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"To preserve what'er is left us of ancient heritage"

JUNE, 1968

CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME

All of you who have been involved in the work and arrangements of previous conventions are certainly aware of the amount of time and effort that goes into making one a success. Using the new plan for our 1968 convention has made it even more difficult, however, my correspondence and telephone calls with the other members of your Executive Committee indicate that we are well on the way to having the best convention ever. They have all been working continuously and their efforts are beginning to show remarkable results.

All of the fine things we have enjoyed at our past conventions will be there for you again, plus many wonderful surprises. Your officers, plus our fine hosts — The Southern California Manx Society — are leaving no stone unturned to assure you a most wonderful time on the west coast. So let's all show them our appreciation by attending the convention.

It always seems that the task that lies ahead is going to be a little more difficult for the incoming officers than it was for the ones that have completed their terms. Even though this might be especially true in the case of the North American Manx Association in 1968, I can assure you that you have a most capable group of officers in line at this time and if you will show them you are behind them 100 percent, they will more than return the favor by giving you the best organization we have ever had.

The best way to support them is to plan on attending the convention and enjoying the things they have worked so hard to arrange.

Just the idea of all getting together again should be reason enough to head for Huntington Beach, California, but with all these added attractions, I can only say . . .

GO WEST — YOU MANX
— GO WEST

Norman D. Chicas, President

PROGRAMME

Sunday, August 18th

Arrival and Registration at the Sheraton Beach Inn. The Reception Committee will welcome all comers. 7:30 P.M. Refreshments and Entertainment.

Monday, August 19th

10:00 A.M. Convention called to order.

Flag Presentation. Official welcomes.

Business meeting.

12:30 P.M. Buffet Luncheon

2:00 P.M. All aboard for Disneyland

Tuesday, August 20th

10:00 A.M. Business Meeting and Memorial Service

2:00 P.M. All aboard for Marineland of the Pacific

6:00 P.M. Sea-food Supper on Huntington Beach Pier

Wednesday, August 21st

10:00 A.M. Business Meeting. Distribution of prizes.

12:30 P.M. Lunch at Saucy Swan Inn.

Afternoon free.

7:00 P.M. Banquet, speeches and entertainment with dancing to follow.

Li'l Peoples Program

During the business sessions the children will enjoy programs arranged by the Host Club.

Preparations are now complete for the greatest Convention the North American Manx Association could possibly have.

Headquarters for the three days, August 18 thru 21 will be at the luxurious Sheraton Beach Inn at Huntington Beach, California, which is known as the surfing capital of the world. Eight

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WELCOME

—to all pilgrims to the Golden State and Huntington Beach, the Surfing Capital of the World, on the occasion of the Thirty-fourth Convention of the North American Manx Association.

We who are privileged to reside in the Southern part of Sunny California extend the hand of cordial welcome to our kith and kin who come to us from all over North America and from the Homeland.

When you consider that this is the entertainment capital of the world and that we have close to 20,000,000 people in our area you will realize how difficult it was for us to confine our activities to three short days.

Now that you are here, stay a while — see the sights — take in the glamor and the excitement — we know that you will never forget your visit and that you will return.

Convention Chairman,

James Cowin Caley.

President, Southern California Manx Society

GREETINGS TO THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the City of Huntington Beach I would like to welcome to our city the Thirty-fourth Convention of the North American Manx Association. We are honored to have your representatives from throughout the United States and Canada here August 18 through 21.

Huntington Beach is a city where one can challenge his skill from the ocean surf to the golfing greens. No city can boast a finer recreational beach — indeed, it is our chief glory and asset. May your stay be a memorable and pleasant one and we sincerely hope you will return often.

With best wishes:
Sincerely,

Alvin M. Coen, Mayor

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GENEOLOGY

Several enquiries have been received recently about the possibility of having a column in the Bulletin for those who would like to trace the history of their families and it is proposed to start such a column in the September issue.

The editor hopes to be able to publish information as to how and where such enquiries can be made officially but it is also possible that a great deal of the required information may be available among members and friends of the N.A.M.A.

Would those readers who would be interested in making enquiries through such a column please write to the editor before September giving details of the information which they would like to have.

NEW POST

Mr. G. Mennen Williams, who served as governor of Michigan from 1948 to 1960, was named by President Johnson as ambassador to the Philippines on April 16th, 1968. Mr. Williams is a member of the N.A.M.A.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 1967

... In reporting on the work of the Association, I am pleased to say that it has been a very successful year. Considerable progress has been made; firstly, through an increased membership, which enables us to proceed with our work of linking-up all Manx Societies throughout the world, providing contacts for Manx people leaving the Island, welcoming Homecomers by organising outings throughout the Summer, and of course, giving them the big welcome at the Tynwald Day Gathering. We are also instrumental in arranging visits to any sick person from the Island who has to go into hospital in the Liverpool and Wirral areas. These, I feel, are perhaps the most important aspects of our work.

It has been most encouraging throughout the year to see the interest shown by so many of our members through their excellent attendance at our various events, and we have endeavoured to foster the friendly atmosphere which prevails wherever the W.M.A. congregates. At this point I would say how much we have appreciated the loyalty of our branches in the north of the Island, in Peel, and the small, but staunch, group in the south in coming along so constantly to any function which we arranged.

May 5th, being the birthday of our much-loved poet, T. E. Brown, the annual visit to the poet's memorial plaque in Glen Falcon was again made by the officials and members of the Association in order to lay on a laurel garland. The duty of placing the garland on the plaque was very gracefully carried out by Mrs. Edna Cowin of Cleveland, U.S.A. who, with Mr. Cowin, was visiting the Island at that time. Mr. H. S. Cain, our Chairman, spoke briefly on T. E. Brown. Also during May, we had the pleasure of seeing the Cleveland Gold Medal being presented to the winner, Mrs. Eleanor Shimmin, at the Manx Music Festival. Mrs. Flo Gorry made the presentation with a most appropriate speech. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Cleveland are to be congratulated on establishing the fund, which will guarantee the provision of a Gold Medal each year.

The first of our Summer Outings took place in May and thus began our series of coach excursions until September. We had some very pleasant coach runs through our lovely countryside and after enjoying a welcome tea at an hotel in the district, returned

to Douglas by a different, but equally interesting, route. Having several Homecomers with us on our Outings, and listening to them speak on the work of their societies, added much to the pleasure of the day. I sent a short account of each excursion to the North American Manx Association Bulletin Editor, Miss Margaret Joughin, and I was most grateful that space had been found to print them in full in the Bulletin.

The most important event in our year is, without doubt, the Tynwald Day Gathering. We had a splendid attendance of almost 200 members and friends at Castle Mona Hotel in the afternoon of July 5th last. Mr. H. S. Cain, C. P. our President, extended a hearty welcome to all present and spoke on the work of the Association. Our special guests were the Lord Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Eric Gordon, M. A., and Mrs. Gordon, and His Worship the Mayor of Douglas, Alderman J. E. Callister and Mrs. Callister. The increasing popularity of this large gathering is worthy of note and the happiness expressed by our Manx kinsfolk at being home once more surely must spring from, to quote from one of Mr. Chas Craine's poems...

"The love that burns within

The hearts of Manx-men everywhere
For home and kith and kin."

When the various representatives of Manx Societies abroad and in Britain rose to convey greetings from their individual Societies, they were given a splendid ovation and their speeches were very well received. Of the Homecomers, Mr. Fred Caveen and Mr. F. Williamson of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Gorry of Cleveland, were the main speakers. Many messages of good wishes to the gathering came from almost every part of the World, and were read by the Hon. Secretary. Our soloist for the afternoon was Mrs. E. Shimmin, the Cleveland Medallist, for 1967. She sang several Manx songs, accompanied by Miss E. Christian, L. R. A. M., and these were much appreciated by the large audience...

... To honour the memory of the Manx poet, Thomas Edward Brown, a Dinner was held at Castle Mona Hotel on November 13th. This yearly function has been arranged by the W. M. A. over a long period of time, and it is pleasing to note that an increased interest in T. E. Brown has gradually emerged.

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CONVENTION—

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niles of sand, washed by the blue Pacific, invite not only the usual five million annual visitors but delegates to the Convention from all over North America and from the Homeland.

Able committees, consisting of Manx residents of California, have arranged a program of fun and fellowship that will charm the hearts of all the pilgrims and will send them home with happy memories and the determination to return.

High on the list of attractions will be the world-famous and fabulous Disneyland, a fun place which has to be seen to be believed, a place indeed where one could easily spend the whole three days.

The next choice is Marineland of the Pacific where trained whales, porpoises, dolphins, seals, etc., put on a show several times a day.

Besides the great banquet on the Wednesday evening in the Sheraton, delegates will have the pleasure of enjoying a feast of sea-food on Tuesday evening at the "Fisherman" a new restaurant on the Huntington Beach pier and a lunch of kippers and whatever goes with them on Wednesday at noon at an English restaurant where customers play darts and bingo as is the fashion in Merrie England.

Entertainment will be provided whenever it can be fitted in, as well as at the obvious times. A group known as the "Celtic Cousins" will provide mirth and merriment, song, dance, and patter with unusual gusto. Dance music will be provided after the banquet.

It has been suggested that delegates plan to come to California for a time before the Convention and remain afterwards to see the many great attractions of this marvelous State.

James C. Caley, General Chairman

OKLAHOMA MANX WANTED!

Mr. Frederick B. Graves of Tulsa, Oklahoma, would like to make contact with any other Manxmen in his area and wonders if there are enough around to form a local branch. His address is:
1624 South Delaware Avenue,
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74104.

How about meeting him at the Convention which he hopes to attend in Huntington Beach in August.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society received a cable on May 4th. that Allan Willcocks had won the Cleveland Gold Medal at the Manx Music Festival, Douglas, Isle of Man.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

General Chairman:

James C. Caley

Convention Co-ordinator:

Norman Clucas

Reception and Registration

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bain

Malcolm Kinley

Mrs. Thelma Kramar

Mrs. May Griffith

Dr. and Mrs. Bob Rodin

Mrs. James C. Caley and Jane

Refreshments

The Chairman with the assistance of the Host Branch

Ways and Means

R. Kelly.

Program and Souvenir Book

S. Penrice,

Publicity

S. Shimmin.

Entertainment

The Chairman

Norman and Jean Nelson

Bob and Tina Allen

Frank and Elsie Kershaw

Malcolm and Joyce Kinley

Lt Peoples' Committee

Mrs. Malcom (Joyce) Kinley

Mrs. Brian (Betty) Page

SOUVENIR BOOK PROGRESSING WELL

Sam Penrice who is in charge of preparing the souvenir book reports that the response to his appeal for Patrons and Advertising has been very good. The mailman has had a busy time delivering mail, and from the assortment of stamps must wonder how and why the Penrice family have so many correspondents from the U.S.A., and Canada. Replies have also been received from the Isle of Man.

Sam says he was pleased to receive a message from Mr Harold Cain, M. H. K. President of the World Manx Assoc., for inclusion in the book.

DRAW AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Books of tickets are ready for distribution, all Societies will receive a supply of books, so make sure you help the Convention by buying Booster tickets. They will also be on sale at the Convention, Huntington Beach, August 18-21st.

Prizes are still required, if you wish to donate one please send to:

Mr. Malcolm Kinley.,

1029 Presidio Dr.

Costa Mesa.

CALIFORNIA 92626

Or bring along to the Convention.

THE JOURNAL OF THE MANX MUSEUM

The 1968 issue of The Journal of the Manx Museum, Vol. VII, No. 84, has recently been published and as always it contains articles of great interest and variety.

Miss L. S. Garrad gives an interesting account of the plants to be found on properties owned by the Manx National Trust. The variety of wild plants reflects not only the diversity of scenery offered by the seven National Trust properties but also the local differences of climate, exposure and past land use.

On June 28th., 1967, Sir Peter Stalard, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island, declared open the extension to the Nautical Museum at Castletown. This branch of the Manx Museum is gaining recognition as one of the important nautical museums of the country and, as stated in the editorial of The Journal, its raison d'être is the remarkable survival of the late eighteenth-century schooner-rigged Peggy. A well-illustrated article by Basil Greenhill gives a documented account of the history and structure of the Peggy which is the only surviving boat in the world of her type. Mr. Greenhill also makes some interesting comments on the similarity of the Peggy to the small schooners used in the Gaspé Peninsula in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and New England.

Mr. John Betjeman's article on the work carried out on the Island by the architect Baillie Scott during the period 1889-1901 will be of interest to many. Many of the examples of his buildings used to illustrate the article will be well known to readers.

Miss Ann Harrison's observations on Economic Opportunities, 1700 from the Derby papers which were deposited in the Manx Museum Library last year by Lord Derby are an indication of the great possibilities for historical research which will be available as a result of the acquisition of this rich collection. Miss Harrison's article covers the period 1691 to 1721 and gives a brief review of the efforts of the Derby administration in their quest for economic development of the Island.

The article "The Vikings of the Isle of Man" by Gerhard Bersu is of particular interest as it is a translation by Mr. John Barratt of Castletown of the typescript of a lecture given by the internationally-renowned archaeologist, Professor Bersu, at the University of Berne, Switzerland on 2nd February, 1958. Professor Bersu made outstanding excavations of a number of Manx Viking Age sites and his work will

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NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society held a very special service on Sunday, April 28th., in the Church of St. Jude, Scarborough. It was the blessing of the Manx flag which had been sent by the Isle of Man government. The church which resembles the small churches on the Island is over 100 years old and has a usual capacity of 65. The Toronto Manx were delighted when 115 attended the service conducted by the Reverend Colin Aspell himself a Manxman and the minister of the church.

The processional hymn was "O Worship the King" sung by the choir of St. Jude's and the congregation and the prayers were said by Rev. Aspell. The first lesson from Deuteronomy was read by Mrs. Minnie Oakley and the second from St. Mark by Mr. Stan Shimmin. The second hymn, a Manx carol "When Jesus was a Baby" was followed by the blessing of the flag which lay across the altar while the Manx National Anthem was sung. The Rev. Aspell opened his most interesting sermon with the words "Whichever way you throw me I stand." The offertory was taken by 9 year old Peter Hall and 10 year old David Homer, and the hymn Peel Castle "Hear us O Lord from Heaven Thy dwelling place" was sung. This was followed by the closing prayers and the recessional hymn "The Lord is my Shepherd". Rev. Aspell and his choir made this a most sincere evening. The flag will be flown at Toronto City Hall on Tynwald Day, July 5th.

Refreshments were served later in the church hall. A tape recording was made of the service and of the singing which could surely be heard way across to the Isle of Man.

The Toronto Manx will hold a strawberry tea on June 16th. at 36 Fairglens Avenue, Weston, with the proceeds going to the Convention funds and on July 6th. they will hold their Manx picnic at Terra Cotta park.

Dot Hall, Secretary.

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

We invite all who are interested to join us and to participate in our meetings which are held regularly at the call of the Chair.

Enjoy the Golden State in '68

Elizabeth Page, Secretary

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society observed its 95th Anniversary with a banquet on April 19th., 1968, at the Oak Park Arms Hotel. A social hour followed a delicious dinner.

With the singing of the Manx National anthem "O, Land of our Birth", the president, Robert Kelly, called a short business meeting, extending a cordial welcome to all. Charlene Corrin Radcliffe of Lexington Kentucky who was in Chicago visiting her parents, Charlie and Pauline Corrin, received a very warm welcome.

A short memorial service followed honouring the memory of departed friends who had reached their journey's end since the annual meeting of 1967; namely, Beatrice Quayle; John T. Shimmin; John Robert Brew; Louise Leece Britton; Florence T. Moore and Arthur Webber. Robert Kelly read a memorial prayer.

Special music was provided by Walter J. Stevenson and Myrra Stevenson Johnson. The Chicago Manx Society is very fortunate to have such talent among the membership.

Robert Kelly gave a report on the forthcoming N. A. M. A. Convention which will be held at Huntington Beach, California, August 18th. to 21st.

The Society received an invitation from Ruth and Ellen Carlson to have a summer picnic at the Glen Orry Manx Cattery in West Chicago on June 9th. Ruth and Ellen are very proud of the amount of publicity their kittens have each received during the past season. Wherever they have shown, the kittens have received the best kitten of the show awards in their own individual classification.

GALVA

The April issue of the Galvaland magazine, a monthly publication in Galva, Illinois, featured a page of unusual facts pertinent to the Isle of Man which were taken from "It's a Fact" by Dusty Miller. A short story of the "Three Legs O' Man" accompanied the article.

Miss Mona Radcliffe left for her home in the Isle of Man April 22 after spending three weeks visiting her uncles, Frank and Ed Collister, in Galva. Mrs. Thomas Collister accompanied her to Albuquerque, N. Mexico, where they visited relatives for a few days and Mr. Ed Collister accompanied her back to the Island where he expects to spend the summer.

Hilda Collinson, Secretary.

The secretary, Emily Kelly, read greetings from absent friends and the members sent special greetings to Ella Boyde, Bessie Auty and Harold Callister.

The treasurer's report was read and approved and a motion made that all outstanding bills be paid. The business meeting adjourned with the singing of Ellan Vannin.

Through the courtesy of Elmer Luckow and Robert Kelly the meeting was followed by a showing of colour slides taken at the 1967 Annual Dinner, the Annual Folk Fair which the Chicago Society has participated in for the past seven years and the Glen Orry Cattery.

The Society is most grateful to Florence Watterson for arranging such a beautiful dinner and taking charge of reservations and to Jean Kelly for taking charge of the decorations. The decor was in red and gold and Jean fashioned the centre piece in a red shield with gold numerals — 95 — with a background of Manx emblem pennants, the star-spangled banner in the centre and red candles on either side of the table. The tables were enhanced by gilded vases holding red roses.

The events of the evening came to a close with the singing of "God be with You" followed by a Manx Gaelic benediction "Ta Traa Goll Thie" (Time to go home) "Oie Vie" (Goodnight).

*Emily J. Kelly, Secretary
Robert Kelly, President.*

PEORIA

A meeting was held on Sunday, April 28th., 1968, in Elmwood, Illinois, at which the Peoria, Illinois Manx Association was host to Manxmen from Galva, Berwick, Chillicothe, Brimfield, Knoxville, Elmwood and Peoria, Illinois.

After a bounteous pot-luck dinner they were entertained by Mr. Burdell Hall of Morton, Illinois, who told of his teaching experiences in Malaya and showed picture slides. This was followed by a short business meeting conducted by the president, Mr. Wm. Archibald and the Rev. John Clarke closed the meeting with a prayer.

The group adjourned looking forward to the Annual Picnic to be held on July 28, 1968, in Glen Oak Park in Peoria, Illinois.

*(Miss) Margaretta M. Carter,
Sec.-Treas.
620 E. Republic,
Peoria, Illinois, 61603.*

THE CLEVELAND MANX MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The April meeting was held at Detroit Avenue Methodist Church, Lakewood, Ohio. It was very well attended, and after the business, Pat and Douglas Skelly entertained with selections on the accordion, one of which was "The Manx Wedding." Afterwards a delicious lunch was served.

The May meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, Euclid Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio, and will be a card party, the proceeds of which will go to benefit the N. A. M. A. Convention Fund.

*Mr. W. Harry Kelly, Chairman
Mrs. Richard Kelly, Sec'y*

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown of London, Ontario, Canada, decided to get away from snowflakes and icicles and spent a lovely holiday in Barbados.

Mrs. Amy Abell, her daughters, Mrs. Kay Hogg and Mrs. Carol Grigsby, and her granddaughter, Jeanine Hogg, spent several days with Mrs. Abell's eldest daughter, Mrs. Lois Baughman of Wheaton, Illinois.

*Mrs. Amy Abell and
Mrs. Carol Grigsby.*

MONTREAL

It has been a quiet winter this year for members of the Montreal Manx Society as they have not had a meeting since the beginning of January when they spent a day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kelly in St. Sauveur des Monts in the Laurentian Mountains north of Montreal where they have been living since they retired. It was a beautiful winter day but very cold so while some of the members and children ventured out to try some skiing the remainder enjoyed a "cooish" round the Christmas tree that Mr. and Mrs. Kelly with the help of Mrs. Kaneen had provided. After the gifts had been distributed a turkey supper was served and a vote of thanks moved to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly for all the work they had done to enable the Society to enjoy a day in the country.

The Society has not yet held its effort towards the California Convention fund but hopes to do so between now and their Tynwald Day picnic. The Montreal Manx wish the Southern California Society the very best of luck for their Convention.

J. Victor Joughin, Secretary,

MORE CONVENTION NEWS

CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT

The first responses for donations have come to me, as Treasurer of the Convention, from nine individuals and two societies, Chicago and Toronto, amounting to \$195.00. The executive committee of the N.A.M.A. and the Southern California Manx Society appreciate the support these individuals and societies have given toward the costs of the convention. I am sure that the Southern California Society is most grateful inasmuch as they are newly organized with no treasury with which to operate. As it has been three years since our last convention, I am certain that everyone will want to give us their enthusiastic support. We are all proud of the N.A.M.A. and many more will wish to express their confidence in this work it is doing to preserve our Manx heritage.

Convention time is at hand and we need a great deal more financial support. Your contributions may be sent to Robert Kelly, Convention Treasurer, 610 North Loomis Street, Naperville, Illinois, 60540, U.S.A.

*Robert Kelly,
Convention Treasurer.*

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx Society will meet on May 20th. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Maddern when all will be notified of the coming Manx Convention. It is hoped that several of the members will be able to attend the Convention since it is so near.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddern have just returned from a visit to their son and family in Madisonville, Kentucky and will leave for California at the end of May to visit another son, Mrs. Wm. Wood, Mrs. Christine Rothery and Miss Peggy Cupiss and her brother Gordon attended Eastern Star Grand Chapter in Phoenix, Arizona, in March. Mr. Arnold Corrin and his wife, Ida, were in Phoenix at the beginning of May for Ida to attend a banquet in honor of retiring teachers. She is retiring from teaching at the end of May. Mrs. Ivy Dillon and her brother Cecil Corrin were in California recently and while there stopped in Alhambra to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mullen (Frances and Bill) who are well known to the Cleveland Manx.

*Ivy Dillon,
Secretary.*

CONVENTION PUBLICITY REPORT

Less than three months to go for our Thirty-fourth Convention and our hosts, the Southern California Manx Society, under the able leadership of the Rev. CALEY, are expecting a record gathering. They have prepared a wonderful programme which is spelled out in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin. Plan to attend and stay for a while. This area is the entertainment capital of the world.

The Sheraton Beach Inn — our Convention headquarters — will be mailing out a brochure and reservation card as soon as possible, this will not only assist the hotel staff to plan accommodations it will also give our hosts an accurate count of people attending so that they can make final plans for their entertainment, transportation and reception committees.

The response to our appeal for funds and prizes has been good but we would welcome still more. Prizes should be sent to Mr. Malcolm KINLEY, 1029 Presidio Drive, Costa Mesa, California, or write Mr. KINLEY and tell him what article you are donating and then bring it to the Convention with you. Financial donations should be sent to Mr. Robt. KELLY, 610 North Loomis Street, NAPERVILLE, Ill. 60540. All prizes and donations will be gratefully acknowledged.

This could be the finest convention we have ever held, but every convention needs people, so if you can possibly make it please plan to attend.

It was found to be impractical to try and organize a group trip — by plane, train or road — as many people are planning to attend as part of their annual vacation — however all N.A.M.A. members in Ontario and Quebec should by now have received a small card from Air Canada and I would urge you — if you are flying out — to contact them with regard to reservations as flights to California are heavily booked for the summer months. They will also give you details of special fares, both family plan and excursion rates.

One last word, don't leave your planning to the last minute, transportation and accommodations are at a premium in the summer months, you want to go and our hosts want to see you there, so don't have two disappointed parties because you were 'traa dy-llooar'. Make "California here I come" your signature tune for August 1968.

Stan Shimmin

ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THINGS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE ISLE OF MAN AND ITS PEOPLE

by Walter J. Stevenson

Part IV

79. Bishop Quayle was born at Parkville, Missouri, near Kansas City, on June 25th., 1860. At the age of 14 he entered Baker University and in 1890 at the age of 30 was made a professor in Baker University and was the youngest College President in the world.
80. After Quayle graduated from Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, his father gave him a pony which he later sold and spent the money to make a trip to Colorado in search of the burial place of his mother which he never found. This was always one of the great regrets of his life.
81. In the spring of 1908 he was elected Bishop of the Methodist Church at Baltimore, Maryland. Quayle was known as the poet preacher of Methodism. It is said that he read on an average one book a day. He wrote many books.
82. Rev. Thomas Edward Brown, born May 5th, 1830, was Manxland's greatest scholar and poet. He was born at Douglas, Isle of Man, the son of Rev. Robert Brown of St. Matthew's Church. He was the sixth child in a family of ten children. His mother was a Thompson of Scottish extraction born on the Isle of Man. In 1857 Brown married his cousin, Miss Emilia Stowell, in Kirk Maughold Church. He died at Clifton, Bristol, England, on October 29th., 1897 and was buried there. In scholastic attainment Brown was the equal of William E. Gladstone and Sir Robert Peel.
83. Horse trams are still run on the Douglas promenade for the benefit and amusement of the tourists.
84. The Sulby river is the largest river. It rises in Sulby Glen and empties into Ramsey harbour.
85. The religion of the early Celts was Druidism and evidence of this is found in the Druid circles. Druidism was possibly the religion back in the days of Abraham. The Druids were students of astronomy.
86. The oak was the sacred tree and the mistletoe the sacred flower of the Druids. The wren was the sacred bird.
87. There are about 190 different species of birds on the Island of which 76 are resident, 22 regular immigrants who breed on the Island and 48 regular immigrants who do not breed there. No-one is allowed to shoot a seagull. Seagulls are the scavengers of the sea.
88. Many theories have been offered for the absence of the tail on the Manx cat. Some say they may be a cross between a rabbit and a cat and were brought about by selective breeding. Others say the Manx cat - or tailless cat - came from the orient, possible Japan. Others say the Manx cat was brought to the Isle of Man on a ship of the Spanish Armada in 1588 when one of the ships was wrecked at Spanish Head at the extreme south end of the Island. Darwin and other eminent British scientists delved into the mystery very thoroughly, but as yet it must be admitted, no satisfactory solution has yet been offered for the absence of the tail on the Manx cat.
89. A witty poet writes: —
*When Noah sailing o'er the seas
Ran high and dry on Ararat,
His dog then made a spring
And took the tail clean off a pussy cat.
Puss through the window quickly sprang
And bravely through the waters swam,
And never stopped till high and dry
She landed on the Isle of Man.
Thus tailless puss earned Mona's thanks
And ever since is called "MANX".*
90. One of the finest and oldest Manx catteries in America is the Glen Orry Manx Cattery, founded, owned and operated by Ruth and Ellen Carlson at Oakthorpe, West, Chicago, Illinois. This pioneer cattery for exclusively Manx cats was begun in 1933 and officially registered with the American Cat Association in 1938.
91. The Laxey wheel known as the "Lady Isabella" is the largest wheel of its kind in the world. It was erected in 1854 by a Manx engineer named John Casement. The wheel is 72½ feet in diameter, 6 feet wide and 226 feet in circumference. It has 48 spokes and 188 buckets. A spiral stone stairway with 95 steps leads to the top of the wheel 75 feet high. The wheel was operated by water for the purpose of pumping water out of a 1,800 foot deep lead mine. The mine is not now in operation.
92. The inventor of the modern Ferris wheel got his idea from the Laxey wheel.
93. Arthur Caley known as "The Manx Giant" was born at the Clanagh, Sulby, near Sulby Glen railway station in 1819. He was one of 13 children and until the age of 17 was of normal size. At the age of 22 he weighed 294 lbs. and was 7 feet 6 inches tall. Later he weighed 44 stone (616 lbs.) was 8 feet 2 inches tall and was said to have been the largest man in Britain. Caley travelled with several circuses including Barnum and Bailey in the United States. He died February 12th., 1889, aged 70 at Clyde, New Jersey, U.S.A.
94. In 1655 two brothers named William and Jonathan Christian from the Parish of Maughold, and a Cottier family from Lezayre, Isle of Man, emigrated to America and settled in Virginia. The two Christian brothers married two Cottier sisters. William Christian received a grant of land from the Crown and it was, at least until recent years, still in the possession of his descendants.
95. Letitia Christian, a descendent of one of the Christian brothers, was married to John Tyler of Virginia on March 29th., 1813. In 1841 John Tyler was elected the 10th. President of the United States on the death of William Henry Harrison who lived only one month after his inauguration. John Tyler had 14 children (two sets of seven) and Letitia Christian was his second wife.
96. The Manx language is still on the printed page though rapidly falling into disuse. It has come down to us without material change from past ages. Up to about 1850 the Manx language was commonly heard in churches, schools and law courts, but it is seldom heard in conversation today. As late as 1900 about 10 per cent of the population could speak the Manx language; in 1921 about 2%; in 1931 about 1% and in 1951 only about 350 persons could speak it.
97. In 1709 A. D. the first book in the Manx language was printed and St. Matthew was the first book of the Bible to be printed in Manx in 1748. In 1772 the Manx Bible was translated and it was published in 1775. In 1792 the first Manx newspaper was published. One or more copies of the Manx Bible are to be found in the Cleveland Public Library, in the library

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SOME EXTRACTS FROM MY NOTE BOOK

by Charles Southward

Manx Stories

In the early 18th. Century there were few of the ordinary people in the Isle of Man who could understand or speak English. A number of the clergy who were English, could not speak the Manx Gaelic and as a result these clergymen conducted special services such as baptism, marriage, etc. in English though many of the people present were unable to follow it.

Tom Brown tells this story of a wedding which took place in Rushen Church under these circumstances. The bride and groom could only understand and speak the native language, but the marriage service was conducted in English. When the wedded pair got outside the church, the bride said to her husband in Manx Gaelic, "Are we married, Billie?" — to which the husband replied with some little hesitation, and also in Manx, "Faith I don't know, girl."

William Cowley of the Close Farm in Braddan was a noted, but eccentric, local preacher of last century. On one occasion an English visitor took him to task for his preaching and asked him what new thing there was he could tell anyone. "If it was me, now there might be some sense in it, for I have travelled a good deal and could tell people something they didn't know before." "Humph", said William, "the devil went further than ever ye did, wanderin' to and fro on the face of the earth, and it was nothin' but lies he was teilin' when he came back". Cowley was popularly known as Illiam y Close.

The following story was told me by the late W. J. Radcliffe of Ballaradcliffe Andreas, who was a Methodist local preacher and a member of the House of Keys:-

In the middle of the last century there lived a man named Ewan Christian at Lewaigue Farm in Maughold. He was popularly known as "Christian Lewaigue". He was a local preacher, but somewhat eccentric, which sometimes led his friends to joke with him. He was reputed to have an extensive knowledge of the Bible and would often quote passages from it to support or refute statements made by others. As a farmer, it was his custom at that time to bring produce from the farm to Ramsey Market Place for sale every Saturday morning. On one occasion, there were three of his brethren (local preachers) standing at the corner of the Market Place when Christian appeared on the scene carrying two large baskets filled

WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN CALIFORNIA

The Reverend James Caley has sent the following list of entertainment which is available in California and he makes it sound an exciting place to visit:

Tours of Universal Studios
Busch Gardens in Los Angeles
Griffith Park, Planetarium and Zoo
The Father Junipero Serra Missions including San Juan Capistrano
The San Diego Zoo (World famous)
A cruise to Catalina
A trip to glittering Las Vegas
The big trees (4,000 years old) in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
Yosemite National Park
The homes of the movie stars
Sunset Strip in Hollywood
Bull fights in Mexico on Sundays at Tijuana
Major League Baseball at Anaheim (Angels) and Chavez Ravine (Dodgers)
Visit Forest Lawn and Hollywood Memorial Cemetery where the crypt of Rudolph Valentino with its fresh red carnations and the graves of other well known film stars can be seen

Hike to the top of Mt. Whitney in the Sierra Nevada (14,500ft.)

Visit the wineries which are open to the public and taste the various kinds of wine

If you don't mind spending a little extra cash it is only a few hours to the beach at Waikiki

Or there are 8 miles of safe swimming area at Huntington Beach as well as surfing — bring your board and let's have a Manx surfing competition.

with produce. One of his friends greeted him with. "Good morning, Father Abraham!" Christian put his baskets on the ground, and looking at each one of them, said, "I'm neither Father Abraham, nor Father Isaac, nor Father Jacob, but I'm Saul, the son of Kish, and I've come to seek my father's asses, and lo and behold, I've found them".

At the beginning of last century, the church people in Castletown petitioned the Government for financial support in procuring an organ for the Church. The opening and closing sentences of the Petition were as follows:-

"Religious harmony should be moving, but noble, withal; grave, solemn and seraphic; fit for a martyr to hear,

MANX WEDDIN'S

Mrs. Leslie McDonnell of North Vancouver, B.C., announces the marriage of her granddaughter Kathleen Suzanne, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric A. McDonnell of Royal Oak, Michigan, to Mr. Marshall J. Jones II son of Ambassador and Mrs. Marshall P. Jones of Malawi, Central Africa, and Washington, D.C., on Friday, March 1st, 1968, at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Both will graduate from U. of M. in August, 1968.

Michael Kelly, grandson of Mrs. Bessie Vandivier, will be married on Saturday, May 25th., to Miss Carol Smothermom in Downey, California. He is at present in the U.S. Service and will be on leave at that time.

THE LI'L PEOPLE

Born, a son, Bruce Edward, to the proud parents of John and Nita Shimmmin, Pasadena, California, March, 1968. Great-grandson of Isabel Shimmmin who is the aunt of Emily Kelly, Secretary, Chicago Manx Society.

Born to Ramsey and Glenys Joughin of Montreal, a daughter, Sarah Margaret, on April 7th. She is the granddaughter of Mr. J. Victor Joughin of Montreal.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Clague of 1317 Mariva Avenue, Leesburg, Florida, celebrated their 50th. wedding anniversary on March 21st. Mr. Clague was born in Cregneish, Isle of Man, in 1892 and came to Montreal, Canada, in 1907. He married Florence Crates in Jefferson, Ohio, in 1918 and they lived at Lorain, Ohio, for 40 years until he retired as a captain on the Great Lakes and they moved to Florida where their daughter, Eunice Lorenz, and her two daughters live. Open house was held to celebrate the occasion and among the more than 100 guests were Capt. and Mrs. W.K. Kelly and Mrs. Mamie Kelly from Douglas. Mr. Clague was presented with a 50 year pin from the Masonic Lodge in Lorain, Ohio.

or an angel to play . . . your petitioners pray that you may join, hereafter, the angelic choir in Heaven".

(Mr. T. C. Southward is a member of the N.A.M.A. and lives at 15 Butler Avenue, Papatoetoe, Auckland, New Zealand. Ed.)

101 THINGS—

of rare books in Washington, D.C. and in the rare books department of the Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.

98. William Kennish was born on a farm near Cornaa, Maughold, on March 19th, 1799. He had an outstanding career and became famous for his inventions and achievements. At age 22 with practically no education and knowing only the Manx language, he joined the British navy and in the short space of 7 years became master carpenter of the British Mediterranean fleet, a very important position in those days when all the ships were built of wood.

In 1849 at the age of 50, after retiring from the British navy, he came to America as a prospector in New Grenada (now Columbia). He made a survey of the isthmus of Panama and in 1855 submitted to the United States government and other scientific bodies a scheme for a canal without locks to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Up to that time no canal had ever been projected without locks. The length of the proposed canal was 130 miles and the cost \$130 million dollars. William Kennish died in 1862 at the age of 63.

99. In 1842 the Manx currency was withdrawn.

100. Cleveland and vicinity has the largest Manx population outside the Isle of Man. A noted Manx lawyer of Cleveland once said, "There is no record to show that

—any Manx person in America has ever been convicted of any serious major criminal offence." and Albert Fieback, director of Public Welfare for Cleveland, speaking at the N. A. M. A. Convention in 1935, said, "I have never found a Manxman in the workhouse."

101. The greatest number of Manx surnames are of Celtic origin, such as Brew, Bridson, Cain, Caley, Callister, Callow, Cannell, Cashen, Clague, Clucas, Coole, Costain, Curphey, Kaighin, Kelly, Kewley, Kewin, Mylchreest, Mylecraine, Mylrea, Mylroie, Quayle, Quiggin, Quirk, Quilliam etc.

Place names with the prefix "Balla" meaning farm, such as Balladool, Ballamannah, Ballamoar, Ballaneddin, Ballasalla etc. are of Celtic origin as also are those with the prefix "Cronk" meaning hill, such as Cronkbane, Cronkbreck, Cronkevoddy, Cronkould, Cronksamak etc. "Slieu" meaning mountain is also of Celtic origin — Slieu Dhoo, Slieu Curn, Slieu Menagh, Slieu Lewaigue, Slieu Whellan etc.

Surnames of Norse origin are: Casement, Cottier, Corkill, Corlett, Cowley, Crennell etc. and the place names ending with "by" such as Colby, Darby, Grenaby, Jurby, Regaby, Sulby etc. are also of Norse origin.

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"The Immortal Memory to the poet was proposed by Mr. P. Leighton Stowell in a most intelligent yet informal way, showing us many facets of the life and works of T. E. Brown. Mr. Stowell, through his family connection with Mrs. Brown, included various personal references and these, added to his reciting of Brown's dialect poems, were a feature of a most outstanding tribute to Thomas Edward Brown. Several toasts were given and well replied to and Mrs. Ena Gelling entertained with Manx songs in her usual delightful way. Miss E. Christian, L. R. A. M. accompanied.

... Christmas Cards from our Association were sent out to Manx Societies in all parts of the World, and many greetings were received by us.

My thanks also to the Officials, Committee and Members of the W.M.A. for their co-operation and to Mr. C. Craine for his willingness to help in any way possible. Lastly, I thank the members of the Press most sincerely for the valued services they have rendered during the year.

Doris H. Clague
Hon. Secretary

The officers and members of The Chicago Manx Society extend greetings and best wishes to the officers and members of the newly organized Southern California Manx Society.

Emily I. Kelly, Secretary.
Robert Kelly, President.

OBITUARIES

CLUCAS, William J. of Itasca, Illinois, passed away April 20, 1968. He is survived by his wife, Luella; daughter Joyce Kerr and three grandchildren, and brothers, Frank of Novato, California, and Norman of Kirkwood, Missouri, who is President of the N.A.M.A.

COWLEY, Walter Douglas (Doug.) — On Wednesday, March 6th. at Noble's Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man, Mr. Cowley of 45 Woodbourne Cowley of 45 WOODBOURNE Road, Douglas, died at the age of 85. He was the beloved husband of May, dear father of Evelyn and son-in-law Tommy, and devoted grandpa of Janet. He resided in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1904 to 1931.

KELLY, John Henry, died in February at the home of his sister in Ramsey, Isle of Man. He had lived in the United States 42 years, returning to the Island six years ago to make his home with his sister. He was a member of the N.A.M.A.

KINRADE, Effie Margaret, died on April 2nd., 1968, at her home. She was the wife of the late Donald Kinrade and is survived by two brothers, Stanley of London, Ontario, and Eddie of Galina, Kansas; and sister-in-law Mrs. Tom Kinrade.

MORRISON, Margaret E. of Miami, Florida, passed away on April 18th., 1968, after a short illness. Born in Laxey, Isle of Man, on July 19th., 1887, Mrs. Morrison was the widow of William R. Morrison who passed away May 3rd., 1967. She is survived by two sons, Hilton Partington of Charleroi, Penna., and Ernest J. Partington of Connellsville, Penna.

MUGRAGE, Guy, a former Galva, Illinois, resident passed away in McAllen, Texas, in January. His wife the former Ella Kewish preceded him in death in 1960. One brother and a sister survive, also one daughter (Martha) Mrs. G. W. Giebelhausen of Peoria. Burial was in the Galva cemetery.

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

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remain as the prime source in all future studies in this field.

Mr. R. A. Curphey in his article "The Coastal Batteries" gives an account of the significance of these batteries in the defence of the Island from the Revestment in 1765 to the twentieth century.

The final article in the Journal is an account by Miss I. M. Killip of the meaning and significance of place names of the Parish of Rushen and it will no doubt be of interest to those who while familiar with place names in the Island are not aware of their meaning. An effort is now being made to collect these names whose use is dying out.

The annual subscription to the Journal is one dollar U.S. (six shillings) which should be sent to: The Editor, The Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man.