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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One nice thing about preparing material for the March Bulletin is that it reminds us that Spring will soon be here.

1979 is an exciting year for the Manx folks everywhere, and I know many of you are planning to participate in the Millennium celebrations on the Island. The first week of July has been designated as N.A.M.A. week. If you are planning to be on the Island at that time, we suggest you make your arrangements promptly so you will not be disappointed. You must remember space will be at a premium and, even though we have made special arrangements for our members as a group, it is up to each of you individually to confirm your own arrangements. This is not the year to be "traa-dy-lioor"!

Be proud of your heritage and plan to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Edna Cowin
President

WHAT BRINGS US HOME?

*What Draws us to our Native land
Our lovely Mona's Isle*

*Is it South Barrule purple with heather
Is it Snaefell clad in Mannanan Mist
Is it the glens with their gentle streams
ever wending their way to the sea
Is it the primroses that we loved so well
growing in the shady hedges or in the dells
Is it Memories sweet and tender of our
carefree childhood days playing on the
sandy shores making castles the tide would
wash away gone away for evermore
Is it the little people under the bridge who
we thought formed our destiny
Is it the Magic of our Island that brings us
always home to the hearts in Ellan Vannin
that loved us so long ago -
And we give with tears and blessings our
fondest love to thee
Our lovely Island Home.*

Original poem by -
Bessie Leece Auty.

NAMA PROPOSES MILLENNIUM PROJECT

The North American Manx Association, as its Millennium project, has offered to award medals to Manx youth for outstanding achievement in preserving the Manx heritage. In the proposal, made recently to the Millennium Committee of Tynwald, NAMA expressed a desire to award one medal annually in each of the following areas: Manx language, Manx arts and crafts, Manx music and Manx folk dance. The medals will feature the emblem of NAMA.

The medals, to be struck in silver according to the proposal, would also be used on occasion to honor youth of Manx descent in North America for outstanding achievement in the same heritage areas. The NAMA plan is for a local committee on the Isle of Man to administer the project, and for the awards to be made during the months when NAMA members most frequently visit the island.

The Millennium Committee of Tynwald has referred the proposal to a cultural sub-committee for study and recommendation.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF ICELAND

Dr. Christian Eldjarn and Mrs. Halldora Eldjarn, the President of Iceland and his wife, have accepted the invitation of the Government of the Isle of Man to visit the Island during Millennium Year. The visit will take place between 23rd and 26th June 1979, when President Eldjarn will convey the greetings of the ALTHING, the parliament of Iceland, which like Tynwald, derives from the Norse Vikings.

THE MILLENNIUM A YEAR TO RECALL YOUR HERITAGE

The Isle of Man has invited 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 the small island in the Irish Sea from which our NAMA membership is descended. Throughout 1979, there will be many special events of international and national significance, at sea, on land and in the air, as well as the numerous events and attractions staged on the island annually. The celebration of the Millennium Year is an official project of the Government of the Isle of Man, and all segments of the island community are involved in the promotion of events and projects associated with it.

Throughout 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, 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 program includes pageants, festivals, exhibitions, colorful ceremonial occasions and special issue stamps and coins.

MORE CONVENTION 1978 NEWS

Several items relating to the recent Convention were held over due to lack of space, they are included in this March/79 edition.

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MORE MEMORIES SWEET AND TENDER

Somehow it is always about this time of the year that I become restless. I expect it is because Spring in Canada is here one day and gone the next. balmy and mild, then snow and cold, not like the Spring I remembers so well on the Isle of Man. I remember the daffodils and crocus inches above the ground, just like Woodworth's poem, "nodding and dancing in the breeze", there used to be a small field along Lezayre Road, just before the turn off to Glen Auldwyn, the daffodils would bloom in profusion and it seemed a

traditional walk to pick the golden flowers. There was a superstition attached to daffodils, I can remember my grandmother would not allow them inside the house, the same applied to hawthorne, but my mother loved all flowers and our home was never without flowers of some kind.

The only flower we were forbidden to pick was the foxglove, this was reputed to be deadly poisonous, and even to handle it was fatal, at least this is what we believed. I can remember the "gilvers" of wallflowers and polyanthis, two species which one never sees in our part of Canada, maybe they grow in B.C., but I have never come across any.

It seems to me that we were more conscious of the birds and their songs during Spring on the Isle of Man than we are here in Canada, maybe this is just a nostalgic feeling.

Easter on the Island was a happy time, a reawakening, as most of us can recall, winter was rather a dreary time, at least from December on, we kept busy with concerts, teas, choir practices etc., but the thoughts of Easter would give us hope, the Mooragh Park in Ramsey, would get special attention for the visitors it hoped to attract. The sweet shops would be gaily decorated with Easter Eggs which came in all sizes. I would gaze into the shop window my mouth watering. Of course Easter Monday was more important to me as a child, this is when I went with my sisters and brothers up to Brookfield to the "strawberry field" to roll our hard boiled eggs, these were usually bright yellow after being boiled in the golden flower of the gorse bush, what a disappointment if it rained and we had to roll our eggs down the stairs.

This was the first holiday after Christmas, we all had the urge to get out into the country, or go for hikes. I remember one year with Sam my future husband and another couple we decided to walk to the top of North Barrule, the second highest mountain on the Island, we made it alright,

coming down the other side into Cardle and then walking along the main road into Ramsey. We did a lot of walking in our youth, as teenagers we did not have cars, we walked everywhere which was good exercise. I have walked to Andreas, Regaby and Sulby, plus the shorter walks around the Hydro (now the Grand Island Hotel), Greenland and up to Glen Auldyn, through Elfin Glen onto the Mountain road, but they were happy times, have just realized how musical the place names sound.

As Sam was a keen cyclist, it was only to be expected that I would take an interest in it too, but it must have been about a year before he finally talked me into riding a tandem. I think we were the only couple on the North of the Island with a tandem bike, but we got used to the children singing - "Daisy, Daisy" on a bicycle built for two". We had lots of enjoyable times, we belonged to the Viking Wheelers Cycling Club and rain or shine we spent many happy weekends cycling and exploring the Island. We didn't always stick to the main roads, but we travelled to all the little out of the way places, down through Little London and Baldwin, Spout Vane and many more lovely areas, we covered the whole Island pretty thoroughly, we would stop for lunch at Brew's Dining Rooms at Glen Helen, alas no longer there, then end up at the Lhen Beach for tea, here Mrs. Lacey a delightful Manx lady who ran a most successful cafe would provide a satisfying tea, boiled eggs, home made scones and jam, peaches and cream all for one shilling, sometimes we would visit Sayle's cafe in Peel, egg and chips never tasted so good, or else we would eat at Brown's restaurant in Laxey, while we both worked hard all week, we really enjoyed the exercise and fresh air every weekend. We still had our tandem right up to leaving for Canada in 1947, by this time we had two children, so we had to find a more convenient way to get around.

To return to my growing up years in Ramsey, on the Isle of Man, my thoughts go back to the shops on Parliament Street, the "Little Wonder" owned and operated by Miss Crye, further along a millinery shop, a Miss Corkhill owned this, the draper's shop was run by the Misses Teare, Corlett the boot shop and Thomas Arthur Corlett the grocer where my mother dealt for over 35 years. Thomas Arthur Corlett the grocer was a distinguished gentleman, he had a beard and always wore a bowler hat in his shop, my mother shopped often, no frig in these days, I would be sent for Irish roll bacon and if it didn't suit, I would have to take it back to the shop,

something I hated to do.

The grocer's shop had a chair and it was more like a social visit when my mother did her shopping, not like the rush and bustle of our modern supermarkets, she would have a small order sent over on a Wednesday, (deliveries in those days), then on Saturday night she would do the remainder of her shopping, there would be no hurry while all the news of the town was discussed first. Mr. Corlett would finally take down the order, mother would settle her account and the groceries would be delivered later that night, all the shops stayed open very late on a Saturday night. My mother always seemed to meet the same people, stopping here and there to exchange the news, views and the weather, then on to the Maypole, here they sold butter, tea, margarine, biscuits, etc. I was always fascinated by Mr. Brew, he was the manager at that time, he could handle the butter clappers so expertly, slapping the butter or marg on the scale, always right on the correct weight.

Next stop would be the fruit shop on Market Hill, run by Mr. Shepherd, sometimes we might go on to Quayle's Hall near the Electric Tram Station, this is where the P.S.E. was held, (Pleasant Saturday Evening), there would be a concert with local talent, followed by tea and cakes, I remember Mrs. Moore, a rosy cheeked kind lady who used to organise these events, she lived in Church Street and she did a great work with the Blind folk who used to visit Ramsey during the summer, many a Manx recitation I have said in Quayle's Hall, but it was good training.

Our last stop would be at Miss Kneale's who kept the sweet shop, always the same purchase, a slab of creamy toffee. It was the greatest treat of my young life to be allowed to go shopping on a Saturday night with my mother and being allowed to stay up late.

On reading through my "memories", I realise they are only of interest to my generation, to the younger generation they would seem dull and unsophisticated, but those were the times when there was nothing else, but we were content as we knew nothing better, we were well behaved, mature and disciplined, to me they will always be "Memories Sweet and Tender".

Hilda Penrice.

SMILE

Show me a man who's a good loser and I'll show you a man who is playing golf with his boss.



OUR NEW PRESIDENT
Edna Cowin and her husband Bert.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION COMMING EVENTS

March 15th - 7:15 p.m. Annual General Meeting, Ballaquayle Rd., Douglas.

June 27th - Starting Approx. 6:00 p.m. Outing to South of Island, where a Manx Entertainment and Supper will be awaiting our party.

July 27th - 7:30 p.m. Manx Traditional Supper and Concert arranged by W.M.A. to be held in the concert hall of Promenade Church, Douglas.

October 29th - T.E. Brown Dinner, 7:30 p.m. assembling in Castle Mona Hotel, Douglas. The Lt. Governor and Lady Paul hope to be present.

Other outings and events will be organised, outings, one each month from May until September. Tel. D-21665. (Mr. Evan Cain).

Miss Doris Clague, President of W.M.A. would like to invite a Representative of each Manx Society throughout the World, to be the guest of W.M.A. on July 7th, 1979. (Gathering).

Members of the NAMA might care to reserve their tickets in advance for the W.M.A. Gathering to be held July 7th, at the Villa Marina, Douglas. Cost of an inclusive ticket is £1.20 per person, please apply to - Miss M. Kissack, "Carragyn", 65 Highview Road, Douglas. Isle of Man, a saving in postage might be to book a group of people and send the monies (Sterling) in one package, no later than July 3rd, 1979.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Edna Cowin, our new President, is Manx-by-marriage; and is delighted and proud to be Manx. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio and in 1952 married Robert Stanley Cowin (Bert), son of the late Stanley and Lenorah Cowin. Bert's grandparents were Cowin, Sulby and Clucas, the Strang, Union Mills. During this twenty-seven year period she has studied the Island and has made four trips over to further her knowledge. She has been delighted with the beauty of the Island and the hospitality of their Manx friends and relatives.

Prior to her retirement, Edna had spent twenty-five years as a secretary with the Cleveland Twist Drill Company and had risen to the office of Secretary to the President.

She is serving her seventh year as President of the Cleveland Manx Society, and prior to that had been Treasurer for eight years. She did the research work on the Manx Postage Stamps issued to honor early Manx Pioneers to the Cleveland Area. In 1965 she presented the Cleveland Gold Medal at the Manx Music Festival. She and Bert have established their home as Manx headquarters, entertaining many visitors from the Isle of Man and their telephone number is listed with the Consul's office, newspapers, libraries and museum where Manx connections are sometimes needed. The Clague House Museum is another of her Manx activities, and one of her special interests—is—recruiting old Manx heirlooms for display in the Museum. She was instrumental in having the Museum listed in the National Register of Historic Places as it is the only Manx museum in the U.S.A.

As a direct result of having worked on the Cowin-Clucas Family Tree she has become interested in Manx families and originated, and has written, the KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS column in the Bulletin since 1968. She knows the Island very well having covered over 2000 miles by car on one of their trips. She has many old Manx books for reference and has ready access to the Library at Clague House Museum.

She recently was chairman of the successful GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION—two years of planning and preparation were well worthwhile - and widened her acquaintance with the Manx people.

Edna is also a member of the Westlake Historical Society, Friends of the Rocky River Library, Westlake Garden Club, and the Ohio Order of Eastern Star.

MILLENNIUM 1979 NEWS

LORD OF MANN WILL PRESIDE AT TYNWALD

Elizabeth II, the Lord of Mann, will preside at the ceremonial 1,000th sitting of the Tynwald, the open-air parliament of the Isle of Man. The last sovereign to carry out the duty was George VI in 1946.

The announcement that Her Majesty will preside at the Millennium ceremony was contained in her message to the Isle in a silver baton, which was carried by foot from Buckingham Palace by a marathon of Manx athletes.

Constitutionally, the position of the Isle of Man is unique. It is not and never has been a part of the United Kingdom. It is a possession of the Crown (crown dependency) and its sovereign is styled the Lord of Mann.

Over one thousand years ago, the Island came under the domination of the invading Norsemen -- the Vikings -- who set up the "Kingdom of Mann and the Isles" with a form of government based on the principle of freemen knowing the law and observing it. This was done by holding an open-air assembly on the summer solstice (July 5th) and proclaiming the law in the Manx language. At the assembly, or Tynwald (Viking: Thing Vollar), the freemen were afforded the opportunity to publicly petition the Lord of Mann or his prerepresentative, a tradition continued to this day.

It is the democratic tradition of the Tynwald, the oldest continuing parliamentary assembly in the world, that makes this year's celebration of the Millennium a major free-world event.

MANX THE FIRST TO ISSUE GOLDEN MANX POUND COIN

After nine years of research, the Isle of Man Government has issued the first ever circulating decimal £1 coin, the "round pound." With a gold-like hue and high luster, the Virenum coin has both counterfeit-proof and special and permanent magnetic properties to permit its use in vending machines. It also has a special "tactile" edge for ease in identification in the dark and to help the visually handicapped. The coin features the familiar three-legs-of-Man superimposed over a relief of the Island.

Although the coin is intended for circulation, the first minting was a total sell-out on the first day offered, and the coin goes at premium with coin dealers.

VISIT OF LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

Sir Kenneth Cork, Lord Mayor of London, will pay a State Visit to the Isle of Man between 31st March and 4th April 1979, accompanied by Lady Cork, one of the Sheriffs of the City of London, the Chief Commoner, the Swordbearer and Serjeant at Arms.

VIKING LONGBOAT TO SAIL TO IOM FOR MILLENNIUM

A Viking voyage from Norway to the Isle of Man following the route of the island's Norse invaders has been planned to commemorate their founding of Tynwald 1,000 years ago. Construction of the ship and selection of a crew for the hazardous crossing of the North Sea under Spartan conditions is already underway, as is a public subscription program to recreate the Viking longboat.

The first leg of the voyage will be from Norway to the Shetlands, the second to the Orkneys, and then to the Western Isles of Scotland which were once a part of the Kingdom of Mann. The final leg of the journey should see landfall at Peel immediately prior to Tynwald Day, 1979, at which it will be presented to the Manx people by the subscribers.

Manx contributions have already raised almost one-third of the longboat's 70,000 pound construction cost, and those of Manx descent are being encouraged to contribute to this "birthday present to ourselves, to our heritage." At the top of the contribution ladder is to have one's shield, crest or emblem on one of 30 Viking shields that will serve as weatherboards on the longboat, and appear permanently on the ship when displayed for posterity on the island.

Subscriptions for a shield is 1000 pounds. Ten oars, also to feature the crest or emblem of the donor, will be 500 pounds subscription each. At the more moderate end of the scale are contributions of any amount, although those of 25 pounds or more will be recognized by a commemorative certificate signed by Sir John Paul, Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man. Any NAMA members desiring to subscribe to this endeavour should send contributions to Williams and Glyn's Bank (I.O.M.) Ltd., Victory House, Prospect Hill, Douglas, Isle of Man.

TYNWALD WEEK DIARY

1st - 7th July 1979

1st July : National Thanksgiving Service, St. Germans Cathedral, Peel Castle (with Bishop of Trondheim, Norway; Bishop of Argyle & The Isles; Archbishop of Liverpool; Bishop of Fulham & Gibraltar; RC Archbishop of Armagh; Archbishop of Armagh (Anglican) & Primate of All Ireland; President of the Methodist Conference; The Lord Bishop of Sodor & Man)

2nd July: Welcome to Homecomers: Laxey Glen Gardens

2nd/3rd July: Tattoo - Douglas

3rd July: The Speaker of the House of Keys 'At Home' to Homecomers - Ballafayle, Maughold

3rd July: Arrival of Viking Ship from Norway (or 4th July)

3rd July: Lecture by Dr. David Wilson, Director of the British Museum - Promenade Church Hall, Douglas.

5th July: Tynwald Ceremony, St. Johns

July 5th: Horse Racing - Great Meadow, Malew

5th July: Port St. Mary Fair & Manx Wedding

6th July: Laxey Fair

7th July: World Manx Association Gathering: Villa Marina, Douglas.

TYNWALD CEREMONY PRIORITY BOOKING

Priority booking rights at two pounds per seat are available to Manx residents. Due to great demand for seats have deferred consideration until February 23rd, it seems likely that some seats will be available for homecoming Manx. This is the gist of a telegram received from Robert Quayle, Clerk to Tynwald, in answer to my enquiry as to news for the March Bulletin.

The Editor.

The world-renowned Manx T.T. Motorcycle Races have set a new record. During the Millennium Year races will feature the largest road racing purse in the world - 100,000 pounds, more than double the purse offered last year.

The island government is sparing no expense in its support of the T.T. Races, which made the Isle of Man the birthplace of organised road racing. The first prize of 10,000 pounds is expected to attract the world's top riders.

VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE PRINCESS ANNE,
MRS. MARK PHILLIPS.

As announced on the 17th January Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne, Mrs. Mark Phillips, will visit the Isle of Man in connection with the Millennium celebrations on the 14th and 15th March. The following further details of her visit are released for information.

After arrival at Ronaldsway Airport Her Royal Highness will pay a formal call on the Worshipful the Mayor of Douglas about noon on her way to Government House where she will stay during her visit. She will later lunch with the Members of Tynwald and in the afternoon as already announced, she will attend engagements organised by the Riding for the Disabled Association at the Corvalley Riding Centre and the Save the Children Fund. In the evening the Princess will attend a Charity Ball in aid of these two charities.

Before departure the following morning The Princess will pay a brief visit to Laxey School which is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year.

WHAT IS A MANXMAN?

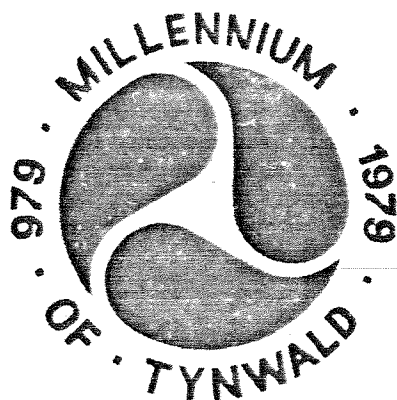
There seems to be some difficulty in defining what constitutes a Manxman. I cannot claim to be a true blooded Manxman. Like the Norsemen, King Orry's lot and the Cottiers, Corkhills, Corletts, Cowleys, and the Crennells. But there are the Celts. I'll come among that lot - with Irish forebears - the Brews, Bridsons, Callisters, Callows, Cannells, Mylchreests and Quayles, not forgetting the Kellys, Kewleys, Cashins, Quiggins and Mylreas.

Mr. Kipperdale of Ohchan, in his letter to the "Examiner" a few weeks ago, seemed to have some difficulty in defining what constituted a Manxman; maybe this rhyme, "The Manxman" will help him:

The Manxman

*However through the world he's
tossed,
However by misfortunes crossed;
Reverses, losses, fortune's frown,
No change or chance can keep him
down.
Upset him any way you will
Upon his legs you'll find him still,
Forever active, brisk and spunky,
Jecoris Stabit Quocunque.*

The meaning of the last line refers to the Three Legs, "However you throw me I stand."



THE MANX MILLENNIUM — DON'T MISS IT!

"In an orgy of self-deprecating enthusiasm, the Manx are about to celebrate 1,000 years of democracy, Viking invasions, tax evasion, fairies, kippers, tail-less cats and birching." That's the way a British newspaper viewed the Manx Millennium recently. And, there is no doubt about it that "Millennium fever" has swept the tiny island, with all its citizens and residents making plans to pass on the infection to all who come in 1979 to share the celebration with them.

Starting with a message from the Lord of Mann (styled elsewhere as Elizabeth II) in a silver baton and a fireworks display on January 1st, and slated to end with a Grand Ball in Douglas twelve months later, the program of events for the Millennium Year in the Isle of Man already exceeds three hundred separate items. The events will range from village concerts and fairs to a rally of the tallships (for those who missed them in New York in 1976) and a round-the-island sailing race.

Nordic Week in June will see the arrival of a Viking craft from North Wales, and Tynwald Week will herald the arrival of a 10-oared Viking longship making the perilous journey from Norway. A Millennium Chess Tournament will feature 2,000 pounds in prizes. A Millennium Rose is being introduced. Official visitors will range from the Regal and the presidents of Ireland and Iceland to the Lord Mayor of London. A National Service of Thanksgiving on the island will be presided over by the Bishop of Trondheim, Norway; the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, the Bishop of Fulham and Gibraltar and the Anglican and Roman Catholic Archbishops of Armagh.

Scouts and guides will wear a special Millennium emblem and ham radio operators will be using a unique

Millennium call sign approved for the occasion.

Millennium stamps will be issued. Special events are slated for the elderly. Townspeople will wear traditional Manx clothing. Manx folk songs and dances will be featured and events throughout the year.

But, to NAMA and its members, as with those of Manx descent everywhere, the special event will be the rolling out of a red carpet of welcome of "homecomers". Special visitor services have been planned, two tour organizations (listed in the December Bulletin) have developed travel and hotel packages to make it easier for those of Manx-descent to enjoy the festivities. The World Manx Association has announced special events for overseas Manx. All of Manx-descent who have mailed their names to "Operation Roots", Douglas, Isle of Man, have already been sent formal invitations to visit the island of their heritage during 1979, and have been provided with regular informational mailings. British Airways and Aer Lingus agents in the United States and Canada are prepared to make complete travel programs available to those requesting it. It couldn't be easier. It's an opportunity for all of us to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime event celebrating our early origins. But, time is passing quickly for making plans assuring satisfying hotel and travel accommodations, and those who have not done so are urged to firm up their visitation plans now and contact their travel agents of those mentioned previously in the Bulletin.

It is OUR Millennium, let's not miss it

A 28-mile trail, the Millennium Way, is being developed on the Isle of Man and will be ready for use by Easter. The Way, based in part on the Via Regia, one of the earliest highways recorded in the Chronicles of the Monks of Rushen Abbey, will start at Skyhill (Scacafell), the scene of the battle between the Norsemen led by Godred Crovan and the Manx. The route will follow ancient ridgeways, making detours to points of interest, terminating in Castletown at Castle Rushen, site of the fortification by the Norsemen to guard the south of the Island. Specially designed markers are to assist hikers in tracing the Millennium Way. One word of warning, the route includes a climb to the summit of Snaefell, the island's highest mountain.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

Our last meeting of 1978 was the annual Christmas party which was held at the home of Malcolm and Joyce Kinley in Costa Mesa, a good time was had by all who attended.

In January, Malcolm and Joyce Kinley went to San Diego to visit Noreen Cottier, a former member of the Los Angeles Manx Society who now lives in Peel, Isle of Man.

Noreen was staying with Hilary and Brian Harrison - they had invited some other Manx friends and people of Manx descent with the idea of forming a new Manx Society in that area. Everyone thought it was a great idea. Malcolm Kinley was particularly pleased to meet Miss Iris Corkhill as he remembered her relatives still living on the Island, especially Ffingo Corkhill who lives at Ballamodha, Isle of Man.

Several of the people present plan to visit the Island this great Millennium year.

Joyce, Kinley, Se.,
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SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

In this year of the Manx Millennium, the San Diego Manx Society was formed with the gracious help of Miss Noreen Cottier, Isle of Man and Mrs. Brian Harrison, San Diego.

The group met for the first time on January 28th, 1979 at the home of Brian and Hilary Harrison. Miss Cottier conducted the organization meeting and a beginning treasury was established from funds raised by an Auction of Manx items. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Kinley were present representing the Southern California Manx Society, they showed a recent film from the Isle of Man.

The new slate of officers as follows:
President: Mrs. Susan G. Shimmin Okey.

Sec. Treas.: Miss Iris Corkhill.

Membership: Mrs. Arlene Archer,

Mrs. Jacqueline Speigler, Mrs. Sandra Fisher, Miss Marion Kelly, Mrs. George Pflueger, Mrs. Donald Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. John Zettel, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Okey, Miss Iris Corkhill, Mrs. Susan G. Okey.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hendrickson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Shimmin.

The San Diego Manx Society extends special thanks to Miss Noreen Cottier, Brian and Hilary Harrison and Malcolm and Joyce Kinley for their enthusiasm and encouragement which led to the establishment of our group.

Susan G. Shimmin Okey,
President,
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The NAMA welcomes the formation of the San Diego Manx Society. 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 what'er is left us of ancient heritage".

ROCHESTER NEWS

Mary and John Caley of Rochester, N.Y., enjoyed a trip to Hawaii and California early in the year.

Alice Garrett plans to leave snow bound Rochester to enjoy the month of March in Tucson, Arizona.

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

Happy Millennium Year to all our North American Friends.

Many of our members are planning on a trip to the Isle of Man during this special year, no Charter Flight, however, has been arranged as most people are going at different times. We do hope to see some of the NAMA folk at the many events which have already been arranged in different parts of the Island.

Our latest event here in Toronto, Canada, was a Christmas party, which as usual was a great success. We do not meet during the winter months, this is on account of the winter travelling conditions, the next meeting of the Society will be held on April 7th, 1979.

Lesh dy chooilley yeearee vie - with all good wishes.

Alice Foster, President,
Marion McLaren, Sec.,
106 Hiltz Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario. M4L 2N5.

GREATER WASHINGTON D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

On the 15th of April our Society will have been in existence for two years.

Consequently, we think it is appropriate to briefly review some of the highlights of what has been accomplished during this period.

Most important, we are now an organization of sixty-five families and looking forward to continued growth and interest. According to plan, the Officers and Board of Governors meet quarterly and the total membership meets annually.

The minutes of all meetings are distributed to the membership and serve the dual purpose of a newsletter. A review of these minutes, reflect that we have assisted the North American Manx Association in their effort to recruit new members and have publicized and distributed material promoting the Millennium of Tynwald. Our organization has also served as a point of contact for individuals from the Isle of Man, who are visiting or on business in the Washington, D. C. Area. Further, supporting contributions have been made to the NAMA Golden Jubilee Convention, to the Manx Millennium Viking Voyage, and a United States flag has been donated to the World Manx Association for their display of flags.

We are now looking forward to our Second Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, April 7, 1979 at the Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers' Club. At this meeting, we will have an opportunity for fellowship, hear more about the Isle of Man and elect a slate of officers for the next two year period.

Robert. C. Camaish
President

Mary E. Hajelett
Secretary

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY AND BY LAWS

If you have a need for additional Directory and By-laws booklets, they can be purchased for \$1.50 plus 50c mailing charges each. Forward requests to - Clarence E Creer, 14228 Union Ave., Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

Greetings from the Vancouver Manx Society and belated good wishes for 1979. The Society held a very successful Manx Tea on December 9th with 40 members attending and enjoying the good food provided by the ladies. As usual our raffle was a great success with just about everyone winning a prize.

The Vancouver Manx Society suffered a great loss on November 21st when Mr. Eden Costain passed away quietly, sleeping in a chair. Eden came to Vancouver in 1909 and had been a member of the Society ever since. He served on the committee and had held every office except President. The last few years he decided not to hold any office and leave the running of the Society to "the young ones" as he called us.

At that time the Society presented to Eden the gold Three Legs of Man medallion which is usually presented to the retiring President. In doing so we also named Eden, "Vancouver's Manx Ambassador".

I had the good fortune to be President the last three years that Eden held office. He was Secretary at that time and he and I met regularly at his home. He never failed to amaze me with his great knowledge of all things Manx, people, places and events. Eden was a truly great Manx patriot and his love for his native island was always evident. His passing is a tremendous loss to the Vancouver Manx Society and indeed to all those who had the good fortune to know Vancouver's Manx Ambassador, Eden Q. Costain.

Mrs. Lillian Illott who served on our committee also passed away on November 5th. Lillian was a hard working committee member and loved the Manx Society. She will be greatly missed.

Our next gathering will probably be in May when we hold a Pot Luck supper.

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

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Another big year underway -- with all its celebrations in the Isle of Man. Some of our members plan to participate in the Millenium by being there! Wouldn't we all like to be there too?

Our regular monthly meetings resumed in February. Following the business session, we had a Valentine Party. Meetings are the second

Tuesday of the month. If you are in our area, please contact any of our officers -- we'd love to have you come join us.

Officers for this year are:
President - Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
Vice-President - Wm. A. Roseman
Secretary - Miss Elizabeth Clucas
1541 E. 191 St. Apt. K-605,
Euclid, Ohio 44117.

Treasurer - Mrs. Ray F. Haldeman
Trustees - Robert S. Cowin, Richard R. Kelly, and Mrs. Michael Krach.
Honorary Trustee - Mrs. Amy Abell

Marge (Kennish) Krach
Publicity Chairman
319 Ridgeview Drive
Seven Hill, Ohio 44131

BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The annual Christmas party was held at the home of Ivy Dillon on December 11th with 14 members attending. Sarah Mazzone made a wonderful Santa Claus, especially when handing out the gifts to the men folk, the pot-luck supper was much enjoyed as were the carols which were sung.

Several members were away for the holidays. Sarah Mazzone visited California with her daughter and family, Helen May also visited in California with her daughter and family, Ivy Dillon visited with her daughter and family in Phoenix, Ivy's daughter Margaret Van Camp was married to Mr. Tom Shue on December 28th, 1978 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

No meeting was held in January, but the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Eva Maddern the 2nd Monday in February.

Ivy Dillon, Sec.,
207 Hazzard Street,
Warren, Arizona 85642.

NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

Nebraska: As press time nears we have no news from our membership. Mother nature with her dripping brush has us weight-ed down with her alpine dressing, but snugly we are sure.

We trust as the spell passes and April comes we will be together once again.

So at this time we want to remind everyone to plan for our meeting in April in Lincoln when we will be meeting with Mrs. Gladys Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Corkill.

Mrs. Annie Robison, Secretary,
Elk Creek, Nebraska. 68348

PRESENTATION

In early November Bert and Edna Cowin presented a lovely Manx Flag to Mayor Earl Martin of Rocky River, Ohio. The Mayor expressed his gratitude and thanks to the Isle of Man Tourist Board for this beautiful donation.

The Greater Washington D.C. Area Manx Association recently donated a large American Flag to the World Manx Association. This donation was made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Comish of Fairfax, Virginia.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bud Fisher of Bremerton, Wash., Sandra Kathleen was united in marriage to J. Anderson Black of Daresbury, Scotland, on August 18th, 1978 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Port Gamble, the Rev. Robert Tague officiated at the nuptials. A reception was held at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Officers Club. The Blacks are making their home in San Diego.

The bride is an East High School graduate, she received a bachelor's degree from Western Washington University and a master's from the United States International University in San Diego, she is a kindergarten teacher with the Cajon Valley Union School in El Cajon. Mr. Black is a British novelist and art historian currently working as a screen writer in California, he attended Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh, Scotland and graduated from Edinburgh University in 1963 with an M.A. and Ph.D. degree in Fine Arts, his recent works include - "Romp", "Valium 7", "Act of God", "The Story of Jewels", "A History of Fashion" and "Your Irish Ancestors".

The ceremony was attended by members of the bride's immediate family, out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Metcalf of North Vancouver, B.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Metcalf, Vancouver Island.

"LAZY TOMS" MUST GO!

"Lazy Toms" are not doing their duty at the Manx Cattery, so they are going to have to go - in favour of others who will father more Manx kittens. One of the Councillors had earlier commented on the temperature in the Cattery and its effects on the number of kittens produced, storage heaters would be installed to provide additional warmth. The Cattery is an amenity for tourists, a total of 33,000 people had visited the place during the last summer season.

GOLDEN JUBILEE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Prize	Donor	Winner
Silverplated Trivet	Prize Distribution Fund	Eunice Durfee, Ohio
Manx Cottage Music Box	Catherine Sarvary, Ohio	Mrs. Ralph E. Magnuson, Ohio
Glass & Silver Coaster Ashtrays	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kelly, Ohio	Mrs. Stanley Gell, Ohio
Manx Tartan Rug	Elizabeth Clucas, Ohio	Lois Abel Hricko, Ohio
Antique Auto Coin Bank	Carol Grigsby, Ohio	Jim Kennedy, Isle of Man
Set of Steel Steak Knives	Florence Lyon, Ohio	Greeba Macd Malekin, Isle of Man
Pair of Pewter Hurricane Candlesticks with glass chimneys and candles	Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Quine, Ohio	Mrs. Charles Everiss, Florida
Billfold	Lily McKibbin, Ohio	Gladys Brew, Isle of Man
Wooden Cheese Board & Knife	Ethel Clucas, Illinois	Dennis Kless, Ohio
Glass Dish and 2 Silver Servers	Shaker Savings & Loan Association, Ohio	Joyce Kinley, California
Graham Kerr Cookbook	Cardinal Savings & Loan Association, Ohio	Helen Kewley, Ohio
Fenton Hobnail Milk Glass	Elizabeth Clucas, Ohio	Robert H. Cojeen, Michigan
Fenton Hobnail Milk Glass	Elizabeth Clucas, Ohio	Len Quilliam, Canada
Hammered Aluminum Dish	Ethel Clucas, Illinois	Ruth Herbert, Ohio
Small Inlaid Wooden Box	Mrs. E. Auty, Ohio	C. C. Quane, Canada
Wooden Wall Plaque	Mrs. E. Auty, Ohio	Mrs. R. C. DeWerth, Ohio
Framed Picture - River Scene. East Baldwin, Isle of Man	Edna Cowin and Elizabeth Clucas, Ohio	Millicent Clague, Isle of Man
Set of Placemats	Mrs. E. Auty, Ohio	Mrs. T. Edwards, Washington
Pottery Bowl from Spain	Mona Haldeman, Ohio	Mrs. Donna Gell, Ohio
Carved Wooden 3-leg Wall Plaque	Bert Cowin, Ohio	A. J. McDonnell, California
Carved Wooden 3-leg Wall Plaque	Bert Cowin, Ohio	Helen Miles, Pennsylvania
Hand Painted China Plate	Annie Robison, Nebraska	Malcolm Kinley, California
Pr. of Hand Painted Manx Plaques	Annie Robison, Nebraska	Frieda Lechevalier, Michigan
Pr. of Hand Painted Manx Plaques	Annie Robison, Nebraska	Mrs. E. Auty, Ohio
Manx Rug	Margaret Joughin, Canada	R. H. Corkill, Michigan
Manx Dish	Lily Clucas, Isle of Man	Mrs. Raymond Maloney, California
Woven Brushed Wool Stole	Mr. & Mrs. C. Creer, Illinois	J. Pattison, California
Bone China Cup & Saucer	Elinor Cain, Ohio	Miss. G. E. Blackwood, Canada
Garment Bag	Florence Lyon, Ohio	Mrs. Annie Jackson, Ohio
Playing Card Set	Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Gell, Ohio	Mrs. M. A. Quane, Canada
1/2 Gal. Maple Syrup	Roland Corlett, Ohio	Mrs. Hilda Penrice, Canada
Kromax Tray	Mrs. Annie Jackson, Ohio	Jeanine Hogg, Ohio
Round Pen Set	Shelart, Inc., Isle of Man	Edward Caine, New York
Domed Paper Weight	Shelart, Inc., Isle of Man	Florence Lyon, Ohio
Cubed Paper Weight	Shelart, Inc., Isle of Man	Frances Polkon, Ohio
Set of Placemats & Napkins	Mrs. Chas. Everiss, Florida	Mrs. Wm. L. Weston, Michigan
Oval Wall Plaque	Edna Cowin, Ohio	T. E. Clucas, Oregon
Thermometer	Bert Cowin, Ohio	Alice Garrett, New York
Gold Plated Jelly Server	Cleveland Manx Society	Maryellen Hinrichs, Wyoming
Gold Plated Cake Server	Cleveland Manx Society	M. Teare, Isle of Man
Gold Plated Slotted Spoon	Cleveland Manx Society	A. H. Gill, New York
Barometer	Helen Kewley, Ohio	Carol Grigsby, Ohio
Gold Frame	A Friend	Mrs. W. K. Brew, Ohio
Manx Picture Collage	Prize Distribution Fund	Mrs. R. Thormann, Ohio
Latch Hook Pillow	Edith Greggor McWilliams, Ohio	Roland Corlett, Ohio
Binnoculars	Prize Distribution Fund	Mr. Sydney Cowle, Ohio
Set of Yellow Towels	Marge Krach, Ohio	Jim Kennedy, Isle of Man
Beige Shawl	Marge Krach, Ohio	John E. Killip, Arizona
Tie from Isle of Man	Grace Browning, Alabama	Mr. Robt. W. Gell, Ohio
Candle	Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Curphey, Nova Scotia	Jane Hughes, Ohio
Arizona Gift	Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes, Arizona	Harry Quiggin, Indiana
Roger Silverplated Tray	Mrs. H. C. Christian, Florida	Miss. M. E. Cain, Michigan
Toastmaster-Oven-Broiler	Karen Krach Privitera, Ohio	Mrs. Shirley Tate, Canada
Cassette Recorder	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Roseman, Ohio	Mrs. Ruth Haskell, Arizona
Silver Jefferson Cup	Washington D.C. Manx Society	Lee Ann Topple, Canada
Shebeg Pottery . . . Shepherd	Alice Garrett, New York	Don Corlett, Virginia
Shebeg Pottery . . . Loughtin Sheep	Edith Gurney, Ohio	Dot Hall, Canada

Prize

Set of Stainless Steel Flatware (service for 8)
 Set of Stainless Steel Flatware (service for 12)
 Travel Book
 3-leg Leaded Glass Ornament
 Wall Plaque
 Camera
 Set of Coffee Mugs
 Fancy Box Tea
 Bone China Sugar & Creamer
 Tie from Isle of Man
 Book "Washington's Mount Vernon"
 Collection of Isle of Man Postage Stamps
 Isle of Man Silver Spoon
 Tote Bag
 Ceramic Eagle
 Manx Plaque
 Manx Plaque
 White Handbag
 Kouroc Tray
 Manx Phonograph Record
 Wooden Wall Plaque
 Set of Manx Coins
 Set of Manx Coins
 Set of Manx Coins
 Pair of Ceramic Heads
 Pair of Gold Horses
 Afghan
 Shebeg Pottery . . . Shepherd
 Hand Woven Scarf
 Arizona Copper Dish

Donor

Cleveland Manx Society
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 Mrs. E. Auty, Ohio
 Mr. Tom Waltz, Ohio
 Isle of Man Tourist Board
 Lily McKibbin, Ohio
 Elizabeth Clucas, Ohio
 Mrs. E. Auty, Ohio
 Edith Greggor McWilliams, Ohio
 Grace Browning, Alabama
 Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Cretney, Ohio
 Mr. G. V. H. Kneale, MLC, Isle of Man
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Joughin, Brazil
 Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Nicholl, Ohio
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 Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Curphey, Nova Scotia
 Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes, Arizona
 Greeba Maed Malekin, Isle of Man
 Mrs. Mona English, Canada
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 R. H. Corkill, Michigan
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 Evelyn Corlett, California
 Prize Distribution Fund
 Mrs. Cowin, Isle of Man
 Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes, Arizona

Winner

Pamela Yunc, Ohio
 Helen Kewley, Ohio
 Norman D. Clucas, Missouri
 C. Radcliffe, Kentucky
 Laura Belford, Ohio
 Mrs. Gertie Skogen, Minnesota
 Major Geoff Crellin, Isle of Man
 May Teare, Isle of Man
 Mr. James M. Kissack, California
 Edna Harbottle, Canada
 Vida Blackburn, Isle of Man
 Helen Kewley, Ohio
 Walter E. Caine, Texas
 Robert Kelly, Illinois
 Miss Margaret E. Cain, Michigan
 Will Kless, Ohio
 Millicent Clague, Isle of Man
 Mrs. T. Edwards, Washington
 Fred Hall, Canada
 Elizabeth Robison, Nebraska
 C. J. Quine, Ohio
 J. B. Moore, Washington
 Ethel Rodgers, Washington
 Miss N. Christian, Canada
 Earel M. Belford, Ohio
 Nellie Miller, Ohio
 Helen Miles, Pennsylvania
 E. J. Corlett, California
 Barent Anthony, New York
 Lily Corlett, Isle of Man

All prizes have either been mailed or taken by persons attending the convention for delivery or forwarding. If you have not received your prize, please contact Mrs. Carol Grigsby, 18900 Detroit Avenue Ext., Apt. 614, Lakewood, Ohio 44107.

1978 N.A.M.A. CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT

A total of 288 persons participated in the convention. There were 187 full registrations and 101 partial ones. Over 200 attended the President's Reception, 232 attended the banquet, and 229 attended the buffet.

Receipts:

Advance from N.A.M.A.	\$ 200.00
Amount remaining in bank (from 1976)	100.00
Interest accrued on bank account	101.60
Donations	802.31
Souvenir Book	1605.29
Drawing Tickets	1202.90
Registrations	6052.25
Hotel Deposits (for late arrivals)	1009.25
Bus Trip to NASA (\$2 per person)	96.00
Coin Auction	258.60
Manx Table Sale	467.88
Doulton Raffle	605.00
Bumper Stickers, Cards, Stamps	102.58
Group Photograph	292.50
Miscellaneous	30.10
	\$12,936.26

Disbursements:

Sheraton Inn	\$ 2398.30
Wagner's Country Inn (Buffet)	1765.99
Printing	964.48
Postage	322.85
Bus	901.00
Prizes for distribution	106.90
Hotel for late arrivals	1009.25
Registration refund	151.25
Telephone	70.31
Star per for sale at Manx Sale Table	205.10
Lunches for Auxiliary Dignitaries	77.54
Entertainment	335.00
Photography	345.00
Wife's expenses	61.69
Bureau at hotel	28.11
Donations	
Westgate Historical Society	25.00
Financials - banquet	74.50
Cleveland Manx for sale items	52.60
Miscellaneous	122.47
	\$ 9017.34

Balance in account	\$ 3908.92
Advance from N.A.M.A.	300.00
Profit from 1978 Convention	\$3608.92*
* Plus 20 British pounds, or approximately \$40.00	

Mona G. Haldeman
 Convention Treasurer

DONATIONS

The 1978 Convention Committee gratefully acknowledges further contributions to the Fund, Miss Doris Clague, Pres. W.M.A., World Manx Assoc; per Mr. W. Waid.

"The Isle of Man" by -
 R. H. Kinvig

THE SALE OF THE BOOK, "THE ISLE OF MAN - A SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL HISTORY" BY R. H. KINVIG, WAS SPONSORED BY THE N.A.M.A. AND HAS NOW ENDED.

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1223 W. Melrose Drive
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Continuing the list of MANX FISHING BOATS, this month we feature a list of NOBBIES, giving the Name, Owner, Skipper, Tonage and the year each was built. No. 1 - 82 (To be Continued).

NOBBIES

No.	Name	Owner	Skipper	Tons	Built
1	T. B. L.	E. Sayle & others	E. Sayle	12	1877
2	Girl Emily	J. Watterson & others	W. Christian	9	1917
3	Jane		J. T. Killey		
5	White Heather	G. Gaskill	G. Gaskill	21	1905
5	White Heather	G. Gaskill	G. Gaskill	21	1913
7	Edward	E. McMeiken	E. McMeiken	1	1905
7	Star	H. Kaighin	H. Kaighin	7	1900
7	Star		R. Quayle		
9	Willie	C. Morrison & others	J. Wilson	6	1876
10	Elizabeth Ann	R. Crellin	R. Crellin	6	1876
11	Favorite		J. Kermod		
12	Thistle		J. Corkill		
13	Eldorado	J. G. Corrin & Jenkins	J. Jenkins	12	1899
13	Ruby		C. Cain		
16	Royal Fern		N. Smith		
19	Eileen		J. Quilliam	12	1899
22	May Lily	H. Quilliam	H. Quilliam	6	1876
23	Sea Flower	W. Kelly, J. Sayle	J. Sayle	5	1890
26	Francis Ann	T. Clague	H. Killey	10	1882
28	North Dalrymple	E. Cottier	T. Cashin	5	1891
30	Honey Flower		E. Craine		
33	Ocean		W. Cowell		
35	F. S. G.		C. Sayle		
35	Annie	H. Moors, J. Hall	H. Moore	16	1900
36	La Belle	W. Callister, others	W. Callister	12	1900
41	Cushag	A. Gell	R. Gell		
45	Island Lass	R. McMeiken	R. McMeiken	5	1900
52	Moss Rose	W. Curhpey	J. Sayle	11	1900
56	Cissie	J. Quirk & Others	J. Quirk	14	1901
59	Meteor		W. Cashin	12	1910
59	Zulu	T. C. S. Moore	W. Charlton	7	1884
61	Gladys	T. Cashin, others	T. Cashin	12	1901
62	Honey Guide	E. Craine, others	E. Craine	8	1885
63	Janet	J. Cain	J. Cain	15	1901
64	Harvest Queen	C. Christian	C. Christian	9	1901
65	Vervine Blossom	A. McMeiken	A. McMeiken	17	1912
67	Blue Bell		Jas Quirk		
67	Parrot	R. McMeiken	R. McMeiken	11	1921
71	True Lover	R. McMeiken	R. McMeiken	20	1911
76	Sisters	W. Quirk, others	J. H. McMeiken	10	1902
76	Primrose		C. Cashin		1916
77	Innen Vorry		J. Cregeen		
79	Golden Lily	J. Gorry	J. Gorry	16	1902
82	Genesta	W. Wilson	W. Wilson	8	1912

ARE ANY OF THESE YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS?

The following information is drawn from passenger manifests on file with the U.S. National Archives. All listed their point of origin as the Isle of Man.

Name	Occupation	Age	Arrived New York	Ship	To
Randall Foot	- -	17	20 Oct. 1854	Isaac Webb	- -
Ann Milrea	Dressmaker	28	28 Nov. 1856	Cultivator	Cleve.
Sophia Taggart	Dressmaker	17	28 Nov. 1856	Cultivator	Cleve.
Thomas Cowan	Mariner	30	28 Nov. 1856	Cultivator	Ky.
John Cowan	Mariner	23	28 Nov. 1856	Cultivator	Ky.
John Cowan	Mariner	32	28 Nov. 1856	Cultivator	Ky.
John Cowley	Farmer	23	28 Nov. 1856	Cultivator	Ky.
Christopher Stout	Mariner	16	28 Nov. 1856	Cultivator	Ky.

On 6th July, 1827, Thomas Kelly, a Manx crofter from the parish of Jurby, emigrated with his family from the Isle of Man to North America. His diary for the previous day records: "This morning before daylight I stole away to St. John's, for to see one last time the ancient ceremonies on Tynwald Hill and secretly to take from its lowest round one little handful of that earth which has seen, maybe, and heard more history than any other spot on the Island."

In 1979, the Isle of Man will be celebrating the Millennium of Tynwald—at least 1,000 years' continuous existence of the parliamentary institution of the Vikings. From the world over Manxmen and women and the descendants of the Manx families which have emigrated far and wide for three centuries or more will be returning to identify with their heritage and discover their roots.

Tynwald Hill at St. John's is the stage on which is set annually one of the most remarkable political survivals in the world. To the Manx it is a powerful and visible reminder that the Isle of Man is an ancient kingdom, enjoying its own government and making its own laws. St. John's Church, the Tynwald Chapel, probably stands near the site of one erected a thousand years ago. Here, as in all of the seventeen parishes of the Island, is enshrined the fascinating story of the Manx people through the ages.

Dear Readers of Know Your Ancestors Column:

I have been subscribing to the ISLE OF MAN COURIER since July 1976 and have clipped out the Birth-Marriage-Death notices from each issue and have alphabetized them. I would like to share this information with anyone who is interested. I will send copies of all notices for any last name or names desired, upon receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope.

John M. Robinson
222 St. Paul Place #2201
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

AN INVITATION

On July 27, 1979 the "Country Singers" and the "Glenfaba Ladies Choir" are organizing a concert to be held at Peel Parish Church. The soloists will be Margaret Curphey, Phillip Summerscales and an organist from London. Admission is by programme at one pound. If you are planning to be on the Island at that time and would like to reserve a programme, please contact

Mrs. W. Curphey
"C" Road
Strang, Braddon
Isle of Man

MORE CONVENTION NEWS
THE LADIES' AUXILIARY
TO THE
NORTH AMERICAN
MANX ASSOCIATION

A luncheon, short business meeting and election of officers was held in a private dining room at the Old Austria Restaurant in Rocky River, Ohio on Saturday, September 23rd with 111 members and guest present.

The President, Helen Clucas, welcomed all and a special welcome was extended to those who had travelled from the Isle of Man to be with us at this Golden Jubilee Convention meeting.

Mrs. Ethel S. Christian presented each member and overseas visitor with a pearl and gold sweater guard which she had hand-made as a memento of this occasion.

At each plate was a yellow carnation corsage which had been made by Edith and Linorah Cox as their gift to the ladies. The Misses Cox also made the floral centrepieces.

As a tribute to the founders of our auxiliary, our president, Helen Clucas, ordered a bronze plaque with the names of our first officers engraved thereon.

These ladies were:

President: Mrs. Arthur Callow, Toronto, Ontario.

1st Vice President and Treasurer: Mrs. John R. Cain, Cleveland, Ohio.

2nd Vice President: Mrs. Wm. Karran, Long Island, N.Y.

Secretary: Miss Ada Christian, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

This plaque was presented from the Auxiliary to Mrs. Edna Cowin for display at the Clague House Museum in Westlake, Ohio. These ladies would indeed have been proud to see the happy group present.

The following officers were elected to serve for the next two years:

Honorary President: Mrs. Amy Abell, Lakewood, Ohio.

President: Mrs. Irene Curphey, Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

1st Vice President: Mrs. Joyce Kinley, Costa Mesa, California.

2nd Vice President: Mrs. Adelle Corkill, Omaha, Nebraska.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Elinor Cain, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Representative to the N.A.M.A.: Mrs. Helen Clucas, Webster Groves, Missouri.

A short entertainment followed the business meeting. Miss Florence Lyon introduced the models who took part in the fun Style Show: Miss Elizabeth Clucas, Mrs. Helen Clucas, Miss Edith Cox, Miss Linorah Cox,

Mrs. Carol Grigsby, Mrs. Hilda Penrice and Mrs. Florence Roseman.

It was a great pleasure to welcome our good friends to Cleveland - the weather for the four days was 70 degrees sunshine and blue skies and we are looking forward now to 1980 when we will meet again - this time in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dues of \$2.00 (for 2 years) are now due and payable to Miss Elinor Cain, 4075 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121 and all Manx ladies are invited to join. We wish to thank all members for their continued support through the years.

To the newly elected officers of the N.A.M.A., we extend best wishes.

Elinor Cain

Secretary-Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
LADIES AUXILIARY
July 1976 to August 1978

Balance - June 4, 1976	\$216.86
Receipts:	
Dues, 1976-1978 (56 Members)	108.60
Special Contributions:	
Mrs. Ivy Christian	\$ 18.00
Mrs. Helen Clucas for Special Mailing	2.00
Mrs. Amy Abell & Family	90.75
Mrs. Bessie Auty	1.50
Mrs. Annie Robison	5.00
Miss Alice Garrett	5.00
Miss Elinor Cain	5.00
Mrs. Helen Clucas	12.00
	139.25
Interest:	
1976 - 9 months	\$ 9.59
1977 - 12 months	13.63
1978 - 6 months	5.91
	29.13
TOTAL	\$ 493.84
Disbursements:	
Donation to Cleveland Convention Fund	\$ 100.00
N.A.M.A. Dues (2 years)	10.00
Postage Stamps	5.00
Souvenir Book Greeting	25.00
Prize Distribution Tickets For Stamps.	5.00
L.O.M. "Sunshine" Cards	1.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 146.00
Bank Balance, August 25, 1978	347.84
TOTAL	\$ 493.84

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor M. Cain, Secretary, Treasurer

CONVENTION 1978

Hon. Life Membership, Mr. Sydney Boulton, Isle of Man.

Hon. Membership, Mrs. Betty Hanson, M.H.K., Isle of Man.

Hon. Membership, Major Geoffrey Crellin, M.L.C., Isle of Man.

Hon. Membership, Mr. Jim Kennedy, Tourist Board, Isle of Man.

Hon. Membership, Mr. Brian O'Connor, Golden Isle Tours, Isle of Man.

Hon. Membership, Mr. Joe Graham, Chairman, Peel Town Council, Isle of Man.

NORTH AMERICAN
MANX ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 1, 1977 - July 31, 1978

On Hand 8/1/77 \$9,715.22

Receipts	
Dues	\$2,570.33
Interest	445.01
Memorials	40.00
Membership Certificate Applications	150.00
Book Project	120.00
Donations	5.50
Miscellaneous	39.70
Total Receipts	3,370.54

Disbursements	
Editor's Expense	\$ 298.77
Treasurer's Expense	105.00
Bulletin-Printing	1,385.29
Secretary's Expense	
Allowance-Editor, Treas. & Sec'y.	600.00
Convention	240.00
Membership Certificates (partial)	54.24
Book Project	118.20
Exchange	11.94
Executive Meeting	351.86
Miscellaneous	13.21
Total Disbursements	3,178.51

On Hand 7/31/78 \$9,907.25

Account Balances at 7/31/78

Orland State Bank-Checking Account	\$ 713.29
Orland State Bank - Savings Account	7,878.41
Royal Bank of Canada	1,315.55
Total	\$ 9,907.25

Estimated Income & Expenses 1978/79

Income	
Income from Memberships	
Regular - 469 x 4	\$ 1,876
Associate 79 x 1	79
Societies 9 x 5	45
Life - 5 x 50 (est.)	250
Interest on savings accounts	425
Total	\$ 2,675
Expenses	
Bulletin	
Printing	\$ 1,700
Editor's Expense	325
Treasurer's Supplies	150
Allowances	600
Total	\$ 2,775
Net of Expense over Income	(\$ 100)
Directory & By-Laws Expense	520
Total Cash Balance Decrease	(\$ 620)

NAMA Membership Comparisons - 1971 to 1977

Type	7/71	7/73	8/74	6/76	8/77	8/78
Regular	515	487	413	436	415	469
Life & Honorary	26	39	42	47	60	74
Total	541	526	455	483	475	543
Associate	73	68	82	72	81	79
Society	13	12	8	7	7	9
Junior		4	17	13	12	5
New Members w/Bulletin	38	36	45	50	35	80
Associates						19

Biography of T. E. BROWN by Richard Tobias.

I received a publicity statement on the biography of T. E. Brown, the national poet of the Isle of Man, written by Richard Tobias from Margaret Joughin recently so I am including this item about the book.

The sources for this first American volume on T. E. Brown (1830-1897) are unpublished letters and little known books in the Manx Museum and National Trust Library at Douglas, Isle of Man.

The cost of the biography is \$9.95 plus handling charges, the company to contact for information is - Twayne Publishers, A Division of G. K. Hall & Co., 70 Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts. 02111.

MANX NOTES

In a rare act of defiance, the Isle of Man is proposing to halve the annual sum it pays to the British Government for national defense, diplomatic representation abroad and other "common services".

The so-called "imperial contribution", until now has been a sum equal to 5% of the Manx treasury's share from customs and excise. If adopted, the plan would save the Isle of Man 1.5 millions pounds a year, i.e. \$3,000,000.

The issue of paying for diplomatic representation of the Manx abroad is particularly noteworthy because Manx may travel abroad on Isle of Man Passports, not those issued by the U.K. Experience in North America has shown a marked disinterest of the Foreign Service in representing the Isle of Man in international dealings.

Legislation now before the Manx parliament would allow British ships to register under the distinctive "three legs of Mann" flag and take advantage of the island's generous tax laws. If approved, the plan will transfer to the Isle of Man some of the powers held by the British Government, including the keeping of a shipping register. The legislation would also require the ships to meet the island's stringent safety standards.

RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PENRICE — BRIDSON. On April 8th, 1939, at St. Olave's Church, Ramsey, Isle of Man, by the Rev. Halford Young, Hilda Esther to Samuel Penrice. - Present Address:

205 Flora Drive,
Sandy Cove Acres,
Stroud, Ontario,
Canada, L0L 2M0.

OBITUARY

CROMER, Mrs. Helen Geraldine, nee CLARK, originally from Mt. Carroll, Illinois, daughter of the late James A. Clark of Castletown, Isle of Man, passed away at the age of 81 in Royal Oak, Michigan on July 13th, 1978 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Cromer is survived by her husband Orville, a sister Fannie Clark Elliot of Rockford, Ill., a son George, and five grandchildren, the latter all living in Birmingham, Michigan. Funeral services and interment were at Savanna, Illinois.

GARDNER, Mr. Sheldon, of Evanston, Illinois, died on November 30th 1978 in a car accident. The late Mr. Gardner was a member of the NAMA and was a second cousin of the Rev. Herbert Kelly, Chaplain to NAMA.

He is survived by his widow, Belle, the late Mr. Gardner will be greatly missed in his community and Church where he was always willing to lend a helping hand.

To those members sending in Obituary notices, would you please include the name and address of next of kin.

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

CLARK FAMILY HISTORY

The late Mrs. Cromer while not an active member of NAMA was very proud of her Manx Ancestry and last winter when her health allowed she helped to edit along with her sister a short history of the Clark family in Carroll County, Ill. This essay had been written by her son George, a Life member of NAMA. She provided insights and details of various family events involving her Clark, Kneale and Shimmin relatives who purchased farms in Northwest Illinois in the mid-19th century.

SYMPATHY

Much sympathy will go out to Arnold Corrin, his wife and family in the tragic news of the death of their grandson on December 16th, 1978. Gary Linder, 20 years old was the son of Margaret Ann (Corrin), he was killed in a freak automobile accident in Castro Valley, California.

Gary was killed instantly when a couple of cars collided, one lost control and ran across the sidewalk where Gary was waiting to cross the street. He is survived by his parents and three brothers.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Into the sunless days of mid-winter (as this is written) come the annual seed and nursery catalogs to brighten the eye with their vivid hues of flower and fruit, and their even more colorful promises of how easy and simple it is, with hanging strawberries and climbing tomatoes (why, you can supply your family in a 4 x 4 space!). Almost anything will grow almost anywhere. Some of us experienced ones know better. But -- you have to give the seedsmen credit for raising one thing: Hope. Without hope (which springs eternal in the human breast) we will be and have nothing. As the Apostle wrote: "We are Saved by hope."

Also, I am always intrigued by the constant parade of new varieties, whether it be a white strawberry (ripe!) or black sweet corn. They are called "novelties". However, I think most of us still stay with the regular kinds. But, you have to admire such enterprise, that follows in the train of the renowned Luther Burbank. We recognize it as working with God. This is life -- our life. What we are and do is always within the parameters of the Creator's realm. And the events of the human arena, whether history-shaking or the simple growing of a garden, are the results of divine - human interaction. They don't "just happen". A fourth-century Christian, Augustine, said it well: "Without God, we cannot; without us, God will not".

May your winter days grow warmer, and your flowers (and God's!) soon spring forth.

Herbert G. Kelly

It is with regret we learned of the death of Mr. Eden Costain of Vancouver, B.C. It could be said that he was the "Grand Old Man" of the Vancouver Manx community, he was a true Manxman who loved to come back to his native land calling on relatives and friends in various parts of the Island, he celebrated his 90th birthday last June, he visited the Isle of Man in 1977 and he had hopes of making one more trip in Millennium year. Eden Quayle Costain was born on the Isle of Man, Port Erin, and had lived in Canada for about 60 years, being Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society for many years.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Bessie Varley with whom he lived, a brother Benjamin also in Vancouver and a married daughter Peggy and several grandchildren.
