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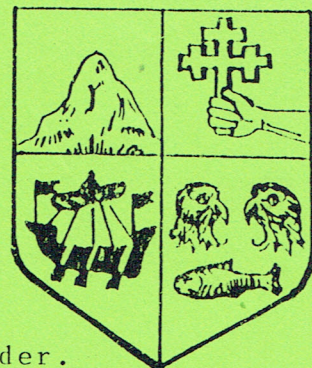
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NEWSLETTER NO 15



This is a most serious matter, please consider.

URGENT

The President (Mrs Marie Keller) and myself are now at crisis point on behalf of the Committee, in regard to the following :-

MEMOIRS OF ALF McLEAN

"HAVING FUN WITHOUT WORKING TOO HARD"

(with apologies where I stumble)

This book was written by me as advised to you in Newsletter No 13, being for the purpose of raising extra income to enable the Committee to balance the budget on the publication of the book "HISTORY OF DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN & THEIR DESCENDANTS, FIRST WHEAT CROP GROWERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA".

It was further reported to you in Newsletter No 14, as to its cost, \$14.50 plus \$1.50 postage = \$16.00 - with coupon to purchase, being widely circulated to all.

"ALF'S MEMOIRS" of life experiences and amusing anecdotes was launched at the Port Milang Railway Museum on 20th October, 1996, by Mr A.G. Matheson, OBE JP, an old resident of the district. It has received an excellent review in the local 100-year old paper, "THE SOUTHERN ARGUS".

BUT WE ARE extremely disappointed with the sales demand from our extended McLean family. We have received more sales from outsiders, than from the extended McLean family and our situation is now desperate.

We have printed 750 copies, sales of which we need to get out of debt. The awful situation at present is that we are struggling to pay our printer's account, without considering our loans in connection with the D&C McLean history.

YES!

WE ARE ON THE WAY

BUT IN FACT THE "MOMENT OF TRUTH IS AT HAND"

We must have complete support from ALL the extended McLEAN family.

The point now is that we (Marie & I) - on behalf of the McLean Committee are now in a "cleft stick" situation as we can only move so far in outside sales; we have to DEPEND on the extended McLean family for their whole-hearted support NOW.

"Alf's Memoirs" comprise 160 pages (half the size of this sheet of A4 paper) with an acknowledged absorbing "read" of happenings within his life time working experience - including "a midnight castration" - "a well known Melbourne optician inadvertently advertised as a blood stallion standing for service" - "an unsolved tragedy on the River Torrens in Adelaide" and many other experiences.

It covers over 40 years of my life in the Police Force, in Local Government, and in District Community Hospital activity, with many photos, newspaper cuttings, and reproductions, etc.

In buying (don't forget the \$5 for annual updating of McLean history) can you suggest any possible further sales either inside or outside of the McLean family. If you have a query on any earlier order please contact either of the undersigned. The Memoirs will make an excellent Christmas gift. ORDER COUPON ENCLOSED.

MARIE KELLER, PRESIDENT.

ALF McLEAN, HON. SECRETARY.

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Producing family history
DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN
First Wheat Crop Growers in
South Australia

FRIDAY
1ST NOVEMBER, 1996.

*"Bagpipes, not lyres, the Highland hills
adorn, Maclean's loud hollo, and
Macgregor's horn"*

THIS IS AN URGENT REQUEST

THIS COAT OF MACLEAN ARMS WAS SKETCHED BY COUNCIL MEMBER, JENNY LEE.
IT WILL BE FULLY DESCRIBED IN NEWSLETTER NO 10

NEWSLETTER NO 15

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER CONCERNING OUR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

Alf McLean's special memo (with the authority of President, Mrs Marie Keller as detailed on foot hereof) in regard to my "Memoirs" entitled:-
"HAVING FUN WITHOUT WORKING TOO HARD" (with apologies where I stumble).

This 158 page book, plus covers, was launched on Sunday 20th. October last at the Port Milang Railway Museum, price \$14.50 plus postage \$1.50 = \$16.00. The "Southern Argus" (Strathalbyn Weekly Paper) copy is printed on the rear hereof.

We are in debt to family Committee members to \$5,000.00, plus the cost of printing "Memoirs" \$2,600.00 (less \$1,000.00 paid - balance due on printing \$1,600).

The Maclean
Coat of Arms
is from the
colour
reproduction
in the
Register of
All Arms &
Bearings
Chart by John
Bartholomew
& Sons Ltd.

You are aware that the McLean history "DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN & THEIR DESCENDANTS, FIRST WHEAT CROP GROWERS IN S.A. 1838" being under priced is the cause of our debt.

I offered to write my "MEMOIRS" free of charge for the Committee. After reading some sample pages prepared by me, the Committee accepted my offer, and after a lot of work my "MEMOIRS" was completed and printed. The Committee is very pleased with the finished book, printed with the object of getting us out of debt.

WE ARE ON THE WAY! But with 750 copies to sell, we need the support of every McLEAN and/or every descendant by whatever name.

You will not be disappointed with my "MEMOIRS" - it is being read and favorably commented on, but our available selling market is not large enough without your help!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE COUPON ON THE BOTTOM HEREOF AND RETURN TO ME OR MARIE.

You may use CASH/CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/POSTAL NOTES OR CREDIT CARD. Your book will be forwarded within 2 to 3 days of receipt of order.

(Sgd). M. KELLER, PRESIDENT, A.P. McLEAN, HON. SEC.

ORDER FOR ALF'S MEMOIRS "HAVING FUN WIHOUT WORKING TOO HARD"

NAME

ADDRESS

NUMBER OF BOOKS @ \$16.00. EACH CREDIT CARD DETAILS BELOW:-

CARD NAME..... NUMBER/...../...../.....

EXPIRY DATE OF CARD SIGNATURE.