



Florence MacLeod of Macleod

FOREWORD

from the Chief

DAME FLORA MACLEOD OF MACLEOD, D.B.E.

My dear Clan Family,

There is no space for a long letter and you will read our news in the Magazine. Please give your very serious thought to what was said in the Parliament—much was referred to the Branches and the views of members are of great importance. We are all builders of this great movement of Clan Fellowship, we are proud to be pioneers.

I want to tell you how thankful I am for the wonderful letters and cables that reached John and me from all over the world in August. Many, I fear, will go unanswered in spite of all my efforts. But you must please believe that these marks of your affection give me enormous pleasure and encouragement and that, as I read each one, I bless the writer.

John is having a great time in McGill University and meeting many clansfolk. I need not tell you how kind is their welcome.

God bless you all. Hold Fast.

CHIEF FLORA.

MESSAGE

from the Chief-Designate

JOHN MACLEOD YOUNGER OF MACLEOD

(In honour of whose twenty-first birthday the Celebrations were held)

I would like to add one word to what my Grandmother has written—first to thank you again for all the wonderful birthday presents you have given me and then to say how proud I am to have met so many Delegates at this, our first, Parliament. To them, and to those who were not Delegates, but who came to share our great occasion I say—thank you for coming. I look forward to meeting you in your homes and to welcome you here when I come home to live in Dunvegan.

HOLD FAST!

The Clan MacLeod

PARLIAMENT

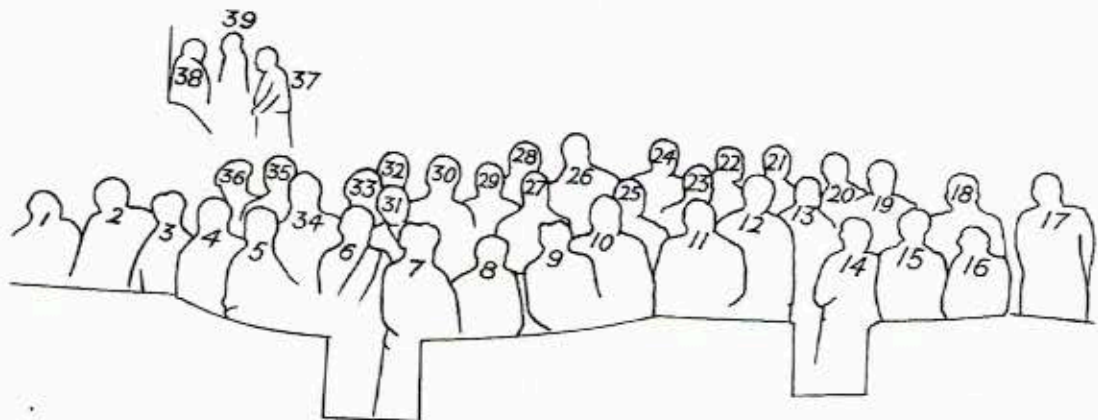
HELD AT

DUNVEGAN CASTLE

August 15, 1956



1956 - **FIRST** CLAN MACLEOD PARLIAMENT, DUNVEGAN CASTLE, ISLE OF SKYE, SCOTLAND.



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| 1. Mrs Malcolm MacLeod, New Zealand. | 14. Mrs Hugh MacLeod of Talisker, Victoria. | 26. Kenneth W. Macleod, England. |
| 2. Malcolm MacLeod, New Zealand. | 15. Mrs Fergus MacLeod of Talisker, Western Australia. | 27. Sayre MacLeod, New York. |
| 3. Miss Tui MacLeod, New Zealand. | 16. Miss Elizabeth J. MacLeod, Queensland. | 28. John MacLeod, California. |
| 4. Miss Mary MacLeod, Nova Scotia. | 17. Robert MacLeod, N. Rhodesia. | 29. Alister B. MacLeod, England. |
| 5. Mrs W. S. MacGibbon, New Zealand. | 18. Angus E. McLeod, New South Wales. | 30. Brigadier Torquil MacLeod, Scotland. |
| 6. Miss Rena Mac MacLeod, North Carolina. | 19. JOHN MACLEOD YOUNGER of MACLEOD. | 31. James W. R. McLeod, British Columbia. |
| 7. DAME FLORA MACLEOD of MACLEOD. | 20. John H. Macleod, Vermont. | 32. Alastair M. MacLeod, Scotland. |
| 8. Mrs Maybelle MacLeod Luman, Virginia. | 21. Patrick Wolrige Gordon, Scotland. | 33. Mrs Joan Wolrige Gordon, Scotland. |
| 9. Miss Mena MacLeod Whigham, Scotland. | 22. N. Douglas MacLeod, Jr., Rhode Island. | 34. Mrs Cath. Macleod Blinko, Vancouver Island. |
| 10. Norman McLeod, Ontario. | 23. Norman A. MacLeod, Sr., Rhode Island. | 35. J. MacLeod Nicol, Scotland. |
| 11. Lamar W. McLeod, Missouri. | 24. Allan McLeod, Scotland. | 36. Dr I. F. Grant, <i>Clan Historian</i> . |
| 12. Angus McLeod, Texas. | 25. W. Norman McLeod, Ontario. | 37. A. C. Macnab of Macnab, Scotland. |
| 13. Colin MacLeod, Jnr., Virginia. | | 38. John H. Richardson, <i>Legal Advisor</i> . |
| | | 39. Mrs Alice Macnab of Macnab, Scotland. |

SECOND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VISIT

On this occasion Dame Flora made only a brief visit. She arrived at Adelaide Air Port at 6.00A.M. on the 7th October, 1957 and departed on the 8th.

MacLeods by now were becoming better organised and a good crowd assembled at the airport to meet the chief. Her first engagement accompanied by her host and hostess, was lunch at Government House as guests of His Excellency Sir Robert and Lady George.

Afternoon tea was taken with about 50 of her clansfolk at the South Australian Hotel. Dame Flora's visit on this occasion followed closely on John's coming of age party at Dunvegan and the associated royal visit to the castle, hence the chief was able to regale her listeners in her own inimitable style with stories of these historic events.

That evening a gathering of MacLeods was held at Dunvegan the home of Mr. & Mrs. Manson at Springfield. Musical items and some excellent colour slides of the castle were a prelude to the chief adding more intimate details relating to the history of the ancestral home.

TUESDAY 8TH OF OCTOBER, 1957.

Clansfolk assembled at the airstrip to farewell their Chief, as she departed for Mt. Gambier and the Western districts of Victoria.

We subsequently learned that the pilot in honour of Dame Flora flew over the Blue Lakes and other sites near the Mount. (he probably had a granny called MacLeod.

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Social Events 1957



South Australian Visit. 1957

A 6 a.m. arrival on October 7th, at Adelaide Airport was the start of an all too short visit of The Chief to her many South Australian clanspeople.

On arrival, The Chief was met by members of the Clan and was presented with a charming floral sheaf by the two young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McLeod. After greetings were exchanged, Dame Flora was driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estcourt Luxton, where it was expected that she would take the opportunity of having a short rest after her strenuous overnight journey from Perth, a distance of 1,738 miles. The Chief, however, had other ideas and seemed to spend the greater portion of her rest period attending to correspondence - no thought of fatigue must stand in the way of that all too pressing function.

At luncheon at Government House as guest of His Excellency Sir Robert and Lady George, Dame Flora was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Luxton. Other guests were Major-General and Mrs. Wilson, the Chief Commissioner of Police, Brigadier and Mrs. McKenna, and the President of the English Speaking Union, Mr. J. Hopkins and Mrs. Hopkins.

During the afternoon an informal afternoon tea was organised at the South Australian Hotel by Douglas McLeod, in conjunction with Jack McLeod, at which about 50 Clan members were able to meet the Chief, who expressed herself as being delighted with the opportunity of again renewing her friendship with so many members of the "Family" whom she had met on her previous visit.

An interesting account of the festivities at Dunvegan Castle on the 14th August, 1956, was given by our Chief, including some interesting highlights of the visit of the Royal Party which coincided with John's coming-of-age ceremony and the first meeting of the Clan Parliament. It speaks volumes for the organising ability of our Chief that everything was so capably handled, not overlooking the special arrangements which were made for the fine turn in the weather which took place on that day. Any clansfolk who have been privileged to visit "Dunvegan" can visualise what a colourful spectacle the Castle would present on that occasion.

In the evening of Dame Flora's visit, a party was given by Mr. and Mrs. McLeod Manson in their lovely home "Dunvegan" at Springfield, Adelaide, where many more clansfolk were able to enjoy some fine colour slides of "Dunvegan" and various points of interest on Skye which had been taken by Mr. and Mrs. Luxton during their visit last year. Dame Flora entertained the guests with many interesting stories during the showing of these pictures. Musical items were given by Miss Kath. Watson and Mr. McLeod Manson, and the evening was closed by all guests joining the piper in singing "Will Ye No' Come Back Again" as The Chief descended the steps to the waiting car.

On the following morning a number of clan members were assembled on the airstrip to bid farewell to our Chief, who departed by 'plane for Mt. Gambier and the Western District of Victoria. The Management of Ansett Airways arranged for the pilot of the 'plane to circle the famous Blue Lake at Mt. Gambier so as to give our Chief an opportunity of viewing this landmark from the air.

Our Chief leaves South Australia with all good wishes for a successful tour, continued good health and a hope that she may find the opportunity of again visiting us.



South Australian Clansfolk farewell Chief Flora as she leaves Adelaide for Mt. Gambier.

From left to right:
Mrs. McAskill, Miss McAskill, Mr. F.E. Luxton, Mrs. L. Larwood,
Chief Flora, Mr. Larwood, Mrs. F.E. Luxton, Mrs. G. Mason.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR

OCTOBER — NOVEMBER
1957



GUM TREES

SYDNEY.

9. 11. 57.

My Dear Clan Children,

It is with a very heavy heart that I say, "God be with you" as I fly away to New Zealand, but I am at the same time uplifted and very proud of our close union and friendship. I feel, and I think you feel also, that the tie which unites us is stronger than distance and absence. Our Clan has been united for many hundreds of years. Now it is more closely knit than ever before because our fellowship links us with clansmen throughout the world.

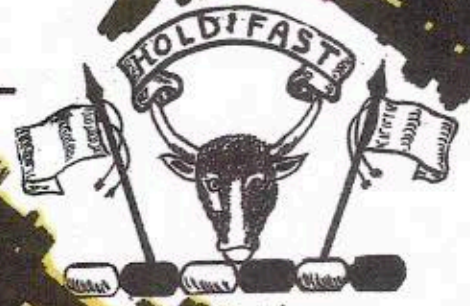
You have built the Clan Society here into a strength which is the envy and admiration of MacLeods everywhere. You have achieved an organisation so loyal, so enthusiastic, so integrated that I know you will grow from strength to strength, and inspire us all by your example.

Thank you for your affection and your generous welcome to me. I know you will give the same loyalty to my daughter Joan Wolrige Gordon and to John.

Remember, Dunvegan is our old home and beckons you. God be with you. Hold Fast.

Chief Hora

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Arrival at Perth Airport: Chief Flora was greeted by Pipe Major Roderick MacLeod and many other members of the Western Australian Clan Society.

Announcement of Australian Tour of The Chief



DAME FLORA MACLEOD of MACLEOD D.B.E.,
1 Oct - 9 Nov 1957.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dame Flora MacLeod toured extensively in 1954 and was enthusiastically greeted by MacLeods and Scots of various Clans. Other states and countries began to rally to the call and form local Clan MacLeod Societies but South Australia didn't find the confidence to proceed until Dame Flora travelled again to encourage and support the fledgling groups.

For her second visit here in **October 1957**, local MacLeods and sept families were mailed with invitations to attend functions to see their Clan Chief and were asked if they would be interested in forming a Clan Society.

The series of social engagements was a triumph and the month after Dame Flora departed, a meeting was held at the home of Jack and Muriel McLeod, 49 Brandreth St. Tasmore, on **22 Nov. 1957** to resolve to form a Clan MacLeod Society of South Australia.

McLeod Society Formed In S.A.

"The Clan McLeod Society of SA was formed in Adelaide last night. Vice-president of the society (Mr. F. McLeod) said 60 of SA McLeods met at the home of J.R. McLeod, of Brandreth avenue Tasmore – who was elected secretary – to form the society at the express wish of Dame Flora McLeod, who re-visited Adelaide about a month ago. He said Mr. D.B. McLeod, of Blythe street, parkside, had been elected president."

(The Adelaide Advertiser 23 Nov. 1957)(sic)

1958 "It was the first time in the history of our State that a Scottish Clan Society was formed, and we are still the only Scottish Clan with a branch in South Australia." NSW

Society held the annual "MacLeod Week."

The first year's social activities for the group were a picnic at the Willows Oval, Belair National Park, "*Hot water will be available so bring your hampers and teapots. Transport will be provided from the train*", and also a ceilidh (featuring:- piping, highland dancing, a talk, and coloured films of Skye) at Druids Hall, Barton Tee, It was the standard

programme for the next few years. Membership increased from 25 to 47 families and subscriptions were £1.

Nov. 1954 her first visit to Australia, Clan Chief, Dame Flora MacLeod presented at the Royal Caledonian Society,. George MacLeod is behind her.



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	W. W. Linton	1 . .	3.	
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	John McLeod	1 . .	5.	
	D. B. McLeod	1 . .	6.	
	Geo Manson	1 . .	7.	
	M. Mc Ashill	1 . .	8.	
	Geo McLeod	1 . .	9.	
	G Jones	1 . .	10.	
	J McLeod	1 . .	11.	
	W. G. McLeod	1 . .	12.	
	W. Jean Smith	1 . .	13.	
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28 Dec 57.	W. D. Jones.	1 . .	32.	Deposit
24 Jan 58	W. D. McLeod	1 . .	34.	
-	Norman McLeod	1 . .	35.	
-	Kevin S. McLeod	1 . .	36.	
-	Jay Ripley	1 . .	37.	
29 Feb 58	John McLeod	1 . .	38.	Deposit
1 Feb 58	Alie J. McLeod	1 . .	39.	

FIRST SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VISIT OF DAME FLORA.

It would be safe to assume that prior to Tuesday the 16th November, 1954, MacLeods in South Australia had only a fragmentary knowledge of the hereditary chiefs of the clan, and of Dunvegan, the ancestral home.

It was on this day that descendants of MacLeods first made contact with their chief. Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod D.B.E. was en route to Perth to begin the first of her Australian tours and it was during the brief stop over (1-20P.M. to 2-10P.M.) to be precise, at Parafield Aerodrome.

Her South Australian tour proper, commenced on Wednesday the 24th of November at 6-10A.M. A number of families were able to make the early morning trip to greet her at the aerodrome.

She was then 76 years of age. Her travelling companion was Miss.Hopeton Kneeland. They were booked in to the South Australian Hotel, North Terrace.

WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 1954.

Dame Flora attended a Civic Reception at the Town Hall at 11 o'clock. The Lord Mayor at that time was
MR.J.PHILPS.

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THIRD SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VISIT

On Monday the 30th November, 1964 for the third occasion MacLeods went to the airport to greet their chief. They were becoming more knowledgeable on clan lore, even to the extent of displaying a little honest pride in their ancestry - clan ribbon scarves etc. were flaunted.

Miss Mary Northcote accompanied Dame Flora on this visit and they were driven to the home of their host and hostess, to "settle in" after the journey - we had long since learned to avoid the phrase "to rest". This term was scorned and had no place in the vocabulary of the now 86 year old Dame Flora.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 1964:

Their first engagement that day was luncheon at Government House with his Excellency Sir Edric and Lady Bastyan. In the evening MacLeods met their chief at the home of Mr. & Mrs. G. Hanson at Springfield. A bed jacket of Shetland wool was presented to Dame Flora and which she promptly draped around her shoulders.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 1964:

A drive to Victor Harbour about 60 miles from Adelaide in company with a number of clansfolk included a picnic lunch at the beach house of MR. & MRS. D. B. MACLEOD. This enabled some elderly MacLeods in the area to meet the chief.

The main function during this visit was a Ceilidh held in the Burnside Town Hall. A large crowd attended. A feature of the evening was the tremendous supper provided by the ladies, even visitors were seen entering the hall with a basket of goodies on their arm.

Pipers, dancers, singers all contributed to a great night. A show of Sturt peas was sent by a well wisher from the far north of the state and graced the main table. The Chief was received by the then President of the Society and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Donald MacLeod.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3RD, 1964.

Clansfolk journeyed to the airport to say farewell at 11-10A.M. Some felt that it would be the last visit from their beloved chief, others knowing her amazing stamina were not convinced. A subsequent visit and exhausting tour two years later proved them correct.

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Tuesday Dec 1st 1964

"Mother" Of MacLeod Clan Revisits S.A.

Dame Flora MacLeod, the 86-year-old "mother" to thousands of MacLeods or McLeods throughout the world, shook the hand of every clan member who was at Adelaide Airport yesterday to meet her.

CLAN members (the men wearing ties in the different tartans of the MacLeods) formed a guard-of-honor as Dame Flora, their 25th chief, walked across the tarmac. All MacLeods cannot go to Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye (their ancestral home to Australia in 10 years and

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DAME Flora MacLeod was presented with a sheaf of flowers at the Adelaide Airport yesterday by Heather (centre) and Coral Wright, the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. George McLeod, of Northfield.

Dame her second world trip this year.

Dame Flora's silver hair and small build made her an easy figure to recognise among the afternoon crowds at the airport, but where was her MacLeod skirt or her Scottish accent?

The accent question was simply explained.

Dame Flora said, "I had an English mother."

(Dame Flora was born at No. 10 Downing street, London, when her grandfather was Chancellor of the Exchequer and had exchanged houses with the Prime Minister, Lord Beaconsfield at the time).

The MacLeod tartan skirt query was a little more difficult.

"I always wear a tartan skirt at home but it is rather a hot dress," she said. "In a hot country like Australia I am much happier in something that will wash."

Dame Flora arrived in a trim navy linen suit, worn with pearls and a diamond brooch on the lapel.

At Dunvegan, which she said proudly is the oldest clan headquarters still inhabited by the people who built it, Dame Flora gives a warm welcome to any members of the MacLeod clan who come to Skye.

She said she encourages tourists to come in the summer when the Isle of Skye is very beautiful, but not in winter when it is cold and blowy.

Dame Flora will be succeeded as Clan Chieftain by her grandson John MacLeod, 29, who is studying to be a singer in London.

She is accompanied on her Australian tour by Miss Mary Northgate, of London, who spent her childhood at Dunvegan.

During her four-day visit to Adelaide Dame Flora will stay with an old friend Mrs. F. E. Luxton, of Glenunga.

Mrs. Luxton, whose mother was a MacLeod, spent a week at Dunvegan Castle with Dame Flora in 1956.

The Clan president Mr. Don MacLeod, of Freeling, said that Dame Flora would lunch at Government House today and would meet other members of the Clan tonight.

Tomorrow evening a ceilidh (musical evening) would be held in the Burnside Town Hall, to which members of other clans have been invited.

SA Visit Of Clan MacLeod Chief

The chief of the Clan MacLeod (Dame Flora MacLeod, 86) would arrive in Adelaide from Melbourne this afternoon, the secretary of the Clan MacLeod Society in SA (Mr. Jack R. McLeod) said last night.

Accompanied by Miss Mary Northgate, she was visiting the clan's overseas societies.

She would stay with Mrs. F. E. Luxton, of Glenunga.

On Tuesday she would lunch at Government House and in the evening meet clan members at the house of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Manson, of Springfield.

On Wednesday she would lunch at Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McLeod's beach house at Chilton Rocks, Victor Harbor.

That evening she would meet members of other clans at a ceilidh in the Burnside Town Hall.

On Thursday morning she would leave for Perth.

Car Aerials Damaged

MURRAY BRIDGE.

November 29.

Murray Bridge police are investigating several cases of willful damage to car aerials last night.

They have received reports of at least three car aerials, each valued at £5, being broken off cars parked in Sixth street, alongside the Murray Bridge Town Hall, while the owners were attending a dance in the hall.

Dame Flora's Autograph

One school morning, in December 1964, I boarded the school bus for Victor Harbor High School, and as usual sat next to my cousin Leonie McLeod,

She said to me ... "Would you like to meet Dame Flora MacLeod?" to which I instantly answered "Oh yes. Where?"

Dame Flora was visiting Victor Harbour, spending the day at the quaint seaside cottage called SKYE, which enjoyed a wonderful panoramic view out over the Southern Ocean coastline of Encounter Bay. The cottage belonged to some MacLeod's.

Leone and I came from an early pioneering family in the district.

Our great-great-grandfather was Captain William McLeod, formerly of the Isle of Skye, who in 1847 settled in the foothills behind Middleton on a property which he called 'KENLEOD'. He was for two years also the Pilot for Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot, in its heyday an overseas port connected by Australia's first railway with Goolwa at the mouth of the River Murray. Bringing sailing ships safely into the Bay was no easy feat.

Being farm girls, with no mode of transport while at school, we decided to borrow some bikes and ride to Skye Cottage, some 5 km away, to meet Dame Flora, in our lunch break.

By the time we arrived, traversing some pretty steep hills on the way, we barely had any time to meet Dame Flora ... But we managed to get her autograph on a piece of test-pad paper, and pedal furiously back to school arriving just as the bell went!

Quite an excursion really!!

Her autograph apparently is quite rare and has always been a special keepsake of mine, and I am pleased to share it with you here.

by Mary Wilson (nee Lines, of Middleton SA.)

In 1959 no social activities were arranged as Clan Parliament was held on the Isle of Skye, and travellers went by ship, making it a long excursion.

1960 Highland Games were held at Adelaide Oval, and there was a visit from Mrs. Joan Woolridge Gordon, the Chief's daughter. In her honour a Saturday Ceilidh was held at the home of DB McLeod, with entertainment by Pipe major DB Cook, and dancing by Robin Nicholls. The next day there was a service at Scots Church. Monday was a Barossa Valley tour with 5 carloads of clanfolk. On Tuesday she attended a civic reception at Adelaide Town Hall with various dignitaries, and did a spot on radio 5 AD for the 'Woman's World Session'. Dinner at the South Australian Hotel concluded the visit followed by introduction of young ladies.

In a time when women were conventionally mentioned as "Mrs John Smith", without their own name, it must have been inspirational to ladies, to get to meet strong independent women who headed Societies and organisations.

The year concluded with a Christmas BBQ, *"and Children who wished to follow their favourite plays, will be welcome to watch the television."*

In 1961 the Clan was booming with 100 at the Long Gully Picnic, and an attendance of 200 at the Ceilidh at Burnside Town Hall. The Clan's association with the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society and the Scottish Assoc. also grew.

There was also an evening of "Films of Scotland", (procured from the Dept. of Information Canberra). They had been supplied as a special feature for Sydney's annual MacLeod Week, and were shown in *"Adelaide's most modern Auditorium, of the Master Builder's Assoc. South Tce."*

The programme:- "Bonnetts over the Border (Vintage cars); The Story of Todmore; The Queen in Scotland; George IV's Scotland; Playing Away."

This became a feature for a few years.

1962 activities included Highland Games, picnic dinner, and Ceilidh

The Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (ACMS) was constituted at the Clan Parliament. The Australian Clan Soc. standardized their names, for example:

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (SA)

NSW formed a Clan MacLeod Pipe Band, *(still performing in competitions, Parades and Surf-Lifesaving Carnivals).*

1963 mentions the "popular Craig Masson" piping at a ceilidh, and Craig still is associated with Port Caledonian Soc. and is Pres. of the R.U. Brown Piobaireachd Soc.

The 1964 Highland Games were attended by the Queen Mother, and it was the curtain raiser for the Adelaide Festival of Arts.

Meanwhile our durable Chief, Dame Flora at age 89 was being received by President Nehru, Ministers and the Shar's representative, in India and Tehran (Iran). Not stopping there our Chief toured to Australia with companion Mary Northcote (Nov-Dec). They stayed with Mr & Mrs. Luxton of Glenunga. There was a Burnside Ceilidh to celebrate the visit, a tour to Victor Harbor, and a Clan reception at the home of G. Manson. At the Ceilidh, an arrangement of Sturt's Desert Pea arrived from Central Australia by 'special courier.'

Bruce MacLeod of NSW became our Clan's National coordinator.

Clan membership was in retreat, even with the Chief's visit.

1966 Port Adelaide Caledonian Soc. has built its own hall. Messenger Press produced the "Scottish Standard" but it didn't last.

The Royal Fleet Auxillary "Fort Dunvegan" visited Port Adelaide and an invitation was sent to Mr & Mrs. J. McLeod to attend "Cocktails" with the Captain and Officers.

1968 was another Parliament year on Skye, attended by Mr. & Mrs. Reece McLeod.

The Highland Games were held at Elizabeth, where our President George McLeod was invited to be on the Games Committee and official guest at the Highland Ball.

The burning issues for the MacLeod Society President and Secretary, were:- to address the declining membership and local clan activity; and at the same time having to endure the increasingly "generous suppers" at meetings, and bowing to "the ladies perseverance in bringing plates of supper".

There was an intermittent arrival of visiting Clan members from other places, and while this was welcome and encouraged in inter-society correspondence, there might have been some inconvenience to local members, and it never really became a popular pursuit. Annually the steady roll call of members who had passed away, indicated an aging



Mrs Wolridge Gordon, Carolyn McLeod (SA)
Dame Flora MacLeod

FOURTH VISIT TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dame Flora stepped off the plane at Adelaide Airport at 6-00P.M. on Sunday the 4th of October, 1970 to an enthusiastic MacLeod welcome, along with pipers, flowers, photographers plus two Scottish terriers dressed in Tartan jackets.

She was accompanied by Miss Mary Northcote. Her host and hostess during her stay were once more to be Mr.&.Mrs.F.E.Luxton.

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 1970.

Our guests were taken for an interesting drive via the Gorge to Kangaroo Creek Dam. That evening a buffet tea was held at the home of Mr.&.Mrs.J.MacLeod of Tusmore. A nice touch to the evening was the piping in of the chief by the two young grand daughters of the President.

It was all so typical of Dame Flora, at the sound of the pipes her head came up, the aged but erect figure tensed and she marched in perfect step with the music. In the course of the evening and despite her 92years, she scorned the offer to use a chair while addressing the folks.

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 1970.

Dame Flora had a busy day commencing in the morning with a television interview at Channel 10. She lunched at Government House with Sir James and Lady Harrison. During the afternoon she was taken for a drive through the Adelaide Hills and had afternoon tea at the Crafers home of an old friend, Sir Mellis Napier.

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 1970.

The President Mr.G.&.Mrs.MacLeod were hosts to the Chief for the day and visited the satellite city of Elizabeth and later toured the beaches.

The main function during the visit was held that evening at the home of Mr.&.Mrs.D.B.MacLeod at Malvern. The weather was very kind and some very good singing and Scottish dancing, followed by an excellent out of doors supper made it a memorable occasion.

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 1970.

Many clansfolk went to Adelaide Airport to bid farewell to one whom they realised was not only Chief of the clan, but was herself a very wonderful person. She had been an inspiration to us all.

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Dame Flora MacLeod in Adelaide 1970

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (S.A. BRANCH)

CHIEF DAME FLORA MACLEOD OF MACLEOD, D.B.E.

SEPTEMBER 1973.

DEAR CLANSFOLK,

At our meeting on August 22nd we finalised plans for the visit of Dame Flora's eldest daughter, Mrs. Alice McNab of McNab.

The actual arrival date is still uncertain, but is expected to be either WEDNESDAY 3RD OR THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER at ADELAIDE AIRPORT AT 5 P.M. Members will be advised by phone beforehand when date is definite.

A Buffet Tea commencing at 6-30 P.M. is to be held at the home of Muriel and Jack, 41 BRANDRETH ST, TUSMORE, PHONE 317458. If you are going please advise your hosts before 28th September at the latest. A Social Evening will be held at 11 HARVEY ST, WOODVILLE on Sunday 7th October, commencing at 7-30 P.M. Clansfolk and friends are welcome.
- - - BASKET SUPPER - - -

The Clan mourns the loss of a very staunch member, Mrs. Larwood. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Results of Words from Name Macleod competition at Clan Picnic were that 4 tied with 41 words. Congratulations Jean Macleod, Ethel Larwood, Carol Wright and yours truly.

From Dunvegan comes the news from the Chief that John the Younger and his wife Melita have a son Hugh, the 30th Chief In Line. Congratulations to the proud Great-Grandmother and parents!

Collections made for the families of the late Sam Macleod of Elizabeth and Donald Macleod of Fort William, Scotland, totalled \$10-00 and \$9-00 respectively.

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PHONE: 45 1876

NOTE: Date of Buffet Tea at Jack's Place will be FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER,
CHARGE PER HEAD \$2-40



24th NOV 1954. DAME FLORA MACLEOD, 28th CHIEF
ARRIVING AT PARAFIELD AIRPORT, WITH CHIEF OF ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY
MR. H. CAMPBELL. TO HIS (L) IS MRS SYLVIA MACLEOD (MOTHER OF MERAWYN)

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (S.A.)

NOVEMBER 1976.

THE DEATH OF OUR CHIEF:

We record with sadness the death of a great Chief, DAME FLORA MACLEOD of MacLeod. She died on Friday the 5th of November at the age of 98 years.

We understand that she had been walking in the garden and died peacefully in her chair. The funeral was at Skye. Her life has been so well portrayed that there is little we need add.

It is the end of an era and we have been fortunate in knowing such a remarkable Chief - HOLD FAST!

In the past year Clan MacLeod in South Australia has had a very quiet time. We have not been called on to entertain any visitors from overseas nor even had a representative from interstate.

Clanwise we appear to be passing through a nationwide recession. At the annual meeting of the New South Wales Branch the President, on a despondent note, suggested that the Society may well consider disbandment. The members rallied in response to this drastic question and as we understand, with new-found enthusiasm.

Perhaps we have been neglecting an obvious way to promote interest in the Clan. The magazine is the best literature we have to offer. It comes direct from Scotland, giving it that indefinite something that local scribes can never match.

Appropos of this matter, a letter is to hand from a lady up country who had seen a copy of the magazine and therefore followed this request for further details.

VICTORIAN SOCIETY

A newsletter is to hand advising their members of the date of their ANNUAL MEETING. They are at present without a Secretary and the circular was written by the President. This is a reversal of the old story that the Secretary carries the world on his shoulders!

WEST AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY: From time to time we hear from the golder West and we extend to them our best wishes. It is worthy of note that besides Lew Hancock they now also have the reigning Miss.Australia.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - from Bruce of Sydney on receipt of news of the death of Dame Flora.

ANNUAL MEETING:- The Annual Meeting will be held at the home

10 Feb
Hoy
Party Record
J.D. Brown

ANNUAL MEETING:- The Annual Meeting will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. McLeod, 41 BRANDRETH ST, TUSMORE.

DATE:- FRIDAY the 3RD OF DECEMBER
TIME:- 8-00P.M.

ALL OFFICES WILL BE DECLARED VACANT

LADIES ARE INVITED TO BRING A PLATE.

WE Trust that this late date will not clash with X-Mas celebrations. The President and his wife take this opportunity to extend to members and friends, best wishes for a Merry X-Mas and a Happy New Year.

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CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (S.A.)

MARCH 1977

DEAR CLANSFOLK,

We will give this NEWSLETTER a little wider circulation for the benefit of folk, other than Clan Members, who posted in money for a copy of the Clan Magazine.

They are probably wondering whether they have been the victims of a new confidence trick. Please find receipt attached.

We understand that this is to be a special Memorial Issue for DAME FLORA and a welcome to John, our new Chief. Advice was received from Edinburgh, early in December, that they hoped to publish in mid January, so perhaps the magazines will arrive by the end of this month.

FURTHER NEWS FROM OVERSEAS: Alice MacNab from Auchmore Cottage, Killen, Perthshire writes that John and Melita have a wee daughter, a sister for Hugh Magnus. She is said to take after the Bulgarian side of the family and is to be called Elena Nadejda Mary.

Less good news is that Joan Wolridge Gordon has been ill again and is recuperating in hospital. She will then convalesce with Alice whose house is on one floor and, until fit enough to resume living in London.

SKYE AGENCIES: Advertising matter received from this firm depicts a miniature photo of the people attending the last Clan Parliament, taken with the Castle in the background. ENLARGED PRINTS, 10" X 14" suitable for framing are offered for five U.S. dollars. The price includes U.K. sales tax and surface mailing.

TATTOO IN TASMANIA: A brochure has been received from a Travel Agency advertising a tour leaving Adelaide, March 14th for the Tattoo. Further information may be obtained from 27 CURRIE STREET, or PHONE: 51 0331

VICTORIAN SOCIETY: Yet another Newsletter is to hand from across the border - they are showing up we lesser scribes. Mention is made of tickets for the Highland Ball, Royale Ballroom at \$25-00 a double. Members are also invited to attend a Highland Gathering at Ringwood. A well wisher has made a donation to their society of \$100-00.

OUTING AT DONATION PARK - SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD! This is a reminder to members and friends of the outing which was arranged at the Annual Meeting. Entry to the Park is by one of the gates off Port Road (between the Police Barracks and the river).

A convenient spot to meet is the Malayan Hut near the car park. You are permitted to use your own portable type barbecues providing ashes, etc. are taken to the main barbecue areas. The suggested time is 12 NOON.

CONTINUED OVER

VALE: Escourt Luxton - Foundation member, Vice President and Auditor since our inception. He died on the 23rd of December.

We record here our appreciation for services given over a period of many years.

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MALVERN.

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JACK R. MCLEOD,
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MEMBERSHIP

ALL PERSONS HAVING THE SURNAME OF MCLEOD,
ALL PERSONS DIRECTLY CONNECTED BY MARRIAGE,
WITH OR DESCENDED FROM PERSONS BEARING THE
NAME OF MACLEOD.

SEPTS OR ADHERANTS OF THE CLAN MACLEOD.

SUBSCRIPTION: \$2-50 (INCLUDING COST OF
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FINANCING THE MEMORIAL

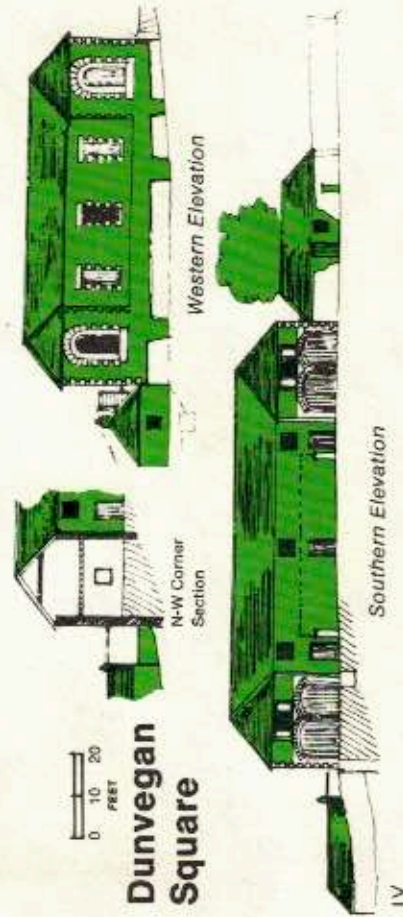
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We are sure that the MacLeods throughout the United States will want to honor the memory of Dame Flora by contributing to the furthering of her work. Enclosed you will find a pledge card and return envelope for your use in supporting this goal. We urge your early response in order that we may proceed with this memorial.

The Proposed Plan for the Renovation of the "Old Square" at Dunvegan.

Elevations of the Square, Dunvegan.



DAME FLORA MACLEOD OF MACLEOD

Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod succeeded her father, Sir Reginald MacLeod, to become the 28th Chief, Clan MacLeod. Until her death in 1977, in her 99th year, Dame Flora visited her clan in all parts of the world, stirring interest in the clan and bringing together her "family."

From Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye, home of the MacLeod chiefs for over 700 years, Dame Flora traveled throughout the world to foster and extend her deep commitment to her family.

In addition to her journeys to bring MacLeods together, she supported Scottish traditions of piping and dancing. She served as honorable secretary (chairman) of the College of Piping in Glasgow and with the late John MacFayden developed the Silver Chanter Piping Competition which became an annual event at Dunvegan for the most skilled of pipers.

THE DAME FLORA MEMORIAL

At their eighth annual parliament in 1978, Clan MacLeod, through the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies-encompassing New Zealand, Canada, the United States and Great Britain, proposed that "the old square" at Dunvegan would be restored for use as a clan center. This memorial would be a center for activities for both the people of Skye and clansmen abroad. In addition it would provide a center for visiting MacLeods, and a temporary home for young clansfolk who wish to travel in Skye or perhaps study the history of their clan. It would also serve as a gathering place for Clan MacLeod Parliaments.

The Dame Flora Memorial will continue the mission and life work of a devoted chief who held to her belief in the strength of family in clanship.

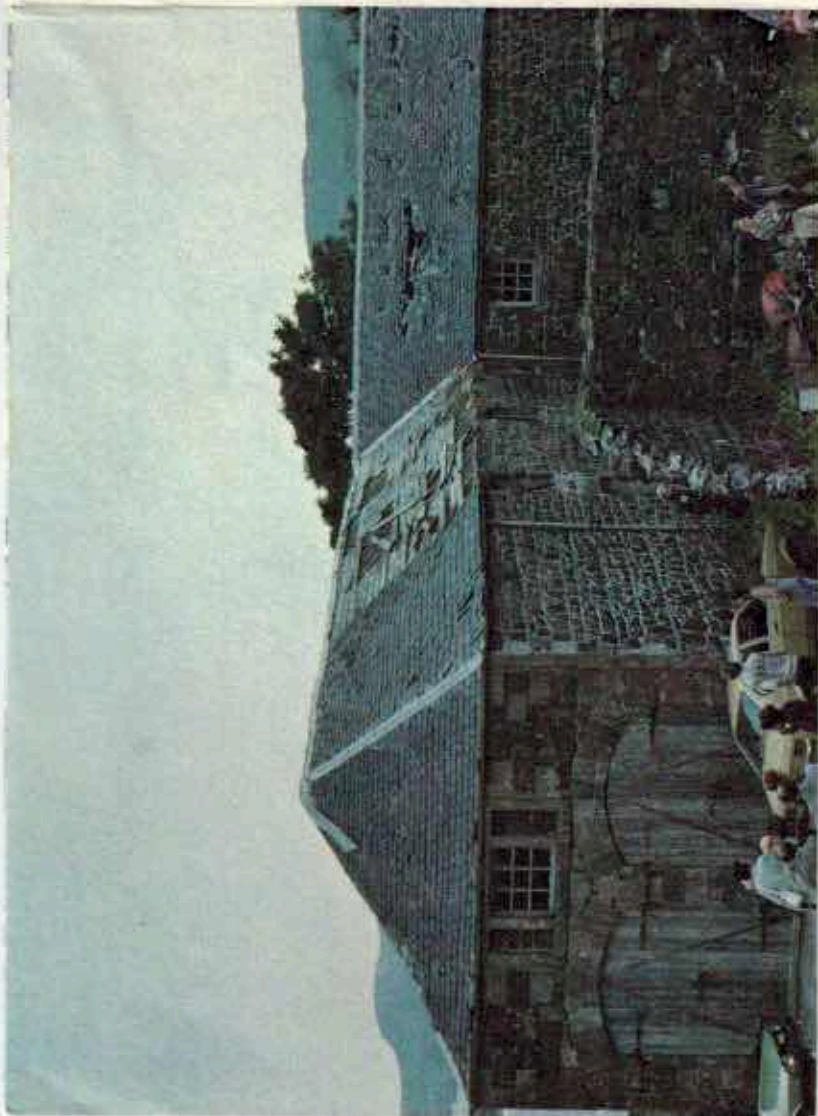
At her passing Dame Flora was recognized as one of Britain's "great ladies" and by MacLeods as their "grandest of chiefs." It is this lady, her proud traditions and heritage we wish to memorialize.

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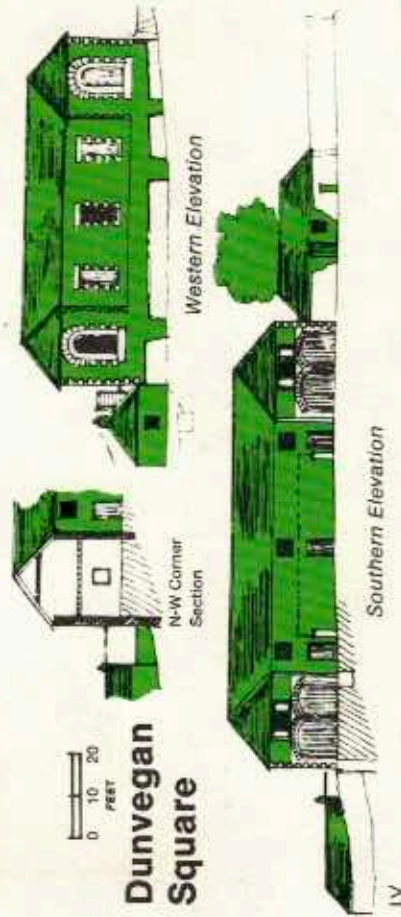
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CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (S.A.)

CHIEF: JOHN MACLEOD OF MACLEOD

August 1977

Dear Clansfolk,

It is admitted that a Newsletter for South Australia is well overdue. We can never boast to being a very active group and to date this year we are maintaining our form.

Nonetheless a picnic lunch at Bonython Park was enjoyed by clansfolk and visitors. We were pleased to renew acquaintance with Dorothy Lindsay of Queensland. She was brought along by Ann and George.

Out of door functions are always something of a gamble but on this occasion we were blessed with a really fine day.

The other occasion when members gathered was to meet Bruce and Fay of Sydney at the home of the President on the evening of Friday the 13th May. We express our thanks to Douglas and Jean for making their home available. Bruce has served as Co-ordinator of Australian Societies for many years and during the evening we gave him an on the spot reply for a nomination for 1977-78. He has since advised that each of the other Societies has re-elected him.

Clan Magazines

Somewhat later than usual the clan magazines eventually arrived and have since been distributed to all financial members and also to those outside the clan who had ordered a copy. It is an excellent issue and well worth the waiting. My own copy has been out on loan to several people.

In the evening a reception to meet MacLeods was held at the home of Lady Sandford, East Terrace, Adelaide. Roderick MacLeod, Secretary, of the Victorian Society was present to give advice on the forming of a society in this state.

Unfortunately there was not sufficient cohesion among local clansfolk to form a group on the spot but this landmark was to be achieved at a later date.

THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 1954.

Dame Flora with her companion were taken for a drive through the Adelaide Hills by Mr. & Mrs. T.E. Luxton. They formed a valued friendship with the Chief and were to be her hosts on each of her subsequent visits.

Lunch was taken at the Crafers home of Mr. Justice Napier. The main reception arranged for MacLeods was held that evening at C.W.A. headquarters, Dequetteville Terrace.

A large crowd attended and one and all came under the spell of the little lady who stood so erect and spoke so clearly and many among us heard for the first time, something of our great heritage.

She was presented with a travelling rug and a clock - the records show that the rug cost £4-15 (shades of deflation).

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 1954.

Luncheon at the Lyceum Club was followed by a visit to a sick MacLeod who was in hospital. During the afternoon Dame Flora met a number of elderly MacLeods at the home of Mr. & Mrs. L. Larwood at Frewville.

The reception that evening was given by the Caledonian Society. By now the press had excelled itself and the visit of the chief rallying her clan had captured the imagination of all and sundry.

The hall was crowded to the extent of standing room only, the Scottish dancers had to verily operate on a pin's head. A feature of the night was the cutting of a huge cake made as a replica of Dunvegan Castle.

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 1954.

Clan members farewelled Dame Flora at Parafield Aerodrome at 9 A.M. on her departure for the South East where she stayed with the Rymill family on Old Penola Station.

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Microfilm Project

In a letter from Clan Macleod of the U.S.A. to Presidents of all National Societies concern is expressed that documents from the muniment room at Dunvegan may be claimed by the Scottish Historical Society. American Societies had sponsored microfilming of the documents by the Historical people and no doubt feel responsible for the safe return to their rightful place at Dunvegan.

Snippets of News from various sources

The John and Melita concert during the gathering of the clans - Edinburgh was superbly performed. John singing and Melita playing the piano. They are in Canada at the present time where John was Chief of the day for one of the four days of the National Exhibition at Toronto. There were plans for him to meet his clansfolk at a picnic.

Robert Wolridge Gordon (the elder brother) is this year Grandmaster of the Freemasons.

A Memorial Fund

There have been discussions on the formation of a Trust to receive donations towards a project or projects in memory of Chief Flora.

OBITUARY

Joan Wolrige Gordon was born on 8th April 1905. She was the second child of the late Dame Flora Macleod. She was married to Captain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esselmont at Chelsea in January 1927. John the present Chief is one of three sons. News of her death has just been received. The funeral service will be held in the Episcopal Church Elcon Aberdeenshire.

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CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (S.A.)

CHIEF: JOHN MacLEOD OF MacLEOD, DUNVEGAN CASTLE

January, 1979

Dear Clansfolk,

With the festive season now behind us we had best take a look at Clan matters listed for 1979.

Clan Magazines -

The business manager Derek McLeod writes that they plan to continue with two copies each year. We had been forewarned by our Clan Parliament Delegates that a new price structure was in the offing and this is now confirmed. Magazines will now be \$1.50 per annum. Clan news from South Australia, including a list of officers, together with payment for the 1979 issues has been forwarded to Derek.

Dame Flora MacLeod Memorial -

We were well briefed on this project at the Annual Meeting and it was then agreed that a donation of \$50 be made from funds in hand.

Provision was also made for the opening of a special account to receive donations. I have also been advised by Bruce of Sydney that those who prefer to do so may send direct to the Treasurer of the Dame Flora MacLeod Memorial - Mr. Peter MacLeod, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Argyle Square, Oban, Argyll, Scotland.

News from other Societies -

News letters have been received from each of the Australian Societies, from Clan MacLeod Society of U.S.A. and the Canadian Society. The Secretary of the Canadian Society, Minnesota (Attorney at Law), David McLeod, visited us back in 1974. We are pleased to hear from Ruth that he is completely recovered from a heart attack of a year ago.

In the U.S.A. annual report the President gives credit to long serving Emma Link for her remarkable correspondence record and keeping up to date a computerised address list.

The Victorian Society records the death of Dr. Ann Clayton (MacLeod), a loyal friend and a generous benefactor of the Clan over a long period.

Clan Dinner -

An important part of this missive is to advise members and friends that the dinner will be at the Royal Coach Motor Inn, Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town on Friday the 2nd of February. Time - 7 p.m. Cost will be \$8.00.

Please ring either of the numbers below a few days earlier and let us have the number in your party -

President - Douglas B. McLeod,
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Phone 71 8409

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Dear Clansfolk,

Social events on the 1981 Clan Calendar have been something of a disaster or perhaps more truly should be labelled non-events. A picnic that had been planned for the 1st of March had to be abandoned because of wet and blustery weather. A few hurried phone calls were made and judging by the response no-one was sorry that they didn't have to show on such a miserable day. Then on the 3rd of April, on the evening we had arranged to spend with Meg and Don, numbers were down to the extent that a decision was made to call it off.

Hence with other lines of communication breaking down comes this newsletter.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

First and foremost is a reminder that a Clan Parliament will be held during the first week of August, 1982 and will coincide with the Dunvegan Show.

EXTRACT FROM CIRCULAR SENT TO BRUCE BY LOUDOUN MACLEOD

"I am writing to thank you and Members of your Society for inviting me to be President of the A.C.M.S. until the next Clan Parliament. My only regret is that Alice MacNab's death should have caused this vacancy". Loudoun then goes on to say that his aim will be to ensure that the A.C.M.S. functions as an International Headquarters.

EXTRACTS FROM A.C.M.S. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JAN. 10th.

6. The President emphasised the need for a Senior Vice-President who could act in his absence and preferably someone dwelling in the North. Norman MacLeod of Saurdal was the unanimous choice.

7. The Accounts

Under a sub-heading "Taxation of Investment Income" a report was made by the Treasurer that H.M. Inspector of Taxes had requested a Tax Return showing investment income from 1963. Apropos of this a note of explanation appears in the Balance Sheet that throws some further light on these matters as follows:-

(3) Though the Royal Bank of Scotland had advised the Inland Revenue of interest accruing each year on the Association's Deposit Accounts, no assessment had been made. Due to the substantial increase in interest rates however the Inland Revenue reviewed the position and a liability of arrears of tax was assessed which together with current tax liability has meant a provision in the accounts of £1,382. An appeal was made to reduce the Association's Liability, but this was refused. Two other explanatory notes were made -

(1) The basic costs of producing the Magazine have risen 84% much of the additional cost being attributable to the special issue on Clan Tartans and Dress.

(2) Postages in the United Kingdom rose 25% during the year.

Incidentally the excess expenditure over income shown in the Balance Sheet was £2,282.

Another item noticed in the Treasurer's report, that is typical of American business acumen, was that the U.S.A. groups were sending a sum of £100 in the first instance, to the Memorial fund to test the Tax laws.

11. The Memorial

The Chief reported on the long complex and agonising negotiations with statutory authorities and crofters with regard to the land for the car park, but he believed that progress was being made and a start could be made on the work this year.

THE CONSTITUTION

A copy has been received from the A.C.M.S. of a proposed constitution. It is claimed to be an up-dated version. It will be subject to debate at the next Clan Parliament.

AUST - NEW ZEALAND GATHERING

A spin off from these celebrations was a twinning of Societies. The S.A. Society was paired with Hawkes Bay. I have recently received a copy of the Annual N.Z. Newsletter via Hawkes Bay. Sandra MacLeod, the Secretary, writes that they would like nothing more than to organise a group of MacLeods from Australia to attend a gathering in New Zealand. Her father Tom MacLeod is wrapped on the idea of an Aust - N.Z. contingent to visit Canada and attend the gathering of the Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia, in June - July, 1983. He has been canvassing Canadian MacLeods with a scheme for billeting the MacLeods from down under, in their homes. He writes that this idea has been favourably received. It is envisaged that the tour would take 30 - 35 days with our people flying from Sydney to Auckland to link up with the New Zealanders.

A REMINDER

A booking has been made at the Lindy Lodge Motel for a dinner on Friday the 7th of August. Members and friends all are welcome.

IN CLANSHIP

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CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (S.A.)

SEPTEMBER, 1983.

SUMMARY OF 1982-83

At the last Annual Meeting arrangements were made for (1) a picnic at Tusmore Park and (2) a buffet luncheon at Olivet House.

A whip around on the phone just prior to the picnic date showed that numbers would be down, hence after a hurried consultation with President Donald, this event was cancelled.

The luncheon at Olivet House was a pleasant outing and a dozen clansfolk partook of some excellent fare.

A DIAMOND WEDDING

On another occasion members had an opportunity to meet at the home of Vin and Joyce Wright. They held open house to give an opportunity for a large number of well wishers to call and congratulate George and Ann on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

ELECTION OF CO-ORDINATOR

In the past this has been a cut and dried issue, Bruce has been the only nomination.

This year, and, perhaps because of fears as to whether Bruce would be able to carry on because of the serious operation that he underwent earlier in the year, there will be an election. Ian MacLeod is a nomination from Perth. Our President Donald would also have been willing to step into the breach. These matters were brought forward at the luncheon at Olivet House and Donald indicated that with Bruce resuming plans for an overseas trip he would not contest the issue. We have now advised the Returning Officer who is Mrs. Margaret Bone, Secretary of the N.S.W. branch that we are in favour of Bruce remaining in office as Co-ordinator of Aust. Societies.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY FAIR

An invitation was received from the Royal Caledonian Society to hold a stall at a Scottish Fair arranged for the 2nd October at Rymill Park in the east parklands. At the luncheon at Olivet House it was opportune to also air this proposition. No doubt because of the few numbers we can command it did not receive sufficient support and the Caledonian Society have been advised accordingly.

A NEW SOCIETY

Bruce has advised that a new Clan MacLeod Society has been formed and is the first in South Africa. The founder is Gordon MacLeod of Cape Town, and he will be visiting Australia during October of this year.

Various matters at their request have been forwarded by the N.S.W. branch to assist in the formation of the new Society.

We have the address, hence will send greetings on behalf of this branch and if Gordon visits Adelaide we will be pleased to meet him and his wife Patricia.

ANNUAL MEETING

A date was not set for this important fixture. I will nominate Friday the 28th October and trust that this will suit everybody. If not please ring and we may be able to do something about shuffling dates.

Venue 41 Brandreth Street, Tusmore. Time 8.00 p.m.

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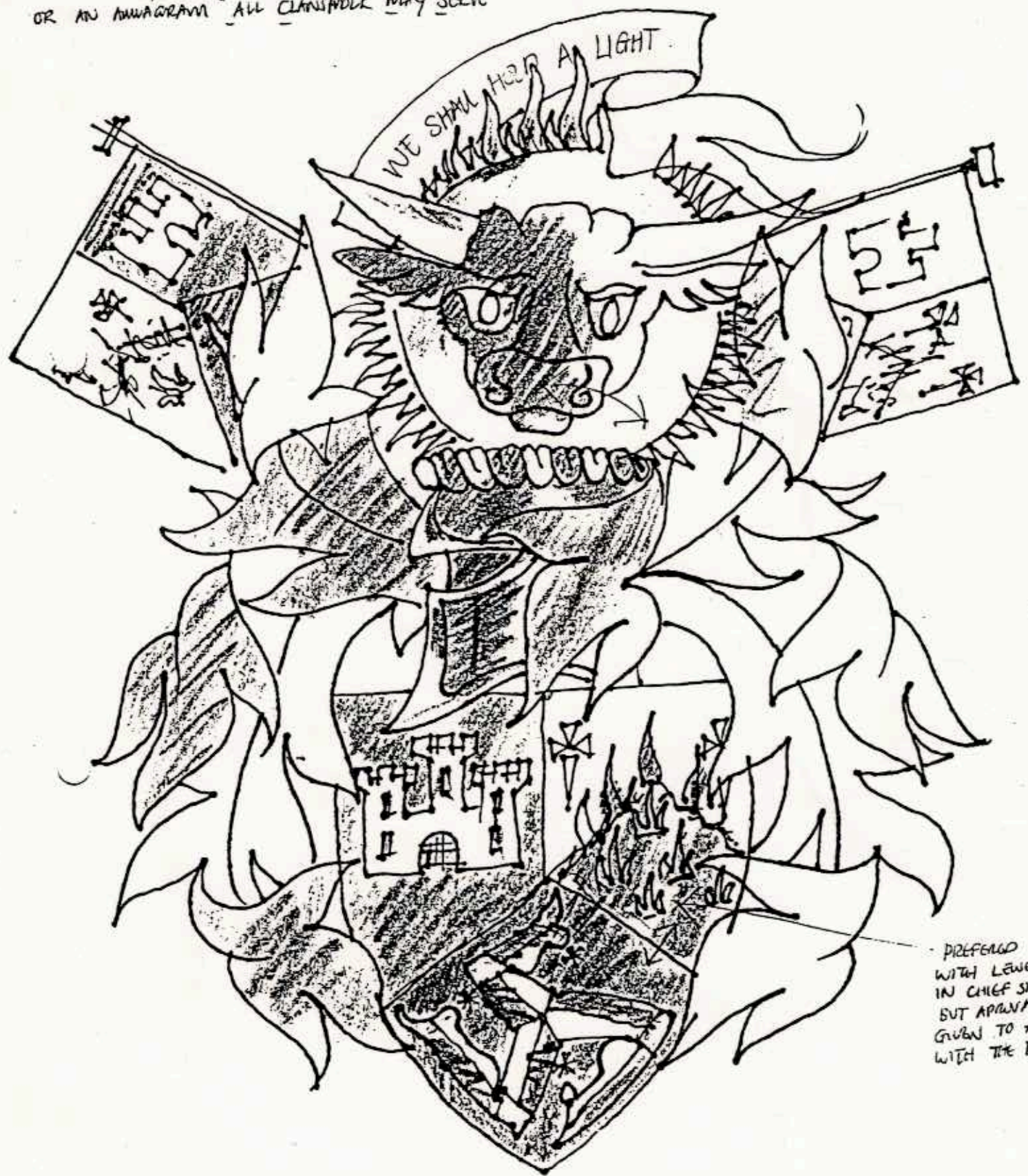
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SUGGESTION FOR ASSOCIATED CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES.

IN THE CENTENARY YEAR OF THE FORMATION OF THE FIRST CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY IN EDINBURGH.

HOLD FAST + I SHALL BURN = WE SHALL HOLD A LIGHT.
OR AN ANAGRAM "ALL CLANSFOLK MAY SERVE"



PREFERRED WITH LEWES IN CHIEF SINISTER BUT APPEAL IS GIVEN TO A SWY WITH THE LEGS

DIVISIONS OF THREE - TRIPLE TOWERED CASTLE - THREE LEGS OF MAN.



The gentleman in the centre
is Alister McLeod's father.
Mary McLeod's Father-in-Law.
Alister + Mary are founding Members of Clan MacLeod Society SA.

Malcolm McLeod
Alex McLeod
Jack McLeod

1927

at Castlemaine



25/11/1954 CWA Ceilidh, South Australia.

L-R
Heather, Sylvia (mother) Murdoch (father) Dame Flora,
Merawyn and Ian MacLeod.
Front. Patricia Macheod.



GATHERING OF CLAN MACLEOD

The special entertainment given to Dame Flora Macleod of MacLeod tonight, by the Royal Caledonian Society of SA, in the Caledonian Hall, will be filmed for showing over British television circuits.

A BBC television unit yesterday filmed Dame Flora Macleod looking at Adelaide, from the site of Colonel Light's statue on Montefiore Hill.

Afterwards, Dame Flora Macleod was taken on a drive through the hills by two Clan Macleod members, Mr and Mrs F. E. Luxton.

Her day yesterday included lunch with Lady Napier, afternoon tea with Mr and Mrs. G. MacLeod Manson, a dinner party with Mr and Mrs. Luxton, and finally a further gathering of Clan MacLeod members at the CWA headquarters.

She found time to make a recording, for broadcasting to Clan MacLeod members whom she will not be able to meet. This recording will be heard over the 5 AD network tonight, at 8.15 p.m.

The Chief of the Royal Caledonian Society (Mr. N. H. Campbell) said last night that more than 600 people of Scottish origin, including 100 Clan MacLeod members, would attend the entertainment at the Caledonian Hall tonight.

"The society will present her with a travelling rug made of SA wool, and a cake modelled accurately on her home, Dunvegan Castle," he said.

About 100 of the Clan MacLeod gave Dame Flora Macleod an enthusiastic welcome at a gathering at CWA headquarters, Dequetteville terrace, Kent Town, last night.



Dunvegan Castle shaped cake.
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