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The Newsletter of the Scots of Austin

OCTOBER MEETING - will be a very special and unusual one. Instead of our usual meeting place at the IHOP on MoPac, we will assemble at the General Land Office, which is in the 1700 block of N. Congress. We shall gather at the entrance on the south side of the building, on the north side of the side street. There Jerry Drake, Director of Archives and Records, and a security officer will greet us and escort us in for an exclusive conducted tour and lecture through the precious documents of Texas. There is also a ramp on the front of the building, but the side door will be best for us. If you are late, security will guide you to our group. **BUT it is important to be on time - which is 7:00 pm** (our usual starting time). Date is Tuesday, October 17 (the third Tuesday of each month, as usual).

This special tour is courtesy of the Texas Land Commissioner, Jerry Patterson, who is a Scots of Austin. So let's show our appreciation by turning out a good attendance. The tour will take about one hour. If you have a question call Jerry Drake at 463-5256. Bring family and friends by all means. This is the Stephen F. Austin Building.

NOVEMBER MEETING - Will be Tuesday, November 21, at the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) at 1101 So. MoPac at Bee Caves Road. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Dining is optional. The Program will be the incredible adventures of the hero/con-man extraordinary Gregor MacGregor, the self-styled "Serene Highness Gregor the First, Prince of Poyais." Vice President and Program Director Chris Walker will regale us with the adventures and rascality of this Scottish warrior-rogue, who ended up with a knighthood and a bundle of dough, leaving a lot of Scots, English and French the poorer from trusting his sales pitch of worthless South American jungle. In the case of Gregor MacGregor, crime paid handsomely.

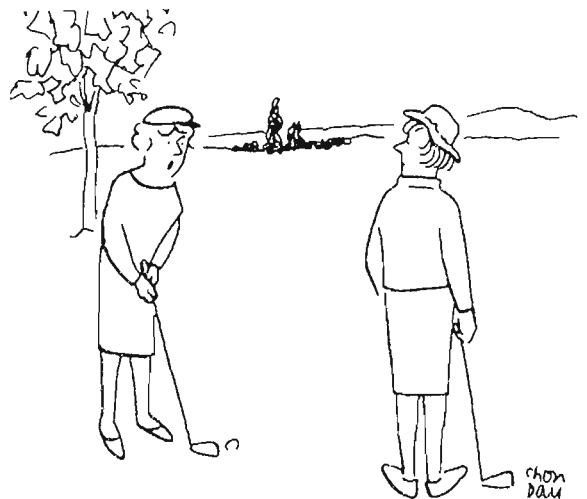
CONDOLENCES to Member Dorothy Pate on the death of her mother.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PRESIDENT Bruce Marshall, recently hospitalized with pneumonia.

BOARD MEETING will be October 15 at home of President Bruce Marshall, to discuss shortening meetings to four per year. 3 pm.

WHERE IS SCOTTY? We need a current address/phone for David Scott, one of our favorite members. This is one we can't afford to lose.

McNab went into the barber's shop and asked the barber how much a haircut was. 'A pound,' said the barber. 'How much is a shave?' asked McNab. 'Fifty pence,' said the barber. 'Shave my head,' said McNab.



"I believe the Scots invented this game, and they also invented the bagpipe. Believe me, they have a lot to answer for."