

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

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## TRAGIC FIRE ON THE ISLE OF MAN

There has been no first hand information about the terrible tragedy which happened at Summerland, Douglas, Isle of Man a few weeks ago with the reported loss of 51 lives. Many Manx Societies on this Continent have expressed sympathy, the President, Executive and all members of the North American Manx Association also join in expressing their deep and sincere sympathy to the bereaved families.

## BULLETIN MAILING

If you are a paid up member and you are not receiving your Bulletin regularly, please let me know immediately, the same applies if there is any change in your address.

The Editor.

A very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined our Association since the last mailing of the Bulletin — Percy and Doris Clucas of Toronto both long time members of the Toronto Manx Society; Susan Logan, Seattle who traces her Manx ancestors back to Robert Logan of Dreemskerry Farm, Isle of Man, in 1766; Harrison Logan, Wash; Robert Shimmin, California; Mrs. Wilson, Ridgeway, Ont; Mrs. Worsley, Douglas, I.O.M.; Mrs. Imoe Howard, Mich; Mrs. Charles Maule, Ill.

## DUES — 1973-74

### DO IT NOW!

The NAMA Treasurer informs me that 40% of our members still have **NOT PAID** their dues for 1973-74. The Life members can disregard the pink membership slip, these were enclosed in every June Bulletin sent out to all members, perhaps they would like to encourage a friend to join our Association. It costs money to publish our Bulletin four times a year-so PLEASE won't you send your cheque or money order to:

Clarence Creer, Treasurer NAMA.,  
14228 Union, Orland Park,  
Illinois, 60462. USA.

## MY ISLAND,

*Au re-voir you lovely shores of Mann.  
There are no memories long enough to span  
the length of time from youth to age.  
Only when we are idle, then we engage in  
the wonderful time of Remembering.  
Remembering our childhood with its ills and  
woes and how we were always kept on  
our toes by always being taught to  
remember.  
Remember to pick up your toys,  
Remember don't play kick can with the boys,  
and for goodness sake put in a sight on  
your sister who is ill a mite  
Don't paddle too long or you will catch a  
chill and then Oh my, you will be ill  
and so it went on, always remembering.  
Our school days with its thrills  
Our Examination days with its chills and so  
to the day school ended.  
The long years passed by mostly normal in  
way then all at once you get the urge to  
stray.  
Our steps take us far and near and time  
passes by.  
Then all thoughts turn and it is with great  
fear that we will not see our Home again  
that wonderful island of Mann.  
Right around my heart your ties are bound  
so strong that in my heart and soul I found  
the strength and energy to span those  
7,000 miles to my loved Isle of Mann.  
With joy and some tears I met once again my  
kith and kin whose love had not dimmed  
with the years.  
I saw once again the loved land of my youth  
and found I can say now with all truth  
that I loved it now as I did then and  
wonder as I sit back, what made me think  
that across the Atlantic life would be  
better than that little island, so old and  
full of loveliness that it is for ever etched  
on the heart.  
The heart that tells us so loud and so clear  
that a few years, decades or aeons can  
never rub out that call of an island so dear.  
Our Ancient, Beautiful Isle of Mann.*

Lillian Marrion — Tipper.

We of the NAMA were sorry to learn that Mr. Harold Cain, C.P., President of the W.M.A., was not too well, we hope he is now completely recovered.

## NAMA CONVENTION 1974

You can have an outstanding vacation next year by combining a great trip and a get-together with many good friends. Why not plan now to join your fellow Manxmen in the lovely Virginia highlands overlooking the Potomac River and Washington D.C. for the 1974 convention of the NAMA? Mr. Edward Sayle (an NAMA trustee and a resident of Arlington, Virginia) and your president are proceeding with the arrangements for the third week in August. Full details will be in the next Bulletin.

The site of the Convention will be in Virginia and a tour of the nation's capital is planned. Washington D.C. has been internationally famous as the seat of the Federal government of the United States of America since 1800. Its interest as a capital city; its scenic beauty; its geographic location; its international appeal, make it an outstanding vacation center which attracts visitors from all over the world.

And so — Come to Virginia Highlands and the beautiful city on the Potomac in 1974!

## ISLE OF MAN "INUNDATED"

The new Manx postage stamps went on sale on the Isle of Man on July 5th, 1973 but for many collectors there would be great disappointment as world wide dealers made a determined bid to corner the market in the limited issue of the 15p inauguration stamp designed to commemorate the launching of the new postal service.

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## BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Happy birthday to Mr. Charles Craine, former secretary of the WMA and Hon. Pres. of NAMA also Life Member, who celebrated his 88th birthday in June 1973. Mr. Craine is now resident at the Southlands Home, Port St. Mary, Isle of Man.

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**DUES**

The June issue of the Bulletin contained a pink membership slip, to those of you who sent your dues promptly "Thank you", for those who for one reason or another put it off or "Traa-dy-lioor" please attend to it right away, for Life Members, and those who had paid previously, pass the membership slip along to a friend.

**THE ISLE OF MAN  
WHERE SPRING IS  
12 MONTHS LONG**

Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against tropical paradises. In fact I have spent some very happy times in Hawaii, Bermuda and Jamaica. And I am quite willing to believe the new "in" spot, Seychelles, is great too. But I want to tell you about another little island paradise, the Isle of Man, a little country where spring lasts most of the year and it's almost never too hot and never too cold.

Do you remember what life was like when you were a kid? Well, in the Isle of Man, life is still much like that. There is no smog, for the good reason that there are practically no factories.

For the same reason the rivers and the sea are pure and clean and well-stocked with fish. And there is not a single freeway in the whole place. There is just not enough traffic to make it necessary.

But there are 500 miles of smooth, scenic roads, on which you can actually enjoy driving again, especially as the country, with its unique mixture of rugged mountains, rich farmland and wooded glens, is so lovely.

By this time I hope you are interested and starting to wonder where on earth the Isle of Man is. Well, get your atlas out. Turn to the British Isles. And right smack in the Irish sea, almost equally distant from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, is the Isle of Man.

But surely you may say, Man is just like England and it must be part of the United Kingdom? Not at all. Man not only has a unique character of its own, it is also an independent country, with its own parliament, called Tynwald, which is older than Westminster.

To understand why Man is independent, you have to know something of the Island's history. Inhabited originally by Celtic people, closely related to Irish and Welsh, Man was conquered around the year 900 A.D. by the Vikings, who established a kingdom embracing Man and the Western Isles of Scotland. And it was these old Vikings Kings, with romantic names like Godred, Magnus and Ragnald, who gave the parliamentary system of government to the people of Man, now a sturdy race of mixed Norse and Celtic origins.

The period of Viking rule was a good one for Man, which not only never suffered a Roman invasion, but also was never worried by the Saxon and Norman monarchs, who over-ran the Celts of Wales and Cornwall.

But the good times did not last forever and Scotland began to cast envious eyes on the little Viking kingdom so close to her southern shores. In 1263 King Haakon of Norway and King Magnus of Man were defeated by the Scots at the Battle of Largs, and in 1266 King Alexander of Scotland took control of Man.

But the "Redshanks," as the unpopular Scots were called in Man, did not rule for long and after a dingdong struggle for possession, the Island passed into English hands in 1333. After the kingship of Man had been given to one royal favorite after another, settled times returned again in 1405 when King Henry IV made Sir John Stanley king of Man, and settled the succession on his heirs.

A less independent and tenacious people than the Manx might have tamely accepted the feudal rule the Stanleys tried to impose. But the sturdy Manx did nothing of the kind. Their leaders, the Deemsters or Judges, explained to each ruling Stanley how Man had always been governed, through the 24 elected members of Tynwald.

Finally when the whole idea of a feudal Lord of Man (the Stanleys dropped the rather pretentious title of king) became obsolete, the Manx persuaded the British Crown to provide a lieutenant governor, while leaving the real power in the hands of Tynwald. And that is the position right up to the present day.

So what is it like, this tiny democracy set in the blue waters of the Irish Sea? In physical dimensions it certainly is tiny — a mere 33 miles from the low sandy headland of Point of Ayre in the North to the rugged cliffs of Calf of Man in the South. And from the bustling resort town of Douglas on the East coast to St. Patrick's Isle in the West, where the first Christian missionaries landed from Ireland about 450 AD, it is only 13 miles.

Let me take you on a journey. We'll start from the rich farmlands of the North, where the Viking invaders first landed. This is the sunniest and most fertile part of the Island. Sleek Ayrshire, Charollais, Friesian and Simmental cattle graze on the lush grass. The farmhouses are solid, stone-built and surrounded by fushsias and palm trees.

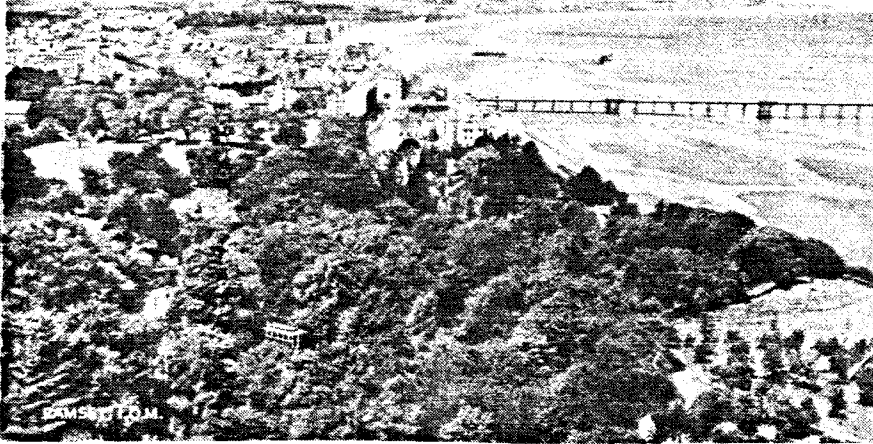
There are still a few of the original old Manx cottages, very squat and low, seeming almost weighed down by their cozy roofs of thatch. The North is flat, except for the low hills around the charming little village of Bride, but most of the houses face South not only to catch the sunshine but also to secure a fine view of the mountains.

Cross the brisk, salmon-packed Sulby river and you reach Ramsey, a pleasant little seaside town with a fine golf course, the high school for the North of the North of the Island, and several good hotels.

South of Ramsey the country changes dramatically. A jumble of solid, heather-crowned mountains bar the way South and to proceed to the Island's capital at Douglas we must choose either the steep hairpin bends of the mountain road or the gentler coast-hugging route through Laxey.

Both have their merits. The mountain road shows the tough face of Man — the

## MANX SETTLER WAS MISSOURI PIONEER



breezy uplands with the sheep dotted on the hillsides and the crows and gulls wheeling overhead.

The coast road winds inconsequently through gentle rounded hills, interspaced with several of the famous Manx Glens. These glens (there are 13 of them altogether) are a delightful feature of the Island. If we follow the river for a few miles we end up on a small unspoiled beach, such as that at Port Cornaa, where there are no hotels, no ice-cream stands, crystal clear water and wild flowers almost down to the water's edge.

Whether we are driving briskly over the mountain road or more gently along A2, the coast road, we are likely to hear a sound straight out of our childhood, the hiss and rattle of a street-car with its clamorous bell. The lovely old cars of the Manx Electric Railway, all made around 1880 and lovingly preserved, still provide an excellent way for the tourist to visit the glens or climb to the top of Snaefell, the Island's highest mountain.

Despite the brisk efficiency of Douglas with its modern sea terminal for roll-on car ferries to England and Ireland, and its casino, the Island's capital also has its old world features.

Tiny horse-drawn trams still trundle along the seafront (the Queen of England rode in one on a recent visit), and if you wish you may stay at either Fort Anne Hotel, the old home of Buck Whaley, a Regency dandy, or at Castle Mona, built in 1804 for John Murray, then Governor of the Island.

While you are in Douglas you may like to see the commendably modest buildings used by Tynwald, the Island Parliament, and the various Government Boards.

The taxpayers' money is certainly not squandered in Man, and perhaps as a consequence the Manx Government does not find it necessary to impose either capital gains tax or death duties.

But let us continue our journey south from Douglas. We are used to finding that on Man, childhood's world is still

with us, so we are likely to recognize that slightly mournful whistle. Yes it is that old favorite, a steam train, still operated through the Summer by the Isle of Man Railway Company, on the 14-mile route from Douglas to Port Erin, an attractive resort with a sandy beach surrounded by big rugged hills. But our own destination is the former capital, historic Castletown.

Castletown is in many ways the best place to stay in the old Kingdom of Man. To begin with, the old town is dominated by a wonderful well preserved castle — Castle Rushen, built in 1100 A.D. by King Godred II of Man, and extended and improved by the Stanley Kings (or Lords) until the 16th Century. Not only are the keep, the dungeons and the battlements still in excellent order, the building is still used for sessions of the High Bailiff's Court.

Castletown has the best hotel on the island, the luxury Golf Links Hotel, set on its own sandy beach and surrounded by a first-class 18-hole course. And finally, even on an island with so many historic associations, it is good to be in close touch with the modern world; so you will probably like to know that the Isle of Man Airport is at Castletown.

Reprinted from the Boston Sunday Globe — by Howard Fry

### OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Sayle of Arlington, have once more "escaped" for a September visit to the IOM, where they are holding forth in Ramsey.

NAMA member Col. Frederic T. Parker of Arlington, Virginia, has been elected Chaplain and Third Vice President of the George Mason Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

A history of Holt County, Missouri, published 1882, identifies Thomas Cottier, a native of the Isle of Man, as one of the early pioneers of Northwestern Missouri. The history, which is on file at the library of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, tells of Thomas Cottier's birth on the Isle of Man on February 3, 1829, the son of John and Catharine Cottier, both natives of the IOM. Thomas was educated on the IOM and spend his boyhood on the family farm there, before deciding to emigrate to America.

After a nine week voyage to New Orleans, which began in February 1847, Thomas went by steamboat up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, and then, by ox team, moved on to Holt County in Western Missouri. Soon after he was engaged as a teamster in Oregon and served his new country on the plains during the Mexican War. His mother joined him in 1849.

On February 7, 1850, he married Minerva Beeler, the daughter of one of Holt County's early settlers who had come from Indiana in 1844.

Life was not easy for this Manx settler. But, beginning with a yoke of oxen and one horse, he accumulated upwards of 1,000 acres of fine farm land in Holt County and some 200 acres in Nebraska. An American success story, his personal residence was one of the finest in the county, and in 1882 was described as being well-improved with 270 acres, with an excellent orchard, twelve acres in extent, with over 600 bearing trees, and two peach orchards. He also was indicated to have an excellent stock farm in Liberty Township.

During the civil war, he served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, assisting in defending the property of citizens from guerilla bands. Later, he filled a number of district offices for several terms, but never sought political office.

He and his wife were both living when the history of Holt County was written. The history identified the surviving seven of their eight children as: Hannah J. (Mrs. J.G.) Elliot of Mound City, who was born September 10, 1852; John T., who was born January 24, 1854; James C., born December 13, 1855; Lizzie (Mrs. James) Ward of Minnesota Valley, born September 13, 1857; Mary S. (Mrs. John A.) Hall of Minnesota Valley, born August 13, 1859; Emma, born March 20, 1862; and Robert, born August 21, 1864.

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Our own Ewan Christian Clague, former Director of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, now retired in Washington, D.C., recently was quoted in an article in **Reader's Digest**.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

The Annual pot-luck picnic was held July 22nd, 1973 in Glen Oak Park, Ill.; twenty five members attended. Rev. John H. Clarke of Knoxville, told of his Manx cousins from the Isle of Man visiting with him this summer, another visitor from the I.O.M. was Nellie Kelly who stayed with her Quilliam cousin in Canton Ill; and Crew Coeur, Ill; last May. The new officers for the Society were then elected —

President:

Mr. Wm. Archibald, Brimfield, Ill.

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Mr. Robert T. McClintick Jr.

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## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Our annual basket picnic held August 5th at Grace Episcopal Church Grounds in Willoughby, Ohio was attended by about 65 members, their families, and friends. It was a beautiful day. Tables were set up indoors. The Society furnished tea, coffee, lemonade, fruit punch, and ice cream. Everyone — young and old — participated in the many games and contests arranged by the Picnic Committee.

Mrs. Robt. S. Cowin, our president, welcomed everyone and thanked the Committee for their efforts. Miss Florence Lyon, Mrs. L.K. Abell, and Miss Helen Kewley were asked to say a few words to the group about their trips to the Isle of Man this past summer.

A Sing-a-Long of old Manx favorites and a drawing for numerous door prizes brought to a conclusion one of our most successful picnics.

In September, monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month were resumed. Again we had a Manx Mhelliagh after the meeting. This is conducted in the traditional Manx manner with all members and guests bringing their gifts to the altar while everyone joins in singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves". Mrs. Bessie Auty was in charge of the program.

October's meeting will be followed by our third Annual Sale of Work. Everyone starts ahead of time to make and collect suitable items. Mrs. L.K. Abell (Amy) will open the Sale.

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## BISBEE ARIZONA MANX SOCIETY

Although the Bisbee Manx Society usually disbands during the summer months due to vacations, it was decided to hold a meeting in August, this took place on August 13th, at the home of Mrs. Eva Maddern, the regular meetings will re-convene in September, the second Monday in the month, it will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art. Mckeeby. Many of our members have been on the move this summer, Ida and Arnold Corrin have returned from a vacation spent with their daughter and family the Bob Robertsons in Castro Valley, Calif., their grandson Thomas Lindner has been accepted at Annapolis. Mrs. Douglas Caine of Whiting, Indiana, is leaving for a visit to the Isle of Man, she is a daughter of Albert Corrin. The Quills are visiting in Calif. Mrs. Christine Rothery is spending three weeks in Phoenix with her sister, her Aunt Emily Aulthaus who hails from Alamo Gordo, N. Mex. is staying with Mrs. Rothery. The Cobey Kennaughs recently visited relatives in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood have granddaughters Susie and Kristen Hopstetter visiting with them. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Chick are presently in the New England States; Mrs. Mable Bolitho is visiting California. Due to illness in the family, the proposed trip of Mrs. Ivy Dillon and her daughter and grandson did not materialize, they had planned to visit the Isle of Man, but owing to the illness of brother Cecil Corrin, and her sisters Bessie and Gladys it had to be postponed. Mrs. Dillon was happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Ethel Christian and her cousin Mildred Johnston to her home in June, it was a very happy get-together.

Ivy Dillon, Secretary  
207 Hazzard Street  
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## CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

The Chicago Manx Society held a very pleasant picnic on Sunday, June 10th, at the Glen Orry Manx Cattery as guests of Ruth and Ellen Carlson. After supper we were entertained with slides of the Isle of Man shown by Ken Collister of Elkhart, Ind. Bob Kelly showed pictures of the Niagara Falls convention and Chicago Manx Society activities. We are always grateful to the Carlsons for their gracious hospitality.

Robert Kelly

## THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

The last meeting of the Southern California Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Kinley (Joyce) at Costa Mesa on June 16th, 1973, with 12 members and 3 visitors attending. This was the first meeting held at the Kinley home since the family returned to live in the U.S.A. from the Isle of Man, and we truly enjoy having them back among us again. It was a beautiful sunny day and after our meeting was concluded and we had enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by our hostess Joyce, we all adjourned to their garden and snapshots were taken.

On July 23rd, we had a great loss to our Society, with the passing of Mr. William K. Caley of Costa Mesa, one of the best known California Manxman. He was a past President of the Los Angeles Manx Society and also a Past President of the Southern California Manx Society and a long time member of the NAMA. He attended many Conventions and visited the Isle of Man the last time in 1972. He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Rev. & Mrs. James C. Caley, 1st Vice Pres. NAMA and daughter Jane, recently returned from a tour of the Holy Land, several European countries and London, England.

Our Society continues to hold its own despite the loss of several of our members through death during the past 2 years.

Our next meeting will be a picnic to be held in Bixby Park in Long Beach on September 8th, 1973.

Ellen Bain, Sec'y.  
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## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

At our last meeting in May plans were discussed for a summer "outing" but unfortunately, suitable arrangements could not be completed before the summer holiday period began. Some of our members were planning to visit the Island during the summer and we look forward to hearing about their trip.

We were saddened to hear of the tragic fire that took place in Douglas in late July and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to family and friends of the victims of this tragedy.

Our first meeting of the Fall is planned for mid-September and, hopefully, we will be off to a happy and eventful year.

Marion McLaren,  
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## VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

The Vancouver Manx Society held their Annual Banquet on March 10th, 1973 this was in the form of a Smorgsbord Dinner which was very much enjoyed by the excellent attendance of 83 young and old members, by having the catering arranged the Committee and members could relax and enjoy themselves. Miss Sue Ellis, formerly Treasurer of the Toronto Manx, and Mrs. Kitty Hornell of Peel, Isle of Man, have been welcome visitors with the Vancouver Manx. Mrs. Hornell has been visiting with her family for the past six months, she has now returned home to the I.O.M.

Archie Foulton recently celebrated his 80th birthday, Congratulations! he is presently visiting his family in Ottawa and will return home in October. Eden Costain visited the Isle of Man this summer, but is now home again. The Annual summer Picnic was held on August 4th, in Stanley Park, the weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all, 40 members attended which is a very good turnout considering the summer vacation period.

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## GALVA MANX SOCIETY

In recognition of his long service in the Methodist ministry, the Rev. John H. Clarke was installed as Pastor Emeritus of The First United Methodist Church of Knoxville, Illinois during the morning service on June 3, 1973.

Rev. Clarke resided in the Galva, Illinois area after coming from the Isle of Man in 1909. After entering the ministry he served the Knoxville church as pastor from 1936 to 1953 when he moved to Cambridge Illinois where he assisted in a new building program. Upon retirement he returned to Knoxville where he and Mrs. Clarke are active in church and community affairs.

Rev. Clarke's cousins, Miss Evaleen Hough and Miss Emma Clarke of Douglas, Isle of Man who spent a month with the Clarkes this summer were present for the occasion. Mrs. Clyde Collinson of Galva was also among the out of town guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kewish, Dixon, Illinois attended the annual picnic of Peoria Manx Association in July. The Kewishes had a wonderful time in the Isle of Man in May and generously shared their experiences and many mementoes with those present.

Mr. Kewish, a native of Galva, Illinois, is the son of the late Harvey Kewish of that city.

## LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Lillian Marrion Tipper writes to say she had a visit from her daughter and son-in-law from Las Vegas, during this time they visited with the Francis Nugents, formerly of Canada, they now reside in Encina. They also have a Beach home in Oxnard. Mrs. Nugent is a talented painter, she is looking forward to a visit from her sister, Kitty Mosling who lives on Athol Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, she will be arriving on December 15th 1973.

## MANX WEDDIN'S

Miss Theresa Ann Carter and Mark O. Reeder, of Peoria, Illinois, on March 10th 1973. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kaighin Carter.

Miss Arlen Palmer and Gary Johnson, Arlington Heights, Illinois, on July 21st 1973. Granddaughter of Mrs. Alice Archibald.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Callister, of Chicago, Ill., who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8th, 1973. They were married in Chicago in 1923 and spent their honeymoon on the farm of Mr. T.C. Kelly, Galva, Ill. Mr. Callister met his future wife when they both worked for Dieden Bros. Dept. Store, he was then a window trimmer, and Helen was in charge of the handbag dept. They have been members of the Chicago Manx Society for many years. Mr. Callister was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, his wife Helen is American born, they have one son — George, and two grandchildren. They reside at 4848N Leantt Street, Chicago, Ill. 60625.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kissack, of Palo Alto, California, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 26th, 1973. Attending this happy event were Miss M. Kissack, Chargin Falls Ohio, and Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Kissack Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kissack will be remembered as members of the Manx Society having lived in Mentor, Ohio before moving to California some 18 years ago.

## SMILE

Vacation thought: They say you can't take it with you, but just try travelling without it.

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Many members of the NAMA have been visiting the Isle of Man this summer, the lucky people are — Richard Corkill, of Detroit, Hon. Pres. of NAMA, Miss Florence Lyon who was the representative from the Cleveland Manx at the W.M.A. gathering on Tynwald Day, Mrs. Amy Abell of Cleveland and her sister Miss Helen Kewley, Mrs. Minnie Oakley, Toronto Canada, she is the daughter of the late Mr. Robert Fick of Peel, also Mr. V. Wortman of Indiana and Mrs. J. Skillicorn, Bedford, Ohio and her daughter Mrs. Kathleen Carrigan, also Mr. Stan Shimmin, Past President NAMA and his wife Joyce and daughter Adrienne, they have been visiting England and the Isle of Man.

The Rev. James Cowin Caley, 1st Vic e President NAMA and Mrs. Caley and daughter Jane have recently arrived home after a much travelled vacation, they visited Athens, Corinth, Cairo, Beirut, Tyre and Sidon, Cyprus, Tiberias, Jerusalem, Rome, also London, Oxford and Stratford, England.

Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester, N.Y., had some nice things to say about Toronto, Canada, when she and a friend took a three day tour visiting Hamilton Gardens and African Safari. Although their time was limited they managed to drive around the shore and Island, enjoyed dinner at Ed's Warehouse and lunch at Eatons of Canada. Alice was very complimentary about our beautiful flowers in Toronto.

A visitor in Rochester recently was Phoebe Sundlof she stayed with the Percy Kelly's. Due to family illness Mona and Percy Kelly briefly visited on the Isle of Man.

In the Queen's Birthday Honours the M.B.E. was awarded to Mrs. Ethel Jones of Great Sutton, Wirral, England, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bridson of Ramsey, Isle of Man. Mrs. Jones is a sister of Mrs. Hilda Penrice, Georgetown, Ontario. The award was given in recognition of Mrs. Jones service in the nursing profession, she is retiring after 20 years as Matron of a Mentally Retarded Hospital in Cheshire, England.

## THE L'IL FOLK

Born — GLASS, to Ron and Jean (Nee Penrice) of Burlington, Ontario, on June 15th 1973, a daughter, Denise Arlene. Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice, she is a former Secretary of the NAMA, she was also acting Treasurer for the 1970 Convention. Sam & Hilda now have three granddaughters.

BORN — LEFRANCOIS, to Ernie and Elizabeth (Nee McMeiken of Peel, Isle of Man) on May 11th 1973, a daughter, Renee Denise, 7 lbs. 4 ozs. of New Orleans, Ontario.

## KNOW YOUR ANCESTOR

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Many of our readers have run into a "stone wall" when they find their ancestors left the Island for Liverpool, Manchester, or some other place in England or Scotland; so I was interested in an article I read recently which said "history comes to life every day in Great Britain".

Because of its long-standing concern for documentation and the preservation of many old records of churches, census bureaus, courts, land registries and national record offices, Britain, like the Isle of Man, is another well organized place to trace your family tree.

You will still need the same basic background information of the emigrant ancestor; namely, date of birth, occupation, marriage, and above all, town or country of his origin before writing to any of the places mentioned.

Civil registration of births, marriages and deaths were introduced in England and Wales in 1837, so certificates of all events registered since then are obtainable from the General Register Office in London.

Prior to 1837, the best place to locate information are the parish churches. All churches keep detailed records on baptisms, marriages, and burials, many going back as far as 1538. Because of their value, there are copies of a large number of these records at the Society of Genealogists in London. Although this is a private association, the Society allows nonmembers to use its vast and valuable library at a small fee. Their address is 37 Harrington Gardens, London, S.W. 7.

In Scotland, compulsory registration of births, marriages, and deaths did not begin until 1855. Copies of these records are obtainable from the Registrar General in Edinburgh.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE OF CLEVELAND TEST.

In the Mona's Herald dated May 1st 1973 there was an interesting article written by Ralph Kissack, so many members of our Association live in the Cleveland area, I know they would like to read about this contest which is held every year at the Manx Music Festival and takes place at Douglas, Isle of Man.

In case it has escaped notice, there is an interesting anniversary which I think it is opportune to mention as the Manx Music Festival is going on this week.

The "Cleveland Test" is 50 years old this year, for it was in 1923 that the Cleveland, Ohio (U.S.A.), Manx Society first presented a gold medal — with the promise of one annually thereafter — for the winner of an extra competition between the winners of what were to be known as "special" vocal solo classes.

So, as anniversaries are marked in terms of years, the "Cleveland Test" at the 1973 Festival on Thursday night is the golden jubilee of this competition which is popularly regarded as the premier one of the whole week's programme every year.

It will not, however, be the 50th Cleveland Gold Medal Test. In the ordinary course of events, the 1972 Festival a year ago would have marked the golden jubilee in terms of Tests actually held, for there was, of course, a Test in the first year of the 50-year period which has now elapsed since the competition was introduced.

But, because of the second world war, the Cleveland Test was not held in any of the five years from 1941 to 1945, so although it is now the golden jubilee of the founding of the medal competition there have in fact been only 45 Tests. The 1973 medal on Thursday night will be the 46th and all being well the 50th will be competed for in 1977, so perhaps that can be made the occasion for noting another golden jubilee.

Of the 45 medals awarded so far, by the way, there has been a fairly even "distribution" between male and female singers, 25 having been won by men and 20 by women.

On a count between the different types of voices the results down the years show that the bass representatives have been the most popular choice of the various adjudicators. The Cleveland Medal has been won by bass soloists 14 times, as against nine times by mezzo-sopranos, seven by sopranos, six by tenors, five by baritones, and four by contraltos.

Bass singers won the first two Tests — the first ever by the late Allan Quirk — while down at the other end of the "medal scale" a contralto was not chosen for a medal until 1962 — 39 years after the start of the competition. Even up to now only two individual contraltos have won and three of the four wins to the credit of this type of voice have been by the same singer.

In this golden jubilee year the oldest surviving winner of a Cleveland Medal is Mrs. Quinton Smith, who as a soprano, won in 1927, and is living, I understand, in Onchan.

## SHE IS 86 WON CLEVELAND TEST IN 1927

Congratulations on her 86th birthday anniversary on May 7th to Mrs. Quinton Smith, of 13 Ballacrink, Onchan, the oldest surviving winner of the Cleveland Manx Society's Gold Medal for solo singing — she was a soprano — at the Manx Music Festival at which the test was first held 50 years ago this year. Mrs. Smith, for many years in the Old Sheffield Hotel, Parade Street, Douglas, and then the Central Hotel, St. John's, won the gold medal in 1927.

## CHATTING by HEP.

Reading about the successful Manx Music Festival recently held in Douglas, Isle of Man, brought to mind the many times I and my school chums attended the "Guild" as it is popularly known by Manx everywhere, on "Children's Day". The trip to Douglas from Ramsey by train was the high-light of the whole year, this was the day we all looked forward to, the tiresome practice sessions were all in the past, there was an air of excitement, wondering if our choir or dance team would win the coveted first prize, bringing honour to Royal Ramsey. Many schools and choirs would be taking part in the competitions, then the "Grand Finale" when the combined school and junior choirs would perform in the evening. The Guild was held in the Palace on Douglas Promenade, and for about a week the rafters would ring with all the fine Manx voices raised in song, there was also a session for instrumental solos, plays etc. I remember one year I sang as an alto in our Girl Guide choir, this meant travelling in my guide uniform, later I changed into a white dress and soft shoes to dance in the Morris and Country dancing competition, changed again to sing in the Junior mixed choir, it was a very busy day. Mr. Tom Mullineaux who is now a great age and lives in Ramsey, was the Conductor of the Guide choir and the Junior mixed, Mr. P.L. Stowell the famous Manx dancer was our teacher for the dance teams, I can't remember if we gained any prizes that year, altho' I'm sure we did, I only remember the thrill of appearing on the stage with an appreciative audience, the seeds of culture and love of music were sown in those early years, I am sure many of us have never forgotten our dedicated teachers. It has been many years since I last attended the "Guild", in this modern world many would say there was no place for such events, but this year's Festival — the 81st incidently — has proved an outstanding success.

I wish I could say I turned out to be a fine singer and dancer, I did not, but I believe this early training made me appreciate good music.

Any NAMA members having information on Manxmen who served the American cause during the American Revolution are asked to write Ed Sayle, 2522 N. Upland Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207. He hopes to assemble sufficient information on the Manx contribution to American independence for an article in the national magazine of the Sons of the American Revolution, which has expressed an interest in publishing such a history. A request for information on such Manxmen also appears in the current issue of that magazine.



## MEET YOUR OFFICERS



**2nd Vice President**  
Miss Margaret Joughin

Margaret Joughin was elected 2nd Vice President of the N.A.M.A. at the Niagara Falls Convention in 1972. She is the daughter of Victor Joughin of Ramsey, Isle of Man, and of May Cannell whose family lived in Bootle near Liverpool, England, but was originally from Port St. Mary, Isle of Man. Born in Bootle Margaret was brought up in Ramsey where her father was in business and she attended Miss Brown & Phillip's school and the Ramsey Grammar School.

In 1939 Margaret's family moved to England and she went to Birmingham and later to Liverpool where she continued to live until in 1953 she emigrated to Canada. On her arrival in Canada she settled in Montreal and now works there as a secretary at the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

After the sudden death of her mother in 1957 Margaret's father joined her in Montreal and both took an active part in the Montreal Manx Society and in the N.A.M.A., attending their first convention in Cleveland in 1959 and inviting the N.A.M.A. to come to Montreal for their next gathering. It was at the 1961 Convention in Montreal that Victor Joughin became President of the NAMA and Margaret took over the office of Bulletin Editor from Gertrude Cannell, which office she continued to hold until her election as a vice-president at Niagara Falls last year. She has attended all the conventions which have been held since 1959 except the one in the Isle of Man which she was unable to attend because of commitments at work.

Margaret is not married and since the death of her father in 1969 lives alone. She has two brothers; Donald with his wife and two children, lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Ramsey with his wife and four children, divides his time between Montreal and a farm in Vermont. Mona Creer, wife of N.A.M.A. Treasurer Clarence Creer, is a cousin of Margaret's as her mother, Mrs. Elsie Broadbent, was a sister of Victor Joughin.

Among her interests Margaret lists handicrafts, history and travelling. Since coming to Canada she has made several trips to Europe and the U.K. including the Isle of Man, has twice visited Brazil, and has travelled across Canada.

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**3rd Vice President**  
Mrs. R. S. Cowin

Edna Cowin (Mrs. Robert S.) was elected Third Vice President in Sept. 1972, is American by birth, and Manx by marriage. She was employed by Cleveland Twist Drill Company as Secretary to the President, and retired in 1964. She and her husband, Bert, live in Westlake, Ohio.

Edna has served eight years as Treasurer of the Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx Society), has done her share of committee work, and is now serving her first year as President.

She discovered the beauty of the Island on the NAMA Homecoming trip in 1962. The friendly Manx people, plus the breathtaking beauty of the Island, convinced her she must see more of it. Edna and Bert have made three trips since then and are looking forward to another one soon.

She became interested in Genealogy while working on Bert's family tree. The "Bonesetter" Clucas of the Strang on his maternal side and Robert Cowin, Sulby Farm, on his paternal side. His maternal grandmother was a Christian. In doing the research work involved, she visited all places of record, has acquired many Manx books, visited most of the Manx cemeteries, and photographed headstones and family bibles. When she was asked to write the KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS column for the Bulletin in 1968 she willingly offered to share the knowledge that she had acquired over the years. She spends many hours on this hobby and while helping others has made many friends. Her correspondence ranges from all parts of the USA and Canada to New Zealand.

Edna presented the Cleveland Medal at the Manx Music Festival in 1965 and found another Manx delight — their music. The talent of the contestants remains a pleasant memory of that trip.

She is a member of the Westlake Historical Society and has assisted them in collecting old Manx furnishings for the Clague Museum. Edna is also active in the Westlake Garden Club and is a member of the Order of Eastern Star of Ohio.

Manx hospitality always greets visitors to their home, and Edna heartily agrees with the statement made by Mr. Harold Cain when he introduced her at the Manx Music Festival that "even though she is not Manx by birth, the smartest thing she could do was to marry a Manxman".

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ON SALE in bookshops throughout the Island today is George E. Quayle's fascinating account of Manx folklore "Legends of a Lifetime".

Liberal illustrated, it even contains a selection of registered Manx sheep earmarks.

In her introduction, Vida M. Ogle writes: "He knows every stone and flower in the neighbourhood and has a thorough understanding of the country folk in the north of the Island.

"This knowledge did not come to him from long studies at school and college but from his own enquiring mind and most of all by recalling what older people had told him, especially his father and grandfather."

The book is a collection of talks Mr. Quayle has given and provides a link with the past and a continuity which will make it invaluable not only to adults, but to children as well.

"People often ask me why our quaint customs have died out," writes Mr. Quayle.

"The reasons, I think, are fairly obvious. We live in an age of easy travel, so our contacts are widened. Then our present standard of education and the influence of the B.B.C. have broadened the outlook of this generation."

Apart from being a mine of information, the book is not without its humour and proves that a Manxman can tell a good story as well as an Irishman.

A story dating back to 1870 tells how Mrs. Collister looked out of her door and first saw a traction engine.

"Collison, Collison," she yelled to her husband, "you get the clock, I'll get the cow. The train's gorr off the line."

Published by Courier-Herald Printers, of Ridgeway Street, Douglas, the book is on sale at 90p.

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Mr. and Mrs. James D. Gilson, she a native-born Manx, have constructed what one observer calls "the most authentic looking Manx pub this side of the IOM," in their Laurel, Maryland, home. Thanks to regular home-comings to the Isle of Man, their basement pub is well-decorated with Manx artifacts, and Jim's many blisters attest to his efforts in creating the many hand-hewn beams which lend authenticity.

## OBITUARIES

**CAIN, Tom**, passed away on Monday June 24th 1973 at Douglas, Isle of Man. Mr. Cain spent several years in Canada, where he worked for Dominion Stores in Ottawa and Brockville. Mr. Cain had a notable record in World War II as a paratrooper, he gained the Croix-de-Guerre and the Military Medal for his bravery. Mr. Cain was 48 years old, surviving are his wife the former Dilys Calderbank, a son and daughter. He was a nephew of Fred and Dolly Caveen of Toronto.

**CALEY, William Kelly** of 2190 Pacific Ave., Costa Mesa, California, passed away in Newport Beach, Calif., he was laid to rest at Harbor Rest Cemetery, Costa Mesa, on July 26th 1973 with graveside Memorial Services. Mr. Caley is survived by two sons: Fred of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Ivan of Santa Ana, Calif., two daughters; Mrs. Ivy Zinn of Wickenburg, Arizona; and Mrs. Winnie Baker of Douglas, Arizona: five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, also cousins — Phillip E. Caley, Santa Ana, Calif., Mrs. E. Jones, Cheshire, Eng., Mr. W. Caley, Peel, Isle of Man, Mrs. E. Crowe, Douglas, Isle of Man. The late Mr. Caley was born in Lonan, Isle of Man, on July 2nd 1888, he was a fine gentleman and a true and well loved Manxman, he was a Past President of the Los Angeles Manx Society, and the Southern Calif. Manx Society, he was a long time member of the NAMA and had attended many Conventions. His passing is deeply regretted, he will be greatly missed by his many Manx friends in the USA and Canada.

**COTTIER, Henry**. Born in Peel in 1895 passed away in San Francisco on May 25, 1973. He lived in Cleveland most of his life. In 1963 he moved to San Francisco and was a member of the Society there. He is survived by two sisters and a brother: Mrs. Catherine Sarvary of Westlake, Ohio (a member of the Cleveland Manx Society), Miss Noreen Cottier in Australia, and Charles B. of Cleveland, Ohio. He made several trips to the Isle of Man and really loved the Island.

**CASS, Evelyn Wade** beloved wife of Dan W. Cass, mother of four, grandmother of twelve, passed away July 14, 1973. Evelyn was the daughter of the late Evan and Sarah Wade, natives of Peel, IOM. Other survivors are her sister Ethel Patterson, and brothers Cecil H. and Robert A. Wade. She was predeceased by sisters Edith Sanborn and Ruth Gerber and brothers Fred, William and John Wade. Mrs. Cass was a member of the Cleveland Manx Society.

**FOSTER, George, Sr.**, died on July 13th 1973, at London, Ontario. Before coming to Canada he lived some years in Douglas, Isle of Man. He is survived by his wife and four children. He was father-in-law of Dorothy Foster, (nee Caveen) of Toronto.

**DOWNS, Mrs. Effie Quilliam**, aged 68, died April 29th 1973, of Lewistown, Illinois.

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.

## SHIPS OF THE ISLE OF MAN STEAM PACKET COMPANY LIMITED

Those of our members interested in ships and the sea and those who have enjoyed, or maybe endured, journeys by sea to the Isle of Man will find a little book called "Ships of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company Limited — A History of the Ships of the Company" full of interesting facts and figures. Written by Fred Henry, it is now appearing in its third edition from publishers Brown, Son & Ferguson, Ltd., 52 Darnley Street, Glasgow S.1, for 55p or approximately \$1.40 plus postage.

Shipping is of paramount importance to an island people and the Manx are no exception. In his book Mr. Henry pays due tribute to the part played by the Steam Packet Company and its vessels in the Island's development "from an obscurity, the haunt of the half-pay officer, and the refuge of the bankrupt seeking sanctuary, into its present unique position of being the Mecca of holiday-makers from Lancashire and the North of England."

Beginning with the Mona's Isle which was the first vessel operated by the Company in 1830 Mr. Henry traces the history of the more than 60 vessels which have maintained services from the Isle of Man to ports in the British Isles since that year. He has included illustrations of many of the ships, tabulated fleet lists giving technical data, and an excellent index which includes all the names by which each ship was known during its lifetime.

If you would like to know which ship was engaged in the service of both sides during the American Civil War; which ship made the record run from Liverpool to Douglas and when; or which ships were lost in the 1st and 2nd World Wars, the admirable little book which Mr. Henry has compiled is full of such interesting information.

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

On a lovely sunny afternoon at Niagara Falls, Canada, at our great Convention in 1972, I was riding in a motor coach visiting various places of interest with the other Manx people. The conversation which I enjoyed with those close to me turned naturally to things Manx and I was quoting passages from the works of "Cushag" about the "tejus" Traa-dy-liooar and Little Boy Beg and Kate Cowle.

Cushag (Josephine Kermodé) and her brother Philip Kermodé stand as giants among us Manx people of course — the former our most illustrious poet, and the latter our eminent archeologist. I was helped in my efforts to recall the correct words by those around me on the motor coach, among them Miss May Kissack of Douglas, who very kindly offered there and then to send me the poems in their entirety upon her return home.

In due course the promised material arrived and it was all as I had learned it in my childhood. I shall always be most grateful to Miss Kissack for her kindness.

Cushag's simple poems contain a world of meaning and display her wonderful understanding not only of people in general but of the Manx people in particular. The poem "Kate Cowle" tells of an aged woman who was blind and weary and hard to deal with. It was her continual theme that her legs were like sticks of frost and that "it's time poor Kate was took." She confided to her friend Miss Geargie that she was "dhramin' a dhrame in the night" and in her dream the restless winds abated and the boiling sea subsided and the Lord Himself came down and stood beside her bed and He said,

"Come urrov there, Kate Cowle,  
An' go ye up on high,  
For such as you that's oul' and blind  
There's mansions in the sky."

The question is, "Did Kate Cowle actually experience the Beatific Vision of the King in His Beauty?" Did her blind old eyes, even in a dream, actually see the King of Kings and Lord of Lords Whom prophets and kings have desired to see for untold centuries? Did the Second Person of the Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity indeed condescend to grace this humble cottage in a remote corner of the world? Cushag said He did. Kate Cowle said He did. Or could it have been that this was her trump card? The poem says clearly that she was old and blind and "tejus" and it's entirely possible that she was quite wearisome to many people. Could it be that those around her were impatient with her and tired of her eternal complaining and her never-ending demands upon them, or as we Manx say, "Were her own wans doin' on her?" Well, she would have an answer for them, and I can hear her say, "Oh, aye, they'd battha be middlin' civil to me now."