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

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THE HOLY LAND

With the coming of Christmas, the eyes and thoughts of the world turn again to the Holy Land, to Bethlehem and Jerusalem . . . and the five miles between them that contain so many landmarks associated with the life and death of Jesus.

The starting point, or course, the Church of the Nativity, scene of the Virgin Birth. The church is built over the grotto where the child lay peacefully in the manger. Just outside the city, on the old road to Jerusalem, is the tomb of Rachel. Follow a second (and later) route and your path is past the Milk Grotto and the Mount of Olives. This is the ancient grove where Jesus prayed and wept over Jerusalem. From here, one can see the wall built by Herod and, within the city, the Dome of the Rock, where tradition says Solomon built his temple and where Jeremiah hid the Ark of the Covenant. It was from this very spot, Moslems believe, that Mohammed ascended to heaven.

Nearby is the Garden of Gethsamane where Jesus prayed the night before he was crucified. Long cared for by the Franciscan fathers, the Garden contains olive trees said to date from the time of Christ's entry into the Golden City. Close by too is the tomb of Mary, mother of Christ.

Within the walls of Jerusalem, one can almost feel the magnificence of religious history. Standing near the Dome of the Rock, one stands where great temples have stood for centuries.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING

As I sat on a sunny bank,
A sunny bank, a sunny bank,
As I sat on a sunny bank
On Christmas Day in the morning.
I saw three ships come sailing by,
Come sailing by, come sailing by,
I saw three ships come sailing by,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And who d'you think were on the ship,
Were on the ship, were on the ship,
And who d'you think were on the ship,
But Joseph and his Fair Lady.
O he did whistle and she did sing,
And all the bells on earth did ring
For joy our Savior Christ was born
On Christmas Day in the morning.

—Anonymous

MANX CARVALS

CARVALS. These are the Manx form of "carol", but must not be confused with the English meaning of the "carol". It does refer, however, to Christmas, in that it has been an ancient Manx custom to sing hymns in Church on Christmas Eve, Oie'l Voirrey (The Eve of Mary). On the conclusion of the Evensong the parson used to leave the Church to the congregation for the carval-singing. Members of the congregation volunteered to sing their own contribution to the proceedings.

They are of extraordinary diversity, and date from the eighteenth century generally. They are whimsical tunes, but the words are often amazing, running into fifty or sixty verses. Indeed, a popular story is that a volunteer lit a taper when he began to sing, and might go on singing so long as the taper stayed alight! Most are homilies set to doggeral verse, and have nothing to do with Christmas - as for example, "The Creation", "Adam and Eve", "Preparation for Death", "Sodom, Gomorrah and Nineveh". This carval-singing even gave an opportunity for the malcontent to give his opinion on the subject of vicars, parsons and bishops, and things like tithes and "cess".

COME ABOARD FOR OUR . . . GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION

We hope you are making plans and preparations to come to Rocky River, Ohio for the 50th Anniversary celebration of your North American Manx Association. Rocky River is a suburb of Cleveland, the birthplace of the NAMA in 1928.

Naturally, we want to make this an outstanding milestone in the history of our organization but will need the help of our membership to achieve our goal. Your attendance and support are the most important factors.

We are proud of the Association's growth and progress during its half-century of existence and we look back over the 50 year span with nostalgic memories. We think not only of the many things that have been accomplished during the life of the Association, but also of the many fine families that have supported our motto "To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage".

The North American Manx Association was founded on a sound basis in 1928 - love of the land where we live, respect for one another, and pride in our ancestry. We want to renew this foundation in 1978!

Plans are in full swing now to make this an outstanding convention . . . one which you will long remember. Our arrangements are well on the way, and are in the capable hands of Mrs. Robert S. Cowin, Convention Chairman; Mrs. Richard R. Kelly, Co-Chairman; and their efficient committees.

Watch future Bulletins for details and enclosures, but make plans NOW to be with us in 1978 for this grand anniversary celebration!

REMEMBER THE DATE —

SEPTEMBER 22nd-25th, 1978.



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COMMITTEE

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Chairman: Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
Co-Chairman: Mrs. Richard R. Kelly
Souvenir Program: Mr. & Mrs. William Roseman
Raffle: Carol Grigsby
Publicity: Robert S. Cowan
Prize Distribution: Norman Clucas and Richard R. Kelly
Registration and Convention
Treasurer: Mrs. Ray Haldeman

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION CHARTER MEMBERS ATTENTION!

We are attempting to locate as many charter members as possible. If you, or a member of your family, belong to this distinctive group please write to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Miss Elizabeth Clucas
1541 East, 191st, Apt. K 605
Euclid, Ohio. 44117.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES.

Have you sent for your membership certificate yet? Fill in your application form enclose \$1.00 and send to — Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Ill. 60462. For those members who have already applied you should receive your certificate very soon now. George Curphey who designed these attractive certificates states they will be going out this month (November).

CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM

The Clague House Museum on Westlake, Ohio recently received the following books from NAMA members:

"The Hereditary Register of the United States of America - 1974" from Richard Corkill; "Poems and Letters of T. E. Brown (3 Vols.)" from Margaret Joughin; "The World's Great Religions and an article from National Geographic Magazine entitled "The Manx and Their Isle of Man" from Helen Kewley. The Librarian gratefully appreciates these additions to the Clague House Library.

PEORIA MANX ASSOCIATION

"May your Christmas be joyful and the New Year blessed with abiding peace and happiness."

Jean Callister Martzluft, Sec.
Van Buren St.
Brimfield, Ill. 61517

NAMA NEW MEMBERS

— 1976/77 —

Mrs. W. Worthington, 158 Northway Maghull, Lancashire, Eng. Referred by - Mrs. Bessie Auty
Mrs. W. Cowin, 20 Talcon Street, Douglas, I.O.M. Referred by Mrs. Bessie Auty
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Mrs. Elmer W. Gude, 224 Calumet Place, San Antonio, Texas. 78209
Mr. W. Russell Lace, Route 1, Box 1080 Burselson, Texas 76028. Referred by - E. Sayle
Mr. David E. Kinvig, R.R. #3 Red Deer, Alberta T4N 5E3. Referred by - Hilda Penrice
Mrs. K. Hornall "Rosecroft" 20 Albany Rd. Peel, Isle of Man. Referred by - Hilda Penrice
Mr. John G. Cashin, 5905 Long Island Drive N.W. Atlanta, Ga. 30328.
Mrs. David Christian, 334 Springthorne Crescent, Richmond, B.C. V7E 1Z7
Mrs. Amo C. Taylor, 91 Mossbank Drive, Scarborough, Ont. M1G 2C4.
Mrs. Delbert Rawlings, Route 1, Preston, Idaho 83263
Miss Clara L. McBride, 6331 Bedford Ave., Omaha, Neb. 68104. Referred by - A. Flasnck
Dr. E. M. W. Stuart, 5170 Remington Road, S.W. Roanoke, Va. 24014. Referred by - Ed Sayle.
Mrs. E. M. W. Stuart, 5170 Remington Road, S.W. Roanoke, Va. 24014. Referred by - Ed Sayle.
Mrs. Marilyn Schipporeit, Star Route Box 4, Brewster, Neb. 68821. Referred by - Annie Robison.
Mrs. George Perrone, 2844 East Weldon, Phoenix, Ariz. 85016. Referred by - Mrs. A. R. Haskell.
Mrs. Joseph Farley, 11843 143rd Street Largo, Fla. 33540. Referred by - Ernest R. Currie.
Mr. Newton Currie, 1122 Grove Street Clearwater, Fla. 33540. Referred by - Ernest R. Currie.
Mrs. H. E. Carbaugh, 704 Angier Drive Storm Lake, Iowa 50588.
Mrs. Betty Dunn, 19541 Redwood Dr. Monte Rio, Ca. 95462. Referred by - Margaret Joughin.
Mrs. Edmund R. Childs, 451 N. Macomb Street, Monroe, Mich. 48161. Referred by - Edna Cowin.
Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Ingram, 3119 Colony Drive, San Antonio, Tex. 78230
Mr. Michael R. Mylechraime, 212 Guthrie Ave. Alexandria, Va. 22305 Referred by - Ed Sayle.
Mrs. Margaret Aspegren, Burr Oak, Kansas 66936.

Mrs. Owen Jaske, 923 Pine Place. Great Bend, Kan. 67530
Mrs. Carol Grigsby, 18900 Detroit Ave Lakewood, Ohio. 44107
Mrs. Robert S. Martin, 18 Monmouth Court, Scarborough, Ont. M1H 2T5 Referred by - Mrs. E. C. Tate.
Mrs. James K. Martin, 1 Watson Crescent, Brampton, Ont. L6W 1E5. Referred by - Mrs. E. C. Tate.
Mrs. Curtis A. Terrill, 1608 Woodland Blvd. Kansas City, Kan. 66106
Mrs. Katherine Belford, 122 East Church Street, Urbana, Ohio 43078. Referred by - E. Belford.
Mr. Walter E. Caine, 426 Westminster Drive, Houston, Tex. 77024
Mrs. Eunice Lorenz, 1417 Braebury Drive, Leesburg, Fla. 32748
Miss Pamela Robinson, 2433 Walnut Street, Apt. B2, Blue Island, Ill. 60406.
Rev. James R. Corgee, 234 Conklin Street, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735. Referred by - J. R. Corgee.

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

The North American Manx Association, formed in 1928, has its roots in the Manx ethnic self-help and relief associations formed throughout the United States and Canada in the mid-19th Century by immigrants from the Isle of Man, a tiny, self-governing Crown dependency in the middle of the Irish Sea. The earliest of these societies was the Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx Society), formed in 1851, and continuing to this day. At the present time, NAMA is comprised of 13 societies and over 600 independent members.

Membership eligibility in NAMA is based on birth on the Isle of Man and those related thereto by ties of marriage or by lineal descent. The "first infusion of Manx blood into the New World" was in the issue of Myles and Barbara Standish of the Plymouth Colony. Since then, the Manx settlers in North America have distinguished themselves in agriculture, industry, government and the arts.

NAMA issues a quarterly bulletin containing news of its members and societies, articles dealing with the Isle of Man and genealogical-historical information. It meets in biennial conventions.

NAMA is listed in the Hereditary Register of the United States of America, the Encyclopedia of Associations and the Directory of Ethnic Organizations.

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KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

By Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
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In response to several requests this month, let us take a glimpse of PORT ERIN.

Port Erin (Purt Chiarm which means Lord's Harbour) is a popular holiday resort. Many visitors return year after year to Port Erin which has a natural charm of its own. It is a romantic old fishing port that has earned for itself the title "Queen of the South".

The bay is dominated by Bradda Head which rises to almost 1,000 ft. On the summit of Bradda Head is a tower built by public subscription in 1871 to the memory of William Milner a benefactor of the village. Milner's Tower is reputed to be built in the shape of a key to a Milner Safe. From its high vantage point - you can drive up to it on a very narrow track - the whole vista of the Island lies before you and the view is breathtaking.

Port Erin started as a fishing village and today fishing still plays an important part of its economic life, being the home port of many shell fishing boats. Port Erin has lovely white sandy beaches and with its crystal clear water is one of the most popular areas for skin diving.

For over seventy years Port Erin has been the home of the Marine Biological Station and fish hatchery run by Liverpool University and the British Government and it draws many visitors each year.

Located in Parish of Kirk Christ, Rushen, the records in this Parish go back to 1408. It is bounded on the North by Kirk Patrick, on the East by Kirk Arbory, and on the South and West by the sea. It is about 4½ miles long and 1½ miles wide. The area of the village is 7456 acres, including 616 acres in the Calf of Man. It is also known as Ballakilpheric.

Karran, Corkish, Gawne, Gell, Kneale, Madrell, Bridson, Cubbon, Watterson and Qualtrough are common names in this area.

"The Isle of Man issues its own currency, maintains its own national bank, conducts its own postal service and issues its own postage stamps. Its citizens may travel abroad with either an Isle of Man Passport or a United Kingdom Passport: Isle of Man and the United Kingdom Passports are of equal authority and can be used for travel throughout the world."

— Isle of Man Examiner Annual,

DISTINCTIVE MANX SURNAMES

Boyd	Crebbin	Kinvig
Brew	Creer	Kissack
Bridson	Cregeen	Kneale
Cain	Crellin	Kneen
Caine	Crennell	Lace
Caley	Cretney	Leece
Callin	Cringle	Lewin
Callister	Crowe	Lewney
Callow	Cubbin	Looney
Cannan	Cubbon	Lowey
Cannell	Curphey	Moughtin
Carine	Duggan	Maddrell
Cashin	Fargher	Moore
Cashin	Fargher	Mylchreest
Caveen	Fayle	Mylcraine
Clague	Gawne	Mylroi
Cleator	Gell	Quaggan
Clucas	Gelling	Quiggin
Cojeen	Gill	Qualtrough
Collister	Gilrea	Quane
Colquitt	Gorry	Quark
Comaish	Joughin	Quayle
Condra	Kaighen	Quaye
Cooil	Kaneen	Quiggin
Coole	Karran	Quilleash
Corkill	Keggin	Quilliam
Corkhill	Keig	Quillin
Corkish	Kelly	Quine
Corlett	Kennaugh	Quinney
Cormode	Kennish	Quirk
Corran	Kermeen	Radcliffe
Corrin	Kermode	Sayle
Corris	Kerruish	Scarffe
Corteen	Kewin	Shimmin
Costain	Kewish	Skelly
Cottier	Kewley	Skillicorn
Cowell	Killey	Stowell
Cowin	Killip	Taggart
Cowle	Kinley	Teare
Cowley	Kinnish	Watterson
Craine	Kinrade	

* This is not a complete list. There are many other surnames having long association with the Isle of Man.

AN EVERLASTING CHRISTMAS GIFT!!

Time is running out to place your order for the book, "The Isle of Man - A social, cultural and political history" by R. H. Kinvig --- a splendid edition reviewing the prehistory, history, institutions, personalities and events which shaped the traditions and culture of Man. Particular attention has been paid to modern developments on the Island, together with drawings and photographs of this beautiful island society.

DO NOT DELAY IN ORDERING: for after January 1, 1978 this offer will be discontinued so kindly place your request now at the discount price of \$12.50 (postage included) to --

Mrs. Helen Clucas
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Webster Groves, Mo. 63119

IF YOU ARE A "CHRISTIAN" YOU'VE GOT "CHRONICLES"

—The Manx family Christian, and its members throughout the world, will be featured in the "Christian Family Chronicles" to be issued twice yearly by a California genealogist.

Agnes B. Pearlman, who is to edit the publication, has indicated that the Chronicles will be devoted to history and genealogy, and will be issued in January and July, beginning in 1978. She indicates that articles and pictures from readers will be published as space permits, with full credit to the authors. Genealogical inquiries by the subscribers will be included at no cost.

Mrs. Pearlman indicates that the "Christian Family Chronicles" may be obtained by advance subscription of \$5 a year. Regular subscription will be \$6. Subscriptions should be mailed to Mrs. Pearlman at 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706.

THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL.

A letter from the Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man was received some time ago, the Island Appeal target was to be £25,000 and strenuous efforts were being made to achieve this by the end of the year. Half of the sum collected will be made available for a local project, the one selected would be an Activities Centre with accomodation designed to cater for young people and their leaders as well as providing facilities for holidays for under-privileged children, youth organizations from overseas and for entertaining old people. Although the other 50% of the money collected will be invested in the National Trust Fund the Island can expect to benefit by way of grants towards other worthwhile projects far in excess of the money donated. It was felt that many Manx men and women of the North American continent might like to contribute to this worthwhile effort. Donations can be sent either to the Lieutenant Governor Sir John Paul, c/o Government Office, Isle of Man, or to the Hon. Secretary Mr. A. J. Sayle, c/o The Isle of Man Bank, Isle of Man. All donations will be acknowledged on receipts designed specially for the occasion. Please send your donation in Sterling Bank Draft or Money order.



A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE ISLE OF MAN

"In the midway of the channel is an island which is called Mona."

—Julius Caesar, Comm.,
Bk. 5, 54 B.C.

"... The Isle of Man is a unique part of the British Empire. It is one of the British Isles, but forms no part of Great Britain, nor of the United Kingdom. It is a separate Kingdom, and by lucky historical chance the monarch of Britain happens to also be the Lord of Mann... Its position is really the 'centrum' of the British Isles, approximately equidistant from the other countries of the group. Indeed, it is a claim of its people that from its highest point, Snaefell, on a clear day one may see six kingdoms: England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Mann and the Kingdom of Heaven."

— E. H. Stenning,
Portrait of the Isle of Man,
London, 1958.
Robert Hale, Ltd.

CELTS AND VIKINGS

The basis of Manx culture is its early Celtic civilisation which was dominant up to the 9th century when the Scandinavian Vikings arrived to plunder and later to settle and establish a separate kingdom which survived into the 13th century. Many Manx family surnames have both Celtic and Scandinavian origins, and the Viking influence remains a firm feature to this day.

The Isle of Man which passed from the Norsemen into the hands of the Scots and eventually the English Crown, holds its status as an independent self-governing community outside the United Kingdom. The ancient language is preserved, and there is a fund of folklore.

*MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY ALBUM

A most interesting book has recently been published depicting the history of the Manx Electric Railway, it has more than 150 hitherto unpublished pictures, some full page or larger. The Authors of the Album have strong Manx family traditions. Dr. R. Preston Hendry is married to the former Elaine Brown, her brother Powell Brown had a men's wear store on Market Place, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

The Album contains 112 pages. Art paper. Full colour jacket-Casebound. The price £4.50 net. (post and packing 30p).

To get your copy send cheque or money order, payable to —
Hillside Publishing Co., 2 Moultrie Road, Rugby, Warwickshire, England.

DARK OR FAIR HAURED "QUATAGH"

Modern-day Manx families may have to rethink the ancient Manx custom of "qualtagh" based on a recent study of the hereditary characteristics of the Icelanders, the Vikings who gave us the present Manx form of government. For centuries, we Manx -- if we accepted the custom -- went to all lengths to assure that the first visitor across the threshold of the New Year was not one of fair, i.e. Viking, complexion. It was the dark-haired Celt who was the omen of good fortune as the "first-footer" of the New Year.

A recent research study by the Science Institute of the University of Iceland and the Serological Population Genetics Laboratory of the British Medical Research Council appears to reflect that we have little to fear nowadays from the fair-haired Viking from Iceland since he is really more Celtic than we had previously realized.

The study, done in London and Iceland, discloses the Icelanders have a high frequency of O-type blood, a Celtic characteristic of the Scots, Irish and Manx, a marked difference from the low frequency of that type blood in Norwegians, for example. The study also shows that saliva chemistry also supports this observation, noting that the ABH antigens, a hereditary secretion used as genetic indicators, are remarkably low in Iceland, just as they are in the Celtic nations.

In Iceland, the antigens are very low, only 36 per cent as compared to 53 to 59 per cent in Norway. The closest European figure is that of Ireland, where the occurrence is 42.5 per cent.

One explanation of how the defeated Celts managed to attain ultimate victory over the Icelandic Vikings in a genetic sense, is found in the Icelandic "Book of Settlement" which tells of the Vikings fleeing Ireland, Scotland and Man after repeated defeats by the Celts. Each of the Viking settlers fled with his Celtic wife and at least 20 to 30 Celtic slaves.

This dilution of the Viking genetic characteristics, coupled with the higher degree of vulnerability of those with O-type blood to disease, the study shows, reflects that a type of "natural selection" has allowed the Celtic genetic traits of the Irish, Scots and Manx to conquer the Vikings after all these years.

So, come next New Year's Day, and the fair-haired man appears at your doorstep, perhaps instead of bolting the door you might wish to greet him with "Welcome, kinsman!"

One of the folk-customs of Mann that has survived to this very day is "Hunt the Wren" on St. Stephen's Day, December 26th. The custom as practiced is the appearance of a party of boys outside one's house, singing a quaint little carval and bearing among them a miniature, highly decorated casket, seen to contain some feathers. This "casket" is commonly made up of two wooden hoops, tied at right angles, containing a decorated cushion, the hoops being hung with ribbons and paper streamers and evergreens. The words of the carval are seldom correctly sung by the children, but old versions of the "Wren Song" are in existence:

"We'll away to the wood says Robin
to Bobbin
We'll away to the wood says Dickon
to Robin
We'll away to the wood says Jack o'
the land
We'll away to the wood says
everyone".

Countless verses on this plan follow, describing the chase, the slaughter and death of the wren, with vivid details, usually ending up with - "He's ate, He's ate, says Robin", etc.

From the County Book, the Isle of
Man by the late
Canon E. H. Stenning.



CALORIE COUNTS TO HELP YOU THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

With so many goodies surrounding us at holiday time, who wants to diet? It can be a bore. However, a little careful planning can keep you full and happy, and your waistline from expanding. We offer a few hints to help you beat "the battle of the bulge."

Calorie count is in parentheses:

6 shrimp (90) ... 3½ ounces white wine
and soda (85) ... 5 artichoke hearts
(55) ... 10 pretzel sticks (30) ... 2
stuffed green olives (15) ... 6 oysters
(65) ... 1 slice pumpernickel (80) ... 1
nectarine (30) ... 2 ounces rare roast
beef (95) ... 8 small gumdrops (35) ... 1
teaspoon caviar (25) ... 1 stalk celery
(5) ... 1 ounce camembert (85) ... 1-8 oz.
glass milk (160) ... 1 good slice calves
liver (75) ... 1 cup cottage cheese (240) ...
1 Ritz cracker (20) ... 1 Wheat Thin
(10) ... water, try a quart a day (0)!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

The Toronto Manx Society held their Fall meeting on Sunday, October 2nd, 1977 at Sandy Cove Acres, Stroud, Ontario. Hilda and Sam Penrice who now reside at Sandy Cove, were able to arrange the meeting and picnic supper in the "Hub" the Community Hall. Although the weather was cloudy and dull, 21 members were in attendance. Past President, Stan Shimmin welcomed the members and chaired the meeting to elect a new President, this office has been vacant due to the passing of the late Bill Lahmers.

Many ideas and suggestions were invited from the floor as to the future progress of the Society.

The new slate of officers are as follows —

President - Mrs. Peter (Alice) Foster
Secretary - Mrs. Marion McLaren
Treasurer - Mrs. Dot Hall.

Following the business meeting, the entertainment was the showing of two Manx Films, depicting the Isle of Man — "Fable Island" and Traa-dy-Liooar", an open invitation was extended to the residents of Sandy Cove Acres to view the films and almost 200 people attended, which was most gratifying.

The Christmas meeting will take the form of a pot-luck supper and Manx entertainment and will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 1977 at Shell House, Oakville.

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, Ontario. L4L 2Y1.

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

May this Christmas season bring friends to your doorstep, and word from those who are far away. May contentment fill your hearts and may you enjoy good health, good luck, and good will throughout the year ahead.

Our annual Christmas dinner party was held December 9th at the Lakewood Baptist Church. Our members always attend if it is at all possible for everyone has such a good time.

Officers were elected at our November meeting and they will be listed in a future Bulletin.

Marge Krach, Publicity
(Mrs. Michael Krach)
319 Ridgeview Dr.
Seven Hills,
Cleveland, Ohio. 44131.

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

We had the second Board of Governor's meeting, September 16, 1977, for the purpose of furthering our objective to have an active chapter of the North American Manx Association in the Washington, D.C. area. The item of highest priority continues to be membership. Consequently, this activity consumes most of our time. We are screening the phone directories in this metropolitan area, which includes Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, for those with Manx surnames. The assignment is approximately 50% complete and the result, thus far, is a listing of 350 names. It is of interest that the names of Christian, Cain and Gill make up 40% of the listing. Our plan is to initially send out 150 letters and applications. After obtaining the results of this effort, we will then follow-up with another mailing until all have been contacted. Incidentally, we have had several contacts from individuals who have been reading The North American Manx Bulletin. We appreciate this recruitment assistance. May we repeat from the article in the September Bulletin — If you have knowledge of persons eligible for membership, please have them contact Mary E. Hayslett, 4141 N. Henderson Road, 6316, Arlington, Virginia, 22203. OR Robert C. Camaish, 9332 Sibelius Drive, Vienna, Virginia, 22180.

Our first membership meeting is being planned and we are all looking forward to personally meeting others who are either members or potential members of the Chapter.

From our membership we wish all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

R. C. Camaish
Mary E. Hayslett

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

A Christmas wish to all Manx people throughout the world; — "May your Yuletide be blessed with true happiness and may good health and joyousness be with you in the coming year".

Sincerely yours.,

Doris Clague, President-Chairman.
Evan Cain, M.B.E. F.S.C.A.

Vice-chairman
Beatrice Cain, Minutes Sec;
Mary Weller, Corres. Sec;
Wilfred P. Waid, F.C.A. Treas;

NEBRASKA MANX ASSOCIATION

The Nebraska Manx Association was organised on Sunday, September 25th, 1977 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Corkill, Omaha, Neb. It was a beautiful day for the occasion with a very encouraging attendance of 40. This included two Manx born members.

After a bountiful dinner, a short meeting was held and it was decided unanimously that an Association be formed.

David P. Corkill was elected President and Annie E. Robison, Secretary Treas. Dues were assessed and it was agreed that dues be sent to the NAMA for affiliation.

After the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Corkill of Lincoln entertained with interesting slides of the Isle of Man, this was followed by a "cooish" with the members looking forward to their next get-together.

Manx born Mrs. Arthur Waits was leaving for a month's visit to the Isle of Man, also Mrs. Martinez (McArd) born in Douglas, I.O.M., was going to Australia to visit with her daughter and new granddaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schieb of Oregon, Mo., were returning to their winter home in Tuscon, Arizona.

Since this will be in the Christmas edition of the Bulletin, we would like to send our best wishes for Christmas, with a New Year bright and beautiful all around the world.

Annie Kerruish Robison
Sect. Treas., Neb. Manx Assoc.,
R.R. 1, Box 101, Elk Creek,
Neb. 68348

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from the Ladies' Auxiliary

*"A bit of mistletoe for love,
A precious touch of holly,
And then some lovely winter's snow
To make the season jolly;
A Christmas tree all wondrous fair,
A star to shine above,
And then a heart that knows the joy
Of wondrous Christmas love.*

*"These are our Christmas hopes
for you,*

*For precious dreams unending,
A happy smile to warm your heart,
The season's best we're sending;
Life's richest blessings evermore
In all you chance to do,
A Merry, Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year, too!"*

The Officers and Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary wish for all of you a Happy Holiday Season and the very best of everything for the year ahead.

Helen Clucas,
President

Elinor Cain,
Secretary-Treasurer



THE LADIES' AUXILIARY to the N.A.M.A.

As we welcome 1978 and look ahead to coming events that will brighten the year, we know that September 1978 will be a big milestone for our organization - fifty years of pleasant association.

The Auxiliary came into being in London, Ontario in 1932, five years later and will observe its 45th Anniversary this year when we meet. Plans are proceeding to make this a most special occasion.

We, in Cleveland, look forward to welcoming our friends from many parts of the world.

The constitution of the Ladies' Auxiliary in part states that the object of this organization is "to stimulate interest in and help the N.A.M.A. to the best of its ability." We can help where-ever we may be living in this way.

The Constitution also says that "the membership shall be composed of Manx women, wives of Manx men and their descendents from any part of the U.S.A., Canada or other British Possession." Dues of \$2.00 for two years are now payable and new members are most welcome.

If members from previous years do not have a 1977-1978 dues receipt, will you please send them to me prior to convention time. Thank you.

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

ROCHESTER N.Y.

Again we come to another Christmas with memories of Christmas Seasons in the past. Such memories are gifts we all cherish. May this year again be recorded in our memories as a Glorious date and add to our books of days to be remembered.

1978 will be the 50th Anniversary of the N.A.M.A. Let us all make it a convention to be remembered. I hope to see you there. A Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

Alice Garrett
Regional Director

The Rochester Manx folks are few in number, but we wish all our friends everywhere a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Good Health and Happiness.

I wish one and all for this Merry Season, silver lining for your dreams, fulfillment of all your hopes and Happiness that will last the whole year through.

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

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

The Officers and Members of The Southern California Manx Society send greetings and good wishes to all Manx friends everywhere, for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Malcolm Kinley, President
Ellen Bain, Secretary
132 Bonito Ave.,
Long Beach, Cal. 90802

BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The Bisbee Manx Society reconvened in September after being shut down during the summer months. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin with fifteen members attending, our President Helen McKay presided. After the singing of Ellan Vannin and God Bless America the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Our next meeting to be held at the home of James Quill where a white elephant sale will be held to raise money for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for the poor. The October meeting had seventeen members attending and \$45.00 was raised at the sale. Dues for the Arts and Humanities were approved.

The Christmas Party will be held at the home of Ivy Dillon.

Greetings to all, for the Holidays and May each day of the New Year add to your happiness.

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

CHRISTMAS WISH

Down the lane of fond remembrance I wander for it is Christmas time and thoughts are turning, as they always do, of friends and relations, and of course, you too.

So may you have the Gladness of Christmas, which is Hope, The Spirit of Christmas, which is Peace, and the Heart of Christmas, which is Love.

What more could one wish for except good friends and very good health and good fortune.

So may the Love, Peace and Hope expressed at Christmas time be with all Manx people and all the peoples of the world this lovely season and all through the coming New Year.

This is my special Season's Greetings to all.

Lillian Marrion Tipper
Los Angeles, California.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Recently on a Cleveland television station, the Windemere Church Choir was televised celebrating World Communion Sunday and our own Elizabeth Clucas (NAMA Secretary) was featured as a member of this group.

On October 20th, Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, visited Cleveland and Edna and Bert Cowin were invited as special guests of the British Consul to welcome the Prince at the airport on behalf of the Cleveland Manx Society. Edna was one of the luckier of the group because Prince Charles stopped to shake her hand and to chat for a second. He is an impressive young man well worthy of his position.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Curphey, Liverpool, N.S., were Mr. and Mrs. E. Greggor of Peel, Isle of Man, they were accompanied by their daughter (Pauline) and her husband who live at Don Mills, Ontario. The Greggors have visited Australia and were touring Canada and the U.S.A. before returning home.

Alice Garrett enjoyed beautiful foliage this fall in the Pocono Mts. Nature truly painted a brilliant picture for us. Also spent a week end in Toronto and visited Connie Kee with Rose Corkill. Connie was in good form and wanted to be remembered to all her friends.

Mr. Percy Kelly is leaving Rochester early in 1978 to live in the Homeland once again. We wish him happiness and we are sure he will enjoy life in the surroundings of his early days.

In a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Higgins of Grand Ledge, Michigan to quote "My husband and I spent three wonderful weeks on the Isle of Man this spring, we enjoyed every minute of our stay and are looking forward to our next visit. I had always dreamed of a trip to the Isle of Man. The Isle of Man is truly lovely as I had always heard it was" unquote.

A recent visitor with Hilda and Sam Penrice, Ontario, Canada, was Hilda's brother-in-law, Steve Jones of Cheshire, England. This was his third visit to Canada, he travelled to Rocky River, Ohio with Sam and Hilda who were attending the NAMA executive meeting, he enjoyed meeting with several members of the Cleveland Manx Society, they spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cowin.



OBITUARIES

GAWNE, Capt. James O., U.S.N. Ret., of Washington, D. C. passed away on August 22nd 1977. The late Capt. Gawne was a long time member of the NAMA. He is survived by his wife, Jane Lazear, one daughter (Pauline) Mrs. Paul M. Wick, four granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

KERMEEN, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick and daughter, Miss Ruby E., of Route #2, Galva Illinois. A tragic head-on car accident took the lives of this Galva family on August 23rd, 1977. The late Mr. Kermeen was 79 years old and a long time member of NAMA, his wife Leila was 74 and his daughter Ruby was 48 yrs. Surviving are a son, Richard W. Kermeen of Galva and a brother Maurice, Verdale, Minn; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Mrs. Kermeen is survived by a brother, Lloyd Hogley of Galva.

Funeral service was held Friday August 26th, 1977 at Johnson-Gill-Schuster Chapel, Galva, interment at Bishop Hill Cemetery.

QUINE, Dr. Thomas E. of Fullerton, California passed away on August 27, 1977 in his 92nd year. Dr. Quine was born in St. John's I.O.M. and lived for some time in Washington, D.C. and Cleveland, Ohio before residing in Fullerton.

He was a long time member of the N.A.M.A. and in earlier years was a member of the Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx Society). Dr. Quine is survived by a brother, Ffinlo C. Quine of Laurel, Maryland; (formerly of Washington, D. C.) cousins, Elinor Cain of Cleveland, Ohio and Mona Cain Smith, of Akron, Ohio and nieces, nephews and cousins in the I.O.M., England, Wales and Scotland. Burial took place in Columbus, Ohio.

WOOD, Mrs. Albert T., of Seattle, Washington, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, passed away in October. The late Mrs. Wood was a long time member of NAMA. She is survived by her family, her daughter Mrs. Robert Hart and her husband were on a visit to Europe at the time of her Mother's passing, they reside at 20421 8 Ave., Seattle, Wash. 98148.

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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CONGRATULATIONS

On September 3rd 1977, Billy and Gertrude Gell of East Cleveland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, a dinner invitation turned into a delightful surprise party for friends and relatives, this was arranged by their grandchildren and niece. Their nephew and his wife, Helen and Fred Brew from Billings, Montana were also present at the party. It was a wonderful and never to be forgotten day for Mr. and Mrs. Gell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Thompson of Georgetown, Ontario, Canada, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 12th 1977. They entertained about 30 relatives and friends to a luncheon at St. George's Church Hall, Georgetown, Mrs. Thompson's sister, who was a bridesmaid, also her niece who was a flower girl on her wedding day were present at the luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were married on October 12th 1927, in Woodstock, Ontario, they have resided in Georgetown for many years.

Mrs. Thompson has Manx connections in that her grandfather John Lawson was born in Peel, March 1831, his mother was Katherine Kelly, there is also a connection to the Corrin family of Corrin's Tower, well known landmark in Peel. Mrs. Thompson remembers a cousin of her mothers visiting with them in Canada about 1905, she brought with her two black Manx kittens. Although Mrs. Thompson has never visited the Isle of Man, she is a member of the NAMA and greatly interested in all things Manx.

From the Mailbag:

Mrs. Dorothy Neary, 615 Post Street, Boonville, New York 13309 is wanting information on the surname MANKS. She is a descendant of Isaac Manks who came to the States in the late 1700's or early 1800's; he was a seaman. She would very much like to hear from anyone who has researched the MANKS surname.

Many of our members will be sorry to learn of the illness of the Rev. Alexander Cock, former Chaplain and member of the Executive of NAMA. For many years he resided at River Rouge, Michigan, he was in hospital for some time but now he is a resident at the Pine Knoll Convalescent Home, 23600 Northline Taylor, Michigan. Drop him a card at this address, he would appreciate hearing from you.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The season of preparation for the coming of Christ is called Advent, the four weeks prior to Christmas. Hence, this season rightfully begins the Church year, because for Christianity everything revolves about Christ.

Yet, to the critical observer, it may well seem that during this season there is less spiritual preparation than preparation in other ways. Commercial campaigns, entertainment spectacles, and much pagan observance of Christmas is noted.

Within the Christian community, however, one properly looks for the expression of preparation that leads to deepening spiritual commitment; preparation to the end that Christ may become real and living for children and adults as they sing the Christmas songs and read the Christmas Scriptures. May this season take on new meaning as we read again: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6). May your Christmas be blessed by his Spirit!

Herbert G. Kelly

CHRISTMAS IS DEDICATION TIME

The birth of Jesus, which we commemorate, down the centuries, has never lost its meaning. The manger, bedded with straw, Mary with the newborn baby, the shepherds and Wise Men, and the quiet figure of Joseph marked the beginning of a light that was to shine all over the earth. In this troubled generation mankind needs this light. It is time to dedicate ourselves to peace and goodwill. Most of us feel we cannot influence the nation's destiny, but we can all practice kindness and gentleness in our own neighbourhood and our own town. We can all help someone, and Christmas is the time to remember this.

The giving of gifts began with the birth of Jesus, and as packages pile under trees we need to think of the meaning of giving. The only real value in any gift is the thought behind it, for a gift means "I think of you; I care about you." The race to give more and more expensive things is deplorable, and especially bad for children, who can easily get in the habit of wanting more and bigger toys.