ADDENDUM TO IAN MACLEAN THIRTY YEARS AN ARCHIVIST

by Alan Ives

It may be noted that since the item published in the February 1975 issue of this journal was written, with a view to the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Australian Archives on 30th October, 1974, Mr Maclean has left that institution for the post of Deputy Keeper in the Public Record Office of Victoria.

With respect to Mr Maclean's university career, the following corrections are offered at his instigation: an Arts degree with honours in History, a Half Blue in Rugy Union only, and, in addition, a founding place in the Choral Society of Melbourne University.

Further amendment is noted of two dates: first, that of Mr Maclean's return from S.E.A.T.O. — this was in March 1974; and second, the period of his Presidency of the Canberra Repertory Society was in the late Forties not the Sixties. Finally, again a Repertory item, it seems that it was as the Mikado that Mr Maclean reappeared on the Canberra "stage" in the first half of 1974.

With respect to the Bibliography, it should be pointed out that the inclusion of an item in the list in no way implies its availability for general use.

MISCELLANY

by Michael Saclier

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS

At a conference held at the Australian National University, Canberra on 5th and 6th April, attended by seventy-five archivists and manuscript librarians an Australian Society of Archivists was formed. Foundation membership of the Society will be in the vicinity of one-hundred and ten professional members and about twenty associate members.

The meeting adopted the draft rules published in *Newsletter* No. 3 of the Steering Committee with only a few amendments of substance. The most important of these was the alteration to the requirements for professional membership. Persons who are or have been archivists in archival institutions recognized by the Council are eligible for professional membership as follows: if they hold a Diploma in Archives Administration or an equivalent qualification, after one year's experience; if they hold a degree from a recognized university, after two years' experience; and in any other case, after three years' experience. Associate membership is open, as in the draft, to all other persons who support the objectives of the Society.

Membership subscriptions were set by the meeting as follows:

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Professional members earning less than $6000 -
                                                     $10.00
                     earning $6000-7999 - -
                                                     $15.00
                     earning $8000-9999 -
                                                     $20.00
                     earning $10000-11999
                                                     $25.00
                     earning $12000-14999
                                                     $30.00
                     earning over $15000 -
                                                     $40.00
Associate members — Students - - - -
                                                      $2.50
                   — Others - - -
                                                      $5.00
Institutional members — Archival institutions
                        (as defined)
                                                     $50.00
                     - Non-profit organizations and
                        voluntary societies
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It should perhaps be noted that one of the other substantive amendments to the draft was the widening of the eligibility for institutional membership to allow the inclusion of organizations having compatible objectives.

The meeting elected the following Council: President: Michael Saclier (A.N.U.)

Vice-President: Ian Maclean (P.R.O. of Victoria) Secretary: Pat Quinn (Bank of N.S.W. Archives)

Treasurer: Max Franklin (Australian Archives, Canberra)

Editor: Andrew Lemon (P.R.O. Victoria)

Councillors: Lee McGregor (Queensland State Archives)

Ian Pearce (Archives Office of Tasmania)

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Dianne Patenall (Archives Office of N.S.W.)
Gerald Fischer (University of Sydney)

Peter Orlovich (Lecturer in Archives, School of

Librarianship, U.N.S.W.).

One of the first tasks of the Council was to appoint convenors for regional groups in the various States and Territories. Unfortunately, South Australia and Western Australia were not represented at the meeting and the people it was decided to ask in Queensland and Tasmania were not able to attend, consequently it has been necessary to write to a number of people to invite them to act as convenors. Replies not yet having been received it is not possible to list them at present. For those who are interested and who have not by the time they read this received the first issue of the *Bulletin* of the Society or heard from the convenor in their area, it is suggested that they write to the Secretary, C/- Bank of N.S.W. Archives, P.O. Box 13, Pyrmont, N.S.W. 2009, who will be happy to put you in touch with your local convenor.

APOLOGIA AND PLEA

It will be recalled that this section was designed to be a place where processes, equipment, people and events which (or who) would not normally receive a mention in *News Notes* could be brought to the attention of the profession. Under the stress of helping to organize the conference mentioned above I am afraid I have been more than usually lacking in my gathering or gleaning activities for this issue, for which I apologise. It will also be recalled, however, that the idea was

that people who came into possession of information likely to be useable in this way should send it along to me. So far I have had very little response to this idea. I am certain life can't be so completely uneventful out there in the big wide archival world, so *please* let me have any items which you think might be useable.

APPOINTMENT TO C.S.I.R.O.

Mr Kevin Green has been appointed to the newly created position of Archivist with the C.S.I.R.O. Mr Green, a graduate of the University of Tasmania, was employed in the Tasmanian State Archives (as it then was) from 1962 to 1965 and in the A.N.U. Archives from 1965 to 1967. He was appointed Archivist of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea in 1967 and on his return in 1973 was employed by the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau (in the Research School of Pacific Studies) on a special project of microfilming material relating to New Guinea. He took up duties on 7th April at the C.S.I.R.O. Headquarters, Canberra, and will, I trust keep us informed in *News Notes* in future.

THE CONTINUING SAGA OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES

Readers will no doubt have seen the advertisements for the re-advertised position of Director-General of the Australian Archives. It is to be hoped that this time round the position may be filled and that the long period of inaction which has done so much damage to the morale of the office may at last be coming to a close.