

# Dallas Woman's Clubs set dinner-dance date

The fourth annual formal dinner-dance held jointly by the Dallas Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs is scheduled March 20 at the Treadway Inn. At a recent meeting at the

home of Mrs. Donald Lloyd, Saginaw Street, Dallas, plans were discussed by committee members of both clubs.

Chairmen of the affair are Mrs. Errol Stewart, senior club,

and Mrs. Lloyd, junior club. Co-chairmen are Mrs. John Rogers and Mrs. J. Richard Brady.

Other committees include publicity, Mrs. Marvin Carkhuff, Mrs. Robert Richardson; reservations, Mrs. Charles Burger, Mrs. Charles Mahler, Mrs. Joseph Shaver, Mrs. James Richardson; decorations and door prize, Mrs. Harold Brobst, Mrs. Thomas Benton, Mrs. Charles Huey.

A Dutch treat cocktail hour will kick off the festivities at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a sit-down dinner at 7:30. Dancing will be accompanied by the George Reavy Quartet.

Mrs. Robert Parker is Senior Woman's Club president and Mrs. Edward Thompson is Junior Woman's Club president.

## know your neighbor---

### Clifford and Barbara Troup

Scotsmen and those of Scottish ancestry observed the 212th anniversary this week—January 25—of Robert Burns, poet of Scotland.

Burns was toasted with a wee dram of the barley malt whiskey distilled in his native land—and was remembered by quoting such poems of his as:

*The seas gang dry, my dear  
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;  
I love thee still, my dear;  
While the sands of life shall run.  
—From "A Red, Red Rose"*

In many places, haggis, ordered from Scotland, was eaten. It has to come from abroad, because Ralph Nader would probably blow the whistle on such a concoction's being conjured in America. (Haggis is the nightmare of puddings, a jumble of livers and lights and oatmeal and tripe, steamed to golden goodness in a sheep-stomach casing. Eating haggis is a ceremonial sacrifice.)

The skirling of the bagpipes was heard and dancers did their "thing"—by doing the Highland Fling.

Burns is one of the links which bind all Scots together—wherever they may be. There are Robert Burns Societies in New York, North Carolina, New Jersey and many other states.

Although the kilned set has no Robert Burns Society in the Back Mountain, the poet's anniversary was not forgotten by Clifford Duncan Troup, an Aberdeen man, and his wife Barbara, whose forebears came from Arshire and Glasgow.

Of cheerful wit and mien, Cliff Troup explodes that old falla that the Scots are dour or gloom. He word-paints a funny picture of how he arrived at LaGuardia Airport in the summer of 1949—dressed in a very heavy overcoat in 90 degree heat.

He came over to join two brothers and one sister who were already here, and started working for Atlas Chain and Precision Products Company, Inc., at that time owned by family members. He has a degree in engineering.

A few years later, at the wedding of his nephew, Oliver Troup, Mr. Cliff met a young lady, Barbara Livingston Aird, a direct descendant of David Livingston. Although Barbara was born in Philadelphia, her father, Hugh Aird, came from Galston, Ayrshire, and her mother, whose family name was Torrance, came from Glasgow.

The two Caledonians were married in 1953. They have lived in West Pittston and Chicago, and now live in Trucksville in a marvelous old house that they are remodeling and rejuvenating. Nine months ago, Cliff resigned his position with Atlas, and became Superintendent of Maintenance with Troup Fund, Inc., developers of the Newberry Estate.

Other members of the Trucksville household are Pop, Barbara's father, and "Angus MacGegor," a splendid Airedale, and "Mr. Jones," a Welsh Terrier.

The Flag of Scotland, a rampant red lion on yellow background, brightens one wall of the den. There are other elements of Scottish make and design in the home. A treasured book is one published in the late 18th Century of Robert Burns' poems. A rare First American Edition, it is printed "chiefly in the Scottish Dialect", as the frontispiece states.

A member of the Gordon and Robertson Clans, Cliff was the youngest of ten children. Highlights of his childhood in Aberdeen, on the northeast coast of Scotland, were the Highland Games—races, tossing of the caber, pipe bands, and dances. At Robert Gordon's College, where he won a scholarship, he played rugby and soccer.

His mother, who is 93, and one sister still live in Aberdeen.

There is a brother in South Carolina, a sister in New Jersey and a sister in Australia.

Barbara enjoys her Scottish heritage by wearing kilts. She has one in the tartans of the Lindsay and McBeth clans—not because she belongs to those clans, but because "I love the colors of the plaids." A small symbolic "sgian-dubh" (pronounced skeen-du) is worn on the front skirt of her kilts. The sgian-dubh is the dagger usually worn by men, tucked into the knitted hose and garter on the right leg. As Cliff belongs to the Gordon Clan, she also has a kilt made of the Gordon sett or pattern, which is blue and green with a yellow stripe. Head coverings include a Balmoral-style bonnet, a tam o' shanter, and a Glengarry cap.

In 1965 Cliff took Barbara to Scotland to visit relatives and show off the heather-covered hills of his homeland. She also has an uncle and aunt, brother and sister of her father, living there. Her father, Mr. Aird, has re-visited Scotland five times since he came to America in 1923.

A guest in the Trucksville home of the Troups is welcomed with warm hospitality—and usually greeted with the soft burr of the Scottish dialect. At the dining table, a grace, written by Burns, is given: Some hae meat and canna eat, And some wad eat that want it; But we hae meat and we can eat And sae the Lord be thanket.

## C. M. alumnae board to meet

Hilda Garey of Lehman, executive secretary of the College Misericordia Alumnae Association, has announced Feb. 6 as the date for the association's executive board meeting in Philadelphia. Approximately 27 board officers, chapter president, and committee chairmen are expected to attend the meeting in Campion Student Center of St. Joseph's College.

Highlights of the meeting will include a report on College Misericordia campus activities presented by Sr. Miriam Teresa, RSM, president of the college, and the first progress report on the 1971 Annual Giving Campaign. Mrs. Terrance Burke, committee chairman from Pittston, will present the progress report. Sandra Della Croce, a committee chairman from Levittown, is scheduled to report on homecoming plans. Homecoming will be held at College Misericordia in October.

Atty. Grace Powers Monaco of Wash., D.C., will preside over the meeting.



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Members of the Dallas Woman's Clubs' dinner-dance committee gathered recently to formulate plans. Pictured are, first row, left to right: Mrs. Thomas Benton, Mrs. Robert D. Richardson, Mrs. James L. Richardson, Mrs. Marvin Carkhuff, Mrs. Lester E. Jordan, Mrs. Lawrence Newhart. Second row: Mrs. Edward Thompson, Mrs. Charles Burger, Mrs. Joseph Shaver, Mrs. J. Richard Brady, Mrs. Donald Lloyd, Mrs. Errol Stewart, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. Charles Huey, Mrs. Robert Parker. Not shown: Mrs. Charles Mahler, Mrs. Harold Brobst.

## library book club installs new officers

The Book Club of the Back Mountain Memorial Library met in the Children's Annex on Monday to elect and install new officers. In the absence of Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Fred Howell presided. Mrs. C.J. Ankner was elected president; Mrs. Ben. H. Edwards, vice president and program chairman. Mrs. Charles Frantz will serve as secretary and Mrs. Willard Seaman, treasurer.

Meetings will be held at 1:30, the third Monday of each month from October through May weather permitting.

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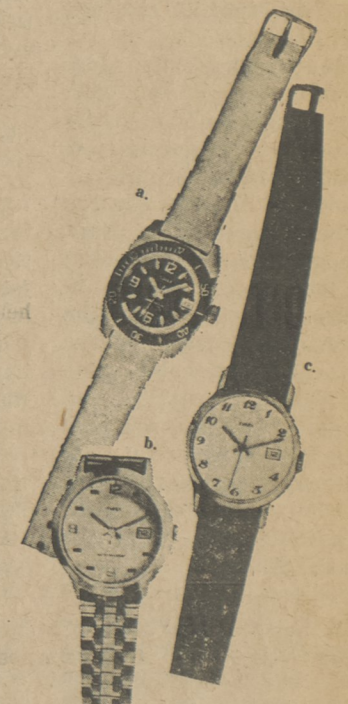
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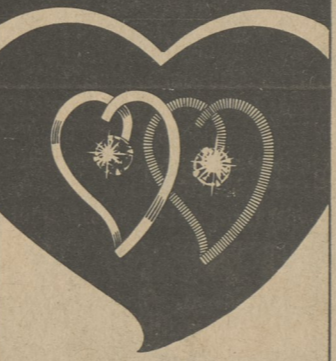
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