

# 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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## FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

As we have been saying, our thoughts are Convention-centered these days. We are looking forward to what we expect to be a memorable meeting in the Isle of Man in 1976. The time has come for us all to be thinking about the journey and to be turning our attention to those who will be arranging charter flights, as we hope, from several places in the United States and Canada.

A few days ago I received a marvelous letter from our new chaplain the Rev. Robert Quayle Kennaugh who has just returned from the Isle of Man where he met Mr. Harold Cain and other officers of the World Manx Association. It was suggested to him that the Majestic Hotel be our headquarters once again for the Convention.

I am phoning day by day the Manx people in the phone book and I am receiving gratifying responses. I hope that you are all doing this and pushing the whole matter of recruitment, promotion and public relations as hard as you can.

James Cowin Caley, President

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The Editor.

## DOES THIS MEAN YOU??

There are some members who have still not paid their dues for the year 1974/75 which will be ending on July 31st., 1975. This is the last edition of the Bulletin for this year and with the September issue we shall be asking you to pay your membership fees for the year 1975/76.

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## MY HOME

*There are Islands, many Islands, but one especially appeals to me. It stands there proud and lovely in the middle of the Irish sea.*

*This Island has many memories, for you see, it was Home to me.*

*It has it's lovely mountains and glens and rivers too, and Oh there are so many lovely spots that I never did get to, for you know in the days of my youth there were no Motor cars, and although it is hard to realize it now, it is the very truth.*

*Once I walked to Laxey, that was eight long miles away from Douglas where I lived and one cannot walk that far every day.*

*Memories come rushing back Mother, Father, sister, brothers - all gone now but me, but time never can wipe out the memories of that once happy family, living on an Isle so fair with it's wonderful and bracing air.*

*We had it's gorgeous sunsets, but we had stormy seas too, and the waves threw stones and seaweed and you had to wait until the seas subside, before you could see what that ugly tide had done to our Promenade.*

*Memories many memories of the Isle and all it's glories, pictures of the lovely spring with it's primroses, bluebells, Oh everything that makes the heart feel gay on a beautiful springtime day.*

*Our friends of childhood I never forget, tho' very few of them are with us yet for time marches on whatever we do and the Great Reaper reaches out for one or two but their memories remain for me and for you.*

*In our thoughts so crystal clear remains that Island so very dear. An Island resort that has brought happiness to millions of people over the years. So, Isle dear Isle I wish you farewell, because the inflation, Age and the risk of travel these days, I know full well that my memories are all that are left to me of my dear Island Home in the middle of the Irish sea.*

*Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient Isle of Man - My Home.*

*Original poem by  
Lillian Marrion Tipper.*

## VISIT TO ISLE OF MAN

The Chaplain of the NAMA, the Rev. Robert Q. Kennaugh and Mrs. Kennaugh recently spent a most enjoyable vacation on the Isle of Man, they were met at the Airport by Bramwell Kennaugh and Mary Cringle, cousins of Rev. Kennaugh, during their stay on the Island they had spacious and comfortable accommodation at the Castletown Golf and Country Club Hotel. Whilst on the Island they arranged a visit with Mr. J.C. Nivison, M.H.K., they were also entertained at the home of Mr. Harold Cain, C.P. President of the World Manx Association and Mrs. Cain who now reside at Millholme, Mount Murray, Santon, several members of the W.M.A. were also present including Mr. Evan Cain and Miss Mabel Clague, Miss Doris Clague, Secretary of the W.M.A. was ill unfortunately and was unable to be present. The 1976 NAMA Convention was discussed and Mr. Cain and his executive are most anxious to help in any way they can, during the 1970 Convention their efforts on behalf of the NAMA were most appreciated.

It is understood that the Majestic Hotel will again be the venue for the Convention and much work is now going on both on the interior and exterior in readiness for 1976.

The Rev. Kennaugh had hoped to meet with Mr. Charles Kerruish, O.B.E. Speaker of the House of Keys, the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man and the Mayor of Douglas, but these gentlemen were not available.

As a collector of Manx Books, Rev. Kennaugh visited Mr. Marshall Cubbon of the Manx Museum, he was interested in a volume of Manx names by J.J. Kneen, unfortunately this book is now out of print, on mentioning this to Mr. Harold Cain he was greatly touched when he was presented with this volume, the book had been given to Mr. Cain by his father the late Mr. Richard Cain, the Founder of the World Manx Association, and had been in Mr. Harold Cains' possession since the early 1930's. On the inside cover he wrote an appropriate message welcoming the Manx American visitors to his home.

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**MANXMAN RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR**

NAMA member Robert Arnold Kelly, right, was presented with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, by Dr. M. Graham Clark, Jr., President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, left. The national award, presented in ceremonies at the White House where Kelly is deputy assistant press secretary to the President, honored Kelly's public service activities with the Boy Scouts, in religious activities and with patriotic organizations. Kelly is a member of the national public relations committee of the Boy Scouts of America.

**PEOPLE, MANNERS & CUSTOMS  
OF MAN**

I believe the following article has appeared in a previous issue of the Bulletin, but for the benefit of our new members I'm sure they will find it interesting.

I have compiled some interesting facts from The County Book of the History of the I.O.M., written by the late Canon E.H. Stenning, who was associated with King William's College for so many years, he was well known and very popular on the Island.

To go back to the beginning the island was decidedly Celtic and the earliest record of the Manx language dates from A.D. 650 when an Irish poet named Senchan visited Mann accompanied by about fifty pupils and fellow poets, they met an old woman gathering seaweed, she enquired who they were, then she gave them a couplet in her own Manx dialect and challenged them to complete it, one of the visitors did so and it can be assumed that the original Manx (the present Manx is the same) was of the Gaelic type of language spoken by the Highland Gaels and the Irish, we may assume that the Island at this period was inhabited by a branch of the original Celtic inhabitants of the British Isles. During this period the religion of the people changed from pagan to Christian.

During the Celtic period the Romans reached Britain 55 B.C. to A.D.410, the Romans were well aware of the existence of the Island, however, if they came they came as visitors not as settlers, they left no mark, apart from Roman coins which were found in Castletown, Santan and Onchan, the Celtic period was one of peace and prosperity.

Then the Scandinavians began to arrive in the British Isles in 411, then Mann suffered severely.

The Norsemen were adventurous and warlike and after fighting fierce battles, one taking place on Skyhill west of Ramsey, they became the victors and Godred Grovan became King Orry, and ruled Mann for 16 years, this was the first Scandinavian period followed by a second, during the later period of history the Island was taken over by the Stanleys. Sir John Stanley became Lord of Mann in 1405, but the Vikings could not completely dominate the Celtic nature of the Islanders. Scandinavians came and left a wonderful parliamentary system that was adopted and remains the grandmother of parliaments. The Tynwald lived after the Norsemen had disappeared, but it is a Tynwald peopled by Celts and its idealism is Celtic, even though its form is Norse.

## CHATTING BY HEP.

The Scandinavian characteristics inherited by the Manx are found in two well marked character groups 1. Fair colouring, tall stature, long narrow head, long face, narrow nose, high forehead. 2. Dark colouring, short stature, slim build, long narrow head, moderate to broad nose.

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

The Manx are very cautious, and never willing to offer unasked opinions or advice, or to tell or give much information about themselves, although they seem experts in drawing information or news out of other people, another national characteristic is "Traa-dy-loor" or time enough in making decisions or delay in fulfilling work tho' this is not to say they are lazy, they are good steady workers. The Manx have a brand of humour all their own as distinct from the dour Scot, or Irish or broad English humour, the Manx humour is (for want of a better word) gentle, the advice given to "foreigners" is a joke gently with a Manxman, until you are sure you know him well and that will not be for a very long time. The Manxman is no braggart or boaster, but they are very patriotic, no part of the British Isles had a finer record of recruiting volunteers in the First World War than the I.O.M., the Manxman has not a nationalist ideology, he has no call to have one, he has enjoyed Home Rule always.

Great hospitality has always been the boast of Manx folk, no trouble is too great to welcome guests, as many of us know when we pay our infrequent visits back home to the I.O.M. nothing is too good for honoured guests. Manxmen generally are superstitious and believe in the "little people", but this is part of their Manx charm, their love of singing is well known, get a group of Manx folk together, and it usually ends up in a sing song, but some very fine singing voices have been produced in the island, even the Manx speaking voice has a soft singing quality about it, a Manx accent is recognized anywhere.

These then are some of the characteristics which have made the Manxmen splendid colonists, from time to time when conditions became bad in the lil' isle, family after family left to seek new lives abroad, they settled in Canada, United States, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, where they became good citizens, in most English speaking countries we are sure to find Manx names and Manx customs.

The love of their ancient home is fostered by the World Manx Association, the various Manx Societies throughout the world and the NAMA.

I'm sitting here today contemplating on many things, the weather, the world, the people around me, the sadness, the happiness, the violence, man's inhumanity to man, these are the times when I look back and wonder what I have accomplished in my life span, I read somewhere that when one looks back, one is getting old, "one can't live in the past the future is all that counts", I really don't see it this way as my happy memories of the past are a comfort and a joy, the material things in life don't always bring the most happiness, many of you are aware of this fact.

We live in a very affluent society, but I sometimes think back to my growing up years on the Isle of Man, we were content with the simple things in life, "what you never have, you never miss", no T.V., no Hi-Fi, just a little old battery radio, no paper towels, no kleenex, no wrapped bread, no milk in cartons or bottles, no washing machine, dryers or dish washers, no electric kettle, iron, fry pan and all the other electrical gadgets we have today, I sometimes wonder how my Mother kept house, but she did and we were well fed, comfortable and happy, of course she had the hardest part, but she didn't know it, neither did we, I certainly would not want to keep house and run a home today without my modern equipment, this is why I have more spare time to sit "contemplating".

Well another day has passed, the sun is shining, the snow of last week's sudden storm has almost melted away, the robins are busy in the backyard and the bulbs are bravely pushing up through the soggy ground and all is well in my world. The weather makes a great difference to one's feelings, a dull dark day and one feels down in the dumps. Was it only yesterday that I felt a failure, today I feel I have accomplished everything I set out to do.

This week, friend husband and I celebrated another wedding anniversary, we decided to have dinner out by way of celebrating, due to circumstances beyond our control we finally ended up in a cafeteria, waiting on ourselves, adding insult to injury I paid for my own meal as I was way ahead at the check-out, however it was different to say the least.

This column is well named as I "chat" about one thing and another, nothing conclusive, nothing earth shattering, just everyday thoughts which we all experience, have you ever thought about how much "talk" goes on around us?, so much talk on T.V. and radio, so much talk and discussion at meetings of various groups and organizations, some are interesting, some are just "talk" which leads nowhere.

We all know how women talk and most of it is sensible and practical, women talk on the phone, they talk over the back-yard fence, they continually talk to their husbands and children (not that

they ever listen too closely)! — but just stop and think — women's talk has never started a war, or world conflict, women's talk has never started a major disaster of national importance, in fact women's talk is constructive, interesting and entertaining and they nearly always have the last word especially in their own domain — the Home.

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## NOW IT'S THE "ISLE OF WOMEN" IN THE HOUSE OF KEYS

Did you know that — The House of Keys now has a higher proportion of women members than any other legislative assembly in the Commonwealth. This was stated by the Speaker, Mr. Charles Kerruish when Mrs. Betty Hanson took her seat as M.H.K. for West Douglas.

During the formal introduction of Mrs. Hanson the Speaker said she brought the number of women members up to four, or one sixth of the total membership. This proportion, he added, was unique.

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The Shearwater Press, Publishers of fine art work recently sent to me their latest catalogue of their recent publications they are as follows:  
Yesterday's Mann (a book of memories of yesterday).

Set of Art Prints (five pen and ink sketches by Ian Faulds).  
Artist's Island Calendar, 1975.  
John Speeds Map of the Isle of Man.

To obtain more information and prices please write to:

Shearwater Press,  
24 Summerhill Road,  
Onchan, Isle of Man. U.K.

Please remember to send directly to the Shearwater Press for prices and information about their latest publications, please do not write to me.

The Editor.

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One of the best ingredients in a recipe for good speechmaking is a good deal of shortening.

Some of us should be thankful we have far more than we deserve.

## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

By Mrs. Robert S. Cowin  
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My column in the last Bulletin on the name CORLETT has aroused considerable interest, and especially since it is one of the names shown on the stamps issued by the Isle of Man Post Office recently honoring early Manx Settlers in the Cleveland area. Other names shown on the stamps are Kelly, Teare, Kerruish, Kneen, Corkill, Watterson, Brew, Kneale, Cubbon, Caley, Christian, Gill, Carran, Clague and Quayle.

These stamps proved of great interest both nationally and locally. All the Cleveland newspapers had articles not only about the stamps but about the early Manx who contributed so much to the growth of Cleveland. As a result of all this publicity giving our telephone number, we were besieged with calls from many people of Manx descent, although proud of their Manx heritage, had lost contact with our local society. To them we explained they were qualified for membership in either our local society or the NAMA. The results were several memberships in each.

Descendants of these families were happy to have such authenticated proof of their family importance so many years ago. Several had "family trees" already compiled and the stamps were a welcome addition to them. We were given copies of some of these genealogies for filing at the Clague Museum Library and the Church of the Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah.

If you are interested in the above mentioned Isle of Man Postage Stamps, we have some of the First Day Covers available. They comprise of an envelope with one of each of the four stamps issued, postmarked on the first day of issue, and a descriptive piece of literature enclosed. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy, write to me at the above address. They cost \$2.00 postpaid.

From the mail bag:

Mr. James R. Corgie, 27 E. Windermere Terrace, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050 would be interested in hearing from anyone who trace their lineage to a CORJEAG(E), CORGAE, CORGIE, OR CORGEE.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF KEYS

Awaiting the Speaker of the House of Keys on his return to the Island after the NAMA Convention which was held in Washington last August was a large envelope with the impressive legend "From the White House, Washington, D.C." It contained a coloured photograph of the President of the United States autographed by him and addressed "To Speaker Charles Kerruish".

## DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS

In a recent article in the Mona's Herald, Isle of Man, written by Andrew Moore, a history was given about the formation of the Ramsey Steamship Company, I.O.M. About 62 years ago a group of Ramsey self-reliant businessmen bought a ship, built at Larne, Northern Ireland named her the Ben-Veg (little woman), she had a carrying capacity of 140 tons and a crew of six or seven men. From this humble beginning the company progressed rapidly. By the end of the First World War they owned four vessels and were operating out of many ports along the West coast of England and Scotland and around the coast of Ireland. In the 1920's the company owned seven ships and controlled three others.

The late Mr. J.B. Kee and the Kee family of Ramsey were closely associated with the company during its formation, the late Mr. Jim Ramsey was also with the company in the early years.

It was during this period that they bought the Ben Seyr, the ship that sank without trace 18 years later while en route to Cardiff with a cargo of 230 tons of oats. In the company's greatest disaster, the Ben Seyr's six man crew were lost at sea.

The company survived the Second World War, and the next major change came in the 1950's when they began to scrap their steamships and buy diesel. Their last steamship, the Ben Maye, was sold for scrap in 1964 and replaced by the new Ben Veg, built on the Tyne in 1965. Now the circle has started to repeat itself — the Ben Rein, the company's first diesel ship was sold to Greek owners in 1972.

The Company now owns four vessels, three of them with a 500 ton carrying capacity, and one with 425-ton capacity. The Ben Vooar, Ben Veg, Ben Varrey and Ben Veen, all have modern navigational aids such as auto pilots and radar. The company has kept to traditional names and the "Ben boats" are now a household name on the Island.

The company acts as shipping agents and stevedores, they handle the administration for many vessels coming to the Island, including all the tankers and on the stevedore side they have a large mobile crane capable of unloading bulk cargo. The company's principal cargo is coal, all the coal for the Isle of Man is brought in by the Ben boats.

The company employs 36 people, both seafarers and administrative staff being the best in the world.

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS

George Curphey  
3rd. Vice-President NAMA



George Curphey received his early education in Andreas, Isle of Man. On completion he began an engineering apprenticeship, first with John Clague & Sons, Ramsey, Isle of Man, later transferring to Gellings Foundry and later to the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co. During this period he attended evening Technical Classes at Douglas High School.

He started as a Junior Engineer with Port Lines (Cunard) and rose through the ranks. Between sea service he attended the College of Marine Engineering, Liverpool, Eng., where he obtained his Certificates.

In World War II he saw active service in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans for which he was mentioned in dispatches by being decorated by the reigning monarch and Sir Winston Churchill.

During the latter part of the War he was attached to the Ministry of War Transport at various world centres, being engaged in the repairs and conversions of disabled shipping.

Upon his release from war service in 1946 he went to Buenos Aires on behalf of Union Cold Storage and Blue Star Lines to supervise their refrigeration plants and floating equipment in South America, in addition he personally supervised for International General Electric several large marine and industrial engineering projects in the Argentine and neighbouring countries.

In 1952 he came to Canada as Manager of Halifax Shipyards Marine Slips, remaining in this position until 1960.

George is now a consulting engineer, he developed a new approach to the fishing industry by designing and building a modern Floating fish processing plant which has been an ideal solution to many undeveloped nations.

He is a member of the advisory Committee of Nova Scotia Marine Engineering and Nautical Institute, Member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, United States, also a Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineers, Great Britain. As

for hobbies he is very fond of gardening, collecting war souvenirs and ancient sundials, he enjoys oil painting seascapes and still life. Regarding sports he still plays a fair game of tennis, along with curling when time permits.

Happily married to the former Irene Eleanor Quirk who was a nursing sister at Noble's Hospital, Douglas, I.O.M., George and Irene have two sons, one a Chemical Engineer and the other a Mining Engineer, graduates of Maritime Universities. In the not too distant future, Irene and George will welcome their first grandchild.

#### APPOINTED CHAPLAIN TO NAMA Rev. Robert Quayle Kennaugh



The Rev. Robert Quayle Kennaugh as the name implies is a Manxman, son of Charles Matthew Kennaugh — a native of the Isle of Man who was a Methodist Minister and Edith Mann Kennaugh, a native of Kansas, U.S.A. He was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, during his growing up years he lived with his parents in many homes, many towns and many States.

He attended the University of Wyoming and completed his work and Seminary training at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. He graduated in 1942 with the award of Graduate in Divinity. He since has received further training and accreditation in the areas of Human Relations and Group Processes through the National Adult Leadership Training Program of the National Episcopal Church in conjunction with Indiana University.

After serving his Diaconate in Memphis, Tennessee, Rev. Kennaugh became rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Corsicana, Texas. Here he was fortunate to meet his future wife, Betty Frances Wheelock; their marriage took place at St. Johns and later was blessed with the births of three fine daughters, Frances, Mitzy and Bonnie. During his rectorship in Corsicana the Rev. Kennaugh developed the first Episcopal Parochial School west of the Mississippi River under the leadership of the Sisters of St. John Baptist, he then left Texas to assume the leadership of audio-visual

education in the Dept. of Christian Education at the National Headquarters of the Episcopal Church in New York City, following this he became rector of St. Christopher's Church, Gladwyne, Penn; and then later became rector of St. John's Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

After a fruitful ministry in Los Angeles, Rev. Kennaugh resigned to work full time with the American Church Union, an organization within the Episcopal Church which helps to promulgate and preserve the historic Catholicity of the Church, this relationship has continued to the present time, with Rev. Kennaugh bearing the title of Special Assistant to the Executive Director, presently concerned with publications of the organization.

Five years ago Rev. Kennaugh was unfortunately stricken with physical problems and because of this he officially retired but he still continues to do all he can for the continuing life of the Church. He now resides between a home in Taos, New Mexico and his wife's home town of Corsicana, Texas. Two of the Kennaugh girls, Francy and Bonnie are now married, Mitzy makes her home in Taos, working during the winter at the Taos Ski Valley and during the summer with art and Indian craft shops.

In addition to his work with the American Church Union and now as Chaplain to the NAMA, he and his wife operate Manx Farms in Corsicana. This is an Arabian Breeding and training program, it is a small program as yet but in the future it will grow in size and quality. It got its name "Manx" from Rev. Kennaugh's heritage and the name is used with great pride.

The Rev. Kennaugh and his wife and family have visited the Isle of Man and were delighted with their visit, they are now looking forward to the 1976 NAMA Convention which will be held on the Isle of Man where they will once again renew associations with family and friends.

Mrs. George (Irene) Curphey, wife of our 3rd. vice-president, of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, is presently visiting with her parents — Mr. and Mrs. Quirk of the Isle of Man. Irene's mother has been very ill, but her father at the age of 87 yrs. still is hale and hearty and enjoys a game of bowls, she arrived on the Island April 28th, and will return to Canada in June.

#### APOLOGY

I must apologise to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roseman, of Maple Hts., for omitting their name in the list of donors for the Convention prize distribution, if I missed anyone who contributed, it was not done intentionally, every contribution was greatly appreciated and the NAMA thanks you.

#### OUR OWN PEOPLE

Miss Alice Garrett, of Rochester N.Y., recently spent a three week vacation in the West, she visited with friends in Arizona, travelling on to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. While in San Francisco she was taken on a tour by Evelyn Corlett, accompanied by Amy Satterlee, she also visited Mr. Callow whom she had met previously in California.

While spending a weekend in Las Vegas, Alice tried the gambling machines but did not win that elusive fortune.

It is interesting to note that during the 2nd World War, George Curphey, 3rd vice-pres., of NAMA, carried supplies to Pitcairn Island, on one occasion taking Thursday Christian as a passenger to New Zealand, Thursday Christian is a descendant of Fletcher Christian of "Mutiny of the Bounty" fame and so is of Manx stock.

The present Deputy Mayor of the City of Halifax, N.S., Mrs. Margaret Stanbury, comes from Manx lineage, her sister Helen Cannell is married and lives on the Isle of Man, her husband is Dr. Kelley of Ballaqueeny, Port Erin. Mrs. Stanbury and Mrs. Kelley's parents also resided on the Island.

Hilda and Sam Penrice recently enjoyed a two week first time vacation in Florida. While in Largo they visited with Mrs. Henry (Ethel) Christian, they spent a delightful evening at her home, Ethel was very kind showing them around and entertaining them to dinner, they also visited Mrs. A.M. Kelly at Mease Manor, Dunedin, a member of NAMA, Mrs. Christian does so much to welcome all Manx visitors to her lovely home. While passing through Deltona, the Penrices dropped in to see Mrs. Mabel Burhenne, another long time member of NAMA, they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Malboeuf (Mona) at Daytona Beach, members of NAMA,

During their stay in Jacksonville, they contacted Mr. Ernest Currie also a member of NAMA, his forebears came from Laxey, Isle of Man, they met his wife Pauline and enjoyed a pleasant evening as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Currie, most of the conversation was about the Isle of Man and the 1976 Convention, the Curries have never visited the Island, but hope to attend the next Convention.

#### THE LIL' PEOPLE

Born on March 17th, 1975, a daughter, to Gordon and Darlene Norma Mylroie Henrie; daughter and son-in-law of George E. Mylroie.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Following our usual business meeting in March, Bert and Edna Cowin gave a fascinating talk and exhibition on the work they had done from the beginning into the research on the four Manx Stamps honoring Manx Pioneers to Cleveland, Ohio in 1825 issued by the Isle of Man Post Office in March. They spoke of their involvement with museums and historical societies, climaxing with their trip to New York for the "Interpex '75" Stamp Exhibition. The Cowins were given a hearty round of applause for all their work.

A very successful card party for a capacity crowd was held in May. The evening was brought to a close by a raffle of 30 gifts, provided by local merchants and members, and numerous door prizes. As usual the ladies served delicious cakes, many made from recipes in our new COOKERY BOOK. (If you haven't ordered yours, we still have fifteen left).

The Cleveland Manx Society was well represented when the Freedom Train was in the city recently. Miss Florence Lyon made two beautiful posters, which were on display, featuring the Isle of Man and the Cleveland Manx.

We will be holding our annual picnic on Sunday, August 10th at the Grace Episcopal Church grounds. If you plan to be in our area, please contact Mrs. Cowin for further information.

Mrs. Marge Krach,  
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## GALVA MANX SOCIETY

News is rather sparse from the Galva Society at this time, but a summer picnic is being planned for the near future.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson,  
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## PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

The Peoria Manx Society extend an invitation to their Annual pot-luck dinner, this will be held on Sunday, July 27th, 1975 at Glen Oak Park Pavilion, Peoria, Illinois, the time 12:30 p.m. Please remember to bring food and cutlery. This event is always an enjoyable one so please make a note of the date and plan to be there, this is your invitation to members and friends.

## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

We resumed our meetings again after a surprisingly mild winter only to find our April meeting right in the middle of the worst winter storm in many years. A few hardy souls made it and we enjoyed our Penny Auction.

Picnic plans will be delayed until late August this year as several of our members are going on early holidays.

Mrs. Maggie Beddow celebrated another birthday in April - 92 years young. It has been some time since Maggie has been able to join us but she is still very interested in the Society she actively supported for so many years.

We are busily engaged in a fund-raising effort at the present time - a Draw - which will take place on June 7th. Also, our elections will be held on that date.

As you read this message in late June, many of you will be planning your vacations - we wish you all a safe and happy summer!

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

One of the greatest meetings in the history of the Southern California Manx Society was called to view the Isle of Man Tourist Board films which were in the custody of the Rev. James C. Caley, President of the North American Manx Association.

A large and enthusiastic gathering filled the hall of St. Wilfrid's Church where the films were shown.

It was for all of us a safari into the secret places of the Isle of Man and we gathered a large amount of favorable comment and a great deal of publicity. All things Manx were thoroughly explored and the running commentary along with the pictures took us away back to the beginning of things. It was for all of us a homecoming in which we walked once more in the glens and fields and into the mountains and along the beaches. We saw the ancient castles and the great churches and the majestic Tynwald Day ceremony and we heard the law read again in our native language.

The Rev. J.C. Caley added to the evening's enjoyment by showing a 45-minute film which he made himself on a recent visit to the island. He showed us his school at Onchan, his high school at Douglas and his home church St. Ninian's. We saw many of the people with whom he went to school and who

now hold prominent and responsible positions on the island. As a special bonus we saw in his film many beautiful scenes from England and Northern Ireland.

Many of the people of our community who have Manx names attended the meeting as well as many who do not have Manx names. The meeting was most enthusiastic and several of those present stated their determination to go to the island for the 1976 Convention.

Malcolm Kinley, president of the Southern California Manx Society was in great heart as he regaled us once again with Traa-di-Illor and Ramsey Town and I'm a Native of Peel and The Pride of Port La Murra. Indeed he is the Pride of Port La Murra being a native of Port St. Mary. He was accompanied at the piano by Clarice Caley.

Delicious refreshments were served and it was generally agreed that a good time was had by all. It was decided that the next meeting would take the form of a picnic at Lake Park in Huntington Beach in the middle of June.

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## BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

Meetings were held in February at the home of the President Mr. Leland Chick, an election of officers was held but the present executive decided to carry on for another year. Bingo was played, followed by a raffle and a sing-song. The March meeting was held at the home of the Arnold Corrin's, Mrs. Ruth Bonham supplied the prizes for the games which followed, unfortunately she was unable to be present as she was in hospital with a foot infection. Mrs. Annie Rothery and her daughter Christine were hostesses for the April get-together, seventeen members attended, including Gertie Quill and her grandson Jamie. A donation of \$7.50 was made to the Arts and Humanities Association.

The May meeting took place at the home of Bessie McKeeby, with seventeen members present, Mr. McKeeby is still confined to the County hospital, a warm welcome was given to Elva Sheldon after her long illness.

Following the June meeting which will be held at the Corrin home the Society will adjourn until the Fall, many members will be travelling and visiting families during the vacation season.

Ivy Dillon and her brother Cecil, spent Mother's Day with Ivy's daughter Mrs. Peggy VanCamp in Phoenix, they also attended the funeral of Peggy's father-in-law Mr. D.L. VanCamp.

Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Secretary,  
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**WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION**

The World Manx Association in their Annual report for December 31st, 1974 reported a very busy and rewarding twelve months, a number of Manx people going abroad to settle were provided with contacts in the various Manx Societies and were thus assured of a welcome in their adopted country.

Requests were made to Liverpool and Wirral Manx Societies for visits to patients from the Island in hospital in those areas. Exchange of correspondence and visits with various Societies throughout the World are vital factors in maintaining interest for all things Manx, membership in the W.M.A. continues to grow.

The many social events held by the W.M.A. are always well attended, the Annual gathering on July 5th is usually highlighted by the presence of many "Homecomers" from Canada, U.S.A., South Africa, Australia and British Manx Societies.

As our members well know anyone visiting the Island is always assured of a very warm welcome from the President, Mr. Harold Cain, C.P., his officers and members, the programme of W.M.A. events was printed in the March edition 1975 of the Bulletin.

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**GALVA, ILLINOIS  
Galvan Wins National Honor**

Major Robert E. Miller, Galva, Illinois was named as one of the top Freedoms Foundation Award recipients by the Valley Forge, Pennsylvania foundation earlier this year. Major Miller received this award at the national awards presentation at Valley Forge in February. The award, an encased medallion showing George Washington knelt in prayer, is accompanied by a \$1,000 dollar cash award.

The Freedom Foundation's promotion of patriotism is it's sole purpose. Miller had previously been awarded a mounted certificate and a cash award of one hundred dollars in previous contests.

His father, the late Robert Miller of Galva was a native of Ramsey and is well remembered in Galva for his beautiful tenor voice.

Major Miller is a veteran of the Korean conflict and a 26-year veteran of the Illinois National guard. With his wife Vina and four children they are active in the Galva Baptist church where he serves as a deacon. He is also a member of the American Legion and Galva Lion's Club. He is to be commended for his efforts in behalf of patriotism.

**THOSE WRITING  
MANX YANKS**

Perhaps the day will come, if it has not already, when the postman delivers a letter from a stranger in the United States or Canada, asking questions about possible family lines you might have in common. It's not a plot to gain the "old family fortune." Rather, it is one symptom of the growing interest of Americans in their heritage.

Some attribute the increased interest in the upcoming Bi-centennial of the American Revolution, noting that the same phenomenon occurred following the American Centennial of 1876.

Whatever the reason, increasing numbers of Americans are delving into old family papers, examining old church and community records and writing to those whom they hope might have some information to help them.

One survey has even noted that the number of Americans researching their genealogy is only surpassed in the avocation by those who collect stamps and those who collect coins!

The North American Manx Association, for example, reports that increasing membership of the organization reflects a significantly high proportion of those who had only recently discovered or rediscovered their Manx heritage.

This is particularly true of such early families as the Christian's, Looney's and Kaighin's, who have only recently learned of the NAMA through its recognition in various directories published in the United States. Many of the early Manx families have long been formed into family associations and have someone designated as the family genealogist, but saw themselves as rather rare individuals, and unaware of the many other Manx families in North America.

According to NAMA, the recent brochure on Manx heritage issued by the Tourist Board is inspiring many of them to plan a "homecoming" to the Isle of Man by a belated two or three hundred years. The international acceptance and recognition of Isle of Man postage stamps and coins has caused many Manx-Americans to desire to know more of the bloodlines which flow in their veins, to know of the people, the culture and the folklore which has been passed to them from generation to generation. They want to know more of the noble characteristics of their blood and race.

And, when the postman brings that letter from a stranger bearing the same name and a North American postmark, who knows but that you may be hearing from some long lost kinsman seeking to reclaim some part of his Manx identity.

**A REMINDER**

Unless you are a Life member in the NAMA, your membership will expire July 31st, 1975, please renew NOW by sending your cheque — \$4.00 if you wish to receive the Bulletin, \$1.00 without the Bulletin. We do not like to drop you off our membership list so — DO IT NOW!

The Treasurer's name and address is as follows:

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**SHOPPING**

I must go shopping today...for I am completely out of generosity and must get some more. I also want to exchange the self-satisfaction I picked up the other day for some real humility — they say it wears better. I must look at some tolerance, which is worn as a wrap this season. I saw samples of kindness...well, I'm a little low on that and one can never have too much of it. And I must try to match some patience. I saw it on a friend — and it was so becoming and might look well on me. I must remember to get my sense of humor mended, and keep my eyes open for some inexpensive goodness. It's surprising how one's stock of goods is depleted. Yes, I must go shopping today.

— Wisconsin Gardens

**???? YOU NAME IT. ????**

*Today my mind is just a blank  
Although I have the time  
I just can't pick a subject that  
Will lend itself to rhyme  
I've thought of love and country free  
Of home and oceans blue  
But every time I start to write  
My thoughts just won't come through  
So I'll give up and try again  
Perhaps I'll click this time  
If I take words and jot them down  
They may fall into line  
At last I believe I've done it.  
Half victory I have won  
The lines fall into pattern  
But the subject ? I have none.*

Original Poem by Thomas V. Teare,  
St. Joseph, Mo.

## OBITUARIES

CARTER, Wm. Henry, passed away on April 13th, 1975 at Elmwood, Ill., the late Mr. Carter was a member of the Peoria Manx Society.

CAMERON, Donald Eugene Ames, of Washington, D.C., died March 22, 1975, aged 83. Mr. Cameron was born at Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 18, 1891, and received his B.A. in architectural engineering from the University of Michigan. During World War 1 he served as a 1st Lt. in the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Cameron was proud to note that his four Manx immigrant ancestors left Jurby on July 6, 1827, and settled in Painesville, Ohio. They were Thomas Kelly, whose journal of the voyage has been published, Thomas Kelly, Jr., Jane Boyde Kelly and Jane Elizabeth Kelly. Mr. Cameron received national distinction as a genealogist and officer of a number of hereditary organizations. He served as Assistant General of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Treasurer General of the National Huguenot Society, and a State Treasurer of the Sons of the Sons of the American Revolution. In addition to his NAMA membership, Mr. Cameron also belonged to the St. Andrews Society, the Society of Colonial Wars, Society of the War of 1812, Sons of the Revolution, Plymouth Plantation, Flagon and Trencher and Alpha Tau Omega. He is survived by his wife, Edith Estelle Kimmel Cameron; two sons, Dr. Donald K. Cameron, and Mr. William Kimmel Cameron; eight grandchildren and two great-grand-children.

CHRISTIAN, William K., of Balsam Street, passed away on February, 9th, 1975, he is survived by his wife Marie; also several cousins. The late Mr. Christian was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, and was a former member of the Rochester Manx and the NAMA, he was a fine soloist performing at the first Rochester Convention and over the years had been active in choral groups.

CLARKE, The Rev. John H., aged 85 years, retired United Methodist Minister of Knoxville, Illinois, passed away on March 13th, 1975, after being in failing health the past year. Born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, January 28th, 1890, he came to America in 1909. He married Margaret Fargher in Galva, Illinois in 1914, she pre-deceased him in 1952. He later married Elizabeth Gooding of Knoxville, Ill., she survives with a step-daughter and two step-grandchildren in Knoxville, also a brother Joe in Eugene, Oregon, and several neices and nephews. The late

Rev. Clarke retired from active ministry in 1957 after serving Churches in Central Ill., since 1925 — eighteen of those as pastor of the Knoxville Church. He was currently Pastor Emeritus of that Church. He was active in his community life, he had served as President of the Galva Manx Society, he will be greatly missed in Galva and Knoxville. Burial was in Galva Cemetery.

FAUST, Richard J. passed away on April 6th, 1975, at the age of 56, dearly loved husband of Alyce (Quine), father of Marcia, Jarnigan, Kenneth, Kim, Kevin and Shelly, grandfather of two. The late Mr. Faust was born in Cleveland, Ohio., Mrs. Faust is the daughter of the late Mr. Willie Quine of Florida. Mrs. Faust is a long time member of NAMA and resides at 14014 Highlandview Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. 44135.

KINVIG, Samuel T., age 86, passed away on January 22nd, 1975 at Kewanee, Ill. The late Mr. Kinvig came from the Isle of Man as a young man and had farmed in the Galva area upon his arrival in America. He was predeceased by his wife the former Ethel Wade, he resided with his daughter Cora in Kewanee for he past several years, he is also survived by a brother in Canada. Burial was in Galva Cemetery.

MORRISON — On March 16th, 1975 in hospital at Niagara Falls, U.S.A. Naomi Ruth, last surviving daughter of Thomas and Ann Jane Morrison, formerly of Ballskeig Beg, Maughold, Isle of Man. Interred at Riversdale Cemetery, Niagara Falls. The late Miss Morrison had been a long time member of NAMA, she attended the 1972 Convention at Niagara Falls, Canada.

NUGENT, Francis. Passed away on March 26th, 1975, at the age of 60. The late Mr. Nugent was born in Douglas Isle of Man, he first resided in Canada for 8 years after the war, he served in the Armed Forces from 1940-1945, was a prisoner of war 4 years, he had lived in Southern California for the past 15 years and was a member of the Los Angeles Manx Society. He is survived by his wife Elsie and five children, son John, daughters Hazel Pike, Frances Rowley, Angela Bilbrey and Clarice Krach and 16 grandchildren also four brothers and two sisters, one brother in England, the remainder all live on the Isle of Man.

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has provided a decisive proof of survival; and it has enriched marvellously man's whole conception of life beyond the grave. It enables him to look forward, not to a vague shadowy meager existence in the other world, but to life rounded and complete. It does this because it demonstrates not merely immortality but Resurrection, the rising to life again of the complete man, body as well as soul. Thus your Chaplain continues with his thoughts and adaptations of early writers and stresses the meaningfulness of Easter to the Christian soul.

The practical bearing of belief in the Resurrection of the body on life in this world is apparent because it safeguards the survival of human personality; it affirms the worth and dignity of the individual man. It is generally admitted that the idea of the sacredness of personality is the gift of Christianity to the world, but it is not so commonly recognized that the gift is the fruit of Christ's Resurrection even more than of his teaching. In primitive societies the individual hardly counts; he does not think of himself as a person, but only as a member of a tribe. In the Graeco-Roman world, the State was substituted for the tribe, and the individual counted as a citizen rather than as a person. He belonged to the State, and his life derived its value and significance from his citizenship. Today the individual is once again ceasing to count; he is becoming merged in a social collectivity beneath the rules of the establishment, and his right to an individual existence is increasingly denied. It is highly significant that this sinister retrogression has preceeded step by step with the abandonment of the Christian doctrine of the survival of human personality. If a man rejects belief in personal existence after death, he forfeits all real claim to personal existence here and now. Man must recover his belief in his eternal destiny, before he can regain his freedom.

Robert Quayle Kennaugh.

## OBITUARIES

PETERSEN, Folmer passed away on April 4th, 1975, at St. James Hospital, the late Mr. Petersen was visiting his daughter at the time, his home was in St. Petersburg, Florida. Much sympathy will be felt for his widow, Elsie who is ill at present and to his daughter — Alyce J. Kowal of Park Forest, Ill., son Warren H. of Lansing, Kan., Donald H. of Korea, and Thomas H. of Sturgis, Mich., also six grandchildren. Services were held on Monday, April 7th, interment private.