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Clan Grant Pressing Ahead To Buy Speyside House

The following story is taken verbatim from the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald of May 24, 1985:

An early decision is expected on plans by the worldwide Clan Grant organisation to take over a town centre building at Grantown for a museum and headquarters.

British officials of the clan have told Badenoch and Strathspey district councillors they want to buy the former orphanage at Speyside House.

Already, the district valuer has been asked for a valuation on the property, and it is hoped negotiations could be well in hand by the

time an American contingent of the clan visit Scotland this summer.

The decision to give the clan the go-ahead follows a meeting last week between district councillors and Sir Patrick Grant, chairman of the UK branch of the Clan Grant Society.

He told councillors: "We have a lot of enthusiasm in the society at the moment and we would like to tap this by establishing a centre."

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He said British and American branches of the clan had cash to buy the building and assistance had also been promised from a

sponsor.

It was planned to open a museum and clan headquarters which would be staffed by one or two people. If funds became

available it was also hoped to refurbish living accommodation at the rear of the building.

A trust would also be established to ensure that

the project was self-financing, said Sir Patrick.

Members had been told the Grantown Society was also interested in the building, but Sir Patrick said: "We

are the only ones prepared to put our hands in our pockets.

"A lot of people have said they are interested in the building but are not prepared to spend a penny."

Dr. Allen Grant of Visalia, Calif., Honored as Distinguished Citizen

Dr. Patrick Allan Grant of Visalia, Calif., was honored Dec. 12, 1984 as Distinguished Citizen of the Year at the Fifth annual Citizen Award Dinner sponsored by the Mount

Whitney Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Of the Glenmoriston lineage of the Grant Clan, he is the eldest son of Patrick Charles Murray Grant (1860-1928), son of Patrick Grant (1820-1904), son of James Murray Grant, JP, DL (1792-1868), 12th Laird of Glenmoriston (great-grandfather of Allan Grant). See Craigellachie, spring edition, page 4, "The Clan Grant in the 19th Century."

"We're here today to honor a great farm leader."

That was the introductory statement made by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture during a session held in Fresno to honor Allan Grant in 1977. Realizing the accomplishments of Mr. Grant over the years, the statement was understated, to say the least.

Mr. Grant was born and reared in Southern California, the eldest of eight children. When he was 22 his father died, and being the eldest, he was called home from college to assume the responsibility of supporting his mother, five brothers and two sisters. He received his college and university work through Montana State and U.C.L.A. with a major in agricultural economics, so perhaps the Visalia area was a logical locale to begin

making his mark. They had relocated from Los Angeles to Visalia in 1929.

During this period, Mr. Grant and his family were share-cropping 120 acres, and he also milked 32 cows by hand. It was during this period also that he met and married his wife, Irene Chinoeth who would later be known in California as "The Sweetheart of the Farm Bureau." The Grants have reared five children.

Little was known by Visalians about Allan Grant in 1930 as he watched his brother drive a team of cattle in the Visalia Rodeo Parade, but 44 years later he was destined to serve the parade as its Grand Marshal. However, much was to

happen during those years. Like many people during the Great Depression, the Grants lost everything they had built over the past few years. He was later to describe the times as "the most traumatic experience" in his life. Reflecting on the country years later, Mr. Grant was quoted as saying: "Our country has its problems, but it's still possible here for a man to make a fortune or go broke. And that's what our system is all about."

Mr. Grant's success following the Depression is testimony to his comment about our country, and his contributions to our community, State and nation are

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Government Searches for U.S. Grant Descendants

The National Park Service is seeking descendants of Civil War Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee to help mark the 100th anniversary of the death of General Grant on July 23.

Ceremonies will take place at the General Grant Memorial, overlooking the Hudson River on Riverside Drive in upper Manhattan in New York City. Expected to be on hand are federal and state officials as well as other dignitaries and historians.

Robert Mahoney, Superintendent of the National Park Service Manhattan Sites Unit which administers the General Grant National Memorial, said it is hoped that as many direct descendants of Generals Grant and Lee as possible will attend the ceremonies to help the federal government pay fitting tribute to two of its most highly regarded military heroes and statesmen.

Persons interested in learning more about the General Grant Memorial, or who are descended from either General Grant or General Lee, may contact Diane Dayson the Site Manager at General Grant Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y., 10027, (212) 666-1640, Wednesday through Sunday, or call (212) 264-8129, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Grant, a Ohio native, is best known for his Civil War exploits. Yet, he was highly



Ulysses Simpson Grant

regarded as a mathematician, horseman, war tactician and author. He is best known domestically for signing legislation to create Yellowstone as America's first national park and forerunner of our modern National Park System.

His humanitarianism was evidenced following the Confederate surrender when he personally stopped proceedings to try Confederate General Lee for treason.

Lee, a Virginian, also was graduated from West Point. Although opposed to the dissolution of the Union and distressed at the secession of Virginia, Lee nonetheless resigned from the U.S. Army

on April 20, 1861 and he offered his services as a military leader to the state of Virginia. He later commanded the Confederate Armies in the Civil War, surrendering to General Grant in April of 1865.

Construction of the General Grant National Memorial in Manhattan was completed in 1897. Funding for construction was raised by the upper Manhattan community, spearheaded by a Philadelphia native, Attorney Richard T. Greener, who was the first black to graduate from Harvard. The site has been administered by the National Park Service, part of the U.S. Department of Interior, since May 1, 1959.

First Grant Tent in Minnesota

Forty-seven mph wind gusts did not blow ill for Clan Grant as we made our debut in Minnesota's only Highland Gathering. Saturday, May 4th was the 14th Annual Macalester College Scottish Country Fair. The St. Paul college was founded by the son of a Scottish sea captain, and does a lot to keep that beginning alive. Piping and highland dancing are both offered to students. The young lady who carried our clan sign in the parade of

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Long-Time Farm Leader, Allan Grant, Is President of New Ag Foundation



A dynamic leader and a giant in agriculture nationally is the President of the new non-profit, tax exempt California Agriculture Foundation.

He is Allan Grant of Visalia, a long-time national farm leader of impeccable credentials, who has served the industry in numerous capacities, including two terms as President (1976-1980) of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Previously, he served 12 years as President of the California Farm Bureau Federation.

A warm and sincere individual, Grant, who has served on several federal and state governmental commissions and boards, is a prime example of the free enterprise system. Currently he is a member of President Reagan's Export Council.

At the age of 22, he was forced to leave college after the death of his father to assume the responsibility of supporting his mother, five brothers and two sisters. When city jobs failed, Grant began sharecropping and milking 32 cows — by hand.

His career experiences have been traumatic but his eventual success has been awesomely inspiring.

By George!

KENTUCKY SCOTTISH WEEKEND

Charlie and Betty MacDonald were again the perfect hosts, although they spent most of the time working on the Committee. The Ceilidh they hold on Saturday evening is terrific. These games are strickly ametuer. The athletic events are contested by high school and other people. Bob Grant and his wife came by and we had a nice visit. They're from Louisville, Tom and Elizabeth Pollard from Shelbyville, Ky and Steve Wiseman from Lexington, Bob and Anne Miller from Indianapolis were there plus Jim and Kathleen Maxcy. By now you may have noticed the spelling of the headline. There is a story behind that. Last year they had some Tee shirts made to sell at the games. They were printed with the name of the state spelled as above. These shirts are now collectors items, though at the time it created quite a stir.

GATLINBURG HIGHLAND GAMES

John Angus Grant, Patrice, Hank and Linda Grant (great with child) and Lucille and I shared a cabin for the weekend with Linda's cat JACK. We left him to guard the cabin while we went to the games. The weather was beautiful, the pipe bands, 9, were great. We visited with the featured singer for the games, our cousin Colin Grant-Adams wearing his Grant kilt. He may be able to sing for us at our Ceilidh in Scotland ... He is from Oban. Ronald Pratt from Union City, Tn. came by and may join. Sunday morning, we brunchted with a group of Country Dancers from Atlanta. John and Patrice are active dancers. Linda and Hank are expecting the birth of their firstborn the middle of July, I know you all wish them well.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES JULY 13-14

We will have a tent as

usual at Grandfather. We are in the second row tent #40. Come by and say hello. These are the biggest games in this country and the locale is perfect.

DUNEDIN GAMES

The tent was filled with our cousins all day. Russell Grant and his bride, Ruth from Longwood Fla were there as well as Jim and Kathleen Maxcy, Russell Grant and Lois, now from St. Pete formerly from Glenlivet Scotland. Ben Grant came by on his way back to Maine and we found a new member, Jim, Fran and Brian McElroy. After the games, Bob and Vivian Grant were delightful hosts in their beautiful home overlooking the bay. Bob and I managed to play a little golf, and as regards my game it was about as little as you can get, although we did win a bit of Florida money.

CLAN GRANT GATHERING AUGUST 3-11, 1985

There is still time for those of you who were not able to commit to this trip to do so now. We will be visiting all over Grant Country meeting our cousins and seeing where our ancestors came from. This trip only takes place every four years and believe me, its worth the time, effort, and money. If you can possibly make it, let me hear from you.

Did you know that the wooden golf tee was invented by George F. Grant?

Craigellachie needs to hear from you. Send in pictures, articles about your family. What are your children doing in school, or their vocation in life? Perhaps a history of your family. We really would like to read about you and all of us get to know each other better.

We have a limited number of "A History of Clan Grant" written and autographed by Lord Strathspey, still for sale. They are \$25.00 each, and if you have not gotten your copy, now is the time. If you previously ordered a copy and have not received it let me know. Checks are to be made to Clan Grant Society and mailed to George H. Grant; 301 Masters Road; Hixson, TN. 37343.

Dutchess Co., NY Ceilidh Oct. 18

The Dutchess County Scottish Society will celebrate its 75th anniversary on October 18, 1985 by sponsoring a Ceilidh at the Villa Borghess Restaurant, Wappinger Falls, N.Y.

Scotch Distillery invites Clan members to visit



VISITORS ENJOYING their tour of Glenfarclas Distillery. Managing Director John Grant is standing 6th from the left and Chairman George S. Grant is third from right. In action with the casks is Glenfarclas Head Warehouseman Fred Mellis.

The Grant family at Glenfarclas Distillery, Ballindalloch, Scotland are looking forward to welcoming many of their American Cousins to their historic Distillery this summer. The Glenfarclas Distillery was one of the first in Scotland to open its doors to the public by building a reception Centre and small museum that features a history of the Grants of Glenfarclas. When the facility was opened in 1973 it was considered to be a brave act of innovation on the part of Chairman George S. Grant. However now upwards of 50,000 people each year visit Glenfarclas, tour the entire site with experienced and friendly guides and sample a "wee dram" of the finest Malt Scotch Whisky.

The year 1986 will mark the 150th anniversary of Glenfarclas Distillery and to celebrate this milestone the Grant family have produced a high quality video tape about Glenfarclas, the only family-owned and-managed distillery in the Highlands of Scotland. This video tape is currently being shown to Distillery visitors and will be available shortly in the U.S.A. through the Glenfarclas importers Barton Brands Ltd of Chicago.

If you are planning a trip to Scotland during your

vacation and you wish to visit Glenfarclas please contact Ian G. Grant at Glenfarclas Distillery, Ballindalloch, Banffshire, Scotland, AB3 9BL. Tel: (08072) 209 Telex: 739804. The Distillery is open to

visitors on weekdays throughout the year, and on Saturdays also during July, August and September.

You can be sure of a warm welcome from the Grant family.

Grant of Achnarrow Tartan Available

A fifty-six yard bolt of the white lady's tartan known as "Grant of Achnarrow" has just arrived from Loch Carron Weavers, Ltd., Wester Ross. This lovely Pattern makes a nice alternative skirt or kilt-skirt for the Grant ladies. The pattern is taken from a length of material woven by Grant ladies in Strathspey in the late 1700's.

A typical lady's kilt skirt requires four to five yards of the twenty-eight inch width material — the first one made was for Lucille Grant (and lovely she looks in it). If you are handy with a needle and thread (or know a seemstress) you can obtain lengths of the "Grant of Achnarrow" while it lasts

from Phil Smith (1207 Cavalier Lane, West Chester, PA 19380). No more material will be ordered for some time.

Phil still has enough of the large square "1886 Pattern" red Grant for several kilts. This is the Pattern of the kilt worn by Lord Strathspey and is approximately twice the size of the standard Grant tartan with the dark blue stripes woven in black. A man's kilt requires 6 to 8 yards depending on the color chosen for the Pleats, a woman's skirt takes four to five yards.

Both the "1886" and "Grant of Achnarrow" are available at cost — \$20 per yard including duty and postage.

NOSTALGIA

IT IS SO SWEET TO REMINISCE
WITH THOSE WE LOVE AND WHOM WE MISS;
WE'RE TAKEN BACK TO CHILDHOOD DAYS,
THOSE TIMES OF FUN AND CAREFREE WAYS!

FORTUNATE WE TO HAVE AMASSED
SUCH PLEASANT MEM'RIES OF THE PAST;
WE SPEAK OF OTHERS, SOME NOW GONE,
FOND THOUGHTS OF WHOM STILL LINGER ON!

WE FAIN WOULD LIVE THOSE DAYS AGAIN,
BUT TIME MUST E'ER ITS COURSE MAINTAIN;
SO WITH THE MAGIC OF THE MIND
THOSE DAYS OF YORE ONCE MORE WE FIND!

THEN AS THE YEARS GO ROLLING BY,
AND WE GROW OLDER, TIME DRAWS NIGH;
WE REALIZE WE'RE RICHLY BLEST
WITH MEN'RIES DEAR AT OUR BEHEST!

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\$7,000 Pledged

for Speyside Purchase

Elsewhere in this issue is a copy of a news article taken from the Speyside and Badenoch "Harold," concerning our efforts to secure Speyside House. In the last issue of Craigellachie I issued a plea for support. The response has been quite good. We do, however need more pledges. To date we have over \$7,000.00 pledged over the next two years. These pledges range from \$50.00 a year to single gifts of \$500.00. We do have some money left over from the Castle Grant effort to put in the kitty. If each of us would pledge only \$35.00 a year for two years we would have the necessary funds to establish the TRUST. The Trust will assure the continuing operation of the Society's Clan Headquarters for many generations.

So think about it and send in your pledge. The money will be requested when we have a Tax Exempt status from the IRS. The application is being prepared now for submission and approval.

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First Grant Tent

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tartans is a Macalester student, and took the prize as overall best Highland dancer. We know how to pick them! As usual, it does not take much more than a physical presence to discover a bevy of Grants. During a very enjoyable day we were found by Grants from Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. That is in alphabetical order to show

no favoritism. We were glad to see them all, and I think they were happy to see their clan among the multitude. To be honest, we were more than merely an equal among equals. Our Clan Grant banner stood out to be seen from anywhere on the grounds. Our tartan, map, and other displays set a new standard for the other clans. No Grant had a need to feel inferior. Indeed, "To be a Grant is great" was the order of the day. Not a small

part of this credit belongs to Grants who may never have been to Minnesota. George Grant's Grandfather Mountain techniques for maintaining a tent in the teeth of a gale made us the wonder of the day. Hank Grant's valuable work on our tartans, and Phil Smith's many articles on tartans formed the basis of an attractive new display. Phil Smith's interest assisted us in including a Grant of Achnarrow tartan banner.

And Shirley Grant Smith's encouragement and smiling example made it all possible. Clan Grant has come to the upper Midwest, and found that Grants here are just as great as anywhere. All members are solicited to encourage their kin living in this area to join all of us everywhere as The Clan Grant. For information contact your local clan commissioner or Ed Grant, P.O. Box 13283, St. Paul, Mn. 55113. (612) 482-0627.

Glenmoriston Picnic Planned Oct. 26

The Grants of Glenmoriston, descendants of James Murray Grant, JP, DL (1792-1868), 12th Laird of Glenmoriston (see Craigellachie, Spring edition, page 4, "The Clan Grant of the 19th Century"), will hold their annual picnic lunch (pot luck — bring lunch or dish to share). It will be at Mooney Grove Park, South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, Tulare

County, California on Saturday, October 26, 1985. Hosts will be Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Allan Grant (great grandson of above James Murray Grant), P.O. Box 3124, Visalia, California 93278, phone (209)733-5492 or (209)625-3643. There is already an indication of intention to attend of Clan Grant members from the United Kingdom.

Donald C. Grant Dies January 20

Donald Cameron Grant of Upland, California died January 20, 1985 at the age of 76 following a brief illness. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, five brothers and one sister. He was a mechanical engineer by profession, the second son of

Patrick Charles Murray Grant (1860-1928) and Katherine Elizabeth Grant (1880-1957), and the great-grandson of James Murray Grant, JP DL (1792-1868), 12th Laird of Glenmoriston. See Craigellachie, Spring edition, page 4, "The Clan Grant in the 19th Century."

Dr. Allan Grant

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numerous. He has served unselfishly with the Tulare County Farm Bureau in many capacities and was elected president of the California Farm Bureau Federation in 1963, after having served four years as a first vice president. Earlier, he had worked six years as a member of the Board of Directors, American Farm Bureau Federation. Representing this federation, Mr. Grant testified before many Congressional committees. He later served as president of the federation for two terms, and when American hostages were held by Iran he worked behind the scenes with Middle East and African nations to help free the Americans.

Mr. Grant was appointed in 1967 by former governor Reagan as president of the California State Board of Agriculture which made him a voting ex-officio member of the Board of Regents of the University of California.

Because of his expertise, Mr. Grant has traveled widely. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for Farmers and World Affairs, a people to people type program, and met and talked with the late Prime Minister Nehru while in India. Because of his efforts in these programs, Mr. Grant was awarded the Second Order of the Treasure by the Emperor of Japan, the highest honor accorded to a foreigner. His travels have taken him all over the Orient, Mexico, South America and the Caribbean, to name a few.

Accomplishments experienced by Mr. Grant are varied. He was appointed as a delegate to the governor's Conference on Education in California and later former President Eisenhower appointed him as a delegate to the White House Conference on Education. He has served in other national capacities including delegate to the

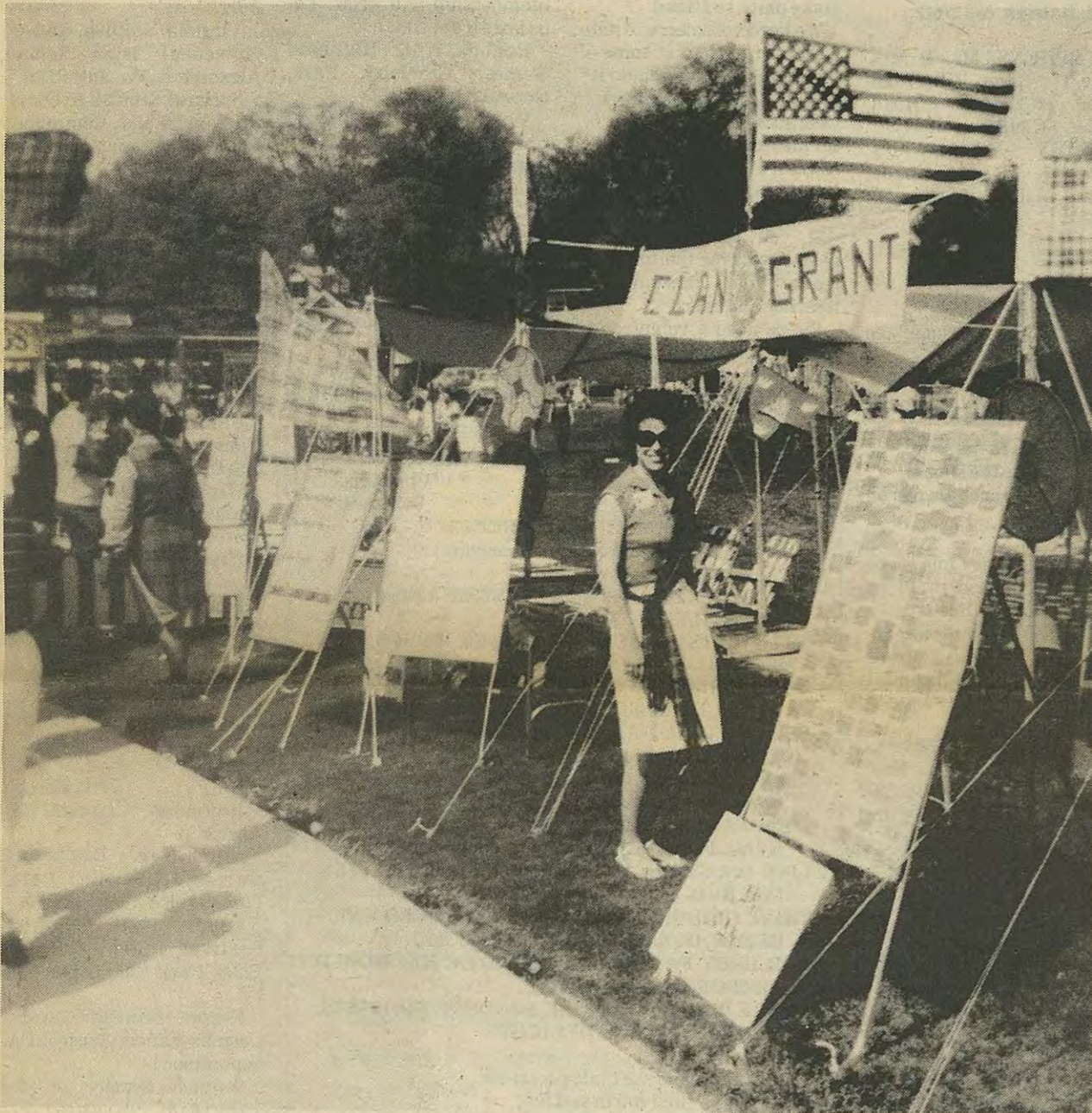
National General Assembly, member of the Board of Directors on Farmers and World Affairs, Advisory Commission on Foreign Trade (under both Presidents Ford and Carter administrations), the President's Export Council, and the President's (Reagan) Transition Team upon his election.

Agriculture and education have been prime motivators in the life of Mr. Grant. He served as president of the Tulare County Farm Bureau and 12 years as president at the State level prior to his four year tenure nationally. He is an honorary member with the Future Farmers of America, a 4-H leader, served with the President's 4-H Leaders' Council, and is a national 4-H alumnus. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Agriculture Degree from Montana State University.

Locally, Mr. Grant served 19 years as trustee with the Willow School Board, and 15 years as trustee with the Visalia Union High School board. He is a past president of the Tulare County School Trustees Association and a past member of the State's trustee association. His efforts have earned him a PTA honorary Life Membership.

Mr. Grant is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he has served as Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent of Sunday School and Elder. In addition he has served on many church-wide committees and was a delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA.

In conclusion, it was an understatement to refer to Mr. Grant as "a great farm leader." He is much more; he is not only California's most recognized agriculture leader, but he is equally known to be a warm and sincere individual truly interested in people, as evidenced by his many accomplishments on behalf of people.



Notes from Our Secretary

Mrs. Shirley Grant-Smith

1207 Cavalier Ln West Chester, PA 19380

Max Parker, Kingsport, Tennessee was 89 years old last August! He was born in 1895! He went all the way to Grandfather Mountain last summer to give us youngsters a run for our money!

The picnic for the descendants of the Adam Grant-Margaret McLeod line will be in the Chautauqua Park in the Shelter House at Storm Lake, Iowa from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 23 June 1985. The potluck meal begins at 12:30.

Urquhart Hunt Song Needs new tune

In the COISIR A'MHOID 1, the Mod collection of Gaelic part songs used in the 1896 to 1912 singing competitions, the last song in the book is entitled "British Rusaich — Glen Urquhart Hunting Song." The words were gathered in the Glen by Mr. William MacKay and were set to a tune supplied by Miss Kate Fraser. The words and sentiment of the song make it of interest to the Grants, many who still have their roots in Glen Urquhart.

The tune to which this lovely poem was set is very unusual both in its timing and transitions — even for Celtic music — and is probably one reason why the song is little heard today. The four-part arrangement for Mod competition was done by W.S. Roddie and overcomes some of the problems presented by the melody. Nevertheless, the Poem might gain from being set to a different air — perfectly usual in Gaelic music.

The Gaelic is very colloquial and in older and sometimes unique spelling. One major problem in reading Gaelic is that there is no complete standardization of spelling even now. Several of the words in the original are contractions of standard forms and the grammar uses Poetical license. Examples are *chan e'* for *cha'n eil*; *bhiodh* for *bhitheadh*; *minnic* for *meannach* and the spelling of *cho* as *co* before *is* *cho* normally must follow *is* to be pronounced *co*. *So* is now almost always spelled *seo*. The preposition *o* is more commonly pronounced now as *bho*.

**BRAIGH RUSGAICH
(RUSGACH BRAE)**
Glen Urquhart
Hunting Song

Ged is socrach mo leabaidh,
Chan e' cadal tha shurd orm,
B'anns bhi suainnt' ann a'm
bhreacan
Ann an glaiseagan
Rusgaich.

(Although my bed is com-

ADDRESS CHANGES
The following are members' new addresses:

Dr. & Mrs. David L. Drake, P.O. Box 1010, Buena Vista, CO 81211.

Mr. Edward A. Grant, Commissioner, MN, P.O. Box 13283; St. Paul, MN 55113.

NEW MEMBERS

The following are welcomed into the Clan Grant Society as new members:

CARLEN, Mr. & Mrs. Robert D., 3328 David Road, Chamblee, GA 30341.

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. David W., 11 Bahama Lane, Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

KEARNEY, Mr. Walter Grant, 759 Hathaway Lane, Ardmore, PA 19003.

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Willfrey F., 7200 Ebenezer Road, Raleigh, NC 27612.

STEPHENS, Mr. & Mrs. Page P., River Hills Plantation, 72 Ridgeport Road, Clover, SC 29710.

TERRY, Mr. & Mrs. James M., 503 Inwood Lane, Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937.

fortable,
Sleep does not come easily to me,
Oh to be wrapped in my plaid
Out in the hollows of rusgach.)

Chorus:

Ho ro hu bhinn ho ro,
Ho ro hu bhinn o,
Ho ro bhi, ho ro bhi,
Ho ro hu bhinn ho ro.

Farr an minnic a bha mi
Iomadh la air bhearg curom.
Bhiodh mo ghunna fo
m'achlais
Cumail fasgaidh o'n driuchd
oirr'.

(Like a young roe
I was many a carefree day
My gun would be under my
arm
To shelter it from the dew.)

Cha b'e glagraich na
sraidean
So a b' abhaist mo dhusgadh.
Ach an ceilean bu bhoidhche
Aig na heoin am Braigh
Rusgaich.

(It was not noise in the
streets
that woke me up
but the lovely melody
of the birds of Brae Rusgach.)

Bhiodh a'chuthag air
chreagan
'S i toirt freagairt do'n
smudan
Co is urrainn a chantuinn

Nach bi mi fathast an
Rusgaich.

(The cuckoo would be on the
crags
giving words to the songs.
So powerful is the singing
That am I still not always on
Rusgach?)

The song, a true folk piece apparently, deserves to be better known. Perhaps a reader can suggest an appropriate melody more suitable for individual singing than the air supplied by Miss Fraser.

The melody would have to have seven notes to a line, the third and the sixth accented as in "aig na H-EOIN am braigh RUS-gaich." Extra syllables would have to be accommodated on some lines while on others a syllable will be held across the value of several notes. Gaelic is used to this accommodation as in *orm* which, because of the Gaelic spelling rule that requires the preceding vowel be duplicated between *r* and *m* in the combination *-rm*, must be pronounced always as two syllables — /or-um/. This type of phonological rule often requires that the time value of a musical note be divided to accommodate an extra syllable.

Philip D. Smith,
Ph.D., F.S.A. Scot.

VERNAL MUSINGS

SPRINGTIME NOW BECKONS, AND BALMY THE
DAYS
WITH BOUNTIFUL BLOOMS, THEIR COLORS
ABLAZE;
THE PERFUME OF FLOWERS PERVADES THE
AIR—
THE WONDROUS BEAUTY OF NATURE WE
SHARE!

WE PONDER THE BLESSINGS THAT US BEFALL,
AS GENTLE BREEZES OUR SPIRITS ENTHRALL;
AND OUR THOUGHTS ARE OF FRIENDS, BOTH
NEAR AND FAR,
ENJOYING GOD'S BOUNTY, WHERE'ER THEY
ARE!

3/20/76

Grant workers needed At Scottish Games

Here is a list of the Scottish gatherings and games in the United States for this year. Our Clan Society would like to participate in as many of these events as possible with a Clan tent, if that is appropriate, or representation.

Look this list over and find the event nearest to you to make plans to attend.

We need volunteers to man a Clan Grant tent at some of these games. Will you do it? For the time being contact:

George H. Grant
301 Masters Road
Hixson, TN 37343
615-842-4581 Eve. Phone
615-870-5744 Day Phone

If you get a recording please wait for the tone and leave your message & telephone number.

We do need a volunteer to take over this position. Please let us know if you have time for this important

work.

The society will pay for the space and tent. You will be provided with the things necessary to operate the tent. It is great fun and you will meet great people, your cousins. In this way you can have the opportunity to be more active and our membership will grow. Let us hear from you soon.

Round Hill Highland Games; Cranbury Park, Norwalk, CT, July 4.

Vermont Highland Games; Champlain Valley Fairgrounds, Essex Junction, VT, July 6.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games; Mac Rae Meadows, Linville, NC, July 11-14.

Round Hill Scottish Games; Cranbury Park, Norwalk, CT, July 11-14.

Portland Highland Games; David Douglas High

School, Portland, OR, July 19-20.

Acadian Scottish Festival; Doyle Field, Brewer, ME, July 20-21.

Chicago Highland Games; Grant Park, Chicago, IL, July 27.

Adirondak Highland Games; Glen Falls, NY, July 27.

Virginia Scottish Games; Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA, July 27-28.

Spokane Scottish Festival; Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, WA, July 27-28.

Central New York Scottish Games; Griffin Field, Liverpool, NY, August 10.

Pacific Northwest Highland Games; Everett Memorial Stadium, Everett, WA, August 10.

Rocky Mountain Highland Games; Brooks Field, Golden, CO.; August 10-11.

San Diego Scottish Games; Balboa Stadium, San Diego, CA, August 17.

Highland Games of Maine; Thomas College, Waterville, ME, August 17.

Pryson Scottish Festival; Payson UTAH, August 24.

Long Island Scottish Games; Old Westbury Gardens, Old Westbury, NY, August 24.

Quechee Scottish Festival, Quechee Polo Fields, Quechee, VT, August 24.

Capital District Scottish Games; Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY, August 31.

Ligonier Highland Games; Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA, September 7.

Longs Peak Scottish Festival; Stanley Park, Estes Park, CO, September 7-8.

Fresno Scottish Games; Coombs Ranch, Fresno, CA, September 14.

Scottish Society of the Virginia Highlands; Highland Games & Picnic; Blue Ridge Parkway, Peaks of Otter, VA, September 14.

Central California Highland Games; Coombs Ranch, Fresno, CA, September 14.

New Hampshire Highland Games; Loon Mountain Recreation Center, Lincoln, NH, September 14-15.

Charleston Scottish Games; Middleton Place, Charleston, SC, September 21.

Plano Highland Games; Plano High School, Plano, TX, September 21-22.

Williamsburg Scottish Festival; Williamsburg, VA, September 28.

Dallas Highland Games; Samuel Grand Park, Dallas, TX, September 28.

Tulsa Scottish Games & Gathering; La Fortune Park, Tulsa, OK, October 12.

Waxhaw Games; Waxhaw, SC, October 26.

Salado Highland Games; Central Texas Area Museum, Salado, TX, November 9-10.

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Musings

MEMORIES ENSHRINED (Life's Treasured Souvenirs)

THE DAYS SO SOON TO YESTER LEAP, THE
YEARS HASTE ON TO YORE,
AS TIME ITS CEASELESS JOURNEY WENDS, TILL
WE SHALL BE NO MORE;
GOOD TIMES TRANSLATE TO MEMORIES,
WHENCE BLISSFUL JOYS EMERGE,
BUT IF PERCHANCE ILL THOUGHTS ARISE,
THOSE FROM THE MIND WE PURGE;
OF FRIENDS AND KIN WHOSE PATHS WE'VE
CROSSED, FOND VISIONS OFT WE STORE,
E'EN FAR APART, THOSE THOUGHTS REMAIN,
AVAIL FOREVERMORE;
LIVE ON, SWEET DREAMS, ENRICH OUR LIVES,
THE EVIL E'ER O'ERCOME,
THEN THOUGHTS ENSHRINED OF LOVED ONES'
DEEDS, OUR FUTURE JOYS BECOME;
AND IF BY FATE THAT FRIEND OR KIN WOULD
VISIT OR SHOULD WRITE,
THERE W'ELL IN US THE FONDEST THOUGHTS,
TO HEARTEN AND DELIGHT!

We fain would see that special one
Whose ways elicit mirth and fun,
So haste the day when we espy
The one to whom these words apply!

SCOTLAND

THE LAND OF MY FOREFATHERS BECKONED
ME HOME,
WHERE FOR AYE THOSE BEFORE ME OFTEN
DID ROAM,
WHERE THE THISTLE IS HONORED, HEATHER
ABOUNDS,
A LAND OF GREAT CASTLES AND WONDERFUL
TOWNS!

THE BEAUTIFUL LOCHS IN THE GLENS BY THE
MOORS
ENTRANCE ONE IN WONDERMENT THERE ON
THEIR SHORES;
THEN DOWN BY THE NESS GROWS THE SILVERY
BIRCH—
THERE'S NO LACK OF BEAUTY WHERE'ER ONE
MAY SEARCH!

'TIS THE LAND OF THE FRIENDLY, AND OF THE
BRAVE,
TO ITS MARVELOUS BEAUTY I'M NOW A SLAVE;
THE LAND OF MY FOREFATHERS I'LL FORGET
NOT,
AND I'LL EVER BE PROUD THAT I AM A SCOT!

John C. Grant
October 1977

Speyside House Part Of Grantown History

The following story of Speyside House, by W. Sadler with grateful thanks to George Dixon who supplied much of the material, is taken from the Link, AnDul, Vol. 2, No. 1, March, 1985, published by the Clan Grant Society in Canada.

In the bygone days of the mid-18th century — when George III and Pitt the Elder were engaged in the Seven Years War and the loss of the American Colonies — when Clive was in India and Captain Cook was rediscovering Australia — when Mozart was writing his first opera and Volta was inventing the electric battery — when ladies of fashion were creating towering hairstyles — when Adam designed, elegant, Georgian mansions were being furnished with Hepplewhite and Sheraton pieces — a humble weaver in remote Strathspey was moving house. At a time when many of his fellow-countrymen were still living in turf huts, the weaver was moving into a solid, rather plain, slate-roofed, stone and lime building of two storeys and a garret. The year was 1765 and the event, though not recorded in the history books, was of no less significance than much that was. For this was the foundation of Am-Baile-Ur, New Grant-town, the brain-child of James Grant, Younger of Grant, the "Good Sir James" of popular memory, and of his polymath tutor, Wm. Lorimer.

Well before the first settler, the Rothiemurchus weaver, had reached old age, Grantown had become a "thriving populous village

3,000 Attended Third Kentucky Scot Weekend

The May 10-12th Kentucky Scottish Weekend, our third try, really came out very well with regard to a turnout estimated as no less than 3,000 folks. And our new venture into Amateur Athletics brought out 6 contestants, one of whom is well known as outstanding throughout the Southeast.

Naturally we had the loyal support of George and Lucille Grant who arranged to be at Carrollton the whole weekend. Kathleen and James Maxcy came up from Dunedin, and of course, Bill and Doris Matthews were here — Bill persuaded a Florida Food Vendor to come to our aid replacing a last minute dropout. We also had Bob and Ann-Grant Miller from Indianapolis and the Bob Grants of Louisville managed to come up again.

The athletic awards were of interest in that the best Caber toss was managed by Bruce McCampbell of Knoxville, Tenn., and his Award Plaque was donated in honor of the Grant Clan. He also won the best all-

containing above 300 inhabitants and every day increasing more and more." At considerable expense to Sir James personally, encouragement had been given to "an Innkeeper, Merchants, Linen, Woollen and Stocking Weavers and Manufacturers, Wrights, Smiths, Tailors" as well as "a Brewer, Baking and Butchering." There were fairs annually and regular weekly markets. The buildings were all solid and unadorned, built of local materials and on fixed frontage lines.

The centre of the town was then, as it still is, the Square. Dominating the South Side of the Square was a large two-storeyed house, known as "Lady Anne's" or "the big house." It was about 1787 that this relatively young building took on a first public role. It became the third home of the town's Grammar School. The School, set up by Sir James, was in part a charity school and in part a fee-paying school — the rates of fees per quarter varied from "Reading English and Orthography: — £ —: 1: 6" to "Book-keeping, time not limited: — £ 1: 1: —."

An advertisement in the "Aberdeen Journal" of 18th December 1876 sought applicants for the post of "Master of this most eminent School." They were to be qualified to teach English, Latin, Writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping and the practical part of Mathematics and to be able to produce "proper certificates of their private and moral characters and of their abilities and success in

around point accumulation to win the Clan Donald plaque.

Altogether we had 15 clans represented along Clan Tent row. The Saturday night Ceilidh performed to standing room — and our management will be shot on sight next year if we don't have a much larger place.

The country dancing went well and there were 6 pipe bands plus an Army Reserve Brass Band to stir the blood when they massed to play Scotland the Brave, Amazing Grace and the anthems. Another new feature was the Kentucky Historymobile and a Seminar on "Roots," "The Scotland we left behind," by Dr. Jeffrey Williams of Northern Kentucky Univ. who studied at Edinburgh.

This time the Sunday afternoon Golf Tournament went off in sunshine so Lucille and George were able to play — they brought us the latest reports on plans for the Scottish Grant Clan 7-day Soiree on the banks of the Spey.

teaching." Mr. John Elliott was appointed, at an annual salary of £30 sterling with house and garden rent free. Despite his references and qualifications, however, Mr. Elliott proved unsatisfactory; he drank and he beat his pupils — both to excess! He was replaced by "...Mr. Pirie, the exemplary old Rector of the Grammar School, who, in spite of asthma, laboured from morn to night to instil a little elementary knowledge into the mind of his pupils." In 1795 the school moved to a purpose-built establishment on School Hillock (on a site in the West Playground of the present Primary School, leaving the building in the Square empty once again.

It promptly became the home of a new venture — "The Speyside Charity School." This scheme had started some seven years earlier on the death of Lady Grant of Monymusk who left a large part of her fortune to found "an Hospital in the Highlands of Scotland, particularly for the reception and education of orphans, and giving some relief to the poor when in sickness." It was left to the Rev. Gregory Grant, her stepson-in-law and at one time President of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, to bring her dream to reality. After years of legal wrangling, the Trust and Deed papers — on 12 parchment skins — were signed and the "Hospital" opened its doors in June 1796. It provided for some 30 local orphans aged between 7 and 14. "As well as reading, writing and knitting with wires, such trades as can conveniently be carried on within doors are taught to those boys who choose such employment. The present establishment is a Governness (with £10 sterling and two female servants) and the youths attend the schools of the village till the fund can admit of a teacher in the Hospital (1798)." Thus, by the virtue of the generosity of Lady Jane Grant and the "Good Sir James," for twenty years the Hospital ran successfully and received high praise.

Shortly after the Napoleonic wars the Orphanage was forced to close as funds had run out, the accounts were badly kept and the building itself was in a poor state. The way was then open for another member of the Grant Clan to take the place of Sir James. The Rev. Grigor Grant of Cromdale took effective charge of the Orphanage. He cleared off the debts and, in 1820, he employed John Russell "a skilful workman" to inspect the building and draw up new plans for it. Russell's conclusions were that the roof and part of the walls were in a ruinous state and he suggested that a new front wall should be built and

that the whole house should be gutted and made narrower. Once again money was sought — for only £250 was left in the Hospital fund. It came from an unexpected source.

Around 1814 money had been raised by public subscription to aid the "Russian Sufferers" of the Napoleonic Wars. The sum raised amounted to £116 and included donations as large as 50 guineas (over £1,000 at present day values) from Col. Francis W. Grant, the future sixth Earl of Seafield. Other subscribers included local Ministers of Religion, such as "Parson John" of Abernethy, farmers, shopkeepers and tradesmen, the two Excisemen, the Doctor, the schoolmaster, the innkeeper, the Town's principal weaver, the cartwright, the dyer, and also Grantown's watchmaker, William Laing. In the event, however, the money was not used for the purpose for which it had been raised originally, and in 1819 it was suggested by Captain Grant, Congash, the factor, that it should be used to erect a spire for the Church at Grantown. The Rev. Grigor Grant had other ideas however. He saw an answer to his problem at the Orphanage. He therefore suggested that the money should be used to put a spire — not on the Church but on the Orphanage and that it should incorporate a clock and a bell. The advantage of his alternative was that the bell could be used to summon the Townfolk to Church, the money could help to restore the Orphanage generally, and the new spire (or tower) proposed could front the building and establish the desired building frontages line. The new frontage was to be of rough ashlar granite and the ten-foot square tower would include granite decoration and have an ogee roof. It would house the new Town Clock and a bell. A railed wall on both sides would maintain the all-important building line. Work started in 1821 and was finished by October 1822. The Town Clock was not installed until the next year, the contract for it having been given to the well-known clockmaker, George Smith of Forres.

Thus, through the years, the "Institution" — or Speyside House as it became to be known — played an important role in the developing history of Grantown which, by mid-Victorian times, was a busy market and tourist centre. In the early years the bell performed its intended purpose of summoning the Townfolk to worship and it was also used as a Fire Alarm and to announce the opening and closing times (9 a.m. and 7 p.m.) for the many local shops.

By this time there could be

found in the Square a Saddler, a Chemist, a Traylor, a Photographer, a Plumber, a Grocer, a Dairy, an Ironmonger, a Hairdresser, a Butcher, a Baker and a Fishmonger. From its lofty vantage point in the heart of the Square, the Town Clock witnessed over the years a succession of fairs, feasts and funerals. Among notable Town events were the Ne'er Day Shinty Match which raged from end to end of the Square, and the Summer Concerts of the Brass Band of the Local Company of the First Elginshire Rifle Volunteers which dispensed music on Saturday evenings. To-day the music is supplied by the Royal British Legion Clan Grant Pipe Band but, alas, the Clock Tower is silent and Speyside House is barred and empty.

In 1975 Speyside House was discontinued as a Children's Home because of the lack of suitable staff, children and money. The Grantown Society persuaded the Highland Regional Council to buy the building for use as an "Interpretive and Heritage Centre." The Work went ahead on the considerable renovations required and, in 1982, limited initial exhibitions were eventually set up. Shadows gathered, however, amidst the growing excitement for the venture. The recom-

mendations of the Stodart Committee on the Re-organisation of Local Government were published. Within a year — despite a fierce rearguard action by the Grantown Society and the Highland Regional Council — the responsibility for running the Heritage Centre was transferred by law to the relatively tiny Badenoch and Strathspey District Council. The exhibits were removed — the Clock was stopped — and so, as once before when inspiration and money were in short supply, time stood still for the project, both literally and metaphorically.

None of these events is likely to appear in the history books. Few of the many people involved are likely to be nationally remembered, though it is to be hoped that there will always be local recollection; and respect for, their efforts. Volumes could be written, however, about the impressive building that has been successively "the Big House," the third Grammar School, the Orphan Hospital, "Speyside House" and the "Heritage Centre." This building is the real centre and heart of Grantown's history: a new and worthy use surely must, and will, be found for it. The clock must be started again to measure out a new lease of life.

New Zealand Clan Grant Co-Founder Died in 1984

The following article is respectfully copied from the official newsletter of the Clan Grant Society of New Zealand:

"It is with great sadness we record the passing of Irene Grace Grant-Burgess on the 15th October 1984. "Rene," as she was known to all was a co-founder and life member of the New Zealand Clan Grant Society, formed in 1979; with her husband Fred.

"Her paternal Grandfather Robert Grant emigrated to New Zealand in 1852, where after serving as a Cadet for Hugh McLean at his property at Martinborough, near Masterton he purchased a property of some 3000 acres at Gladstone 10 miles from Masterton. In 1853 he married Margaret Sutherland at the home of Highland friends, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sutherland at Lyall Bay, Wellington. The property named "Bannockburn" was the venue for the first ever, Highland Gathering held in New Zealand, Robert was a co-founder and first Chairman of the Masterton Caledonian Society. Eleven children were born to the marriage, nine boys and two girls; Rene's father, Robert was a twin, he and his brother Gordon were born in 1879. She was born in 1906.

"Always proud of her Scottish ancestry, Rene travelled many times, home to Scotland to visit relatives and family friends; (though in latter years these visits were rather restricted by the advent of several strokes). By far the most enjoyable visit was in 1981 when she and Fred were guests for the International Gathering of the Clans held in Edinburgh. The highlight was the night Fred took the Salute at the Beating of the Retreat on the fore-court of Edinburgh Castle. She spoke later of the emotion she felt when seated with our Chief, Lord Strathspey and Lady Strathspey and other assembled guests, she recalled her decent from the Chiefs of Grant (through the Rothiemurchis Grants, who in turn were descended from John Grant 5th of Freuchie. This John Grant had two sons and two daughters; the second son Patrick was the ancestor of the "Grants of Rothiemurchis," he outlived his eldest son and was succeeded by his Grandson, John 6th of Freuchie.)

"SHED NO TEARS FOR RENE, SHE WOULDN'T WANT THAT, BUT REMEMBER HER FOR HER LOVE AND AFFECTION FOR THE CLAN GRANT AS A WHOLE!"

Grant's Tomb --- A Special Report

by

Shirley Grant Smith

Any members of Clan Grant who are visiting in New York City this summer are invited to view the General Grant Memorial. A special program is planned for July 23rd and details may be obtained by writing to: Miss Diane Dayson, Site Manager, General Grant National Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.

A year ago we visited Grant's tomb and found it in deplorable condition. Graffiti covered the entire outside of the building, the ceiling leaked, the floors were filthy and the paint peeling — years of neglect turning this once impressive site into a monument of shame. We planned to write to President Reagan and the Department of the Interior to register our disgust.

But happily, upon our return this year, the building had been sandblasted and the graffiti removed, the floors cleaned and the walls repainted, restoring respectability to this

historical monument. Manhattan Sites Superintendent Bob Mahoney deserves the credit for this long-needed change!

Contributions are urgently needed, however, to continue the work begun. (We noticed the plaster is still peeling). Although our courteous Ranger-on-duty, Mr. Tom Winslow, did not solicit donations, financial help is always needed by the National Park Service for specific projects such as this. Mr. Winslow not only answered a lot of questions but took the time to give us a picture of the Grant Memorial along with a copy of the press release concerning the anniversary celebration of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant last April, and to invite us to the special ceremony on July 23rd.

For further information concerning the needs and goals of the National Park Service in regards to this particular project contact any of the above mentioned persons. They will be glad to know you are interested!

Officials of the Dept. of Interior's National Park Service, the superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a member of Congress, a representative of New York's Governor, historians and the general public gathered at the General Grant National Memorial last April 27th to commemorate the 163rd anniversary of the birth of America's Civil War hero and 18th president.

Grant, native of Ohio and graduate of West Point, gained prominence not only as commander of the Union forces and as president, but also as a mathematician, horseman, war tactician and author.

Upon his death in 1885, the black community of Harlem, led by attorney Richard Greener, the first black to graduate from Harvard, spearheaded a nationwide campaign which resulted in 90,000 gifts towards the construction of the Grant Memorial overlooking the Hudson River on Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The

memorial is administered by the Manhattan Sites Unit of the National Park Service.

Commenting on General Grant, Herbert S. Cables, Jr., regional director for the National Park Service North Atlantic Region noted:

"It is both an honor and a pleasure to represent the Secretary of the Interior and the Park Service Director as we honor the memory of Ulysses S. Grant on the 163rd anniversary of his birth this morning.

"I will not recount the life and times of our 18th president, but will leave that to the distinguished speakers on the dais.

"Rather, I will paraphrase the words of David Lloyd George who noted that our task is to make this a fit country for heroes to live in.

"Certainly no one here today can disagree with Mr. George, for whether in military uniform or civilian dress, we all share the hopes, dreams and aspirations of Ulysses S. Grant that this nation became and remain a fit country for ALL our citizens to live in.

"The significance of Ulysses S. Grant's achievements as commander of the Union Armies was best described by another American president, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, who reflected that the Civil War created in this country what had never existed before ... A national consciousness. "It was not the salvation of the union; it was the rebirth of a nation," he said.

"Ulysses S. Grant was a man of contradictions which contributed to his greatness. He was a gallant military leader. But he was a humanitarian who personally prevented the trial for treason of the man he defeated, Gen. Robert E. Lee. He led fighting men into battle; yet he loved peace and prevented later war against Great Britain. He assumed the highest office in the land; yet he never forgot his humble beginnings. His military battles helped ravage much of our precious land; yet he signed legislation creating America's first national park, Yellowstone, to preserve our national resources. And although in later years he saw his personal fortune dwindle due to poor investments and exploitation by others, and while wracked with the pain of terminal cancer, he worked until his dying day to complete his memoirs in order to assure his family financial security.

"It is most fitting that the General Grant Memorial and the ceremonies which take place here today, are in upper Manhattan for it was the black community of Harlem, spearheaded by a black man, Richard T. Greener, who were in-

strumental in building this monument.

"This memorial was the result of the hard work and monetary contributions of 90,000 Americans from every race, religion and national origin. This same monument today stands as a lasting tribute to America and to the Americans who have overcome many wars, adversities and natural crises to see, as President Wilson aptly put it, the constant rebirth of our nation.

"I am proud that the National Park Service which administers this site also administers other historical sites in New York City, including Federal Hall, where the Bill of Rights was drafted; Castle Clinton, which defended New York Harbor from enemy attack; nearby Hamilton Grange; Theodore Roosevelt's Birthplace; the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Civil War buffs will appreciate the African American National Historic Site in Boston which commemorates the largest concentration of pre-Civil War black history sites in America and which honors the first black regiment to fight in the Civil War.

"I urge you to visit these sites and to learn more about our heritage. This would be a fitting tribute to the man we honor today and to the many other heroes who fought and died to make our nation fit for all citizens, a symbol of freedom to the entire world.

"In closing, let me acknowledge the efforts of Manhattan Sites Superintendent Bob Mahoney, Deputy Superintendent Angella Reid, Site Manager, Diane Harris Dayson and most importantly, thank you for helping the National Park Service mark the birthday of a great

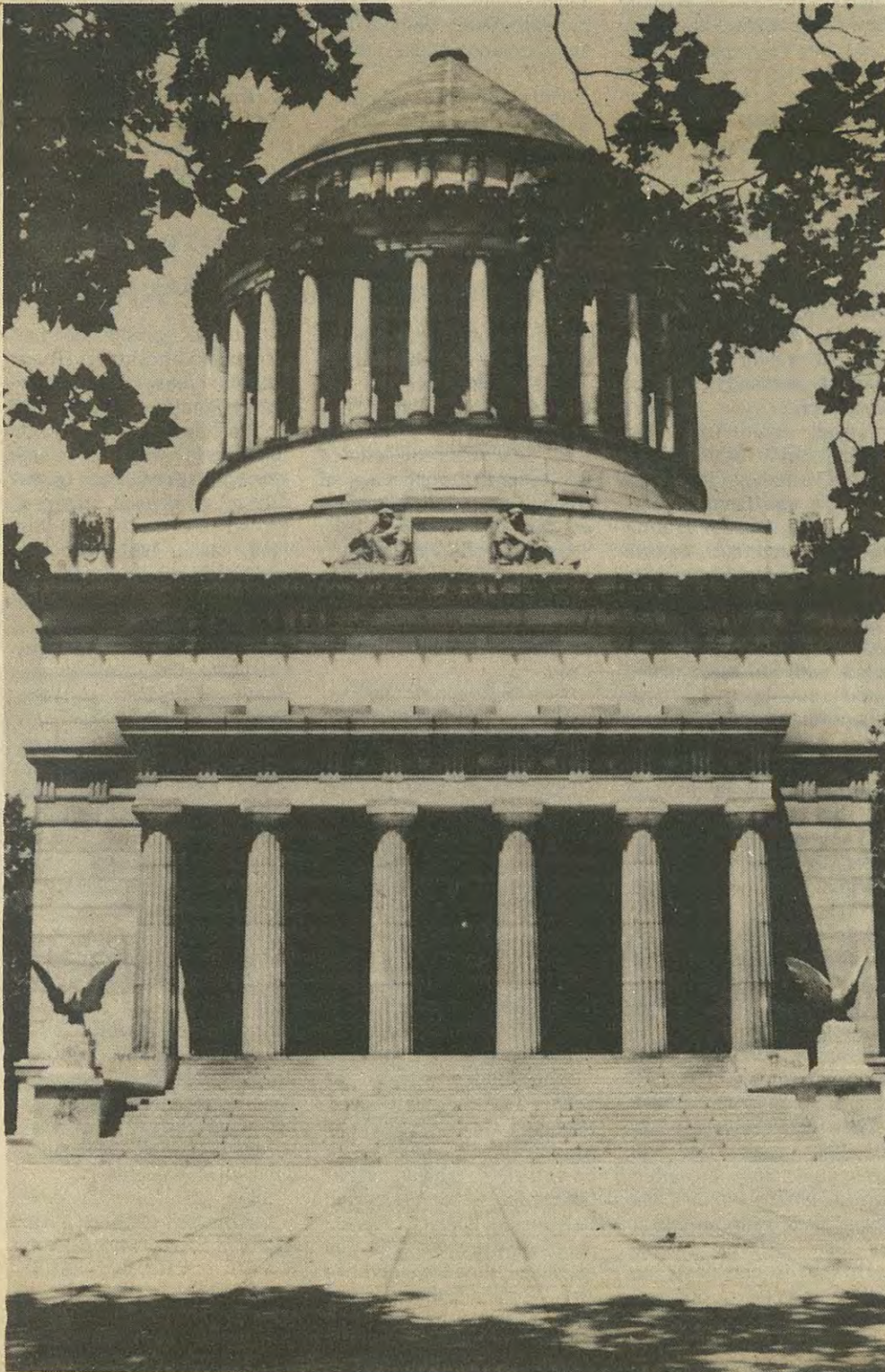
American, Ulysses S. Grant."

Lt. Gen. Willard W. Scott, Jr., who placed a wreath at the site on behalf of President Ronald Reagan, noted that Grant was the first American president to graduate from the Military Academy. He said that Grant's feelings for his fellow Americans was exemplified by the slogan he chose for his first presidential campaign, a four-word prayer that is carved in stone above the entrance to the Grant Memorial. This prayer, he said, is the hope of every citizen and every soldier in America, "Let us have peace."

Congressman Theodore Weiss, of Manhattan, noted that such efforts as Saturday's birthday commemoration, serve to remind us of the richness of our nation's past and now more than ever a sense of history is important. Other remarks were given by John Larkin, representing New York Governor Mario Cuomo.

Highlights of Grant's life and career were discussed by Dr. Leslie Fishel, Jr., director of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, and Dr. William McFeeley, Andrew Mellon professor of humanities at Mount Holyoke College.

In addition to wreath laying by Gen. Scott and by Mr. Cables on behalf of Secretary of Interior Donald Hodel, wreaths were placed at the site by representatives of the Royal Order of the Loyal Legion and by the Dames of the Loyal Legion, represented by Alexander Hartnett and Homer Byington, Ms. Helen Harper and Mrs. Robert Gale, respectively. Emory Taylor, artistic director of the Harlem Opera Society, sang the National Anthem and Battle Hymn of the Republic.



VERNAL REVERIES

SPRINGTIME IS HERE WITH ITS BEAUTY AND FLOWERS,
THEIR FRAGRANCE INSTILLING THE AIR WITH PERFUME.
I SIT HERE AND PONDER, WHILING THE HOURS—
AND THEN COMES A VISION PERVADING THE BRUME!

THAT VISION MAJESTIC, BEAUTEOUS AND FINE,
REVEALS A FAIR LADY, THE FAIREST OF ALL,
WHOM IN MY MEMORY I FAIN WOULD EN-SHRINE—
ANON TO EXALT AS THAT DREAM I RECALL!

SHE HAS A WARM HEART AND FEATURES THAT GLOW,
IMPARTING MUCH PLEASURE TO ALL SHE'D CHANCE MEET.
FOREVER AND E'ER THAT FAIR LADY I'D KNOW—
OF QUALITIES HIGHEST SHE IS SO REplete!

AS SPRING FADES TO SUMMER AND ON INTO FALL,
I TRUST THAT AT TIMES I INTRUDE ON HER MIND.
WHEN WINTRY WINDS BLOW AND SNOWS THE EARTH PALL,
I'LL DREAM OF MY LADY SO WARM AND SO KIND!

John C. Grant