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QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. Inc., will be held at the Caledonian Hall, 379, King William Street, Adelaide, on FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1976, at 8.00 p.m.

Business:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Any other business.

The Chief, Charles Gardiner, will preside.

Ladies are requested to provide a basket supper.

A Social Evening will follow the formal business of the Quarterly Meeting on -
FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1976.

Enter this important event in your diary. Bring your friends
The Program also includes items by the Bairns Class & Pipe Band.

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SOCIETY BADGES

Lapel and Brooch type
are available from the Secretary.
\$1.50 each.

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ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNER, 1974.

This important function was held in the Sturt Club on Saturday, 30th November, 1974.

The total attendance was 168 members, friends and guests and all present had a most enjoyable evening.

The guest Speaker was Senator Donald S. Jessop, who submitted the Toast of the evening "The Land O' Cakes", and all present were delighted with the most interesting and entertaining subject matter presented for their benefit.

The Sturt Club has again been booked for Saturday, 27th November, 1976, and members are advised in advance that bookings will be limited to 160 members and their guests.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHIEF.

A Happy New Year to one and all and lang may your lum reek.

We have started the year 1975/76 well with a lot of new and enthusiastic members. For the second half of the year, your Council have planned further alterations and additions to the Hall which we feel will be of benefit to the members giving them better facilities and we hope more accommodation.

The Social Director has planned a very active year for you which we all hope will prove enjoyable.

We hope to see you at the February Meeting when some of our intentions will be outlined.

Our Highland Games Ball this year will be a Debutante Ball and we would love to see as many lasses as possible taking part. The details set out in this Newsletter.

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ADELAIDE HIGHLAND GAMES 1976

The 1976 Adelaide Highland Games will be held on Saturday, 6th & Sunday 7th March, 1976.

Admission for adults is \$1.50 per day or \$2.50 for both days. Children and Pensioners 50¢ per day.

Tickets for both days are available from Section Conveners or the Secretary upon the receipt of ticket money.

To the Secretary,
Adelaide Highland Games,
Box 1495, G.P.O.
ADELAIDE. 5001.

Enclosed please find \$..... for tickets @ \$2.50 each.

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ADELAIDE HIGHLAND GAMES BALL.

This Ball is to be held in Sir William Goodman Hall, Hackney Road, Hackney on - SATURDAY, 6th MARCH, 1976. Unfortunately, accommodation there is limited, and members are advised to make their bookings with the Secretary, Mr. B.F. Hopkins, without delay. You, as members of our Society, are being given this early notice of the Ball, so that you will have the opportunity of obtaining tickets before they are offered to other people. Let the Secretary know your requirements as soon as possible.

A liquor licence has been obtained and a dance band engaged. Supper will be provided.

Admission is by ticket at \$5.00, supper included.

Dancing will begin at 8.00 p.m., and finish at midnight.

Reservations, at \$5.00 each, can be made with the Secretary, Mr. Barton F. Hopkins, 379, King William Street, by letter or 'phone, week days, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

As this function is a highlight of the Caledonian Social Year, and a fitting climax to an exciting day at the Oval, members are advised to make early application for tickets. The price includes supper, a first-class dance band, and a programme of modern, old style and Scottish dancing to the tune of favourite Scottish airs.

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HIGHLAND GAMES BALL.

A special feature of the evening will be the presentation of Debutantes to His Excellency, The Governor of South Australia, Sir Mark Oliphant, K.B.E. and Lady Oliphant.

The following members of the Society will make their Debut:

- Margaret Fleetwood
- Michele McCoy
- Glynis Gardiner
- Karen McCoy.

Whilst the notice is short, please advise the Secretary if your daughter would like to participate.

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BAIRNS CLASS.

Thank you to all the Bairns who gave their thought, time and effort, in contributing to the Halloween Artwork Competition.

All who saw their work displayed in the Hall on both Halloween occasions agreed that we not only have good Highland Dancers, but also very talented Artists amongst our Bairns.

Prizes for age groups were donated by Mrs. E. Martin and winners chosen by Mrs. Verelle Fudge, Art and Crafts teacher at Gepps Cross High School. Judging was based not only on "Poster" or "Eye-appeal", but also on the amount of work entailed in the overall picture. Mrs. Fudge was delighted with the variety of ideas and had a difficult, but pleasant, task in choosing the winners.

Congratulations to those who won, and also to all the other Bairns who made the display so successful.

Pictures may now be collected from the Secretary's Office.

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WINNERS OF ARTWORK COMPETITION:

- Youngest Entrant - Fiona Scott
- 5-year old - Heather Bowman
- 6-year old - Sonia Harkness
- 7-year old - Melissa Hanson
- 8 year-old - Fiona Harkness
- 9-10 year old - Belinda Hanson
- 11-12 year old - Libby Jones
- 13-14 year old - Joanna Packer
- 15-16 year old - Glyn Gardiner

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BAIRNS' EVENINGS Chieftain - J.W.R. Fleetwood.

During the past year, sixtysix Bairns were enrolled and progress was shown by both older and younger Bairns.

The Chief's Trophy was won by Joanna Packer for being the most regular and efficient Dancer.

The Eightsome Reel Annual Cup was won by --

- Glynis Gardiner; Margaret Fleetwood; Josephine Knuepffer;
- Rhona Tarrant; Jane Nichol; Fiona Scott; and Karen Carter.

Thanks are conveyed to Misses Lorna Marshall and Beverley Moffatt, Mrs. Margaret McCoy and the Senior Girls for their assistance during the year.

Special thanks are extended to the Bairns' evening Committee and to all the parents who assisted Mrs. Moffatt in the canteen.

Please note that Bairns' evenings will re-open on 26th March, 1976.

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SOCIETY PICNIC:

Will be held on 28th March, 1976 at Scotts Creek Reserve via Heathfield.

Tennis Courts and Hot Water will be available. START TIME: 10.30 a.m.

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CENTENARY CELEBRATION 1981: FROM OUR PAST.

In the interests of presenting a History of the Society at the time of the Centenary Celebrations in 1981, this and related issues will be kept before members over the intervening years, by Chieftain R.A. Layton. He will welcome any suggestions with respect to the nature of these celebrations, and more particularly any contributions as to the history of the Society and Scots in South Australia.

The following are some highlights from the Society's first years: ---

1881 An informal meeting of Scotsmen held at the Red Lion Hotel, to discuss the formation of the Society.

August 11th, 1881 Meeting at the Adelaide Town Hall, with the Hon. Dr. Allan Campbell, M.L.C., in the Chair, decided to form the S.A. Caledonian Society. The Hon. Alex. Hay, M.L.C. was elected Chief.

Dec. 14th, \$1, 223-76 subscribed to the Shetland Island Relief Fund by members of the Society.

- Febr. 7th, 1882.. The Society moved to premises in Rundle Street.
 May 26th, 1882 .. \$400 profit from the first Highland Games and Sports Carnival allocated to local charities.
 Jan. 1884 .. A banquet was provided for members of the Society by Earl Rosebery (later Prime Minister of Great Britain).
 Nov. 1886 .. Society moved to larger premises in Victoria Square.
 May 5th, 1894 .. Statue of Robert Burns erected and presented to the City of Adelaide and unveiled by the Hon. John Darling, M.L.C. Angaston marble was used and the sculptor was W.J. Maxwell, a member of the Society.
 Nov. 13th, 1894.. The S.A. Caledonian Society Pipe Band was formed and equipped.
 1899 .. Bairn's class formed. Adelaide Scottish Corps enrolled.
 1902 .. A Society Fund for the provision of a statue of John McDouall Stuart was launched. After \$1200 was subscribed the S.A. Government further subsidised its cost. The statue was erected in the Victoria Square and unveiled by Past Chief A.J. MacLachlan.
 Febr. 20th 1906.. Scholarship Fund completed and established, with Douglas Mitchell first winner.
 Febr. 21st.1911.. Society Incorporated.
 1919 .. Society raises \$2850 towards the Highland Relief Fund, for the benefit of those persons affected by the First World War.
 1922 .. The Society purchases the site in King William Street for the erection of the Memorial Hall.
 October 17th 1925.. Foundation stone of the Memorial Hall laid by the Chief, Andrew D. Young.
 Febr. 1928 .. Presbyterian Girls' College Scholarship established, = Miss Lorna Marshall first scholar.

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AULD LANG SYNE

THE RIGHT WORDS?

New Year celebrations are over.

But Burns birthday suppers have still to come.

So there will be more singing of "Auld Lang Syne", the Scottish song that is known round the world.

But will the right words be sung?

Most likely - NO!

May be some would say that the odd difference of word or phrase doesn't really matter

As long as the right sentiments are felt.

As long as the famous melody makes the heart warm with fellow-feeling.

And as long as the grip of hand in hand is firm and sure

Yes, but think of Burns scholars, of the Burns Federation which through the "Burns Chronicle" has tried for so long to impress the need for "a proper rendering". They are right, of course.

The late J.C. Ewing wrote an editorial on the subject in the 1934 issue of the "Chronicle", which was reprinted in 1952 at the executive Committee's request.

According to him this is "the original and by much the best words of the song, as Burns himself described them :-

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
 And never brought to mind?
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
 And days o'lang syne!

CHORUS:

And for auld lang syne, my jo,
 For auld lang syne,
 We'll tak a cup o'kindness yet
 For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint stowp!
 And surely I'll be mine!
 And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
 For auld lang syne.

And for auld etc. etc.

We twa hae run about the braes,
 And pou'd the gowans fine;
 But we've wander'd mony a weary foot,
 Sin auld lang syne.

And for auld etc. etc.

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
 Frae morning sun till dine;
 But seas between us braid hae roar'd
 Sin auld lang syne.

And for auld etc. etc.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
 And gie's a hand o'thine!
 And we'll tak a richt gudewilly-waught,
 For auld lang syne.

And for auld etc. etc.

What do you think? - "SCOTTIE". Angus.