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

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NAMA CONVENTION 1974

The N.A.M.A. Executive Committee in line with the directive given it by the Time and Place Committee at the Niagara Convention is presently planning on holding the 1974 convention in the Washington, D.C. area during August 1974, probably the 2nd or 3rd week. Mr. Ed Sayle, our newly elected trustee who is a resident of the area, advises that the year 1974 should be excellent for holding the gathering in Washington as they are starting to make plans for the Bicentennial which will be held in 1976 and we would be holding the convention prior to the time great crowds are expected. During the summer many of the public buildings are open 'til quite late including the Washington Monument. This area is one that is very rich in history and the many public buildings that are located there, including the Capitol, White House, Smithsonian Institution, National Archives, the National Art Gallery, etc., are all exciting points of interest to visit.

The convention will be headquartered in the surrounding area of Washington, possibly Virginia. Your President has received several letters and phone calls from hotels inviting us to make plans. We will be in further contact with Ed Sayle regarding location and in the next issue of the Bulletin we hope to have definite information so that you may begin planning accordingly.

Both our U.S. and Canadian members plus any overseas visitors should find this an exciting and interesting convention.

Robert Kelly, N.A.M.A. President

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TIME

*Time is written in Volumes Three
The past, the present, the yet to be.
The past is written, then laid away
The present we're living from day to day
The yet to be, greatest of the Three
Is hidden from sight, thank God,
He holds the key.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY ON THEIR 100th ANNIVERSARY

The following interesting article was sent in by Mr. Walter Stevenson of Scottsdale, Arizona formerly of Chicago.

Looking back over the years, the Chicago Manx Society has much to be proud of for the service it has rendered to the Manx people in the Chicago area. The Society was founded as The Sons of Mona on March 3rd, 1873, the name was changed to The Chicago Manx Society on March 2nd 1914. The group was formed by Manxmen who desired association with their fellow Manx and who were anxious to be of service to their fellow countrymen who were coming to America in increasing numbers. Conditions were vastly different in those early days compared to today when it took several weeks to cross the Atlantic. Today the distance can be spanned in a few hours by jet plane.

Among the Presidents who have served the Society during the past fifty years are Peter M. Watterson, Joe Comish, Dr. Josiah J. Moore, Charles Corrin, R. Cecil Kelly, Thomas C. Kelly, Walter J. Stevenson, Norman D. Clucas and presently Bob Kelly, who is also President of the NAMA. The Society has been very fortunate in having capable and dedicated Secretaries during this period, among whom were Edith Ristow, Fred Boyde, Ethel Christian and Emily Kelly.

Interested in Stamp Collecting? Write to the Isle of Man Philatelic Service, P.O. Box 10M, Douglas, Isle of Man (via U.K.) for a copy of their booklet "THE PHILATELIC SERVICE OF THE ISLE OF MAN POST OFFICE" for details.

YOUR MORNING SMILE

The modern man's idea of prosperity would be having 1912 taxes, 1928 dividends, 1932 prices and 1973 salaries.

On August 11th, 1936, the Society had the honour of entertaining the Hon. Ramsey B. Moore, attorney general of the Isle of Man and the Hon. J.D. Qualtrough, member of the Legislative Council of the Isle of Man. They were entertained at a dinner at the Lake Shore Club, which was managed by Marshall Keig, one of Chicago's outstanding Manxmen. On March 28th, 1936, Mr. Cecil Teare, Editor and owner of the Ramsey Courier and his wife, were also entertained by the Chicago Manx, other distinguished guests were the Hon. Richard Cain MHK, founder of the World Manx Association and A.B. Crookall then Mayor of Douglas, Isle of Man."

Mr. Stevenson continued by wishing the Chicago Manx Society every success for the future, that the Society would continue to grow and prosper.

DUES NOTICE

HAVE YOUR DUES BEEN PAID?

The answer is probably yes, but there are a number still unpaid. Perhaps the blame is on us for continuing to send the Bulletin to some whose dues are delinquent. Please let us know and we will stop the Bulletin and dues reminders. Your membership is cherished and we think you will agree that \$4.00 a year is not too much to keep informed on your Manx heritage. Fill in the enclosed pink membership and send with your cheque or money order to the Financial Treasurer —

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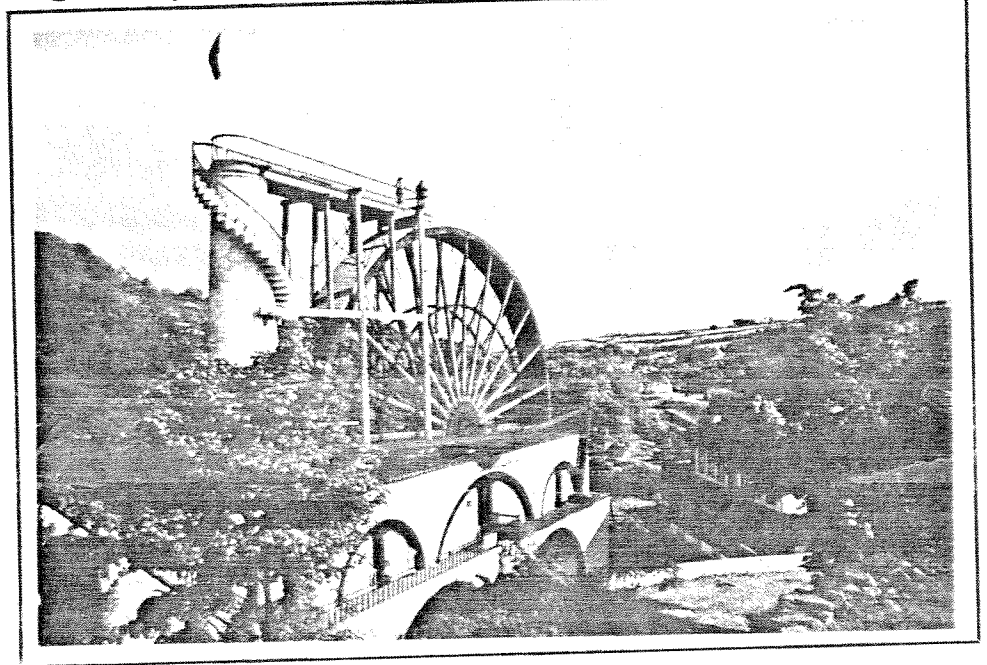
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IS FOR THE 1973-74 DUES WHICH
ARE DUE SOON. WON'T YOU
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES THIS
WEEK SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO
REMEMBER TO PAY THEM LATER.
YOUR CO-OPERATION WILL BE
APPRECIATED.**

Clarence Creer
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LAXEY WHEEL I.O.M.

Mrs. H. C. Christian (Ethel) of Largo Florida, recently returned from a most interesting vacation visiting the Fiji Islands, New Zealand and Australia. She left Tampa on October 6th, flying to Los Angeles, where she met Connie and Jack Cannell of Newbury Park, and Lily Harrison from San Diego. First stop was the Fiji Islands an eight hours flight from L.A., she visited Papeete, Mooreu, Nandi and Suve, spring flowers and trees were in profusion everywhere. After leaving Nandi she arrived in Auckland, N.Z., she was impressed with the rolling hills, small towns and flowers everywhere, also the sheep grazing in the fields, where incidently lamb chops sold for 49c a pound, a far cry from what we pay here. In Christchurch, N.Z. she visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Cashin, Mr. Cashin's parents came from Peel, and he is a cousin of Mrs. Elsie Peterson of St. Petersburg. Whilst in Melbourne, Ethel had dinner with Noreen Cottier formerly of Cleveland, she also met Noreen and Winsome Clucas, cousin of Joe Clucas and Edith Macwilliams of Cleveland, Winsome visited Cleveland several years ago, her father hailed from Peel, I.O.M. On then to Canberra, the Capital of Australia, enroute to Sydney, where she met six cousins and their families for the first time. They are the children of Ethel's father the late Mr. Shimmin's brother Wm. Shimmin who emigrated to Australia in the early 1900's. Whilst in Brisbane, Queensland, she spent a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. McBride. Mrs. McBride is a cousin of Bert Cowin, Cleveland, Ohio, they have visited the Cowins several times. Again in Sydney, Ethel met Mr. and Mrs. Bryors, Mrs. Bryors is a cousin of Mrs.

POPULAR MECHANICS Magazine featured the Isle of Man in the December, 1972 issue by writing about the BIG WHEEL . . . "A water wheel, built in 1854 to pump water out of lead mines, now is a tourist attraction on the Isle of Man and is reported to be the "largest water wheel in the world". Water was brought from nearby mountains to turn the 72½ foot diameter wheel, which, in turn, operated the pump in the mines."

And then in the January, 1973 issue the following appeared: "I came from the Isle of Man and have seen the BIG WHEEL pump water out of the lead and silver mines in Laxey. My father told me that the wheel was designed by a Manxman, Robert Casement. Its name is 'Lady Isabella'."

Submitted by George F. Mylroie,
Franklin, Idaho.

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Mamie Kelly of Dunedin, Florida, and of Norman Clucas of Itasca. Ethel met so many folk with Manx Connections, it really is a small world, and proved the Manx were great explorers and emigrants. Ethel spent four more days as the guest of Noreen Cottier in Melbourne, on the return trip home she stopped over at Honolulu, where all the coloured lights were glowing on the Christmas trees, she was again met by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cannell at Los Angeles. So ended a most memorable and interesting vacation of 2½ months, Ethel arrived home just before Christmas on December 20th, 1972.

ISLE OF MAN CALLED QUAINT TAX HAVEN

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man (AP) — This island in the Irish Sea midway between Liverpool and Belfast was known a few years back as a quaint tourist spot with international motorcycle races, tailless cats, horsedrawn street cars, four-horned sheep and birch-whipping of wayward youth.

Today, thanks to easy taxes, it is getting a new image as a haven for the retired and wealthy. It has become a center on first-rate banks, insurance companies and brokerage houses.

Preparing for association with the European Common Market through Britain, the self-governing island is determined to keep preferred tax status for its 50,000 citizens.

SO FAR, the Isle of Man has been accepted by the market as a special case. People hope that settles the question. "I think we are too small for Europe to worry much about us," one official commented.

Residents are proud both of their British queen and of their long tradition of local autonomy.

While British, they want it clear they are not English, Welsh, Scottish nor Irish. They are Manx. They boost the world's longest continuing parliament, dating to the 10th century.

Critics of the birch-whipping of youth concede that the island clings to it as a symbol of national independence.

Millicent Faragher, a former London policewoman active in the small abolitionist movement, says 80 per cent of the Manx favor keeping the punishment. It will be stopped "only when public revulsion reaches the point that brings pressure from the British government," she asserts.

JOHN BOLTON, chairman of the government financial department, argues that the punishment serves to keep troublemakers away from the island.

"What is so surprising is not that we still do it but that so many other people have stopped," he adds.

Juvenile crime figures on the island indeed are much lower than on the British mainland.

The punishment is ritualistic. A doctor examines the offender, then two policemen hold him. Boys from 10 to 16 are whipped on their trousers. Offenders 17 to 21 are struck on the bare flesh with birch branches picked in the spring and stored in police stations.

THERE MAY be as few as two or three birchings a year, but Manx concerned with the tourist industry fret over the adverse publicity they bring.

Predictions are that by the turn of the century the island's population will grow by 50 per cent, to 75,000.

Many of the newcomers are Britons from former colonial posts wanting to retire on low taxes. During the recent Malta crisis, more than 200 applications

for residents were received from Britons living in Malta or planning to retire there.

For more than a decade the maximum income tax has been 22½ per cent of earnings compared to England's standard rate of nearly twice that and up to 97 per cent for income over \$24,000 a year. Deductions are generous and many Manx pay no taxes at all.

IN THE PAST three years some 30 manufacturers have built factories here with low-cost loans and other government supported advantages. Their profits are taxed as in the United Kingdom, but dividends can be deducted and assessed directly against the individual shareholders.

Despite the tax advantage, residents enjoy all the social benefits of Britain's welfare state, including national health insurance.

London is only 55 minutes by air and there are no passport or customs controls. Some legal residents of the Isle of Man find no obstacles to spending most of their time elsewhere.

Submitted by

Mrs. Ivy Dillon
Bisbee, Arizona

KELLY MANX BIBLE SURVIVES FLOOD, FIRE

Donald E. A. Cameron, one of NAMA's newest members, is believed to have one of the three surviving copies of the first edition of 1776 of the Manx Gaelic Bible. Other copies of the Bible are reported to be in Oslo, Norway, and in the Manx Museum at Douglas. The Bible was brought to America by Thomas Kelly of Jurby, about 1827, and was exhibited at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876 by Mr. Cameron's grandfather, Henry S. Jones. The book, which will join the United States in celebrating its Bi-centennial, is known to have gone through the Galveston, Texas, tidal wave in 1900 and the San Francisco fire and earthquake in 1906.

Mr. Cameron, historian for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Washington, D.C., has traced his Kelly ancestral lines on the Isle of Man back to about 1600 and had three emigrant Kelly ancestors settle in the United States in the same year. A fervent Manxman, Mr. Cameron prizes highly the silver tea pot of the Kelly family and photos of the early Kelly settlers, and no doubt makes frequent use of his Manx-wool necktie and Manx tartan.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING GROUP FLIGHT

Due to the lack of interest the group flight to the Isle of Man which was scheduled to leave Toronto May 20th, was cancelled.

Robert Kelly, President, NAMA.

MEET YOUR OFFICERS



REV. JAMES COWIN CALEY
1st Vice President NAMA

Rev. James Cowin Caley is the son of Robert James Caley of Sulby, Isle of Man and Emily Jane (Cowley) of Bibaloe Beg, Onchan, he was born at Conrheny, Onchan, Isle of Man. In his early years he attended Onchan School and the Eastern District Secondary School, Douglas, I.O.M. He later attended the University of Western Ontario, London, Ont., Canada where he gained his B.A. He then attended Huron Divinity School, London, Ontario, where he obtained his L.Th. (Theology Degree). He is also a graduate of the California School of Theology, and this outstanding Manx scholar is also a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D. by examination). He was ordained Deacon and Priest by the Bishop of Huron, Canada.

He married a Canadian — Clarice Walker who is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario. She also went to the University of Munich, Germany. They have two children — David and Jane.

After serving in various Churches in Canada, the Rev. Caley moved to the U.S.A. in 1950. Over the years he has assisted his congregations in building — 2 Churches, 3 Parish Halls, 1 Rectory, 1 Church School complex. He was appointed Archdeacon, has also published religious books, ran a religious column in a dozen newspapers for several years.

The Rev. Caley played a big part in the formation of the Southern California Manx Society, he was Chairman for the 1968 NAMA Convention which was held at Huntington Beach, Calif. He is presently Rector of St. Wilfrid's Church (Episcopal), Huntington Beach, California, and has been in Holy Orders for 40 years.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The last meeting of the Southern California Manx Society, was held at the lovely home of Rev. & Mrs. James C. Caley in Huntington Beach, on Saturday April 7th, 1973, with 10 of our active members in attendance & including a new member, Mr. Arch Lightbody from Newport Beach. He told us a very interesting story of his family & his early childhood days in the Isle of Man.

Rev. James & Clarice Caley are always wonderful Hosts & everyone enjoys a Manx meeting at their home, for we always have fun and good fellowship, and always singing of Manx songs.

President Phil Caley closed the meeting, with us all singing Ellan Vannin, and saying the prayer Mizpah. Malcolm and Joyce Kinley invited us to their home in Costa Mesa for our next meeting on June 16th, 1973.

With greetings to all our Manx friends everywhere.

Ellen Bain, Sec'y
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BISBEE ARIZONA MANX SOCIETY

The April meeting was held on April 9th, 1973, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Chick, with 21 members and one child attending. An article about the ship Star of India which was built in Ramsey, Isle of Man in 1863, telling about a proposed sailing around San Diego harbour in mid June was discussed, the ship is now a museum in San Diego.

A letter from Mr. John Hughes a former President of the Cleveland Manx was read, he moved to Tucson in 1971, he is interested in the meeting dates of the Bisbee Manx. Items of interest pertaining to the Isle of Man were discussed, followed by Bingo.

The March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. M. Bolitho with 15 members present, it was a very stormy night, with six inches of snow, last kick of winter. The next meeting of the Society will be held at the home of Arnold Corrin. I will be leaving for the Isle of Man on July 12th from Los Angeles, with my daughter Mrs. Peggy VanCamp and her son David, returning on August 14th, 1973.

Ivy Dillon, Secretary
207 Hazzard Street,
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CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Many attended the annual card party held May 15th by our society. As in other years, members who were unable to come sent in their signed tickets so as to be eligible for the drawings of the wide range of door prizes. The committee puts much time and effort into their advance preparations for this affair and results make such endeavors worthwhile.

In June, slides obtained direct from the Isle of Man Tourist Board were shown. The meeting was held on the west side of town. Alternating meeting places is an incentive to attend to folks who find the distance too great to travel to one location. When the meetings are on their side of town, they feel they can't pass up the chance to see some other Manx people.

Some of our members are not settling for just pictures of the Island this year — they are going to see for themselves. As of this writing, those "going home" are: Mrs. L. K. Abell (Amy - from Laxey) and her sister, Miss Helen Dowley; Mrs. Thos. J. Carrigan (Kathleen) and her mother, Mrs. John Skilleorn (May Nicholl from Laxey); and our secretary, Miss Florence Lyon.

Our annual basket picnic is scheduled for August. Anyone in our area at that time may contact someone in the Cleveland Manx for more details.

Marge Krach.

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Mrs. Margaret (Kennish) Abell, mother of Mrs. M. Krach of Cleveland Ohio, celebrated her 90th birthday on April 24th, 1973, while her eyesight has not improved she still manages to crochet potholders and keeps in touch by phone with her friends. She is fortunate in having a keen mind and remembers many things in great detail. Mrs. Abell lives with her daughter, we all wish her a very Happy Birthday, good health and best wishes.

CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

The annual picnic of the Chicago Manx Society is being planned for Sunday June 10th, 1973. We will be guests of Ellen and Ruth Carlson at the Glen Orry Manx Cattery in West Chicago, Illinois. Robert Kelly, President.

WINNIPEG MANX SOCIETY

The Secretary of the Winnipeg Manx is presently on a visit to the Isle of Man and England, in the absence of Miss Dinah Inge, her mother has sent in a brief report. Many members are visiting the Island this year including Mrs. Anne Inge who spent 45 days last September — October. Mrs. Quirk had a nasty accident while visiting Edinburgh, she broke her leg in two places, but is now improving. The Society has been rather inactive of late, but the President hopes to spark some interest and hold a meeting very soon.

CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

Did you ever hear of the 6 foot, stuffed replica of the 3 legs of Man which at one time was on display at all of the Chicago Manx Society meetings? William Kneen, one of the founders of the Society and father of Edith Ristow, was the proud creator of this emblem. He carried it on the open-air back platform of the old street cars much to the chagrin of his family who would sit at the front of the car, not admitting that they knew him. Later on, a prospective buyer of their house was scared away at the sight of those life-like legs sticking up in the air in a corner of their basement.

The reminiscences, such as the above, which were told by Edith Ristow at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Chicago Manx Society, were one of the highlights of the afternoon. Norm and Helen Cuevas, chairmen, are to be congratulated on the fine job they did for this gala gathering at the Nordic Hills Country Club at Itasea, Illinois on Sunday, April 8th, 1973.

Fifty-four people were present in the lovely garden room for the banquet and the program which followed. We were honored to have present Dick Corkill, Honorary President of the N.A.M.A., who presented boxes of candy to the oldest members present — Emily Kelly and Harold Callister. (Harry Teare missed the honor by "just a hair.") We were also glad to have with us Hilda Collinson and her family of the Galva Manx Society.

Letters of remembrances of the Chicago Manx Society written by Walter Stevenson, Bessie Auty, and Harold Callister were read. Greetings were received from Alice Garrett of Buffalo, the Ladies Auxiliary of the N.A.M.A., The Cleveland Manx, and the Donald Tripps of Belvedere, Illinois.

This event was surely a fine beginning for the second 100 years of the Chicago Manx Society.

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MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx have not had any meetings this past winter but they are looking forward to having a get-together now that the summer weather is almost here.

They are looking forward to a visit sometime this summer from Mrs. Ena Kaneen, a former member who returned to the Island a few years ago but still enjoys a trip to Montreal whenever she can.

Nancy (Agnew) and Pat Rooney and their daughter Mary Catherine will be leaving Montreal later this summer as Pat has received a posting to Vancouver. The Montreal Manx are sorry to see them go and wish them well in their new life.

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

The Toronto Manx Society met at a new location — the Central YMCA it was a special night to honour our oldest member Mrs. Maggie Beddow who was celebrating her 90th birthday. A corsage of Sweetheart Roses was pinned on Mrs. Beddow by Mrs. Mitchell who has always driven her to and from the meetings.

A new Secretary was elected to continue the duties of this office, Mrs. Dot Hall had to resign owing to ill health. The new Secretary is Marion McLaren, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Cowley another faithful member. The evening ended with the cutting of a special Birthday cake for Mrs. Beddow. It was a most pleasant and relaxing evening.

Dot Hall.

The new Secretary's address is as follows —

Mrs. Mario McLaren
106 Hiltz Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

GALVA MANX SOCIETY

Not too much news to report from this Society at this time, however Mrs. Clyde Collinson is hoping that a picnic can be arranged sometime this summer.

It seems rather a pity that some of our Manx Societies on this Continent are inactive at the moment, no doubt it is difficult to plan meetings during the cold winter months, then perhaps many members have long distances to travel, now the spring and summer is approaching, in the next issue of the Bulletin we hope we can report many Society summer picnics and get-togethers.

FLORIDA

Altho' there is not a Manx Society as such in Florida, Mr. Willie Quine keeps me informed about the activities of Manx folk travelling in this part of the USA.

Recent visitors with Mr. Quine were his daughter, her husband and Mr. Quine's granddaughter, also Mr. Quine's son. Mrs. Annie Jackson's two daughters one Mrs. Peggy Kless and her husband. Mrs. Amy Abell and her daughter Carol, were also visitors for a few days. Granddaughter, Debbie Kless spent her Easter vacation with her grandparents.

Mr. Quine will greatly miss Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kermeen and their daughter Ruby who had been spending the winter in Lake Worth. They left for Galva, Ill.; for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nelson from Eden, N.C. stopped by for a visit with Mr. Quine and his sister Mrs. Annie Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. T. Nelson have sold their home in Fort Worth and have moved to Delray Beach, Florida so as to be near their daughter Florence.

Many Manx folk enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Quine and Mrs. Jackson, visitors are always assured of a warm welcome.

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**A TRIBUTE FROM THE LADIES'
AUXILIARY TO THE N.A.M.A.**

In Douglas, Isle of Man, in July of 1970, Mrs. (Harry) Mary Kelly of Cleveland, Ohio was elected Honorary President to succeed my mother Mrs. John R. Cain, who passed away in 1969.

At that time we all hoped Mary would enjoy many years as our Honorary President. All her life she worked hard for Manx causes, together with her husband, Harry. Her sudden passing on December 19th, 1972 was a great shock to all of us. Her friendly ways made her many friends and we will miss her. The memories of happy times shared will bring us all comfort in the years ahead.

Elinor Cain
Secretary-Treasurer

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A THOUGHT

*I shall pass through this world but once,
any good, therefore, that I can do or
any kindness that I can show to another
human being, let me do it now. Let me
not defer or neglect, for I shall not pass
this way again.*

**RAMSEY ISLE OF MAN,
AS IT IS TODAY —**

Acting on a suggestion passed along to me some time ago to print in the Bulletin about the various Towns and Places on the Isle of Man as they are today, not as they were many years ago, but the present time. During a recent visit to my home town Ramsey, I paid a call at the Town Hall, I was received with courtesy by the Town Clerk, Mr. C. Swales, he promised he would forward the information on to me, I hope our readers, particularly those who came from Ramsey will enjoy the following article. I express my thanks to Mr. Swales for taking the time and trouble in compiling this item and for sending it to me so promptly.

The town of Ramsey as a Local Government administrative unit came into being by an Act of Tynwald dated 1865 entitled the Ramsey Town Act. The Act was to provide for the better paving, cleansing and lighting of streets in the town of Ramsey, and for making and keeping in repair public sewers.

There has been only two boundary extensions in 108 years the last one in 1970.

There was considerable development of the town in the early years before the beginning of the twentieth century.

This included the construction of the North and South Promenades, the development of the Mooragh, the erection of the Queen's Pier and the erection of the Cronk Ruagh Hospital. The Swing bridge was erected across the harbour. The Cottage Hospital was built in 1908.

The population of Ramsey is now 5,048.

There has been considerable development of the town in recent years.

The old part of the town or South Ramsey comprising about four hundred houses and shops have been demolished in an area of about 12 acres.

New houses, flats, shops and tourist accommodation are in course of erection in this area.

A centrally heated swimming pool complete with filtration and chlorination plant has been opened in 1968 in South Ramsey.

New residential housing estates have been built or are building in South Ramsey, at Claughbane and Killeaba, and in north Ramsey at Thornhill, Grove Mount and Ormly.

A new primary school will be built this year at Lezayre Road and it is hoped that a Home for Elderly Persons will be built in Ramsey in the course of the next year or so.

A new Town Hall and Public Library is now in course of erection.

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

by Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
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In our last issue, we mentioned the new pamphlet being compiled by the IOM Tourist Board. I have received a copy of this publication and read it with much interest. It is complete, authoritative and should be helpful in tracing your links with the Isle of Man.

As we have mentioned before, the Isle of Man is particularly rich in documentary evidence. This material is available at the Manx Museum Library and the General Registry — time is the chief requisite and patience. For those who would search, the vital question is, "Where was your ancestor in 1851?" This is the year of the first really detailed Census — giving the names, ages, occupations, relationship to the head of the household, and town or parish of birth of every household head.

A new Manx publication "MAN-NINAGH" (a review of Manx Culture) is featuring articles on Genealogy which interested readers might enjoy. Write to the publisher, Island Development Co., Ltd., Athol Street, Douglas for details.

As per your request, we are still doing research on the ORIGIN OF MANX PERSONAL NAMES . . .

CASHIN, CASHEN . . first shown as Mac Cashen in the records in 1511; Caashen in 1603, Cashen in 1641, and Cashin in 1765. It is derived from the Irish.

GAWNE is first shown as MacGawne, 1417; MacGawen, 1430; Gawen, 1511; Gawn or Gawne, 1586. In A. W. Moore's "MANX WORTHIES", we find listed Edward Moore Gawne (b 1802, 1871), Emily Maria Gawne, nee Murray (b 1814, d 1889), and John Moore Gawne (b 1854, d 1900).

COTTIER . . the principal seat of this family is Lezayre. In 1334 this name is shown in the records as Macoter; as MacOtter, 1432; MacCotter, 1504; MacCottier, 1504; Cotter, 1511; Cottar, 1647; Cottear, 1672; Cotteire, 1687; and Cotcher, 1802. Under "Army, Navy and Civil Service" in A. W. Moore's "MANX WORTHIES" we find listed Robert Cottier of Lezayre; and under "Emigrants" we find that a Cottier family of Lezayre was one of the earliest Manx emigrants who left the Island in 1655 and made their home in Virginia, U.S.A.

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OUR VISIT "HOME"

Hilda and Sam Penrice

We have just returned home to Canada after a marvelous and enjoyable four week vacation spent in England and the Isle of Man.

This was a nostalgic visit to family and old friends, we did very little new sightseeing, concentrating more on family get-togethers. To relate some of the highlights, first we celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary while there by attending St. Olave's Church where we were married April 8th, 1939, this was in Ramsey. We were invited to an afternoon tea given by the President, Executive and members of the World Manx Association at Castle Mona Hotel. Douglas, we spent a most enjoyable day with Mr. Harold Cain C.P., and Mrs. Cain, at their home "Glendhoo Farm" where we met their daughter and two grandchildren, also Pat Clucas from San Francisco, she is a niece of Norm Clucas, Itasca, Pat is presently staying with the Cains.

We attended a Golden Wedding celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quilliam of Peel, Isle of Man, their daughter Zena — Mrs. Don Lancaster who resides in Georgetown, Ontario, was also present. We were honoured to receive a plaque of Royal Ramsey from Mr. L. Kneale, J.P. Chairman of Ramsey Town Commissioners, we visited Alex Quayle the well known Manx artist and brought back with us a water colour of Peel Castle and Harbour, and one of Ramsey Bay. While in Yorkshire we attended a meeting of the West Riding Manx Society. These special events did not detract our pleasure in meeting brothers, sisters, relatives and old friends, the special visits to old world "pubs" the dinners and dances, the car drives through beautiful North Wales and the Yorkshire Dales, the interesting visit to the Bronte county, the history connected with the Bronte sisters and the Church where they are buried, here we saw a beautiful stained glass window with the inscription "To the glory of God in pleasant memory of Charlotte Bronte" by an American citizen", whose name was Thomas Hockley. We also visited the village of Haworth in Yorkshire where the film "The Railway Children" was enacted and produced. We crossed by boat to the Isle of Man on April 16th, the sun was shining and the sea was like a mill pond. The gorse was as golden and beautiful just as we remembered it, the daffodils and spring flowers were far advanced. The Isle of Man is changing, a great deal of building has gone on within the last few years, new homes springing up all over the place and cars everywhere with no place to park. We rented a car which enabled us to travel the familiar roads to all the well loved places of our childhood.

Sam's parents rest in Foxdale Churchyard, mine in Andreas, my Grandfather and Grandmother in Peel Cemetery, quietly we visited and put flowers on their last resting place. We visited Pt. St. Mary, Pt. Erin, Peel, Laxey, Douglas, Baldwin Valley East and West, St. Johns, Foxdale, Castletown and many more familiar places, with a car it doesn't take long to visit the whole Island in one day.

We enjoyed so many meals, cups of tea, glasses of wine with so many old friends, it just seemed as if we had never been away for over 26 years. So now we are home again, our happy memories will sustain us until our next visit to "Ellan Vannin".

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THE GROWING SEARCH FOR ANCESTORS

"I have often noticed that ancestors never boast of the descendants who boast of ancestors".

— Don Marquis, humorist, 1876-1937.

The following article written by Robert Turnbull, London was printed in the Toronto Daily newspaper The Globe and Mail.

"English antecedents are a bit more difficult, in some cases, to trace than Scottish ones. Best of all is a small island, as was proved by a visit, en route here, to the Isle of Man. My wife, nee Kee, is of Manx parentage. We went to the Manx Museum Library in Douglas, asked if there was anything on the Kee family. A librarian opened a file drawer, riffled through the cards, in a matter of seconds took my wife back to a Joney (Judith) Kee in 1658, a John Kee in 1661, and a whole parcel of Kees in the eighteenth century. No time was spent on a detailed check but at least a general family tree emerged amazingly quickly."

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Best bet is the Manx Museum Library, Kingswood Grove, Douglas. An extremely valuable collection of material and parish records dating back several centuries.

The General Registry, Finch Road, Douglas.

Booklets

Tracing Your Ancestors in Britain free, from British Tourist Authority, 151 Bloor St. W., Toronto. Excellent; wide-ranging. Mentions several books of value to ancestor-hunters.

Manx Ancestry, free from Isle of Man Tourist Board, 13 Victoria St., Douglas, Isle of Man.

MANX AND THE MAYFLOWER

Perhaps the most prestigious organization based on our being "a nation of immigrants," is the National Society of Mayflower Descendants, which is comprised of the lineal descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers who in 1620 landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts and where the Society gathers annually to renew the **Mayflower** pledge. The Mayflower Society recognizes descent from 23 male passengers and crew (102 left no proved line of descent) as the basis for membership eligibility. Of those proved twenty-three, three hereditary lines are Manx-Mayflower and lineal descendants of those lines are eligible for invitation into the Society, just as they should be encouraged to join the NAMA.

The most well-known of these lines is that of Myles Standish, Captain and military leader of the Plymouth Colony, the sixth of the signers of the Mayflower Compact, and leader of the first and third exploring parties in the New World. Myles Standish was accompanied on the voyage by his wife (and cousin), Rose, the daughter of Huan Standish of Ellanbane, Kirk Lezayre. She died, without issue, at Plymouth, on 8 February 1621, and Myles wrote her sister, Barbara, asking her to join him. She arrived on the ship **Ann** and they were married between July 1623 and April 1624. Of their children, only two, Alexander and Josiah, have proved lines of descent. The children of Myles and Barbara Standish have been called the "first infusion of Manx blood into the New World."

But, there are two other Manx lines related to Pilgrim Fathers which are less known. One of these is comprised of the descendants of Mary Skiddy, daughter of William Taylor and Rosetta (Place) Skiddy, who was born on the Isle of Man on May 29, 1844. Through her father, Mary Skiddy was a lineal descendant of Isaac and Mary (Norris) Allerton, an established **Mayflower** line. Isaac Allerton was the fifth to sign the Mayflower Compact, and served as Deputy Governor of the Plymouth Colony 1621-24. He has been described as "the first merchant of New England and the founder of the coasting trade and fishing industry". Mary Skiddy, who died at New York City on August 31, 1911, continued the Manx-Mayflower line with her marriage at Stamford, Conn., April 12, 1866, to Edward Augustus Quintard (1826-1899).

The third Manx-Mayflower line involves the familiar Manx name Kelly, and stems from Jane Elizabeth Kelly, born Jurby, Isle of Man, on January 1, 1817, who married at Elyria, Ohio, on 9 April 1834, Enos John Ames (1811-1894), a lineal descendant of Richard and Elizabeth Warren. Richard Warren,

described as "a merchant of London" was the twelfth to sign the Mayflower Compact and was a member of Myles Standish's third exploring expedition. The descendants of Jane Elizabeth (Kelly) and Enos John Ames are thus established as being of a proved Manx-Mayflower line. Jane Elizabeth (Kelly) Ames died at Erie, Pa., on 6 April 1886.

Members of NAMA knowing descendants from the three Manx-Mayflower lines should invite them to join our Association. Similarly, those members of NAMA who descend from these three lines may wish to contact members of the Mayflower Society in their area concerning an invitation to join the Society.

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CHATTING BY HEP.

How many of our readers went through the painful process of taking piano lessons? Years ago it was a status symbol to have a piano in the parlour, even if it was never played. I say painful because it was so dull, I feel sorry now for the teacher who had to cope with reluctant pupils. It was dull scales, first the right hand, then the left, while all the time we longed to get it over with and be off out to play. Actually it was usually a half-hour, but it seemed endless, going over and over the same thing. I took lessons from Miss Annie Kinrade, Westbourne Rd., Ramsey. She was an excellent teacher and her patience was endless. I did manage to study and practice and this enabled me to pass my one and only examination with Honours to the delight of my teacher. The following year I again practised to take my second exam, but for some reason this never materialised, maybe my teacher felt I was either not good enough and not ready, so that ended my musical career so far as taking lessons were concerned, however in my spare time I strummed away on the piano. My father liked to sing so I would accompany him. I am grateful to my parents for persevering with my lack of talent, but at least I can read music, play for my own enjoyment, can fill in when needed for a sing-song or hymn sing, so my early lessons were not a complete loss. Over the years pianos have come and gone in our household, but now we have acquired an organ, my husband assures me that I will play it like a pro in no time at all, but I have vague doubts that I will go through the tedious practicing all over again, one hand at a time, but maybe being older and I hope wiser, and no teacher sitting beside me, I will be able to play the National Anthems in no time at all.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In order to understand the history of a people and to read the heart and soul of a nation, it is necessary to make a study of that people's Oral Tradition. In the Isle of Man there are stories told and intimations given around the fireplace (chiollagh) that cannot be found in the history books. Reading and writing are new skills in the Island but the tales of the minstrel (in many cases the grandmother of the family) reach back for countless thousands of years. A case in point is that strange creature sometimes called the phynoderee which was seen and feared ages ago and up to our own times in the very places where evidence of the existence of the Irish Elk has been found in this century. Now it turns out that the Irish Elk has been extinct for 20,000 years. If our racial memories can reach back so far it is a small thing for us to go back to the beginning of the Christian Era and to recall from our Oral Tradition the name of Prester John. One of our poets has said that John the Priest stretched forth his hand to bless the simple folk around. Those of us who believe that the Church of Mann was in existence in the first century — more than five centuries before Augustine founded the church in England — are moved to ask who Prester John was. Who was this elusive, timeless, ubiquitous figure who brought us love and blessing and bread and wine? Was he John the Presbyter, the writer of the Fourth Gospel? Was he indeed without father or mother, having neither beginning of days nor end of life? Was he Melchizedek the Eternal High Priest who also gave bread and wine to Abraham? Was this the Man who was seen walking in the midst of the fire with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? And did His Sacred Feet in ancient time walk also upon the green hills of Ellan Vannin?

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ISLE OF MAN COOL TO PLAN

LONDON (AP) — The first world-wide Women's Liberation festival has been cancelled for lack of interest, organizers said yesterday. The week-long festival was to have been held on the Isle of Man in late September.

"The response was not encouraging and local support wasn't good," a London spokesman said. "Articles appeared in the Isle of Man press saying they were quite liberated already and were going to boycott it. So we decided to quit."

Wife to husband, as tailor measures his waistline: "It's quite amazing when you realize that a Douglas fir with that girth would be 90 feet tall."

OBITUARIES

CLUCAS, Joseph Quayle, passed away February 26, 1973 in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Mr. Clucas born in Peel, I.O.M. in 1896 came to Cleveland in 1921. He was a member of the Cleveland Manx Society and will always be remembered as an outstanding soloist.

His wife, ELIZABETH, nee Kennaugh, followed him in death on May 12, 1973. She also was born in Peel and emigrated to the States in 1923. Joe and Bessie, as she was known, would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clucas are survived by several neices and nephews in the Cleveland area, Margaret Greggor, Donald Greggor, Edith Greggor, Mac Williams, and Elizabeth Clucas, and many others in the Isle of Man. Their daughter, Mona Rose, preceded them in death.

CLUCAS, Frank, of Galva, Illinois passed away March 6, 1973 at University Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa after an illness of about three months. He was born September 11, 1907 in the Isle of Man and came to America at the age of four with his parents the late Robert and Lydia Cowin Clucas. He was a prominent farmer in the Galva area.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen Welch Clucas; one son, Mike of Galva; a daughter, Mrs. Gene (Muriel) Ericson of Elgin; eight grandchildren; a brother, John of Kewanee; two sisters, Miss Ethel Clucas of Evanston and Mrs. Arthur (Muriel) Kai of Skokie; and three nephews.

COSTAIN, Robert F. of East Helena, Montana, died February 18th, 1973, aged 85. Mr. Costain was born in Colby, Isle of Man, son of the late Richard and Annie (Gibson) Costain. At the age of 20 he came to Kansas City, and in 1916 to Helena, Montana. He was a carpenter by trade, prior to his retirement, he was shop foreman at the American Smelting and Refining Co. He was married February 28th, 1917, to the former Maggie Kinwig from Colby, Isle of Man. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, I.O.O.F. Lodge: AF and AM Lodge and a 60 year member of the Carpenters Local Lodge. He and his wife attended Manx Conventions in Canada, U.S.A., and the Isle of Man. He is survived by a sister and two brothers on the Isle of Man and several nieces and nephews.

DOUGLAS, Ethel G., of Douglas, Isle of Man passed away May 2, 1973 in Noble's Hospital. Miss Douglas, a retired schoolteacher and a member of the World Manx Association, was one of the members who flew to Niagara for the NAMA Convention last September where she enjoyed meeting many of her former pupils. After the Convention she stayed with her cousin, Mr. Robert Cowin and his wife Edna in Westlake, Ohio. Miss Douglas was the daughter of the late Herbert W. and Sarah Cowin Douglas. Internment at Douglas Borough Cemetary on May 5, 1973.

HAMPTON, Dora, Ethel, of 158 Woodbourne Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, daughter of the late Ridgeway and Matilda Hampton. On February 14th, 1973, at Noble's hospital. Miss Hampton was a member of the NAMA for many years. She is survived by many brothers and a sister on the Isle of Man, and a sister Mrs. Madeline Blackburn of Elmhurst, Illinois. Services were held on February 17th, 1973, with internment in Braddan Cemetery, Isle of Man.

MOORE, William H., passed away on January 31st, 1973, in his 90th year at Seattle, Washington, the late Mr. Moore was a member of the NAMA. He was born in Peel, Isle of Man, the eldest child of a family of 12 children. He leaves his wife Luella, a daughter, Mrs. R. Hanson of Kelso, Wash.; a son Donald of Clarkson, Wash., and Wesley in Mexico. Also surviving, a sister Mrs. Annie Moore Wood, and a brother James B. in Seattle, sister Mrs. George Cringle, Douglas, I.O.M. and two brothers Fred and Percy of Peel, Isle of Man. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. O. L. Danielson of Trinity Temple Church, Seattle, Wash.

O'BRIEN, Emily, died March 24th, 1973, at the Plainville Rural Hospital following a lengthy illness. Mrs. O'Brien was born October 18th, 1889 and was a lifetime resident of Plainville, she was preceded in death by her husband, William, in 1940. She is survived by one son, Walter, Plainville; two daughters, Mrs. Emery Stamper and Mrs. Morris Veverka, Plainville; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. March 26th, 1973 at the Plainville Christian Church with Rev. Don Paden officiating. The late Mrs. O'Brien was a member of the NAMA, her father Thomas Giek came from the Isle of Man and she was very proud of her Manx Heritage. There are relatives still on the Isle of Man and Cleveland, Ohio.

TOWLE, G. Frederick, passed away suddenly April 7th, 1973, in Buffalo, N.Y., age 74. Fred was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, he was a member of the NAMA and attended many Conventions, the most recent at Niagara Falls, September 1972. He is survived by his wife, sisters and a brother in Ramsey, I.O.M., and a sister in Toronto, Canada. Funeral services were held from the Carlton A. Ullrich Funeral Home, the Rev. Richard E. Nygren of Central United Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment — Forest Lawn.

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.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. Stephen Quinney informs us his new address is:
52, Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

MANX WEDDIN'S. Grandson of Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Peter VanCamp to Jenny Pinkley of California, on May 26th.

Through the efforts of Mr. Edward Sayle, Arlington, Va., five new members with Manx connections have recently joined the NAMA. Mr. Sayle was appointed a Trustee to the NAMA at the last Convention. Mr. Cameron, Washington, D.C. a new member has documented 72 of his ancestral lines from the old world and has been particularly interested in his Kelly ancestry which he has traced back to about 1600 all from the Isle of Man. Mr. Cameron suggests the NAMA would acquire prestige if it could be included in the Hereditary Register for 1973, if the NAMA would be interested, he would be glad to find out and notify who would be in a position to give the yes or no to such a matter.

Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester recently spent a vacation in Arizona, she had a wonderful time sightseeing and a round of parties, while there she unexpectedly met Myrra Johnson who is the daughter of Walter Stevenson. She spent a very pleasant day with them.

The travelling Caleys, John and Mary of Rochester returned recently from an interesting trip to Egypt.

Mr. Edward Sayle of Arlington, Va., has been appointed Secretary of the George Mason Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.