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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Clanfolk:



It was with great personal pleasure, duly tempered with humility, that I accepted the office of President of our Society at our Annual General Meeting in Santa Rosa, California, on September 5 of this year. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be of service to you for the next two years.

Our 1987 AGM was a heartwarming experience for my family and I. Old friends were gathered near "for days of old lang syne", and new friendships began with a handshake, a hug, or a kiss. Almost everyone in attendance was wearing the tartan of Buchanan, or that of their individual Sept. Smiling faces were everywhere and laughter echoed around us. If fortunes were measured in friendships, how rich we all would be.

We are twice blessed we Scottish Americans. **First**, that we can claim Scotia as our native soil, and **second**, that we live in this wonderful land where our heritage can be perpetuated from generation to generation. Some say Scotland's greatest export is her whisky, others say it is her wool, I believe it is her dear people who join together at every opportunity to celebrate "being Scottish", and in our case being Buchanan's and continuing our legacy.

I would ask all of you to think about your ancestry, study it, share good fellowship with other Scots, particularly **Buchanans**, whenever you can, but most of all pass it on to the children. Be sure that they will know of the unspoken joy of wearing our tartan. Be sure that they will experience the shiver in the spine when a pipe band strikes up "Scotland the Brave", and that they will claim the

haunting melody of "Loch Lomond" as their own.

May the good Lord bless and keep all of you, and 'til we meet in person, I am,

Yours Aye,

Hal Townend,
Ceann Cath

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

by **Wes Gibson**
Fear An Tiehe

The Buchanan Pipes and Drums logged an unprecedented **FIRST** in Myrtle Beach and Virginia Beach, by winning consecutive **FIRST PLACE TROPHIES** for both the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic pipe band competitions. Pipe Major, **Duke Allen**, has drilled the band for the past four years - and lead by Drum Major, **George Rhudy**; how can you lose! The six (6) trophies won, included the Judges Trophy for the best unit of 500 participants. This article and winnings could not be written without mentioning **Andrew Connell**, who spent numerous hours assisting our band for both pipes and drums. Andy hails from Scotland and has been a member of a long list of pipe bands, including the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Thanks, Andy! Members of Buchanan Pipes and Drums are: Drum Major - George Rhudy, Pipe Major - Duke Allen, Terry Bobka, Wes Gibson, Richard Buchanan, Ernie Turnbull, George Kirstein, John Jobe, Nig Albertson, Rick Flora, John Moreau, David King, Jim Harper, Joe Roche, Bud Marchman, Bill Sawyer, Andy Butner, Art Stagg, Fred Driver, Bert Sexton, and Andy Connell - M/P



Clan Buchanan Mottoes -

Audaces juvo -
I favour the brave

Audaia et industria
By boldness and diligence

Clariora sequor
I pursue more illustrious objects

Clarior hinc honos
Hence the greater honour

Ducitur hinc honos
Hence honour is drawn

Nobilis est ira leonis
The lion's anger is noble

Nuncia pacis
Tidings of peace

Par sit Fortuna labori
Let the reward equal the labour

Secundo curo
I am prosperous, I am careful

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**The Buchanan Banner
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Inc.**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to foster and promote understanding and good fellowship among decendants of Scots in America; to study, preserve and promote the culture, customs and traditions of the people of Scotland and the Isles, especially with regard to the Clan Buchanan; to foster and promote the Society by initiating goals and objectives consistent with our heritage and the desires of the membership.

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Help - Within the Regions

As you can see we need a few good clan-persons to help fill our vacant positions. Also, I need all to assist me with phone numbers and corrections to any errors I have made - Sorry.

Wes Gibson

Corrections to Previous Issue -

None attempted this issue.

Corrections to the Buchanan Banner articles are always welcome.



Bits & Bytes



By Wes Gibson

The Buchanan Banner has taken a new appearance by automation and the use of Ventura Publisher Software. **Changes are Easy!!** However, the computer needs "INPUT" from you. . . We now maintain the Clan database and all publications. Pictures can be scanned; however, produce better print if they are black and white.

Merry Christmas

Editors Corner

By Lynn S. Gibson

"Tis time to ring in the New Year and relax a little from the busy activities of our games season. Our new officers were installed at the Santa Rosa Games during a memorable ceremony in September and are ready to serve us for the next two years. Congratulations to all!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Lacie Buchanan-Marchant** for her service to the Society as Editor of our Banner. Lacie resigned from the position of Editor due to personal constraints on her time. Many hours of hard work and dedication went into the endeavor of making the Banner what it is today. **Thank you**, Lacie, and please do not slip too far away. Your experience will be invaluable to me and I am sure I will call on you, on a regular basis!

As the newly appointed Editor, by our President - Hal Townend, I will be writing articles of interest for the Banner. I have my own ideas what "articles of interest" are; however, I would appreciate, more than words can say, all the assistance I can get from my fellow clans-persons. Thanks, in advance, for your help and support!

Just a short reminder that our Fourth Annual Tartan Ball will take place on March 26, 1988 (See the last page of the Banner for details). See you there!

Here's wishing you and yours a season full of happiness, health and all the good Blessings of the Lord.

Yours in Clanship,

Lynn S. Gibson
Editor



ADVERTISING



Hopefully, you have noticed a dramatic change in our **Buchanan Banner** this issue! The changes will continue - until it's the best clan newsletter published in America.

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LORE AND FOLKLORE

Birth -

Among Scottish beliefs concerning birth, the best known is one that appears to be peculiarly our own - the conviction that the seventh child of a seventh child will always grow up to be 'fay,' or, at least, to turn out to be 'no canny.'

A child born at midnight is, also, regarded as being one who will live to be 'different' - either for good or for

ill. Usually, the child born at midnight, or in the 'wee sma'ooors,' is expected to manifest in later life some peculiar brilliance of intellect, even though such brilliance should be allied to a little wildness. Our National Poet's birth gives an excellent example of this particular belief's coming true on at least one occasion - was not Burns born in the early hours?

When a child is first taken from the room in which it was born, it must be taken upwards, and never down. If the child is born in a ground-floor room it must be carried upstairs; if born upstairs, it must be taken still higher - to an attic, or even to the roof; but if neither of these movements is possible, there is a subterfuge that will suffice - a chair or a box, or some other raised obstacle must be placed in the doorway of the room., and whoever carries the child on its first short journey must make the necessary ascent.

The newly-born child, in the first few days of it's life, is exposed to the great danger of being stolen by the fairies, who are for ever on the look out for innocent babies, that they may take them in exchange for some of their evil ones. Something of this belief in the 'Changeling' is known all over Scotland, and, in an oblique fashion even to those modern mothers who may never have heard of the actual superstition itself. How often do we hear a mother saying of the wayward son or daughter: "That ane's nane o'mine"?' meaning - though she may not recognize the significance of what she says, that the youngster though of her body is not of her spirit. Certain fathers, of course, may make use of the expression, with a much more practical implication behind it!

*From: Scottish Lore and Folklore
By Ronald Macdonald Douglas.*



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GATHERINGS -- SOCIALS NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

CENTRAL AND SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

SANTA ROSA, CALIF. 5-6 Sept 1987

Clan Buchanan Annual Meeting
Cool, crisp mornings and warm, not hot, afternoons greeted the assembled members of Clan Buchanan to the 122nd gathering and games, sponsored by the San Francisco Calendonian Club.

This year, the Clan erected three tents, a single for business and our usual double tent for relaxing and socializing. Although the "Glen of Clans" is located away from the grandstand area and divided into two sections, we did have many more people visit us this year as compared to last year. We signed up twenty (28) new members!

Clan Buchanan was the "Honored" Clan this year. In the March of Clans on both Saturday and Sunday, we marched single file, alongside the rest of the Clans. The master of ceremonies proclaimed our "Honored" status to the Earl of Errol, who was the guest of honor, and those in attendance.

Saturday evening we all assembled for a social hour, with our piper, Don Yule, providing entertainment. A fine buffet dinner followed. The "haggis" was properly brought to the head table, led in by our piper and presented to our president, Louis McCaslin. Hal Townend, our newly elected President, made a fine speech and appropriately "carved the haggis". After dinner, a general membership meeting was held, and the newly elected Clan officers were installed.

Sunday morning, both recent Past President, Louis McCaslin, and newly elected President, Harold Townend, proudly carried the Buchanan tartan to the "Kirkin o' the Tartans". Sunday also was the day of the ladies "haggis" toss. Sandra Kay (Gilbert) Lee of Clan Buchanan (did you think we would mention another

clan?) won the prize for having the best yell. Her call, in Gaelic, was; "A-fear, A star, A loin". Translation: "To man, to my treasure, Lunch!

We were very pleased to have so many Clan members from out of the area join us for the first annual Clan Buchanan meeting to be held away from Grandfather Mountain.

Next year we plan to be at the Santa Rosa games and again plan to stay at the Holiday Inn. We are going to have a dinner on Saturday night. We invite all Clan Buchanan members to join us. Please let us know in plenty of time (not later than July 1st), if you will be joining us, so we can make proper arrangements for the dinner. You should make your own room arrangements by contacting: Holiday Inn, 3345 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95407. Be sure to tell them you are with the Clan Buchanan Society. We have a great time, (we are not too prejudiced), and we would love to have you visit us. Regarding 1989: Whoever wants to host the annual meeting at their games in 1989, now is the time to start working toward that goal. We learned alot in arranging this first "away from home" meeting, and we will be happy to share our "lessons learned" with any, and all. There is just one catch: you must keep notes, and add to, or modify our "lessons learned" so you can pass them along to the next "away" meeting hosts. Start your planning now, so you can present your bid next July at Grandfather Mountain. **Arline Gomez, convener and George S. Buchanan, co-convener.**

SUTTER CREEK 7 June 1987

Thousands gathered on the streets for Sutter Creek Italian Society's 106th Annual Parade. The parade and picnic has been one of the high-

lights of Central California for many, many years.

The Ben Ali Shrine Pipes and Drum Band participated in the parade and received a 1st place trophy. Six other bands participated. The Ben Ali group has been playing together for only 18 months. They have performed in three parades, winning 2 first place overall band trophies and one second place award. "We were very pleased with our results. I am proud to be a Buchanan, showing the colors of our clan," stated Donald Yule, Regent for Northern California. They have been asked to play at three more parades and affairs in Central California and will undoubtedly accept the invitations. **Donald Yule - Northern California - Regent**

STOCKTON GAMES 7 June 1987

The Second Highland Fling Scottish Festival was held in Stockton at the Waterfront Warehouse. The gathering drew an estimated 10,000 people, almost double last year's attendance. This included hundreds of spectators who couldn't claim a drop of Scottish blood, but liked what they saw and tasted.

Talented Alex Beaton was the highlight of the event, singing heart warming Scottish folksongs, many of his own composition. Also featured were Scottish delicacies such as bangers, pasties, and meat pies. "I like the food, the music and the carnival atmosphere" one man said as he munched on a Scottish banger and drank Watney, a British beer. Even Antonio's, a Mexican restaurant at the Warehouse, turned Scottish for a day. A sign outside its food booth read "Scottish Tacos". There were medieval sword battles by knights of Society for Creative Anacronism, a nationwide group with chapters in California which act out feudal roles. About twenty persons performed at the festival. The Prince Charles Pipe Band from San Francisco performed and gave us all goose bumps listening to the beautiful music. Spectators watched in the amphitheatre where whirling Scottish dancers from the San Jose Scottish Dancers, the Scottish Highland Dancers of Sacramen-



to and Modesto, and the Stockton Scottish Country Dancers performed.

The Avenue of Clans was in full array with banners flying and jovial conversation. Clansmen were busy answering questions and helping one another.

Among the spectators was Scotsman Calum Ferguson, the former head of BBC Scotland, who is on his first visit to the United States. He called it heaven to see the display of Scottish dancing, singing, and music. "It's the form and spirit of the Highlander. The Scottish spirit here is akin to our own." Ferguson commented. **Arline Cormack Gomez Central and South Pacific Region - Regional Commissioner.**

NEW ENGLAND REGION

WINDHAM, MAINE 27 June 1987

The town of Windham, Maine celebrated the 250th Anniversary of their founding. They presented a Scottish Games and Festival in a country fair setting with interesting displays, good food and entertainment. The Buchanan tent was manned by Lee and Debra Gilbert and their two lassies, Andrea and Brundy. It is reliably reported that Andrea was on the winning team for the Tug of War and that although Brundy was on the losing team, she was the youngest participant on her team. We are proud of you, bonnie lassies! It does not seem that long ago when you were carried in your parents arms at the games. **Beryl Graves - New England Region Commissioner**

CAPE COD, MA 27 June 1987

The Third Annual Cape Cod Scottish Festival was held at the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Grounds. We were pleasantly surprised to be greeted at the gate by our member, Charles J. McGibbon, Sr. of Dennis, Massachusetts, who directed us to the Clan tent area. Both Mr. Mc-

Gibbon and his son Charles, were extremely busy with games related activities throughout the day. In spite of (or maybe because of) the rain, there were approximately 1,000 dauntless Scots in attendance to view and participate in the many activities during the day. On hand to assist at the clan tent were; Bill Watt, Susan Parsons, and our mascot, Trevyn, as well as Beryl Graves.

We are pleased to welcome new member, Austin T. Turnbull and to mention that Ethel Nicolas plans to attend the AGM at Santa Rosa, CA. **James Dow Hansett, Massachusetts - Regent.**



WILMINGTON, MASS. 27 June 1987

The Aleppo Shriners Scottish Games were held at the Aleppo Temple grounds in Wilmington, Massachusetts. This was the first game ever held by the Shriners in New England. A note of appreciation is extended to Bill Watt and Beryl Graves the New England Regional Commissioner for their assistance at the Clan tent.

The mass bands presentation was extremely impressive with twelve pipe bands participating.

A hearty welcome to our new member, Shriner John Philip Hinkly, Jr. It was good to see and visit with Mr. & Mrs. Donald Weir and Jack and Kay Hanlon, as well as many other Buchanan Clansmen throughout the day. **James Dow Hansett, Massachusetts - Regent**

NORTH ATLANTIC REGION

MILLINGTON, NJ 13 June 1987

Once again, the cornfields came alive with the sounds of laughter and swirling pipe music. This festival is the one big money maker for the school and the Scottish community helps willingly. The participants

doubled that of last year. The day was hot, about 96 degrees, but the people were not discouraged by the heat.

The vendors and participants doubled from fifty tents to over 100 tents this year. There was a stage performance with people dressed in costumes, varying from an old Pict to Charles I. When we gathered for the Parade of Tartans, I was given my own piper! There was plenty of Scottish food, goods, gifts, etc, as well as such American fare as hot dogs and hamburgers. There was also plenty to drink. Since it was SO hot, it was difficult to find a shade tree that wasn't occupied!

I gave out twelve applications, fifteen copies of "The Acorn", New Jersey State newsletter, and helped forty-seven people with their clans and/or genealogy

WESTBURY, Long Island, NY 22 August 1987

Long Island Convener, Jim Erb, reports that there was only one renewal membership taken and several applications handed out. Yes, it was hot, but not unbearable.

GLEN FALLS GAELIC FESTIVAL 25 July 1987

Attendance at the Glen Falls Festival just about equaled the bandsman, dancers, workers, merchants and clan tent workers. It was a beastly hot day.

The Buchanan tent was manned by Theo Masterson and State Regent, Gay French, and was one of the most popular.

In grade four pipe competition, was Matt Corrick, who took first place. In the drum competition were Ben Corrick, grade three and Gary Corrick, bass. Gary took first place in bass competition. Congratulations to the Corrick's from Ft. Edward, NY! The Monday following the festival the Corrick family and some other members of the Champlain and District band left for Scotland.

People were fascinated by the fine book collec-



tion and weapons brought by Theo Masterson. He had his basket-hilt broadsword and Claymore; both museum quality reproductions; a dirk and the beautiful targe he made during the winter, centered with Kieko's family crest, which is almost Celtic in design. **Gay French - New York Regent.**

CENTRAL NEW YORK LIVERPOOL 8 August 1987

With the help of C.N.Y. convener, Tom Hughes, Western NY Convener, Don Ryan, and Long Island Convener, Jim Erb, we answered dozens of questions, took in one new member and gave out five applications. Though hot, we did have a nice breeze most of the day to make things a little more bearable. **Gay French - New York Regent.**

AMHEARST MUSEUM FESTIVAL 19 Sept 1987

WET would be the best way to describe the Festival. We, the Clan societies and merchants, set up in the rain. Most of the competitions were moved inside into various buildings because of the weather. But the country dancers, white dresses and all, were doing their part right out in the mud! Brave souls . . . a slip could have been very painful! Six bands played in a soft mist at midday and the sheep dogs of Dr. Gib McLaughlin did their usual grand show, regardless of weather, and had a goodly crowd of happy spectators. One new member and four applications later, during the closing mass bands, the rain came again. So, we took down our tents in the rain too. Rain or not, the crowd was a happy one and no one was too upset by the weather, "a good Scottish day". **Gay French - New York Regent.**

SOUTHEAST ATLANTIC REGION

STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 16-17 Oct 1987

The 15th Annual Stone Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games were held at spectacular Stone Mountain Park near Atlanta.

The Games were preceded by the sixth Tattoo program on Thursday evening. It was the best Tattoo yet, featuring a dozen outstanding pipe bands, as well as other dancers and performers.

Clan Buchanan Society enjoyed a prime location for their tent, overlooking the parade field and near the Hospitality Tent! The tent was staffed with the Southeast Regional Commissioners, Charles and Joyce Pidgeon; Georgia Regent Margretta B. Eagon and Convener Carleen Capps, Quartermaster Jack Bailey from Florida, and Jane Belcher, now again, from Georgia. Jane's mother, Stella Watson, also attended. She is our oldest member at 92. We hope she continues to attend for many more years.

Other regulars attending were Charles Ingram, Tom and Lorraine Mungall from Louisiana; Wayne Gibson and family for the first time from Blowing Rock; and Atlanta regulars, Joe and Margaret Bragg and Tom Warren.

We enrolled 17 new members and renewed 6 memberships. During the Parade of Tartans on Sunday, we were pleased to have Angus Macgregor, the harpist who entertained at the Grandfather Mountain ceilidh, march with us carrying his small harp. We were a group of 22 in the parade.

It was good to visit with all of our friends and clansmembers and welcome new members. **Margretta Buchanan Eagon Georgia - Regent**

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN 10-12 July 1987

I must begin by thanking all my fellow Clansfolk who helped make this gathering one of the best experiences that we have had in many years. Special thanks go to Lacie Buchanan Marchant, Karen Wolfe and Lavon Watson who, as usual, kept order within the clan tent during the games. Also, love to my wife Terri who had to put up with my rambling and ranting for several weeks.

Twenty-six applications, new and renewed, plus one new life membership were received during the

weekend. Welcome to Mr. James Reagan, our new life member, to Clan Buchanan. A total of 95 guests and members signed the registers during the games.

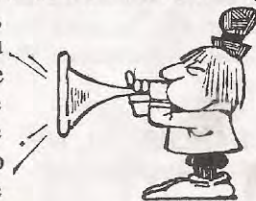
Our ceilidh was held on Saturday evening at the Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock. A total of 86 clansfolk, families and guests sat for an outstanding evening of food, entertainment and fellowship. What made the night extra special was the entertainment - many thanks to the entertainers, John Youel and his family, Angus MacGregor, our official clan harpist and friends, and Talmage and Charlotte LeGrand with their country dance troupe.

Other highlights of this years gathering was the participation by the Buchanans throughout the games. Scottish athletic events, piping, drumming, scottish harp, kilted mile, intermediate caber toss, all had the Tartan shown. The parade of tartans had a full company of no less than twenty-one (21) kilted Buchanans, the largest group in the parade. Congratulations to all game participants, your being there is what it is all about.

A quick note concerning the 1988 games. It is not too early to begin planning for this event. We have our business meeting and as a special treat, the Buchanan Pipes and Drums from Virginia Beach, Virginia, are scheduled to appear! I expect to have over 100 people at the dinner/ceilidh, so reservations will be required. I will also provide more details on hotels and campgrounds within the Blowing Rock area, so that you will not have to drive across the mountains to attend the clan activities.

Tentative Schedule for 1988 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games: July 8 - Call to the Clans, MacRae Meadow; July 9 - Buchanan Family Picnic, Chetola Resort; July 10- Business Meeting & Ceilidh, Meadowbrook Inn.

I hope to see you all in 1988. **Wayne Gibson - North Carolina - Regent**



WILLIAMSBURG, VA. 26 Sept 1987

We had an absolutely lovely day, with pleasant temperatures and many visitors. The Atholl Highlanders were the honored guests at the games and offered a spectacular event enjoyed by one and all.

Lynn and Wes Gibson convened the games with assistance from Donna and Stanley Watson, of Windsor Virginia, Lacie Buchanan Marchant, of Arlington, Virginia and Richard Buchanan of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Richard is also a member of the Buchanan Pipes and Drums and signed up as a member of the Buchanan Society at these games. Other members of the Buchanan Pipes and Drums on hand for help and support were Pipe Major, Duke Allen and his wife Carolee, Pipe Sergeant, Terry Bobka and John Jobe. Lynn, Donna and Sharon Kincaid entered the Haggis Toss. Though not the winners, they gave it their all time Scottish best! Donna threw an impressive forty-one foot toss! She will now be a permanent team member whenever she attends a game. Congratulations, **Donna**, on your marvelous effort!

We sold several items of merchandise and had many visitors to which we distributed application for membership. Discussions regarding Scottish heritage were plentiful and we helped many others to find theirs! Another wonderful day spent basking in our Scottish heritage!! **Lynn Gibson - Southern Virginia - Con-
vener.**

CHARLESTON, WV 29-30 August 1987

The St. Andrews Society of West Virginia held the annual Highland Games and Clan Gathering. The schedule included a "ceilidh" on a riverboat with pipe and drum band and professional dancers performing. The Highland Games and Clan Gathering was held at Laidley Field in Charleston, West Virginia. The festivities officially began at 10:00 am with the kirkin of the tartans. Dr. Graham Hardy and Bishop Campbell gave the reading of the scripture and semonette, respective-

ly. The games began at 10:30 am with Merle Aitken as Grand Marshall for the parade of pipe bands and clan tartan, which was very impressive on a beautiful Sunday morning. The invocation was given by Dr. Dorsey Ellis followed by the singing of "God Bless America". The Clan Buchanan tent was very impressive and we were quite comfortable when we were placed on the field with the cool breeze most of the day. Fred B. Buchanan of Huntington, WV, car-



ried the banner during the Kirkin of the Tartans and the Parade of the Clan Tartans. Many people stopped and signed in at our tent during the day. Clan Buchanan sold several items and signed up two (2) new members and one (1) renewal.

We wish to welcome Alexander and Aileen Watt from Cincinnati, OH. Alexander is a bass drummer for the Syrian Scots Guards. We also welcome Randall and Jimelle Rumberg of Charleston, WV. Jimelle was very excited to find her heritage with Clan Buchanan. We know from talking to these new members they are ready to be active and willing to work.

The Games were smaller than other years in West Virginia due to many activities in Charleston at the same time.

The Clan Buchanan hopes to work closely with the St. Andrews Society this coming year to make the West Virginia Games bigger and better. Clan Buchanan of West Virginia hopes to hold outings and pot luck meals with our "state family". We shall be contacting the members when we receive our current roster. We were delighted and honored to have our Secretary of Clan Buchanan of America, Inc., Lavon Watson with us for these West Virginia Games. She was most helpful in giving us that "family pitch" to encourage us on our current and new memberships

BLUE RIDGE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL - 15 August 1987

The Second Annual Blue Ridge Scottish Festival in Salem, Virginia, began with typical Scottish weather cloudy, a wee bit of a mist, and just before closing of the Festival, a nice shower. None of which dampened the interest of those who came to find their kin, nor those who were so sure that they weren't Scottish but learned that they were!

Working the Buchanan tent were, Lacie Buchanan Marchant from Arlington, VA, Thomas Jones, Charlotte, NC (who renewed as a Life Member) and Lavon Watson, Roanoke, VA. We had another member renew as a Life Member, John Watson Dickie of the House of Scotland; plus we welcomed new members Mr. & Mrs. Edward R. Schleicher and daughter Randy, of Lewisville, Texas, Daniel E. Smith of Roanoke, Virginia, Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hanson, Jr. and Ms. Mary Margaret Hanson of Salem, and Mrs. Martha Buchanan Williams of Roanoke. Twelve applications were taken and sales of clan items more than covered the cost of the sponsorship of the Festival.

HIGHLAND GAMES

The general form of the games you see here today has changed little since the town of Ceres in Fife, under the patronage of King Robert Bruce, held games in 1332 to commemorate Bruce's victory at Bannockburn. Games existed in some form even centuries earlier. Tradition has it that the first Braemar gathering was, in fact, races on the Braes of Mar, honoring King Malcolm Caenmore in the eleventh century. More likely, the games -- and in particular those events demonstrating strength, speed, agility, or other prowess in battle -- have origins in antiquity. Sagas tell of ancient chiefs who selected their lieutenants on the basis of challenges to duplicate feats of strength.

In any case, the games as we know them were brought into this country with the flood of Scottish immigrants in the 1800's. The games themselves, enjoying a resurgence of popularity in Scotland were imported in tact, yet according to Gerald Redmond in his book, "The Caledonian Games in Nineteenth Century America," they obtained an American arena and audience which the much smaller and far less populated Scotland could never match." Games and outdoor social events were held in the New York area as early as 1836. While the traditional games were certainly not the interest of the various Scottish Clubs and Societies, the phenomenal success of the games lead them to become the principal source of revenue for most clubs and, as a consequence, gradually eclipsed other interests in importance.

While there was some slowing of Caledonian games during the Civil War years, the two decades following probably represented the heyday of such games. By the mid 1860s there was hardly a major metropolitan area in the United States that could not boast a Caledonian Game.

It was the rise of Collegiate athletics and the formation of amateur clubs such as the New York Athletic Club, the National Association of the Amateur Athletics of America, and ultimately the Amateur Athletic Union, which brought about the demise of the Caledonian Games. The AAU became the dominant track and field sanctioning body claiming jurisdiction over all sports events except those peculiarly Scottish such as the caber toss. Even the putting of the stone and the hammer throw came in time to lose their Caledonian identity, becoming the standard amateur track and field events and the Olympic events of today.

The Calendonian legacy is apparent in a few of the modern Highland Games. The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, for example, include AAU sanctioned track and field events. Interestingly enough, we seem to be experiencing a second period of rebirth of Scottish Games. Leonard C. (Chuck) Bearman, first president of the Association of Scottish Games and Festivals, estimates that during the last ten to

fifteen years the number of Highland Games or Scottish Festivals has increased from less than a handful to 100 such events, held virtually every weekend throughout the United States.

Today's resurgent Highland Games are apt to be even more colorful than their mid-nineteenth century predecessors as we strive to honor our proud heritage in all its forms. From Clan Gatherings, with their Parade of Tartans to Scottish Weavers and Sheepdog Trials, today's games are bursting with color and excitement, taking on all aspects of an ethnic fair. Ann Donaldson, whose book, "The Scottish Highland Games in the United States" says that in her travels to over 25 different Scottish games, while the size of the particular games may determine its tenor, the spirit of the games is always the same, the reverence of a proud and noble heritage.

PIPING

The grand parade of pipe bands is a fairly modern innovation, and there are few sights to equal the color, sparkle, and the awe inspiring sound produced by these talented men and women.

The thrilling sound of the Highland bagpipe of Scotland has, over the ages, inspired the soldier in battle, struck fear in the enemy, welcomed the visitor, lamented the dead, and strangely enough (to those not used to the great sound it makes) even soothed the breast of the troubled.

It is only in Scotland and Ireland, however, that the pipes became a serious instrument of warriors and were developed to sound at maximum intensity with two or three drones (sustained tones) and chanter (melody playing pipe).

Classical music for the pipes was handed from piper to piper even though the dark days (after "The 45") when piping, like wearing the tartan, was subject to the death penalty.

With the revival of piping in the early 19th century and the formation of pipe bands in the Scottish regiments, there was added to the piping

repertoire a big variety of popular marches, military retreat airs, and Gaelic folk songs.

All bagpipes have a chanter, on which the melody is played, and a harmonic accompaniment is supplied by a varied number of drones. The bag, which is the performer's reservoir of air, is usually made from tanned sheepskin. This bag is enclosed in a tartan cover and the drones are held together by a tasseled cord. The performer places the bag under his left arm and the drones are carried over the left arm. African blackwood normally is used for the wooden components, which are adorned with ferrules and mounts of ivory and silver. Reeds are made from the very best quality of Apanish cane.

The bagpipe has functioned largely in Scottish Highland circles, and it can be traced to the very earliest days. The MacCrimmon family, pipers to the MacLeods of Dunvegan, are given most of the credit for popularizing and developing the Highland bagpipe and its music in the latter half of the sixteenth century. The MacCrimmons established a college on the isle of Skye, and to this college the various clan chiefs sent their best pipers to be perfected in the art of piping.



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Add two large eggs, one cup fried fruit and beat until high. If fruit gets stuck in beaters, pry loose with drew scriber.

Sample the Rum again to be sure it is of the quest bolity. Sift 3 cups of pepper or salt. (It doesn't matter which one) Sample the Rum again. Sit 1/2 pint lemon juice. Fold into chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 teaspoon brown sugar, or whatever color you can find. Mix well. Grease oven and turn cake pan to 350 degrees. Now pour the whole mess into the boven and ake. Check Rum again and bo to ged. **ENJOY!!!**

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The Scottish-American

The **Scottish-American** conducted a critique and competition this fall, of all **Clan** newsletters. The **Buchanan Banner** did not place-"this year"; however, the following critique was made by *Helen and Don Bond, editors/judges:*

"This newsletter is in general well edited and full of news for its readers. It is dependable and accurate in most instances, and good use is made of line drawings and other art. Speaking as one who reads it because of his own clan affiliation, we look forward to its arrival.

But it can use a bit of more planned editing. Headlines are well done, but poorly displayed. If the printer can come up with no larger type, then the heads should have boxes around them, should be done with a template, or in some manner made to stand out from the mass of type above and below them.

News from the regions and the games is well handled and does not get overly long and chatty - a common error in many similar journals.

The general area of appearance is the newsletter's main shortcoming, a relatively easy one to mend.

Keep up the good work. Up the **Buchanan!**"

Thanks to Helen and Don Bond for the critique - **Stand-By in the 1988 Society Newsletter Competition - The Buchanan Banner will be improved!**



The Buchanan Banner

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 6, 1988 Southeastern Florida Games, Scottish-American Society, Box 633, Miami Shores, FL 33153

MARCH 28, 1988 Hawaiian Highland Games, Hawaiian Scottish Association, 2615 South King Street, No. 206, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

APRIL 8-10, 1988 Ozark Scottish Festival, Vice President/Development, Arkansas College, Batesville, AR 72501

MAY 7, 1988 Savannah Scottish Games P.O. Box 13435, Savannah, GA 31416

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GENEALOGY

Webster defines "*Genealogy*" as a chart or recorded history of the decent of a person or family from an ancestor or ancestors; or the science or study of family descent; or the descent from an ancestor; pedigree; lineage. The Editor of this newsletter believes that the root of our readers interest is their heritage. The Buchanan Banner will make every attempt to publish one article of our clan genealogy in every issue; however, we need for our clansfolk to share their dusty files with our readers. Please send your articles to the editor.

I would like to discuss, in this issue, Clan Societies, concentrating on the Buchanan Society in Scotland, which is the oldest society - 262 Years in 1987.

Clan societies exist today as a sort of corporate personification of the clans - at once less than the whole clan, and yet more than any single member of it. Each one is likely to include most if not all of those who are conscious of and interested in being members of the clan whose name they bear.

In the days when nearly all the bearers of a clan surname were to be found in one region or district, united for mutual protection, and owing direct personal allegiance to their chief, the clan was literally itself a clan society. In fact, the purist might complain that the words are really tautological, and one society has even recognized the fact (on the advice of an eminent Gaelic scholar) by making use of brackets in its title. The clans themselves are old, while the clan society is a comparatively modern institution.

The Buchanan Society is the oldest clan society in Scotland. Instituted in Glasgow on 5 March 1725 under the name of "The Buchanans Charity Society", it was granted a seal of cause or charter by the magistrates of the city in 1753 as a legal corporation 'of the said name, the reputed septs, and the branches thereof, owning themselves to be such, recorded in an historical and genealogical account of the same, by the late William Buchanan of Achmar'. The object of the founders was to assist the poor of the name and clan, to further the education of boys at school and university and their training for respectable trades, 'or the like pious uses', for which property was acquired and funds accumulated. Although not run on the same lines as most modern clan societies, the Buchanans have shown their 'clannishness' by various measures taken to perpetuate the memory of George Buchanan, the sixteenth century scholar and historian. The society, which has its own coat of arms still flourishes, and the members continue to benefit others by their charitable work.

Economic and social changes, hastened by two world wars, led to the break-up of great landed estates and the sale or abandonment of many historic houses. This made it all the more appropriate that some societies should cherish the dream of owning

part of the old clan territory, although this is not a role which a body with such scattered membership can readily undertake. Two small islands, Clairinch in Loch Lomond and Inchmahome in the Lake of Menteith, were bequeathed to the Buchanan Society and the Stewart Society - the former is now a bird sanctuary, and a thirteenth-century priory on the latter is in Government care as a national monument.

In Scotland practically every place has its link with history, and old castles attract the general tourist as well as the pilgrim in search of the cradle of his race. At various spots of clan significance 'historic markers' have been placed by clan societies. As far back as 1881 the Buchanan Society became permanent custodians of the monument to the historian and scholar George Buchanan at Killearn.



The Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc., not directly affiliated with the Buchanan Society in Scotland, is a fast growing and progressive organization that promotes an understanding and good fellowship among decendants of Scots in America. Our genealogy is important to us, from both Scotland and our Scottish-American heritage.

The Editor would like to express again that in locating the bits and pieces of our history we will further enrich and enhance our clanship. **Please send your articles!**

THE TREASURER'S REPORT
1987 Annual Report By Karen L. Wolfe
July 1986 thru August 1987

Memberships	8,555.50
Donations (Sales of jewelry, etc.)	3,748.73
Balance from June 1986	<u>2,193.47</u>
TOTAL	\$ 14,497.70
Expenses	
Quartermaster	3,682.58
Secretary	521.00
Treasurer	180.16
Printing, Typing, & Postage	3,394.96
Games (Sponsorships & book, etc.)	3,609.81
Publicity, Organizational Memberships, & Misc.	<u>660.87</u>
TOTAL	\$ 12,049.38
Total After Expenses	\$ 2,448.32
Lifememberships & Minnie Watson Fund	6,224.20
New Memberships (8) & Interest	<u>1,235.06</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7,459.26
Transferred Minnie Watson Fund to Clar Innis Foundation	<u>959.45</u>
Total at End of August 1987	<u>6,499.81</u>
Final Balance	\$ 8,948.13

Flowers of the Forest



We regret that we must report the passing of these members who we have known and loved through the years. The Clan Buchanans wish to extend our sympathy and deepest regrets to the families.

John Elliott Buchanan - died 12 September 1987. John is survived by four Clan Buchanan members, wife Florence, daughter Bobbi Schmaling and granddaughters.

Father of Robin Bain. Our regrets that we have no further information.

Charlotte LeGrand died 2 December 1987. Charlotte is survived by her husband Talmadge and her wonderful family.

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We have planned a tour of the Marine Science Museum in Virginia Beach, on Saturday, March 26. The cost will be approximately \$3.25 for adults, payable at the door. We will meet in the Holiday Inn Lobby and "car pool" to the museum. More specific information will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

Please join us for the clan gathering of the year! Come spend the weekend with us for a time you will long remember and, at the same time . . .

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Yes, we would like to have the Sunday Champagne Brunch

Number of people: _____

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