

Dame Flora Joins "Hip Club" In Fall at Skye

Dame Flora MacLeod, eighty-one-year-old chief of the Clan MacLeod, has suffered a broken hip in an automobile accident near her home on the Isle of Skye.

Dame Flora, who had just left home on the first stage of a journey to the United States, was described by doctors as "comfortable."

The distinguished Scottish lady, present dwelling place.

chief of the Clan MacLeod, and a Dame of the British Empire, has been a frequent visitor to Moore County, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McKeithen, Mrs. Paul P. McCain, and others from the Sandhills have visited Dame Flora at Dunvegin, the castle on the Isle of Skye which is the hereditary stronghold of the MacLeods. One of the oldest inhabited castles in the British Isles, parts of Dunvegin date back at least as far as the 11th century, with dungeons built deep down into the solid rock beneath the present dwelling place.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION

2 Arrested in Alleged Auto Theft Racket for Sale of Parts of Cars

Chopped-up parts of a car found deep in the woods in Little River township last Thursday sparked a round-the-clock investigation which culminated Monday in the arrest of two men for auto larceny.

It may also bring to light a practice for which the older man has long been under suspicion, according to Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm, of stealing cars at long distances for the purpose of selling parts, while destroying or otherwise disposing of the rest.

Grimm and Deputy R. A. Edwards were assisted by Lee and Harnett County officers in their investigation. Edward Johnson, 44, of Sanford, was picked up by Sanford police and is being held to answer charges in Lee Superior Court before being turned over to the Moore County officers.

Johnson has remained silent under the accusations but, said Grimm, the other man, Claybourne West, 22, of Bunnlevel, after intensive interrogation, gave a written statement in which he revealed the practice in which he said he assisted Johnson.

The abandoned chassis, found with two car seats ripped out and lying beside it, provided one clue. All serial numbers had been cut off—but one. It led to identification of the car as a Ford Fairlane stolen in Onslow county Tuesday night. A yellow trailer seen in the vicinity Wednesday was found to have been rented from a Bonnie Doone concern. The front end of the car—fenders, radiator, bumper and windshield—were found to have been sold to a Sanford body shop.

Grimm said the body shop owner apparently bought the parts innocently, and is cooperating fully with police.

He said that Johnson, an auto mechanic who formerly operated his own garage at Lillington, apparently followed the practice of finding out certain parts needed by garage or body shops, saying that he had such parts available or could get them, then stole a car to get these specific parts for which he already had a sale.

West told police that the parts of the stolen car which weren't sold, or left in the woods in Little River, were thrown into the river near Lobelia.

County Teachers Report on Work In Language Study

In the Elementary Library of the Aberdeen School, all teachers who are experimenting in the teaching of a foreign language to elementary children met for a discussion of methods, materials and scope.

Lawton Wiles, representative of Encyclopedia Britannica Films, gave a demonstration on using filmstrips in conjunction with the record player. This is one of the most accepted methods of presentation and accentuates the fact that "hearing and saying" are the important factors in learning conversational French or Spanish.

Each teacher gave a brief resume of accomplishments this year. All agreed that pupil interest is high, and that the learning involved is well worth the time spent. Mrs. McPherson, director of elementary instruction in the Moore County School system gave

Soldiers, 2 Young Vass Women, Draw Prison Terms for Car Theft Incident

Two young Fort Bragg soldiers and two young women of Vass, putting up no defense whatsoever, were convicted of auto larceny Tuesday in Moore Superior Court and received prison sentences.

Pfc. Roger M. Ferguson, 23, and Pfc. James M. McGrath, 21, received 18 to 24 months, while Rebecca J. Albertson, 22, and Virginia M. Vance, 29, were sentenced to six months in Woman's Division of Central Prison.

Following the trial, in which the only testimony was that of Sgt. Earl Seawell of the Southern Pines police for the State, Judge Frank M. Armstrong asked Acting Solicitor W. D. Sabiston to talk to them about submitting a lesser plea, possibly for a misdemeanor rather than a felony. Later Sabiston reported that he

had done so, but that the women had insisted they weren't guilty and would not plead to anything, while the boys said they "didn't feel they were guilty of anything either."

The four, who were without counsel, sat silent as Sgt. Seawell testified about finding them drinking beer in a Southern Pines restaurant within an hour after receiving a phone call from Vass about the missing car. It had been driven off from a dance pavilion, and Constable L. F. Woods informed Seawell two men and

two girls were thought to be in it. Seawell said that, when questioned, the women said they had thought it was the soldiers' car, while one of the soldiers told him it "belonged to the girls."

The police had found the car, property of Robert Wayne Tinggen of Fuquay-Varina, parked behind the restaurant.

RIGHTS OR RITES?

Some motorists and pedestrians are stubborn enough to insist on their "rights" even if it means their last rites, Major Charles A. Speed said this week. That's why Motor Vehicles Department records list over 225 pedestrian fatalities every year, he declared.



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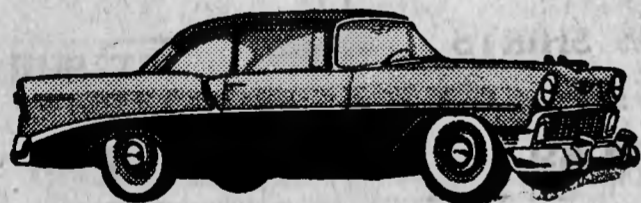
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