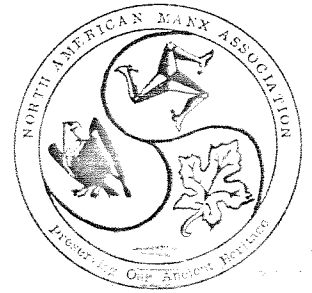


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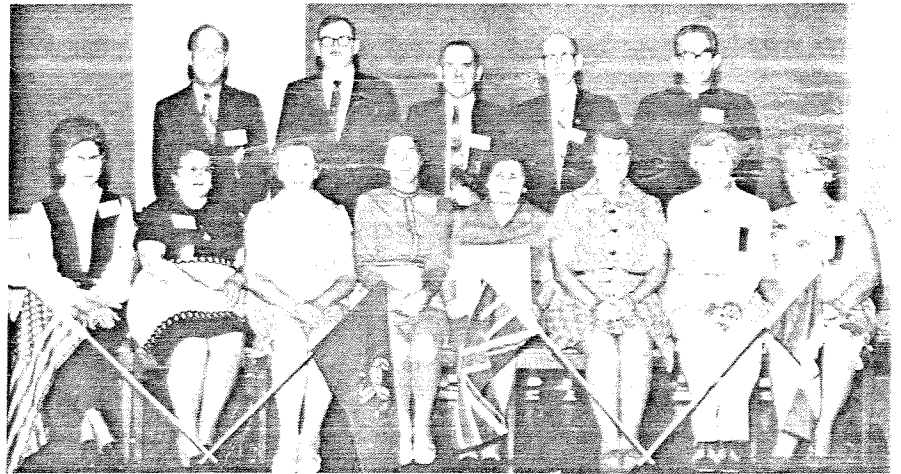
"To preserve what's left us of ancient heritage"

SEPT.-DEC. 1972

Do You Remember

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Please put a penny in the old man's hat,
If you haven't got a penny, a ha-penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha-penny, God bless You.

Holly branches with bright red berries, were used to decorate homes at Christmas, they would not be removed until Shrove Tuesday, then according to religious custom, would be burned in the fireplace.



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To Manx friends everywhere our warmest greetings for a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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An Old Manx Carol

Now spread you out the table, and put thereon the cloth,
And bring us some of your Christmas cheer and some of your Christmas "Jough".
For it's in the Christmas time we do travel far and near and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, a New Year, -a New year and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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To all the members of NAMA, it is indeed an honour to have been elected as your Bulletin Editor. It will not be easy to follow Margaret Joughin who for almost ten years did such an admirable job. I only hope you will bear with me, forgive my mistakes, and help me all you can.

Send me your news, your items and articles, if they are of interest to the members they will be printed.

(Mrs.) Hilda Penrice
36 Princess Anne Dr.
Georgetown, Ontario

World Manx Association

A message from the World Manx Association to Manx people in various parts of the World.

"May your homes be blessed this Christmas, with the warmth of family cheer and may this happiness remain throughout the coming year".

Harold S. Cain, President

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Treasurer

In a letter received from Mr. Harold S. Cain, President of the World Manx Association in appreciation, we are pleased to quote — "A lot of the members of the Charter Flight were loud in their praises about the efficiency of the Convention and how nice and helpful everyone was to them. Not one had a complaint of any sort (only the delay in customs which did not affect the Convention in any way). For Manx folk this is very high praise indeed". (unquote).

NEWS of the MANX Societies

TORONTO

On Saturday, September 30th, the Toronto Manx held a Hot Pot Supper in the Hall of St. Clements Church. It was a welcome sight to see so many of our members and quite a few of the overseas visitors who had attended the Convention at Niagara Falls. The evening began with Mrs. Sam Penrice playing Ellan Vannin, which was followed by the grace, said by Lawrence Richard Corkill.

The supper was served by the young people of the Society. The young members did such a good job, a big "Thank you" is given to them.

The evening was a sing song, with a jig or two. Steve Lahmers was the accompanist, assisted by his brother Bill on the Saxophone.

The evening ended with the singing of "Oh Land of our Birth", Ellan Canin, and "Oh Canada". The fine tenor voice of Percy Clucas of Toronto was heard to great advantage during the singing.

Sue Ellis, former Treasurer of the Toronto Manx, has now taken up residence in Vancouver. On her travels through the States to her destination, she met a Rev. and Mrs. Robert Quayle Kennaugh. They breed Arabian horses in Texas and Mexico. Their farms are called Manx Farms. Rev. Kennaugh's mother still lives in Ballasalla, Isle of Man.

It is once again the Christmas season and the Officers and members of the

Toronto Manx Society send Greetings and Good Wishes to all Manx friends everywhere for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Dot Hall, Secretary

176 Curzon Street

Toronto 8, Ontario

CLEVELAND

All members of the Cleveland Manx Society send greetings and best wishes to all Manx folk everywhere!

We are proud to have three of our feminine members elected to offices in the NAMA. Mrs. Harry Kelly (Mary) is to serve as an honorary vice president, Mrs. Robert Cowin (Edna) is to be a vice president and Miss Elizabeth Clucas (formerly of Peel) is to be corresponding secretary. From their records in our Cleveland organization, we know that they will be good workers for the NAMA too! More than 35 Clevelanders attended the Niagara Falls convention.

Our October meeting's Manx Harvest Home Festival was again a lovely program. Some of the items brought by members were given to sick or shut-in folks.

In November, a "Sale of Work" follows our regular meeting. Categories include: Isle of Man Souvenirs, Knitting and Needlework (any stitchery), General Store, Homemade Goodies, and an "As Good As New" booth.

December 8th is the date set for our sixth annual Christmas Dinner Party. It is to be held at our west side meeting place, Cove Church in Lakewood, Ohio. Everyone enjoys this event for it brings to all the true Christmas feeling.

Marge Krach

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CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society held its annual picnic on Sunday afternoon, July 30, at the Glen Orry Manx Cattery, West Chicago, Illinois, as guests of the Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson. We were privileged to see their prize winning Manx cats with all of their trophies.

About 30 people attended and had a very enjoyable get-together with pleasant weather. We were pleasantly surprised to have attending people from as far away as Elkhart, Indiana, Kenosha, Wisconsin and Belvedere, Illinois. It paid for us to send invitations to those in outlying areas from Chicago.

As a result of the interest shown at the picnic we will try holding our meetings on Sunday afternoons and invite all neighboring friends to attend.

12 of our members attended the Convention at Niagara.

In March 1973 the Chicago Society will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

SAN FRANCISCO

On October 24, nine members of our Society met at the home of the President and Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Corlett. The meeting was held at the Corlett residence in Sebastopol, located some sixty miles north of San Francisco. The major items of business consisted of the host's relating his experiences in contacting two families of Corletts in Portland recently; the making of plans for the annual Christmas party; the replenishing of a seriously depleted treasury; and enjoying delicious refreshments which had been brought by those in attendance.

The November meeting is scheduled to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent in Sunnyvale, about forty miles south of San Francisco.

The annual Christmas event will be held this year at the home of Mrs. Amy Satterlee, in San Bruno.

To the members and friends of other Societies in our National Association, we extend our best wishes for a very merry Christmas, and for a happy, healthy, and hopefully peaceful New Year.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Southern California Manx Society held a combined picnic and meeting in Bixby Park at Long Beach on June 3rd, 1972, with 13 members and children attending. This was our first get-together of this year 1972, and we all had fun and good fellowship. On August 19th, we held our meeting at the lovely home of Jeanne and Norman Corkhill in Glendale with 10 members attending. We are saddened however, at the loss of two of our very dear members and friends, Mrs. William K. Caley (Jessica) who passed away in November 1971, and Mrs. Eleanor Sorenson who passed away in April 1972. We miss them both very much when we meet together.

Some members have moved away from So. Calif., and so our active membership is small these days, but we are carrying on quite well.

On July 22nd, several of our members had the pleasure of meeting a lady visitor from the Isle of Man, Mrs. Eunice F. Salmond, who is Editor and writer of the Women's pages of the Isle of Man Weekly Times, writing under the name 'Fenella'. On this her first visit to America, she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway Callow of Sherman Oaks, Calif.

A reception was held for her and Mr. Callow at the lovely home of Rev. and Mrs. James C. Caley in Huntington Beach. 'Fenella's' report of her visit was written up in the Isle of Man Weekly Times of August 17th. date.

Ellen Bain, Secretary
132 Bonito Ave.
Long Beach, Cal. 90802

MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society has not been very active during the past summer but they are looking forward to having a get-together before Christmas.

Five members of the Society, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Corlett, Mrs. Florence McGain, Mrs. Nancy Rooney and Miss Margaret Joughin, attended the NAMA Convention in Niagara Falls in September and all enjoyed it. Miss Glennis Corlett spent part of her vacation in the Isle of Man this summer and we are looking forward to seeing her pictures.

The members of the Montreal Manx Society send warm greetings to friends everywhere for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Douglas Corlett
Treasurer

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society had a very quiet 1972; the summer picnic held in Stanley Park was a great success.

Mr. Eden Costain spent the summer months on the Isle of Man, and Mr. Archie Fulton visited family back East.

Our President Miss Fenella Jopson was married in August to Mr. Rodney Deakin.

Plans are now in progress for the New Year's Banquet.

The Vancouver Manx Society promotes Love and Peace for all in 1973.

Fenella Deakin
1659 West 60th
Vancouver 14, B.C.

BISBEE ARIZONA

The last meeting of the Bisbee Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin, with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franks as host and hostess, who also furnished the prizes for the Bingo games which followed the meeting. A good time was had by all. The 22 members present enjoyed a delicious lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Quill.

Mrs. Ivy Dillon has presently been visiting in Phoenix with her family. While there she has been in touch with Mr. Walter Stevenson who resides there with his daughter Myrra, son-in-law, and his grandchildren. She was disappointed they were unable to meet. She was also disappointed she was not able to attend our recent Convention.

Wishing the Manx everywhere the happiest, the merriest Christmas they have ever had and a wonderful and Prosperous New Year.

Ivy Dillon, Secretary
207 Hazzard St.
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GALVA, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jennie FARGHER, 84, widow of Daniel T. Fargher, died September 28, 1972. Born in the Isle of Man, Mrs. Fargher came to the Galva community

as a young woman and she and her late husband farmed in that area until his death in 1965. Surviving are four sons: Morris H. of Pekin, Dale W. Kewanee, Dean M., of Freeport, and David of Lafayette, all in Illinois, and thirteen grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six sisters and one brother.

Mr. Joe Clucas, a native of the Isle of Man whose home is Larimie, Wyoming visited with friends in Galva and Kewanee, Illinois while en route to the NAMA convention in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Quayle and son Martyn of Douglas, I.O.M. were honored guests in Galva when a group of Manx friends gathered to visit with them while they were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kelly in July. The Quayles were starting homeward after touring the United States from Chicago to New Mexico with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Busch of Northbrook, Illinois.

A good time was had by all and the Quayles enjoyed their sightseeing and visiting with relatives while in America.

ROCHESTER

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kelly have returned home after a summer spent on the Isle of Man.

Mr. and Mrs. John Caley had a most interesting trip to Iceland this summer.

Another year is almost gone and once again it is time for Good Wishes to our friends everywhere for a Real Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health and happiness.

Alice Garrett
Regional Director, NAMA
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As the newly-elected President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the North American Manx Association, I would like to say how proud I am to accept this new position, and shall endeavor to perform my duties in a fitting and proper manner.

May I also express my thanks to all those kind folks at the convention who sang Happy Birthday to me. It was a moment I shall never forget.

With the co-operation of everyone, I am confident the Ladies Auxiliary will continue with its good work.

Mrs. Norman D. Clucas
Itasca, Illinois

Sincere Holiday Greetings from all the new officers, and members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the NAMA, to all Manx friends everywhere.

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas, and Good Health & Happiness through the coming year.

Mrs. Norman D. Clucas,
President
Miss Elinor Cain,
Sec'y.-Treas.

Know Your Ancestors

by: Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
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I was very happy to meet several of the members with whom I had correspondence regarding this column at the Convention. It is surprising how many people are interested in their Manx ancestry. We continue our research on the ORIGIN OF MANX PERSONAL NAMES.

CAIN, CAINE comes from the old Gaelic MacCathain, meaning son of the Warrior. The first Manx record of the name is in 1408 as MacKane; in 1430 it is spelled Mac Canne and Mac Cayne; in 1498 as Mac Cane; and in 1630 as Cane, Caine, and Cain. The main holdings of the early families were in Ballaugh and in Jurby. A Thomas Caine (1809-1878) is listed in MANX WORTHIES. He was the son of Matthew Caine, an inn-keeper in Douglas, and a farmer in early life. He spent his spare time educating himself with a view of entering the Church which he accomplished in 1839. But it was a leader in the Manx temperance cause that he will best be remembered.

MYLECHREEST is a Gaelic name meaning son of the servant of Christ. Its earliest recorded spelling is in the Manorial Roll of 1511 where it is listed as Mac Gilchrist. In 1540 it is shown as Mac Gilleychreest; in 1657 as Macgilchrist; in 1663 as Maulchrist; in 1683 as Maclechrist; in 1722 as Mullechrees; and in 1739 as Mylechreest. It is believed this surname originated in the Isle of Man.

BRIDSON is first shown in the Manx records in 1540 as Brideson; in 1580 as Brydson; in 1611 at Brydsonne; and in 1627 as Bridson. Derived from "son of (Kirk) Bride". Several families of this name are listed in MANX WORTHIES: Joseph Bridson (1760) a Manx Poet; and Paul Bridson (1809-1876) a lawyer who was well known for his intimate knowledge of the genealogies and histories of Manx families. He did much welfare work for the Hospital in Douglas and the Manx Society for Publication of National Documents founded in 1858.

KERRUISH is a name of Celtic origin and is first shown in Manx Records in 1643. In 1515 it is shown as Mac Kerrous; in 1652 as Kerush; in 1666 as Kerroush or Kerrish; and in 1701 as Kerruse. Folk etymology records the escape of four naked men (kiare roo-isht) from a wreck, who were said to be present bearers of the name. The first recorded family of this name settled in

Kirk Maughold. It is listed as one of the surnames of royal origin borne by the descendants of Manx kings and princes: oldest surname, Mac Fergus; later surname, Kerruish; descent from, Fergus, Earl of Galloway.

DO YOU KNOW?

THAT — One of the oldest and most significant ceremonies in the British Isles takes place each year on the Isle of Man on July 5th, when all the laws which have been enacted by their Parliament during the previous 12 months are promulgated to the people from Tynwald Hill in both the English and Manx languages.

The origin of the gathering, which goes back over a thousand years, was established by the Norsemen.

The most famous of the Norse Kings of Man was Orry, son of a King of Denmark, who gave the Island a Parliament known today by its original name of Tynwald — "Thing Voller", or fenced open-air Parliament. The only open-air Parliament in the world has gone on continuously for 1,000 years.

THAT — The Deemsters or "law-men" at Tynwald take the Deemster's oath which is as follows — "By this Book and by the holy contents thereof, and by the wonderful works that God wrought miraculously in heaven above and in the earth beneath, in six days and seven nights, you shall bear full and faithful allegiance to Her Majesty . . .

You shall, without respect of favour or friendship, love or gain, consanguinity of affinity, envy or malice, execute the laws of the Isle justly between the Lord and his people of this land and betwixt party and party so indifferently as the herring backbone doth lie in the middle of the fish.

So God help you and by the contents of this Book."

THAT — The old Manx custom of "Hop-tu-naa" was probably the forerunner of "Hallowe'en" as we know it on this continent. Children went from door to door singing the following little rhyme —

"Hop-tu-naa" a ringer, ringer, hop-tu-naa I burnt my finger",
I met an old woman baking cakes, I asked her for one, she gave me two.
The best old woman I ever knew, "Hop-tu-naa", etc.

This custom, tied in with ducking apple night, could have been the month of October or November. Lucky were the children who were asked into the house to duck for apples; these were in a big tin bath of water. Money was also handed to them.

THAT — There are two well marked "character groups" found on the Isle of Man.

(1) Fair colouring, tall stature, long narrow head (with low cephalic index),

long face, long narrow nose, high forehead.

(2) Dark colouring, short stature, slim build, long narrow head (with low cephalic index), moderate to broad nose.

On the Island, as a whole, the fair colouring predominates, but on the east side, dark pigmentation is more prevalent. Fair long-heads are predominant in the north and west, while dark long-heads are more common in the south and east.

In stature, tall men are more usual in every area except the central-eastern district, and the tallness is specially marked in the north. This bears out the fact that the Scandinavian influence was strongest in the north and lasted longest there. There is, and always has been a decided difference between the north and south Manx: this is noticeable in their personalities, out-look and mode of life.

THAT — The first Tourist Trophy race was held on the Isle of Man in 1905. The course totalled 209 miles. An allowance of 1 gallon of petrol was allotted for each 22½ miles; there were 42 starters and 18 finished the course. The winner was J. B. Napier on an Arrol-Johnston at an average speed of 33.8 m.p.h. These riders were indeed the pioneers of the British cars and motorbikes.

PRAASYN AS SKEDDAN (POTATOES AND HERRINGS)

Lift salt herrings from the crock, wash them well.

Scrub the potatoes and remove the two main "eyes", put the potatoes in the cooking pot, cover with water. Lay the salt herrings on top of the potatoes and bring to boil.

Cook gently for about 20-30 minutes or until the potatoes are cooked. Serve with raw onions and buttermilk. (No additional salt is required as there is sufficient salt in the herrings).

BONNAG ARRAN OARN (BARLEY MEAL BONNAG)

¾ lb. barley meal

¼ lb. flour

2 oz. lard

1 small teaspoonful soda

1 small teaspoonful cream of tartar
Salt

Buttermilk.

Method. — Mix the barley meal, soda, cream of tartar and salt well together in a bowl. Rub in the lard until as fine as the oatmeal. Then add sufficient buttermilk to make a moderately soft dough. Form into 2 or 3 round or oblong shaped loaves. Bake in a moderately hot oven for about an hour. Electric 300.

(Flour bonnags are made in the same way by omitting the barley meal and add the same weight of plain flour to the other ingredients).

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Are you looking for a gift for a favorite niece or nephew, a sister or brother, a son or daughter or a good friend (Manx of course)? What could be easier or more appropriate than a gift membership to the NAMA? Memberships are \$4 with the Bulletin and \$1 without the Bulletin per year. A gift card will be sent to the new member. Send payment to C. E. Creer, 14228 Union Ave., Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Congratulations to Stan Shimmin, I.P. President of NAMA, and Past Pres. of the Toronto Manx, who recently won the top award for Criminology at the University of Toronto.

Congratulations to another member of the Toronto Manx — Fred Daubney on being elected to RT. Ex. Comp. Grand Supt., Toronto District 8, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Miss Sylvia Fryer, niece of Mr. Harry Pickard, spent some time this summer with Mrs. Edith Gurney and Mrs. Mona Haldeman. While here she visited most of the interesting places in Ohio.

Mrs. Ethel Christian spent a week prior to the Manx Convention with Mrs. Edith Gurney. When they, and Mrs. Mona Haldeman attended the Convention. Mr. Haldeman and daughters joined them on Saturday.

On returning to her home in Avon Lake, Mrs. Edith Gurney brought Mrs. May Heath home for a few days. While here Mrs. Heath entertained the Goldenagers with her singing.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice, Georgetown, Ontario following the Convention were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clucas of Itasca and Miss Barbara Cowell of Douglas, Isle of Man. They spent several days at the Penrice cottage on Burnt River, near Fenelon Falls. The following week Mrs. Madge Green of Ramsey, Isle of Man spent a few days in Georgetown, after visiting relatives in Albany, N.Y.

THE L'IL FOLK

Born — to Marlene (Mylroie) Robinson, wife of Leon Robinson of Burley, Idaho, on April 25th 1972, a son, Jeffrey Lynn. Marlene is the daughter of George E. Myroie who lives in Franklin, Idaho, who previously came from the Isle of Man.

MANX WEDDIN'S

The marriage took place on June 19th, 1972 of Darlene Norma Mylroie, daughter of Mr. George E. Mylroie of Franklin, Idaho, to Gordon Henrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henrie of Riverdale, Idaho. The reception which was well

BISHOP WILLIAM ALFRED QUAYLE

The following interesting letter has been received in reply to the Article about this famous Manx-American Preacher which appeared in the July issue of the Bulletin, sent in by Mr. Walter J. Stevenson, 8543 East Pecos Lane, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253.

Miss Margaret Joughin
NAMA Bulletin Editor

(from) School House
St. John's, Isle of Man
August 7th, 1972

I was very interested to read Walter Stevenson's letter in the July edition of the NAMA Bulletin with reference to the late Bishop Quayle. The Bishop was a first cousin of my Mother and her father, who was Bishop Quayle's mother's brother, John Gale, said to be a very eloquent, forthright and outspoken Methodist Local preacher. I have M. S. Rice's biography of Bishop Quayle, entitled the "Skylark of Methodism" and he would also suggest that he was born in transit to the Middle West in a wagon train. He certainly did spend considerable time looking for his mother's grave without success.

However he learned that my mother was very like his mother in appearance with exactly the same colour of hair. When he visited the Isle of Man he persuaded her to give him a lock of her hair which he kept with him for the rest of his life. As Mr. Stevenson says, he was a great reader and lover of books possessing a magnificent library which was bequeathed to Baker University. This included over 100 Bibles of various translations, many belonging to famous writers and others and including a Bible in the Manx language which had belonged to his mother's family and a Family Bible of the Quayle families with various entries of births and deaths. I imagine these books are still in Baker University if that University still exists. Bishop Quayle's father was born under the shadow of Castle Rushen in Castletown and it is said most of his male forbears had been drowned at sea and that he emigrated to America to escape that fate. His mother's family were farmers and did indeed live in Ballakilpheric in a small farm on the mountain slopes called Kirkle.

(Signed)

W. E. Cubbon

School House, St. Johns, Isle of Man

attended, was held in Franklin, Idaho. The happy couple spent their honeymoon at Yellowstone Park.

THE LOS ANGELES MANX

A Christmas Box of Good wishes,
A Bundle of Luck
A basket of Sunshine
and a Bucket of Joys
That will fill every day
and brighten the way
of this Christmas day.
And bushels of Happiness
to our Manx we hold dear
so Merry Christmas all
and a Healthy New Year.

Lillian-Marrion Tipper

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The following Manx folk would like all their friends to know their change of address:—

New Address — Mr. Stephen Quinney, 69 Bucks Rd., Douglas, Isle of Man

New Address — Mrs. J. A. Christian, 21 Eskdale Road, Onchan, Isle of Man

New Address — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cosgrove, 4215 Meadowvale Drive, #47, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

New Address — Mrs. Florence Salmon, 255 Donald St., Apt. 103, Overbrook, Ottawa, Ont. K1K 1N1

Does anyone remember this song about Albert Road School, Ramsey, Isle of Man? It was written by the Headmaster, the Late Mr. J. Q. Killey.

Our Days at Albert Road

1st verse

Let us all both girls and boys,
Sing the time of greatest joys.
Time for work and time for play
Fills a happy carefree day.
When we gather in the morn,
As the stroke of nine is born,
Happy faces all aglow,
On the way to Albert Road.

Chorus

We dance at Albert Road,
We sing at Albert Road,
We laugh, we cry, we work, we sigh,
Sometimes at Albert Road.

2nd verse

How the years do quickly pass,
Moving on from class to class.
Amongst the babies first we're seen,
Away from Mother's watchful e'en,
Left to climb from year to year,
Knowing kindness, knowing fear,
Wondrous gifts are all bestowed,
On those who live at Albert Road.

3rd verse

Far we scatter when we leave,
Time to laugh and time to grieve.
North and South, and East and West,
Always striving for our best.
Duty calls us might and main,
There's a place for each to gain,
Showing others what we owe,
To our years at Albert Road.

**SEPTEMBER 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th 1972
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, CANADA**

Taken from the Isle of Man "Examiner", written By Sydney Boulton of Ramsey, Isle of Man, who covered the Convention for the "Examiner".



The first-ever Manx party on a large scale to cross the Atlantic for the North American Manx Association's Convention are due to fly out at 10-15 this morning in a Boeing 707 plane from Ringway Airport, Manchester.

The plane will be going direct to Niagara Falls which is the venue for the Convention this year and they will arrive in time for the opening of the event tonight.

The charter trip has been organised for members of the World Manx Association and there are 40 in the party.

The arrangements have been made by Mr. J. F. Cretney of W. H. Chapman's travel agents in co-operation with the World Manx Association.

The Convention headquarters will be the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara, and booking arrangements have been handled by Mr. Sam Penrice.

Unfortunately Mr. Harold Cain, chairman of the W.M.A., and the hon. secretary, Miss Doris Clague, who has done so much to promote this visit, will not be able to go, and leader of the Manx delegation will be Mr. Fred Watterson of Douglas, former agent for the Royal Liver Friendly Society.

The "Isle of Man Examiner" will be represented at the Convention by Mr. Sydney Boulton.

The charter flight is due to return to Manchester on October 5th.

The full list of the Manx party, supplied to us yesterday by Mr. Cretney, is as follows:—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Matthewman of Douglas; Miss M. W. Kneen, Selborne Road, Douglas; Mr. T. Bridson, Wood-

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Valuable Publicity

The following excerpt from the Isle of Man "Examiner" was written by Sydney Boulton.

The National Geographic Magazine for September (published in Washington, D.C. by the National Geographical Society) contains an 18 page feature of the Isle of Man and the colour photographs are out of this world.

The article "The Manx and the Isle of Man" is written by American journalist Veronica Thomas with photos by Ted H. Funk. It is headed by a superb view of Douglas seafront.

Predictably, perhaps, the writer launches straight away into her encounter with the Fairy Bridge and being advised by Garth the young taxi driver, to give the appropriate greeting.

There is an eye-catching photograph of a young boy in Victorian clothes snapped at the Laxey Fair and he is captioned "Bantam beau in Prince Albert elegance".

There is an accurate historical note about the Island and then we have an interview at Tholt-y-Will with Lord Strange, an outstanding picture of the green fields of Mann taken from the air (it looks like a slice of Knockaloe farm). What the author describes as "oddities" are featured in pictures of Loghtyn sheep and a tailless cat.

There is a magnificent picture of Deemster Eason reading the laws at Tynwald, an interview at the Douglas cattery with Violet Holroyd, a picture of a T.T. rider with a fractured leg being carried away on a stretcher, and some very attractive views of the Calf of Man.

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A sail with John Swindlehurst in search of "queenies" is described, a talk with Percy Moore, Peel kipper curer and a photograph of the Viking Festival also find their way into the Island pattern so colourfully drawn for us. There is another picture of a card game being played at Summerland and Veronica also brought into her tour the Witches Mill at Castletown.

Here is a quote from Monique Wilson said to be the "high priestess" of a 13-member coven. Monique is reported as saying: "We practice white witchcraft. When the 13 members of our coven dance naked in a witches' circle we concentrate on a single constructive idea such as helping a sick person get well".

Manx folklore expert George Quayle of Lezayre is interviewed too and if you get hold of a copy of the magazine I am sure you will enjoy reading this piece about Manxland.



Delegates attending the 1972 North American Manx Association Convention, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Sept. 15-16-17-18, 1972



Mrs. Robert Kelly, former Secretary, addresses the delegates.



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Richard Corkill, Hon. Pres., very generously donated the money for the Silver Tea Service shown here. ➔



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Yes, friends, neighbors, and relatives dear, came from great distances as well as from places nearby to join in the festivities at the 30th North American Manx Association Convention held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, September 15-18, 1972, at the Sheraton Brock Hotel.

And the World Manx were there, too. Gathering around the table which was graced by the registration committee — Helen Clucas, Mona Haldeman, and Hilda Penrice — on Friday afternoon, we anxiously awaited the arrival of our friends from across the sea. After continued delays in time of arrival and going through customs, 41 weary travelers made it to the hotel six hours after the expected time. However, they were chipper by 8 p.m. when the reception was held in the Elizabeth Room.

This was a merry time of greeting old friends as well as getting acquainted with new ones as we enjoyed the refreshments which were served. A hearty welcome was given by Sam Penrice followed by the president's greetings by Stan Shimmin. Fred Watterson gave the reply from the World Manx and Syd Boulton of the Ramsey Courier also spoke.

"Nostalgia" was really the word for it when Irene Curphey of Liverpool, Nova Scotia read the poem she had composed by that name. Written in the Manx dialect, it told of our coming together and remembering our own dear Ellan Vannin. Her encore took us to a delightful "*Wee Cooish*" with Kelly and his friends. Mrs. Heath of the Manchester Manx Society enhanced the evening with her selection of songs. The singing of "*Ramsey Town*" by everyone there brought a resounding close to the evening.

They did come from the "Nors, and the Sous, and the East and the West." This was evidenced when we heard mention of such places as Rochester, New York — White Shell, Manitoba — Halifax, Nova Scotia. — Ojai, California — Peel, Isle of Man — Kenosha, Wisconsin — Largo, Florida — Timmins, Ontario — Liverpool, England — and many others too numerous to mention — as the 190 who were in attendance at the opening session of the convention on Saturday morning stood one by one and called out where they came from. This was preceded by all of us proudly singing the national anthems of our four respective countries. Alderman Roy Wilson, of the City of Niagara Falls,

set the tone for the convention with his welcoming address centered around "laughter is the best medicine." Richard Corkill, senior past president, who can top anyone in story telling, gave the response.

The President introduced the Association officers and at the same time told of their dual roles as members of convention committees. Cordial greetings were read from the World Manx Association, Yorkshire Manx Society, the Manx Social Society, Liverpool, and Myrra Johnson, 3rd vice president of the NAMA, who was not able to be there. A list of the people who included greetings when they sent in their registrations, prize money, etc., was also read.

In his report to the Convention, the president spoke of his most capable and energetic executive which had carried out their jobs under great difficulties being spread a great distance apart from each other. That they did a good job is seen in this convention. In closing he quoted from Shakespeare — "I count myself in nothing else so happy as in a soul remembering my good friends."

Reports were also given by Jean Kelly, Secretary; Clarence Creer, Treasurer and Membership Secretary; Bob Kelly, auditor; Margaret Joughin, Bulletin Editor; and Ethel Christian, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the NAMA. Margaret Joughin thanked all those who have submitted material. It is their interest which has assured the success of *The Bulletin*.

The president then named the following committees to report at the Monday morning business session:

Time and Place — Mona Haldeman, Bob Kelly, Ethel Christian.

Nominating Committee — Sam Penrice, Dick Corkill, Fred Caveen and Norman Clucas.

Prize Distribution — Clarence Creer, Jean and Bob Kelly, Pauline Corrin.

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John Frazer, Chicago sales representative for BOAC airlines and a native of the Isle of Man, presented a proposal for a special group fare on a regular flight to the Isle of Man in the spring of 1973 and asked for the group opinions.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned so that we could all gather in a beautiful garden with Niagara Falls in the background to have the official convention picture taken. The afternoon was free for sightseeing activities.

A social time was held from 6:30 that evening until 7:30 when the Banquet officially began. When all had assembled around their separate tables, the executive proceeded to the head tables. The invocation was given by Re-

verend Caley and the President gave toasts to the Queen and President Nixon. Following a bountiful roast beef dinner, during which we had continuous piano music, Norm Clucas welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Syd Boulton made a special presentation of a plaque from the Ramsey Town Commissioners to Mrs. Beddow of Toronto, the oldest person in the NAMA who was born in Ramsey. Replicas of this lovely plaque were also given to the NAMA and to Stan Shimmin. All assembled heartily expressed their appreciation in their singing of "*Ramsey Town*." Recognition was also given to Don Lancaster of Georgetown who made the attractive stands for the table flags. Fred Watterson gave a recitation in the Manx dialect of Tom Brown's "*Schooldays*" and his mother's poem, "*Come to the Tea*." Reverend Caley, in his inimitable fashion, gave some stories of the Isle of Man.

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4 Small wooden 3 legs emblems	Robert S. Cowin — Westlake, Ohio	R. Corkill — Detroit, Mich.
Yardley April Violet Soap	Emily Kelly — Chicago, Ill.	T. Donald Bain — Long Beach, Calif.
Stainless Steel Pickle Fork	*	Amy Abell — Lakewood, Ohio
4 BOAC tapestry flight bags	John Fraser — BOAC	Mrs. Albert Wood — Seattle, Wash.
2 West Virginia Trays	Edric Costain — Martins Ferry, Ohio	E. J. Webber — Evanston, Ill.
Bottle Cover	*	Eva A. Moore — Portland, Ore.
2 Giant Combs	Edric Costain	Gertrude Sargeson — Santa Ana, Cal.
8 \$5.00 cash prizes	*	James B. Moore — Seattle, Wash.
		Fred Towle — Buffalo, N.Y.
		Paul Vedder — Kenosha, Wis.
		Norman Clucas — Itasca, Ill.
		Paul Vedder — Kenosha, Wis.
		Ann Cretney — Schumacher, Ont.
		Frances Schaller — La Mesa, Calif.
		Robert MacCaa — Tucson, Ariz.
		Lenore Westman — Clarksville, Iowa
		E. K. Wright — South Bend, Ind.
		Dick Corkill, Detroit, Mich.
		Adrienne Shimmin, Markham, Ont.
		Mrs. Mona English, Toronto, Ont.
		H. S. Corlett — Sebastopol, Calif.
		Bennie Evans — Peoria, Ill.
		Mrs. Charles Duffy — Los Angeles, Calif.
		M. J. Lowe — Ft. Pierce, Fla.
		Elizabeth Harrison — La Mesa, Calif.
		D. L. Faragher — Buffalo, N.Y.
		A. J. Nelson — Eden, N.C.

*—indicates prizes purchased with the monies donated for this purpose.

Chatting by HEP

Once again another NAMA Convention has come and gone; this was the 30th to be held. I sometimes wonder if the Delegates who attend realize the work and preparation which goes into making such a reunion a success, particularly when there is not a Host Society to form committees and attend to all the details etc., but even though the Executive of the NAMA are so scattered throughout our great Continent, everything seems to fall into place; loose ends are tied and, behold, the Registration Desk is open for business right on time.

From then on programmes and events seem to flow along smoothly, at least most of the time. The biggest thrill was the arrival of the party of 40 delegates from the Isle of Man and England on September 15th, a great big "Thank you" should be expressed to the President of the World Manx Association, Mr. Harold Cain C.P., Miss Doris Clague, Hon. Secretary of the WMA, and to all those for making this possible. After many hours of delay and frustrations they arrived at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario, tired but happy.

Greetings and words of welcome were heard on all sides. Later the same evening the gathering or reception was quite informal, songs were sung, speeches were made, light refreshments followed. During the course of the evening it was noticed that the piano was being wheeled out of the room . . . Can one imagine a group of Manxmen and women who love to sing without a piano? One of the officers of NAMA created such a fuss that a piano was immediately returned; not the original, but it served the purpose.

Looking around at all the happy faces made one think of Conventions past and all the faithful members of NAMA who have passed on. It is due to their efforts that we of this generation can follow their example and carry on the good work. "To preserve what'er is left us of ancient Heritage".

Most of us who have lived on the North American Continent for many years are inclined to take the good things in life for granted. It was a delight to see some of our guests impressed with for instance, our plumbing system, our cleanliness in Hotels and Motels, our supermarkets, and needless to say the beauty and vastness of our countries, the trees, lakes and rivers, and the greatest attraction in the world, Niagara Falls, Canada. Last, but not least, the friendliness of the people. We noticed some of our guests did not enjoy the ride in the elevators (or lifts), particularly when one was alone, also our decimal coinage was a little confusing to begin with, but I

think the advantages for outweighed these little inconveniences.

We have already received letters of thanks and appreciation from our Manx friends from the Isle of Man. This is heart warming and encouraging to the new executive to plan for our 31st Convention in 1974, wherever it may be held.

So another Convention is over, and while we have a dedicated group of Officers and members of NAMA, friends and volunteers of the Manx, we will continue to hold our Conventions every two years, hoping that each one will be as successful as the last.

THE THREE LEGS OF MAN

The famous THREE LEGS DEVICE seems to have been adopted in the Thirteenth Century as the armorial bearings of the native kings of the Isle of Man, whose dominion also included the Hebrides — the Western Isles of Scotland. After 1266, when the native dynasty ended and control of the Island passed briefly to the Crown of Scotland and then permanently to the English Crown, the emblem was retained, and among the earliest surviving representations are those on the Manx Sword of State, thought to have been made about the year 1300 A.D. The Three Legs also appeared on the Manx coinage of 17th - 19th centuries, and are still in everyday use in the form of the official Manx flag.

Why the Three Legs were adopted as the royal arms of the Manx Kingdom is unknown. Many heraldic emblems had no "meaning" whatever, and were chosen merely because they were distinctive. This may have been the case with the Three Legs, though the emblem as such — like the cross and the swastika, to which it is related — has a long history reaching far back into pagan times. It was originally a symbol of the sun, the seat of Power and Life. In ancient times the emblem was particularly connected with the island of Sicily (probably because of its triangular outline), but the Sicilian "Legs" were always naked, and generally displayed Medusa's head at the central point.

A rather similar device was popular amongst the Celts and Norsemen in North-Western Europe, and in view of this it has been suggested that the Manx Three Legs were a heraldic modification of a native badge or emblem. Support for this theory may be seen in the appearance of the "triskele", or simplified "Three Legs" emblem, on coins of the Tenth Century Norse king, Anlaf Cuaran, whose dominion included Dublin and the Isle of Man; and it is probable that the later Manx kings were a branch of the same dynasty. Some folk tales expressly connect Manannan, the Celtic Sea-God (whose home the Island was supposed to be) with the Three Legs,

or a fiery wheel, but these tales are not early in their present form, and may have been invented after the adoption of the Island's heraldic emblem in the Thirteenth Century.

All the early examples of the Manx "Legs" show them as if running sun-wise (i.e. clockwise), and to that extent the heraldic symbol of the Island still retained an essential feature of the ancient pagan sun-symbol. Although sometimes drawn anti-clockwise, that is singularly inappropriate.

For fuller account see *Journal of the Manx Museum*, Vol. VI, no. 76, 1959/60.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

North American Manx Association

A luncheon, short business meeting and election of Officers was held on the 10th floor of the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario in a private dining room, Sunday, September 17th with 82 ladies present.

This was our 40th Anniversary meeting — as our Auxiliary was organized in London, Ontario, in August of 1932. The founders, many of whom are no longer living, would have been proud to see the happy group present in 1972. A most hearty welcome was extended to all, especially those who had travelled from the Isle of Man and England to be with us at the Convention, by Miss Alice Garrett, the president.

The secretary, Mrs. Henry Christian, read the minutes of the meeting held in Onchan, Isle of Man in 1970.

The following officers were elected to serve for the next two years:

Honorary President: Mrs. Harry W. Kelly, Cleveland, Ohio

President: Mrs. Helen Clucas, Itasca, Illinois

1st Vice President: Mrs. Dot Hall, Toronto, Ontario

2nd Vice President: Mrs. Anne Robison, Elk Creek, Nebraska

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Elinor Cain, Cleveland, Ohio

Rep. to NAMA: Miss Alice Garrett, Rochester, N.Y.

Dues of \$1.00 (for two years) are now due and payable to Miss Elinor Cain, 4075 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121 and all Manx ladies are invited to join.

We wish that all ladies reading this could have been with us at Niagara Falls. It was a great pleasure to see our good friends again and to see Niagara in glorious sunshine for our reunion.

May we take this opportunity to thank our past officers for the many years of willing service that insured the success of our meetings.

To the newly elected officers of the NAMA we extend best wishes.

Elinor Cain
Secretary Treasurer

MARGARET JOUGHIN RETIRES AS "BULLETIN" EDITOR

In looking back over my years of editing *The Bulletin* I find that in spite of my early misgivings I have enjoyed it. When the 1961 Montreal Convention was over I wondered how I could ever have been persuaded to take on the job; but, as many of you may remember, Harry Kelly was a great persuader, and there I was with the task of following Gertrude Cannell who had been in charge of the *Bulletin* since it began in the 1920's.

To begin with there were so many things I was unsure or even ignorant of. Where, for instance, was all the material to come from to fill eight pages of print four times a year? Who did I know who would be willing to write for the *Bulletin*? How many words? lines? typed pages? would I have to have for one page of print? What did the transformation of my pages of typing into a printed booklet entail? What were galley proofs; and how did one set about pasting them up into a dummy *Bulletin* so that everything would fit in without having bits of items left over or having large empty white spaces with nothing to fill them?

Making up the *Bulletin* for the first few times was like doing a great jigsaw puzzle without having a picture to follow as a guide. Several times I found myself short of a column or so of material and then would have a great rush to find an item of just the right length and to send an S.O.S. to the printers for some speedy typesetting. More often, though, there would be the problem of deciding what would have to be left out until the next issue, and of juggling the items around from page to page and column to column to find where they fitted best. Deciding what to leave out was not always as easy as it might sound since the piece which should be left out because of its size was sometimes the piece which had to be left in because of its content.

All the technical problems were solved in time by experience but the problem of what to put in the *Bulletin* is one which arises with each issue and can only be solved by having more material on hand than is actually required so that some selection can be made. This is where we all, as members of the NAMA, can help by sending in anything we think might be interesting. Without those who send in articles, items of interest, and news, the *Bulletin* would soon cease to exist so perhaps I can suggest that we all keep up the good work so that the new editor's job will be made as easy as possible.

During the time that I was editor I made many friends and was in touch with Manx people in many different places on this continent and overseas and I must say how much I appreciated their help and co-operation. I shall miss

OBITUARIES

CHRISTIAN, John Alfred. Passed away suddenly on July 20th 1972. He had returned to his homeland with his wife Ivy and had just established residence at 21 Eskdale Road, Onchan. His wife was President of the Ladies Aux. in 1955 and is a life member of NAMA. His ashes were strewn in the Garden of Remembrance at the Borough Cemetery, Douglas, Isle of Man, July 27th 1972.

FICK, Harriet — At Toronto on Wednesday June 28th 1972. Harriet, beloved wife of William Fick, dear mother of Hilda (Mrs. E. Lettau), Mona (Mrs. I. Davidson), Howard of Orillia, Edward of Cooksville, Cecil of St. Petersburg, Florida and Gordon of Erin. Also survived by 23 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Interment took place on Saturday at Resthaven Memorial Gardens. The late Mrs. Fick had been a long time member of the Toronto Manx Society.

FRISBY, Bertram. 14 Ferguson Street, Kemptville, Ontario. Died Thursday June 22nd 1972. He was 84 years old, born in Northampton, England. In April 21st 1919 in Timmins, Ontario, he married Ethel (Essie) Costain. Mr. Frisby had been a resident of Kemptville since 1922. He owned and operated the Frisby Bakery. He was an Honorary Charter Life member of the local Branch of the Canadian Legion, past member of Rotary Club and past member of the Oddfellows. Surviving in addition to his wife is one son, James, in Ottawa. The body rested at the Rolston Funeral Home where the funeral service was conducted in the Chapel on Saturday June 24th at 2 p.m. Rev. Hart of St. James

hearing from them all but will look forward to reading their news in the *Bulletin*.

To the new *Bulletin* editor, Hilda Penrice, my congratulations on her election and best wishes for her every success; and may she find her new task an enjoyable and rewarding one.

Margaret Joughin

DID YOU DUE IT?

Dues are due August 1st of each year. A membership form (pink slip) is sent out with the *Bulletin* issued at about the start of each year. Many have paid their dues but others apparently put the slip aside intending to take care of it later. For those who haven't paid, won't you please do so **now**? Send your cheque (with or without the pink slip) to — C. E. Creer, 14228 Union Ave., Orland Park., Ill. 60462.

Membership Fee \$4.00 including subscription to *Bulletin* published four times annually. Membership without *Bulletin* \$1.00. **DO IT NOW!**

Anglican Church officiated. Interment followed in Union Cemetery.

GAWNE, Charles E. July 1972. Mr. Gawne formerly lived at 535 S. Lyman in Oak Park, he passed away in a Berwyn Nursing Home. He was a former village trustee of Oak Park and was a past national secretary of the National Assn. of Master Plumbers. He is survived by four sons, Charles B., James D., Bernard B., and William J., 27 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

KERRUISH, Margaret (Cameron), July 21st 1972; wife of the late Courtenay G. Kerruish; mother of Courtenay G. Kerruish Jr. and Mrs. Donald C. Barlow; grandmother of Marnee and Bill Barlow; sister of Miss Agnes Cameron, Mr. Fred (Adele) Towle, and the late George, Wallace and John Cameron, 3 brothers. Mrs. Kerruish was a life member of Highland Park Chapter No. 403 O.E.S.

MARQUIS, Mrs. A. L., passed away June 30, 1972, at home, 3367 N. E. Holladay Street, Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Marquis, nee Mary Bess Killey, was born January 22, 1871, in Aledo, Illinois. She was the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Moughtin — Morton, in U.S.A.) Killey who were born on the Isle of Man. Mr. Marquis preceded her in death in 1938. She is survived by two sons, Lyle Killey Marquis and Hugh McConaughy Marquis and a daughter, Mrs. Edna Marquis Howard. Her son, Walter Alexander Marquis, died in 1945. There are six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. All reside in the Portland area. There are several nieces and nephews including the two daughters of her brother, Mr. Arthur Morton Killey. They are Mabel Kolarits (Mrs. S. W.) of Casselberry, Florida, and Elizabeth Cowin (Mrs. Robert) of Geneva, Illinois. The March issue of the *Bulletin* contained an article about Mrs. Marquis following her 101st birthday.

QUILLIAM, Walter J. September 16th 1972; age 86 in Liverpool, England, the late Mr. Quilliam resided with his niece Miss M. Bateson and is also survived by one sister — Mrs. Bert Lewis, several nephews and another niece. He lived in the U.S.A. for many years, and was also with the Canadian Army in World War I. He was a valuable worker with the Manx in Cleveland, also the Mona's Relief Society, Men's Mutual Benefit and a member of NAMA. The late Mr. Quilliam was a talented pianist. He also had a lovely tenor voice and was in demand as a soloist. When he left the States to reside in England, he was greatly missed. He was a valued friend of the late Mr. Harry Kelly and Mrs. Kelly of Maple Hts., Ohio.

To relatives and friends of the above we offer our deep and sincere sympathy.