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

March 1976

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

MAJESTIC HOTEL, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

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

Plans for the second N.A.M.A. Convention to be held on the Isle of Man are going along well and we are looking forward to meeting many of our American and Canadian members and friends at the Majestic Hotel on July 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. The hotel has been refurbished since our last Convention was held there in 1970 and its central heating system has been renovated and extended.

We have planned what we hope will be a busy and enjoyable programme for the Convention and those who are planning to stay longer on the Island will find a number of other interesting events to attend. The Convention programme will cost \$20.00 for full registration and the cost of individual events will be as shown on Convention Programme.

Registration will begin on Sunday afternoon, July 11th, and festivities will open with the President's Reception which will be an informal evening get-together with musical entertainment on Sunday evening. We look forward to seeing old and new friends there to get the Convention off to a good start.

The Convention will open officially with the Monday morning business session on July 12th. There will be a short business session on each morning of the Convention with a short Memorial Service on the Tuesday morning and the usual Prize Distribution to bring the Wednesday business meeting to a close.

A bus trip is being planned for Monday afternoon with the destination yet to be decided upon. This will be announced later.

On Tuesday, July 13th, the men will be free in the afternoon whilst the ladies hold their N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary meeting. Then in the evening we are to be the guests of the World Manx Association for a Manx Evening with supper and entertainment which promises to be most enjoyable.

Wednesday afternoon will be free and then the Convention will wind up with a Banquet at 8:00 p.m. followed by entertainment.

We can promise you an interesting and enjoyable Convention.

SEE YOU ON THE ISLE OF MAN — JULY 11 - 14 — BOOK YOUR PLANE NOW AND IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO — SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION.



PLANNING THE 1976 CONVENTION

Miss Margaret Joughin, of Montreal, Canada, 1st Vice President of NAMA and the Rev. James Cowin Caley, of California, President of NAMA busy planning our next Convention to be held on the Isle of Man, July 11th - to 14th at the Majestic Hotel, Douglas, I.O.M. Miss Joughin is the Convention Chairman.

CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

ENCLOSED WITH THIS BULLETIN IS A LETTER AND FORM REGARDING THE SOUVENIR BOOK. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY AND ACT IMMEDIATELY. THE BOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE CONVENTION, FOR THOSE SUBSCRIBERS NOT ATTENDING THE CONVENTION A BOOK WILL BE MAILED IN AUGUST.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS AN INTERESTING SOUVENIR OF THE 1976 CONVENTION.

Sam Penrice, Past President,
NAMA.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a great satisfaction to me away out by the Pacific Ocean to know that there are so many devoted hearts and hands working day by day to prepare for our Convention on July 11th.

Let me repeat my request for donations of cash and prizes to put a strong foundation under our efforts.

It is a great honor to me to report that the World Manx Association through its new President, Miss Doris Clague, has set up a Memorial Fund to our great late President, Harold Cain. Our societies in the N.A.M.A. and we as individuals are asked to contribute to this fund. Details of this matter are to be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

I am sorry to report the resignation of our Chaplain, the Rev. Robert Q. Kennaugh, who has had to lay aside many of his duties because of ill health. I have asked the Rev. Herbert G. Kelly of Rising City, Nebraska, to be our Chaplain and he has kindly consented. Our association with Pastor Kennaugh was a very happy one and I know that Pastor Kelly will be a great inspiration to us.

The March Bulletin which you are now reading is full of instructions and suggestions as to the Convention and I hope that you will study every line carefully.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Majestic in July.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The Ways and Means committee will soon be mailing the prize distribution books. As in the past we are asking for donations for the prize distribution. Cash contributions would be appreciated in order that the committee will not have to transport prizes to the Isle of Man for distribution and send them back.

This would allow prizes to be bought on the I.O.M.

Donations to Convention may be made to:-

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

TO EVERYONE INTERESTED IN THINGS MANX!

As mentioned in the December edition of the Bulletin, the N.A.M.A. is now pleased to announce the availability of the book entitled "The Isle of Man - A Social, Cultural and Political History" by R.H. Kinvig. Through arrangements with Charles E. Tuttle Co., Inc. Publishers, and your Executive Committee, all members and friends of the N.A.M.A. can now purchase this new and up-to-date edition of Manx history.

"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.

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 50c for postage and handling. If you have not already done so, plan to order yours NOW, from:

Mrs. Helen Clucas,
451 Cannonbury Drive,
Webster Groves, MO. 63119. U.S.A.

The book has only been available to our members since December and the following are some of the comments that we have received from people who already have theirs. (These are from actual letters by people who are now owners of the book):

"I received the book "Isle of Man" yesterday, and it is certainly all I could wish for."

"I am enjoying the book so much I could hardly lay it down to go to bed last night."

"It has so much information in it that I wanted to know. . ."

After all of the efforts of the N.A.M.A. to make this book available to people interested in the Isle of Man, it is certainly a pleasure to know that those who now have it are enjoying it.

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.

Miss Elizabeth Clucas,
Corr. Record. Secretary, N.A.M.A.
1541 East 191st, Apt. K605,
Euclid, Ohio 44117. U.S.A.

STIMULATING INTEREST IN MANX CULTURE

EWAN KELLY is the kind of Manx nationalist everyone must respect.

His business, Kelly Souvenirs of Jurby, stands for everything that is Manx — and it's also notably successful.

Mr. Kelly himself is a scholar of the Manx culture and language, and one of the principle reasons he went into business was to try to stimulate and awaken interest in Manx culture.

Kelly Souvenirs employs nine people during the winter months — all of whom are Manx. "Unless you are Manx in this business you can't really get the feel of the thing," Mr. Kelly believes.

Their best-known product is the Manx cottage musical box — an intricate scaled-down model of the old Manx cottages, correct in every detail. The music they play, naturally enough, is either Ellan Vannin or Land of Our Birth.

These have been exported all over the world. Priced from around 7.50(pounds) to 17(pounds) — depending on size — these little musical boxes are sent to places like Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Abu Dhabi, and even Switzerland, the home of musical boxes.

But Mr. Kelly likes to think of himself as something more than a musical box manufacturer. "I am trying to put across Manx culture," he said, "and to give the people some feeling of being a nation."

14-HOUR DAY

All the "souvenirs" bear inscriptions and carvings that are a part of Manx folklore. Many of the designs are over 1,000 years old — correct in every detail — and copied from the ancient churches around the Island.

They produce furniture carved by hand — beautifully designed chairs and stools, spinning wheels and settles. One can imagine the day when these pieces of furniture will be sought-after collectors' items in their own right.

Then Mr. Kelly will have succeeded. For what better way to immortalise the old Manx way of life?

Mr. Kelly works hard. Often 14 hours a day, seven days a week, and his business is thriving.

During the last two years, his business has been growing by a good 70 per cent and already orders have ensured another big increase next year.

Kelly Souvenirs are now the sole suppliers of the Manx national tartan. This is a department Mr. Kelly aims to expand, but already there is a wide range of garments available, including well-designed hats made by their own milliner.

If you buy a spinning wheel, they'll teach you how to spin. You should use wool from the Loughtyn — the Manx breed of sheep. They also make carpets

in Manx tartan and modern enamelled jewellery bearing traditional Manx insignia and designs.

Everything, everywhere is Manx. And this one firm must be doing more for Manx nationalism than all the slogan-painting, daubing and propaganda producing put together.

Mr. Kelly hopes his success will show the Manx Government that they should let Manx business and firms grow up from the roots, and not to import it.

A LONGING

*I long to see my native land,
and meet my friends of yore -
Pass the house where I was born I spent
such happy years.
Look with awe at the headlands,
The cliffs in the changing sea Majestic
flight of the sea gulls
Oh how I long to see.
Mountains purple with heather
Fragrant valleys down below -
Primroses, blue bells and gorse with
golden hue -
Sunset over Peel Bay, it is a wondrous
sight -
The Castle in the distance, to me would
be sheer delight.
I would live in a pretty cottage with
roses around the door, a fuchsia
hedge beside me could I ever ask for
more.
I would count my many blessings
That I could see my Island Home -
My lovely Ellan Vannin
I never loved thee more.*

Original poem by —
Bessie Leece Auty.

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.

N.A.M.A. CONVENTION JULY 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th

MAJESTIC HOTEL, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE 1976 CONVENTION

Special Charter rates from Toronto

BOOK NOW — The following flights are suggested:

1. TORONTO-MANCHESTER

Departing June 16th
Returning July 29th

2. TORONTO-MANCHESTER

Departing July 7th
Returning July 29th

3. TORONTO-LONDON

Departing July 10th
Returning July 24th

4. TORONTO-LONDON

Departing July 10th
Returning Aug. 21st.

The fare to Manchester & return \$354
(subject to Government approval —
expected to be less)

The fare to London & return \$369
(subject to Government approval also)

Connecting flights can be arranged to
the I.O.M.

Our travel arrangements are being made
by:

Tom Clifford Travel Agency Inc.,
Gerrard Square, 1000 Gerrard St. E.,
Toronto, Ont. — 461-9234.

Mr. Pat Christie is the Manager and
will be pleased to answer your questions
— please feel free to contact him re the
charter or any personal travel require-
ments you might wish to make following
the Convention.

Summer '76 charters are booking now
so we cannot stress too strongly the
importance of getting your name on the
list. A deposit of \$35.00 is required at
time of booking (which is **not** refund-
able). The balance of the fare (which will
be determined after the Government
ruling) must be paid 45 days before the
date of the flight.

Please be sure your Passport is in
order — vaccination is required for
re-entry into Canada.

TRANSPORTATION FROM OTHER U.S. POINTS

Contact one of the following: -

Pleasure Break Department,
International Travel Service Inc.,
104 S. Michigan, Chicago, Ill.
60603. U.S.A.

Rev. Frank Morris,
Airline Transportation Chairman,
150 Greeves Street,
Kane, Pennsylvania. 16735.

There are many flights available from
most U.S. points to London and Man-

chester. From June to September, fares
approximately the same as from Toronto
and Washington.

When contacting your travel agent,
advise you are attending the NAMA
Convention.

Once again you must book now, do not
delay.

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SPECIAL CHARTER RATE FOR EAST COAST NAMA MEMBERS

A BOAC one-time charter flight will be
available for East Coast NAMA members
desiring to attend the 1976 convention to
be held on the Isle of Man. The flight,
which will leave from either Dulles
International Airport or the Baltimore-
Washington International Airport, will
depart on July 10th non-stop to London,
and return from there on July 31.

On OTC flights, Federal regulations
require the fare to be paid for 60 days in
advance, making May 10 the absolute
deadline for completing arrangements.
The cost of the flight per person, round
trip, with a full planeload is \$329.00. (The
maximum allowable charge, round trip,
per person if the plane is not filled is
\$394.80). Round trip cost by air from
London to the Isle of Man, at the present
rate of exchange, is \$78 per person.

Members interested in taking this
reduced fare price are urged to write
immediately to the Beeson Travel
Bureau, 2011 "I" Street Northwest,
Washington, D.C. 20006 (Attn: Mr.
Gunter-NAMA Convention) or call (202)
659-1230, and ask to speak with Mr.
Gunter.

Remember, the deadline is May 10th!

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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| 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. |

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

JULY 11, 12, 13, 14, 1976

MAJESTIC HOTEL, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN

SUNDAY

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| Afternoon | Registration — | \$2.00 |
| | Book and badge | |
| Evening | President's Reception | 4.00 |
| | Entertainment | |
| | and Refreshments | |

MONDAY

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| Morning | Meeting | |
| Afternoon | Bus Trip | 2.50 |
| Evening | July 12th. Civic reception, Villa Marina Douglas. Courtesy of the Borough of Douglas, with his Worship the Mayor and Town Council. 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | 1.50 |

TUESDAY

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| Morning | Meeting and Memorial Service | |
| Afternoon | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting | |
| Evening | Manx Evening as guests of W.M.A. | |

WEDNESDAY

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| Morning | Meeting and Prize Distribution | |
| Afternoon | Free | |
| Evening | Banquet and Entertainment | 11.00 |

\$21.00

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| FULL REGISTRATION | \$20.00 |
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WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Apart from the Manx Evening on July
13th to which N.A.M.A. Convention
goers are invited, the World Manx
Association is holding two other interest-
ing events in July.

On July 5th, W.M.A. is holding a
reception for newcomers at the Castle
Mona Hotel at 2:30 p.m. and N.A.M.A.
members are cordially invited to attend.

Then on July 18th they will be holding
their annual summer outing which is
normally held on the first Sunday after
July 5th., but has been advanced this year
because that date would coincide with our
Convention. The outing is to be held
instead on July 18th and those who will be
still in the Island are invited to join
W.M.A. and their friends. The outing will
be leaving the Villa Marina Colonade -
Broadway end - at 2:15 p.m. There will be
a stop for afternoon tea and the group will
then proceed to Kirk German in Peel for
Evensong at 6:30 p.m.

Additional information will be available
at the Convention.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

We have not held a regular meeting since December 6th when we enjoyed a Christmas get-together. We will not be resuming meetings until early in March.

Meanwhile, I have had many enquiries regarding the flights to the Isle of Man for the Convention. Time is slipping by and the excitement is growing.

Our plans for the Spring include a "Pot Luck" supper and, we hope, an evening of films and slides.

Remember, if you are ever visiting in the Toronto area, please get in touch — we would love to have you join us at one of our meetings.

Marion McLaren,
106 Hiltz Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Our Society is proud to be celebrating its 125th Anniversary in this, the Bicentennial Year of the United States.

Due to the efforts of loyal committee members and officers, our annual Christmas party was again a success. Over 95 people attended. The church women of Cove Church prepared and served us a delicious turkey dinner. All lady guests were given a Christmas corsage as they arrived. We have found that name tags at all our affairs are a nice way to be sure all know each other. A Christmas program conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulton included a Christmas message with appropriate background music, and singing of a few Christmas carols.

Despite a stormy January night, there was a good turnout for our meeting. Miss Florence Lyon showed beautiful slides taken on her vacation trip to Block Island last summer. A leaded glass three-legged ornament, donated by Tom Quay Waltz, was won by our president, Edna Cowin.

Florence and Bill Roseman were in charge of a Valentine Bingo Party following our February meeting. Delicious refreshments, provided by our lady members, always follow our meetings and folks have the opportunity for a good old-fashioned cooish before they depart for home.

Officers for 1975/76 are:

President Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
Vice-President William Roseman
Secretary Miss Elizabeth Clucas,
1541 E. 191 St., Apt. K-605,
Euclid, OH 44117

Ass't Secretary Mrs. Carol Grigsby,
Lakewood Cliffs Apts. #614,
18900 Detroit Avenue Extension,
Lakewood, OH 44107.

Treasurer Mrs. Richard R. Kelly
Trustees Mrs. L.K. Abell,
Robert S. Cowin, and
Richard R. Kelly

(Fred Gorry continues to serve as an
Honorary Trustee)

Submitted by,
Marge (Kennish) Krach,
(Mrs. Michael Krach),
319 Ridgeview Dr.,
Seven Hills, OH 44131.

BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The Bisbee Manx Society met at the home of Ivy Dillon and her brother Cecil Corrin on Feb. 9th with 16 members attending.

No meetings were held in December or January.

At the November meeting a White Elephant sale was held to raise money for Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets. A basket was given to a needy family for Thanksgiving but it was decided to give \$20.00 to the Little Red School House - a project that teaches retarded children in lieu of a basket at Christmas. Five dollars was donated to the Cancer fund also.

It was moved and seconded to send a donation of \$10.00 to the Harold Cain Memorial Fund of World Manx.

Cards were signed for sick members Bessie McKeeby, Beatrice Hall and Gertrude Quill.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Mrs. Helen McKay, President, Mrs. Christine Rothery, Treasurer and Ivy Dillon held over as Secretary.

The rest of the evening was spent playing Bingo followed by the usual wonderful refreshments which are brought in potluck.

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

FLORIDA

Our good wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Mr. Arthur Shimmin, Largo, Florida, who was in hospital recently, Arthur is a brother of Mrs. Henry Christian (Ethel), and Harry of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ena Kermode Bowman and her cousin who live in Denver, are planning to attend the 1976 Convention.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX

The Southern California Manx Society members and friends, enjoyed a very happy time at the annual Christmas Party, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Kinley in Costa Mesa on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 1975 with 24 adults & 6 children attending. Everyone was in a very happy mood, and as usual with the Manx people, there was much singing of Christmas Carols, & many Manx songs which most of us know so well. Clarice Caley who is such an accomplished musician, played the organ for us. We had an exchange of Christmas gifts for the adults & the children, & we had fun playing some parlour games.

We took time out for a short meeting, & Rev. James Caley discussed the upcoming N.A.M.A. Convention in the Isle of Man on July 11 - 14, 1976. We discussed Charter flights and Getting Hotel reservations etc. early in the year.

We then adjourned to the dining room, Rev. Caley gave the Invocation, & our Host Malcolm & Hostess Joyce, served us all with the most delicious refreshments. It was a very happy time for all of us.

Dr. & Mrs. Wallace Frame invited us to have our next meeting at their home in Long Beach on January 10th, 1976.

Since that time we have held that meeting, with 13 Adults & 1 Child attending & we plan another meeting on April 3rd in Glendale, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Corkhill. There will be more discussion at that time regarding the Convention. We all wish it to be a very successful one.

Ellen Bain, Secretary,
132 Bonito Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif. 90802.

TO THE HOMEGOER

I cannot be with you, but I wish you well, and hope you all have a wonderful time and reunion with kith and kin and friends galore. When you get to our lovely isle, maybe you will give a thought to those left behind. At least you know that all Manx would be with you if it were at all possible.

So enjoy yourselves, enjoy your kinsmen and above all enjoy every moment on that beautiful island, with its shores, hills and glens.

Tell it Hello from me, and my love to any one you may meet, who know me. Good luck, Good health, God speed and a safe return.

Lillian Marrion Tipper.

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

The members of the Vancouver Manx are looking forward to a busy year in 1976, there is a Manx Tea planned for March 20th, and the Annual Picnic on August 14th, to be held at Stanley Park.

The following is a partial list of members who are planning to visit the Isle of Man this summer, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Gillon, President of the Vancouver Manx Society, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gell, Mrs. Ruth Motion, Mr. and Mrs. T. McCaffery and family, Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Phillip (nee Greggor), B.C. will be well represented on the island.

It is with regret that the death of Mr. James Randall Corlett is announced. He was born in Ramsey in 1913, passed away on January 6th, 1976, he is survived by relatives in Ramsey.

Angus M. Gillon, President,
6025 Malvern Ave.,
Burnaby, B.C.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

A group of Manx folk in Edmonton are looking forward to the summer of 1978 when that City will host the Commonwealth Games, participating in the Games will be a team from the Isle of Man, the team will be accompanied by a good number of supporters.

This Manx group have already been approached by the Manx Games Committee and Mr. Brian Stoodley, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man and now a resident of Edmonton has volunteered assistance. There is no doubt Mr. Stoodley will receive support from all the Manx in the district.

The Manx Teams presence in Edmonton together with supporters from the I.O.M. would suggest that Edmonton could be the ideal place for the North American Manx Association's 1978 Convention. The Convention could be arranged to follow the Games, at which time the Manx team could be honoured and the supporters from the Isle of Man could participate with the NAMA members at the Convention. Sounds wonderful!

The idea is being presented to the Executive of the NAMA and if it receives their blessing there will be Manx flags flying in Edmonton in the summer of 1978.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

At a recent Committee Meeting of the Association it was unanimously decided that some form of Memorial to the late President of W.M.A. Mr. Harold S. Cain, C.P., should be established.

It was felt by the meeting that Members of Manx Societies throughout the World would wish to be informed that a donation list will soon be opened, and that should they care to contribute either as a Society or individually, the World Manx Association would be deeply grateful and most pleased to receive any donations be they small or great.

Kindly forward to the Treasurer of W.M.A.

MR. W.P. WAID, F.C.A.
1 MOUNT WILLIAM,
SUMMERHILL,
DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

Cheques should be made out to —
"The Harold S. Cain Memorial Fund".

DORIS M. CLAGUE,
President - Chairman

1 Hilary Road,
Douglas,
Isle of Man.

REV. ROBERT QUAYLE KENNAUGH

Due to health reasons the Rev. R.Q. Kennaugh has had to resign from his appointed office of Chaplain to the NAMA. He will be missed, his column the "Chaplains Corner" brought comfort and consolation to our readers, as did his letters of condolence to bereaved family members. We of the NAMA wish him every blessing and the hope that soon he will be restored to improved Health.

REV. HERBERT G. KELLY

The Rev. Herbert G. Kelly, a United Methodist Minister of Rising City, Nebraska, has kindly consented to be Chaplain to the NAMA. The Rev. Kelly's family came from Laxey, Isle of Man.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Miss Elizabeth Clucas, Secretary of the NAMA, enjoyed her annual visit home to the Isle of Man at Christmas. She stayed with her mother in Peel and visited with her relatives. While there she had a look over the Majestic Hotel, where the NAMA will hold the 1976 Convention, she also was a guest of the World Manx Association to tea, she remarked how the Island was changing, so many new housing developments going up in Ramsey and many other areas.

Edmonton, Calgary, Regina and Winnipeg were all on the itinerary of Sam Penrice, past president of the NAMA during a business trip recently.

As usual Sam contacted several Manx folk, in Edmonton, Margaret McAllister (nee Underhill of Ramsey) passed along the word that Brian and Maureen Stoodley were back residing in Edmonton after a few years in Ottawa where Brian was with the Federal Government, he now has a position with the Alberta Government, Brian and Maureen and their family, with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Douglas, Isle of Man attended the NAMA Convention at Niagara Falls in 1972.

Maureen recently opened an antique business in Edmonton she calls it the "House of Antiquity". Many of the lovely pieces on display were purchased on the Isle of Man, these included several paintings of Manx scenes, glass and silverware, also a Manx Spinning wheel well over 100 years old.

Brian and Maureen are busy people but they have volunteered to assist the Manx contingent when the Commonwealth Games are held in Edmonton in 1978.

In Calgary, Sam was in touch with Eddie and Kathleen Callister (nee Clucas, formerly of Peel, I.O.M.) also Miss Nora Hale a long time member of NAMA.

While in Regina a visit with Miss E. Quine brought back memories of Peel when Miss Quine brought out pictures and newspaper clippings of relatives on the Island. Miss Quine is the Aunt of Mrs. Astil and the late Jack Quine former Custodian of Peel Castle.

The weather in Winnipeg was too cold for visiting so a telephone call to Mrs. Tom Quirk, a member of the Winnipeg Manx resulted in news of various Manx people. a number of Winnipeg Manx will be visiting the Isle of Man this year.

THE L'IL FOLK

Born — MYLROIE, to Victor and Gloria, of Rochester, N.Y., on September 25th, 1975, a daughter, Marchelle Leigh. A granddaughter for George E. Mylroie, Franklin, Idaho.

Born — CURPHEY, a daughter, Stephanie Lyn Curphey, on June 23rd, 1976, first grandchild for George and Irene Curphey, of Liverpool, N.S.



BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE MANX STAMPS

Colonel William Christian, the Revolutionary War patriot, will be honored by a series of four commemorative postage stamps to be issued by the Isle of Man on March 12. The Isle of Man, a tiny, self-governing crown dependency in the middle of the Irish Sea, selected Colonel Christian to typify the contribution of early "sons of Man," or Manx-Americans, to the American cause during the war for independence.

Christian's life story will be told on four stamps, based on research conducted by the North American Manx Association, an hereditary organization comprised of those in the U.S. and Canada descended from the island. In Virginia, for example, the surname of Christian or Looney assures descent from the Isle of Man.

The stamps, which will be debuted in the United States at the "Interpex," an international stamp exhibition to be held at the Americana Hotel, New York City, on March 12, have received special recognition of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration and will feature the national Bicentennial emblem.

The first stamp, in the series depicts Christian, dressed in typical frontiersman garb, riding horseback through the Virginia countryside, enroute to Williamsburg with the Fincastle Resolutions. In the background, is an image of Purdie's *Virginia Gazette*, in which the Resolves were printed on February 10, 1775. Christian had served as chairman of the committee named by the Freeholders of Fincastle County, which then encompassed most of southwest Virginia, Kentucky and parts of Tennessee, to see the Resolutions were enforced.

The second stamp in the series depicts Col. Christian listening attentively while Patrick Henry delivers his famous "give me liberty or give me death" oration at St. John's Church in Richmond. It was at that session of the Virginia convention,

that Christian, a brother-in-law of Patrick Henry, was named to Henry's committee to raise, equip and train a Virginia militia. Other Virginia leaders on Henry's committee were George Washington, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Jefferson, Edmund Pendleton, Andrew Lewis, Robert Carter Nicholas, Lemuel Riddick, Adam Stephen and Isaac Zane.

The third stamp in the series shows Patrick Henry and William Christian in the uniform of the First Virginia "Liberty or Death" Regiment, of which Henry was the first Colonel and Christian his Lieutenant Colonel. When the Virginia unit joined the Continental Line, Henry was persuaded by George Washington to resign command of the unit, and several months later he became first Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and on March 19, 1776, William Christian became Colonel of the unit.

The final stamp in the series depicts William Christian as an Indian fighter. In July 1776, Governor Henry prevailed upon William Christian to resign from the Continental Army and accept a commission of Colonel of Militia from the Virginia Council of Defense, with orders to organize and lead a punitive expedition against the Cherokee Indians. The Indians had terrorized the settlements in the upper Holston and Wautaga river valleys. Christian led seventeen hundred men, marching from Long Island on the Holston river, by way of Chimney Rock Mountain and Lick Creek to the French Broad with a show of force, destroying crops and a few Indian villages. The Indians agree to surrender without giving battle, and agreed to a truce. The following year, after Christian had received the official thanks of the governor and council, he was appointed a commissioner to negotiate the Cherokee treaty signed at Long Island on July 20, 1777. Christian, who had been a member of the Committee of Safety, and member of the lower house 1773-75, and the state Senate in 1776, was returned to

the Senate 1780-83. In August 1785, he moved his family to the Bear Grass country of Kentucky, near Louisville, where he had received Virginia land grants amounting to nine thousand acres. In 1786, a band of Indians crossed the Ohio into Kentucky, committing depredations. Colonel Christian raised a small company of frontiersmen, and pursued the Indians across the river. The Indians were overtaken near present-day Jeffersonville, Indiana, and a bloody battle ensued. Colonel Christian, then only forty-three years of age, was mortally wounded, as was one of his men named Kelly (another Manx name, by the way), and the Indian force totally destroyed.

Christian's father, Israel Christian, a native of the Isle of Man, had come to Virginia about 1740, where other members of the Christian clan had settled almost a century earlier, and settled with his wife, Elizabeth Starke Christian, in what later became Augusta County, near Staunton. They had one son and five daughters, of which William Christian, born about 1743 was the eldest. Young Christian was educated at Staunton, and commanded a company on the frontier, as a member of Col. William Byrd's Regiment, when only twenty years old. Some four years after Braddock's War, he entered the law office of Patrick Henry to read law, and wooed and won Henry's sister for his wife. He resided successively in Botetourt and Fincastle counties. The old Dunkard's Bottom Monument near Dublin is constructed of chimney rock from a house built there in 1771 by Col. Christian on the site of an old Dunkard settlement. Father, Israel Christian, a prosperous Staunton merchant, provided the land for the construction of the first Fincastle Court House, and deeded to his son-in-law, Dr. Thomas Fleming, the Bell Mount estate, a 530 acre tract which is now the Monterey Golf Course on Tinker Creek near Roanoke.

The Christian clan from the Isle of Man has extended far beyond the bounds

of the Commonwealth in which they settled beginning in the mid-1700's. An old New Kent County rhyme tells of the large number of Christians in that area:
*"As I was going down New Kent Road,
 I met a terrapin and a toad,
 And every time the toad would jump,
 I'd meet a Christian or a Crump."*

Those of Manx descent may obtain more information about hereditary membership in the North American Manx Association from Mr. Clarence E. Creer, Membership chairman, 14228 Union Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois 60462. Members of these Manx-Origin, as well as other early Virginia families, may also wish to contact Mr. Langdon T. Christian III, Virginia Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1397, Richmond 23211. Both organizations issue quarterly newsletters.

VIRGINIA CITY TO FEATURE MANX STAMP

Christianburg, located in southwestern Virginia, has announced that it will feature the Bicentennial Year commemorative issuances of the Isle of Man during its Independence Day celebration, and has invited a representative of the Isle of Man Post Office Authority to participate. According to the chairman of the local Bicentennial Commission there, the Manx stamps will also be used to raise funds for Bicentennial programs in the several counties in that vicinity, often called the "Manx country" of Virginia because of the many 17th and 18th Century settlers there from the Isle of Man.

The NAMA Bulletin has also learned that the Manx issuances are tentatively slated for use as fund-raisers at Christian County and Louisville, Kentucky, focal points of Christian's last years. It is also indicated that St. John's Church, at which Henry was appointed to a committee to raise a Virginia militia in 1775, will also offer the stamp, as will the First Virginia Regiment, a Bicentennial ceremonial unit located at Alexandria, Virginia. Colonel Christian was elected by the Continental Congress on March 19, 1776 to command that regiment of the Continental Army.

This excellent use of the 1976 stamps was first used by the Cleveland Manx Society, which made the 1975 "Manx Pioneers to Cleveland" available for raising funds for that city's Bicentennial commemoration.

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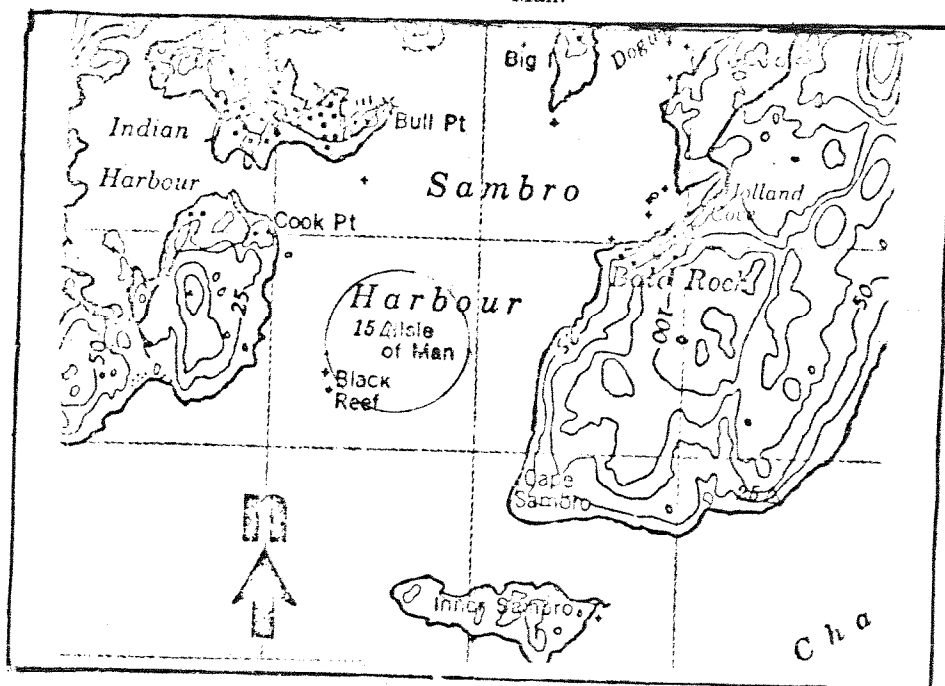
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I was interested to read recently that bicentennials have a way of turning the most nonchalant history buff into an enthusiastic collector of facts and folklore, speeches and old flags. For most people, however, history will always be more meaningful on a personal level, and a good indication of this is the fact that genealogy now ranks as the **third** most popular hobby in the United States.

The author went on to say that the art of discovering what's on your family tree can be a fascinating journey and one that's not as difficult as you may think. So, especially those of you who are planning to attend the Convention this summer, get started NOW to collect your facts because you will be amazed at the wonderful records you will find available to you on the Island.

In doing my own research work, I found the **ORDINANCE SURVEY MAPS OF THE ISLE OF MAN**, issued by the Isle of Man Government Board, extremely helpful. The 1:10560 (6" to 1 mile) and the 1:2500 (25" to 1 mile) scale maps are very clear and informative.

Index sheets and prices are available and will be sent upon request. By ordering the index sheets you can determine which section you are interested in. The 1:10560 series divides the Island into 32 sections; the 1:2500 series consists of 222 sections. The address for ordering this material is: Isle of Man Government Board, Dept. of Architecture and Planning, Government Buildings, Tromode, Douglas, Isle of Man.



A SECOND ISLE OF MAN??

Like Ripley's "Believe it or not", there is another Isle of Man, I am indebted to our third Vice Pres., George Curphey, who lives in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Canada, for the following news item.

He states, "recently I was reading the Halifax daily paper and to my amazement discovered that indeed another Isle of Man existed right here off the coast of Nova Scotia. It is located near the approaches to Halifax, which was a naval base and convoy point during both wars. Upon making a few enquiries why this Island is so called, the local folk could only supply the following:-

(A) That many years ago a British sailing vessel was blown ashore there and that one of the survivors must have originated from the Isle of Man.

(B) Talking to another elderly lady she related hearing a story from her grand-

parents as follows:- The wife of one of the local fishermen had on a very stormy night had a most vivid dream, she dreamt that a ship was driven ashore on this particular rock, she heard the cries for help from the shipwrecked sailors, she awoke, dressed, ran and rallied all of the neighbours and fishermen to go down to the shore at this place and rescue the survivors, evidently they were instrumental in saving many who might have otherwise been lost and drowned. Apparently among the survivors was a Manxman, whom it is stated married her only daughter. It may be of interest that checking the local surnames they mainly consist of "Miller, Gray, Purcell and CHRISTIAN."

George enclosed several copies from the local paper and indeed the "ISLE OF MAN" is very plainly marked, if possible I will include this portion of the Chart in the Bulletin.

OBITUARIES

KELLEY, Thomas W. of Lacombe, Alberta, passed away on July 8th, 1975, the late Mr. Kelley was a long time member of the NAMA, if the Bulletin was delayed, he would write me a reminder, he did enjoy receiving all the news about his Manx friends and his beloved Isle of Man. He came from Laxey, he had an excellent memory and could reminisce about all the old times. He is survived by his wife Margaret.

KEWISH, Mr. Robert K. aged 96 years, Galva's oldest and best known resident, passed away on January 12th, 1976, at St. Mary's hospital Galesburg, Ill. The late Mr. Kewish was born on the Isle of Man, he was four years old when he crossed the Atlantic enroute to the U.S.A. He was pre-deceased by his wife, a son Robert of Galva, daughter Mabel of Galva and daughter Bernice Lawrence of Altona, Ill, also a half-brother Tirus Kelly of Galva. He is survived by a brother James, grandsons Lane and Thomas of Galva and a granddaughter Virginia Cummings of Altona, Ill.

Mr. Kewish's interest in gardening and flowers won him a host of friends and all Galva residents will miss his friendly presence among them.

PETERSEN, Mrs. Elsie Jane, age 71, widow of the late Folmer H. Petersen, passed away on December 12th, 1975, she had resided at 5318 Queen St., N. after moving from Chicago 15 years ago. The late Mrs. Petersen was a member of Christ Methodist Church, Daughters of St. George, and a long time member of the N.A.M.A. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Robert Kowal, Park Forest, Ill; three sons, Thomas, Sturgis, Mich; Warren, Lansing, Kansas and Donald of Korea; her brother Thomas Cashin, Wonder Lake, Ill; and eight grandchildren.

ROBERTS, Mr. William H., age 88, of Park Tavares, Florida, passed away on February 18th, 1975, after a brief illness. The late Mr. Roberts was born in Douglas, Isle of Man. He was a veteran of the Navy serving in W.W.I, an Insurance Inspector for the Federal Government, a member of the Kiwanis International Club of Mt. Dora, Florida and a Life member of the N.A.M.A. He had resided in Park Tavares for the past 20 years. He was pre-deceased by his wife Hilda in 1966. He is survived by two sons, Kenneth, of Willow Grove, Penn; and Doctor Peter B, of Washington; a sister, Mrs. Marie Sheard of Douglas, I.O.M, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Diener Funeral Home, followed by Cremation.

WALTER GARFIELD DUKE

Some time ago a letter was received by Miss E. Cain, Secretary of the Ladies Aux; to NAMA, the letter was not signed but it was post-marked Akron, Ohio. The letter stated that a Manxman named Walter Garfield Duke received a Gold award and certificate for outstanding service in York Rite Masonry. The gentleman named was born in St. Johns, Isle of Man a few yards from Tynwald Hill, he left the I.O.M. in 1903 and is now 93 years old. The award was presented to him on May 31st 1975, by the Governor General of York Rite Masonry.

His father was Sergeant of Police on the Island for 31 years, Mr. Duke retired from Firestone in 1951, he also worked in the gold mines of Colorado. Does anyone know this gentleman, he does not appear to be a member of the NAMA.? A footnote states — he was 36 years Chap., Victory Lodge 649.

CLEATOR, ARIZONA

In a recent issue of the Isle of Man Courier/Herald in Ralph Kissack's column, he asked his readers to spare a thought for two distant Manx-American cousins.

Tom Cleator, age 50 and his son, also Tom, 21, live in Cleator, Arizona, a town founded by the elder Cleator's father, James, a prospector from the Isle of Man, in 1905. Few people ever find the place for Cleator is 13 miles by a rough dirt road over hills and through gullies from the main highway between Phoenix and Flagstaff.

The Cleators are half of the population, the other two who make up the town's population are hard-rock miners, all that's left of around 1,000 miners, who lived and worked there during the boom from 1905 until the depression in 1929.

Tom Cleator and his son own everything in the town — 16 old mining shacks, an old school and believe it or not the Cleator Saloon which they open up if anyone passes through their town.

OBITUARIES

SPURR, Miss Nora, of South Porcupine, Ontario, Canada, passed away on February 19th, 1976. The late Miss Spurr was a long time member of the NAMA, she formerly lived in Cleveland, Ohio. She is survived by her brother William of Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We now enter the season known as "Lent", associated in many Christians' minds with repentance and sacrifice, that mood set by the ancient prophet: "Yet even now," says the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." (Joel 2:12,13).

While few of us would probably outwardly demonstrate it in that way, certainly, if ever there was a need for repentance (a turning anew), it is now. Deploing the low state of morality — nationally or personally — is not enough. Nor is hand-wringing and saying that we are "doomed" going to solve anything. A renewed commitment to the foundations of our faith is called for (and I am sure this note will be sounded often in this Bicentennial year in the United States.)

The cross of Christ is at the center of our faith: the mystery of God's love poured out for all people. A thing of torture and death becoming the means by which God's eternal grace becomes manifest; the point where both the stark tragedy of sin and the forgiveness of sin both make the Gospel — the Good News — inevitable.

For it is what is **beyond** the cross that sheds light upon our lives. Take a note from Nature. We see about us bare, dead-looking trees, lifeless brown sod. Yet, someone told us (in early February) of seeing pussy willow ready to bud, encouraged by a few warm, sunny days. I am reminded of the words (author unknown): "a whole universe on tip-toe, waiting expectantly to spring into new life." That is how God works in our lives. The word is "Hope", the greatest word — next to "Love" — in the human tongue. Easter dawns, and once again we walk with those who view an empty tomb and behold a risen Christ, and we too can believe, and can even be certain "that nothing in death or life, or powers, or things present or things to come, neither height nor depth, nor anything in all creation, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38,39).

Herbert G. Kelly

WADE, Cecil, age 82, passed away on December 26th, 1975, the late Mr. Wade was born in Lakewood, Ohio, the son of Evan and Sarah (Collister) Wade. He served overseas during W.W.I, he returned to his position with the National Carbon Co., he became General Manager in Kansas City, a post he held until he retired. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Jane Wade Lombard of New York City, also his nephew Frederick R. Wade, of Detroit, Mich. His passing is deeply regretted.