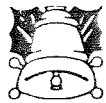


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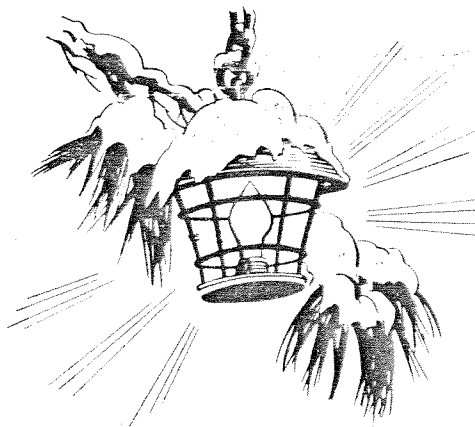
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Miss Margaret Joughin
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Dear Members:

The unseasonably wintry weather we have been having in Montreal for the past few months makes it seem very appropriate to be thinking of Christmas and to be sending sincere greetings to you all for a happy holiday season and for happiness in the year ahead. We in the executive committee will be looking to a busy, and I hope, a successful year of working on your behalf.

The problem of getting new members is one that each new executive tries to deal with and we too, will be giving this our attention in the coming months. While there always are some new members coming along to join us, unless we can find ways of keeping them our efforts to attract them will be wasted. We should perhaps ask some of the newer members to help us find a solution by telling us what exactly they expected of N.A.M.A. when they joined and whether the Association has lived up to their expectations. We would be glad to have their comments and suggestions.

I am sorry to report that Ed. Sayle did not feel that he could accept appointment as 3rd vice-president so we will hope to persuade him to join us at some future date and will follow the dictates of the Nominating Committee and appoint one of the trustees in his stead. An announcement regarding this will be made shortly.

Many of you must have been pleased, as was I, to see Lady Greer's column for Juniors in the June Bulletin. I hope she will continue to write it and that those members who have young families will encourage them to support her effort and to become junior members of N.A.M.A.

I hope you will all have an enjoyable Christmas.

FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST
PRESIDENT AND MRS. JAMES C.
CALEY

May I extend to all members and friends of the N.A.M.A. on behalf of my wife Clarice and myself our sincerest wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Blessed and Properous New Year and may I once again thank all concerned for my most happy term of office as President and for a memorable and successful 32nd Convention.

James C. Caley

OLD CHRISTMAS

From Christmas Eve until the Eve of Epiphany, or the day before "OLD CHRISTMAS," the observance of Yuletide in Italy is of a religious nature. But on the Eve of Epiphany it is different. It was on this night that La Befana was supposed to come. She is the only one figuring in an Italian Christmas who could be compared to Santa Claus.

La Befana was a woman, and not "a right jolly old elf." She was said to possess a stern nature and a rather forbidding appearance. On Twelfth Night, or the Eve of Epiphany as it is known in Italy, she entered through the chimney and into the room where the stockings were hung. She carried a cane in one hand and a bell in the other. She announced her arrival with the bell. So, when the little children of Italy heard the bell ringing they would hurry off to sleep before Befana comes.

In the stockings of the good little girls and boys she would put gifts. But in the stockings of the bad children she would leave only bags of ashes! It was a scramble early in the morning of Epiphany to see whether their conduct had been approved or disapproved by wise Befana.

DESIDERATA

"Desiderata", which means things wanted and needed, was first thought to have been found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore, dated 1692. However, subsequent investigation has revealed that it was written by poet Max Ehrmann, a resident of Terra Haute, Indiana, in 1927. Whatever the origin, the sentiment is most appropriate to the Christmas season, and as such, has been used on hundreds of Christmas cards.

Go placidly amid the noise & haste, & remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

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GREETINGS FROM N.A.M.A. EXECUTIVE

May you all have a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy and
prosperous New Year.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

Memories of my childhood are still very
clear

My brother and sisters they were so dear
Around the fire we would sit on a cold
winter's night

And Mother would tell of her childhood
Much to our delight

How the little folks danced on the
moonlight night:

They danced with such glee

Under their favourite Trammon Tree.

And Johnny Bill Ned's spirit "who meant no
harm"

Every night flew over the Crebbin's Farm
But bedtime came and you go first

And we all seemed to get an unquenchable
thirst

Up the stairs we ran in the dark

And to us it surely wasn't a lark

We said our prayers with one eye on the
window

Hoping Johnny Bill Ned's "who meant no
harm"

Would not mistake our house

For the Crebbin's farm

I am far from the Trammon Tree

My brothers and sisters have gone

But on a night when the moon is bright

I imagine I see the little folks dance with
such glee

And Johnny Bill Ned's spirit "who meant no
harm"

Go flying over the Crebbin's farm.

Original poem by
Bessie Leece Auty.

The Trammon Tree was in her old home
on the Isle of Man, at Ballakilferic

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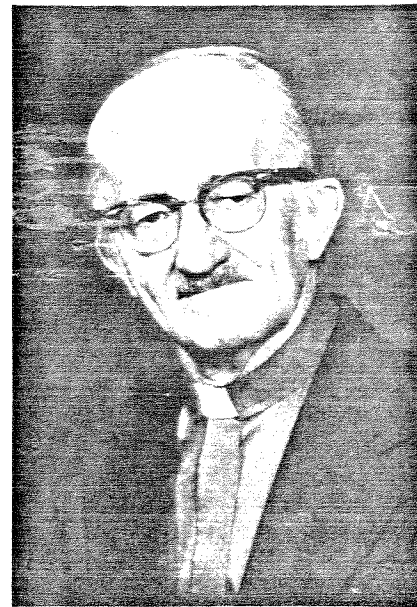
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KNOW YOUR OFFICERS



Chaplain to NAMA
Rev. Herbert G. Kelly

Herbert Garfield Kelly was born on a
farm near Mineral Point, Wis. in 1909.
He grew up in a rural Manx community
known as "Laxey". Attended the rural
school, and high school at Dodgeville.
Further education was at the University of
Wisconsin, Madison, and the Chicago
Theological Seminary. After serving
churches as a licensed preacher, he was
ordained in the Congregational Church at
Britt, Iowa in 1944.

He was united in marriage in 1940 to
Mary Joyce Meating of Shiocton, Wis.
They have four children: Victoria
(Mrs. Miles Knudsen), Philip, Herbert
Gregory, and Gordon James.

Pastorates were served in several Iowa
churches; and in 1966 the family moved to
Franklin, Nebraska, where he was pastor
for eight years. In 1974 he became pastor
of the United Methodist parish at Rising
City, Nebraska; and plans now are to
retire from full-time work and move to
Fremont, Nebraska this fall.

For hobbies: Reading, writing, a bit of
wood-working . . . almost anything that
strikes the fancy; but no expert at
anything!

SPEECH GIVEN BY

MR. VICTOR KNEALE, M.L.C.
N.A.M.A. CONVENTION, JULY 1976.

When the House of Keys was discussing the proposal to go postally independent, one member who was opposed to the take-over warned me "that philately will get you no-where".

How wrong he was - philately has done more to publicise the Isle of Man in the three years we have been issuing our own stamps than the Tourist Board has done during its whole existence, and our own publicity has been world wide - on both sides of the iron and bamboo curtains.

On top of that the Tourist Board has to pay large sums of money for their publicity, the Isle of Man Post Office Authority has got the publicity and been able to earn 1½ million pounds for the Manx Exchequer as a bonus.

Where has publicity got me personally? Well we're in the export business. It's no good producing first class stamps and then sitting at home waiting for people to come and buy them - you have to go out and sell and I and members of the staff of the Isle of Man Post Office have travelled to many places in Europe and America attending Philatelic Exhibitions.

From this you can see how wrong the observation of the opponent to the take-over was, "Philately is getting me everywhere!". It's only a month since I returned from my 8th visit to the United States, I have visited New York, Cleveland, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Anaheim, L.A. since March 1973, in fact some of the American Stamp Dealers offered me American citizenship when I was attending the International Stamp Exhibition at Philadelphia in May and June, but when I heard it included paying taxes, I declined.

What amazed me on my first visit to New York in 1973 was the large number of people who did not know where the Isle of Man was - they thought we were one of the Channel Islands like Jersey and Guernsey - I soon put that record right in the speeches I was asked to make. I pointed out that on all maps of the world the British Isles were roughly in the centre and the Isle of Man was the centre of the British Isles, and that made the Isle of Man the centre of the Universe and that everything radiates from here. I reminded them that the Vikings had discovered America long before Columbus and I was sure there was a Manx Viking amongst them. I further reminded them that Miles Standish of Mayflower fame was a Manxman, and that his two wives Rose and Barbara were also Manx and had come from Lezayre, that Manxmen had virtually built Cleveland, Ohio. That a Manxwoman Letitia Christian had married John Tyler, who was to become the 10th President of the U.S.A. - I further told them that a Manxman George Goldie had founded Nigeria, that William Kermode was one of the joint founders of Tasmania, that Colonel Mark Cubbon

was Governor of Mysore in India, and so on. This proved that the Isle of Man had discovered the world. I further told them that we believed in fairies in the Isle of Man and that before I had left the Island to visit them I had had a word with the lil people and they had asked me to convey their kind regards to them.

Would you believe it - they thought I was pulling their legs! The Chairman at one meeting said he had enjoyed my speech but he knew I was 'pulling their legs' as their constitution would not allow for some of the things I was claiming - I had to remind him that when the first Manx emigrants arrived they had no Constitution.

I thought then how necessary it was to depict our connections with other countries on stamps, and started to plan the Cleveland issue to commemorate the Manx Pioneers who had helped to build that fine city. Your second Vice President, Mrs. Edna Cowin, was a very great help to me in doing research for that issue. When I visited her in March 1974 to tie up the loose ends of the issue I met many members of the Cleveland Manx and I am glad to see a few of them here for this Convention.

When we brought the issue out in March 1975, Edna Cowin and her husband Bert were our guests in New York for the launching ceremony - in my speech on that occasion I made reference to the subjects on the stamps and pointed out that Thomas Quayle, the ship builder from the Isle of Man, built the largest ships on fresh water in his day, and that John Gill the builder from Port Erin had founded the firm of contractors who had built the Cleveland Terminal Tower Buildings, which were the second tallest building in America when built, only the Woolworth's building in New York being taller. John Gill's firm also built the old Post Office buildings in Washington, D.C. and anyone who lives here and who has visited Washington will know that the tower of that building stands up above all the other buildings.

I then reminded them that America had a reputation for making things bigger and better than anyone else and added, "Now you know the reason why - the Manx taught you how to do it!" Remember the effect of that issue of stamps on the people of Cleveland, they checked up and found that Manxmen had virtually built their city and the Mayor issued a proclamation which is in Clague House Museum, that is registered as an Historic Building.

America is a great country and in this year when they are celebrating their 200th birthday it is as well to remind them that they achieved this greatness by the efforts of people from small places like the Isle of Man - that is why the Isle of Man Post Office Authority was proud to issue a Bicentennial issue of stamps to commemorate the exploits of Manxman, Colonel William Christian, who was a member of

the Virginia Legislature, was present when Patrick Henry made his famous Liberty or Death speech, was one of the 12 including Washington and Jefferson appointed to prepare plans for the raising of the militia. He married Patrick Henry's sister Anne and became Colonel of the 1st Virginia Regiment. The American Bicentennial Committee recognised this as a genuine Bicentennial issue and presented us with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Bicentennial flag to fly.

One of your trustees, Ed Sayle of Arlington, Virginia, did most of the research for this issue.

I am sorry that Edna and Ed were unable to attend this Convention because of other commitments at home.

Now what of the future for our stamp issues? My policy is to show the world that although we are a small nation, our history covers the world.

In 1978 there will be a big Philatelic Exhibition in Canada - does anyone know of any outstanding Manxman who made a special mark in Canadian history? If they do please let me know. I also note that the North American Manx Association is 50 years old in 1978 - maybe we can fit in a stamp issue to celebrate.

One thing that the issuing of stamps has done for the Island is to fix the correct way for the 3 legs of Man to be running. The correct way is clockwise - you will note that the 3 legs on your badge is going the wrong way. You are not alone in this, but may I suggest that you change it to start your 2nd half century.

With that suggestion I will close my talk, and if anyone has any questions to ask I will do my best to answer them.

MANXLAND NOW OVER 60,000

The population of the Isle of Man has exceeded 60,000 according to preliminary results of this year's census. The number of people now living on the island is shown as 60,496, an increase of 10,563 since April 1971. The statistics, the first reliable figures in recent years, reflect a continuing growth for the IOM from the decrease to 48,000 in 1961 due to the economic depression on the island at that time.

CAT LASTS 38 DAYS IN CRATE

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—A cat has survived 38 days without food or water after being mistakenly nailed in a packing crate.

Maxie, a white manx, was huddled in a blanket on a sofa-bed when her owners, Alan and Karen Taylor, unpacked the crate. It had been nailed shut on Aug. 18 in San Diego, Calif., and shipped across the U.S. to Connecticut on an open truck.

The couple had delayed their move for a few days and offered a \$15 reward when the cat disappeared.

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

By

Mrs. Robert S. Cowin,
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I was pleased to hear from the many friends I have made over the past eight years since I have been writing this column that they found the Manx Museum in Douglas to be helpful and found it to be one of the highlights of our Convention this year. Over the years I have stressed the wealth of information available at the Museum, and for many it was their first visit to search the records.

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For our members who are attempting to find birth, death and marriage records in the United States, I have recently secured two informative publications from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare giving complete information on availability, costs and addresses of vital statistics offices listed by state.

(1) WHERE TO WRITE FOR BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS, DHEW PUB. NO. (HRA) 76-1142.

(2) WHERE TO WRITE FOR MARRIAGE RECORDS, DHEW PUB. NO. (HRA) 76-1144.

These can be ordered from the Supt. of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. They cost 35c each.

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And from the Mail Bag, I think you will find the following NAME ORIGIN review submitted by Ed Sayle of Arlington, Virginia, interesting:

Authorities vary on the origins of the name SAYLE. John Joseph Kneen suggests that the name comes from the term "SALE" a town in Cheshire, and that the first of the name Sale came to the Isle of Man with the Earl of Derby, the first of whom was Henry Sale, the Earl's 'Ryding Steward' in 1490. He attributes the name Sale to the name of William de Sale, first rector of St. Martin, Ashton-on-Mersey, circa 1300, who took the surname from the battle of Sale (near Rabat, Morocco), where he had been victorious as a knight in the crusades. Arthur William Moore, on the other hand, contends that the name Sayle is probably a corruption of Fayle, originally Paul, as found in McGiolla Phoill (the son of Paul's servant) and as noted in Bishop Phillips' Manx Prayerbook, of about 1610, which gives the form Fayl for Paul.

Moore's suggestion is born out by the evolution of McFayle, as it appears in the Bishop's Barony 1580-1587, to the surname Sayle, for the same property, Glendowne, Ballalierghy, in 1784, and in the term McSayl's Road (Gat McSayl). Yet, Kneen's theory meets the test in such placenames as McSayle's Meadow and McSayle's Reast (Waste) which evolve from early inhabitants whose surname is given as Sale.

The name is primarily found in the north of the Island, and many Manx emigrants to America chose to add a terminal "s" to the name. An early slave broker in the southern United States of that name gave that name to many slaves born in his custody, resulting in a great number of persons of non-Manx origins having the name "Sayles" (from the slave possessive designation, "Sayle's", a common occurrence with many surnames of persons who owned or dealt in the slave trade.)"

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I have four old Manx Bulletins which I would be glad to send to anyone interested on a first-come, first-served basis:

- (1) Vol. 17, No. 4 May, 1944
- (2) Vol. 25, No. 5 - July, 1952
- (3) Vol. 33, No. 1 - September, 1959
- (4) Vol. 35, No. 4 - June, 1962

Perhaps these are just what you are missing in your collection of NAMA Bulletins!

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Miss Glennis Corlett, Montrel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Corlett, attended some of the Convention meetings while visiting the Isle of Man this summer, she stayed with her cousin in Ramsey, John Robert Kneale, on her return home in July she was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Eva Kneale also of Ramsey.

Glennis brought back with her a Manx kitten named - Kelly, who will now be company for her parent's puppy, Jurbly.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Caley recently arrived in Canada and have taken up residence in Halifax, N. S. Rodney has obtained a post with the N. S. Government as Editor of "Hansard". The Caleys both belonged to the North of the Isle of Man, Rodney from the Kimmeragh, Bride and his wife nee Brew from "Kella" Sulby. This news comes from our 2nd Vice President, George Curphy, Liverpool, N. S., George has already been in contact with the Caleys and we hope that they will soon be new members of NAMA.

As many of our members will recall, at the recent Convention, George Curphy brought up the subject of a membership certificate, he is busy working on this project, which he says will be very attractive, one which all members should be proud to display in their home.

As a passing note of interest to our members, particularly those interested in gardening, George and Irene Curphy of N. S. have succeeded in growing a nice 'clump' of Manx Heather, however the amusing part is that this heather comes in full bloom in March, usually heather blooms August - September. As George remarks - (perhaps it doesn't know any better) but it is hardy and tough like all good things and people Manx.

CHATTING by HEP.

After a little absence due to a very busy spring and summer, I know I should have a lot of "Chatting" to do. Well now take "Family" for instance, we all have them, if not our own children and grandchildren, we all have cousins, Aunts and Uncles, nephews and nieces etc, and not forgetting God-children.

Sometimes we take our "families" for granted, but as one gets older they become more important, how little we really know about our brothers and sisters, we grow up together, we have our feet under the same table for so many years, then to use a Manx expression we "hop the twig" and leave the nest one by one to make our way in the world, scattered and far away from each other. It takes a very special effort to keep in touch, to write and correspond with each other, it can be done if each one is interested enough.

I think back on some of the happy reunions with my family - the laughter, the reminiscing over the old days, our school days, our teachers, the local characters we remember when our memory is jogged, we wonder out loud what happened to so and so? - we discover many things about each other we didn't know before, the affection we hold for one another, but too shy to show it, our love of poetry, good music and words, our appreciation to our parents now gone - for the up-bringing they gave to us, our affection for the Isle of Man, being lucky enough to be Manx born and bred, our wonderful growing-up carefree days spent every summer on the beach altogether in Ramsey.

If this sounds all too perfect, we were normal in that we quarrelled, sulked and argued, but we were a warm close family, when trouble came, we closed ranks.

If you have been meaning to write that letter to your brother or sister - do it now, before it is too late!

I know there is a saying "one can choose one's friends, but we are stuck with our relations", like everything else there are good and bad, so enjoy the good while there is still time.



TO ALL MANX PEOPLE OVERSEAS A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

May your Christmas be a blessed and joyous one with many happy memories and may your New Year be one of Good Health and Contentment.

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Remarks of the Speaker of the House of Keys of the Isle of Man as recorded in the Congressional Record, Washington, June 22nd 1976.

—Mr. Charles Kerruish, O.B.E. C.P.

SPEAKER CARL ALBERT HONORED BY THE ISLE OF MAN

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, the Honorable Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys of the Isle of Man, presented to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Honorable CARL ALBERT, a replica of the Manx Sword of State.

This presentation from the oldest Parliament in the western world, despite the fact that it is one of its smallest nations within the British Empire, was a signal honor to the Congress of the United States of America and no more praiseworthy gift could be given to the Congress than this Sword of State which means so much and has meant so much ever since it was first lifted and held high in the 11th century.

Speaker Kerruish's remarks were both poetic and substantial. They conveyed in words, as well as in deed and spirit, the relationship, the close association and the friendship between the Isle of Man and the United States of America. Words from the heart—they were well received—and in return, Speaker ALBERT expressed our appreciation for the Isle of Man's observance of the Bicentennial of the United States of America.

I ask unanimous consent that the presentation speech of the Speaker of the House of Keys of the Isle of Man be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the speech was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

REMARKS OF THE HON. CHARLES KERRUISH

May I, first of all, express my thanks for the warmth of your welcome, for the privilege of joining you on this occasion and for the opportunity you afford me to convey an island's tribute, to add its tiny but sincere contribution to the chorus of acclaim which this very special anniversary has evoked.

Tribute is a word that can have many connotations. "Millions for defence, not a cent for tribute" was the toast at the dinner given by congress at Philadelphia 178 years ago in June 1798, an early illustration of the

American determination to sustain independence and the democratic way of life.

The tribute I wish to convey embodies rich qualities, respect, admiration, the gossamer element of kinship, the fulfilment of the Biblical Law of rendering honour to whom honour is due.

If Tennyson's quotation, "The greater the man, the greater the courtesy," was not equally applicable to parliamentary assemblies, perhaps that statement could pose the question, "with what authority do you speak."

The answer, Mr. Speaker, lies in the mists of history.

Consider an island, sufficiently distant from the coasts of Britain and Ireland to have maintained its own identity, populated by gaelic people, akin to the inhabitants of the celtic fringe of Europe but lying in the path and becoming the haven for one of history's most remarkable warrior groups—the Vikings.

By the 11th century, the Norsemen, who had an extreme aptitude for law-making—as well as law breaking—had settled and established their own Scandinavian form of democratic government. Tynwald, the Parliament of the Isle of Man.

From that time to the present day, for over 1,000 years, that assembly has continued

to operate with an unbroken record of service.

So, that it is not without pride that I address you as a spokesman for the world's oldest continuing parliamentary assembly. Nor do I speak with diffidence—of respect and admiration for the wonder of your achievements, not the least of these being the way in which you have imprinted your flag upon the hearts of all who cherish freedom. Freedom—that great embodiment in one word of so many precious elements.

When the founding fathers drew up one of the great declarations of all time, stipulating as inalienable rights three things—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—they lit the torch of freedom of this great continent. Is it surprising that drawn like moths to a flame, from countries large and small, people surged forward to settle in a land where the light of liberty burned brightly?

But, the colonists all too quickly found they would have to battle to fulfill their dreams, their aspirations. The parallels of history, the blinding threads of kinship, may arouse interest; they can also as readily portray disaster or despair as they may portray success.

In our case, they reveal that as events were moving towards the Boston Tea Party, Manxmen were helping to deprive the English revenue by operating an extensive smuggling trade to the despair of the revenue men, with George III proclaiming his intention of wiping out this pestilential nest of smugglers.

While Lord North was simultaneously expressing the hope "that the unhappy and deluded multitude in the Americas would return to their senses," in Virginia, which had provided homes for many Manx families, the emigrants struggled to advance the interests of their adopted country. An earnest of this may be found in the fact that such a Manxman, William Christian, was chairman of the committee which produced the Fincastle Resolutions of 1775, which concluded:

"These are our real, though unpolished, sentiments of liberty and loyalty, and in them we are resolved to live or die."

Under his brother-in-law, Patrick Henry, he served with George Washington, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Harrison on the Virginia committee to raise a patriot militia, eventually assuming command of the First Virginia "Liberty or Death" Regiment, and a measure of fame. Countless others of Island origin lie in unmarked graves.

Strange, too, that while Edmund Burke was stating in Westminster his support for his fellow subjects in America—because, as he expressed it, in fighting for their liberty they were also fighting for his—he was also asking in Parliament would the noble Lord Grenville condescend to tell him why he repealed taxes on manufactures sent to America, and not the taxes on manufactures sent to the Isle of Man?

Was it, he claimed, that despite the minister's childish pretext—the island could but submit, but America could raise a flame?

The doctrine of the great charter of 1215 was obviously subjugated to the interests of the powerful country party in the Parliament of the day and neither Conway nor Fox could uphold its principles against a Parliament motivated by greed and fouled by procrastination and arrogance.

Against this background, by resolution and sacrifice, you achieved liberty.

The squeeze on our tiny island economy continued, with the result that there was, for us, substantial emigration to the United States—Ohio, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona were the favored States.

The sense of belonging that these settlers acquired, the feeling of responsibility, of obligation, is most eloquently and vividly portrayed in the diary of a Manx pioneer to Ohio. Writing in 1845, nearly a score of years after his migration from his island home. "We have failed," he wrote, "to do half what we came so full of determination to do, but our descendants will go on and help to complete the work. They must do it instead,

and so they will. America will not be disappointed."

We have not forgotten, Mr. Speaker, that it was America that extended the hand of friendship and the blessing of opportunity when it was sorely needed.

Times have changed. Today, for instance, in the Isle of Man we have our tiny place in the commonwealth of nations. As enormous strides forward in science and technology are taking place almost daily, as social and cultural advances abound, your contributions to these benefits to humanity are immeasurable. The right you have earned, as you have increasingly assumed the awesome responsibility of the principal bastion of freedom and democracy, to guide the course of history is proof indeed, if proof were needed, that the foundations upon which you have built are true.

Today, as you stand upon the vantage ground already gained, you have before you a grander destiny than has opened before any other race. Churchill once said that faith is given us to help and comfort us when we stand in awe before the unfurling scroll of destiny. You have demonstrated your faith by the strength of your example, your actions, your dedication to the principles on which the United States were founded. You have revived a faith in the future of democracy throughout the free world.

Your Bicentennial affords a fitting opportunity to communities large and small to express their gratitude for the contribution you have made and are continuing to make to the well-being of their people.

The Parliament and the people of the Isle of Man wish to express their feelings by inviting you to accept a true image of their oldest symbol of parliamentary government, the Sword of State, a sword which since the 12th century has been carried at all sittings of tynwald with point upward, symbolic of the law and justice upheld in our island over the centuries. May it rest with you in Congress, a token not only of the gratitude of a small nation, but of its prayer that the United States of America will go forward, their hand in the hand of God,

IS "SEC" A GOOD MANX NAME?

Should you receive in the mail an offer by an Ohio firm offering you your family coat-of-arms for a small fee, you might wish to be guided by the experience of TV personality, Betty Furness. One day she received a letter from the firm, addressed to "Betty Furness Sec."—she is, indeed, secretary of Consumers Union. The letter announced "good news for the SEC family. Did you know the family SEC has an exclusive and particularly beautiful coat of arms?" She couldn't resist the temptation, and for \$19.95 she had the "SEC" family coat of arms in the return mail, and found her new name on dozens of "junk mail" offerings to boot.

Her last offer began: "Dear Ms. Sec: We wish to inform you of an important development in your Sec family name. Did you know that the Secs have held important military, political and business positions which have contributed to America's heritage?" She didn't take the bait the second time, a good bit of advice to NAMA members interested in their family lines and heraldry who get the spurious offer in the mail.

News and Christmas Greetings from the Manx Societies

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

At our regular monthly meeting in September, we were privileged to hear firsthand all about the successful convention held in the Isle of Man this summer and to see the wonderful slides taken by Miss Helen Kewley. Everyone enjoyed seeing friends, relatives and the beauty of the Island.

In October we had our annual Mhelliah and our offerings and donations were given to the Church Crisis Center for needy people. The program was prepared by Mrs. Floyd McClure and her mother, Mrs. Bessie Auty. We were happy to have Mrs. Edith Bagley of Toronto and Miss Joice Gelling of Crosby, Isle of Man visit us for this beautiful program.

Thanks to the help of everyone, our November SALE OF WORK was both popular and successful. This followed our annual election of officers and we are pleased to announce our Officers for 1976/1977 are:

President: Mrs. Robert S. Cowan
Vice-President: William Roseman
Secretary: Miss Elizabeth Clucas
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Carol Grigsby
Treasurer: Mrs. Richard R. Kelly
Trustees: Robert S. Cowan, Richard R. Kelly, and Miss Elinor Cain.

Honorary Trustee: Mrs. L. K. Abell

And, as a perfect ending for a wonderful year, we held our 8th Annual Christmas Party on December 10th. The usual good crowd were in attendance and the delicious turkey dinner and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Corsages for the ladies, a souvenir booklet and a gift was given each person in celebration of our Society's 125th anniversary. We are proud to be the oldest Manx Society and the oldest ethnic group in Cleveland.

On behalf of the officers and members, we extend Season's Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to each and every one of you!

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessing rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

These are not my words, but to express so well my wishes to all friends everywhere.

May you all have a real Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Alice Garrett
Rep. Ladies' Aux. to N.A.M.A.

MONTREAL MANX SOCIETY

The members of the Montreal Manx Society gathered at the new home of Past President, Mr. Douglas Corlett and Mrs. Corlett in June, 14 members were present, they presented him with a bar-be-cu, this was followed by a dinner at Carriage House Inn in Morin Heights, ending a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kelly of Christieville.

This happy event was to mark the retirement of Mr. Corlett after 42 years with the Montreal Star. He retired in May 1976, and the staff honoured him and his wife Jean with a wine and cheese party and presented him with an autographed picture and an electric lawn mower.

The Montreal Manx are very proud that one of their members - Miss Margaret Joughin, was elected the first lady President of NAMA at the recent 32nd Convention.

We wish the members and friends of the Manx Societies and NAMA, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. Corlett
R.R. 1, Morin Hts., P.Q.
JOR 1HO.

ROCHESTER

Another year is about to be taken from our calendars. Each year brings new pledges, new friends. Each year we miss more old friends. We are a few in number, but the Rochester Manx folks do wish all old friends a real Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Rochester Manx

What a pleasant tradition we keep year after year in remembering good friends everywhere through our Bulletin. And, in keeping with that tradition, let me say, "A Merry Christmas and a bright and Happy New Year to all good friends."

Alice Garrett
Regional Director
Rochester, New York

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"To my many friends and acquaintances and to all Manx people wherever they might be, and to all Manx friends and relations on the Isle of Man I wish Good Health, Happiness and a long life, a very lovely Christmas and the best of everything in the New Year.

Lillian Marion Tipper,
7825 Clearfield Ave.,
Panorama City, Calif. 91402.

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

The Toronto Manx Society held a pot-luck supper on Saturday, November 6th 1976 at Shell House, Oakville. President Bill Lahmers welcomed the 22 members and guests. After a delicious meal, a programme arranged by Peter and Alice Foster was enjoyed by all, Hilda Penrice recited poems by "Cushag" and a Manx dialect playlet was given by Alice Foster and Hilda Penrice.

Games followed and prizes were given to the winners, mention was made about the sick and shut-in members, Fred and Dolly Caveen were absent as was Marion McLaren, hard working Secretary of the Society. A sing-song of Manx and popular songs were enjoyed with Hilda Penrice accompanist on the piano, Bill Lahmers entertained on the saxophone. A vote of thanks was expressed by the President to all the hard working committee who helped to make the evening a success.

On behalf of the Toronto Manx Society, sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Manx friends everywhere.

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

NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY?

In the not too distant future the formation of a Nebraska Manx Society could become a reality due to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson. -Annie and James of Elk Creek, Neb., well known members of NAMA, of which Mrs. Robinson is a Trustee.

A Manx gathering was held at their home on October 10th 1976, with 50 people present, with ages ranging from 2 to 87, they came from many parts of the U.S.A. - Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Missouri and Pennsylvania, there was one native "Manxman"-Mrs. Gladys Watts, from Lincoln, Neb., the remainder had Manx connections or close ties with the Isle of Man.

The weather was beautiful and they all enjoyed a delicious dinner outdoors, this was followed by pictures. A raffle was held which raised \$30.00 which was sent to Clarence Creer, Treasurer NAMA, toward the next Convention.

Everyone had such a good time that it was agreed to do it again, so perhaps very soon the readers of the Bulletin will be enjoying the news from the - Nebraska Manx Society, thanks to the efforts and hard work of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson, Box 101, Elk Creek, Neb. 68348

BISBEE ARIZONA MANX SOCIETY

After being shut down for the summer the Bisbee Manx Society reconvened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin on Sept. 13th with 16 members attending.

We were happy to welcome back Mrs. Bea Hall after her surgery also the Bill Franks who have both been ailing with leg troubles.

We were sorry to hear that Eva Cunningham was back in the hospital and hope it does not mean more surgery for her.

Congratulations were given to the Halls and the Franks on their wedding anniversaries, the Halls 49th and the Franks 11th.

Mrs. Mable Bolitho furnished a lovely Pig in the Poke of 4 jars of homemade jellies. Wonderful refreshments were brought by all and a grand evening of good fellowship enjoyed.

The October meeting was held at the home of Ivy Dillon with 14 attending, we were sorry to hear that Clarence Madden was in the hospital for tests also that Eva Cunningham was still in hospital.

A letter of thanks finally received for the twenty dollars we had sent to the Little Red School house last Christmas.

It was decided to hold an auction of white elephants at the November meeting to raise funds for Christmas Baskets. The will be held at the home of Helen McKay.

Bingo enjoyed followed by the usual grand refreshments.

May the Love, Hope and Peace of Christmas abide with you all now and throughout the New Year.

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

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

from the

Peoria Manx Association

We send joyful wishes for a blessed Christmas season filled with love and good will for all.

Mrs. Robert McClintick, Jr., Secy.
Box 266, R.R. 2,
Chillicothe, Ill. 61523

FLORIDA GREETINGS

"May the meaning of Christmas be deeper.

Its friendships stronger and its hopes brighter as it comes to you all this year".

Mrs. H. Christian
528 Seacrest Dr.,
Largo, Fla. 33540

NOVA SCOTIA

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all officers and members of the NAMA.

George and Irene Curphy

GALVA MANX SOCIETY

Thirty-five members and friends met for a social time, following a pot-luck dinner on Sunday, September 19th 1976, the register showed guests present from Kewanee, Brimfield and Skokie, Ill.

Following the present slate of officers were re-elected - President, De Rollo Kelly, Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Secretary.

Later in the evening Mrs. Art Kai of Skokie and Mrs. Collinson related highlights of their recent visit to the Isle of Man and shared pictures of the activities of the 1976 NAMA Convention.

"When Christmas bells are ringing, this is the prayer we send, with the old-time Christmas greeting—

GOD'S PEACE BE YOURS MY FRIEND!

Mrs. Clyde Collinson
Galva, Ill. 61434

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

The Officers and Members of the Southern California Manx Society have enjoyed several meetings together, and two picnics at the local parks during the last year. Our next meeting will be also a Christmas Party, to be held at the home of President Malcolm and Joyce Kinley on December 4th, and which we all are looking forward to with great anticipation, as we always have such a great time at their home.

Those of us who were not able to attend the N.A.M.A. Convention in the Isle of Man last July, were very pleased to learn from President Malcolm Kinley and Past President of N.A.M.A. Rev. James C. Caley and Mrs. Clarice Caley in their reports to us, what a great success the Convention was, and wish we had been able to attend, and once again had a visit to our old Homeland. We all send congratulations to our new Lady President, Miss Margaret Joughin and wish her a very successful term in office.

This Bi-Centennial year of 1976 is fast drawing to a close, and now is the time to wish once again to all our many friends in the North American Continent, the greetings and good wishes for the coming Christmas Season, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The charm of Christmas lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends.

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

DUES ARE DUE

Thanks to those who have already paid their dues. However, if you have not already sent in your 1976/77 dues, please do at once. They were due on Aug. 1. Further delay could cause your membership to lapse.

Clarence Creer
Financial Secy-Treas.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

It makes me sad to think that after the present generation of adult NAMA members are gone there will only be a few MAMA members left. These few will be the ones that became interested in the Isle of Man at an early age, through their parent and grandparents. In the NAMA there are 575 regular and associate members. In comparison there are only 13 junior members. Since my last note asking you to make your children and grandchildren members of the NAMA I have received only two memberships. If we had more juniors we could start a special group just for them!

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For Juniors Only

Animals of the Isle of Man

The small Isle of Man has two very unusual and unique animals living on its shores. The first is the Manx cat. The proper Manx cat possesses no tail what so ever. The tailless cats are called rumpies. There are also stumpy Manx cats. These are the cats who have a short stump for a tail. No one knows quite how these cats got on the island, though the story goes that the cat had to make a run for the ark as Noah was closing the door and its tail was caught and cut off in the door. Manx cats have an especially nice double coat of fur and their hind legs are longer than a normal cat's. On occasion the longer rear legs make them appear to hop instead of run.

The other unusual animal on the island is the Loghtan Sheep. Instead of having the customary set of two horns they sport a set of four long curled ones. Only the male has this oddity. The female has a set of two shorter horns. The wool of the Loghtan sheep is a reddish-brown. The number of these sheep have been reduced to only one flock.

Submitted by Judy Creer.

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*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;
Scarcely 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 sleigh!*

OBITUARIES

CORRIN, Cecil H. of Bisbee, Ariz., passed away July 2nd 1976, the late Mr. Corrin was born on the Isle of Man, December 21st 1902, he was a long time member of NAMA and the Bisbee Manx Society. He is survived by one son, Fred L. Corrin; a granddaughter Terri Ann; one brother Arnold; two sisters Gladys M. Rogers of Washington D.C. and Ivy Dillon, Bisbee Arizona, predeceased by a sister Mrs. Dorothy E. Vandivier on December 3rd 1975, Long Beach California. Service was held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church conducted by the Rev. W. E. Oldfield, interment took place at Evergreen Cemetery.

KELLY, Mona I. of Rochester, N.Y., passed away suddenly, on a return visit from the Isle of Man this summer. The late Mrs. Kelly and her husband were going through Customs in N.Y. when she collapsed and died. She and her husband Percy were Life members of NAMA and long time members of Rochester Manx Society. She is survived by her husband; several nieces and nephews. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Life member of Eastern Star Corinthian Chapter #22 O.E.S. Funeral service was held at St. Luke's Church. Interment took place at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

KERMEEN, Mrs. Margaret Kermode, former President of Galva Manx Society, passed away on September 24th 1976. She was a native of Laxey, Isle of Man and came to Galva as a young woman. She was pre-deceased by her husband James, and nine sisters and brothers. She is survived by two daughters, Ethel. (Mrs. Carl Palmer) of Galva; Eileen (Mrs. Stanley Dow) of Clearmont, Miss; son James of Orinda, Calif; and a brother Harold Kermode of Kewanee, Ill; eleven grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, neices and nephews. Interment was in Galva Cemetery.

KEWISH, James S. aged 90 died October 15th at his home in Galva Ill, the late Mr. Kewish was a retired farmer in the Lafayette and Galva area, he had also been active in Church work and the Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his wife Mattie; a daughter Frances (Mrs. Walter Jackson) of Kewanee, Ill; two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Funeral services were held October 19th, conducted by Rev. Fred Norman of Galva First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Galva Cemetery along side a son, Harold, who was a casualty of World War II.

KNEALE, John A. beloved husband of the late Elizabeth, passed away October 23rd 1976, loving father of Florence E. Prendergast; dear grandfather of John W. and Brad E. Prendergast. Interment Cedar Park.

SUNDLOF, Pheobe Kennish, formerly of Dansville, N.Y. died in Orlando, Florida, March 8th 1976. She leaves a daughter, Margery (Mrs. Charles Meteyer) of Orlando, Fla. and a son Charles of Dansville, N.Y. The late Mrs. Sundlof was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man and was a member of the Rochester Manx Society.

VANDIVER, Dorothy E. died December 3rd 1975, in Long Beach Calif. She is survived by six children and many grandchildren, one brother Arnold, two sisters, Gladys Rogers, Wash. D.C.; and Ivy Dillon, Bisbee Arizona.

To those members sending in Obituaries please include the name of next of kin.

To relatives and friends of the above we offer our deep and sincere sympathy.

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THE L'IL FOLK

Born - A daughter to Peter and Jenny VanCamp, on September 12th 1976 - Adina Jean, great-granddaughter for Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Sec., of the Bisbee Manx Society

Born - A granddaughter for James and Annie Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska, on October 22nd 1976 — Jessica

HONOUR IN MASONRY

Many friends of the late Harry and Mary Kelly who were so well known in former years both in Cleveland, USA and on the Island will be interested to hear that their Grand-daughter Mary Elizabeth Roseman, aged 17, has just gained a signal honour in Masonry.

Mary, whose grand-father was President of the NAMA in 1948-50 and again in 1961, and whose father, Mr. William Roseman, of Maple Heights, Ohio, was recently re-elected a trustee of the Association, was installed as Worthy Advisor of Bedford Assembly #25, Order of the Rainbow for girls.

The ceremony was at the Masonic Temple in Bedford and Mary's great aunt — Mabel — (a sister of the late Harry Kelly) travelled from Seattle to be present.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

One hears so many great things about a country before one actually sees it that you can expect too much and therefore be disappointed. Not so with the Isle of Man. I heard that it was a beautiful country. Words cannot describe the beauty of this Isle.

I think the beauty is what impressed me the most. The gorgeous roses, the green fields, palm trees, holly bushes and other flowers not native to Illinois. I only saw one glen-but that glen was picture perfect. I wish I had had time to explore more. Of course I said "good-bye" to the fairies.

You will not find a friendlier group of people than on the Isle of Man. Every-

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

During the Advent season, which heralds the coming of Christmas, the Telephone Building in the City of New York -- that center of modern sophistication -- shows its windows at night so as to form a lighted cross (or at least did some years ago when we were there). There it stands, above the symbols of affluence and knowledge: Madison Avenue, Park Avenue, Columbia University; a symbol which transcends that suggestive phrase from modern advertising: "a gift for the man who has everything". For it requires us to stop and ask: "What do I really have that is not first given?" (For example, like people of many cultures, we Manx gratefully remember the gift of our heritage.)

Giving began with God: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son..." His giving is not calculated on merit, or station, or on how much we gave to him last year! God gives because that is the expression of his love for all his children; and he gives because of our need.

Further, he gives so that we can give. It seems to be a law of life, that unless we give we do not really live. An oft-cited example of this is the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee is alive with fish and other water life, because it gives itself to the River Jordan, which flows along and is likewise full of life and growth. By contrast the Dead Sea receives but never gives. And so it is dead and foul. The Gospel clearly indicates which body of water our lives should emulate: As you have freely received, so freely give.

Finally -- our giving in the spirit in which our Lord gives is increased, even multiplied. I recall an experiment our high school science class used to perform, to show how the human body increases electrical potential. Joining hands, a person at one end of the line would touch a lightly charged static machine; the one on the other end would touch a metal object. A considerable spark would result, much greater than from a single person. Thus does divine love increase -- through persons.

May our giving in this Season reflect that we are channels of God's infinite loving and giving, to bring others his joy and peace.

Herbert G. Kelly, Chaplain

where I went I felt treated like a long lost friend. I never expected two marvelous receptions by the Mayor and Governor, nor the marvelous party by the World Manx Association. These will be parts of my first trip that will always be remembered.

Of course I cannot forget the many new friends I made at the convention. A vacation would not be complete without friends. Especially ones which will be yours forever.

I am now looking forward to the Cleveland Convention in two years.

Dorothy Gawne Niles, Ill. 60648.