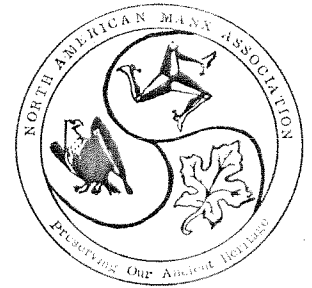


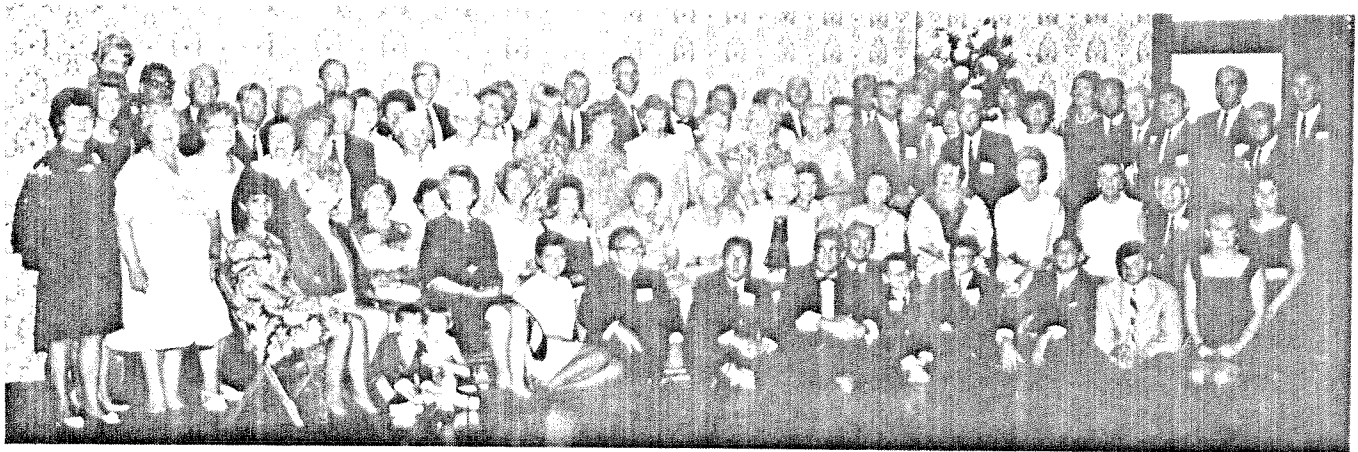
# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

OCT. 1968



## "A PERFECT TIME AND PLACE"

The 1968 convention is now history, and all of those who were fortunate enough to attend and enjoy the wonderful get-together have returned to their homes with many happy memories.

The official beginning was Sunday afternoon with registration being handled by a committee consisting of the following: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bain, Mrs. May Griffith, Dr. & Mrs. Bob Rodin, Dr. & Mrs. Frame, Mrs. James C. Caley and Jane Caley, Mrs. Thelma Kramar, Mrs. Betty Page, Mr. Malcolm Kinley.

At 7:30 P. M. refreshments were served, after which Convention Chairman Rev. James C. Caley welcomed everyone and introduced N.A.M.A. President, Norman Clucas. Norman Clucas, on behalf of the N. A. M. A. acknowledged Rev. Caley's welcome, extending his welcome to all the guests with a special welcome to Margaret and Nancy Quilleash, from the Isle of Man, who had toured the U.S. and were leaving the next day to return home.

After introducing the N. A. M. A. officers present, the meeting was turned over to the Entertainment Committee of the Southern California Manx So-

ciety. The program that followed was a delight to everyone. The "Celtic Cousins", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Clarice Caley, were attired in red aprons and headpieces attractively designed with the Manx emblem. These costumes were made especially for the convention and were another example of the time and effort spent by the committee to show everyone a pleasant time. The Celtic Cousins group consisted of: Norman & Jean Nelson, Bob & Tina Allen, Frank & Elsie Kershaw, Malcolm & Joyce Kinley, Rev. Caley and Jane Caley.

After everyone enjoyed a few numbers by the chorus, we were entertained by Malcolm Kinley who sang and recited some old Manx favorites. This was followed by a sing-along. Everyone departed with a smile and were looking forward to the beginning of the business sessions in the morning.

The first business session began promptly at 10:00 A. M. (10:15 Manx Time) Monday, August 19, with the singing of the National anthems and the flags being presented separately as follows:

American Flag — James Clucas  
Canadian Flag — Douglas Penrice

Manx Flag — Fraser Kinley  
Union Jack — Jane Caley

The meeting was opened by Rev. Caley, who gave the invocation in the absence of Rev. Cock. Rev. Caley then read a letter of welcome from the Mayor of Huntington Beach who said that he was looking forward to joining us on Wednesday evening.

The President then opened the business session with a welcome and secretary Helen Clucas read greetings from Lt. Governor Stallard, Bishop of Sodor and Man, Essie Quayle, Harold Cain, Pres. of World Manx Association, Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx), Galva Manx, Victor Joughin, Robt. Kelly, Stan Shimmie, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kelly, and others. It was then moved and seconded to send greetings to those overseas. Secretary sent these greetings and a reply was received from Lt. Gov. Stallard on Wednesday.

As had been decided at the Toronto Convention, copies had been made of the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report and these copies had been handed out to all in attendance (57). After the membership had an opportunity to see these reports, a motion

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## GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. William Beddow (Margaret Radcliffe Quayle) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 25th. this year by taking a trip to England and the Isle of Man to see friends and relatives. Mr. Beddow was in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry during the first war and trained under Sky Hill near Ramsey, I.O.M., in 1915. They were married by the Rev. Herbert Kidson on June 25th., 1918, in St. Margaret's Church, Prestwick, Lancaster. Mrs. Beddow was at that time a V. A. D. nurse at the 5th. Northern General Hospital in Leicester, England.

They were to return to their home in Toronto on July 14th.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Ta gennallys marish poagey follym my share na anvea marish poagey lane" Cheerfulness with an empty pocket is better than discontent with a full one.

Manx proverb sent in by

J. Clucas of the Cleveland Manx.

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was made and seconded to accept them as submitted.

The President then reminded everyone that only those who were up-to-date on their dues were entitled to vote, and that in the absence of the Treasurer, Margaret Joughin would accept dues and cards would be mailed later.

Bulletin Editor, Margaret Joughin, then read her report and after it was accepted the following committees were appointed: TIME and PLACE, John Kneale — CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS, Cecil Kelly — NOMINATIONS: Alice Garrett, — RESOLUTIONS, Malcolm Kinley.

The President then stated that it was with regret that he read the resignations of Financial Secy, Margaret Krach; Chaplain, Rev. Alexander Cock; Secretary, Helen Clucas.

The issue of St. Germain's was discussed and Sam Penrice noted that funds donated so far total about \$500. He made a motion that because there still were many questions regarding the Cathedral, a committee be appointed to pursue this matter and report to the next convention as to how the funds should be disposed of. This motion was seconded and carried. The next motion was presented in writing as required in the by-laws, when a change in the by-laws is being acted upon. It was given to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and read as follows:

MEMBERSHIP: (item 2) to be changed to read, — "Association shall comprise 5 classes — regular, junior, life, honorary, and associate."

DUES: Add "honorary members shall be exempt from all dues." "Associate members dues shall be \$1.00 for social activities only."

MEETING: Delete paragraph 2 — insert, "Convention will normally be held on North American Continent, but may be held on the Isle of Man."

It was brought to the attention of the convention that because of the poor service being given to second-class mail, Bulletins are not reaching U.S. destinations until five or six weeks after being mailed. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Bulletins will go first-class and that if it is later determined to be too expensive, we would revert to second-class mailing again. The Secretary then announced that 1967 Christmas greetings to the N. A. M. A. from overseas were posted on the bulletin board for all to see and also that cheer cards had been set out for all to sign.

The meeting was then adjourned and at 12:30 P.M., we all sat down and enjoyed a delicious luncheon right at the Sheraton. At 2. P.M. we all departed for Disneyland where everyone enjoyed several hours of fine entertainment and fun. After the nightly fireworks display, the tired but completely happy members of the N. A. M. A. boarded their bus again at 9:30 P.M. and returned to the Sheraton.

On Tuesday morning, our meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. with the singing of the national anthems. Additional greetings were read by the Secretary, and Rev. Caley reported on one that had just been received from Rev. Robert Goodin, on the Isle of Man.

In the absence of Rev. Cock, the President asked Rev. Caley if he would conduct the Memorial Service. Rev. Caley presented a most fitting service which he concluded by saying the Lord's Prayer in Manx. Hymns and prayers were printed and distributed, and Mrs. Caley assisted at the piano. The Memorial Roll was also printed in advance so that each member could have a copy.

This was followed by the reports of the delegates which were very interesting. Those that could not arrange to be present in person had furnished written reports and these were read at this time. The report of the Ladies Auxiliary had also been forwarded and in the absence of a representative, this was read by Mrs. Clucas. There were no reports from Regional Directors, as none were present.

Rev. Caley suggested that the N. A. M. A. should be represented by its President at the Tynwald ceremonies on July 5th and hoped that the Association would give this serious consideration. With a reminder that reports of all committees would be heard at the Wednesday morning session, the meeting was adjourned.

At 2 P. M. everyone boarded the bus (with the overflow going by private autos) for Marineland of the Pacific. We went by way of Long Beach where we had a look at the Queen Mary which is still in the process of being remodeled. At Marineland, everyone enjoyed the many different acts put on by the various mammals. This is an outstanding show and should not be missed by anyone visiting California. When the last of these shows was over, we again boarded the bus and were driven to "The Fisherman". At this fine restaurant, which is right on Huntington Beach, the host committee had reserved tables overlooking the ocean and we all sat down to a delicious seafood dinner. After dinner, the

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE N.A.M.A.

Another successful N. A. M. A. Convention has just concluded, a detailed report is carried in the Bulletin.

May I firstly express my humble thanks to the members of the Association for the trust they have placed in me. I shall endeavour at all times to work for the Association with the same determination and energy as those who have filled this office in the past. With the assistance of the executive and co-operation of all the membership I know we can go forward into the future with great expectations.

My wife Hilda (nee Bridson) and son Doug enjoyed the privilege of once again meeting so many old friends at the Convention in Huntington Beach; we also made many new friends. We did however, miss many familiar faces who through previous commitments, ill health, and other reasons were not at Huntington Beach. To one and all, my family and I wish health, happiness and prosperity for the future.

Forty years ago the Charter members of the N. A. M. A. laid a solid foundation on which has been built a wonderful organisation; we must continue to build. With rapidly changing times, some ideas and customs must be changed.

Your members at the Convention with their sights set on the future decided that if a Convention could be held on the Isle of Man, interest in the N. A. M. A. would increase and our organisation would better serve its purpose of "Preserving our Ancient Heritage"

Your executive, under my leadership are charged with this great task of effectively organising and planning the greatest ever North American Manx Convention on the Isle of Man in 1970. With the support of all the Manx Societies, all the members of the N. A. M. A. and interested Manx people and friends throughout our two great lands, and the Isle of Man this can be done. I know we can count on you all.

So once again thanking you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of your Association.

Sam Penrice,  
Formerly St. Johns, Peel, Sulby,  
Isle of Man.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION — Aug. 1, 1967 to July 31, 1968 R E C E I P T S

**Cleveland**  
Aug. 1, 1967 Ck. Acct. Bal. \$ 474.04  
Receipts 8/1/67 to 7/31/68:  
Dues, donations, bulletins 1502.49  
Total  
CLEVELAND Receipts \$1976.53

**Montreal (Canadian Funds)**  
Aug. 1, 1967 Ck. Acct. Bal. \$ 382.86  
Dues, donations, bulletins 136.49  
Transferred from Cleveland  
Ck. Acct. (\$1116.26  
Am. funds) 1200.00  
Total MONTREAL Receipts \$1719.35

## D I S B U R S E M E N T S

**Cleveland**  
Bank Charges \$ 5.12  
Salaries — M. Krach 150.00  
H. Clucas ("waived") —  
Mailings, printing, postage 35.68  
Exec. Com. Expenses 26.00  
Funds transferred to Montreal  
\$1200 (in Canadian Funds) 1116.26  
California Convention  
Advance 100.00  
Total CLEVELAND  
Disbursements \$1433.06  
Cleveland Ck. Acct. Balance  
as of July 31, 1968 543.47  
\$1976.53

**Montreal (Canadian Funds)**  
Bank Charges \$ 2.45  
Salary — M. Joughin 150.00  
Postage 88.19  
Printing 1242.39  
Total MONTREAL  
Disbursements \$1483.03  
Montreal Ck. Acct. Balance  
as of July 31, 1968 236.32  
\$1719.35

## Savings Accounts' Balances:

Second Federal Savings & Loan Assoc'n., Cleveland —  
as of July 31, 1968 \$1866.36  
Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland (Contributions) 282.69  
Total in Savings Accounts \$2149.05

## ASSETS:

Savings Accounts 7/31/68 \$2149.05  
Cleve. Ck. Acct. 7/31/68 543.47  
Mtl. Ck. Acct. 7/31/68 236.32  
(Can. funds)  
TOTAL \*\* \$2928.84

\*\*Gain of 36.69 over 66/67 — Cor-  
res. Secy. again waived her salary.  
AUDITED August 1st 1968

Gladys A. Butts  
Karen E. Previtera

## — MEMBERSHIP —

1967/68 Adult Mbrs. 461  
(Incls. some pd. prior to 67/68)  
1967/68 Junior Mbrs. 17  
1967/68 Societies \* 12  
\* (1 also pd. back dues — another  
adv. dues)  
Life Members total 17  
Honorary Members total 5  
Adult Mbrs. paid in advance for  
68/69 57  
69/70 1

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret I. Krach  
(Mrs. Michael Krach)

Financial Secretary-Treasurer

## CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM

An article in the March, 1968, issue of the Bulletin described the opening of the Clague House Museum in Westlake, Ohio. The Museum now has on display a number of interesting Manx articles which have been donated by Manx people in the surrounding area and which are listed below. Anyone interested in helping the Museum to improve its collection by donating or lending Manx articles should get in touch with Mrs. Robert S. Cowin, Treasurer, Cleveland Manx Society, 1223 West Melrose Drive, Westlake, Ohio 44145.  
Old picture viewer and Manx tea set  
Mrs. Henry Christian  
Ceramic replica of the Laxey Wheel and Manx Bible

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Kelly  
Manx pitcher  
Mrs. M. Krach  
Manx meat platter  
Mrs. H. Friederich  
Silverware with Manx emblem  
Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx)  
Fred T. Brew collection of Manx coins  
Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx)  
Old books on Isle of Man  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Cecil Kelly  
Manx wool blanket  
Mrs. L. K. Abell  
Old picture prints of the Isle of Man  
Mrs. Mildred Johnson  
China figurine from Douglas, Isle of Man  
Mrs. John T. Kewley

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND MANX —

The May 13th meeting was turned over to Mr. Harry Kelly and his committee for a card party, the proceeds to be sent to the N. A. M. A. Convention fund. The party was a huge success. Mr. Kelly thanks his committee and everyone that came.

The June 10th meeting was held at the American Legion Hall, East Cleveland. The speaker for the evening was an officer from the East Cleveland Police force. A good crowd enjoyed the talk about detecting confidence men and other things and a delicious lunch was served.

The July 13th meeting was a picnic held at Northfield Grove. Games and races were held for the children and everyone enjoyed a good supper. Mr. W. Skelly and his committee did a fine job. Tea, coffee and soft drinks were provided by the Society.

Our next meeting was held on September 10th at our regular East Side meeting hall. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Angus May, Sales Representative of Air Canada, who showed a film on Britain and spoke about the twenty-one day tours available, costs, etc. He also answered questions on various other places to visit which can be included with trips to the Isle of Man. This was of great interest to everyone. The evening ended with a lunch of coffee, tea and goodies.

Our second picnic of the summer was held on Sunday afternoon, September 15th at Clague Park Westlake, Ohio. The committee had arranged with the Westlake Historical Society to have the Clague House Museum open for our members to tour the Museum. The Clague House built in 1880 by the Robert Clague family who emigrated from Lonan, Isle of Man, has recently been acquired by the Westlake Historical Society and the interior is being restored to its original 19th century decor. It houses many interesting antiques which we are sure everyone would enjoy seeing. Our Society and many of our members have contributed items which are being displayed in this family museum. At 5 p.m. the Clague Park cabin was available to us for our picnic supper. Everyone provided their own food and table settings. Coffee and tea were furnished by the committee. Because of the tour through the Museum, planned games and contests for the children were eliminated; however, they found plenty of outdoor activities in the park, including swings and teeter-

totters. Door Prizes were drawn for the adults. Mrs. Margaret Krach thanks all her committee for a fine job.

Florida's gain is our loss — Ethel Shimmin Christian moved to Largo, Florida where she will now reside. However, Chicago's loss was our gain—Bessie Leece Auty now lives with her daughter, Nancy MacDougall, in the Cleveland area and is a member of the Cleveland Manx Society!

Mrs. Amy Abell and  
Mrs. Carol Grigsby

## CHICAGO

On Sunday, June 9th., 1968, The Chicago Manx Society had a summer picnic combined with a Bring and Buy party at the home of Ruth and Ellen Carlson of the Glen Orry Manx Cattery, West Chicago, Illinois. The weather was perfect.

Ruth and Ellen are so proud of their beautiful kittens. They have all covered themselves with glory during the last season's Cat Shows. One kitten especially, "Toche", received best kitten award honors at each Cat Show. Finally she received the Inter-American Grand Champion award as best kitten award of the year. Another beautiful kitten, "Fenella Veen", received many awards in various categories.

Following a picnic dinner we had a most profitable Bring and Buy Sale to raise funds to send to the new Southern California Manx Society towards their convention expenses. We are very happy to report that nine from the Chicago district attended the 30th N. A. M. A. Convention at Huntington Beach Hotel. They were: Norman, Helen and Jim Clucas; Muriel, David and Scott Connelly; Cecil and Emily Kelly, and Edith Ristow. The secretary was happy to be appointed to serve as delegate to the Convention.

It was the concensus of opinion that this convention exceeded any previous convention. How the members of the new Southern California Manx Society were able to do so much in so short a time is a mystery to all who attended. And we salute them all.

One of the star attraction at the closing banquet was a poem in the Manx Gaelic, "Ny-Kirree-Fo-Naughtey" (The Sheep under the Snow), recited by Isabel Shimmin of Arcadia, California. Mrs. Shimmin was 92 years young in August. The audience loved her and gave her quite an ovation. They sang Happy Birthday to her. Emily Kelly, secretary of the Chicago Manx Society, is a niece of Mrs. Shimmin.

We would like to say that the retiring N. A. M. A. president, and past president of the Chicago Manx Society Norman D. Clucas, deserves a great deal of praise for the way he handled the Convention as does his wife, Helen, also for her work during the past three years as secretary of the N. A. M. A. Thank you both for a job well done. You made a good team.

Chicago is honored in having two members elected to the executive of the N. A. M. A.; Robert Kelly as 1st vice-president and Clarence Creer as financial secretary.

On Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd and 3rd., the Chicago Manx Society will participate in the 9th Annual Folk Fair with a booth displaying the culture of the Manx people. We can tell you more about this in a later Bulletin.

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

## WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx Society held their annual picnic at Kildonan Park on July 6th, and the weather was perfect, which greatly added to the enjoyment.

President Mrs. Margaret Quirk, Mr. and Mrs. Len Quilliam, Mrs. Isabel Clarke and Mr. W. Quayle attended the Convention and from reports all had a marvellous time.

It is hoped to start the winter session with a dinner on October 26th.

With regards to all Manx men and women everywhere and an invitation to contact the Winnipeg Manx if they visit in this area,

*Mrs. Margaret Quirk, President, 169  
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Treas. 336 Marjorie, St. James, Win-  
nipeg 12, Manitoba. 888-6828*

## BISBEE

Three members of the Bisbee Manx; Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Mrs. Bessie Vandivier and Mr. Cecil Corrin, attended the Convention in California and like everyone else thoroughly enjoyed it and appreciated all the hard work of the Southern California Manx Society to make it such a success. After the Convention they went to Long Beach to stay with Jack and Margaret Kelly and while there met again Mr. and Mrs. Kashishian who had also attended the Convention. Mrs. Kashishian is the former Ruth Kennaugh.

A meeting was held on September 16th. at the home of Arnold Corrin with fourteen adults and two children attending. Among the guests were;

George and Ann Wilkerson of Allentown, Pa., who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddern and Mrs. Kathy Hoppstetter and daughters, Susan and Kristin, who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood.

Mrs. Maude Franks was recently on a buying trip to California for the Phelps Dodge Mercantile Company where she is manager of the Ladie's Ready to Wear, and Mrs. Wilna Wood was in Colorado to attend Eastern Star Grand Chapter sessions.

*Ivy Dillon,  
Secretary.*

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

To celebrate the completion of the magnificent 30th Convention of the N.A.M.A. the Southern California Manx Society held a picnic on Saturday, August 31, 1968. Lake Park, Huntington Beach, was the setting for the delightful and well-attended event. About 40 adults and children sat down to a delicious repast at 1:00 p.m.

A short business session was called to order by the president, Rev. James C. Caley. The secretary's report was read and adopted. The treasurer, Malcolm Kinley, reported that not all bills were in from the Convention and therefore no final statement was ready. Rev. Caley introduced several guests present — including the N.A.M.A. Bulletin Editor, Miss Margaret Joughin of Montreal who spoke to the assembly about the Bulletin. Guests with Mr. and Mrs. Will Caley were Wel and Margie Homer and children from Canada. Margie is Mrs. Caley's daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kewley of Long Beach were welcomed as members. Mr. Kewley spoke about the Southern California Genealogical Society of which he is a member. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bain were Mr. and Mrs. McCormack (Mrs. Bain's son and daughter-in-law) and children. Mrs. Bain thanked the reception committee for its fine work at the convention. She also brought greetings from Mrs. May Griffith who was not able to be present and from Mrs. May Caine Ward who is in an Alondra Nursing Home. Mr. Bain congratulated the society on the splendid convention it had hosted and commented on the friendly feeling. He said that 93 persons had registered but about 100 - 110 attended during the three days. Members came from as far away as Montreal, Winnipeg, Rochester, New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Vancouver, and Arizona as well as from many California locations.

Rev. Caley introduced his son, David, daughter-in-law Susan, granddaughter Catherine, and grandson Jimmy, his namesake, and also his sister, Miss Eleanor Caley, of Rodney, Ontario.

Some discussion was held about giving Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Robin Allen some token of appreciation for their fine assistance with the entertainment at the Convention and it was decided to send them a plant each.

Mr. Malcolm Kinley, the "Pride of Port Le Murra", who performed so ably at the Convention, gave his amusing rendition of "Tra-dy-Loor".

It was decided to hold a Christmas Party in December with an exchange of gifts.

The meeting closed with the singing of Ellan Vannin.

The October 5th. meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Caley, 1445 Orange Street, Santa Ana.

Mr. Bain on behalf of Mrs. Wallace Frame presented a book to the Southern California Manx Society of the "Creer Family History". The history and accompanying pictures were of great interest to the members present. Numerous letters were read thanking all members of the Society for the fine Convention just concluded.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Caley on November 16th. At this meeting the Christmas party will be planned for December 28th. Ellan Vannin was sung and the host and hostess thanked for delicious refreshments.

*Betty Page,  
Secretary.*

## MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society held its annual Tynwald Day Picnic on July 6th. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Kelly at St. Sauveur des Monts in the Laurentian Mountains north of Montreal. A good crowd assembled to enjoy the day in these beautiful surroundings.

A game of Pirate Bingo was held to raise funds for the Southern California Manx Society's convention fund. It was a most successful day in spite of a short, sharp thunder storm which interrupted proceedings for a while.

Two long-time members of the Montreal Manx, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cope, have left Montreal for New Brunswick since Mr. Cope retired. We hope they are enjoying their new surroundings.

*J. Victor Joughin,  
Secretary.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** All membership dues should now be sent to the new treasurer, Mr. Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

**CONVENTION PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** A list of prize winners will appear in the December issue of the Bulletin.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Attending a convention of the North American Manx Association has always been a pleasure for everyone. Our organization can certainly be proud of the fact that what we lack in numbers we make up for in friendship and cordiality. It is this very friendship and cordiality, linked with a common heritage of which we are all so proud, that keeps us going and looking forward to the next time we can get together, whether it be at a meeting of our local society or the next convention.

There were those among us who had some misgivings about holding a convention in California, but our faith and confidence in the Manx overcame these misgivings and we said "California here we come". The combination of Manx will and the all-out efforts of the Southern California Manx Society proved we were correct, and when the last gavel sounded and we had all sung Auld land syne the only wish of everyone was that California will invite us back again sometime.

Helen and myself appreciated the opportunity to have served as Officers of the N. A. M. A. and were most gratified to see our tenure come to an end on the friendly and happy tone that prevailed at Huntington Beach.

To the Southern California Manx Society, I can only say — "Thank you very much for a job well done". To Sam Penrice and all of his Officers I say — "God-Speed. I have every confidence that the N. A. M. A. is in as good hands as it possibly could be". To the members I say — "Support your Officers in every way you can. They will do their best for you, but certainly need the assistance of everyone. Our Association is small which makes each member that much more important, and being small there is that much less room for differences among us. If anyone feels that criticism is in order, bring it out in the open and make it constructive criticism which will help the entire organization — bringing us closer together and looking forward to the next convention when we can again get together with ALL good Manx people and again share a wonderful time such as we just had in California."

*Norman D. Clucas  
Past President*

## "KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS"

The response to the suggestion of having a genealogy column in the Bulletin has been very favourable and it proposed, therefore, beginning with the December issue, to print articles on how to start tracing your family history, on where to make enquiries for the information you need and on the working of genealogical societies and how you may join them.

We will also from time to time print requests for information in the Bulletin. Two such requests are printed below and if anyone has such information perhaps they would get in touch with the writers whose addresses are given or with the editor.

*Mrs. Robert (Edna) Cowin of Westlake, Ohio, writes:*

"In the June, 1968, Bulletin you asked if people would be interested in a Genealogy column — I vote 'yes'. I think it would be helpful. I've been working on Bert's family both maternal and paternal since 1962 and find it a fascinating hobby. One of the best and most useful textbooks I have found on the subject is "KNOW YOUR ANCESTERS" by Ethel Williams, Ph. D., published by Charles E. Tuttle Co.,

Portland, Vermont (Price \$4.50 U.S. A.) I believe Tuttle's have representatives in London, Australia and Canada." *Miss Clarice Pittman of 15 Hamilton Street, East Wenatchee, Washington 98801, writes:*

"It will be nice to have a spot in the Bulletin for genealogy. Many of us who are descendants of Manx are very interested in the Isle and its people. All suggestions regarding research both on the Isle of Man and in the U. S. A. will be most welcome.

Any articles about people leaving the Isle for the U. S. A., articles about early Manx settlements including churches and cemeteries; heads of households from the 1841 census of the Isle of Man, would all be helpful. I have been unable to find any records either in Illinois or on the Isle of Man about my ancestors . . .

David BARRON, born November 9, 1805, and wife Deborah COWLEY, born April 25, 1806, came from Douglas, I. O. M., in 1848 via New Orleans to Brimfield, Illinois. They started buying land and changed their name to BARRONETT. Both died of cholera in July 1849. Their children; Elizabeth, David, William, Jane and Daniel were

placed in different homes.

My grandmother, Jane, born 1846, had a cousin Kate near Peoria, Illinois, and one named Annie in Ramsey, I. O. M.; uncles John BARRON of Kirk Michael and Daniel COWLEY of Kirk Bride; great uncle Robert CHRISTIAN born 1819 in Ballacory, Kirk Andreas. Brothers David and William Barronett enlisted in the Civil War from Brimfield, Ill., and died in Iowa. Both Elizabeth Stone and Jane Olney died in Nebraska."

*Mrs. Harold H. Higgins of 1309 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48915, writes:*

"I see by the Bulletin that there is a possibility of a genealogy column. That would be wonderful.

I am trying to compile my mother's parents' family tree. My grandfather was Philip Christian, born May 12, 1862, in Foxdale. His father was John and his mother, Eleanor Quayle. My grandmother was Catherine Ann Shimm, born March 22, 1863, in Malew. Her father was Robert and her mother, Margaret Quine.

Any information will be appreciated. Any data I have I will gladly help some one else."

## PEEPS INTO THE PAST

### THE HARD WORKING WOMEN OF MANN

*Equal Rights Granted 200 Years Before England*

It is not always realized that the Isle of Man led the way in regard to equal rights for women and that democratic ideas which originated with the Norsemen, were strongly developed in the Island. A 1700 document gives the names of four women freeholders — no other British women had the vote until more than 200 years had passed.

This document of 1700 shows that meetings of the freeholders were held in various parishes to interview Earl William, one of the rulers in the Stanley regime.

A list of electors is given for the sheading of Garff and they voted on June 6th, 1700 for Ewan Christian, of Lewaigue, to represent them. The other two were Ewan Christian of Unerigg (a Milntown Christian who had an estate in Cumberland) and John Stevenson, of Balladoole.

This list of freeholders contains the names of four women — Joney Cottiman, whose father had owned Ballanabarna, Maughold, a married woman; Margaret Cowne, a spinster, who owned Ballacannell, in Lonan; Margaret Calister and Mrs. Jeane Allim, of Maughold.

Women held a unique place in the Isle of Man.

Readers will be familiar with the

**story of the dilemma of the wronged unmarried woman, who according to the law, was given by the Deemster, a rope, a sword and a ring so that she might have her choice to hang the man with the rope, cut off his head with the sword or marry him with the ring!**

Manx farms through the years have been run on the family basis with sons and daughters all helping in various ways and the womenfolk have always been hard worked in the tasks connected with eking a living from the soil.

Hired workers were subject to an oppressive system of conscription called 'yarding' by which the Lord and the Officers of the government—Coroners and Moars, were entitled to call upon persons of their choice to serve them, willy-nilly, for a year, sometimes when the servant was already working for a master. (The Keys and Clergy could not be deprived of their workers in this way).

A great grievance was that workers yarded for the Lord received only half the normal rate—but the injustice was rectified at the end of the 17th century.

For refusals to obey the 'yard' servants were liable to whipping or imprisonment until they became amenable, their meagre fare in confinement con-

## THE LFL PEOPLE

John Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Randall Meulman of Forth Worth, Texas, was born July 2, 1968. Lois (Abell) Baughman of Wheaton, Illinois, is the proud grandmother and Mrs. Amy Abell of Cleveland, Ohio, is the even prouder great-grandmother.

A son was born to Leah Mylroie Lowe and her husband of Franklin, Idaho, on May 7th., 1968. They now have four sons and a daughter. The grandfather is George E. Mylroie, also of Franklin, Idaho.

sisting of one barley cake a day and water.

**Custom required that a servant's porridge should be of such consistency that the potstick would stand upright in it immediately after cooking.**

The barley cakes given should be as thick as the length of a barley corn.

In 1763 the wages of yarded servants which had not been materially altered for hundreds of years were raised to 40s per year for men and 20s. for women. Seven years later yarding was abolished.

Manx women toiled on the land until late in the evening when required and at harvest time were busier than ever looking after meals for the workers as well as giving a hand in other ways.

When the visiting industry developed more and more girls and women became involved in catering.

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## CONVENTION *Cont'd from page 2*

bus was waiting at the front door to take us back to the Sheraton where the Southern California Manx Society surprised us with even more entertainment, by showing slides of the Isle of Man, followed by recitations, informal speeches, and the evening was brought to a perfect close with everyone joining in again in singing all the favorite old Manx songs.

On Wednesday morning, the meeting was again opened with the anthems, at the conclusion of which the President called for a report of the various committees, beginning with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Chairman Cecil Kelly reported that his committee had received the suggested amendments in writing, as reported at the Tuesday meeting, and read them again so everyone understood. Chairman Kelly then stated that his committee did hereby approve these amendments and recommended they be adopted. It was so moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

Chairman John Kneale then gave the report of the Time and Place Committee. He reported that his committee recommended that the next convention be held on the Isle of Man on dates that would include July 5th, 1970, and moved for adoption. This too was carried with great enthusiasm.

Chairman Alice Garrett, of the Nominating Committee, then gave her report as follows:

Hon. President: Mr. John R. Cain, Cleveland, Ohio;

Hon. Vice Pres: Ramsey B. Moore, Douglas, I.O.M.;

Harold S. Cain, Douglas, I.O.M.;  
Charles Craine, Isle of Man;  
Mrs. C. Gardner, Grand'Mère  
Quebec,

President: Sam Penrice, Georgetown, Ont.

1st Vice-Pres.: Robert Kelly, Naperville, Illinois

2nd Vice-Pres.: Stanley Shimmin, Downsville, Ont.

3rd Vice-Pres.: Rev. James C. Caley, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Record. Secy.: Hilda Penrice, Georgetown, Ont.

Fin. Secy-Treas: Clarence Creer, Chicago, Illinois

Bulletin Editor: Margaret Joughin, Montreal, Canada

It was then recommended that the name of Mr. Harry Kelly be added as an honorary Vice President and when no further nominations were received from the floor, Mr. William Caley moved for a unanimous vote which was seconded and carried.

President Clucas thanked all committee members for their fine work adding that a very special thanks should

be given to the Southern California Manx Society, who with Rev. Caley as Chairman, have done such a magnificent job. The N. A. M. A. is indeed indebted to them for coming up with an invitation when we had no place to go. He added that it is spirit such as theirs that will keep the organization alive and moving forward. He also commented on the fact that in his opinion, the N. A. M. A. in its action here had elected as fine a line of officers as the Association has ever had, and with Sam Penrice at the helm, he could see nothing but progress for the future.

President-elect Penrice then made some remarks regarding his election, stating how proud he was to receive such an honor and promise his very best efforts to the Association. With a standing ovation, and vote of thanks to the Southern California Manx Society, the final business session was closed. Rev. Caley then extended his personal thanks to everyone and announced the rest of the social activities. Yes — the business sessions were over, but leave it to the people in California there was still a lot more to come!

Of course, the prize distribution came first and there were many, many fine items given out, all having been donated by the members and friends.

At 12:30 P. M., this energetic group took off for the "Saucy Swan" which turned out to be a delightful place with dart boards and all. By previous arrangement with the Convention Committee, the proprietor had imported some Kippers! They were enjoyed by all and one could have anything with them, from tea to Queen's Ale from the Castletown Brewery. Here again, the bus was waiting at the door. When everyone was aboard, we were taken to Rev. Caley's home where the ladies had tea. Helen Clucas and Hilda Penrice poured — as the gentlemen gathered on the patio and the ladies proceeded with their Ladies Aux. meeting. Due to the absence of any officer of this organization, Secretary Helen Clucas presided over the meeting, with the reading of minutes and treasurer's report. Alice Garrett gave a short resume' of the Ladies Aux. — their history and purpose. Nominating Committee presented the following slate which was duly elected:

Hon. Pres. — Mrs. John R. Cain  
President — Alice Garrett

1st Vice Pres — Mrs. Annie Jackson

2nd Vice Pres — Mrs. G. Salmon  
Secy-Treas. — Mrs. Ethel S. Christian

Representative to NAMA: — Mrs. Minnie Oakley

Secretary Helen Clucas "recruited" Hilda Penrice and Edith Ristow to

help collect the dues. Special thanks were conveyed to our hostess, Mrs. Clarice Caley, and her committee. Meeting adjourned, and all boarded the bus again, to return to Sheraton and get ready for the banquet and entertainment.

The reception and social gathering at 6:30 P. M. was followed by a group photo — Rev. Caley led the singing of the doxology, after which the four anthems were sung. Our special guests — Mayor Alvin M. Coen, and his wife, of Huntington Beach, and British Consul General A. A. E. Franklin, and his wife, spoke briefly. A special "Happy Birthday" was sung for Isabel Shimmin on her 92nd birthday. She graciously gave us a recitation. Malcolm Kinley, Resolution Committee Chairman, read resolutions.

President Clucas thanked our special guests, and the So. Calif. Manx Society for a great convention. He introduced the other officers and turned the gavel over to incoming President Sam Penrice, who spoke briefly.

Special entertainment was provided by Jack Cain who, accompanied at the piano by his wife, Gertrude, sang "Bless This House" and "Asleep In the Deep"; Malcolm Kinley who gave his rendition of "Good Ship Tiger"; our special 'topless' Scots dancer, and Ken Platt who presented "Albert". The Celtic Cousins (who performed so wonderfully on Sunday evening) sang several songs with guests joining in — the band came in and the dancing began.

A great convention was nearing the end and to the Southern Calif. Manx Society goes the credit for making it so very memorable to all those who attended!

### *"A Perfect Time and Place"*

Early visitors who discovered the Island as a place for relaxation used to complain that the only women they found interesting were the society women at the card parties and concerts in Douglas.

They were beautifully dressed, good looking, gracious and cultured and writers used to credit this to the English company they kept though the women were given, among themselves, to criticising and back-biting those who were not natives.

Eighteenth century writers like Townley and Robertson on their tours noted that the countryside was full of abject poverty, the cottages were miserable and the men were lazy, surly and uncouth. But the women apparently escaped their notice and few comments are available about the fair sex.

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Mr Thomas Moore, of Port Erin, who was born in 1836 gave a description of Manx women's dress (this appeared in the Museum Journal in June, 1943). It was as follows:—

"The clothing of the women was a petticoat of linen and wool and a bed-gown reaching down to their thigh." (This was a short jacket with a broad collar, a day garment, not for night wear). "An apron was bound about the middle and a white coif on their heads. Sometimes they were wearing a hat like a man. The women were wearing carranes in the old times like the men and threshing corn with flails in a barn with the men and winnowing the corn with a dollan and the wind blowing the chaff away out of the corn. The women were doing many other kinds of work in old times. They used a shell. Sometimes there would be liver-oil of the dog-fish in the shell for light to them. They had peeled rushes put in the oil (for wicks). They were drawing the rush with a pin out of the oil for light to them. The women were spinning hemp, for netting yarn and working on the net, all with one light."

The practice was for linen and wool to be spun at home and taken to the weaver afterwards to be woven into linsey-woolsey.

Linen was so vitally important that a law was passed—though it did not reach the Statute Book—making it compulsory for farmers of quarter-lands to plant half an acre of flax.

Every woman was to spin 12 yards of linen, produce her work at the Sheading Courts and compete for a prize of 20 shillings. There was to be an Island championship decided at the Tynwald ceremony with a prize of £5 and it was decreed that if the winner was a maid or servant she was to be freed from yarding.

It was also proposed to build a work-house to which surplus flax and hemp should be brought. Here 'all young girls' would be instructed in the craft of weaving and flax and hemp dressing.

Curiously enough it was proposed that the same work-house was to be a 'place of punishment for all vicious and debauched persons, all loiterers and vagabonds.'

### A HUSBAND AS FIRST PRIZE!

Governor Sacheverell told the Tenth Earl of Derby there should be a requirement that 'every woman without distinction of quality be obliged to spin a small quantity such as 20 lbs. of wool or flax and deliver it to the company at a set price.' A reward was offered of a spinning wheel.

"And if any woman gain the prize twice the magistrates should be obliged to offer her a suitable husband or some reasonable reward towards her fortune which would be a great encouragement."!!

The busy housewife in former days worked outside with the men, churned butter and made cheese, cooked and baked, brewed ale, spun yarn as well as tending the poultry and calves.

The Church claimed tithe and she had to take to Church once a month the butter and cheese made from 24 hours milking, starting in May and continuing until October. Failure would result in her house being searched and all the butter and cheese found would be confiscated.

The Church claimed 2d. for every cow in milk and 1d. for every farrow cow if there was no butter or cheese available. She had to give one egg for every hen she owned and two for the cock. There was also a levy on hives of bees, a tithe of wool was taken after it had been washed and baled, and there was even a tithe on ale—this demand often led to protests.

**But at one period the tithe went further still—imagine having to yield a proportion of one's wedding presents!**

There were on the other hand some more kindly provisions in Manx laws especially in the case of those never put into writings—known as 'Breast Law,' Legitimatising Children.

One of these laws says: "If a man get a Maid or Young Person with Child before Marriage and within a Year or Two after doth marry her, if she was never slandered or defamed with any other before, that Child begotten before Marriage shall have his Father's Corb and his Farme according to the custom of this Isle." In 1594 Randolph Stanley sent a questionnaire to the Keys and asked for this law to be explained. The Keys judged that such children be 'ligitimate by our customary law.'

Writing in "Island Heritage," William Cubbon said Manx women were never placed in the same position of dependence and subordination as in other countries. In Roman law woman was completely dependent—she could never exercise any civic or public office. Our history in the sixteenth to nineteenth century has many instances of the performance by women of important duties such as membership of juries. There are cases in the 'Lex Scripta' of juries of matrons settling the troubles of husbands and wives."

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## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. George E. Mylroie, Box 121, Franklin, Idaho 83237, writes that his son, Victor, will graduate from Brigham Young University with a Masters Degree in August and will then work for the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. Victor has one son and a daughter. Another son, Leon, is now serving in the Air Force Medical Corps in Viet Nam where he has been since February, 1968. He has two daughters and one son.

Alice Garrett of Rochester was among those who enjoyed the Convention in California this summer. She stayed in Santa Monica after the Convention and visited Los Angeles which she found much changed since her last visit some years ago. She is now looking forward to a trip through the Smokey Mountains in October.

## OBITUARIES

**CALLISTER.** Cissie Windsor, passed away on August 16th., 1968, in the Isle of Man at the age of 90. She was the sister-in-law of Harold Callister, a well-known member of the Chicago Manx Society.

**STEINER.** Ruby I., of Rochester, New York, died on July 17th., 1968. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Bessie S. Morrison, Mrs. Glen N. (Marita) Davis, Clearwater, Fla., Mrs. Alfred W. (Reva) Jameson, Neptune City, N.J.; two brothers, Dr. Everett S. Steiner, Welland, Ontario, Canada, John E. Steiner, Buffalo, N. Y., and several nephews and nieces.

**TATE.** Florrie, of Detroit, Michigan passed away in June. She was the widow of Fred Tate and had no children. With her niece, Gladys Butts, Mrs. Tate went on the 1962 Homecoming to visit her brother and sister in the Isle of Man.

**TIPPER.** Frank, of Panorama City, California, passed away on July 29th, 1968. He is survived by his wife, Lilian; daughters, Joan Pabian and Peggie Palmer, and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**YETMAN.** Elizabeth Julia, of Lake Worth, Florida, passed away on August 1st., 1968. She was the widow of the late Percy C. Yetman; mother of Thomas F. and Mrs. Margaret Glunt of Avon Lake, grandmother of five, and the sister of Mary Quinn of London, England, and Harry Gribbin of Douglas, Isle of Man.

*To friends and relatives of the above we extend heartfelt sympathies.*