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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY BULLETIN
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF



Mr Duncan Macleod, Chairman of the Society

At the Annual General Meeting in 1976, Mr Duncan Macleod was elected Chairman of the Society. For the information of those who do not personally know him he joined the Society when he was a student in the Scottish School of Physical Education and Hygiene, Jordanhill. After the War, during which he saw service with the 51st Highland Division, he returned to the Glasgow Branch, where he served for many years as a Committee Member, Demonstration Team Secretary, Branch Secretary and Chairman. During his term as a Demonstration Team Secretary he was responsible for the Glasgow Branch teams which appeared on various television shows including "White Heather Group", "Kilt is my Delight" and "Jig Time".

With Mrs Macleod, better known to some as Sheena Robertson, he was a member of the Society's International Teams starting with the 1949 Venice team.

Mr Macleod served for several years on the Executive Committee both as an Elected Member and as Glasgow Branch representative. In 1951 he was appointed as an examiner and adjudicator. As a teacher of the Society he has taught at Weekend and Day Schools throughout the United Kingdom, U.S.A., Canada, Holland, France and Germany as well as at the Summer School at St Andrews.

He held the office of Vice-Chairman for three years prior to his election as Chairman of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

ANNUAL REPORT

Thanks go again to the Branch Secretaries and other office-bearers who sent returns promptly to Headquarters to enable us to prepare the Bulletin. We especially enjoyed the various News Letters and Branch magazines which found their way to our desk and brought us so vividly and enjoyably into your Branch circle. That we do not acknowledge each individually is no mark of disinterest — we read them all avidly!

Membership. Membership appears to have decreased slightly this year. We say "appears" since it is impossible to be really accurate. In some cases the figures quoted by Branches do not tally with information at Headquarters. For example, from statistics supplied to Headquarters Long Term Membership appears greater than what we know for a fact. So remembering that the figures can only be an estimate we reckon to have 21,252 members of whom 643 are Long Term Members. It is not possible to quote a figure for Life Membership though we are making efforts to acquire this information.

The Executive Council decided to hold subscriptions at the current figure (60p annual, £6 Long Term) for the year 1977-78 but a recommendation goes forward to the Annual General Meeting in November for an increase effective on 1st July, 1978. The recommendation is to increase annual subscriptions to £1 with a consequent increase in Long Term Membership to £10.

Branches. We offer birthday greetings this year to Stirlingshire and to Clackmannanshire Branches who celebrate their Golden Jubilee and to East Lothian, Portrush, Richmond, Sydney, West Dunbartonshire and Winchester Branches who, in common with our Patron, H.M. The Queen, celebrate their Silver Jubilee.

During the year it was decided that Peebles Branch in Scotland would amalgamate with Roxburgh and Selkirk Branch, and in Canada, Deep River will (temporarily we hope) revert to the status of an affiliated group. During the year formation was approved for five new Branches (New Haven, Twin Cities, Puget Sound in the U.S.A., South East Queensland in Australia, and Leicestershire in England) bringing the total of Branches up to 119 (Home 80, Overseas 39). In November the Executive Council approved that the Teachers' Association (Canada) should become an integral part of the Society under Rule IV of the Society's Constitution and Rules.

Affiliated Groups. Twenty-four groups were affiliated to the Society during the year under review. At 30th June, the total number of affiliated groups was 299, an increase over last year.

Publications. During 1976 the Publications and Research Committee continued to work on Book 28 and by January this year both Book and accompanying record were in the proof stage and by the end of May were available. Indeed, for those Branches who had forwarded their subscription copy order timeously, the Books had all been despatched and some Branches had actually received them before Summer School so members will have their copy right at the start of the new season of dancing. The Publications Committee would hope to achieve this feat yearly if all goes well. With the co-operation of Jimmy Lindsay and his Scottish Band and Craighall Studios the production of the record went very smoothly; emphasis this year has been on the fiddles and the record is already proving popular.

It was also decided during the year that we must retain the dances in "Introducing Scottish Country Dancing", "101 Scottish Country Dances" and "99 More Scottish Country Dances", which did not appear in any of the Society's other publications. Consequently these have been republished in "Miss Milligan's Miscellany of Scottish Country Dances". Volume I went on sale at Summer School and we hope to have Volume II available when the small stocks now held of "99 More" are depleted.

Last year it was decided to wind up the 'Sale or Return' Scheme and to call in any stocks held by Branches under that heading. Quite a number of the books returned were found not to be in a saleable condition. It was simultaneously decided to allow Branches a discount of 10 per cent on all items purchased from Headquarters with effect from 1st October and a later decision increased this to 15 per cent discount from 1st July, 1977. Items are sold to Branch members at the retail price, the difference going to augment Branch funds.

Owing to the very considerable increases in printing costs the prices of the Society's publications had to be increased in almost all cases.

The Publications Committee have also during the year revised books due for re-publication and considered dances submitted to the Society. In 1978 the subscription copy will be a leaflet of non-traditional dances. The Committee is also now on the look-out for traditional dances for Book 29 — no wonder time passes so quickly in the R.S.C.D.S!

The recorded music library now contains 43 LP records and 2 cassettes most of which have been purchased from Branch donations and a further 42 records of 78 rpm have been acquired. The Publications Committee thank all Branches who have contributed (47 to date); all the funds received have not yet been expended as the Library is being built up gradually.

On the recommendation of the Publications Committee, the Society purchased a copy of the film "Mr Menhuin's Welcome to Blair Castle", a delightful film (about 40 minutes showing) of Scottish fiddle music which includes Scottish Country Dancing by members of the R.S.C.D.S. The film was shown during Summer School and will be available to Branches on loan or hire (depending on a decision to be made by the Executive Council on 13th August).

Our accessories department which consisted last Summer School of gentlemen's ties only, has spread its wings and now encompasses in addition, ladies' handkerchiefs and headsquares, Christmas Cards, Notelets and Key Rings with the Society motif. (See list of publications and accessories on page 60).

Examinations. This year 263 candidates passed the Society's Preliminary Test and 112 passed the Teachers' Certificate — a marked increase on last year. Three new examiners were added to the official list — Miss M. Prentice (U.K.) and Miss P. M. Gale and Mrs M. Laing (New Zealand).

The Executive Council in August 1976, ruled that a person must have had experience in preparing candidates for the Teachers' Certificate Examination before becoming an examiner.

All examiners were supplied with "Guide Lines for Examiners" and Branches were informed that "Notes for Teachers of Examination Classes" were available.

The Examination syllabuses for both Preliminary Test and Teachers' Certificate were revised with certain dances being replaced by new ones. A copy of the new syllabus which comes into use on 1st January, 1978, has been sent to all Branch Secretaries with the request that teachers be informed. Further copies may be obtained from Headquarters. Old and new syllabuses will run concurrently from 1st January to 30th June, 1978; after June only the new syllabus will be acceptable.

Branch teachers should not encourage members to take their teaching certificates at St Andrews as that is one of the duties of a Branch and the St Andrews examination classes are run primarily for those members out-with the reach of Society classes.

Summer School. Again there has been an increased demand for Summer School with the usual headaches of change of plans being necessitated by one emergency or another affecting both students and staff. Our residential

places being strictly limited to the same number each year, the increased numbers this year are accounted for by non-residential students. We are sorry we cannot accommodate everyone who wants to come to Summer School and thank those who lived out for their readiness to do so; in this respect we should also like to thank the Warden of the David Russell Hall for her co-operation in putting up so many of our members. She may like to know that the reports coming back to us have been of entire satisfaction.

We have again had our quota of honeymooners. Those we have been able to detect are Mr and Mrs Rudyard Beldner (U.S.A.), Mr and Mrs M. Cunningham (South Africa), and Mr and Mrs David Snadden (U.K.). To them (and any others who managed to keep the news quiet—at Summer School?) we offer our felicitations. From our observations at St Andrews this year we anticipate further intimations next year!

As usual Summer School was attended by members from all over the world and following the pattern of last year which seemed to be of interest to our readers, the statistics are given below. Spain was represented for the first time at Summer School and we give an especial welcome to the Spanish contingent.

Places allotted for the 1977 Summer School (by countries of residence).

U.K.	493	Japan	4
Australia	30	New Zealand	6
Austria	5	Norway	1
Belgium	7	Papua, New Guinea	2
Canada	31	Rhodesia	2
Denmark	9	South Africa	7
France	44	Spain	4
Germany	34	Sweden	9
Holland	23	The Gambia	2
		U.S.A.	65

Total 778

On the recommendation of the Summer School Committee, the Society decided to award two Scholarships annually, to be known as the Jean Milligan Scholarships. (See page 57 for details).

Headquarters. Headquarters staff consists this year of a Secretary, Cashier and Office Assistant, the last-named being part-time. It is notable that while the volume of work has steadily increased at Headquarters the staff is actually smaller than it was three years ago. The Staff wish to record their sincere thanks to Branch and Affiliated Group Secretaries for the co-operation received throughout the year; to the two overseas Branches who, at time of writing have not sent in the returns due on 31st May, we ask plaintively if they have decided to sever diplomatic relations with us or is there some emergency about which we should know?

We should like to remind Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers demitting office to hand on their copy of the "Aids to Branch Administration" with which they were supplied earlier this year so that new office-bearers may have all the necessary information.

As usual we beg Headquarters members to let the Secretary have any change of address so that we may keep in touch.

Annual General Meeting. The 1977 Annual General Meeting will take place in Stirling on 4th-5th November, 1977, when Stirling Branch will act as hosts.



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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET
as at 30th JUNE, 1977
AND
RELATIVE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED THAT DATE

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE, 1977

	Liabilities		Assets
1976	CAPITAL ACCOUNT		1976
	Balance as at 1st July, 1976 ...	£22,595.81	HEADQUARTERS
	Add: Surplus Revenue for the year ...	1,519.98	At Cost ...
£22,596		<u>£24,115.79</u>	Cost of Alterations ...
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND		£ 5,502.00
	Balance as at 1st July, 1976 ...	£ 4,205.81	636.92
	Less: Transferred to Revenue ...	542.81	<u>£ 6,138.92</u>
4,206		3,663.00	4,119.92
	LONG TERM MEMBERSHIP FUND		Less: Depreciation to date ...
	Balance as at 1st July, 1976 ...	£ 613.25	£ 2,019.00
	Received during year ...	1,581.00	FURNITURE and EQUIPMENT
		<u>£ 2,194.25</u>	As valued at 30th June, 1954,
	Less: Transferred to Revenue ...	187.50	and additions at cost ...
613		2,006.75	£ 3,343.25
	FEES PAID IN ADVANCE		Purchased during year ...
	Summer School (1977) ...	£28,146.85	813.37
	Subscription and Affiliation Fees ...	292.70	<u>£ 4,156.62</u>
35,997		38,439.55	2,154.62
	RESERVES		Less: Depreciation to date ...
	For Publications, Films and Records ...	£ 5,500.00	2,002.00
	Spent in year ...	324.00	STOCKS (as certified by Treasurer)
		<u>£ 5,176.00</u>	Music, Books and Records ...
	Examiners' / Teachers' Overseas Travel ...	1,500.00	£ 7,979.00
	General ...	5,300.00	Sales Stock ...
11,400		11,976.00	£ 1,501.00
1,879	STAFF FUND ...	1,971.32	9,480.00
	RECORD LIBRARY FUND		INVESTMENTS (at cost)
	Donations ...	110.58	Investment Trusts (M.V. £2,340) ...
	Less: Spent in year ...	29.67	£ 3,605.47
		80.91	Government Securities (M.V. £10,101) ...
4,915	SUNDRY CREDITORS and CREDIT BALANCES	5,565.85	10,021.32
			Industrial Loan Stock (M.V. £5,077) ...
			£ 7,643.35
			Corporation Stocks ...
			£ 8,500.00
			Edinburgh Savings Bank ...
			£ 488.34
			30,258.48
			STAFF FUND
			Investment: Corporation Stock
			£ 750.00
			Bank of Scotland: Deposit A/c
			90.87
			Bank of Scotland: Current A/c
			1,130.45
			1,971.32
			RECORD LIBRARY FUND
			Cash at Bank ...
			80.91
			SUNDRY DEBTORS and PREPAYMENTS ...
			2,237.22
			CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND
			Bank of Scotland: Deposit A/c
			£38,146.85
			Bank of Scotland: Current A/c
			1,323.39
			In Hands of Secretary ...
			300.00
			39,770.24
			<u>£87,819.17</u>
£81,606		£87,819.17	£81,606

JAMES TAYLOR, Convener, Finance Committee.
D. M. VAUGHAN, Treasurer.

MARJORIE A. MATHESON, Chartered Accountant.

3 HOWE STREET, EDINBURGH, EH3. 12th AUGUST, 1977.

I have audited the books and accounts of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June, 1977, and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account which are in accordance with the books of account give in my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30th June, 1977.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 30th JUNE, 1977

1976	To ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		1976	By SUBSCRIPTIONS
£ 6,375	Staff Salaries ...	£ 7,586.11		Received from Branches ...
2,002	Travelling and Meeting Expenses ...	2,733.76		£ 4,213.20
	Printing and Stationery ...	1,520.60		Paid direct to Headquarters ...
1,345	Telephone and Postage ...	2,019.04		815.40
86	Audit Fee ...	86.40		Life Members ...
1,071	Office Accommodation ...	1,606.65		542.81
159	Insurance ...	173.30		Long Term Members ...
157	Miscellaneous Expenses ...	83.12		187.50
121	Repairs and Renewals ...	282.61		<u>£ 5,758.91</u>
		<u>£16,091.59</u>	£ 5,524	AFFILIATION FEES ...
£12,042			396	... 587.00
1,867	Less: Allocated to Summer School 1976 ...	2,508.78	164	DONATIONS ...
				... 344.81
£10,175		£13,582.81		FEES FROM STUDENTS:
1,783	BULLETIN ...	2,163.89		Summer School (1976) ...
120	EXTENSION WORK OVERSEAS ...	220.00		£37,240.56
				Less: Expenses ...
				32,305.41
				<u>£ 4,935.15</u>
				Autumn School (1976) ...
				£ 118.05
				Less: Expenses ...
				82.48
				35.57
				Examinations ...
				£ 370.25
				Less: Expenses ...
				264.99
				<u>105.26</u>

4,915	SUNDRY CREDITORS and CREDIT BALANCES	5,565.85
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<u>£81,606</u>		<u>£87,819.17</u>

3,088	Cash at Bank	80.91
	SUNDRY DEBTORS and PREPAYMENTS	2,237.22
	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	
	Bank of Scotland: Deposit A/c	£38,146.85
	Bank of Scotland: Current A/c	1,323.39
	In Hands of Secretary	300.00
36,375		<u>39,770.24</u>
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£10,175	BULLETIN	2,163.89
1,783	EXTENSION WORK OVERSEAS	220.00
120	SUBSCRIPTION COPIES	1,104.30
1,134	AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF:	
	Furniture and Equipment	£ 285.37
	Headquarters	80.00
	Alterations to Headquarters	26.00
319		<u>391.37</u>
1,623	BALANCE, being surplus revenue for the year	<u>2,376.12</u>
<u>£15,154</u>		<u>£19,838.49</u>

1976	By SUBSCRIPTIONS	
	Received from Branches	£ 4,213.20
	Paid direct to Headquarters	815.40
	Life Members	542.81
	Long Term Members	187.50
£ 5,524		<u>£ 5,758.91</u>
396	AFFILIATION FEES	587.00
164	DONATIONS	344.81
	FEES FROM STUDENTS:	
	Summer School (1976)	£37,240.56
	Less: Expenses	32,305.41
		<u>£ 4,935.15</u>
	Autumn School (1976)	£ 118.05
	Less: Expenses	82.48
		<u>35.57</u>
	Examinations	£ 370.25
	Less: Expenses	264.99
		<u>105.26</u>
976	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	5,075.98
2,952	ROYALTIES	2,971.35
	Books	618.66
884	SURPLUS ON SALES	3,781.78
3,658	RENT RECEIVABLE	700.00
600		<u>£19,838.49</u>
<u>£15,154</u>		<u>£19,838.49</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 30th JUNE, 1977

£ 636	To ADJUSTMENT on Summer School Account 1974	
	ALLOCATION for Publications and Records	£ 400.00
	ALLOCATION for Examiners/Teachers Overseas Travel Expenses	500.00
500		<u>£ 900.00</u>
487	BALANCE, carried to Balance Sheet	<u>1,519.98</u>
<u>£ 1,623</u>		<u>£ 2,419.98</u>

£ 1,623	By BALANCE brought down	£ 2,376.12
	GAIN on sale of investment	43.86
<u>£ 1,623</u>		<u>£ 2,419.98</u>

SALES ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 30th JUNE, 1977

£ 3,424	To STOCK in hand 1st July, 1976	£ 7,284.00
7,494	PURCHASES	10,644.41
339	DISTRIBUTION and Carriage Charges	197.83
3,658	SURPLUS transferred to Revenue Account	3,781.78
		<u>£21,908.02</u>
<u>£14,915</u>		<u>£21,908.02</u>

£ 6,497	By SALES of Books, Records, Ties, Scarves, etc....	£11,323.72
1,134	SUBSCRIPTION Copies (at cost)	1,104.30
7,284	STOCK in hand 30th June, 1977	9,480.00
		<u>£21,908.02</u>
<u>£14,915</u>		<u>£21,908.02</u>

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

INVESTMENTS as at 30th JUNE, 1977

	Investment Made	Rate of Interest	Repayable	Cost
1. Corporation Loans				
City of Edinburgh 29546 (renewed)	15.5.69	9 %	15.5.78	£2,000
do. 2568	4.8.72	7½ %	11.11.77	2,000
do. 3615	27.1.75	11¾ %	15.5.80	2,000
do. 4761	24.5.76	11 %	30.9.79	2,500
2. Government Securities				
			Purchased	
£3,500 8½ % Treasury Stock 1987/90	(M.V. £2,660)		June 1973	2,997
£1,500 9 % Treasury Stock 1980	(M.V. 1,477)		March 1976	1,457
£2,000 7¾ % Treasury Stock 1985/88	(M.V. 1,585)		March 1976	1,525
£2,340 12½ % Treasury Loan 1993	(M.V. 2,214)		Decr. 1976	1,996
£2,170 12½ % Greater London Stock 1982	(M.V. 2,165)		Decr. 1976	2,048
3. Industrial Loan Stocks				
BOOTS PURE DRUG CO. LTD. £2,000 6% Unsecured Loan Stock 1978/83	(M.V. 1,470)		May 1966	1,746
COURTAULDS LTD. £1,300 5½ % Unsecured Loan Stock 1994/96	(M.V. 552)		Octr. 1967	1,001
COATS PATONS LTD. £1,000 7½ % Unsecured Loan Stock 1990/95	(M.V. 565)		Novr. 1967	1,012
ASSOCIATED PORTLAND CEMENT MANUFACTURERS LTD. £1,000 7% Debenture Stock 1988/93	(M.V. 625)		Octr. 1967	977
IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. £1,000 7¼ % Unsecured Loan Stock 1986/91	(M.V. 595)		Octr. 1967	1,011
TURNER & NEWALL LTD. £2,000 8% Unsecured Loan Stock 1987/92	(M.V. 1,270)		Jany. 1968	1,896
4. Investment Trusts				
BRITISH ASSETS TRUST 1,500 Ordinary Shares of 25p each	(M.V. 870)		March 1973	1,273
SCOTTISH NORTHERN INVESTMENT TRUST 1,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each	(M.V. 790)		March 1973	1,217
GLENDEVON INVESTMENT TRUST 1,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each	(M.V. 680)		March 1973	1,115
5. Edinburgh Savings Bank				
				488
				<u>£30,259</u>
6. Staff Fund				
City of Edinburgh Bond No. 1642 (renewed)	3.4.70	11¾ %	15.5.81	<u>£750</u>

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

for the year ending 30th JUNE, 1978

	1977/78
Income:	
Subscriptions	£6,000
Affiliation Fees	575
Royalties	600
Investment Income	2,000
Fees and Courses (less expenses)	4,000
Surplus on Sales	3,600
Miscellaneous Receipts (including rent)	750
	<u>£17,525</u>
Expenditure:	
Staff Salaries	£8,850
Cost of Meetings, including travelling expenses	3,000
Printing and Stationery	1,250
Postage and Telephone	2,200
Office Accommodation	1,500
Audit Fee	100
Insurance	175
Repairs and Decorations	215
Miscellaneous	85
	<u>£17,375</u>
Less: Allocated to Summer School	3,750
	<u>£13,625</u>
Bulletin	2,500
Examination Expenses (less fees)	150
Extension Work Overseas	250
Examiners'/Teachers' Overseas Travel	500
Depreciation	500
	<u>£17,525</u>



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Dr Jean C. Milligan

Dr Jean C. Milligan

Last year we were all congratulating ourselves on Miss Milligan's recovery from her knee operation and marvelling at her determination to be fit and well for Summer School. Well, if we marvelled last year, the redoubtable lady has fairly taken our breath away this year.

At the Annual General Meeting at the end of October Miss Milligan was elected President of the Society. She accepted office stressing, however, that it was to be in an interim or "caretaker" capacity only. Be that as it may, we have thrived under her presidency.

In February, because of her courage in undergoing the two severe operations to her knees in order that she might continue to teach Scottish Country Dancing, she was nominated for the London Victoria Sporting Club's annual award for valour in sport. She was one of the six finalists along with Niki Lauda who, in the event, won the award.

In March, after attending the Golden Jubilee Dinner and Ball of the Stirling Branch on the 30th, she set off on 31st March on a seven weeks' examination tour of North America. The Teachers' Association (Canada) master-minded the complex programme of examinations, accommodation, travel and transport, hosts, etc., and its compilation must have caused many a headache, for the itinerary would, we feel sure, have made any seasoned, one night stand artiste quail — but not Miss Milligan! The tour included Montreal — Ottawa — Toronto — Hamilton — St Catherines — Minneapolis — Winnipeg — Vancouver — Victoria — San Francisco — Los Angeles — San Diego — Honolulu — Houston — Atlanta — Washington New York — Boston — Presque Isle — New Haven — New York and back to London . . . have you got your breath back? As a result of the tour we now have many more teachers in North America.

We at home waited anxiously for the return of what must, we thought, be a very tired, if not positively jaded, Miss Milligan; instead she turned up in fine fettle and proceeded to carry out examinations in Nottingham and Birmingham en route to her home in Scotland.

No sooner had she arrived back than final decisions regarding Summer School demanded her attention and then in early July she was off to Aberdeen where she was honoured with the award of a Doctor of Laws degree from the University there. Needless to say the whole Society has rejoiced at this recognition of Dr Milligan's work for Scottish Country Dancing and an informal reception was held on 16th July to celebrate. Distance prevented many Branches from sending representatives but fifty-six were represented including South Africa, U.S.A., Sweden, Canada and Australia, and Dr McBryde represented the Teachers' Association (Canada).

No whit daunted Dr Milligan set off immediately the reception was over for St Andrews for this year's Summer School which promised to be the largest ever. Long may she retain her indomitable spirit and joie de vivre!

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Aberdeen. Membership: Annual 167, Long Term 2, Life 132. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 1 Demonstration, 8 Children's. Demonstration team available.

The demonstration teams gave displays at various functions in and around the city, participating also in the International Clan Gathering in Edinburgh. At the S.C.D. Festival in March teams trained by Mrs Barclay won Honours Diplomas and all the Trophies in the sections they entered.

A very enjoyable Dinner-Dance took place in February 1977, in the Treetops Hotel.

Once again the Branch sadly report the deaths of two Life Members of long standing — Mrs L. Mitchell and Mrs Macrae, the latter (nee Nesta Bruce) being one of the founder members of the Branch and its very first Branch Teacher.

Airdrie, Coatbridge and District. Membership: Annual 161, Long Term 6, Life 3. 3 Children's Classes held weekly.

The Branch continues to increase in membership in both the Adult and Junior sections. A Dinner-Dance and a Supper-Dance were held during the season, both well attended and enjoyable, and for which David Ross and his Band supplied the music.

With regret the Branch reports the death of Miss May Auld, a founder member of the Branch, who, although inactive during recent years, attended the Airdrie class and all social functions until her death.

Annon. Membership: Annual 34, Life 5. One class per week.

Renewed interest resulted in good attendance at the weekly class. There is scope for expansion but premises present a problem. Two very successful dances were held during the session and several members attended neighbouring Branch dances and thoroughly enjoyed meeting other members of the Society.

The Branch accepted with regret at the A.G.M. the retirement of Miss Garraway from the Appointment of Treasurer, an office which she had held since 1950.

Ayr. Membership: Annual 159, Long Term 2, Life 81. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 7 Children's. Demonstration team available.

Ayr Branch very much enjoyed acting host to the 1976 Annual General Meeting of the Society. They were delighted to welcome so many old friends and to make new ones and say: "Ye'll aye be welcome back again". They send their best wishes to Stirlingshire Branch for the 1977 Jubilee when they will be hosts for the A.G.M.

Ayrshire, North West. Membership: 188 Annual, 15 Life. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 7 Children's.

The Branch report yet another very successful and enjoyable year, highlighted by the New Year Ball, Spring Ball and Children's Ball. Two additional Adult classes were held this year, the Branch having taken over two Further Education Department Classes which were axed due to financial cut-backs in the County. In so doing, a considerable increase in Branch members was gained. Over 250 children attended the junior classes.

Banffshire. Membership: Annual 42, Long Term 2, Life 12. Classes per week: 5.

A very successful dance was held in Banff and a Christmas Dinner-Dance at Keith was also well attended.

Bath. Membership: Annual 113, Life 14. Classes per week: 5 (Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, General and Junior).

It has been another successful year for the Branch although the annual increase in membership of recent years has been halted (temporarily it is hoped) with a decrease of one Annual and 2 Life Members.

Although instruction classes continued in the Autumn and Spring Terms under the auspices of the Adult Education Department, from the Summer Term onwards classes were run under the Education Department's Self-Regulating Scheme. This helps to ensure continuance of the classes against education expenditure cuts and to maintain fees at a minimal level. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced classes will continue under the new arrangements and the Combe Down Thursday Class will continue as previously.

Efforts to recruit more Juniors for the Saturday morning classes were successful thanks to the teacher, Miss Yeo. The instruction classes she held as part of the Bath Schools 'Holiday Fun' programme at Christmas took the Autumn Term total of 24 to 35 in the Spring Term.

The Dance Programme for the year was most successful. Over a hundred attended the Autumn Dance (at which the Russells played) despite two other 'Scottish' events in the area on the same night. The Annual Ball in the Guildhall Banqueting Room with the Border Players and the Spring Dance at Timsbury with the Frank Reid Band were both 'sell-outs' with demand for tickets far exceeding supply. For the success of its Dances the Branch is particularly indebted to John Baker who devises the programmes and acts as M.C. An attractive Dance Programme for 1977-78 is already arranged.

Bedfordshire. Membership: 37 Annual, 13 Life. Classes per week: 4 Adult.

A Scottish Country Day School is planned to take place at Riseley on 12th November, 1977.

Belfast. Membership: Annual 164, Long Term 3, Life 9. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.

Despite continuing difficulties in the area, Belfast Branch members had a most enjoyable year's dancing with well attended classes. Dr. Alistair MacFadyen was the guest teacher at the Week-End School in October and the dancers benefited greatly from his expert tuition. While there was a superabundance of parties and social occasions the main function of the year, the Annual Ball, had to be postponed due to circumstances quite beyond the control of the Branch.

Berwick. Membership: 22 Annual, 1 Life. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

The Branch welcomed some new members during the season but lost some of the younger ones who went off to college; however, they join the Branch at holiday times as guests. An enjoyable Ball was held in February and several smaller social evenings took place throughout the season. The Branch look forward to their Silver Jubilee next Season.

Birmingham. Membership: 309 Annual, 8 Long Term, 96 Life. Classes per week: 16 (run in conjunction with L.E.A. Evening Institutes). Demonstration Teams available.

The year has, as usual, been very full and eventful with all the usual events well attended; in addition there was included a Fun Weekend, and a special Festival to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Membership again increased. Increased popularity was also experienced by the Junior Section which now comprises 80 keen members.

The Branch again participated enjoyably in the Birmingham Highland Gathering and in spite of the hot weather, the Ladies' Team won 1st place. and the Mixed Team 2nd place in their respective classes. During the year the Branch welcomed Jackie Johnston, Mrs Vera Sim and Mr Bill Hamilton as visiting teachers to the Weekend and Day Schools and record their gratitude to them for the excellent instruction and great enjoyment they gave. The Demonstration Group was again in great demand, giving over 70 demonstrations including a second visit to Auxerre in France last year.

Bournemouth. Membership: Annual 111, Life 11. Classes per week: 2.

In addition to very successful dances and Day School, the Branch held a Preliminary Test course in Bournemouth. Mr David Gray was in charge and the Branch congratulate him and all his 16 candidates on their unanimous success. It is hoped to hold Part II of the course (Teachers' Certificate) next winter.

Bramhall. Membership: 70 Annual, 1 Life. Classes per week: 2.

The Annual Ball was an outstanding success and this year, for the first time, the Branch were unable to meet the demand for tickets. The usual round of social events were also held and were very well supported by the class members.

Bristol. Membership: Annual 80, Long Term 1, Life 22. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

The year has been very successful financially, the activities of the demonstration team being in no small way responsible for raising the level of Branch funds. The team has attended several large dinner-dances both in Weston and Bristol, as well as providing the entertainment at Church, School and various events organised by other societies in the area. Later in the year the Branch will be dancing in Bath Abbey Churchyard where last summer they danced to a somewhat "captive audience" as immediately before their appearance there was a wedding in the Abbey. To their surprise, when the party emerged from the Church they were all clad in full Highland dress. The Branch "lent" them a piper for a short time while many photographs were taken and to play off the bridal cars.

In November, Mr Duncan Macleod was the visiting teacher at the annual weekend course; there have been the usual quota of social events, the proceeds from one dance being donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Society and the Committee hopes to run one dance each season to benefit a different charitable organisation each year.

Carlisle and Border. Membership: 53 Annual, 2 Long Term, 16 Life. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

This was another successful year for the Branch with classes attendances averaging 45. Monthly dances have been well attended; the highlight of the Season was the Highland Ball held at Gretna Green. The Weekend School was a great success with friends coming from as far as Aberdeen and Eastbourne; the Branch looks forward to another weekend in November 1977. The demonstration team has again been busy with invitations to dance in Carlisle Great Fair celebrations and in a Pageant organised by the Carlisle Round Table to name but two. The children's class remains steady with little ones coming in as older ones leave. Adult class numbers are on the increase as demonstrations arouse interest. A technique class has been instituted proving beneficial to all.

Carnoustie. Membership: 18 Annual.

Castle Douglas. Membership: Annual 47, Life 13. Classes per week: 1.

The weekly Thursday classes were well attended, with numbers slightly up on last year. The Annual Dance in November was enjoyed by about 100 people, including visitors from other Branches in the area, and the Season ended with a successful Social Evening.

The Branch was greatly shocked by the sudden death of Mrs Rae, whose work in connection with Scottish Country Dance Music is well known throughout the Society. She will be sadly missed, although the Society will continue to enjoy the legacy of her music.

Cheltenham. Membership: Annual 82, Long Term 2, Life 22. Classes per week: 2 (Advanced and General), 1 Children's.

The Branch is pleased to report an increase in Membership this year. A six week Crash Course for beginners, held before the General Class, proved quite successful; unfortunately the children's class was not at all well attended this year. Owing to the lack of male dancers, fewer demonstrations were given; the Branch were invited to dance at the Mayor of Cheltenham's Charity Concert at the Town Hall. A very successful Week-end School was held when Derek Haynes was the teacher.

Clackmannanshire. Membership: Annual 126, Long Term 3, Life 13. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

The two Branch Classes had a very successful session with increased membership. Over 100 members attended the Annual Branch Dance in Dunblane Hydro in February and to celebrate the Branch Golden Jubilee it is planned to have a dance in October.

Croydon and District. Membership: Annual 119, Long Term 3, Life 52. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Team available.

Despite movements away from the area the Branch Committee have managed almost to maintain membership. Four dances were held during the year, as well as open air dancing in Park Hill Recreation Ground during June and July, which attracted dancers from the age of five!

The Branch entered a float in the carnival procession for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, as well as providing demonstration dancers in the Tattoo. A Branch weekend is planned for November.

Dumfries. Membership: Annual 70, Long Term 1, Life 4. Classes per week: 2 (Adult and Junior). Demonstration Team available.

The Branch reports a most successful Season with both adult and junior classes well attended. Adult and Junior Link Sections were entered in the Festivals and Demonstration Teams have been kept busy. Socially the year has been a great success with the Highland Ball in February and the Silver Jubilee Dance in May.

Dunbartonshire West. Membership: Annual 129, Long Term 1, Life 20. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Teams available.

The Branch celebrated its Silver Jubilee this year with a Ball in May to mark the occasion; the Chairman of the Society, Mr Duncan Macleod and Mrs Macleod attended. £300 was raised by this year's Charity Dance in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Two teams were sent to the Opening Ceremony of the International Gathering of the Clans in Edinburgh. The Annual Junior Dance in March was again highly successful. During the summer months, Scottish evenings were held in one of the local hotels for visitors from England and Wales.

Dundee. Membership: Annual 108, Long Term 12, Life 159. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 4 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

Attendance at classes has increased and the Summer Term Class had the highest number for many years. The Third Festival of Dancing in March attracted dancers from many other Branches. The Demonstration Group has had 21 engagements and entertained large numbers from overseas as well as locally, culminating in an open-air demonstration in City Square during the Queen's Jubilee visit to the city, when the Branch Chairman, Miss Alice Mann, had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty.

Dunfermline. Membership: Annual 45, Long Term 1, Life 19. Classes per week: 1 General, 1 Children's.

The Children's Class took part in the festival in Edinburgh. Two dances were held, one for St. Andrew's Night and a closing dance in March. A summer class was also held.

Duns and District. Membership: Annual 154, Long Term 7, Life 32. Classes per week: 6.

A most successful year culminated in the Residential Weekend at St. Abbs, attended by 70 residents. The classes on the Saturday attracted between them, over 100 participants, and were taught by Miss Adams and Mrs Gudger. The Friday and Saturday night dances had nearly 200 dancers attending each night. The Coffee Morning at St Abbs was well attended and visitors heard a taped message from Miss Milligan in Winnipeg. The Branch is looking forward to its 25th Anniversary in 1978. Forthcoming events—25th Anniversary Ball: 17th March, 1978; Residential Weekend: 19th-21st May, 1978.

East Angus. Membership: Annual 56, Long Term 2, Life 15. Classes per week: 4.

The 'reactivation' of the Branch was reported in last year's Bulletin. The new Committee have succeeded in consolidating their position and in increasing membership this year.

The first venture was a Dance held in the Kirriemuir Town Hall on 19th November, music by the Thistle Band, at which over 90 attended. Clubs from Dundee, Forfar and Carnoustie helped to make it a success.

East Lothian. Membership: Annual 180, Life 15.

During the year, Miss Storie demitted office as Branch Secretary after 32 years in the appointment. Membership increased considerably during the year and two teams were provided for the International Gathering of the Clans. In all six dances were held in different parts of East Lothian.



A group of members at East Lothian Branch's New Year Dance

Edinburgh. Membership: Annual 450, Long Term 18, Life 284. Classes per week: 7 Adult, 4 Children's. Demonstration Teams available.

Four informal dances were held during the year, all a great success, as was Mrs Corson's Junior Ball; we hope this event will encourage the younger generation to continue dancing for many years to come. The Weekend

School held at Dunfermline College of Education was a sell-out with Mr Macleod and Mrs Sim proving to be very popular teachers. The Teachers' Certificate Class held in conjunction with Moray House College produced a very high standard and a 100 per cent. pass rate.

A class for potential Scottish Country Dance pianists also took place this year and proved to be an extremely interesting exercise.

In November some members of the Branch took part in a town twinning exercise with Florence in Italy, where they were well received. "An Edinburgh Fancy, 1976" had its usual strong following and in May the Branch was asked to restage this production for the International Clan Gathering in Edinburgh. Demonstration teams were provided for the International Clan Gathering Fiddlers' Rally, the Clan Gathering Ball and the company of Clansfolk was enjoyed at the Branch Annual Ball.

The Branch was accorded the honour of taking part in the Edinburgh District Jubilee Salute to Her Majesty, together with several notable artistes. Several members of the Royal Family attended the performance on 25th May in the King's Theatre, for which Miss Allie Anderson composed a special dance, "The Queen's Jubilee". Another team of dancers took part in a Forecourt display at Holyrood House, again in the presence of the Royal Family.

At the Edinburgh Music Festival, Branch teams again did well, retaining the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Trophy, the Cussons Silver Cup, and sharing the Belmont Cup with Dumfries.

Among forthcoming events there will be a Weekend School at Dunfermline College in April, 1978.

Elgin. Membership: Annual 26, Life 2. Classes per week: 1.

Membership has been maintained and though the class was relatively small it was regularly attended. Three dances were held in the course of the year, all not only enjoyable but financially successful and well supported by members from societies in the surrounding parts of the country.

Exeter. Membership: Annual 105, Long Term 1, Life 21. Classes per week: 3.

The Branch has had a successful season with another increase in membership. The annual Day School attendance was reduced but otherwise classes and social events were well attended. Regular monthly social evenings in place of the Thursday classes were again held during the year and proved as popular as ever. A most successful Ball was held at the end of March with guests from all over the south and west of England. The season concluded with a Supper Dance which again proved a most popular and enjoyable event.

Forfar. Membership: Annual 27, Life 19. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 2 Children's.

During the year two dances were held — a Summer Dance and the Annual Dinner-Dance, both very successful. The children's teams again acquitted themselves very well at the Arbroath and District Musical Festival.

Forres. Membership: Annual 77, Life 11. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 2 Junior.

Enjoyable socials were held in December and in March and dancers from as far afield as Aberdeen and Inverness attended our annual dance on October 8th, when Bobby Crowe's Band provided the music.

The Branch held a Jubilee Dance on Friday, September 30th, with music by the Tain Country Dance Band.

Gatehouse-of-Fleet. Membership: Annual 32, Life 9. Classes per week: 1.

The highlight of the season was a very successful Dinner-Dance in February to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Branch. 46 members

both past and present attended and an excellent history of the Branch was given by Mrs McCulloch and Mrs Jameson, the first two presidents. Guests included Mr Little, the Branch instructor, and his wife, and Mrs Walker, the Branch pianist. Dances held at Christmas and the end of March were well attended by members and friends from neighbouring Branches.

The Branch suffered a sad loss in the death of Mrs Rae who had been their pianist for many years. Membership remains steady. As an experiment a beginners' class was started and has proved popular and helpful.

Glasgow. Membership: Annual 376, Long Term 21, Life 248. Classes per week: 5 (Winter), 3 (Spring). Demonstration Teams available.

The Branch has had a very busy year but are disappointed that membership is down. The usual functions, including a very successful Weekend School, were held but two new ventures were tried. It was felt that members who no longer can or wish to attend dances were left out of Branch activities and to this end a Social Evening was arranged. Many past and present members were able to renew acquaintances over a "cup" and were entertained by Branch members. In honour of the Queen's Jubilee a non-competitive Festival was held in Govan Town Hall on 28th May. This proved most successful with teams from Belfast, Manchester, Ayr, Leeds, Aberdeen, Hamilton-Clydesdale, West Dunbartonshire, Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities joining the Glasgow Branch team in an afternoon of dancing. The festival dance held in the evening was much enjoyed by some 240 dancers. The Branch were pleased to welcome the Society Chairman, Mr Macleod and Mrs Macleod on this occasion.

Hamilton and Clydesdale. Membership: Annual 183, Long Term 3, Life 35. Classes per week: 2.

Herefordshire. Membership: Annual 43, Life 14. Classes per week: 3.

The Annual Ball and the Annual Day School were once again successful functions to which the Branch were able to welcome many friends.

Inverness and District. Membership: Annual 118, Long Term 3, Life 14. Classes per week: 10 (3 Adult, 7 Children's). Demonstration Teams available.

This has been a year of increased membership and well attended classes. The Branch held a Wine and Cheese Party, a Dinner-Dance, two small dances and had nearly 200 at the Annual Dance at Craig Dunain Hospital in aid of the Patients' Welfare Fund.

The demonstration teams were kept busy; a group went to Germany in August for a week to the Stuttgart International Folk Festival and all through the summer provided dancers for the Scottish Tourist Board's entertainments in Beaulieu and Fort Augustus. Three sets were also supplied for a television show at Eden Court Theatre, followed with a week's dancing again at Eden Court, with Calum Kennedy's Company. Two Inverness Music Festivals occurred during the year and several children's teams took part acquitting themselves well, winning both the Inver Shield for the "under-8's" and the Ness Shield for the combined children's classes.

Kilmarnock. Membership: Annual 50, Life 25. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch had a good Winter Session, two dances being held, one in November and the second in April for which dances appropriate to Jubilee Year were selected. Dancers from many surrounding districts attended and the music for both dances was provided by George Fleming's Band.

Kinlochleven.

Kirkcaldy. Membership: Annual 65, Life 38. Classes per week: 1 Beginners, 1 General, 1 Junior.

Though there was a drop in membership this year the General Class was well attended, averaging 40-50 per evening. Miss Arnott taught for one

hour only and in the social dancing which followed five other certificated teachers took part. This experiment was seen to work well. Attendance at the Junior Associates' class was very good and parents were invited to see their children dancing on their last evening. The Social Evening in December was very popular and the Dinner-Dance in the Station Hotel in February an unqualified success, from the wonderful buffet meal to the dancing to Bobby Crowe's Band. Members welcomed friends from Dundee, St Andrews and Dunfermline Branches and the affiliated group from the Pathhead Church class and the Y.W.C.A.

Kirkcudbright. Membership: Annual 43, Life 7. Classes per week: 1.

Adult and Junior classes continued to thrive with display teams from each section taking part in the outdoor "Summer Festivities" in the Harbour Square. The annual dance in January was successful, attracting dancers from throughout the Stewartry. Weekly classes held in April and May were well supported by visitors and members.

Lanark. Membership: Annual 18, Life 45. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Junior.

A small but very friendly and successful class was held during the session. The Annual Ball, held in February, was well supported by classes from the surrounding district. Eight Branch members attended and enjoyed the A.G.M. Weekend in Troon and it is hoped that even more will be able to go to Stirling later this year for the 1977 A.G.M. Members donated £10 to the Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund.

Leamington Spa. Membership: Annual 58, Long Term 2, Life 14. Classes per week: 1.

Although normally one class is held each week, this year two experimental classes were held on Saturday mornings, principally to improve dancing technique. Though attendance at these was around half the usual Thursday evening classes, the trial was considered worth while. Demonstrations were given for three fetes during the year and a set of dresses made from the same cloth and to the same pattern has been bought for the ladies to wear when giving demonstrations.

In order to provide an occasion when non-dancing friends and guests could join in, a dinner was held in the Autumn and proved popular. The Annual Dance in the Spring saw tickets sold right up to the limit set to avoid over-crowding. A society 30 miles away was good enough to postpone an event of their own so that their members could attend the Branch dance and 28 of them did so.

Leeds. Membership: Annual 191, Long Term 7, Life 64. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 1 Teenage, 1 Children's. Demonstration Teams available.

The year started with a very successful trip to Germany, representing the Society. Classes continued throughout the year in spite of minor difficulties including the ceiling falling in at the School used. Social events flourished including an open air Jubilee Dance.

The Branch held classes for teachers at which six passed the Preliminary Test and one gained the Full Teachers' Certificate. A Day School is planned for 17th September with Duncan Macleod as teacher and Avril Jones as pianist.

Liverpool. Membership: Annual 70, Long Term 11, Life 3. Classes per week: 1 Beginners, 1 General. Demonstration Team available.

A slightly increased membership and well attended classes mark the past year. The Day Course in March was taught by Mr Derek Haynes and Miss Dorothy Patterson and attracted dancers from a wide area. Enjoyable social events have included informal dances, the Christmas Dance and in June 1977 a Dance to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee with Rob Gordon providing the music. The Demonstration Team has again been in great demand for demonstrations and "Teach-in" evenings with audience participation.

Lochaber. Membership: Annual 40, Life 1. Classes per week: 1 (on Monday October to March). Demonstration Team available.

Renewed activity and increased membership were in evidence this session. The class was well attended and demonstrations were given during Gala Week; the team was all set to dance during the Clan International Gathering on S.S. "Calypso" but alas, the ship did not sail beyond Oban.

Lockerbie. Membership: Annual 16. Class per week: 1.

London. Membership: Annual 415, Long Term 74, Life 621. Classes per week: 7. Demonstration Teams available.

The session has seen an increase both in membership and class enrolments. Dances organised by the Branch have been popular including a "sell-out" when Jim MacLeod's Band played. Weekend and Day Schools were also successful. The Demonstration class fulfilled many engagements including an appearance at a function graced by the presence of H.R.H. Princess Margaret. The Holland Park open air dancing, despite the unusual heat of last summer was a success, which it is hoped to repeat and it is also hoped to welcome visitors, many from overseas.

Lorn (Argyll). Membership: Annual 68, Long Term 3, Life 48. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 2 Children's.

The usual functions took place during the year—a Charity Dance which raised funds for the R.N.L.I., the Annual Dinner-Dance in December which was attended by a hundred local Scottish Country Dancers. To mark the 21st anniversary of the Branch a buffet-dance was held in McTavish's Kitchens in Oban on 6th May. Teams of dancers from the local clubs performed a dance of their choice in a non-competitive event in which the original Branch demonstration team also took part. Summer classes were held as usual and were well attended by visitors and local dancers alike.

Manchester. Membership: Annual 179, Long Term 9, Life 118. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Teams available.

The past year has been enjoyable and smooth-running even if nothing out of the ordinary has happened. The amalgamation of the Beginners' and the Intermediate Classes was found to be both beneficial and enjoyable. The Advanced Class was very well attended and the Demonstration Classes very stable in numbers. The Highland Class, though small, was more popular than last year.

On the Social side all the dances and ceilidhs were successful though the Ball produced near panic with John MacGregor's Band snowed up in Edinburgh and the Committee left with five hours in which to find a Band! The Branch record their gratitude to the Border Reivers for coming to the rescue. The Demonstration Teams did good work at the Manchester Scots Night Concert and the Annual Day School catered for just under 200, with teachers Margaret Church, Jackie Johnstone, Alastair MacFadyen and Anna Richmond. Another Day School will be held on 24th September, 1977, and already plans are made for a Day School on 30th September, 1978.

Moffat. Membership: 30. Classes per week: 1.

By special request of the members, Branch classes will continue throughout the summer on a monthly basis as they feel a gap from March to October is too long. Both the Christmas Party and the Easter Party were held at Moffat Mercury Motor Inn and were most successful. A demonstration team danced at the February Meeting of Moffat Rural Institute and were invited back to dance when the Women's Institute from Derbyshire visited Moffat. Another team took part in a ceilidh held in the Buccleuch Hotel in May and yet another invitation to dance at the Silver Jubilee Fete in the Hope-Johnstone Park has been accepted.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District. Membership: Annual 390, Long Term 12, Life 176. Classes per week: 6. Demonstration Teams available.

Mr M. F. Cooper, Chairman of the Branch for the last 17 years, decided not to stand for re-election at the A.G.M. in May. During those years, and as a Committee Member before, he gave valuable service to the Branch and at the A.G.M., on behalf of all members, a presentation was made to him by Mr J. C. Douglas, the new Chairman.

Membership has again increased with no less than 70 new members being enrolled during the year. Classes were well attended and a new one was started in Gosforth. A certificate class was held during the winter and the Branch were delighted that three candidates passed the Teachers' Certificate and nine passed the Preliminary Test. Dances were well attended with the Highland Ball being over subscribed. The Alnwick Weekend was again very popular but as the College of Education there is being closed the Branch will have to seek another location for a Weekend Course. Many demonstrations were given, the highlight being the ITV demonstration for the "What Fettle" programme, and more children competed at the Children's Festival this year. The Branch launched its second record in December.

North West Craven. Membership: Annual 75, Life 7. Classes per week: 3.

1976-77 saw membership and interest well maintained, with a Ball (with the Lyne Valley Scottish Country Dance Band) and three Branch Dances held. All were well attended and successful financially. In August, 1976, Mr and Mrs W. A. Nock (of Greensleeves, New Village, Ingleton) celebrated their Golden Wedding. They were responsible for the formation of the Branch, with Mr Nock Chairman throughout and Mrs Nock Secretary up to 1975. The event was celebrated, needless to say, with a Scottish Country Dance.

Norwich. Membership: Annual 71, Life 17. Classes per week: 2.

At the 1976 Summer School one member passed the Preliminary Test and another gained the Teacher's Certificate. In February Mrs Beryl Cross pianist to the Branch since its formation in 1956, retired; her playing over the years was an inspiration and she will be greatly missed by members. At the moment the Branch has no appointed pianist. In April, Dr Alastair MacFadyen and Mr Harold Barnes taught at the Branch Day School at which 87 dancers from all over East Anglia attended. Over the Jubilee Weekend a party of eighteen dancers and piper, Jack Johnston, visited Winingen, near Koblenz, to take part in an International Dance and Music Festival.

Nottingham. Membership: Annual 127, Life 27. Classes per week: 3.

An increased number of beginners have joined the Branch and are becoming active members. Examination classes were held with eight taking the Preliminary Test and five taking the Teacher's Certificate examinations on 1st-2nd June when Miss Milligan, hot-foot from her tour of North America, was the examiner. A demonstration was given at Belvoir Castle in September.

Oxfordshire. Membership: Annual 20, Life 11.

Perth and Perthshire. Membership: Annual 139, Long Term 4, Life 103. Classes per week: 1 Adult General, 1 Demonstration, 4 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

During last summer the Branch assisted the Tourist Board by providing M.Cs., etc., for the twelve weeks of the summer dancing. During the winter three dances were held on nights when the Branch Club did not meet. A small but successful adult beginners class was run for two terms. Teams from the children's classes did well in the Perth Musical Festival, gaining

two first, two second and one third place. A ladies team also entered the Festival and retained the Bronze Statuette while a mixed team retained the Quaich and also won a trophy at Arbroath. A Guide company team coached by one of the Branch teachers won the Branch's Jubilee Trophy. The Demonstration Group was also busy with all sorts of functions ranging from entertaining disabled and pensioners to providing a team at the opening of the Gathering of the Clans and appearing for a week in the King's Theatre, Edinburgh, with Calum Kennedy.

Peterhead. Membership: Annual 38, Long Term 2, Life 39. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 2 Junior.

Portrush. Membership: Annual 29, Life 2. Classes per week: 1.

While there have been no outstanding events, the membership keeps about the same and a great deal of enjoyment is derived from the weekly class.

Renfrewshire West. Membership: Annual 159, Life 27. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 1 Children's.

This has been an excellent year with 40 new members. Social Evenings continue to be held monthly in a local hotel and are continuing to be most successful.

Richmond (Yorks). Membership: Annual 56, Life 20. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

The Branch celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. At the Social which followed the A.G.M. about 60 members and friends drank the toast to "The Richmond Branch and the next 25 years of happy dancing" proposed by Mr A. Murray Stephen who also cut the anniversary cake. A letter had been sent to the Queen as Patron of the Society extending loyal greetings on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee, and a reply from Her Majesty congratulating the Branch on its anniversary was read by the Secretary. The Branch is enjoying a very pleasing upsurge of interest reflected in the increased membership and visitors are always welcome at the monthly socials.

Rochdale. Membership: Annual 52, Life 1. Classes per week: 2.

Iain MacPhail and his Band again provided the music for the Annual Ball in March, an event attended by people from many parts of the country. In addition, the Branch welcomed this year guests from Canada and Africa.

Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles. Membership: Annual 174, Long Term 7, Life 18. Classes per week: 10 Adult, 2 Children's.

The year saw the amalgamation of the Roxburgh and Selkirk Branch and Peebles Branch. Membership has increased with all classes being well attended. Autumn classes for adults and children were held both being taught by Miss Adams, and the Summer classes held during May were extremely popular. The highlight of the year is undoubtedly the Children's Ball in November when children from all over the Borders come to Galashiels to dance to what the children describe as a "real band".

Royal Tunbridge Wells. Membership: Annual 62, Long Term 6. Classes per week: 1.

The year started with a Picnic Dance in July at the Seven Springs Cheshire Homes, Tunbridge Wells, followed by an Autumn Dance (John Macgregor and his Band), and Christmas and New Year Branch parties—well attended and enjoyed by all. In March the Branch's first Day School was held with teachers Mrs Mary Stoker and Mr David Gray. 120 people attended with a waiting list in addition. This has encouraged the Branch to plan another Day School next year. In April the Branch Inaugural Ball was held at the Assembly Hall with over 250 attending; principal guests for the evening were the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells and her Escort together with the Branch President. Weekly classes are very well attended.

St Andrews. Membership: Annual 71, Long Term 10, Life 31. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Junior. Demonstration Teams available.

The Branch reports a very successful season. Social Dances are very popular and the St Andrews Night Ball now requires a larger venue — probably the Younger Hall! The success of the children's class continues and two junior teams as well as an adult team danced in the Dundee Festival of Scottish Country Dancing which they all enjoyed. The demonstration teams have also had a busy time.

Sheffield. Membership: Annual 74, Long Term 3, Life 10. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 1 Children's.

The Branch celebrated its 21st Anniversary during the past year. Classes were well attended and during the year social occasions included the Annual Dance, a New Year's Dance and three socials. The Branch purchased a new Stereo-Cassette Recorder. The demonstration team has had a busy year, many engagements now being regular events.

Southport. Membership: Annual 94, Long Term 2, Life 57. Classes per week: 4 (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, Children's). Demonstration Team available.

Additional classes were held in Technique for Teachers and Advanced Dancers. Eleven candidates successfully passed the Preliminary Test in July. Classes have been loyally supported and the candidates who passed the Preliminary Test have had the opportunity of teaching Branch classes during the season. The 19th Festival of Scottish Dancing and Ball was held at the Floral Hall in November. The Day Course held in February was well attended with Mrs M. C. Gudger and Mr Derek Haynes providing the excellent tuition and Dr and Mrs Ian Hall, the music. Social events included Strawberry Fayre, October, Social, Christmas Dance, Annual Twelfth Night Ceilidh, Tartan Social, Clothing Party and Spring Social together with the Social dancing sessions which operate weekly.

The Demonstration Team besides dancing locally and in two festivals were invited to take part in the Mayor's Charity Concert for the third year in succession and provided the cabaret at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, during March and April for the R.A.S.C./R.C.T. Association Golden Jubilee. The Branch is fortunate to have the services of their own musicians for Social and Demonstration functions, i.e. The Tartan Set Band and an Honorary Piper. A Christmas Party was organised for the Children's Class.

Forthcoming events: 20th Annual Festival of Scottish Dancing and Ball, Floral Hall, Southport, Saturday, 12th November, 1977. Day Course, February, 1978.

South Wales. Membership: Annual 103, Long Term 5, Life 26. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 1 Children's.

Branch membership reached an all-time high this season. Derek Haynes instructed at a very successful Day Course in September, and the Branch held a Hallowe'en Party, instruction evenings and the South Wales Ball. The Branch also had a Picnic Dance at a local Spastics School and raised £37 for them on admission fees. All in all it has been a very enjoyable and successful year.

Stirlingshire. Membership: Annual 92, Long Term 4, Life 26. Classes per week: 3.

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Stirlingshire Branch, a Dinner-Dance for present and former members of the Branch was held in the Golden Lion Hotel on 30th March when the Branch was honoured to have present Miss Milligan, the Co-founder and President of the Society. Also present were Mr Duncan Macleod, Chairman of the Society and Mr James Taylor, Vice-Chairman. Among the guests were Mrs L. McCaig, Provost

of the Stirling District Council and Mr M. Kelly, Chairman of the Education Committee of the Central Regional Council. The evening will long be remembered as a highly successful celebration.

Classes during the Winter were disappointing but it is gratifying to report that the Beginners' Class was one of the biggest the Branch have had for a long time and it is hoped that this revived interest will continue in the future. The Branch is now looking forward to the Annual General Meeting of the Society which is being held in Stirling on 4th-5th November. This is the second time that the Society A.G.M. has come to Stirling and the Branch in its Golden Jubilee year are happy to welcome the Office-Bearers and members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society to this event.

Stirlingshire East. Membership: Annual 228, Long Term 1, Life 18. Classes per week: 6 Adult, 5 Children's.

The Branch has enjoyed a very successful session. Larbert and Laurieston classes, formerly held under the auspices of the Evening School, joined the Branch and enhanced the membership. An Instructional Evening was held in Callendar Park College of Education in November with Dr Alastair MacFadyen as instructor and Mrs Stanners accompanying. The Summer Term class had over 60 members enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of truly social evenings. The December Dance held in Woodlands School was a happy occasion and the Falkirk Festival Ball in the Town Hall in March attracted dancers from all over Central Scotland. Jack Delaney's Band delighted the company as ever with lively and invigorating music. The junior members (10-12 years) scored a notable triumph at Edinburgh Festival, sharing the trophy for their section with Mr J. Johnstone's team from Dumfries. Notable among the engagements of the Demonstration Teams was the Calum Kennedy Show in the King's Theatre, Edinburgh.

Stonehaven. Membership: Annual 25, Life 2. Classes per week: 1.

Stranraer and District. Membership: Annual 61, Life 1. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

It was encouraging to find that membership during the session showed a considerable increase making for enjoyable class evenings and social activities which again consisted of Christmas and end-of-session parties. The Demonstration Team performed at a concert in a nearby village and also entertained the residents of a local home for the elderly.

Teesside. Membership: Annual 191, Long Term 4, Life 97. Classes per week: 2.

This has been a gratifyingly successful season in every respect and the Branch are convinced that the monthly socials with the programme based on the dances taught at the weekly dance classes, is the answer to maintaining numbers and interest. The main function of the season was the non-competitive Festival. This attracted around 700 dancers and over 1,000 spectators. The annual barbecue attracted dancers from a wide area and the Branch are indebted to the owner of the farm for his tolerance and co-operation. The music of Andrew Rankine and his Band was enjoyed at the end-of-season Dance. Any dancers finding themselves in the Branch vicinity will be made most welcome at any of the functions.

West Lothian. Membership: Annual 40, Long Term 2, Life 72.

The Branch celebrated its 40th anniversary at a Dinner-Dance in October. A very successful Day School was held at the end of January when Dr Alastair MacFadyen was the guest teacher.

Whitehead. Membership: Annual 18, Life 1. Classes per week: 1.

Once again members have had a good season's dancing with some enjoying the hospitality of the Greenisland Group at their Annual Dinner-

Dance and Party. The Branch Hallowe'en Party proved to be another enjoyable evening. The Annual Supper Dance took place on 25th March and was well attended with friends from Greenisland, Belfast, Helen's Bay and Portglenone. The Branch is pleased to report a small increase in membership.

Winchester. Membership: Annual 18, Life 6. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The Season started well with good class attendance but no increase in full membership resulted and it is hoped that membership can be increased next season to keep pace with the ever-increasing cost of hiring a hall for classes. A Garden Dance was held in June as an end of Season Dance and also as a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Branch.

Wolverhampton. Membership: Annual 44, Long Term 1, Life 3. Classes per week: 2.

After the opening Wine and Cheese Evening at 23 Oaks Crescent, the Branch organised charity socials at Bilston, Penn and Sedgley: a Christmas Party and Social at St Andrews' Whitmore Reans. The Thursday class continued with occasional new members and a varied programme. Members attended Day and Weekend Schools and gave good support to many functions often far afield. Teams danced at Birmingham Festival and gave a variety of demonstrations for which much hard work had been done in the Monday Class.

Notable among the demonstrations was that at the Blind Institute when the people there joined in the dancing despite their handicaps. Members of the team had practised dancing with one partner closing eyes and relying completely on the other for guidance and were impressed with the help one partner can quietly give another.

Worthing. Membership: Annual 80, Life 9. Classes per week: 2 (and 1 per month).

The weekly general class was well attended with a number of new members. The weekly beginners' class, though small, kept up the tradition of the R.S.C.D.S. as an international Society having this year included among its members a young lady from Japan, one from Switzerland and 12 German students while on holiday in Worthing. A monthly class for the teaching of advanced dances proved most successful. The Branch participated in the pageant organised by Worthing to celebrate the Silver Jubilee "Our Heritage Through the Ages".

York and North Humberside. Membership: Annual 156, Long Term 10, Life 9. Classes per week: 2.

The Branch held the Inaugural Ball during the year with 140 attending, the music being provided by the Rattray Band. Seven dances to records were held in the area in York, Scarborough, Woodmansey and Driffield, all with attendances of between 75-100 and all financially successful. An afternoon course of Scottish Country Dancing was held in Bridlington in October with over 50 attending. Teachers were Miss Joanna Fogden and Mr Don Briggs of Harrogate. The event will be repeated again this year.

The Branch ran a series of Examination classes in the Spring and early Summer. 14 members were successful in passing the Preliminary Test. In all the Branch now has 15 members who have passed their Preliminary Test and a further session of Examination Classes is continuing.

Membership has considerably increased, drawn mainly from the ten Scottish dancing groups in the 700 square mile Branch area and it is hoped to still further increase membership next session. The last major event was a very successful Jubilee Dance held in York during May with music provided by the Border Reivers Band.



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Branch Reports — Overseas

Adelaide. Membership: Annual 36, Life 10. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch have had to face difficulties during the year in obtaining a suitable hall and have had to change their regular dance evening. Here's hoping that 1977-78 will go more smoothly for the Branch and its members.

Atlanta. Membership: Annual 35, Life 2. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch reports a good year with classes being in a more central location by courtesy of Cathedral of St Philip. Demonstrations were given at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, the Yellow Daisy Festival, Burns Club Ceilidh and a Burns Club Dinner Meeting.

The highlight of the year was, of course, the visit of Miss Milligan to examine two candidates for the Preliminary Test. Jack and Sandra Raines proved a credit to their teachers and the Branch are very proud of them. Already plans are being discussed for two classes in the Fall—one for beginners and one for intermediate dancers. Since a number of the more enthusiastic Branch members are members and/or officers in the St Andrews Society of Atlanta and the Stone Mountain Highland Games Committee all meetings of the Society and the annual Stone Mountain Highland Games provide an opportunity to show what Scottish Country Dancing is all about and encourage spectators to join in—who often turn up at subsequent classes.

Boston. Membership: Annual 168, Life 5. Classes per week: 7. Demonstration Team available.

Over the past few years some new classes in the Boston area have been started and the Branch are pleased to report that they have prospered. Two more classes have also begun. As a result, Scottish dancing is available to a larger part of the Boston area and New England. The activities of the Branch have been varied, including participating in a number of international festivals, a rather extensive demonstration schedule, and, of course, the Highland Ball in May. The Branch were able to hold their Music Weekend again this year and to dance at Pinewoods Camp for a week in addition to the usual Branch weekend.

Burlington (Ontario). Membership: Annual 43. Classes per week: 2.

Response to the regular and special classes conducted by the Branch throughout the year has been good and members found them enjoyable as well as instructive. Twenty Branch members travelled to St Catharines on 7th April to participate in a class conducted by Miss Jean Milligan. It would be difficult indeed for anyone to remain unmoved by the tremendous enthusiasm for the dance which Miss Milligan generates. The evening, hosted by the St Catherines Branch, concluded with a delightful reception when Branch members had the opportunity to meet with other dancers and to chat with Miss Milligan.

Five children's classes were offered this year. Teams were entered in the Hamilton and Toronto Children's Festivals and brought back three trophies and two silver medals, one of the latter being a combined Burlington/Ancaster effort in the 13-15 year class. For the Adult Programme the highlights of the year were the Annual Dance in October with Stan Hamilton and the Flying Scotsmen, a special class conducted by George and Catherine Emmerson from London, Ontario, in March and the End of Season Social evening in April with Ben Bartlett and Trio.

Calgary. Membership: Annual 121, Life 5. Classes per week: 6.

In the past year the Branch have had 5 teachers (4 Teacher's Certificate, 1 Preliminary Test) teaching 7 weekly classes. There was also a bi-weekly afternoon class for senior citizens, the teacher being assisted by 6-10 younger dancers. Two dance workshops were held by Clubs within the Branch, one at the Banff Springs Hotel for 200 dancers, the other in

Calgary for 50 dancers at a beginner level. Branch teachers also gave classes at ten workshops outside Calgary during the year. An increased membership is anticipated next year after the joyful, exciting and rewarding year of dancing just past.

Cape Town. No report at time of going to Press.

Delaware Valley. Membership: Annual 104, Life 18. Classes per week: 7.

A teacher's class has been organised at the request of students from Haverford, Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore Colleges. All told, fourteen candidates have been accepted to prepare for examination in 1978. This year the Branch was asked to present a full evening's entertainment of Scottish Country Dancing for the Delaware County Community College public concert series. The show was patterned along the lines of the Edinburgh Branch's "Edinburgh Fancy" and was well received by a modest audience. The Branch has voted to attempt the difficult and expensive venture of importing a band from Canada for the 1978 Branch Spring Ball. In addition to the expense, the difficulty lies in the rather cautious policy of the Philadelphia immigration authorities.

Gothenburg. Membership: Annual 41. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Teenager.

During the year the Branch gave several demonstrations, the most prominent being participation on Swedish television when the team danced and discussed Scottish Highland dress. Other notable demonstrations were at Gunnebo Castle, and in Stockholm and Gothenburg in connection with festivals for immigrants. Together with the Anglo-Swedish Society and the Gothenburg City Pipe Band, the Branch arranged the first Burns Supper on 29th January. This was a great success and will be repeated next year. Eleven members attended Summer School at St Andrews. Branch members joined in courses held in Stockholm and Copenhagen and during Easter the teenager group visited Elgin where they received instruction from Jennifer Wilson.

The Hague District. Membership: Annual 65, Life 8. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

It goes without saying that the demonstration team entertained many a group of pensioners during the year but special mention should be made of the demonstration on the Dutch Queen's Birthday, when about one thousand spectators showed their interest in Scottish dancing. Besides the extra-mural activity of singing the Branch bought a set of highland pipes and organised a course in piping for about ten members who were keen to learn to play. Although threatened by a huge increase in rental charges by the local authorities the Branch hope to extend their work to two classes a week instead of the one up to now. The Branch endeavour to further the interest of their members and others in all things Scottish through the medium of their monthly magazine "De Tartan" which has now been in existence for over 16 years.

Hamilton (Ontario). Membership: Annual 218, Long Term 1, Life 6. Classes per week: 10 (Basic 4, Intermediate 4, Advanced/Demonstration 1, Candidate 1).

The past year has been a happy and highly successful one which is reflected in increased membership. Classes were well attended and enthusiastic. The Demonstration Class dancers took part in twenty demonstrations and were joined by members from other classes for the two largest occasions — Gala Day in May and Dundurn Castle in July. Besides dancing for Scottish functions such as the Gaelic Society, Daughters of Scotland, etc., the Branch performed for such diverse groups as the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and at the Hadassah Bazaar. The annual Hamilton Weekend in October at Niagara Falls had teachers May Yarker from England and Bob Blackie and Bob Millar from Toronto. 186 attended

the weekend and had a thoroughly good time which included the Saturday Evening Ball with music provided by Don Bartlett and the Scotians. Social activities were well catered for with the Monthly Dances, Children's Festival and the Annual Ball.

The Branch welcomed Miss Milligan with the greatest of pleasure when she visited the Branch to examine members for the Preliminary Test and Teachers' Certificate and were once again impressed by her joie-de-vivre and enthusiasm for promoting all that is best in Scotland.

Hawaii. Membership: Annual 33, Life 2. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch held its first Scottish Country Dance Weekend Institute in April with guest teacher Stewart Smith from Houston and the Branch senior instructor, Mrs Mary Brandon. The wonderful setting — University of Hawaii dance studios — was further enhanced by the discovery that Mrs Smith of Edinburgh, one of the Society's pianists, was vacationing in Hawaii and agreed to play for the classes. The Branch hope to establish the Institute as an annual event.

Miss Milligan's visit to Hawaii provided a wonderful boost to local dancers and examination candidates. Three additional candidates from Japan joined those from the Branch. Mr Ikema and Mr Harada received the Teacher's Certificate while Mrs Naitoh and the five local candidates all passed the Preliminary Test.

Last November Dr and Mrs Brandon taught at the Weekend Schools in Tokyo, Fukuoka and Kyoto. In all three centres they were impressed with the high standard of performance and the keenness of the students. It reflected great credit on Mr Ikema and Mr Harada who have worked so hard to establish Scottish Country Dancing in Japan and who have so consistently stressed the standards of the Society.

Hunter Valley. Membership: Annual 101, Long Term 7, Life 23. Classes per week: 11.

Johannesburg. Membership: Annual 96, Life 12. Classes per week: 4.

As the Johannesburg Branch grew from a Scottish Country Dance Club, The Fifty First Club, formed in 1951, the year 1976 was one of 25th Anniversary celebrations, the highlight of which was a Gala Dinner-Dance in one of Johannesburg's 5-star hotels. Great effort was made to get in touch with former members, and the Branch were particularly pleased to contact two foundation members in whose family home the Club actually started dancing in 1951. Apart from anniversary functions, classes went well during the year and the two Weekend Schools (the second of which was the 20th) were enthusiastically supported as usual.

Kitchener-Waterloo. Membership: Annual 71, Life 1. Classes per week: 4.

This was the first year as a Branch and one of the most time consuming tasks undertaken by the Executive Committee was the writing of the new Constitution. The Branch now has a permanent mailing address—PO Box 501, Kitchener. In July a delightful barbecue and dance was held in the garden of one of the members and on the long August weekend the first Kitchener-Waterloo Branch Weekend was held 200 miles north in the cottage country. Twenty-seven of the members and their families camped beside a lake and had a marvellous two and a half days of dancing, canoeing, swimming and getting to know one another better. In September an "Open House" was held to interest new members and then classes began for beginners, intermediate and advanced dancers, and a new venture—a class for children.

The Branch Ball in November with music by Don Bartlett and the Scotians was a "sell-out"; in December the Christmas Party gave everyone an opportunity to meet the new beginners who had just completed their

first ten week course, and to watch a demonstration of two members' prize-winning dances which had been published in the Bicentennial Collection of Dances by the San Diego Branch. In addition, mini-socials were held monthly and four major social dances on Saturday evenings.

London (Ontario). No report at time of going to Press.

Los Angeles. Membership: Annual 225, Life 26. Classes per week: 12.

The year included a one day institute in October, formal St Andrews Ball and a Burns Night Dinner-Dance. During the Spring visit of Miss Milligan, the Branch gained 5 new teachers and 6 new preliminaries. The two day Spring Institute held in Santa Maria was attended by over 150 people from many parts of the Western United States. The excellent teachers, C. Stewart Smith from Houston, Mary Murray, Simon Scott and Paul Sarvis from Canada, helped make this the best institute ever.

Melbourne and District. Membership: Annual 480, Long Term 8, Life 54. Classes per week: 25.

An event occurred this year which will have far-reaching effects for all Australian Branches. It was the appointment of Messrs Kevin Connolly and Leslie Cumming as examiners for Australasia. And they have been busy! Earlier this year they examined candidates in the Hunter Valley, Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. The Melbourne candidates for the Preliminary Test were coached by Miss Chris Coull who did a marvellous job resulting in a 100 per cent pass rate. Nevertheless Branch members still visit St Andrews and New Zealand in considerable numbers. Weekends at Mt. Evelyn and Marysville and a Ball organised by the Victorian Branches were highlights of the dancing season. The Branch also gave demonstrations and later induced the public to participate in some Scottish Country Dancing during a Family Fun Day sponsored by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation. Some fine publicity was received as the demonstration was live telecast on one of the TV channels.

The Branch are now going ahead with plans for the Third Australian Winter School in Victoria in May, 1978.

Montreal. Membership: Annual 229, Life 24. Classes per week: 5 Adult, 3 Children, 2 Technique, 1 Demonstration.

Despite the exodus of many English-speaking families from the Province of Quebec, membership of the Branch increased. The first event of the Season was a weekend workshop in June with instructors Bob Miller of Toronto and Eric Dillon of Cleveland, when 133 dancers attended. A non-competitive Festival for Children's Groups was held and it is hoped to have this as an annual event. Other interesting social events were a special Bi-Centennial Celebration starting with "Kirking of the Tartans" followed by a buffet lunch and an afternoon of Scottish Country Dancing; the Annual Garden Party which this year took place in Stewart Hall in Pointe Claire on Lake St Louis; the Christmas Social and the Burns Night Social. The Branch Ball was again held at the beautiful Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel when over 200 danced to the music of Stan Hamilton and his Flying Scotsmen. The Demonstration Class put on a total of eight demonstrations during the year, the most exciting requests being those to participate in Olympic related demonstrations in July and it was a thrilling moment when "The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society" went up on the now famous electronic board as the dancers ran on to the field before an audience of 68,500.

The most exciting occasion this year was, of course, Miss Milligan's visit during her extensive itinerary (her ticket was at least six feet long!) After examining candidates she taught a class of approximately 100 and it was really inspiring to see her in the middle of the crowded floor, demonstrating various techniques and formations.

Mornington Peninsula. Membership: Annual 74, Life 5. Classes per week: 2.

As well as weekly general and beginners' classes, the Branch organised extra classes for experienced dancers throughout the year and were pleased to have Mr Les Cumming of Canberra as guest teacher at one of these. Socials have again been well attended and a record 170 dancers enjoyed the Christmas social. Three Scottish Country Dance Weekends held at country and beach resorts have proved very successful ventures arranged jointly with Melbourne and District Branch. A combined Ball was also held. The two Branches are now planning the next long Australian Winter School for 1978. Some of the members again enjoyed the hospitality of their New Zealand friends at the New Zealand Summer School in December-January, and two members attended the St Andrews Summer School. A barbecue followed by dancing on the lawns in the delightful grounds of a member's home opened the 1977 season.

Nairobi. Membership: Annual 67, Long Term 12, Life 3. Classes per week: 1.

Nairobi Branch has continued to hold weekly dances, a class usually preceding the social dancing. The Annual Ball at the Intercontinental Hotel and the Annual Outing at the Tea Hotel, Kericho, were well supported and enjoyed. Several demonstrations have been performed. The Cross the Branch bears, as reported last year, is too fast a turnover of members.

New Haven. Membership: Annual 71, Life 4. Classes per week: 3 (Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced). Demonstration Team available.

A very busy year for the New Haven Scottish Country Dance Group culminated in the formation of a Branch of very healthy proportions. In addition to the regular classes, special sessions were held for advanced dancers and candidates were trained for the Society's examinations taken by Miss Milligan during her American tour.

New York. Membership: Annual 125, Life 3. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Teams available.

All levels of instruction were given in classes throughout the year. The Jeannie Carmichael Ball, sponsored by all the groups in New York proved to be a grand affair. The teachers held an excellent workshop and many teachers from the Eastern States attended in spite of a terrible snow storm. During Miss Milligan's visit, she not only taught a lovely class at the Scotia Dancers, but also examined Branch candidates, all of whom successfully passed their Preliminary Tests. The Annual Weekend at Holiday Hills was the best the Branch have ever had with an approximate attendance of 150 and an excellent staff of teachers from Canada.

New Zealand. Membership: Annual 521, Long Term 7, Life 142.

Dancing in New Zealand maintains its popularity right through the season March-October, culminating in the Annual Summer School which is held over the New Year period for ten to twelve days. This year the venue was popular Dunedin (known in New Zealand as "The Edinburgh of the South") and some 250 dancers from all parts of New Zealand and Australia enjoyed the classes and varied programme organised for their enjoyment. Overseas dancers are always assured of a warm welcome when visiting New Zealand, and are certain to find an established club in almost any area throughout the country.

Northern Virginia. Membership: Annual 115, Life 6. Classes per week: 4 (plus 1 Technique class monthly). Demonstration Team available.

The Branch had an active year with four classes a week, a Technique class monthly and two teacher training classes plus numerous demonstrations. In order to meet current needs and future demands the Branch put a good deal of emphasis on teacher training this year; two candidates went

forward for the Teacher's Certificate and two for the Preliminary Test during Miss Milligan's examination tour in America and two more candidates for the Preliminary Test will attend St Andrews Summer School.

The Branch held four well-attended dances in different locations in their wide-spread area — in the Autumn, at Christmas, on Valentine's Day and a "Graduation Dance" in honour of those who finished the basic classes. In October the Branch took part in a two-day Scottish Festival up in the hills of Virginia, which featured parades, demonstrations of Scottish Country Dancing by the team, a ceilidh, a concert by the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums, many of whom are members of the Branch, and a special Church service on Sunday. The last scheduled event of the year is the Annual Branch Picnic, with families and friends dancing in the park.

Ottawa. Membership: Annual 164, Life 12. Classes per week: 8 Adult, 3 Children's.

The Branch had a very successful year with classes going very well, and a Technique Workshop held in March was well attended by Branch members. It is gratifying that the children's classes have increased over the previous year and the Branch will be hosting the Children's Festival with participation from Kingston and Montreal. The Annual Ball was also a great event and, of course, the visit from Miss Jean C. Milligan.

St Catherines (Ontario). Membership: Annual 122. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Teams available.

St Catherines had a very successful year. Classes catered for Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced levels with all classes having some step practice as well as dance formations. The Hallowe'en Dance was held to recorded music but a dance band provided the music for the Christmas and Valentine dances as well as for the May Ball which was attended by around 250. The traditional "tennis court" dance and beach ball were also attended by dancers from other Branches. The Branch had the opportunity of putting on only one demonstration.

San Diego. Annual summer party was held in July hosted by Dance Director Robin Pichel, and festivities included swimming at her pool, barbeque dinner, dancing and a ceilidh. The San Diego Highland Games offered our group an opportunity for informal dancing and a chance for people to become acquainted with Scottish Country Dancing. Our group planned and published a Bicentennial Dance Booklet commemorating America's Bicentennial Year. Entries were solicited for groups throughout the U.S. and Canada from which 20 entries were selected. About 200 copies have been sold and booklets are still available. Two of our Instructors were guest teachers at the Los Angeles Branch Institute in October. An Ecumenical Folk Faire in San Diego in November involved many Branch members in dance demonstrations, fashion shows, a smorgasbord dinner and TV appearances. Our exhibit at the Faire featured golfing and informal dancing exhibitions. Our Christmas Party at the Lee's home included a potluck dinner, gift exchange, dancing and a ceilidh. Saturday, February 19th marked our Branch's first Mini-Institute. Instructors were Paul Sarvis of San Francisco and George Bogart of Los Angeles. The day's schedule included a morning and afternoon session, picnic lunch, dinner break, evening of dancing followed by a ceilidh at a downtown restaurant. Five of our members received full tuition from our Branch through the Joe Campbell Scholarship Fund. The special event of the year was Miss Milligan's visit to San Diego. Examination of our candidates was held following which Miss Milligan taught our group three new (to us) dances. The following evening a reception and dinner was held at the home of our incoming President, Malcolm Ferrier and his wife, Wendy. A delegation from our Branch, including two pipers, saw Miss Milligan off at the Airport en route to Hawaii.

San Francisco. Membership: Annual 153, Life 30. Classes per week: 12. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch enjoyed a busy and successful year in 1976-77. The most exciting event for all was the production of a record album "A Camp of Pleasure" by Barbara Bouwsma and her very talented group of musicians, The Berkeley Scottish Players (affectionately known to us as the Cabbage Band). Many members contributed time and effort to this venture and all concerned have been delighted with the favourable responses from dancers all over the U.S., Canada and world-wide. The record is now in its second printing.

Our monthly parties have been particularly well attended as was our October Workshop and annual Valentine's Day Ball. Miss Milligan's visit was a delight and left the Branch with renewed enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing and four new full certificate teachers and six preliminaries.

Since membership increased by 30 this past year it is hoped to top 200 next year and to enjoy a grand party in celebration. After several years of one day October workshops a return will be made to Asilomar in 1977. This beautiful location on the California coast will allow dancers three days of total immersion in their favourite pastime. The Branch is clearly thriving and growing with classes available over most of the San Francisco Bay area.

South East Queensland. The Society welcomes the newest of its Branches which was formed on 18th June, 1977, and looks forward to including a Branch report from South East Queensland in the Bulletin next year.

Stockholm. Membership: Annual 60, Long Term 1, Life 4. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has tripled its membership during the year. Main events have been a successful demonstration at the St Andrew's Ball held in the Stockholm Opera Restaurant and a very pleasant Spring Dance in March. Preparations are in hand for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Stockholm Scottish Country Dance Club, from which the present Branch was formed in June last year.

Sydney. Membership: Annual 93, Life 23. Classes per week: 2 (General weekly, Advanced fortnightly, Beginners' fortnightly). Demonstration Team available.

The beginning of 1977 started with a Silver Anniversary Ball for the Sydney Branch and this was a most successful evening with the decor of blue, white and silver being designed by the 1976 President of the Branch, Mr Matt McDougall.

Two Branch members were successful in gaining their Teacher's Certificates this year and the October Weekend School was once again filled to capacity and voted a huge success.

Toronto. Membership: Annual 1027, Life 29. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Teams available.

Branch dances were held each month from October to April. In addition, there was a Family Night and also a Children's and Young People's Dance, the highlight of the season being the Tartan Ball in February; this annual spectacular event attracts around 640 dancers.

Many members were engaged in demonstration dancing as well as many other helpful activities in the week-long 'Caravan' held in June. Caravan is held throughout Metropolitan Toronto and represents the various nationalities living in Toronto. Each country has its own pavilion and displays the cultural heritage of that country in song, dance, music, crafts and food. The Scottish pavilion was known as Perth, in which our Scottish Heritage was truly representative and gained an award for the best display of traditions.

In August, 1976, 220 Branch members were part of the Scottish World Festival Tattoo. Attendance over four consecutive nights numbered

190,000 spectators. The Scottish Country Dancers entered the field in the form of a Saint Andrew's Cross, danced, then merged into a huge circle. This was a very moving and delightful sight which was met with great enthusiasm from the audience.

Twin Cities. Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St Paul) is another recently formed Branch to which the Society extends a welcome. Already the Branch has presented candidates for examination by Miss Milligan during her recent examination tour and with the success of all four candidates the Branch has now five fully certificated teachers and one with the Preliminary Test. The Branch look forward to a year of expanding membership and are planning their second annual ball to be held on 8th October, 1977.

Vancouver. Membership: Annual 446, Life 35. Classes per week: 4 (plus a Demonstration and Teacher's Candidate Class). Demonstration Team available.

Increased membership and a very active, full year culminated in Miss Milligan's visit in April which coincided with the successful children's weekend workshops. The family party on the Saturday evening was a most memorable occasion for one and all from the four year olds to one 83 year old dancer. The weekend workshops and the Annual Ball were held in the same weekend this year, so the out of town guests were able to attend classes and the Ball, making the Ball attendance a record of nearly 300 dancers. The location, excellent teachers and lovely sunny weather combined to make this a very successful weekend. The Demonstration Team gets busier every year as interest in country dancing grows. Stanley Park outdoor dancing began on June 20th with the Branch anticipating visitors from California, Australia, Great Britain and many more places around the world.

Victoria. Membership: Annual 155, Life 1. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Teams available.

Victoria Branch's 1976-77 year started with a bang! With a packed auditorium the Open House in September was filmed for television during the entire evening. The film was expertly edited to a one hour programme which was aired several times. Salt Spring Island weekend, now an annual event, was well attended with many hilarious and anxious moments for the members cooking breakfast for 48 dancers, when fuses were constantly blowing due to the numerous extension cords required to supplement the too few electrical outlets.

The Branch's Demonstration Teams have been busy again performing for various community groups throughout the year. Special Branch functions and dinners have been very well supported and most enjoyable. In March a group from the Branch joined the Comox Valley dancers to celebrate their first anniversary. Gerry Dunn gave a workshop and the day was completed with an enjoyable dinner, being piped across the main road and holding up the traffic, to the hall where the evening's dance took place.

Washington. Membership: Annual 225, Life 15. Classes per week: 6.

During the past year, the Branch undertook two most successful new activities, a Teachers' Training Class, from which all four candidates passed their Preliminary Test in May, and a new class in Baltimore, Maryland. This class brought 60 new members to the Branch, but more importantly, introduced properly taught and organised Scottish Country Dancing to another major U.S. city. Other activities included the Spring Ball and Iona Weekend, the latter graced by the presence and teaching of Miss Milligan. Altogether, another highly successful year.

Western Australia. Membership: Annual 22, Long Term 5, Life 8. Classes per week: 1 Teacher's Class.

As one of the younger members of the R.S.C.D.S. family and the only representative in Western Australia, the Branch is concentrating at present on teacher training before launching general classes in the near future.

Winnipeg. Membership: Annual 166, Life 8. Classes per week: 5.

Of the final membership for the year, 64 were new members, including 38 in the Basic Class. Three graded classes and two social classes were held each week, in addition to a Technique and Repertoire Class and a Teacher Candidate's Class. During Miss Milligan's visit in April, two members passed the Preliminary Test and one the Teacher's Certificate examination. Activities included five socials, a New Year's Dance, and the Annual Ball in April, twenty demonstrations performed throughout the year, the Branch Weekend in May and three "mini weekends" consisting in each case of a day's dancing and instruction. The Branch newsletter, the "Light and Airy", produced ten times, was sent to all members and to Branches across Canada and in the U.S. As usual the Branch participated in Winnipeg's "Folklorama" in August resulting in a healthy profit which made many of their activities possible.



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The quarterly magazine of the Association, "TACtalk" was first issued in June, 1976, and contains articles, record and book reviews, coming events, etc.

The Association most successfully undertook the highly complicated arrangements for Miss Milligan's recent tour of North America, which included a circuit of some 6,000 miles round North America, plus a visit to Hawaii, with 20 stopovers for examinations of over 100 candidates. The fact that the tour was such a success says much for Miss Milligan's stamina and for the meticulously detailed planning of the Association's officers.

The men largely responsible for moulding the Teachers' Association (Canada) into the present efficient and highly respected body it is, the present and past Chairmen.



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Last year we received a request from Mr Lo Man Yui for photographs of kilts and sporrans. A keen Scottish Country Dancer (his brother attended the 1976 Summer School) he had decided to enter his Scottish Country Dance Team in a local competition. He had never seen a Scottish kilt or a sporrans at first hand and wanted the photographs so that they might make their own Highland dress. So intrigued were we by the thought of this Herculean task that we demanded a blow by blow account and photographs. Here is Mr Lo Man Yui's own account:

"We found that the frocks for the girls were quite easy to make because we could copy from some of the ladies' summer dresses in Hong Kong, but the kilts for men gave us so much trouble. We had never seen a real Scottish kilt before and could only copy from the photographs which were sent to me.



Mr Lo Man Yui with his Scottish Country Dance Team in the kilts, dresses, etc., which they made themselves.

When we started our work, the first problem we faced was the material —tartan. We could hardly find any Scottish tartan in Hong Kong although we walked through many shops and asked many tailors. Luckily enough, one afternoon as we were walking along a small street, where there were many stalls selling cloth, we found the tartan. We were very happy. It was red in colour and very beautiful, so we decided to use it as the material for our kilts. I didn't know whether it was really Scottish tartan or not, but that was all we could find in Hong Kong.* The second problem was those pleats in the back of the kilt. Our tailor (one of my students) said that the pleats were the most difficult part of the kilt, and needed very keen and careful hand work to make them well. The third problem was the sporrans, none of us having ever seen one. For the kilts, we had our skillful tailor to try, but for the sporrans we did not have such expert help. So we asked ourselves who could make it, how to make it, how about the

technique, how about the size and shape? We were very disappointed not to be able to answer even one of these questions. One of my students suggested that we wear the kilt without the sporran since it did not seem to be important but I said it was an important part of the Scottish costume and could not be omitted. If we did not wear the sporran, we would not be properly dressed. No matter how difficult, we must try our best to make them. Another of my students said he would like to try and I gave him as much information and as many photographs as I could find. After one week, we had our sporrans — or something similar to sporrans — but we felt they were far from perfect.

After many adjustments, finally we had our Scottish costumes, produced by ourselves, and within one month of buying the tartan. And when we danced in the Scottish dress we all felt a kind of mysterious force pushing us into the social atmosphere of dancing which we had never had before. Now we not only like, but love this dancing. I and my students are trying our best to spread Scottish Country Dancing among the Hong Kong people, so that more people can enjoy it.

*Mr Lo Man Yui sent us a piece of their material—it was indeed tartan and Royal Stewart at that. We congratulate him and his team not only on their costumes but on their achievements in the Dance Competition as they were one of the winning teams. We are sure he will be very pleased to know that Flt. Lt. Blakey, who attended this year's Summer School, is going to Hong Kong for three years complete with kilt, sporran, etc., and has promised to contact Mr Lo Man Yui and let him see a sporran at first hand. Flt. Lt. Blakey takes our best wishes with him to the Hong Kong members of the R.S.C.D.S. family.

SUMMER SCHOOL 1977

First Impressions of St Andrews

To put the reader into the context I should say that I first remember several of the principal teachers who are still at St Andrews today, at Day Schools and classes back in the 'fifties, so when I write of a first visit to the Summer School (which has been held almost continuously for nearly fifty years) one may well wonder what the writer has been doing in the meantime not to have attended St Andrews before. Other commitments had drawn me away from dancing, so the return to it a few years ago led me to renewed thoughts of a possible first visit to the Society's summer home.

I recount this because undoubtedly (as I learned even more forcibly during this visit) we are a very large family spread world-wide, yet the sizeable numbers who have attended the Summer School (around 750 per year over the four week period), represent only a small proportion of our membership. So I address this article particularly to those to whom St Andrews is still but a name.

What is this mystique of St Andrews, I had wondered. I soon learned that it was firstly a family reunion — an opportunity to meet colleagues and make new acquaintances from all over the world. It is both admirable and stimulating to find that so many I have had the pleasure of meeting during my first visit have travelled from so far afield — the Western States of America, Canada, Australia, New Guinea, South Africa and practically everywhere in between with most of the countries of Europe represented — for a brief (probably two weeks) visit. And not for just this year but in most cases for many years running have so many of our friends from abroad visited us. You see, a visit to St Andrews becomes infectious!



Summer School, 1977

Equally it is the opportunity to renew our association with the atmosphere of Scotland's dances and music and its background, more closely than at home.

The programme is a full one; two consecutive graded classes each morning, the second including optional step dancing for the ladies and Highland dancing for the men. In the afternoons which are otherwise free, there are classes for the second year running in piping, ably and congenially run by the former chairman of the Scottish Pipe Band Association, Pipe Major John McG. Johnston. About twenty joined this class and after the early expected painful extraneous noises produced, reasonable progress was made, especially by the second year students. Social dancing takes place most evenings and a Ball for all students at the invitation of Miss Milligan is on the programme. A weekly attraction is the Ceilidh, ranging widely in the first week from the sublime (Playford dances to early English music gracefully executed) to the ridiculous (La Sylphide, St Andrews version, with male corps de ballet — yes, corpse and all!). Other events included the film of Yehudi Menuhin's visit to Blair Castle which has a long history of Scottish music-making. Here Mr Menuhin learns the peculiar idiom of Scottish dance rhythms and tries to emulate them. Of particular interest was the explanation by Miss Milligan to Mr Menuhin of early instrumentation of Scottish dance music.

At one of the gatherings the School was very delighted to welcome Miss Milligan in her robes as recently appointed Honorary Doctor of Laws of Aberdeen University. In her usual endearing manner Dr Milligan expressed the view that the honour was to the Society and not to herself, that it is we, the members, who should be enclosed within the robes — a kind and selfless thought.

Besides the varied pleasures we all must have enjoyed as visitors this year to the Summer School, I am left most forcibly with the values gained from the teaching not only in the technique but much more so in the spirit of the dance, the grace and the charm and the fun, and the fact that we are each of us carrying on an art which was in danger of being lost until the formation of the Society but which over the centuries is now continuing as a lively heritage of Scotland.

Derek Livsey,
London Branch.

Although in its early stages, the group of Scottish Country dance enthusiasts in Spain is already making a name for itself. Organised by Eileen Johnson a display was staged at the British Institute in Madrid this year. Super London 2000 and the Federacion de Importadores de Bebidas Estrangeras undertook to have Brian Harry and piper Charles Galloway flown from London to Madrid to participate in the presentation of Scottish dancing.

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A quote from "The Virginia Reel" (just to prove that we DO read Branch Newsletters):

"Old Scottish Country Dancers never die. They just fall to the bottom of the set".

The Jean Milligan Scholarships

The Society has decided to offer annually two scholarships to members between the ages of 20 and 25 who wish to attend Summer School with a view to taking the Preliminary Test or Teachers' Certificate. The Scholarships will cover Summer School residential fees but not travelling expenses. The Summer School Committee will be responsible for selecting recipients from applications received.

The first scholarships will be offered in 1978 and applications must be received at Headquarters not later than 23rd December, 1977, and should be submitted through Branch Secretaries. No Branch may submit more than one recommendation.

Information required is as follows:—

Name Date of Birth

Address

Date of joining Society Branch

Report from Class Teacher.

Recommendation from Branch (to be signed by both Chairman and Secretary) with reasons for nomination.

RECIPES WANTED . . .

There is a proposal to have a Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cookery Book. If our members were to contribute their favourite recipes we could have a book of truly international flavour.

Will as many as possible please send one or more of their special recipes to Mrs M. C. STOKER, 36 Eastcote Road, Pinner, Middlesex, England, HA5 1EH. Mrs Stoker has agreed to collate the recipes for the consideration of the Publications Committee.

When submitting recipes (which must have been tried and found successful) please give your name and Branch. No acknowledgement will be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

The International Gathering of the Clans 1977

This year Scots, and those of Scots descent, returned from exile all over the world to Scotland for the International Clan Gathering. On the opening day, 1st May, in the Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh, the clansmen and clanswomen, under the national flag of their country of domicile, to the massed pipes and drums of some of Scotland's famous regiments, marched past the Chief of the Gathering, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Elgin.

Following the Raising of the Chief's Standard and speeches of welcome 124 members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society presented a very impressive display. In full dress they entered the arena in two lines from either end of the Stand and converging on each other at the centre of the field, crossed to finish in the form of the Scottish Saltire. The whole movement was carried out with the precision of Guards on parade, a scene obviously appreciated by all the onlookers who were quick to see the formation of the cross and to applaud vigorously. On a day of what must have been one of Scotland's coldest Springs a lady was overheard to say, "Gee, look at the girls — no sleeves!"

The display began with "The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh", followed by the strathspey "Frae Scotia's Shores" and was concluded with four Thirtywosomes and one Sixteensome. Still dancing in time the dancers broke from their sets to form the outline of the Scottish Thistle. Once more the great mass of spectators roared their spontaneous delight at the spectacle.

A glimpse of some of the sets in action at Meadowbank



The eighteen teams performing were drawn from Aberdeen, Dunbartonshire, Dundee, East Lothian, Falkirk, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Perth, St Andrews and Edinburgh, displaying in all some fifty-four different tartans. Many other Branches had offered teams but certain financial restrictions imposed by the Organisers of the Gathering limited acceptance to those teams nearest to Edinburgh. Nevertheless the willingness of so many Branches to co-operate was very much appreciated. Miss Dorothy Leurs who planned the display and was responsible for the administration of the project is to be congratulated on the successful outcome of her efforts.

It may be of interest to readers to know that the photograph above was taken by Mr Helmet Bader from near Stuttgart, an exchange teacher at Portobello High School in Edinburgh, who in the past year has become a very proficient country dancer and piping enthusiast during his stay in Edinburgh.

R. A. B. McLAREN.

Just for the Love of It . . .

(Non-Competitive Festivals)

Certainly much satisfaction can be gained from entering teams in festivals and competitions, especially if one returns home proudly bearing the Cup or other distinction! The criticism of the adjudicator can be extremely helpful both to the teacher and the team; it is useful to measure one's standards against fellow competitors and there is little doubt that competition and friendly rivalry can act as a spur to the team to improve performance. But so often the trophy becomes the all important factor in the exercise. The successful team delight in bearing home the prize; the unsuccessful return home swallowing their disappointment.

In this atmosphere the joie de vivre of the dance is all too often lost. Especially in Scottish Country Dancing delight in the movement and the music is in itself reward. We pride ourselves on the social nature of our dancing and it is especially heartwarming to find how many non-competitive festivals are being organised nowadays with so many dancers, adult and junior, coming together "frae a' the airts" for the pleasure of performing our Scottish Country Dances.

Of the more established festivals (some have passed their Silver Jubilee) mention might be made of Southport (in the Floral Hall), Leeds (in the open air in Beckett's Training College ground), The Goyt Valley (in Stockport Town Hall) and Birmingham (in Aston University). These are all in the land of the Sassenach but it is gratifying to find our Scottish Branches are following suit (Glasgow, Dundee, etc.).

Most festivals include mixed dancing, the demonstration dance put on by each group, and, of course, the all-important children's teams, and with music supplied by the pipes and well-known bands, the occasion affords pleasure not only to the participants but to the spectators.

There is still a tremendous amount of work to be put in organising the event; still a tremendous amount of training, for teachers and dancers must still strive for perfection year in and year out but come the day of the festival the teams are not rivalling each other, not concentrating on that coveted First Prize, but are finding a buoyancy of spirit and body in dancing just for the love of it.

M. C. GUDGER.

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Obituaries

MRS MARGARET T. W. RAE, CASTLE DOUGLAS

As no doubt many members will already know, Mrs Margaret T. W. Rae of Castle Douglas died very suddenly on January 14th this year. She had spent a short period in hospital towards the end of 1975 but apparently recovered and was able to attend Summer School as usual so that her unexpected death was a very great shock to all her many friends. Born into a family of music makers Mrs Rae was taught by her father and played the piano and organ from a very early age and her knowledge and feeling for Scottish music was exceptional both in performance and repertoire.

The Castle Douglas and Gatehouse Branches of the Society were greatly indebted to her for her spirited music over many years, and many local dancers taking their Teachers' Certificate gained much musical help from her. For a number of years she arranged all the music for the Society Dance Books and also regularly attended Summer School at St Andrews where she played for the Teachers' Certificate classes and for social dancing. Mrs Rae must have spent many hours researching old tunes and arranging them but she was always willing to pass on her manuscripts to her fellow musicians and particularly to encourage any young accompanists who were just starting. Not only did she "set the feet tapping" locally, but down the years she played for many Weekend Schools in Scotland, England, Wales and Holland. Her own compositions were: "The Stone Court" for the dance, "Miss Hadden's Reel" (R.S.C.D.S. Book 23), "St John's School" (Reel), "The Little Biscuits" (Jig) and "Miss Alison Little" (Reel). This last tune was included on the L.P. for Book 27 and was also used for a dance of the same name composed by Mrs Anna Holden of Birmingham.

Visitors from many different countries, expected or unexpected, were always given a warm welcome to Peg Rae's home in Castle Douglas so that there will be many sad hearts not only in Galloway but all over the world. All, however, will treasure happy memories too, for she was loved and admired by young and old alike and the sound of her tunes will continue wherever dancers meet.

W.L.

MISS JEAN TWEEDIE STAFFORD, GREтна

Many R.S.C.D.S. members will be very sorry to learn of the death on January 18th, 1977, of Miss Jean Tweedie Stafford of Gretna after a short illness following an accident in her home. She and her sister Mollie were very early members of the Society and both taught in Annan, Gretna and the surrounding areas for many years. They were well-known at Summer School which they attended regularly, Jean continuing to come even after her sister's death. Older members in particular will feel a sense of loss at the passing of this loyal and well-loved member of the Society.

W.L.

We received a letter last year too late for inclusion in the Annual Bulletin but in view of its contents we publish it now.

"As Chairman of the Harrogate Branch of the Yorkshire Cancer Research Committee, I would like to report that during last winter two members of the R.S.C.D.S., Donald Briggs and Shirley Shields, produced a Scottish Entertainment with musicians and dancers of the R.S.C.D.S. The show was performed in Dewsbury and Harrogate and raised just over £600 for Cancer Research. Thirty-six people took part in this show which was thoroughly enjoyed by many people and gave Scottish music and dancing a great boost in this area as well as raising much needed money for cancer research".

(Signed) PHYLLIS S. GRAHAM.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

30th OCTOBER, 1976

MINUTES of the Forty-seventh Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 30th October, 1976, at 2.30 p.m. in the Walker Hall, Civic Halls, Troon.

Present—Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President), Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman), Mr D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), Mr J. Taylor (Convener, Finance Committee) and an approximate attendance of 430 of whom 115 were delegates.

In the Chair — Miss Jean C. Milligan.

Chairman's Remarks—Miss Milligan read a message from Her Majesty the Queen who sent her good wishes for a successful meeting. Miss Milligan expressed the Society's deep appreciation of the interest which her Majesty showed in the Society. Miss Milligan also intimated with great regret the death in March of one of our Honorary Vice-Presidents, Col. George Malcolm of Poltalloch, who had been a lover of Scottish dancing and music; a message of sympathy had been sent to his wife and family on behalf of the Society.

In welcoming the delegates and others to the Annual General Meeting Miss Milligan emphasised the purpose of the Society which was to maintain the tradition of Scottish Country Dancing and she evinced the pleasure with which she had experienced this tradition at the Ball organised by the Ayr Branch on the previous evening.

Apologies—Apologies had been received from the Duke of Atholl, Col. Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Herbert Brechin, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk, Mrs Inglis (Hereford), Mrs Ball (Southport), Mr Argento (Boston), Miss A. C. Lee (Berwick).

Minutes—Miss F. I. Galway (Belfast Branch), seconded by Miss M. Cunningham (West Lothian Branch), proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 1st November, 1975. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

At this point in the meeting Miss Milligan vacated the Chair in favour of Dr. Currie.

In the Chair—Dr. L. R. Currie.

Dr. Currie spoke of an overseas branch who had nominated as its delegate a member who was also a delegate for a branch in this country. He gave a ruling — for this Annual General Meeting only — that, while there was nothing in the Constitution to prevent an overseas branch inviting someone in the U.K. to be a delegate on their behalf, it was not valid to be delegate for more than one branch at a time. He asked that any member interested in the matter should write to the Secretary of the Society asking that it be placed before the Executive Council. Dr. Currie welcomed the presence and the views of delegates from overseas branches.

Appointment of President—Dr. L. R. Currie proposed the appointment of Miss J. C. Milligan as President of the Society and Mr D. Macleod seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Confirmation of the Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr J. D. L. Gregor (Dunbartonshire West Branch), seconded by Miss F. Martin (Stirlingshire East Branch), proposed confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of The Duke of Atholl, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, and Sir Herbert Brechin, K.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E. Confirmation of the appointments was approved unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for Year 1976-77—

- (a) **Chairman**: Mr D. Macleod (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) **Vice-Chairman**: By a majority of votes Mr J. Taylor was elected to this office.
Mr Macleod and Mr Taylor thanked delegates for their confidence and for the honour in being appointed to their respective offices.
- (c) **Election of Six Members to Executive Council**: The following were elected by ballot: Dr. I. M. Hall (Manchester Branch), Mr W. J. Ireland (London Branch), Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh Branch), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Glasgow Branch), Miss L. C. Martin (Aberdeen Branch), Miss J. F. Reid (Perth and Perthshire Branch).

Adoption of Annual Report—The Secretary presented the Annual Report which had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks. Mrs M. G. Parker (Ayr Branch), seconded by Miss W. Miller (Duns Branch), moved the adoption of the Annual Report. The report was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Mr James Taylor, Finance Convener, in presenting the Annual Accounts said that the Finance Committee, by keeping a careful watch on matters relating to cost, had managed to keep abreast of inflation. The sale of the Society's first record had helped to increase income during the year and though the income from the Summer School 1975 was less than previous years due to low fees and increased University residence costs, this had been put right for the 1976 School. Administrative expenses had risen substantially and were likely to continue to do so and suitable allowance would be made in future budgets.

From the balance of £1623 with which the year ended, £500 had been allocated to the reserve fund for travel expenses of examiners/teachers going overseas, the fund now standing at £1000.

The estimate of income and expenditure for the following year showed a projected loss but Mr Taylor said he had every confidence that if the Society did not make a profit, at least it would break even. He gave advance warning that the long term membership fee set last year had been found to be inadequate and the Finance Committee would be seeking an increase in the fee at the next Annual General Meeting.

In moving the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor paid tribute to the members of the Finance Committee, to the Society Treasurer, to Headquarter's Staff and to the Society's Auditor, Miss Matheson, for their services to the Society.

Miss F. M. Gordon, seconding the motion, congratulated the Convener and the Finance Committee on their successful management of the Society's finances. The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Confirmation of Appointment of Auditor—Confirmation of the Appointment of the Auditor, Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A., was proposed by Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh Branch) and seconded by Mr W. Jackson (Dunfermline Branch) and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS—

Constitution and Rules:

- (a) On behalf of the Executive Council Mr D. A. Gray (Bournemouth Branch) moved the following editorial amendments to the Constitution as a consequence of the decision at the Annual General Meeting 1975 to abolish further Life Memberships:

- (i) Constitution, Section III, para. 6:
Delete 'Life' substitute "Long Term".
- (ii) Rules—Section I, para. 2, line 1:
Delete 'Life' substitute "Long Term".
- (iii) Rules—Section III (5):
After 'Life Members' insert ", of Long Term Members,"
- (iv) Rules—Section III (6) (a) second line and (b) first line:
Delete 'Life' substitute "Long Term".

Mrs D. I. Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire Branch) seconded the motion which was CARRIED unanimously.

- (b) Mr W. J. Ireland (London Branch), seconded by Dr. I. M. Hall (Manchester Branch), moved the following amendment to the Constitution:

Section VI Executive Council (4) Committees of Council—

After 'deliberative vote' in line 8 insert new paragraph:

"Any Standing Committee shall be vested with power to co-opt to any or all of its meetings such persons as can further the work of that Committee. Such co-opted persons need not be members of the Executive Council. They shall not have voting powers."

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

- (c) As a consequence of the previous motion having been carried, Mr Ireland, seconded by Dr. Hall, moved that paragraph (f) of Section VI (3) Powers and Duties of Executive Council, be deleted. The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
- (d) On behalf of the Executive Council Miss D. A. Paterson (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Mr W. Cross (Glasgow Branch), moved the following amendment:

Section VII—Delete paragraph 7 and substitute:

"A Branch wishing to have a matter discussed at the Annual General Meeting shall send to the Secretary a copy of the motion relating to such matter, passed either at a Branch General Meeting or a Branch Committee Meeting, such copy to be in the hands of the Secretary four months prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary shall issue a provisional Agenda to Branches not later than three months prior to the Annual General Meeting.

A Branch wishing to amend a motion must send such amendment to be in the hands of the Secretary at least eight weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

The final Agenda shall be issued to Branches and delegates at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting."

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

Annual General Meeting 1977—The Chairman confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from Stirling Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall, Stirling, on 5th November, 1977.

Vote of Thanks—Mr J. C. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch) congratulated Miss Milligan on her recovery from two serious operations. He thanked Dr. Currie, not only for chairing the Annual General Meeting but for his Chairmanship over the last three years. Dr. Currie had succeeded in piloting the Society through meetings which had not always been straightforward, to reach a consensus of agreement. Mr Douglas said that Dr. Currie had worked extremely hard during his period of office and must be looking forward to being in a position where, though as Immediate Past-Chairman he would continue to serve on the Committee,

his responsibility would be lightened. On behalf of the meeting Mr Douglas wished Mr Macleod, the new Chairman, every success in the appointment.

On behalf of all present Mr Douglas voiced appreciation of the hospitality offered by Ayr Branch. He congratulated the Branch Officers and Committee on all the hard work which had obviously gone into making the Annual General Meeting weekend such a resounding success and thanked Mr Wesencraft and Stewards who had counted the votes, and the M.C.'s who had conducted the dances. On behalf of the Executive Council he thanked Ayr Branch for the splendid lunch prior to the meeting.

Mr Douglas concluded by thanking, on behalf of the Society, the Treasurer and all members of Headquarter's Staff.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING IN THE BALLROOM

Whilst the R.S.C.D.S. is very happy to hear of the many Balls and Dances held all over the world by Branches and Affiliated Groups we do feel that it would be wise to have some definite guidance with regard to the content of the programme. At the moment we feel that too many difficult or unknown dances are used and as a dance draws in people from wide districts and often with little real knowledge of Scottish dances the programmes should be designed to suit everyone. Well-known dances with good gay music never become stale and after all, at a ball it is the social side—the meeting and dancing with friends and with strangers—that is an important object of the Society. We hear so often from members: "We went to a dance at —?— and then had to sit out a large portion of the programme as it was full of elaborate new dances which we had never heard of or seen". This really defeats the object of the R.S.C.D.S. and as both Branches and Affiliated Groups are a welcome part of the Society this is really something that they should try to avoid. Also these well-known dances have definite methods of performance which maintain the traditional form and elegance of these S.C.D. Ballroom dances. It is not customary in the Ballroom to have to discuss mathematical problems as this interrupts the gaiety and ease of performance and happy personal contact with partner.

SUMMER SCHOOL 1978

24th July — 21st August

Members wishing to attend should send a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF, marked "Summer School" (a letter is unnecessary) by 31st January, 1978. Application forms will be despatched as soon as possible after requests have been received and should be returned to Society Headquarters by 1st March, 1978. Husbands and wives must each complete a form.

WEEK, WEEKEND and DAY SCHOOLS

(Full details from Organising Branches)

BEDFORDSHIRE	1977	12 November
CARLISLE	1977	18-20 November
CROYDON and DISTRICT	1977	18-20 November
NEW ZEALAND	1977-78	December-January (Annual Summer School)
SOUTHPORT	1978	February
EDINBURGH	1978	Early April
DUNS and DISTRICT	1978	19-21 May
MANCHESTER	1978	30 September
SOUTH WALES	1978	30 September
MELBOURNE and DISTRICT } MORNINGTON PENINSULA }	1978	14-21 May (3rd Australian Winter School)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND

GLASGOW — 3rd-4th November, 1978

Members of Branches will be able to obtain information about the above weekend through their Branch Secretaries.

Headquarters Members wishing to have details of the 1978 Annual General Meeting Weekend should send to the Secretary, R.S.C.D.S., 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 7AF, a stamped addressed envelope marked "A.G.M. Weekend Details". A letter is unnecessary.

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