

# BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



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

June 1980

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you made your plans to attend our Convention in September? This is one time you will not want to be traady-liaoar (time enough).

Our Convention Chairman and his committee have been working hard to assure that each of you will have a good time, so let's all give them our full support.

It will be the ideal time to renew old acquaintances, meet new Manx folks, and to learn more about the beautiful Isle of Man.

We'll be looking for YOU in Halifax September 12/15th!

Edna Cowin  
President

## CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Any changes in the Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of NAMA - Miss Elizabeth Clucas, 1541 E. 191st. St., Apt. K605, Euclid, Ohio. 44117. U.S.A., 30 (thirty) days before the Convention.

## NEW APPOINTMENT

Mr. Norman Clucas, Honorary Vice President, has been appointed to fill the vacancy as Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Mr. Robert Camaish, 3rd Vice President and Mr. William Roseman, Trustee will serve with him. Any member wishing to submit suggested changes is reminded to send them to our Secretary by the 12th of August.

## DUES TIME

The pink slip means that we are about to start a new year and that dues should be sent to the Treasurer now. The year officially ends July 31, but if you send a check off now, you won't have to worry about misplacing the slip. Thank you.

C. E. Creer, Treas.  
14228 Union,  
Orland Park,  
Ill. 60462. USA.

## North American Manx Association Convention Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada September 12 - 15, 1980 HOTEL NOVA SCOTIAN, HALIFAX, N.S.

George Curphey - Convention Chairman  
Edna Cowin - N.A.M.A. President  
Rev. H. G. Kelly - Chaplain  
Elizabeth Clucas - Secretary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1980  
3:00 P.M. Registration  
4:00 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting (Boardroom)  
8:00 P.M. President's Reception and get acquainted (Atlantic Room)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1980  
9:30 A.M. Convention called to order  
Hon. President (Atlantic Room)  
National Anthems: O Canada  
The Star Spangled Banner  
Manx National Anthem  
God Save The Queen  
Invocation  
Address of Welcome - Mayor of the City of Halifax  
Address of Welcome - Convention Chairman  
Response - President N.A.M.A.  
Introduction of Officers and Distinguished Guests  
Greetings from the Isle of Man  
Reports from Executive Committee  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Membership  
Bulletin Editor  
Ladies Auxiliary  
Reading of Greetings  
Appointment of Committees  
Time and Place of 1982 Convention  
Constitution and By-laws  
Nominations  
New Business  
Announcements of Afternoon and Evening Programs  
Prize Distribution  
12:30 P.M. Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon  
Atlantic Institute of Oceanography Research (Men)

4:30 P.M. Manx Table Sale (Lunenburg Room)  
6:30 P.M. Hospitality Hour (Lunenburg Room)  
7:30 P.M. Banquet and Entertainment (Commonwealth Room)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1980  
9:30 A.M. Call to Order (Atlantic Room)  
Invocation  
Reports from Manx Societies and Regional Representatives  
Reports from World Manx Association  
Presentations  
New Business  
Memorial Service conducted by Rev. H. G. Kelly  
Announcements  
Prize Distribution  
Adjournment  
2:30 P.M. Sightseeing Bus Tour of the City of Halifax (Official Convention Photograph)  
5:00 P.M. Buffet Supper (Commonwealth Room)  
8:00 P.M. Informal Free-n-Easy (I.O.Man "Millennium Films")

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1980  
9:30 A.M. Call to Order (Atlantic Room)  
Invocation  
Reports of Convention Committees  
Registration  
Souvenir Book  
Prize Distribution  
Treasurer  
Reports of appointed Committees  
Constitution and By-laws  
Time and Place  
Nominations  
Election and Installation of Officers  
Final Prize Distribution  
Adjournment of Business Session  
12:00 P.M. Closing of Convention

HOTEL NOVA SCOTIAN, HALIFAX, N.S.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

It was with shock and a feeling of great sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of Sam Penrice, a name synonymous with the Toronto Manx Society and the N.A.M.A. for many years. His interest in all things Manx was well known and appreciated by all of us in the Toronto Society. Sam served on the executive of the Toronto Society and the N.A.M.A. with distinction and his earnest efforts on behalf of our Society will be long remembered. We join with all of you in extending our deepest sympathy to Hilda and her family. We have lost a good friend.

Only a small group at our Spring meeting on April 5th, but a grand feeling of fellowship. Several of us look forward to visiting Ellan Vannin during the summer.

The next meeting will be the annual picnic on September 6th at Shell House, Oakville. Anyone in this area at that time of the year would be most welcome to join us.

Best wishes to our friends in Nova Scotia for a successful Convention.

Marion Welton, Sec.,  
229 Bond Street N.,  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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## THE SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

We met on Sunday, April 13th, 1980 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Weber and were delighted to welcome four new members. As a fairly new and small group we are always happy to see new faces.

Marg Weber, our president, is planning to attend the convention in Halifax in September and we will be eager to hear all about it.

Mickey Gemeroy  
Secretary-Treasurer  
#904, 3030 Suncrest Dr.  
San Diego, Cal. 92116.

## CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

The Chicago Manx Society held a pot luck dinner on April 20th 1980 in the Edison Park Methodist Church, Chicago, Ill., there were 17 people in attendance. Richard Kelly made a presentation on "A Social Cultural and Political History of the Isle of Man".

It was a very interesting programme and a good time was had by all. The Society hopes to have a Manx picnic in the summer time.

Florence Abbinanti, Sec.,  
9330 S. Richmond Ave.,  
Evergreen Park, Ill. 60642

## NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

The Nebraska Manx Society is looking forward to their Spring Meeting to be held on May 4 in Fremont, NE., with Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Kelly hosting. There will be a BRING AND BUY SALE to raise a contribution for the Convention Fund.

Millie Corkill, Sec.,  
2220 So. 49th St.,  
Lincoln, NEB. 68506.

## MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

A meeting of the Manx Society of Minnesota has been scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will again be held at Point of France Apartments, 6566 France Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55435.

We will have as our guest speaker Patricia Harpole, Chief of the Reference Library of the Minnesota Historical Society. She will talk on "Tracing Family Histories". Included in her talk will be a review of materials available at the Historical Society for research into family histories. She will also provide special forms that can be used in preparing family genealogies.

We will also bring you up to date on the activities of the Society. You will receive a copy of our first publication which will be "Pioneer Reminiscences of Four Manxmen and a Boy". This is a story of their first trip into Minnesota territory in a search for land that could be homesteaded. Some of you will find one or more of these individuals to be in your family tree.

We urge you to bring your own "family roots" with you, as we would like to start building a good history of Manxmen in Minnesota.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Parking is available from the entrance to Point of France in the Southdale Medical Centre.

Al Clague  
Secretary

## Greater Washington, D.C. Area Manx Society

We have been very busy since the last Bulletin and our Society continues to grow stronger. Our first Christmas Social was held last December in the home of our Vice President Garrick Lightowler. This function provided an excellent opportunity for our members to get acquainted.

Our third annual meeting was held on 5 April 1980 at the Officers Club at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C. We were honored to have as our guest the President of the North American Manx Association, Mrs. Edna Cowin

and her husband Robert. She was kind enough to tell our members about the NAMA and its activities as well as information about the convention next September. There was a short report on the Millennium by Ed Sayle. One of the items of business on the agenda was the election of one person to the Board of Directors. We are happy to report that one of our younger members was elected - Mrs. Skilacorn. Congratulations.

There is considerable interest in the Convention to be held in Halifax, N.S. Canada and we hope to have a good turn out from the Washington area.

John W. Comish, Pres.,  
9119 Ashmeade Dr.,  
Fairfax, VA. 22030.

## BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

Bisbee Manx is still going strong in spite of the fact so few of us are truly Manxies. We had a very enjoyable meeting in February with everyone home again and all in good spirits after spending the holidays with loved ones.

Election of officers was held and a motion made and carried that the present officers continue to serve. A Pig in the Poke was raffled and Bingo enjoyed, followed as usual with the traditional "cup of Tay".

In March we met at the home of John and Eunice Cain with a good turnout again. We missed our President Helen McKay who was ill, the Halls and the Franks who were out of town.

April's meeting was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Hall who we are sorry to report will be leaving us when they move to Tucson. However, they will be in the same Court as John Hughes so may be able to attend meetings like John and Katherine do each month. At present the Hughes are still away. They have been on a caravan trip to Mazatlan, Mexico. We missed them at this meeting. Bea Hall is a very accomplished Violinist so we were treated to a wonderful rendition by her, accompanied by Helen McKay.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Mable Bolitho.

I believe the Hughes are still planning to attend the Convention in Nova Scotia but to date no one else has voiced intentions of going. Our best wishes for a very successful get-together.

Ivy Dillon, Sec.,  
207 Hazzard St.,  
Bisbee, Arizona 85603.

## WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

This society is presently unofficial, but we hope to welcome it into the NAMA very shortly, the President is Robert Callin, Rt. 3, Mineral Point, WI. 53565.

An all-day picnic and festival will commemorate a once flourishing Manx community in Southwest Wisconsin on July 6, 1980.

The farming and mining community of Laxey was named after the village of the same name in the Isle of Man.

Today all that remains of the community is a small all-Manx cemetery, the only one of its kind in the United States

Area residents, many of which have ancestral ties to the community, had a successful Laxey Picnic in July, 1978. The day featured a morning open-air worship service presided over by Rev. Herbert Kelly, Chaplain of the North American Manx Association. Displays of early photographs, reading of pioneer journals, a Manx cat and singing rounded out the day.

The Wisconsin community of Laxey, located 50 miles west of Madison, Wisconsin and 50 miles east of Dubuque, Iowa, originally held an annual picnic from 1847 - 1890.

Participants in the 1978 picnic came from all the United States and even the Isle of Man. If interested in attending the 1980 festival, write: Robert Callin, Rt. 3, Mineral Point, WI 53565. Information on lodging and other area attractions will be provided on request.

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION, A.G.M.

The World Manx Association's annual meeting was held March 27th, 1980 in the St. John Ambulance Hall, Douglas, and was well attended with members taking a keen interest in the record of activities.

At the outset the president, Miss Doris Clague, made sympathetic reference to the loss the Association had recently sustained in the death of Mr. Evan Cain, M.B.E., who had faithfully served the Association first as a member and then as outings leader and latterly as vice-chairman; also to the passing of Mr. John R. Corlett, who was a diligent worker and headed the Ramsey group of members.

The president also spoke of the passing of Mr. Sam Penrice, ex-president of the North American Association, who did so much on behalf of members overseas and for the W.M.A.

In reviewing the program of the past year Miss Clague said the events promoted during Millennium year had been highly successful, especially the reunion on July 7th, which was attended by a record number of overseas and local members and it was indeed a memorable occasion.

The minutes were read by the minutes' secretary, Mrs. B. Cain, and were approved.

Mr. W. P. Waid, Hon. Treasurer, presented the financial statement and this was satisfactory and thanks were expressed to Mr. Waid for his hard work.

Mrs. Mary Weller, corresponding secretary, gave a lucid account of the Association's activities and was warmly thanked.

Just prior to the election of officers Miss Clague announced that she wished to resign the joint office of president and chairman owing to home commitments.

But the meeting declined to accept her resignation and eventually it was agreed that there should be two separate offices of president and Chairman, and Miss Clague kindly agreed to continue as president and she was re-elected unanimously.

The new chairman will be Mr. John Quilliam, of Colby, a very suitable choice.

Mrs. Cain was re-appointed minutes' secretary; Mrs. Weller corresponding secretary; and Mr. Waid treasurer, and appreciation was expressed of their efforts.

Mrs. Nina Quiggin was elected vice-chairman; Mr. Tom Bridson has agreed to be outings leader in succession to the late Mr. Cain and tickets secretary will be Miss May Kissack, another valuable member. Social secretaries will be Miss Anne Evans and Mrs. Halda Speed. The committee was re-elected en bloc and Mrs. Amy Greenland will head the refreshments committee.

Following the meeting a talk on Australia, illustrated with coloured slides was given by Miss Grace Coole and this was much enjoyed. The next meeting of members will be on May 5th at the T. E. Brown Memorial in Douglas.

## PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

The Annual pot-luck dinner will be held on Sunday, July 27th, 1980 at Glen Oak Park Pavillion in Peoria, as always, guests are welcome.

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

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Regular monthly meetings are to resume in the fall but our annual Basket Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10th, on the grounds of Grace Episcopal Church in Willoughby, Ohio. As in the previous years, we extend a welcome and invitation to attend our picnic to anyone visiting in our area at that time. Just contact one of our officers if you need directions to get there. Should the weather be rainy, that doesn't cancel the date for there are ample indoor accommodations to meet our needs.

Convention time will be here before we know it! Many of our members plan to be in Nova Scotia to renew old friendships and to make new Manx friends. Some beautiful slides of Nova Scotia were shown at one of our spring meetings. They served to whet the appetites of folks to "go see for themselves". Right now, they are anticipating. Come Convention time, they will be participating. And when the actual get-together in Halifax is over, they will be congregating with our members to relate all the details.

N.A.M.A. Conventions are a sure way to preserve what'er is left to us of ancient heritage... our Manx heritage. See you there?

Mrs. Marge Kennish Krach  
319 Ridgeview Drive  
Seven Hills, OH 44131.

## LADIES AUXILIARY, N.A.M.A.

A little reminder for the Convention in Halifax Sept. 1980.

The Ladies auxiliary will be having a Craft Table, all crafts will be welcome including any small gift, from the Isle of Man or otherwise.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September, new members to the Auxiliary will be very welcome.

Irene Curphey, President  
Box 716,  
3 William Street,  
Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

## THE L'IL FOLK

To Ingrid and Michael Rodney Curphey on March 27th, 1980, twin boys, Rodney Hutchins and Neal Hansen, proud grandparents are Irene and George Curphey, Nova Scotia.

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

**NORTH AMERICAN  
MANX ASSOCIATION  
CONVENTION  
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA  
CANADA  
SEPTEMBER 12 - 15, 1980  
HOTEL NOVA SCOTIAN  
HALIFAX, N.S.**

A warm welcome awaits all those attending the NAMA Convention - September 12 - 15th, 1980, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, the venue is the Hotel Nova Scotian, they will enjoy their stay and return home with happy memories of the Convention and the warm hospitality of Nova Scotia, Canada. An NAMA Convention is the "meeting place" for all Manx people, their relatives and friends, "the next best thing to a trip "home" to the Isle of Man", to quote from the famous Manx poet T. E. Brown - "Come one and all, the great and small".

Halifax, N.S. is served by an excellent airport, namely Halifax International Airport, the airport bus takes one right to the Hotel.

**AFTER-CONVENTION  
TOURS**

Evangeline Tours of Nova Scotia have put together a tour of Cape Breton Island for us which includes Louisbourg Fortress, the Bell Museum at Baddeck, the Cabot Trail, and the tidal bore at Truro. We will leave Halifax on Tuesday morning, September 16, and return Thursday evening, September 18. Included in the price are three nights lodging (includes Thursday night), dinner for all three nights, the fee for the guide, and tax and tips. Based on double occupancy and 20-25 people, the rate in U.S. currency is approximately \$230.00. Single occupancy will run about \$13.00 additional. More than 25 will be about \$25.00 less.

If you would like to be a part of this tour, please send a check for \$100.00 (U.S.) to me before July 1. Any deposits not received by then will not be included in the tour. The balance will be due on July 15. Please make the checks payable to Mona G. Haldeman. If we have less than 20 persons, we will cancel the trip, and I will return your check to you.

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

**FERRY SERVICE**

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**SCHEDULE AND RATES FOR N.A.M.A. CONVENTION  
SEPTEMBER 12 - 15, 1980**

The schedule is:

Registration Opens	Sept. 12, 3:00 P.M.
President's Reception	Sept. 12, 8:00 P.M.
Opening Session	Sept. 13, 9:30 A.M.
Banquet	Sept. 13, 7:30 P.M.
Memorial Service	Sept. 14, 9:30 A.M.
Bus Trip and Buffet Dinner	Sept. 14, 2:00 P.M.
Closing Session	Sept. 15, 9:30 A.M.

The rates are: all United States currency

Full Registration	\$36.00
Partial:	
Registration, Book, Badge	\$ 3.50
Presidents' Reception	7.00
Banquet	15.00
Bus Trip and Buffet	15.00

All registration must be in by August 1. Refunds only until August 15. Money must accompany registration. Checks made out to N.A.M.A. Convention Fund, and sent to me.

Hotel rates are: in Canadian currency

Single Room	\$36.00
Double-bedded	42.00
Twin beds	42.00
Extra person in room	8.00
(Plus 8% tax)	

All hotel reservations must be made before August 15 in order to qualify for special rate. Send to:

Hotel Nova Scotian  
1181 Hollis Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada B3J 2W2

From Portland June 13 - Sept. 23rd - 9:00 p.m. - from Yarmouth 10:00 a.m. All times local. Fare Adults - \$35.00 Group rate (16 or more) available on request.

For more information call Portland, Maine - (207) 775-5616 or Maine toll free - 800-482-0955.

CN Marine sails from Bar Harbour, Maine - Yarmouth N.S. the ship - M. V. "Bluenose" from Bar Harbour June - September 29th, 1980, depart 0800 hours E.T. Daily, crossing time approx. 6 hours, adult fare \$6.60 one way. To make reservations and for more information in the terminal area, Bar Harbour, Me (207) 288-3395 or write to CN Marine Reservations Bureau, P.O. Box 250, North Sydney, N.S. B2A 3M3.

**AIR CANADA OFFERS  
TRAVEL TO HALIFAX**

Air Canada has a variety of fares to Halifax from all major cities. They have a Normal Economy Class, Individual Inclusive Tour, and a Super Budget/123 Excursion. All flights change in Toronto.

Sample round trip fare structures are as follows:

From	Norm. Econ.	I.I.T.	Super Budget
Cleveland	\$270.	222.50	203
Chicago	\$306.	251.50	193.
Detroit/Windsor	\$211.	169.00	152.

The above fares are in U.S. Dollars and are in effect as of this date. Check with your local travel agent.

**HOTEL NOVA SCOTIAN  
A CN Hotel**

Located in downtown Halifax, overlooking Cornwallis Park and Halifax Harbour. Close to Major Business and Shopping areas with complimentary Limousine service provided. Public transit nearby, bus service from Hotel to Halifax International Airport. Instant reservations system for CN-Hotels across Canada.

**Facilities:**

Number of Rooms/Suites	316
Color TV	*
Cable TV	*
Telephone	*
Radio	Sauna *
Swimming Pool	Air Conditioning *



### SPECIAL CONVENTION DRAW

Our Honorary President, Mr. Richard Corkill of Detroit, Michigan, has very generously donated four lovely Royal Doulton figurines to the Association.

These will be raffled at a special draw at the Convention in Halifax in September. Tickets for this special feature will be sold during the Convention at the Hotel Nova Scotia only.

This is another Convention feature you will not want to miss!

### OUR OWN PEOPLE

Our President and her husband made a trip to Detroit, Michigan recently to accept, on behalf of the Association, the very generous donation of four Royal Doulton figurines from Honorary President Richard Corkill. They enjoyed his hospitality, a delicious meal, and some beautiful slides of the Isle of Man.

The annual spring concert of the Georgetown Choral Society and Acton Citizens' Band in Ontario, Canada was billed as a "Holiday in Spring", it consisted of light music from the British Isles and "other favourite places", there was a variety of music from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, also a tone poem from the Isle of Man called Mannin Veen (Dear Isle of Man) with its unique Manx music. Mrs. Zena (Quilliam) Lancaster of Georgetown is a member of the Choral Society.

## BIG THINGS ARE HAPPENING ON THE ISLE OF MAN . . .

When the cost of policing the Empire proved to be a burden to the people of Great Britain, the Parliament came up with a grand idea. By the Stamp Act of 1765, those bloody Americans would henceforth have to purchase with hard cash Royal revenue stamps which would be required for all legal documents, business papers, newspapers and the like. It sounded like a good idea, but the Americans had other ideas. The Virginia Legislature, led by Patrick Henry, declared that only they, not the Crown, had the right to tax Virginians. In Massachusetts they went a bit further, they attacked the house of the Crown's stamp distributor and forced him to resign. The protests were repeated in the other colonies. With all the stamp distributors having resigned, there was no place to purchase the required stamps, and to make things worse, merchants began a boycott of British goods. By November 1, 1765, when the Stamp Act finally went into effect, it had been effectively nullified, and four months later the Parliament rescinded it. It set the stage, however, for some unpleasantness a few years later which would result in a sizable decrease in the size of the Empire.

Meanwhile, on the Isle of Man, a flourishing import business had grown up -- all quite legal in the Kingdom of Mann, and quite a few enterprising Manxmen found ways to export goods to Britain on dark nights and at secluded beaches. The Parliament decided that it was about time to post some customs and excise men on Ellan Vannin, but there was only one problem -- they didn't own it. When the customs men entered Manx waters there were some nasty confrontations with the citizenry, which included Manx seizure of one of His Majesty's cutters.

This was quickly remedied by some acts in 1765 parallel to the Stamp Act that had stirred up the North Americans. The British revested the titles and regalities of the Isle of Man to the Crown, i.e. seized title to the place with later payment, and landed non-combatant forces looking all too much like customs and excise men.

Unlike the North Americans, the Manx adjusted to the situation and so the situation has remained for 215 years. This year, at long last, the 1765 Act has been repealed and the Crown customs and excise men met the April 1st deadline for their withdrawal and replacement by the Isle of Man's finest.

With the new-won independence from indirect taxation, the ancient legislature is seeking other means to dip taxation to levels comparable to those in the Channel Islands. Lower duties on tobacco and alcohol come to mind, but there are other targets as well, one of which is the burdensome VAT (valued added tax) of 15% which stifles the island's tourist trade. Some of Tynwald's economic advisors are suggesting that the old fighter base at Jurby at the North of the Island operate as a free trade zone like the one around Shannon Airport in Ireland.

The island's taxes, even without the new moves, are greatly unlike those of the larger adjacent islands. The IOM offers a cut-rate income tax of 20½%, no capital transfers tax, no estate duty or wealth tax, no corporation tax and no capital gains tax. This environment has spurred the growth of a financial industry which already accounts for 30% of the island's income. (Tourism, despite the presence of 650,000 visitors annually only accounts for \$26 million in income.)

Perhaps, on your next trip to the Isle of Man you will find a Manx customs officer waiting for you when you disembark? Things changed April 1st, and that's no April Fool.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT -

Engelbert (Humperdink) the latter is now dropped from his name - won a talent competition on the Isle of Man, the exact year is unknown, he was there on holiday and he won 75 pounds Sterling plus another week's holiday, he remarked - "It was good - my first experience of winning anything and it sort of spurred me on". Maybe this was the start of his singing career?

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### PRAYER OF THE MODERN WOMAN

From Mrs. Jane Feick, Needham, Mass., comes a reverse poem to "Prayer of the Modern Man" printed in the March edition of the NAMA Bulletin.

"May he always be useful and kind, full of interesting conversation, witty and sparkling in private as well as in public, tolerant with every person's faults, though weary, never demanding, enjoying his own company as well as others, not getting too involved with female friends, performing miracles with his household chores, and always happy that I married him."

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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

**TIMELY REMINDER —  
DUES**

The pink membership slip enclosed with the Bulletin is a reminder to pay your dues promptly, please forward your cheque or money order to the Treasurer - Mr. Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Ill. 60642.

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

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NAMA Membership Fee \$4.00 including subscription to Bulletin published four times annually. Membership without Bulletin is \$1.00

**Life Membership Fees in NAMA.**

Members over 50 years of age \$40.00  
Members under 50 years of age \$50.00

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**THE EMPIRE OF MAN**

Some 600 years ago, the Isle of Man and the Western Isles of Scotland were united under one lordship, the King of Mann. Now there is a gleam in Hebridean eyes -- it might be good fun to re-establish the long-severed link. When the Millennium of Tynwald was celebrated last year, the Viking longship ODIN'S WARRIOR made a courtesy call at Stornoway. The Western Isles council sent its greetings and queried if it could reclaim its six seats in Tynwald.

Certainly, came back the reply from the Isle of Man. What might have been, at the time, a light-hearted gesture in the spirit of the Millennium, now seems to have a core in reality. The Western Isles have long been frustrated by their lack of local power and very jealous of the wealth that the Shetland Islands have achieved with a separate oil revenue. The thought of income tax at 20½ percent and whiskey at a fraction of the present cost must be appealing to the Western Isles.

There is, of course, little doubt that the secretary of state for Scotland would ever allow the great archipeligo of the Hebrides to rejoin the independent Kingdom of Man, but the idea must certainly appeal to the Celtic sense of mischief -- and avoiding the payment of taxes.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS  
I HAVE MOVED**

Would all our members please note my change of address which is now -

Mrs. Hilda Penrice  
Bulletin Editor, N.A.M.A.  
60 Park Ave., Apt. 502  
Georgetown, Ontario, Canada  
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**MORE THAN ONE WAY  
TO SKIN MANX CAT**

It used to be said that the Manx could tweak the British lion's tail without fear of retaliation, since Manx cats have no tails. But, HMG seems to have found a way to retaliate against Manx Radio, the lineal descendant of the once-famous off-shore pirate radio stations which plagued the U.K.

Manx radio, the first station in the British Isles to feature commercial advertising, has become the Irish Sea equivalent of Radio Luxembourg, beaming its message throughout Europe. Evening religious broadcasting by Manx Radio, which includes many broadcasts of America fundamentalist groups, has achieved heavy listenership in England and wherever the signals are heard.

The Manx, who were allocated their broadcasting frequency by the Geneva Conference of 1977, are chagrined to learn that by the end of 1980, BBC plans to put its high-powered Radio Lincoln on the same wave-length, effectively drowning out the Manx broadcasts. The Manx have appealed to the British Home Office, complaining their frequency is being "pinched" by the BBC, but have found the traditional Home Office dragging of the feet in regard to Manx affairs has slowed more than ever. Stewart Watterson, secretary of Manx Radio, is said to suspect Home Office wants to win the issue for BBC by default.

It might be speculated that the Home Office is misappropriating the radio frequency for much the same reason that it has denied the British people -- alone in all of Europe -- Citizens Band Radio, "the wrong class of people would use it."

In the meantime, a delegation from Tynwald continues its efforts to sever this and other regulatory ties to Whitehall, truly achieving the IOM's Constitutional status as a self-governing Crown dependency.

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**FAMILY HISTORY  
SOCIETY  
(ISLE OF MAN)**

There will be a get-together for visitors to the Island, June 28th, 1980, to be held at the Villa Marina, Douglas, I.O.M. Many of our NAMA homecomers and other visitors will remember this fine display which the Family History arranged in 1979. Overseas friends are welcome to join the F.H.S., overseas subscription is six pounds sterling, due January 1st, and considered lapsed March 31st.

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SAMUEL PENRICE

**SAM PENRICE, P.P. NAMA, Hon. Vice Pres. NAMA, Life Member W.M.A., and P. P. Toronto Manx Society**

It is with great sadness we record the sudden death of Sam Penrice on Sunday, February 17th, 1980 at the Royal Victoria, Barrie, Ontario, Canada.

His passing means a grievous loss to his wife - Hilda, and family, to whom he was devoted, and to Manx people on the Isle of Man and especially to the members of the North American Manx Association, he did so much to establish links between various groups scattered throughout the North American Continent. Sam was a "roving ambassador" for the Isle of Man, in Canada and the U.S.A. On his many business trips across Canada he contacted many Manx exiles, Sam, altho' born in Yorkshire, England, had a deep love for the Isle of Man, he went to the Island at a very young age and received his education there. With hard work and enterprise Sam established his own Textile Mill in Canada, his son Douglas is now President and General Manager, while his daughter Jean (Mr. R. Glass) is now a partner in the business and looks after the financial end.

Sam married Hilda (Bridson), daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Bridson, Ramsey, Isle of Man on April 8th, 1939 at St. Olave's Church, Ramsey, he joined the R.A.F. and saw

service in Egypt and the Persian Gulf, during the Second World War.

In 1947, Sam and Hilda with their two children emigrated to Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, where Sam was Supt. of the Ferguson Atlantic Underwear Co. Ltd., moving to Georgetown, Ontario in 1950. He was General Manager of the Beaumont Knitting Co. until 1957 when he purchased the business, in 1974 his son Douglas acquired a half interest in the business and Sam and Hilda semi-retired in 1976 moving to Sandycove Acres, Stroud, Ont.

Sam was elected President of the NAMA in 1970 when the very first convention was held on the Isle of Man, he put in an immense amount of work into organizing and chairing the NAMA Conventions over the past years, he had the ability to organize people and get things done cheerfully and efficiently, he will be greatly missed by the Executive of NAMA.

Sam was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice, Sulby Glen, Isle of Man, his Dad together with Mr. Ralph Howarth owned the Sulby Glen Woollen Mill. Sam made his mark in the 30's on the Island as a Manx Viking Wheeler, being a regular winner in time trials and a leading performer in cycle road racing. He was a competitor in the first Manx International Cycle Road Race in 1935, he rode again in 37/38.

It was a great joy to Sam while visiting the Isle of Man in Millennium Year 1979 when he attended most of the events during the Cycling Week, he presented the winners' awards for the International Time Trial.

Sam and Hilda had three children, their eldest son, John Samuel passed away in 1955, as stated he is survived by his wife Hilda who is presently Bulletin Editor of NAMA, daughter Jean, (Mrs. R. Glass), son Douglas Edward, three granddaughters and one grandson.

Perhaps the following words would be an appropriate eulogy for Sam -

*"I shall pass through this world but once  
Any good that I can do, any  
kindness I can show,  
Let me do it now,  
For I shall not pass this way  
again."*

## ODE TO PEEL!

The following poem was received from Miss Joan Pomfret of Bolton, who was inspired to write it after she had read the new Peel Guide. Miss Pomfret and her family will be well remembered by many people in Peel as regular and frequent visitors during the summer months.

*It shows the Castle and the shore,  
The Viking ships, the Quay;  
One of the old streets in the sun,  
Meandering to the sea.  
It advertises shops I knew,  
A house where I once came  
Each summer in my golden days  
Oh, Peel looks just the same.  
The golf club where my father played,  
The church upon the hill;  
The boats we rowed, the walks we  
went,  
They welcome people still.  
Remembered names leap from each  
page,  
Each with its memory  
Of one small Island town I loved  
In days that used to be.  
I've read the Guide from start to end,  
And now I walk again,  
By Atholl Place and Market Street,  
The harbour, Orry Lane.  
I watch the sunsets, smell the tides  
Fresh salt — and I am glad  
That other "Summer Visitors"  
Will find the joy I had.*

## ELLAN VANNIN PIX NOW AVAILABLE

A picture of the Ellan Vannin, the ship lost December 3, 1909 and recalled in the "Ballad of the Ellan Vannin Tragedy", is now available from Mr. G. W. Cowley, 7 Ross Avenue, March Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England. The picture, on 17½ x 12½ art paper, also has the picture of the passengers and crew who were lost with the ship. They are available for £1.00, plus postage, from Mr. Cowley.

## THANK YOU

My family and I would like to express our sincere thanks to our many dear friends in the North American Manx Association and also to the various Manx Societies for their letters and cards expressing their love and sympathy during our sad bereavement in the loss of a beloved husband Sam, a dear father and a loving Grandad, knowing that so many cared was a wonderful help and comfort to us all. We would also like to thank our friends for their donations to the NAMA Memorial Fund and other Charities, this was very much appreciated.

Hilda Penrice and family.

## OBITUARIES

BREW, Mrs. Mary Anne.

Mary Anne Brew, mother of William Fred Brew of 2332 Spruce St., moved in 1962 from Butte to Billings and entered the Western Manor Nursing Home about a year ago. She was a member of the North American Manx Society, due to her childhood heritage.

She died Tuesday at age 95 at Western Manor.

Born and educated in Laxey, Isle of Man, British Isles, she was a daughter of Thomas and Catherine Kelly. She came to Butte and was married there in 1920 to Frederick H. Brew who worked for the North Butte Mining CO.

Her husband died in 1921.

Survivors include her son; a sister, Mrs. R. W. Gell of Cleveland, Ohio; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Butte from the Wayrynen Funeral Home, followed by burial in the Mount Moriah Cemetery. Smiths Downtown Chapel was in charge.

CAIN, Evan, passed away recently in Douglas, Isle of Man, the late Mr. Cain was well known to members of the NAMA and Manx people everywhere. He was vice Chairman of the World Manx Association and for a long time was a very efficient outings leader. He will be greatly missed in the W.M.A. he was always so willing to assist and always courteous. The late Mr. Cain was 80 years of age and will long be remembered for his work for the St. John Ambulance Assoc., the Scout Assoc., Nobles and the White Hoe Hospital, he was awarded the M.B.E. in 1976 for his work in these fields. He is survived by his widow, two sons and four grandchildren.

CHRISTIAN, Mrs. Mary E., of Rochester, N.Y., passed away on April 17th, 1980. She is survived by her sisters, Mrs. Benjamin (Mae) Christian; several nieces and one nephew; also great-nieces and nephews; she was a former member of NAMA and of the Rochester Manx group.

CHRISTIAN, Mrs. Ivy, passed away on April 11th, 1980, at Torquay Hospital after a brief illness, in her 88th year. Ivy the former Mrs. Ivy Colquitt was well known to many members of NAMA, she had been a member of the Association since the first Toronto Convention and was a Life Member; she was President of the L.A. Manx Society in the 30's, she with her late husband John Alfred Christian retired to the Isle of Man and lived in Onchan for several years, she then moved to Torquay, England to be near members of her family, the late Mrs. Christian derived much enjoyment from her participation in the NAMA and the Manx Societies.

CANNELL, Elsie, passed away on February 29th, 1980, at her home 5 Auburn Rd., Onchan, Isle of Man; she is survived by two sisters, Symmia Kewley, with whom she lived; and Amy Belenkin, Sussex, England; and one brother, John Cannell of California.

CORLETT, Hilda Iola, passed away February 7th, 1980 at her home Sebastopol, Calif., after an illness of almost two years. Hilda Corlett was a native of Lander, Wyoming, she married Herbert S. Corlett, a native of Douglas, Isle of Man. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 16th, 1978. During the eight years prior to the dissolution of the San Francisco Manx Society, Mrs. Corlett had been the Secretary of the Society. She is survived by her husband Herbert; brother-in-law Norman; sister-in-law Evelyn. The Corlett family had been members of the San Francisco Manx Society since 1936 and long time members of NAMA. Interment was held at Tulocay Cemetery, Napa, California.

LAWSON, Mrs. Anton, age 82, died March 30th, 1980 in Kewanee Hospital after a brief illness. The late Mrs. Lawson was the former Jessie Clucas a native of the Isle of Man, she was born May 20th, 1879, one of four children of John and Jessie Dunstone Clucas, she came to Galva, Ill. in 1920. She married Anton Lawson of Galva in 1923, he survives, as do two sisters, Mrs. Arthur R. Johnson, Galva; and Mrs. Kathryn Cregeen, Isle of Man. Mrs. Lawson was a past President of the Galva Manx Society. Burial was in Galva Cemetery, the Rev. Byron Robertson of Foursquare Church officiated, Mrs. Robertson was organist.

MALEKIN, Mrs. Greeda, passed away recently in hospital on the Isle of Man. The late Mrs. Malekin was well known to members of the NAMA, she had attended several Conventions and was planning to attend the September Convention in Halifax. Many of our members will remember meeting with her last year, she was employed at the Grovenor Hotel, Andreas, I.O.M.

PENRICE, Samuel, suddenly on Sunday, February 17th, 1980 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, Ontario, Canada. Beloved husband of Hilda (Bridson); loved father of Jean and son-in-law Ron Glass of Burlington; son Douglas and daughter-in-law Dianne Penrice of Georgetown and the late John. Loving grandfather of Debbie and Denise Glass, Sandra and Christopher Douglas Samuel Penrice. Dear brother of Cathie Duke and Ivy Wade, Isle of Man, Robert and Harry in England.

Visitors were received at the McClure Jones Funeral Home, Georgetown, Ontario, a Masonic Service was held on February 19th.

Funeral services were held at St. George's Anglican Church, followed by interment at Greenwood Cemetery on Wednesday, February 20th, 1980. Deeply regretted.

WATTERSON, Lottie, passed away recently in Toronto, Ontario, the late Miss Watterson was born in Glen Maye, Isle of Man, she came to Canada at a very early age, she had been a long time member of the Toronto Manx Society and the NAMA. She is survived by several sisters, her brother Bobbie Watterson is well known to members of the NAMA.

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Recently, a church convention speaker reminded me of an old hymn: "We are living, we are dwelling,

*In a grand and awful time.*

*In an age on ages telling,*

*To be living is sublime."*

Written by Bishop Arthur Coxe in 1840, it aptly described a feeling for the conditions of the time: the perils, but also the possibilities for good -- and the need for Christ's spirit among mankind.

The words apply with equal weight today -- perhaps even more so. We are beset daily with dreadful crimes, terrorists, hostages held interminably. Inflation, pollution, unemployment -- what's so "grand" about "awful times" like these? Yet -- these are times suggesting vast possibilities. The knowledge which man now has of his environment, and of himself. The "good life" is available to more people than ever in history. But, more importantly, there still are people of faith and courage about us and among us, people who care and share. In spite of darkness and evil, the Christ-spirit is with us. Dicken's words, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times", might be said almost of any era.

Last summer the Millennium celebrated a thousand years of a people of faith -- faith in the common peoples' ability to govern themselves. Truly, these all lived, in their generation, through "grand and awful" times. Now, their memory challenges us so to live in our time, in the spirit of another poem, Longfellow's:

*"Let us, then, be up and doing,*

*With heart for any fate;*

*Still achieving, still pursuing,*

*Learn to labour and to wait."*

Herbert G. Kelly

Would all our contributors to the NAMA Bulletin PLEASE type their news, articles and items on a separate sheet of paper, DOUBLE SPACED, and please adhere to the deadline date as stated in the reminder notices.

Thank you,  
The Editor.