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ROBERT BURNS, POET

b. 25 Jan 1759 - d. 21 Jul 1796

This year marks the bicentenary of the death of Scotland's National Poet, Robert Burns. It was commemorated in many ways around the world including an International Festival in Dumfries, Scotland, and the issuing of a special set of four postage stamps by the British Post Office.

Burns great popularity as a poet and songwriter lay in his ability to accurately portray the life of his fellow rural Scots. He had a fine sense of humour, a great zest for enjoying life, and an ability with words in description, humour and satire which struck a cord with all levels of society. In his short but turbulent life, he claimed a place in History and will always be revered wherever Scots meet worldwide. Some of his songs are amongst the most familiar and best loved in the English language.

Burns suppers are held in January each year in countries around the world. Australia is among the foremost in this regard and next year will host the World Conference of the Burns Federation - the first occasion it has been held in the Southern hemisphere. The Conference is to be held in Melbourne, Vic., from 18th to 21st September 1997. Further information can be obtained from the Conference Secretary, P.O. Box 7404, St. Kilda road, Melbourne, 3004. Tel: (03) 9820-8099.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Another year has gone by at the speed of light. But a lot has been done and is being done. The Biennial General Meeting weekend in Brisbane in May was a good one, and well attended. The Clan Society has introduced a line of merchandise (badges) for members, we have supported the Colonsay Land purchase programme well, and a number of members are planning on attending the International Gathering of Clan Macfie and Clan Parliament in Scotland next May.

With regard to the badges (see page 6) we inadvertently committed a grave error in our last Newsbulletin when these badges were announced under the collective Clan Macfie name. They are not, and were not intended to be Clan badges, they are Clan Society badges, unique to our Clan Society. The mistake is regretted - Have you bought a Clan Society badge yet?

Full details for the Clan Gathering programme next year are in the Clan News section on pages 7 and 8. Some confusion has been caused by the hotel in Aviemore, where the Gathering is centred, changing its name and telephone and fax numbers mid-year without letting the Clan know. New details are on page 7 - and - don't forget to book by 31st December to receive Clan Macfie preferential reservations.

At Clan Parliament we will, amongst other items, consider adopting a constitution for a worldwide Federation of Clan Macfie Societies. Eight societies are involved within our Clan and it will be no mean feat achieving agreement. Clan MacLennan formed a world Federation at their International Gathering in Scotland this year and, of course, a number of other Clans have had world bodies in place for some years.

The appeal for funds to buy land on Colonsay remains open - please give it serious consideration as we have a unique opportunity now to purchase land there which will be held in trust for the Clan for all time.

In the last Newsbulletin Mrs. Joan Stow of Bendigo was listed as a "Lost Contact" member. Nothing has been heard of Joan - Please can anyone help with a contact address or number?

With Christmas still eight weeks away as I write, and cold winds with us yet, it is difficult to look ahead to the festive season which is fast approaching. Helen joins with me in wishing all of you, and your families, the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

A. C. (Sandy) McPhie
President and
Clan Commander

1st November 1996

1996 - THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA - EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE BEARERS

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THE FUNCTIONS PAGE

- 14 - 24 Nov Adelaide Tattoo, The Esplanade, Glenelg (08 8322-4550)
- 23 Nov - 1 Dec Sydney Scottish Week - programme below
- 24 Nov St. Andrew's Day Remembrance Service, The Shrine, Melbourne, 1:45 p.m. (03 9836-8208)
- 24 Nov Kirking of the Tartan, Scot's Presbyterian Memorial Church, Clayfield, Brisbane, 9:30 a.m. (07 3262-1230)
- 7/8 Dec Daylesford, Vic., Scottish Gathering (053 48-2001)
- 1 Jan Nambour, Q'ld., Scottish Gathering, Petrie Park from 10:00 a.m. (074 41-4238)
- 26 Jan Celtic Australia Day Festival, St. Leonard's Park, North Sydney, N.S.W. (02 202-8857)
- 28 - 31 Mar Highland Gathering, Maclean, N.S.W.
- 12 Apr Highland Gathering, Bundanoon, N.S.W. (1800 656 176)
- 3/4 May Standing Stones Celtic Gathering, Glen Innes, N.S.W.
- 23/30 May 12th Clan Macfie International Gathering and 7th Clan Parliament, Aviemore Scotland - see page 7.
- 27 May **Clan Macfie Day - Celebrate worldwide!**
- 1st week July Sydney Tartan Week

1996 SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK PROGRAMME

An abridged Sydney Scottish week programme appears below. Full details may be obtained from the Scottish Australian Heritage Council on (02) 9644-4647 or 9220-6126. Guests for Scottish Week this year are Dr. and Mrs. Ian Cameron of Melbourne and Dr. Sheila Brock, Campaign Director of the National Museums of Scotland Appeal. Dr. Cameron is Chieftain of Clan Cameron in Australia and a regular visitor to Scottish Week. A number of changes have been made in formulating this year's programme - there is no Ball, or Southern or Western Ceilidhs and the Highland Games on the last Sunday have returned to Drummoyne Oval. A St. Andrews Dinner has been added on the Friday night and ceremonies will still be conducted at the Scotland-Australia Cairn, Rawson Park, Mosman on the final Sunday. Clan Society Vice-President Geoff and Ruth McPhee of Lugarno will be attending the Kirking of the Tartan on the first Sunday.

- Sat 23 Nov Garden Party, Central Gardens, Merrylands
- Sun 24 Nov 10:30 Kirking of the Tartan, St. Mary's Cathedral
12:00 noon Gather in Hyde Park for march to Darling Harbour
1:00 p.m. Picnic and Concert Darling Harbour
- Mon 25 to Fri 29 Nov 12:00 noon Scottish entertainment, Martin Place
- Tue 26 Nov 8:00 a.m. Golf Day and Luncheon, Cromer Golf Course
- Wed 27 Nov 7:15 p.m. Ceilidh, North Sydney Leagues Club
- Sat 30 Nov 10:30 a.m. onwards, Scottish entertainment, St. John's Mall, Parramatta
7:30 p.m. St. Andrews Day Dinner at Masonic Centre, City
- Sun 1 Dec 9:00 a.m. Mosman Gala Day, Rawson Park
10:00 a.m. Combined Scottish Societies 127th Annual Highland Gathering, Drummoyne Oval
(Enquiries 9713-9610)
11:00 a.m. Ceremony at Scotland-Australia Cairn, Rawson Park, Mosman

1996 Poetry Competitions

This year, Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhee expanded the annual Macfie Clan Society of Australia Poetry Competition into two sections. Both were well supported with 38 entries for the J.D. Lang Poetry Prize reflecting a Celtic-Australian theme, and 79 entries for the new Will Ogilvie Poetry Prize for bush verse.

The prize winners were announced at an Art and Craft Evening conducted at the Shire hall in Cunnamulla in western Queensland on 12th September, as part of the annual Cunnamulla-Eulo Opal Festival. President and Clan Commander Sandy and Helen attended the evening along with Bob and Anne and their daughter Fiona Thompson (Q78-427), son-in-law Andy, and granddaughter Isabelle (N96-907, born 14 Aug 95) from Enngonia, N.S.W.. A long way there and back, but a most enjoyable and well conducted evening in the impressive new Shire Hall.

The prize winners were:

John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize

- 1st "Burra Burra", Mr. Graeme Johnston, West Ryde, N.S.W.
- 2nd "With the Wind", Mr. Paul Sherman, Gordon Park, Q'ld.
- 3rd "A Beach Chat-1859", Miss Evelyn Elizabeth Skeahan, Upper Mt. Gravatt, Q'ld.

Will Ogilvie Poetry Prize

- 1st "Trapped", Mr. Kelly Dixon, Camooweal, Q'ld.
- 2nd "Where Swagmen Once Roamed", Mr. William John McCaskill, White Cliffs, N.S.W.
- 3rd "Flying Doctor", Mr. Heather Joyce Veal, Parkes, N.S.W.

The first prize winning entries appear on the following pages. Congratulations to the place getters and all other entrants.

The competition was sponsored once again by McPhee Transport and Carlton and United Breweries. The continued support by these companies is acknowledged with sincere thanks. Judges this year were Mr. Robert Davidson B.a., B. Litt (Hons) and Mr. Jim Howard of the Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Society in Melbourne. Their contribution is also gratefully acknowledged. Bob McPhee, in addition to conducting all phases of the competitions, donated the medallions for the prize winners in memory of his mother who passed away on All Saints Day in 1995 and was herself a poet. Our thanks to Bob for this and for again conducting the competition.

Bob intends to run similar competitions on behalf of the Clan Society in 1997. Further details will be included in the next Newsbulletin (No. 77, March 1997).

Burra Burra: Prologue -

Location: 160 kms. North of Adelaide, Sth Australia

Copper Ore was discovered by a shepherd, Thomas Picket in 1845, the South Australian Mining Association gained ownership in Sept 1845. The mine named Burra Burra was so called after the nearby creek. The Burra consisted of several townships and by 1851 was Australia's largest inland town. The influence of Burra Burra on the economy of South Australia, and on mining in Australia gives the town considerable historic importance. NB: The name Samuel Burns as used in the poem is fictitious.

BURRA BURRA

Sun beats,
radiant on me face,
Most craggy now,
with wrinkled lines askew.
Sitting beneath me favourite gum,
thinking as I am my own life through.
Gnarled, knotted, bent like very tree.
Samuel Burns, a man am ee.*
Tis from the church I come today,
from Jimmy's funeral, an old cousin jack.*
Whose left this earth and now is free.
Weighted I am with each man's sorrows.
To cover over in me mind,
me tracks of life, mortality.
Tendrils of smoke curl up from me pipe,
rising me heart says, "better now than too late".
Time to retell this story of mine,
in this year of the colony 1868.

Free I did come,
to this great southern land.

Not from thievery or hunger,
but I had me plans.
Might well I'd been shackled,
like yon convicts shins.
For in yearning for wealth,
I payed for me sins.
Pale was me colour, like porcelain, understand.
Now me skin is ingrained with the stain of the land.
Blackened nails, ruddy ochred fingers,
come to scratch on this yellowed page.
Black ink icons to be worshipped,
my legacy to them in those future days.
Fancy I'm taking to such words,
that don't desert me as I age.

Oh Burra Burra, town of mine,
I grew with ye and bled ye tears.
Came with wife and lost her quick,
see her struct down by hand of disease,
neary* into prime of life.
Nightmarish conveyance of me fears.
D'ost *thee think I would't be crestfallen, bitter,
scaback by me reverses,**
problems more difficult of solution.
Na, although it has been rough, I'm not yet dead, nor had enuff.

Bake ye sun, whilst boiling,
draw yet but a gentle breeze.
In 51* a brickfielder* bore down,
without such a trace of gentle ease.
A develish horror on concoction.
Devil's breath sleet of wind borne black ash,
gravel rained as large as peas.
Air most foul of suffocation,
on a mercury scale of a hundred degrees.
E'een the dugouts* then seemed inviting,
escaping this nature as she seemed displeased.

Cowered in recessed river banks,
 like rabbits in a mile long burrow.
 Huddled round the glow of the tallow candle,
 silhouettes on whitewashed walls.
 Home of half the populous.
 Seemingly incarcerate this pastiche,
 pot pourri of cornish caste society.
 Once again placed neath landed gentry,
 safe and secure in their stonewalled cottages,
 whose odour effeminate wafts down from the hills.

From such a hutch its up to mine,
 back and forth betwixt the two I go.
 To stop it seems a rare occurrence,
 at Lords Hotel* to fill my succour.
 Until the landlord calls it time,
 or money for trade I have little to show.
 30 shillings paid per week, for tutwork* in the underground.
 But I will not heed to gass* or jaw* of golden opportunity,
 of miners gathering of wealth.
 I think there'd be not many persons who'd forsake theirs,
 for my so called prosperity.
 30 shillings paid per week,
 to swing the pick at Lucifer's back.
 Strike at the face of the "Mother Lode".*
 for the Patent Copper Company.*

Down Morphett's shaft,*
 my gilded frame I'd squeeze.
 Swallowed up by fathom's throat.
 With practised step slide down the gullet,
 I'd slow proceed.
 Retreating beat from light receding,
 decreasing arc from tunnel's mouth.
 Sinking deep into the bowels,
 until I reached our assayed pitch.*
 Leased from contract on Servaday,*
 from the well respected Captain Roach.*
 In lots of 2 months be they each.

Removing jacket, waistcoat and shirt.
 Stature decrees a naked torso,
 on which to hang perspired sweat.
 Break the stuff* with heavy blows,
 recoiled sharp, time and again.
 Fearsome the flurry of miner's strokes,
 flailing endless as birds in flight.
 Arms crying in pain along with the timbers.
 Holding at bay the encroaching sediments,
 boards burdened forever by their endless fight.
 Stalwart supporters full of stoic might,
 entrusted to protect each one workers rights.
 All is given,
 cause all is at stake.
 When piece work* your claim,
 is scoured off the take.*
 Emptied then from plat* to kibble,*
 waterwhims* come into play.
 Ropes taut, rise to the occasion,
 labour ore into the light of day.

So what of our work, will it end with me days?
 Will Burra Burra be occluded,
 in depths of history's consuming haze.
 An indistinct scrawl on cartographer's maps,
 that people pass thru on their way.
 Knowing it will not always be,
 as I happen to see it now.
 Will it even exist to be spoken of,
 inland from oceans, this dry little town.
 Built strong on the backbones of miners who died.
 The lifeblood of many,
 who found in it, pride.
 Oh Burra Burra, town of mine,
 go with my blessing.
 I wish you well.
 Fairer times ahead I do foretell.
 When on any given day,
 a traveler will walk into you.
 Stop and wonder why it is.
 He's fallen for your winsome spell.

GLOSSARY

1. **ee:** he
2. **cousin jack:** fellow Cornish person
3. **neary:** nearly
4. **Dos't:** Do
5. **reverses:** misfortunes
6. **51':** 1851
7. **brickfielder:** (hot windy day). In reference to a day in 1851 known as Black Thursday, caused by a bushfire combining with a hurricane wind blowing from the north, in conjunction with recorded temperatures well over 100°.
8. **dugouts:** The South Australian census of 1851 lists a population of 1763 men, women and children out of a total Burra Burra population of nearly 4,000 living in dugout homes cut into the banks of Burra Creek. The clay walls of the riverbank which formed the inside walls of the dugout were whitewashed to give an appearance of cleanliness. They contained fireplaces for cooking with funnels to carry smoke to the surface.
9. **Lords Hotel:** Now the current Burra Hotel.
10. **tutwork:** Earnings based on the percentage of copper in the ore raised to the surface.
11. **gass and jaw:** To talk
12. (as 11 above)
13. **Mother Lode:** or Big Lode - the originally discovered 17ft thick vein of copper ore.
14. **Patent Copper Company:** English company which smelted the Burra Mine ores at Burra from 1849-1851.
15. **Morphetts Shaft:** Deepest of the mining shafts sunk at 110 fathoms.
16. **pitch:** The ground was surveyed into blocks at various levels called pitches.
17. **Servaday:** The day appointed to letting contracts to the miners for the individually numbered pitches. Each numbered pitch was called a take (see 21.). Each take was sold on contract for 2 months.
18. **Captain Henry Roach 1808-1889:** Was captain of the Burra Mine from Jan 1847 until May 1867. Captain was a cornish term conferred upon the person who held overall authority for running a mine.
19. **stuff:** Slang term for ore.
20. **piece work:** Harder work for better pay.
21. **take:** Numbered pitch (see 16.)
22. **plat:** Opening of the mine shaft that formed a room timbered all around and overhead in which the day's ore was stored.
23. **kibble:** Iron buckets into which the ore was placed for transfer to the surface.
24. **waterwhims:** Easy hoisting of ore or water from mine shafts by winding rope onto a drum, generally by use of horse power.

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TRAPPED

Drought, and December, The third year of famine -
 Claiming the last of the weaklings, the poor -
 Stark now the bones, lying bleaching and marking
 Pathways of torture which lead to the bore.

The timberline shimmers, a smudge on the skyline,
 The raw savage sun, heats the red gibber plain -
 No vestige of pasture for clean-skin or brumby -
 The dust devils herald the morning again!

Away where the lancewood entwines with the mulga,
 Where seldom the long-searching stockmen now ride -
 The wilga and currajong, boxwood and heather -
 Give shade in the noonday - where bush cattle hide!

Away to the westward, mirages are dancing -
 Illusions of water the lost soul to craze -
 And fifty miles north on the brassy horizon -
 The range on the boundary is muted in haze.

Missed every muster since he was a yearling,
 A monarch - he dwarfs the top rail of their yards,
 His scalpel like horns, are a challenge to any
 Who coverts a wife from the harem he guards.

Disturbed by the scents and the sights at the water -
 Drinkless, he holds his mob, three days and more -
 Mistrustful of gateways and hateful of mankind -
 He puzzles what dangers encircle that bore?

Ah! But drought and December, tests even the bravest
 Of hearts, in this place where the dust devils breed -
 By evening the old bull is coaxing his charges,
 To muster their spirits - and follow his lead.

Con't

Softly, so softly, he calls to his matrons,
 Quietly they nuzzle the calves to their feet,
 Dejected, they break one last time from the timber -
 To follow their Lord from that leafy retreat.

They leave their last refuge of boxwood and wattle,
 For the long painful trek to the borehead again -
 No longer majestic, the leader now shambles,
 This last time he leads them, 'cross gibber and plain.

At moonrise, they huddle behind the old leader -
 Who nervously sniffs, at the scents he so hates,

But thirst is the victor, he loses, and falters -
 Like Judas he leads the mob - through the steel gates!

Nimble, a stockman, leaps down from a beefwood,
 He swings the big gates, and they lock with a snap -
 The warrior ushers his mob to the trough -
 Where they drink - and surrender to man and his trap.

At sunrise, the manager straddles the top rail -
 He gloatingly studies the pitiful mob -
 Then turns to his stockmen - now thoughtfully standing -
 None hearing him mouthing his praise for their job.

FROM THE 11th BGM IN MAY '96

Minutes and Reports from the 11th Biennial General Meeting held in Brisbane on 25th May were distributed to Clan Society Members in July as part of Newsbulletin No. 75. In accordance with paragraph 15 of our Constitution, the decisions taken at 11th BGM are deemed to be ratified by the membership as a whole as no objections were received by the Secretary up to one month after their being mailed to you (22nd August - or since then, for that matter).

Major items dealt with at the meeting were well documented in NB74 (March 96) and NB75 (July 96) and included a number of constitution amendments. Updated copies of the constitution are available on request from Secretary Helen. Executive vacancies and Office Bearer appointments have been attended to as detailed elsewhere in this NB. Our 12th BGM will be held in Melbourne in 1998 on a date to be decided.

The following poem written for the occasion of the 11th BGM, by Ted Smythe (N74-064F) of Canberra, A.C.T., was read at the meeting in Brisbane. Thank you Ted.

Macfie in Australia Brisbane 1996

From the misty western islands and the glens of old Argyle
 A broken Clan went wandering in a semi-nomad style ---
 North America, South Africa, the Indies and the sea
 Welcomed countless Macfie clansfolk but the best was yet to be---
 For when Austral uplands beckoned and the further inland called
 Lads and lassies heard the echoes and their hearts were soon enthralled!
 They would build a new Colonsay, they would make the mountains bloom---
 Forests, valleys, plains and outback offered freedom, scope and room!
 Eager eyes were on the future, minds and bodies sought the prize---
 But their dreaming hearts still lingered under Scottish Highland skies---
 And here, today, we celebrate their vision, strength and skill---
 Our voices are Australian but our secret land is still
 Somewhere in the west of Scotland, holding us with viewless ties,
 Where our clansfolk shaped their dreamtime and the magic fountain lies.

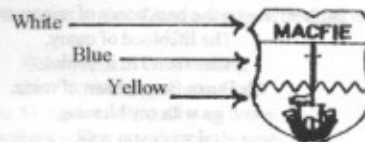
CLAN SOCIETY MERCHANDISE

The Clan Society has the following items of merchandise for sale to members. Postage is included in the prices quoted.

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| Old style large strap and Buckle Badges | \$7.00 |
| Vol . VI and Vol VII of Dr. MacPhee's Clan History | \$12.00 (one set left) |
| Colonsay Booklets ('93 Gathering) | \$6.00 (one left) |
| Newsbulletin back copies | \$1.00 |
| Strap and Buckle Writing Pads (A5 - 100 pages) | \$11.00 |
| Clan Society Badges - | |
| Lapel pin | \$6.00 |
| Tie Tac | \$6.00 |
| Bar Brooch | \$7.50 |
| Cuff Links | \$11.50 |
| Macfie tartan tie | \$22.00 |
| Macfie tartan scarf | \$27.00 |
| Macfie tartan sash (1 only) | \$51.00 |

Further items are being considered.

Gold writing and detail on badge



Dimensions of badge doubled
 in sketch



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UPGRADE FOR SECRETARIAT COMMUNICATIONS

Thanks to a most generous gift to the Clan, from Arie and Helen van der Leest of Holland, the Clan Secretariat now has access to Internet with a complete suite of new PC and Fax equipment in the office. (No, Arie and Helen didn't upgrade the office operator along with the equipment - and, despite her brain being in overdrive at the moment, she is coping). Our email address and a new fax number appear on the Clan News heading above. An official Home Page for Clan Macfie is to be placed on Internet, and it, along with our Clan Committee and Clan Society Home Pages, will be the only formally authorised Clan Macfie information on the worldwide web. This gift is greatly appreciated and will be well used, thank you Arie and Helen.

SEVENTH PARLIAMENT AND TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF CLAN MACFIE AVIEMORE HIGHLAND HOTEL, AVIEMORE, SCOTLAND FRIDAY 23RD MAY TO FRIDAY 30TH MAY 1997

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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| Fri 23 May | pm hours 5 - 7 pm | Registrations at Gathering Centre Clan Commander's Reception |
| Sat 24 May | 9 am 10 am - 12 noon 1.30 - 4.30 pm 8 pm | Opening of Seventh Parliament of Clan Macfie Parliament sittings Parliament sittings Clan Ceilidh |
| Sun 25 May | am hours pm hours Evening | Church Services Sports Afternoon Free |
| Mon 26 May | 9 am - 12 noon 1.30 - 4.30 pm 8 pm | Parliament sittings Parliament sittings Scotch Whisky Workshop |
| Tue 27 May (Clan Macfie Day) | 9 am - 12 noon 1.30 - 4.30 pm 8 pm | Parliament sittings Parliament sittings Closing of Seventh Parliament of Clan Macfie Clan Macfie Dinner |
| Wed 28 May } Thu 29 May } Fri 30 May } Fri 30 May } | | Daily Bus Tours to different points of interest in the Highlands. Departures approx. 8 am return to Hotel approx. 7 pm. Final dinner together at the Hotel |

ACCOMMODATION: Note - The Hotel in Aviemore has recently changed its name from the Aviemore Mountain Resort Hotel to the Aviemore Highland Hotel. New phone and fax numbers are included with the name change.

The Gathering is centred on the newly named Aviemore Highland Hotel. The new numbers are, telephone: 01479 810 771, fax: 01479 811 473. The Hotel address is: Aviemore, PH22 1PF Scotland. Members attending are required to arrange their own accommodation. Preferential rates are available to the Clan and accommodation is being held exclusively for us until 31st December - after that date, reservations will also be accepted from others. Bear in mind this is the commencement of prime holiday time in Scotland, so book early AND be sure to specify Clan Macfie at the time of making your reservation. Remember the Clan Co-ordinators are not responsible for accommodation arrangements - that is your responsibility.

BUS TRIPS: Bus trips on Wed 28th, Thu 29th and Fri 30th will go to different centres in the Highlands each day, returning to the Aviemore Highland Hotel each night. Details will be included in the Registration Form the Co-ordinators will forward early next year to those attending the Gathering.

TRANSPORT TO/FROM AVIEMORE: Regular public transport services to Aviemore from Edinburgh and Glasgow are available daily by rail and bus. Air services operate into Inverness with train and bus connections into Aviemore. The Co-ordinators will include an option with the Registration Form to provide a Clan Bus from and to Glasgow (and possibly Edinburgh) on the 23rd and 31st May respectively. If a sufficient number of members wish to travel that way we will arrange buses - its about a four hour trip.

AVIEMORE ACTIVITIES: In addition to our Gathering programme. Aviemore, as a major Highland tourist centre, offers a full range of other activities such as six local golf courses, fishing, gliding, grass skiing, water sports, and a Highland Folk Museum, Folk Park and Wildlife Park.

NOTIFY THE GATHERING CO-ORDINATORS:

It is essential now that the Gathering co-ordinators in Scotland are notified as soon as possible of your intention to attend the Gathering and are advised of your accommodation bookings once they are made. Registration Papers will be forwarded direct to you in due course by the Co-ordinators. The Gathering Co-ordinators are Iain and Fiona McFie, Coullintyre, Kincaig, Kingussie, PH21 ILX, Scotland. Telephone and Fax 01540 651 391.

JOSEPH G. ROUSSOS

Retired Army Maj. Joseph Arthur George Roussos, 63, of 2143 Baywood Road, Fayetteville, died Saturday in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Durham.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and served with special forces for 20 years. He was a former associate dean of the School of Management at Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y.; and former professor of military science at Cornell University. Mr. Roussos was president of Cape Fear Valley Clans, Inc., a member of Scottish Heritage, a member of Clan MacFie Society, a Scottish research author, a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and was associated with the restoration of Mill Prong House. He was also a member of Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Main Post Chapel on Fort Bragg by Chaplain Schaeser. Burial will be in Main Post Cemetery on Fort Bragg with full military honors.

Mr. Roussos is survived by his wife, Mary Roussos of the home; a daughter, Pamela Roussos of San Jose, Calif.; two sons, Glen Roussos of Seaside, Calif., and Chris Roussos of Gallatin, Tenn.; a brother, John Roussos of Montreal; a sister, Constance Roussos of Quebec City, Canada; and three grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home.

VALE GEORGE ROUSSOS



appeared in the local press.

With deep regret we record the death on 21st September of George Roussos of Fayetteville, N.C.. George was very active in Clan MacFie affairs and served since 1993 until recently, as Chairman of the Clan Memorials and Special Projects Committee. Those who knew George will well remember his enthusiasm for things Scottish at Clan Gatherings and Highland Games and especially on Colonsay in 1993. He will be sadly missed by all. Deepest sympathy has been extended to his widow, Mary, and their family. The obituary notice on the left

Clan Commander Travel. An appeal has been launched for funds to assist Clan Commander Sandy McPhee and wife, Helen, with their airfare and accommodation expenses to attend next year's Clan Parliament and Clan Gathering in Scotland. Travel from Australia is not cheap and all assistance will be greatly appreciated. It is essential that they attend these functions and is a duty for Clan members to ensure they are there. Donations should be sent to your Clan Society Secretary or direct to the Clan Secretariat, marked for the Clan Commander's Travel Fund.

Looking for McGuffie Ancestors is Mrs. Patsy Williams of 146 Fraser Street, Tauranga, New Zealand. She writes: My G. Grandmother was Marie Louise McGuffie, born 1825, Gongives, Haiti. She was the daughter of James Muir McGuffie, born in 1798, Greenock, Renfrewshire. James Muir McGuffie went to Haiti in 1819 and died there c1849. The McGuffies seem to have lived in Haiti for over 100 years. James had a brother, Archibald Blair McGuffie who settled in London. He was

born 1801 and in 1833 married Margaret Emily Knight in London. He died in 1864 at Croydon. I would very much like to have correspondence with anyone else doing this line of research. I have managed to get quite a bit of information together so far but would love to be in contact with another descendant." Replies to Patsy direct, with a copy if you would please, to the Clan Secretariat. **Also** Ross McGuffie of 7/6 Grey Street, Fremantle, W.A. 6160, Australia is on the hunt for ancestors of 200 years or so ago. He has traced his line back to a William McGuffol and Janet Hannah (or Hannay) who lived in the Stranraer area of Wigtown from 1782 onwards - in time the family surname changed to McGuffog and later McGuffie. Ross is looking for any information on William and Hannah, or their descendants. Their children, Alexander (b. 3 Mar 1782); Joan (b. 25 May 1793); William (b. 29 Nov 1784); Andrew (b. 9 Apr 1786); Jannet (b. 19 Apr 1789); Margaret (b. 22 Nov 1792) and Mary (b. 29 Jan 1797) were all born at Stranraer, and were all McGuffols at birth. Replies direct to Ross please.

Although a welcome number of Clan members worldwide have made donations to the fund to purchase land for the Clan on Colonsay, we are still short of the amount required to at least make an offer for part of the area available.

All members who have donated to help secure the future of our Clan are thanked sincerely for their generous assistance. It is greatly appreciated. The names of many of the donors are listed below, others will be acknowledged at soon as names are notified by the Clan Societies concerned.

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie has directed that the appeal for funds remain open at least until the time of Clan Parliament next May. He invites all Clan members and supporters to generously support this appeal for funds to purchase land for the Clan on our historic home island, Colonsay.

The land offered is in an attractive and readily accessible area of the island and when purchased, will be held in trust for the Clan for future generations. Its purchase will enable Clan Macfie to again have a "home" in Scotland, something we have been without for over 370 years, and will provide Clan members to-day with the opportunity to leave something tangible on which future generations can build. Please support this appeal.

Donations should be sent to your Clan Society, or to the Clan Secretariat, clearly marked for the Colonsay Land Purchase.

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The Late Col. Walter Cathey (Rtd')

We reported the death of Clan Armiger Walter Cathey, of Orlando, Fl, in the July Clan News - the following obituary notice appeared in the Orlando press at the time:

COL. WALTER K. CATHEY

ORLANDO, Fla. - Col. Walter Kerr Cathey, U.S. Army (Ret.), 89, died Tuesday, June 25, 1996, in an Orlando medical center. A native of Haywood County, N.C., he was a son of the late Edwin Glen and Nancy Elizabeth Rogers Cathey. He was a retired colonel with the U.S. Army, having served in World War 11 and the Korean Conflict. He was the recipient of a Bronze Star Medal, Army commendation Medal and others. He also retired from the Civil Service Department of the U.S. Air Force. He was a life member of the Retired Officers Association and member of Disabled American Veterans and AARP. He was a member of Clyde Central United Methodist church. He was the husband of Barandina Mooney Cathey, who died March 3, 1995. Surviving are his grandsons, Wayne Cathey of Jacksonville, Fla., and Glen Cathey of Frederick, Md.; granddaughter, Alicia Cathey Cheezum of Centreville, Md.; two great-grandchildren; brother, Harry Edwin Cathey of Waynesville, N.C. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wells Funeral Home, Canton, N.C., with the Rev. James M. Thurman officiating. Burial will be in Bon-A-Venture Cemetery, Old Clyde Road, with military graveside rites conducted by U.S. Army honor guard from Fort Bragg, N.C. The family will receive friends from 9:45 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Clyde Central United Methodist church, Box 8, Clyde, N.C. 28721.

Clan Macfie Around the World

- ❖ Douglas Macfie of St. Lambert in Montreal, Canada, completed his second year in charge of promotion and publicity for the Montreal Highland Games last August. Doug, Vice President of the Macfie Clan Society in Canada and their representative in Quebec, also helps with arrangements at other Scottish days in the area, and in May this year hosted twenty guests and MacDuff (a Collie dog) at a Clan Macfie Day function at his home.
- ❖ Colonsay News. The Colonsay Hotel is still on the market, but onward reservations are still being accepted - as far forward at the year 2,000 in fact, which is expected to attract heavy bookings. Provisional reservations can be cancelled without penalty up to 31st December of the year previous to the dates of a booking. Phone 44 1951 200 316, Fax 44 1951 200 353.
- ❖ We have lost contact with Mert MacPhee of Hawaii, widow of Clan Armiger the late Ron MacPhee. Mail has been returned from her last address, 73 4439 Paiaha St., Kailua, Kona, HI 96740. Anyone with information on Mert please contact the Clan Secretariat.
- ❖ Clan Members in the News - Kathleen Macphee in Scotland showed the world one way of bringing the Clan name to the fore in the media. A more acceptable way was demonstrated by our Dual World Gold Medal winner Bruce McDuffie of Chattanooga, TN. Bruce is Clan Commissioner in the United States and mid-year took out the World 75-79 Age Group Triathlon and Durathlon titles. Well done Bruce! While in Australia one Bruce McPhee had the distinction of coaching one of the two Australian Rules football teams competing for the worst team title - neither had won a game in two seasons, Port Elliott bloods had an average losing margin of 310 points this year, while Bruce's Morgan-Cadell Tigers fared little better on 264 points. Who won? - - or lost? We don't know, sorry.
- ❖ Boyt and Mary Grace Cathey have recently moved from Jamestown, NC - their new address is Knollwood Apt 315, 3730 Knollridge Road, Salem, VA, 24153. New contact numbers to be advised.
- ❖ Cathey Reunion Association Biennial Gathering is to be held in Salisbury, NC on the first weekend in August next year - a move from their usual venue at Paw Creek.
- ❖ Coleman McDuffee snr., of Lebanon, KY retired as President of the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc. at their AGM mid-year, after four years in office. Incoming President is Fritz McDuffie of 102 Colby Road, Oak ridge, TN 37830 (Tel: 423 483 9414).
- ❖ At the Stone Mountain Highland Games in early October, the MacFie Clan Society of North America held their AGM "on site". Rev. Jim McAfee was unanimously returned as President for another term.
- ❖ In Scotland the Clan Macfie Society AGM in late October saw Bob McFie of Glasgow returned as President along with the old team plus a couple of new faces added.
- ❖ The first Biennial General Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society in Canada is scheduled for the 10th November in Etobicoke, ON. Election of Office Bearers for the 1997-98 term of office has been completed with Sylvia McPhee, Toronto, ON., continuing as President; Doug Macfie of St. Lambert, QU., as Vice-President; Nancy Duffy of Toronto, Secretary; and Ken MacPhee, Guelph, ON., Treasurer.



❖ This is John William Macfie of Sweden at four months. We mentioned him on this page in the last Clan News as he was born on Clan Macfie Day this year. His parents, Dougald and Anna-Lena have certainly passed on the Macfie good looks.

❖ There was another Macfie representative at the 250th Anniversary ceremonies at Culloden on 16th April this year - the official report records that Piper Angus MacPhee played the lament "To the Children" at the service at 11:00 a.m. at the Memorial Cairn. A play mate for Bobbie, perhaps?

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Yes! It's that time of the year again and Clan Commander Sandy, together with Secretariat Secretary Helen, wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas season as well as a successful and happy New Year. We hope also to see as many as possible at the Clan Gathering in Scotland in May next year.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Janet Reakes of Family Trees, P.O. Box 937, Hervey Bay, Q'ld., 4655, writes a regular column "FAMILY TREES" in the Brisbane 'Sunday Mail' and, no doubt, it is repeated in other newspapers and magazines. An avid researcher, Janet also runs seminars around the country on family tree research, has written a number of books on the subject and, every now and then, escorts special group visits to Salt Lake City in America for research at the LDS Centre there.

The cuttings on this, and the following page, have been taken from Janet's columns over a number of months and are duly acknowledged.

A GREAT little book for people with London ancestors has just been released. It is called *How to Use the Census Returns to find your London Family* by Lawrie Styles. (\$12 inc post). It is extremely helpful, also for LDS librarians trying to help patrons through the maze of London research.

The census, covering 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 & 1891, is one of the basic resources for research as it gives ages, birthplaces, occupations and relations of everyone listed.

The problem with London is the immense population and the many churches and census films covering the city.

This book demystifies tracing a London resident. I've already worn it out!

■ The Queensland State Archives have been opening on certain Saturdays for a trial period.

ONE good thing about Napoleon was that he established civil registration, which, in effect, made French family trees easy to trace.

The records are mainly located in the town or village of origin with copies in departmental archives up to about 1870 and since then in the local court.

However, a lot of French indexes are on microfilm and can be hired through the Family History Libraries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Look at the Family History Library catalogue under France (Province) Civil registration.

A French birth certificate will normally give you the name of the child, birthdate and place, parents' names, father's occupation, residence and place of origin, mother's maiden name and place or origin.

A death certificate will give date, time and place of death, age, birthplace, residence, occupation, parents, spouse and marital details.

There are many other records microfilmed and available for access through the LDS libraries for France. Look under the province and name of the town.

The records will be written in French but the LDS libraries do issue an inexpensive research guide for France, a guide to the French calendar and a French language guide for genealogy. You can write to The Distribution Centre, PO Box 350, Carlingford 2118 and ask for a Family History Publications List (34083) and order form.

A Chelsea pensioner was a person who had been in the army. You can hire the pension records through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Centres. Check the Family History Library Catalogue under England: Military. Scottish military came under the English Army. His marriage certificate would reveal his parents' names and may also state his regiment.

■ The Index to the Colonial Secretary's Papers 1788-1825 have been reduced from \$500 to \$250. In addition, the Archives Office of New South Wales is now offering for sale individual microfilms and microfiche from the papers. If interested in a particular area, like Norfolk Island, you can purchase individual reels. Phone Ms Sandra Orellana on (02) 2370 137.

The Colonial Secretary's Papers are an extremely valuable collection of miscellaneous documents dealing with the running of the colony. It is a treasure trove for people researching ancestors who lived in the colony prior to 1825.

■ There is good news for anyone with Victorian ancestors. A new transcription service is available on a similar format to that supplied in New South Wales by Mrs Joy Murrin (PO Box 278, Oatley 2223) and Mrs Marilyn Rowan (PO Box 38, Menai Central NSW 2234).

These researchers were successful in their tender as transcription agents for interstate and country people. For a fee of \$10 they will hand-copy entries of NSW births, deaths and

marriages (PRE 1918), if the reference number is supplied. Bruce Fullarton, Data-point, 1st Floor 295 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3001 has also gained a licence to provide a similar service for people wishing to have handwritten transcriptions of Victorian birth certificates to 1913 and marriage and death certificates to 1930. He charges \$9 per certificate.

■ The 1901 census of Ireland is currently being indexed by county. Already available are: Fermanagh (\$85 Canadian plus shipping and handling) and Tyrone (\$145 plus shipping and handling).

Each entry contains information such as spouse's name or marital status, age, religion, residential townland and civil parish.

The records are actually available through the LDS Family History Library system, but are not alphabetically arranged. Write to Lary Books, PO Box 6023, Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 4W1 Canada.

Queensland and Victoria, parental marriage details are recorded on the birth certificate of each child of the marriage. However, for entries since 1890 in Queensland you must apply for this information to be added to a birth certificate.

■ As Anzac Day is celebrated this week, our thoughts are cast back to our various military ancestors. Prior to 1900, the Australian forces were part of the British Army. Unfortunately, although the British Army records are microfilmed and available on hire through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History libraries, there is no general index for the common soldier.

HAVE often been asked about changing of names. Often names were not "changed" but phonetically spelt, or corrupted from original spellings. For example, a family leaving Scotland as MacLeod may be recorded as McLeod here simply because the clerk decided to spell it that way!

Also names like Alford were recorded as Olford, Elford, Halford and Holford.

German families often anglicised or changed their names during the two World Wars to avoid trouble. Some foreign names were changed or shortened just because it was easier to say or spell in Australia.

However, some people did change their names either by Deed Poll or by public usage. Sometimes people changed their names because of bad debts or family associations. Others just did not like their name.

The law today states that any person over the age of 16 may change their name.

A divorced woman may keep her former husband's surname after the marriage has ended or alternately she may revert to her maiden surname, or adopt a

previous married surname or even assume a totally different surname.

Always remember that when a woman marries it is customary for her to take her husband's surname. She may, if she wishes to, keep using her own maiden surname.

The Public Trustees Office issues a pamphlet explaining the law on Deed Polls.

■ John Foran of Townsville has read a parish register which records the word "olim" in between the christian and maiden surname of the wife. What does this mean? It is the same as "nee" indicating her maiden name or former name.

All the Scottish Old Parochial Parish Registers (or old church records) for the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) Church have been put on CD-ROM in the same format as the International Genealogical Index. These means you can search for a birth, a marriage or the issue of selected parents. The index contains 10 million entries and they are all on the one CD. This can be found at your local LDS Family history Centre.

■ Jennifer Carter, 29 Charteris Drive, East Ivanhoe 3079 has written a book on Victorian Sources for British Ancestry. It is a guide to what records are held in various Victorian repositories for people with British ancestry. Anyone visiting Victoria would find this interesting. It is available from the author at \$14.50 (including post).

■ Three more interesting new indexes have been published on fiche of interest to those with Victorian ancestors.

Lynn Wurm, PO Box 83, Macedon 3440 has compiled the Juvenile Criminal Records Index (\$10); Victorian Deserters from Ships Index 1853-1880 (\$12) and The Victorian Sponsored Immigration Index 1856-1858 (\$6) The Juvenile Criminals index of almost 4000 names is particularly fascinating, especially if you have problems finding out much on your ancestors' early lives.

Some of these juveniles were just "neglected children", others were up for larceny, playing games in a public street or insufficient means.

Although only covering two years the Sponsored Immigration index gives a lot of good information such as the name, age and birth-

place of the nominee and the name of the depositor and is well worth consulting.

THE new 1996 Australian Genealogy Research Directory (GRD) has just been released. This is the best resource for finding out about work being done by others in tracing family trees. It gives a listing of every genealogical society in the world, as well as major record offices.

Other useful sections include listings of one-name studies and those doing specialist indexes. The book is a whopping 1248 pages thick and costs \$35. It is available by post from my office. Address below.

■ Christine Smith — of the Convict Connections Group of The Genealogical Society of Queensland, PO Box 8423, Woolloongabba 4102 — has started to provide a "Ticket of Proof" certificate for people with convict ancestors.

All Inquiries to Family Trees, PO BOX 937, Hervey Bay, Queensland 4655.
World Wide Web home page address:
<http://www.peg.apc.org/~fraser-travel/hervey/family/family.htm>

Bernie McPhee Claims R.C.S. McPhee

In Newsbulletin No. 73 (November 1995) we ran a query on behalf of Professor Jack Cross of the University of South Australia, who was looking for the first name of a McPhee who accompanied Price Wynnal Cox on an epic overland trip from Queensland towards Port Darwin in 1874-5. The Professor thought the McPhee in question might have been an R.C.S. McPhee who made trips in 1880 and 1881 overlanding stock from Townsville. Bernie McPhee (V75-118F) of Essendon, Vic., has claimed R.C.S. McPhee, one of his ancestors. Bernie writes -

"I know who this R.C.S. McPhee is. His brother John McPhee is my grandfather. I feel certain that your R.C.S. McPhee is Robert C. Scarlett McPhee, son of John McPhee and Charlotte MacArthur, who was born in Killachonate (near Roy Bridge, on the Spean River) in the Lochaber district of Scotland in 1840. Robert C. Scarlett McPhee came with his family and his father to Australia in 1853, arriving at Geelong on the 16th June 1853. The family consisted of his brothers John, Alexander, Archibald, and his sisters Margaret, Isabella and Anne. His mother Charlotte had died before the others all left Scotland. I have a copy of his death certificate, from West Australia. Not a very helpful document. It gives only the date of his death. And I have a photo of this Robert C. Scarlett McPhee. Written on the back, in the writing of Robert McPhee late of Kenmare Vic., was "exploring in Queensland", and the photo was taken in a studio in Queensland.

The most distinctive part of Robert C. Scarlett McPhee's name is the "Scarlett". This is how his name is recorded in the Old Parish Registers in Scotland. Robert McPhee's family, while still in Scotland lived on the Inverloch Estate, bordered on one side by the Great Glen, and on the North East side by the Spean River. This Inverloch Estate was owned (after the suicide of the last Gordon owner) by the Lord Abinger, an English Judge. Abinger's family name was "Scarlett". So one can presume that little Robert was named after this gentleman. But I don't know what the "C" stood for. The Scottish historian Ann MacDonnell feels certain it would be "Charles" because Bonnie Prince Charlie passed by only a kilometer away when he was on the run a hundred years before and it was still not politically correct in 1840 to openly call a bairn "Charlie". So our Robert McPhee is always officially called "Robert C. Scarlett McPhee.

In response to your main query Jack, I don't know which of your two candidates is "McPhee the Overlander". If you had been looking for "Explorer McPhee" I might have been more help. You see my relation in New Zealand, a Robert Stewart of Levin in New Zealand, has seen a portrait of "Explorer McPhee" hanging in some public building in Canberra. This is our Robert C. Scarlett McPhee. On the other hand I have never heard of this R.C.S. McPhee being referred to as "Jock McPhee". I would suppose that a lot of Scotsmen far from home would be given that name by their fellows. Like "Bluey" for a redhead."

So, we know who R.C.S. McPhee is but don't seem to have tied him down to Price Cox's overland trip.

CLAN SOCIETY HISTORIAN CHANGES

Margaret Phee (N74-075) of Clareville, N.S.W., has handed over her Historian duties to Trevor Phee (N89-720) of Hamilton, N.S.W.. Margaret was one of the original Historian appointments made on 1st December 1975 and since then, especially in the early days, carried out a lot of research into Clan arrivals last century in Australia. Her contribution over so many years is gratefully acknowledged and it is pleasing to see another Phee, Trevor, took up the challenge when Margaret retired. Our thanks to Margaret. Other new faces in the Historian ranks are Jan Harper (N89-716) of Box Hill North in Melbourne and Secretary Helen, to assist Trevor and our senior Historians Norah McPhee (N74-052) of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W., and Clyde Smythe (N74-059) of Turrumurra, N.S.W..

We're Looking for Ravens, and Gordons

Do you know any Ravens?

Mrs. Isobel McGuffie of Isel Mill, Cockermonth, Cumbria, CA13 OQG England, is seeking information on her mother's family, Raven by name. Two of her mother's uncles came out to Australia last century - one, Joseph, died in the Melbourne area in September 1873 while his half-brother, William, was lost and presumed dead shortly afterwards. Joseph had a wife and four children, one a son named Martin. A photograph sent to Joseph's parents in England in August 1874 was taken at Eagle Hawk in the Bendigo goldfields area. Replies direct to Isobel please.

Or Gordons?

Clan Gordon Association in Australia and New Zealand is trying to get underway again having ceased operation in 1989. Contact Mrs. Christine Lidgard at P.O. Box 492, Curtin, A.C.T. 2605 (Tel: 06 281-3686) if you can help.

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HOGMANAY CELEBRATION HAS A COLOURFUL HISTORY

Hogmanay is a wholehearted celebration of New Year's Eve by Scots and their descendants. It is the survival of the festivities which in medieval times centred on 'the hinner end of Yule'. In other words, Twelfth Night (6 January) which the Scots call Uphalieday.

Later when New Year's Day in Scotland was changed, in conformity with the new Christian calendar, from 29 March to 1 January, it was brought within the Twelve Days of Yule, and the focal point of the festivities was transferred from Uphalieday to Hogmanay. This did not happen in England, where the new calendar was not adopted until much later. The people of Shetland's remotest Isle of Foula still celebrate Christmas on 6 January and new Year's Day on 13 January adhering to the old Julian calendar.

As the festival of Hogmanay grew in popularity it attracted many of the rites associated with the old Celtic Quarter Days which marked the entry of the seasons - notably saining and divination, which are dying out, and first-footing which is as popular as ever in Scotland.

Throughout Scotland the preparations for greeting the New Year start with a minor 'spring cleaning'. Brass and silver must be glittering and fresh linen must be put on the beds. No routine work may be left unfinished; stockings must be darned, tears mended, clocks wound up, musical instruments tuned, and pictures hung straight.

In addition, all outstanding debts are paid, overdue letters written and borrowed books returned. *At least that is the idea!*

Most important of all, there must be plenty of good things to eat. Numerous homes 'reek of celestial grocery' - plum puddings and currant buns, spices and cordials, apples and lemons, tangerines and toffee. In mansion and farmhouse, in suburban villa and city tenement, the table is spread with festive fare. Essential to Hogmanay are 'cakes and kebbuck' (oatcakes and cheese), shortbread and either black bun or currant loaf. These are flanked with bottles of wine and the 'mountain dew' which is the poetic name for whisky.

The large round cake of rich, crisp shortbread, is in fact, the lineal descendant of the ancient Yule bannock, notched round the edges to represent the sun's rays, which like the Yule log, was a relic of sun worship, whilst the black bun, which is dark with fruits and spices, is the medieval Twelfth Cake.

The traditional Hogmanay beverages are Het Pint, a type of wassail bowl composed of hot mild ale, spiced with nutmeg and laced with whisky, which used to be carried through the streets in

copper kettles and pressed on all and sundry, and Atholl Brose, a delectable compound of whisky, honey and oatmeal.

In the home as the evening advances towards midnight the fire is piled high, for the brighter the fire the better the luck. As the hands of the clock approach midnight the head of the house goes to the main door, opens it wide and holds it thus until the last stroke of midnight has died away. Then he closes the door quietly - he has let the Old Year out and the New Year in.

First-Footing strictly speaking, is the first person, other than a member of the household, who crosses the threshold after midnight.

According to ancient Celtic tradition the appearance of the First-Foot indicates the character of luck that will attend the household in the coming year, and is therefore a matter of concern that he, or she, met certain criteria. A well set up dark haired man or comely woman with brown eyes is held in high regard. Never a fair person or redhead - a superstition held over from the days when Norsemen plundered the coast of Scotland. Bad luck might also ensure if the First-Footer had any negative physical characteristics - a stutter, crossed eyes, connecting eyebrows or flat feet were all thought to symbolise evil.

The First-Footer must bring a gift of bread, fruit or some whisky. Fuel is also welcome and should be placed on the fire by the bearer before he/she speaks a word. This is a relic of the belief that all lurking evil influences are destroyed by fire. On the farm the traditional gift is a sheaf of corn, the symbol of good harvest; and in the fishing ports a red herring decked in ribbons, symbolising the harvest of the sea, is very popular.

The First-Footer after greetings are exchanged pours out a glass from the flask he carries. This must be drunk to the dregs by the head of the house, who in turn pours out a glass for the First-Footer, who must also take something to eat as well before he leaves to First-Footer elsewhere.

The bells peal, the sirens sound and
the New Year is born.

Hogmanay in Scotland is always a night
to remember!



(Thanks to Scots Link, Nov '95)

See you on 1st January

Scotland News



Dale and Janet McPhie (V76-176 and 177) of Colonsay Jersey Stud, near Warragul in Victoria, visited the U.K. and the continent mid-year. Scotland was the highlight of their trip with Edinburgh, Stirling, Inverness, Loch Ness (no monsters sighted) and Skye etc., on the itinerary. Their ancestors migrated from Skye last century - in Portree their B & B was owned by a Mrs. McPhie, but no relation as far as they know. And of course, a highlight of the Scotland visit was two days on Colonsay, when, by reports, they were all over the island by foot and bike. The adjacent photo shows them at the Macfie Standing Stone on Baleruminmore. "We owe a great deal of thanks to the Clan for arousing our interest and knowledge of our heritage" they said.

Judy Moore (S93-814) of Highbury, S.A., was in Scotland (and England) mid year, didn't make it to Colonsay, but had a most enjoyable ten day Cosmos tour of Scotland operating out from Glasgow and found "it was very exciting to be in Scotland. I loved it and met so many great people.....I'd certainly love to go

again if I had the chance, and stay on Colonsay".

The Museum of Scotland Project

A project in Scotland well worthy of members' consideration is the Museum of Scotland Project to create a world-class museum in Edinburgh to house Scotland's historic treasures. Using unrivaled collections gathered over the past two hundred years, the museum will provide a coherent chronicle of Scotland and will reflect the part played by Scots and their descendants around the world.

The Countess of Dalkeith is Chairman of a Patrons' Council which commenced fundraising activities over two years ago with the goal of raising some £8 million for the new exhibitions and to fit out the public areas. The UK Government has already committed £30 million to fund the construction of the museum building.

If any members are interested in obtaining further information on this important project, or wish to make a donation, please contact the fundraising campaign director at the Museum of Scotland Project Office, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF, Scotland. (Tel: 0131 225-7534).

The Scots Australian Council

A Scots Australian Council has been formed in Edinburgh to support business and cultural links between Scotland and Australia. This is achieved through offering scholarships, supporting research, arranging displays and exhibitions etc., on matters of mutual interest, and managing the Scots Australian Trust, a Scottish Charity established to initiate, develop and maintain activities appropriate to the above objectives. Individual membership costs £20.00 per annum.

The Council's first project was to create the Scots Australian Scholarship to enable an Australian post graduate to come to a Scottish University for three years. The first scholar, Mitchum Bock, was sponsored by the Clydesdale Bank and the National Australia Bank and was due in Glasgow in October.

Further details can be obtained from The Scots Australian Council, 23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 8HQ, Scotland. (Tel: 0131 228-9722).

You've Got to Laugh!

- An Aberdonian told a friend of his intention to pay a visit to London. His friend told him that it was very lucky to throw a halfpenny out of the carriage as he crossed the bridges on the way south. Upon his return home he was asked how he got on? "Weel enough," was the reply, "I got on fine crossin' the Dee and managed a'richt at the Tay bridge, but when I came to the Forth the string got mixed up with the girders an' aw lost ma ha'penny!"
- Two old cronies were sitting at the bowling green having a crack and a smoke. Sandy was smoking away quietly and at last remarked, "ther's no muckle pleasure in smoking these days, Donald." "And hoo dae ye make that oot?" returned Donald in surprise. "Weel," said Sandy sadly, "if ye smoke your ain baccy your aye worryin' about the awfu' expense, and if your smokin' ither folks your pipe's rammit sae tight it winna draw!"
- The famous Scottish singer, David Kennedy, has recalled the day his worthy father gave him three bawbees to spend at the village fair. "You are at liberty to spend it a', David," his father assured him, "but the less you spend the more I will think o' ye!"

(Thanks to Scots Link and The Society of St. Andrew of Scotland [Q'ld.])

VALE

With sorrow we record the deaths of the following Clan members in recent months. Deepest sympathy has been extended to their families.

Elizabeth Brady (N95-889) of North Dorrigo, N.S.W., on 13th January, who received much enjoyment from her short period of Society Membership.

Florence Fitzpatrick (N80-481) of Springwood, N.S.W., on 7th April. A strong supporter of the Clan Society.

Keith Charles (V89-711) of Mildura, Vic., on 31st July, aged 70. Visitors to Colonsay in '93 will remember Keith well. He was an active leader in many community areas in Mildura, a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, Assistant Scout Commissioner, involved with his Church, Freedom from Hunger, the Heart Foundation and many other activities. Keith is survived by his wife Lorna (V89-712) and two sons and a daughter.

George Roussos (Z91-757) of Fayetteville, NC, U.S.A. on 21st September. An obituary notice for George appears on page 8 in the Clan Macfie News section.

Malcolm McPhee (S77-336) of Albert Park, S.A., on 30th September, aged 55. Born in Glasgow, Malcolm came to Australia as a visitor when a young man, liked the place and stayed. He is survived by his wife Judith (S77-337) and children Jane (S77-362) and Rowan (S77-363).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Notices are attached for those few members who have overlooked paying their 1996 subscriptions. Please give them your prompt attention - before you go Christmas Shopping in fact - as the Clan Society cannot continue to function successfully without funds. The assistance of those members who have paid on time, some for additional years, is appreciated.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

The following donations received since NB74 was compiled in February, are acknowledged with sincere thanks. This generous financial support for the Society, and for Clan Macfie, is greatly appreciated. Donations to the Colonsay Land Appeal are acknowledged in the Clan News section (page 9) along with those from the other Clan Macfie Society's members.

Clan Society General Fund: Bruce McPhie, North Balwyn, V.; Neil McPhee, Mornington, V.; W.R. Comber, Vermont, V.; Dr. Ian McPhee, La Trobe University, V.; Ruth McPhee, Kew, V.; Mr. & Mrs. Ian McPhee, Scullin, A.C.T.; Mr. & Mrs. Bill James, Boynton Beach, FL, U.S.A.; George Roussos, Fayetteville, NC, U.S.A.; Russell Mattocks, Balgowlah Heights, N.S.W.; Morrison & Robyn McPhee, Eastwood, N.S.W.; Mr. & Mrs. Peter McPhee, Glace Bay, N.S., Canada and Allen J. Miller, Olathe, KS, U.S.A.

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Clan Standing Stone Maintenance: Donald McPhee and family, Leeton, N.S.W.; Ross McGuffie, Fremantle, W.A.; Colin Macphee, Sutherland, N.S.W.; Barbara Knowles, Ryde, N.S.W.; Ian McPhee, Shepparton East, V.; Bill McPhee and family, Mosman, N.S.W.; Donald McPhie and family, Warragul, V.

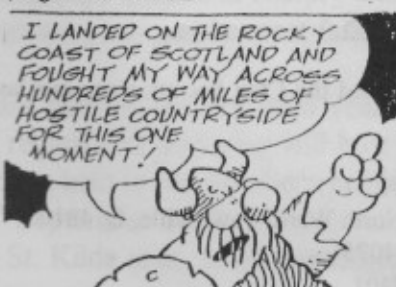
Clan Project Fund: Mrs. E. Warren, Balaclava, V.

Clan Working Account: Mr. & Mrs. Ross McPhee, Main Ridge, V.; Bill McPhee and family, Mosman, N.S.W.

NEWSBULLETIN NAME

The Executive decided to retain the name "Newsbulletin" for our journal. Although several members had a preference for other names there was no indication of an overall desire to make a change. Many thanks to those who made suggestions.

Hagar the Horrible



GENERAL NOTES

- * On 6th July Q'ld. V-P **Bob and Anne McPhee** (Q77-353 and 354) attended the **Q'ld Manx Society's formal luncheon** to celebrate the 1017th year of Tynwald (the Isle of Man Parliament) - I wonder if there were any Macfies at the original one? - The Manx Society wrote to Bob later saying "We appreciate receiving best wishes from Mr. Sandy McPhie and would be obliged if you would convey to both him and Clan Macfie our best wishes for continued success". A fine touch, especially as there is a strong Macfie connection with Man, going back a number of centuries.
- * A busy time for S.A. V-P **Ian and Barbara McPhee** (S78-387 and S79-459) this past year. They were in Darwin and The Alice mid-year. Ian came home boasting about a 20lb Jew fish and eleven big muddies (no Barramundi?) and Barbara, who is afraid of heights, of climbing Ayers Rock with Ian. But more to boast about too, as younger daughter **Louise Brook** (S78-390) of Gawler, S.A., presented them with a granddaughter, Caitlin Louise, on 22nd June and older daughter **Anthea** (S78-388) was married on 28th September to **Mark Uebergang** of Henley Beach, S.A. Congratulations and Good Wishes to all.
- * Congratulations too, to **Lyndal Wallace** (Q76-163) and **Andrew** of Townsville, Q., on the arrival of their second daughter, **Rebekah Lara** (Q96-913) on 5th August - a third granddaughter for President Sandy and Helen and a playmate for **Mahala** (Q93-812) and Siggy (their much loved dog).
- * **The Stone of Scone** (or is it Scoon?) is on the move once more according to a London report. No, not being knocked off yet again by some Scottish Nationals, but sent back by P.M. John Major in a conciliatory gesture after its 700 years in exile (less a couple of months). The new home for this 152 kg. lump of historic sandstone has yet to be decided. The intention too, is to bring it back to Westminster anytime there's a coronation on the go.
- * **Jean Davies** (Q77-329), Ghana, (soon to be Brisbane, Q'ld.) met a Professor Wyatt MacGaffey from America at a dinner in Tamale, Ghana, mid-year. On chatting during the evening about Scottish ancestry both Wyatt and Jean claimed Colonsay as their home island, both have been to Oban but neither has made it to Colonsay (yet). Jean and family are due back in Brisbane mid-November (via U.S.A. and Hong Kong) on furlough from their Wycliffe Bible Translators work.
- * Did you know **The Dictionary of Australian Inventions and Discoveries** (Allen and Unwin 1993) was put together by Margaret McPhee of St. Leonards, N.S.W.?
- * **Those Macfie Tinkers**. Not much information to hand. **Gwen Jarvis** (V83-527) of Dandenong, Vic., thinks it's due to our Celtic background. **Kevin Byrne** at the Colonsay Hotel feels it has a military background. He's not sure, but seems to remember (reading I guess, as I doubt if he was there) that Alastair MacCholla (the son of the dreaded Col Kitto) had a "McPhie" helper, a smith by trade, whose contribution in battle was so great he wished every man he had was a smith - that was about the mid 17th century. Kevin mentioned other families have the same "tinker" tag, particularly the McAllisters of Kintyre. **Jayne Webster** (N95-879) of Adamstown Heights, N.S.W., has produced a "tinker" printout from some genealogical records, with Macfies featured. **President Sandy** believes many Macfies plied the tinker, or tin smith, trade to make a living when they left Colonsay seeking fame and fortune. He says a Scottish Johnstone family at Dalby, Q., in the 1950s assured him the Macfies then in Scotland were tinkers by trade and nature - Sandy couldn't check this out when in Scotland some years ago, however, as Helen flatly refused to let him stop at a gypsy camp and ask if they were Macfies. It begs the questions, what would have happened if they were? -- or weren't? A.C.T. V-P **Glen McPhee** (N77-357) has taken an interest in this tinker business, and with luck, could come up with a definitive statement in due course.

THE'VE SHIFTED CAMP

The following members have changed address in recent months:

Brian and Cass McHaffie (S77-280 and 396) from Banora Point, N.S.W., to "Que Sera Sera", 8 Merino Place, Terranora Village, N.S.W., 2486.

Mrs. Win Gilchrist (Q93-815) from Chevron Island, Q'ld., to 3 De Lissa Street, Evatt, A.C.T. 2617.

Alvin Green (Q93-807) from East Brisbane, Q'ld., to "Aros", 23 River Street, Maclean, N.S.W. 2563.

Jean Davies (Q77-329) and family from Tamale, Ghana, to 12 Jacana Street, Rochedale, Q'ld., 4123. (w.e.f. 14 Nov 96)

Mrs. Nancy Holds (S78-434) from Herbert Street, to 9A Wallack Terrace, still in Whyalla, S.A., 5600.

Mrs. Anthea Uebergang (nee McPhee) (S78-388) from Kidman Park, S.A., to 4 Borthwick Street, Henley Beach, S.A., 5022, which is still in Adelaide.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following members who have joined the Clan Society since our last Newsbulletin was published in July:

S96-912 **Mrs. Ann Leask**, P.O. Box 507, McLaren Vale, S.A. 5171

Q96-913 **Miss Rebekah Lara Wallace**, 55 Mitchell Street, North Ward, Townsville, Q. 4810

Q96-914 **Mrs. Carmel Cole**, 15 Oxley Terrace, Corinda, Q. 4075

V96-915 **Mrs. Robyn Gulline**, RMB 3015, Horsham, Vic., 3401