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"To preserve whatever is left us of ancient heritage"

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EXECUTIVE REPORT

For those of us who live above the snowline the arrival of the March Bulletin is a welcome sign that winter is almost past and that warmer weather is on the way. This has been a particularly bad winter so that no-one will be sorry to see it come to an end.

As far as N.A.M.A. is concerned we have hopes, as you will see below, of accomplishing quite a lot this year in addition to planning the convention which is reported on elsewhere in the Bulletin. Plans for that are going well under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edna Cowin in Cleveland.

MEMORIAL FUND

The treasurer, Clarence Creer, has asked that we remind you that donations in memory of deceased members can be made to the N.A.M.A. Memorial Fund.

The fund was set up some years ago to be used for purposes which are considered worthwhile and appropriate by the Executive Committee and donations can be sent to Clarence at 14228 Union Avenue, Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

The use of the fund was discussed at the executive meeting held in Cleveland last September and it was decided that part of it should be used to pay for the publication of the membership directory commemorating the 50th anniversary of N.A.M.A. and that this would be stated in the directory. It was felt that this would be a suitable project for which to use the fund.

MEMBERSHIP

Since N.A.M.A. is celebrating its 50th year the Executive thought it would be appropriate if we launched a membership drive to see if we could get 50 or more new members before the July 1st deadline for printing the new membership directory.

If we all do our best to get at least one new member by:

- persuading younger members in the family to join;
 - seeking out Manx names in the local phone book and contacting them;
 - getting former members to rejoin;
- we would really have achieved

something in our 50th year. To help you make contact with Manx people in your area we are drawing up a publicity leaflet which will list more common Manx names and will give information on N.A.M.A. and how to join. Copies will be sent to local societies for distribution to their members and individual N.A.M.A. members can request copies from the secretary: Mrs. Elizabeth Clucas, 1541 East, 191st, Apt. K605, Euclid, Ohio, 44117.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

Almost all members have now applied for their membership certificates and will already have received theirs. If yours has not yet arrived it is probably one of the few that were damaged in the mail and have had to be sent back to George Curphy to be redone and you should be getting it before too long. If you don't receive it soon, please check with either George or myself to see what is happening. If you have not sent in your application there is still time - so do it now.

GROUP FLIGHT

Plans are going ahead in the Island for a group flight bringing Manx friends over to attend our Golden Jubilee Convention in September. Miss Doris Clague, President of the World Manx Association, and Mr. Jack Cretney of Chapman's tours are working together on the project. The group would come on a regular service flight but at a reduced rate since they would be required to pay for their tickets approximately two months in advance. Unlike a charter flight, it is not necessary to belong to an association to join the group so if you have any relatives or friends who would like to take the trip, just ask them to get in touch with Mr. Cretney who is investigating possible dates and flight times and will be publishing them in the Manx press.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

N.A.M.A. is to be greatly honoured this year by the issuing of a stamp commemorating its 50th anniversary by the Isle of Man Post Office Authority. This stamp, along with two stamps commemorating the Hon. James K. Ward, a great 19th century

Manx Canadian, will be presented at CAPEX 78, the philatelic exhibition being held in Toronto from June 9th to 18th. We will have further information about the stamps, and possibly illustrations of them, in the June Bulletin but in the meantime anyone wishing to have further information about the exhibition can write to CAPEX 78, Box 204, Postal Station 8, Toronto M4T 2M1.

N.A.M.A. CREST

The official use of the N.A.M.A. Crest and symbols for a stamp has involved us in the discussion as to which is the correct direction for the three legs to run. After a great deal of research Tynwald has decided that the toes should point in a clockwise direction and this meant that N.A.M.A. was "running" backwards. This was discussed at great length at the executive meeting last September and it was decided that we should conform to what is being done elsewhere and reverse the three legs on our crest. We will use up old stationery etc. which is already printed but any new items printed will bear the reversed crest. The new membership certificates were unfortunately printed before this decision was made so they will continue to have the three legs "running in reverse".

Margaret Joughin,
President.

**COME ABOARD
FOR OUR . . .
GOLDEN JUBILEE
CONVENTION**

**REMEMBER THE DATE —
SEPTEMBER 22nd-25th, 1978.**

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MANX "WAR CRIMES" TRIAL OPENS IN STRASBOURG

The trial of the Isle of Man before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, opened January 17. The tiny island stands accused of violation of Article 3, "Prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment," in the 1972 conviction of a Manx youth for criminal assault. The youth received three strokes of the birch after losing the case on appeal.

An interesting aspect of the trial is that the vote of the European Human Rights Commission, condemning the Isle of Man by a vote of 14 to 1, preceded it. As one wag has pointed out, "the I.O.M. was convicted in absentia, now must have a hearing to find out what its sentence will be." The sentence will be handed down in the spring. If the judges find against the Manx, the British Parliament will have to decide whether to ignore the court or create a political storm by overruling the Manx Tynwald, its parliament, and prohibiting the practice. The situation is particularly delicate for Britain which claims the I.O.M. to be semi-autonomous, a status similar to that being sought by Scotland with some modification. Any move against the Isle of Man could not fail to be noticed by the Scotch nationalists already skeptical of Britain's promises. With next year the ceremonial millennium of the Tynwald, Britain faces the problem of telling the Manx that the 1000 year anniversary is a sham, and that Manx "independence" is a hollow phrase.

On the island, a petition has been circulated defending the practice of "birching" as a contemporary custom there, with 31,000 of the island's 44,000 voters affixing their signatures. Manxman Howard Simcocks, an attorney who has sat in the House of Keys for 21 years, said that "This whole Strasbourg thing is about as phony as it can be. That court was set up to prevent torture in the concentration camps, not interfere in our lives. Anyway, the most important human right is the right of the ordinary human being to a Queen's peace." Peggy Irving, who recently led a 3,000 strong pro-birching march in Douglas, the largest public demonstration ever staged there, told the press that "We don't want to become like the rest of Britain. The country is becoming so degraded and decadent, and the people are so demoralized. It's so disgusting over there."

The Manx view is not all one-sided however. Jack Nivison, another member of the House of Keys, while admitting that the level of violence on the Isle of Man is much lower than comparable crime statistics of Britain

as a whole, said "I don't think that violence should be corrected by violence. I think we ought to make our laws according to the New Testament, not according to the Old Testament."

The Manx claim to have been booby-trapped. They indicate that originally the British government asked them to accede to the international convention which prevents torture of prisoners in cells and preparing them for show trials. That commitment is now being used against the island, and a reluctant Queen's Counsel was assigned to defend the Manx position before the hostile European court.

One writer, noting the importance the Europeans have placed on the trial of the Isle of Man, jokingly asked if Idi Amin was to be one of the judges.

The Queen's Counsel Mr. L. J. Blom-Cooper would have with him at the "trial" the Island's Attorney General, Mr. J. W. Corrin. Jack Corrin is the son of the late Evan and Dorothy Corrin, of Douglas, Isle of Man, he is a cousin of Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Secretary of the Bisbee Manx Society.

PROTESTS ON I.O.M. ARE TYPICALLY MANX

The protest movement, all too familiar with those who experienced it in North America during the sixties, has arrived on the Isle of Man -- but with a distinctive Manx flavor.

On New Year's Day, a small group formed to protest a Manx by-law prohibiting the handing-out of leaflets on the streets of Douglas, formed to pass-out leaflets in deliberate violation of the law. After passing out scores of leaflets reading "Happy New Year" the demonstrators marched to the Douglas Police Station to "confess" their crimes. There, a constable warned them about such misconduct and sent them packing.

A week later, a group describing themselves as "non-violent Manx nationalists" passed out leaflets claiming the by-law to be a restriction of freedom and strikes at the roots of Manx democracy.

And, a bit over a week later, 3000 Manx supporters of "birching" marched in the streets of Douglas, creating the largest public demonstration ever staged on the island.

Yet another by-law being targeted by protesters is one which forbids women to bathe within 100 yards of any male person on the Douglas front. It will be interesting to see how a typically-Manx protest of that by-law will be staged by the new breed of non-violent demonstrators.

**HALF CENTURY
CELEBRATION IN
ROCKY RIVER, OHIO**

Rocky River, Ohio the site of the 1978 GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION is a pleasant orderly city of about 24,000 people. Most of the 4½ sq. mile area is devoted to residence.

Our hotel, the Sheraton-Rocky River, is one of the famous Sheraton chain and offers all features to insure a happy stay and its location in the Westgate area is most convenient.

Westgate Shopping Centre consists of eighty-three stores and shops, undercover, within a short walking distance from the Sheraton. There are many specialty shops plus several larger department stores with their unlimited range from gifts to clothing and housewares. There are four beautiful theaters showing the latest movies.

The Sheraton food is excellent but for the in-between hours no one need go hungry. There are many fine restaurants including a wide range of the famous American fast food establishments nearby. One can eat whatever and whenever they desire at costs they find desirable.

Rocky River is about 9 miles west of Cleveland. There are city and Greyhound bus lines direct to Westgate. It is about a fifteen minute drive to Hopkins International Airport. Interstate highways will bring the motorist direct with a minimum of city driving. Its twenty minute location from the Ohio Turnpike, Ohio 90 or Ohio 71 enhances its accessibility.

The Westgate area also is the location of many new office buildings housing some of the most prominent corporations. In order to handle pedestrians safely the streets are well lighted and traffic lines marked. The Police are well trained and courteous; they feature the finest emergency medical ambulatory service to three hospitals within a three mile radius of the city. There are eleven churches of various denominations; many gasoline stations offering complete car service; several automobile sales agencies with service facilities; and several banking institutions.

May we urge Islanders to come to the Convention after their busy season is over and relax in the Sheraton and enjoy its pool, sauna baths and other niceties offered. September weather is traditionally nice and a comfortable 70°F.

Do plan to come to Rocky River for the GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION, and let us show you what a beautiful site we have selected. Naturally we want to make this an

outstanding milestone in the history of our organization but will need the help of our membership to reach the ultimate in success. Plan to meet your friends and relatives and have a holiday you will long remember. The Cleveland Manx are anxious to welcome YOU!

***** REMEMBER THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 22 - 25, 1978 *****
Robert S. Cowin
Convention Publicity Chairman

**CONVENTION
ACCOMMODATION.**

In a recent letter from Mr. Jack Cretney, of Chapman's Travel Agents, Douglas, Isle of Man, he informs me of his efforts in promoting suitable air flights by A.B.C. and scheduled Airlines with the appropriate routes, to enable members of the W.M.A. and some counterparts in England to travel to the N.A.M.A. Convention.

To quote from his letter "A number of our members would find the total cost of air flights and hotels for a period of approximately 2 weeks rather expensive, more particularly if they have no immediate relatives or friends in the vicinity of Cleveland. I shall be pleased to hear whether any of the North American Manx Association members are in a position to offer some hospitality at reduced rates from an accommodation viewpoint" unquote.

If any of our members can help in this respect, please get in touch with - Mr. Jack Cretney, c/o W. H. Chapman Ltd., Travel Agents, 53 Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.

**THREE LEGS OF MAN
EMBLEM.**

On a visit to the Isle of Man, Mr. Kenneth Collister of Elkhart, Indiana, purchased some horse brasses embossed with the three legs emblem, he has made belt buckles out of them, making the belts for family and Manx friends. The belt is black, top-grain cowhide, 1¾ wide, with solid brass I.O.M. buckle, these belts would make splendid gifts, if any of our members are interested, please get in touch with - Mr. Kenneth Collister, 21792 Co. Rd., 10 East, Elkhart, Indiana, 46514.

The present Membership Directory was last published in 1950. It contains the names and addresses of all members and officers at that time. Those fortunate enough to own one have found them very useful throughout the years.

Your convention committee has decided to take on the task of bringing it up to date and publishing a new one, which will be made available at the time of the 1978 convention.

This commemorative issue will contain the names and addresses of all members in good standing as of July 1, 1978, so be sure your dues are up to date. Check your records now to be sure and if you find your 1978 dues are not paid, mail them as soon as possible as we know everyone wants to be included in this fine MEMBERS ONLY publication.

Send 1978 dues to the Treasurer - Mr. Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Illinois 60462.

**PASTOR CALEY
EXITS PARISH.**

In September 1977, the Rev. James Cowin Caley, rector of St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church, Huntington Beach, California, retired from active ministry, we of the North American Manx Association know him better as Jim, past President of NAMA, past President of the Southern California Manx Society and a true and dedicated Manxman, a great story teller and a student of the Manx language. James Cowin Caley was born on the Isle of Man at Conrheny, Onchan. In his early years he was educated on the Isle of Man, coming to Canada he attended the University of Western Ontario, London, Ont. He was ordained Deacon and Priest by the Bishop of Huron, Canada. He married a Canadian - Clarice Walker and they have two children and grandchildren.

The Rev. Caley has spent almost 45 years in the ministry, twelve as Rector of St. Wilfrids, his wife Clarice is a talented musician, she too served as organist at St. Wilfrids, in retirement the Caleys will have more time to travel and to work more on their music they have recorded albums of sacred music.

It was a great moment when almost every parishioner of St. Wilfrids attended a reception to bid farewell to their Rector and to wish both he and Mrs. Caley a happy retirement and good wishes for the future.

The Executive and members of the NAMA would also like to express good wishes to Jim and Clarice for a happy future, but that they will still find time to continue their interest in the NAMA, the Isle of Man and Manx folk everywhere.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

Greetings from the Vancouver Manx Society and all good wishes for 1978. A very successful Manx Tea and Election of Officers held at St. David's Church Hall in November, wound up our activities for 1977, about 40 people attending. The results of the election were as follows.

President - Mrs. Peter Tregellis
Vice-Pres. - Mr. Terry McCaffrey
Sec. - Mr. Peter Tregellis
Treas. - Mrs. Mona Witsten.

A new committee was also elected with several people taking office for the first time. A highlight of the evening was a presentation of Vancouver Manx Society Memorabilia by Eden Costain. This consisted of numerous photographs, old and new, programmes and records of the Society dating back many years. Everyone present had a great time browsing through all these interesting items.

Another pleasant feature of the evening was a surprise baby shower for Fenella Deakins then forthcoming event, since then Fenella gave birth to a baby girl, Samantha Emily. Fenella is a former Secretary of the Society.

Any Manx visiting in the Vancouver area are always welcome to attend the meetings or functions, please get in touch with the Secretary.

Peter Tregellis
Sec: 10260 Shell Road,
Richmond, B.C.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION Outings for 1978

All outings leave Villa Marina Colonnade, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Please note the varying times etc.

Thursday, May 18th, leaving 2.30 p.m.

Thursday, June 15th, leaving 6.30 p.m.

Sunday, July 9th, leaving 2.15 p.m.

Evensong at Church.

Thursday, August 10th, leaving 2.30 p.m.

Thursday, September 7th, leaving 2.30 p.m.

September outing may travel on the Isle of Man Railway.

Members of the NAMA and all Manx homecomers visiting the Isle of Man this year will be welcome to join the W.M.A. in their outings, please get in touch with Mr. Evan Cain, Tel. Douglas 21665, or the President Miss Doris Clague, 1 Hilary Road, Douglas, I.O.M.

GALVA, ILLINOIS

Miss Julie Ann Reichow of Monmouth, Illinois became the bride of Steven Samuel Graves, Altona, Illinois on Saturday, December 10, 1977.

A graduate of Monmouth College with a degree in Physical Education, Steven is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kelly of Galva. His bride is a senior at Monmouth College. Following a wedding trip to Arizona the couple will reside at R.R. 1, Monmouth, Illinois.

Wedding vows of Cynthia Katherine Belford of Urbana, Ohio and Dennis R. Hatfield of Toledo, Ohio were exchanged at Inspiration Point, Camp Wesley on Saturday, August 20, 1977 at 2.30 P.M. The outdoor ceremony was performed by Rev. William E. Croy, associate minister of the Urbana Methodist Church.

The new Mrs. Hatfield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earel M. Belford Sr. of Urbana, Ohio. The bride's three sisters were members of the wedding party and her brother Earel M. Belford Jr. was an usher. Her grandmother Mrs. Katherine Belford of Urbana was also present. Immediately following the wedding a reception was held at Holiday Inn in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas the couple will reside at 12316 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Md. The bride is a 1976 graduate of Ohio State School of Nursing and her husband is a dentist with his practise in Silver Spring.

Among the out-of-town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Collinson of Galva, Illinois, former schoolmates of the brides father.

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

Our last meeting in the form of a Christmas Party was held at "Shell House", a lovely old home in Oakville on the shores of Lake Ontario, which had been lent to us for the occasion. It turned out to be a super party. Over 50 members and friends were there and there was plenty of everything - food, fun, games and entertainment, a Christmas tree and presents.

The number of our meetings has been reduced to four a year. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Shimmin of Markham have very kindly offered us the use of their home for the next one which will be our Spring meeting on April 8th.

Since the last Bulletin we have lost

one of our oldest members, Mr. Edward Fick of Toronto. Mr. Fick had been an active member of our Society for many years. He was born in Douglas, I.O.M. and came to Canada around 1910. He leaves one son and two daughters and two nieces, Mrs. Minnie Oakley and Mrs. Evelyn Irwin who are both great workers for our Society.

We send Spring greetings to you all.

Lesh dy chooilley yeearee vie.

Marion McLaren,
106 Hiltz Ave.,
Toronto, Canada.

Alice Foster,
220 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E.,
Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

We are continuing to get organized and this will be our major accomplishment in this first year as an organization. To date we have about completed the initial plan to screen all phone directories in this area for Manx surnames. The effect, thus far, has resulted in 32 family memberships and counting the children, we have a total of 106. It is of interest to note that several who have affiliated are third and fourth generation Manx. The Bulletin continues to be a recruitment source and we appreciate the assistance. May we repeat, if you have knowledge of persons living in this area, eligible for membership, please have them contact either Mary E. Hayslett, 4141 N. Henderson Road, 6316, Arlington, Virginia, 22203; or Robert C. Camaish, 9331 Sibelius Drive, Vienna, Virginia, 22180.

The planning committee for our first membership meeting met on January 15, 1978, and concluded that we will get together on Saturday, April 1, 1978, for a dinner meeting. At this time we will get acquainted, see slides of the Isle of Man and elect officers for the ensuing year.

Robert C. Camaish
Mary E. Hayslett

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Due to the worst winter in our area in more than one hundred years, many of our activities were cancelled during the past few months. We were amazed to learn that coverage of our snowbound part of Ohio was shown on Manx television, via satellite!

At present, we are busy working on our annual N.A.M.A. fund raising project - a card party in May. Members are looking forward to our potluck supper in June. But, most of all, we are all working and planning for a super N.A.M.A. convention here this year. Convention fever is spreading in Cleveland! Don't you miss this GOLDEN opportunity . . . come, accept our hospitality . . . Cleveland will be great in '78!

Our Cleveland Manx Society officers for this year are:

President Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
 Vice President Wm. A. Roseman
 Treasurer Mrs. Richard R. Kelly
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 319 Ridgeview Dr.
 Seven Hills
 Cleveland, Ohio. 44131

Good wishes go out to Mrs. Edith Gurney, Avon Lake, Ohio, for a complete recovery from the results of a fall during the holiday season, she was in hospital but is now at home. Mrs. Gurney is the mother of Mrs. R. Haldeman.

BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

As unusual the Christmas party for the Bisbee Manx Society was held at the home of Ivy Dillon. We had a fairly good turnout and a very enjoyable time was had by all. A Pig in the Poke was raffled off and an exchange of Christmas gifts and a very happy time singing all the old carols.

The evening was finished off with a heavily laden table of Christmas goodies which are always furnished Potluck.

The January meeting was to be held at the home of Helen McKay, our President, but due to so many still being away and some sickness this meeting was called off. Hopefully we will meet in February.

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

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

April - May - June - July - August - September 22nd - We are now in the final count-down as our meeting time draws closer and we in Cleveland are eagerly looking forward to welcoming our friends at the 50th Anniversary Celebration for our N.A.M.A.

Plans are under way for a luncheon meeting of our own Ladies' Auxiliary during the convention time at a restaurant close to our headquarters. We look back with much pleasure to previous meetings and know this one will be another happy occasion.

There are still members who have not sent in their \$2.00 dues for the years 1977-78. We hope to hear from you before Convention time.

With best wishes to all.

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

COME ABOARD FOR OUR . . . GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION

POSSIBILITY OF CHARTER FLIGHT FROM ISLE OF MAN TO CONVENTION.

Come to Rocky River, Ohio, for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the North American Manx Association, Rocky River, the birthplace of the N.A.M.A. in 1928.

THE DATE —

SEPTEMBER 22nd - 25th, 1978.

This promises to be a great Convention, a chance of a lifetime for those on the Isle of Man to visit the North American Continent.

Mr. Jack Cretney, of Chapman's Travel, Douglas, Isle of Man has stated if he has enough enquiries, he would see about the possibility of arranging a Charter Flight from the Island to the U.S.A.

He urges anyone interested to contact him as soon as possible, those who travelled to Niagara Falls for the 1972 Convention will remember the warm welcome and the Manx hospitality shown to them by the members of the N.A.M.A.

SO - we look forward to welcoming our Manx Kin and friends to Rocky River, Ohio for the 50th Anniversary of the N.A.M.A.

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

The NAMA welcomes the formation of the Greater Washington Area Manx Assoc. and the Nebraska Manx Assoc. May they continue to flourish and grow in strength so that the love of their Island home, or from whence their Manx ancestors came from, help them - "To preserve whatever is left us of ancient heritage".

ISLE OF MAN MILLENNIUM - HOMECOMING WEEK - JULY 1st — JULY 8th, 1979.

It can now be safely assumed that Homecoming Week to celebrate the Millennium celebrations to be held on the Isle of Man in 1979, will be July 1st - July 8th. The highlight of Millennium year will be Tynwald week and an appropriate time to welcome all the Manx people throughout the world.

Miss Doris Clague, President of the W.M.A. and Mr. Evan Cain, Vice President have been asked to meet the Millennium General Committee to further plans for this very important occasion, members of the N.A.M.A. and Manx folk throughout the North American Continent will be assured of a very warm welcome.

Mr. Ed Sayle, Arlington, Va., is liason officer between the N.A.M.A. and the W.M.A., he will be kept informed of plans by the Government Office on the Isle of Man.

Programme of events of this special week will be published in future editions of the Bulletin as they become available.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN EDMONTON, CANADA AUGUST 3rd - 12th 1978.

During a recent visit to Edmonton, Sam Penrice had a pleasant visit with Brian Stoodley, Brian is the Manx Team representative in Edmonton, he is working closely with Curwen Clague the team manager preparing for this very important event.

The Games provide an opportunity for athletes from all the Commonwealth countries to meet and display their skills. The Isle of Man will be represented in several events, the official contingent will consist of about 30 people, it is also expected they will be supported by other sport enthusiasts. This will be a wonderful opportunity for residents of Canada and the U.S.A., especially Westerners to support and welcome the Manx party.

Brian Stoodley and a small group of Manx folk in Edmonton are planning a special Manx get-together to take place when the Manx Team are in Edmonton, anyone interested should get in touch with Mr. Stoodley at this address - 4704 - 138th Street, Edmonton, Alta., for information about this Manx meeting.

Further information about tickets for the games and accommodation may be obtained at any Canadian - Toronto Dominion Bank, or by writing to - Travel Alberta, Box 2500, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. T5J 2Z4.

Isle of Man Wants Million Tourists

By Nick Cole

ISLE OF MAN - Who listens when a mouse roars? In a passion of patriotic pride, this fiercely independent isle hopes that the world will soon listen - and pay it far more attention than before.

For plans are afoot in what has been called Britain's only off-shore financial centre to celebrate a rare unique achievement - 1,000 years of unbroken democratic government.

The Millennium of Tynwald, the Manx parliament, falls next year (1979), legendarily if not conclusively. The only other nation to have had a millennium of this kind is the island republic of Iceland.

The Manx government will be spending around £2 million on commemorative events, which include visits by royalty and VIPs from all parts of the free world, a Commonwealth parliamentary conference, and a year-long program of festivities which go some way towards rivalling the 1977 Silver Jubilee schedule.

Expatriate Manxmen, including several large communities of them in the United States, are being invited to come home; island-promoting exhibitions will be staged worldwide; and overall, Man hopes to play host to double its annual 500,000 influx of visitors in 1979, with a consequent boost for its £24 million earnings from tourism, the main industry.

Lying in the Irish Sea midway between Britain and Ireland, Man is a self-governing dependency of the Crown within the Commonwealth. Yet it is technically outside the United Kingdom, arising from its establishment as a separate kingdom by Norse invaders in pre-Doomsday times.

Tynwald is the most significant legacy of Viking rule and claims the world's oldest parliamentary assembly with unbroken traditions.

The island's 58,000 inhabitants today have the power to legislate for themselves through Tynwald. They are not directly represented at Westminster and the island is not a member of the Common Market.

It receives no subsidy from the British Exchequer but pays an annual contribution to Britain out of its own revenues for defence and common services.

Independence apart, the island is noted, as the guidebooks prosaically proclaim, for its famous Tourists Trophy motorcycle race, its kippers and the tailless Manx cat.

Whilst this is an image the island's tourist board is content to see fostered, it is not one that finds much favor with

Man's minority nationalist movement.

The movement's supporters claimed recently that the island is being sold out to property speculators and tax dodgers and that young people are unable to find homes at reasonable prices; earlier they called for a royal commission into Man's local government system.

Their anti-establishment views will probably be fuelled when the contents of the millennium program is announced.

Although this is likely to contain plenty of participative events and tourist entertainments, it will apparently be short of any initiatives of a lasting kind — unless a treeplanting scheme and a cathedral restoration fund can be counted.

The nationalists could well seize the opportunity to demand a program for cheap housing and other social reforms — such as a repeal of the Manx law which still allows corporal punishment by birching for certain criminal offences. (The birch is made of hazel twigs, measures nearly four feet and weighs about 5 lbs.)

Although outsiders may chuckle over the ancient decree specifying that all Scotsmen should be shot on sight, the birching issue is not seen internationally as a laughing matter so much as a symptom of reactionary values and feudal administration.

It does, in fact, pose a considerable image problem for the Manx government, especially as millennium year looms because the European Court of Human Rights is presently considering a case involving birching and may condemn it as cruel and unusual punishment.

On one hand, the island is promoting itself as a progressive democracy which welcomes visitors to a holiday paradise of peace, scenic beauty and Gulf Stream temperatures.

On the other hand, Man has to defend its position as virtually the last western nation which sanctions the use of legal beatings.

The island's critics are bound to attack the millennium celebrations as a costly and unnecessary piece of window-dressing (not that the islanders will have to dig too deep into their pockets - the cost is likely to be defrayed through the sale of souvenir coins, stamps and other ephemera).

Like any government, the Isle of Man's administration has its problems. At least these are not in the sphere of wealth. Man boasts a thriving economy, which does perfectly well without milking its residents of surtax or death duties.

Corporal punishment notwithstanding, the Tynwald millennium will probably be viewed in retrospect more as a footnote than a landmark in the history of democracy.

WHAT IS BIRCHING ANYWAY?

With all the furor over the "cruel and inhuman" use of "birching" on the Isle of Man, those descended from the little island might be curious as to what the punishment entails.

Who may be birched?

Male offenders over the age of 15 may be sentenced to "birching" after conviction of a crime, normally involving violence. In November 1977, a bill was introduced in the Tynwald, the Manx parliament, to limit the punishment only to cases resulting in a conviction for robbery with violence and setting an age ceiling at 21. The bill was defeated 7 to 1 in the Legislative Council, the upper house, after a petition protesting the bill, known locally as "the Mugger's Charter", was presented with signatures of one-third of the island's population. In presenting the petition, Manx attorney Howard Simcocks noted that "Once the violent criminal hears the Isle of Man is going soft, they might well come here." His statement was echoed by the Bishop of Sodor and Man, the Rt. Rev. Vernon Nicholls, who said, "We have a quality of life here that is the envy of millions outside the Isle of Man."

What does the birch consist of?

The birch may consist of no more than four birch twigs, not more than 40 inches long and not exceeding 9 ounces in total weight.

How is it applied?

The "where" is obvious, but the "how" is a bit more complicated. After examination by a doctor who must determine if the convicted person is in good health, the miscreant leans over a table (located in the jury room of the old court building in Douglas) and a bailiff administers the sentence, which cannot exceed six strokes, to the appropriate area. The doctor must also be present to ensure that the only damage is the youth's pride. The bailiff it might be noted, is not permitted to raise his arm above the shoulder height in "winding up for the pitch". Prior to a change in the law in 1977, the errant youth received the sentence applied to his bare bottom; since then his trousers protect his modesty.

How often is the punishment directed by the Manx courts?

Since 1972, "birching" has been employed in only 12 cases; there were none in 1977.

Where else is "birching" employed in the British Isles?

The Isle of Man is the only place where corporal punishment for crime survives in the British Isles. Britain banned "caning" and "birching" in

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

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I am pleased to share with our readers some invaluable and interesting information sent to me by one of our members Maryellen Robison Hinrichs (Mrs. William A.) of Douglas, Wyoming.

Mrs. Hinrichs wrote "Most Manx families are very proud to be able to claim an ancestor who was involved with the Manx Fishing Fleet, or sailed blue water as a mariner to foreign

parts." I agree wholeheartedly with this and I am sure you will gather a wealth of information from this source.

The list below is the only published list of Manx Fishing Boats available on the Island and both Mrs. Hinrichs and I are grateful to Mrs. A. Harrison of the Manx Museum for furnishing it to us so that it can be studied by all of our Manx genealogists. Since the list is too long for publication in a single issue, I will publish it in sections in its entirety. Section I is First Class Boats Nos. 1 (1874) to 40 (1881). To be continued.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS



William A. Roseman recently appointed 3rd Vice President of NAMA was born in Cleveland, Ohio, he was educated at Cleveland and Bedford Schools, also attended Fenn College, Cleveland.

He served with the U.S. Army during the second World War with the 2nd Armored Division, for three years, his tour of duty also took him to North Africa, Sicily, England, Omaha Beach on D Day plus 6, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, he was with the first U.S. troops to enter Berlin in 1945.

He was united in marriage in September 1948 to Florence Kelly, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly, devoted and beloved members of the NAMA. Bill and Florence have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth - born February 5th, 1959. Daughter Mary is now attending Baldwin - Wallace College in Berea, Ohio.

Bill is employed by Edward W. Daniel Company as Investment Manager, he is a very busy person being Treasurer of Methodist Church of Maple Heights, he also sings in the choir, he is also Vice Pres. of the Cleveland Manx Society, member of Maple Heights Masonic Lodge, Secretary of the Temple Board, member of Lake Erie Consistory, 32 mason.

Bill is also Precinct Committeeman for Republican Party.

He first visited the Isle of Man in 1957 with Florence and again in 1968 with his wife and daughter and Florence's parents the late Mary and Harry Kelly.

List of Peel Fishing and Other Boats

FIRST CLASS BOATS

No.	Name	Owner	Skipper	Tons	Built
1	Choice	P. Joughin	P. Joughin	20	1874
2	Rechabite	W. Buchanan	W. Buchanan	7	1877
3	Susan		J. Quayle		
4	Janet		W. Kermodie		
5	Bluebell		T. Shimmin		
6	Banshee	C. Morrison, others	T. Crebbin	18	1878
7	Star	H. Kaighin	Bobbie Quayle	7	1878
8	Golden Wren	R. Corrin	Jos Cowell	22	1874
9	Mary Alice	R. Corrin	T. Caley	24	1876
10	Flying Scud	J. Teare, others	W. Christian	20	1876
11	Wanderer	C. Morrison	Ed. Quayle	18	1881
12	Douglas	W. Bridson	G. Greggor	20	1878
13	Mary Francis		T. Kaye		
14	Ranger	C. Morrison	W. Quayle	18	1884
15	Shakespeare	C. Morrison	G. Gaskell	18	1879
16	William	Wm. Keig	J. Moore	25	1876
17	Damsel	J. Teare, jnr.	W. Quirk	20	1882
18	Rambler	C. Morrison	R. Gell	18	1884
19	Welcome Home		T. Garrett		
20	Lady Loch		Joe Cowell		
21	Hannah	T. Quirk	T. Quirk	20	1877
22	May Lily	T. Quilliam	T. Quilliam	6	1876
23	Hero		W. Gawne		
24	Chance	J. Carran, others	J. Carran	18	1879
25	Guide	H. Graves, others	J. Quirk	22	1875
26	Nautlis	C. Morrison	Sam Quayle	20	1875
27	Swift		J. Burdon		
28	Surprise		J. Watterson		
29	Satyr	T. Faragher	W. Kelly	18	1879
30	Rescue	J. Clinton, others	J. Clinton	25	1875
31	Test	J. Jenkins, others	J. Jenkins	20	1876
32	Bonny John	J. Teare, others	J. Corkill	20	1879
33	Honey Bee	T.C.S. Moore, others	Jas Gawne	25	1877
34	Alma		J. Shimmin		
35	Rover		J. Gorry		
36	Bonny Maggie		T. Quayle		
37	Xema	T.C.S. Moore, others	W. Leece	25	1877
38	New Moon	J. Teare, others	W. Hudson	25	1874
39	Twin Sisters	J. Quine, others	J. Quine	20	1876
40	Roving Swan	J. Teare, others	W. Christian	20	1881

1948, and a recent effort to restore them as a deterrent to increasing youthful crime failed in the British Parliament. The "strap" is still used for non-judicial punishment in many schools, and Newcastle's Education Authority has been criticized for introducing a heavier "strap" than used heretofore. The issue of corporal punishment in schools is currently under a TWO YEAR investigation by the European Commission on Human Rights -- the same body condemning

the Isle of Man on the "birching" issue. The investigation stems from a complaint by a Glasgow mother against the use of the "tawse" (strap) in Scottish schools. The European court's decision will be binding on all schools within the signatory European Community, since the "strap" is used in a number of nations; the court's decision on "birching" will apply only to the Isle of Man, since it is the only nation where citizens have elected to retain it.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Perhaps you have had the experience of planning to go somewhere, only to awaken that morning to a world blanketed in fog, so that you could not see farther than across the road. Or, maybe you had started on your trip and ran into fog. It is a disturbing, "lost" feeling.

The ancient Hebrews seem to have known such moments of "lostness", mostly due to another kind of fog. They were exiles who had suffered, and who were facing a murky future. To them, the prophet Isaiah spoke of the promises of God which held a brighter future: "And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way". (Isaiah 35:8). From their stance, they could not see that "highway", but it was there.

Many years ago, as a theological student, I hitch-hiked to visit a friend who was pastor of a small Wisconsin church. After traveling most of the way, I was running out of rides on back-country roads -- and dusk was coming on. I was considering spending the summer night under a convenient haystack when suddenly lights appeared, and a young farmer picked me up and I completed my trip. My friend asked me to preach at one of his services, and having reflected on my experience, I chose Paul's words to the Corinthians: For we walk by faith, not by sight." (II Cor. 5:7). How often this is true of our lives!

The poet Santayana was a learned man, and yet he wrote this --

*Our knowledge is a torch of smoky
pine
That lights the pathway but one step
ahead
Across the void of mystery and dread.
Bid then the tender light of Faith to
shine
By which alone the mortal heart is led
Into the thinking of the thought Divine.*

May that light shine to illumine your pathway, wherever you go!

Herbert G. Kelly

OBITUARIES

CRINGLE, Mr. James of Peel, Isle of Man passed away on January 14, 1978 at Noble's Hospital, Douglas. Mr. Cringle was a member of the San Francisco Manx Society and the NAMA. He returned to Peel when he retired in 1962 and although not in good health the past few years, he enjoyed living in the town of his birth. He is survived by his widow, Katie and two sisters, Dora Cringle and Mrs. Kathleen Kneale, all of Peel.

DUKE, Walter G., died October 24th, 1977, the late Mr. Duke was born in St. Johns, Isle of Man, coming to the U.S.A. when he was 21 years old. At the time of his death, he resided with his daughter Betty, Mrs. Jack Barnes, of S.W. Akron. He is survived by one son, a daughter, 4 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

DUYKERS, Dick of Butte, Montana, recently passed away, the late Mr. Duykers was a retired baker, much sympathy will be felt for his wife Betty, daughter of the late Mrs. Edith (Kelly) Craine who was well known throughout the NAMA. Earlier last year Mrs. Duykers donated a trophy to the Manx Music Festival for the Manx dialect class

McGAIN, Florence, of Montreal, Quebec, widow of the late Leonard McGain, passed away on November 21st, 1977. She is survived by daughters Pauline (Mrs. R. A. Hollingworth) of Montreal; Nonie (Mrs. R. L. Corder) of Vermont; Mona (Mrs. J. Brown) of Toronto; a son, Ashley, of Montreal; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. McGain was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, and both she and her husband who came from Port Erin, were for many years very active members of the Montreal Manx Society. She was also a member of N.A.M.A.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mrs. Kitty (Cottier) Sarvary, of Westlake, Cleveland, Ohio, spent Christmas with her sister Miss Noreen Cottier who now resides in Peel, Isle of Man. Mrs. Sarvary who is approaching her 80th birthday first travelled to England to attend the wedding of her nephew.

It is over 70 years since Kitty spent a Christmas in Peel, having left for the U.S.A. when she was 8 years old, but she has visited the Island many times over the years. Both Mrs. Sarvary and her sister Noreen are enthusiastic members of the Cleveland Manx Society and are also members of the North American Manx Association, while in Peel they met Miss Elizabeth Clucas, Secretary of the NAMA who usually spends Christmas on the Isle of Man, visiting with her mother.

The Cottier girls' grandfather farmed at Knocksharry and their father Charles E. Cottier was connected with the Peel ferry boats before he left for America where he pursued his trade as a stone mason.

Mrs. Sarvary hopes to re-visit the Island, perhaps during the Millennium special celebrations to be held in 1979.

we welcome a new member to our association - Mrs. Victoria, (Kelly) Knudsen, of Pierson, Iowa, Mrs. Knudsen, is the daughter of our Chaplain the Rev. H. G. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly.

Sam Penrice Hon, Vice Pres. of NAMA contacted several NAMA members on a recent business trip across Canada. In Winnipeg he spoke with Mrs. Thomas Quirk and John Corkish, Mrs. Quirk enjoys good health but does not see many Manx folk these days as the Winnipeg Manx Society is no longer active. Sam reminded John Corkish of the Commonwealth Games to be held in Edmonton in August of this year.

A pleasant evening was spent with Kathleen and Eddie Callister in Calgary, both are now retired. After 50 years in Calgary, Eddie would like to get away from the winter snow and cold, he mentioned the Isle of Man or Victoria, B.C. as a possible place for retirement.

The Vancouver Manx Society seem to be increasing their activities under the direction of their newly elected President - Mrs. Florence Tregellis, Flo made a few phone calls which resulted in a dozen or more Manx friends meeting at their beautiful home for a happy gathering.

Sam had the opportunity of "plugging" the NAMA forthcoming Convention, which will be held in Cleveland, September 22nd - 25th, he also told them about the Commonwealth Games to be held in Edmonton August 3rd - 12th, 1978. For the past 20 years Sam has made his annual business trip across Canada, he has always enjoyed the greatest hospitality from all the Manx folk he has contacted, this year his son Douglas accompanied him, to get to "know the ropes", now that Sam is semi-retired from his Textile Mill, Doug has taken over the responsibility of running the business.

Perhaps Sam will still continue to make these business plus pleasure trips across Canada, meeting all the friends he has made through the years, but with a difference - he would go in the summer months.

Recipe For A Friend

Two cups of understanding
One tablespoon of wit
A dash of real compassion
A pinch or two of grit
A jigger full of loyalty on which
you can depend
Mix them all together and
you have a friend
Author Unknown