

The Virginia Highlander

Newsletter of the Saint Andrew's Society

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NEWSLETTER TO CONTINUE TABLOID FORMAT

Readers will have noticed that this issue of the Virginia Highlander is not in the newspaper style format used in our Spring issue. Such an issue is in the planning stages for late Fall or early winter complete with photographs, special features and other stories of interest to members of the Society. Some back ordered equipment is responsible for the delay and, for the sake of some much needed, pressing communications, we have opted for this supplemental Newsletter.

COMING EVENTS 1979-80

- October 6 Fall Ceilidh, Yorktown Victory Center, Yorktown, Va.
- October 9 The Pipes and Military Band, 1st Battalion of the Black Watch, Royal Army, Hampton Coliseum, Hampton, Va.
- October 21-22 Sixth Annual Stone Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Stone Mountain, Ga.
- December 2 Kirking of the Tartan, First Presbyterian Church, Richmond Road, Williamsburg, Va. Brunch at Holiday Inn 1776.
- February 2 Burn's Night, Fort Magruder Inn, Williamsburg, Va.
- March 1 Virginia Scottish Games, Winter Indoor Competition, Gunston Community Complex, Arlington, Va.
- June 30 Third Annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival, Jamestown Academy, Williamsburg, Va.
- July 12-13 25th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Grandfather Mtn., N.C.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Olga A. Liston who passed away on September 18. Her husband, Dr. David E. Liston, is a member of the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg and was a recent member of the Society's Board of Directors. Mrs. Liston will be deeply missed by the members of the Society.

TURNER WINNER IN FIDDLE COMPETITION

Society member John W. Turner represented Virginia and the United States very successfully in two prestigious fiddling competitions in Scotland this past May. Turner, who is the current U.S. Scottish Fiddling Champion, was first place winner in the March, Strathspey and Reel Championships at the Banchory Music Festival. In Glasgow's Golden Fiddle Awards he placed fourth. This ranks him as one of the top Scottish fiddlers in the world. He is presently planning to compete again in 1980 and hopes to bring the Golden Fiddle home to Virginia. Members may get a chance to hear John play at the next Burn's Night. John Turner is a minister at the Centenary United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, Virginia.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Yes, Scottish country dancing is truly "Ane Celestial Recreation" as described in The Complaynt of Scotland published in 1548, and there will be Scottish country dancing this fall all over Southeast Virginia -- in Richmond on Tuesdays and some Saturday evenings, in Williamsburg on alternate Thursdays and monthly on Saturday, in Gloucester on Mondays and in Norfolk on alternate Tuesdays. Wow! How can you possibly stay home? Anyone wishing to try this festive activity may contact Lee Ticknor in Williamsburg (229-7588), Guy Nelson in Richmond (271-9767) or Stewart Walker in Gloucester (693-4957). Additional contacts are Paul Thompson in Richmond (788-1704) and Mrs. Annette Harris of Norfolk (587-4126). All numbers are for home telephones.

And additional treat for Scottish country dancers or those wishing to learn how will be the visit of Bill Hamilton from Edinburgh, Scotland. He will be touring the United States this fall giving special classes in Scottish country dancing. Classes in Williamsburg will be held on October 20-21 at the Wesley Foundation Building. Mr. Hamilton started Scottish country dancing while a student at the University of Edinburgh. He is a member of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society and has toured with the group in France, Spain, Italy, Holland, Norway and South Africa. For the past ten years he has been a teacher on the staff of the R.S.C.D.S. International Summer School at St. Andrews. He is an approved adjudicator of Scottish Country Dancing and has judged at festivals in Edinburgh, Derby, Carlisle, Arbroath and London. His motto is "Have kilt - will travel". Contact Lee Ticknor for information on Mr. Hamilton's classes.

SECOND ANNUAL WILLIAMSBURG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL HELD

The Jamestown Academy was the site of the second annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival held on June 30, 1979. Moved outside for the first time, the festival attracted good crowds and a large number of contestants including 55 dancers in the highland dancing, 30 Scottish country dancers, and many athletes in the mile run, caber throwing, hay pitching and other events. Music was provided by the U.S. Airforce Band, the Strath James Pipes and Drums and numerous pipers. Vendors sold food and Scottish crafts. Spectators were also treated to demonstrations of Border Collies herding sheep and ducks. A ceilidh was held in the evening at the Sheraton Patriot Motor Inn.

Some of the members of the Williamsburg Saint Andrew's Society sponsored and helped put on the Festival. More sponsors and volunteer workers are needed for 1980 to continue promoting our Scottish heritage in Virginia. To find out what you can do contact Mrs. Gail Ticknor, 107 Indian Springs Road.

THE BLACK WATCH IS COMING

Plans to charter a special bus for members attending the Oct. 9th performance of the Black Watch in Hampton have been cancelled due to cost. Members are urged to car

pool instead. The performance, which marks the fourth visit to the Peninsula by the 1st Battalion of the Black Watch, will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Hampton Coliseum. A block of tickets have been reserved for Society members and their guest. Contact Ed Campbell (229-6635) immediately for your tickets as the supply is limited.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN SCOTTISH GAMES

Members of the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg were again well represented at the 1979 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at MacRae Meadows, North Carolina. Attending were Society President and Mrs. Ken Graham, Mark Ferguson, Rob Roy MacGregor, Henry and Georgianna Wann, Charles and Mimi Rose, James and Christine Mackenzie, Jack and Sheila Thompson, ~~Mrs. Land~~ Mrs. Charles Urquart and Howard and Carolyn Topp plus a number of children and guest. Total registration at the Society tent was 44.

The Society again sponsored the Kilted Mile Run for ages 16 to 30. Winner was Mark Hawking MacFarland.

Special congratulations go to Society member Howard Topp who was elected Chief of Clan Sutherland in the United States. In his new role he was official host to Elizabeth Millicent Janson, the Countess of Sutherland, who was a special guest of the Highland Games. Young Eric Topp acted as page to the Countess.

SCOTTISH STUDENTS PERFORM IN WILLIAMSBURG

Touring members of the Dunoon Grammer School Pipes and Drums and members of the Grace Higgins Dancers presented two performances of Scottish piping and dancing in Merchant's Square in Colonial Williamsburg. While not accustomed to the hot June weather the young people entertained large crowds of summer tourist and locals. Under the direction of Pipe Major Niall Campbell the two groups were touring the United States. They were from the Dunoon Grammer School which serves the Cowal area of Western Scotland. The school has over 1000 students including many children of U.S. Service personnel from Holy Loch Naval Base.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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(Correction to Spring Issue. Should read as below)

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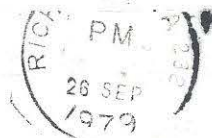
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RADIO CLYDE

Like to say hello to friends and relatives in Scotland or around the world. Each Sunday a lunchtime Radio Clyde's favorite family program "Worldwide" broadcast messages and letters to Scots around the World. The program is now in its fifth year and is listened to by Scots in Hong Kong, Bermuda, Cyprus and worldwide. The program is presently making efforts to reach expatriate Scots in America.



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