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

June 1977

EXECUTIVE REPORT

To All Members:

The members of the Executive Committee have been continuing their "discussion" by mail of a number of projects and as you will see have made some progress.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

3rd Vice-president George Curphey has been working hard on the Membership Certificates which he has designed and they are now ready for names to be added by hand. All who pay the full \$4.00 membership for the year 1977-1978, due in August, plus all life members, will be eligible to apply for one on the form provided with the usual pink membership form. You will be asked to pay \$1.00 to cover the cost of printing. The certificates are most attractive and I am sure that all members will want to have one.

George has written an account of the design and the meaning of the colours chosen and you will receive a copy of this with your certificate. Make sure that you pay your membership promptly so that he can make out a certificate in your name.

Certificates will be issued to all new members in future and they will be asked to pay \$4.00 plus \$1.00 for their first year's membership.

1978 CLEVELAND CONVENTION

Planning for the 50th Anniversary Convention is going ahead under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edna Cowin and firm dates have now been set. It has been decided to hold a weekend convention on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of September, 1978. The weather is not so hot in Cleveland at that time and as many of you may remember it was in September that a most successful Convention attended by a large group from the Isle of Man was held in Niagara Falls a few years ago. It is hoped by having the Convention during a weekend to attract many local members who might not otherwise be able to attend.

CONVENTION CO-CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

Mrs. Edna Cowin has appointed Mrs. Catherine Kelly to be Co-Chairman of the Cleveland Convention Committee. She has been Treasurer of the Cleveland Society for a number of years and Secretary before that. She will be a great asset to the Convention Committee.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

As one of the special events to mark the 50th Anniversary of N.A.M.A. we are planning to issue a membership directory for the year 1978. It will include the names of life members and all those who are full members for the year 1977-1978.

We will be appointing a committee to look after this and will be announcing the names of the committee members in the next Bulletin. In consultation with N.A.M.A. executives, the Committee will decide upon the format of the directory, what information it will contain and the date of publication.

Look for more information on the directory in future Bulletins but in the meantime to ensure that you have a chance of getting your name in it - **PAY YOUR 1977 - 1978 MEMBERSHIP DUES.**

UPDATING MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Every so often we find it necessary to revise membership lists and this year, when they will be needed for making up membership certificates and the membership directory, seems to be a good opportunity. Clarence Creer, Elizabeth Clucas and Hilda Penrice will be working together to correlate the Secretary-Treasurer's list and the Bulletin Editor's list. This is quite a complicated job which would be greatly simplified if everyone would be sure to send in changes of address, etc. If you haven't sent in yours - **DO IT NOW** - so that once they have their final list it will be

as accurate as possible.

If all this sounds as though we are going to be busy all summer - don't believe it! We will all be taking time off for vacations and we hope that you will all be doing the same. On behalf of your Executive Committee, then, may I wish you a good summer and safe travelling to all those going on vacation.

Margaret M. Joughin
President

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION Financial Report Convention Isle of Man, July 11 - 14, 1976

Souvenir Book		
Receipts	\$ 924.91	
Expenses	808.22	\$116.69
Prize Distribution		
Receipts	1,321.25	
Expenses	464.67	856.58
Convention Receipts		
Registration	2,098.49	
Donations	190.00	
Total Receipts	2,288.49	
Expenses		
Advance Publicity & Registrations	159.81	
Projector Rental	18.60	
Majestic Hotel-Meals, etc.	1,609.81	
Pictures for Bulletin	8.37	
Tour Busses	280.86	
Tip to Hotel		
Staff-Meals	150.00	
Convention Chairman Expenses	212.51	
Convention Badges	18.89	
Miscellaneous	26.88	
Total Expenses	2,485.73	(197.24)
Net Proceeds		\$ 776.03

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Members over 50 years of age \$40.00

Members under 50 years of age \$50.00

THE LONG BOATS OF PITCAIRN ISLAND

The earliest recorded history of Pitcairn Island built boats dates from 1808, eighteen years after the famous "Bounty" mutiny. Like most Manx people, the Pitcairn Islanders have a certain portion of salt water flowing in their veins and have proven excellent craftsmen in addition to their navigation abilities.

In the late 1800's Queen Victoria sent a 33' lifeboat to the Island and the Pitcairn people named the lifeboat after the famous Queen, however, in the year 1911 they decided to build their own long boat and called it "Surprise". It is interesting to note that this boat served as a model for all boats built later. Evidently the handling abilities of this type of boat were excellent, capable of surviving the treacherous Pitcairn surf, while the Islanders were capable oarsmen coupled with helmsmanship they were able to travel to Henderson Island for MIRO wood landing their boat stern in on the coral and returning to the Island thro' Bounty Bay and landing on the extremely rugged beach filled with boiling surf and huge rocks.

Because these boats are built without blueprints or plan, only the eye of the practical craftsman can place the models, so that the finished boat will be functional yet aesthetically pleasing.

Interesting the construction of the Pitcairn long boat takes place on the lower plateau of the Island some 250' above the sea, here closer to the Islander's homes and the Island wood supply the sturdy lines which characterize the Pitcairn long boats takes form under the trees. All wood materials originally used in long boat construction were pain's takingly hand-hewn and pit-sawn, but these long boats have a unique role, the boats don't have the outwardly spiritual significance of Polynesian sailing craft, but are critically essential to the spirit of the Islanders as anything in that small universe.

Submitted by George Curphey.

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PINK SLIP TIME AGAIN

The pink slip you received with this issue of the Bulletin means that we are about to start a new year and that dues should be remitted to the Treasurer. The NAMA year starts on Aug. 1 so payment before this date would be appreciated. If you are a paid-up member, we suggest that you send the slip to a friend who might be interested in joining NAMA. Checks made payable in U.S. currency would be appreciated.

IT'S BICENTENNIAL TIMES FIVE FOR THE ISLE OF MAN IN 1979

By resolution of the Tynwald, the Isle of Man will celebrate the Millennium of that representative assembly -- the oldest continuing parliament in the world -- in 1979.

The resolution, introduced by Mrs. Hansen on March 22nd, noted that recent historical research indicates the founding of Tynwald by King Godred I Haraldson between 975 and 980 A. D., and called for the appointment of a Select Committee of that body to plan and coordinate the 1000th Anniversary. The Select Committee will work with the IOM Tourist Board and all other interested bodies. Mr. Delaney, in seconding the resolution observed that "The Americans last year celebrated their anniversary and our Sovereign Queen this year is celebrating hers and I would like to see a thousand years of Tynwald celebrated in an (equally) befitting manner."

The Tynwald has called upon Manx Societies throughout the world to consider ways they can participate in the once-in-a-thousand-years event, the Millennium of the "Grandmother of Parliaments." Perhaps 1979 would be the year of a general exodus for all American-Manx and Canadian-Manx to be, returning to their "roots" to witness and participate in the unique occasion. 1979, perhaps, should be the first and most important "home-coming" for NAMA members who have never visited Ellan Vannin previously, and the fitting opportunity for one more visit for those who have already made that important pilgrimage.

MANX STAMPS

A set of Manx postage stamps honoring Colonel William Christian was included in the contents of the Virginia Time Capsule, sealed at Yorktown on April 15th. The stamps, issued by the Post Office Authority in 1976 to commemorate the Manx-American hero of the American war of independence, was placed with other important memorabilia of the Bicentennial celebration in the two cubic foot aluminum container, along with a letter from Virginia's Governor, the Hon. Mills Godwin, to Virginia's governor in the year 2075. Mrs. Godwin had the honor of sealing the "time box".

Officiating at the ceremony at the Yorktown Victory Centre was the Hon. John W. Warner, former administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. He was accompanied by Mrs. Warner, the former Elizabeth Taylor.

YOUR CERTIFICATE



North American Manx Association

By virtue of Manx Ancestry or Family Association

Hilda Penrice

has upon nomination and approval, been registered
as a Member of the North American Manx Association

President

Dated this _____ day of _____ 19__

It is recorded that the NORSE ruled MAN for about 300 years from A.D. 950 to 1266, and during this time they completely revolutionized the island, and its people. They were a verile race and that their roots struck very deep is evident, for their blood still flows in Manx veins. Most noteworthy is that they instituted their mode of Government, namely "Tynwald" which is the oldest continuous Parliament in the world today, and is admired by many nations. One must not overlook the fact that the Isle of Man itself is a nation, although one of the smallest, if not the smallest nation in the world, being small is not detrimental, because a small jewel can posses and emit beauty. The "Manx" nation is as much a national entity as any other, no matter how large and powerful, and the story of our Homeland is immensely long and old. While "Man" is one of the oldest place names in the British Isles, it's meaning has long been the subject of speculation among scholars. It is evidently of pre-Celtic origin and appears in various forms: Mona, Manann, Ellan Vannin, etc., however, "Mannaanin Veg' Veen" (translated) still means "Dear little Isle of Man".

The Norse imposed stern discipline, and impressed their inspiration in a characteristic art for which we are truly grateful, and in various parts of the Island, and in particular the Northern Parishes many Scandana-vian beautiful, richly engraved, and sculptured stone slabs have been unearthed. These stones with their richly engraved Celtic crosses form a continuous series of monuments showing the Celtic influence and the

spread of development of Christian Art in the Kingdom of MAN seldom found elsewhere.

Thankfully many of these stones are now on display under cover at many of the churches throughout the Island and it is only fitting that a great deal of credit should be given to the late Phillip Kermode who devoted his life to MANX history and in preserving these monuments.

Referring to the outside border on your Certificate, this depicts the interesting chain which can be seen linking each of the corner crosses. This design or ring of chain is by "Gault" who was the first and greatest of our Norse Sculptors. It was he who originated the peculiar MANX decorative treatment of the head cross, also introduced a new pattern of the Ring Chain. The cross in each corner is known as "Thordeifs" Cross, also a great Norse sculptor, and this particular cross can be seen at Kirk Braddan church where it is admired by thousands. Similar designs are found on the other stones all with interlacing chain.

Within the Crest and at the top is the Three Legs of Man and it was during the 12th century that Alexander III of Scotland introduced the Three Legs as the Coat of Arms, however, the Three Legs was known on MAN and the Isles long before his time. It is reported that the Crusaders brought it from the East, where it had long been known in every country from Syria to Sicily.

Confirmation of the early introduction of the Three Legs into MAN is found in its representation on the Ancient MANX Ceromonial Sword of State.

The yellow shown represents the MANX National Flower the "CUSHAG", it also denotes the yellow gorse which displays a mass of brilliant yellow colour over the countryside during the months of July - August.

In the left hand side, the great Bould Eagle representing the United States, while on the right is the proud red Maple Leaf familiar as the emblem of Canada.

The surrounding circle in purple represents the purple heather spread as a huge coloured carpet over the mountains of the Island, truly a lovely sight to behold during the months of August - September.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Having received a Membership Certificate for perusal and comment I can only say they are beautiful and pleasing, after framing they would occupy a place of honour in anyone's home. Mr. George Curphy, our 3rd Vice-president has done a great job in the planning, the colour and designing and deserves the highest praise. I know all our members will be proud to own one. Actual size of Certificate, 11" x 8½.

The Editor.

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Plans for the future of the Manx Electric Railway may include a three year experimental re-opening of the closed northern line to Ramsey.

This was the proposition laid before Tynwald, the committee chaired by Mr. J. C. Nivison, M.L. C., warned that if the re-opening proves to be a success, all experts are agreed that it will be necessary to spend an estimated £600,000 on the line to Ramsey in the next 12 years.

FUTURE USE OF BISHOP'S COURT.

A delegation from the many groups on the Isle of Man were to approach the Select Tynwald Committee to consider the future of Bishop's Court and to submit practical suggestions that would make full use of the building and would also preserve the residence, the Tower, Bishop Wilson's Library and the Chapel, including the grounds with the fortifications, the ice-house and the oldest recorded trees in Mann. The buildings are undoubtedly among the most important in the Island as they represent the ecclesiastical history of the Manx Church.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Our annual card party held in May was again a success. Folks enjoyed the evening. There were table prizes, door prizes, and other items suitable for drawings. We are convinced this is a good way to raise funds for our convention donation to the N.A.M.A. and recommend it heartily to other societies.

Another yearly program idea that has proved popular with our membership is a potluck supper. June meeting is the date for this.

August 14th a basket picnic is to be held at the Grace Episcopal Church grounds in Willoughby, Ohio. We cordially invite any of you who might be in the area at that time to come. Contact any of our officers.

Our society has tried to include some of the traditional Manx events in their program planning. In keeping with this, we are having the Mhelliah (fall festival) in September. Donated food, etc. is given to deserving people through the minister of the church where we hold our meetings.

In October, another characteristic Manx "Sale of Work" will follow our meeting. Craft work, food, bakery, Manx goods, etc. are offered for purchase by our members. One is apt to find hand knitted or crocheted wear, ceramics, scones, bonnags--plus much more.

Are you planning ahead to come to Cleveland for the fiftieth anniversary convention of the N.A.M.A.? We hope to see YOU there. Come celebrate in '78!

WASHINGTON D. C., AREA MANX SOCIETY FORMED

On April 15th, an organizing committee, under the chairmanship of Edward F. Sayle, met at the home of Robert Comaish and formed the "Greater Washington, D.C., Area Manx Society," the first such Manx society to be formed in the mid-Atlantic area. The new group, which has been formed for social and fraternal purposes, is offering membership to 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 on the Isle.

The summer months will be used by the new society to gain qualified

members throughout the region, and it's first dinner meeting is slated for late summer of early fall. Those interested in joining are urged to write to Robert C. Camaish, the found: president of the society, 9332 Sibelius Drive, Vienna Virginia 22180.

Garrick Lightowler was elected Vice-president; Mary Hayslett is the secretary; and Shirley Comish is the Treasurer. The Board of Governors, which will have basic responsibility for the affairs of the society and will set its policies consists of Mary Elizabeth Lightowler (two year term), Eugene Carine (three year term) and Edward Sayle (four year term).

John W. Comish has been appointed liaison between the new Society and the World Manx Association. The new organization will also be active in the activities of the NAMA.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31st, 1976

In reviewing the activities of the World Manx Association during the past twelve months, I can say with pleasure that we have been able to be of service to our kinsfolk in various parts of the World and in particular to the N. American Manx Association by assisting in the arrangement of entertainment for the President's Reception on July 11th, the opening date of their Convention in the Isle of Man and also for the Banquet on July 14th, the closing date of a very successful convention. It was my privilege and joy to respond to the toast to the W.M.A. at the Banquet, when it was proposed in appreciative terms by the Rev. J. Caley, Ph.D., President of the N.A.M.A. It was very pleasing too, to assist in certain arrangements which were more easily carried out on this side of the Atlantic and of course to meet and welcome all our homecoming Manx folk.

The W.M.A. "At Home" held in February 1976, enjoyed outstanding success, some 120 members attending at the Castle Mona Hotel. The children - members of the Fushau Varrev Choir, under the baton of Miss Norma Cowell (who is a niece of the late Barbara Cowell) - charmed us all with their sweet voices and disciplined manner. This was indeed a feature of the evening. Guests were Percy Radcliffe, MHK., and Mrs. Radcliffe.

The July 5th Annual Gathering had excellent support from our members and Homecomers and all were cordially welcomed by the President and Officials at Castle Mona Hotel. It proved to be a very happy afternoon although we missed some of our friends who were not coming to Ellan Vannin until the following Sunday when the Convention was to commence. However, it was most gratifying to have with us a goodly number of Australasian homecomers who made up the total of almost 200 people present, including members of the British Manx Societies.

October 29th brought us to the Annual T. E. Brown Dinner at "Castle Mona" when all present listened with great interest to Major Geoff Crellin, MLC., expound on the life of Brown and whilst being factual, the inclusion of several recited selections from the poets works added much to our pleasure.

Mrs. Ena Gelling, J.P., was heard to good effect in her singing of several beautiful Manx songs and was accompanied on the pianoforte by Mrs. Betty Radcliffe.

The outings held from May until September were capably organized by Mr. Evan Cain, MBE., FSCA., with the Sunday Outing being the largest and closing with the attendance of the party for Evening Service at the lovely Kirk German in Peel.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the British Manx Societies who carry out the splendid work of visiting patients from the Island who have to be in Hospitals in areas where Societies are established. This is a work with a blessing and I often hear warm tributes given by appreciative relatives and friends of the sick.

In according thanks to my Officials and Committee, I would also say how grateful I am to all members who loyally support the W.M.A. This means a great deal to President and Officials alike. I extend thanks most heartily to the press and Manx Radio for their valued services at all times.

Doris M. Clague

W.M.A. EXECUTIVE

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Vice Chairman	
Outings Leader	Mr. Evan Cain
Treas.	W. P. Waid
Secretary	Mrs. B. Cain
Corres. Sec.	Mrs. M. Weiler
Social Sec.	Mrs. N. Quiggin

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION EVENTS - 1977

May 19th (Thurs.) - Leaving Villa Marina Colonnade, Douglas at 2.30 p.m.

June 16th (Thurs.) - Evening Outings Leaving - 6.30 p.m.

July 10th (Sunday) - Leaving 2.15 p.m. party will attend Evening Service at a Church - 6.30 p.m.

August 11th (Thurs.) - Leaving - 2.30 p.m. for North of the Island.

September 15th (Thurs.) - Leaving - 2.30 p.m. for South of the Island.

All Outings leave Villa Marina, please book with Outings Leader - Mr. Evan Cain, Tel. Douglas 21665.

PEORIA MANX ASSOCIATION

We request your presence at the annual pot-luck dinner, Sunday, July 24, 1977 at Glen Oak Park Pavilion in Peoria, Illinois at 12:30 p.m. Bring food and your own table service, please. We hope to see you there.

Mrs. Robert McClintock, Jr.
Box 266, R.R. 2
Chillicothe, IL 61523
Phone 579-2686

MR. BILL LAHMERS

There was much regret at the sudden death in Toronto, Canada, of Mr. Bill Lahmers, this was briefly reported in the March edition of the Bulletin. The late Mr. Lahmers held the office of President of the Toronto Manx Society at the time of his death, he was a long time member of the N.A.M.A.

He was well known on the Isle of Man as a fine musician and was a brother of Mr. Steve Lahmers who is also a popular personality in the bands and orchestras on the Island. Bill was a saxophone player of great ability and he also had a pleasant baritone voice, while he lived on the Isle of Man he was a member of the Lon Dhoo Choir. He retired in 1959 and after a year, he and his wife came to Toronto, Canada to join their elder daughter and her husband and five children, their younger daughter Maureen later came to Canada.

Mr. Lahmers was within a few days of his 68th birthday when he died, he is survived by his wife, two daughters, grandchildren, his brother Steve, and a sister Mrs. Elma Higham, of Preston, England.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mary Elizabeth Roseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roseman of Maple Heights, Ohio and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, graduates on June seventh from Maple Heights High School. She is Secretary of the National Honor Society and a member of the High School Choir.

Mary will be entering Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio as a Science Major in September. Because of her high scholastic records, she has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship of \$500.00 a year.

Mary has also been busy in Rainbow Girls this past year. She was Grand Pro-Tem for the State of Ohio for the year 1976-1977 and has just received the Grand Cross of Colour in Rainbow, an honor award for all her work and service.

Congratulations to Mrs. Margaret Abell, of Cleveland Ohio, who recently celebrated her 94th birthday on Sunday April 24th, Mrs. Abell has been a long time member of NAMA and the Cleveland Manx, she resides with her daughter, Mrs. M. Krach.

Miss Alice Garrett, Rochester N.Y., sent me the following account of her trip South, this Spring.

After leaving Buffalo in a blizzard, we traveled through some fourteen States with New Orleans as our destination. Spring became more evident as we traveled South.

We arrived in Natchez, Mississippi during their spring festival and enjoyed visiting many of the beautiful old Southern Mansions. The gardens were at their best and displayed beautiful flowers of all types.

We were also there for the Confederate Pageant. Groups were there from all over the United States and Canada.

My desire for such a long time to see Bellingrath Gardens was finally satisfied. The display of thousands of colourful azalea was truly breath taking.

Took advantage of our stop in Atlanta, Georgia to visit my niece.

CLEVELAND MEDAL WINNER

The winner of the Cleveland Medal which was awarded at the Manx Music Festival (The Guild) in Douglas, Isle of Man in April, was Mrs. Dorothy Cannon of Douglas.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. James Waters of Detroit, Michigan, recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on March 28th 1977. James was born on the Isle of Man and he still remembers vividly his boyhood haunts; Cronkbourne Village and in and around Tromode above the present Clucas's Laundry. His father Patrick Waters was employed at the Flax Mill which later closed down, his Mother was Martha Moore from Malew, his grandfather - William Moore was Coachman at the Great Meadows Estate. His paternal grandfather one Patrick Waters was brought to the Isle of Man from Armagh, N. Ireland. James served in the first world war, after he was demobbed at the age of 20 years, he served on the Police Force in Liverpool. He met his future wife on Douglas Prom, she was on holiday from Liverpool, they have lived in the City of Detroit for 53 years.

They have two daughters, 10 grandchildren and an even dozen great-grandchildren. Their oldest daughter is married to a Methodist Minister, she is also an administrator on the Detroit Board of Education, their second daughter is presently Industrial Co-ordinator in two suburban High Schools. James is indeed proud of his Mnax heritage, he visited the Isle of Man in 1970 for the NAMA Convention, three sisters and a brother still reside on the Island. Mr. Waters writes prose and poems, always about his beloved Isle of Man,-

"Oh! to be in Manxland, now that April is here!

The primrose in the hedges, I'm sure you almost hear.

They hide their timid faces right near the violets blue.

And nearby in the bushes, I see the hedgehog who

is rolled into a neat, wee ball

Awaiting for the sun's warm call

To wake him from his sleep".

Jim Waters,
1445 18th Street,
Detroit, Mich. 48216. U.S.A.

The Isle of Man Post Office recently announced that the best selling stamp for the year 1974/75 issued by the Manx Post Office Authority was the 5th p Cleveland Pioneers stamps of which 1,000,000 were printed and 999,802 sold before the issue was withdrawn from sale, as is customary after a certain period.

Did you know there is a mountain named Snaefells in Iceland about 75 miles from Reykjavik?

A FEW COPIES STILL AVAILABLE, SO HURRY!

For those "lazy summer days" ahead, pick up a good book and be informed. The Isle of Man is a beautiful, fascinating island, and where better to acquire its history, facts, and personal enjoyment first-hand than to read the book "The Isle of Man - A Social, Cultural and Political History" by R. H. Kinvig.

A check, in the amount of \$12.50, and made out to Mrs. Helen Clucas, 451 Cannonbury Dr., Webster Groves, Mo., 63119, will bring it to you promptly.

"ELLAN VANNIN 1977"

After a delightful visit "home to the Isle of Man and England", Hilda and Sam Penrice, arrived back in Canada, May 3rd. Everything went off perfectly, except the weather, which was rainy, cold and damp most of the month they were on vacation, but nevertheless they had a great time visiting with family and friends. Hilda has a brother, Authur in England, while Sam still has two sisters on the Island, Mrs. Duke in Douglas and Mrs. Wade in Logan, also two brothers in England.

They spent Easter on the Island, visiting St. Olave's Church in Ramsey on Easter Sunday, this is where they were married 36 years ago on April 8th 1939.

The World Manx Association entertained them to afternoon tea at the Castle Mona Hotel where they were welcomed by Miss Doris Clague, President, and member of the WMA executive, Mrs. Myrra Johnston of Scottsdale, Arizona, was also a guest. Mrs. Johnston is a daughter of the late Mr. Walter Stevenson, who was well known in Manx circles.

Sam called on the Isle of Man Tourist Board and met with Mr. Edgar Cottier re - Manx Films for distribution on the North American Continent. They enjoyed a very pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Boulton, Sydney is well known to our NAMA members, he has attended several Conventions and is the popular Editor of the Isle of Man "Examiner"

Before leaving the Island on April 19th, they enjoyed morning coffee with the Misses Doris and Mabel Clague. Returning to England they toured Devon, Cornwall, South and North Wales, when the sun shone - which was not too often - the scenery was beautiful.

Many Manx folk were interested in our next Convention and as plans go forward, we could have the opportunity of welcoming our Manx kin to Cleveland, Ohio in 1978.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Due to lack of space in the two previous issues of the Bulletin the following Statement was held over. We feel it will be of interest to our members.

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUGUST 1st, 1975 - JULY 31st, 1976

On Hand - August 1, 1975		\$8,011.38
Receipts		
Dues	\$3,080.85	
Convention (partial)	1,603.25	
Interest	404.70	
Book Project	180.00	
Gifts	20.00	
Exchange	1.60	
Total Receipts		5,290.40
Disbursements		
Printing-Bulletin	1,425.19	
Editor's Expenses	209.50	
Treasurer's Expenses	131.81	
Executive Committee Meeting	300.76	
Book Project	224.25	
Treasurer, Editor & Secretary Allowances	556.00	
Miscellaneous	43.20	
Convention (partial)	1,539.81	
Total Disbursements		4,430.52
On Hand - July 31, 1976		\$8,871.26
Account Balances - July 31, 1976		
Orland State Bank - Checking Account		\$ 582.72
Orland State Bank - Savings Account		5,592.47
1st Federal Savings & Loan of Chicago		1,481.10
Royal Bank of Canada		1,214.97

Clarence E. Creer
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



L to R: Mr. Sydney Boulton, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice, Mrs. S. Boulton,

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

by Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
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In the last Buletin, I mentioned a collection of articles I had on the various parishes on the Isle of Man. From your responses I will try to have a series of articles on this subject. This month we will review the PARISH OF PATRICK, and particularly FOXDALE, in response to a request from Mr. Robert C. Camaish of Vienna, Virginia.

The coastline of the Parish of Patrick, in the Sheading of Glenfaba, is very rugged and composed mainly of high, jagged cliffs and sharp narrow beaches with scarcely any sand.

Patrick is divided from Parish of German by the River Neb, with the boundaries of both parishes going through the center of St. Patrick's Isle. The parish is dedicated to St. Patrick and the area is 10634 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres. It is 6 miles long and about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles broad.

It is bounded on the North by Kirk German; on the South by Kirk Christ Rushen, Kirk Arbov and Kirk Malew; on the East by Kirk Marown and Kirk Malew; and on the West by the sea.

Some of the surnames common in this parish are Quane, Cowley, Quirk and Kneen.

Patrick Parish includes Dalby, with its wonderful beaches; Knockaloe, the experimental farm of the Insular Board of Agriculture which has done much to improve the standard of farming in the Island; Glen Maye, one of the loveliest pieces of green glen scenery in the Island; Niarbyl, derived from Yn Arbyl (Celtic) meaning "the tail"; and Slieu Whallin, slieu meaning mountain. Foxdale takes on its name from the Viking "Foss" meaning waterfall and "Dall" meaning valley, and from the Scandinavian "Forsdair" meaning waterfall dale or valley of waterfall. In the old records it is also shown as "Ffoxdaile" and "Ffoxdall".

Foxdale itself is a village of little scenic value, but it has much history, for this was one of the main mining centres of the last century, and many ruins on the mountainside surrounding the village still remain. Old rough stone mine shafts and chimneys dot the landscape and mounds of "spoil" deposited by the mines still remain.

Foxdale produced some of the finest silver ore in Britian in the 1800's. These mines were the most productive in the Kingdom and were closed down in 1911 after having been worked for over a century.

The only hotel in the village was built in 1887 and is still a very comfortable Country Inn, completely modernized, where the best of food and drink is available.

It is said that the bakery in East Foxdale is one of the best on the Island because the crystal clear spring water from the mountains enhances the quality of their products.

MR. CHARLIE FELTON AND HIS MAGNIFICENT MEASURING MACHINE

There may be some in this fast moving world who believe there's no room for the old way of doing things but Charlie Felton, who runs Peel's oldest ironmongers and hardware store isn't one of them.

The paint and polishes may be sold in bright tin and plastic containers and paid for with "new money" but there's one corner of the old store which hasn't changed for nearly 100 years.

Standing regal among all the other products of the 20th century is a unique piece of measuring apparatus which towers almost seven foot tall and bears a royal coat of arms.

This ornate paraffin pump, which is believed to be almost 100 years old, was originally manufactured in Worksop, but the pump has spent its entire "working life" in Charlie's shop at 7 Michael Street.

This rare piece of apparatus comprises of a tall glass cylinder with a number of bright china discs suspended inside, each disc having a different measurement marked on it. The glass cylinder stands on an ornamental cast iron stand which is capped with a Royal Coat of Arms.

"The pump is operated by a brass topped wooden handle, similar in appearance to the pumps found on the bar of a Public House" says Charlie, "and each time a customer requires paraffin, the liquid is pumped into the cylinder to be measured, before being emptied through a funnel at the base of the pump into a container."

The copper pipes, polished wood, brass fittings and ornate ironwork blend together with the glass and china to form a beautiful machine, surely a credit to the craftsmen who carefully constructed it all those years ago.

And Charlie verifies that the pump still works perfectly today giving exact, in fact slightly generous measure of paraffin in a clean and practical way.

"I don't think a day goes by when I don't use it," he said.

DO YOU KNOW?

The following question and answer appeared in A Canadian Magazine the - "old saying" explanation is a new one. -

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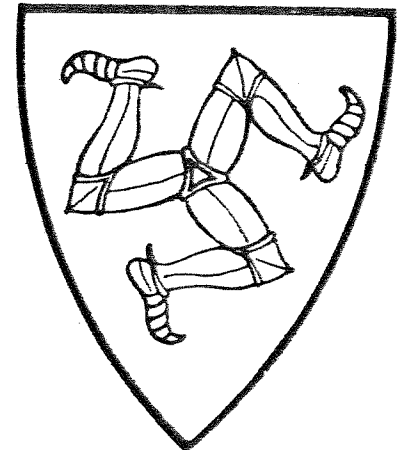
Can you find out where the three-legged man that is the symbol of the Isle of Man originated?

Kathy Hall, Watson, Sask.

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From the island's arms, which, as people who like corny humor love to point out, are legs.

In proper heraldic language the shield is described as "gules, three legs armed, conjoined in fesse at the thighs, flexed in triangle, proper booted and spurred, or." Translated, that means, three legs in armor, bent at the knee and joined at the thigh, ornamented in gold on a red background.



THE ISLE OF MAN'S ARMS

The "three legs" of Man first appeared sometime during the 14th century on the village cross of Kirk Maughold, then, in 1395, on the shield of Sir William le Scrope, king of Man, but no one is sure of its origin. One old saying — another bad joke — is based on the Isle of Man's location. If you imagined the shield stuck on a map over the island, you'd know why people say that "the Isle of Man kneels to England, kicks at Scotland, and spurns Ireland."

ROUND 'N ROUND WE GO

A California Manx cat became so enamored with riding on his owner's stereo turntable that he became depressed when it was covered. To placate him, his thoughtful masters gave him an old, child's record player ... now he rides to his heart's content.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTIAN, Joseph Percy, passed away on February 19th, 1977, at the age of 87. The late Mr. Christian was born in Peel, Isle of Man and came to Cleveland, Ohio in May 1906. He was active for many years in Manx organizations, a long time member of NAMA and a veteran of World War 1. He is survived by his wife Lila and one son Thomas, 2 grandchildren. Interment was in Springfield Memorial Cemetery on February 22nd, 1977.

CLUCAS, Louis of Vancouver, B.C., Canada passed away March 8, 1977. Mr. Clucas was born in the Strang House, Braddan, Isle of Man on May 9, 1909 and came to Canada as a young man. He is survived by his wife Violet; a daughter Sheilagh (Mrs. Jean L'Abbe); a son Terry; and a sister Molly (Mrs. J. Hilary Curphey) of Colby, Isle of Man and several neices and nephews. Funeral services were held March 11 at the Anglican Church in Vancouver.

COLLISTER, Mrs. Thomas (Jessie) of Galva, Illinois died March 18 in Kewanee Public Hospital. Services were held in Galva with Rev. Fred Norman in charge. Burial in Galva Cemetery.

Surviving are a son Norman, a daughter Mrs. Willard (Mary) Linbom, both of R.R. Galva, Illinois, 61434, also nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One sister-in-law Mrs. Morris Speedie resides at St. Marks, Isle of Man.

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CUBBON, Miss Edith A., of Hemet, California passed away on Easter Sunday April 10th 1977. She was born on March 23rd 1889 in Pt. Erin Isle of Man. She was the eldest of six children born to Thomas and Margaret Jane (nee Kennah) Cubbon. She came with her parents to the United States in 1891, and settled in Seattle Wash., later moving to Issaquah, Wash., where her father worked in the mines, he later opened a grocery business. The late Miss Cubbon was educated in Issaquah schools, then went to business College in Seattle, she worked at the Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton, Wash., becoming chief clerk in charge of the Machine Shop office for 32 years. She retired in 1949, she resided with her sister, Ruth H. Cubbon and her brother, Nelson K. Cubbon of Hemet, California. She is also survived by two sisters, Margaret Jane Laney, of Seattle, Wash., and

Bessie D Reed of Escondido, California. She was pre-deceased by a brother, William in 1976 of Seattle Wash.

The late Miss Cubbon was a long time member of the NAMA, and had held the office of President and Secretary of the Seattle Manx Society during the Thirties, she attended many NAMA Conventions. She visited the Isle of Man in 1930 and again in 1962.

KERMODE, Harold W., 81, of Kewanee, Illinois died Thursday April 21, in Kewanee Public Hospital where he had been admitted a few hours earlier. A native of Laxey, Isle of Man, he came to America in 1912, settling in the LaFayette, Illinois vicinity, where he farmed until his retirement in 1960 when he moved to Kewanee, Illinois.

During W.W. 1, he served in France and was a member of American Legion and the former Galva Drum and Bugle Corps.

Survivors include his widow Elsie (Kennaugh) whom he married March 1, 1922, a son Harold L., Princeton, Indiana, two daughters: Audrey (Mrs. Bill Briggs) Kewanee, and Elsie (Mrs. James Taylor) of Peoria, Illinois. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Galva, with his pastor Rev. Fred Reiner of LaFayette in charge. Military rites were in charge of the Galva Fusiliers.

His parents, 4 sisters and 2 brothers preceded him in death.

Burial was in Galva cemetery.

METEYER, Marjorie S. age 55, on March 12th 1977, Orlanda, Florida, formerly of the Rochester Manx Society. Survived by her husband, two sons, two daughters; 12 grandchildren and a brother Charles V. Sundlof, Jr., Dansville, N.Y.

MEMORIAL PLANTATION

Perhaps not too many of our members are aware that memorial trees may now be planted at Axnfel, Laxey, Isle of Man. What better way to remember our loved ones than to plant a tree on Manx soil.

I believe the authority to contact is the Isle of Man Forestry Board, Isle of Man. They would furnish full particulars.

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

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

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there thy hand shall lead me and thy right hand shall hold me."

Due to the energy crisis, or health or financial limitations, many of us may not be doing the traveling we'd like to do this summer--and in the future. Perhaps only in our imaginations will we be able to "take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea..." We believe that God gave us imaginations so that we could envision great things and dream superb dreams. And--as the poet said--"He gave us memories so that in December we might smell the flowers of May." Thank God for lovely memories! One of the elderly ladies of our church, now almost blind and in a nursing home, told us, "Some folks say to me, 'Why are you always talking about the old times?'--and I answer, 'Because I have such beautiful memories of them, I can re-live them over and over.'"

Of course, it is not right for us to live only in the past, pleasant or not. Jesus taught that we are to live in the vital present, and deal with it faithfully. Each day we can say, "This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" The real message of the Psalmist here, however, is that in whatever place or situation he found himself, God was always there, and would be, in all the far reaches of the future. If we can believe this, then nothing that happens to us or our loved ones can defeat us, for we are children of an eternal, loving Father.

Herbert G. Kelly

THE LIL' FOLK

A new great-granddaughter for Mrs. Cyril (Edith) Gurney of Avon Lake, Ohio is Kelly Christine Haldeman, who was born March 8, 1977 to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Haldeman of Redondo Beach, California. Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haldeman, making Mona and Ray the proud grandparents.

Birth

Jason Ronald Taylor was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Taylor of East Peoria, Illinois, Friday January 7, 1977. He is welcomed by a 3 year old sister Mindy Sue. Mrs. Harold Kermode is the proud great-grandmother.
