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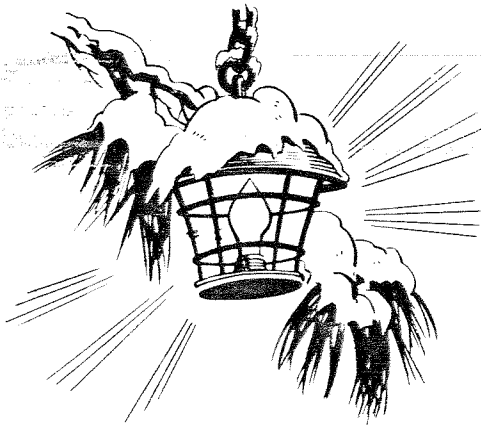
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"To preserve whate'er is left us of ancient heritage"

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rev. James Cowin Caley, Ph. D.,
President, NAMA,
P.O. Box 255, Huntington Beach,
California. 92648.

Dear Friends:

I am writing this within a short time after the 1975 Executive Committee meeting at which preparations were finalized for the 1976 Convention which is to begin at the Majestic Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man, beginning with Registration on Sunday, July 11th, 1976.

Let's make it a New Year's Resolution that we will all be present to make a visit to the Sacred Soil of our Homeland, the Land of our Fathers.

May God bless you and yours with a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CHRISTMAS IS...

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR SHARING. AND ONE OF THE NEAREST-TO-HEART WAYS OF SHARING IS TO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU AT YOUR TABLE. FINE FOOD IN PLEASANT COMPANY IS ONE OF THE SWEETER AMENITIES OF LIFE AT ANY SEASON. BUT AT CHRISTMAS IT SEEMS TO BRING THE CIRCLE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS EVER CLOSER IN RENEWED WARMTH AND APPRECIATION.

LUKE, CHAPTER 2:

"GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY"

AND IT CAME TO PASS in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David):

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them. Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying.

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem is a little city, and it does not take many people to crowd it; but, besides being the birthplace of Jesus, it is the birthplace of Israel's great warrior-king, David.

When the thoughts of the civilized world turn to Bethlehem, many wonder how the people there keep this greatest religious holiday. Very few American children can visit the little city, yet a number of travelers from America and Europe come to the Holy Land every year. Travelers want to be among those who crowd the streets on Christmas Day.

The Church of the Nativity has been built in Bethlehem. It is because of this that Christians in the "City of the Nativity," rejoice and proclaim "peace on earth" and "good will toward men."

A procession of bishops, priests and people form in the square in front of the church. Each is dressed in his most gorgeous robe. Christmas Day in Bethlehem is not the Christmas Day we know; it is full of religious ceremonies, and when these are over young and old go back to their accustomed life. Christmas to them is much the same as any other day of the year.

Who would not be glad to spend a Christmas eve and day where He who made the glad day possible was born?

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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.

**'YULETIDE IS HERE' —
LOVE, WARMTH, CHEER**

And inside, close to the hearthstone,
There is love and warmth and cheer,
While a gay and festive spirit
Seems to say, "Yuletide is here".

The "gay and festive spirit" praised in this Old English carol is the holiday feeling. What could make anyone feel more festive than love, warmth and cheer? The comfort of being with those you love, family, friends, and neighbors, and of a traditional holiday ceremony, say more than anything could that, indeed, the "Yuletide is here."

**MANX STAMP PRICES
SOAR, A RARITY**

The first issuance of Manx postage due stamps has risen to \$30 and a sheet of the stamps is worth \$175, according to the latest philatelic magazines. The inaugural stamp similarly has risen in value to over \$4 EACH. The first postage due stamps are even being "counterfeited" by scratching the "A" off the second series, but wary stamp collectors have been warned and will probably have the last laugh at those who mutilate the second issue to make it look like the first — the price of the second postage due series, in uncut form, is also rising on the stamp collecting market.

For the second year in succession the Isle of Man Post Office operation has made a profit of over half a million pounds.

Draft accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1975, show a profit of £480,000 on the sale of stamps to collectors, £12,000 from postal operations and £58,000 interest on investments and foreign exchange.

This information was given by Post Office chairman Mr. Victor Kneale, M.L.C.

**THE WONDERFUL WORLD
OF MANN**

Perhaps many of our members are familiar with the newest recording of the sounds which are beautifully reproduced on the WONDERFUL WORLD OF MANN. The albums are already in great demand on the Island and as it is a limited production, it would be advisable to order right away.

To listen to this recording is a nostalgic trip back to the Isle of Man, the sound of the surf, the gulls screaming overhead, the T.T. races and well loved songs of the Isle of Man — Ellan Vannin,

**1976 MANX STAMPS TO HAVE
OFFICIAL U.S. EMBLEM**

The Isle of Man Post Office Authority has received official permission to utilize the U.S. Bicentennial emblem on its 1976 commemorative issuance. The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in Washington granted use of the emblem on four stamps to be issued by the IOM in March to honor those Manx-Americans who served the American cause in the conflict. Selected to typify those Manx is Col. William Christian of Virginia. The first stamp depicts Col. Christian, the chairman of the committee of Fincastle Freeholders, riding to the colonial capitol at Williamsburg where the "Fincastle Resolutions" were first published. The Resolutions, a statement of loyal subjects seeking the rights of Englishmen, cautioned that the colonists might seek alternatives if not granted remedy. The second stamp depicts Patrick Henry delivering his famous, "Give me liberty or give me death" oratory at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. With him is William Christian, his brother-in-law, who is known to have supported Henry at the meeting of the Virginia Legislature there, and who was appointed to serve with Washington, Lee, Harrison, Jefferson and other prominent Virginia gentlemen under Henry's leadership to form and train a colonial militia. The third stamp depicts Col. Patrick Henry and Lt. Col. Christian as commanders of the First Virginia Regiment, the "Liberty or Death" regiment of the American Revolution. Christian was the regiment's military leader, Henry its political leader. Later, when Henry became the first governor of Virginia, Christian became Colonel of the regiment. The final stamp in the series depicts Christian in his typical frontiersman garb as an Indian fighter, commemorating his death in battle with the Indians along the Wabash, no doubt the first Manxman to enter the Ohio territory which would later be settled by his countrymen.

The stamps were researched for the Post Office Authority by the NAMA and were designed by Victor Kneale, chairman of the Authority. They will be included in a series of first day covers to be issued by the Franklin Philatelic Society, a division of the Franklin Mint, which has gained official recognition from the Bicentennial Administration for its series of stamps from over 30 nations which will honor the American anniversary.

Ramsey Town and Manx Fisherman's Evening Hymn and many more.

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ISLE OF MAN.

1976 — GO HOME TO THE ISLE OF MAN YEAR
N.A.M.A. CONVENTION JULY 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th
MAJESTIC HOTEL, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

NAMA EXECUTIVE MEETING

An executive meeting of NAMA was held on November 1st, 1975 at the Sheraton Inn, Rocky River, Ohio. There was a very good attendance and the President, Rev. James Cowin Caley presided over the meeting.

Many items of business were discussed, but primarily plans for the 1976 Convention were given priority on the agenda.

The time and place was established - July 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 1976, the Majestic Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man.

The following members were present, Miss M. Joughin, 1st vice Pres; Mrs. R. Cowin, 2nd vice Pres; Sam Penrice P.P.; Robert Kelly P.P.; Mrs. H. Penrice, Bulletin Editor; Mrs. H. Clucas, Pres. Ladies Aux; Miss A. Garrett, Rep. Ladies Aux. to NAMA; Mrs. James Robison, Mr. Wm. Roseman, Trustees; Miss E. Clucas, Secretary; Miss E. Cain, Sec. Treas. Ladies Aux; Clarence Creer, Treasurer; Miss E. Cox, 1st vice Pres. Ladies Aux; and Mrs. R. Haldeman, Registration Chairman.

Absent Hon. vice Presidents — Dick Corkill and Fred Caveen also 3rd vice Pres. George Curphey, and Stan Shimm and Norman Clucas P.P.

The following committees were set up:
 Convention Chairman Miss Margaret Joughin.

Souvenir Book Sam Penrice.
 Publicity Bob Kelly, Mrs. Edna Cowin.

Ways and Means,
 Prize distribution Bob Kelly

Registration Mrs. R. Haldeman,
 Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. Penrice and members
 of the Cleveland Manx.

Solicitation of funds
 and donations Bob Kelly.

Convention Co-ordinator
 on the Isle of Man Mrs. H.S. Cain.

MAJESTIC HOTEL
DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

It is most important that all delegates and friends who intend staying at the Convention Hotel **book early**. You can do this direct if you wish, the address is simply: **The Majestic Hotel Limited, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN, U.K.**, but be sure and advise that you are attending the NAMA Convention. We shall be going during a very busy period in the tourist season and the hotel will already have many bookings from regular customers.

This is a wonderful opportunity for 2nd and third generation Manxmen and Manxwomen to see their homeland and for the rest to renew old friendships and revisit the "Land of our Birth".

CONVENTION

JULY 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th.

This is a tentative programme for the Convention and many details have yet to be worked out with our President, Rev. J.C. Caley and the Convention Chairman, Miss Margaret Joughin. The World Manx Association will be working closely with our Executive.

Sunday, July 11th, 1976.

Registration, Majestic Hotel.
 President's Reception and Hospitality get-together.

Monday, July 12th.

Convention called to order, opening ceremonies, invocation by NAMA Chaplain. Formal welcomes. Business sessions. Bus tour.

Tuesday, July 13th.

Business session which will include the Memorial service. Bus tour.

Wednesday, July 14th.

Business session, reports of committees, (including time and place of next convention). Installation of Officers. Afternoon Ladies' Aux; tea, evening the final Banquet.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE
1976 CONVENTION

Many requests for information regarding a Charter Flight to the Convention have been received, the matter was fully discussed at the recent executive meeting of the NAMA.

Past President, Sam Penrice reported that Laker Airways had been contacted and were anxious to participate, however charter flight regulations have been changed since the last Convention. Most Airlines now operate special charter flights which can be booked directly by individuals or groups with the Airline or their travel agents. These flights must be booked at an early date, they are much cheaper than the regular scheduled flights, special price concessions may be arranged for group travel.

Each Society is being encouraged to arrange transportation for it's members and other interested persons in their area.

Anyone interested should contact the following.

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AND WEST COAST, USA

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TORONTO, CANADA

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

Mrs. McLaren already has information on flights out of Toronto by Laker Airways, these may be convenient for passengers from the U.S.A., as well as Ontario, Canada.

The following flights are suggested —

1. TORONTO-MANCHESTER Dept. June 16th, return July 29th.
 2. TORONTO-MANCHESTER Dept. July 7th, return July 29th.
 3. Also available TORONTO-LONDON Dept. July 10th, return July 24th.
 4. Also available TORONTO-LONDON Dept. July 10th, return Aug. 21st.
- The fare to Manchester is expected to be less than — \$354.00
 The fare to London is expected to be less than — \$369.00
 Connecting flights to the Isle of Man can be arranged.

Due to the Canadian postal strike and also to the fact that the Convention Chairman — Miss Margaret Joughin lives in Montreal, P.Q. it was necessary for her to phone directly to the Majestic Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man. By speaking directly to Mr. Bellamy the dates were confirmed, so now it is up to all the members and friends of the NAMA to make the 1976 Convention a "great success", your Executive are working hard to give you all a good time, pleasant memories and above all to "preserve our ancient heritage".

So plan now to join with us at the 1976 NAMA Convention.

A Mr. Gregory, representative of the Majestic Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man will be visiting Montreal during the Christmas Season, while there he will be in touch with our Convention Chairman — Miss Margaret Joughin, final plans will be discussed for our 1976 Convention.

From information received the Majestic Hotel has been renovated and refurbished, naturally the tariff rates will be higher than in 1970, the daily rate will be from £7 pounds to £9 pounds per day, plus V.A.T. tax.

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

By

Mrs. Robert S. Cowin,
1223 W. Melrose Drive,
Westlake, Ohio. 44145.

In one of the columns last year I mentioned the excellent source of Manx Records we found at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon). At the Genealogy Library at Salt Lake City they have over 1000 rolls of Microfilm on the Isle of Man.

I recently have copied their Index of available films and would be glad to send xerox copies to anyone interested in the information. (Cost \$1.00, including postage). Included on the films are Census Returns, Civil Records, Liber Assessed Rolls, Manorial Rolls, Genealogy Collection of Various Families in the Isle of Man, Goodwin's Genealogy Collection, Register of Landowners, Valuation of Land, Military Records, Probate Wills and Parish Records.

To my knowledge, this is the only printed list of films available.

The following information is copied from "Memorials of God's Acre" being Monumental Inscription by John Feltham and Edward Wright. The oldest dates recorded in the following parishes are:

Patrick	1724
German	1663
Michael	1695
Ballaugh	1654
Jurby	1663
Bride	1688
Andreas	1686
Lezayre	1639
Maughold	1611
Lonan	1689
Onchan	1720
Braddan	1663
Marown	1723
Santon	1677
Malew	1578
Arbory	1690
Rushen	1657

In doing your research, these dates should be helpful.

Thanks go out to Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Cowin for their help and warm hospitality which was given to the NAMA executive members during their visit to Rocky River, Ohio. The business sessions took up a certain amount of time, but the social get-together was much enjoyed, several members of the Cleveland Manx joined with us at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cowin, to all the members who helped in any way, many thanks.

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE STANDISH FAMILY; A BICENTENNIAL CONNECTION TO THE MANX?

Is there a connection between George Washington and the Standish family of England and the Isle of Man? NAMA member Robert Kitchel of Laconia, N.H., has found a strong indication that this may be so; Bob is a descendant of Miles and Barbara Standish, so he is interested in any information Manx researchers might be able to offer.

In a letter from his great-grandmother to his grandfather, she tells of an article in the New York Times of February 22, 1912, which carries a report from England that the Rev. Dr. Solloway, vicar of Selby, Yorkshire, had discovered that the Washington coat-of-arms is found in one of the quarterlings of Standish of Duxbury, the same family as found in the Isle of Man. According to the article, Rev. Solloway found two instances of this "Washington connection" in the Chorley, Lancashire, parish church. "The dexter half of the shield, namely the Standish portion, consists of six quarterlings, the first sixth being 3 silver standishes on a blue field for Standish of Duxbury, the fifth being guise, two bars argent, in chief 3 mullets, for Washington." The minister noted that at Chorley, "the stars, mullets and bars are white, while the field is red, the tinctures taking the reverse of those usually represented in the Washington Coat." The article observes that "the Washington quarterling in the Standish achievement will come as a surprise to Americans, for, though numerous Americans visiting Duxbury Hall have found their way to Chorley Parish Church, few, if any, apparently noticed the stars and stripes of the Washington quarter."

This would seem to indicate a long since lost family link between the family of the Founding Father of the United States and the Standish family of Duxbury and the Isle of Man. Bob Kitchel would be interested in any data that may be known by NAMA members or by Manx readers of this newsletter. His address is Box 12, Laconia, N.H. 03246.

MANX LIFE HONORS KELLY FAMILY

The July/August 1975 issue of Manx Life magazine paid tribute to Thomas Kelly, "The Reluctant Exile," who was one of the Manx settlers in Ohio in 1827. Featured in the article were a photo of Ye Doolough, the home Kelly and his family left to journey to the new world, a series of family photographs of Kelly and his family, and a genealogical chart of the present descendants of these early Manx pioneers. The photographs and

genealogical information were provided for the article by the late Donald E.A. Cameron of Washington, one of Kelly's descendants, who lent them to the article's author, Margery West, who earlier had published the Journal of Thomas Kelly.

THE ISLE OF MAN A social, cultural and political history R.H. KINVIG

A new and up-to-date edition of R.H. Kinvig's social, political and cultural history of the Isle of Man is now available. Published by Liverpool University Press, the beautifully bound book is on sale at Island bookstores, and is the first general history of the Isle of Man to have appeared in recent years. The author of the original editions Robert Henry Kinvig died in 1969.

The last edition was published in 1950 under the title "A History of the Isle of Man" and took the story of the Island down to the end of the last war. It has been out of print for many years, the new edition has been brought up to the minute with particular attention paid to modern developments on the Island. There are more than 50 evocative photographs and the printing is large and clear.

"The Isle of Man" will prove to be an invaluable book for any shelf - it is the most complete account now available on an Island society unique in Western Europe.

From the prehistory of Man, through the unique character and development of the Constitution to the standing of the Island today as a semi-autonomous community seeking to retain its virtues in a bustling changing world, "The Isle of Man" proves to be absorbing, enlightening and yet concise.

The full bibliography and index at the end of the book will help readers take their chosen interests further if desired.

To purchase this book special consideration has been given to members and friends of the NAMA. Mrs. Helen Clucas, President of the Ladies Aux. to NAMA has agreed to look after this project so please get in touch with her as soon as possible.

This is a perfect gift suggestion for anyone Manx, or interested in the Isle of Man. Since the original cost is \$14.95, this book is being made available at a reduced rate of \$12.00 per copy plus postage. Plan to order yours now from

Mrs. Helen Clucas
451 Cannonbury Drive,
Webster Groves, Mo. 63119. USA.

IT'S PROOF OF PUNCH

As an easy way to serve a big crowd, punch is very popular with many Americans, many of whom appreciate the absence of a sweetish, wishy-washy potion in favor of a punch with some "punch" in it.

Punch was introduced to England from India. The name may have come from the Hindi word for five, "panch," because traditionally punch was supposed to be made with five ingredients.

Punch was a great favorite in Colonial America and there are stories of punch bowls large enough to have "swimm'd half a dozen young geese." The record is held by a 17th century English naval officer who served to 6,000 guests a punch which had among its ingredients 80 casks of brandy, 20,000 large limes and 1,300 pounds of sugar!

Don't make the mistake of using inexpensive spirits just because of the quantity needed for punch. On the contrary, you need a good quality and strong proof liquor to hold up against all the mixings and melting ice. The only 90-proof Scotch in the country is called Famous Grouse and it's a top grade, smooth Scotch which has been popular in Scotland for 174 years, although it's fairly new here. But Famous Grouse has the special character needed to keep the zing in a big punch bowl with lots of ice, so it would be worthwhile to locate it.

Of course, you can have two punch bowls, one for folks who like their drinks low key, but here are some newer punch recipes for people who don't care for the wine-y, multi-fruit concoctions.

SCOTCH HIGHLAND PUNCH

In a punch bowl with a large piece of ice put 1 part Scotch (2 fifths of Famous Grouse to serve 12), 1 part orange juice, ¼ part Sloe Gin, 1 tablespoon mint syrup or to taste (get mint syrup in gourmet store). Stir well and let ice melt a bit before serving. If you must, add some orange slices.

SCOTCH TEA PUNCH

In a very big jug put: 2 fifths of 90-proof Scotch, 1 pint good brandy, 1 cup green tea, rind of six lemons, 1 teaspoon cloves, 1 tablespoon allspice, 30 teaspoons sugar. Mix well, seal the jug and let stand 6 weeks before serving. Serve in punch bowl with big piece of ice, dilute a little before pouring. This is a delicious, spicy drink; good hot too.



WORD 'MANGER' HAS 2 MEANINGS

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed.

It is interesting that the other common English word for a cattle-feeder, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed.

Even the French word creche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmastime, has the double meaning of "mangeoir" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

THE CHRISTMAS SLED

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

*Oh, for the winters that used to be!
The winters that only a boy may see!
Rich with snowflakes' rush and swirl;
Keen as a diamond; pure as a pearl;
Brimming with healthful, rollicking fun:
Sweet with their rest when the play was done;*

*With kindly revels each day decreed,
And a Christmas sled for the royal steed.
Down from the crest with a shrill hurra!*

*Clear the track, there! Out of the way!
Scarcely touching the path beneath;
Scarce admitting of breath to breathe;
Dashing along, with leap and swerve,
Over the crossing, round the curve.
Talk of your flying machines! Instead,
Give me the swoop of that Christmas sled.*

A WESTERN CHRISTMAS

In the West's first settlement at Red River (now Winnipeg), the Scots, whom Lord Selkirk brought there in 1812, celebrated the Christmas feast as a close-knit community. It was here that "Hurl", played by teams between goals on the ice, using sticks and a ball, not a puck, is supposed to have marked the origin of hockey in Canada.

In the evening everyone danced to the bagpipes. Not until 1820 was the Christmas season celebrated as a religious festival in the two mission churches (French-Catholic and English-Protestant).

But Red River folk saw bad times in the Christmas of 1821, when each person in the settlement was rationed to one pint of wheat a day, boiled into a thin soup.

By 1831, Joseph James Hargrave was able to describe a happier Christmas, for now Red River was a well-established Hudson's Bay Company post. For months before the holiday, loaded dog teams were bringing an abundance of supplies into the trading stores of Fort Garry — even the carcass of a bear.

Christmas dinner was served in the Fort's great hall. On the long table were smoking roasts of beef, unborn buffalo calf (boiled whole), a gourmet delicacy, besides every kind of vegetable. The dinner ended with "fur trade" pudding, as near to the traditional English plum pudding as could be achieved considering the shortage of currants and raisins. Sometimes dried Saskatoon berries were substituted.

"Let us drink to absent friends," was the only toast of these folk so far removed from the people and places they loved.

PLANT NAMED FOR U.S. MAN

The poinsettia plant was first introduced in the United States in 1825 by Joel Robert Poinsett. While serving as the United States Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Poinsett found the plants growing in the area around Taxco and had some of the plants sent to his home in Greenville, South Carolina.

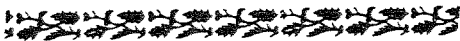
In 1902, Albert Ecke, a horticulturist from Germany and Switzerland, began growing flowers in California for the local market. The family started to specialize in the growing, the breeding and the selection of the poinsettia in early 1909 and from that time till now, they made it their profession and art to develop the plant.

News and Christmas Greetings from the Manx Societies

CANADIAN POSTAL STRIKE

At this moment there is a serious labour dispute within the postal service throughout Canada. I know our members will understand the situation and the difficulty of getting together this our Christmas issue of the Bulletin. News from the Societies have not been able to reach me, with the exception of items handed to me at the Executive meeting on November 1st.

I have grouped the various Societies Christmas greetings together, I know this is what they would want me to do. The Bulletin may be late reaching you, but I know you will all be patient.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Warmest wishes for a blessed and joyous Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all Manx people throughout the World.

Southern California Manx
Bisbee Manx Society
Galva
Florida
Vancouver Manx Society
San Francisco
World Manx Association
Winnipeg
Peoria
Los Angeles

CHICAGO GREETINGS FROM THE CHICAGO MANX

"Dy row Bannaghtyn Yee erriv ec yn imbagh casherick shoh as car ny Bleeaney shoh cheet."

"God's blessings on you at this holy season and in the coming year."

An informal get-together was held at the home of Bob Kelly, President of Chicago Manx Society and his wife Jean on Sunday afternoon, October 26th.

Even though the attendance was small they had a great time, those present were — Myrra Johnson from Scottsdale, Arizona, Mona and Clarence Creer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Teare, Edith Ristow, Muriel Connelley and Pauline and Charles Corrin.

After supper was served the visiting was continued into the late evening, it was a pleasant time renewing old acquaintances, another get-together will be planned in the near future.

Robert Kelly, President,
6858 North Osceola Ave.,
Chicago, Ill. 60631.

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

The Executive Committee of the NAMA join in wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

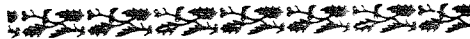
"May the Prince of Peace abide with you and yours at the Christmas Season and all through the New Year".

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. J.C. Caley	Elizabeth Clucas
Robert Kelly	Edna Cowin
Norman Clucas	Hilda Penrice
Sam Penrice	Margaret Joughin
Stan Shimmin	Rev. R.Q. Kennaugh
Clarence Creer	Alice Garrett
George Curphey	

Trustees

Annie Robison, Wm. Roseman,
Edward Sayle.
Hon. Vice Pres: Fred Caveen.
Hon. President Dick Corkill



ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx folk send best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We hope to see a goodly number of old friends in the Homeland when we gather for another Convention in 1976.

Alice Garrett,
Regional Director, NAMA,
200 Seth Green Dr. Apt. 1623,
Rochester, N.Y. 14621



MONTREAL

The year 1976 is going to be a busy one for members of the N.A.M.A. for not only will they be involved in celebrating the Bi-centennial of the U.S.A. and in watching the exciting events of the Montreal Olympics, but we hope that a good number of them are going to make the journey to the Isle of Man to attend the N.A.M.A.'s thirty second Convention.

At this season of the year the Montreal Manx would like to extend Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy and successful year in 1976 to Manx friends everywhere.

Douglas Corlett, Treasurer,
1884 O'Brien Blvd.,
St. Laurent, 9, P.Q.

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

A good time was had by all at the Annual picnic held on August 30th, this was held at Shell House through the courtesy of Peter Foster, there were 38 adults present and 20 children and grandchildren, games and races with prizes delighted the children, this was followed by a cartoon show. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Peter and Alice Foster were the hostesses for the October meeting, again there was a very good attendance, after the business was completed a sing song was much enjoyed.

Plans are being made for a Christmas get-together to be held the first Saturday in December, the date Dec. 6th, members will be contacted as to time and place.

As the winter progresses and the weather gets worse and travelling is difficult, there will be no meeting until the first Saturday in March.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mrs. Margaret Beddow at the age of 92, the late Mrs. Beddow was a faithful member of the Toronto Manx Society, if she was unable to attend the meetings she kept in close touch with the members by phone. She will be greatly missed, she is survived by her husband William Beddow.

It is hard to believe that 1976 will soon be here, this is the year of the NAMA Convention to be held on the Isle of Man, several members of the Society have intimated they will be attending, if they plan to go please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

I would like to express on behalf of the members of the Toronto Society sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all our Manx friends everywhere.

Marion McLaren, Sec.,
106 Hiltz Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. L4L 2Y1.



CLEVELAND

The Officers and Members of the Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx Society) send greetings and good wishes to all Manx friends everywhere, for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

Edna Cowin	President
Bill Roseman	Vice-President
Elizabeth Clucas	Secretary
Catherine Kelly	Treasurer

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Officers and Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary extend our very best wishes to Manx men and Manx women for a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We are close in thought and welcome the chance to send greetings all over the world through our Bulletin.

"May this day which marks the Christ - Child's birth Be filled with peace and joy and mirth; With love of friends and all that's best, To make your Christmas truly blest".

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

Mrs. Helen Clucas, President,
Miss Elinor Cain, Secretary-Treasurer.

LADIES' AUXILIARY DUES

Response has been good and most of our members have a current membership card for the years 1974-1975.

This reminder comes for those who have not sent in their dues, which are \$1.00 per year.

We invite all Manx ladies to join our auxiliary. We will be happy to welcome you into our group for our next meeting which will take place on the Isle of Man next summer.

Through all the years since 1932 our members have supported the N.A.M.A. in many ways as an auxiliary and we will extend our help in making this convention the success it will be.

Elinor Cain, Secretary-Treasurer
4075 Monticello Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio. 44121

MANX TEAM IN CANADIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES

It has been announced that a Manx team will participate in the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in August of 1978, and that a committee has been formed on the Isle of Man to raise funds for their expenses. The organizing group is hoping for a large attendance by U.S. and Canadian Manx to cheer the team to victory, as was the case with the large Manx turnout when the team competed in the Commonwealth games in New Zealand. With the 1974 having been held in the U.S. and the 1976 convention slated for the IOM, NAMA members might wish to express their views about the 1978 convention being held in Canada at the time and place the Manx team will be competing.

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUGUST 1, 1974 - JULY 31, 1975

On Hand-8/1/74	\$7,433.32
Receipts	
Dues	\$1,571.75
Interest	358.94
Memorials	35.00
Convention Receipts	
1974	1,898.22
1976	15.00
Total Receipts	3,878.91
Disbursements	
Bulletin-printing & Mailing	1,317.61
Postage & supplies	239.40
Allowances-Bulletin Editor, Recording Sec'y. & Fin. Sec'y.-Treas.	450.00
Convention Expense-1974	1,305.44
Total Disbursements	3,312.45
On Hand-7/31/75	\$7,999.78

Account Balances-July 31, 1975

Orland State Bank-Checking Account	\$ 270.43
Orland State Bank-Savings Account	5,294.79
Park Ridge Savings & Loan-Savings Account	1,261.19
Royal Bank of Canada-Savings Account	1,173.37*

* Approximate balance.

Clarence E. Creer

NEW PRESIDENT OF WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Miss Doris M. Clague, a member of the WMA for 23 years, was elected President-chairman of the Association, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Harold S. Cain C.P. Miss Clague joined the Association in 1952, she became assistant secretary to the late Chas. Craine in 1967, and Hon. secretary in 1968.

Also elected to new offices were Mr. Evan Cain who has the position of vice-chairman. Mrs. Bea Cain, widow of the late Mr. Harold Cain, is the new Hon. secretary of the Association.

MANX CAT PLACE MATS

Very attractive place mats with pictures of Manx Cats are now available. Made of heavy plastic, they are quite durable and will be a conversation piece on any table. Those who have seen them, want to order them right away. Get yours while they last.

The cost — a set of four (4) mats — \$6.00 plus .50c for shipping. Total — \$6.50.

Send your requests and cheque to:
Robert Kelly,
6858 North Osceola Ave.,
Chicago, Ill. 60631. U.S.A.

Similar mats sell for \$2.50 each in the stores.

This is a fund-raising venture for the N.A.M.A. Convention.



Treat: CHRISTMAS LIZZIES ARE EASY

- 4 cups sifted, all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 cup butter, very soft
- 2 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup brandy
- 3 cups chopped seedless raisins
- 1/2 pound citron [or mixed candied fruit], chopped
- 8 cups pecans, chopped

Sift flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and soda together. Cream butter. Blend sugar into butter then add beaten eggs, blending thoroughly. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with brandy. Coat pecans, raisins and citron or fruit with flour and add to batter. Drop by level tablespoons on to a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate preheated 275-degree oven for 30 minutes. Makes about 10 dozen cookies which will keep for weeks (if you hide them) in an air-tight container.

OBITUARIES

BEDDOW, Mrs. Margaret (Radcliffe), R.N. nee Qualye, formerly of Ramsey, Isle of Man, beloved wife of William Beddow and dear mother of the late John and L.A.C. William Beddow, passed away at the Humber Memorial Hospital on Sunday, September 21st., 1975. The late Mrs. Beddow was a Silver Cross Mother, Hon. member Order of St. John, member Grosvenor Nursing Division during W.W.I., she served at 5th Northern General Hospital, Leicester, England and during W.W.II at Christie Street Hospital Toronto. The late Mrs. Beddow was a long time member of the Toronto Manx Society and a Life member of NAMA.

Many Manx friends from the Toronto area paid their respects at the Flynns Funeral Residence, also representatives from the Silver Cross Mothers of Canada, the Grosvenor Nursing Division of the Order of St. John, and the Mother's Union of the Anglican Church of Canada. The late Mrs. Beddow will be greatly missed, she had a remarkable memory, and would tell about the old times when she lived in Ramsey, she was in her 93rd year. Interment took place at the Sanctuary Park Cemetery.

MULLIGAN, Elizabeth Stewart, age 50 of 238 Smithridge Park, Reno, Nevada, passed away July 5th, 1975. She was born in Mount Vernon, Wash., she attended graduate school at Wash. State University, Pullman, Wash. The late Mrs. Mulligan taught school in California before moving to Reno, she continued her teaching career in Reno at Elmcree Elementary School. Surviving are her husband Robert K, two daughters Kathryn and Mary Louise, a son John of Leige, Belgium, her mother Mrs. Albert T. Wood, Seattle Wash, two sisters Marion Moore Hart, Seattle; and Catherine M. White, Bremerton, Wash; a brother Robert Stewart of Bellevue, Wash; and several nephews and neices. Mrs. Mulligan was a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Moore of Peel, Isle of Man well known Fish Merchants, this business is still carried on by their son. Her passing is deeply regretted.

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.

ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ is the greatest festival of the year, and is one of the few religious events observed by all His followers. Indeed, to all Christians the birthday of the Messiah shares with Easter the distinction of being one of the two most solemn events of all history.

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village - the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book.

He never held an office.

He never had a family or owned a house.

He didn't go to college.

He never visited a big city.

He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.

He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that.

THE SEVENTH DATE

The 25th of December is the date most Christians now agree upon as the proper time to celebrate the birth of Christ. However, whatever agreement there now is was a long time in coming. As a matter of fact, Dec. 25th is the seventh date used by Christians for their celebration. Earlier dates were January 6th (the traditional "Old Christmas"), February 2nd, March 25th, April 19th, May 20th and November 17th. The present day, now adhered to by all Christians except Armenians, began in the year 353. Armenians still observe January 6th.

French legend tells how the Christmas rose came into being. A little girl accompanying the shepherds on their way to see the Christ Child was sad because she had no gift to offer. The Angel Gabriel appeared, and, taking pity on the child, caused a beautiful white rose to spring from the ground. Overjoyed, the little girl picked the bloom which she took as a gift to the Infant Jesus. Red and white blossoms are traditionally used — the red for joy and laughter, the white symbolizing spiritual calmness and purity.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The joy of self sacrifice is my subject for this Christmas issue. Perhaps at first it may seem a very strange one for this season. Can this be a Christmas message, we might hear one ask? Where is the Nativity Scene, the infant Jesus in his humble cradle; the Silent Night; the angelic Herald's song? My friends, the Nativity of the Blessed Infant was an incident of history some nineteen centuries ago and it was the result of the timeless love of the Eternal Father for his earthly creatures. Consider the Christ, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, who is equal to the Father as touching his Godhead, came down from heaven, and was born as a little baby, and nursed at a maiden's breast; that he lived in a cottage home, and went to school, and grew up to manhood, and worked as a carpenter, and talked familiarly with fishermen and tax-collectors and harlots; the fact that He, the Eternal Son, begotten of his Father before all worlds, was arrested as a criminal, and mocked and derided and nailed to a cross; that he died in excruciating agony, and after three days rose from the tomb to a new and victorious life; and in so doing of all of this, opened the Kingdom of Heaven unto all who would share in his sacrificial birth, life, death; unto all who would join in the true completeness of his joyful self-surrender. 'I came not to do my own will,' he said, 'but the will of him that sent me'; and, 'For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross. . . ' This was and is the true melody of divine origin we seek to discover in our Christmas celebration. The joy of self-sacrifice is the great message that was born in Bethlehem as was the person of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, born in that holy city.

Robert Quayle Kennaugh.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Charles Craine, of Southlands Nursing Home, Isle of Man, at the age of 91 years. The late Mr. Craine was well known to members of the NAMA, he held the office of Secretary of the World Manx Association for 33 years, he contacted Manx Societies throughout the world, helping Manx emigrants to get in touch with friends and relatives, countless people will remember his help and guidance.

He was truly a fine Manxman, he was predeceased by his wife Lily in 1967, but he had been devotedly looked after and nursed in the past few years by his niece Mrs. Marjorie Worthington of Maghull, England.
