



■ *Harry Clunie*
. . . last provost

Last Dornoch provost dies

THE last provost and freeman of the royal burgh of Dornoch, Harry Clunie, died on Saturday. He was 86.

Mr Clunie, 29 MacDonald Road, Dornoch, died after a short illness at the Cambusavie Unit, Golspie.

Born in Leith, he gained a teaching qualification in art and technical subjects at Moray House and moved to Dornoch in 1935 where, as well as teaching at the then six-year Dornoch Academy, he was a travelling teacher to Lairg and Helmsdale schools.

He retired as depute rector of Dornoch Academy in 1972.

Mr Clunie was first co-opted on to the town council before successfully standing for election in 1959.

He served as dean of guild for a time and completed three terms as provost from 1965, presiding over the final meeting of the town council prior to reorganisation in 1975.

On its demise, he was elected to the district council as member for Dornoch until standing down in 1978. In 1973, he became the 14th and last person in 250 years to receive the freedom of Dornoch.

He was also honorary sheriff until 1982 and a JP for Sutherland.

Mr Clunie's interests included music and drama. He was a former Scottish Community Drama Association secretary of Sutherland district, and produced many pantomimes and plays in the burgh.

He is survived by his wife Harriot, son Gordon and daughter Margaret, and two grandchildren.