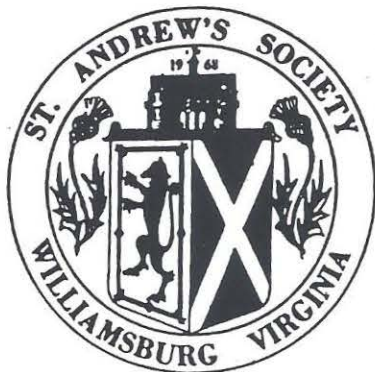




THE SPECTATOR

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Saint Andrew's Society
of Williamsburg



Scots To Gather In Williamsburg

The Williamsburg Winery will be the center of activity on September 24 when a' the Scots home in on the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. The skirl of the pipes and the rattle of the drums will herald the convergence of Scots from all around the area on that date. A mildly pleasant September day is hoped for.

This year's honored guest will be the Chief of Clan Shaw: John Shaw of Tordarroch. The Shaws should all be out in force.

Visiting pipe bands, dance contestants, athletes, traditional foods, parades, banners, tents and all the pagentry that usually attends the festival will flourish throughout the day.

Our St. Andrew's Society will again sponsor a tent and invite all Scots, clans, visitors and interested persons to stop by for a wee bite or bit of cheer and friendly banter.

Quarterly Luncheon

Our latest quarterly luncheon was held on July 25th at the Williamsburg Country Club, with an attendance of twenty nine. This was considered a nice turnout, considering the midsummer heat and that some members were off on vacation, seeking cooler climes.

Out speaker, Alex Andrews, gave us an enlightening and interesting talk on his experiences in Africa, where he was on assignment for the U.S. State Department. Most attendees appeared to enjoy this event, and there was extensive discussion with Alex with many questions after his presentation.

Another quarterly luncheon will be scheduled for this autumn, so watch this paper for further details, then come out and enjoy the fellowship, food and conversation with a lively group of folk who share their Scottish ancestry.

Alexandria Christmas Walk

Bob Davis is still looking for names to add to his list for reservations at the hotel for the Alexandria Christmas Walk on December 2 - 3. The last "Spectator" had the details. Bob has worked out a nice room cost with Old Town Holiday Inn, which is right at the center of activities. Remember that the Society will be supporting the walk this year, so we'll be right in the thick of it!

Time is running out for Bob to get in his reservation list, so give him a call at his home, 229 - 5653. We have attended this festival several times in the past, and it has always been a LARGE gathering of the various Clans and Septs from around Virginia, Maryland and Washington. The Society will have a hospitality room at the hotel.

From the Editor:

Independence

Scotland's union with England, forged in the early 17th century, has never been palatable to a segment of Scottish society. For centuries, a small cadre of Scots has nurtured the idea that a free and independent Scotland would be best.

During the glory days of mining, steel manufacturing and ship building, Scotland was a profitable and profit-making member of the united countries of Great Britain. It's fighting men were the pride of conquering armies that sent the Union Jack around the world so that "the sun never set on it".

Then came the Great Depresssion, followed soon by World War II which ended with a dramatic change in the empire. A gradual decline in British (and Scottish) manufacturing, shipping and trade left Scotland as a poor relation within the union. Dependent upon welfare programs and development schemes, Scots became more the recipients of aid than producers of surplus.

But even then, the dreams of independence, frail as they were, lingered in the minds of some. The Scottish National Party, a small and powerless group, seemed to hang on at the fringes. A few activists rebelled when Elizabeth, the current Queen, was crowned as Elizabeth The Second. The "E-2-R's" made a few token protests in the early 1950's, but were not taken seriously by much of the population. Perhaps this was because of the in-flow of financial support to the overall economy from England.

Recently, however, the SNP (Scottish National Party) has gained a momentum as negotiations with the European Community advance through the various countries of Europe. Some Scots would like to see their country as an equal bargaining partner in a future European union. The North Sea oil fields are a bargaining factor. Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, has done well in recent elections along with other members of the party, and there is more interest in independence than has existed for centuries.

But is it good? We see the consequences of Balkanization and tribalism in other countries of Europe. Yugoslavs, Czecks, Slovaks, Irish and Basques come to mind. The breakup of India certainly hasn't done the Pakistanis or Bangladeshis any good. Scotland has been a strong member of the union in some decades, and a weak and dependent member in other times. Perhaps, like our United States, a breakup might seem like a good idea in theory, but less than practical in actuality.

From across the sea, we view the yearnings of our cousins with detachment. Thankfully, their struggle is confined to speeches, gatherings and elections. Hopefully it will remain a struggle of intellects, rather than violence.

Our Travellers

We have members going to and fro. Included are:

Don and Hazel Dixon off again to Scotland for another buying tour.
Jack and Kathy Robinson preparing to take a group to Spain.
Jack and Joanna Rouzie just got back from French Canada.
Charles and Page Saunders are in the Canadian Northwest.

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