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LORD AND LADY STRATHSPEY RETURN TO UNITED STATES

This year will mark the third trip to the Stone Mountain Games for Lord and Lady Strathspey. The organizing committee at Stone Mountain, Ga. have stated that Lord Strathspey is one of their favorite people. They join us in that appraisal.

Lord and Lady Strathspey have traveled extensively on behalf of the Clan Grant Society. In 1978 they spent 30 days in the former colonies, traveling from Grandfather Mountain to California, and back to Washington, D.C. This trip was a major help in getting us off the ground and running. They spent 2 weeks touring New England and the Canadian Maritimes. Attending Highland Games and laying a wreath at the memorial to the Black Watch at Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y. They were the principal guests at the Antigonish Games in Nova Scotia. Lord Strathspey is a Baronet of Nova Scotia and this was his only visit to the place. I'd be willing to bet that most of the Baronets' of Nova Scotia have never been there. Lord Strathspey went to Australia as the Honored Guest at the Scottish festival there. They have made frequent trips to Speyside and Scotland furthering the Clan Society.

At the games our Clan will have the largest tent, overlooking the parade field. Lord and Lady Strathspey are looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you. We will have a full schedule of events starting with a picnic before the Tattoo on Thursday night. A complete listing will be in the next Craigellachie, including specific information. Please plan to come and visit your Chief and his lovely Lady.

We will all stay together in a motel close to the Stone Mountain Games. Write John C. Grant and let him know if you're coming so that reservations can be made.

THANK YOU DICK HELLER

Our outstanding CRAIGELLACHIE editor retires

In the last issue was an announcement of Dick Heller's retirement from active business and as editor of our award winning newsletter. Dick efforts have been the major factor in our continued growth. The Craigellachie has brought us all closer. Dick has raised the awareness level of all, and made receiving the Craigellachie, a happy event.

On behalf of all of the Clan Grant membership, I wish Dick a speedy return to good health. He and Jane are planning to move to Macallan, Texas. (Its just down the road from Edinburg, Texas.) Must be a wee bit of the Highlands. Its located near El Paso. As soon as they are settled I'll publish their address. I'm sure they will be glad to hear from you. But don't expect replys.

VOLUNTEER FOR CRAIGELLACHIE EDITOR SOUGHT

This is the first issue of this newsletter not produced by that past master, Dick Heller. I am certain that some of you who have considered offering have benn daunted by the challenge of following the best. It is much like following Bear Bryant as football coach at Alabama. Be not of faint heart. The job is time consuming, in that every word must be typed into a computer or a typewriter in the format necessary for the printer. That is, the columns are arranged on a layout sheet ready for the printer to shoot the pages. The pictures must be located just as you want them. However, a short 15 minute training session with a web printer will make it clear and easy.

It is not necessary for you to create and write the articles, these are all sent in for your layout. If you are interested in serving your fellow members by continuing the top quality of this publication please get in touch with George H. Grant.

The next issue will be September 15, 1987 so lets hear from you.



LORD AND LADY STRATHSPEY

GRANT FATHER-DAUGHTER SET SPEED RECORD

Larry Grant and his daughter, Susie, exceeded their own optimistic predictions by smashing the world air speed record from San Francisco to New York.

Flying a high powered, single engine Piper Malibu, they sped the 2400 miles at an unofficial average of 242.116 mph, easily surpassing the old record of 215.95 set in 1984. The record is for single engine planes weighing less than 6614 pounds at takeoff. The Grant's plane weighed 4100 pounds.

The trip was planned because Susie, recruited by Columbia University as a top flight swimmer, was entering school to begin a pre-med course.

It was Susie's idea to take a crack at the record and Larry agreed on condition that she do the difficult work arranging all of the trip details. Susie plotted the course, arranged the refueling stop at McCook, Neb., and preparing flight controllers along the way for the record attempt. It all worked better than planned. Greatly assisted by a tailwind and Susie's pre-planning, a new record has been established of 10 hours, 38 minutes and 18 seconds.

Larry said "It was a beautiful, beautiful trip." I'm absolutely delighted." When asked what was the most rewarding part of the adventure? "Eleven hours with my daughter."



GRANT CHAMPIONS SHOW WINNING SMILE Susie and Larry A. Grant pose in front of the plane used to set the record.

DUTHIL KIRK APPEAL

The last issue of Craigellachie carried articles about Duthil Kirk. Our property in Scotland, and more importantly, an historically significant place for all Grants.

The building itself was a gift to the Worldwide Clan Grant Society. It is owned in your name by Clan Grant Heritage Trust. This is a tax-exempt corporation in Scotland.

The renovation of Duthil Kirk was personally financed by one of our fellow members, Walter Grant of Elgin. The total cost was 10,000 pounds sterling. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REPAY WALTER.

According to Ed Grant, the appeal treasurer, the response has been less than overwhelming. If each of us would contribute just \$30.00 we could meet our obligation.

Each contributor will receive a memorandum of deed, showing partial ownership of Duthil Kirk.

We have some funds left over from the Castle Grant contributions and from the sales of Lord Strathspey's book. This money will be sent to Ed.

Please help! Send your contribution immediately!

To: Mr. Edward A. Grant
4355 Chapsworth St. No.
Shoreview, Minn. 55126

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is my check for _____ made out to Duthil Kirk Fund.

Sincerely,

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

ST _____

ZIP _____

By George!

We are entering the summer season when many of the Highland games are held around the U.S. If at all possible avail yourself of the opportunity to enjoy this unique experience.

Fred Grant, Iowa, has gone awa'. His obituary is reprinted in this issue. I had the pleasure of corresponding with Fred a few months ago. His lively zest for living shone through. Ed Grant told me that each year at the McAlester Games in St. Paul, Mn, Fred would show up with his family to enjoy the day. Our condolences to his family.

Report from Speyside indicates that work on Castle Grant has stopped. No one seems to know why. If we get further news we'll let you know.

If you're planning to go to Nova Scotia for the International gathering, if at all possible, be there for Judique-on-the-Floor Days, Judique, July 10-12. There is a dinner planned on the 11th. This is always well attended. When we were there a few years ago over 50 Grants enjoyed the gathering.

Thank you for your continued support. We continue to grow and get better because of your personal interest.

George Grant Turnbull and his bride Inge, Reidhaven, Grantown-on-Spey have announced that their lovely daughter, Antonio, is spending the next two months at the Fine Arts Center for Girls, Lennox, Mass. This is the British University North American campus. Antonio will then travel in the southern U.S. for the next two months. We are looking forward to seeing her. We met the Turnbells on our first visit to Grantown in 1981. In 1985 we both appeared in the TV program PM Magazine.

5TH KENTUCKY SCOTTISH WEEKEND

Again for the fourth time our beloved Leaders gave us their support in coming this far to bring the Grant Clan colors, tent and especially their presence at the events in Carrollton, KY at the General Butler State Park.

This time they were here early so that we all could try for the brass ring in the Friday afternoon McDonalds' Golf Outing. To start with, our mighty George let fly with the longest drive on the first hole, this to be the best of some 30 participants. The Grant honors were forwarded in the Scramble by Lucille, George, Charlie MacDonald, and our newly made friends the Raymond McFee's of Columbus, OH. It was a real team effort with contributions by each and all to bring us in at one under par, which was a respectable finish. Unfortunately we didn't practice enough to keep up with the Cincinnati Pros: Mary and Ridge Sanders and Jesse Andrews who turned in a polished five shots under.

The Fifth Weekend was again a success, still growing, but very, very blessed with the beautiful weather Lucille and George brought along with them; or at least the feather in George's Bonnet waved away any small raincloud daring to come up on the horizon. It was just a twitch cooler this year so the Staging Committee gave a hearty "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" at the Sunday morning Kirking, with the perfect weather, the larger gathering of we Scots, the Pipes and Athletic, Dancing and all.

This year, Charlie divided his time between helping at

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GRANDSONS BRIGHTEN KENTUCKY GAMES
Charles and Betty G. Macdonald
welcome daughter Margaret Morris,
Joshua, and Charles Grant.

the Clan Grant Tent and working with the Athletes in the scoring. And the MacDonald chests really puffed out when daughter Margaret (Morris) appeared from Nashville bringing with her the grandbairns so the grandparents could show off. The two boys - Joshua(6) and Charles Grant(3) managed to get a little athletic instruction from Dave McKenzie and "Bing" Ewen on use of the pitchfork on the sheaf and trials with a broomstick-sized "Caber". Little Grant was later asking if "Mr. George" would be coming again next year.

It was a much enjoyed visit by the hosts and we again express our appreciation of the loyalty of Lucille and George to be with us.

C. G. MACDONALD NAMED GAMES COORDINATOR

Clan Grant participation in various Scottish Games and Gatherings has up to now, depended on the area commissioner or one of our members to make all the arrangements, pay the bills and send invoices for reimbursement to the treasurer. While to a great extent this has been successful, it does put a burden on one individual, in most cases, and long term planning and advance notice of our activities is not given to all our membership.

If you are interested in representing Clan Grant at any of the games, fill out the application and send it to Charles. He will see to it that the appropriate fees are paid and the badges, tickets, etc; are sent directly to you. If you require Clan Grant related material for the event, let Charles know.

Additionally Charles will be contacted you if you live near one of the game sites to see if you will volunteer to man our tent.

It is important that Clan Grant be represented at these games around the country, because in most cases that is where almost all of us first heard about the Society. Please cooperate with Charles and lets make the Clan Grant Society all we want it to be.

Charles name and address will be listed in the Craigellachie masthead with the others officers.

PHILLIP SMITH HONORED

Friday July 10, at the Holiday Inn, Banner Elk, our Dr. Phillip D. Smith will be honored by the "American Members Association of the TARTAN SOCIETY." Dr. Smith and two other Americans are Fellows of the TARTAN SOCIETY. At the present time there are 17 Fellows active; 3 in US, 1 in Canada, 1 in Australia, and 12 in Great Britain. Dr. Smith is a Gaelic Speaker and an expert on tartans. He is the Author of "Tartan for Me," a listing of Scottish names, and a frequent contributor to Craigellachie. The most important event of Dr. Smith's life was when Shirley Grant married him.

HIGHLAND CATTLE

Cattle always meant prestige. From ancient Celtic times cattle raids were looked upon as a sort of sport or test of prowess. The Highlanders saw little wrong in it, unless they had been paid tribute for "protection." The late W.C. MacKenzie put their viewpoint thus: "the animals were made by God; they derive their food direct from God's pastures, on which man expended neither labor nor money; therefore the animals are the common property of mankind. If we steal our neighbors cattle, today, our neighbors will steal ours tomorrow and so we are quits; and as for the Sasgunnaich (lowlanders), well, their country belonged to our forefathers, so it is a land where every Highland man can take his prey."

So cattle raiding was regarded by the otherwise very law abiding Gaels as something quite distinct from ordinary theft: it was simply up to the other side to try and prevent them from succeeding.

And, in times when a certain amount of blood letting was thought a reasonable show of vigor, the heir to a Highland Chiefship was expected to have led at least one cattle raid before his succession. This practice of cattle raiding added a word to the English language: ordinary "mail" meant "rent", so "black mail" was the name originally given to the illegal levy made lby the Highlanders on the cattle raiders from other clans to allow them free passage through their territory- or alternately, levied as "protection money of Lowland neighbors."

**THE WESTERN
SIDE OF
THE CRAIG
AT THE FAIR
BY
GENE GRANT**

A new method of lining up the Clans for the March By was tried and worked very well. Rather than line up and wait in the sun as has been the most often used, the pipers marched through the Glen of Clans and as they passed each tent, the Clans would fall in at the rear. A lot of time was saved as well as patience and the displays were left unattended for only a brief time.

There, our Connie Grant, daughter of David and Linda Grant of Modesto, California, was busy winning ribbons for her Highland and Scottish dancing skills. This little beauty is always in the money for every event.

Also at Modesto, we signed four new members from one family— Evelyn M. Grant Simmons and Betty B. Stow of Modesto; Evelyn L. Varrow and Nancy E. Hesse of Atwater, Ca. Other visitors to the Grant Tent were, Brett Grant, Jeff Grant (who one more was our flag bearer) and Kathleen Grant, all three are also children of David and Linda Grant. William B. and Shirley Grant of Redondo Beach, Linda Green of Sacramento, Patrick Kearns of Oakdale, CA and Teresa Goff of Modesto.

The following day on June 7th was the Highland Fling in Stockton. Although a commercial venture to publicize a shopping mall, it is always fun for the show they put on. This year we were visited by Mary, Queen of Scots and her Court. Also on hand was a group of "Knights in Armor" doing battle to the "death." Sometimes these "Knights" were unintentionally funny and yet at all times, it

was to them a deadly serious game played with all the chivalry of days gone by. Pipers and singers of Scottish songs were there as well to keep the visitors and us entertained. Guest to the Grant booth were, Mr & Mrs Stephen Cooper of Manteca, Mr & Mrs Alyne Moore, Jerry Carrol, Mr & Mrs Thomas B. Buck, Thelma Cramer, Jane R. Davis, Richard & Carol Holly, Jolin W. Peeples all of Stockton, Sally Mozza and Michelle Kimbrell of Sacramento, Devon Reynolds of Saleda & Alfred Machacon of the Phillipines.

The Sacramento Games on Saturday, June 13, too were well managed and ran smoothly despite the fact that they had changed from the traditional location in Sacramento to the town of Dixon about twenty miles away. The weather too was cooperative although the day before was over a 100 degrees, we enjoyed the high seventies. It was at these games that Clan Grant won its second award of the year for "Best Clan Display."

Visitors to the booth were Valene Allen Thompson, Carmichael; Charles Grant Eddy, Sacramento & Carl Dennis Buell, Oakland.

The Golden Gate Scottish & Irish Games on June 20 & 21 did not live up to the promise they showed at their first attempt last year. Although the location had been changed to a more sheltered and pleasant area in Vallejo, there were a few squeaks in the machine. The Glen of the Clans was not laid out in advance as is usual. The tents

were pitched in a helter skelter manner which resulted in no clear way to methodically visit each display. There was probably a lot more room than it appeared yet the tents in some areas were jammed together. The March By of the Clans was reminiscent of the English retreat at Bannockburn. Without pipers to set the pace, the clans were rushed through the arena so rapidly the announcer was still naming the clans after the last one had passed by.

At least the Grant's achieved a few more laurels when Connie Grant, who moved up from beginner to intermediate class at Modesto was awarded a third in Sword, a third in Lilt and a fifth in Highland Fling. Since she was competing against much older and more experienced girls, we think that she is quite a lassie.

Visiting the clan booth at Vallejo were, Joseph Andrew and Lois Gilmore, no address; Linda Grant, Modesto; Janet Brown and Jeannie, San Jose; Patricia Gaymond of Sacramento; Joan Grant of San

San Ansalmo, James Stilas, Novato; Thomas Sutties, Walnut Creek; Joan Platt, El Cerrito and Mary Grant Park, Vallejo. With only the games at Oakland July 12, Monterey August 1, Campbell August 16, Santa Rosa Sept 5, 6, & 7th and Fresno on Sept 12 I am beginning to wonder how I will spend my time this winter without the excitement the Games supply.

It hardly seems possible that the Games season is more than half over for this year. Behind us are the Fourth Annual International Fair at Santa Clara, The Modeston Games and Gathering, The Stockton Highland Fling, The Sacramento Games and the Golden Gate Scottish and Irish Games.

The pageantry and color at the International Fair on March 13, 14 & 15th are a great way to start the season. The booths are set up inside and decorated for us by the fair personnel and all we have to do is set up our displays. Our display this year (as it was last year) was awarded a first prize ribbon. We were quite pleased at this even though we had to share the honors with Clan Chattan.

The Modesto Games on June 6th were as charming as ever. Held in the Tuolumne Regional Park along the shores of the Tuolumne River, the setting is much like you would find in the "Auld Sod." The weather was blessedly cool for Modesto at this time of year and the wind, which usually plagues the Clan Displays, was only a modest breeze. Under good management, these games always run like a well-oiled machine.



MODESTO GAMES BRINGS FOUR NEW MEMBERS FROM SAME FAMILY Evelyn M. Grant, Betty B. Stowe, Evelyn L. Barrow, Nancy Hesse. discover Clan Grant and rejoin cousins.



KILTIED GOLF TEAM AT KENTUCY from left Raymond and Jeanne McFee, George and Lucille Grant, Charles G. MacDonald.

APPLICATION/RENEWAL

ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE (MARCH, 1987). Please send check or money order payable to: CLAN GRANT SOCIETY. Check your membership card for the year of expiration. This will be your only notice to renew. If you have any questions about your membership or the newsletter, Craigellachie, contact the membership secretary. (Be sure to include your middle name — we have a lot of Grants!) Thanks for renewing promptly!

1987-8 Membership
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Attach extra names and addresses on back of this form if you pay for other memberships.

Return this form along with your check or money order to: Mrs. Shirley G. Smith, Membership Secretary, 1207 Cavalier Lane, West Chester, PA 19380. (215) 692-6240

Additional Memberships (Names and Addresses)

Are there other prospective members of Clan Grant that you would like us to send membership information to? Enclose their names and addresses, too!

(Clip Here)

This year we will have group rates for two newspapers: The Highlander Magazine (\$8.00 per year) and/or the Scottish-American (\$7.50 per year). Please check the papers desired, enclose a separate check or money order for the total amount payable to: CLAN GRANT SOCIETY. Fill out the rest of the coupon and return it with your money to Mr. Mathew Grant-Knapp. (Please direct all inquiries about these newspapers to him).

1987-8 Newspaper Order Form
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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____	

Return this form along with your check or money order to: Mr. Mathew Grant-Knapp, Regional Commissioner, 4177 Circle Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Funeral held for Fred Grant

Funeral services for Fred A. Grant, 84, a retired Decorah caterer, were held Thursday, April 16, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Decorah.

Mr. Grant died April 13 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn., following a lengthy illness.

The Rev. David W. Ash performed the service. Mrs. W.D. Willer sang "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." Grandson Frederick J. Grant sang "In the Garden," and another family member, Leonard Morris, sang "Danny Boy." Organist was Kristen Kvamme.



Fred A. Grant

Pat Maloney and Vernon L. Olson of Decorah spoke during the service, highlighting Mr. Grant's many years of service for the Decorah Community Betterment and the Boy Scouting programs.

Fjelstul Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements, with burial at Phelps Cemetery. Pallbearers were Palmer A. Anderson, Grant Barth, Sam Cardella, Edward J. Grant, Harold E. Haas and Palmer Ruffridge. Honorary pallbearers were Leslie Dynes, Kenneth H. Galloway, Donald L. Gray, Sidney McClintock, Leonard T. Morrison, T.J. Morrison, Vernon L. Olson, Kenneth Reeves, Gene Simenson, Robert Thorsten, E.J. Weigle and Jesse Wepler.

Fred Grant was born Nov. 17, 1902, in Fredericksburg, Iowa, the son of Edward and Mabel (Stevens) Grant. He attended Decorah Public Schools and had lived in the Decorah area most of his life. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and past member of the IOOF Lodge.

He married the former Hazel Barth Nov. 1, 1924, at Waterloo.

Mr. Grant was active in Boy Scouts for 32 years and achieved the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood through the National Court of Honor.

He had served the community through his involvement with Abner Hendrickson School, the First United Methodist Church, Trouble Line, Crosslines, Senior Citizens, Depot Outlet and the Quality of Life Committee.

In 1984, he and his wife, Hazel, were presented with a special Governor's Leadership Award by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad. The award was made during the Iowa Community Betterment Recognition Program at Iowa State University for their outstanding community service.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel; two children, Helen Schmidt of Decorah and Charles Grant of Faribault, Minn.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Wallace Grant, his parents, three brothers and one sister.

GRANT ITEMS FOR SALE

SET OF SIX 16 OUNCE GLASSES W/GRANT CREST AND BADGE ETCHED PRICE \$30.00 PER SET

LORD STRATHSPEY'S "HISTORY OF THE CLAN GRANT" PERSONALLY AUTOGRAPHED PRICE \$25.00 PER COPY

Notes from Our Secretary

Mrs. Shirley Grant-Smith

1207 Cavalier Ln., West Chester, PA 19380

GRANT'S TAKE FIRST

Alison Grant Meek in Charlotte, NC is trying to track down her family. Her Grandfather Arthur Grant, passed away several years ago. Her Grandmother is a Stewart. She wants to get more involved in Clan Grant activities, especially in her area, so those of you living near her, count her in!

Bob and Ann Grant Miller in Indianapolis are looking forward to their first games in Fort Wayne, July 17-19th. Bob is busy as Commissioner for Clan Donald but we're sure Ann will have time for a good word with any Grants who attend the event.

Callum Grant, our new Commissioner in New Hampshire says to let him know if you're coming to Loon Mountain, near Lincoln, NH in September. Accommodations are hard to come by, so make your reservations early.

James Paul Landre in Bainbridge NY and Doris Folejewski in Binghamton NY are descended from John Oglethorp Grant. We hope they will write their genealogy up for the newsletter one of these times.

Don Grant writes that his trip to Israel and Greece was very interesting and that he didn't meet a single terrorist.

A suggestion by Grant Thompson is worthy of notice. He suggest that we have a cut-out in every issue of CRAIGELLACHIE for membership applications. (We did renew that way this year and it has been fairly successful. It saves us postage, too!) Let your Commissioner know if you think this is a good idea- and thanks for writing, Grant.

Oregon's Commissioner, Bob Grant, is on a very strict diet and says there is no more going unless he takes their trailer along! We're betting that trailer gets a lot of use.

Talk about Scotchmen! Bob Grant, in Dunedin, returned his last year's membership card and requested a newer model! How about recycling the old one? (Actually don't you think you should save that valuable piece of identification?)

George and Marie Grant announce Heather Ann's arrival on May 11, 1987. Her brother Scott, and Grandpa George, Sr., are doing well.

Mary and Donald Dunn, members since 1980, announce their retirement from St. Andrew's School in Delaware. We hope to have more details in the next newsletter.

For the second year in a row, the Grant booth has taken a first prize ribbon at the International Fair, San Jose, Ca. This year it was a tie between Clan Chattan and Clan Grant. The judges, who were unable to come to a decision in favor of one or the other, finally awarded first place ribbons to both.

Clan Chattan is not a single clan but is a confederation of many clans. They have a very strong organization with many times the membership of our own. That alone is enough to insure their success in any endeavors but when a driving force like Jim MacAig is added, plus a hefty budget they are indeed a formidable opponet. We are flattered that the judges put us on the same level with them.

Other honors at the Fair were unofficially awarded to the Grants:

We were told that Gene Grant was judged by the audience of the Ethnic Dress Fashion Show to be the "Best Dressed Highland Man."

In the overall category, he was judged second according to the same sources.

Also conferred was an "Award of Recognition" for our outstanding contributions to the Fairs goal of providing educational, cultural and recreational opportunities and activities.

MEET MATT & ANNE

Mathew (Matty) Grant-Knapp and Anne are charter members of CLAN GRANT SOCIETY. They have served as commissioner for New England from the very beginning. Through their efforts we have an active group all over the region. Matty named the region "TULLOCHGORM".

Matty has recently retired from active business and now spends his time gardening. They live at 4177 Circle Court, Williamsville N.Y., (Buffalo). Once they grew orchids, but the cold weather finally won, freezing everything. Now in addition to more mundane plants Matty is the largest grower of scottish heather in New York State. All of the heather was personally brought over by Matty. One day soon he will probably open a stand on the highway selling heather.

Matt and Anne are active Scottish Country Dancers, practicing at least once a week 9 months of the year, and participating in severaal dances annually. I visited them a few years ago and went to one of the practice sessions. After an hour, I was finished, but they danced on. The group met in the basement of their teacher, a lady from Scotland, and I kept running into the support posts.

Matt and Anne are both very talented and artistic. They made the Grant Banner you have seen pictured in the newsletter. Matt also makes reproduction copies of the BLACK WATCH officers sword. I have one he kindly gave me and its beautiful.

They have attended the Grandfather Mountain Games and Stone Mountain on several occasions. When Lord and Lady Strathspey visited Nova Scotia with us, Matt and Anne were there. In 1981 and 1985 when the Clan held a gathering at Speyside, Scotland they were there.

Matt and Anne are totally responsible for starting our Clan Society in Canada. They set up the tent at many Canadian Games recruiting cousins and looking for someone to become the commissioner. Ian Grant was the first and has more than ably been succeeded by Sid Grant.

They have two fine and talented children. Barbara who is a piper and until she recently stepped down, was the Pipe Major of the "Co. D Buffalo City Guard-Gordon Highlanders". Founded in 1837. She is still the Secretary. Barbara has two fine children, who I'm sure will be pipers and dancers. Mathew Grant-Knapp III, their son is working on his degree in business and will graduate in May of 1988. Another tycoon in the making.

If you have gathered from all this that I hold these two great people in high esteem, you are absolutely correct. They are my friends and the friends of all Grants everywhere. I hope you all have the opportunity to meet them both soon.

BIRTHDAY

Celebrating his 83rd birthday on June 30 is Edward Annand Grant. Born in Riverside, California he spent his life working with the U.S. Forest Service. He and his wife, Helen, of 56 years just moved into town, Susanville, CA) to live in a smaller home. His interest include bottle and rock collecting and his "Yorkie" terrier. Phil and Shirley Smith returned from helping them move--a time of nostalgia after 40 years of "ranching.")

GRANT ELECTED TO CONGRESS

Susan Grant Bisbee reports that Bill Grant has been elected to succeed Don Fuqua, who retired after 24 years. His district covers a region of north Florida that includes, Lake City, Tallahassee, and Marianna.

Clan Grant Society congratulates Bill on this singular achievement. A number of years ago there was a congressman from Alabama named George H. Grant. He served for 26 years before retiring. Many times I was mistaken for his son when I visited Birmingham and Montgomery. His son, George H. Grant, Jr and I met at the Alexandria Games. He is a member of our Society along with George H. Grant III.

Bill joins with other moembers of Clan Grant who have distinguished themselves in service to our country. The list is headed by Ulyssis S. Grant, President.