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

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From Log Cabin to Skyscraper

The following article is reprinted from the Souvenir Book of the NAMA Convention held August 1935 at the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

Down the newly-built Erie Canal into the western wilderness came three Manx families in the spring of 1826. Ohio was at that time largely covered with forests and their first task was to build their little homes. With an axe in one hand and a pen in the other, they proceeded to develop Cuyahoga County. With the axes they cleared up enough land that following winter to plant their crops the next year. With their pens, they became propagandists and are credited with having sent to the Manx newspapers such glowing accounts of the golden opportunities open here that many folk were induced to leave their Island home and join them. Union Street territory of Newburgh township, soon became known as the 'Manx Settlement.' Very soon the colony needed educational resources and the little log school-house grew up under the hammer of the busy Manx colonists. Peeking in the window in retrospect, we see on the long benches, the sons and daughters of Ellan Vannin, learning their pioneer lessons in reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic.

Realizing their dependence on each other, they organized the Mona's Relief Society in 1851, for the purpose of "Mutual improvement and charitable relief of our fellow-countrymen through adversity or misfortune." Two years later the Mona's Benefit Society was formed for the purpose of sick and death benefits, patterned on the order of British societies of similar nature.

On December 7th 1899, the women of the Mona's Relief Society organized a separate unit calling it the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society. Their work has been continuous and unflinching in carrying out the friendly aims of the Society.

The trail from the Isle of Man to Cleveland had lengthened and broadened all over the United States and Canada and a hundred years after the first Manx immigration the American born Manx

THE ISLE OF MAN IN THE SPRING ...

They all say see Paris in April,
I have never seen Paris at all;
But I've seen the wonders of the
Rockies,

And Vermont mountains in the Fall;
You may have all these, but forever,
Give me the Isle of Man in the Spring.

Have you ever filled your soul with the
fragrance of honeysuckles after a rain,
Or the joy of finding the first primrose;
The feeling of half pleasure, half pain,
That's the Isle of Man in the Spring.

Did you ever see gorse in its golden
glory,

Fanned by the breath of Spring;
The snowdrops hiding so shy and small,
Foxgloves so proud, so stately and tall;
That's the Isle of Man in the Spring.

The fuschia filled hedges, a joy to
behold;

Hawthorns in the glens, both pink and
white;

Watercress in the streams, so clear and
bright;

The rapture, the joy, has never been
told,

That's the Isle of Man in the Spring.

Original Poem by Bessie Leece Auty

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reunited their ties to the little Island with a great home-coming trip in 1927. This trip gave birth to the idea that all people in Canada and the United States of Manx heritage should be united into an association, and in 1928 the North American Manx Association was organized in Cleveland linking the Manx roots into a unit.

Shortly after, in 1929, the younger Manx of Cleveland, realizing that they too, had a rich heritage to preserve, banded together and formulated the Cleveland Junior Manx Society.

Those early Manx Settlers, our forefathers, merit our deepest gratitude for what they did for us.

## COIN AND STAMP COLLECTORS

July 5th, 1973 will see a set of definitive stamps released by the Isle of Man, the tiny island in the Irish Sea.

The designs, by John H. Nicholson and photogravure printed by Courvoisier, will show various scenes around the Island. They are Castletown (1/2p), Port Erin (1p), Snaefell (1 1/2p), Laxey (2p), Tynwald Hill (2 1/2p), Douglas promenade (3p), Port St. Mary (3 1/2p), Fairy Bridge (4p), Peel (5p), Cregneish (6p), Ramsey Bay (7 1/2p), Douglas Bay (9p), Manx Cat (10p), Loaghtyn Rams (20p), Manx shearwater (50p), and Viking longship (£1).

The stamps will be released on July 5th, 1973, when the Isle of Man inaugurates its own postal service.

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### COMMEMORATIVE COINS

To commemorate the Silver Wedding of HM the Queen and Prince Phillip special Isle of Man coins are now available.

Isle of Man — Obverse: Portrait of HM the Queen by Arnold Machin. Date 1972. Words "Isle of Man" "Elizabeth II".

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NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
August 1, 1971—July 31, 1972

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|                                            | Checking<br>Account | Savings<br>Account | Charter Flight<br>Account - |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| On Hand — 8/1/71                           | \$ 65.46            | \$4,109.02         | \$1,754.23                  |
| <b>Receipts</b>                            |                     |                    |                             |
| Dues                                       | 1,573.55            |                    |                             |
| Interest                                   |                     | 197.73             | 35.62                       |
| Memorials                                  | 10.00               |                    |                             |
| Closed Park Ridge Account                  | 233.42              | (233.42)           |                             |
| Donations — 1972 Convention                |                     |                    | 200.00                      |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                      | 1,816.97            | (35.69)            | 1,989.85                    |
| <b>Disbursements</b>                       |                     |                    |                             |
| Printing—Bulletin- 3 - issues              | 1,231.89            |                    |                             |
| Postage — Editor                           | 90.00               |                    |                             |
| Financial Secretary — Expenses             | 59.09               |                    |                             |
| Printing — Tax Refund on Bulletin          | (372.75)            |                    |                             |
| Recording Secretary—Allowance (13½ months) | 175.00              |                    |                             |
| Editor—Allowance                           | 150.00              | Convention         | 300.00                      |
| Financial Secretary—Allowance              | 125.00              | Misc.              | 23.50                       |
| Dues Refund                                | 4.00                |                    |                             |
| Executive Meeting Expense                  |                     |                    | 604.93                      |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>                 | 1,462.23            | .00                | 928.43                      |
| On Hand — 7/31/72                          | \$ 420.20           | \$4,073.33         | \$1,061.42                  |

**MEMBERSHIP**

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Life Members                          | 30  |
| Annual Memberships — with Bulletin    | 471 |
| Annual Memberships — without Bulletin | 83  |
| Societies                             | 13  |
| <b>Total Membership</b>               | 597 |

**NEW MEMBERS**

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| 1970—71 Year | 38 |
| 1971—72 Year | 21 |

**ADDRESSES UNKNOWN**

Three Bulletins were returned to me  
with "Address Unknown", they are as  
follows—

Mrs. Eleanor Sorenson  
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Mrs. Vera H. Marvin  
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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of  
these three members, would you please  
get in touch with me.

The Editor

**BOAC GROUP ECONOMY FLIGHT  
TO THE ISLE OF MAN**

All members of the NAMA have now  
received in the mail information about  
the forthcoming economy flight to the  
Isle of Man, leaving Toronto, Canada on  
May 20th — returning from London June  
9th, 1973. Airfare — \$246.90 (U.S.) per  
person. Optional ground arrangements  
— \$185.00 (U.S.) per person.  
Application for Reservations . . .  
NAMA - Isle of Man (May 20 — June 9th,  
1973).

International Travel Service, Inc.  
104 South Michigan Ave.,  
Suite 1220  
Chicago, Illinois 60603.

I hope all our readers enjoyed the  
September/December Bulletin, I had my  
anxious moments, but I breathed a sigh  
of relief when they were finally in the  
Mail and on their way.

I would like to thank all the  
contributors for their news, items and  
articles, without their help and support  
our Bulletins would not be possible, this  
is our only method of communication for  
all the members of the NAMA, so please  
keep your news coming.

I must apologise if items sent in were  
not printed, this was due to the fact they  
did not reach me in time, so I beg of you  
to please send your news and articles  
before the deadline date, this is  
underlined in the letters sent to  
Societies, Executive, and our regular  
contributors, this will eliminate the  
worry and enable me to meet the  
printers deadline date, to re-set the type  
is costly and time consuming, I know I  
can count on your co-operation.

The Editor.

## DO YOU KNOW?

THAT — In 1895 the big Snow came to the Isle of Man, it started on Thursday February 3rd, the next morning, houses were buried almost to the roof, no water was available for weeks except what people could carry from a pipe opened at the reservoir further up the glen, as the river was frozen solid and all the wells were buried, this was in the vicinity of Glen Helen and Cronk-y-Voddy.

THAT — There were many "characters" around Cronk-y-Voddy in the old days, they were generally known by their nicknames. One was Willie Thobm Faie, also called Willie the Fairy, his mother kept a little sweet shop, Willie was a great singer of Manx songs, it was said he used to see the fairies among the trees of the glen, hence his nickname.

THAT — Another character in the same area was Richard Kelly, known as Dick the Taffy, he lived at Monaghan near Lambfell. He used to gather Luss-ny-Cholg and sell it to the visitors, claiming it as the great Manx cure-all herb, he made quite a lot of money by this trade.

THAT — The highest mountain on the Isle of Man is Snaefell rising to 2,034 ft., this is followed by North Barrule 1,840 ft., Beinn-y-Phott (Penny pot) 1,790 ft. Garraghan - 1,640 ft., to the south is a mountain consisting of Colderen at the north end - 1,595 ft., Greeba at the south end 1,383 ft., twin peaks, South Barrule - 1,585 ft. and Cronk-ny-Irrey-Lhaa - 1,449 ft.

THAT — On Bradda Head stands the Milner Tower, it was erected to commemorate the connection between Port Erin and William Milner, the famous Liverpool manufacturer of safes, who lived many years at Port Erin.

THAT — In August 1935, the NAMA held their eighth Convention at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, prices at this time were full course dinners from — \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, this was at the Regnatz Warren Road, Accommodation at the Allerton, East 13th at Chester, — Single - \$1.50 up, Double — \$2.50 up, all this with swimming pool free to guests.

THAT — The Standish family were closely connected with the parish of Lezayre, Isle of Man. Myles Standish (1584-1656), the Pilgrim Father American colonist, and military leader of the Plymouth colony in New England, was probably born in Lezayre at Ellanbane. His first wife Rose and her sister Barbara (who was Standish's second wife) were Manx.

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS ROBERT KELLY President NAMA

Robert Kelly is the son of Emily I. Kelly and the late Cecil Kelly (formerly of Peel). His Grandfather on his Father's side was Robert Kelly of Peel, Harbor-master and Diver, his Grandfather on his Mother's side — John Knight of Kirk Andreas, Isle of Man. Bob and his wife Jean live on the far northwest side of Chicago at 6858 North Osceola.

Bob is presently Manager, General Accounting Dept; at Bodine Electric Company in Chicago and was formerly Assistant Treasurer of Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville and for 17 years worked for the C & EL Railroad as Supervisor of the payroll department and Systems Programmer in the Data Processing Department.

Both Bob and Jean are active in the United Methodist Church, they team teach a 3rd and 4th grade Church school class. Bob is President of the Methodist Men's group and a Lay Speaker.



Bob became the first Junion Member of the NAMA at the Chicago Convention in 1933 and held Membership Card #1 as long as he was eligible. He was elected 2nd Vice President of the NAMA at the Convention in Toronto in 1965, and 1st Vice President at Huntington Beach in 1968.

He is presently President of the Chicago Manx Society, a member of Toastmasters International, and has been in charge of the Chicago Manx exhibit at the Holiday Folk Fair for several years.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The Christmas party of the San Francisco Manx Society was held at the home of Mrs. Amy Satterlee with an excellent attendance, many of the members had travelled several miles to be present, as the membership is scattered all over the Bay area.

Gifts were exchanged, records of Manx songs and hymns were enjoyed, this was followed by a luncheon of Christmas fare. A new member was welcomed into the Society — Mrs. H.S. Corlett.

The next meeting will be held on February 28th, at the Alta Mira Hotel in Sausalito, it will be a luncheon meeting, and will accommodate those members who live in the north Bay area.

(Mrs.) Hilda Corlett, Secretary,  
7605 Winona Lane,  
Sebastopol, Calif. 95472.

## Financial Statement Ladies' Auxiliary to the NAMA 1970-72

|                           |               |                                      |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Balance April 1970        | \$273.28      |                                      |               |
| <b>Receipts</b>           |               | <b>Disbursements</b>                 |               |
| Dues 1970-72 (55 Members) | 61.97         | Donation to Niagara Falls Convention | \$100.00      |
| Bank Interest             | 31.69         | Ladies Aux. Dues \$5.00 year         | 10.00         |
| Contributions             | 15.00         | Convention Ad. Niagara Falls, Canada | 6.00          |
| Raffle Proceeds from Tray | 8.18          | Convention Raffle Tickets            | 5.00          |
|                           |               | Memorial Flowers (Mr. W. H. Kelly)   | 10.00         |
|                           |               | Tray — Prize to I.O.M. Convention    | 3.50          |
|                           |               | Cards, Postage, Etc.                 | 6.00          |
|                           |               | Bank Balance                         | 249.62        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>390.12</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>390.12</b> |
| Balance end of Season     | \$249.62      |                                      |               |
| Audited and Found Correct |               | Respectfully Submitted               |               |
| By:                       |               |                                      |               |
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|                           |               | Secretary — Treasurer                |               |

## NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

### BISBEE ARIZONA

The Bisbee Manx Society held their Christmas meeting and party at the home of Mrs. Ivy Dillon, there was an excellent attendance of 26 present. A singsong was enjoyed with lots of carols, and all the old Manx songs, an exchange of gifts followed, a delicious lunch was then enjoyed by all. No meeting was held in January owing to the fact that quite a few members were out of town, and some were down with colds and flu, the February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Annie Rothery.

Ivy Dillon, Secretary  
207 Hazzard Street,  
Bisbee, Arizona 85603

### CHICAGO

The 100th Anniversary celebration of the Chicago Manx Society will be held Sunday, April 8, 1973 at the Nordic Hills Country Club, Scandinavia House Restaurant, Route 53 and Nordic Road, Itasca, Illinois. The occasion will start with dinner at 1:00 p.m. followed by reminiscences of the first 100 years. The Chicago Manx Society was founded March 1873 as the Sons of Mona, changing its name to the Chicago Manx Society on March 2, 1914.

Chairmen for the celebration are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clucas, 201 South Maple, Itasca, Illinois 60143. Co-chairman is Edith Ristow. Mrs. Ristow's father and Norman Clucas' grandfather was a founder of the Society.

Any Manx friends who wish to send greetings or memories of the Chicago Manx are requested to send them to Robert Kelly, 6858 North Osceola, Chicago, 60631. Any further information is available from Norman Clucas or Robert Kelly.

The Chicago Manx Society invites all Manx friends wherever they may be to be with us on April 8th.

Robert Kelly,  
President

### TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

The Toronto Manx Society have not been meeting of late owing to the Social Convenor Mrs. J. Mitchell being ill for some time, the Secretary Mrs. Dot Hall has been under the weather also, also many of the members have been ill with "flu". As spring is just around the corner our thinking caps are on again, ready to get going.

Dot Hall, Secretary  
176 Curzon Street,  
Toronto 8, Ontario.

### CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Several members' slides made up from pictures taken at the 1972 N.A.M.A. Niagara Falls convention, and others from our Christmas party were shown after our regular January meeting. Miss Linorah Cox won the door prize that evening.

A Valentine Party with "Anything Pertaining to Hearts" was the theme of the February Competition of the Month. A prize was awarded for the most unusual entry.

Somewhat like an armchair travelogue on the Isle of Man — "A Manx Roundabout" followed the March meeting. Name tags depicted outlines of historic sites in the Island. Road signs directed members to their own birthday months' tea tables when refreshments were served.

Our annual card party is scheduled for May. Members and their friends always enjoy this for there are many door prizes, and it is a good, sociable evening.

Marge Krach, Publicity  
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#### Secretary —

Miss Florence Lyon  
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Fred Gorry

#### Honorary Trustee — Richard R. Kelly

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

On February 3rd our Society held a meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. T. Donald Bain in Long Beach. The heavy rain which poured down during the morning and afternoon of the 3rd affected the attendance, as many of our members drive long distances, however it cleared up just before our meeting hour of 2 p.m., and it was fine the rest of the day enabling our members to return to their homes in fine weather. Twelve of our active members attended, and we had a good meeting and a lot of fun and

good fellowship. We were happy to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Kinley, recently returned to reside again in the U.S. after living for a short time in the I.O.M.

Malcolm as usual sang some Manx songs for us, and the good old days of our youth were recalled by many of us present. Rev. James Caley as always, told many of his good stories and of his experiences since we last met in 1972.

It was good to have Mr. William K. Caley with us after his illness of several months. He is much improved in health, and getting along nicely. Mr. Philip E. Caley, our President, did a fine job of presiding, and all in all it was a most enjoyable afternoon. Delicious refreshments were served by the Hostess, and we are now looking forward to our next get-together at the lovely home of Rev. and Mrs. James C. Caley in Huntington Beach, on April 7, 1973. All our members send Best Wishes to our Manx friends everywhere for a Happy & Prosperous year in 1973. We all deeply regret the passing away of our member Mrs. Bertha Burrell on January 3rd, 1973.

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

### WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Miss Doris Clague, Hon; Sec: WMA has asked me to include in this Bulletin the dates of the forthcoming WMA outings to be held on the Isle of Man this summer, for those of our members and Manx friends who are fortunate to be going home this year to the "lil island.

May 17th 1973, Thursday

Tea at 2:30 p.m.

at the Creg Malin, Peel.

June 21st 1973, Thursday

Supper at 6:30 p.m.

South of the Island

July 8th 1973, Sunday

Tea at 2:15 p.m.

at Grand Island Hotel, Ramsey

Evening service in Northern Church.

August 9th 1973, Thursday

Tea at Ravensdale Castle at 2:30 p.m.

September 12th 1973, Wednesday

Tea at 2:30 p.m. at Airport Restaurant.

#### The above are subject to alteration

The WMA will be holding their Annual Tynwald Gathering on July 5th, the venue is not yet arranged, representatives from the Manx Societies in NAMA are requested to signify if they will be present at this event, would they please get in touch with the Hon; Sec; Miss Doris Clague, 1 Hilary Road, Douglas, I.O.M. phone Douglas 6741. The WMA are happy to welcome all intending Homecomers during the summer.

**DEATH OF  
MRS. W. HARRY KELLY**

Honorary Vice-President of the  
North American Manx Association

It is with a deep sense of sadness that we report the sudden death of Mrs. W. Harry Kelly at her home in Maple Heights, Ohio on December 19, 1972.

Mary Elizabeth Kissack Kelly was born on the Isle of Man on February 19, 1900, the daughter of the late Harry Kissack of Brookhill, Ramsey. She received her schooling there and graduated from Ramsey High School in 1918. Mary emigrated to Montreal in 1923 to become the bride of her childhood sweetheart, Harry Kelly. Since 1934 they made their home in Maple Heights. Their one daughter, Florence, and her husband, William A. Roseman, and in turn their granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth, were a treasured joy in this close knit family where love of family and home meant so much.

Mary was always very active in the Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx) and for many years headed the Benefit Committee. She cared about the rich and poor alike — not just in word — but in daily actions. She was always willing to talk to people and had a very sympathetic, understanding nature. Both she and Harry played a role of true friendship and helpfulness to all Manx people and their home was always open to visiting Manx folks. She was generous and hospitable and made everyone feel at home and comfortable.

Just recently, at the last Convention, she was elected Honorary Vice-President of the NAMA, an honor she richly deserved. At the 1970 Convention she was elected Honorary President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the NAMA, an office she still hold at the time of her death. Through the years she was active and supported all things Manx, particularly all the



Manx-American activities which Harry undertook.

She enjoyed travelling with Harry and her family and had many stories she could tell about her travels; especially of how she and Florence were among the passengers rescued from the liner Athenia when the ship was torpedoed in the Atlantic early in World War II.

A kindly, optimistic and sympathetic lady, Mary made friends easily with all people. She was a real homemaker and a marvellous baker. She often would counsel others to take it easy and all the while she kept busy. She conquered high blood pressure for twenty years and was active right up to the moment of summons to the Heavenly Kingdom. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul Balliett of the Maple Heights United Methodist Church on Friday, December 22, 1972. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery.

That she was spared the days and months of suffering is a blessing and we will always remember her loving words so eloquently expressed by Rev. Balliett. . . "Be proud to be a lady . . . think the best thoughts . . . do what is good and proper and you will find much satisfaction and happiness . . . do the things that you know are acceptably good . . . and have courage for what should be done".

**CHRISTMAS AT HOME**

by Elizabeth Clucas

My annual trip home at Christmas this year was from December 22 to January 4 and although short, was pretty busy. The actual journey home I will not describe, with fog-bound airports and delays, etc., this is quite usual for me.

My family met me at the airport, six hours later than expected, and from then on time did not stand still. The usual last minute shopping — food for 3 days and forgotten gifts, then finally Christmas Eve and carol services, which had a special meaning this year being Sunday night.

Christmas day my mother and I spent with my sister and husband and their three Manx cats. As usual we all ate too

much and just watched television — morning TV is devoted to famous stars visiting childrens' hospitals, and then everything stands still at 3 P.M. for the Queen's Commonwealth message. We, in our family, open our gifts after tea on Christmas Day, with its salad, home-made bun loaf, scones, mince pies, and fruity Christmas cake covered in marzipan and icing. (The Christmas cake is my job to decorate when I get home.) Our table was decorated with the pretty napkin rings from the Cleveland Manx Christmas party.

December 26th is known as St. Stephen's Day, more popularly called Boxing Day, so called because people that day box their gifts up to exchange

**"MANX GET TOGETHER"**

On November 13th, Myrra Stevenson Johnson arranged a "Get together party" at her home 8543 East Pecos Lane, Scottsdale, Arizona, for a number of Manx folks and their friends. Included in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Chad Cowley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kissack, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Killip and their son Russell and his wife Pat.

Mr. Chad Cowley's Great Great Grandfather was born in Kirk Michael, Isle of Man and died in the United States. Mr. Charles Kissack was born in Peel, I.O.M. and attended school with Mrs. Ethel Christian of Largo, Florida.

Mr. William J. Killip was born in Barrow-in-Furness, England, but his parents returned to their native Laxey, in the Isle of Man, when he was two years old.

Mrs. Barbara Saffell of Phoenix, Arizona, is interested in the Isle of Man for the reason that she has a Manx Cattery, and raises Manx Cats. She brought with her several Manx Kittens which greatly amused the audience.

For more than an hour the group was entertained with pictures and music of the Isle of Man. Myrra showed a lot of beautiful slide pictures which she had taken during her visit to the Island in 1970 during the N.A.M.A. Convention in Douglas. Her father Walter Stevenson gave a talk on the Isle of Man and sang several Manx songs — including the Manx National Anthem, "O land of our Birth" which was sung in Manx-Gaelic. He also sang The Manx Wedding and Ellan Vannin. . . The group was especially interested in hearing the old Manx Gaelic language which is seldom if ever heard in America today.

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the evening, and several requests were made that a similar meeting be arranged in the not too distant future. Refreshments concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Walter J. Stevenson

them in the shops — this may or may not be true. The 26th is also Hunt the Wren, with its age-old tradition.

This year we brought in the New Year at our Watchnight Service. Churches throughout the Island have midnight services, and afterwards, early in 1973, we stood singing carols on the church steps. Then the rounds start for the Qualtagh — the first footer. He must be dark and not a member of the family and his is the responsibility of bringing good luck to the household for the coming year. He carries a piece of coal, and is greeted with a glass of wine and mince pies. Then off to the next house — this could go on most of the night!

January 4th soon came and I packed my bags to once again leave the lovely Isle of Man.

## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

by Mrs. Robert S. Cowin  
1223 West Melrose Dr.,  
Westlake, Ohio 44145.

I had several pieces of interesting mail this month I would like to share with you . . . Mr. Edw. F. Sayle of Arlington, Virginia says that the Isle of Man Tourist Board is going to go ahead with the publication of a new booklet tentatively called "Tracing Your Ancestors in the Isle of Man" according to Mr. L. Bond, manager and secretary of the Board. The forthcoming booklet will detail extant genealogical source materials on Isle of Man, and provide guidance on exploitation of the materials by those of Manx ancestry seeking further genealogical information. Mr. Bond promises the work will be both factual and interesting, and will assist in answering the many inquiries of Manx-Americans about conducting such research. The Tourist Board will advise NAMA when preparations are completed and the booklet is available to our members. The Tourist Board received this suggestion from the NAMA and has followed through on it. Since genealogy is one of the three leading hobbies in the U.S. (in this order — stamps, coins, genealogy), I am sure this booklet will attract U.S. and Canadian tourists and encourage more people to visit the Isle of Man to do their own searching.

Does anyone have relatives or friends in the Isle of Man, interested in genealogy, who, for a nominal fee, would be interested in doing research for one of our members? Mr. John Moore, 8110 Whitehaven Drive, Parma, Ohio 44129 would be glad to hear from you if you know of anyone.

For those of you in the States having difficulty in finding birth records, while searching through the family papers and records you might find the name of a ship and date of arrival in the United States . . . The National Archives, Washington, D.C. has passenger lists dating back to 1820, with a few as early as 1787. Lists prior to 1820, may be on file at the Port of Entry.

Passenger lists usually disclose the exact date and place of departure and the closest relative in the passenger's native country.

If you know the name of the ship, but not the exact date of arrival, the MORTON ALLAN DIRECTORY OF EUROPEAN PASSENGER STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS, available at most large public libraries, lists the name and arrival dates of ships arriving in New York from 1890 to 1930 and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston from 1904 to 1926.

Continuing our research on the ORIGIN OF MANX PERSONAL NAMES . . . One of the most interesting family names in the Island is CORLETT.

That from which it is derived was Thorliotr, found in Runic script on a Ballaugh parish cross-slab of the 10th century. Prefixed by Mac (son) it became centuries later Mac Corleod, and still centuries later, Corlett, its present form.

KENNISH (KINNISH) comes from the old Gaelic name Mac Aonghuis, meaning son of Angus, a favorite name with the early Gaels as it was that of the Celtic God of Youth, and names of the gods were then often given to children much as in Christian times were those of saints or Bible characters. Its earliest recorded Manx form is Mac Enys, which appears in the Court Rolls for 1417. By 1511 it had become Mac Inesh, and by 1601 Kynnishe. The usual spelling at the present time is Kennish, and this first appeared in the parish register of Braddan in 1732.

COOIL is a Gaelic name derived from Mac Cumhail, meaning son of the courageous one, and is a name famous in the ancient Celtic sagas as that of Finn Mac Cumhail, hero of the Ossianic legends, who also appears in Manx folklore in a number of stories.

## RUYNAGH AS RISHEEN

6 sticks of Rhubarb  
½ lb. Valencia raisins, stoned  
½ oz. ginger  
3 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 wineglass sweet sherry.

Cut the rhubarb into 1-inch pieces and place in a deep pie dish with the raisins and sugar and ginger. Add the wine and about half a cupful of boiling water and cover the dish. Cook in a moderate oven for about half an hour. Serve from the baking dish with thick cream.

## ARRAN PRAASE (Potatoe cakes)

Peel and boil six medium potatoes in salted water until soft. Drain, and add a good lump of butter in the pan, then mash and beat well with a fork until light and fluffy. Turn out into a bowl and knead into the potatoes enough flour to make a light dough without adding any liquid. This must be done while the potatoes are still warm. Roll out very thin and cook on a heavy iron griddle or fry pan over steady heat, turning when one side is very lightly browned. The griddle or pan should be brushed off after each cake is made. The cakes may be eaten either hot or cold, spread with butter.

## TO COOK A MANX KIPPER

Trim the kippers by removing the heads and tails, place the kippers cut side down on an ungreased cold frying pan. Place the frying kipper over a moderate heat. Cook until the kippers are browned, turning them once. The oil from the kippers is sufficient to cook

## CHATting BY HEP

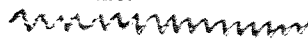
I sometimes think our sense of smell is tied up with our memories, for me I know this to be a fact. Today I am making a pot of soup, beautiful meaty soup bones, carrots, turnip, onions, potatoes and split peas, a feast for the Gods on a cold bleak wet day. Immediately I am back to my childhood days coming in from school at noon and the smell of the split pea or lentil soup meeting me at the door, we always had our main meal of the day at noon, with an hour and a half for dinner we had lots of time to enjoy it, the soup was usually followed by steamed pudding or roly-poly with custard sauce.

Another happy association with this very important sense was the smell of tar at the beginning of summer, I only have to smell tar and I can visualise the long, warm, carefree, summer holidays from school and being allowed to go bare-legs and into our summer shoes and dresses. I would watch the town workmen patching up the roads with a tar sprayer and then stone chippings were spread over this, what memories I can conjure up when I smell the leaves burning in the Fall (alas this is not permitted any more) this would bring to mind November 5th and Guy Fawkes night, so many bon-fires would be burning it seemed as if the whole town were ablaze. The lingering sweet smell of roses and lilacs after the rain, the smell of new mown hay, new bread, apples, clover, so many things we take for granted, but to most of us a delight.

The smell of a Manx kipper and again I am a child enjoying my tea with lots of bread and Manx butter, of course the smell of fish, herrings in particular were part of my growing up and summer time, but over-all was the smell of the sea, the tangy, salty fresh smell of the sea, being raised on an Island with the sea ever present, I only have to close my eyes, take a deep breath and my most delightful memories come back to me. (I sometimes wonder if others feel the same as I do, I'm pretty sure they do).

Again the scent of baby soap and talcum and I'm back bathing my children when they were babies, the smell of a detergent, don't even remember the name of it, and I visualise a vacation spent at a summer cottage many years ago for me a happy time, as you can see I only conjure up the nice things, these are the ones which should be remembered anyway.

Do other folk go through this experience? I'm sure they do, if not just try it sometime.

  
them in the pan. For our Canadian readers Manx kippers can be obtained from Eaton's Store in Montreal.

A GOOD START TO A GOOD DAY.

**NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION  
1972 CONVENTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
September 15 - 18, 1972**

SPACE DID NOT PERMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE CONVENTION IN THE SEPT/DEC. EDITION, I HAVE INCLUDED THEM IN THIS ISSUE.

The Convention Committee wishes to gratefully acknowledge —

**Contributions for Convention Expenses:**

Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx)  
Ladies Auxiliary to the NAMA.  
Toronto Manx Society  
Southern California Manx Society  
Chicago Manx Society  
Mrs. Essie Quine—Isle of Man  
Edwin Killip—Burbank, California  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cain—Onchan,  
Isle of Man  
T.R. Anderson—Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Eva Moore—Portland, Oregon  
Florence Gill—Brooklyn, New York  
Miss N.M. Spurr—South Porcupine, Ont.  
Sydney Cowle—Rock Creek, Ohio  
Edith Morgan—Toronto, Ontario  
Mabel Lindauer—Mineral Point, Wis.

**Contributions for Prizes**

Richard Corkill—Detroit, Michigan  
Alice Garrett—Rochester, New York  
William Quine, E. Quine, Mrs. Jackson—  
Lake Worth, Florida  
Mrs. Margaret Abell—Lakewood, Ohio  
Miss R. Maude Bailey—Jenkintown, Pa.  
Mrs. Mona Burnsworth—Confluence, Pa.  
Ethel Christian—Largo, Florida  
Ruth & Ellen Carlson—  
West Chicago, Ill.  
Miss Ruby Corlett—Cleveland, Ohio  
Mrs. E. Hall—Weston, Ontario  
John Kneale—Chicago, Ill.  
Robert Kelly—Kenmore, New York  
W.C. Lahmers—Toronto, Ontario  
Florence McGain—Montreal, P.Q.  
Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Nicholl—  
Willoughby, Ohio  
Mrs. Lloyd B. Robson—Cambridge, Ill.  
Walter Stevenson—Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Myrra Johnson—Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Dot Hall—Toronto, Ontario  
Norman Clucas—Itasca, Ill.  
Earl Cannell—North Olmsted, Ohio

In the event anyone did not receive a book or their prize please contact me, Robert Kelly, at 6858 North Osceola Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60631. Copies of the Souvenir Book are still available at \$1.00.

The oldest building in Ramsey, Isle of Man is Ballure Church, a small Church founded on one of the keills, it has no sign that can identify it's dedication. It was restored in 1850 and re-dedicated to St. Catherine.

**RECEIPTS**

|                                          |                 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Advance from 1970 Charter Flight Account | \$ 150.00       |
| Advance Registrations                    |                 |
| Less: Exchange and Bank Charges          | 1,437.51        |
| Convention Registrations                 |                 |
| Cheques                                  | 322.90          |
| Cash                                     | 998.82          |
| Convention Donations                     |                 |
| Less: Exchange and Bank Charges          | 370.19          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>3,279.42</b> |

**DISBURSEMENTS**

|                                              |                 |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Printing                                     | 69.96           |
| Postage and Telephone                        | 50.00           |
| Stationery Supplies                          | 9.49            |
| <b>Convention Events</b>                     |                 |
| Social Evening                               | 345.00          |
| Banquet and Dance                            | 1,162.50        |
| Orchestra                                    | 205.00          |
| Flowers                                      | 22.05           |
| Tour and Picnic                              | 834.00          |
| Ladies Luncheon                              | 244.40          |
| Bus from Airport (IOM Party)                 | 50.00           |
| Surplus to be Transferred to General Account | 287.02          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>3,279.42</b> |

Prepared by S. Penrice

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
1972 Convention  
Niagara Falls, Ontario**

**RECEIPTS**

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Greetings, Memorials, Ads, Patrons | \$ 831.06         |
| Prize Distribution                 | 724.00            |
| Donations for Prize Distribution   | 219.00            |
| Donations for Convention Expense   | 128.00            |
| Dividend on Savings Account        | 31.56             |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>              | <b>\$1,933.62</b> |
| Ads to be collected                | 40.00             |
|                                    | <b>1,943.62</b>   |

**DISBURSEMENTS**

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>SOUVENIR BOOK</b>                  |               |
| Postage & Stationery for Solicitation | 49.30         |
| Miscellaneous Printing                | 3.00          |
| Printing — 600 copies of 36 page book | 500.00        |
| Postage for mailing book              | 40.83         |
|                                       | <b>593.13</b> |
| <b>PRIZE DISTRIBUTION</b>             |               |
| Postage & Stationery for Solicitation | 42.47         |
| Printing prize tickets                | 47.50         |
| Printing of letter                    | 2.00          |
| Purchase of prizes for distribution   | 197.64        |
| Postage for mailing prizes            | 14.74         |
|                                       | <b>304.35</b> |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>            | <b>897.48</b> |

**NET PROFIT**

**\$1,076.14**

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Kelly, Chairman

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

The family of Mrs. Thos. Nicholl (Minnie Callow) surprised her with a special birthday cake at the Cleveland Manx meeting in March. Minnie was 91 years young March 19th.

Counting Mrs. Nicholl, there were four generations of her immediate family present along with Mrs. John Nicholl (May Kewley) her sister-in-law, to partake of the birthday cake and celebrate the occasion with her Cleveland Manx friends.

On a recent business trip to Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice spent a very pleasant evening with Miss Margaret Joughin, it was hoped that other members of the Montreal Manx Society could have joined them for dinner, but owing to illness this was not possible.

Visitors with Mrs. Henry Christian, Largo, Florida, last month were Mr. and Mrs. Steele of Millersburg, Ohio, who were vacationing in St. Petersburg also Ethel and Bill Brown of St. Petersburg, Mrs. Annie Malek and her sister Florence Comish.

Mrs. Christian of Largo, Florida is expecting her cousin Lena Watterson from Peel, Isle of Man, and Mrs. May Heath of Manchester, England, in April 1973 for a three week visit.

Received a most interesting letter from Mrs. H. Christian, all about her recent vacation in Fiji, N.Z. and Australia, space does not permit it to be printed in this edition, it will be in a future issue.

## GALVAN REACHES 90 YEARS

Mrs. Herbert Cowley was 90 years old on Lincoln's birthday February 12th. Mrs. Cowley was born in 1882 on the Isle of Man, U.K. She came to the U.S.A. 65 years ago. She was married in 1916 and has lived alone since the death of her husband four years ago.

Mrs. Cowley has two daughters and one son, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She also raised her nephew after his mother, her sister died. Mrs. Bert Garrison and Mrs. Dale Fargher are Mrs. Cowley's daughters, Jim Cowley is her son. Haslem Brew of rural Toulon is the nephew she raised. Mrs. Cowley is a member of the First United Methodist Church but has been unable to attend for quite some time.

## OBITUARIES

KIRST, Elsie, of Mineral Point Wisconsin, beloved wife of Lyman R., passed away on June 19th 1972. Elsie and Lyman were faithful members of the Chicago Manx Society before moving to Wisconsin about three years ago. She will be missed by her many friends. Internment was in Cedar Memorial Cemetery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

MOORE, John. Passed away on August 28th 1972, the late Mr. Moore was a former member of the North American Manx Association, he had also been active in the New York Manx Society when it was in existence. This notice was sent to the Bulletin by his daughter Jean Helgeson.

CORRIN, Harvey J. Passed away on November 6th 1972. Mr. Corrin was retired vice-president of Cleveland Punch and Shear Works, born in Cleveland, he was an Akron resident eight years. He lived at 2711 Robin-dale Ave. Mr. Corrin was a member of the Cleveland Manx Society. He leaves three granddaughters and nine great-grandchildren.

CORKILL, Clara, age 93, passed away December 26th 1972 in South Euclid, Ohio. She was the wife of the late William, sister of John, Albert, and Emma Nicholl (all deceased), and aunt of Frank, Henry, Dorothy Nicholl, and Gladys Mathes. Mrs. Corkill was born in Douglas, Isle of Man on August 8th, 1879, she came to the United States during the early 1900's, and resided for many years in Bedford, Ohio. She was a long time member of the Cleveland Manx Society. Internment was in Bedford (Ohio) Cemetery.

WENDORF, Clara, passed away Sun. February 4, 1973 in Cleveland, Ohio; wife of the late Captain Herman; dear aunt of James Gaskell of Alpena, Michigan. Mrs. Wendorf was a member of the Cleveland Manx Society.

BURRELL, Bertha Wilson Knight. Beloved wife of Mr. Herbert Burrell of Hemet, California. Born in England September 28, 1904. Passed away suddenly January 3, 1973. Member of the Southern Calif. Manx Society. Memorial Service was held at the Virgin Mortuary Chapel of the Bells, in Hemet, California. Internment — Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills, California.

KELLY, Mary Elizabeth Kissack — of Ramsey, I.O.M. widow of the late W. Harry Kelly, dear Mother of Florence Roseman, beloved grandmother of Mary Elizabeth Roseman, passed away December 19th, 1972, at her home in Maple Heights, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul Balliett of Maple Hts. United Methodist Church on Friday, December 22nd, 1972. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetary.

COLLISTER, Frank C., 85, a charter member of the Galva Manx Society died January 6, 1973. He was born in Douglas, Isle of Man and came to America as a young man and located in Cleveland, Ohio. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Emma Radcliffe in the Isle of Man and nephews and neices. He was preceded by two brothers and a sister in the Isle of Man and brothers: Thomas, Evan and Ed in Galva and James in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the United States. He retired from farming in 1947. He was a member of the Methodist church.

COLLINSON, Clyde, age 67, a lifelong resident of the Galva, Illinois community passed away January 31, 1973 after being in failing health the past sixteen months. He married Hilda Kennaugh, a native of Lower Foxdale, I.O.M. in October 1926 and she survives along with a son Dale of Galva and a daughter Donnamae (Mrs. Bernard Hocker) of Alexis, Illinois and three grandchildren. Three sisters and a brother and nephews and neices also survive. While Mr. Collinson was not Manx he held a great interest in the Galva and Peoria Manx organizations and enjoyed his associations with them. His occupation as a farmer and working with farm people was a lifetime interest and he was an employee of Prairie Farmer Magazine when illness forced his retirement. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Galva where final services were held February 3, 1973.

To those members sending in Obituary notices would you please include the name and address of next of kin.

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