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*"To preserve whate'er is left us of ancient heritage"*

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## GO WEST — YOU MANX! — GO WEST

Plans for the forthcoming convention in Huntington Beach, California, are proceeding well and we hope that many of the Manx will take the slogan at the top of this column to heart and GO TO CALIFORNIA. A great time is in store for you.

The Sheraton Beach Inn where the Convention will be held is on the Pacific Coast highway. There is a cross-walk across the highway from the hotel to the beach which stretches for 8½ miles — Huntington Beach is known as the surfing capital of the world so bring your surfboard and try it. If you prefer quieter bathing there is also a swimming pool at the hotel. There is also a 9-hole golf course.

The newly formed South California Manx Society under the chairmanship of Rev. James C. Caley has been working hard on plans for the Convention and their tentative arrangements are shown above.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOCIETY FORMED

At a meeting held on January 17th., 1968, for the planning of the forthcoming convention in California it was decided that to do business officially and properly a Manx Society to be known as the Southern California Manx Society should be formed. The following officers were elected for the remainder of the current year:—

President : James C. Caley  
Vice-President : T. Donald Bain  
Treasurer : Malcolm Kinley  
Secretary : Betty Page

The Society is affiliated to the N.A. M.A. and is now recruiting members. Those who would like to join should contact the treasurer, Mr. Malcolm Kinley at 1029 Presidio Drive, Costa Mesa, California 92626, sending \$2.00 per adult member and 50 cents per child.

Best wishes to this new Society.

### CONVENTION DATES AUGUST 18 to 21

Sunday, August 18th. Registration and reception.

Marineland followed by seafood supper at Huntington Beach Pier

Monday, August 19th. Morning business session followed by lunch. Afternoon visit to Disneyland

Wednesday, August 21st Morning business session followed by lunch at the Saucy Swan.  
Afternoon free.

Tuesday, August 20th. Morning business session. Afternoon visit to

Evening Banquet followed by entertainment.

Why not make this into a really big holiday and visit some of the other interesting sights before or after the Convention. There are bullfights in Tijuana, Mexico, 100 miles away and a whole series of 18th Century Missions to be seen in California. On your way you could visit Yosemite and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, the Hearst Castle at San Simeon, the Grand Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, Petrified Forest, Painted Desert. If you like cities Los Angeles is within easy reach. You could enjoy the night life, visit Hollywood, see the Music Center, and the La Brea Tar-pits where prehistoric animals are fossilized in the tar. In fact there is no end to the entertainment which awaits you, so come along and see for yourself.

The Reception and Registration Committee has been formed and its members:

Malcolm and Joyce Kinley,  
Brian and Betty Page,  
Clarice and Jane Caley,  
William and Joanne McCormack,  
Bob and Elva Rodin,  
Donald and Ellen Bain,  
Mrs. May Griffith  
Mrs. Thelma Kramar

are waiting to greet you.

The new system of convention organization which was set up at the last Executive Committee meeting in Detroit is working well and you will see elsewhere in the Bulletin reports from the various chairman who are:—

Convention Co-ordinator — President N. Clucas

Registration & Reception — Host City  
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Stan Shimmin — 3rd. Vice-President  
Prize Distribution and Souvenir Book

Sam Penrice — 1st. Vice-President  
Treasurer

Robert Kelly — 2nd. Vice-President  
Hotel — food — activities

President Clucas will work with  
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### New C. P. of Jurby

Our congratulations to Mr. Harold Stanley Cain, of Glen Dhoo Farm, Hillberry, Onchan, who has been appointed by the Governor as Captain of the Parish of Jurby in succession to the late Mr T.Q. Cannell.

Mr Cain farmed Ballamoar with his brother and then on his own account up to about 1933. He was at one time a keen member of the Ramsey Male Voice Choir.

It is appropriate too that Mr Cain should be so honoured because of his fine record of public service thus upholding a family tradition set by his late father, Mr Richard Cain.

At present Mr Cain is President of the World Manx Association, Hon. Vice-President of the North American Manx Association, Chairman of the Manx Music Festival Committee, Secretary of the Society for the Preservation of the Manx Countryside and Treasurer of the I.O.M. Cripples Guild.

He will receive many warm congratulations on his appointment.

## ISLE OF MAN MEMORIES

My own memories are crystal clear and everlasting. They take me to the Douglas Pier in between seasons and few people around. I stand looking down into the water with eyes big as saucers, watching the shoals of blochan that are so thick and close together that one got the impression you could walk on them clear over to Conister, a lasting impression for a child. Going down the steps when the tide was out and discovering a sea anemone and touching it with a piece of seaweed, and watching fascinated as it turned into a solid piece of flesh instead of the wonderful flower it was a moment before and then watching it bloom again into something wonderful.

Going a little further along the shore and finding a nice piece of dawlish and eating it, delighting in its crispness and saltiness and its funny iodine taste.

A few feet more and we were hunting for the very, very tiny crabs living among the rocks. How tiny some of them were. Travelling along the shore to Port Jack where we were always frustrated by never being able to prize a flitter from the rocks and occasionally finding small fish left in the pools in the rocks after the tide went out. One memorable day finding, not a fish, but a heap of pennies and halfpennies washed as bright as gold by the sea and sand. They were trapped in a pool too. My friend and I divided up the loot and knowing we had found them and how bright they were we were afraid to spend them. Being very young, the thought of the sweets we could buy soon overcame our fears, but it was with fear and trembling that we at last ventured into a sweet shop on Broadway and to our relief our bright pennies were accepted. We gleefully spent our hoard — about five-pence halfpenny each — and that was wealth untold when our weekly allowance was the huge sum of a penny and a penny on Sunday for the collection box. The day we found those pennies was a day in the middle of winter and we were the only two living people on the whole of the shore.

Memories of walking from the top of Hutchison Square right down to Witherspoon's to get a pennyworth of Witherspoons Mixtures. Four pence a pound. There was a better brand at sixpence a pound, but being young we always settled for the cheaper ones as we got more for our money. What cared we for better sweets. Compare the price then and the price now, if there is such a place as Witherspoon's left.

Who can forget those lovely springs when we used to go for country walks and discover our wild flowers. A fox-glove standing high and mighty on a hedge, harebells popping out here and there, also a violet or two, and the wonder of oming across a large patch of primroses and the wonderful perfume, telling us long before we reached them of the bluebells we would find.

In the spring my sister used to take me with her up Abbylands way to get live small ferns and primroses, and in turn they were transferred into saucers and put all down our diningroom tables and being alive they used to last all summer and the visitors always admired them. Of course we lived with the hawthorn, gorse, heather, fuschias, laburnum, buttercups and dog-daisies, clover, nettles and thistles, and cushag. They all went to make life on our little bit of heaven.

Then the winter, and those of us who lived on the coast I am sure will never forget those awe-inspiring high seas when the sea came over the promenade wall carrying stones and seaweed and the poor little winter boats seemed to disappear altogether for a few breath-taking moments that seemed like hours before rising the waves again.

Then wonderful days after a frosty night when the ruts and hollows were filled with ice and our feet rang as if we were treading on iron. Hands deep in our pockets and our noses blooming like red roses. Now and again snow. How thrilling that was to a child. Making a small snowball and putting it on the ground and rolling and rolling until it was bigger than ourselves and we were wet with perspiration despite the cold. Starting another not quite so big and making a wonderful snowman. The carols at Christmas and going down town with my parents to see the shops dressed up and the anticipated pleasure of waiting to get that Christmas box from the grocer and watching breathlessly while it was unpacked. The more you spent during the year the bigger and better the Christmas box was.

I remember ginger wine, sherry, apples and oranges, nuts, a lovely box of assorted biscuits and dates and figs and things galore. I don't expect they carry on that custom today. The world has altered so.

I know in my heart that all those who grew up on the Island will never forget all of the things I have written about and to all Manxies all over the World I wish the very best of everything.

Lillian Marriion Tipper.

## VICE-PRESIDENT ON THE MOVE

The forthcoming Convention in Los Angeles was the main topic of discussion during a recent visit by Sam Penrice, vice Pres. of the N.A.M.A. to Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver. Mr. Penrice was on his annual business trip across Canada and it is usual for him to meet as many Manx people as possible.

In Winnipeg, Mrs. Mae Quirk, President of the Manx Society, convened a meeting at the Marlboro' Hotel. Unfortunately, several of the Manx folk were laid up with the 'flu' including Bill Mylrea the Past Pres, however, a pleasant evening was spent talking about the Isle of Man, and Manx people on this continent. Those attending besides Mrs Quirk were Mrs Pat Faragher, Mrs May Quilliam, Mrs Isobel Clarke, Mr and Mrs John Corkish, and Miss Dinah Inge.

While in Calgary, Alberta, Mr Penrice visited with Mr and Mrs Eddie Callister and their daughter. Mrs Callister was the former Kathleen Clucas of Peel. Mr Penrice was not successful in contacting Miss Mona Hale, a long time member of the N.A.M.A., however, he left a message and reminder of the Convention in Los Angeles to be held August 18-21st.

A very enjoyable house party was held in Edmonton at the home of Dr. Neal and Mrs McAllister. Dr. McAllister practised in Ramsey before coming to Canada, his wife was formerly Margaret Underhill also of Ramsey. Others attending the party were Dr and Mrs Wm. Robertson formerly of Ramsey and now residing in Toronto and Edmonton, Mr and Mrs Stoodley of Douglas, I.O.M. and Brian Casement.

Excitement regarding the Convention was great in Vancouver when several of the Vancouver Manx expressed their intention of visiting Los Angeles. A meeting was held at the home of John and Kathy Cannell. In attendance were Eden Costain, Peter Tregelis, Elaine Corlett, Allan and Dorothy Crowe, Fenella Jopson, and Mrs Birrell daughter of the Kneales of Horseshoe Bay B.C. Mr Penrice also visited with Arther and Joan McMeiken formerly of Peel, before returning to his home in Georgetown, Ontario.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members are asked to note the President's new address:

Norman D. Clucas,  
418 Clark,  
Kirkwood, Missouri. 63122  
Phone: Area 314 - 966-8245

## JOURNAL OF THE ISLE OF MAN PROPOSED

The Norris Modern Press Limited of Douglas, Isle of Man, proposes to produce in the near future a quarterly magazine containing articles and illustrations of interest to everyone with a fondness for the Island. Through this publication it should be possible to establish a link between Manx people at home and abroad, and it is hoped that its pages will become a medium through which Manx people and "friends of the Island" around the world can communicate and maintain contact with Ellan Vannin in word and picture. With this in mind, they would welcome contributions from Manx people overseas.

The proposed subscription in £1.10.0 sterling per year post paid.

Mr. P. D. Norris, Managing Director of the Norris Modern Press, is at present making enquiries to establish whether the interest would be sufficient to make the scheme viable so perhaps anyone who would be interested in becoming a subscriber to such a publication would care to write to Mr. Norris at 6 Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, to let him know of your interest.

## WEDDING PLANS FALTER, REVIVE

A rabbi who questioned whether the granddaughter of former Premier David Ben-Gurion is really Jewish enough to be married under Israeli law backtracked last weekend and said he expected it would "all come out all right".

The girl's mother, a former Christian and centre of the dispute, said she thought so too.

The issue involved Rabbi Yisrael Finding who refused to issue Galia Ben-Gurion a certificate to wed because her mother, the former Mary Callow of the Isle of Man, was apparently unable to produce a document showing she converted to Judaism before she married Amos Ben-Gurion in London in 1944.

Under Jewish law, children take their mother's religion. If Mrs. Ben-Gurion were not considered a Jew, neither would her daughter.

The matter is complicated because it is believed Mrs. Ben-Gurion was converted by Reform Rabbi Joachim Prinz, now head of the American Jewish Congress. The official Orthodox rabbinate does not recognize the more liberal reform movement.

Mrs. Ben-Gurion refused to discuss

## PRIZE-WINNING QUESTIONS

Terry O'Neill of Sacramento, Cal., recently won a prize of Compton's Illustrated Science Dictionary plus \$10 for sending the question "Where did cats without tails originate?" to the Junior Editors' Quiz in the Chicago Herald-American. The answer was -

"Halfway between England and Ireland lies the Isle of Man; the citizens of this island are called Manx or Manxmen.

Altho tailless cats can be found in other parts of the world, particularly in the Malay regions and the Philippines, the best-known originated on the Isle of Man.

Did the ancestors of this breed of cat come from the far east? This is not known.

Sudden variations or mutations often occur in nature and a short-tailed or tailless cat was born on the Isle of Man. Perhaps the people liked this cat's appearance and mated it with another short-tailed cat; after generations of such mating, the Manx became a distinct breed.

All Manx cats do not lack tails; some kittens are born with very short or bobbed tails.

Manx cats have longer legs than other varieties and the way they hop has led to the nickname "rabbit cats." They were first brought to the United States in 1820."

## HAVE YOU . . . . . ? ? ? ?

Sent in your 67/68 N.A.M.A. dues? They cover the period from August 1, 1967 through July 31, 1968. If you have not already done so, won't you take the time NOW to send off \$3 to: Mrs. Michael Krach, Fin. Sec-Treas.

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Cleveland, Ohio 44111  
(West Park Station)

her conversion, but said, "I have been in this country and the Ben-Gurion family for 22 years. Do you expect me not to be Jewish?"

She said Galia, 22, would be married as planned to a former paratroop officer April 3. The chief army chaplain, Brig-Gen. Shlom Goren is to perform the service, but he said he would need clearance from the chief civil rabbinate.

Civil marriages are not allowed in Israel.

Rabbi Finding predicted a happy ending. "There are dozens of cases like this every year," he said. "This one just got some bad publicity."

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## VANCOUVER

Vancouver Manx Society held its 59th annual Banquet on January 1st., 1968, in the Cambrian Hall, 17th Avenue and Main Street. About 80 were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the repast provided. Mrs. K. Hornall presided at the piano for the singing of the Manx National Anthem, Ellan Vannin and community singing.

This was followed by a showing of slides depicting scenes in the Isle of Man with a running commentary by Mrs. K. Hornall and Mr. E.Q. Costain. Mr. J. Birrell manipulated the projector.

Newcomers included Mr. and Mrs. Crowe from Kirk Michael, Miss Elaine Corlett, Mr. Tony Christian and Mr. Rodney Deacon, all from Ramsey.

The usual "Li'l cooish" without which a Manx gathering is incomplete brought the evening to a close.

On February 9th., 1968, at the Annual General Meeting of the Society the following were elected to office: —

President	Peter Tregellis
Vice-President	J.D. Cannell
Secretary	E.Q. Costain, 2270 Mannering Ave, Vancouver 16, B.C. Phone - 435-1352
Treasurer	Archie Fulton
Committee	Mr. and Mrs. J. Witsten Mrs. Cannel Mrs. Tregellis Mrs. Birrell Miss F. Jopson Miss E. Corlett

The Vancouver Manx enjoyed a visit from Mr. Sam Penrice at the beginning of February and were able to hear all the latest news of plans for the forthcoming convention from him.

E.Q. Costain,  
Secretary.

## WINNIPEG

Our elections for the 1967-68 season were held on January 20, 1968 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Quirk.

Officers elected were: President: Margaret Quirk; Sec.-Treas: Dinah Inge; Committee: Pat Fargher; Dorothy Corkish, John Corkish, Harry Caley.

We were all very interested to hear of the plans for a convention and several members are planning to attend.

D. M. Inge, Sec.-Treas.

## BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx have not had any meetings recently but are hoping to have one soon to publicize the Convention. It is hoped that some of the members will be able to attend.

Mrs. Dillon and her brother, Cecil Corrin, are planning a trip to California soon to visit a friend who is doing a portrait of their brother, Fred, and Mrs. Dillon will then go to Glendale, Arizona, to visit her daughter and family.

Donnie Rothery who is in school in Flagstaff has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Christine Rothery, and his grandmother, Mrs. Harry Rothery.

Miss Peggy Cupiss and her brother Gordon held a party on February 24th. for the officers and substitutes who served them during their year as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Eastern Star

Ivy Dillon,  
Secretary.

## CLEVELAND

### MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The December 12th. meeting of the Mona's Relief Society was a Christmas party held at the Bedford Christian Church, Bedford, Ohio. The ladies of the church served a delicious roast beef dinner. Each lady attending received a lovely corsage made by the women of the committee.

Mr. John Hughes, President, introduced Mr. Richard Kelly, new President for 1968, who acknowledged the appointment. Mr. W. Harry Kelly made a motion that all business be dispensed with until next meeting and gave a report on absent members. The gift exchange and carol singing that followed were enjoyed by all. Accompanists were Miss Edith Cox and Mrs. Raymond (Mona) Haldeman. A hearty vote of thanks was given the committee for a wonderful evening. The committee was: Mr. John Hughes, Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Cowin; Mrs. May Nicholl, Mrs. Ethel Christian and Mrs. Gladys Mathis.

At the January 9th. meeting the members were entertained by the younger generation of the Skelly family of Valleyview Road, Macedonia, Ohio. Among their accordion selections were two Manx songs, "Ellan Vannin" and "The Manx Wedding".

The February meeting was held on the 13th. of the month. After the business meeting movies taken at the December party were shown and every-

one enjoyed seeing themselves in them. A sing-song followed with Mr. J. Clucas leading. Miss Edith Cox sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Mona Haldeman, and little Jeanine Hogg, aged 4, sang "Ellan Vannin" and "O, Land of Our Birth". The party was a combined Valentine and birthday party. Delicious refreshments were served and everyone had birthday cake and a glass paper weight with the Manx emblem to take home.

The May meeting will be a card party for the benefit of the N.A.M.A. convention fund.

Amy Abell  
Carol Grigsby.

## GALVA

Galva Manx Society was host to Manxmen from Kewanee, Pekin, Cambridge, Altona, Knoxville, Peoria, Elmwood, Brimfield and Galva on Sunday, February 25, 1968.

After a bounteous pot-luck dinner a short business meeting was conducted by the president, Leon Lewin. Information on the forthcoming convention was presented and the bound volumes of the Journals of the Manx Museum were on display. These volumes have been placed in the Galva Public Library in memory of all deceased Galva Manxmen. A "Thank you" from the library was read.

A musical period was arranged by Mrs. Arthur Johnson with Mrs. John Clarke as accompanist.

Mr. Merrill Bystrom, who is a member of Governor's committee for Illinois' sesqui-centennial observance spoke briefly on the early Manx settlers in Illinois. Records show that the early emigrants from the Isle of Man came into Illinois by way of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers with the earliest settlement located in the Brimfield area. From there they moved northward to Galva in 1848 and went on as far as Galena, Illinois.

Mr. Wm. Archibald, president of the Peoria Society, invited the group to a dinner in Elmwood on April 7, and to the Peoria annual picnic on July 28.

The officers were assisted by Mrs. Emery Norvell, Mrs. Jennie Fargher, Mrs. Esther Whaley and Mrs. Anton Lawson in planning the occasion.

The group adjourned looking forward to another pleasant time at the summer picnic.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Secretary.

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## Clague House Museum Opens

Clague Manor at 1371 Clague Road, Westlake, Ohio, has a new tenant, the Westlake Historical Society, and the interior is being restored to its 19th Century style. To be known as the Clague House Museum it was opened to the public on February 25th. and approximately 1500 people attended the 3-day grand opening celebration.

The house was built in the early 1880's by Robert and Margaret Clague who came from the Isle of Man in 1824. Two of the Clagues' nine children and their last survivors, Walter and Sophronia, lived there until their deaths in the early 1930's. They deeded nearly 70 acres across the road to the village in 1926 for Clague Park.

Four rooms are being re-furnished and one of them, in accordance with Miss Sophronia's wish, will be the Sophronia Clague Historical Library. It will be furnished as a schoolroom with desks from an old one-room school and will be filled with books, including a McGuffey's Reader.

The parlor and a bedroom are being restored to the Victorian period and another room is being converted into an Early American bedroom. The parlor would be recognized by Walter and Sophronia whose picture stands there. The pink marble fireplace has survived all changes and the family organ and a secretary have been retrieved, the latter being rescued from a junk pile. Chairs, marbled topped tables and 50 year-old lace curtains have been donated or lent and the parlor door appears as when it was first lacquered and stippled with a feather.

The Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx) donated some old table settings in silver which bore the Manx Emblem; also a collection of Manx coins willed to the Society by Mr. Fred Brew on his death. Mrs. Robert S. Cowin arranged an exhibit based on the Isle of Man to show where the family originated. The exhibit included donations made by several of the Cleveland Manx — Mrs. Henry Christian donated a tea set over 100 years old; Mrs. M. Krach donated a pitcher with the Manx Emblem on; Mrs. Henry Friedrich donated a meat platter 175 - 200 years old; and the W. H. Kellys donated a ceramic replica of the Laxey wheel. Also included in the display were a Manx tartan and the Lord's Prayer in Manx.

The Museum Trustees are anxious to receive old books for the Sophronia Clague Library and if any members would care to make donations the books may be sent to Mrs. Robert S. Cowin,

# CONVENTION NEWS

## CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT

Responses to the letter sent out by Stan Shimmin have started to come in. At the end of the first week, there have been donations from three individuals and one society sent to Robert Kelly. In addition, the N.A.M.A. and the Ladies Auxiliary of the N.A.M.A. have forwarded donations to California.

The Southern California Manx Society is a newly founded organization and will need the support of all Manx friends and societies to help make the 1968 convention a rousing success and one you will long remember. Any individual or society may make a contribution to the Convention through Robert Kelly, Treasurer of the Convention, 610 North Loomis Street, Naperville, Illinois, 60540.

Robert Kelly,  
2nd Vice-President,  
N.A.M.A.

## REPORT ON SOUVENIR BOOK AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Work is going ahead on the preparation of the Souvenir Book and all members of the N.A.M.A. and their friends are invited to participate as they have in the past. Greetings, memoriams and advertising can be sent to Mr. S. Penrice, 36 Princess Ann Drive, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada. The cost of subscriptions is: Full page \$20.00, Half page \$10.00, Quarter page \$6.00, Eighth page \$4.00, Patrons List \$2.00.

Please support the Convention by participating in the Souvenir Book and don't forget to enclose your check or money order and to give your own name and address as all subscribers will receive a copy of the book.

**The final date by which Mr. Penrice must receive your copy is  
MAY 15th., 1968.**

Mr. Shimmin mentioned the prize distribution in his letter which members will already have received and no doubt many of you are planning to donate prizes but where we need the support

1223 West Melrose, Westlake, Ohio 44145. It would seem that this Museum is unique in that since the Clague's were from Lonan, Manx books or books and maps on the Isle of Man are welcome; a worthy home for our heirlooms. All donations will be identified with the donor's name and address.

of each and every member is in buying and selling "Booster" tickets. Booklets of Convention "Booster" Subscriptions will soon be ready for distribution so when you receive yours please do your best to sell them all so that we can have a really successful Convention. The tickets will be 25¢ each, a book of 5 \$1.00, and the stubs and donations should be sent to: Mr. Malcolm KINLEY, 1029 Presidio Drive, Costa Mesa, California. If you wish to donate a prize this could also be sent to Mr. Kinley, or better still, **BRING IT TO THE CONVENTION WITH YOU.**

Sam Penrice,  
1st Vice-President  
N.A.M.A.

## CONVENTION PUBLICITY REPORT

The first phase of the publicity plan has been completed. All members should by now have received a publicity letter and enclosures. Some members have renewed their subscriptions but have failed to notify the Secretary and the Bulletin Editor of changes of address and letters are being returned by the Post Office marked "Moved, address unknown".

As you will read elsewhere in the Bulletin, Convention dates have now been set for Sunday, August 18 — Wednesday August 21, both dates inclusive. Rev. CALEY is doing a tremendous job and I am certain this will be our finest Convention yet.

It may also be our most crucial convention. The future of our Association could depend on the interest shown at this time. It is three years since our last Convention in Toronto, so rally round and give this one your enthusiastic support. I am sure our Societies have by now made plans for at least one fund raising meeting with the proceeds going to our Treasurer, Mr. Robert KELLY. Individually donations will also be most welcome as will gifts for our prize distribution.

The Manx newspapers have been given details of the Convention, but due to the currency restrictions presently in force in Great Britain friends and relatives may not be able to make the trip.

We can truly say that our Association is a North American one. We have members in 38 of the 50 States and 8 of the 10 Provinces with a few members in many other parts of the world.

Stan Shimmin,  
3rd Vice-President  
N.A.M.A.

## THINGS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE ISLE OF MAN AND ITS PEOPLE

by *Walter J. Stevenson*

### PART III

58. On January 2nd., 1663, Illiam Dhone (William Christian) was executed for surrendering the Island to the Parliamentary forces of Oliver Cromwell. After his execution his trial was declared illegal by the English courts. Illiam Dhone was the great, great-grandfather of Fletcher Christian of Mutiny on the Bounty fame.
59. Fletcher Christian was a Manxman. His father lived at Brigham, Cumberland, England, and his grandfather was John Christian of Milntown, near Ramsey. For several hundred years Christian's ancestors owned and lived on the estate of Milntown.
60. When Fletcher Christian sailed on the "Bounty" from England in 1787 with Captain Bligh he was 22 years old and he was about 24 years when the mutiny occurred on April 28th., 1789. On January 23rd., 1790, Christian with 8 other mutineers, 6 Tahitian men and 12 Tahitian women landed at Pitcairn Island in the south Pacific — a total of 27 persons, 15 men and 12 women.
61. About 1793-1794 Fletcher Christian was killed during an uprising on Pitcairn Island by a Tahitian named Miniriri. He was then about 26-27 years old. On the day he was shot his wife gave birth to their third child, Mary. Christian had three children; Thursday October, Charles and Mary. Thursday October was the first child born on the island and was so named because he was born on a Thursday in October.
62. Peter Heywood, midshipman on the Bounty, was a son of Peter J. Heywood and a grandson of Robert Heywood, Governor of the Isle of Man in 1678.
63. After the mutiny, Fletcher Christian returned to Tahiti with the Bounty saying, "I have done such an act that I cannot stay at Tahiti. I will never live where I may be carried home to be a disgrace to my family." He decided to leave Tahiti and landed at the Island of Pitcairn.
64. After the Court Martial in 1792 Fletcher Christian's mother returned to the Isle of Man to live. She was buried at Kirk Braddan Church.
65. Captain Bligh married a Miss Betty Betham of Douglas on February 4th., 1781 at Onchan Church and his daughter was baptized in St. Matthew's Church, Douglas, in 1784.
66. Perhaps the first Manx people to emigrate to America were Myles Standish and his wife, Rose, who sailed on the Mayflower September 6th., 1620.
67. Myles is said to have married his cousin Rose Standish of Ellanbane, Lezayre. Rose Standish was one of the first of the Mayflower group to succumb to the hardships and privations which almost overwhelmed the Pilgrim colony. She died within 3 months after landing.
68. Three years after the death of Rose Standish, her sister, Barbara, sailed for America on the ship "Ann" and soon after married Myles Standish. They had 5 children.
69. Myles Standish died October 3rd., 1656, aged 72. According to his will he owned property in the Isle of Man — probably the Ellanbane farm in Lezayre.
70. Captain Jon Quilliam — a Manxman — steered Lord Nelson's battleship Victory into action at the battle of Trafalgar. After his retirement he lived at The White House, Kirk Michael. He is buried in Kirk Arbory churchyard.
71. Colonel Mark Wilks, son of the Reverend James Wilks, Vicar of Kirk Michael, was governor of the island of St. Helena from 1813 to 1816 when Napoleon Bonaparte was imprisoned there and Lieutenant George Horsley Wood, also a Manxman, was in charge of the regiment which guarded Napoleon till his death. Both Colonel Wilks and George Wood were on friendly terms with Napoleon.
72. Manxland's greatest novelist and dramatist was the late Sir Hall Caine. He was born of humble parentage, — the son of a village blacksmith, — with about 8 years schooling. He planned to be an architect but drifted into journalism and from journalism he became one of the world's greatest novelists.
73. Sir Hall Caine wrote a great many books, the best known of which are: The Manxman, The Deemster, The Christian and The Eternal City. The earnings from his writings were greater than any novelist of his day.
74. Sir Hall Caine died a millionaire — one of the few the Island has produced. He was born at Run-corn, Cheshire, England, on May 14th., 1853, and died at Douglas, Isle of Man, on August 31st., 1931, at the age of 78. In his youth he lived for some time with his foster-parents at "Cape Horn", Ballaugh.
75. The parents of Joseph Gurney Cannon, known as Uncle Joe Cannon, came from Kirk Michael about 1800. Joe Cannon was born on May 7th., 1836, at New Garden, Guilford County, North Carolina, and died in 1926 at the age of 90. He founded the Cannon Bank of Illinois. Other members of the Cannon family became prominent in the Mormon Church.
76. For 46 years Joe Cannon was a member of the United States Congress and for 8 years was speaker of the house. He was famous as a wit and story teller and was likened to Abraham Lincoln, being tall, thin and angular.
77. The parents of the late Bishop William A. Quayle emigrated to the United States from Castletown, Isle of Man. His father was Thomas Quayle and came to America at the age of 20. His mother's name was Elizabeth Gale or Gill and his parents may have been cousins.
78. His parents were in transit from Colorado to Missouri where his father had been seeking for gold, when William was born. Soon after he was born his mother died and was probably buried while in transit, as was the custom with the early pioneers.

### 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costain, East Helena, Montana, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February, 1967. They were honoured with a surprise party given by their relatives and friends and a gift of a long distance call to their family in Colby, Isle of Man.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gawne of Naramata, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, celebrated their 50th. wedding anniversary the last week in September, 1967. They were having calls all week from friends and relatives. Their sons live in the Okanagan Valley but they have grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in British Columbia and Washington.

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### CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx held a meeting on Sunday, March 3rd., at the home of Myrra and Randy Johnson in River Forest, Illinois. There were 18 adults and 6 children present. The Society voted to send a contribution toward the convention expenses and also a donation to the N.A.M.A. in memory of Mrs. Florence Moore, the wife of the late Dr. Josiah J. Moore one of the beloved members of the Chicago Manx Society, who passed away February 29th., 1968. The members were glad to have Mrs. Ethel Christian of Cleveland, a former member of the Chicago Society, with them at their meeting.

The Chicago Manx Society will hold its 95th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, April 19, at the Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Illinois. The society also plans to hold a picnic during the summer and another meeting to help raise funds for the convention.

Ruth and Ellen Carlson of the Glen Orry Manx Cattery, West Chicago, Illinois, have been exhibiting a black kitten at various cat shows around the Midwest and have been very pleased that it has won best kitten of the show awards wherever shown. The Chicago Manx Society was happy to have this kitten displayed in their exhibit at the Chicago Holiday Folk Fair last October when it was about 2 months old.

More truth than poetry — "Opportunity often knocks — but some people are too busy knocking the other fellow, to hear it."

Emily Kelly, Secretary  
Robert Kelly, President

### NEW PROOF THAT MANX ISN'T A "DEAD" LANGUAGE

George Cromer of Birmingham, Michigan, reports that one day last fall while travelling with his two year old daughter through a small Indiana town, he came upon a statue in the middle of the street in the town square. His daughter, Mary, was quick to ask, "What's that Daddy?" The reply, of course, "It's a statue." But the unfamiliar term didn't register with Mary who, thinking that Daddy had just said, "Kys ta shiu" (in poor Manx) impatiently replied "Brag, brag! But, Daddy, what's that thing in the street?"

Daddy, the grandson of James Clark of Castletown, I.O.M., was heartened to know that for at least one more generation the familiar Manx greeting phrase was very much alive.

### FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown after returning from the Isle of Man are spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida. They made a trip to visit friends in Lake Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kermeen and their daughter, Ruby, from Galva, Illinois, are spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Karran of Geneva, Ohio, have been visiting in Lake Worth and saw some of the Manx they know there.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nelson of Eden, North Carolina, have been visiting in Lake Worth.

Mrs. Jackson's grandson and his wife from Cleveland have been visiting her.

### MANX WEDDIN'S

Kathleen Ellen Brew and Michael Edward Schmoeller were joined together in wedlock on Saturday, February 10th., 1968, at the Luther Memorial Church, Chicago, Illinois. Kathleen is the daughter of the late John Robert Brew of the Chicago Manx Society.

Christine Doris Johnson of Peel, Isle of Man, and Peter Wallis of Ramsey, were married on Saturday, March 16th., 1968, at Maughold Parish Church. Following the wedding ceremony they had a reception at Glen Mona Hotel, Maughold. Christine is the daughter of Doris and Will Johnson of 60 Glanfaba Road, Peel, Isle of Man, and is a niece of Cecil and Emily Kelly, Chicago, and cousin to Robert Kelly, president, Chicago Manx Society and 2nd. vice-president of the N.A.M.A.

Beatrice Anita Palmeter was united in marriage to Thomas Bruce Cubbon by the resident Bishop of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, British Columbia, on August 5th., 1967. The bride was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Palmeter and the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cubbon, both of Vancouver, B.C. Thomas is the grandson of the former Mr. Richard Cubbon of Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, and Liverpool. Jaine Kain Taylor of Lakewood, Ohio, was united in marriage to Richard Allan Cubbon of Bay Village, Ohio, in Lakewood Presbyterian Church on April 1st., 1967. The bride was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Remley Taylor of Lakewood, and the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cubbon of Bay Village. Richard is the grandson of the former James Cubbon of Port St. Mary Douglas, Isle of Man.

Chrystine Kelly recently married Bruce

Van Zee in Wedgwood Presbyterian Church. The bride is the daughter of the Rev. E. Harold Van Zee and Mrs. William M. Kelly and the groom the son of the Rev. E. Harold Van Zee and Mrs. Van Zee of Carson City, Nev. The bride's father is the director of Westminster House on the University of Washington campus and her grandparents were the former Capt. and Mrs. Richard Kelly of Glen Maye, Isle of Man, and Kirkland, Washington.

### FUNNY MUM

The following item appeared in the Isle of Man Times last July:-

"Nine-year-old Simon Stuart, of Smocombe Lodge, Enmore, Bridgewater, Somerset, writes to tell us that he is going to be a journalist when he grows up and sends the following example of his work under the heading "The Manx People": — "The Manx people are a funny lot, their common names are Quilliam, Querk and Quail. Their pronunciation is wrong to us but wright to them. On the whole they are not a bad lot but on the other hand they are a funny crowd. I know all this because my mother is one of them."

### TORONTO

The weather in Toronto has not been so good and the members of the Toronto Manx Society have been staying at home in the warmth. A party was held at Christmas but the January meeting had to be cancelled. The February meeting consisted of a film show of Manx films. Anyone wishing to borrow any of the three Manx films may do so for the small fee of \$5 for each plus postage both ways by contracting the secretary of the Toronto Manx Society, Mrs. Dot Hall, 176 Curzon Street, Toronto. The films are: "One Fine Day", "Pussycat", and "Round Trip".

The Toronto Manx are very sorry that owing to the poor response the proposed charter flight to the Island had to be cancelled. Perhaps the convention in California will benefit by this cancellation.

Dot Hall, Secretary.

### CONVENTION CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Anyone wishing to contact the Reverend Caley, his address is as follows:-  
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Huntington Beach, California,  
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## OBITUARIES

**BATEMAN**, Martha K., of Cleveland, died on December 12th., 1967. A member of the N.A.M.A., Mrs. Bateman is survived by her husband, William; a son, Kenneth J.; a grandson, Kenneth, and a brother, John Klann.

**BREW**, John R. beloved husband of Elsie (née Golland) and fond father of Kathy and Judy died on November 1st., 1967 at the age of 47 after a short illness. The son of the late John and Lena Brew, he was born in Galva and was well known among the Galva Manx. He was a faithful member of the Chicago Manx Society.

**CALLISTER**, John (Jack) of Port Alberni, British Columbia, passed away earlier this year. Mr. Callister was born in Crosby, Isle of Man, which he left in 1906 to go to South Africa where he stayed for two years before coming to Canada in 1908. He and Mrs. Callister and their daughter, Ramona, visited the Isle of Man in 1961. He is survived by his wife, Martha; three children; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was a grand old man greatly admired by all who knew him and his passing will be mourned by the Manx community in British Columbia.

**COLES**, Minnie E. (née Cowley) of Cleveland died in November, 1967. She is survived by her husband, Harold; a son, George W.; a daughter, Mrs. Elsie Maxwell; a grandson, Gary Richard, of New Mexico; and a brother Herbert Cowley.

**CONNOR**, Joseph Henry, of Gibsons, British Columbia, died on February 12th., 1968 aged 82. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and of the Vancouver Manx Society. He is survived by a son, Ed; 2 daughters, Mrs. Eva Oliver, and Mrs. Josie Davies; 5 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren, and 1 brother and 2 sisters in the Isle of Man.

**CORRIN**, Charles, of Onchan, Isle of Man, passed away on November 23rd., 1967. His wife, Selena, had

passed away in April, 1965. He leaves two sons, Charles of Onchan, and Jack, of Wrexham, North Wales. Mr. Corrin was a great-uncle of Norman D. Clucas, President of the N.A.M.A.

**CRAINE**, Margaret Elizabeth, of Douglas, Isle of Man, passed away on December 7th., 1967, after a long illness. Mrs. Craine was always very interested in the work of the World Manx Association and was a great help to her husband, Charles, in his long service to the association of over 30 years as secretary.

**CRONEY**, Eileen Westropp, of Etobicoke, Ontario, died on November 16th., 1967, in her 58th year. She is survived by her daughter, Susan J. Williams, a sister, Ivy (Mrs. Wellington Homer), of Guelph, Ontario, and brothers, Rolf Edward, Henry, and O'Gorman Greene of Toronto and William of Whitby, Ontario. Mrs. Croney was a member of the Toronto Manx Society and painted the beautiful paintings which were on show at the Toronto Convention.

**CROSSAN**, John Lang, of Vancouver, died on February 1st., 1968. He is survived by his wife, Ann; 5 sons, James, Nova Scotia; Fyall, Isle of Man; William, Victoria; Errol and Stuart, Vancouver; 2 daughters, Joyce, Rome, Italy; Rita, Burnaby; 20 grandchildren, and 2 brothers, David and Andrew, Montreal. He was a member of the Vancouver Manx Society.

**CUBBON**, Brendan, of Toronto, died on November 12th., 1967. He was the son of Bertha Jane Kelly and the late Alfred Cubbon, Isle of Man, the brother of Lionel, Isle of Man, and the nephew of Dorothy and Walker Kelly of Dundas, Ontario. Under the name of Don Sinclair, Mr. Cubbon produced several plays with the Toronto Manx Society.

**DAVEY**, John Joseph Clucas, died December 29, 1967, in hospital at Liverpool, England. He was the husband of Lily, father of Muriel and Doreen, and is also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was born in 1895 at Kiondhoag House and was raised in Port St. Mary. Mrs. Alexander Cock of River Rouge, Michigan, is his sister.

**HOGG**, David was killed in an automobile accident near Brunswick, Maine, in November shortly after joining the Navy. He was a grandson of Mrs. Amy Abell a long-time

member of the N.A.M.A. and the Cleveland Manx.

**KEE**, James Scott, of Toronto, died on February 17th., 1968. He is survived by his wife, Constance M. Irwin; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Turnbull (Sadie) and Mrs. Joy Roach, both of Toronto; a sister Mrs. Constance M. McGhie of England; 4 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Kee was well-known member of the Toronto Manx Society which he joined in 1921.

**KERMEEN**, James W., aged 73 years, a lifetime resident of the Galva, Illinois, area, passed away December 13, 1967, and was laid to rest in the Galva cemetery. Survivors include his widow of Galva, the former Margaret Kermode (Laxey), one son James of Orinda, California, two daughters, Eileen (Mrs. Stanley Dow of Clearmont, Missouri), and Ethel (Mrs. Carl) Palmer of Galva; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His brother Forrest of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and three sisters, Miss Blanche Kermeen of Los Angeles, Mrs. William (Ethel) Garrigan of Seal Beach, California, and Mrs. Bessie (Herbert) Poppleton of Cambridge, Illinois, all were present for the funeral services. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. Mr. Kermeen's grandfather, James Kermeen, was one of the first Manxmen to settle in central Illinois. The trip across the Atlantic required some thirteen weeks because of a severe epidemic of cholera which took over seventy lives.

**MOORE**, Forence Johnson, of Chicago died on February 29th., 1968. Mrs. Moore was the widow of Dr. Josiah J. Moore who was a past president of the N.A.M.A. and a much loved member of the Chicago Manx Society. She was the mother of Dr. William Aubrey and the late Dr. Franklin J. Moore, the grandmother of five, and the sister-in-law of Jane E. Moore.

**TEARE**, Miss Lilian, of Victoria, British Columbia, died on December 29th., 1967, aged 84. Miss Teare was born in Castletown, Isle of Man, a resident of Victoria for 14 years and formerly of Edmonton, Alberta. She is survived by one sister Mrs. I. Kewin, Isle of Man, and a brother, W. Arthur Teare of Victoria.

*To friends and relatives of the above we extend heart felt sympathy.*

### The Li'l People

Born on February 19th., 1968, Douglas Kneale Wils. He is the grandson of Mrs. Louise (May) Wils of the Chicago Manx Society.