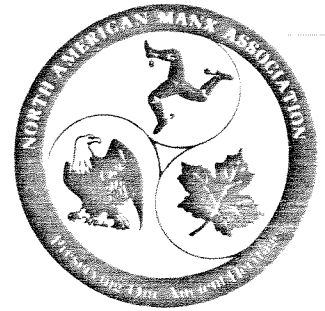
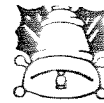


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"To preserve whate'er is left us of ancient heritage"

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this a week after the Executive Committee met in Rocky River, Ohio to finalize the plans for our next Convention to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia September 12 - 15, 1980. Our First Vice-President and Convention Chairman, George Curphey, outlined a most interesting program and instilled in all of us much enthusiasm.

This is the first convention to be held in the Maritime Provinces and I am sure you will not want to miss it. Let's make it a New Year's Resolution to meet in Halifax in 1980!

Bert joins me in extending kind greetings to Manx people throughout the world and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Edna W. Cowin
President

CARD DECOR

Let your friends decorate your hallway. All those holiday cards you receive can add a colourful and festive note to the entrance of your home.

Tape the cards to wide red ribbon and hang streamers down the walls. Or tape them to the risers of your stairway

MENU FOR THE HOLIDAYS

APPETIZER

Seasoned Greetings
Wreaths of Love, Health and Joy
Hollyberry Cocktail

ENTREE

Steaming Cup of Friendship
Hearts full of Kindness
Generous portions of Happiness

DESSERT

Assorted Bright Wishes
Sweet Memories
with New Year Delight

BEVERAGE

Served with Warm Wishes
of Sparkling Cheer.

ASS ESSENTIAL TO EVERY DOMAIN

Although the ass, such as the one ridden by Mary, is sometimes described as a lowly beast, fit for those of humble station, there is considerable evidence that the docile and useful ass was ridden by many rich and prestigious people as well as the poor. The Bible often mentions the ass as a common part of many households.

Traditions play a most important role in the holiday feeling. Old familiar carols, candies, colors, greens, smells, and sights associate themselves forever with Christmas. Yet new traditions are established every Christmas season which are as much a part of the feeling as that of the timeless tree. Just as the colonial lady chose new foods and decorated with greens, the modern lady selects bright new colors and appealing recipes. No matter what the century the holiday feeling belongs to Christmas.

NO APOLOGIES NECESSARY . . .

The exciting afternoon of Manx music, dance and readings, displays of genealogical research, and refreshments had come to an end. The president of the Isle of Man Family History Society took to the stage and thanked all homecomers present for participating in the Society's Millennium Family Get-together. Then, he added, "We're sorry that we couldn't do more for you, but we only formed last December and our finances are still quite limited."

No apologies were necessary or deserved, of course, for the Society's kick-off function of Homecomer's Week. They had not only arranged a pleasant and entertaining afternoon for we Manx "exiles", but had also arranged for representatives of the Tourist Board, the Transport Board and a host of others to be on hand to answer our questions, provide us with literature, and help us plan for the busy week ahead.

The afternoon was not without its touching moments. About the Villa Marina Garden Room where the get-together was held, were large easels, topped with "good Manx names", those surnames we all recognize as being of Manx origins. Posted on the easels were scores of genealogical charts, detailing family lines. In front of one such chart stood two New Zealanders, both of whom had come to the island to discover their roots. This is it, this is their family. And for the first time, they discovered they are cousins. Tracing the family chart for them is the Society member who researched the family lines. He, too, is their cousin. We found it difficult to judge which of the three was most elated at the new-found kinships.

No, dear friends of the Isle of Man Family History Society, apologies are not called for. Rather, it is for we who were among those homecomers to say, "thank you". May this Christmas season bring you all our good wishes and encouragement for continued success at this, your first anniversary.

GREETINGS FROM N.A.M.A. EXECUTIVE

May you all have a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The Executive Committee are pleased to announce the following members have agreed to serve as Regional Directors for the Association:

Wm. A. Archibald
Mrs. Harry W. Archer
Michael Cannell
Mrs. Edmund R. Childs
Norman D. Clucas
Noreen S. Cottier
Mrs. A. P. Fisher
Miss Alice C. Garrett
Mrs. Wm. Hinrichs
Mrs. Randall W. Johnson
W. Raymond McDonnell
Miss Helen L. Miles
Mrs. James C. Robison
Mrs. Patrick J. Rooney
Frank L. Shimmin

Mrs. Mona Haldeman, 3rd Vice President, has accepted the appointment to be Membership Chairman and Coordinator of the Regional Directors. You may consult your Membership Directory for the addresses of these Directors.

PROPOSED TOUR OF CAPE BRETON ISLAND

Cape Breton Island, the north-easternmost part of Nova Scotia, has long been acclaimed as one of the most beautiful sections of the North American continent. The Cabot Trail region is often compared to Scotland.

Several who have visited the area before would like to make a return trip following the convention. If enough of the members would be interested, a 3-day tour could be planned. We would leave Halifax on Tuesday, September 16, and return late afternoon on Thursday, September 18. Included in the tour would be the Fortress of Louisbourg, the Bell Museum at Baddeck, the Cabot Trail, and hopefully the tidal bore at Truro.

If you are planning to attend the convention and would be interested in such a tour, please contact Mona Haldeman as soon as possible. This will not commit you to the tour, but will only indicate interest. If we hear from enough people, we will try to report on the cost in the next Bulletin, so please respond without delay.

Mrs. Mona Haldeman
191 Glenview Dr.
Avon Lake
Ohio 44012 U.S.A.

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

The Executive meeting held in Rocky River, Ohio on October 27th was attended by the Honorary President, Mrs. Amy Abell and the Secretary Treasurer, Miss Elinor Cain. At that time a check for \$125.00 was presented to Mr. George Curphey from the the Ladies' Auxiliary as a contribution to the 1980 convention fund.

We are planning a luncheon meeting to take place in September in Halifax and invite all Manx ladies to join us at that time. Dues are one dollar per year (\$2.00 from convention to convention) payable to the treasurer. If members do not have a current dues card, we will appreciate hearing from you and receiving your \$2.00. We thank you for your continued support through the years.

With best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to all -
Elinor Cain,
Secretary-Treasurer

CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

The Chicago Manx Society held a dinner meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 18, at Carson's Inn Nordic Hills in Itasca, Illinois. Slides were shown of the Tynwald Millennium ceremonies which were taken by some of the group. It is hoped that this gathering will reactivate the Chicago Manx. A full report will be given in the next Bulletin.

The Chicago Manx Society formerly exhibited at the Annual Chicago Holiday Folk Fair, an ethnic exhibition held annually for all nationalities in the Chicago area. This year was the Twentieth Anniversary of the Fair and for the first time a Chicago Heritage Cook Book was published. Each nationality submitted up to three recipes and when the cookbook was published on November 3rd the Isle of Man was represented by two recipes, "Fruit Bonnag" and "Meir Vanninagh" (a type of bar cookie). The Isle of Man was also mentioned in the introduction to the cook book.

Due to lack of space the two Manx recipes mentioned in the above article will be included in the next edition of the Bulletin.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

"May the warmth and love that surrounds us at Christmas time fill your hearts with joy and shed radiance over the year that lies ahead."

-Guideposts

The Officers and Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. send Christmas greetings to Manx men and Manx women wherever they may be at Christmas time. May the coming year bring you the gift of good health and much happiness.

MRS. IRENE CURPHEY,
President
MISS ELINOR CAIN,
Secretary-Treasurer

CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM DONATIONS

In recent months the following donations have been given to the Clague House Museum from members of our Association:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kelly (Northfield, Ohio) gave the library a full collection of MANX LIFE from 1971 to 1977. Included in this collection was Volume I, No. 1 issue.

Mrs. Edith Cowell Gurney (Avon Lake, Ohio) donated a small tea kettle purchased in Peel, Isle of Man in 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cowin (Westlake, Ohio) donated a Manx National Doll to be displayed in the newly retored child's room.

If you have any Manx artifacts or books you would like to donate, they would be gratefully accepted. Contact our President if you are interested for details.

MILLENNIUM YIELDS GOLD MINE OF BOOKS

I have received numerous enquiries about the Manx Books mentioned in the September Bulletin, members can write to - SHEARWATER PRESS LTD., WELCH HOUSE, CHURCH ROAD, ONCHAN, ISLE OF MAN, BRITISH ISLES. They will be happy to send a complete catalogue describing the books and the cost.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A Nominating Committee consisting of the President, Edna Cowin; Past President, Margaret Joughin; and Past President/Hon. Vice President, Norman D. Clucas was appointed at a recent meeting of the executive committee to prepare a slate of officers to be presented at the 1980 Convention. Miss Joughin will be Chairman of the Committee.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Whilst on the Isle of Man June/July 1979, the Rev. James Cowin Caley, Past President of NAMA took part in five very important events which were of personal interest to him.

1. He preached in Onchan Church in his native parish.
2. He preached at Christ Church Lezayre where his father was baptized in 1875.
3. He preached in St. Ninian's Church where he was baptized by the Rev. H. Cameron McNeil and confirmed by Bishop James Denton Thompson.
4. He said the Mass with a small group at St. Thomas' Church, Douglas.
5. He visited St. German's Cathedral which is the oldest Cathedral foundation in what has recently become known as the Anglican Church.

Many Manx folk, members of NAMA have received a lot of publicity in their local newspapers in connection with their visits to the Isle of Man during Millennium year 1979. They are too lengthy to include in the Bulletin, a most interesting account appeared in the "Sunday Times" all about the visit of Mrs. Lee Weston, Marquette, Mich., another from Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Caley, Huntington Beach Cal., printed in the "Daily Pilot", the Georgetown, Ont., "Independent" also carried an account of Hilda and Sam Penrice and Debbie Glass, meeting with Royalty, many of our members have similar happy memories during Millennium year, all these articles put the Isle of Man "on the map" and affords excellent publicity.

During her visit to the Isle of Man this past summer, Mrs. H. C. Christian (Ethel) unfortunately took ill and had to cancel her cruise through the Norwegian Fjords, which was a great disappointment, she returned home earlier than anticipated, her many friends will be glad to know she is making good progress, she extends to all Manx friends everywhere "A very Happy Holiday Season and may the Gifts of Joy, Peace and Love, be yours at Christmas.

BOWLED OVER

We now have a National Champion in the NAMA. Bert MacWilliams recently became the United States Single Champion in lawn bowling, the highest honour to be won in lawn bowling in this country. He is married to Edith MacWilliams (nee Greggor), she was the daughter of Emily and Ben Greggor of Peel, Isle of Man. Edith is a cousin of Elizabeth

Clucas, Secretary to NAMA. Bert will be leaving for Australia in January as a member of the U.S. team to participate in the world championships, in February he will travel to Scotland as a member of the United States team. Mr. MacWilliams is a resident of Euclid, Ohio and is a member of the East Cleveland Lawn Bowling Club.

"Wrap a little of yourself
And tie it with a smile
Fill it full of warmth and love
And give a gift worth while"

The colourful tapestry like blanket which has covered the Genesee River banks below my windows has been tucked away. Soon a blanket of white will take over.

This process indicates that the busy Holiday Season will soon be here.

How lucky we are to have the Bulletin to convey our good wishes and to keep in touch with so many good friends near and far. I hope that your Christmas will be a Merry one and that the New Year will bring to all Happiness and Good Health.

Alice Garrett.

ARTHUR, PRINCE VALIANT AND THE ISLE OF MAN

By now, NAMA members who are faithful readers of the syndicated comic strip, "Prince Valiant in the Days of King Arthur", have seen familiar scenes of the Isle of Man depicted in the story which began in mid-October.

Prince Valiant has come to the Isle of Man. The visit, first suggested to Hal Foster, the author-artist for the timeless series, by a member of NAMA, features a number of the IOM's antiquities and much of its folk lore. Supporting research was provided Mr. Foster by NAMA as he wrote the story in honour of the Millennium of Tynwald. The artist cautions critics that much had to be compressed to squeeze details about the Isle of Man into the days of King Arthur. Perhaps we might say, "This is the way it was on the Isle of Man in the days of King Arthur, give or take a couple of hundred years."

QUOCUNQUE JECERIS STABIT.

In the June 1979 edition of the Bulletin an interesting article appeared about "Manx Farms" owned by the Rev. Robert Q. Kennaugh and his wife Betty in Corsicana, Texas where they operate an Arabian breeding farm.

To show the versatility of the Manx and their love of the soil and farming, here is another item of interest to our members.

This farm is situated in the Cleveland area, many of our readers know Marge Krach, a staunch member of the Cleveland Manx Society, past Treas. of NAMA and now in charge of publicity.

Seems her daughter - Kay, her husband and children live on a farm (where work is never ending), her husband still works in Cleveland, coming home weekends. Kay has the help of her son - Dave in working the farm, they have a herd of registered Polled Hereford cattle numbering more than fifty, a small number in comparison to other breeders, but Kay is striving for quality animals that will be in demand for breeding rather than just beef, she and Dave have recently completed a course in artificial insemination of cattle, hopefully to improve the quality of future calves.

Marge and her husband Mike visit the farm often and pitch in whenever a helping hand is needed.

Kay's daughter - Jeanie is interested in sheep, there are now more than thirty Cheviot sheep, Kay recently purchased two brown Karakul sheep to cross with the Cheviots, resultant fleeces will be many hues from off white to silver, gray into black - with brown tones, caramel and honey colours etc., such wool is in great demand by handspinners, Jeanie has learned to spin the wool, Grandmother (Marge) will knit the spun wool.

As you can see this is a very busy household, but another example how the sturdy Manx race and their descendants work hard to achieve their goals. (An explanation of the heading - "throw a Manxman (or woman) anywhere, and he or she will land on their feet.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

News and Christmas Greetings from the Manx Societies

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

The Toronto Manx Society held their Fall meeting in Toronto on Saturday, October 13, 1979. This meeting included the Annual General Meeting. The New slate of officers are as follows: -

President - Mrs. Phyllis Linsley

Secretary - Mrs. Marion Welton

Treasurer - Mrs. Dot Hall

Social Convenor - Miss Kelly Welton

Many thanks go to our retiring President, Alice Foster who wished to turn over the position after two years in that office.

Sincere appreciation also to Marion McLaren who has been Secretary of the Toronto Manx for many years, serving the Society so faithfully and well.

We are all delighted to have Dot Hall continue as Treasurer, a position she has so capably held for many years.

A most enjoyable evening followed the election of officers. We heard about the Millennium celebrations first-hand, as a number of our members were on the Island in July. They brought back some lovely souvenirs of the occasion. Marion McLaren had the additional thrill of meeting the Queen at a Garden Party in Peel. Marion can not remember exactly what she said to the Queen, as she was so surprised and excited to have the honour.

Peter Foster showed some lovely slides on the Tynwald ceremony and other spots on the Island. What a delight it always is to see those "Green Hills by the Sea" again, - thanks to modern-day technology.

We were sorry that Past President, Sam Penrice and his wife Hilda could not attend the October meeting, Sam was in hospital at that time, he is now home and progressing well, to all our sick and shut-in members we send good wishes.

The Christmas meeting will be held at Shell House, Oakville on December 8th, 1979, let us have a good turn out of members.

We would like to wish everyone Peace, Good Health and Happiness this Christmas and through the New Year.

Marion Welton

Sec. Toronto Manx Society

229 Bond Street, N.,

Hamilton, Ontario L8S 3W8

MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

The Fall meeting of the newly formed Minnesota Manx Society was held at Point of France, Minnesota on Tuesday, October 30th, 1979 an excellent attendance of 45 members was recorded, many enquiries have been received from Manx folk in the area showing an interest in the new Society.

There was a very fine display of Manx Books including the complete writings of T. E. Brown the famous Manx Poet and Writer, these books can be made available to the members.

The entertainment consisted of the showing of colour slides taken this past summer on the Isle of Man during Millennium year, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Powell who visited the Isle of Man told the members about the exciting and memorable events which took place during Tynwald week, Mr. Anderson has been in touch with Robert Kelly of Chicago and Clarence Creer, Illinois as to an exchange of colour slides for future showing.

A letter was read from Sir Charles Kerruish, O.B.E. S.H.K., congratulating the members on the forming of their new Society and giving them a warm welcome to visit the Isle of Man.

The Minnesota Manx Society send Greetings and Good Wishes to Manx Friends everywhere, with the hope that Peace and Happiness will come to the peoples of the World in 1980.

T. R. Anderson

c/o Suite 450,

10000 Highway 55 West,

Minneapolis, MINN. 55441.

SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

Our Society is rich indeed! We have another Manxman amongst us named Christopher Burt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Burt. Congratulations to Kevin and Pauline and "Welcome" to little Christopher.

Due to the kind consideration of the Maritime Museum Association of San Diego, our Christmas gathering will be held aboard the historic "Star of India".

To all the Members of NAMA the San Diego Manx Society sends our Season's Greetings.

Susan G. Shimmin Okey, Pres.,

410 S. Alturas,

Fallbrook, California 92028.

VANCOUVER SOCIETY

Postponed for a week because of the weather, the Vancouver Manx Society's annual picnic was held in Stanley Park on September 15th. Although attendance was less than expected, the children's games were very successful and the adults all enjoyed a good coolish.

The Society is planning a Manx Tea on December 1st at St. David's Church Hall, 2475 Franklin St. in Vancouver (corner of Franklin and Kamloops). Tea will be at 4:30 p.m.

Sadly, we have to report the passing of two of our members - Evelyn Levesky on July 28th and her husband Paul on August 10th.

The Vancouver Manx Society sends greetings and good wishes to Manx friends everywhere for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. F. Tregellis, President,

10260 Shell Road,

Richmond, B.C.

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NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

Report of our Autumn gathering which was heralded in the "Omaha World Herald" as "The Manx are coming". Thirty one came with their hampers of food and good spirits to the Dave Corkill home in Omaha where guests were welcomed from far and near. Coming from a distance were - the J. Leneghans of England, now stationed at Offut Field; Mrs. Wiletta Cromley of Milton, Pa.; and Mrs. Mona Frank of Chicago. New acquaintances were brothers John and James Fargher of Omaha and John Teare, also of Omaha.

Following the bountiful noon day repast, our President Dave P. Corkill conducted a business meeting at which time letters were read among which was a thank you from Miss Doris Clague, President of the World Manx Association, for the momento which was presented by the Rev. Herb Kelly on behalf of the Nebraska Manx Society, this took place on July 7th, 1979, at the World Manx Gathering held at the Villa Marina, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Election of officers resulted in Mr. Phillip Corkill as President, and Mrs. Mille Corkill as Secretary. Before the close of the business session it was agreed to accept Rev. Herb and Mrs. Kelly's invitation to meet with them in

Freemont, Nebraska for the spring meeting.

Past President Dave then switched to entertainment with a "testimonial stint" asking each member to give an account of their lineage, the Rev. Herb, Mrs. Kelly and Greg then took over. Yes! just home from the Isle of Man and the Tynwald. With slides and souvenirs the Kellys presented a good account of their visit this past summer, and we were glad that they were able to represent us on the Island in the Millennium year.

Once again it was time to depart for home, taking with us renewed ties of our heritage.

At this time we would like to send everyone our best wishes for Christmas, with a New Year bright and beautiful all around the world.

Annie Kerruish Robison, Sec.,
Nebraska Manx Society,
Elk Creek, Neb. 68348.

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Another year is drawing to its close. It has been a good year for our society. We have more Cleveland area Manx folk as members due to the successful convention held here last year. To get to know more Manx people who are interested in their heritage has meant common bonds and strong ties.

Our year's activities ended with a Christmas dinner on Sunday afternoon, December 9th, at the Sheraton Inn in Rocky River, Ohio. Those who attended the '78 convention will remember the location well.

Christmas, New Year's. What a variety of memories they bring to all of us. Perhaps for you, some such holidays were spent in the Isle of Man. Regardless of where we were, many happy times are brought to mind during our present holidays. Do you continue some of your family's Manx customs -- things your family used to do in the Island? How about the dark haired man being first one in the house on New Year's day? You undoubtedly know of several such traditions.

During the midst of our festivities, we give special thought to our loved ones and those who have "gone on ahead". Each of us is a wee bit of the larger unit designated as Manx. May we all feel this kinship and know that one to another, we send the traditional greetings of -

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. And may God bless all mankind -- everywhere.

(Mrs.) Marge Kennish Krach
319 Ridgeview Drive
Seven Hills, Ohio 44131

MARITIME MANX SOCIETY

An organization meeting was recently held at the home of 1st Vice President of NAMA George Curphey, Liverpool, Nova Scotia with the view to forming a local Manx Society, there was a very good attendance and after some discussion it was decided to call it the "Maritime Manx Society". This name was arrived at because there are potential members in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The following officers were elected.

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| President | George Curphey |
| 1st Vice | Rodney Caley |
| Sec.-Treas. | Margaret Caley |

As many of our members already know the next NAMA Convention will be held in Halifax, N.S. Canada, September 12th/15th, 1980, this will be the first time the Province of Nova Scotia has hosted an NAMA Convention, good Manx hospitality will be offered, coupled with a thousand welcomes from Nova Scotia, this is your invitation, come to the beautiful Maritime Province of Nova Scotia, remember an NAMA Convention "is the second best thing to a trip "home" to the Isle of Man".

Make your plans now, you will be assured of a wonderful time, let us support George and Irene Curphey and the newly formed Maritime Manx Society, watch the NAMA Bulletin for further publicity and information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the newly formed "Maritime Manx Society". Due to the hard work and effort of George and Irene Curphey their dream of forming a Manx Society in the Maritime Provinces of Canada has become a reality, the NAMA wishes them continued success in the future, may their Society grow by leaps and bounds.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

It is nearing the Christmas season once more and the officers and members of the Southern California Manx Society send greetings and good wishes to all Manx friends everywhere for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joyce Kinley, Sec.,
2816 Shantar Drive,
Costa Mesa, California.
92626.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION TO MANX PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Officials, Committee and members of the World Manx Association send Heartiest Greetings for a Very Joyous Christmas and a Truly Happy New Year.

President - Doris M. Clague
Vice Chairman - Evan Cain, M.B.E.
Corres. Sec. - Mrs. M. Weller
Minuting Sec. - Mrs. Bea M. Cain
Treasurer - Wilfred P. Waid

PEORIA MANX SOCIETY MAY THE GIFTS OF JOY, PEACE AND LOVE BE YOURS AT CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGH THE NEW YEAR.

Jean Martzluft, Sec.,
133 W. Van Buren St.,
Brimfield, Ill. 61517

GALVA

A special thought for each of you
To wish you all that's dear
May you have a Merry Christmas
And a blessed New Year.

Galva Manx Society
DeRollo Kelly - President
Mrs. Clyde Collinson
Secretary-Treasurer

BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

Greetings to all for the holidays and may each day of the New Year add to your happiness.

Ivy L. Dillon
207 Hazzard Street,
Bisbee, Arizona. 65603.

GREATER WASHINGTON D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Robert C. Camaish
President
Mary E. Hayslett
Secretary

THANKS

I would like to thank all my Manx friends in NAMA for their good wishes, cards and letters while I was in hospital and since returning home, their kind thoughts and concern were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Sam Penrice.

PRESERVING YOUR PAST

This book is a painless guide to writing your autobiography and family history by Janice T. Dixon and Dora D. Flack. (Published by Doubleday & Company Inc.)

Preserving Your Past shows how researching and recording your family history can enrich the present and provide a unique and valuable legacy to family, friends, children and grandchildren. Included in this step-by-step manual is a very complete appendix, listing library helps, reference books, supplies, branches of the National Archives and Records Service and where to write for birth and death records.

CATHEDRAL PLAN GETS SYNOD GO-AHEAD

Overwhelming approval was given recently by the Sodor and Man Diocesan Synod to the Cathedral Church Bill 1980 which provides for Kirk German in Peel to be the Island's new Cathedral Church. This follows the sale of Bishops Court, the move of the Cathedral Church to the Parish Church of German will be a reality and not a dream.

The Chapel of Saint Nicholas at Bishops Court was designated as the Island's pro-Cathedral or Cathedral Chapel by the Church Act of 1895 until such time as the ancient ruined Cathedral of Saint German on St. Patrick's Isle, Peel could be restored or another Cathedral provided.

The Bill now goes to the House of Keys and would be brought into being in 1980. The Rev. Brian Kelly, Vicar of Kirk German remarked how "honoured and humbled" the people of Kirk German were. The Lord Bishop (the Rt. Rev. Vernon Nicholls) said it was an historic moment in the life of the oldest of the 43 Dioceses in the Church of England.

FIVE YEAR REPRIEVE BID FOR MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY LINE.

A further five-year reprieve for the threatened northern section of the Manx Electric railway is to be sought in Tynwald before the end of the year. The three year trial period for the previously closed Laxey to Ramsey line is due to expire this year, despite large percentage increases in passenger figures this past summer. This year's debate is likely to centre on the retention of the trams as a vital transportation link, and not just a useful tourist attraction.

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

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

This month we conclude the list of FIRST CLASS BOATS, SECTION IV, Nos. 143 to 249.

| No. | Name | Owner | Skipper | Tons | Built |
|-----|------------------|------------------------|---------------|------|-------|
| 143 | Polar Star | | Jas Crellin | | |
| 144 | Knight Commander | | — Moughtin | | |
| 145 | Jane | R. Corrin & others | J. Killey | 20 | 1879 |
| 146 | Golden Stream | R. Corrin | J. Moughtin | 20 | 1879 |
| 147 | Sea King | | W. Faragher | | |
| 148 | Comrade | H. Graves & others | Joe Caugherty | 20 | 1879 |
| 149 | Guiding Star | J. Teare & others | — Cunnin'gm | 19 | 1871 |
| 150 | Lydia | | W. Quirk | | |
| 151 | Minnie | | J. Mylrea | | |
| 152 | Zephyr | | Ed Kelly | | |
| 153 | Alice | | J. Bridson | | |
| 154 | Telegraph | T. C. S. Moore, others | W. Clinton | 18 | 1879 |
| 155 | Willie Jones | J. Joughin & others | Ned Faragher | 20 | 1879 |
| 156 | Edith | H. Graves & others | J. Callow | 22 | 1875 |
| 157 | Ocean Queen | J. Joughin & others | W. Shimmin | 20 | 1879 |
| 158 | Blue Jacket | J. Teare & others | Jas Cain | 19 | 1871 |
| 159 | Kate | | T. Kaye | | |
| 160 | True Blue | J. Teare & others | Jas Quirk | 19 | 1871 |
| 161 | Hart | | W. Skelly | | |
| 162 | Village Belle | J. Teare & others | Ned Quilliam | 20 | 1882 |
| 163 | Flying Cloud | H. Graves & others | M. Skillicorn | 18 | 1879 |
| 164 | Blue Ribbon | R. Corrin & others | Joe Cowell | 19 | 1879 |
| 165 | Sunshine | C. Morrison, others | E. Quayle | 17 | 1871 |
| 166 | Sea Nymph | | W. Quirk | | |
| 167 | Dorah | | T. Shimmin | | |
| 168 | My Lady | R. Corrin | Julie Sayle | 18 | 1871 |
| 169 | Mona's Star | | R. Kermode | | |
| 170 | Wave | | T. Garrett | | |
| 171 | Rover's Bride | J. Teare & others | W. Quirk | 25 | 1871 |
| 172 | Lily | J. Teare & others | R. Rogers | 25 | 1871 |
| 173 | Bee | J. Teare & others | T. Fayle | 25 | 1871 |
| 174 | Can Can | J. Teare & others | W. Clinton | 25 | 1871 |
| 175 | Sarah | J. Teare & others | W. Christian | 25 | 1871 |
| 176 | Henry | | J. Kelly | | |
| 177 | Rover's Belle | W. Quirk & others | W. Quirk | 20 | 1878 |
| 178 | Good Templar | R. Corrin | J. Quirk | 17 | 1872 |
| 179 | Western Maid | C. Morrison, others | J. Moore | 17 | 1872 |
| 180 | Matchless | C. Morrison, jnr. | W. Callister | 17 | 1872 |
| 181 | Emma | W. Faragher, others | W. Faragher | 17 | 1872 |
| 182 | Faithful | J. Joughin | W. Kelly | 20 | 1879 |
| 183 | Christiana | J. Joughin & others | W. Caley | 17 | 1872 |
| 184 | Ebenezer | H. T. Graves | — Kelly | 18 | 1870 |
| 185 | Commodore | R. Corrin | W. Mylrea | 24 | 1872 |
| 186 | Ida | | W. Leece | | |
| 187 | Emily | J. Teare & others | J. Jenkins | 20 | 1873 |
| 188 | Favourite | | W. Gawne | | |
| 189 | Alice Lee | J. Joughin & others | Jas Quirk | 20 | 1880 |
| 190 | Agnes Maria | | J. Callin | | |
| 191 | Eleanor | | J. Carran | | |
| 192 | Royal Oak | | T. Quayle | | |
| 193 | Catherine | J. Teare & others | R. McMeiken | 18 | 1880 |
| 194 | Bee | | | | |
| 195 | Honey Flower | | | | |
| 196 | Sweet Home | H. Graves, others | T. Gawne | 20 | 1874 |
| 197 | Harriet Thurston | J. Thurslow | J. Teare | 20 | 1885 |
| 198 | Golden Fleece | R. Corrin | C. Cannell | 10 | 1874 |
| 199 | Golden Eagle | | J. Moughtin | | |
| 200 | Comorant | R. Corrin | W. Sayle | 20 | 1874 |
| 201 | Albatros | R. Corrin | T. Quilliam | 20 | 1874 |
| 202 | Ena | J. Joughin, others | D. Kneale | 20 | 1875 |
| 203 | Otter | T. Kelly & others | J. Cashin | 20 | 1874 |
| 204 | Clara | | W. Charlton | | |

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| 205 Quickstep | J. Teare & others | W. Cowell | 25 | 1874 |
| 206 Bonnie Jane | J. Hall | J. Hall | 10 | 1889 |
| 207 Dreadnaught | R. Corrin | — Garrett | 20 | 1875 |
| 208 Charlotte & Agnes | J. Joughin, others | R. Gell | 20 | 1875 |
| 249 Shamrock | Teare & Sons | W. Christian | 23 | 1894 |

**NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 1, 1978 - July 31, 1979**

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| On Hand 8/1/78 | | \$ 9,907.25 |
| Receipts | | |
| Dues | \$ 2,345.15 | |
| Memorials | 90.00 | |
| Sale of Books | 60.00 | |
| Membership Certificates | 37.00 | |
| Interest | 532.77 | |
| Convention | 3,948.92 | |
| Exchange | 19.37- | |
| Total Receipts | | 6,994.47 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Editor's Expense | 312.83 | |
| Treasurer's Expense | 119.10 | |
| Printing - Bulletin | 1,840.07 | |
| Memorial Project - Directory | 519.62 | |
| Allowances | 600.00 | |
| Membership Certificates | 300.00 | |
| Travel Brochure - Millennium | 127.08 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 3,818.70 |
| Balance on Hand 7/31/79 | | \$ 13,083.02 |
| Account Balances at 7/31/79 | | |
| Orland State Bank - Checking Account | \$ 447.37 | |
| Orland State Bank - Savings Account | \$ 11,286.35 | |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 1,349.30 | |
| Total | | \$ 13,083.02 |

Treasurer:

Mr. Clarence Creer,
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**CHRISTMAS
YEAR-ROUND**

Five communities in the United States and one in Canada are named for the Nativity season:

**CHRISTMAS, GILA COUNTY,
ARIZONA.**

**CHRISTMAS, ORNAGE COUNTY,
FLORIDA.**

**CHRISTMAS, LAWRENCE COUNTY
KENTUCKY.**

**CHRISTMAS, BOLIVAR COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI.**

**CHRISTMAS, ROANE COUNTY,
TENNESSEE.**

**CHRISTMAS ISLAND,
NOVA SCOTIA.**

In addition, Minnesota, "The Land of Lakes," prides itself on having a lake in Scott County by the name of Christmas.

N.A.M.A. MEMBERSHIP

| Type | 8/77 | 8/78 | 8/79 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Regular | 415 | 469 | 526 |
| Life & Honorary | 60 | 74 | 80 |
| Total | 475 | 543 | 606 |
| Associate | 81 | 79 | 91 |
| Society | 7 | 9 | 8 |
| Junior | 12 | 5 | 3 |
| New Members | | | |
| Regular | 35 | 99 | 120 |

**THE LASTING BEAUTY
OF A LIVE
CHRISTMAS TREE**

There are many reasons for choosing a live tree for the holidays. They are beautiful and fragrant. They are ecologically acceptable. They are a wise investment in that they can be planted outside your house once Christmas has become a beautiful memory. Some simple observations when choosing and buying your tree will eliminate the possibility of having it dry out quickly and the danger of fire.

The height of your ceiling and the width of the space the tree will occupy are important measurements to keep in mind when making your purchase. Plan to stand the tree away from a TV set, radiator, heating unit or duct. When selecting the tree test the needles for freshness by bending them back gently. If they spring back they're fresh... if not, beware!

Live trees consume a lot of water so choose a holder with at least a two quart capacity and keep it filled to within an inch of the rim at all times. The stand should have a collar several inches in diameter and screws to hold the tree firmly in place. Chop about an inch off the stump before putting the tree in water.

Trimming the Christmas tree is a celebration all itself! Many families have tree trimming parties for close friends and relatives. But before you get to all the fun make sure you inspect the light strings so there are no frayed ends of exposed wires. Lights can be strung at random or in any pattern your imagination conjures up. Keep larger and heavier lights and trimmings on the lower half of the tree, tapering toward the top.

That added bonus of being able to plant your tree outside your house will keep the spirit of the holidays alive all through the year. The tree can be planted outdoors either of two ways. Keeping the root ball moist, carefully put the tree in a spot protected from the wind, to be planted in the Spring. If you've had the foresight to dig a hole for your tree before the ground froze, you can plant your tree right after the holidays are over. The dirt from the hole must be kept covered to keep it from freezing also. Once firmly set in the ground you'll be able to enjoy your Christmas tree every season of the year!

**WHITE CHRISTMAS IS
ALL-TIME FAVORITE**

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" has sold more than 108,500,000 records in the United States and Canada in English. If you add foreign sales of at least 25,000,000 in 30 languages the total exceeds 133,000,000.

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" hasn't done badly, either. More than 113,000,000 copies of "Rudolph" have been sold around the world in Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, German and the tongues of several Balkin states and parts of India.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

There is an old story of a Jewish rabbi who was teaching a class of young students, and he wanted to impress upon them the deeper meanings of light versus darkness. He asked them to take sticks and go down into the basement and beat out the darkness there. They followed his command, but soon returned to report, "Master, we cannot drive out the darkness that way." He replied, "Well, here are some brooms: perhaps you can sweep it out." But, again they returned, reporting failure. Then the rabbi said, "Here, each of you take a candle, light it and carry it into the basement." As soon as they did, they saw the darkness driven back, even to the remotest corners. And some say, this was the origin of the ancient proverb -- "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

This essentially, is the meaning of Christmas. The Gospel of John says of Jesus: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4, 5)

And as we further consider that life, through the eyes of the Evangelist, we hear him say -- "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12) And to those whom he called to follow him: "You are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men . . ." (Matt. 5:14 - 16)

Obviously, we are talking here about something more than mere glittering coloured bulbs on Christmas trees and decorations. It is about a basic attitude toward all of life -- ours, everyone's. The world knows plenty about darkness, doom, and desolation. What does it know of light, and hope, and joy? The message of Christmas is the Christian gospel in a capsule of time -- the Good News personified in a birth. And its message is directed to all Christians with a special meaning: "YOU are the light of the world -- yes, even a world such as this!"

It was not a very comfortable world in which Paul lived. The Romans -- AND most of the Jews -- persecuted the Christ-followers at Philippi. Yet to them Paul wrote: "Do all things without grumbling and complaint . . . that you may be blameless and spotless children of God in the midst of a corrupt and perverse generation, AMONG WHOM YOU SHINE AS LIGHTS IN A DARKENED PLACE." (Phil. 2:14, 15)

What a challenge -- and a commission -- that is! And yet, that is what the Gospel -- and the Christmas message --

-- say to us. May the joy of receiving it -- and living it -- be yours, and ours!

Herbert G. Kelly

OBITUARIES

BROWN, Mrs. Ethel Mary, wife of Thomas Brown, London, Ontario, Canada, passed away October 30th 1979, after a long illness. The late Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband and several nephews and nieces. Both Mr. Brown and his wife were long time members of the NAMA.

QUINNEY, Stephen, recently passed away, Steve had been a long time member of NAMA and had been an excellent worker in the Cleveland Manx Society, he retired to the Isle of Man several years ago, first settling in Ramsey, then Peel, latterly he had lived at Ballaugh, no further particulars are available at this time. His passing is regretted.

MANX MUSEUM

Mrs. Henry C. Christian recently received a letter from Mr. Cubbon, Curator of the Manx Museum advising her "that the monies collected from NAMA members and friends originally for the Peel Cathedral Restoration Fund and sent to be used by the Manx Museum later on, had been used to re-inscribe Bishop Thomas Wilson's Tombstone in Kirk Michael Churchyard since it was undecipherable, a copy of the inscription was enclosed to Mrs. Christian. The sum of \$387.37 was mentioned. Mr. Cubbon thought NAMA members and friends would be interested in hearing of this work and the use to which their donations had been put."

A Christmas Blessing

"God bless us every one!" prayed Tiny Tim,
Crippled and dwarfed of body, yet so tall,
Of soul, we tiptoe earth to look on him,
High towering over all

He loved the loveless world, nor dreamed, indeed,
That it at best could give him, the while,
But pitying glances, when his only need
Was but a cheery smile

And thus he prayed, "God bless us every one!"
Embracing all the creeds within the span
Of his child-heart; and so, despising none,
Was nearer saint than man.

I like to fancy God, in Paradise,
Lifting a finger o'er the rhythmic swing
Of chanting harp and song, with eager eyes
Turned earthward, listening -

The Anthem still'd - the angels hamp'd there
Above the golden walls - the morning sun
Of Christmas, bursting flow'ry-like with the prayer,
"God bless us every one!"

LT. COL. ORIN A. FAYLE

Retired Army Lt. Col. Orin A. Fayle, 59, died of kidney failure October 2 at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Col. Fayle was an officer in Gen. Patton's 3rd Army in Europe during World War II. He became a member of the U.S. Advisory Group in Nanking, China in 1948 and was interned by the Chinese Communists for five months before being released in October 1949. His later tour of duty included Japan and Italy. He was assigned to the office of the chief of Army engineers at the Pentagon and then served as assistant district Army engineer in Baltimore in the early 60's, before retiring in 1963. Three years later he joined the Department of Commerce as chief of construction management for the Economic Development Administration.

A native of Canada, Col. Fayle came to the United States at an early age and grew up in New York City. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and was a graduate of the Command and General Staff School. He will be best remembered to NAMA and overseas Manx as a member of the local convention committee and a host of the NAMA convention held in Arlington, Virginia in 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie, and a daughter Madeline, of McLean, Virginia; three sons, Paul, Patrick, and Philip. His brother, Alton, and two sisters, Ada Totten and Nan Mercure reside in Connecticut.
