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*"To preserve whatever is left us of ancient heritage"*

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## EXECUTIVE REPORT

As we approach the final quarter of our term of office all members of the executive committee will be concentrating on preparations for the Golden Jubilee Convention to be held in Cleveland in September. There will be a number of special events marking this 50th anniversary of the founding of N.A.M.A. and we are hoping that representatives of Tynwald and the World Manx Association, together with other guests from the Isle of Man, will be here to help us celebrate.

We are looking forward to a most successful convention and we urge all N.A.M.A. members who can do so to join us at the Sheraton Hotel in Rocky River for the weekend of September 22nd to 25th. Details of the convention programme and of the SPECIAL HOTEL RATES being allowed will be found elsewhere in the Bulletin but don't forget that to get these special rates you have to register early.

## PUBLICITY LEAFLETS

The response to our publicity leaflets has been encouraging so far. If you haven't already sent for some from secretary Elizabeth Clucas - do so now so that you can start looking up Manx names in your local telephone book to send them to. You might be surprised at the response. Add your own name and phone number on the leaflet if you would like people to contact you personally.

## COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

The Canadian commemorative stamps being issued this June by the Isle of Man Post Office Authority will be presented at the CAPEX '78 Exhibition in Toronto and will also be on display at Post Office House which is the government philatelic store located on St. Catherine Street in Montreal. This will be the first time that stamps other than Canadian have been displayed there and the fact that

the Hon. James K. Ward was a prominent member of Quebec society in the late 1800 and early 1900's and was a Quebec senator should create some interest. The first day cover issue with the stamps will bear the N.A.M.A. crest which should give the association a real publicity boost. It was hoped to have illustrations and a fuller account of the stamps in this edition of the Bulletin but as it seems likely that these will not arrive before the deadline for going to print they will be included in the September edition. Both stamps and first day covers will be on display, and probably on sale, at the Convention.

On behalf of your officers may I wish you all a pleasant summer and say that we are looking forward to seeing you in Rocky River in September. COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE.

Margaret M. Joughin,  
President

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

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

## HALF CENTURY CELEBRATION IN ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

The N.A.M.A. will celebrate its 50th anniversary 1928 - 1978 in its place of origin, Cleveland, Ohio, and where it also celebrated its 25th anniversary. Times, places and people have changed and we are glad to see the

Society actively carrying on and note the proud heritage of Manxmen. Among our members we have many second and third generation Manx, through descent or marriage and want to extend a hearty welcome to them all. Parents use their membership to keep their children exposed to Manx culture and the young join to honor their parents.

The Committee has spent great time and much effort in finding a place and time for the event and feel they have come up with a suitable accommodation. The N.A.M.A. Executive Officers have used these facilities for several meetings and agree it is a most suitable location at a most attractive room rate.

Activities provided will range from meetings, dinners and entertainment all centering around or in the Sheraton Inn so there will be no time consuming, and perhaps even delayed time lost in traveling to other parts of the city. This would insure all our group being together and assure safety.

You will note there will be some free time for those who care to shop at Westgate Shopping Center, less than one-half mile walk from the hotel. This center is of the covered arcade type and offers shops, banks, restaurant, souvenir shops, department stores, and chemists so the coverage is most complete and the prices right. Rest benches are provided for those who tire walking. Buy or just look at your convenience.

In event you plan to meet your American relatives and return to their homes to spend the balance of your vacation you will find our hotel a most convenient place to meet, whether you leave by air at the nearby Hopkins International Airport or by car on one of the nearby super highways.

When you receive your reservation cards from Mrs. Haldeman be sure to fill them in and return them promptly to assure your participation in a memorable convention.

Robert S. Cowin  
Convention Publicity Chairman

## NAMA NEW MEMBERS — 1977/78 —

Nebraska Manx Society c/o Mrs. A Robison, R.R. 1, Box 101, Elk Creek, Neb. 68348

Mrs. Betty Pigott, 105 West Saddle River Rd., Saddle River, N.J. 07458.

Charles E. Quirk, (per Mrs. R. Cowin) 8005 Allison Dr., S.E. Huntsville ALA. 35802.

Edyth H. Schoenrich (per Mrs. R. Cowin), 1402 Boyce Ave, Baltimore, MD. 21204.

Mrs. H. W. B. Farr, (per Mrs. R. Cowin) 100 Wightman Ave., Norwichtown, CONN. 06360.

Sheldon T. Gardner, 1513 Cleveland St., Evanston, Ill. 60202.

Roger Nelson, 9 Roanoke Rd. Apt. 211, Don Mills, Ont. M3A 1E4.

Louis Joughin, (per E. Sayle), 4812 Alton Place, N.W. Wash. D.C. 20016.

Mrs. Robert L. Nelson, 2417W, Overhill Road, Peoria, Ill. 61614.

Archie H. Christian, 3904 Ridgelea Dr. Austin, Texas 78731.

Mrs. Florence Abbinanti, 9330 S. Richmond, Evergreen Park, Ill. 60642.

Mrs. Robert E. Hart, 20241-8th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash. 98148.

Thomas P. Wagner, 307 N. 8th. St. Joseph, MO. 64501. (per T. Teare).

Davis S. Collister, (per N.J. Collister), Ridge Manor Moblie Park, 1301 Polk City Rd., L.-29, Haines City, Fla. 33844

Harry E. Keig, 120 s. 90th, Omaha, Neb. 68114.

Norman Butterfield, (per Helen Kewley), Knipprath & Merkle Nursing Home, Clifton, Ill. 60927.

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Mr. Thomas P. Wagner, of St. Joseph, Mo., a new member of the NAMA, hopes to correspond with other Manx folk, his grandfather on his mother's side was born near Bride, Isle of Man in 1884, his name was J.J. (Joe) Kaighin, his mother's name was Cormode and her mother's name was Teare. Mr. Wagner states altho' only 1/4 Manx he is extremely proud of his Manx heritage.

Mr. Norman Butterfield, another new member of NAMA states his mother's family name was Cowan and she came from the Isle of Man.

Mr. Archie Christian, of Austin, Texas, recently became a member of NAMA, he has a pen and ink sketch made of "Cedar Grove" the home of three generations of the Christian family, including Letitia Christian who married President John Tyler.

An extra print and short history could be included in a future Bulletin.

## "OPERATION ROOTS" TO SEEK MANX DESCENDANTS

Newspapers around the world have taken note of the Isle of Man's "Operation Roots," which seeks up to a million overseas Manx descendants to participate in the 1,000th anniversary of the Tynwald in 1979.

The story, distributed North American papers by the Associated Press, observes that natives of the IOM settled all over the world, and it is their descendants who are being urged to join in the celebration of the Manx Millennium.

An exciting update of the popular Leaflet, "You May Have Manx Ancestry," has been issued, featuring a full color photo of Manx cottages and an early view of a typical Manx family.

The Isle of Man Information Center in London advises that since the announcement of "Operation Roots," its office has been "flooded with enquiries from radio, television and other journalists from all parts of the globe."

Edgar Cottier, one of the coordinators of the Millennium effort, was quoted by AP as indicating, "We estimate there are one million people of Manx descent living in North America, Australia, New Zealand, southern Africa and Britain. Anyone who thinks he or she is of Manx descent should write us at 'Operation Roots', Millennium Office, Government Offices, Bucks Road, Douglas, Isle of Man." He pointed out that church registers, manorial rolls, museum and other records will be available for examination to researchers of their Manx origins.

NAMA members are urged to inform others of Manx descent, including former members of NAMA, of this important heritage census, and to join them in writing to "Operation Roots" to assure they do not miss any part of the once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

## PINK SLIPS

The pink slip means its dues time. Please forward the slip and your check now. You will be doing both of us a favour if you do this. Checks payable in U.S. currency would be appreciated.

Send to-Mr. Clarence Creer, Treas.,  
14228 Union,  
Orland Park,  
Ill. 60462. USA.

## CONVENTION PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

As in the past, there will be a Prize Distribution with lucky winners drawn at each session of the Convention. If you are unable to attend the Convention but would like to participate in this effort, you may send your signed tickets with your remittance and your prize will be delivered to you. Tickets are in the mail to all N.A.M.A. members. If you have not received yours or would like additional, please write to Mrs. Haldeman. Send your remittances and ticket stubs before September 15 to Mrs. Haldeman if you are not planning to attend the Convention.

As usual all prizes are donated or purchased with your cash donations. This year, in honor of our GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION, we have many lovely prizes including many items from the Isle of Man.

Additional prizes are welcome and any contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you wish, you may make a cash donation in order that some larger prizes can be obtained.

Large or small, all donors will be listed in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Your donations should be sent to Mrs. Ray Haldeman, 191 Glenview Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. Checks should be made payable to the N.A.M.A. Convention Fund.

## SOUVENIR BOOK

The Souvenir Book is now at the printer. The response from members and friends has been encouraging and we thank you for your participation.

Florence and Bill Roseman  
Chairmen, Souvenir Book

## MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

The Millennium in 1979 will be featured at our Convention... come and learn what the N.A.M.A. is planning for this important occasion. Mr. Terry Walker of the Millennium Committee and Mr. Brian O'Connor of Golden Isle Tours, Douglas, I.O.M. will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

Recently both of these gentlemen visited with Ed Sayle and Mrs. Cowin and her Committee and are anxious to greet you at the Convention.

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# GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION

## SHERATON INN - ROCKY RIVER, OHIO.

### SEPTEMBER 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1978.

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Your convention registration card, which will be mailed to all members and societies, should be mailed with your check or money order as early as possible. Due to the fact that this is a weekend convention, it will be *absolutely* necessary that we have your advance registration in order to assure proper booking.

The FULL REGISTRATION FEE will be \$25.00 and will include your convention badge, souvenir book, President's Reception with entertainment and refreshments, Banquet with entertainment, bus sightseeing tour and buffet supper, use of the hospitality room and admission to all meetings. In addition, all who register for the full registration will be given a packet containing information on the Isle of Man, our beautiful state of Ohio, and several gift items.

Mrs. Ray Haldeman  
Convention Registration  
Chariman

## CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION

The warm and friendly style of the Old West is authentically recreated at the Sheraton Inn-Rocky River, in the west Cleveland suburb, the site of our GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION.

The famous Molly McGuire Restaurant, the heated indoor pool sauna and whirlpool, plus the luxurious nearby enclosed Westgate Shopping Mall are a few of the niceties that will make your stay enjoyable and the convention pleasant.

We are pleased to announce the Sheraton Inn-Rocky River has given us special rates for N.A.M.A. members and friends for our Convention:

\$25.00 one person  
\$28.00 two persons  
\$ 5.00 extra for third person  
in room

Parking is free to all guests attending the Convention.

Credit arrangements: Individual delegates will be responsible for their own rooms and incidental charges.

Our block of rooms will be released

## PROGRAM

### Friday, September 22, 1978

3:00 p.m. Registration at the Sheraton Inn-Rocky River, Ohio  
4:00 p.m. N.A.M.A. Executive Committee Meeting  
8:00 p.m. President's Reception, including entertainment and refreshments.

### Saturday, September 23, 1978

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting . . . Welcome Session  
12:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon and Meeting  
1:00 p.m. NASA Tour or Golf for the men  
7:00 p.m. Hospitality Hour  
8:00 p.m. Banquet with entertainment

### Sunday, September 24, 1978

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting and Memorial Service  
2:00 p.m. Bus Tour, including a visit to Clague House Museum  
3:30 p.m. Official Convention Photograph at Clague House Museum.  
4:30 p.m. Buffet Supper  
8:00 p.m. "Free-n-Easy" Program

### Monday, September 25, 1978

9:30 a.m. Final Business Meeting, including election and installation of officers.

Adjournment of 50th Anniversary Convention

\*\*\* LET'S CONGREGATE IN '78 \*\*\*

on August 22nd. You must make your reservations before this date in order to take advantage of these special rates. SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY TO:

Mrs. Ray Haldeman,  
191 Glenview Drive,  
Avon Lake, Ohio 44012.

Checks should be made payable to the N.A.M.A. Convention Fund.

## CONVENTION INFORMATION

As a special feature this year, we are planning to have a Manx Sale Table stocked with articles from the Isle of Man at the Convention. Mrs. Helen Clucas, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, and her Committee will be in charge of this table. Details and time will be given in the Souvenir Book.

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We are planning to have "attendance" prizes this year which will be distributed at the opening of each business meeting. Plan to be on hand each morning bright and early!

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For the gentlemen, while the ladies are at their Auxiliary Luncheon and Meeting, we have arranged for a visit to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Museum located at the Lewis Visitor Information Center. NASA offers an impressive collection of aviation and space displays. The museum has been six years in the making and is one of the most unusual facilities of its kind. It is a reflection of today and tomorrow in the world of space and air travel. There are 10,000 square feet of exhibit area, hundreds of working models and audio visual aids of all descriptions. This unconduted two hour trip is leisurely with rest areas provided and is free of charge.

For any golfers, Ray Haldeman and Bill Roseman are willing to make arrangements for a few holes of golf.

You may sign up for these activities at the Registration Desk.

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The Manx Crafts Association of the Isle of Man is working with the Convention Committee and are planning to have some of their goods at the Convention. You won't want to miss this display!

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

The Vancouver Manx Society held a Pot Luck supper on Saturday May 6th, 1978, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gell, with 45 people in attendance enjoying the lovely meal prepared by the ladies of the Society.

The male members, not to be outdone, were represented in the baking department by Archie Fulton and Eden Costain who treated us to some delicious scones.

After supper everyone enjoyed looking at pictures taken at our last Manx Tea, the evening wound up with the draw for the Raffle which we hold at all our get-togethers.

Our next meeting will be our Annual picnic in Stanley Park on August 26th, 1978, we would be delighted to welcome anyone who may be in Vancouver at that time.

Peter Tregellis, Sec.,  
10260 Shell Rd.,  
Richmond, B.C.

## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

Once again we send greetings to our Manx friends everywhere. We enjoyed our first meeting of the year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Shimmin of Markham, Ontario. It was a very informal affair. Some business managed to be discussed but most of the evening was spent catching up on the "news".

Our picnic will be held again this year at Shell House on July 15th. We cordially invite you to get in touch with our President, Mrs. Alice Foster, or myself, if you happen to be visiting Toronto at that time. You will be most welcome!

We are looking forward, of course, to the 50th Anniversary N.A.M.A. Convention in September and anticipate renewing old friendships once again.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

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

Alice Foster,  
220 Burnhamthorpe Rd.,  
R.R. #1, Oakville, Ont.

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

The fiftieth year of our N.A.M.A.! Does that make you think of the first convention? Were you there? Or were you, perhaps, at some of those that followed? Remember how you met folks and fashioned friendships that weathered the years? And all the good times . . .

You will pardon me for the nostalgia, but I was one of the lucky ones who was at the first convention in Cleveland in 1928. My Dad was a co-chairman of the Entertainment Committee. I may not remember the business sessions, but I do recall other things. What a big gathering of people when the official convention picture was taken by my Uncle Jack Kennish. (I will bring a copy to this convention.) My convention badge has been kept all these years with my souvenirs. Maybe there could be a "reunion" of those who were at the Hotel Cleveland for the '28 convention and who will be at the '78 one. Many of the loyal workers and supporters of the N.A.M.A. have gone on before us, but we remember them all.

You KNOW we are looking forward to meeting many of you this September in Rocky River. Between now and then, our Society will have had its card party to raise funds for the convention; and a casserole/salad supper will have followed our June meeting on the west side. On August 11th, a basket picnic will again be held at the Grace Episcopal Church grounds in Willoughby. If you happen to be in our area then, you're invited to come. Just contact one of our officers.

Be seeing you!

Marge (Kennish) Krach,  
Publicity  
319 Ridgeview Drive  
Seven Hills  
Cleveland, OH 44131.

## PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

The Peoria Manx Society will hold their annual pot-luck dinner, Sunday, July 23, 1978 at Glen Oak Park Pavilion in Peoria, Illinois at 12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome; bring food and your own table service.

Joan Callister Martzluf, Sec  
Peoria Manx Association  
Van Buren Street  
Brimfield, Illinois 61517.

## GREATER WASHINGTON D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

We have accomplished our initial objective which was to organize a chapter of the North American Manx Association in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The screening of the phone directories of this area has essentially been completed. This screening of Manx surnames resulted in 429 letters and applications being mailed to possible members. From these mailings we have a membership of fifty-four families, a total of 170 individuals who are of Manx ancestry.

On April 1, 1978, sixty-one members attended a dinner meeting at the Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers Club. We had a social hour for getting acquainted, dinner, a short business meeting, and program consisting of slides of the Isle of Man shown by Jack Comish.

Our honored guest for the evening was the President of the North American Manx Association, Miss Margaret Joughin. We all appreciated this representation from NAMA. Our business meeting primarily was election of officers for the year 1978-1979. The current officers were re-elected for another term: Robert C. Camaish, President; Garrick Lightowler, Vice President; Mary Hayslett, Secretary; Shirley Comish, Treasurer.

Robert C. Camaish  
Mary E. Hayslett

## CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

During the visit to Chicago in November of Norm and Helen Clucas, formerly of Chicago and now living in Webster Groves, Missouri, the Chicago Manx Society held a dinner and meeting at the Atlantic Fish and Chip Restaurant on the West Side of Chicago.

There were 30 in attendance, a good time was had by all in catching up with NAMA events, renewing acquaintances and recalling the good times everyone enjoyed at the 1976 Convention on the Isle of Man.

## THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

The members of the Southern California Manx Society met together for a meeting on Saturday April 15th, at the home of Donald and Ellen Bain in Long Beach. It was a very wet rainy day, but we had a very good turn-out of Members, and we enjoyed being together as it was the first meeting since the Christmas party at Malcolm and Joyce Kinley's home.

There has been much sickness among our members this past Spring. Mr. Philip E. Caley, Mary Caley, Donald Bain, Mrs. Elsie Rohrbough, all had been in hospital. We hope they will all soon be well again. Our weather is now nice and warm, so perhaps we will have a full turn-out of Members and friends for our picnic on June 3rd at Lake Park, in Huntington Beach.

We wish all Officers and Members of N.A.M.A. a very pleasant Summer vacation, and a successful 50th Anniversary Convention in September, at Rocky River, Ohio. With best Wishes to all,

Sincerely yours:  
Ellen Bain

## GALVA MANX SOCIETY

Members and friends of Galva Manx Society met for dinner and fellowship Sunday afternoon April 16 in First Methodist Church in Galva, Illinois.

Slides of the Isle of Man were shown after dinner. Guests were present from Kewanee, Brimfield, Elmwood, Peoria and Galva.

Three new memberships were forwarded to Mr. Creer.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson  
Secretary

## THE BIBLE IN MANX LANGUAGE

The Bible Society, Bible House, London, England, are prepared to consider the publication of the Bible in Manx. Any members interested should write to:

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

The NAMA can then pass this information on to the Bible Society. Should there be sufficient interest the copies would retail at approximately £5.00, or the equivalent currency.

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION OUTINGS

Thursday: May 18th 2:30 p.m.  
To West of the Island  
Tea at the Ballacallin Hotel

Thursday: June 15th 6:30 p.m.  
To North of the Island  
Supper at the Grand Island Hotel

Sunday: July 9th 2:15 p.m.  
To South of the Island  
Tea at Bellevue Hotel 4:15 p.m.  
Service at Station Road  
Methodist Church 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: August 10th 2:30 p.m.  
To North of the Island  
Tea at Sartfield Restaurant

Thursday: September 7th 2:15 p.m.  
By train from Douglas Station  
Tea at Allandale Cafe, Port Erin

All Outings leave from Villa Marina. Please book with Mrs. E. Cain, Tel: D 21665, except Thursday Sept. 7th book with Mr. W. Waid, Tel: Douglas 6170.

## OLD BALLAUGH CHURCH

*It's aged walls, a grass grown grave,  
A bell-ropc hangs outside the nave  
Two leaning gate posts at the front,  
Four pinnacles, rinic cross and font.,  
Flat square columns in companile  
Depict character, saxon style:  
Six narrow windows let in light  
Covered by black-out boards at night -  
A broken sindial, very old -  
Smugglers tales about vaults are told  
To parish poor, three hundred pounds  
Jamica corner stone expounds,  
Three stones erected to one man,  
Another's a symbol of Trammon+  
Inside from Yonkers-on-Hudson,  
Is tablet from a man's great-grandson.*

Note\* Trammon leaf - A heathen symbol used on gravestones by Norsemen.

From poems written by -  
R.A.F. V.R. Pilot Officer Harold  
Gilbert during his training period  
on the Isle of Man 1939 - 1942.

## LATE DEATH NOTICE

MALBOEUF, Charles, of Daytona Beach, Florida, passed away on May 1st 1978. He was born in Quebec and was a retired Telegraph operator and Ticket Agent for the Canadian National Railway, he was a former member of the Montreal Manx Society and had attended several NAMA Conventions. The late Mr. Malboeuf is survived by his wife Mona nee' Crellin.

## TYNWALD CEREMONY — MILLENNIUM — 1979

Members of the NAMA who are planning to visit the Isle of Man in 1979 would be advised to reserve their seats on the Stands at St. John's Ceremony, they should apply now to Mr. Robt. Quayle, Clerk to Tynwald, Central Government Building, Douglas, Isle of Man. There will be a charge for these seats, to avoid disappointment, please reserve your seat right away.

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## CANADA SENDS BEST WISHES

The Speaker of the House of Keys, Mr. Charles Kerruish, has received the following letter from the Speaker of the House of Commons in Ottawa, Mr. James Jerome:

"Dear Mr. Speaker:

At the meeting of the Canadian Regional Council of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association held on Saturday, February 25, 1978, attention was drawn to the fact that the Court of Tynwald will be celebrating its one thousandth anniversary next year.

In recognition of this most notable parliamentary event the following resolution was moved by Mr. Jack Stokes, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and unanimously adopted by the Regional Council which consists of the Speakers of the Parliament and Legislatures of Canada:

"That the Canadian Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association extends its warmest congratulations to the Parliament of the Isle of Man on the occasion of the millennium of Tynwald."

It is my happy duty and privilege to transmit this resolution to you from your colleagues in Canada and to extend to the Isle of Man our very best wishes for the next thousand years of parliamentary government."

## THE FAITHFUL MAN

Phillip Ramsey (1875 - 1922), who loved the Isle of Man, on which he was born, successively married 3 women named —

Margaret Ann Napier  
Millie Amalia Naismith  
Martha Augusta Newton.

## A YEAR TO REMEMBER

The Isle of Man invites the world to come and join in a unique celebration in 1979 - the marking of 1,000 years of its parliament of Tynwald, founded by the Vikings and now the oldest assembly in the world with unbroken traditions.

Millennium Year is to be a great occasion in the history of this small Island in the Irish Sea, surrounded by sovereign states. Once a Norse kingdom, the Isle of Man will include a Scandinavian Week from June 24th, and immediately following, there will be the week of the assembly of Tynwald on 5th July, commencing on 1st July with a Thanksgiving Service on St. Patrick's Isle at Peel, in the ancient castle containing the remains of the Cathedral of St. German. From 8th July, there is to be a Celtic Week and from 15th July, a Scottish Week.

Throughout 1979, there will be many special events of international and national category, at sea, on land and in the air, as well as the numerous events and attractions staged in the Isle of Man every year.

The celebration of Millennium Year is an official project of the Government of the Isle of Man. All sections of the Island community are involved in the promotion of events and projects to be associated with it.

From January to December 1979, the people of the Isle of Man will be celebrating 1,000 years of fascinating history, demonstrating their pride in their heritage, the durability of their ancient parliament and its outstanding record as a democratic and stable government in a world of constant change and turmoil. The traditional friendly and hospitable welcome of the Manx people awaits everyone who comes to join in these great Millennium Year events and celebrations. The programme will include pageants, festivals, exhibitions, colourful ceremonial occasions and special issue stamps and coins.

### UNIQUE CONSTITUTION

Constitutionally, the position of the Isle of Man is unique. It is not and never has been part of the United Kingdom. It is a possession of the Crown and has a very large degree of autonomy. One thousand years ago, the Island came under the domination of the invading Norsemen from Scandinavia - the Vikings. They set up their kingdom of Mann and the Isles with a form of government based on the principle of freemen knowing the law and observing it. The proclamation of this law took place on

## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

by Mrs. Robert S. Cowin  
1223 West Melrose Drive,  
Westlake, Ohio 44145.

Continuing the list of MANX FISHING BOATS in the last issue of the Bulletin, the following is SECTION II, FIRST CLASS BOATS Nos. 41 (1884) to 91:

| No. | Name            | Owner              | Skipper      | Tons | Built |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|------|-------|
| 41  | Fisher Lass     | S. Dale            | W. Quirk     | 20   | 1884  |
| 42  | Ann             |                    | W. Gorry     |      |       |
| 43  | Maud Isabel     | S. Dale, others    | T. Crebbin   | 20   | 1887  |
| 44  | Elvira          | C. Morrison        | J. Christian | 20   | 1876  |
| 45  | Haste           |                    | Ben Greggor  |      |       |
| 46  | Amy             | S. Dale, others    | J. Shimmin   | 18   | 1885  |
| 47  | Wizard          | C. Morrison        | Ed Quayle    | 20   | 1875  |
| 48  | Maggie Maddrell |                    | Jas Gorry    |      |       |
| 49  | Sonnet          |                    | J. Killey    |      |       |
| 50  | Stentor         |                    |              |      |       |
| 51  | Martha Moore    | T. C. S. Moore     | T. Moore     | 25   | 1885  |
| 52  | Mona's Star     |                    | J. Kermode   |      |       |
| 53  | Sarah Jane      | W. Moore, others   | W. Moore     | 20   | 1876  |
| 54  | Buzzing Bee     | J. Teare, others   | T. Cubbon    | 15   | 1876  |
| 55  | Rose            | C. Morrison        | W. Quayle    | 20   | 1875  |
| 56  | Maid of Mona    |                    | T. Radcliffe |      |       |
| 57  | Nymph           | J. Teare, others   | T. Gorry     | 18   | 1878  |
| 58  | Maria Jane      | W. Moore, others   | C. Christian | 18   | 1886  |
| 59  | Ocean Wave      |                    | W. Quirk     |      |       |
| 60  | Ellie           | J. Joughin, others | W. Bell      | 20   | 1877  |
| 61  | St. Patrick     |                    | P. Shimmin   |      |       |
| 62  | Snaefell        | C. Morrison        | R. Gell      | 20   | 1876  |
| 63  | Heroine         |                    | T. Quirk     |      |       |
| 64  | Alice           |                    | E. McMeiken  |      |       |
| 65  | Dolphin         | P. Lace, others    | P. Lace      | 20   | 1875  |
| 66  | Brittania       | C. Morrison        | H. Crellin   | 20   | 1875  |
| 67  | Silver Spray    | R. Kelly, others   | R. Kelly     | 18   | 1886  |
| 68  | Tar             |                    | W. Shimmin   |      |       |
| 69  | Ripple          | W. Shimmin, others | W. Shimmin   | 20   | 1875  |
| 70  | Lydia           | W. Kelly           | W. Kelly     | 18   | 1876  |
| 71  | Tom Brown       |                    | Jas Quirk    |      |       |
| 72  | Full Moon       | J. Teare, others   | P. Callister | 30   | 1876  |
| 73  | Hearts of Oak   |                    | T. Quayle    |      |       |
| 74  | Sophia          |                    | W. Curphey   |      |       |
| 75  | Arrow           |                    | T. Morrison  |      |       |
| 76  | Foam            |                    | T. Quilliam  |      |       |
| 77  | Golden Plover   | J. Teare, others   | J. Clancey   | 20   | 1881  |
| 78  | Cruiser         | J. Callow, others  | J. Callow    | 21   | 1881  |
| 79  | Mary Ann        |                    | D. Christian |      |       |
| 80  | Emily           | J. Joughin         | Ned Garrett  | 22   | 1874  |
| 81  | Ant             | J. Joughin, others | J. Crellin   | 22   | 1874  |
| 82  | Joseph          |                    | J. Mylrea    |      |       |
| 83  | Vivid           |                    | R. Cringle   |      |       |
| 84  | Plimsol         |                    |              |      |       |
| 85  | Oracle          |                    |              |      |       |
| 86  | Dove            |                    | T. Cain      |      |       |
| 87  | Storm King      | R. Corrin          | Rad Cain     | 25   | 1876  |
| 88  | Statesman       | R. Corrin, others  | Ned Corkill  | 24   | 1876  |
| 89  | Meteor          |                    | T. Caley     |      |       |
| 90  | Tartar          | R. Corrin          | T. Clucas    | 20   | 1878  |
| 91  | Parakite        |                    |              |      |       |

occasions like the pagan feast of the Summer Solstice, usually to an assembly in an open field. The tradition is upheld and according to custom, on 5th July there will be an open-air assembly at the meeting place of the Vikings, the parliament field (in old Norse, Thing Volli) on Tynwald Hill.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clucas, recently moved into their new home, their new address is as follows - 1418 Cheshire Lane, Webster Groves, MO. 63119.

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## WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA MANX SOCIETY

April saw the first meeting of the Washington, D.C. Area Manx Society, as sixty-two members of the new group met in the grand ballroom at Ft. McNair and elected officers to guide them into the Millennium Year. A special word of welcome to NAMA was offered by Margaret Joughin, NAMA president, shown at center with Robert C. Camaish, first president of the Washington Society. At top center Mrs. Camaish compares names with John Comish, the Society's liaison with the WMA. Left of center, inset, is Ed Sayle, chairman of the board of the Society; right, inset, is Dr. Robert L. Fairman, president of the Commonwealth Society of North America, who welcomed the forming of the Society. Busily taking notes, left center, is Garrick Lightowler, vice president, and at lower right with Mrs. Sayle is Mary Hayslett, secretary of the group. Special tribute was paid to Thomas Comish, Sr., lower right inset, the oldest member of NAMA present at the founding meeting.

### INFORMATION PLEASE!

We have a request from a new member of the NAMA - Mr. Thomas F. Kermen, 30 N.W. 180th, Beaverton, Oregon, 97005 for help in tracing his Manx ancestors. His great-grandfather Robert Kermeen was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man in March 1845, he married Anne Jane Logan also of the Isle of Man in 1866, they came to the United States in 1887. A great-uncle dropped an "e" in the family name and it has been KERMEN since then. If anyone has any information about this Manx family, would they please get in touch with Mr. Kermen.

### STATISTICS

HEART disease is still the biggest killer in the Isle of Man. A statistical review of 1976 shows that heart conditions were responsible for 364 deaths.

Cancer in its various forms was the cause of death in 183 cases. The total number of deaths registered was 977 (479 males, 498 females).

Seven hundred and twenty one births were registered - 54 or 7.5 per cent were illegitimate. Four still births occurred and 24 entries were made in the adopted children register.

Registered marriages totalled 396 - 12 less than the previous year. Thirteen people who married were under 18.

Three men and two women were over 75 when they married.

Most male deaths occurred between 65 and 75 whilst for women most deaths took place between 75 and 85.

The census showed a population of 60,496 (28,735 males, 31,761 females).

There were 6,733 living in the West, 9,491 in the North, 33,402 in the east and 11,870 in the south.

## OBITUARIES

MOLYNEAU, Alice Winifred, nee' Gawne, formerly of Peel, Isle of Man, daughter of the late Alice Kermode Gawn and George Gawne of Peel, IOM., passed away suddenly on March 1st, 1978 at Wigan, Lanc, England. The late Mrs. Molyneau is survived by her husband John; three children, two granddaughters, one sister Vivienne and one brother Norman who reside in Peel, Isle of Man.

Funeral service and cremation at Wigan Crematorium, March 6th, remains were interred at Peel, Isle of Man.

Although not a member of NAMA, her mother the late Mrs. Alice Gawne and sister Vivienne were well known to Manx folk in the U.S.A., which they visited in 1968, Mrs. Gawne making her first air flight at the age of 86 years.

Much sympathy will be felt for the husband and family of the late Mrs. Molyneau who passed away at the early age of 62 years.

Mrs. Molyneau was a cousin of Mrs. Eleanor Wright and Miss Bertha M. Keil of South Bend, Indiana.

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Eulogy to the late  
Mrs. Florence McGain

*God was wise giving you the gift  
of love,  
You have used it well.  
God was good giving you hands  
to help,  
You have helped so many willingly.  
God was just giving you a settling  
touch,  
You have calmed many gently.  
God was right giving you a warm and  
understanding smile,  
You have warmed so many hearts  
unselfishly.  
God was great giving you knowing  
eyes that see others' needs,  
You have answered the needs of so  
many without self-thought.  
I know you are lonely, but you are not  
alone,  
As God will be ever with you to  
answer your needs.  
For you have served Him well.*

Poem Written by Judy for her  
Grandmother

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

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

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Miss Margaret Joughin, President of the NAMA was elected a Director of the Celtic Congress of Canada, this took place at the Annual meeting held in November 1977.

Robert and Jean Kelly have composed a slide travelogue on the Isle of Man. They have presented it at Plymouth Place Congregational Home in LaGrange Park, Illinois, where Erma Kneen and Jane Moore reside, and also at Edison Park United Methodist Church. They were pleased by the reception the pictures received and of the many people who asked questions afterwards about the Isle of Man, its history, customs, etc. Later on, when the weather improves, they will be putting on the travelogue at Wesley Willows Methodist Home in Rockford, Illinois. Anyone in the Chicago-land area that would be interested in a showing, should contact the Kellys at 6858 North Osceola, Chicago, 60631.

While spending her junior year of college studying in Spain, Candy Haldeman, daughter of Ray and Mona Haldeman and granddaughter of Mrs. Edith Gurney, spent her Easter vacation on the Isle of Man.

She stayed with Lena Watterson, cousin of Mrs. Henry Christian, she visited and was entertained by relatives and friends - Mabel and Bill Cubbon, Barbara and Ernie Corlett, Ann Pickard, Martha and Stanley Gell, Margaret Boyd and Noreen Cottier. Last October while in London, England she visited with Harold and Eileen Pickard and Eileen Pickard Fryer and their daughter Sylvia Fryer.

During their vacation in March and April, Hilda and Sam Penrice travelled over 5,000 miles through Florida and several parts of the United States.

They visited with Mrs. Henry (Ethel) Christian at her beautiful home in Largo, meeting her brother Arthur and his wife The conversations as expected was about the Isle of Man and the forthcoming Millennium of Tynwald 1979 and the next NAMA Convention to be held in Cleveland September 1978.

Before returning home Hilda and Sam Penrice visited with Helen and Norm Clucas in Webster Groves, Mo.

They spent a most enjoyable weekend together, the weather was perfect and Norman drove them on a sightseeing tour of St. Louis, while there they celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The recent showing on American TV of the film story "Holocaust" raises many questions; among them, What can happen to people who become obsessed with the idea of "racial and cultural purity"? In this melting-pot called America, with its mixing of many backgrounds, this may be hard to comprehend. We of Manx background are glad of our roots, and yet our millennium event of next year may remind us that we are the result of the intermingling of the Norsemen with the ancient Celts--who themselves came from various sources in what is now Europe.

The Biblical Hebrews tried to maintain a racial-cultural purity, through laws and strict religious taboos. Yet there appears to have been an awakening sense of a broader view of mankind, long before the time of Jesus, as the prophet Malachi says (2:10): "Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us?" Other prophets, as Isaiah, expressed similar broadening views as to human brotherhood. And, of course, the Christian faith is that "in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free . . ." for ". . . there is one God and Father of us all . . ." (Galatians 3:28, and Ephesians 4:5).

The Hebrews were scattered in the great Diaspora, yet maintained certain cultural identities and values amid varied and changing national backgrounds. Their loyalty to their God and their heritage has enabled them to endure stresses of prolonged persecutions and overcome severe handicaps, witnessing to the power of a profound faith.

To celebrate our "roots" is excellent --if it helps us to appreciate how rich and deep and varied those roots are!

Herbert G. Kelly

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Donald Bain would like their friends to know they have moved, their new address is as follows - 675 Stanley Ave., #4, Long Beach, California 90814.

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### DUES TIME

The pink membership slip enclosed with the Bulletin is a reminder to pay your dues promptly, please forward your cheque or money order to the Treasurer - Mr. Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

If you are a life member or have paid in advance, please pass the membership slip to a friend or relative.

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