

First Woman to Head Clan Is 80-Year-Old Dame Flora

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New York — Keeping International ties of the MacLeod family knotted in the full-time job of an 80-year-old woman, who gets around almost as much as John Foster Dulles.

Dame Flora MacLeod, the first woman chief of a Scottish clan, is on the last lap of an around-the-world air trip to visit MacLeod societies scattered from Saskatchewan to Sydney.

"The early clans had one purpose—survival," she said during a stopover here before flying on to Scotland. "Today our whole purpose is friendship between families and friends. When you think that for 700 years, this family—big as it has become—has held together—well, in our unstable world, it gives me a real feeling of something stable. The world needs to hang on to some of the traditions."

"And I do believe that because all English speaking peoples have kept close together, we have been able to maintain our world as we know it today."

The MacLeod clan traces its heritage to the Norsemen, but the first Scottish chief, who settled on the Isle of Skye, came along about 1200, Dame Flora said. His name was Leod. The Mac, which is Scottish for son, was added as children came along.

The first chief—Dame Flora—the 28th—started construction of the fortress—like castle, called Dunvegal, and other generations added to it. It now has "24 to 25 bedrooms, six or seven living rooms... a very big place," said the clan chief, who still occupies it.

The castle also is the gathering place for MacLeods from all over the world, and has become quite a tourist attraction.

Dame Flora, the widow of a London Times executive, became clan chief in 1935 when her father died. She was the only direct descendant of the first chief.

"The task is entirely a voluntary one," she explained, "but the chief must always occupy Dunvegal. I'm sure some of the early chiefs turned in their graves to think that a woman was the head of the family."

To keep the family name going, she changed her married name of Water back to MacLeod. Her successor one day already is selected—a grandson, John, who has changed his name to MacLeod from Gordon.

The 22-year-old heir apparent is a student at McGill university. He's studying business and

commerce," said his grandmother. "Nowadays is takes quite an income to keep a castle. In olden times, our motto 'Hold Fast' referred to physical strength... today, to less romantic things."

With Variations
Dame Flora said she had no idea how many MacLeods or McClouds, or MacLouds or about 20 other variations of the name now populate the world.

"We're the most organized clan," she said, "but I'm sure there are more Campbells, MacDonalds and McKenzies."

The chief's latest jaunt, which she financed herself, took her through the Middle East to Australia and New Zealand, back across the Pacific to San Francisco, all the way across Canada, and into New York, where MacLeods and friends gathered for a big dinner last Friday.

The chief, a lively little woman with wavy white hair, sees nothing unusual about an 80-year-old making a 25,000 mile trip.

"My dear," she said, "in my time I've seen a lot of changes... the coming of electricity, motor cars, telephones, radio and television, and airplanes. I've been flying for years."

"Now, the dawn of the space age. Maybe we won't be going to the moon in my time, but I'll bet you one of the early settlers will be a MacLeod."

Society to Hold Session Saturday

Epsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary society for women teachers, will hold a meeting at Girls Community club Saturday, February 15, at 2 p.m.

"Anticipation Unlimited" will be the title of a symposium to be conducted by Mrs. Ivah Dobbs Murray. Music is also planned.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Esther Fliegel, Mrs. Mae Richardson, Miss Ina Freeman, Mrs. Frances Klein, Mrs. Elsie Turner and Miss Eugenia Carson.

Medford Student In Cast of Play

Corvallis—Charles E. Bray of Medford has been picked as a member of the cast for the Oregon State college play, "The Crucible," February 13 to 15.

The OSC speech department presents six plays each year. "The Crucible" is built around the witchcraft hysteria of 1692 in the colonies.

Young Bray is a senior majoring in business and technology. A 1949 graduate of Medford Senior high school, he is the son of Dr. J. P. Bray of 317 Lozier lane.



Richard Swinney

Play Opens Tonight

Ashland—"Cinderella," will be presented by cast one of the Southern Oregon College Players tonight, at 8:15 o'clock in Churchill hall auditorium, with Miss Pat Leek and Richard Swinney, both Medford, in the lead roles. Dr. Dorothy Stolp is directing the children's theater play.

Miss Leek, the Southern Oregon College candidate for Snow Queen at the recent Winter Carnival at Mount Hood, is a freshman student. She has played in two productions at Medford High school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Leek of Medford.

The prince, played by Richard Swinney, was in the senior class play at Medford High school. He is active in scouting and DeMolay work. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Swinney.

Other members of the cast are: Eldon Francis, Galafon; Steven Wiseley, Curdikin; Peter Lundgreen, Roland; Miss Florence Moore, the mother; Misses Barbara Cox and Kathryn Stewart, sisters; Miss Audrey Hite, the queen; Miss Janet Anderson, fairy godmother; and Miss Myrtle Converse, Felecia. John Converse, Roland in the second cast, will play the herald and Irma Penwell will appear in both casts as the page.

Favorite Pancake Mix Good for Sandwiches

New York — Cheese sandwiches for lunch? They'll get raves when made with pancake mix.

Cut 2 tablespoons of shortening into 2 cups of your favorite mix. When the mixture resembles coarse crumbs, add 2-3 cups milk and stir until just dampened. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead gently a few seconds. Roll to a scant 1/8-inch thickness.

Cut 12 4-inch squares. Put a slice of cheese between two squares, sealing the edges with a fork. Fry in a small amount of shortening over a medium heat. Turn once to brown both sides. Serve with soup, crisp relishes and milk.

Dinner and Meeting To Be Held by Class

A potluck dinner and meeting of Shipmates class will be held at First Methodist church, Friday at 6:30 p.m. A program has been planned by Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brood. Older persons interested in "food and fellowship" are invited to join the class.

Mrs. Donna Doyle Makes Buying Trip

Mrs. Donna Doyle, Mann's department store, has returned from a buying trip to San Francisco. Mrs. Doyle, buyer for the ladies-ready-to-wear department, had previously viewed the spring fashions in Los Angeles. On her last trip she purchased the new spring lines in cotton for the store.

Give Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lack entertained with a one o'clock dinner Sunday at their home on Beatty street. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Street of Grants Pass and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis of Jacksonville. The occasion was in observance to Mrs. Lack's birthday.

Gourmet Touch
New York — Potatoes become a gourmet dish served this way. Dice potatoes into small cubes. Dice the bottoms of artichokes. Add truffles, and season with salt and pepper. Saute in butter until golden brown.

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Mardi Gras Ball Saturday To Be Gay Carnival Event

Late winter merrymakers are awaiting the Mardi Gras costume ball, to be staged this week end by Tudor guild members. A highlight of the area's winter social season, the event will unfold Saturday evening, February 15, at Rogue Valley Country club, and the public is invited to attend. Mrs. William Dawkins and Mrs. Harry Skerry, both Ashland, are co-chairmen for the fete.

Two orchestras will provide dance music for the costumed guests, with continuous music from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. in both the Terrace lounge and the Crest room.

Highlighting the program will be the crowning of a Mardi Gras queen, whose identity will not be revealed until that evening, and County Judge Rodney Keating, who has been proclaimed Mardi Gras King.

Menu of the "royal feast" will include roast beef, fried chicken, prawns, spaghetti and meat balls, baked beans, various salads, relish plate and French apple tarts, the Country club chef states. It will be served buffet style in the new Terrace room.

The committee hopes that many guests will come in costume, but for those who do not wish to do so, formal gowns and dark suits are in order. Masks are mandatory, and may be obtained at the Toy House in Medford. Prizes will be awarded for the most original and prettiest costumes.

Tickets must be purchased

Blazers Return For Men's Wear

By United Press
Now it's the return of the 1920's styles for men. One manufacturer (A. Sulka and Co.) says blue blazer jackets with brass buttons are a favorite with the Palm Beach set this winter. Worn with the jackets? White flannel slacks, of course.

One national chain of beauty shops (Helene Curtis) offers this forecast for spring coiffures: very short, but brushed up with a revival of the early career girl, or Amelia Earhart, look.

New color combinations are on the way in the jewelry industry. The Fashion Coordinating Institute said two "comers" are white combined with rhinestones for daytime suits and dresses, and silver jewelry worn with beige casual clothes.

The cotton industry, which each year chooses a grown-up "Maid of Cotton," now has decided she needs company. For the first time this year, it will choose a national "Little Miss Cotton" to represent the industry in the children's wear field. The "Miss," to be crowned in Memphis May 16, will be between six and 10 years old and selected, said the National Cotton Council, on basis of "beauty, charm and background."

One St. Louis designer has come up with a variation on that old fashion theme of versatility. It's a two-day costume, one side a slim cotton sheath of solid color, but lined in a gay print. The dress is completely finished so that it can be turned inside out for a change.

Lodge Announces Valentine Dance

A valentine dance will be given by Pochontas lodge Friday, February 14, at Redman hall on Apple street. The dance will follow the usual lodge session, which will take until 8 p.m.

Members are asked to take dance records, and sandwiches for refreshments.

To save scorched food, first plunge the bottom of the cooking pan into cold water before transferring it from the burned pan to another. The charred taste then is much less noticeable.

in advance, and are available from guild members, Jean Hart's store, Gates Furniture company or at the Shakespearean festival office in Ashland.

All receipts from ticket sales will benefit the Tudor Guild's actors scholarship fund. For the past eight years the Tudor guild has served as an auxiliary but independent function of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival. Its fund-raising activities have made it possible for many talented performers to gain the unique Ashland experience of a summer with Shakespeare. The guild also presents annually the midsummer Bard's Heyday celebration, the opening night banquet in Lithia park, and special entertainments for the acting company.

Junior Symphony To Give Premiere Of Composition

Portland — The world premiere of a work by David Diamond, one of the most eminent of contemporary American composers, will be presented at the Portland Junior Symphony's mid-winter concert, under the direction of Jacob Avshlovov, on Saturday, February 15, 8:30 p.m. in the public auditorium.

The composition is entitled "The World of Paul Klee," and is a musical portrayal of four paintings by the late Paul Klee, one of the most creative artists from the French tradition of modern art. In honor of the occasion, the New York Museum of Modern Art is arranging a loan of at least one of the paintings, which will be on view on the night of the concert at the auditorium and later will be shown for a month in the Portland Art museum.

The David Diamond composition is the first to be presented in the commissioning series made possible by the Junior Symphony's \$10,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation "for music particularly suitable for performance by junior orchestras." Mr. Diamond, who is residing in Florence, Italy, has written that the opportunity to compose music for the Klee paintings has been a cherished dream of his for many years. The second new work in the commissioning series will be "Dance and Reverie" by Roy Harris, also one of the greats among contemporary American composers. It will be presented at the Junior Symphony spring concert on April 19.

Holiday Log Makes Interesting Dessert

A Holiday Log makes an interesting dessert for a Washington's birthday party. It is made from honey-flavored wheat cereal, with an ice cream filling.

For the log use 1 cup firmly-packed brown sugar, 1 1/2 tablespoons light corn syrup, 1/2 cup milk, 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, 3/2 cups honey-flavored wheat cereal, 1 1/2 pints vanilla ice cream, 1/2 cup heavy cream whipped, and 5 marachino cherries.

Wrap a rolling pin in waxed paper; grease well. In a quart saucepan mix together sugar, corn syrup, milk and butter. Cook, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture reaches the soft ball stage at 238°F. on a candy thermometer. Meanwhile, place honeys in a large bowl. Add cooked syrup and mix quickly until all cereal is coated. Turn out on greased waxed paper; pat out to 8 x 10 1/2" rectangle. Shape around rolling pin; seal edges. Cool until firm. Pull away outer waxed paper. Chill until firm. Remove rolling pin and inner waxed paper. Fill cereal log with favorite ice cream. Garnish with whipped cream and cherries. Makes 6 servings. Serve, if desired, with a cherry sauce.

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