

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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*"To preserve whatever is left us of ancient heritage"*

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## PLANS GOING AHEAD FOR 1970 CONVENTION IN I.O.M.

### PROGRAMME

A good programme is being worked out and we are receiving valuable assistance from Mr. Harold Cain and the World Manx Association in the Isle of Man. The general format will remain the same as in other years, with the business sessions and Memorial Service in the mornings and sight-seeing and entertainment for the afternoons and evenings. The Majestic Hotel have arranged for our meeting room, but again as with the charter flights, if you intend staying at the hotel during the Convention period please let me know soon, accommodation is limited as the hotel must make provision for their regular season visitors.

Most of the programme was worked out with Mr. CAIN when he spent a short time in Toronto on his recent tour and were then discussed at our Executive meeting the following week.

Mr. CAIN has taken this programme back with him to the Isle of Man and when certain of the detail has been confirmed then we will be in a position to publish it — no doubt in our next issue of the Bulletin.

If anyone has not received a mailing giving details of the Convention and Convention Charter — or if you need assistance and/or information regarding these please contact me at 53, Fallingdale Crescent, BRAMALEA, Ontario. Tel: 416-451-9889.

*Stan Shimmin,  
Convention Chairman.*

### SOUVENIR BOOK AND LUCKY DRAW

Plans are under way for a Souvenir Book to be prepared in advance of the Convention and the usual patronage and support will be appreciated from all Societies and individuals. Details of this and of the Lucky Draw which will be held as usual will be given in future Bulletins and in mailings to members.

### CHARTER FLIGHT

Approximately one third of the seating capacity of the flight has already been booked, so if you are planning on attending the Convention and travelling this way please send in your reservations as soon as possible. This is an extremely busy time of the year for both scheduled and charter flights — we have had a great deal of difficulty in securing these dates — Your charter fare will save you at least \$200.00 over the regular economy class return, so act now, send in your reservation and deposit.

The Charter flight from Manchester to the Isle of Man, will soon be fully booked as these are smaller aircraft with only half the seating capacity of our transatlantic flight. Again as this is the busy part of the season for flights into the Isle of Man, we must know soon if there will be sufficient numbers for a second aircraft. So please if you intend to use the charter flight don't delay or you may be disappointed.

### 1970 CONVENTION CHARTER TO ISLE OF MAN. BOEING 707

### ROLLS ROYCE JET

**TORONTO TO MANCHESTER**  
DEPART: TORONTO. SATURDAY  
JUNE 27, 1970.

DEPART: MANCHESTER. SATURDAY  
JULY 18, 1970.

FARE: \$225.00 (Canadian) return per seat. A limited number of infants under two years of age at time of flight carried free (sling hammock) but must be with parent(s).

ELIGIBILITY: Members of the N.A. M.A. and their immediate families (to have been members for at least 6 months prior to flight).

PAYMENT: A deposit of \$75.00 per seat at time of application and the balance in two payments of \$75.00 each — on or before November 30,

1969 and February 27, 1970. Any adjustment in cost (below \$225.00) would be made before departure.

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"N.A.M.A. CHARTER FLIGHT 1970" forwarding to:

Mr. W. S. SHIMMIN,  
53 Fallingdale Crescent,  
BRAMALEA, Ontario.

DOCUMENTS: Every passenger must be in possession of a valid passport, a valid certificate of vaccination and proof of membership in the N.A.M.A.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: 66 lbs. per fare paying passenger.

*Complimentary first class meals and refreshments will be served in flight.*

### MANCHESTER TO ISLE OF MAN.

A one way special flight to connect with the above charter on Sunday June 28, 1970. Fare will be approximately \$11.00 (Canadian). Please indicate if you require a seat. Space limited.

### CONVENTION HOTEL — MAJESTIC HOTEL.

If accommodation required please indicate — dates and type of accommodation.

### CANADIAN T. T. RIDERS

The Isle of Man is well known for the T.T. races and if a group of Toronto Manx boys have their way they will be equally well known in motorcycle racing circles in Canada. At Harewood Acres Derek Mitchell, son of Jack and Eileen Mitchell of the Toronto Manx Society, takes part in motorcycle races and Denis Gail, Mike Leece, John and Arthur Dailey ride in sidecar races. They all really enjoy their hobby and will be racing at Mosport in September. Manx people why not find out when they are racing and go and cheer them along? You will know them by the Manx emblems on their helmets.

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## THERAPEUTIC POOL APPEAL

For some months now the Cleveland Manx members have been bringing cancelled postage stamps to meetings to be sent over in one lot to Valerie Roach, Isle of Man Examiner, Hill Street, Douglas, I.O.M. Perhaps readers are familiar with this source of getting funds by the resale of such cancelled stamps to a collector. Manx stamps particularly are wanted but all cancelled postage stamps are acceptable and could be sent by individual N.A.M.A. members or perhaps the different societies would like to make it a group effort.

In a recent article in the Isle of Man Examiner recently Valerie Roach writes, "People who have sent me stamps for the Therapeutic Pool Appeal this week have included one very small boy and one very elderly lady.

The small boy is six-year-old Mark Teese, of Lovelace Road, Liverpool. The elderly lady lives even further away. She is Mrs. Minnie Nicholl, who lives in Cleveland, Ohio, in the United States. Mrs. Nicholl emigrated to America in 1907. She is a member of Cleveland Manx Society and she gets

## MINUTES OF THE N.A.M.A. EXECUTIVE MEETING

Executive Meeting - August 9th, 1969.  
King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**Meeting was called to order by President Sam Penrice at about 2.00 p.m.**

### Members Present:

Past Pres.: Norman Clucas.  
1st Vice Pres.: Bob Kelly.  
2nd Vice Pres.: Stan Shimmin.  
Treas.: Clarence Creer.  
Sec.: Hilda Penrice.  
Bulletin Ed.: Margaret Joughin.

Pres. Ladies' Aux.: Alice Garrett.

**Absent:** Rev. J. C. Caley.

An agenda for the meeting was presented by the President and all members were invited to submit items for discussion.

### State of the N.A.M.A.

**Treasurer's report** August 1968 — July 1969 was presented by Clarence Creer to all present, this was discussed and finally adopted.

The financial affairs were in a satisfactory condition.

The report did not include contributions to a special Memorial Fund held in Trust for the N.A.M.A. by the Treasurer. Mr. Creer was asked to prepare a statement and forward to all members of the Executive.

The disposal and use of this Fund would be considered and presented to the next General Meeting of the N.A.M.A., possibly at the 1970 Convention.

**Membership.** Up to date lists of all members were given to the executive by Mr. Creer — they were listed as follows —

the "Examiner" from Manx friends every week.

Mrs. Nicholl writes, "The Island is still home. I have been over several times, the last time in '67, and have a sister, Ada Callow, living in Onchan. I have three grandsons in the services, two in the Air Force (one now in Japan) and the other in the Navy. I am very proud of them."

Thank you Mark and Mrs. Nicholls for sending me your stamps. Thank you, too to all the other people who regularly send in packets for me. Local young stamp dealer, David Lovatt, buys them at approximately 12s 6d. a thousand, and the money goes straight to the Therapeutic Pool Appeal. Any old used stamps you have will do — Manx ones are, in fact, the most valuable, so please send as many as you can collect to me: Valerie Roach, "Isle of Man Examiner", Hill Street, Douglas."

Fully paid up members	480
Delinquent 1965-66	50
" 1966-67	36
" 1967-68	54

Some of these have been automatically reinstated or fully paid up.

**Motion)** It was moved by Stan Shimmin and seconded by Norm Clucas that the 1965-66 delinquents be deleted from membership list. (carried)

**Motion.** It was moved by Clarence Creer and seconded by Bob Kelly 1965-66 delinquent members be advised they have been dropped, **however** they can be reinstated if current dues be paid immediately, this letter be sent by the President.

**Motion.** It was moved by Stan Shimmin seconded by Alice Garrett that 1966-67, 67-68 delinquent members be advised by Bulletin insert that the bulletin would be discontinued and membership cancelled if current dues were not paid.

Sam Penrice will arrange for printing 3000 pink membership slips.

**Bulletin Report.** Margaret Joughin.

It was stated that there would be a substantial increase in printing costs, previous \$250.00 — now cost \$380.00 — It was agreed to obtain further estimates from other Printers.

It is hoped that by using the last page for advertising, some of the increased cost could be defrayed — M. Joughin to contact Mr. Bond of the Isle of Man Tourist Board as to the possibility of advertising from the I.O.M. re- Convention.

At this time Hilda Penrice reported on the visit of Mr. Harold Cain President of the World Manx Assoc., and Mrs. Cain to Toronto July 26/69. During his visit Mr. Cain presented a replica of the Manx Sword of State, suitably inscribed to the N.A.M.A.

Mr. Bob Kelly read letter re- plans by Chicago Manx to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Cain.

**Motion.** It was moved by Stan Shimmin seconded by Margaret Joughin that the sum of \$20.00 be given to all executive members travelling more than 40 miles to the meeting. -carried.

**Motion.** Moved by Norm Clucas seconded by Alice Garrett that \$6.00 be paid to cover cost of meeting room.

A discussion took place re- Cathedral Fund this amounts to approx., \$450.00. It was agreed that a letter re- suggestions for it's use and also the special Memorial Fund be printed in the Bulletin.

The Pres., announced he would appoint a Time and Place Committee for the 1972 Convention several months before the 1970 convention, also a Nomination Committee for the 1970 convention.

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**Report of visit of  
Mr Harold Cain,  
President of the  
World Manx Assoc., and  
Mrs Cain to Toronto, Ontario.**

On the morning of July 26th 1969, the Pres. of the N.A.M.A., Sam Penrice, 2nd vice Stan Shimmin and Mr. and Mrs. Jock Mitchell had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Harold Cain, Pres., of the World Manx Assoc., and Mrs. Cain to Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

At this time Mr. Cain presented Pres. Sam with a replica of the Manx Sword of State, this will be the property of the N.A.M.A., it was suitably inscribed.

They were entertained to breakfast, later 2nd vice Stan Shimmin took them on a tour of Toronto. The same evening they were entertained by the Toronto Manx Society to a dinner in their honour at the Holiday Inn Motel, those present were — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. Minnie Oakley, Mrs. George Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Penrice, Mrs. Fred Hall, Mrs. Beddow and Mrs. James Kee. Following the dinner Mr. Cain spoke about the World Manx Assoc., again assuring the N.A.M.A., of all the help they will need during the 1970 Convention to be held on the Isle of Man; this help will be forthcoming from the W.M.A.

On Sunday morning Mr. Cain again met with Pres. Sam Penrice and 2nd vice Stan Shimmin and plans were discussed as to the programme for the Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain later spent the day in Georgetown, Ontario, at the home of Sam and Hilda Penrice and son Doug, they were driven back to Toronto later to catch the midnight train for Calgary.

So ended a brief but very enjoyable visit to Toronto, we hope they come back again.

**CAINS ENTERTAINED  
IN CHICAGO**

On Friday, August 15th., 1969, the Chicago Manx Society had the privilege of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cain at the home of Robert and Jean Kelly. Bob is president of the Chicago Manx Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain had been touring Canada and the United States bringing good wishes from the Isle of Man to their North American Manx friends.

We were honoured to spend one whole afternoon and evening with them, including a delightful buffet dinner, ending with a delicious Welcome cake, courtesy of the Nickelson family and Florence Watterson. There were 30 people present including our guests.

No one enjoys a li'l cooish more than the Manx people and there was plenty of conversation that day. We enjoyed a wonderful session of folk singing, led by Walter J. Stevenson and his daughter, Myrra. During their stay in Chicago, thanks to both Norman and Helen Clucas and the Nickelson family, the guests were escorted around the City of Chicago.

*Emily Kelly.*

**CLEVELAND WELCOMES  
WORLD MANX SOCIETY  
PRESIDENT**

The Rosemans and Kelly's met Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cain at the train station at 5.30 p.m. on August 16th. and from there went to the Kelly's for a meal and to meet the gentleman who was to make a tape recording for the local radio station. The radio station was given three Manx records "O Land of Our Birth, Ellan Vannin and The Fisherman's Evening Hymn" and these were played with the recorded interview on the Sunday evening. It was a very good program.

Sunday, August 17, was the day of the Cleveland Manx picnic and we had the largest number of Manx people that we have had for many a year. Our president, Mr. Richard Kelly, was chairman, and I was toastmaster and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Cain. Mrs. Cain was presented with a lovely corsage. Harold gave a very fine talk.

Monday was another busy day starting with breakfast at the Kelly's, mid day meal at the Roseman's, a tour of Cleveland in the afternoon when they viewed Cleveland from the Terminal Tower, 750 feet above street level, and the evening meal with Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cowin.

On Tuesday we left early and drove Mr. and Mrs. Cain to Niagara Falls. It was crowded there with people coming to see the American falls dry. We viewed them from the 725 ft. high Skylon then left for Toronto where the Cains were to board the train for Montreal and their ship, The Empress of England, which was to sail the next day at noon.

They both said they had greatly enjoyed their visit to Canada and the U.S.A. and that it was wonderful to meet so many Manx people. Their visit had a twofold purpose: to visit Mrs. Cain's father, Mr. Cadman, in Calgary, Alberta, and for Harold, as president of the World Manx Association, to extend a warm welcome for all Manx people to attend the N.A.M.A. Convention in the Isle of Man next year. They both feel it will be a banner year.

*W. Harry Kelly*

**MANX WEDDIN'S**

Margaret Ann, the daughter of Arnold and Ida Corrin, was married on March 9, 1969, at the First Christian Church, Oakland, California, to Bob Robertson of that city. Arnold and Ida went out to the wedding and stayed with Margaret Ann's three sons by her previous husband while she and Bob went to Hawaii on their honeymoon.

Donald, the son of Mrs. Christine Rothery, was married to Terry Davison of Grand Canyon, on May 26th in the Federation Congregational Church at Flagstaff, Arizona. The couple have now left for Las Vegas, Nevada, where he will teach in Junior High.

**ANNIVERSARIES  
CELEBRATED**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Wake, a former Galvan (son of Robert A. and Janey Gayle Wade of Sulby) observed their golden wedding anniversary July 30th. in Oak, Nebraska. Their daughter, Nadine, and her husband, Walter Kriese, planned the observance which was attended by Glava area relatives, Mrs. Merrill Nystrom and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Nystrom. The Illinois folks also visited with Flora and Ernest Wade while in Nebraska.

Over 200 friends called on Bert and Essie Frisby at their home on Thomas Street in Kemptville, Ontario, to help them celebrate their 50th. wedding anniversary on April 21st. They have one son, James, who lives in Ottawa. Bert and Essie were going to England. Mr. Frisby's homeland, and the Isle of Man, Mrs. Frisby's homeland, in August.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kewish, Glava, Illinois, were honored with an open house at First United Methodist, Galva, in observance of their 60th. wedding anniversary which occurred August 25. Their only daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson of nearby Kewanee hosted the nearly 200 guests who called to congratulate them. Her only sister, Mrs. Jessie White, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Tirus Kelly and his brother, Robert Kewish, were present and had also been guests at the wedding 60 years ago. Their granddaughters, the Misses Jane and Mary Jackson, assisted with the party.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Craine, Continental, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wade, Spencer, Iowa; Mrs. Vera Lundt, Linn Grove, Iowa; and Miss Rhonda Cook, Killeen, Texas.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Our June meeting was held in the form of a picnic on Saturday, June 21, 1969, in Scheerer Park, Long Beach, Calif. After lunch was over Donald Bain, our president, opened the meeting. Five visitors were with us; the Misses Ruth and Edith Cubbon and their brother, Nelson, who are now living in Hemet, Calif., and were formerly from Seattle, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Goertzen. It was a lovely day and everyone had an enjoyable time.

On July 26th, we held another picnic in Lake Park, Huntington Beach, and had some overseas visitors this time. Mr. Phillip Caley's sister, Mrs. Jones, from Birkenhead; Mrs. Malcolm Kinley's brother, Geoffrey Crowe, from Kirk Michael and her brother-in-law Ian Livingston from Foxdale. The John Cannells from Vancouver, Canada, who were visiting the Kinleys were also with us as was Miss Noreen Cottier who is now back in the States.

Next came our big day when on August the 9th., 1969, Hon. Harold Cain and his wife paid our Southern California Manx Society and its friends a visit. We held a reception and buffet supper at the home of Rev. James and Mrs. Caley, Huntington Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kewley presented them with a plate with a suitable inscription as a remembrance of their visit and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Kinley had a lovely cake made in their honor. As our 1968 Convention was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Huntington Beach we were very pleased to know that the Cains were staying at the Sheraton so they could appreciate the atmosphere which surrounded our very successful convention of which we are very proud. Many faces which we had not seen for a long time were present with us and when it came time for us to go on our way to our separate homes we extended a wish that they join us and become our regular members. We wished the Cains lots more joy and pleasure as they proceed on the balance of their journey and many of us are looking forward to seeing them again when the 1970 Convention is held during July 1, 2 and 3 in Douglas.

*May M. Griffith, Secretary.*

## GALVA

Galva Manx Society were planning a picnic dinner to be held in Wiley Park, Galva, on Sunday, September 7th. Their next business meeting and entertainment will be the latter part of November.

*Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Sec'y.*

## TORONTO

On July 26th, a few of the Toronto Manx members took a journey to the Front Street railway station to meet Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cain off the train and then they all went off for breakfast. Later in the evening the Toronto Manx Society gave a dinner at the very modern Holiday Inn. The dinner was superb in a very cool setting on such a hot night. Later everyone retired to the reserved meeting room to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Cain and to hear his views and ideas on all the societies. To find a person so enthused about the societies gives the leaders the incentive to go on and keep the societies alive — it is really all worth while.

The evening soon came to an end as time passes so quickly when in such pleasant company.

Several members are taking the opportunity of the convention flight to the homeland so the report from Stan Shimmin is that he is very pleased at the way things are going.

The new officers for the coming year are:

<b>President:</b>	Mr. Stan Shimmin
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Mrs. Shirley Homer
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mrs. Dot Foster
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs. Dot Hall
<b>Executives:</b>	Mrs. E. Holt Mrs. E. Mitchell Mrs. E. Robinson Mrs. E. Bateman Mrs. E. Bateman
<b>Regional Officer:</b>	Mrs. E. Bateman 3 Archwood Cresc. Scarboro, Ont. <i>Dot Hall, Secretary.</i>

## BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx have not been meeting during the summer months but are planning to start meetings again probably the third Monday in September at the home of Mrs. Ivy Dillon.

President Bill Wood and wife, Wilna, have made several short trips this summer to visit their daughters, Mrs. James Walton of Tucson, and Mrs. John Hopstetter of Phoenix. Ivy Dillon and her brother, Cecil Corrin, have not had a regular vacation this summer but have had two trips to Phoenix and have had a visit from sister Gladys. They are disappointed that it is not possible to arrange for a charter from the west coast for the Convention but they are hopeful of being able to attend.

*Ivy Dillon,  
Secretary.*

## WINNIPEG

Our summer activities started off with an evening trip on the "Paddle Queen" July 17th. Members turned out in full force and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On July 28th, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cain arrived in Winnipeg. Mrs. Margaret Quirk and Harry Caley were on hand to greet them. Later they visited one of our large department stores and had a pleasant drive to see some of the well known beauty spots. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quirk entertained them during the afternoon and evening. We had a good turn out of members to greet them during that time. It was a great pleasure for our members to meet such delightful people from our "Li'l Island".

On August 2nd, a barbecue was held at the home of Jack and Isabel Clarke in honour of Dinah Inge who left on August 15th. for a holiday in England and the Isle of Man.

We deeply regret the passing of Mrs. Sarah Cregeen on June 7th. She was one of the founders of the Winnipeg Manx Society and an Honorary Member.

Our next meeting will be held in September to start off our winter activities.

*Margaret Quirk, President  
D. M. Inge, Sec.-Treas.*

## PEORIA

The Peoria Manx Association met July 27, 1969, for the Annual Picnic in Glen Oak Park, on the Pavilion porch in Peoria, Illinois.

A delicious basket dinner and fellowship were enjoyed by 25 members and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shimmin plan to attend the Manx Convention 1970 on the Isle of Man.

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

## CHICAGO

The annual picnic of the Chicago Manx Society took place on Sunday, June 15th., at the beautiful home of Ruth and Ellen Carlson in West Chicago, Illinois. It was a beautiful day. The children had a grand time playing games while the adults had lots of time to enjoy a "li'l cooish". A picnic is always enjoyable and you have more time to relax than you do at a regular meeting. Following the picnic dinner we all went indoors and Bob Kelly, President, welcomed the guests.

The evening turned into an impromptu concert. Walter J. Stevenson sang a number of songs accompanied

by his daughter Myrra who also played selections on the piano. Jennifer and Julie, Myrra's young daughters, also entertained with piano selections. Ruth Carlson accompanied by her sister Ellen, delighted us with a group of Swedish folk songs. Emily Kelly read an amusing number. The whole group then joined in community singing.

It is always a joy to visit the Manx Cattery at Glen Orry, the kittens are so precious. The ribbons and awards the kittens have received this past year are just too numerous to mention. During the evening some of the kittens came into the room and it was fun to watch their playful antics.

Bob Kelly thanked all who came to the picnic and extended a hearty vote of thanks to Ruth and Ellen for their gracious hospitality. As we left for home the group joined in the singing of "The Manx Fisherman's Evening Hymn", "The Harvest of the Sea."

*Robert Kelly, President  
Emily Kelly, Secretary*

## LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx Society has not had any meetings recently but several members are busy planning to join the Convention in the Isle of Man next year, among them Mrs. Tipper who is planning a visit of several weeks to the Island with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain visited the Killips, Winnie and Eddie, whilst they were in California recently.

*Lillian Marrion Tipper.*

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

*(Mona's Relief Society)*

A Scottish piper at a Manx affair? He was received with enthusiasm at our June meeting. Following the regular order of business, Betty McClure and Eileen Fabel took our group on another "mytrical" adventure. This time, it was a concert at Bishop's Court. Our previous "cruise" to the Island had been a success as was this program. Toward the end of the "concert", folks were most pleasantly surprised to hear bagpipe strains coming from outdoors and to have the piper come playing into our meeting hall. After several selections, the gentleman "piped" us round the room to the tea table.

Sunday, August 17th, we had a picnic on the grounds of the Grace Episcopal Church in Willoughby, Ohio. Over 100 members with their families and friends, attended. The picnic committee provided a well-planned day.

We were honored to have Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Clain from Douglas as

guests. Other guests were: Mrs. Ella Worsley, and Mrs. Kassie Callister of Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kelly of Dundas, Ontario; and Joe Clucas of Laramie, Wyoming.

Mr. Cain spoke to the gathering and encouraged all to come to the 1970 N.A.M.A. convention in the Island. Mrs. Cain was presented with a lovely corsage. Flowers enhanced the tables along with a decorated cake inscribed with a welcome to the Cains. Albert Nicholl's sister, Clara Corkill, recently celebrated her 91st birthday and was given two dozen yellow and white gladioli in observance of that occasion.

Publicity on Mr. Cain's visit was given by our two local newspapers. Through the courtesy of Joe Nicholls of FM radio station WXEN's **British Varieties** program, a taped interview with Mr. Cain was played on **British Varieties** that evening. Mr. Nicholls also used three Manx recordings: O Land of Our Birth; Ellan Vannin; and The Harvest of the Sea.

Following up our mythical but typical Manx events as entertainment at our meetings, members will have the Mhelliagh (Harvest Home Festival) in September. During coming months, we will participate in other truly Manx activities. These may bring happy memories to some Manx-born members, but they are also informative and kindle the interest of our second and third generation members — particularly if they have not yet visited the Island.

*Marge Krach,  
Publicity*

## VANCOUVER

The annual mid-summer picnic took place in Stanley Park, on Saturday August 2nd, from twelve noon to 7 p.m., the weatherman co-operating 100 per cent. Out of town visitors included Mr. Victor Joughin of Montreal, Miss Glennis Corlett also of Montreal, Mr. Tom Corkan of Winnipeg and Mrs. Dodson from Victoria. About 60 attended and thoroughly enjoyed the eats provided by the ladies. While the children enjoyed the races, games, swimming, and a ride on the miniature railway, the old timers had a "Li'l Cooish". It is doubtful if Memory Lane ever had such a dusting off as each of the old-timers vied with each other in their "Remember who, Remember where, and Remember whens". The Committee can be commended for the successful arrangements for the picnic. The Manx flag was flying and many enquiries were made by the passers-by as to the origin of the **THREE LEGS**.

Another event of great interest to the

## THE ISLE OF MAN

This poem was written by Ruth Wilson, a niece of Emily Kelly, Chicago, at the age of 12 as she returned to England from her first visit to the Isle of Man.

*The sweetest place in all this world,  
That ever there could be  
Is the place where the fairies danced  
all night.*

*By the side of the silver sea.  
This place is called the Isle of Man,  
And, in its glens so fair  
When moonbeams cast their silvery  
light,*

*The fairies come dancing there.  
The tall majestic hills, that tower,  
Up, 'gainst the sky so blue,  
Are covered with heather, so  
fragrant and rare,*

*And flowers of every hue.  
When the sun shines down on the  
rippling waves,  
And the golden sands where they  
play.*

*With happy faces the children come,  
And play there all the day.  
The golden cushag grows  
everywhere,*

*In fields and on the hills,  
The tramman tree and fuschia too,  
Grow by the trickling rills.  
That old sweet Ellan Vannin,  
The tune that the fairies sang.  
The sweetest place in all the world  
Is the dear little Isle of Man*

Vancouver Manx community was the visit of Mr. Harold Cain, President of the World Manx, and Mrs. Cain. They were due to arrive at Vancouver at 11 a.m. Monday, August 4th, but on account of a derailment back east did not arrive until 11 p.m. They were welcomed by a delegation from the Manx including the President, Mr. Peter Tregellis, and Mrs. Tregellis, Mrs. Bessie Varley, Mrs. Ivy Christian, Mrs. Rumball, Mrs. Dodson (from Victoria), Reg. Kissack, Robert Teare and the Secretary, E. Q. Costain. After two exciting days visiting Vancouver and Victoria Mr. and Mrs. Cain left at 8 a.m. August 7th, for Seattle, Wash., continuing their holiday through the U.S.A.

Another visitor to Vancouver is Dr. Howard Scarffe who is taking a course in a children's hospital. He was entertained by Dr. Gordon Gell and Mrs. Gell. Mrs. Bessie Varley and the Secretary visited Howard at the hospital on 59th. Avenue and gave him a welcome from the Vancouver Manx Society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scarffe of 26 Port-E-Chee Avenue, Douglas, Isle of Man.

*E. Q. Costain,  
Secretary.*

## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

In doing research on your family tree, one of the necessary facts in order for the Manx Museum or the Rolls Office in Douglas to help you is that you must furnish the Parish in the Isle of Man in which the birth, death, or marriage occurred. Because of the lack of alphabetical indexes, all records are filed by Parish Registers.

We thought it might be helpful to list the Parishes and their boundaries as shown, in part, in "Portrait of the Isle of Man" by Canon E. H. Stenning:

1. Patrick — from Lagnykilley to Peel Island.
2. German — immediately north of Patrick and contains the town of Peel and the village of St. John's.
3. Michael — in the North of the Island. Bounded by Ballaugh, German, Lezayre and the sea.
4. Ballaugh — in the North of the Island — the modern village is situated on the main road between Peel and Ramsey.
5. Jurby — extreme northern part of the Island.
6. Andreas — chief village of the northern plain.
7. Bride — most northerly parish and includes the Pt. of Ayre.
8. Lezayre — largest parish in the Island. The Parish contains in its boundaries Snaefell, Glen Auldyn, North Barrule and Sulby Glen.
9. Maughold — contains Glen Mona.
10. Lonan — includes Laxey, Glen Roy and Laxey Glen.
11. Onchan — more accurately Kirk Conchan.
12. Braddan — includes Baldwin, the

Strang, Injebreck Glen, and a small portion of Douglas.

13. Marown — only parish without seaboard. Village of Crosby is situated in this Parish on the main road from Douglas to Peel.
14. Santan — smallest Parish in the Island. Bounded on the east and south by the sea, Malew and Braddan.
15. Malew — Ronaldsway and Castle-town.
16. Arbory — Parish church in village of Ballabeg. Includes Colby.
17. Rushen — very large parish occupying all the southwest of the Island — Cregnish — Pt. St. Mary and Port Erin.

We are very pleased to see that this column has aroused so much interest and hope people will write in any specific questions they have and perhaps answers can be obtained through this media. One word of caution to all of you who are starting this fascinating hobby — in writing for information or data be sure that you make clear whether or not you are interested in hiring a researcher and the fee involved. It is a hobby that takes many, many hours of researching and compiling and unless you have a clear understanding with the person with whom you are corresponding many times innocent people are surprised to find they have hired a researcher and are later presented with a bill larger than they anticipated. This is necessarily a costly operation and no two families involve the same amount of work. Much depends upon the diligence and ingenuity of the researcher.

Submitted by: Mrs. Robert S. Cowin

## AT THE CELTIC CONGRESS IN BRITTANY

Mr. Brian Stowell, of Bebington, Cheshire, represented the Isle of Man at the Inter-Celtic Festival in Quimper, Brittany, from 21st to 27th July. Delegations from Scotland, Ireland and Wales attended the Festival, as well as a representative from Cornwall.

During the week there were talks and films on the various Celtic countries. Mr. Stowell gave a talk in French on the history, constitution and language of the Island, and showed the Tourist Board film "Magic Memories." The audience showed a lively interest in the Island, although the arrest of Breton fishing boats in Manx waters was possibly a sore point!

Mr Stowell also sang in Manx Gaelic at two of the concerts.

An impressive event of the Festival was the naming of new roads in a housing estate by the Mayor of Quimper. One of these roads was named "Rue de l'Ile de Man" along with the corresponding Breton title. Also, at a reception in the Town Hall, the various delegations were presented with pottery statuettes of traditional Breton dancers.

**In return for the present to the Isle of Man, Mr. Stowell presented the Mayor with a gold Fainey, the symbol of the Manx language movement.**

These events received extensive coverage in the local press. Throughout the Festival, shops in Quimper mounted excellent window displays on the Celtic countries, including the Isle of Man.

The climax of the Festival was the procession on Sunday, 27th July. This was a vast procession of Breton pipe-bands, dancers, and singers: pipe-bands from Scotland and Ireland also took

## THE MHEILLEA

This was a festival at the end of harvest, usually a feast and dance. The meaning of the word is "reaper's rest" but Stenning said it means 'a doll', as the last sheaf harvested was known as a doll. The last sheaf of the harvest was known as the Mheillea. It was decorated with ribbons and later during the feasting was presented to the Queen of the Mheillea by a son of the farmer. The queen was crowned with a wreath of corn and took pride of place, both at the feast and at the dance.

The dance was held in the barn, the floor of which had been swept clean. Fiddlers supplied the music and the dancing would continue until the early hours of the morning. The sheaf which the Queen held was known as the Babban ny Mheillea or Harvest Baby. Sometimes they played games in the haggart before the dancing.

In the older days there was a second sheaf brought in occasionally. The corn was shelled, ground in a quern and a cake made with buttermilk and then baked.

The Babban ny Mheillea was usually retained until the next harvest.

Geo. Quarrie of Bride describes the dance in a poem written about 1880.

*"The barn was fine, I tell you  
though,  
With lamps and candles plenty, boy,  
The candles stuck with grease, by  
gough,  
To the mortar wall;  
With furrums round  
And plenty jough  
Like a Baron's Hall;  
When furrums failed and stools  
were short,  
Full sacks of wheat made good  
support;  
Now Dawsey's pipe was not alone,  
Old Colin's fiddle swelled the tone,  
And dancing in good form was  
shown,  
The Mistress came!  
With grace she made us feel at home,  
And lightly stepped with Jim,  
But Mheilleas end . . .  
(Furrums — forms; jough — ale)*

by Chas. Southward,  
New Zealand.

part. Among the thousands of people watching were the Minister of Culture from Paris and the Irish Ambassador to France. The Festival closed with a highly artistic firework display.

Mr. Stowell writes: "I would like to pay tribute to the enormous hospitality of the Breton people, and to their faithfulness to their language and traditions in spite of many difficulties."

## EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Meeting was then turned over to Stan Shimmin the Convention Chairman, Stan had prepared a tentative programme for the three days of the Convention, each member of the executive received a copy. The Majestic Hotel, I.O.M., has been booked for July 1st, 2nd and 3rd 1970, for the N.A.M.A. convention, one mailing has gone out with full information to members. Plans for Charter Flight progressing well. After some discussion about the programme it was agreed that the Chairman and his committee plan a suitable programme and entertainment. The Convention must be operated on a profitable basis, \$2,000 already received in fares.

It was agreed that Bob Kelly will be in charge of preparation of the Souvenir book. Raffle tickets will be looked after by Sam Penrice, cash and stubs to be returned to Clarence Creer. The Sec., was asked to send a letter to Fattorine Ltd., Eng., to ask for particulars re- Official Manx Badge or other form of special identification for use at Convention.

**Motion.** Moved by Norm Clucas seconded by M. Joughin that \$100.00 be deposited in Canada for funds for Convention. carried. Meeting adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly, and Mrs. Bob Kelly joined with the executive for dinner later the same evening.

### OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mrs. Charles Sundlof (Phoebe) who recently moved from Rochester, N.Y., to Florida is now settled in a new trailer. Her address is Box 3, 850 Maury Road, College Park, Orlando 32804, Florida. She would enjoy seeing any of the Manx who happen to be in that vicinity.

### "ISLAND HERITAGE"

Mrs. E. M. Howard of 3367 N. E. Holladay Street, Portland, Oregon 97232, writing on behalf of her mother Mrs. A. L. Marquis, says how much they enjoy the column "Know Your Ancestors" in the Bulletin. She wonders if any reader could help them to obtain a copy of "Island Heritage" by Wm. Cubbon. She has written to several places in the Island but has not been successful and would welcome any useful suggestion.

## Death of John R. Cain

### Honorary President of the North American Manx Association

On July 7th., 1969, at the age of 81 a notable Manx personality died in Cleveland, U.S.A., in the person of Mr. John R. Cain.

Born on April 23rd., 1888 at St. John's where his parents were in charge of the Post Office, John R. Cain was a fine type of Manxman in every way.

When he was very young his parents moved to Peel. He was educated in Peel, and was a member of the football team. He also played football in Cleveland for a team named "The Mona". He served his apprenticeship in the printing business in Peel with Mr. Palmer.

Mr. Cain emigrated to America in 1910, settling in Akron, Ohio, and from there moving to Cleveland. He worked for "The Penton Publishing Co." In a short while he was made foreman of his department.

In 1923 he opened a printing shop in partnership with Mr. Oliver. The partnership was dissolved in 1943, and John with his daughter, Elinor, continued in the printing business until he retired in 1967.

It was in 1913 that John returned to the Isle of Man and married Miss

Margaret Kinrade of Peel. Mr. and Mrs. Cain visited the Island in 1920, 1930, and 1954. Mrs. Cain predeceased him on May 14th., 1969. She was a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland and of the Ladies Auxiliary of the North American Manx Association.

Mr. Cain was past president of the Mona's Benefit Society, of the Mona's Relief Society and of The North American Manx Association.

At the time of his death he was honorary president of the N.A.M.A. He was a life long member of the Methodist Church, also a member of a Masonic Lodge.

The Cain's had one daughter, Elinor. They were a very devoted family and were interested and very active in all Manx activities. They were a grand Manx family and are going to be greatly missed among our Manx people in Cleveland.

Mrs. Cain is survived by a sister, Mrs. Henry Corrin of Douglas, and Mr. Cain by a twin sister, Mrs. Emily Speedie, of Silver Lake, a little north of Calgary, Alberta. Another sister, Mrs. Annie Osborne, lives in Liverpool, England. Both sister had made arrangements to visit John and had been due in Cleveland on July 26th.

## THE JOURNAL OF THE MANX MUSEUM

The 1969 edition of the Museum Journal is now available and will, as always, be very welcome to those interested in Manx history. It is edited by A. M. Cubbon and Ann Harrison and the annual subscription of six shillings or one dollar U.S. should be sent to: The Editor, The Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Miss Harrison writes: "This year we have covered a wide variety of topics and periods of Manx history. The cover, with its print of the proposed Douglas suspension bridge of the 1890's is one of the illustrations of Mr. F. K. Pearson's article on one of the many development schemes in the period in which the modern holiday resort of Douglas took shape.

Going back centuries from this not-so-distant past which some of our readers may well remember, the Journal includes articles on the hoard of coins dating from the Viking Age, found when the foundations of a house in Derby Road, Douglas, were being dug in 1894, and an account of the excavation of two corn-drying kilns at

Croit-e-caley, and the Forester's Lodge. Lezayre, relics of the traditional Manx way of life.

Miss Killip's article on Manx Oat and Barley bread this year throws light on one of the staple foods of the old days. She traces the history of bread making from the earliest times to the last days before the bought loaf took over. Once more Miss Killip has vividly and sympathetically recreated the life of other days. Those interested in natural history will enjoy the article on the sea birds of the Isle of Man by Mr. D. J. Slim of the Marine Biological Station, Port Erin, which gives an up-to-date account of species and numbers of sea birds at present around the coasts of the Island. Complementary to this topic is an interesting account of the derivation of the Manx names of some native sea birds by the linguistic expert, Professor W. B. Lockwood.

There are small illustrated articles on the meaning of and significance of the ancient Manorial Rolls of the Isle of Man and their potential use to historians and on the appearance of a species of Bush cricket new to the Island records at Laxey."

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## Death of Ramsey B. Moore

### Honorary Vice-President of the North American Manx Association

The death on July 2nd., 1969, of Mr. Ramsey B. Moore, former Attorney-General and oldest member of the Manx Bar, has removed from the community a great Manxman who played an outstanding part in the life of the Island.

A man of great ability and a fluent speaker and debater, Mr. Moore pursued his career both at the Bar and in his many other interests with energy and application. He was admitted to the Bar in 1902 and was Attorney-General from 1921 to 1945.

In his retirement he devoted a considerable amount of his time to the work of the Manx Museum of which he was a trustee. He took an active part in the day to day operation at the Museum and took great pride in showing visitors round the building.

He had a vast knowledge of Manx literature particularly the work of the Manx poet, T. E. Brown.

Deep sympathy will be felt with Mr. Moore's two sons — Deemster George Moore, who has just been named First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls, and Dr. Gordon Moore.

## MEMORIAL FUND

At the recent Executive Meeting held in Toronto it was decided to ask N.A.M.A. members through the medium of the Bulletin to express their ideas and opinions regarding the use which should be made of the Memorial Fund to which donations are made from time to time in memory of deceased members. It was felt that the money should be used for some specific purpose and since this was not defined when the fund was set up any suggestions which members would like to send to President Sam Penrice will be studied and considered for action at the Convention next year.

Suggestions would also be welcome for using the St. German's Cathedral Fund which was collected some few years ago when it seemed likely that the Cathedral would be restored. The fund could be put to some suitable use, perhaps by combining it with the Memorial Fund.

Please write and let us know what your ideas are and what you would like to see done in memory of our deceased members.

## OBITUARIES

BELL, Elizabeth K. of Cleveland, died on September 6, 1969. She was predeceased by her husband, William K. and was the sister of Mrs. J. Anderson and William Nightongale.

BROADBENT, Elsie Mabel, of Oshawa, Ontario, died on August 17, 1969, after a short illness. The former Elsie Mabel Joughin, she was born on September 17, 1890, in Ramsey, Isle of Man, and came to Oshawa as a bride in 1921. She is survived by a son, Kenneth, of Oshawa, and a daughter, Mona, Mrs. Clarence Creer, of Orland Park, Illinois, and four grandchildren. She was a sister of Victor Joughin and aunt of Margaret Joughin of Montreal. She was interested in all things Manx, and had attended many Conventions. She last visited the Isle of Man in 1967.

CREGEEN, Mrs. Sarah, aged 88 years, of 203 Havelock Avenue, Winnipeg, died on June 7th., 1969. Born in Peel, Isle of Man, Mrs. Cregeen came to Canada in 1906 and settled in Winnipeg. She was one of the founders of the Winnipeg Manx Society and a member of the N.A.M.A. Predeceased by her husband George in 1962, and a daughter Mona in 1940, she is survived by a son, William George Cregeen of Buenos Aires, a daughter, Mrs. Olive Almrud of Winnipeg, a granddaughter, Mrs. Fred Unwin (Gerry) of St. Vital, along with five other grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Also a sister, Mrs. Louisa Quirk of Douglas, Isle of Man.

HORROCKS, Martha Mona, of Burnaby, B.C., died on September 9, 1969, aged 72 years. She was a member of the Vancouver Manx Society and of the Vancouver Horticultural Society. She is survived by a daughter, June, at home; a son Ronald, Nottingham, England; and 1 grandson; 2 sisters, Mrs. Lucy Panter, Edmonton, Alta., Mrs. Adelaide Billington, Vancouver; 2 brothers, Charles and Wilfred Cleator of Victoria.

KISSACK, Carrie A. (née Radcliffe) of Shaker Heights, Ohio, passed away in July, 1969. Funeral services were held on July 18. She was the beloved wife of the late William C., mother of Mrs. Charles Wyckoff (Helen) of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Ethel Kissack

of Shaker Hts., Mrs. Hockaday (Marion) of New York City, Wade R. of Colorado Springs, and grandmother of William Wade, sister of Mrs. C. C. (Dell) Coleman of Riverside, Calif. MADDERN, James, died in August, 1969. He is survived by his wife, Eva, and sons, Clarence and Donald; several grandchildren; three brothers and one sister. He was a member of the Bisbee Manx Society.

McMEIKEN, Arthur Edward, of Vancouver, B.C., passed away on June 4th., 1969, aged 55 years. Mr. McMeiken and his family came to British Columbia in 1956. His work with the B.C. Hydro took him to several parts of B.C. and about two years ago he moved with his family to Vancouver. He is survived by his wife, Joan; two daughters, Mrs. A. (Judith) Gillon, S. Burnaby; Elizabeth, Victoria; and one son, Ian, at home. In the passing of Arthur McMeiken the Vancouver Manx community has lost another member and the sympathy of the Manx Society goes out to Mrs. McMeiken and family.

MEREDITH, Winnifred A., widow of the late George H. Meredith, of West Vancouver and Ottawa, passed away September 9, 1969, at Salt Spring Island, B.C. She is survived by a daughter, Joan, of West Vancouver, and a son, Douglas, of Ottawa. Mrs. Meredith was born in the Isle of Man and was the sister of Fred Caven of Toronto, and of Mrs. Mabel Cope of Vancouver and Montreal.

MYLREA, Mrs. Anna S. passed away on July 14th., 1969, at Salem, Oregon. She was the beloved mother of our Chicago artist, Dorothy Mylrea.

REED, Mrs. Margaret A. died in Lakewood Hospital, Ohio, on August 25th., 1969, after a long illness. Born on the Isle of Man, Mrs. Reed came to Ohio in 1915. She was active for some time in the N.A.M.A. and she and her husband helped with entertainment at the last Cleveland Convention. She was a soloist with the Cleveland Male Chorus, the Cambrian Choir and at Franklin Circle Christian Church and was a former secretary of Cleveland Messiah Chorus. She is survived by her husband, Orton S. Reed, a son, Thomas O., a daughter, Barbara A., three sisters and two brothers.