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NEWSLETTER MOVES ITS HOME:

The August issue of the B.C. Pipers' Newsletter will be the last one produced from 3726 Dlenheim Street, Vancouver. Starting in September, the Newsletter will be produced by and at the home of Mr. William McAdie, 3288 East 27th Avenue, Vancouver. This address will henceforth be the Newsletter address, and all correspondence should be forwarded to that address.

The re-organization has been made necessary due to the departure from Vancouver of the Editor, Mr. C.I. Walker. Mr. Walker, who will continue to act as Editor, is moving to Squamish, B.C. in September, after having carried on a law practice there since 1958. Any personal correspondence can be sent to the following address:

Mr. C.I. Walker,
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Mr. McAdie will be assisted in the production by Mr. Donald Urquhart, both of whom have been active with the Newsletter since it was first printed. Miss Georgina MacPhail will continue to act as Secretary.

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BI-MONTHLY ATTENDANCE AWARD WINNERS:

We are presenting here a list of the competitors who had perfect attendance in last season's Bi-Monthly competitions.

Those who had perfect attendance in the 1962 - 63 season received a gold pin, in the shape of the B.C. Pipers' Association crest. Once this pin has been awarded to a competitor, he will receive a gold bar to be attached to it for additional perfect years. In the fall 15 will receive bars to their attendance pins, and 20 will receive pins. The date of the Ceilidh, at which these awards will be made, will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Winners of Pins:

Heather Abel
Douglas Bernon
Dennis Best
Marjorie Forsythe
Lynn Grocott
Kelly Hagan
Michael Murdoch
Bill MacAulay
Laurie McIlvena
Robbie McKeddie
John MacLeod
Donald MacMillan
Alan MacNeil
Glen Palmer
Wayne Penner
William Paterson
Betty Thom
Bruce Topp
Kelvin Wood
John Wright

Winners of Bars.

Colin Abel
Craig Davis
Bill Elder
Neil Hunter
Bruce Holmgren
David Irvine
Raymond Irvine
Dal Jessiman
Jean Jarvis
Georgina Lamont
Bill Lamont
Dennis Martin
Bill McMichael
Donald Taylor
Janice Taylor

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We regret the error in the July Newsletter, listing the results from the Bellingham Games.

The 3rd prize in "C" Class Drumming was won by Bruce McPhee, and not, as listed, Bruce MacRae.

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78TH ANNUAL CALEDONIAN GAMES, VANCOUVER, B.C., AUGUST 1st, 1964.

The 78th Annual Caledonian Games, sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society of Vancouver, B.C. were held on August 1st in Brockton Point Oval, Stanley Park.

Piping events this year were judged by Donald Murray, Ian McDougall, Ian MacKinnon, James MacMillan, and F. Peden.

Winners were as follows:

Novice Marches:

1. David Don 2. Dennis Collister 3. Bill MacAulay

Juvenile Marches:

1. Colin Stuart 2. Donald Smith 3. Jed Rodriguey, San Francisco

Juvenile Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Allan MacNeil 2. Bob Vowles, Chilliwack 3. Hugh McInnis

Junior Marches:

1. John MacLeod 2. Theresa MacInnes 3. Fred Whyte

Junior Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Clive McDonald, Calgary 2. Fred Whyte 3. Theresa MacInnes

Amateur Piobaireachd:

1. Peggy Gillies 2. Bob MacDonald 3. Karen Ruddick

Amateur Marches:

1. Bob MacDonald 2. Peggy Gillies 3. Peter McNeil

Amateur Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Bob MacDonald 2. Peter McNeil 3. Karen Ruddick

Amateur Jigs:

1. Peter McNeil 2. Bob MacDonald 3. Karen Ruddick

Open Piobaireachd:

1. Rae Marie MacInnes 2. Albert Duncan 3. Norma Nicholson

Open Marches:

1. Rae Marie MacInnes 2. John MacKenzie 3. Albert Duncan

Open Strathspeys & Reels:

1. John MacKenzie 2. Rae Marie MacInnes 3. Norma Nicholson

Open Jigs:

1. Rae Marie MacInnes
2. Angus Graham
3. Albert Duncan

"A" Class Pipe Bands:

1. Seaforth Highlanders of Canada - General Stewart Trophy

"A" Class Drumming:

1. Seaforth Highlanders of Canada - St. Andrew's & Caledonian Society Challenge Cup

"D" Class Pipe Bands:

1. Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band - Fiddes Trophy
2. Seaforth Cadets Pipe Band
3. Washington Scottish Pipe Band

"B" Class Drumming:

1. Seaforth Cadets Pipe Band - David Spencer Trophy

"C" Class Pipe Bands:

1. Vancouver Kiwanis Boys Pipe Band - Alex S. Matthew Trophy
2. Highland Laddies Boys Pipe Band
3. Vancouver Ladies Junior Pipe Band

"C" Class Drumming:

1. Vancouver Kiwanis Boys Pipe Band - Don Bellamy Trophy

Piping Trophies:

Robert Fiddes Memorial Challenge Cup - Professional Piping
Rae Marie MacInnes

Pipers' Star - Amateur Piping - Bob MacDonald

Ian MacKenzie Memorial Perpetual Trophy - Amateur Piping
Bob MacDonald

B.C. Pipers' Association Trophy - Junior Piping
John MacLeod & Clive MacDonald (tie)

Walter Douglas Challenge Trophy - Juvenile Piping
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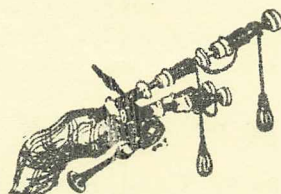
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VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES: JULY 25th, 1964.

Piping Results:

Juvenile Marches:

1. Kelly Hagan
2. Stephen Geddes
3. Greg Marshall
4. Jan Taylor

Juvenile Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Stephen Geddes
2. Gary McBride
3. Kelly Hagan

Junior Marches:

1. Bruce Topp
2. Theresa MacInnes
3. Douglas Graham
4. Fred Whyte

Junior Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Theresa MacInnes
2. Fred Whyte
3. John MacLeod
4. Bruce Topp

Amateur Marches:

1. Bob MacDonald
2. Peter McNeil
3. Peggy Gillies
4. Karen Ruddick

Amateur Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Bob MacDonald
2. Peter McNeil
3. Karen Ruddick
4. George Puritch

Amateur Piobaireachd:

1. Bob MacDonald
2. Peggy Gillies
3. Karen Ruddick

Open Marches:

1. Norma Nicholson
2. Rae Marie MacInnes
3. Albert Duncan

Open Strathspeys & Reels:

1. John MacKenzie
2. Albert Duncan
3. Rae Marie MacInnes
4. Norma Nicholson

Open Piobaireachd:

1. Rae Marie MacInnes
2. David Wilson
3. Albert Duncan
4. Norma Nicholson

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THE PIBROCH by MURDOCH MACLEAN:

The following poem by Murdoch MacLean, from "Songs of a Roving Celt", was recently forwarded to us. This poem, entitled "The Pibroch" was set to music by Charles Villiers Stanford, and appeared in 1919.

We know that our readers will be interested.

The pibroch, man, the pibroch!
Upon the north wind beneath the list'ning sky!
A thousand voices rise to cheer it,
As proud the kilted Highlanders go by.

There's breath of moor and ben in it,
And sough of Highland glen in it,
There's battle's roar by sea and shore,
And tramp of marching men in it.

There's rune of ancient pride in it,
And dirge of men who died in it,
There's daring bold of heroes old,
And strength that kings defied in it.

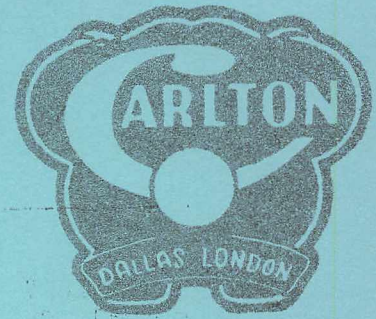
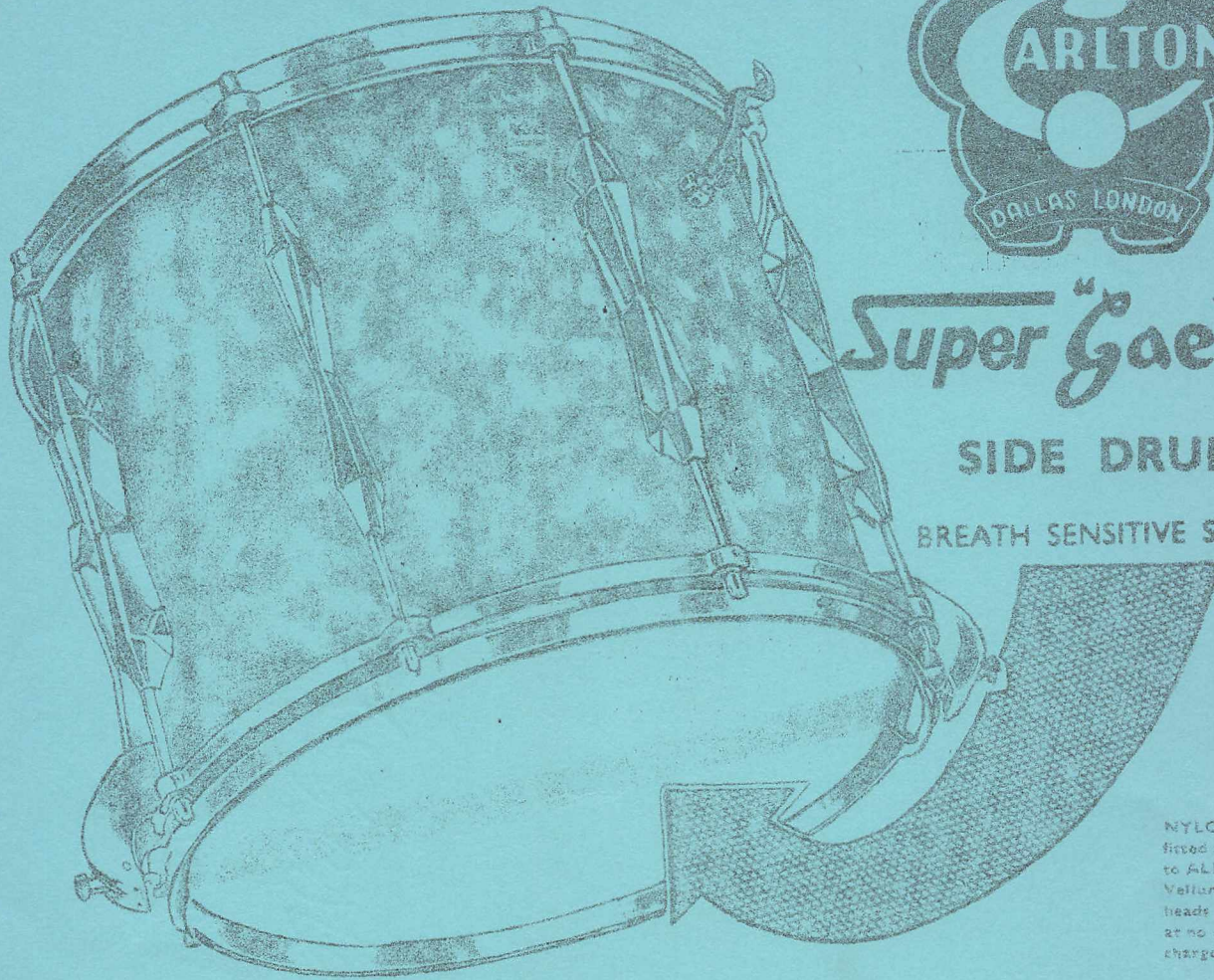
There's feud of blood and hate in it,
And Vengeance c'rying yet in it,
There's rousing song of woe and wrong
That we may ne'er forget in it.

There's note of haunting fears in it,
And mist of parting tears in it,
There's grief forlorn in anguish borne
Adown the fleeting years in it.

There's dash of sea and foam in it,
There's sign of sons who roam in it,
There's blending strain of love and pain
That calls the wanderer home in it.

The pibroch, man, the pibroch! hear it calling
Afar amid the solitudes we know;
The silver dews of night are softly falling,
The stars are on the heather - let us go.

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POLICE PIPER BECOMES AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE PIOBAIREACHD:

(from Oban Times, July 18, 1964)
Glasgow Letter

The Glasgow City Police pipe Band, famed throughout the world, is going on an American tour early in September and it is appropriate therefore, that on the eve of their departure, I should write something about the Highlander who is responsible to the chief constable for the welfare and conduct of the band. So..... May I introduce

Pipe Major Angus Macdonald, the eldest son of Mr. Lachlan Macdonald and the late Mary Macdonald, Baleshare, North Uist, owes his early tuition on the piob mhor to two brothers, Mr. John Maclean, Carinish, and Mr. Donald Maclean, now headmaster of Staffin J.S. School Skye.

Angus was only 17 years old when the last war broke out but being a member of the 4th Camerons T.A., he was mobilised right away and shortly afterwards posted to the 5th Camerons at their depot at Inverness. Too young to go to France, he was given the opportunity of joining the regimental pipe band and came under the influence of that able pipe major the late William Young who was in charge at that time.

Angus remained a member of the depot band until November, 1940, when he was selected by Major General D.M. Wimberley to be his personal piper and escort at Headquarters 51st (H) Division.

In 1942 the division was ordered to the Middle East and of course Angus went with them and in the months that followed took part in the battle of El Alamein and the subsequent campaign in North Africa and Sicily. When the battalion returned to the U.K. the following year, Mr. Macdonald, who was pipe-sergeant by this time, was given a short respite and attended at the Army School of Piping in Edinburgh under Pipe Major William Ross.

Into harness again in 1944, he took part in the Normandy landings and was one of the pipers who led the 51st Division back into St. Valery, where the original 51st had been forced, with such drastic consequences, to surrender in 1940.

Prior to the cessation of hostilities he was promoted pipe major and left the Services in 1946 carrying this rank. After a short period as a prison officer, he joined the City of Glasgow Police Force and was, of course, a "natural" for the pipe band where his organising ability and powers of leadership were soon noted.

He took over as pipe major from John Macdonald when the latter retired in 1958 and in the interval has had to work immensely hard to bring the band, which had suffered from retirals and lack of proper recruits, back to scratch.

The band, since that time, has been practically re-formed, for 21 members have been recruited to its ranks and from all the reports and the results attained it is obvious it is again climbing to the crest of the wave.

Members of the band have already this year travelled extensively and as well as appearing at a Royal Command performance in Denmark, have visited France on two occasions. Pipe Major Macdonald is certainly a kenspeckle figure on the Continent for he recently took part in a programme on Austrian television and has twice visited Switzerland at the invitation of the British Council and the British Travel Association to boost tourism to Scotland.

It is worthy of note that in 1961, Angus had the honour of being the only solo piper ever to be invited to take part in a Royal Command performance.

Among his extra mural activities are his interests with the Uist and Barra Association with which he has served as a committee member, piping convener and secretary. His wife, Elizabeth Reid, formerly of Innisfail, Alberta, and of Elgin, is an officer in the public health department of this city and I hope they have a pleasant holiday with their two children prior to Angus's departure across the water.

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HE PLAYED FOR QUEEN'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER: (from Oban Times, July 2, 1964)

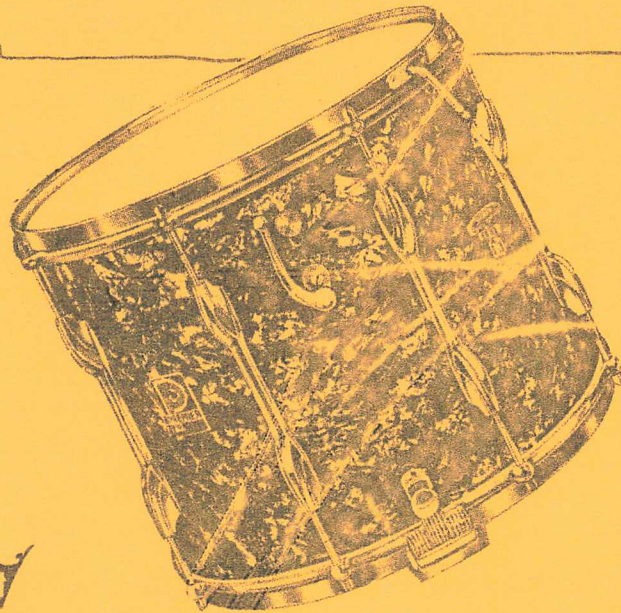
Among those invited to meet Her Majesty the Queen when she lunched last week at Skibo Castle with Mrs. Carnegie Miller, was Mr. Angus Macpherson, who lived on the Shin (Sutherland) and is so well known in the piping world, and also as the author of the book "A Highlander Looks Back".

On presenting Mr. Angus Macpherson, who is in his 80's, to Her Majesty, Mrs. Miller told the Queen that he was friend and piper of old to her family. She told the Queen that Angus Macpherson had piped a welcome to Her Majesty's great grandfather, King Edward VII, when he visited Skibo in the year 1902.

Mrs. Miller told the Queen that she (Mrs. Carnegie Miller) and Mr. Angus Macpherson were the only two remaining of those who took part in that ceremony of long ago.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were much interested and they asked Angus Macpherson if he was still judging the piping at the Braemar Gathering.

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SEATTLE HIGHLAND GAMES: AUGUST 8th, 1964.

The 18th International Highland Games were held at the West Seattle Stadium, on Saturday, August 8th, 1964.

The results of the piping events are as follows:

Bandsmen's Marches:

1. B. Campbell 2. Neil Hunter

Bandsmen's Strathspeys & Reels:

1. B. Campbell 2. Neil Hunter

Novice Marches:

1. D. Ross 2. J. Wright 3. B. Gallagher

Novice Strathspeys & Reels:

1. J. Wright 2. B. MacAulay 3. Scott Brynes

Juvenile Marches:

1. Sheila Reid 2. Kelly Hagan 3. Bob Lamont

Juvenile Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Sandy Reid 2. Kelly Hagan 3. Colin Stuart

Juvenile Old Highland Airs:

1. Angus Ironside 2. M. MacDonald 3. Sandy Reid

Junior Marches:

1. Bruce Topp 2. John MacLeod 3. Fred Whyte

Junior Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Fred Whyte 2. Bruce Topp 3. John MacLeod

Junior Old Highland Airs:

1. Clive MacDonald 2. James MacLean 3. Michael MacInnes

Amateur Marches:

1. Bob MacDonald 2. T. Kinnear

Amateur Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Bob MacDonald 2. T. Kinnear 3. D. Day

Amateur Old Highland Airs:

1. Bob MacDonald 2. D. Day 3. T. Kinnear

Amateur Piobaireachd:

1. Bob MacDonald

Girls Amateur Marches:

1. Heather Abel

Girls Amateur Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Heather Abel

Open Marches:

1. Donald MacInnes
2. John MacKenzie
3. David Wilson

Open Strathspeys & Reels:

1. John MacKenzie
2. David Wilson
3. Donald MacInnes

Open Jigs:

1. John MacKenzie
2. David Wilson
3. Donald MacInnes

Open Piobaireachd:

1. John Low
2. Albert Duncan
3. David Wilson

"C" Class Bands:

1. Kiwanis Junior Boys Pipe Band
2. White Spot Boys Pipe Band
3. Highland Laddies Pipe Band

"B" Class Bands:

1. Washington Scottish Pipe Band
2. Seaforth Cadets Pipe Band
3. Keith Highlanders Pipe Band

"A" Class Bands:

1. Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Pipe Band

NANAIMO HIGHLAND GAMES: JULY 11th, 1964.

The piping results of the Nanaimo Highland Games, held on July 11th, 1964, are as follows:

Novice Marches:

1. Lindsay Maddock
2. Donald G. Taylor
3. David Anderson

Novice Strathspeys & Reels:

1. John A. MacLeod
2. Donald G. Taylor
3. Lindsay Maddock

Juvenile Marches:

1. Heather McBryde
2. Janice Taylor
3. Donald MacMillan

Juvenile Strathspeys & Reels:

1. Kelly Hagan 2. Jean Jarvis 3. Sandy Reid 4. John MacLeod

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1. John MacLeod 2. Barbara MacArthur 3. Shearea Barwell

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1. Peggy Gillies 2. Bob MacDonald 3. Peter McNeil

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1. George Puritch 2. Karyh Ruddick 3. Peggy Gillies

Amateur Piobaireachd:

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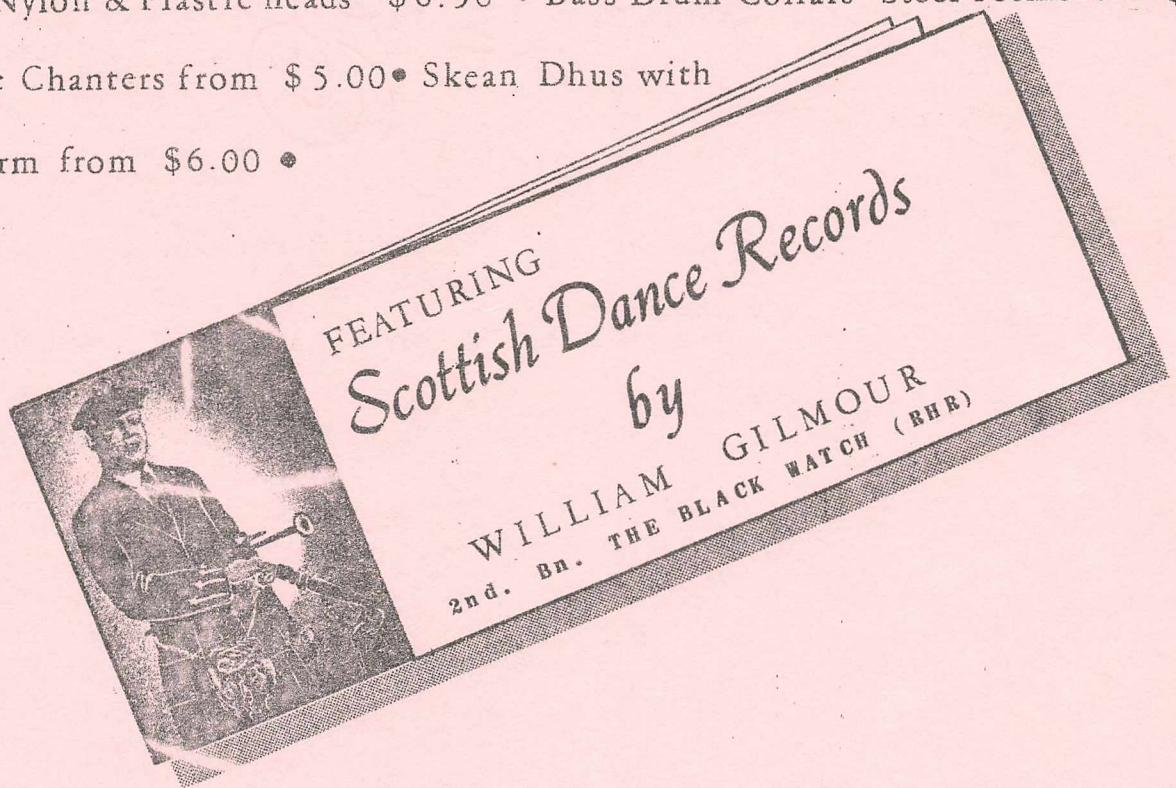
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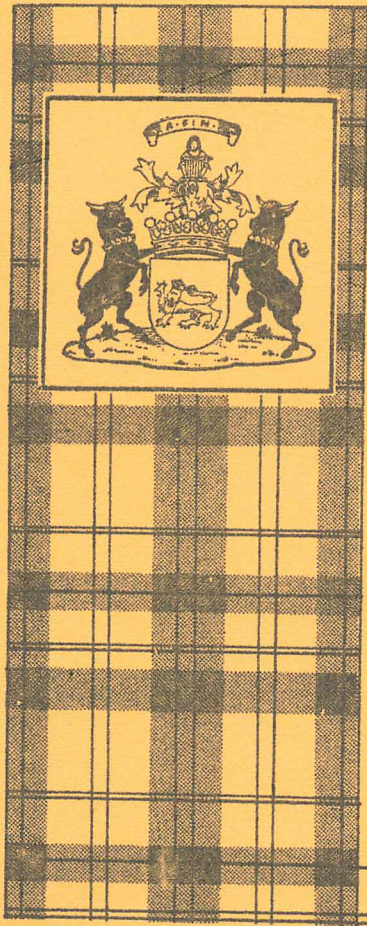
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