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

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## EXECUTIVE REPORT

To all members:

After doing all our business by correspondence during the past year the members of the Executive Committee will be getting together in Rocky River, Ohio, on September 17th for a meeting. We will be having a busy day discussing regular N.A.M.A. affairs and also appointing committees and going over arrangements for our forthcoming convention with chairman, Mrs. Edna Cowin.

## 1978 GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION

I hope you are beginning to think of our Golden Jubilee Convention to be held from September 22 - 25, 1978, and are making plans to be with us on this wonderful occasion. Let me assure you that Cleveland is already busy making plans for a happy time for everyone... a spirit of friendliness will be our keynote. Watch future Bulletins for more information on this outstanding milestone in the history of our organization.

## SPECIAL CONVENTION FLIGHT

If you have friends or relatives in the Isle of Man who might be interested in coming to the Convention let them know that the possibility of a special flight is being discussed and that they should watch the papers for further information.

## TYNWALD'S MILLENNIUM

While we are getting excited about celebrating our important 50th Anniversary the Isle of Man, as you will have seen in your June Bulletin, is preparing to celebrate Tynwald's Millennium in 1979. So that we may perhaps take part in this great occasion, I have appointed Ed. Sayle of Arlington, Virginia, to act as Liaison Officer between N.A.M.A. and the Millennium Committee. He will be reporting in the Bulletin from time to time to keep us abreast of plans as they develop.

Both 1978 and 1979 promise to be busy and exciting years for the N.A.M.A.

## MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

The number of members writing in for membership certificates has been very gratifying. George Curphey who designed the certificate has been very pleased with the good response and as soon as he returns from vacation will begin the time-consuming task of writing in the names. Each name has to be carefully lettered - so don't be impatient if you don't receive your certificate for some little time.

## UNPAID DUES

My thanks to all those who replied to my letter regarding unpaid dues - particularly to those who enclosed a cheque - and my apologies to one or two who were on the list by mistake and whose dues were up-to-date. The list has now been corrected.

Don't forget that we are planning to issue a membership directory next year so keep our treasurer happy and send in your pink slip and your \$4.00 NOW.

Margaret Joughin,  
President.

## TYNWALD'S MILLENNIUM 1,000 ANNIVERSARY SYMBOL CHOSEN

By the middle of next year the most familiar sight on the Isle of Man will be the Millennium Symbol advertising Tynwald's 1,000 birthday in 1979.

A competition was held to find a suitable symbol and designs were submitted from school children to commercial artists, there were over 100 entries. The winner was Mr. David Swinton, art teacher at the Douglas High School. The symbol features the Three Legs of Mann in yellow, blending into a background of a red circle, it also carries the words "Millennium of Tynwald" and the dates - 979 to 1979. The Millennium Symbol will be on everything from lapel badges to car stickers, mugs and tee-shirts.

Below is a reproduction of the Millennium Symbol, it is interesting to note it bears a strong resemblance to our own North American Manx Association symbol which appears on every issue of the Bulletin, right hand side of front page, the difference being the three leg swirl goes in the opposite direction and we have the Eagle - (United States) Maple Leaf - (Canada) and the Three Legs - (Isle of Man).

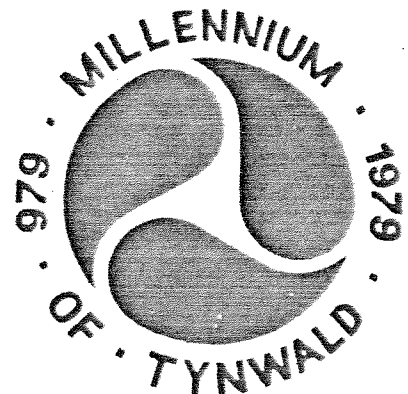
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## COMING EVENTS

Two very important events take place on the North American Continent of particular importance to members of NAMA and Manx folk in general, these will be our Golden Jubilee Convention to be held in Cleveland from September 22nd - 25th, 1978, also the Commonwealth Games to be held in Edmonton, Canada, summer of 1978.

The year 1979 will also be important when the Isle of Man will celebrate Tynwald's Millennium, this means 1,000 years. It is not too early to plan for these important events.

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**UNPAID DUES**

If your dues for the year which started Aug. 1, 1977 haven't been paid yet, they are already delinquent. Won't you please find that pink slip and send it with your check now so your membership won't lapse. Don't forget to include \$1 for the membership certificates (they are great) if you include an application. Thank you.

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**LIFE ON A PARADISE ISLAND**

The Sunday Express

June 1977.

Where a family man on £4,000 a year pays a third of the tax of his British counterpart.

by JOHN BEATTIE

IMAGINE a happy land where the crime rate is low and violence almost unknown. Where you can walk the streets safely at night, leaving your front door unlocked. Where the Government firmly refuses to interfere with the rights and personal choices of its citizens.

A place with no death duties or crippling taxes levied to squeeze one section of the community "until the pips squeak." A place with no divisive party politics or militant wreckers infiltrating the trades unions.

A place which takes from its inhabitants less than 22p in the pound income tax, gives them a place in Europe's fastest growing economy and has a national debt of zero.

Set this Utopia in the heart of magnificent scenery and a gentle climate, give its people direct access to their rulers, and you might be forgiven for shrugging the place off as an impossible pipe-dream.

But you would be wrong.

For the Isle of Man is a reality. It nestles in the Irish Sea less than 20 miles from Scotland and less than 40 miles from England.

In May its treasurer, Mr. Percy Radcliffe announced a new budget in which he once more pegged income tax at 21.25 percent - while raising allowances.

**RESTRAIN**

One passage of his speech blew across the Irish Sea like a breath of fresh air to millions of Britons who feel themselves sinking in a morass of bureaucracy and Government interference.

He said: "To allow the taxpayer to exercise control over a larger share of his money, Government must restrain itself from the constant temptation to extend control over the lives of citizens. Constant and additional intrusions into the lives of the individuals inevitably result in additional public expenditure. Not many legislators wish to be confronted with this difficult truth."

In cash terms the results of this policy are startling.

The tax on a £6,000-a-year man with two children is only £695, compared with £1,434 in Britain. A worker on the mainland paying £180.84 on an income of £2,200 would get a tax demand of just £5.31 if he landed a job on the island. A Manx couple with one child

could earn up to £1,800 without forking out a penny.

At that salary their cousins in London, Liverpool or Glasgow would be taxed at £125.07.

And because there is no surtax, tax paid by a £10,000-a-year business man is half what it would be in Britain. A married man with three children and earning £4,000 a year would pay three times more tax if he and his family moved to the United Kingdom.

Yet unemployment is low - 1½ per cent - and there is a health service, social security and free education... a complete mirror image of Britain's Welfare State. All paid for by Manx people themselves without any help from Whitehall.

So how do they do it? The answer is simple—the islanders admire and encourage success and enterprise. The Government of the ancient Parliament of Tynwald is constantly offering glittering incentives to boost the economy.

Sell the industrial development experts in Douglas, the capitol, your idea for a business venture, convince them it will be profitable, help the export drive and not pollute the gin-clear island air and this is what they will do for you:—

They will pay 40 per cent of the cost of new building plant and machinery; 40 per cent of the first year's non-recurring expenses; give a 50 per cent, low-interest loan towards working capital and defer repayments for two years; give grants to worker training schemes and pay 40 per cent of the costs of shipping existing plant to the island.

They will give you a Government mortgage (there are no building societies) of up to £10,000 to buy a house, repayable over a period of up to 40 years at a mere 8 per cent interest. Your car will be taxed and insured at Manx cut-rates — road tax for a Mini, for example, costs just £10 (in Britain—£50).

There is no corporation tax or capital gains tax. All you give is 21.25 per cent of your profits.

Not surprisingly, with such succulent carrots being dangled, Tynwald has had to institute an immigration policy. Without a work permit you cannot get a job there. But for the fortunate permit holders the steamer pier at Douglas or the airport at Ronaldsway are gates to the good life.

Bob Hirst, a South African-born property developer, came to the island seven years ago from Canada. "The lifestyle of the place is wonderful," he said. "People are courteous and helpful."

"There is no political or union hassle, no drugs and very little crime—the birch sees to that. The climate is pleasant and the social life is

great. Most important of all, people feel that they have a real chance in life: That they can enjoy the rewards of their work: That they aren't for ever having to run faster to stand still."

One of the architects of the Isle of Man's remarkable economy is the Chairman of the Executive Council — in effect Prime Minister . . . though Clifford Irving would laugh if you described him as such.

"Many people seem to think we are a bolthole for tax-evaders, subsidised by the British Government," he said.

"Not true. We are a Crown possession within the Commonwealth with the right to make our own laws and run our own economy. The only money we get from Britain is the VAT and other duties collected here by British Customs and Excise which totals £14,500,000. In return this year five per cent—£710,000—will be paid back as our contribution to Britain's defence and foreign policy."

(This compares closely with Britain's 5.5 per cent spending of her gross national product on her £7,000 million national defence budget.)

"Why does it work so well? Because we interfere as little as possible in people's lives. We don't need vast legions of non-productive civil servants. And we treat the economy as a business, not something to be tinkered with and messed about for political reasons."

"Few members of Tynwald wear party labels—almost all are independents. This means we can get on with the job of running the place for the benefit of all our people without bogging down in messy squabbling.

"Of course, we have our critics. But in the end it comes down to one question: 'Does it work?' I am delighted to say that in the Isle of Man it does."

The place is a convincing argument for benevolent capitalism. Insurance, banking and finance brings in over £18 million a year — by far the island's biggest earner.

Tourism is the second biggest source of revenue (over £10 million). And gives summer work to thousands of Manxmen.

There is a car for every three people on the island and youngsters can begin driving at 16. They have only two sets of traffic lights to negotiate and no speed limits.

Tynwald still retains the death penalty for murder though the sentence is invariably commuted to life imprisonment by the British Home Secretaries. In any case the tiny jail has no gallows. Birching continues to be a source of lively debate, but Manxmen point out their annual rate of violent crimes still total less than one Saturday's punch-up by the Manchester United fans. The vast

majority know it works, whatever the Court of Human Rights might say . . .

#### NO URGENCY

You can get a drink in the holiday season right through the day from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Until 5 a.m. if you visit Douglas's magnificent casino which contributes around £80,000 a year to the economy). Your pint, in most pubs, cost 23p and while spirits sell at mainland prices, tots are bigger: A fifth of a gill instead of a sixth.

There is an old joke about a visiting Mexican who asked a Douglas man what word in the ancient Manx language equated with his own country's famous procrastination, "Manana."

The reply was "We have no word which conveys that degree of urgency."

In a community that still travels by horse tram and steam train, where the rat race is scaled down to a mouse trot and where everyone still finds time to say "good day fairies" each time they cross the old Fairy Bridge just outside Douglas, life manages to retain a placid, unhurried pace—the like of which Britons have not seen in decades.

Yet when you look at the Isle of Man's stability and steady progress towards prosperity and compare it with our own frenetic, lemming-like dash towards the very cliff-edge of disaster, you are inevitably reminded of another story—far older than that about the Mexican and the Manxman. You've heard it, of course—the one about the hare and the tortoise.

### "DUMP VICTORIAN ERA" SAYS WRITER ON MANX TOURISM

A local journalist, writing recently in Manx Life, suggests that public money should not be used by the Isle of Man to support such "Victorian relics" as the IOM Steam Railway, the Manx Electric Railway and the Gaiety Theater. Only steam freaks, he maintains, want to see the 19th century steam railway, and the Gaiety he describes as a "grotesque Victorian lady, requires plastic surgery at a price which is too high for us taxpayers to bear alone."

Not so, says a writer in the London Times: "These facets of an earlier and more leisurely way of life are an attractive complement to the island's physical charm."

N.A.M.A members who have visited the IOM—leaving behind ample stocks of Canadian and U.S. tourist dollars—are encouraged to write to the Director of Tourism, Douglas, Isle of Man, if you believe these "Victorian relics" added significantly to the pleasure of your visit to the island.

### TYNWALD SEEKS OVERSEAS MANX SUGGESTIONS FOR CELEBRATION

The Special Committee for the Millennium of Tynwald, an historic event to be celebrated by the Isle of Man in 1979 is seeking ideas from overseas Manx and those of Manx descent on how to make the year "one of the greatest years in Manx history."

In the belief that Manx people at home and away should be involved in the preparation for and celebration of the great occasion, the Committee invites submission of ideas to R. B. M. Quayle, Clerk of the Tynwald, Douglas, Isle of Man. Quayle asks: "Any ideas should be sent to me in writing, please, and all will be acknowledged. No closing date will be given for ideas—but if you have a suggestion, please do not delay in submitting it, as time for preparation is short."

According to Mr. Quayle, a competition has been conducted for design of a Millennium symbol, the results to be announced in October. "This symbol will appear on all correspondence, publications, documents and souvenirs, and indeed anything particularly associated with the Millennium," he said. The Tynwald Committee, he noted, wants "to ensure that this unique occasion is celebrated in a fitting and auspicious manner by the Manx people."

Chapters of the NAMA are encouraged to appoint a member to focus on this once-in-a-lifetime event, and to work with Ed Sayle, recently appointed by the President to conduct liaison with the Tynwald Committee on behalf of NAMA. "Let's make the Millennium of our heritage something we DO, not something we just watch," noted Mr. Sayle upon his appointment to the task.

### BOOK SALE!!!

"The Isle of Man - A Social, Cultural & Political History" by R.H. Kinvig.

The North American Manx Association has made this book available to its members at a discount price for over a year now, and many members have taken advantage of the bargain.

We hope no one will be disappointed by not ordering before the sale is over; therefore, plan now to do your Christmas shopping early by ordering this book for \$12.50 (postage included) from:

Mrs. Helen Clucas  
451 Cannonbury Drive  
Webster Groves, Mo.,  
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# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

On August 14th, the Society held their summer picnic, it was well attended, about 62 members and friends registered and a good time was had by all.

Each September when we have our Mhelliiah, we try to select a different Manx parish church and pattern our program after its customs. Members will again bring garden produce, flowers, baked goods, etc. Afterwards, the minster of the church where we hold our meeting will distribute the offerings to folks in his congregation who may be sick or shut-ins.

Our Annual Sale of Work follows our October meeting which is held on the west side of Cleveland in the Cove Church. This activity is not only profitable to the Society, but it gives our members much pleasure to be able to purchase items brought direct from the Isle of Man. We have various booths and always a stall of Manx baked goodies.

Our election of officers takes place in November. Following the meeting, we are to have a "Picture Review" of past Cleveland Manx get-togethers. Some of our folks have beautiful slides which they took when we were all having fun.

We wind up 1977's program with our Christmas dinner and party.

Plans are well underway for the Golden Jubilee Convention in Cleveland in September, 1978. We do hope that you are planning ahead and that we will see you here!

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

Members and invited friends met together for a picnic on Saturday June 11th. at Lake Park in Huntington Beach. It was a lovely Summer day, and it was nice to see so many present. A few were missing, who were already on vacations. It was nice to get together and enjoy the good food and a lot of fun and especially a good cooish as the Manx folk say. Later in the afternoon we adjourned to meet again at the home of Rev. James and Clarice Caley, where he showed us the travel picture Traa-de-loor, and many other pictures taken at past Conventions, parties and affairs wherever Manx

people meet together. Altogether it ended a very pleasant day. At present the Society is on Summer vacation. We plan to have our next meeting in September.

It has been a long very hot and dry Summer here in Southern California, with many disastrous fires and lovely homes burned to the ground. We are hoping for lots of rain and an end to the drought. With good wishes to our Manx friends everywhere

Ellen Bain, Secretary  
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Long Beach, Calif., 90802

## GALVA MANX

Miss Jennifer Williams and Mr. Robert Collister of Galva, Illinois were united in marriage Saturday, August 6th, 1977 at Galva First United Methodist Church. Robert is the son of Norman and Barbara Collister, grandson of the late Mrs. Jessie Collister, he is engaged in farming with his father. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Williams of Arcola, Illinois, she is a teacher in the Galva Public School system.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska, visited friends in Illinois during the month of July, they also attended the Peoria Manx Picnic.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson  
R.R.#2, Galva, Ill. 61434.

## BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The May meeting of the Bisbee Manx Society was held at the home of Mabel Bolitho with fifteen members attending.

This meeting was called to order by our President Helen McKay with the Lord's prayer and the singing of Ellan Vannin and God Bless America.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

No treasurer's report as the treasurer worked late on the anniversary sale at the store. Lillian Williams announced she and her husband Gerald would be celebrating their 60th Anniversary.

Thanks were accorded Ann Mead for driving her car to the home of Elva Sheldon in Tucson where the April meeting was held. Elva graciously had offered her home and a wonderful time was had.

The Pig in the Poke, nice towels, brought by Mabel Bolitho was won by Ann Mead, and a gift of note paper for

door prize won by Leland Chick.

It was announced that Eva Cunningham was home again after her latest surgery and doing better.

Balance of the evening spent at Bingo with many nice gifts furnished by our hostess Mabel Bolitho.

As usual everyone enjoyed the lavish display of delicious refreshments and with the singing of our closing songs another grand get-together ended with everyone happy. No meetings for June, July and August. September meeting to be held at the home of the Arnold Corrin's.

Ivy L. Dillon  
207 Hazzard Street,  
Bisbee, Arizona, 85603.

## GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA MANX ASSOCIATION WASHINGTON, D.C.

Since the organization meeting of April 15, 1977, we have been making progress. Our concern, at this time, is to locate all potential members. Thanks to Ed Sayle for the initial roster of prospective members. These contacts have been made and the results to date are sixteen applicants for membership and, counting the children, we have a total of forty-four members. We feel this is an accomplishment as the roster of names were unknown other than they were considered Manx surnames. For example, one acknowledgement of our membership letter asked why he had been favored with the letter as he was born in Scotland and all his relatives were native Scotsmen. However, he wishes us luck with our new organization. Our plan is to screen the phone directories of this area for appropriate surnames and then hope the percentage of return is high and that not all will be Scotsmen. Incidentally, if those reading this article have knowledge of persons living in this geographical area and eligible for membership (those born on the Isle of Man, those descended from it through hereditary bonds, those related through marriage or paternity of such persons, and those of extended and sympathetic residence of the Isle), please advise Mary E. Hayslett, 4141 N. Henderson Road, #316, Arlington, Virginia, 22203, or Robert C. Camaish, 9332 Sibelius Drive, Vienna, Virginia, 22180, of their name and address.

R.C. Camaish  
Mary E. Hayslett

## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

On July 16th we had a very pleasant time at our annual picnic at Shell House in Burlington. Once again, Peter and Alice Foster arranged this for us and I can assure you that everyone had a most enjoyable time.

We are looking forward to resuming our meetings this Fall, and the election of a new President. On their recent visit to the Isle of Man, Sam and Hilda Penrice contacted the I.O.M. Tourist Board regarding two films about the Isle of Man, in a letter from Mr. Edgar Cottier he assured them the films had been mailed and should reach Canada shortly, it is hoped that our first meeting will take the form of a film presentation, members will be contacted as to the time and place of this meeting. We are looking forward to getting together again and enjoying the fellowship of all our Manx friends.

Marion E. McLaren  
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Toronto, Ontario,  
Canada.

## THE MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY RETURNS TO RAMSEY, ISLE OF MAN.

It was a red letter day — June 25th in Ramsey and the north of the Isle of Man when there were celebrations to mark the reopening of the Manx Electric Railway between Laxey and Ramsey. The town had a Carnival atmosphere. Parliament Street was closed to traffic and street stalls were gaily decorated. The Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Paul, with members of the Manx Legislature arrived in Ramsey on the first tram at 3.30 p.m.

It is eighty years ago that the first moves to extend the Manx Electric Railway line from Laxey to Ramsey were made.

Powers were secured for the extension. But the tremendous engineering works required on the new section (which made possible the present main road via Bulgham Bay) proved much more costly than the estimates.

Instead of seeking extra capital the Isle of Man Tramways and Electric Power Ltd. as the concern was then called, obtained extra loans from Dumbell's Bank and this proved a disastrous step financially.

### FIRST TRAMS TO RAMSEY

The first trams to Ramsey operated on August 5, 1898 as far as Ballure because the bridge had still to be erected. The Laxey-Ballure service ceased in October and was re-started on June 17, 1899 as far as Ballure.

The first cars — which were run every half hour — to operate through to Ramsey began on July 24 of that year.

The tramway had begun in 1893 with a single-track electric line built over the 2½ miles from Derby Castle via Howstrake to Groudle Glen. Then the undertaking was acquired by the Douglas and Laxey Coast Electric Tramway Ltd. with the object of extending northwards. On March 30, 1894 the Isle of Man Tramways and Electric Power Co. Ltd. took over and for nearly eight years the development was allied with the horse and cable lines in Douglas.

The concern was closely connected with Dumbell's Bank of which the general manager was Alexander Bruce. He was also interested in the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroad Co. which opened in 1898.

In July 1894 the first cars were running to Laxey.

Bruce was involved in the collapse of Dumbell's Bank in 1900 an event which caused very considerable hardship to people and firms in the Island.

The future of the tramway was uncertain until August 18, 1902 when the Manx Electric Railway Co. Ltd. was formed. A syndicate of Lancashire businessmen supported by some finance from London came over to the rescue and took over from the receiver.

The railway consisted of the Douglas-Laxey-Ramsey line and the Snaefell Mountain Railway from Laxey.

The Snaefell line, almost 5 miles long, was built in 1895 — the year of the Big Snow — and incorporated the Fell break-gear and guide rails system. The ruling gradient is 1 in 12.

It is of interest that the Isle of Man Railway's engine Caledonia was hired for transporting the construction gangs' trains up and down the mountain.

It was an amazing feat after the difficult winter to have the Snaefell line open for traffic by August 21 of that year.

According to Mr. William Lambden's book on the Manx Transport Systems — from which I have extracted some notes for this article — the cost of the Snaefell railway was as low as £40,000.

The Manx Electric Railway Co. put in hand and extensive modernization of the system and by the end of 1904 it was reckoned to be as advanced as any tramway in Britain.

By 1906 the rolling stock had reached its all-time maximum of 15 each of the powered saloon and toast-rack cars, three saloon trailers and 26 toast-rack trailers.

Eleven years before this Mr. Bruce had got himself a very special trailer and in 1902 it was the Royal car used to carry King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. It was not used again for ordinary use until 38 years later!

The extension of the railway from Ballure to the terminal in Ramsey was not without its controversies and problems. The track skirted the ancient Ballure Church and churchyard and ran at the back of Waterloo Road to finish at the rear of the Ramsey Palace.

The terminal was finally sited at a different place to that which Mr. Bruce had envisaged.

His idea was to bring the railway along the south sea front and to have a terminal on the quay where stone quarried along the line was to be transferred to steamers in the harbour. But he met with opposition and could not get his own way.

The best post war year for the MER was 1947 when there were 334,000 miles covered and there was a profit of £28,848. But by 1953 a loss of £863 was incurred. In 1946 750,000 passengers travelled on the railway.

The directors sought permission to close the railway in the winter of 1954-55 but Tynwald refused.

It was inevitable that a private company could continue losing large amounts and the Manx Government became owners as from July 1, 1957 and the first chairman of the MER Board was Sir Ralph Stevenson, former British Ambassador to Egypt.

It is not always realized that probably the first-ever public road motor services in the Island were run by the MER.

The Bungalow to Tholty-Will service, a twisting steep descent of nearly two miles, began in July, 1907. Two Argus vehicles were employed and later a DeDion was added.

In the winter months the vehicles were converted into lorries and used for carrying turf from the mountains.

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Our congratulations to our Honorary Member, Mr. Sidney Boulton and his wife Edna, who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary sometime in October 1977. Sidney is the popular Editor of the "Isle of Man Examiner", his column "All About People" is a very interesting feature of the paper, he is well known in N.A.M.A. circles, having attended with his wife, some of our Conventions. We wish them both many more happy years.

## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

by Mrs. Robert S. Cowin  
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I have been currently corresponding with Ms. Ann Orlov of Harvard University in connection with the preparation of the "Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups". Ms. Orlov recently visited the Isle of Man and found it beautiful and fascinating and "just loved the Island". She sent me a very interesting article that I would like to review with you in part.

As we have already established, Cleveland has long been considered the "Manx Capital of America". Outside of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio Manx settlements in the United States are much smaller and are more generally dispersed than those of the Western Reserve, except perhaps in parts of Illinois. The Galva and Peoria areas can claim to be the oldest Manx settlements in the State, since during the years 1848 and 1849 small groups of farmers from the Island arrived at Brimfield and soon spread out to Galva, Monmouth, Princeville, Canton and Peoria in the north-central section of the State and on the western side of the Illinois River.

Although Illinois had become a State of the America Union in 1818 its settlement was not particularly rapid until after the railway reached Chicago in 1852 because, otherwise, access from the east was not easy. The easiest approach was, in fact, from the south via New Orleans and the Mississippi River and this was the route followed by the first recorded

Manx settlers consisting of the Kelly family from Onchan. Their passage to New Orleans by sailing ship took approximately 8 weeks and then came the journey up the Mississippi and Illinois River to their destination, the later part being by stage.

Other families soon followed coming from Onchan, Crosby, Peel, Bride and Andreas. The most characteristic Manx names represented were Crellin, Shimmin, Kaighin, Cowley, Collister, Gelling, Kermeen, Monier, Mylchreest, Carran, Kewley, Killip, Lewin, Bridson, Crow, Cain, Corkill, Looney, Clucas, and Kneen.

The name Monier which appears in this list is of special interest since it provides an excellent example of a Manx surname which has become extinct in the Isle of Man where it can be traced back to at least the early 16th century, especially in Bride and Andreas. The name has disappeared in the Isle of Man since about 1860 and one of the last families on record was William Monier, who had been a miller at the Dog Mill near Ramsey. In 1850 he left the Island with his wife Jane Quayle, and their eight children, to settle in Peoria and descendants of that family are now settled all over the United States.

A notable period of immigration came to the Chicago area after 1871, when following Chicago's disastrous fire, reconstruction work brought over many Manx builders and carpenters, including John J. Keig of Ballaugh in 1884.

## MY GARDEN

*A garden is a lovesome thing  
God wot, rose plot, fringed pool,  
ferned grot, the variest school of peace  
A few lines quoted from T.E. Brown's  
famous poem "My Garden".*

*Religious and so right are those  
immortal words,  
Devised by the much celebrated  
Manxman.*

*Even as I sit here in my little patch  
Neath this shady blossom tree  
I thank God for the pleasure it affords  
me.*

*Such beauty to behold  
A host of pink roses bask in the sun  
Lovely in their fragrant perfection.  
Over by the privet, blue delphiniums  
match the summer sky  
Velvet petaled pansies enchant the  
busy honey bees  
Enticing them with their simple  
beauty.*

*Stately lupins like giant candles sway  
gently in the warm breeze,  
On the trellis sweet peas fill the air  
with their heady fragrance  
Marigolds of orange and gold splash  
this joyful scene with their brilliance  
Even the humble daisies scattered  
about the lawn*

*Tell me their story of love.  
How soothing it all is  
I feel such a deep contentment.  
No there's no mistaking the sign,  
God has surely walked through this  
garden of mine.*

Violet Corlett,  
Braddan, Isle of Man.

## MEMORIAL TO HAROLD S. CAIN. C.P. M.H.K. LATE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Lectern is made in medium oak with clasped hands, denoting friendship on one side and the Three Legs of Man and a Viking ship on the other. A small silver plaque pays tribute to the late President.

The board and gavel are also in oak, these will be in use at all meetings, as will the picture of the late Mr. H. Cain presented by his widow.

From left to right, The Mayor of Douglas, I.O.M., Councillor D. Ward, Mrs. B. Cain, Miss Doris Clague, Pres. W.M.A.: Mr. W. Waid, Mr. Evan Cain; Mayress, Mrs. D. Ward; and Miss Mabel Clague, Missing, Mr. Alex Quayle



# Memorial

to  
**HAROLD S. CAIN**  
C.P., M.H.K.

## The Late President of the World Manx Association

This memorial is presented in appreciation of and in gratitude to the late Harold S. Cain, Chairman of the World Manx Association, Douglas, Isle of Man, holder of the Mananan Trophy 1975. He was the third son of the founder of the World Manx Association, the late Richard Cain, O.B.E.

Much enthusiastic planning and thoughtful designing by a sub-committee of World Manx Association, chaired by Miss Doris Clague, President, has resulted in a most fitting and useful memorial, the construction and carving of which has been executed in an excellent manner by the firm of Kelly Bros., of Kirk Michael, under the direction of S. Keig, Esq.

Harold S. Cain passed quietly away on June 24th, 1975, and today, July 5th, 1977, our President, Miss D. Clague's labour and zeal for the World Manx Association, together with sub-committee members, Miss Mabel Clague, Messrs. A. Quayle, Esq., E. Cain, M.B.E., F.S.O.A. and W. P. Waid, Esq., B.A., F.C.A., whose help is greatly appreciated. Grateful thanks is given to all Manx Societies and Associations with individuals who so kindly and generously contributed to the cost of this handsome memorial of an Oak Lecterne, Board and Gavel so handsomely inscribed. We hope that this form of memorial will be a pleasure, and serve a useful purpose.

Harold S. Cain the late President of World Manx Association and a member of North American Manx Association at the time of his passing in his 81st year was an outstanding character, noble of bearing, a Manxman living all his life on the Isle of Man, except for 1914-1918 War years, when he was overseas in the Royal Artillery in France. He spent his 21st birthday in the French trenches. He knew great hardship, suffering at an early age, the loss of his eldest brother Claude in Royal Flying Corps, and his mother all in a short period of time. Farming was his occupation, and he knew every Manx road, bridle paths, farmsteads and could relate stories about a lot of them. He served the Island well, did his duty always cheerfully and a twinkle in his eye, serving on many Government Boards as a member for Middle Sheeding. In grim situations he had great courage and brave to a degree. At a time when the Manx Music Festival Guild was in a weak condition he became its chairman, and had it flourishing again as its President, and left it in a more secure financial position. He was a devoted Trustee of several Societies, Gripples Guild, and President of Preservation of the Manx Countryside, a member of Natural History and Antiquarian Society; one time President of the Royal Manx Agricultural Society. Being noble minded, and his sense of correctness, well disciplined personal life, gave him an immaculate presence, with a strong personality, not to be easily forgotten. To him the Island had a worthiness, although small, its people were meritorious, as those elsewhere.

5th July, 1977

Mrs. B. M. Cain, Hon. Sec. W.M.A.

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES ASSOCIATION OF THE ISLE OF MAN. 1978

The appointment of Mr. Brian Stoodley, 4704 138th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has now been confirmed as the Isle of Man Attache, he will be the official representative for the Manx Team at the Commonwealth Games to be held in Edmonton in 1978. It is anticipated that the Isle of Man Team Party will number about 30 persons, covering at least five, maybe six sports - athletics, badminton, boxing, cycling, swimming and shooting. The cycling "probables" will likely be headed by Steve Joughin, winner of the National British Junior Road Championship in June of this year. The Race Walkers include Graham Young and Derek Harrison, both of whom were in the team in New Zealand, Young coming 4th in the 20 mile road walk. The team is expected to arrive in Edmonton on or about July 21st and will leave for home immediately after the Games.

The Manx Flag will proudly fly from all venues where the team competes and always in the village and Main Stadium, if the team is fortunate to win a Gold Medal, the Manx National Anthem "O Land of our Birth" will be played.

The Isle of Man Postal Authority will issue a Commonwealth Games Stamp in 1978 to honour the Manx Team.

Brian Stoodley hopes to arrange a Manx "Coolish" during the pre-Games week, this was done in Perth W. Australia and New Zealand, the Manx Team would be present and it is hoped as many North American Manx especially those residing in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan will also be there to support and encourage the Manx Contingent.

Members of the N.A.M.A. who wish to support the Isle of Man Team financially, please send your donation to Mr. Curwen Clague, 30 Port-e-chee Avenue, Douglas, Isle of Man.

The Isle of Man has participated in 6 Games and they achieved one gold, two bronze and two 4th places. More news about the Manx Team will appear in future issues of the Bulletin.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Happy birthday to Mrs. Albert T. Wood, Seattle, Wash., who celebrated her 90th birthday in July, 1977. Mrs. Wood is a sister of Mr. Percy Moore of Peel, Isle of Man, aunt of Mrs. Alice (Moore) Foster of Oakville, Ontario.

## DUES and MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

The June edition of the Bulletin contained the yearly pink dues slip plus a white application form for the membership certificates. If you have attended to this little matter, we thank you, if you have forgotten, please do it right away, then your name stays on the mailing list. Please DO NOT send dues or the application fee to me, send directly to the Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

the Editor.

## MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL

During her recent visit to the Isle of Man, Mrs. Peter Foster, nee (Alice Moore of Peel, I.O.M.) now of Oakville, Ontario, attended the Manx Music Festival, she was very impressed with the high standard of the contestants especially the number of young people taking part in the singing, piano and elocution classes. She particularly enjoyed the finals for the Cleveland Medal, it is encouraging to know that the love of good music and culture continues to flourish on the Isle of Man.

## CHAPLIN'S CORNER

A short time ago, as I was looking over some of my Manx literature, I came upon a picture of a Celtic cross, and reference to its historic part in expressing the Christian faith on the Isle. As we know, the Celtic cross is a familiar symbol on Man.

In the history of the Church, the cross has taken many forms -- we're not sure just how many. A glance at a book on symbols will show the familiar Latin cross, the Tau (T) cross, the Trefoil cross, Canterbury cross, the Maltese cross, to mention a few. We note how so many are associated with a particular people or culture, indicating how much our religious faith and its symbols is a very personal thing. (Even the beloved "Three Legs of Man" emblem is said to be a form of the cross.)

Of course, the message of the cross is always the same: the love of God offered in the sacrifice of His Son, that we might believe in Him, and have everlasting life. Whatever its form or origin, the cross is basically two pieces, a horizontal and a vertical, meeting together. This symbolizes the point at which God and man meet: the divine and the human; the eternal and the temporal. These two opposites come together in Christ, and are "reconciled", as Paul explains in II Corinthians 5:17--20, and Ephesians 2:12--16. Hence, the cross means infinitely more than a mere ornament, a piece of jewelry. It is a constant reminder that God's suffering love extends to all of us, and this alone can give meaning through the ages. Among them, Thomas à Kempis, who said: "If you will carry the cross, it will carry you." We can all be "Christophers" (Christ-bearers) in our own way!

Herbert G. Kelly

## CHATTING by HEP.

What happy memories were recalled by the article about the re-opening of the Manx Electric Railway which took place on June 25th, 1977. For those of our members who originated from the North of the Isle of Man, perhaps I can refresh their memories too.

About June or July every year, our Sunday School, in my case, St. Olaves in Ramsey, held their Sunday School outing, the excitement of sitting in school the morning of the "big day", praying it wouldn't rain, watching the clock, knowing we were allowed to leave early and then the biggest thrill, climbing aboard the Electric Tram bound for Laxey Glen Gardens.

Our Sunday School teachers were in control and they told you where to sit, needless to say we all wanted to sit in the open toast-rack cars, naturally parents went along too, when I think

back, it was always Father who was in charge of me, my sister and brothers, Mother was wise she never went on these outings.

Arriving at the Gardens, we made a dash for the swings, roundabouts and hobby horses, sort of merry-go-rounds and see-saws, the most daring of the bigger boys would try to swing "over the top", actually I never saw this happen. In the Gardens there was also a little lake, (about the size of a pocket handkerchief), we were allowed to take out a row boat for ¼ or ½ hour. We would then be rounded up by our teachers for the races and contests, followed by a "scramble", this was when the Vicar — the Rev. C. V. Stockwood, would throw handfuls of sweets onto the grass, usually the roughest, biggest and toughest boys got most of the sweets, then one of the highlights - the tea -, we all sat down in the cafe and sandwiches, fancy cakes and tea was served.

For weeks before the "picnic", we would be saving our pennies, one was indeed rich if one had 2/- to spend. There was a variety shop in the village which did a roaring business on picnic days, a Mr. Williamson was the owner, here one could buy trinkets, toys and rubber balls etc., we always remembered to bring something home for Mother.

We didn't go to Laxey Glen Gardens every year, alternate summers we went to Glen Wyllin, in Kirk Michael, much to our disappointment, to us this was never as good as Laxey, to get to Glen Wyllin we went by train, I really believe most of the thrill was travelling to Laxey on the Electric tram.

Since my Sunday School "outings", I have travelled many times on the M.E.R., night trips to the old Derby Castle and the Palace, up from Laxey Station to the summit of Snaefell Mountain, but the joy and pleasure of the ride on the tram to Laxey for the Sunday School picnic, will always remain in my happiest of memories.

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## Death of MR. LEONARD BOND

The Isle of Man lost a leading figure in the promotion of the holiday industry by the death on June 6th, 1977 of Mr. Leonard Bond, Director of Tourism. Mr. Bond had been with the Tourist Board for almost 30 years and in that time helped build up a publicity and promotional organization needed to keep the Island in the forefront as a holiday resort in the face of mounting competition from many quarters. Mr. Bond was 57 years old.

## OBITUARIES

KELLY, Mrs. Tirus (Pearl), of Galva, Illinois, passed away on July 25th, 1977 in Kewanee Public Hospital, she had been a patient for one month after being in failing health the past year. She is survived by three sons, Russell; Loyal, and Derollo and one daughter, Mrs. Bernice Burnett all of Galva, also 17 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren and several nephews and neices. Services were held in Galva First Methodist Church and burial in Galva Cemetery.

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## THE LATE MR. JOSEPH PERCY CHRISTIAN

The June issue of the Bulletin contained the obituary of the late Mr. Joseph P. Christian, he was 86 years of age, interment was in Springfield Cemetery, on February 23rd, 1977. The late Mr. Christian and his wife Lila moved to Springfield, Oregon in 1961.

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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.

## ON VISIT FROM CANADA

Miss Laura Kinrade, of Toronto, Canada, a Canadian-born school-teacher of Manx descent is presently spending her summer vacation on the Isle of Man visiting her Manx relatives. Miss Kinrade teaches at a primary school which accommodates 1000 children she is also a columnist on a Toronto newspaper. Miss Kinrade is the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas H. Kinrade of Corvalley and Mrs. Annie Kinrade of Glen Vine, they were married at Marown just before the First World War. Mr. Kinrade emigrated to Canada in 1914 and his wife followed shortly afterwards.

Her mother Mrs. Annie Kinrade is a sprightly 90-year-old and is a long time member of the NAMA, she has never made a return visit to the Island, but her two daughters, Laura and Dorothy have been visiting the Isle of Man for their summer vacation for the past 12 years. Laura has become such a strong Manx nationalist that she has taught "Ellan Vannin" to her Toronto music class.