

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### EXECUTIVE REPORT

The arrival of the Bulletin Editor's letter asking for news for the Spring Bulletin is a sure sign that winter is on the way out. Those of you who have had much more severe winter weather than usual must be relieved that better weather is at last here.

The Executive Committee has not been idle during these past winter months but has been in touch by letter to discuss plans and projects for the future.

### APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

1978 will be an important year for N.A.M.A. as we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its founding in 1928 in Cleveland. You will agree that Cleveland is the logical place to hold our 1978 Convention and that it is equally logical to choose Mrs. Edna Cowin, 1st Vice-President of N.A.M.A. and President of the Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx) to be our Convention Chairman. Edna has a great deal of enthusiasm for anything she does for N.A.M.A. and she also has the advantage of experience as she has worked for many conventions in a variety of capacities in the past. She will be able to call upon a number of willing workers both in Cleveland and from among the N.A.M.A. Executive and in fact she and her helpers have already done some preliminary planning to ensure that our celebrations in 1978 are a big success.

### MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

2nd Vice-President, George Culphey, has been busy making the final design changes to the membership certificates which were suggested at the 1976 Convention meeting and he expects that the certificates will be ready for printing in March. They promise to be very pleasing with the N.A.M.A. crest and a Celtic border design in colour and the member's name written in by hand.

The following poems were written for the North American Manx Association Homecoming, May 30th 1958 by the Manx Poet the late Miss Kathleen Faragher. To commemorate the recent 1976 Convention held on the Isle of Man, they were read at the opening and closing of the Convention by Mrs Hilda Penrice of Canada.

### WELCOME HOME!

*DEAR FRIENDS:- This Isle has waited for your coming  
And held her glories back that you might see  
The gorse in bloom in all it's golden splendour,  
And new green bursting forth on every tree.  
For you the bluebell scents the air more sweetly,  
The primrose stars the fields where young lambs play  
As soft winds whisper gladly of your coming,  
And streamlets murmur, "They are here to-day!"  
Hill, glen and shore all bid you joyous welcome;  
No longer exiled from your native land,  
But home again to meet your own dear people,  
The old familiar speech, the friendly hand;  
To tread once more the well-loved paths of childhood,  
And pull aside the curtain of the years,  
Recalling happy days and scenes and friendships,  
And bygone aspirations, hopes and fears.  
Stay here with us as long as you are able,  
Our honoured guests— but when you must depart  
Take back a host of "memories sweet and tender,"  
And treasure them forever in your heart.*

### FAREWELL TO THE "HOMECOMERS"

*Alas! the time has come to say "Goodbye!"  
On fleeting wind the summer passes by;  
The once bright green is dulled on fern and tree,  
And little lonely winds sigh wistfully.  
With misty veil Manannan clouds these hills,  
And hides the heather purpling in the gills  
Where tiny streams slip over moss and stone,  
And whisper sadly— "They will soon be gone."  
For you must go—our friends from overseas  
Who travelled "Home" to unlock with golden keys  
The gates of friendship and the ties of kin—  
To find the "hearts that loved you" there within.  
May God be with you on your journeyings,  
And speed that not too distant day which brings  
You back again to share with us once more  
The glories spread round Ellan Vannin's shore.  
But now, dear friends, you must be on your way;  
But echoing round this Isle from sea to Sky  
Will be our farewell wish to you - "AIGH VIE!"  
(Aigh Vie!, Good luck!)*

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**MANX PRESENT CHRISTIAN  
PAINTING TO VIRGINIA CITY**

The Isle of Man Post Office Authority has presented a painting of Col. William Christian, who was featured last year on the Isle of Man's Bicentennial commemorative stamps, to the city of Fincastle, Virginia. The community was founded by Israel Christian, the father of Col. William, who donated lands for that purpose shortly after his emigration from the IOM in the mid-18th Century.

The painting, a primitive depicting Col. Christian in the uniform of the First Virginia Regiment which he commanded, was done by G. V. H. Kneale, chairman of the postal authority, and has been displayed in New York, Philadelphia and Alexandria, Virginia (the headquarters of the Virginia Regiment) during the Bicentennial Year.

Fincastle is the county seat of Botetourt County, often known as "Virginia Manx County," situated in the southwest Virginia near Roanoke. The county was formed in 1770 and named for Royal Governor. At one time it encompassed parts of territory in present-day West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. It now encompasses 548 square miles and is the southern entranceway to the Shenandoah Valley, lying in a broad valley between the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains.

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**MANX TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE  
KIND OF NATIVE SPIRITS?**

The legendary spirits of the Isle of Man - the fairies and giants - may have to make way for new native spirits if a measure before Tynwald is passed. The Government order being considered by Tynwald would permit the granting of a license for the distilling of "Manx Whiskey" and would amend a law imposed on the island by the British government in 1867 which forbids the distillation of spirits there.

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

If you have not already paid your dues, our Treasurer Clarence Creer, will be pleased to hear from you. He will soon begin work on the list of those eligible to receive our new membership certificates so send in your PINK SLIP now.

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**MANX URGED TO SEVER  
U.K. TAX LINK**

A group of London economists has urged the Isle of Man to end the Common Purse arrangement which has tied the tiny island to Britain's customs and excise policies. The report, filed with Tynwald in mid-October, also recommends the IOM eliminate the indirect tax known as VAT (Value Added Tax) and substitute a single rate consumer sales tax. If adopted, the recommendations are expected to spur tourism, increasing day-trippers, for example by 40%. The attraction would be to lower prices for cigarettes, spirits and luxury goods. With the end of the 82-year old Common Purse agreement, the only formal link between the governments at Westminster and at Tynwald, the island could reduce the tax on a bottle of whiskey by one pound and make beer cheaper by three pence a pint.

The London Daily Telegraph has noted that should the Tynwald adopt the measure, "it would be the biggest single constitutional step taken by the island toward increased independence since it was bought by the Crown from the Dukes of Atholl in 1765 for 70,000 pounds.

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**SILVER JUBILEE CHARTER  
AVAILABLE TO NAMA MEMBERS**

Through its affiliate organization, the Commonwealth Society of North America, the NAMA has made it possible for our members to participate in a London charter flight honoring Elizabeth II's (the Lord of Mann's) Silver Jubilee. The charter, which will leave Washington/Dulles on the evening of May 27th, arriving at London/Gatwick the following morning, and which will depart London/Gatwick on June 18th, with arrival at Washington/Dulles that afternoon, costs only \$299.00 per seat, including departure taxes.

The flight, by a World Airways 252-seat "stretched" DC-8 with plenty of leg-room, will include dinner and breakfast. Bar service is available of course. If you are interested, write the BCA, 4350 River Road Northwest, Washington, D.C., 20016, for a copy of the contract and application form. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. To participate, you will be required to place a deposit of \$100 per seat at the time you place your reservation.

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WINNERS IN PRIZE DISTRIBUTION  
1976 CONVENTION

Album containing a full collection of Isle of Man Definitive and Commemorative Stamps donated by IOM Post Office Authority - M. Nicholl, Willoughby, Ohio  
Manx Cottage music box - Mrs. Wm. A. Hinrichs, Douglas, Wyoming  
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IOM Silver Proof Coin-Horse Tram Crown - Mrs. E. J. Murray, Cleveland, Ohio  
IOM Silver Proof Coin-Manx Cat Crown - Robby Lyme, King City, Ontario  
IOM Tartan Blanket - Mike Rowe, No Olmsted, Ohio  
Tynwald Tartan Blanket - Fred Wm. Woods, North Vancouver, B.C.  
Brilliant Uncirculated Crown-Horse Tram - Jerry Calanchie, Toronto, Ontario  
Navy blue mohair stole - Mrs. Wm. Hinrichs, Douglas, Wyoming  
Mohair stole - T. E. Clucas, Tualatin, Or.  
Barghee hat - B. Naroucci, Montclair, California  
Book "The Isle of Man" by R. H. Kinvig, donated by Ivy Christian - Jeanne Mangano, Macedonia, Ohio  
IOM tartan tie - Frederick Parker, Arlington, Va.  
IOM tartan tie - Mrs. Chas Duffy, Los Angeles, California  
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Mohair scarf - Frieda Lechavalier, Farmington, Michigan  
Polyester tie with 3 legs design - Mrs. A. C. Callin, Mineral Point, Wis.  
Tie with 3 legs design - Jennifer Clucas, Milliken, Ontario  
Ellan Vannin shield - Mrs. Elmer Peterson, Rochester, Mn.  
Set of IOM decimal coinage - Bertha Kiel, South Bend, In.  
John Nicholson colour prints  
Derby Haven - W. K. Kelly, Cleveland, Ohio  
Peel - Alice Oberhardt, Montclair, California  
Port Erin - Helen Clucas, Webster Groves, Mo.  
Laxey - Bernard Hocker, Alexis, Ill.  
Towel with IOM map - Grace Browning, Birmingham, Ala.  
Towel with Manx language - Mrs. J. B. Phillips, Victoria, B.C.  
Manx Cat crown - George Mylroie, Honeyville, Utah  
Manx Cat crown - Lenn Archer, Liberty, Texas  
Manx Cat crown - Diane Rowe, No Olsted, Ohio  
Manx Cat crown - Amy L. Perencevic, Cleveland, Ohio  
Horse Tram crown - Mary Hayslett, Arlington, Va.  
Bicentennial crown - F. W. Cain, Deerfield, MI

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Horse Tram crown - Mrs. M. Lahmers, Downsview, Ontario  
Bicentennial crown - Mrs. Anona Quayle, Ishpeming, Mi. 49849  
Horse Tram Centennial crown - Mrs. Anona Quayle, Ishpeming, Mi.  
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Sandwich Tray - Frances Corlett, Uniontown, Ohio  
Cake Stand - John Comish, Fairfax, Va.  
-Above two prizes donated by Mrs. H. Christian.  
IOM Stamp Album donated by Stanley Gibbons Publ. Ltd. - J. R. Kelly Chicago, Il.

All prizes have either been mailed or taken by persons attending the convention for delivery or forwarding. If you have not received your prize, please contact Robert Kelly at 6858 North Osceola Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60631. We understand that a few people have not received their prizes from previous conventions. They should also let Robert Kelly know this.

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Cleveland Manx Society  
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We wish to thank all those who gave financial support and contributions of prizes to the 1976 NAMA Convention. Your encouragement has helped the NAMA have another successful convention and we look forward to another get-together at our 50th Anniversary in Cleveland in 1978.

Robert Kelly  
Clarence Creer  
Ways and Means Committee  
Chairmen

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

By the time you read this, we may not be in Phoenix but Cleveland's worst winter in more than 100 years should be a memory. Weather curtailed activities of our society; however, spring will come. We will hold our annual card party then for we have found it an ideal way to raise additional funds to contribute to the N.A.M.A. for convention purposes. We expect to see many of you in Cleveland, come 1978!

Have you heard any Ronnie Aldrich records played on your local radio stations? His music is played frequently on WDOK-FM here. The announcer, Wayne Mack, mentioned Mr. Aldrich had moved from England and now resides in the Isle of Man. We have promised to supply information about the Island to Mr. Mack for he is eager to learn more about our L'il Isle. Who knows? His radio audience may also hear more about the Isle of Man!

Marge Krach, Publicity  
(Mrs. Michael Krach)  
319 Ridgeview Drive, 7 Hills,  
Cleveland, Ohio, 44131

## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

Greetings from the Toronto Manx Society and all good wishes for 1977. We are already three months into the New Year and, like most of you, have experienced a long and gruelling winter. Perhaps as you read this Bulletin, signs of spring will have already begun to appear. We, in Ontario, will certainly be glad to welcome the warmer weather.

We are resuming our meetings early in March and are looking forward to a year of good fellowship with all Manx people in the Toronto area. If you are planning to visit Toronto in the near future, please let us know - we will be happy to welcome you.

Marion E. McLaren  
106 Hiltz Avenue,  
Toronto, Canada

## SUGGESTION

Mrs. Lillian Marrion Tipper of Panorama City, Calif. would like to suggest that more people write about their youth spent on the Isle of Man, in this way some of our members would be able to get in touch with folk they knew as school children or teenagers, many friendships could be renewed in this way, depending of course on the space available in the Bulletin.

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## BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The Annual Christmas party was held at the home of the Secretary, Mrs. Ivy Dillon, with 24 members and guests attending. There was an exchange of gifts, followed by Christmas carols, delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

A Christmas basket was again given to a needy family. To raise funds a raffle was held the winner was Gerald Williams a guest at the meeting, the door prize was won by Mrs. Ethel Chick.

Due to so many being away the January meeting was cancelled, it will be held in February at the home of Mrs. Eva Maldern.

Mrs. Mabel Bolitho is presently visiting with her family in Camarillo, California, as is Sarah Mazzorie with her daughter in Los Angeles.

I am relying on our Bulletin Editor to type up this report, as I entered hospital on January 9th for surgery on my left eye, the right one was done last June, when all is healed there should be a great improvement in my eyesight.

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

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

In a letter from the President of the W.M.A., Miss Doris Clague expressed her concern for all the Manx folk in Canada and the U.S.A., who have suffered any hardship from the cruel and hard winter weather we have endured. she had been listening to a radio broadcast by Alistair Cooke and his description of the worse winter since 1888, so she hoped all was well.

The Association will meet on March 16th 1977 for the Annual General Meeting, a week later they will have an "At Home" at the Castle Mona Hotel, Douglas, I.O.M. The summer programme of the W.M.A. activities will be printed in the June edition of the Bulletin.

## NOVA SCOTIA

Another Manxman has arrived in the Maritime Province of Canada - Stewart Clague, Port Erin, I.O.M. he is working for the Royal Bank of Canada in Halifax, (Dartmouth), George Curphey has already been in touch with him, every newcomer is a prospective member for NAMA.

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

Members and friends had a wonderful time at the annual Christmas party at the home of President Malcolm and Joyce Kinley on December 4th, 1976. This has become an event we have all looked forward to, and have enjoyed for the past several years. Everyone agreed it was a lovely party as usual, and a good ending to the year 1976.

Our February meeting was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. James C. Caley in Huntington Beach on February 5th. We regret that about a dozen members were absent on account of illness and accidents, so it was not a good attendance of members, however our Society was honored and we were all very pleased by a visit from two of our National Officers, Sam and Hilda Penrice of the North American Manx Association. They happened to be in Los Angeles on vacation at the time, and we were happy they could arrange time to come to our meeting. It was a real treat for some of us, who had not been able to attend the Convention in Isle of Man and meet our National Officers and good friends.

The Caley's entertained us all royally as usual in their beautiful home. James showed many pictures of last year's and several past Conventions, picnics etc. We in California are very fortunate to be having our usual good weather, even for this time of year, while the Mid-West and Eastern States are suffering a more than usual hard Winter. On the other hand, California is having a serious drought, and we all hope for more rain. We send our best wishes for a successful year for all Societies and N.A.M.A. in 1977.

Ellen Bain, Secretary  
132 Bonito Avenue,  
Long Beach, California 90802

## LADIES' AUXILIARY - DUES

Membership cards for the years 1976 - 1978 are available from the secretary, Miss Elinor Cain, 4075 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121. A check for \$2.00 pays for two years. All Manx ladies are welcome into membership. We will meet again in 1978 when the NAMA celebrates its 50th Anniversary in Cleveland. Our help and support will be needed for this special occasion.

### VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

The Society started off the year's activities on January 22nd 1977 with a Pot Luck Supper held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell.

There was an excellent turnout of members and friends a total of 53, each member had brought along their favourite dish and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Dr. and Mrs. Gell attended the NAMA 1976 Convention held on the Isle of Man, they showed some very fine slides which they had taken during their visit, for all those present it was a most enjoyable evening. A raffle was held to raise funds for the Society.

A hearty vote of thanks was expressed to Dr. and Mrs. Gell for the hospitality of their beautiful home.

Angus Gillon (Pres.)  
6025 Malvern Ave.,  
Burnaby, B.C. V5E 3E7

### BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES - EDMONTON, CANADA AUGUST 3rd - 12th 1978

A number of Manx Athletes will be participating in the Games, they will be accompanied by supporters from the Isle of Man.

At the 1976 NAMA Convention held on the Island, Team Manager Curwen Clague expressed a wish that Manx folk in Canada and the U.S.A. would support the Manx Team by attending the games. How about planning your vacation to coincide with this great event?

There are not many Manx in Edmonton but the small group will be assisting the Manx team under the direction of Mr. Brian Stoodley, anyone wishing to assist or who will be attending the games should contact Mr. Stoodley.

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### WELCOME

We welcome several new members into the NAMA this month - Dr. and Mrs. E. M. W. Stuart, Roanoke, Va., they were both born on the Isle of Man, Dr. Stuart being the son of the late Dr. Stuart of Douglas, Mrs. Stuart is a daughter of the Rev. Bertie Reid, who still resides on the Island. Dr. Stuart spent 14 years in Canada, he is now on the Faculty of the University of Virginia teaching Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Clara L. McBride, Omaha, Neb.  
Mrs. Delbert Rawlings, Preston, Idaho  
Mrs. George Perrone, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Mrs. Marilyn Schipporeit, Brewster, Nebraska.

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### OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mrs. Florence Prendergast and Joseph Abbinti of the Chicago Area, were married on November 20th, 1976. Florence was the widow of William Prendergast and Joseph was a widower.

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On his annual business trip across Canada, Sam Penrice contacted several Manx folk, in Vancouver, B.C. he met with John and Catharine Cannell, (formerly of Ramsey and Douglas, I.O.M.) in Winnipeg he talked with Mrs. Inge and her daughter Dinah, unfortunately the Winnipeg Manx Society is not too active at the moment, weather conditions make it difficult to hold meetings, he also visited with Kathleen and Eddie Callister in Calgary, Mrs. Callister is the former Kathleen Clucas of Peel I.O.M. Later he flew to Los Angeles where he was joined by his wife Hilda, they then enjoyed two weeks vacation in Sunny California which was a welcome break after the snow and cold weather in Canada.

They attended a meeting of the Southern California Manx Society which was held at the home of Rev. James C. and Mrs. Caley, Huntington Beach, they were given a warm welcome by the President, Malcolm Kinley and the members present.

There was not a great deal of business discussed, it was more a pleasant and friendly get-together, the Penrices last visit to California was in 1968 when they attended the NAMA Convention held at Huntington Beach.

Films were shown of the 1976 Convention and later a delicious meal was enjoyed, a vote of thanks was expressed to the Host and Hostess for their kind hospitality. Those present included - Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Kinley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Bain, (Ellen is Secretary of the So. Calif. Manx), Mr. and Mrs. Stan Rohrborough and Thelma Kramer. Later in the evening Hilda and Sam visited with Malcolm and Joyce Kinley.

### THE LIL' FOLK

A new great-granddaughter for Mrs. Tom (Jessie) Collister of Galva, Illinois is Britta Mary Watters, who was born January 1, 1977 to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Watters of Alpha, Illinois. The mother, the former Ann Linbom is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Linbom of Bishop Hill, Illinois. Grandmother is the former Mary Collister.

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### WALTER GARFIELD DUKE

In the NAMA Bulletin of March 1976, an item about this gentleman appeared, he first got in touch with Miss Elinor Cain of Ohio, but there was no address and as he was not a member of NAMA no-one was able to contact him.

Recently I came across an article in the I.O.M. Peel City Guardian about the above Mr. Duke, it was taken from the Beacon Journal, Akron. It stated Mr. Duke now age 94 years, was a native of the Isle of Man having been born at St. John's, he went to the U.S.A. when he was 21 years old, working in gold and copper mines. His hobby is painting, mostly pastels and watercolours, he has several of his paintings on exhibit. Mr. Duke resides with his daughter, Betty and her husband the Rev. Jack Barnes, pastor of the Chapel of Hope, the address - 2239 23rd Street, S.W. Akron.

### "MANX SHEARWATER"

I am indebted to George Curphey, 2nd Vice-President of NAMA for the following article, to me it was very touching and I know it will appeal to our members who treasure their Manx Heritage.

"While on the subject of birds, I am reminded of the story of the "Manx Shearwater" a famous species native only to the Isle of Man and strangely found nowhere else in the world. Some years ago research in the form of an experiment was conducted on this bird, by capturing one, placing it into a suitable container or box all of which crossed the Atlantic Ocean by ship, final destination being Boston, Mass. U.S.A., where it was well cared for, while it's behaviour was being observed. After being in captivity for a month, it was decided to have the bird suitably "ringed" with the date and time of release all of which took place in one evening.

Upon being released the bird circled above it's captors three times and was last observed heading straight out over the vast Atlantic Ocean.

Within the space of two weeks it was discovered resting comfortably in it's original nesting place, back on the Isle of Man.

What an amazing bird, bound by it's strong ties to it's birth-place, truly "Manx". Surely there is a unique message for all Manx people, their decendants and relatives wherever they may be, to be ever mindful of our "Ancient and Noble Heritage".

What more can I say about this lovely Isle of Man than to close with "Amazing Grace", "Amazing Birds", "Amazing People".

## MANX FARE

### MANX BONNAG

(Recipe sent by Mrs. M. Krach)

Some of you might like to try the following recipe for Manx Bonnag. Sliced, and buttered - it's good eating - especially on a cold day.

First, cover a generous cupful of golden raisins with boiling water. Set aside.

Sift together into large bowl: 3 cups all-purpose flour, 2/3 cup granulated sugar, 1 heaping teaspoon baking powder, and a pinch of salt.

"Cut in" 4 oz. oleo (as when making pie crust). Add the "plumped" drained raisins.

Mix 1 teaspoon baking soda into little buttermilk. Usually need about 1 1/2 cups buttermilk altogether (depends on flour) for you add a little liquid to the dry ingredients and mix, repeat until you have a very sticky dough.

Put in greased, floured tin. (Large, round cake pan is good). Spread dough out so that you have a slight mound in the center. Pat in generous quantity of extra-fine granulated sugar - over the whole top's surface.

Bake one hour at 325 degrees F. Test for "doneness" (as for cake) at 45 minutes, for size of pan determines baking time required. (Makes about a 2 1/2 lb. Bonnag).

### OATMEAL BISCUITS

1/2 lb oatmeal

1/2 lb flour

1 dessert spoon sugar

2 teaspoons dripping

1 egg

Pinch of baking powder

Mix oatmeal, flour sugar and baking powder. Melt the dripping and add it to the beaten egg. Add the liquid to the oatmeal mixture and form into a good firm dough. Turn onto a floured board and knead.

Roll out thinly, prick with a fork, and cut into rounds.

Bake in a very moderate oven for about twenty minutes.

### SLIM CAKE

1 lb flour, pinch of salt

2 teaspoonful baking powder

About 1/4 pint of milk

4 ozs. lard

2 ozs. currants

2 to 3 ozs. sugar

### METHOD:

Rub fat into flour, add salt and baking powder, currants and sugar. Mix to a stiff dough with milk, roll out very thinly and cook on a griddle or iron frying pan. Each round should be cut into 4 whilst hot, serve Buttered.



The man from Laxey  
who'd never seen it

THE Rev. Herbert G. Kelly, of Rising City, Nebraska, was christened at Laxey church — in July he visited the Island for the first time with the North American Manx Association, and took the opportunity to search the graveyard at Laxey, Isle of Man, for traces of his ancestors.

For Mr. Kelly was christened in Laxey, Wisconsin, USA — in an old church established by a group of primitive Methodists from the Isle of Man way back in 1890.

The church was built of the state's native limestone by folks with such names as Callow, Skillicorn, Cowley and Kelly, and it stood as the focal point of this tiny farming community — a small speck of the Isle of Man in the middle of the United States.

Mr. Kelly was raised in the community, where his father was a lay preacher. But in the 1900s, the old church got into such a state of disrepair that it was torn down. And with it, the community of Laxey disintegrated.

But a small piece of Laxey still remains in Wisconsin. A stone memorial was built on the site of the church, and a plaque erected, which reads: "During the mid-19th century, hardy immigrants from the Isle of Man settled in this vicinity, naming it Laxey after their ancestral home.

"Here Manxmen whose roster included such names as Callow, Kelly, Cowley, Skillicorn, Craine, Hudgeon, Kermode, Kewley, Quirk and Quine, laid rock for the only Manx-built church in America.

"Through mud, dust and snow; on foot, by wagon or by sled, members came for religious services. Served by lay preachers and circuit riders, they worshipped with typical pioneer zeal.

"Laxey church became the hub of their community — a testimony to the pioneer spirit of their time."

## CHATTING by HEP

### SNOW -

One either tolerates, likes, or hates it according to one's age! After living on the North American Continent for many years, I came to the conclusion long ago that I would accept and enjoy our Canadian winters instead of fighting them, and indeed this winter has been exceptional in the amount of snow dumped on us.

When I look out through my window and see the flakes falling in a hypnotic stream, I spare a thought for all the people who work outdoors, snow plough operators, hydro and telephone workers, police and many more. I am fortunate in that I can stay indoors, safe, warm and comfortable. I think I would miss the variation of our Canadian climate if ever I moved South to Florida, but many Canadians nicknamed "Snowbirds" migrate so to speak to the sunny South, some before Christmas, some later, they arrive back home around April.

To others the snow is enjoyed by sport enthusiasts, ski-ing, ice skating, snowmobiling and the latest activity growing in popularity is cross country ski-ing, never having been an outdoor type of person. I will continue to enjoy from the comfort of my home the beauty of new fallen snow, the trees and shrubs glittering like a fairyland.

Happened to switch on the TV the other evening and much to my surprise there was a film about the Isle of Man, the subject - the Sport of Kings or riding to hounds without the benefit of a fox, as many of you know there are no fox on the Island, so the quarry is human. Two young men - Corlett and Cowley, were pictured sprinting over the Manx countryside while the gentry or members of the Upper crust pursued them complete with blood hounds. My first reaction was one of horror, the degradation of Manxmen, visions of Slaves in the deep South being pursued by hounds, I must confess the two young men seemed to be enjoying it all. I came to the conclusion that they were long distance runners and needed the exercise, or that they were well paid for the job, whatever the reason is best known to the young men who participated in this "way out" sport.

### !!DELINQUENT DUES!!

For those who haven't sent in 1976-77 dues yet you must do so at once if you wish to continue receiving the Bulletin. Mailing costs are too high to send you reminders so won't you please send in your dues now. Send dues to: NAMA c/o E. Creer, 14228 Union Ave., Orland Park, Ill. 60462

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## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

by Mrs. Robert S. Cowin  
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We have read and heard much about the Manx Pioneers in America and the large group that settled in Ohio in the early 19th century. Sometime ago, Miss Ethel Clucas, our cousin in Illinois gave me the following article from the ISLE OF MAN WEEKLY TIMES which I found interesting and would like to share with you. In genealogy, clues are often found in just such a new item.

"Besides the main colony in Cleveland, Manx settlers established themselves, pretty well all over Ohio and in other States too. Many families settled in Illinois, Wisconsin, Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, New York, California and many other parts - not forgetting Utah, where the Mormon missionaries who visited the Isle of Man in the 1840's returned with many emigrant converts among whom probably the most notable was George Quayle Cannon, who took part in the great Salt Lake settlement.

George was soon recognized as a man of outstanding ability and became secretary to President John Taylor and later to Brigham Young.

According to history, another Manx migration took place in the 1880's and 1890's when the Manx mining industry was beginning to decay; and naturally the Laxey and Foxdale districts provided most of the emigrants at this time. They settled mostly in the characteristic American mining centres, along the line of the Rockies in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona and Wisconsin especially around Mineral Point and Dodgeville. There in 1855 the famous Laxey church was built, and the five founding trustees were James Hudgeon, James Callow, Thomas Kelly, John Cowley and William Harris. This church operated until about 1895 when it was abandoned for a new Congregational Church."

Recently I found the Cleveland Public Library has a new service available. A phone call to the Main Library confirmed they had a reference book from which I wanted a page photocopied. They now have a "Photo-Duplication Department" that quoted me a price and, after receiving my check, they mailed me the photocopied page I ordered. I mention this because perhaps your library offers this phone service and you are not aware of it.

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I have stressed from time to time how important it is to know your Parish in the Isle of Man when trying to trace your ancestors because much of the data originates in the Parish Records.

I have a very interesting collection of articles on the various parishes and if you would drop me a line telling me which one you are interested in, I might be able to help you.

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### READ ABOUT YOUR HERITAGE

The illustrated book "The Isle of Man - A Social, Cultural and Political History" by R. H. Kinvig, should be a "must" on every Manxman's reading list.

Everyone is becoming increasingly interested in their heritage. For those interested in any way in the Isle of Man, this hard-to-find book will be most informative and enjoyable.

Send for a copy today!!

Price: \$12.50 (this includes postage)

Check payable to:

Mrs. Helen Clucas  
451 Cannonbury Drive  
Webster Groves, Mo.  
63119

The regular price of this book is \$14.95 - so send now before it is too late to order!

### THANKS!

Many thanks to the "Isle of Man Examiner" and to Mr. Sydney Boulton in particular for mailing to me their informative and interesting Manx Paper.

As Editor of the North American Manx Association Bulletin, I will now be in closer touch with the Isle of Man and what is happening over there.

It will be read from cover to cover, items of interest to our members will appear in the Bulletin and then it will be passed on to other Manx folk in this part of Canada.

Editor  
(Mrs. Hilda Penrice)

### DO YOU KNOW?

**THAT** - Women continue to outnumber men on the Isle of Man, but the difference looks like being made up around the year 2000. From a total population of 60,496 (7,268 up on 1971), the women total 31,761 and men 28,735. That means there are 3,026 more women on the Isle than men although that is 499 fewer than five years ago, so the gap is narrowing.

**THAT** - Of the 200 people aged 90 and over, 147 are females and of the 13 aged 97 and over, all are women including three over 100 years! Women have the upper hand when it comes to long life.

**THAT** - For the prospective husband hunters, the country districts are the place to live. In Kirk Michael for instance, there are 220 males to 217 females. In German there are 437 males to 429 females, while in Jurby Patrick and Santon similar precedence occurs, with the 18 difference in Jurby narrowly heading the 17 of Santon.

**THAT** - A total of 10,563 new residents actually came to the Isle of Man since 1971. Of this figure (5,319 females, 5,244 males) only 2,563 (1,261 females, 1,302 males) came to retire.

**THAT** - The year 1975 produced the biggest number of new residents in one year, namely 2,230. Of these nearly all were from the United Kingdom (1,997) the rest being from the Commonwealth (123) and other countries (110) a total of 233. The new residents plumped largely for Douglas to set up home (2,958), but Onchan at 1,154 and Ramsey at 1,069 were popular also, Castletown (359), Peel (372), Laxey (224), Michael (87), Port Eir (696), and Port St. Mary (341), the parish districts taking the remainder led by Arbory (394).

**THAT** - One category which bears scrutiny is that of construction workers on the Isle of Man, where the 1976 figure of 1,015 compares with 1971's 800. It is tourism which creates the biggest surprise. Accommodation for visitors has been reduced by some 6,950 beds in five years. The reason for this may lie in many directions, but obviously the trend to convert holiday hotels and boarding houses into flats must be one of the major contributory factors.

**THAT** - Thirteen per cent of Isle of Man workers are self employed.

## OBITUARIES

CANNON, Robert M. "Joe", of San Francisco, California, died September 2, 1976, in his 76th year. A native of Salt Lake City, and a descendant of early Manx settlers in the West, he attended the University of Utah and the U.S. Military Academy, from which he graduated in 1925. At the time of his military retirement in 1961, he had attained the rank of Lieutenant General. Since then he served on the board of directors of the San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan Association.

During 1942-45, General Cannon served in the China-Burma-India theater as chief of staff to Gen. Joseph W. "Vinegar Joe" Stillwell. He commanded troops which advanced through the Burma jungles against the Japanese. Immediately following the Japanese surrender, he commanded a task force that disarmed the enemy and destroyed its war equipment on the islands between Okinawa and Taiwan. Following the war he served in positions of increasing responsibility in Turkey, the Philippines and the United States. In 1957 he became deputy commander in chief and chief of staff of the Army in the Pacific area.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine; a daughter, Joanne Schwartz; a son Robert L. Cannon; and five grandchildren.

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COLES, Mr. Harold, passed away September 20th, 1976, loyal member of the Cleveland Manx Society, husband of the late Minnie E. (nee Cowley) who died in November 1967. Survived by son, George Wilfred Quine, Willoughby, Ohio.

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HALSALL, Miss Elsie M., passed away in Douglas, I.O.M. on July 6th, 1976. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Halsall. Miss Halsall and her sister, Edith, attended the first convention of the N.A.M.A. in Cleveland, Ohio in 1928 during a visit to the States and Canada. Elsie was a cousin to the late John R. Cain and both Elsie and Edith were interested members of the North American Manx Association for many years.

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KILLIP, Mr. Tom, passed away in October 1976, at the age of 98. The late Mr. Killip was a long time member of the Vancouver Manx Society.

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KELLY, Frieda M., beloved wife of the late Arthur B. Kelly, passed away on Friday January 21st at Geneva, Ohio at age 78. Beloved mother of Mrs. Joseph (Irene) Berkopec. Grandmother of two and great-grandmother of one. Interment Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, Ohio. Many members will remember that her late husband was the first secretary of the NAMA - an office he held for over seven years. He was a devoted and dedicated officer of our society.

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KILLIP, Mr. Edwin, passed away on February 9th, 1977, at San Clemente, California, age 86. The late Mr. Killip was born in Laxey, Isle of Man. For many years he was a member of the NAMA and a Past President of the Los Angeles Manx Society. He had attended almost every Manx Convention since they started in 1928 and had always donated generously to NAMA funds. He was predeceased by his wife Winnie, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Wm. De Camp (Peggie), son-in law, a grandson, William Killip De Camp and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at The Little Church of the Flowers, Forest Lawn on February 12th, 1977.

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RAWLINSON, Mr. Fred, passed away in September 1976, at the age of 96. The late Mr. Rawlinson was a long time member of the Vancouver Manx Society.

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As briefly stated in the December edition of the Bulletin the obituary of the late Mr. John Alfred Kneale who passed away on October 21st, 1976 was given. His daughter the former Mrs. Florence Prendergast, now Mrs. Abbinti, has furnished me with more information. The late Mr. Kneale was 91 years old, he was born in Douglas, Isle of Man and came to the U.S.A. in 1908, first staying with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Corrin. He had been a member of NAMA for many years and a member of the Chicago Manx Society since 1908. He leaves his daughter Florence, and two grandsons.

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We regret to announce the sudden death on February 23rd, 1977 of Mr. Bill Lahmers, President of the Toronto Manx Society, no further information is available at this time.

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## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our trip to the Isle of Man last summer so intensified our interest in things Manx that we have now acquired a Manx kitten, a "blue boy." At two months, he is everthing that the cat journals say of the Manx felines: lively, precocious, sociable, etc. He is a "stumpy," having just a vestige of a tail. And it is amusing to watch him when he is fascinated by something - the stub wags to and fro as a regular tail would. He does not seem troubled in the least that he has no plumed appendage to flaunt before the world or to curl about his body. He can express himself very well without! He uses his body and strong hind legs most gracefully and effectively.

It occurs to us: how many of us do well with what we have? Or, do we lament what we lack, our handicaps, our limitations, the things we have to do without? Do we spend our time making excuses: "Oh, if only I had more resources - or better looks - or greater strength," etc.

The Bible has several things to say to this condition: among them: "If you are eager to give, God accepts your gift on the basis of what you have." (II Cor. 8:12.) "I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave you . . . (II Tim. 1:16) "I have learned to be content with what I have; I know what it is to be in need, and what it is to have more than enough . . . the strength to face all conditions by the power Christ gives me." (Phil. 4:11-13.)

Can we learn a lesson from a tiny Manx kitten, one of God's creatures? Rev. Herbert G. Kelly, Chaplain  
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## MONA'S ISLE

Misty Island  
Of joyous tranquility  
No place on earth could be  
As fair as thee  
Set like an uncut emerald

In a sea of sapphire blue  
Serene in the knowledge, that  
Life and love go hand in hand with you  
Ever may it be so, my lovely  
enchantress of dreams

Violet Corlett,  
Saddle Road, Braddan,  
Isle of Man

## MANX CAT PLACE MATS

All Manx Cat Place Mats have been sold and refund will be returned to several who have sent in checks.

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