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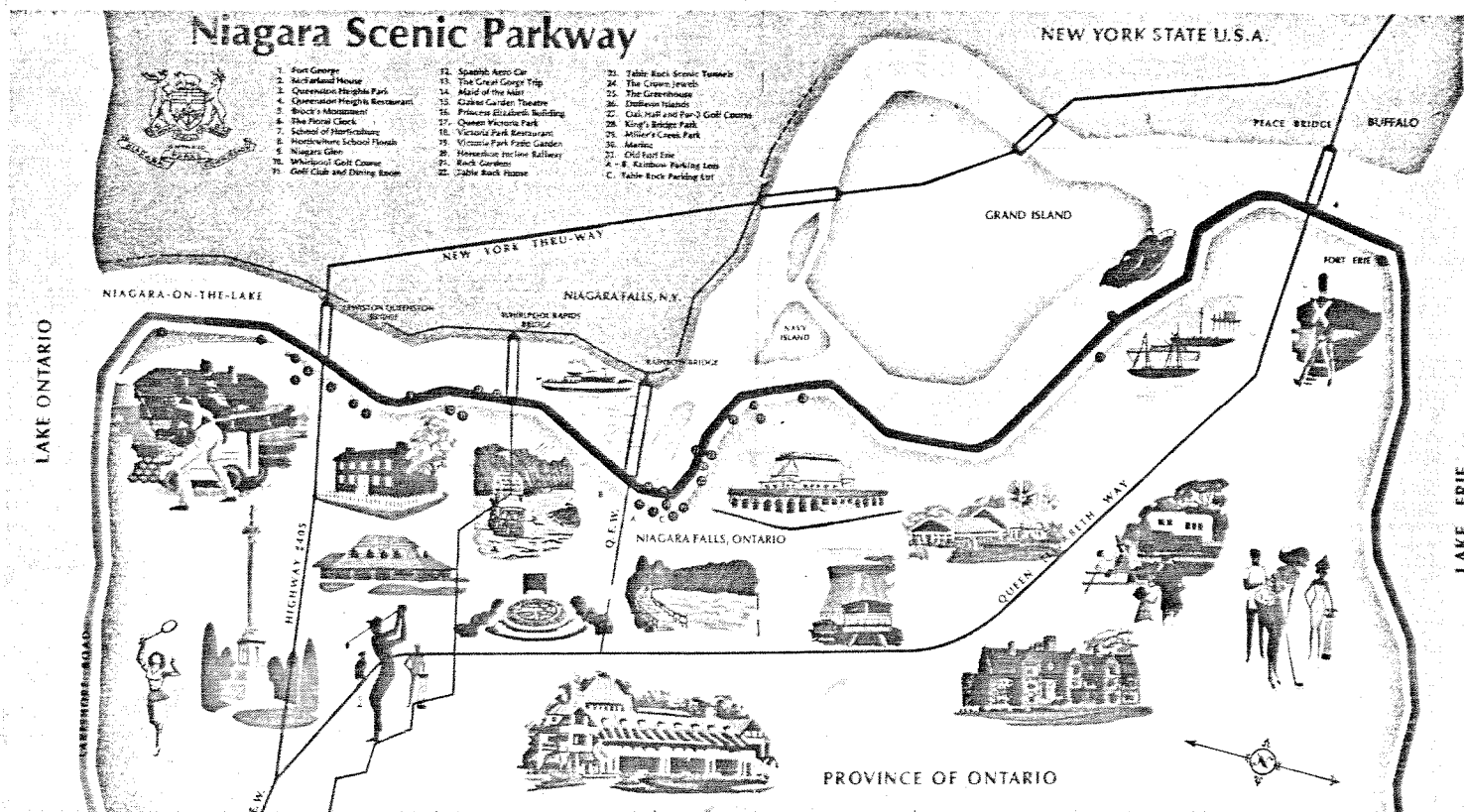


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"To preserve whate'er is left us of ancient heritage"

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1972 CONVENTION - SEPTEMBER 15 - 18



WORLD MANX TO ORGANIZE CHARTER

At last report the World Manx Association, after several meetings, had 40 seats booked on a charter flight from Manchester to Toronto arriving on September 15th.

The Convention organizers will be in touch with Miss Doris Clague, Secretary of the World Manx, to find out how many of these people are planning to attend the Convention. The Toronto Manx Society are hoping that they will be able to meet the plane to welcome the travellers and to convey those going to the Convention to Niagara free of charge.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

- Friday afternoon, Sept. 15 — Registration 2.00 p.m.
- Friday evening, Sept. 15 — Reception and Social 8.00 p.m.
- Saturday morning, Sept. 16 — Welcome and Business Session 9.30 a.m.
- Saturday evening, Sept. 16 — Banquet Dance and Entertainment 8.00 p.m.
- Sunday morning, Sept. 17 — Memorial Service followed by Business Session 10.00 a.m.
- Sunday Noon, Sept. 17 — Ladies Auxiliary Lunch 12.00 noon
- Sunday Afternoon, Sept. 17 — Coach Tour and Picnic 2.30 p.m.
- Monday morning, Sept. 18 — Final Business meeting. Election and 9.30 a.m. Installation of Officers.

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MANX WEDDING

On Saturday, April 22nd, 1972, Miss Beverley Ann Kirk and Mr. Trent Owen were married in the Anglican Church of St. Columba, St. Clair Avenue E., Toronto. After the reception at the Studio, Guild Inn, the happy couple left for the honeymoon in Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Beverley, who is a member of the N.A.M.A., is the granddaughter of Mrs. Minnie Oakley and great granddaughter of the late Mr. Robert Fick and with them attended the Convention in the Isle of Man in 1970.

**HARPERS VIEW OF
THE ISLE OF MAN — 1875
PART VII**

After rambling through the apartments I came to a high point in the enclosure of the castle walls which was carpeted with soft grass; and here I sat to watch the sun set. The air was very clear, and I could see a cloudy ridge of mountains in Ireland beyond the channel. The water in the near distance was a light green, farther off, a blue, and still farther, subdued to a gray. The high coast of the island was visible as far as Contrary Head, where it turned off to the north. The sandstone and slate cliffs were red, yellow, and purple — the perfect colors themselves without any intermediate tints. Two or three boats were cruising in the offing, and away at sea a steamer bound from Liverpool to Dublin was laboring in the trough. The town lay quietly under the arms of the castle, a puff of hot smoke hovering above it; and presently I could see the outer lines of the little sandstone houses rimmed with fiery gold. As the sun came nearer the western horizon a flood of the ruby light poured through the narrow streets and over the roofs, spreading at last to the old fortress and breathing its passion on the smitten walls. The night came down with a frosty wind, and the water moaned sadly again at the precipice. A few lamps flickered on the wharf, and the cliffs loomed nearer, until they inclosed the town and the castle in the awful blackness of their mantle.

From Peel I went to the south of the island, visiting the cascade in Glen Maye en route, and following the line of the coast, which increases in rugged grandeur. A walk of about ten miles brought me to Port Erin, a romantic fishing village set back in an extensive bay, and guarded by two magnificent promontories, called the Cassels and Bradda Head. From the latter a fine view is obtained of the "Calf" a tiny islet separated from the mainland at the southernmost point by a narrow channel, through which the sea surges with tremendous force in the calmest weather. It is about five miles in circumference and is girt by a belt of dislocated rocks tumbled together in savage confusion. The cliffs on the southern side rise four hundred feet above sea-level, and are surmounted by a double light-house, which is usually sighted by the steamers sailing between Liverpool and America.

Descending from the headland I crossed the pebbly beach, and climbed the steep hill at the opposite side of the

bay. For a short distance there were some shabby cottages near the foot-path. But as I mounted higher I entered a desolate tract of bristling gorse, only inhabited as far as I could see by an idiot girl and some mountain goats. During a shower I sought shelter in a deserted house situated in a field of stunted oats, which lived to shame the land. As soon as the blue came through the clouds again I continued to ascend until I reached the crest of the hill, and could glance down on the wondrous beauties of the pastoral valley and the rock-bound coast. I sat for a while within a circle of white stones, supposed to have been formed by the Druids, and then I went down on the opposite slope to the village of Creg-y-neesh.

It is in the valley of a foot-hill, and is the most primitive settlement in the island. The population consists of about six pureblooded Manx families, with longer pedigrees than many English nobles can boast. Their homes are in six rude huts standing within detached fences, and looking down upon the sea. The outer walls are covered with fish in process of curing, which also fill several rows of barrels, and impart an unsavory pungency to the atmosphere. All the men were at sea when I arrived and the women were washing and spinning. In one of the cottages I staid to tea with a brawny fisherman's wife over six feet high. There was only one room in the house. The fire-place was several feet high and wide, with a little mound of peat smouldering in the grate. The floor was the earth without any covering. A deal table was laid out in the simplest style for my entertainment; and as I sat by the fire, fondling one of the tailless Manx cats, and watching my hostess blowing the slow fuel into a blaze, it seemed as if I had got back into another age. The sunken window was so small that it kept the room in perpetual twilight. The tick of the old clock on the shelf, the purr of the cat, and the splutter of the fire as the bellows sighed upon it, were the only sounds that broke the silence.

The food consisted of bread without leaven, salt fish, and tea. While I was eating, the woman brought out her spinning-wheel and showed me a pair of trowsers of her own weaving. They could afford to buy few new clothes, she told me, and all the things her husband wore, cloth included, were of her own making.

Near Creg-y-neesh the grandeur of the coast culminates. The cliffs are torn into chaotic forms, and the sea breaks upon them in a white fury. At the "Chasms" they are separated by six

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CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Sam Penrice and Norman Clucas, co-chairmen of the Convention Committee have been working hard on organizing the Convention programme and it seems that plans are under way to ensure that everyone attending the Convention will have a good time.

It is assumed that members and guests will arrive during Friday, September 15th, and the registration desk will be open at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel during the afternoon and early evening. The first official event of the Convention will be the reception and social on Friday evening which should get everything off to a good start.

On Saturday morning delegates will be welcomed officially and there will be a business session. The rest of the day will then be free until the banquet, dance and entertainment in the evening.

The Memorial Service will be held on Sunday morning and as usual will be followed by a short business session. The Ladies Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. will then hold a luncheon in place of the afternoon tea which they usually have. This was found to be the most

convenient time for the ladies to hold their meeting and it is hoped that all the ladies attending the Convention will plan to attend.

On the Sunday afternoon there will be a coach tour and tea. Ron Glass, Sam Penrice's son-in-law, made a special trip to Niagara to discuss the outing and you can be assured of an enjoyable time. A very special meal will be served at the Queenston Heights Restaurant which commands a splendid view of the Niagara River. The meal will be served indoors in case the weather is not favourable.

On Monday morning, September 18th, there will be a final business meeting which will include the election and installation of new officers.

Altogether it sounds like a very good programme which has been planned and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be there to enjoy it and thus show their appreciation of the efforts of the N.A.M.A. officers in organizing the Convention.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN NIAGARA.

1972 CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

The Souvenir Book is being published as a guide to the Convention which is being held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, from September 15th to 18th, 1972, and as a memento of yet another grand North American Manx gathering.

All members of the N.A.M.A. and friends are invited to extend greetings, remember loved ones through a memorial, or include some type of advertisement, by subscribing for space in the book. The rates are the same as in previous years: Full page, \$20.00; Half page, \$10.00; Quarter page, \$6.00; Eighth page, \$4.00; Patron's List, \$2.00.

For those who will not be able to attend the Convention what better way could there be to say "Hello" to your Manx friends everywhere or to show your support for the N.A.M.A. and its officers? Don't forget that there is no local society in Niagara Falls to help with financing and organizing this Convention so that the help of all members is needed if it is to be the big success that the N.A.M.A. officers are hoping for.

Everyone wishing to support our efforts should send their greetings, memorials, or listings to Robert Kelly, 6858 North Osceola Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60631, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. He will accept greetings as long as he can but it will be necessary to stop accepting copy when the souvenir book is sent to the printer.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA. THE FALLS OF NIAGARA ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD APPROX. 11,000,000 PERSONS VISIT NIAGARA PER YEAR CANADIAN HOSPITALITY AT ITS BEST...

1. Visit Fort George.
2. Brock's Monument.
3. Queenston Heights park (Part of Convention Tour).
4. The Floral Clock.
5. A Cruise on Maid of the Mist, passengers are carried to the base of the mighty cataracts.
6. Ride the Spanish Aero Car high above the swirling Whirlpool Rapids.
7. Many beautiful parks and restaurants.
8. See the illuminations of the Falls in September from 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
9. Visit the Skylon Revolving Dining Room, a never to be forgotten panoramic view of 800 square miles of United States and Canada.
10. Table Rock Scenic Tunnels — A trip beneath the thundering Horseshoe Falls.

Niagara Falls is in close proximity to Cities and Towns in Canada and U.S.A.

Toronto, Ontario	—	84 miles
Hamilton, Ontario	—	49 miles
Buffalo, N.Y.	—	25 miles
Cleveland, Ohio	—	206 miles

Cross the border to the U.S.A. via the Rainbow Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION AND TOUR INFORMATION:

Ron and Jean (nee Penrice) Glass will be happy to supply information on Bus Tours etc. and also information re-Bus transportation to and from Niagara Falls.

Write —

Ron Glass,
Burlington Transportation Terminal
Burlington, Ontario,
Canada.

CONVENTION PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

As in the past there will be a prize distribution with the lucky winners drawn at the Convention. Subscription booklets are now being prepared and N.A.M.A. members will shortly be receiving them in the mail.

As usual all prizes are donated and we are most grateful to Mr. Richard Corkill of Detroit for his generous offer of a silver tea service as first prize. Prizes will also include a set of new uncirculated Manx decimal coinage in presentation case and a lady's wrist-watch. Additional prizes are still needed and any contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you wish you may make a cash donation in order that some larger prizes may be obtained.

Your donations, whether in the form of prizes or cash, will be much appreciated and should be sent to Mr. Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Illinois, 60462.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society hopes to hold their 99th Anniversary Dinner before summer but having no news to offer at the moment it was thought that the poem "My Garden" by the wonderful Manx author Thomas Edward Brown would be an appropriate contribution as it is loved and used by Garden Clubs around the world.

"MY GARDEN"

A GARDEN is a lovesome thing,
God wot!
Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Ferned grot —
The veriest school
Of peace; and yet the fool
Contentds that God is not —
Not God! in gardens! when the
eve is cool?
Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in mine."

Emily Kelly,
Secretary.

LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Lillian M. Tipper reports that she has not much news of the Los Angeles Manx for this issue of the Bulletin. She had been in contact with Jack and Connie Cannell and they were planning a trip to Florida at the end of the summer to visit some Manx folks and are definitely going to the Isle of Man next year. She had had a visit from Eddie Killip and he has yet to make up his mind about attending the Convention. The next meeting of the Los Angeles group will be a get-together one Sunday in July.

Mrs. Tipper, her daughter Peggie and husband, took a long drive over part of the California and Arizona Deserts to see the London Bridge which has been transferred to Lake Havasu in Arizona. They had a wonderful time and were thrilled and excited to see it. It was wonderful to think that so many tons of granite could be taken down and shipped 10,000 miles and put together again in the middle of a desert and that the Colorado river could be dammed to make Lake Havasu and that dammed to make the waters that the bridge crosses.

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Regular monthly meetings of our Society resume in September. Our annual picnic is scheduled again at Grace Church in Willoughby, Ohio on August 13th. Folks bring a basket lunch. Tea or coffee is furnished.

The travels of Rev. George E. Shearer, M.A. of Plymouth, England bring him to the Cleveland area for a few days in July. He was a resident of Douglas, I.O.M. from 1945 - 51 and two of his children were born there. During that period, he served as minister of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Douglas.

An Open House will be held for him on July 17th so that Manx folks here and about may visit with him. Miss Florence Lyons will hostess this event.

Catherine Cottier Sarvary, Bessie Leece Auty, and Gladys Sharp Butts are members of our Cleveland Manx who are spending some vacation time in the Island this year. We look forward to hearing from them firsthand about their trips.

Cleveland expects to have a good representation at the N.A.M.A. convention. Will you be there?

Marge Krach
Publicity.

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx are back in full swing again after such a long cold winter.

The April meeting brought out quite a few of the members, new and old. We went on a tour of the English countryside, outdoor markets and historic places; all done by films. It was quite a show.

Coming activities for the Toronto Manx are:

June 18th, the Strawberry Tea at Mrs. Foster's, 220 Burnhamthorpe Road, Oakville.

June 24th, the Manx Picnic at Clairville (Sandy Nook).

Excitement is rising for the coming Convention.

Dot Hall,
Secretary.

PEORIA

The Manx folks of Peoria, Illinois, will be holding their Annual Pot Luck Dinner on July 23, 1972, at 1:00 p.m. in Glen Oak Park, Peoria. Anyone wishing to have further information could contact the secretary at 620 E. Republic, Peoria, Ill. 61603.

Margaretta M. Carter,
Secretary.

BISBEE

The May meeting of the Bisbee Manx Society was held at the home of Mrs. Eva Maddern with a turnout of 16 which the Bisbee folk consider was pretty good for their little society. The next meeting was to be held on June 12th at the home of Mrs. Eva Cunningham.

Mrs. Gladys is visiting in the Isle of Man where she will be joined by her daughter and son-in-law, Paul and Margaret La Prade, at the end of their tour on the Continent. Ida and Arnold Corrin were to visit Yucaipa, Cal., to visit Ida's sisiter who was to be presented with a 50 year pin from Eastern Star. Mrs. Ivy Dillon and her brother Cecil Corrin were travelling to Phoenix to attend the graduations of her grandsons, David and Peter, and she is also planning a trip to Mexico City later this summer.

Ivy Dillon,
Secretary.

ROCHESTER

I have finally arranged a get-together of the Rochester Manx before warm weather arrives.

An active group of 20 has decreased to 8 in number. It would appear that Rochester is experiencing the same problem as many other cities with the passing years.

I will take this opportunity to urge all to attend the Convention and support the N.A.M.A.

Alice Garret,
Regional Director.

CONVENTION PREVIEW

On Easter Saturday Sam and I, together with our granddaughter Deborah, paid a visit to Niagara Falls, Canada. The day was rather cloudy and the famous blossoms were not yet in full bloom, but we knew that with a little warm sun and rain the full beauty of the trees and flowers would open in all their splendour.

Our first call was to the Sheraton Brock Hotel where the N.A.M.A. Convention will be held from September 15th-18th. We were very graciously received by Mr. Rix, the hotel's Convention Manager, and were his guests for lunch. It is indeed a lovely hotel with all the facilities for holding a successful Convention.

After lunch we viewed the world famous Niagara Falls and then continued along River Road to see the Gorge. As it was early in the season the elevator was not yet in use. We carried on then to Queenston Heights Park which will be part of the Sunday tour and picnic. There are so many things to do and see in Niagara Falls that it would be impossible to list them all, but for all those attending the Convention in September it will be a busy, interesting and wonderful time.

Due to many enquiries about private tourist home accommodation, Sam and I made another trip to Niagara Falls at the beginning of May. It was a magnificent sight to see the tulips, daffodils, apple blossom and forsythia all in bloom and many tourists were to be seen. Of course the month of September will have a Fall beauty all its own.

There were many lovely tourist homes and we were very well received when we rang doorbells. Unfortunately the names of these places are not listed officially but we did get a list of some of these homes which we have forwarded on to the Isle of Man.

After the Convention is over at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, some of the delegates might decide to stay on in Niagara Falls, but as they will realize we of the N.A.M.A. cannot undertake to arrange these bookings. This they will have to do for themselves.

Hilda Penrice.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kelly of Rochester, New York, were leaving late in May to enjoy another summer in the Isle of Man.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sam Penrice and Norman Clucas, Co-Chairmen of the Convention Committee, will be looking for volunteers to assist with the reception of delegates and guests and also for registration duties. These duties are normally carried out by members of the local society but there is not one in Niagara.

Sam and Norman already have their first "volunteers" Hilda Penrice and Helen Clucas and would be very glad to hear from anyone else who would be willing to help.

MANX PARTY IN ARLINGTON

The Isle of Man Times of May 11th, 1972, reported that Mr. Edward F. Sayle of Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A., gave a Manx party at his home for 58 of his friends with the object of plugging the Isle of Man! With his Manx name, Mr. Sayle is very Isle of Man minded and he made extensive preparations for the party, displaying Isle of Man posters and arming himself with information to answer any questions.

From his home, which he labelled The Upland Street Omnibus Terminal, he borrowed a London Transport bus — originally brought to the United States by Trans World Airlines — and re-labelled it "Isle of Man Road Services". He took his guests on a bus tour through Arlington stopping at Alfie's eating house for fish and chips and beer, and then on to a traditional British pub, the Jolly Ox, for Manx punch, cheese and crackers. Mr. Sayle took his guests on a late night ride through Arlington singing songs. This Manx "fanatic" writes articles on the Island for American newspapers.

CONVENTION PICTURES DONATED

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nicholl, via the Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx Society), has generously donated to the North American Manx Association pictures of N.A.M.A. Conventions for the years 1931, 1933, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1947, 1949, 1953 and 1956. These will be on display at the Convention in Niagara Falls this September and will no doubt be of great interest to those who remember those earlier gatherings.

N.A.M.A. president, Stan Shimmin, would welcome suggestions from members as to what should be done with the photographs.

"MANX LIFE" TO BE AT CONVENTION

Manx Life

Athol Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.
WJCK/JL 25th April 1972.

Sam Penrice, Esq.,
36 Princess Anne Drive,
Georgetown,
Ontario,
CANADA

Dear Mr. Penrice,

North American Manx Association

Although I shall not be coming on the chartered flight to Niagara, (assuming it is finally fixed up) as I cannot spare three weeks away from the office, I am hoping to get to the North American convention by regular scheduled flight and stay for the four days.

The object would be to produce a special convention issue of MANX LIFE in November with lots of photographs etc of those attending and to use a colour transparency taken at the convention for the front cover.

Needless to say a fair amount of preparatory work needs to be done in advance particularly as we would like to mail out copies of the magazine to members of the North American Association.

Is it possible therefore for you to supply us with the names and addresses of members of the Association so that we can get the addressing of envelopes carried out at leisure during the summer?

I presume you will be laying on a photographer and recording of speeches etc. to which I can have access?

It would be nice to be able to get support from some North American advertisers to help with the extra expense involved in this special edition. Have you any thoughts on this?

Your sincerely,
W. J. C. Kitto,
EDITOR.

INFORMATION WANTED BY BULLETIN EDITOR

Does anyone know the story of Robert Gracey of Peel who came to America in 1850 when only 16 years old. He walked right across the continent to the Californian goldfields and was said to be one of the last survivors of the Nevada Indian wars. He died in Nevada in 1934, aged 90 years.

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

by: Mrs. Robert S. Cowin,
1123 W. Melrose Dr.,
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Again this month, we will devote our column to readers' enquiries. We are pleased that this column continues to be of much interest to many of our readers, and will try to answer all requests for information on the **ORIGIN OF MANX PERSONAL NAMES** as soon as possible. The amount of research required accounts for the delay.

QUILLIAM is first shown in the Manx records in 1430 as MacWilliams; and as Quilliam in 1587.

GILL, of Goidelic origin, in 1430 was known as MacGylle; in 1504 as MacGill; in 1511 as MacKill; and in 1659 as Gill. William Gill, of Kirk Malew, 1830-1871, edited and compiled the Manx-English portion of Kelly's **MANX DICTIONARY** and **MANX GRAMMAR**. A John Frederick Gill was appointed Second Deemster of the Isle of Man in 1884, and will be best remembered for his revision of the Manx Statutes. Deemster Gill also, in collaboration with his brother, W. H. Gill and Dr. Clague, collected and edited the folk-songs and music of Man.

MYLREA AND SHIMMIN are both names of Norse origin. **MYLREA** is first shown in the records as Mac-Gilrea in 1511; MacLerea in 1601; Maccillrea in 1603; McLera in 1607; Molerie in 1631; McYlleria in 1650; McYlrea in 1654; Mallereay in 1684; Mollereigh in 1690; Mallereigh in 1691; and in the Manx Parochial Registers in 1750 we find Mylrea.

SHIMMIN is first shown in the Statute Laws of the Isle of Man in 1430 as MacSheman; following this in 1515 we find it listed in records as Symyn; in 1611 as Shemyn; in 1615 as Shimin; in 1627 as Symen; in 1628 as Inishimin; and in 1650 as Shimmin.

KARRAN is a Gaelic name meaning son of the dark person, and its old Gaelic form as MacCiarain. The first Manx record of it is in the Court Rolls for 1417 where it is spelt Mac-Carron; other spellings are Kerron (1504, Keran (1626) and Charran (1650).

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"There is so much good in the worst
of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it hardly becomes any of us,
To talk about the rest of us".

(E. Hoch (1849-1925))

CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM

The Clague House Museum in Westlake, Ohio wishes to acknowledge receipt of the following donations from our members:

Mrs. John Kewley (Bedford, Ohio) recently donated Vol. I and II of the **STORY OF THE ISLE OF MAN** by C. W. Airne. Volume I deals with the earliest times to 1406, and Volume II is from 1406 to modern times.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kelly (Cleveland Manx Society) gave a lovely collection of old christmas tree ornaments to be used in decorating the Museum during the Holidays.

Mr. Joseph Clucas (Cleveland, Ohio) donated the original Mona's Mutual Benefit Society Charter dated 1863.

Mrs. Minnie Nicholl (Cleveland, Ohio) recently gave the Museum a lovely Manx Tea Towel.

In memory of Frances Cowin Armbruster, a collection of old books on the Isle of Man and other keepsakes, was donated by her brother.

The Museum houses a fine collection of Manx Heirlooms which add much to the authenticity of the home, since the Clague family was originally from Lonan. All donations are sincerely appreciated.

BRIDE'S RESOLUTIONS

Mary Christian of Milntown (1722-1762) married the Rev. Edmund Law, afterwards Bishop of Carlisle, and on the day of her marriage made these resolutions:

"Some rules I resolve to observe through the assistance of the Almighty, when I am wife —

1. I resolve never to contradict my dear husband without it be necessary, and then with the greatest good nature I am mistress of;
2. To serve God more sincerely than I have done in the state I am about to leave, and to lead a life suitable to the calling of my husband.
3. Never to fret, or fall into a passion, but to have always a cheerful heart, knowing my blessings must exceed any trouble that can possibly befall me, and in all dangers to commit myself and my family to an all-wise Providence, and then to be easy about the event.
4. I likewise resolve to lay aside all fondness for dress, but to be always neat and clean.
5. I resolve to be very active, and never for the sake of saving myself a walk, to neglect anything, though it be never so great a trifle.

TRAA — DY —LIOOR

IMPORTANT

TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THEIR ADVANCE REGISTRATION CARDS — PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE TO AVOID DELAYS AND FRUSTRATIONS AT THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK.

We of the N.A.M.A. will be happy to welcome our Manx friends who are travelling to the Convention on the Charter plane from the Isle of Man. Let us show our Canadian and American Manx hospitality by making their stay with us as memorable as possible, anyone who can offer transportation and accommodation could contact the Manx delegates at the Convention.

THE LI'L PEOPLE

Born: March 2, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mylroie, of 790 Webster Road, Webster, N.Y., a son, Cameron Kenneth. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Darland of Pierre, South Dakota, and George Mylroie of Franklin, Idaho.

Born: March 24th, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Simpson of Elmwood, Illinois, a daughter, Brooke Elise. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Archibald of Brimfield, Illinois; and the great-grandma is Mrs. Alice Archibald of Elmwood, Illinois.

Born: on April 2nd, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. Del Ray Thorp a daughter, Dana Rene. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wood of Bisbee, Ariz.

6. I resolve to be very frugal, and never to put my husband to any needless expense.
7. I resolve to be very kind to my servants, as well to their souls, as to their bodies, and always to give exact orders, and never to be in a passion if they are not executed.
8. I resolve to treat my friends kindly, and to be full as glad to see his relations as my own.

Thus would I live
Thus would I die,
And when this world I leave
To Heaven I'd fly.

Mary Christian,
28th April, 1740.

BISHOP WILLIAM-ALFRED QUAYLE

Famous Manx-American Preacher

The late Bishop William A. Quayle — known as the "Poet Preacher of Methodism" was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Gell Quayle of Castletown, Isle of Man.

Thomas Quayle came to America at the age of 20 years. His wife was born at Ballakilpheric, in the parish of Rushen, near Castletown. They may have been cousins, and were married at Cooks Corner, Ohio.

William A. was born at Parkville, Clay County, near Kansas City, Missouri, on June 25th, 1860 and died in 1925 at the age of 65. It is possible that he may have been born while his parents were in transit from Colorado to Missouri in a covered waggon, where his father had been seeking for gold in Colorado.

Soon after William was born — his mother died, and she was possibly buried while they were in transit, as was the custom with the pioneers in those early days. After his mother's death, William was taken into the home of his mother's brother-Edward Gill (or Gell) in Kansas and he went by the name of William Gill. After Gill's wife died, he went to the home of a Methodist minister named James Boicourt for one year.

In 1874 at the age of 14 he entered Baker University, Kansas, under the name of William Gill but graduated in his own name — William A. Quayle. Regarding his change of name he wrote: "It is no longer the part of the fish we throw away, but that of a bird we all love and spelled — QUAYLE.

In 1885 at the age of 25 he entered the Methodist Ministry. He held four large pastorates: —

Independence Methodist Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Missouri; Meridian Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; Grand Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Missouri; St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, Illinois.

In 1890 at the age of 30 — he was made a professor in Baker University, Kansas, U.S.A. and later was made President, being the youngest College President in the world.

He was elected a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1908 at the age of 48 at Baltimore, Maryland — the 56 th in line.

Bishop Quayle wrote many books and poems and it is said that he read on an average one book a day.

The writer was privileged to meet

PRIZE WINNING MANX CATS

In the American Cat Fanciers Association Bulletin "Parade of Royalty — 1971" Manx cats receive special mention.

"An all time high average score in the history of ACFA of 97,903 for the show season was achieved by a magnificent Black Manx Male, GLEN ORRY'S TOSHEE, bred and owned by Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson, Chicago, Ill. TOSHEE is the 1971 Inter-American Cat and is very deserving of this great award. He started his show career as "Inter-American Kitten of 1968"; in the 1970 Annual Merit Awards he was the second highest scoring cat in ACFA. An exceptional record for an outstanding cat.

ACFA's 1971 ROYAL INTER-AMERICAN CAT, RM QUAD GRAND CHAMPION GLEN ORRY'S TOSHEE, can trace his ancestry on both sides of his pedigree back to one of the world's most famous Manx cats, International Ch. Ginger of Manx of Glen Orry. Ginger was born on the Isle of Man and was imported from Denmark by Toshee's owners, Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson, in 1935. He

Bishop Quayle only once, about 1922 when he preached at a summer resort at Epworth Heights, Michigan.

It is said that after he graduated from Baker University, Kansas, his father gave him a pony which he later sold and spent the money it brought in an eager endeavour to find the resting place of his mother. He searched diligently, enquiring of any possible clue, but he never found any trace of her grave. This was one of the great regrets of his life.

It happens that the maiden name of both grandmothers of the writer was Quayle but no effort has ever been made to find out if there is any family connection.

One of Chicago's outstanding preachers — Dr. Preston Bradley — who has been Pastor of The Peoples Church for nearly 60 years — a man whom I know very well, having been soloist in his church, told me that as a young man Bishop Quayle had a great influence on his life, and was probably largely responsible for him going into the ministry. He said that he would travel many miles to hear Bishop Quayle preach.

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is Toshee's great, great, great, great grandfather!

Toshee's sire and dam are Glen Orry's Godred of Manx and Glen Orry's Quane. Both cats are ACFA Grand Champions. He was born on July 24, 1967, at the Glen Orry Gattery in rural West Chicago.

This distinguished Black Manx began his show career in a big way by earning ACFA's 1968 Inter-American Kitten of the Year award and CATS Magazine's All-American Kitten honor.

In 1970 Toshee was Inter-American Honorable Mention Cat and Second Highest Scoring Cat in ACFA. The same year he was Second Best and BOX All-Mid-western Cat and Seventh All-American Cat.

During the past show season, Toshee competed in 37 ACFA show rings under sixteen different judges in shows held in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Colorado and Minnesota. Counting only the highest final award given him in each ring, the following is a break-down of his awards:

Best Cat	25
Second Best Cat	2
BOX Cat	1
Second Best Male	3
Best Grand Opp. Sex	2
Best Shorthair	1
Best Manx	36

Toshee was a special attraction at the 1970 Annual Chicago Folk Fair where he graced the booth of the Isle of Man sponsored by the Chicago Manx Society. This society of Manx people is not a part of the cat fancy as such although its members are very interested in their native Manx cats. The society will shortly observe its 100th anniversary. The Carlson sisters are members by invitation of the society and the Glen Orry Manx cats have been the only live exhibit at the Folk Fair almost since its inception about a decade ago. The cats have provided a liaison between the cat fancy and non-cat fancy segments of the public. Toshee was a part of the exhibit in 1967.

The Carlsons report that Toshee is intelligent, gentle and affectionate. He thrives on love and attention. At cat shows he accepts handling by the judges with a relaxed kind of showmanship while seeming, in all modesty, to enjoy being the center of attention.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Ta gennallys marish poagey follym ny share na anvea marish poagey lane." —

"Cheerfulness with an empty pocket is better than discontent with a full one."

90th Birthday Treat

Reported in The Isle of Man Examiner, Friday, May 5th, 1972.

Celebrating her 90th birthday on May 3rd and looking a most youthful and active nonagenarian was Mrs. Alice Gawne of 24 Derby Road, Peel.

Surrounded by birthday cards and presents Mrs. Gawne had been well remembered but her best gift of all was the arrival of her two American nieces, Mrs. Eleanor Wright and Miss Bertha Kiel (her late sister Eleanor's daughters) who had flown over from their home in South Bend, Indiana, especially to be with their aunt and only close relative on her 90th birthday.

Formerly Miss Kermodé, a daughter of the well-known Lynague family, Mrs. Gawne is now the last living member of her family but well remembers how she used to play the organ in Knocksharry Chapel in her youth. She visited her sister, Eleanor, in America in 1903. She stayed for four years and saw the births of both her nieces.

On her return to the Island she became the bride of George Gawne who for many years was the postmaster in Peel. They had three children — Norman, married and living in Peel, Winnie, now Mrs. Molyneux and living in Wigan and Vivienne, who lives and looks after her mother in Peel. Mrs. Gawne now has seven grandchildren.

Four years ago Mrs. Gawne and Vivienne visited relatives in America and had a wonderful holiday. Miss Kiel said their many friends and relatives always enjoyed meeting Mrs. Gawne, especially when she sang "Ellan Vannin" for them.

On May 3rd there was a birthday dinner at the Niarbyl Cafe when the 20 relatives present were able to meet their American cousins and join together for the 90th birthday celebrations.

Mrs. Gawne, a most active and charming lady, takes a great interest in life and is a regular attender each Sunday morning at the Methodist Church where she has always been a faithful worshipper and a staunch member of the Women's Fellowship and the Women's Temperance Society.

Said Mrs. Gawne: "I count my blessings each and every day and with continued good health I wouldn't mind making the century, but my 90th birthday has been made all the happier by having my two nieces over."

OBITUARIES

ARENDS, Mrs. Sally (née Clegg) passed away near Auburn, California, on May 9, 1972, aged 88. Mrs. Arends was born in Castletown, Isle of Man, and lived in San Francisco until a year ago. She is survived by four sisters, a brother, two nieces and a nephew. Mrs. Arends was a member of the N.A.M.A.

BOLITHO, Clifton aged 37, the youngest son of Mrs. Mabel Bolitho, was killed in an automobile accident in Florence, Michigan, on May 8th. He leaves a wife and four children.

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wide vertical fissures, nearly three hundred feet deep, extending about one hundred feet inland. If you have a good head, you may clamber down to one of the ledges, and listen to the sea and the wind booming in the rock-groined caverns below you. Some of the smaller masses of rock appear suspended in the very act of falling, and even the larger ones are so nicely poised that a touch of the hand might be expected to upset them. Under the lee of the "Chasms" there is a pinnacle rising from the water, called the "Sugar-loaf," on which countless marine birds rest, and add their shrill cries to the general clamour, and beyond this there is a world of sea and sky without a boundary.

I must leave the reader here. My space will not allow me to ask him to follow me farther; but if what I have written induces him to spend a few days in the Isle of Man during his next vacation abroad, I can promise him that he will find more of the picturesque element than I have had the power to embody in this article. He will find in Castletown and Castle Rushen one of the quaintest towns and one of the noblest fortresses that have survived modern improvement. A drive through Sulby Glen and over Snaefell Mountain will lead him to Ramsey, a pleasant little watering-place; and a few miles from Ramsey he will pass over the Ballure Bridge to the Ballaglass Falls. The scenery, as I have said, is of the most varied kind. The rivers offer abundant sport, and from an anti-quarian point of view there is not a richer spot in the United Kingdom than this fair little island in the Irish Sea.

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CAIN, John Bowen, late of 13220 East Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan, passed away on May 11th, 1972, aged 91 years. Mr. Cain with his sister, Miss Rhoda Cain, had attended many Manx Conventions and was a member of the World Manx Association and the N.A.M.A. In 1969 he went to reside in Douglas, I.O.M., where he died. He is survived by his sons, Lawrence, Douglas and Roy, and a daughter Eva; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of Detroit.

COWELL, Miss Beatrice A. died January 7, 1972, in Olmsted Falls, Ohio, at the age of 77. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Cowell having come from Peel, Isle of Man. Miss Cowell was a member of the N.A.M.A. for many years and attended many of the conventions with her late mother. Since her parents' death, she has lived with her sister, Mrs. Catherine Scherkey, in Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

SANFORD, Mrs. Sophia Peterson whose funeral services were held on Friday, May 19th, was the wife of the late Charles W. Sanford. She is survived by a sister and several nieces and a nephew. Interment was in Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Sanford was a member of the Cleveland Manx Society.

SKILLICORN, Ethel G. of Cleveland, died June 10th, 1972. Mrs. Skillicorn was the wife of the late Robert W. Skillicorn, former treasurer of the N.A.M.A., and was herself a former member of the N.A.M.A. and of the Cleveland Manx which she continued to support through donations. She is survived by three sisters, Leah Daniels, Edith Kelly and Rachel Martin.

WADE, Pauline R. beloved wife of the late John E. Wade, passed away May 1, 1972. Memorial services were held at the Church of the Ascension, Lakewood, Ohio. Mrs. Wade was a member of the Cleveland Manx Society.

To relatives and friends of the above we offer heartfelt sympathy.