think once again of the green rowan trees
And to dream of the banks and the braes

As the years slip away our children will grow
And be part of this great ancient isle
With its beauty and pain its droughts and its rain
But its strength and its freedom for all.

Commended: Mr. Stuart Cameron
Wyoming, N.S.W.

"CHILDREN OF IRELAND'S LOSS (1791 - 1833)"

Irish stock on barrel supplied,
Across the depth of land denied.
Guiltless folk bound by blood
Father reminds "transport thy love".

From prison hulk - infernal shore,
branded "men for penal law".
Island goal come seasoned men
Slave or settle by sold or rent.

Granted land to serve and toil,
homeless sons of Proclaim Royal.
Famined stocks to fill one goal
For distant crimes, a nations tale.

Alone and free from land and love
Fathers die from sons they love
Children born to past now lost
Nation gained for Ireland's loss.

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

FOR THE 1994-95 TERM OF OFFICE

In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Clan Society constitution, nominations are now called for the election of the following members of the Society Executive for the 1994-95 Term of Office:

- President
- Vice-President
- State Vice-Presidents for New South Wales
- Victoria
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia
- Tasmania
- Australian Capital Territory
- Northern Territory *
- Treasurer
- * not currently appointed

The call for nominations for election to the Clan Society Executive is required to be made at least three months prior to the proposed declaration date of any ballot.

Nominations close with the Society Secretary at 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba, Q. 4350 on Friday 24th September 1993 and are to be in writing stating the nominee's name and nominated office. Nominations are to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination, the proposer and the seconder.

Note Only financial members of the Society are eligible to accept nomination for office or to propose, second or vote for nominees for office. Additionally, in the case of each State Vice-President, only financial members of the State or Territory concerned are eligible to accept nomination for such office or to propose, second or vote for nominees for that office.

If a ballot is required for the election of any Executive Members, ballot papers will be mailed by the 8th October 1993 and be returnable by the 5th November 1993. Results will be notified in the November Newsbulletin (No. 67) and Executive Members will assume office at the 10th Biennial General Meeting in Canberra on the 29th January 1994.

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CLAN SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

The Clan Society Constitution is now on computer. Copies of the new printout are available for members wishing to update their original copy. Contact Secretary, Helen, please if you require a new one.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS



Notices are attached for those members who have not paid their 1993 membership subscriptions of \$6.00 per person or \$12.00 per family resident at the one address.

Letters are enclosed for those few members who have failed to pay their 1992 subscriptions, informing them that membership privileges will be withdrawn if subs are not brought up to date. Please don't let this happen to you!

This is Treasurer
Lorraine's
subscription collector.



CLAN MACPHEE NEWS

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No. 6

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Congratulations and good wishes to Bengt Ohman and Aggie Ganelius (below) who were married in Sweden on 15th May this year. They will be representing the Thorburn-MacPhee Family Society on Colonsay in September.



VALE - JENNIE MINERVA MacPHEE

6th November 1891 - 15 June 1993

Clan members everywhere will be saddened by the death of Jennie MacPhee, Patron of Clan MacPhee, and widow of the late Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee, on 15th June.

Jennie Minerva MacPhee (nee Steeves) was born in New Brunswick, Canada, in 1891; she would have been 102 on 6th November this year. She married Earle on 28th December 1920 and moved with him as his business and academic life took him across Canada and throughout Britain.

Jennie developed a strong interest in matters related to Clan MacPhee. Following Earle's death in 1981, she became actively involved in support of the leadership of the Clan and with Clan matters in general. She was appointed Clan MacPhee Patron in 1987.

A long-term resident of Vancouver, B.C., Jennie was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Larry Root, in Invermere, B.C., at the time of her death.

Jennie MacPhee was an active and committed lady with a wide range of interests. She will be mourned and deeply missed by many.

A memorial Service for Jennie was held in Invermere on 25th June and another will be held at Weldon, outside Moncton, New Brunswick on 15th August, and her ashes interred with those of her husband, Earle.

How many Clans have paraded their tartan at the South Pole? - apart from Clans Scott and MacPhee, that is! Below is Clan Member, Bill McAfee, formerly of Lakewood, Colorado, with the MacPhee tartan banner at the South Pole. Bill will be at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in Antarctica until late this year. Why aren't you wearing your kilt Bill?



TRUETT CATHY AND Chic-fil-A

The story of Truett Cathy and Chic-fil-A must record the most successful business achievement by a Clan member in to-day's world.

Truett is the founder/chairman of the Chic-fil-A chain of family restaurants and fast food outlets in the United States of America. Opening the first Mall restaurant in Atlanta's Greenbriar Mall in 1967, Truett built a business empire of over 450 outlets in 31 States with a (1990) sales turnover of US\$293 million and growth at about 10% per annum. In late December 1991 the first stand-alone restaurant was opened in Charlotte NC in the Arboretum Shopping Centre.

In an interesting and challenging book "It's Easier to Succeed than to Fail" Truett has outlined his business principles and basic religious beliefs. With the new impetus given to the business by this move into free standing restaurants he will continue to be the very epitome of the book title, for unlike Mall outlets, the opportunities for free standing restaurants are almost limitless.

Chic-fil-A? A trade mark name, it signifies the best tasting, most scrumptious, chicken available in to-day's health conscious world. Cooked with special ingredients in cholesterol free peanut oil, the chicken is low in fat and calories but strong in protein. The Mall locations provide employment for over 20,000 young people - the free standing restaurants will expand the operation to include a breakfast menu and drive through section with added employment opportunities.

Headquarters for Truett's operation is situated on 75 acres of woodland in Georgia, four miles south of Atlanta's International Airport. It was visited in 1991 by Clan Commander Sandy McPhie and wife Helen, and other Clan members when Sandy and Helen were guests at Atlanta's Stone Mountain Highland Games.

S. S. CLAN MACPHEE *

S. S. Clan Macphee, a cargo liner of 6628 tons gross, was built in 1911 at West Hartlepool by Irvine's Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. Ltd., for the Clan Line Steamers Ltd. and registered at Glasgow. She survived the 1914-18 War, but became a casualty of the Battle of the Atlantic during the 1939-45 War, being torpedoed and sunk by a U-Boat on 16th August, 1940.

The Clan Line (Cayzer, Irvine & Co.) was noted for operating high-grade, fast cargo liners, usually with accommodation for 12 passengers. The Line's house-flag featured a Scottish heraldic lion, and most of its vessels possessed heavy lift gear capable of loading locomotives, transformers, etc.

Clan Macphee's dimensions (in feet) were 430 x 53.5 x 26.4, and the position of her sinking is recorded as 57° 30' North, 17° 14' West.

* Spelling as shown in Lloyd's Register.

We are indebted to Australian Clan Society member, Keith Caldwell of Brisbane, Queensland, for the above information. Does anyone else have further information on the S.S. Clan Macphee or a photograph perhaps?

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The article opposite appeared in the May 1990 edition of "In Britain" under the title of "Holds Me Under its Spell" by Patrick Cormack who "got away-from-it-all" on Colonsay. It is a good account of Colonsay for the visitor, and that includes many of our travellers in September who will be there for the first time. If the accompanying photograph reproduces reasonably clearly - it is of the ferry on which they will be crossing from Oban. Arrangements, by the way, are well in hand for the Gathering and Clan Parliament with some 150 to 160 Clan Members attending from around the world. A full report will appear in the November Clan News.

I have a passion for islands, with their self-contained seclusion and the opportunity they offer to put the world at a distance. But though I have seen something of the delights of the Caribbean and of the South Pacific, for me there is no more perfect island retreat than Colonsay, the most remote, and probably the least known, of the islands of the Inner Hebrides.

With its lochs, its burns and its hills, its cliffs and its white sandy beaches, it is a microcosm of the best of Scotland. The hills are easily climbed, for though the perfection of their scale makes them seem high, none is more than a few hundred feet, and the beaches are empty, even when the island and its hotel, and the dozen or so cottages and farmhouses now let out by the estate to holidaymakers, are full. The one single track road is never crowded either. And there are no caravans.

In fact, there are not many of the allegedly necessary accoutrements of modern living. For the last thirty years visitors have been able to disembark on a pier – rather than be ferried ashore in small boats. Less than twenty years ago, the electricity came. There is a shop, and there are two churches, one Church of Scotland and one Baptist, both tiny. There is a telephone box, and there is a hotel, the bar of which serves as the local for the islanders. You can buy superb home-made bread at The Pantry, newly opened in 1989 and, with the hotel, the only other place on the island where you can buy a meal.

In the summer, in the village hall at Kiloran there are ceilidhs on a Thursday night. There is a barn where you can buy tea and cakes and knitwear, and, once a week, in the summer, listen to a fascinating talk about the wildlife in which the island abounds. Finally there is a spectacularly sited eighteen-hole golf course, crossed by a burn and perforated by innumerable rabbit holes – and you will be very lucky if you do not lose at least one ball in a round.

Don't go to Colonsay, therefore, if your taste is for the smooth and the chic, or if you cannot survive without a daily paper or keeping abreast of television programmes. The papers come in with the ferry three times a week, and then only in limited numbers, and television reception is so poor that most people don't bother with it. But if you are given to long walks, often in mist and driving rain (even in the summer), to pure air and to that becalming solitude which is a far better restorer of frayed nerves and fraught tempers than anything that ever came out of a bottle, then this is a

place worth making for, and if you get there you will, as we did, almost certainly fall under its spell.

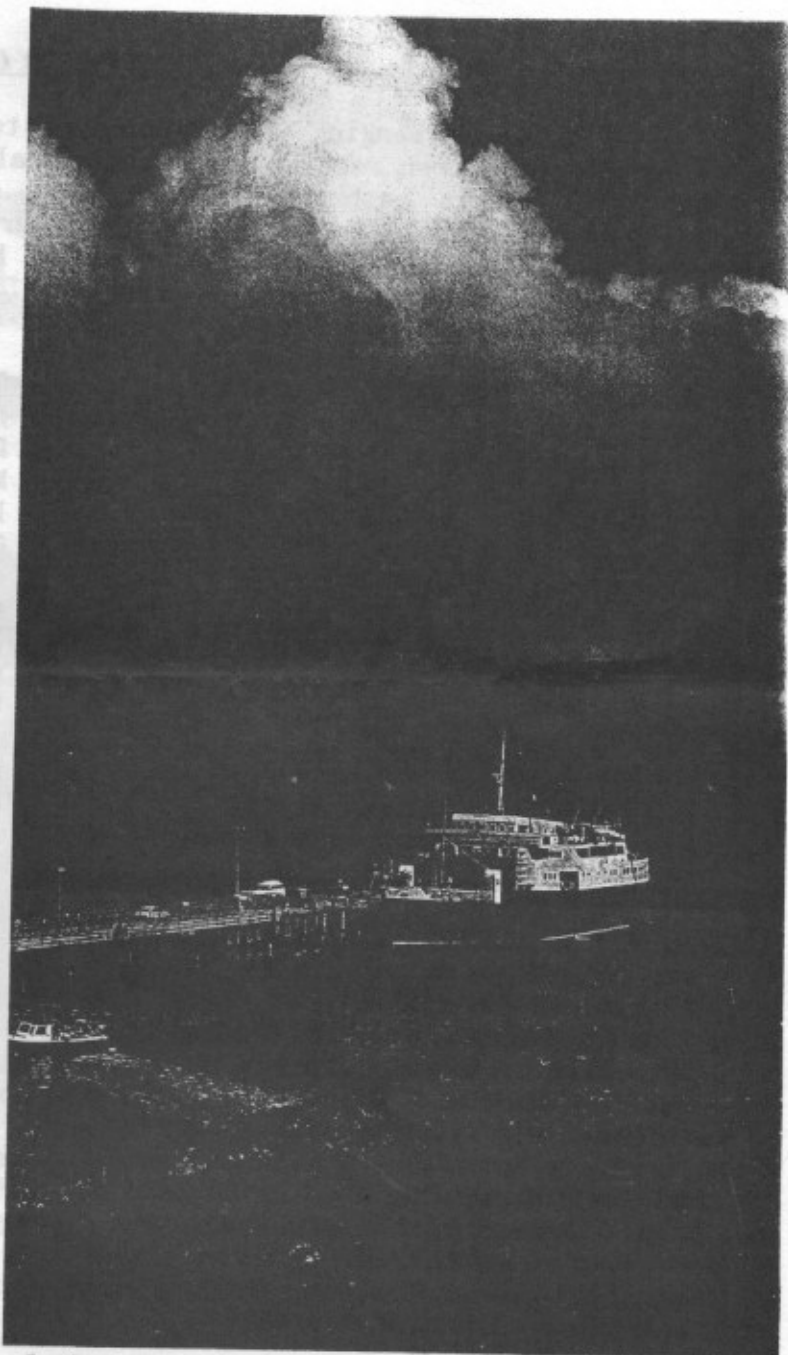
You cannot see Colonsay from the mainland. It is hidden away beyond the more mountainous and spectacular islands of Jura and Islay, but the 25 mile voyage out, which takes about two and a half hours from Oban, gives you the most dramatic proof (as you sail by Iona and Mull and on beyond) that the scenery of the Western Isles is unsurpassable.

There are three boats a week from Oban and one from Kennacraig, which calls at Islay on the way. This is the Wednesday boat, which brings the day visitors, a new influx which to the islanders is mass tourism but to anyone who knows other holiday haunts, is easily absorbed. Though having been there before the day visitors came I know what the islanders mean. There is a certain fragility about the beauty of a place like this and it would be sad to see it tarnished by too many incursions by those who could not, by the very nature of things, have time to acclimatise to its slower pace and gentler touch.

For most, the attraction of Colonsay is in its extraordinarily varied scenery of cliffs and moorlands and sandy beaches, mountain lochs and rhododendron woods, and in its wildlife. Not that there is any great wilderness here. Man has lived on Colonsay for at least 6000 years – and there are intriguing traces of our early ancestors in the Standing Stones which were once their temples and are now their memorials. There are reminders too of the days of early Celtic Christianity, especially on the neighbouring island of Oronsay, joined at low tide by The Strand, where St Columbus landed on his way to Iona almost 1500 years ago. The Priory, founded on this site, housed a monastic community for over a thousand years after that and its ruins are among the most spectacular on the west coast of Scotland.

The monks, just like the modern crofters, were encouraged by the equable climate. The annual rainfall here (and I think we had most of it while we were there last August) is half that of the neighbouring mainland, and in winter frosts are rare. Also, I am told there is more sunshine here than almost any other part of Scotland, though I cannot vouch for that myself.

The very fact that the island still holds me under its spell is a measure of its beauty. An atmosphere of gentleness, domesticity and peace pervades the whole place, even though the breakers roar into Kiloran Bay, one of the most spectacularly beautiful beaches I know.



In the last century, the gardens at Colonsay House were laid out and then became among the finest and most extensive in the British Isles. Rare trees and shrubs from all parts of the world, including mimosa, and eucalyptus, and palm trees, were planted and flourished. Today the gardens are somewhat overgrown but to walk through them is to recapture something of the childhood thrill of reading *The Secret Garden*.

There were no clearances on Colonsay, as there were on most of the other Hebridean islands. But there is a ruined village, deserted when the 'capital' moved to Scalasaig, the tiny harbour hamlet into which the ferry sails, and most of the crofts and cottages are not now island homes but, as part of the Colonsay House Estate, are let out to visitors. There are however enough islanders to form a real community and it is a friendly and welcoming one of which the visitor quickly feels a part.

Much of the credit for this

Above. Oban car ferry at Scalasaig pier. Opposite. Kiloran sands.

must go to the Byrnes who, for the last twelve years, have run the island hotel. They have created an extremely good and comfortable, though not falsely sophisticated, hotel which attracts discerning visitors back year after year. The rooms are comfortable, the food is excellent and at night, after dinner (where there is no choice but just a fine meal, well presented), people really do talk to each other, exchanging anecdotes and information about their explorations and discovery on an island which no one can begin to know merely by relying on a motorcar.

We have been twice and I am sure we shall return, to see Loch Fada at sunset, and to see the eagle soar, and to wake each morning and look out towards the Paps of Jura commanding a glassy sea. **B**

DONATIONS TO CLAN FUNDS

Since Clan banking was transferred to Australia in late October 1990, many donations have been received from individual members, or from the Clan Societies on behalf of their members. To a large extent these donations have not been acknowledged. Apologies for this and sincere thanks to those members who made these generous donations towards Clan funds. Balance Sheets for the period will be presented to Clan Parliament in September. The lists below acknowledge donations received up to 24th June 1993.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Boyt & Mary Grace Cathey, Jamestown, NC (3)

Thomas L. Cathey, New York, NY

John & Maxine Nolan, Springfield, IL

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Walter & Barandina Cathey, Orlando, FL (2)

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Janice Cathey, Freeland, VA

Alene Greenwell, Brownsville, CA

George Cathey, Greenville, MS

B. V. Cathey Jnr, Selmer, TN

James Westfall, Fremont, CA

Robert Idzoreck, Los Alamos, NM

In addition, MacDuffee/Macfie C/S of America forwarded two Per Capita Levies, and a Capital Fund donation plus two specific project donations on behalf of members. (Names not stated).

This gem (right) appeared in the Toowoomba Chronicle in Australia on 23rd June 1993. It looks as if everyone is getting in on the act!

CANADA

Jennie W. MacPhee, Vancouver, B.C. (2)

Ken McPhee, Guelph, ONT

Bruce & Nan McPhee, Comox, BC (2)

In addition, MacPhee C/S of Ontario forwarded three Per Capita Levies and made a Capital Fund donation on behalf of members (names not stated) and one in honour of Jennie MacPhee's 101st birthday. Clan MacPhee Alberta made one Capital Fund donation on behalf of members, (names not stated), and one in recognition of Jennie MacPhee's 100th birthday.

NEW ZEALAND

McPhee Family C/S of N.Z. forwarded two Per Capita Levies and made two Capital Fund donations on behalf of members. (Names not stated).

SWEDEN

The Thorburn Macfie Family Society of Sweden forwarded a Per Capita Levy.

AUSTRALIA

Mrs. Vi McPhee, Maryborough, Q. (3)

Jock McPhee & family, Chewton, Vic. (2)

Bill McPhee & family, Seaforth, N.S.W. (2)

Sandy & Helen McPhee, Toowoomba, Q.

In addition The Macfie C/S of Australia forwarded three Per Capita Levies and a Working Fund donation on behalf of members plus a Clan Capital Fund donation and four donations on behalf of members. (Names to be listed next time).

ULF TO HOSPITAL

Clan Commissioner in Sweden, Ulf Hagman, will be unable to attend the Clan Gathering in September as he is scheduled for major surgery in late August to correct the narrowing of a blood vessel which caused problems during last year's visit to the U.S.A. and Canada. Good wishes Ulf. Clan Macfie is on your side!

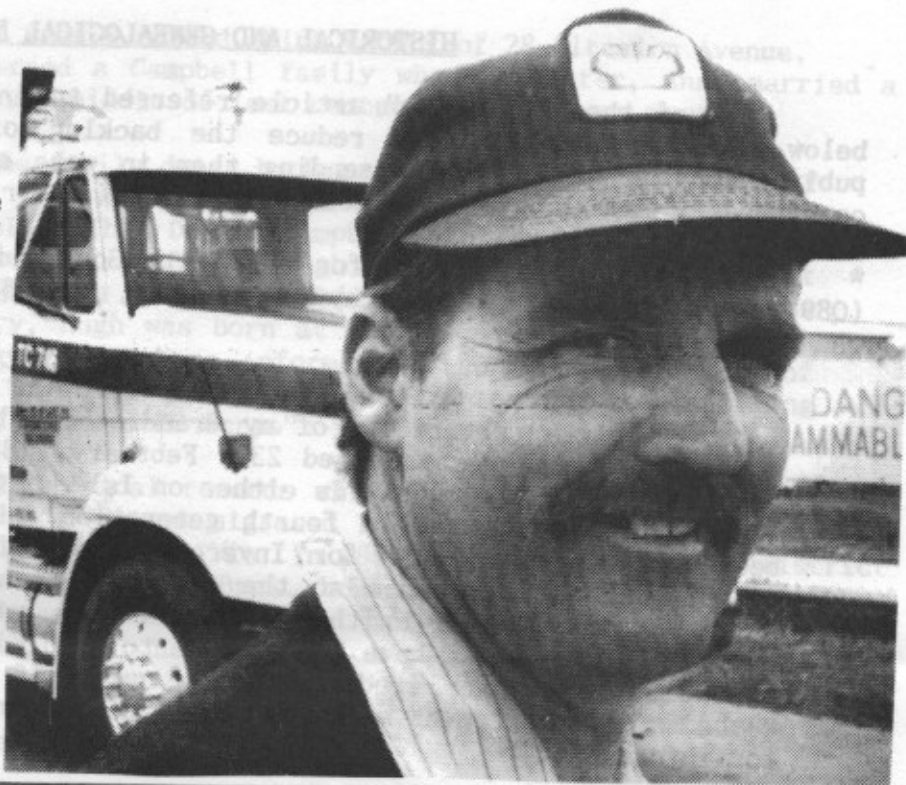
No jobs for bobby

□ LONDON: Britain's most under-worked policeman has an impeccable record as a community's law enforcement officer — 19 years without a single crime.

Roadman Archie McConnell has been a special constable since 1974 on the Hebridean island of Colonsay — population 102 — where the last recorded crime, treachery against the king, was in 1623.

The 52-year-old unpaid bobby does have a uniform — which he last wore on general election day "when I manned the polling booth to prevent riots".

Clan Member Don McPhee (right) had the honour of christening the Shell Refinery's new B-Double tanker on its maiden run from Geelong to Colac in Victoria last year. The B-Double is a 23 metre long double hitch semi with a computer operated braking system and a top speed of 98 kmh. Don has been with Shell Australia for 22 years and underwent a two day driver conversion course to gain a road train licence before taking the B-Double on the road.



TOWNSVILLE BULLETIN

Thursday, August 15, 1991

McPhee's deliver beauty

NATIVE landscaping designed to maintain Townsville's identity has singled out a Garbutt company for an industrial beautification award.

McPhee Transport in Camuglla St stands out among the industrial area of the suburb with a mass of trees among the block of buildings.

It has impressed local judges in the Industrial Beautification Campaign, who selected the company as winner from 60 entrants in the New Premises Commercial Landscaping category.

Townsville manager Mick O'Byrne said when the company came to Townsville in the early 1980s they found a city intent on keeping its identity.

"It was this fact that inspired us to design a building that would complement that distinctive appearance and would fit with that local identity."

The Industrial Beautification Campaign was launched last year.

HILARY MCPHEE - PUBLISHER

Clan Member, Hilary McPhee of Sydney and Melbourne has been a respected and sought after leader in the publishing world for twenty years. The daughter of a bank manager, Hilary, 51, grew up in the Dandenongs in Victoria. She has three children from three marriages and is currently married to Don Watson, one of Prime Minister Keating's speech writers.

In the early seventies Hilary formed the publishing company of McPhee Gribble with Di Gribble, a friend from university days. Together they wrote twenty highly successful do-it-yourself manuals for children which were sold world-wide through their association with Penguin books.

As their expertise grew their business expanded. Amongst others, they published books for many young and emerging writers and established a reputation as astute and knowledgeable editors and publishers. Penguin purchased McPhee Gribble in 1989 with Hilary remaining with the company. In late 1992 she left Penguin to join Pan MacMillan to seek new fields to conquer in the publishing world with her uncanny talent for spotting and nurturing writers.

(From a recent article in the Australian Magazine.)

MACFIE KILT FOR SALE

Mr. Bob Caithness of 11 Orr Street, Goolwa, S.A. 5214 (Tel: 085 55-3452) has a complete Scottish outfit for sale in ancient Macfie tartan - it includes jacket, waiscoat, shirt, sporrion, kilt and sgian dubh. Size, chest 95 cm. and waist 40" - Bob is 5'3" tall. Asking price is \$600.00 o.n.o.

Interested members should contact Bob direct.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

More of the "next time" article referred to in the last Newsbulletin appear below. These significantly reduce the backlog of members' contributions for publication, so please start sending them in once more. Apologies to the three concerned for our long overdue acknowledgment of their interesting contributions.

* First a current request for help with Scotland information from Alison Hale (Q89-689) of 12 Comet Street, Bayview Heights, Q. 4868 - which is up near Cairns in the warm climate.

"I am having trouble locating information on my Great-grandparents. I have a birth certificate of my Grandfather, b. 1890, and on it states that his parents were married 23rd February, 1883 at Kilcalmonell. I am assuming that Kilcalmonell is either on Isle of Skye, or nearby, as I know that my grandfather was a fourth generation inhabitant of Skye. I have been through the I.G.I. for Inverness shire for both the birth of my grandfather (1890), and also the marriage of his parents (1883) without success. My problem is that I have a gap between the I.G.I. and what records I have, and I have been unable to find Kilcalmonell in any maps. I have also looked for it in a tourist guide of Scotland written in 1890. Maybe someone can point me in the right direction, as to where to look next for information".

* Noel McPhie (Q77-267) and wife, Vera, of 18 Rathlyn Avenue, Corinda, Q. 4075 wrote in June 1991 with the following interesting information:

"About three years ago, I received a long letter from a Mr. W. Taylor of Darwen, Lancashire, who is a Principal of the High School there, and is also President of the area Genealogical Society. The information that he had in England about me, my marriage, my children, was astounding. As a result, I sent him all the particulars I had about my parents etc., and we have become quite firm friends. We have exchanged many tapes and letters, and Bill has forwarded photocopies of Birth certificates, Marriage certificates, and Death certificates, going back to 1770. He even supplied a School Inspector's report on my father from about 1890. I even know the actual time of day that one of these people died in the hospital".

Noel included a fairly comprehensive family tree for his McPhie family which has been added to the Clan Society genealogical records.

* John McPhee (V76-206) of 4/10 Ryeburne Avenue, Hawthorn East, Vic. 3123 also wrote in June 1991 with a request for information to help fill some family tree blanks and enclosed details of his ancestors in Scotland, their migration to Australia on the S.S. Clifton arriving at Corio Bay, Geelong, Vic., on 30th January 1852, and of the family in Victoria.

not ours. "I was wondering if you may be able to make some suggestions as to who I could turn to for assistance. The Victorian State Records Office and the Morman Church have been my main sources of information in Australia. Any information concerning Colin McPhee and his wife Christina, nee McMaster, who were probably born during the period 1750-1775, would be most helpful.

Also of help would be information as to the marriage of John McPhee (b. 1799-1800) and Margaret McMillan possibly at Ardnamurchan in the late 1820's. In 1988, with my wife Gwen we were, with some difficulty, able to locate the rough stone cottage 5-6 miles out of Arisaig where John and Margaret lived while John was employed as a Shepherd by the Laird of Arisaig. At least four of the children were born in that cottage".

* Clan Society Trustee, Neil McPhee (V74-017) of 1/15 Bath Street, Mornington, Vic. 3931 was the third member to write in June 1991. His contribution was

different, however, as it was from a friend, Dick Waters of 28 Pitcairn Avenue, Urrbrae, S.A. 5064 and concerned a Campbell family whose daughter, Ann, married a Neil McPhee of Naracoorte in the middle of last century. Mr. Waters wrote:

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"My knowledge of the family dates back to the late eighteenth century when Hugh Campbell and his wife Anne, nee McColl are recorded as the parents of Donald Campbell. This Donald Campbell married Sophie Patterson in circa 1795 and my great grandfather Hugh Campbell was a son of that marriage and Ann (McPhee) was a daughter. Whilst Ann was born at Kilninian according to her obituary, Hugh was born at Fanmore. Both places are on the Island of Mull, Argyll. I have information that the population of Fanmore in a census of 1851 was 97 and the chief occupation was farming with allotments varying from 2 to 20 acres".

He also enclosed some historical records which show that the Neil McPhee in question was born on Iona in 1819 and migrated with the Campbells on the S.S. Marmion of 903 tons, landing at Portland, Vic. in 1852. Neil worked in the district on properties owned by Henty and Cameron Bros. before taking up land at Hamilton. He eventually returned to Naracoorte where he died in 1901 aged 83. His widow, Ann died in 1914, aged 93. She had been the first matron of Naracoorte Hospital. They had no children. No date of marriage is recorded but in the shipping records, Ann is recorded as Ann Campbell, so it would appear to have been an early shipboard romance leading to marriage here in Australia.

UNSOLVED MURDER OF CLAN MEMBER

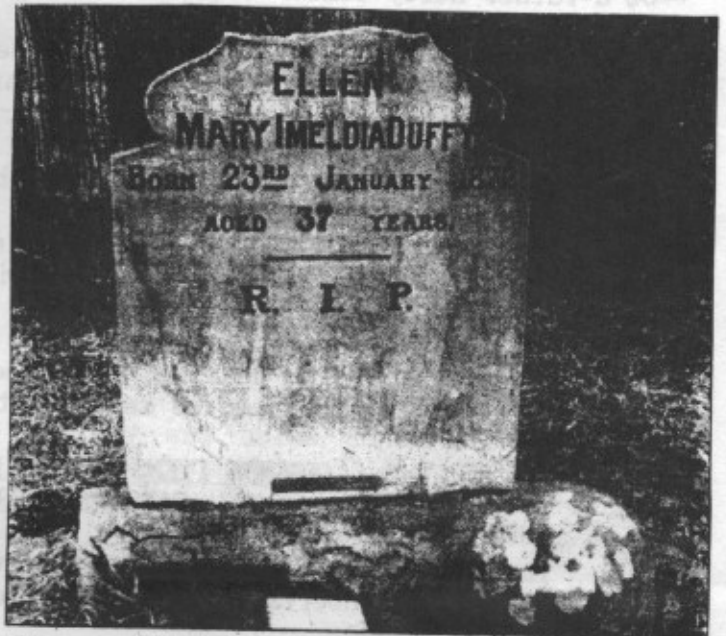
On the morning of Monday, 28th September, 1908 Nellie Duffy was found in her bed on Carpentaria Downs Station with her throat cut. Carpentaria Downs is a large cattle holding west of Ingham at the base of Cape York in north Queensland.

At the time of her murder Miss Duffy had been on the Station for nearly two years acting as housekeeper and was well liked by those who came in contact with her.

The Station Manager, a Mr. Henry Charles Wilson, was away at an outstation at the time of her death. His (second) wife, Fanny Mary, was eventually charged with the killing of Nellie Duffy and sent for trial in Townsville in March 1909. Due mainly, it would seem, to the conflicting statements by a key witness for the prosecution she was found "not guilty" and discharged.

Nellie's lonely grave on Carpentaria Downs Station bears mute testimony to a night of tragedy in our remote north.

(Thanks to the Stockman's Hall of Fame Newspaper of December 1992 for this item).



The grave of Miss Duffy is situated in a small station graveyard on a rise a few hundred metres from the Carpentaria Downs homestead. The gravestone bears no mention of how she died.

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VALE

With regret we record the death of Margaret Gate (N74-051) of Sandgate, Q. on 9th July last year. Condolences are extended to her family.

HISTORY OF CLAN MACFIE SETTLERS IN AUSTRALIA



Following discussions in Melbourne at the Eighth Biennial General Meeting in 1990 it was decided to make a start on collating information for a History of Clan Macfie settlers in Australia.

Much information is available, of course, as members have been sending in their family trees, ancestor charts and family histories since the Clan Society first formed in 1974. Several families have published quite comprehensive histories on their ancestors in Australia while others have contributed notes.

This information, which continues to grow in volume, must first be sorted through and placed in some order. Undoubtedly there will be families on which we have little information and gaps in the information on other families. A basic index of shipping arrivals etc., will be needed.

Much of the information the Clan Society holds has been recorded and classified over the years by our senior Historian, Norah McPhee, of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. This information has now been passed over to the Clan Society President and Secretary, Sandy and Helen McPhie, in Toowoomba, for transfer on to computer. Heather Cork (N75-099) of North Dorrigo, N.S.W. will be assisting with this.

The present plan with this History is to deal only with the families who arrived during last century, Volume 1 perhaps? - and already it would appear it will be a rather hefty tome.

Although a start has been made, the sorting of information currently held must necessarily take second place to Clan Parliament paperwork for Sandy and Helen. It will thus be some years before the History starts to come together in a solid form.

It is proposed to call on Clan members themselves to do much of the writing of their own family's history, so don't be surprised when you are asked to contribute. The History will be based on the best information available and should result in a useful reference on Clan members and their families in Australia.

If your family is a member of the nineteenth century brigade, one or more of your members will be hearing from the History writers within the next twelve months - please be prepared to assist with this worthwhile project -

AGENDA ITEMS - 10th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING CANBERRA, 29th JANUARY 1994

The Tenth Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held in Canberra, A.C.T. on Saturday, 29th January 1994.

A call is now made for Agenda Items for the General Meeting. Proposed items should be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, to reach the Clan Society Secretary at 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba, Q. 4350, by 31st October 1993. Newsbulletin No. 67 in November will carry the formal notification for the Tenth Biennial General Meeting and Business Agenda.

It is expected that the Meeting will be a Luncheon Meeting held at the Burns Club in Kambah, with the following timetable:

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| Saturday 29 Jan | - 11.30 a.m. Assemble and Social |
| | - 12.30 p.m. Clan Luncheon |
| | - 2.00 p.m. General Meeting |
| | - 7.30 p.m. Informal Dinner - to be decided |
| Sunday 30 Jan | - 11.30 a.m. Clan Picnic - to be decided |

These arrangements will be confirmed in the next Newsbulletin (No. 67 in November) - The dates are firm, however, so be early in booking your accommodation.

ITS WEDDING TIME

Three of our lady members were married early this year. Photographs of two of the brides are reproduced here.

(Top) **Lyndal McPhie** (Q76-163) and **Andrew Wallace** toast each other at their wedding reception in Toowoomba on the 6th March. Clan Piper in Australia, Bob McPhee, piped the bridal party to the church. Lyndal is the older daughter of our Clan Commander Sandy and wife Helen. Lyndal now lives in Townsville, Q. where she is a Psychiatric Nurse at the General Hospital there.

On the 8th March, Sandy's cousin, **Mary Alison McPhie** (Q74-038) married **Kevin Goodall** in Brisbane. They are now living in Caloundra on Brisbane's north coast. Mary Alison is the third daughter of the late Victor McPhie (Q74-013) and Ena McPhie (Q77-234) of Dalby, Q. Victor was the first Macfie in Australia to receive a Grant of Arms from the Lord Lyon in Scotland.

24th April was the wedding day for **Barbara McPhee** (N74-079) and **Jim Knowles**. Barbara is shown (Bottom) alighting from her car at Christchurch Church, Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. assisted by proud father, Clan Commissioner in Australia, Sandy McPhee of Mt. Vincent. The happy couple are living in Ryde in Sydney. Barbara is Senior Lecturer in Ergonomics at Sydney University, President of the Australian Ergonomics Society and holds a Masters Degree in Public Occupational Health. Jim is currently upgrading his qualifications in Mine Safety and Health and....what better tutor....

OVERSEAS TRIPPERS

Apart from the contingent to Colonsay in September, others trippers to Scotland this year are **Gladys McIntosh** (S77-255) of Adelaide S.A. who was there in May/June; **Cherry McFee** (V75-094) of Cowes, Vic. who should be just back from a nine week visit to Europe, including several days on Colonsay; and **Donna McPhee** (N87-591) of Bondi Junction, N.S.W. who spent a sabbatical break visiting Mediteranean countries earlier in the year, but didn't make it as far north as Scotland - their loss!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the Clan Society in recent months. A warm welcome is extended to each of them.

A93-796	Mrs. Judith Ann McPhee	22 Jindivik Place, Scullin, ACT 2614
N93-797	Edward Lee McPhie	16 Norman Dykes Ave., Cooma, NSW 2630
Q93-798	Miss Carolyn Anne Smith	8 Dante Court, Arundel, Q. 4214
Q93-799	Miss Jennifer Mary Smith	8 Dante Court, Arundel, Q. 4214
V93-800	Hugh Macphee	100 Bondi Rd., Bonbeach, Vic. 3196
V93-801	Mrs. Fay Macphee	100 Bondi Rd., Bonbeach, Vic. 3196
N93-802	Mrs. Leonie Cathie	"Yarrabee" RMB 1037, Gundaroo Rd.
N93-803	Hugh Cathie	" " Bungendore, NSW 2621
N93-804	Matthew Cathie	" " " " "
N93-805	Miss Julie Cathie	" " " " "
Z93-806	Gary MacPhie	34 Draycott Drive #05-01, Singapore, 1025
Q93-807	Alvin Alexander Green	61 Barker St., East Brisbane, Q. 4169
Q93-808	Miss Fiona MacLeod Green	61 Barker St., East Brisbane, Q. 4169
Q93-809	Fergus John MacLeod Green	61 Barker St., East Brisbane, Q. 4169
Z93-810	Mrs. Stella Gallagher	22 Woodstock Gardens, Pengold, Bridgend, Wales
N93-811	Miss Susan McPhee	48/51 Roslyn Gardens, Elizabeth Bay, NSW 2011
Q93-812	Miss Mahala McPhie Wallace	64 Cook St., Townsville, Q. 4810
Q93-813	Errol E. Green	158 Eagle Heights Rd., Eagle Heights, Q. 4271

LOST CONTACT

Secretary Helen has lost contact with the following members. If you can help with a new address (that's the old one below), please let her know.

W88-614	Mrs. Maryann McPhee	28 Roxwell Way, Girrawheen, W.A. 6064
V91-750	Mrs. L. M. Summerhayes	109 Wawunna Rd., Horsham, Vic. 3400
V74-041	Mr. Graeme McPhee	10 Abernathy St., Shepparton, Vic. 3630

THEY'VE MOVED

In accordance with established Macfie (and Scottish) tradition our members are still moving camp on a fairly regular basis. Latest ones to get the moving bug are:

- * Clan Society Treasurer, Lorraine McPhee (Q77-287) from Maple St. to 201 Geddes St. in Toowoomba, Q. 4350.
- * Heather Guinness (N74-003) from Newmarket St. to 113 Hume St. in Toowoomba, Q. 4350.
- * Neil McPhie (N74-071) from Orrong Cres. to 49 Glyndon Rd. in Camberwell, Vic. 3124.
- * Lyndal Wallace (Q76-163) from Toowoomba, to 64 Cook St. Townsville, Q. 4810.
- * Katrina McPhie (Q76-165) from Toowoomba to 80A Audley St. Petersham, NSW 2049.
- * Mrs. Leanne Carpenter (W91-754) from Duncraig, W.A. to 6 Little Lane, Kingsley, W.A. 6026.
- * Brett McPhee (W91-755) from Mt. Magnet, W.A. to 3 Lushington Way, Padbury, W.A. 6026.
- * Bill and Trish McPhee (N80-474/475) and daughters Catriona and Anna (N87-593/594) have moved from Muston St. in Mosman, NSW, to 1 Burton St. Mosman, NSW 2088, while daughter Alexandra (N87-592) has moved from Muston St. to be with the fourth sister, Donna (N87-591) at 22 Ashton St. Bondi Junction, NSW 2022.
- * Mary Alison Goodall (Q74-038) from Beerwah in Q. to Lot 1 Parklands Boulevard, Little Mountain, Caloundra, Q. 4551.
- * Isobel Clark (V74-035) from Box Hill, Vic. to 79 Stevenson St., Kew, Vic. 3101.