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

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1976 CONVENTION

MAJESTIC HOTEL, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

I should, first of all, like to thank the members of N.A.M.A. for electing me as president, and to say that I am particularly honoured to be the first lady president of the Association. I have a very good group of officers to work with and I am sure that we will all do our best to promote the interests of N.A.M.A. during the next two years.

As we approach the 50th Anniversary of N.A.M.A. in 1978 it is perhaps an opportune time to take stock and to consider whether we are to continue carrying on as we are doing now, or whether there are changes that could be made. If changes are to be made what should they be? What are the changes that you, as members, would like to see and what would we, as your executive committee, suggest? What can be done to find new members and to encourage young people to join, and, having done that, what are we prepared to do to keep them as members?

These are just some of the things that we will be considering as we look forward to a busy two years leading up to 1978, and that we will be discussing with you all through future editions of the Bulletin. I hope that you too will want to get involved in planning N.A.M.A.'s second half century.

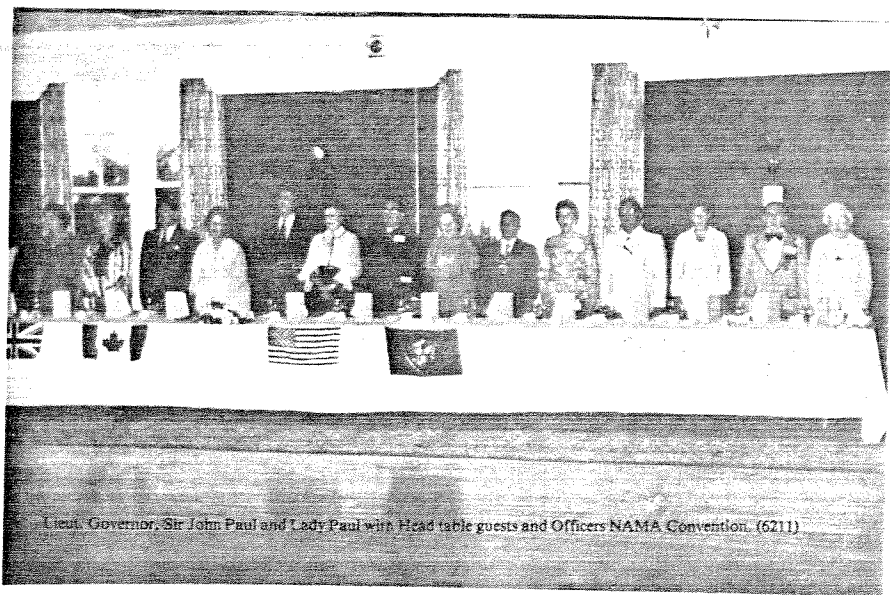
Yours sincerely,

Margaret Joughin

1976 NAMA 32nd Convention
July 11, 12, 13, 14, 1976
Douglas, Isle of Man.

Reported on the spot by —

Sydney Boulton,
Ramsey, Isle of Man.
"Examiner Reporter."



GREAT "WELCOME HOME" FOR MANX EXILES.

A CROWDED programme for the past four days at the 32nd North American Manx Convention at the Majestic Hotel this week has provided much enjoyment for Manx exiles.

About 100 members registered and there have been re-unions, speeches of welcome, tours of the Island and receptions, and it has been a memorable occasion.

Stated the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Paul, in his message of welcome, "The strength of your bonds with the Island and of your affection for your original homeland is very clearly manifested and I hope you will derive as much pleasure from your visit as I know it will give to all those whose privilege it is to offer you the warm friendship and hospitality — reinforced in this instance" by the ties of kinship — for which the Isle of Man is renowned."

The president's reception on Sunday evening was one of the most delightful events in the schedule.

The president, the Rev. James Cowin Caley, of Huntingdon Beach, California,

whose family is from Lonan and Onchan, and who emigrated from the island half a century ago, was in great form as he welcomed the guests.

He and his wife Clarice have been very popular since the election of Mr. Caley at the Washington Convention two years ago.

Mrs. Caley is a talented pianist and prior to the opening she and a friend — Miss Peggy Plunkett, also of Huntingdon Beach — provided musical selections. Miss Plunkett is a very accomplished violinist and her pieces were first rate.

Mr. Caley mentioned among the special guests for the evening the Speaker of the House of Keys and his daughter Pam; Mr. Alf Devereau, M.H.K., and his wife (the Speaker and Miss Kerruish were official delegates from the Manx Government at the Washington Convention); also Mr. J. C. Nivison, M.L.C., and Mrs. Nivison (Mr. Nivison went to school in Onchan with the president), Mr. G. V. H. Kneale, M.L.C. (honorary member of the Association) and Mrs. Kneale, and also former First Deemster, His Honour George Moore, who was going on a visit to Vancouver soon, and Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Sydney Boulton, also an honorary member, and Mrs. Boulton.

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The president welcomed Miss Doris Clague, president of the W.M.A. (who contributed two elocutionary items during the evening) and her sister, and spoke in appreciation of the great help received from the W.M.A.

Next came the introduction of the executive officers — the first vice-president, Miss Margaret Joughin; third vice-president, Mr. George Curphey; past president Mr. Robert Kelly; the secretary, Miss Elizabeth Clucas; Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Hilda Penrice, and Mrs. J. C. Robison, a trustee.



NEW EXECUTIVE OF NAMA.

Back row- left to right, Chaplain, Rev. H.G. Kelly, Rising City, Neb; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Clucas, Cleveland; 2nd Vice President, Mr George Curphey; Liverpool, N.S.

Front row, Left to right- Trustee, Mrs J. Robison, Elk Creek, Neb; Mrs Malcolm Kinley, Calif; I. Past President, Rev. J.C. Caley; Calif; President, Miss Margaret Joughin, Montreal; Bulletin Editor, Mrs Sam Penrice, Ontario, Canada. Absent from the picture, Treasurer, Mr Clarence Creer, Ill; 1st Vice President, Mrs R.S. Cowin, Ohio; 3rd Vice President, Mr Ed Sayle, Va; President of Ladies Aux, NAMA, Mrs N. Clucas, Mo; Rep. Ladies Aux, to NAMA, Miss Alice Garrett, Rochester, N.Y.; Hon. President, Mr Richard Corkill, Detroit; Hon. Vice President, Mr Fred Caveen, Toronto; Mr Sam Penrice, Ontario, Mr N. Clucas, Mo; Past President, Mr Stan Shimmis, Ontario, Mr Robert Kelly, Chicago. (6233)

The new Chaplain, the Rev. Herbert Kelly, of Nebraska, was also introduced by the president and he offered prayers.

At the close, supper was provided for the company.

Monday morning's programme began with the singing of the national anthems and the invocation by the Chaplain.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Paul, then arrived in company with his A.D.C., Lt.-Col. Brian Mylchreest, and he was warmly received by the president.

Later Lord Gort, who was also with the platform party, addressed the Convention and spoke of his forthcoming visit to Canada.

Greetings which had been sent to the Convention from Mrs. Mary Skillicorn (Buffalo), Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sayle (Arlington, Virginia), Miss Alice Garrett, Rochester, and Miss Elinor Cain (Cleveland) were referred to by the secretary.

A moving interlude was when Mrs. Hilda Penrice, Bulletin Editor, recited, by request, a poem by the late Kathleen Faragher, whose works are well remembered.

The president took the opportunity of welcoming delegates from overseas and referred to the 14 representatives from the

Southern California Society, headed by Mr. Malcolm Kinley (president) and his wife Joyce.

Other presidents given a mention were Mr. Bill Lahmers (Toronto) and Mr. Bob Kelly (Chicago).

Miss Margaret Joughin took charge of the business session. It was decided to send a message of good wishes to veteran Manxman Mr. Fred Caveen, of Toronto, who is ill and was unable to come to the Convention.

The Convention also remembered the work of the late Mr. Harold Cain, C.P., and the late Mr. Charles Craine, president and secretary of the W.M.A.

Mr. George Curphey was entrusted with the task of getting acceptance of a design he had made for a membership certificate to be given to members of the N.A.M.A. on joining.

There was some discussion about the possibility of forming a Manx Society in Nebraska, U.S.A., and Mr. Sam Penrice spoke about the committee who would be considering the venue for the 1978 Convention.

Mr. Richard Corkill, of Detroit, honorary president, regaled the audience with memories of the early Conventions — he attended his first in Buffalo in 1931.

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

Minutes of the North American Manx Association Convention held in Onchan, Isle of Man, July 1976.

The business meeting of the 32nd Convention of the North American Manx Association began on Monday, July 12, 1976. Mr. Richard Corkill, Honorary President, officially opened the Convention, followed by the singing of the 4 national anthems and the Invocation by Rev. Herbert Kelly.

The Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Paul, then extended greetings from the Manx people and welcomed everyone to the Isle of Man.

The President, Rev. James Caley, then introduced the officials of the N.A.M.A.: Hon. President, Mr. Richard Corkill; 1st Vice President, Miss Margaret Joughin; 3rd Vice President, Mr. George Curphey; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Clucas; Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Sam Penrice; Immediate Past President, Mr. Robert Kelly; Past President, Mr. Sam Penrice. Representing the Ladies Auxiliary — Honorary President, Mrs. Amy Abell. Officers who were unable to be present — Honorary Vice President, Mr. Fred Caveen; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Robert Cowin; Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Creer; Trustees, Mr. Ed Sayle and Mr. William Roseman; President, Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. N. Clucas; Secretary to Ladies Auxiliary, Miss Elinor Cain; Rep. to NAMA, Ladies Auxiliary, Miss Alice Garrett.

The Secretary read out the messages of greetings from members who were unable to attend.

Rev. Caley welcomed everyone to the meeting, special guests being Lord Gort, Mr. Victor Kneale, M.L.C., and Mr. Edgar Cottier.

Mrs. Hilda Penrice read out a poem of welcome written by the late Miss Kathleen Faragher. (A copy will be published in the Bulletin). Mrs. Penrice reported that she has continued to send out the Bulletins and it was proposed and seconded that in future each member would send their own copy to friends and relatives, rather than the Association bear the expense.

The Secretary was asked to send a greetings cable to Mr. Fred Caveen, and everyone present signed a Get Well card, which was sent by the Secretary. A get-well card was also sent to Mrs. Lilian Cowley, mother of Mrs. Marion McLaren.

At this point, Rev. Caley presented a Resolution which was as follows: "That this Convention of the North American Manx Association thanks and congratulates the Tynwald Court for its wisdom in buying Bishopscourt for the Manx Nation. We applaud this magnificent action in the preservation of our ancient and precious heritage, and we trust that Bishopscourt will be maintained in the dignity which has belonged to it for 8 centuries". Reso-

lution moved by Mrs. Ivy Christian, seconded by Mrs. Amy Abell.

The meeting adjourned for 15 minutes to listen to Rev. Caley on Manx Radio. Following Adjournment, Lord Gort gave a warm welcome to everyone and informed us he was leaving soon for a visit to the States and Canada.

The meeting adjourned. A bus sight-seeing tour was held in the afternoon, to the South of the Island, followed by the Mayor's Reception in Douglas, then a film show by the Tourist Board.

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1976

The meeting opened with the 4 national anthems and invocation by Rev. Kelly.

The President, Rev. Caley asked that official recognition be given to Miss Doris Clague, President of World Manx Association, who had worked so hard in conjunction with Miss Margaret Joughin in the arrangements for the Convention.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Given by Mr. Robert Kelly in the absence of Mr. Clarence Creer. Balance on hand August 1974, \$7,433.32, receipts year ending 7.31.75 \$3,890.51. Total disbursements \$3,312.45, profit \$578.06, leaving a balance on hand of \$8,011.38. Current year receipts \$2,155, disbursements \$2,425, net operating loss \$270. Tentative balance present on hand \$7,741.00.

Membership August 1974: 495 regular, 42 life and honorary, 8 societies, 17 junior, total 562. June 1976: 508 regular, 47 life and honorary, 7 societies, 13 junior members, total 575.

Moved by Mrs. Robison these figures be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Carol Grigsby.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Penrice and seconded by Mrs. Amy Abell that the minutes of the 1974 convention be accepted, along with the minutes of the November, 1975 Executive Committee meeting.

Rev. Caley welcomed Mr. Marshall Cubbon, Director of the Manx Museum and National Trust, who in turn welcomed everyone to the island, and extended an invitation to attend the museum. He then gave a brief history of the museum origin and the wide range of material therein. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cubbon was given by Rev. Caley. Miss Helen Miles from Pennsylvania then appealed to members to send in their family histories to the museum for their records.

Reports from Societies: Several representatives from societies were present and gave their reports: Toronto (Mr. Bill Lahmers), Cleveland (Miss E. Clucas), Peoria (Mr. Frank Shimmin), Winnipeg (extended by Mr. Sam Penrice from Mrs. Tom Quirk), Southern California (Mr. Malcolm Kinley), Montreal (Miss Margaret Joughin), Galva (Mrs. H. Collinson), Florida (Mrs. Ethel Christian),

San Francisco (Miss Evelyn Corlett), Chicago (Mr. Robert Kelly), Wisconsin (Rev. Herbert Kelly).

The Secretary read her annual report, as did the Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Penrice. A motion was made by Mrs. Carol Grigsby that the reports be accepted, seconded by Mr. Sam Penrice.

Time and Place Committee Chairman, Mr. Sam Penrice, then introduced Mr. Curwen Clague, Honorary Secretary of the Manx British Commonwealth Games Association, who gave a summary of the Association and the hopes of the Island team who will be taking part in the Games in Vancouver in August of 1978. He suggested that maybe the N.A.M.A. could hold their Convention in Edmonton to coincide with the Games. His remarks were endorsed by Mr. Brian Whitehead, Appeals Secretary of the Games Association.

The meeting then adjourned and was followed by the Memorial Service, Rev. Herbert Kelly presiding. The Memorial Role was read with prayers and readings.

Following the Memorial Service, the Ladies Auxiliary held their luncheon meeting, presided over by Mrs. George Curphey, when the election of officers took place: Hon. President, Mrs. Amy Abell; President, Mrs. Norman Clucas; 1st Vice President, Miss Edith Cox, 2nd Vice President, Mrs. George Curphey; Secretary/Treasurer, Miss Elinor Cain; Representative to the N.A.M.A. Miss Alice Garrett.

Several members of the Convention then did a tour of the museum, and that evening were guests of the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Paul at Government House. Afterwards everyone was entertained by the World Manx Association at a Manx tay and concert in the new Loch Parade Methodist Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1976

The meeting began with the singing of the anthem and Invocation.

The President, Rev. Caley, introduced Mr. Victor Kneale, M.L.C., who gave a most interesting and enjoyable talk on Philately. Mr. Kneale is a true Ambassador for the Isle of Man and never fails to promote the Island, especially when talking about stamps. A copy of his speech will be in the Bulletin.

Rev. Caley then introduced Mr. Charles Kerruish, S.H.K., who spoke about the deep roots the Manx people always have wherever they live. Both speakers were warmly thanked by Rev. Caley.

The Secretary read out a letter received from Mrs. Myrra Johnson, informing us her daughter had been elected to join West Point Academy, the first lady to do so. A letter of congratulations will be sent to Miss Johnson.

CONVENTION Continued

A motion was made by Miss Helen Miles, seconded by Mr. Robert Kelly, to thank the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Paul for the enjoyable evening everyone had at Government House.

An appreciation of thanks was also made to the World Manx Association for the excellent evening we participated in on Tuesday, July 13th. Motion made by Mr. Richard Corkill, seconded by Mr. Malcolm Kinley.

Mr. George Curphey was asked to present his work on the question of Membership Certificates. The design of the certificate will be made from Norse Crosses, and will have the colours of the sky, heather and gorse included. Mr. Curphey suggested a change in the Constitution and By-Laws, to read as follows: "All member in good standing and future new members be presented with a membership certificate, the cost of which shall be sufficient to recover the cost of producing the said certificate". Motion made by Mr. George Curphey, seconded by Mr. Richard Corkill.

Committee Reports:

Miss Margaret Joughin, Chairman of the Convention Committee, thanked all her committee members who were present for their help in organising the convention. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice, Souvenir Book; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, Prizes and Ways and Means; Mrs. Carol Grigsby, Registration; Miss Elizabeth Clucas, Secretary; Absent members who had helped: Mrs. Edna Cowin, publicity, Mrs. Mona Haldeman, registration; Mr. Clarence Creer, Ways and Means and Prizes; Mr. Edgar Cottier, Tourist Board; World Manx, Miss Doris Clague and Mrs. Bea Cain.

Registration Committee:

Mrs. Jean Kelly gave her report: 89 full registrations, 36 partial, 36 other participants. (68 United States, 34 Canada, 1 Australia, 58 Isle of Man).

Souvenir Book

Mr. Sam Penrice announced that there would be souvenir books on sale for \$1.50 and he suggested members buy them as souvenirs.

Ways and Means and Prize Distribution:

Mr. Robert Kelly reported he had received donations totalling \$1,450 for prize distribution; expenses totalled \$300 approximately, leaving a balance of \$1,100 for prize distribution. A list of those who donated prizes will be printed in the bulletin, along with the listing of prizes and the winners.

Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. Ethel Christian gave the Secretary's report, in the absence of Miss Elinor Cain, at the luncheon meeting held on Tuesday.

Time and Place Committee:

Mr. Sam Penrice named his committee: Mr. George Curphey, Mrs. Ethel Christian, Mrs. Carol Grigsby. Two locations for the 1978 Convention were suggested, Edmonton, Canada, when the Commonwealth Games would be held in August, 1978, and Cleveland, Ohio. The NAMA was founded in Cleveland in 1928 and would be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1978 in the city of its birth. A letter was read from Mr. Dick Leggatt, Edmonton Convention Bureau, and also a letter from Mrs. Robert Cowin, Cleveland Manx Society President. Both locations were put to a vote by convention delegates, Cleveland winning by 37 votes, 9 votes to Edmonton. The actual time of the convention will be made after consultation with the Cleveland Manx and Mrs. Cowin.

Before the Nominating Committee report, the retiring President, Rev. Caley, gave his retiring speech, appealing for all Manx people everywhere to preserve their ancient Manx heritage.

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Caley, Mr. Sam Penrice, and Mr. Robert Kelly gave their report: Hon. President, Mr. Richard Corkill; Hon. Vice President, Mr. Fred Caveen, Miss Doris Clague, Mr. Norman Clucas, Mr. Sam Penrice; Immediate Past President, Rev. James Caley; President, Miss Margaret Joughin; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Robert Cowin; 2nd Vice President, Mr. George Curphey; 3rd Vice President, Mr. Ed Sayle; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Clucas; Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Creer; Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Hilda Penrice; Trustees, Mrs. A. Robison, Mr. William Roseman and Mrs. Joyce Kinley.

Honorary Members: Lieutenant Governor Sir John Paul; Mr. Marshall Cubbon, Mr. Edgar Cottier, Mr. Charles Kerruish, S.H.K., Mr. Victor Kneale, and Mr. Sydney Boulton.

All the above members, with the exception of Mr. Ed Sayle, agreed to stand for office. Should Mr. Sayle decline, the President is empowered to appoint one of the Trustees to the position of 3rd Vice President. This committee further recommends that a Nominating Committee be appointed at least 6 months prior to the next convention to consider a slate of officers for 1978-80, and that this committee consider the name of Mr. Clarence Creer for one of the higher offices.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Kelly that the vote be considered unanimous, seconded by Mrs. Ethel Christian.

NEW PRESIDENT INSTALLED

Mr. Richard Corkill, Honorary President, then installed the newly elected officers. The Sword of State was presented by the new Past president, Rev. James Caley, to the new President, Miss Margaret Joughin, who accepted it with thanks.

There being no further business to bring before the Convention, Miss Joughin closed the 32nd Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Elizabeth Clucas.

Secretary

FIRST LADY PRESIDENT

It was a proud moment for all the lady members of the NAMA when Miss Margaret Joughin was elected to the office of President. Since the Association was formed in Cleveland in 1928 this is the first time a woman has had the honour of being elected as President.

Margaret is well known throughout the Association, she has worked long and hard over the years for this honour, she held the office of Bulletin Editor for 10 years and she did an excellent job of convening the recent 1976 Convention held on the Isle of Man, she follows in her father's footsteps - the late Victor Joughin who was President of NAMA during 1962/63.

With the encouragement of the Executive and members, Margaret will do a great job as President.



Left foreground - Mrs Henry Christian, Florida, and friends. (6248)

Thanks

We are all greatly indebted to Mr. Sydney Boulton of Ramsey, Isle of Man reporter for the I.O.M. "Examiner" for his excellent coverage of the 32nd Convention held on the Isle of Man, I have used several of his items for this Issue of the Bulletin.

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Delegates attending the 1976 North American Manx Association Convention Douglas, Isle of Man. July 11, 12, 13, 14, 1976. (5936)

NAMA Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon

The Ladies Auxiliary of the NAMA held their Convention Luncheon at the Majestic Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man on Tuesday, July 13th, 1976. Members from Nebraska, Colorado, British Columbia, Montreal, Ontario, California, and many other parts of the U.S.A. and Canada attended. The Luncheon was followed by a business meeting. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Norman Clucas, the meeting was chaired by the 2nd Vice President, Mrs. George Curphey, Mrs. Henry Christian who read the minutes of the last meeting, filled in for the Sec. Treas., Miss Elinor Cain. They were introduced by the Hon. President, Mrs. Amy Abell.

Officers elected were, President, Mrs. Norman Clucas; Secretary/Treas. Miss Elinor Cain, 1st Vice President, Miss Edith Cox; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. George Curphey; Rep. to NAMA Ladies Aux., Miss Alice Garrett. Hon. President, Mrs. Amy Abell.

1976 CONVENTION REGISTRATION.

When it became impossible for me to attend the convention this summer, Carol Grigsby agreed to take over in my absence. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the terrific job she did, and to also thank those who helped her - Hilda and Dianne Penrice, and Jean and Bob Kelly.

Both Mother and I missed meeting the conventioners, and I particularly missed meeting those with whom I had corresponded in the months prior to the convention. I hope all of you will be in Cleveland in 1978 so that we can get acquainted. Once again, I expect to be at the Registration Desk, so please come up and introduce yourself. Thanks again to Carol, and see you in 1978.

Mona Haldeman

CONVENTION FACTS AND FIGURES

Full registrations	— 89.
Paratials	— 36.
Other participants	— 36.
United States	— 68.
Canada	— 34.
Australia	— 1.
Isle of Man	— 58.

NAMA Membership Fee \$4.00 including subscription to Bulletin published four times annually. Membership without Bulletin \$1.00

DUES

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

N.A.M.A. BANQUET

THE finale of the 32nd Convention was the banquet on Wednesday evening which was attended by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Paul and Lady Paul, the Speaker of the House of Keys and Mrs. Kerruish and other guests and was a highly successful occasion.

At the commencement the grace was said by Chaplain to the Association the Rev. Herbert Kelly, who came over from Rising City, Nebraska.

The loyal toast was given by His Excellency and the toast to the World Manx Association was proposed in fitting terms by the president, the Rev. James Cowin Caley.

He spoke of the important role of the Association in keeping in touch with Manx folk and Societies in various parts of the world and referred to the pioneer work of the founder, Richard Cain, the continuation of the Association under the direction of his son, Harold Cain and the devotion of the secretary Charles Craine for many years.

Mr. Caley paid special tribute to Miss Doris Clague, the W.M.A. president, who had done so much in helping to prepare for the Convention, and her colleagues, Mr. Evan Cain, Mrs. Harold Cain, Mrs. Nina Quiggin and Mr. Wilfred Waid.



Left to right- Miss Doris Clague, President W.M.A. Isle of Man; Mrs May Wils, Chicago; Miss Mabel Clague, Isle of Man and friend. (6196)

In her reply Miss Doris Clague said: "The president has told you something of the work of our Association, the most important part being, of course, the linking of Manx people throughout the world with their beloved Isle of Man. This we do by correspondence and exchange of visits and generally extending the hand of friendship beyond the bounds of this little kingdom of Mann and among the many greetings received at our annual Tynwald Day gathering was a cable from two members in the British Embassy at Bagkok.

"This evening it gives one a wonderful sensation to look on this large assembly of Manx people and descendants of the Manx.

"We are deeply aware of a feeling of kinship for we are one, inescapably one, bonded by a loyalty to and a love of our Island and the true Manx way of life.

"We find many of you returning to Ellan Vannin time and time again. What is it that draws you back? Perhaps it is the purple of the heather, the gold of the gorse, the green hills by the sea, or perhaps the 'lil people' have worked a spell upon you as you passed over Ballona Bridge!



Left to right- Mr C. Kerruish, O.B.E. C.P. Speaker of the House of Keys, Isle of Man; Miss Margaret Joughin, Montreal; Mrs J. Caley, Calif; Lieut. Governor, Sir John Paul, Isle of Man; Rev. J.C. Caley, Calif; Lady Paul, Mrs Charles Kerruish, Isle of Man. (6216)

"Don't you think that on such an occasion as this, something of the past creeps into the present? We remember with gratitude those stalwarts who founded the Manx Societies many years ago, first as small groups meeting in their homes and eventually building these into established and flourishing societies. Although something of what they achieved may be gone, yet something remains for they have shed an influence upon us which has imbued us

Miss Joughin briefly returned thanks and said how honoured she felt at being elected as president.

Mrs. Hilda Penrice, the Bulletin editor, of Stroud, Ontario, recited the "Farewell Homecomers" poem which the late Kathleen Faragher composed for the 1958 Homecoming to the Island.

There followed dancing by the Manx Folk Dance Group, and vocal items by Mr. Ernest Thorn, Cleveland Medal winner and Mr. Geoffrey Christian, and they were joined in a final quartette by their wives. The accompanist was Miss Emily Christian, M.B.E., L.R.A.M.



Delegates attending the Convention. (6223)

with a share of their tenacity of purpose, their drive, and I feel that whilst officers and members possess these qualities then Manx Societies embodied in the N.A.M.A. will live on, as indeed will Manx Societies throughout the world. And we in the World Manx Association shall be quietly applauding and saying 'Well done!'

In the subsequent proceedings the retiring president congratulated Miss Margaret Joughin of Montreal on her election to succeed him and asked her to take charge of the remaining part of the programme.



Front row- Mrs Bessie Auty, Ohio; Mrs May Wils, Chicago; and NAMA Delegates (6167)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1976 CONVENTION



His Worship the Mayor of Douglas, Isle of Man, Mr Fred Waterson. (6096)

Monday evening a reception was given by the Mayor of Douglas, Mr. Fred Waterson and Mrs. Waterson and Councillors of the Borough of Douglas, Isle of Man for the N.A.M.A. delegates attending the Convention and was held at the Villa Marina.

A reception was also arranged for some of the NAMA officers at the Ramsey Town Hall, the delegates were received by the Mayor of Ramsey, Mr. Fred Crowe, and Mrs. Crowe and Members of the Commission.



Left to right- Miss Elizabeth Clucas, Sec, NAMA, Cleveland; Mr and Mrs Alex Quayle, Glen Vine, I.O.M. (5891)

NEXT CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND

Because of the division of opinion on two invitations received for the venue of the 1978 Convention from Cleveland and Edmonton, Alberta, the committee had recommended that the matter be decided by the Convention.

By a big majority delegates voted in favour of Cleveland.

It was pointed out that it would be the 50th anniversary of the founding of the N.A.M.A. in 1928 and that the largest Manx Society was active there.

The exact venue of the 1978 Convention will be Rocky River, which is about 14 miles from the centre of Cleveland.

The Convention was also addressed on Wednesday by Mr. Victor Kneale, M.L.C., chairman of the Isle of Man Post Office Authority, who called attention to the great publicity value of Manx issues of stamps.

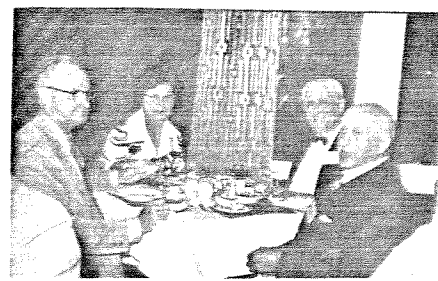
The Speaker (Mr. Charles Kerruish) also addressed the Convention.



Delegates attending the 1976 Convention. (5945)



Left to right- I. Past President, Rev. J.C. Caley, Calif; President, Miss Margaret Joughin, Montreal; Mr C. Kerruish, O.B.E. C.P. S.H.K. Isle of Man. (6262)



Mr and Mrs James Robison, Elk Creek, Neb; Mr Frank Shimmin, Galva; Mr Art Skelly, Timmins, Ont. (6032)

There was also a letter of apology from the Lord Bishop, who had to attend the General Synod in York this week.

At Tuesday morning's business session,

A memorial service conducted by the Chaplain (the Rev. Herbert Kelly) was a fitting tribute to those who have passed on.

The programme included an informative talk on the Manx Museum by the Director, Mr. Marshall Cubbon and later in the day a party of about 30 Home-comers took the opportunity of having a conducted tour of the Museum.

Later in the afternoon the delegates were entertained at the Government House by the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Paul and they had the opportunity of meeting some of the Island's top figures including the First Deemster.

The big attraction for the homecomers in the evening was the "Manx tay" and concert in the new Loch Parade Methodist Hall.

There was a large attendance and the visitors were the guests of the World Manx Association and were greeted on arrival by the president, Miss Doris Clague and by Mrs. B. Cain, widow of the former president, Mr. Harold Cain, C.P.

The programme was a real old style entertainment following the accustomed pattern.

There were piles of food — potato cakes, ginger-bread, bunloaf, oat cakes, soda cakes, apple pie, bonnag, blackberry

and blackberry pies, etc., which had been prepared by the ladies of the W.M.A. and everyone echoed the vote of thanks given later to Mrs. Nina Quiggin and her band of helpers for providing such a wonderful spread.

The items by Manx artistes were compered by Miss Mabel Clague, sister of the W.M.A. president and were a feast of native music and elocution.

There were songs by Mrs. Quayle and Mr. Lionel Cottier, of Peel, musical saw items by Mr. Jack Watson with Mrs. Watson accompanying on the accordion and Mr. Sydney Kelly of Peel, got a great ovation for his Manx dialect recitations which included two T. E. Brown selections. Miss Nellie Quane, of Peel was the accompanist.

Following supper there was an impromptu session when overseas folk were invited to contribute.

Mr. Willie Cowell, of the London Manx, sang the whole of the Manx Wedding Song — quite a feat — Miss Peggy Plunkett and Mrs. Clarice Caley of Huntingdon Beach, California, delighted everyone with their two items — Peggy is a talented violinist and was expertly accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Caley and to round off we had a humorous talk by Mr. John Quilliam of Colby, a song by Mr. Bill Lahmers and Harmonica selections by Mr. Malcolm Kinley. Thanks were expressed by the Rev. Caley.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

MANX GIRL BREAKS U.S.A. TRADITION

Long-standing tradition at the famous West Point Military Academy in the U.S.A. has just been broken in that it has decided for the first time to admit women, and among those accepted is a girl belonging to a Manx family.

She is Jennifer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Johnson, of Scottsdale, Arizona, granddaughter of the late Mr. Walter Stevenson, who emigrated from Kerrowmoar, Sulby, Isle of Man and who was well known in the Chicago Manx and the NAMA, it was appropriate this news was announced at the recent NAMA Convention held on the I.O.M. this July.

Jennifer age 17 is an all round Student with a Straight A average, she is also an excellent athlete, Jennifer visited the Isle of Man in 1970.

VISIT OF SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF KEYS TO WASHINGTON

An important ceremony took place on June 22nd 1976, when the Speaker of the House of Keys, Isle of Man, Mr. Charles Kerruish, O.B.E. C.P., on behalf of Tynwald presented a replica of the Manx Sword of State to the Congress of the United States of America on the occasion of the U.S. Bicentennial. The presentation took place in the Rayburn Room of the U.S. Capitol Building and the sword was presented to Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Joint Committee on the Bicentennial. Senator Howard Cannon of Nevada, a Manxman was among the distinguished guests.

Past and present members of the NAMA were also present at the ceremony.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

For those folks who have been contemplating buying the up-to-date edition of "The Isle of Man - A Social, Cultural & Political History" written by R.H. Kinvg, there is still time to send for a copy!

This book, containing many historical drawings and pictures of the Isle, reviews the history, personalities, and events which have shaped the culture and traditions of Man, as well as the modern developments on the island.

You will be pleased to add this book to your library of Manx memories. A check in the amount of \$12.50 (this includes postage) and made out to:

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OBITUARIES

CLUCAS, Frank Kneen, of Novato, Calif., passed away suddenly on July 21st, 1976. He is survived by his wife Pearl; two sons, David and Bill; three daughters, Jane of Novato, Cathy, (Mrs. Walter Poterbin, of Fairfield, Iowa); and Patricia, (Mrs. Leo McCloskey, Santa Cruz, Calif.) He was a brother of Norman D. Clucas of Webster Groves, Mo. The late Mr. Clucas formerly lived in the Chicago area and was the son of the late William H. and Anne Kneen Clucas; and brother of the late William James Clucas. Interment was at Eagle River, Wisconsin.

CRAINE, Mrs. Edith Anne, of Butte, Montana, passed away on June 5th, 1976. The late Mrs. Craine, (nee Kelly) was born in Cronk-y-Voddy, Isle of Man, October 13th, 1891. She came to Butte, Montana in 1916 and married Evan George Craine, who predeceased her in 1968. Funeral services were held in Butte, interment was in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Mrs. Craine is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Duykers, Butte, grandson, John; and great-grandson, Max, in California; and nephew, Thomas H. Kelly, Castletown, Isle of Man. The late Mrs. Craine was very proud of her Manx heritage and her membership in the NAMA. She had attended several Conventions in the U.S.A. and Canada, she had also joined the homecomers on two occasions on the Isle of Man, she had a great talent for the Manx dialect recitations as members of the NAMA will remember at the Convention held in Toronto, Canada.

GAWNE, Mrs. Alice, of Peel, Isle of Man at the age of 93, passed away on March 11th, 1976. The late Mrs. Gawne had lived in the U.S.A. from 1903-1907, she made her first Atlantic flight to the U.S.A. in 1968 at the age of 86, visiting with her nieces — Mrs. Eleanor Wright and Miss Bertha Kiel, of South Bend Indiana. She is survived by a son Norman, of Peel, Isle of Man; and two daughters, Winifred, (Mrs. John Molyneux, Lanc. Eng.) and Vivienne also of Peel, I.O.M. and two nieces. Interment was in Peel Cemetery.

JONES, Mrs. Ethel J. M.B.E. S.R.N. S.C.M., passed away on Sunday, June 6th, 1976, at her home, Great Sutton, Ches., England. Dearly beloved wife of Steve, dear mother of Michael and Sandra, grandmother of Jason. Dearly loved sister of Hilda, (Mrs. Sam Penrice), formerly of Georgetown, now

"CHAPLAIN'S CORNER"

Reflections on a Recent Visit:

Can a person be said to be "home-sick" for a place he has never before seen? No, it couldn't quite be that. "Home" is in Nebraska, U.S.A. But, as the British Airways "Viscount" gained altitude, and the Island coast grew faint in the distance, I felt a strange emotion, compounded of the fleeting experiences of a few days, of new friends we had met, the sights and sounds of new events, the sharing of tea with a distant cousin in Peel, the search (fruitless) for my great-grandfather's grave at Laxey — and a vague feeling, akin to *deja vu*, brought the fancied strains of "Ellen Vannin".

Is there indeed some magic in the Isle? Are the "fairies" real? If so, they have cast their spell over many, as hosts of people say they are drawn to return again and again. I am not regarded as a superstitious person, but my faith includes a belief in unseen, spiritual powers, often deeper and more pervasive than the visible.

At any rate, a spot of earth which had always seemed a part of the "long ago and far away" in my mind became very real, and close, and personal. Grandfather, whom I never knew, left the Isle. My father and his brothers (except one) never visited it. But, something of us is there. Like a lodestone attracts steel, so we respond to mysterious forces, and find something fulfilling and good in them. Or, perhaps it is more like the power that draws the homing pigeon to its cote.

It was this longing for "home" that caused King David, besieged by the Philistines, to sigh, "O that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem . . . !"

God puts these longings and emotional tugs within us for a purpose: we are drawn to one another by common bonds, but always, nearer to himself; a "homing device", if you will. For we know that, great as our love is for a special place, the Apostle is right: here we "have no lasting city"; but we seek by faith that "city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." (Hebrews 11 & 13).

My heartiest appreciation to all of you whom I met at the Convention for your warmth of friendship; and to all of you whom I have not met, my sincere good wishes, and prayers for God's blessings upon you.

Herbert G. Kelly

of Stroud, Ontario, and Arthur, Ellesmere Port, Ches. England. The late Mrs. (Bridson) Jones was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man. Cremation, her ashes were committed to the family burial plot at Andreas Church, I.O.M. KINVIG, William E. of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Passed away in December, 1975. The late Mr. Kinvg was a long time member of the NAMA, he survived by his wife and sons.
