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

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BEST-EVER CONVENTION BEING PLANNED IN I.O.M. JULY 1976

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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It is with a sense of personal loss that we mark the passing of our World Manx Association President Harold Cain. This great and good man was a genuine friend to each one of us, as well as a superlative Manxman and a prominent citizen of the world. Volumes would be required to record his service to our people in particular and to our world in general. We extend to Mrs. Cain and all other members of his family our profound love and sympathy and we pray that all of us will be inspired to follow his example of dedicated service.

The time of our 1976 convention is drawing near and we have designated July 10, 1976, as Registration Day. This date is between the dates of the American Bi-centennial and the Olympic Games. The program of the Convention will of course follow and will cover as many days as the co-chairpersons determine. On this side of the ocean Miss Margaret Joughin, our First Vice-President will be chairperson and on the Island Miss Doris Clague, Secretary of the World Manx Association, will collaborate. We are fortunate to have much of the planning done already by the late Mr. Cain and by Miss Clague and others.

The Headquarters of the Convention will be the Majestic Hotel which has been reconstructed and modernized since we were last there. Mr. Sam Penrice has kindly consented to compile the Souvenir Book and Mr. Stan Shimmin has a fund of information in the matter of Charter Flights.

Other key positions will be filled at an Executive Committee meeting to be held in November.

We are looking forward to a great Convention in our Island Home.

I would appreciate it if you would take a post card as you read this and drop me a line about your probable attendance at the Convention in 1976 so that we may have some intimation of your interest.

This poem was inspired by a walk through the Nunnery grounds, Douglas Isle of Man. Original poem by Violet Corlett, Braddan I.O.M.

WALK THROUGH A MEADOW

*To walk through a meadow
strewn with daisies
Or fragrant with new mown hay
Sparkling like diamonds
Dew laden at the break o' day
To meander through a host of buttercups
Golden chalices fit for a queen
Their lustrous petals reflecting the sun
Amid the grass so green
To savour the sweet smelling clover
Admire the blue hare-bells
To wonder at their delicate beauty
And the tale their existence tells
To see the inquisitive cattle
Grazing the grass so sweet
Sheltering 'neath an old oak tree
Away from the noonday heat
To feel happy for the children
So carefree and gay
Making daisy chains and
blowing dandelion seeds
Truly blessed with such a day
To see young lovers exchanging posies
As they stroll through
this summer scene
Oblivious to all around them
Engrossed in their own special dream
To sit beside a river
To sip its summer wine
And watch a hopeful fisherman
Patiently casting his line
To see the chestnut trees in blossom
Like giant candleabra
swaying in the breeze
And hear a blackbird singing
As if to praise the beauty it sees
My native Manxland has
many such meadows
Beautiful havens from worry and strife
Just waiting for those who appreciate
The simple things in life.*

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DEATH OF MR. HAROLD S. CAIN, C.P. Honorary Vice-President of the North American Manx Association

It is with sadness that we report the sudden passing peacefully in his sleep of Mr. Harold Cain, C.P., at his home at Millholme, Mount Murray, Santon, Isle of Man on June 24th 1975, at the age of 81.

Mr. Cain was well known and respected throughout the Island. He devoted many years of his life to working for public organizations. To the members of the N.A.M.A. he is best remembered as the President of the World Manx Association, when his father Mr. Richard Cain died, Harold took over the reins, carrying on where his father left off. His greatest interest was in all things Manx, not only on the Isle of Man but throughout the world. He and his wife made anyone from the North American Continent most welcome, just as long as they were Manx or had Manx connections.

In 1969 Mr. Cain and his wife Bee made the long journey out to Canada and the U.S.A. They were welcomed warmly by representatives of the various Manx Societies. On this occasion he presented a replica of the Manx Sword of State to the North American Manx Association — this has been used as a symbol of office of the Association's Presidents since that time.

At the time of his death Mr. Cain was an Honorary Vice-President of the N.A.M.A.

Much sympathy will go out to his wife Bee, his devoted companion for 35 years, and to his son Richard and daughter Claudette and grandchildren.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE N.A.M.A.

The Constitution may be changed or amended at any regular Convention by a majority vote of members present, but such amendments must be presented to the Corresponding and Recording Secretary in writing.

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DUES DUE AUGUST 1

Have you paid your dues yet? We've been swamped by those who have but if you haven't done so, we would like to receive yours too. Do us both a favor and do it now-now-now. Send remittances to C. Creer, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

FACT OR FAKE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was printed on the front page of the "Herald", local newspaper of Georgetown, Ontario, Canada. The gentleman who wrote the letter is as ill-informed about the Isle of Man as he is about Canada! One thing for sure — he is not a Manxman!

[In these days of Canada's supposed rise to international importance it's interesting to note some people still think we're battling snow storms 12 months of the year which is particularly hard to imagine during this 35-degree Celsius heat wave.]

To the Editor of the Herald:

About a week ago I was riding on a British Rail train from Liverpool to Manchester, and so I thought I would go to the snack bar and pick up a newspaper, when I noticed a paper on the seat across from me, and it turned out to be the Georgetown paper. Could you please tell me something about your city and Canada? I am very interested in writing to somebody in Georgetown if it is at all possible. I am employed as a customs official at the pier at Douglas and I also paint the countryside in and around the local area.

Slieau Monagh is a wee hamlet about six miles northwest of Douglas and there are about fifty-five people living here, with about thirty-five people who work in Liverpool every week who commute back and forth on weekends and holidays.

The Isle of Man is about thirty miles off the English coast and has a population of about four thousand people not including the parliament which has 27 members at the present time. Our biggest industry is the tourist trade from March to October in which has an estimated one million visitors a year.

I was arguing with a friend yesterday and he said that Canada was a part of the United States of America and I told him that it was a part of Newfoundland, would you tell me which one of us is right. Could you also tell me how many hours it would take to drive from Georgetown to Hudson's Bay. My friend said that, by looking on the map, he didn't think it would take more than two or three hours at the most. Is it also true that Canada has snow twelve months of the year?

Please answer soon. I would like to know a lot more about Canada, I have only met people from New York and Rhode Island States and they didn't know where Ontario is.

John Praisemanningly,
37 Ballakilpheric Road North,
Sileau Monagh,
Isle of Man.

GLOSSARY OF ADMINISTRATION

It's in the Process— We forgot about it until now.

We'll Look Into It—Meanwhile, you may forget it too.

Take This Up at Our Next Meeting— That will give you time to forget.

Program— A project requiring more than one telephone call.

Project— A word that makes a minor job seem major.

Under Consideration—Never heard about it until now.

Under Active Consideration—We're trying to locate the correspondence.

We're Making a Survey—We need more time to think up an answer.

The Members Say—The last one who called up.

Let's Get Together on This—You're probably as mixed up as I am.

We Can Go Over This at Lunch—It's time we ate on your expense account.

Reliable Source—The man you just met.

Informed Source—The guy who told the man you just met.

Unimpeachable Source—The fellow who really started the rumour.

Activate—Make more carbons and add names to the memo.

Implement—Hire more people and expand the office.

Consultant—Almost any man with a briefcase more than 50 miles from home.

Star Salesman—Someone from the home office with a special discount.

Note and Initial—Let's spread the responsibility.

Forward for Consideration—You hold the bag for a while.

(Courtesy Michigan
School Board Journal)

VALUABLE MANX STAMPS

A couple living in the Isle of Man made a special journey to Blackpool last Christmas to mail to their family in America. They decided on the trip because of numerous letters they have posted on the island, which have failed to reach addresses in the United States. Mrs. Audrey Hewetson of Port Erin was quoted as saying "I know of other people in the island whose letters have failed to reach their destinations in the U.S." She believes the letters are being stolen during transmission through the post in America. "There is a big sale of Manx stamps over there." And, by the way, have you ever noticed that with Manx stamps one of the great selling points for the island's tourism, that Manx government agencies, particularly the Tourist Board, don't use them — they use a postal meter.

CANADA SETS GALA PROGRAM HONORING U.S.

Canada will send some of its best performing artists and companies to the Opera House and Concert Hall of the Kennedy Center and the National Theater in Washington, D.C. for a two-week Canadian festival in honor of the American Bicentennial in October of this year. The festival will be held from October 13 through October 26.

The Canadian contribution to the Bicentennial is said to be one of the most comprehensive performing arts programs ever to be planned for the capital of the United States by a foreign country, and represents the largest single enterprise of its kind ever undertaken by Canada.

The two-week festival is subsidized by the Canadian Government through the Cultural Relations Programme of the Department of External Affairs and is being coordinated by the Touring Office of Canada Council.

The Washington Performing Arts Society, the Bader Gallery, and Gallery 4 will be participating with the Kennedy Center in the Canadian Festival.

Performing companies will be the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, the Mendelssohn Choir with Canadian Brass, the Shaw Festival and two opera companies.

The National Arts Centre Opera will bring its brilliant production of Offenbach's "La Belle Helene", and the Canadian Opera Company will present the outstanding Canadian opera "Louis Riel". The Shaw Festival Company from Niagara-on-the-Lake will present a special production of "The Devil's Disciple", a play about the American Revolution. Neptune Theater of Halifax will bring Michael Ondaatje's musical play about the American Southwest "Billy the Kid."

Individual artists such as Monique Leyrac, singer, actress and composer; Maureen Forrester, contralto; Louis Quilico, baritone who will sing with the National Arts Centre Orchestra, and Oscar E. Peterson, world-renowned jazz pianist will perform. The concerts are under the auspices of the Washington Performing Arts Society.

Other Canadian activities are scheduled to take place throughout the United States during the Bicentennial period. These include performances by the Montreal, Toronto, and National Arts Centre symphony orchestras, the Festival Singers of Canada, le Theater du Nouveau Monde, the Vancouver Playhouse, the Stratford Festival Company, the National Ballet, the Codco Theater Company from Newfoundland, and the Charlottetown Festival production of "Kronburg."

CHATTING BY HEP

PRAISE — How grudgingly we give praise, I don't mean in Church, no doubt some of us are mean in this respect also, but it seems to be very hard to say "well done" to our family, friends and acquaintances, try giving a word of praise sometime; you will be met by a look of astonishment and then genuine pleasure. I met a lady the other day (she would be in her 80's). She was wearing a most becoming shade of pink, a pant suit no less. I complimented her on how nice she looked. She beamed with pleasure — no doubt I had made her day. Try it sometime — it really works. Some day you could be on the receiving end.

Went out early this morning to the garden to pick off the dead leaves from the petunias and I saw a strange sight. There is a small park close to my home and there I saw a person raising the arms most gracefully, gazing up into the sky, very slowly raising and lowering, oblivious to anyone around. After getting my glasses on (to see better) I could see it was a Chinese woman. Was she doing some sort of ritual or exercises? Was she meditating, Yoga perhaps? I probably will never know, but it was fascinating to watch her.

We Manx have a great imagination, on the way to our cottage we pass a house, it looks sinister, never a sign of life, gloomy, overgrown with weeds, yet on one occasion I saw a garden chair at the front door and garbage at the roadside, "Who lives there?" I ask myself that question everytime I pass by. "Is it an old couple too feeble to do any gardening? Someone who just likes to be left alone?" I have christened it the "haunted house". Maybe someday I will uncover the "secret". There were many houses on the Isle of Man which had the reputation of being "haunted". We gave them a wide berth; I suppose our Celtic nature has a lot to do with our superstitions.

Well, the sweet smell and sounds of summer are slipping by very quickly. I think my favourite season of the year is the Fall, when nature puts on a spectacular display of colour and beauty; the weather is cooler; one can enjoy good solid roast beef dinners and hearty stews instead of cold, crisp salads; the cooler weather spurs one on to many things such as cleaning closets, basements, etc. We have had some very hot weather this past summer, but notwithstanding the grumbings we survived — not without the aid of an air conditioner, I must confess.

Time marches on, just like the poem "time and tide wait for no man". Or how about "It's later than you think", or "you're a long time dead". These catch phrases have nothing to do with "Chatting" really, but only to make us realize how much we should enjoy life in the time we have left.

Read an article the other day about being "assertive", not aggressive. There is a great deal of difference in the two. What a lot of confidence I have gained since then. I embarrass friend husband when in a restaurant — I send back to the kitchen the cold tea, when I ordered hot tea. But you know it works! The waitress apologizes and returns with tea made with boiling water. I question price and quality more than I did in the past. It's a nice feeling not to be intimidated by anyone. Wish I'd have learned this years ago, but perhaps by now I might not have had a friend in the world.

ISLE OF MAN HAS KEPT MANY OLD PRIVILEGES

It has a somewhat unusual national emblem: three legs which appear to be running.

BUT then the Isle of Man is a somewhat unusual island.

Geographically, it is part of the British Isles and, one would presume, of the United Kingdom.

Not so, Manx people will quickly tell you—of the British Isles, yes; but of the United Kingdom, certainly not.

They are, they claim, an independent State.

Which is, in part, quite true. The island, roughly midway between the coasts of north-east England, Northern Ireland and south-west Scotland, has its own parliament which, to a large extent, makes its own laws, has its own taxation, customs duties, and so on.

It has a lieutenant-governor responsible to the Crown, not as monarch of England, however, but as "Lord of Man."

Early inhabitants were a race resembling the Picts, and then came the Celts.

In the ninth century came the conquering Norsemen, who remained in control until the Scots took over in 1266.

It is at this time, it is believed, that the three-legged emblem, possibly adapted from the Sicilian badge, was first used by King Alexander III of Scotland.

In 1333, England's Edward I took control of the island, and Henry IV gave it to the Stanley family, Earls of Derby, in 1406.

The early viceroys, like the Norse rulers, called themselves King of Man, a title which in 1504 became Lord of Man—the term which has continued until today, the British monarchs having been Lords of Man since George III.

Among the old buildings which have seen much of the island's history is the extensive ruin of Peel Castle on St. Patrick's Isle, which dominates the harbor of the attractive west-coast resort of Peel.

Within the 16th-century walls surrounding the ruins stand the remains of a cathedral, built mainly in the 13th and 14th centuries. *Continued on page 4*

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

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For those of you who are actively working on your "family tree", perhaps the following two books would be of interest to you.

THE RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO AMERICAN GENEALOGY by Val D. Greenwood is a detailed examination of the various types of records that can be found in specific areas and in specific time periods. It identifies and classifies all pertinent genealogical records, groups them in convenient tables and charts, gives their location, explains their uses, and evaluates each of them in the context of the research process. Further, the book explains how to determine objectives, gather data, analyze findings and incorporate information into meaningful form.

THE STORY OF SURNAMES by L. G. Pine gives detailed information on the subject of surnames. Since this is a subject that concerns everyone it is a naturally of interest to know something about the meaning, origin and history of one's own particular name. It is a fascinating subject — perhaps your name is of historic origin, or a place name, or one derived from an occupation, or a nickname. Remember, you work from the known to the unknown and oft times the family surname reflects an important missing link for the researcher.

ANY INFORMATION ON THE STANDISHS AND THE WASHINGTONS?

N.A.M.A. member Robert Kitchell of Laconia, N.H., a descendant of Myles and Barbara Standish, our "original Manx immigrants," writes that old records have turned up an article in the New York Times of Feb. 24, 1912, which reports that a previously unknown shield of the Washington family had been discovered in a parish church at Chorley, Lancs., with bearings found as one of the quarterlings in the coat of arms found to be that of the Standish family of Duxbury Hall. The same shield is on the Standish pew in the church. (For the heralds in our midsts, the Dexter half, the Standish portion, has 3 silver standishes on a blue field, and for Washington there are 2 silver bars under 3 pierced mullets or stars.) If any of our members or Manx readers have any information on this, Mr. Kitchell, at Box 12, Laconia, New Hampshire 03246, would like to hear from you.

IN PURSUIT OF ONE'S FOREBEARS

The National Archives in Washington reports that written inquiries concerning records of ancestors have increased from 3,000 a month in 1954 to 12,000 per month in 1975. Besides the written requests for information, 1,000 people visit the archives personally each week. The Boy Scouts of America have recently added genealogy to their list of merit badges, have issued an inexpensive handbook on the topic, and reported 1,500 scouts are earning the badge each month. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the "Mormons") who have always been actively searching the records of their ancestors as part of their religious beliefs, report that more than 1,000 persons visited their church genealogical library in Salt Lake City each day in 1972, many of whom were not members of the church but found the records valuable. The LDS genealogical library is of particular value to Manx-Americans since it has over 200 microfilm reels of Isle of Man records, and will send them to any of the church's hundreds of branch libraries for a small fee.

On the Isle of Man itself, there are three good sources of reference: the General Registry, the Manx Museum Library and the Douglas Library. But, the best sources of all are the oral history and recollections of the Manx people themselves and the parish churchyards — where "tombstone research" reaps great rewards.

If you are planning to visit the Isle of Man to perform genealogical research, be sure to write the Isle of Man Tourist Board, Douglas, Isle of Man, and ask for their popular leaflet "You May Have Manx Ancestry." (They will also be glad to send you hotel and other vacation information upon request.)

IN SEARCH OF AN EARLY MANX-MARK

Recently, an N.A.M.A. member noticed an unusual colonial tobacco mark featuring a lion, the words "Best Virginia" and — of all things — the three legs of man. The tobacco mark appeared in the book "George Mason: Reluctant Statesman," so he fired off a letter to the publishers, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Back came the word: a search of their library and files fails to reflect where they found the original. At their suggestion he wrote the New York Public Library. Sure enough, came the reply: the mark appears on a tobacco card, circa 1725-1850, as number 1145, box 2, of the Arents Collection on Tobacco. But, the Library had one suggestion: the Isle of Man is documented in its records as a center for the smuggling traffic in tobacco in the first half of the 18th Century. Perhaps Bulletin readers might be able to tell our readers something else about this early "Manx-Mark."

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The ruined cathedral is dedicated to St. Germanus, who was a disciple of St. Patrick.

One of the island's most picturesque events takes place each year at Peel.

This is the Viking Festival (August 3 in 1975, which commemorates the landing of the Norsemen in the ninth century.

Another castle, this time in an excellent state of preservation, is Castle Rushen in the south of the island at Castletown, which was the capital until 1869 and was the home of the Kings and Lords of Man.

Open to the public, it dates mainly from the 12th to 14th centuries.

During the Civil War, this fortress was defended by the Countess of Derby and her followers against Cromwell's forces after the seventh Earl of Derby was executed in 1651.

The castle was for a time, until 1834, the official seat of the island's government; it also served as the island's prison, and today still contains a courthouse.

An unusual building of a much later vintage is to be found at Laxey, on the east coast.

This is the remarkable Laxey Wheel, which was built more than a century ago to pump water from nearby lead mines.

It is quite a landmark, for its diameter is 72 ft. 6 in., and its housing prominently displays the island's three-legged emblem.

Each year, thousands of visitors climb the winding staircase around the pillar which supports it, and are rewarded by a fine view from the observation platform at the top.

The Isle of Man's history has naturally always been closely linked with the sea, and it has several connections with one of the most infamous episodes of British maritime history — the mutiny on the Bounty.

Records at St. Peter's Church in Onchan, near Douglas, show that Captain Bligh was married there; Fletcher Christian's family came from Milntown, near Ramsey; and Midshipman Peter Heywood, little more than a child when he was involved in the mutiny, was born near Braddan Bridge, just inland from Douglas.

RESORT

The capital, a mainly modern town and the port used by regular boat services from the British mainland, is a popular holiday resort set on a spacious bay.

It has a number of elegant buildings of the Georgian period, several of which have been converted into hotels, and there are horse-drawn trams on the promenade.

It is the starting and finishing point of the famous International Tourist Trophy motorcycle races.

HOUSE OF KEYS

Douglas, Tuesday, July 1, 1975
at 11 a.m.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR. H. S. CAIN, C.P.

The Speaker: Hon. members, it would not be doing justice to the feelings which are uppermost in many of our hearts if we passed to the business of the day without taking notice of the loss sustained by the Manx nation through the passing of Mr. Harold Cain, one of the Island's most outstanding sons — a man who has built a "cairn of memories". The bounty of nature enriched and developed not only by early training but by constant self-discipline through life — blended in him gifts and graces which, taken alone, are rare — and in such attractive union rarer still; body, mind, character, developed through athletics, love of home land, music, service to the community, each making its separate contribution to the faculty and the experience of a many-sided and harmonious whole. But what he was he gave and gave with such natural ease and enthusiasm that I think it may be said that wherever he moved, whether it be in the Island or on his many visits to Manx communities throughout the world he seemed to radiate vitality and charm. I first met Harold Cain some 40 years ago and had the pleasure to hear him sing. He possessed a rich voice and great humour. T. E. Brown wrote: "To sing a song shall please my countrymen. To unlock the treasure of the Island heart this is all I ask". It was all Harold Cain asked, but it was to lead to his becoming the president and the inspiration of the Manx Music Festival for some 10 years between 1960 and 1970, a period notable for the Festival's revival. His enthusiasm for the works of our national poet, coupled with the burning desire to maintain the national spirit both at home and overseas, made him a natural leader of the World Manx Association founded by his father. I and others in this Chamber can testify to the esteem in which he was held by

Manx people in a wide range of countries who believed, rightly, that in him they had a champion who would maintain what was best in Island life. He stood for and he mirrored what they held dear and he never betrayed their trust. His political career extended from 1958 to 1966 as a member for the Sheading of Middle. During that period he served on the Highway and Transport Board, the Board of Social Security, the Local Government Board, the Water Board and the Forestry, Mines and Lands Board. I am sure that it was in the work of the Forestry, Mines and Lands Board that he found the greatest satisfaction. For him, as Brown put it, "The sycamore was full of green and tender light and budding larches fed the hunger of his sight". The Island was a canvas, the Forestry Board the medium through which he could not only conserve but improve the beauty of his homeland. For 18½ years to the time of his death he discharged his responsibilities faithfully. He held the ancient office of Captain of the Parish, and Jurby, where he formerly farmed, had pride in such a distinguished leader. A stenuous fighter for all that was good, he has left behind him no resentment, no enmity, nothing but a gracious memory of a manly and winning personality, the memory in fact of one who served with an unstinted measure of devotion his generation and his country. Of him we may say: "He does not die that can bequeath some influence to the land he knows, or dares, persistent, interweave love permanent with the wild hedgerows. He does not die but still remains substantiate with his darling plains". To Mrs. Cain, and his family we extend our sympathy at this time and I now ask members to stand for a moment in silent tribute to a former colleague and a true Manxman.

Members stood in silence.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

THEY'RE GONE AGAIN — Back to the Isle of Man for their sixth visit this September are Mae and Ed Sayle of Arlington, Va. As Chairman of the Arlington Bicentennial Commission, Ed doubts they will be able to make it for the next N.A.M.A. Convention to be held on the Isle of Man, altho' now the date has been set for around July 10th, the busy celebrations of July 4th in the United States will be over, so who knows — they could be joining with us.

Visitors with the Penrices in Georgetown, Ontario, Canada during the summer were Clarence Creer, Treasurer of N.A.M.A., his wife Mona and daughter Judy. They had been touring the Maritime provinces of Canada and were on their way home to Illinois.

Bringing greetings to the World Manx Association re-union which was held on July 7th, was Mrs. Bessie Leece Auty and Mrs. May Wils from the United States. Mrs. Auty brought good wishes from the Cleveland Manx, Mrs. Wils from Chicago.

Mrs. Bessie Leece Auty, who from time to time contributes original poems to the Bulletin, has sent along some very touching poetry written by Violet Corlett who resides at Saddle Rd., Braddan, Isle of Man. I will include one from time to time. Whilst on the Island, Mrs. Auty, who was accompanied by her niece (Mrs. May Wils) also had one of her poems published. Congratulations.

Visiting with Mrs. Edric (Hazel) Costain of Martins Ferry this May were Mrs. Harold Murray and friend, Mrs. Irene Higgins from the Isle of Man. Mr. Murray is a nephew of the late Mr. Edric Costain.

A family re-union was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asel Gabel, about 40 being present. They came from many parts of the U.S.A., all descendants of the Costain family who came to the States in the 1900's.

Margaret Joughin made her third visit to Brazil this summer to visit her brother, Donald and family, in Rio de Janeiro. She was accompanied by her brother Ramsey's two eldest children, Ian and Gillian, who were making their first big trip away from home. In addition to seeing all the sights of Rio, all three enjoyed their first experience of country life in Brazil at the old coffee farm which Donald has bought recently.

Donald's daughter, Denise, will be leaving the warm climate of Brazil in September to begin her studies at Syracuse University in the United States.

INFORMATION

If anyone has any information about Joe or Joseph Caley, born on the Isle of Man, was in the armed forces (Scotch Guard), came with his second wife to the United States, please contact Mrs. Harold Murray, Clybane Cottage, Cooil, Braddan, Isle of Man or Mrs. Edric Costain, 720 Broadway, Martins Ferry, Ohio. 43935.

CLEVELAND GOLD MEDAL

The winner of the Cleveland Gold Medal was Mr. Wally Curphey of Douglas, Isle of Man. He attained this honour at the Manx Music Festival this year at Douglas, Isle of Man.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Weather for our annual picnic held the second Sunday in August was glorious. About 80 members and their friends attended. All enjoyed the activities.

Following basket suppers, our folks heard a firsthand account of Bessie Auty's recent trip to the Isle of Man. She had just returned from a six week holiday there. Bessie was our society's official representative at the World Manx Annual meeting held July 7th at the Castle Mona Hotel. It was with deep regret that we learned — through Bessie — of the passing of Harold Cain. Mrs. Auty said that his greatest memorial would be the active continuation of the N.A.M.A. Our get-together ended with the singing of Ellan Vannin, Ramsey Town, and O Land of our Birth.

A highlight of our September meeting will be playing of a record "The Wonderful World of Man" which was sent to us by Miss Joice Gelling of Crosby. It is a new sight and sound souvenir of the Island and well worth hearing.

Plans for our society's fall activities are underway. We anticipate another enjoyable series of programs. October will include our annual Sale of Work; November will bring our traditional Mhelliagh; and again in December, we will have our Christmas party.

Visitors in our area are always welcome at our meetings. Should you happen to be near any second Tuesday of the month, contact one of our officers (listed in a previous Bulletin) — or any other Cleveland Manx Society member as to where our meetings are held. We would love to see you!

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TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

On June 7th we held our annual general meeting at which time the election of officers for 1975-76 took place. The officers serving last year were re-elected:

Mr. Will Lahmers—President
Mrs. Dot Hall—Treasurer
Mrs. Marion McLaren—Secretary
Mrs. Evelyn Irwin—Programme
Convenor
Mr. Peter Foster—Programme
Convenor

Our picnic is being delayed this year until August 30th and we are looking forward to a good turnout.

Our Fall meetings will not commence until October 4th and we will be holding a meeting on the first Saturday of every month, including June, with the exception of January and February. We would be most pleased to hear from any N.A.M.A. member visiting Toronto in the hope you would be able to attend one of our meetings.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Harold Cain in June and wish to extend our condolences to Mrs. Cain and her family. Mr. Cain will be greatly, and sadly, missed.

I know I speak for all members of the Toronto Manx Society when I wish all our American cousins a happy and successful year of Bicentennial celebrations. With this in mind, our thoughts turn to the home of our forefathers and to the courage of Manxmen and their families who traveled many, many miles to settle in a new country, and who contributed in no small way to the growth of the great nation of the United States of America. Happy Birthday!

Marion McLaren
106 Hiltz Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

GALVA

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fargher, Pekin, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fargher of Kewanee, Illinois, spent the last two weeks of July visiting their four aunts in the Isle of Man.

The men are the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan (Jennie Taggart) Fargher who were natives of the island, and were residents of the Galva and Kewanee area. Mrs. Dale Fargher's mother, Mrs. Herbert Cowley, is presently residing in Galva and is one of their oldest native born Manx residents.

One of the aunts visited, Miss Ella Fargher, is a former Galva resident.

The couples report having a wonderful time.

As a result of answering an inquiry from the Omaha World-Herald regarding the N.A.M.A. Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Galva has received many interesting pieces of mail from folks who are interested in learning more about the organization and their meetings. She hopes that members in that area will be able to get in touch with some of them.

LOS ANGELES

There are very few Manx folk in this area. Mrs. Lillian M. Tipper keeps in touch with the Bulletin. I'm sure our members enjoy her poems which are printed from time to time. Mrs. Tipper's daughter visited with her recently; her home is at Lake Havasu City.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

The members of the Southern California Manx Society met together on June 14 1975, for a picnic at Lake Park in Huntington Beach. This was the first outing of this year for our members and friends, and we had a fairly good attendance.

We were happy to meet and welcome three guests, Mr. H. Wight Quine of Huntington Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Rohrbough of South Gate, who we hope will become members of our Society.

It was a lovely day at the Park, and we enjoyed the fellowship and sharing the delicious refreshments — and, as always, being together for a good Cooish.

We plan to have another picnic at Costa Mesa Park, in Costa Mesa, on September 13th. We hope to have a good turnout of members when all will be home from vacations.

With best wishes to all Manx friends everywhere.

Ellen Bain, Secretary
132 Bonito Ave.
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BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The Bisbee Manx Society "closed down" for the summer months. They will meet on September 8th at the home of Mrs. Ivy Dillon. Everyone should be back from vacationing and ready for another busy season.

Many members have been visiting relatives and friends in many parts of the United States. Congratulations go out to Christine Rothery, who has just been promoted Manager of the Phelps Dodge Warren Store, a high honour for a woman.

The Society lost one of its valued members in the person of Mr. Art McKeeby. He died on July 5th, 1975.

Congratulations also go out to Jack Corin who is now Attorney-General on the Isle of Man. He is a cousin to Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Secretary of Bisbee Manx Society.

(Mrs.) Ivy Dillon, Secretary,
207 Hazzard Street,
Bisbee, Arizona 85603.

FLORIDA NEWS

There are quite a number of Manx folk in Florida, but there is no Society, the late Mr. Willie Quine used to send news for the Bulletin; now Mrs. Henry (Ethel) Christian will be keeping in touch with news.

Mrs. Elsie Petersen is presently visiting with her son in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown spent a vacation on the Isle of Man this summer. Sympathy will go out to Mrs. Brown (Ethel) in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Louise Cowley, who resided on the Isle of Man. Mrs. Christian (Ethel) returned from Cleveland, Avon Lake, after attending the wedding of Douglas Haldiman, son of Mona and Ray. Ethel and her brother Arthur and his wife Anne will drive to Chicago in September to attend the wedding of their niece.

Mrs. Henry Christian,
528 Seacrest Dr.,
Largo, Florida 33540.

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

A Manx Tea was held on April 24th with an excellent attendance of 45, a real good time was had by all. The annual summer picnic was held in Stanley Park with 30 members present. The highlight of the proceedings was the presentation of a gold pin embossed with the Three legs of Man to Mr. Eden Costain for his wonderful record of 63 years on the Vancouver Manx Committee, truly a fine achievement.

Miss Angela Jopson of Ramsey, Isle of Man, spent three weeks in Vancouver visiting relatives. Archie Fulton is presently visiting his family in Ottawa.

The Society regrets the passing of two of its members — Mr. Fred Christian and Mr. P. Barton. Mr. Barton was a long time member of the N.A.M.A.

Angus Gillon, President,
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TAX COLLECTIONS UP

The Isle of Man continues to flourish as a tax haven. John Bolton, the island's chancellor, has reported the receipts are soaring, and were expected to come to ten and a half million pounds in this fiscal year, more than double those of 1972-73. He even expects a surplus of over two million pounds. Oh, those rich "come-overs."

GIFT IDEA

If you want to give a lasting gift to someone, make it a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP in the NAMA. They will appreciate it and you will know that their knowledge of their Manx heritage will continue to grow. The cost for persons 50 years of age or under is \$50 and \$40 for those over 50. Send remittances to: C. Creer, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Illinois 60462. U.S.A.

PROMISES, PROMISES . . .

The 210 year old Act of Parliament under which the Isle of Man lost its independence and was bought by the Crown is supposed to be repealed this year on recommendation of the Law Commission. The act, officially known as the Man Purchase Act of 1765, but known on the island as the Revestment Act, and often termed a "sell-out." With the end of smuggling brought about by the act, the Manx economy went into decline, alleviated only by the emergence of tourism in the late nineteenth century. Wags point out that the parallel act of the Parliament with the Revestment Act was the infamous Stamp Act — and you know what the colonies did about that.

ORCHIDS IN THE AYRES?

Scientists have found a colony of rare orchids growing on a "table top patch" at the Ayres, an expanse of heath on the north end of the IOM. In a report by the Nature Conservancy Council, Dr. Larch Garrad of the Manx Museum said that nine spikes of the orchid had flowered this year. "It is off-white and the sort of thing people would park their cars on without noticing," he said. First palm trees, now orchids, watch out for the parakeets.

BOSTON 200 ESTABLISHES FOREIGN VISITORS CENTER

The City of Boston believes it will be the destination point for an estimated 500,000 foreign visitors during the two year Bicentennial period. To assist these travelers, especially those who possess limited command of English, Boston 200, Office of the Bicentennial, has established a Foreign Visitor Center.

Located in the International Institute at 287 Commonwealth Avenue, the Boston 200 Foreign Visitor Centre employs a multi-lingual staff, trained to answer questions and/or get information on a variety of subjects — Bicentennial activities, facts about Boston, consulates, food and lodging, medical services — of possible interest to foreigners.

The center offers a guide and interpreter service for individuals and groups at an hourly rate of \$5 or \$10, depending on the number of people involved. For \$1.50 the foreign visitor can take advantage of opportunities to meet Bostonians and other international guests, in a relaxed social setting, at one of the Center's planned wine and cheese receptions. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Boston 200 Foreign Visitor Center at (617)262-4830.

GLEANINGS FROM THE INSULAR PRESS
[via the London Times]

DOSSIERS . . .

Legislation to create a register containing information about every resident on the Isle of Man has generated controversy on the isle. Deemster Robert Eason, has expressed his misgivings about the Registration of Residents Bill which was given a first reading in the Legislative Council. Mr. Howard Simcocks expressed fears it would be the beginning of "a situation in which the state maintains a dossier on its residents." Victor Kneale pointed out that the House of Keys had been strongly in favor of the bill. And, in July, the matter surfaces again when the Manx government unveiled its new Sperry-Univac computer which will be used to centralize the finances of the 20 boards of the government and to process the 1976 census.

RATES . . .

Soon, the residents of the IOM may find that they will have to pay nothing at all (local authority rates) toward local government services other than the 21.25 per cent income tax. The Government is phasing out, over a five year period, the rate it has levied for roads, education, police and fire services. Providing the island's economy continues to expand, the only rates which will remain will be the Douglas Borough Council rates and those by parish commissioners. Mr. William Dawson was quoted as saying he sees no reasons rates should not be abolished. "We don't believe in levying taxes for their own sake, he said. U.S. and Canadian politicians, please copy.

IMMIGRANT CONTROL . . .

People who have taken jobs in the IOM in the last 5 years will be subject to the rigorous new control over employment to be applied by the Manx government. In particular, they will have to apply for work permits which, technically, could be refused. The new regulation is part of the Control of Employment Bill which was under consideration by the Tynwald. (P.S. — Civil servants are not exempt.)

WILLS IN THE PAPER

A bill to prohibit publication in Manx newspapers of details of wills was published recently in the Isle of Man. It prohibits both publication of the sum left and the details of disposal. Offenders face a maximum fine of 400 pounds. A government spokesman said wills would still be available for public inspection. Oh well, we can still read the birth announcements and the obituaries.

OBITUARIES

CAIN. On Tuesday, June 24th, 1975, at Millholme, Santon, Isle of Man, in his sleep, Harold Stanley, Captain of the Parish of Jurby, beloved husband of Bee, dear father of Richard and Claudette and a dear grandfather. Interred on June 27th, service at Onchan Parish Church, Onchan, Isle of Man.

COWLEY, Louise May Kennish, passed away on June 23rd, 1975 at Douglas Isle of Man, widow of the late Douglas Cowley. Mrs. Cowley is survived by her daughter Evelyn Stowell, granddaughter Janet Stowell of Douglas Isle of Man and a sister Ethel Kennish Brown of St. Petersburg, Florida. The late Mrs. Cowley and her husband Doug were well known members of the Cleveland Manx Society before returning to reside on the Isle of Man in 1932. They were members of the World Manx Association.

COSTAIN, J. Edric Sr., passed away in February 1975, age 82 at his home, St. Martins Ferry, Ohio. The late Mr. Costain was born in Foxdale, Isle of Man and had been associated with farming. He is survived by his wife Hazel; two sons, Joseph of Colerain and Russell of Streamwood, Ill.; four daughters, Mrs. Ervin (Mary) Fox of North Lima, Mrs. Ray (Donna) Herrlein and Mrs. Harris (Elizabeth) Carton, both of Brilliant, and Mrs. Dean (Virginia) McIntire of Penn Creek, Pa.; one brother Athol and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Murray, both of the Isle of Man; 27 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. The late Mr. Costain was a member of the N.A.M.A.

STEVENSON, Walter John, passed away on August 7th, 1975, age 87, husband of the late Doris Sayle Stevenson, beloved father of Myrra L. (Mrs. Randall Johnson), of Scottsdale, Arizona; grandfather of Jennifer and Julie.

The late Mr. Stevenson was a 57 year member of River Forest - Austin Lodge, No. 850, A.F.&A.M. Interment took place at Mount Emblem Cemetery. The late Mr. Stevenson formerly lived in the Chicago area, many of his Manx friends attended the service.

SKILLICORN, Mrs. Frances, widow of the late John H. Skillicorn, passed away on June 16th, 1975 at the age of 84. The late Mrs. Skillicorn was born in Laxey, Isle of Man. She had been a long time member of the Cleveland Manx Society. In 1973 she and her daughter, Mrs. Thomas J. Carrigan made a trip to the Isle of Man; she was then 82 years old. She is survived by her daughter Kathleen (Mrs. Thomas J. Carrigan) of Bedford, Ohio.



MR. WALTER J. STEVENSON

We regret to record the death of Mr. Walter J. Stevenson, formerly of Chicago. At the time of his death he resided with his daughter Myrra, son-in-law and grandchildren in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The late Mr. Stevenson was a fine Manxman, a long time member of the Chicago Manx Society and the N.A.M.A. He contributed so much to the musical culture throughout his lifetime; he was blessed with the talent of a magnificent bass voice. His services were always in demand at Clubs and Lodges and other organizations. He also gave illustrated lectures on "Manxland and the Manx" — he was indeed proud of his Manx heritage.

Walter was born on the Isle of Man, in Lezayre, the 13th child of John Robert and Jane Stevenson. He was the last surviving member of this large family. He came to Canada in 1907 and settled in Vancouver, moving to Austin, Chicago in 1920. He was a charter member of the Vancouver Manx Society, Past President of the Chicago Manx and in 1958 was elected 3rd vice-president of the N.A.M.A. He helped in organizing the Manx Homecoming of 1927. He was truly a devoted Manxman. Ellan Vannin was never far from his thoughts. Walter would contact anyone with a Manx name so that he could interest them in the N.A.M.A. During his musical career the following poem was printed on his concert folders:

"God sent his singers upon the earth
With songs of sadness and of mirth,
That they might touch the hearts
of men
and bring them back to Heaven
again."

This was Walter's philosophy. His singing touched and won many hearts.

We on the Bulletin will miss his interesting contributions which he sent along from time to time. Our sympathy will go out to his daughter Myrra, her husband and family.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The ideal of the Holy Church is not merely to save individual souls while remaining indifferent to the conditions of human society; it is to make the authority of Jesus Christ really effective in human association, to bring all social powers and forces under the regulation of Christian principles, to establish the earthly throne of the King of Kings as well as to prepare men to worship before his throne in Heaven.

In order to do this we must set side by side with the social teaching of the Gospel its revelation of eternal life.

If secular humanism were to succeed for a while in supplanting the Christian Religion, its triumph would be short lived, for it contains within itself the seeds of its own destruction. Life with its mysteries, its splendors, and its terrors, would laugh at so poor an attempt to solve its problems. The new regime, when it had exhausted its program, would leave all the real facts of life untouched. Under it, men would still feel all the great pressures. Time would still carry him on its resistless tide, would inflict on him its experiences of age and decay; bereavement would still smite at his heart; the awe of the unseen would still encompass him; disillusionment would still haunt him; death would still face him. That this visible world of physical objects and human institutions could satisfy permanently his desire for happiness he would discover to be the vainest of illusions. ONE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH; neither this world, nor that which is to come. It is the glory of the Christian religion that it offers us the best of both.

—Robert Quayle Kennaugh.

OBITUARIES

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.

Her many friends in the NAMA will be sorry to learn of the death of Miss Barbara Cowell, of Douglas, Isle of Man in May 1975. The late Miss Cowell attended the 1972 Convention at Niagara Falls, Canada, she was a long time member of the W.M.A. and will be greatly missed.