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

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NAMA ESTABLISHES HERITAGE AWARDS

Thanks to the able assistance of Major Geoffrey Crellin, MLC, who chairs the cultural subcommittee of the Millennium of Tynwald, the first Manx Heritage Awards will be made to youth on the Isle of Man during the Millennium Year. The awards, continuing the aims of NAMA "to preserve whate'er is left us of ancient heritage," will honour Manx youth for outstanding achievement in such areas as language, music, arts and crafts.

Judges, all island-based, for the awards will be the chairman of the Isle of Man Arts Council and the Music Festival Committee, the Director of Education and the principal of the College of Further Education, with the coordination of the the Tynwald's subcommittee chairman for Arts and Culture. The 1979 winners of the NAMA awards will be named during the summer and publicized in the Manx press and our Bulletin.

The unique medal, authorized by the officers and board of NAMA, will feature the emblem shown here and a reverse laurel wreath suitable for engraving the name and date of the winner. The medals will be cast in silver, the size of a Manx Crown, by Pobjoy Mint, official mint to the Isle of Man Government.

With the minting and award of the medals, NAMA hopes to encourage Manx youth to study and utilize "whate'er is left us of ancient heritage."

NAMA REPRESENTATIVE MEETS WITH ROYALTY.

Due to the illness of her mother the President of NAMA, Mrs. Edna Cowin was unable to visit the Isle of Man during the Millennium celebrations during the week of July 1st/7th, 1979, she appointed the 1st Vice President, Mr. George Curphey to take her place. It was a great honour for George and his wife Irene to be presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, this occurred at the Royal Garden Party on Tynwald Day at the opening of the new school at Peel, Isle of Man, several other members of NAMA were also honoured to meet and chat with the Royal couple, it was indeed most pleasing to see such a strong and good representation of members from the NAMA.

SYMPATHY.

The NAMA Executive and members extend their deep and sincere sympathy to our President, Mrs. Edna Cowin in the death of her mother who passed away August 10th, after a long illness. She had been nursed devotedly by Edna and her husband Bert.

We also extend sympathy to Mrs. Irene Curphey, President of the Ladies Aux. to NAMA, in the death of her father, William Charles Hutchins Quirk, on July 28th, at the age of 90, at Peel, Isle of Man, just ten days after Irene and George had visited him, we also extend sympathy to Mrs. Alice Foster, President of the Toronto Manx Society in the loss of her brother-in-law, Frank Lace, who died July 28th, 1979, on the Isle of Man.

MANX HOMECOMERS

While we do not have an accurate account of numbers of Manx Homecomers who attended the Millennium celebrations, it is estimated there were well over seven hundred.

CONVENTION NEWS, 1980.

Indications are that quite a delegation will be attending our NAMA 1980 Convention from the Isle of Man, this will be held - September 12th/15th, 1980 at the Hotel Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. George Curphey, Chairman for the Convention hopes to get the Nova Scotian group together early September to form various committees.

THOUGHTS

"Imagine the thoughts and feelings of Christopher Columbus when he first sighted land". These are the words of a piece of dictation taught in a Manx classroom many years ago. The Manx Exiles who flocked to the Isle of Man this Millennium year must have had the same thoughts and feelings as the Isle of Man boat from the Mainland sailed into Douglas bay and berthed at the Pier, the mountains in the background, the beautiful sweep of Douglas bay, the horse trams, the flower gardens on the Promenade, the friendly Manx voices of welcome, all this must have brought "a tear to the eye and a lump in the throat".

The exciting and memorable events which followed will sustain them until their next visit "home". The welcome from the Millennium Committee started right at the Sea Terminal and continued right through "Homecomers Week" - July 1st - 7th.

The Garden Parties, the "At Home", the Coffee morning, the World Manx gathering, the Millennium family get-together organized by the Isle of Man Family History Society, the Tynwald Ceremony, the Royal Garden Party, these special events will live in the "Homecomers'" memories, they were treated royally and they were all proud to be a part of Millennium year on the Isle of Man and especially proud to be Manxmen and women.

To the Isle of Man and its people -
Congratulations and Thanks.

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Please don't forget to notify the Secretary-Treasurer and the Bulletin Editor when you change your address.

UNPAID DUES

Have you renewed your membership for the year which started 9/1/79? If not, please send the pink slip and your check now. It's important that dues be paid promptly.

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THREE LEGS OF MAN EMBLEM

It is not too early to think about Christmas gifts, especially gifts with a Manx motif. Mr. Kenneth D. Collister of Elkhart, Indiana, makes attractive belts, these are black top-grain cowhide, 1 3/4" wide with a solid brass buckle with the Three running Legs design, modified from a "horse brass" from the Isle of Man.

If any of our members are interested, please get in touch with - Mr. Kenneth Collister, 21792 Co. Rd., 10 East, Elkhart, Indiana, 46514, USA.

MILLENNIUM YIELDS GOLD MINE OF BOOKS

Just as with the Canadian centennial and the U.S. bicentennial commemorations, the Millennium of Tynwald is producing a goldmine of books dealing with the Isle of Man.

In May, a major publishing event featured the issuance of the Bible Chasherick yn Lught Thie, the Manx Family Bible. The work, based on the well-known 1819 edition, is the first Manx Bible to be published in 160 years. Included with the new edition are eight pages especially designed for family entries.

After a lifetime of research and study, Douglas Fargher will see the publication this month of Fargher's English-Manx Dictionary, the first major work connect with the Manx language to be published in this century.

For the folk doctor in all of us, this month will also see the publication of Yesterday's Harvest by Sylvia Christian. The illustrated book features a fascinating collection of traditional Manx herbal remedies and recipies, many of which are associated with magic and witchcraft.

This year has also seen the publication of the two volume Manx National Song Book. The first volume, originally published in 1896, was by W. H. Gill. The new second volume, edited by Charles Guard, updates Gill's work with such favorites as the Manx National Anthem, Laxey Wheel, the Ellan Vannin Tragedy and many more. Six of the songs feature the words of T. E. Brown.

And, topping of the Millennium year is the official pictorial souvenir book, The Viking Heritage.

NEW BOOK

An important new book has just been published on the Isle of Man, it is titled "Maughold and Ramsey Place-Names", and was compiled after more than ten years of research into the history of Maughold by William and Constance Radcliffe, the foreword is by Sir Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys and Captain of the Parish of Maughold.

If any of our members are interested in this book, please get in touch with - Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Radcliffe, Bwoaillee Drommey, The Jalloo, Maughold, Isle of Man.

RECORD GATHERING OF HOMECOMERS

There was a record turn-out of Homecomers from various parts of the world for the World Manx Association's annual gathering in the Villa Marina Gardens Room on Saturday.

It was a memorable reunion attended by about 300 people and the principal guests included the Lieut.-Governor Sir John Paul, and the Mayor of Douglas, Councillor Mary Halsall, and the Mayoress. The guests were received in the foyer by the W.M.A. president and chairman, Miss Doris Clague, and vice-chairman, Mr. Evan Cain, M.B.E. The representatives of Manx Societies were presented to His Excellency and Lady Paul.

On taking their places on the platform the official party received floral presentations from one of the youngest "Homecomers" - 13 years old Debbie Glass, of Ontario, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice, who accompanied her grand parents here for Millennium Week celebrations. Debbie was delighted to receive a gift of sweets from Miss Clague.

Unavoidably absent from the event was Mrs. Bea Cain, widow of Mr. Harold Cain, C.P., who sent her good wishes for the success of the



North American Manx Association homecomers pictured at the World Manx Association gathering at the Villa Marina, Douglas, I.O.M.

gathering.

At the outset, after welcoming the guests Miss Clague said it was especially fitting that they should remember at their reunion the founder of the W.M.A., Mr. Richard Cain, O.B.E., who received a silver bowl to commemorate his 100th birthday. This bowl was always filled with fresh flowers at the major meetings of the Association.

They remembered with gratitude also his son, the late Mr. Harold Cain, C.P., who followed as president, and the late Mr. Charles Craine, for 33 years secretary, who did so much through the years for the W.M.A.

GIFT OF FLAGS

Miss Clague acknowledged the gift of flags of various countries for Millennium Year. These were from Mr. Eddie Kneale, of Australia, for many years one of the stalwarts of the Sydney Manx Society (N.S.W.); from Mrs. Chris Cleator (New Zealand); Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice (Canada); and Mr. Jack Comaish (Washington, U.S.A.).

The president at this stage took the opportunity of giving a special word of welcome to the oldest homecomer Mr. Harry Quiggin, aged 91, of Sun City, Arizona, U.S.A., and he was applauded as he stood up and acknowledged the greeting.

The Mayor of Douglas brought greetings on behalf of Douglas Town Council and said how privileged she had been to welcome to the Town Hall homecomers from different countries and she mentioned she had a wonderful letter from Mr. Eddie Kneale, of Australia, who sent a pennant.

The Lieut.-Governor commended the work of the W.M.A. and said he had been astounded at the amount of activity in a place the size of the Isle of Man and that so many impressive and important events had been staged to commemorate the Millennium, chief of which was, of course, the Royal Tynwald on July 5th.

"I count myself fortunate," he added, "to be Governor of the Island during this momentous period to celebrate the Millennium of Tynwald."

His Excellency spoke of the pride and affection which Manx men and women everywhere showed for their native land. He said that when people met from various parts, promoting a greater measure of understanding between nations, any gathering, however small, bringing people of different nations together in a common enlightened purpose, served to help to bring down barriers which still divided the human race.

Mrs. Mary Weller, correspondence

secretary, read out telegrams which had been received from the following: the Transvaal Manx, Mr. T. C. Southward of New Zealand, the Nebraska Manx Society; Mr. Eddie Kneale, New South Wales, Australia; Mrs. Linda Newell, of Perth, Western Australia; Eileen Saunders, of Salisbury, Wilts; Mrs. Pat Curphey of Melbourne; the Queensland Manx Society and the Wirral Manx, who will be celebrating their 30th anniversary on September 12th, Mr. Tom Kelly, of Castletown; Miss Alice Garrett, of Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A.; also John and Daphne Hindmarsh, of Long Reach, Queensland, Australia; and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Woods of Cottingham, Staffs.

OVERSEAS

"ROLL CALL"

First in the "roll-call" of overseas Manx representatives was Mrs. Hilda Penrice, Editor of the NAMA Bulletin, from Ontario, Canada, followed by Mrs. Tom Shue, Bisbee, Arizona; Mr. Maxwell Crellin, M.P. Victoria, Australia; Mrs. Mona Brown, Sydney, Australia; Mrs. Weber, San Diego, California; Miss Margaret Joughin, Montreal; Mr. Clarence Creer, Fin. Treas., NAMA, Illinois; Mr. George Curphey, 1st Vice Pres., NAMA, of Nova Scotia; Miss Alice Foster, Pres. Toronto Manx Society, of Toronto,

Canada; Rev. James Cowin Caley, Past Pres. NAMA, California; Malcolm Kinley, Pres. Southern Calif. Manx Society; and Mr. T. R. Anderson, President of the newly formed Minnesota Manx Society.

Other members of the North American Manx Association present included - Mrs. Ethel Christian, Florida; Joyce Kniley, California; Mrs. Bessie Leece Auty of Bay Village, Ohio; Mrs. May Wils, Chicago; Norman and Helen Clucas, Miss; Irene Curphey, Nova Scotia, Canada; John and Phillis Crozier, Pembroke, Ont. Canada; Len and Phillis Palin, Ont. Canada; the Chaplain to NAMA - Rev. Herbert Kelly, his wife, daughter Vicky, son Greg, Rev. Kelly's grandchild and sister, Robert Callin and his wife, Mineral Point; Mona Creer, Illinois; Elizabeth Clucas, Secretary to NAMA, Cleveland, Ohio; Ivy Dillon, Sec., Bisbee Manx Society; Evelyn and Hamilton Irwin, Burlington, Ontario; Peter Foster, Oakville, Ontario; Mrs. Perrone, Arizona; Clarice Caley, California; Eleanor Caley, Ontario, Canada. Hilda Collinson and her two sisters, Galva; in addition there were many more members of NAMA present.

During the afternoon solos were rendered superbly by Mr. Peter Cringle, Cleveland Medallist this year, accompanied by Miss Emily Christian, L.R.A.M., M.B.E. at the piano.

At the close Miss Clague thanked the Villa Marina management and their own W.M.A. ladies who had assisted with the catering, etc.

THANK YOU.

The World Manx Association would like to say "thank you" to the many Manx Homecomers who were so co-operative in a situation which was not of their making in that so many Manx and descendants of Manx turned up at the Gardens Room at the Villa Marina on July 7th and could not gain admission. An invitation appeared in the press and on the radio that all manx Homecomers could go to Villa Marina and be welcomed by the W.M.A., this was quite correct, but they omitted to say that admission was by ticket only.

The W.M.A. wish it to be known they were not responsible for the invitation in the press and on the radio, Manx Exiles and Homecomers are always assured of a warm welcome from the Officers and Executive of W.M.A., this has been proven throughout the years.

MILLENNIUM NEWS 1979



Sir Charles and Lady Kerruish pictured with Manx Homecomers who were entertained at the Speaker's home, Ballafayle, Maughold.

RETURN OF THE MANX "EXILES"

A very pleasant afternoon, hosted by the Speaker of the House of Keys, Sir Charles Kerruish, was enjoyed by about 100 Manx Homecomers at Laxey Glen Gardens

It was a time of reminiscence for some and surprise for others as more and more family connections were discovered. The majority of the Homecomers had travelled to the Island from Canada, New Zealand or America.

Among those present were Robert and Roselyn Callin, who live at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Callin are at present staying with Mrs. Lily Kelly of Peel and are connected with Laxey in particular for their home is about a mile from the Laxey Cemetery and last year they hosted the "Laxey Picnic." Mr. and Mrs. Callin's family are also connected with establishing a Laxey Church in their area. Mr. Callin's father, Alex was Manx and his grandfather, Sandy, was one of the men killed in the Snaefell Mines disaster.

The afternoon ended with a performance by the Norwegian School Band from Tingvoll who played a selection of pieces concluding with the Manx National Anthem.

I am indebted to Sydney Boulton, Editor of the Isle of Man "Examiner" for many excerpts covering the various events attended by the Manx Homecomers during the week of July 1st/7th.

VISITORS FROM CANADA

It was a very pleasant surprise to have a call on Monday from Bill Beddow, for many years a stalwart of the Toronto Manx Society. We last met him at the annual general meeting of the Society at Stroud, Ontario, last October and it was good to find him as bright as ever, despite the trials of waiting hours to board his air liner at Toronto and travelling around Lancashire to visit nieces and nephews.

Bill, who is 86 years of age, is staying with relatives of his late wife, the Radcliffe family, at Ballaskilley, Bride, and is disappointed that he will not be at the W.M.A. gathering as his schedule means he will be leaving the Island on Saturday morning for Shropshire where he will be seeing more relatives.

He told me he flew over with Mr. Foster whose wife Alice (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Moore of Peel) is president of the Toronto Manx. She came to the Island a little time before her husband. Bill's late wife, Margaret Radcliffe Beddow, S.R.N., a member of the Quayle family of Waterloo Road, Ramsey, in former days, passed on in September 1975 at the age of 92.

SMILE

A notice found outside a cafe' in France: We speak French, German, English, Spanish, Italian. We understand American.

A ROYAL WINNER OVER 15,000 WATCH TYNWALD CEREMONY

The sun broke through the clouds within seconds of the arrival of The Queen and the biggest crowds in history gathered to make it the most spectacular Tynwald ceremony ever.

The legendary mantle of Mananan withdrew as Her Majesty and Prince Philip stepped on to the blue Millennium carpet at Ronaldsway one minute ahead of schedule to begin a day that will live in our memories for ever.

As a 21-gun salute sounded in a potato field in St. John's the Queen and Prince Philip were greeted by the Lieut.-Governor Sir John Paul.

Wearing a deep pink wool coat, pale pink hat and pink patterned silk dress, the Queen was also met by Home Secretary Mr. William Whitelaw and his wife who had flown in by private jet minutes earlier.

Following introductions to a number of local dignitaries the Queen was confronted by a young boy and girl who presented Her Majesty with a cross curn, made of twigs and lamb's wool, to ward off evil spirits during the Royal visit.

Prince Philip was given a piece of bollan vane from St. John's to wear in his lapel.

The Royal couple were then driven to the Hope, St. John's to board an open carriage and the Household Cavalry led the parade to Tynwald, cheered by thousands of people, where the Queen and Prince Philip inspected the guard of honour on Tynwald Fairfield, formed by the battalion of the Scots Guards with the State colour and the pipes and drums of the battalion and the band of the Regiment.

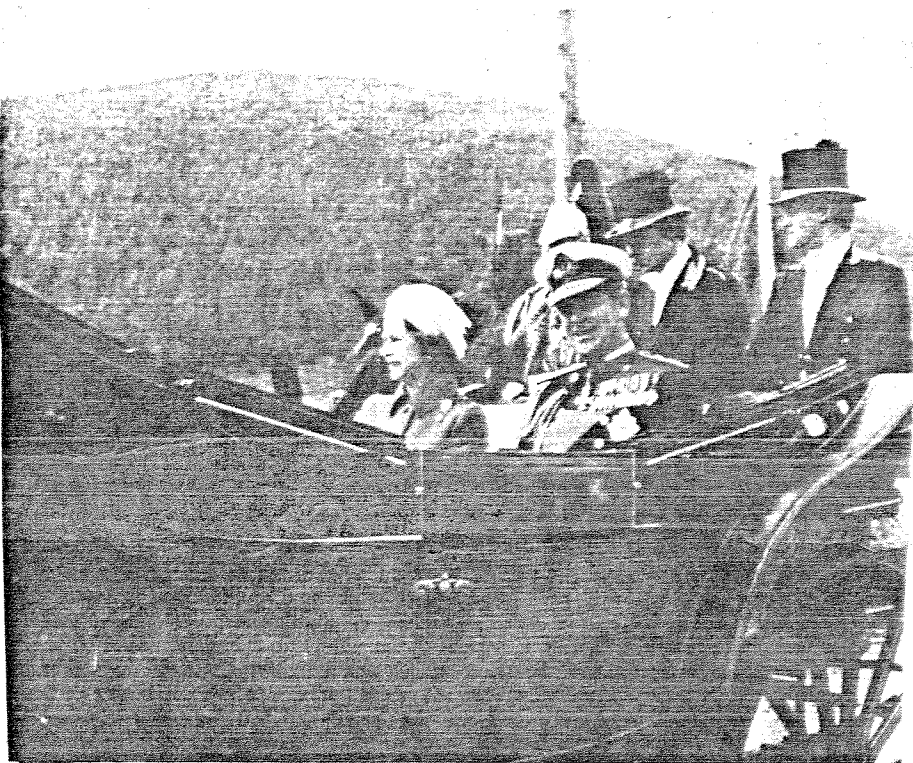
Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh jointly placed a wreath on the War Memorial before the church service and the Tynwald ceremony, by which time the sun was shining brightly on the huge crowd.

The crowds started to pour into St. John's shortly before eight o'clock in the morning and by an hour later coaches and cars were nose to tail.

So heavy was the traffic that long after the roads in the immediate neighbourhood of St. John's had been officially classed as closed there were long tail-backs of vehicles.

This was particularly worrying to organising officials at The Hope where the Queen was due to arrive from Ronaldsway Airport and transfer to an open coach.

As members of the Household Calvary, resplendent in their gleaming breastplates and brass helmets with



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the Duke of Edinburgh, arriving for the Tynwald Ceremony, July 5th, 1979, St. Johns, Isle of Man.

red plumes, assembled there to greet Her Majesty and the open coach with its immaculately dressed attendants waited nearby, traffic continued to funnel into the village.

Even when the word came that the Queen had landed at Ronaldsway and the 21 gun salute to signify she had set foot on Manx soil resounded through St. John's sending clouds of smoke drifting towards Ballacraigne, the tailback of vehicles on the route she was due to take into the village was severe.

It was only cleared with less than 10 minutes to spare . . . enough time for police officers armed with brush and shovel to remove, to the lighthearted accompaniment of cheers from the crowd of several hundred, the inevitable horse droppings in the area immediately adjacent to the Royal coach.

On Her Majesty's arrival at The Hope two young boys stepped forward, pressed a bunch of roses into her hand as she and Prince Philip moved from car to carriage, and then melted quickly into the crowd.

Then the Royal procession of the Lord of Mann to St. John's was underway: Probably the most impressive and colourful sight ever at a Tynwald ceremony.

It was led by a contingent of the household calvary, then followed two outriders from the Royal coach wearing red tunics. Behind followed

the open Royal coach with Her Majesty and Prince Philip, a second carriage for the remainder of the Royal party and then the rest of the household calvary.

It was all over in a few moments — a spectacle for which many had waited more than two hours.

Their verdict: "It was worth it."

For the military men taking part in the ceremony there was an early reveille

They were roused at 5:30 in the morning at their Jurby camp base and were then brought by convoy to St. John's where they prepared themselves in tents provided in a field for this purpose.

At 9 a.m. when the crowds were beginning to stream into the village the 140 men of the Scots Guards — their dress uniforms still on hangers in the tents — were on parade in the field.

"STAR OF INDIA - -

A remarkable television programme was aired on Sunday, July 29th, it was the story of the sailing ship of that name, now in San Diego harbour, with fine tributes to the skilled Manxmen of Ramsey, Isle of Man who built her, and credit to the people of San Diego who saved her from the scrap yard, perhaps some of our San Diego members saw this programme, it might be shown at other times at other places, so do watch out for it.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

No meetings are held during the summer months by the Bisbee Manx Society. We will reconvene in September.

I have just returned from a very wonderful trip to the Island to help celebrate the Millennium with the Homecomers. Needless to say we all had a grand time and were really treated royally. I was accompanied by my daughter and son in law Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shue of Glendale, Arizona. This was Tom's first visit to the Island and he has really fallen in love with it and has promised himself he will return there in two years time. Our heartfelt thanks go out to our Hostess Mrs. Harold Cain and Miss Doris Clague for all their help and kindness. We bring back many treasured memories.

Mable Bolitho has recently returned from a trip to Grand Canyon and on to California visiting her daughter and family of Camarillo. Also Helen McKay and Sarah Mazzone visited their daughters and families in California.

Sorry to report my cousin Jane Halsall of Peel, Isle of Man passed away on her 89th birthday at the Corrin Home in Peel. She is survived by two stepsons Kenneth and Leslie Halsall and their wives and three grandchildren. Her brother Albert Corrin and neices and nephews. Burial was in Peel Cemetery July 13th.

Also got word this morning that Irene Arndt one of our Manx members passed away last evening. As far as I know the only survivors are her cousins May Steiert of Oakland, California, Mona Horkstrom of Tuscon, Arizona, and Hilda Collinson, Elsie Kermode and Gladys Evans all of Illinois. Funeral arrangements are pending.

We have just enjoyed a visit with my neice Margaret and Bob Robertson and son Scotty of Danville, California, who have been here visiting my sister in law Ida Corrin.

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

125th ANNIVERSARY

Galva, Illinois, observed its 125th birthday in July. A community programme was presented which depicted the City's Sweedish and Manx Heritage. Mr. Leon Lewin sang "Ellan Vannin" in honour of the early Manx settlers.

GALVA

Galva and surrounding areas had several folk attending the Millennium Celebrations on the Isle of Man in July. Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Norman Collister and Philip of Galva; Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Galva; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fargher, Kewanee; Mr. & Mrs. Mylroie Belford, Urbana, Ohio; Mrs. Martha Hanna Giebelhausen, Peoria (the former Martha Hanna Murgage of Galva) and her husband Dr. G. W. Giebelhausen.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson
R.R. #2,
Galva, Ill. 61434.

MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

On April 10, 1979, a charter was granted by the State of Minnesota, establishing The Manx Society of Minnesota. Original incorporators were T. R. Anderson, Corrin H. Hodgson and Alfred H. Clague.

The purpose of the Society is to obtain memberships from persons who have a strong interest in Manx heritage. It is expected that the members will engage in cultural exchange activities with the people on the Isle of Man, study the history of the Island, and conduct research concerning the genealogical background of Manx families, Manx names and places, and the migration of Manx men and women to Minnesota and the United States and Canada. A reference library will be established for use of members and their families.

The Society was organized under the authority and consent of the World Manx Society, headquartered in Douglas, Isle of Man. On April 10, 1979, an organizational meeting was held at the Minneapolis Club in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at which the following were elected directors and officers of the Society:

T. R. Anderson, President and Director.

Corrin H. Hodgson, Vice President and Director

Alfred H. Clague, Secretary-Treasurer and Director

It is intended that the Board of Directors and officers will be expanded from time to time, depending upon the interest of the members. It is expected that a number of committees will be established at the first full meeting of the Society.

The Board of Directors has established membership dues of \$5.00 with the hope that some members may wish to make additional contribu-

tions over and above that amount. Application has been made to the Internal Revenue Service and the Commissioner of Taxation for tax-exempt status of the Society, and also that contributions to the Society will be deductible for both Federal and Minnesota income tax purposes. Upon receiving these rulings, you will be advised accordingly.

It is especially fitting that the Society should be chartered in the year 1979, for that is the Millennium year which is being celebrated on the Isle of Man, representing 1000 years of continuous democratic government under the Tynwald Parliament.

You are invited to join the Society, you will be advised of the first full meeting of the Society in the near future.

The address of the Society will be:

Suite 450
10000 Highway 55 West
Minneapolis, MN 55441.

The telephone number will be:
(612) 540-2626

SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

On Sunday, August 12, the San Diego Manx Society held its first picnic in Presidio Park. Mrs. Donald Weber and Miss Marion Kelly presented details of their respective trips to the Isle of Man for the Millennium celebration.

New members to date include Mr. Charles G. Gerneroy and Mrs. Paul Dobbel. The San Diego Manx Society extends a hearty welcome!

Also, anyone of Manx heitage residing in San Diego County is cordially invited to participate in our group functions.

Susan G. Shimmin Okey, Pres.,
410 South Alturas,
Fallbrook, California 92028.

NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

The autumn meeting of the Nebraska Manx Society is to take place on Sunday, the 14th of October. Everybody interested in their Manx heritage are invited to gather at the David P. Corkill home where he and his family will be hosting a noonday potluck dinner. The address is - 1013 Grey Fawn Drive, Omaha, Nebraska. Come and bring a dish and your table service. We expect this to be a most interesting gathering. We will see you then.

Annie E. Robinson, Sec.,
Nebraska Manx Society
Elk Creek, Nebraska, 68348.

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

Hello everyone, the Vancouver Manx Society is currently enjoying a fairly busy summer of social activities. We held a very enjoyable Pot Luck supper on May 12th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gell with about forty members in attendance enjoying the good fair provided by the ladies and the good hospitality of the Gells.

On the evening of July 5th, Tynwald Day and the culmination of Millennium Year back in the Isle of Man, the Vancouver Manx Society held its own Millennium celebration in the form of a Millennium Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Vancouver. It was a tremendously successful evening with 120 people enjoying every minute of it. A beautiful meal was enjoyed by all, preceded of course by "O Land of our birth" and Dr. Gordon Gell proposed the Royal Toast. Dinner was followed by distribution of the Door prizes and the Raffle prizes. Then came the highlight of the evening, two films on the Isle of Man which drew a great round of applause at the conclusion of the show.

Dominating the whole proceedings from its position on the wall behind the head table was our very own Millennium flag which I managed to obtain through contacts in the Isle of Man among them Sir Charles Kerruish, the Speaker of the House of Keys. The evening concluded with the singing of Ellan Vannin although many people lingered on enjoying a "lil cooish" with old friends. A pleasing feature of the evening was the renewal of memberships to the Society by fourteen people and I understand a number of people are joining the N.A.M.A.

On September 8th we will be holding our annual picnic in Stanley Park, weather permitting. Any visiting N.A.M.A. members to Vancouver would be warmly welcomed. The time of the picnic is from 1:00 p.m. to about 6:00 p.m.

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GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

Several of our members have been vacationing on the Isle of Man and participating in the celebration of the Island's Millennium Year. Consequently as fall approaches our Society activities should include some interesting reports. I and my family

were fortunate to have spent several weeks on the Island and one of the many highlights was an interesting visit with officers of the World Manx Association. Ed Sayle was there for Tynwald and from all indications his stay was too short. He reports he had an opportunity to visit with the George Hallers, Washington Society members from Rehoboth Beach, who were there. Although many of our members were unable to make the trip, the publicity for this Millennium Year has been very beneficial by contributing to our knowledge of the Island's history, i.e. an interesting article appeared in the Washington Post on July 6, 1979, an article appeared in the June 1979 issue of Travel Magazine, and the history of Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys, was published in the July 2, 1979 issue of People Magazine.

Since our last report we have added one new member for a total of 71 families, 209 individuals.

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PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

The Peoria Manx Society held their annual reunion July 22nd, at Glen Oak Park, Peoria, after a bountiful pot-luck dinner, Wm. Archibald, President, conducted the business meeting.

A letter of greeting from Annie Robison of Elk Creek, Neb., was read and enjoyed. Frank Shimmmin, Mrs. Bennie Evans and Mrs. Harold Kermod had all been to the Isle of Man during July and reported on the interesting events happening there.

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MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

The NAMA welcomes the formation of the Minnesota Manx Society on April 10th, 1979, original incorporators were T. R. Anderson, President, Corrin H. Hodgson, Vice Pres; and Alfred H. Clague, Sec. Treasurer.

May they continue to flourish and grow in strength so that the love of their Island home, or from whence their Manx ancestors came from, help them "To preserve whatever is left us of ancient heritage".

LADIES AUXILIARY TO N.A.M.A.

While on the Isle of Man several members of the Ladies Aux. to NAMA got together on Sunday July 8th to discuss the forthcoming NAMA Convention, this will be held SEPTEMBER 12/15, 1980, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Mrs. Irene Curphey, President of the Ladies Aux. outlined tentative plans, it was suggested that a Luncheon would be held for the Ladies, this is the highlight for all Conventions. It was agreed that the Misses Cox be approached re-favours, also volunteers be needed to plan a programme for the entertainment. Mrs. Helen Clucas, Past Pres. of the Aux., contributed many new ideas, at the last Convention in Rocky River, Ohio, our members will remember what a great success the Ladies Luncheon was, this was due to Helen and her Committee.

It was suggested that a "Hobby Corner" be part of the ladies efforts, many of our members are very talented with various hobbies and crafts, if they could contribute articles it would be very much appreciated. It is not too early to start on this work, so those of our members who are talented and clever with handicrafts, please send them along to either - Mrs. Irene Curphey, Box 716, William Street, Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Canada or Miss Elizabeth Clucas, 1541 East, 191st, Apt. K605, Euclid, Ohio. 44117.

MILLENNIUM FAMILY GET-TOGETHER.

(organized by the Isle of Man Family History Society).

On Saturday, June 30th, 1979, a Millennium Family Get-Together was held at the Villa Marina Garden Room, it was aimed basically at the Manx Homecomers and visitors to the Island who were interested in tracing their Family Roots and in establishing contact with surviving members.

It was a logical extension of the "Operation Roots" launched by the Government for Millennium Year.

The program consisted of singing by the Thushag Varrey Choir, a display by the Manx Folk Dance Society, Manx Dialect poems, also a chance to peruse exhibits and family trees at leisure and to meet with the overseas Manx and visitors. Refreshments were served at the close of the event.

YOUR NAME WAS IN THE PAPER

Well, not exactly the paper; to be specific, it was probably in the March 1979 of Genealogists' Magazine. In a well-researched article entitled "Identifying Manx Surnames," E. J. P. Farrant provides much on the origins of the traditional Manx surnames often found by genealogists in their research.

And, says Farrant, "There are a million descendants of Manx emigrants in the English-speaking world today, claims a Manx Government leaflet advertising 1979 as Tynwald Millennium Year. There is little doubt that this understates the position, for an examination of any recent list of more than a hundred surnames in England or any of its former white colonies will reveal at least one name that originated in the island and several that could well be connected with it."

Another interesting point made by Farrant in the article is that 35% of Manx names begin with C, 16% by K, 8% by M, and Q with 7%. The letters S and G account for 5% or more.

He explains the reasons in depth and notes, "With these few guidelines, there should be no great difficulty in recognising Manx surnames provided they have not been anglicized by adaptation or translation."

The article is a "must" for Manx genealogists.

WE COULD HAVE TOLD 'EM

Yep, there it is in the British press "Violence Up Since Ban of Birching." According to the press reports, crimes of violence and criminal damage have shown a marked increase on the Isle of Man since the European Court of Human Rights "outlawed" birching last year.

Although the birching penalty remains on the Manx statute books and there has been no action by the Tynwald to repeal it, local residents have been led to believe that there has been explicit agreement with HMG not to impose the sentence, at least prior to the Millennium visits of the Royal Family. The next result, however, is that crimes of violence on the IOM during the first quarter of 1979 exceeded those for half of 1978. With the Millennium holiday season upon them, many Manx are concerned that the trend will swing ever upward without the return of birching.

OBITUARIES.

BROWN, William, age 76, passed away on January 17th, 1979, at St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Brown was born in New Castle, England and came to St. Petersburg from Cleveland 10 years ago, he was an accountant and a member of Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his wife Ethel, a brother Harold of Dunedin, and a sister Lillian Snyder of Webster, Pa. The late Mr. Brown and his wife lived in Cleveland part of their married life, they also spent some time in California before his retirement, when living in Cleveland they were members of the Cleveland Manx Society and NAMA and attended several Conventions.

HOLADAY, Mrs. Frank, passed away sometime in April 1979, the late Mrs. Holoday was a long time member of NAMA, she lived at 439 Miner Road, Cleveland, Ohio. 44143.

SARGESON, Gertrude C., (nee Young) passes away in Santa Ana, California, on June 4th, 1979. Mrs. Sargeson was born in Douglas, Isle of Man in 1896. She is survived by her husband, William of Santa Ana; a daughter, Mrs. Kay Stern of Hollywood, Cal., a sister, Mrs. Dorothy McPhail of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and a brother, Herbert Young of Los Angeles, California.

MANX WEDDING

Miss Diane Lynn Redmond, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Lewis L. Redmond and granddaughter of Mr. James J. Waters of Detroit, Michigan, was married on July 21, 1979 to Mr. John Edward Sloan III, at Cass United Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan; where her father has been pastor for 26 years. The newly weds will reside in Rochester, Michigan where Diane is a school social worker, John attends Oakland University.

Diane's grandfather was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, her grandmother was born in Liverpool, England. Her great-great grandfather was William Moore born on Isle of Man. John's mother, Elizabeth Shields-Sloan, was born in Coatbridge, Scotland.

THE L'IL FOLK

Katherine Brooks Okey, born March 15th, 1979 to Michael and Susan (Shimmin) Okey of Fallbrook, California.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

On an evening in early July, I was strolling along the tidal area that makes up the harbour in Peel. A few hours before, the Viking replica boat had come in, accompanied by other boats, and the cheers of thousands of viewers. Rowed by strong arms it had sailed into harbour as grandly as must have come those first Vikings, a thousand years ago. But now, there it sat, high and dry; the tide had gone out. The fanfare was over.

So it seems with our lives, from time to time. We move along on the crest of favorable times, we enjoy all that life has to offer: the love of family and friends, the comforts, the fruits of our toil. But - - we forget that our lives are subject to forces not under our control. Adversity and hardship - - even disaster - - descend, and we are left stranded, as are the boats on the shingle, when the tide goes out. What then?

I was reminded the other day of George Curphey's little tale of the Manx shearwater and its unerring homing instincts, when I read in National Geographic magazine of the mysteries of bird migration. Literally thousands of species, and billions of birds, migrate inter-continently twice each year, and scientists are still trying to discover their navigational secrets. Tests have shown, for example, that many birds seem to have ultra-sonic and ultra-light-sensitivities, beyond human power. Some have asked: Did man once have abilities he has lost?

We do have this in common with the birds, however: we are dependent upon powers which we can not define nor analyze to guide our ways. Who can gainsay the effects of prayer; or weigh the value of the influence and support of others? Ponder all the intangibles in your life, that are there through no effort of your own. Ah, the mysteries and wonders of life! The gulls that wheel above Peel harbour KNOW that they will be lifted up, to sail on unseen currents. How about us? Are we as smart as they? Sometimes, I wonder.

Herbert G. Kelly

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 7:30 for Millennium T. E. Brown Dinner to commence at 8:00 p.m. To the Immortal Memory of this great Manx Writer and Scholar.

This event to be booked with Miss M. Kissack, Douglas 21239, three days prior to Function.