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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that Spring has arrived, the grass turning velvet green, and the daffodils displaying their golden colour, I am reminded how really important the Seasons are, clearly mankind could not survive without them.

The wonders of the natural world must not be destroyed, because once destroyed they can never be replaced. It is our job as conservation minded people looking to the future to maintain some sort of balance between nature and the appurtenances of an industrial age, therefore conservation is the planned management and wise use of nature's resources. No matter what our purpose may be - to do something, to make something, to improve something, to protest something -- it starts as a small idea, coupled with small action.

We must do many little things to accomplish just one big thing, just as an illustration one can see the recent launch of the Spaceship "Columbia" was delayed many anxious hours when several small heat shield tiles were found loose, among the many thousands of heat shield tiles bonded to its surface, this clearly indicates that the biggest events in life depend upon the smallest.

The great Michelangelo once said that "Little things make perfection, and perfection is no trifle". It can be stated that the little things in nature are every bit as interesting as the bigger ones, and our ancestors the Manx people by the very type of work performed have for centuries worked closely with nature. An appreciation of natural life is a continuing source of interest and enjoyment, therefore in conclusion may I say let us all seek out the study of nature, because Nature then holds few dull moments for all those who get to know it.

George Curphey
President

Mona Haldeman and her 1982 Convention Team are working diligently to make your attendance in San Diego, Calif., a memorable one, so keep the date in mind - August 1982.

DUES TIME

The enclosed pink membership slip is a notice to you that a new year is about to start and that dues are due again.

The rates have been changed to \$6.00 for Regular members and \$2.00 for Associates. Please forward your payment by JULY, 31, 1981

Thank You

**C. E. Creer, Treas.
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CONVENTION - 1982

Plans are well under way for the 1982 Convention. San Diego is the location, chosen at the 1980 Convention. Marge Weber and her committee from the San Diego Manx Society have selected the Hanalei Hotel, and reserved the dates of August 6-9, 1982. The month of August was chosen because September can be very hot and humid in southern California, as well as to enable families with school-aged children to attend.

This is an ideal vacation area, with something for everyone from 1 to 99. In future issues of the Bulletin, we will run travelogues of the area, including attractions within a 500 mile radius of San Diego. The first travelogue will highlight the immediate area. Start making your plans NOW!

Mona Haldeman
Convention Chairman

ALL ROADS LEAD US TO THE ISLE OF MAN

An interesting picture and item in the Isle of Man "Examiner" sent in by Brenda and Allan Caine of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, depicts a signpost - ISLE OF MAN Road, they came across it in Northern Ontario, Canada. Must be some Manx folk living there?

LONG WAIT ENDS

A federal judge will be sent to the Eagle Grove, Iowa, bedside of Edward Francis Graves to make him a citizen of the U.S. at the age of 94, immigration officials say. His granddaughters said they were snubbed by politicians in their attempts to gain citizenship for Graves, who missed his first chance to become a citizen around the turn of the century. "We wanted to help him become a citizen because we knew that was something he always wanted, but just didn't do," said Luann Graves who has been working on the project with her sister Pearl Miller. Graves was born on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea and has lived most of his life in the Eagle Grove area. He is in an Eagle Grove nursing home. He looked into citizenship around the turn of the century but never got around to making a formal application. Later, he made plans, but couldn't get a ride to the immigration office.

The Washington, D.C. Area Manx Society sent letters of congratulations to Mr. Graves and his granddaughters.

TIMELY REMINDERS

The strength and continued growth of any Society is solely dependent on its membership and the activities of its members. We in the N.A.M.A. must continue to uphold our Association, because here we have a most unique organization, backed by a Heritage of which we are very proud.

What other nation such as the Manx, can boast of a thousand years of Continuous Parliament. I now seek your co-operation in seeking additional members wherever they may be found. Due to forces i.e. - (inflation etc.) beyond our control, we have increased the Annual membership dues to \$6.00 (six dollars) kindly keep your membership fees up to date.

Thank you
George Curphey

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1981/82 DUES

Another reminder - the Annual dues were increased at the Halifax Convention to \$6.00 a year for Regular members and \$2.00 for Associate members. The change is effective now with the fiscal year which begins on August 1st, 1981.

Thank You

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**MANX SHEEP FARMERS
IN WISCONSIN**

An interesting article reached me from Mrs. Marg Krach, Cleveland, Ohio, all about Dan Brew and his son Bill. Dan Brew celebrated his 75th birthday some months ago and he has had 60 years of experience in sheep. To quote from Dan Brew's own story he says - "My story, you could say, goes back to the Isle of Man, where my grandfather, also named Dan Brew, was born in about 1820. How a boy there learned about the California Gold Rush is one of the many things I wish I knew about him. But, in any case, in 1849 of 1850 he left home and travelled to California. I do know that his brother accompanied him, and after their California adventure my grandfather went back home and married his Isle of Man sweetheart - Ann Cormode. In 1855 they came to America and settled on the farm near Wisconsin Dells in south central Wisconsin where I have lived all my life".

The farm has been in the Brew family for 135 years, the three children of Dan and Mae Brew all related in their lives to the sheep crafts.

Daughter Janet is the wife of Dr. Ralph Maurer, of the research staff at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture at Clay Centre, Nebraska; daughter Elinor is the wife of Jim Elphick, shepherd of the University of Wisconsin's sheep experimental farm at Arlington; son Bill is a partner in the sheep venture, Bill's wife, Jean, teaches home economics at the community high school and is a state director of the Make-it-Yourself with Wool programme.

Mrs. Krach has been in touch with Dan and Mae Brew, who incidently will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year, they told her they had corresponded with relatives in New York State and these same relatives had done some research on the family tree. While the Brew family are not yet members of N.A.M.A., there is the possibility that they might be interested.

Just another instance of the Manx motto 'QUOCUNQUE JECERIS STABIT' - "Which ever way you throw me I will stand" in other words a Manxman will always land on his feet. But it is due to our Manx ancestors, most of all their courage and determination to succeed in their adopted countries which makes the Brew family and all other Manx families so special.

NEW CORRESPONDENT

We have a new contributor to our Bulletin this issue in the person of Arthur Herbert Bridson who lives in Ellesmere Port, Ches., England.

Arthur is the younger brother of Mrs. Hilda Penrice, your Bulletin Editor, he was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man and altho' he has lived in England for many years, his heart is always in the Isle of Man, his thoughts are forever of Ellan Vannin. I know our members will enjoy his Manx wit and humour his topics will always have a "Manx flavour".

**LETTER FROM
ELLESMERE PORT**

With a wisp of blue smoke and a curl of salt foam as it were, I can be in Manxland. Situated strategically therefore I am in a unique position to acquire odd bits of Manx news which would not otherwise reach the precincts of the 49th parallel.

I am particularly pleased to be able to pass on a few items with appropriate comments. Meanwhile, I am looking forward to the annual summer holiday in Ramsey. One thing I can be sure of is a Manx greeting which goes something like this:-

Local Resident:

"Hello there yussah, over again I see"

Myself:

"Hello (subtle vibrations in my voice implying a special intimacy as, desperately, I try to recollect who he is). "How are you keeping" I add. (fatal question).

Local Resident:

"Ah" (in a sad voice) "So and So you know" Then "Still got the old complaint" (whilst I reel backwards speculating wildly on the exact nature of this baleful complaint) he adds, "I'm rubbing along like the heel of an old boot"

From there on we continue exchanging similar pleasantries in a desultory way and with increasingly counterfeit geniality. One thing is sure - there is an unspoken but firm resolve transmitted to completely avoid one another for the remainder of my holiday

A. H. Bridson
Ellesmere Port,
England

"THE FIRST PRIZE"

An article in the Liverpool Daily Echo on 3rd February last, was headed - "Millionaire Island". The writer averred that over a hundred millionaires were in residence or had registered busines on the Isle of Man Industrial tycoons, writers, sportsmen, artists, financiers and sundry other entrepreneurs were recorded amongst the ranks of the 'blest'.

Taxation at 20% (appx) was the main consideration. The appropriate tax 'rip-off' in Great Britain being 85% (appx). Other inducements were political stability; no violence, and undoubtedly in many cases, a growing appreciation of the peculiar and compelling charm of residing in Manxland. Incidentally, there are only 70 Rolls Royces on the Island. Apparently, due to narrow roads. WOW!!

I have always had a hankering to be a 'multi-millionaire' and reside in the Island in an atmosphere of 'inspired indolence'. Indeed, sometimes in my dreams, my wish is realised and I can picture myself in 'OPULENTO', my Moorish mansion, a sumptuous haven, stuffed with 'sponduliks' and situated in ethereal surroundings - just one mile above North Barrule. I live there when the sun is warm and high and interest rates are spiralling upwards!

However, I believe the late Groucho Marx, when he said - "Wishful thinking is a little Village, just one mile North of Mexico".

This, and the instrusive reality of a lifetime dedicated to improvidence, prove to me that my dreams are vain.

Never mind, if I can't be a Manx millionaire, I will settle for the First prize in life. "What" you will ask "is the First prize in life?" "Ah" sez I "THE FIRST PRIZE IN LIFE IS TO HAVE BEEN BORN MANX....."

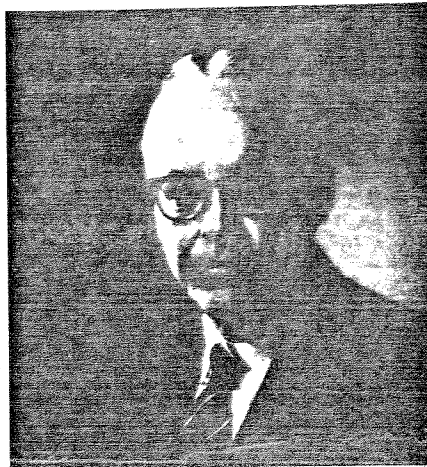
A. H. Bridson
Ellesmere Port,
England

OUR OWN PEOPLE

GET WELL WISHES

In December 1980, Mrs. Norman (Helen) Clucas was rushed to hospital for an emergency operation, the news in January was that she was home and improving, unfortunately she had to return to hospital with an infection, she is now home again, the thoughts and prayers of Helen's many friends in N.A.M.A. will go out to her for a complete recovery to good health.

Helen's address is 1418 Cheshire Lane, Webster Groves, MO. 63119.



MEET YOUR OFFICERS

Mr. T. R. Anderson
2nd Vice President N.A.M.A.

Mr. T. R. Anderson, 2nd Vice President, was born and raised in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, he attended Hamline University of St. Paul for pre-law education and later graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School. He was an attorney for General Mills Inc., and became Investment Manager for the Bell family, founders of that company, he is currently engaged in the development of several venture capital companies in the natural resource field.

Over a long period of time, Mr. Anderson has been closely associated with the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul; the College of St. Benedict, Saint Joseph, Minn., and the University of Puget Sound Law School in Tacoma, Washington. At the present time he is a director of the following companies: Magnetic Controls, an electronics firm in Minneapolis; Misener Holding Company, a steamship company of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada; Lehigh Coal and Navigation of New York City; TR Railroad of Billings, Montana. He is also a general partner of the TR Ranch in Sheridan, Wyoming, plus several coal, gas and oil companies.

He is also a member of the Minneapolis Club and the Union League Club of New York City.

With such a busy lifestyle Mr. Anderson finds time to pursue one of his principal hobbies - tracing his family roots, the most fascinating being the study of Manx history and genealogy. His mother's family came from the Isle of Man and his father's from Sweden, he is married to Lajeane Hurd Anderson, they have five children, four of whom are married and eight grandchildren. He is proud of the fact that he was one of the founders of the Manx Society of Minnesota.

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
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In response to requests from our members, this month we will study two famous Manx surnames.

QUAYLE. We find this first listed as Mac Falle in 1408; Mac Fale in 1417; Mac Faile in 1429; Mac Fayle in 1511; Mac Quayle in 1540; Quaille in 1575; Quale in 1580; Quayle and Quall in 1601; Quail in 1611; and as Quaille in 1659 in the Castle Rushen Papers.

The various branches of this family gave their name to Ballaquale in Kirk Malew, Kirk Onchan and Kirk Patrick; and as Thaloo Quayle in Kirk German.

"Manx Worthies" by A. W. Moore list a Basil Quayle of the Creggans farm near Castletown (b 1765 d 1816) as an excellent and scientific farmer; and a Thomas Quayle in 1812 was the first to make a survey of farming conditions over the Island and to write a book on the subject.

We also find references in the history books of a Richard MacFaile of Ballaugh who was in the House of Keys in 1502, and a Robert Quayle who was Constable of Douglas in 1664. A Mark Hildeslay Quayle opened the Isle of Man Bank in Castletown in 1777 and in 1784 he became a member of the House of Keys; he was Clerk of the Rolls from 1797 to 1804. This great-grandfather and grandfather had held the same office before him.

CORTEEN. This surname is first listed in J. J. Kneen's "Manx Personal Names" as MacCosten and MacCostein in 1511; Quartin in 1603; Cortin in 1652; Corteen in 1659; and Corteene in 1676.

Robert Corteen (b 1791 d 1853), born in Maughold, was the first in the Isle of Man to use gas as an illuminant. While in the employment of Gelling's, he erected a small gas plant and supplied St. Matthew's Church and several business establishments. He was also the first to start an iron foundry. In later years he surveyed Douglas for the purpose of laying down gas and water in its streets, and he was the engineer who constructed the earliest gas works in that town.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

As we are changing our fiscal year to begin in July, we do not have our calendar worked up for our fall/winter program. We are looking forward to our annual picnic in August. At "deadline time", no date or place had been set. However, if you are going to be in the Cleveland area in August and might like to join us, contact someone in our society for details for you'd be most welcome!

On a more personal note, I wish to personally thank all my mother's many Manx friends who remembered her 98th birthday - April 12th. She was very pleased and happy to hear from you. Mom is known as Ellen (Kennish) Abell, and has been a member of the N.A.M.A. since its beginning. She missed few conventions until the late 60's. She has been a resident of the Scenic View Castle Nursing Home in Millersburg Ohio 44654 for almost four years. Family members visit her on a frequent, regular basis.

May you all have an enjoyable summer!

Marge (Kennish) Krach
319 Ridgeview Drive
Seven Hill, OH 44131

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

In March, we met at Shirley and Alan Haworth's home in Fountain Valley. We welcomed Dr. Donald Clague and his wife Betty from La Verne, California. Betty and Don will be visiting the Isle of Man for the first time in early May. We look forward to seeing them at our next meeting to hear all about their trip. Don's grandparents both came from the Peel area.

Ellen Bain celebrated her 82nd birthday on March 29th with a family party. Ellen and Donald Bain are well known to the Manx Societies everywhere, and have both done so much work and fostered goodwill for the Manx.

Mrs. Etta Crowe, Joyce Kinley's mother, came from the Isle of Man to spend Christmas and New Year with the Kinley family in Costa Mesa, including her first great grandchild, Andrew Kinley. Andrew is the son of Malcolm and Joyce's oldest son, Alastair. Accompanying Mrs. Crowe were her granddaughter, Catriona

Livingstone from Douglas; also Paul and David Chatel from Peel who are relatives of Malcolm.

On Christmas Eve, Ed and Mary Caley celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. This was a family party which included Etta Crowe and the Kinley's as Ed and Etta are sister and brother.

In early January, Malcolm, Joyce and her mother left the U.S. to visit Joyce's two brothers and their families who live in the Sydney area of Australia. They stopped off in Auckland, New Zealand for 5 days to visit friends there. They stayed with Mona and Ralph Murphy - Mona's maiden was Kissack. She has been a pen-friend of Joyce's sister, Win Livingstone (who now lives in Douglas) for about 40 years!!!

In New Zealand, the three travellers met several Manx people. Mrs. Isobel Corlett (Ramsey), Eva and Dick Quine (Ramsey), Stephanie (nee Kelly - Ramsey) and her husband Brian Wellmore, also Tom Qualtrough and several of his family including his two daughters. Tom is from the Colby area, so he named his house 'Colby'.

Malcolm and Joyce enjoyed seeing a profusion of healthy gorse growing along with the giant native tree ferns. So far in their travels in the U.S. and Canada they have never found any gorse.

In Australia, besides staying with the Crowe families, Malcolm and Joyce stayed for several days with Ray and Jean Kinley. Ray emigrated to Australia 32 years ago and has never been back to the Island, so Malcolm and Ray did a lot of reminiscing about their school days etc. Ray is the older brother of Captain Vernon Kinley of the I.O.M. Steam Packet Co., and Captain Brian Kinley, Harbour Master in Douglas, I.O.M.

Mrs. Crowe, Malcolm and Joyce chatted with Mr. Eddie Kneale who lives in the Blue Mountain area of New South Wales, Australia. Mr. Kneale said how lovely it was to hear some of the Manx brogue. He keeps in touch with Sydney Boulton who writes "About People" in the Manx Star. Mr. Kneale has many relatives on the Island including Mr. Victor Kneale, M.L.C.

On their return trip to California, the three travellers spent 3 days in Fiji, and 5 days in Oahu, Hawaii. Mrs. Crowe spent a further 2 weeks in California before returning to the Isle of Man

Joyce Kinley, Sec..

MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

A meeting of the Minnesota Manx Society was held on March 21st, 1981 at the Bell Library at the University of Minnesota, there were 47 members present.

The President, T. R. Anderson welcomed those present and thanked Dr. John Parker, Curator of the Bell Library for inviting the Society to hold their meeting in the library rooms.

Dr. Parker and Carol Urness, his associate, had arranged a Viking show from the Bell collection. The Bell Library was founded by James Ford Bell, founder of General Mills Inc. Dr. Parker was the Original Curator, the library recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

The library has a most outstanding collection of early books, maps and manuscripts, it is visited by many scholars from all over the world, it is unique in that it has many original documents, first edition books and manuscripts in its collection. Several 16th and 17th Century maps of the Isle of Man were displayed for the members.

The President told the members about the Viking Show currently at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts where two items from the Isle of Man were on display: a 10th Century cross-slab from Kirk Andreas, depicting on one face Odin being devoured by the Fenris wolf, on the other the coming of Christianity; the other object was the mutilated skull of a young woman found at a pagan Viking burial site at Ballateare, Jurby.

Dr. Parker gave an interesting talk about the history and movements of the Vikings, this was followed by a question and answer period. Dr. Parker agreed to publish his speech in the Society's Bulletin #2.

The recent publication - "The Vikings", written by Magnus Magnusson was on display, some 29 pages dealt with the Vikings on the Isle of Man. Mr. Magnusson was the leader in putting the recent series of the Vikings on television, it was noted the President had corresponded with Mr. Marshall Cubbon, Director of the Manx Museum. Mr. Cubbon had played a great part in the research of the Viking Show and had been in close touch with Mr. Magnusson in the development of his book.

A 1610 Speed Map of the Isle of Man, belonging to the President was on display together with the Manx Museum bulletin on early Manx maps edited by Mr. Cubbon, it was announced the Society is acquiring 12 copies of the book, "The Isle of Man, A Social, Cultural and Political History" by R. H. Kinvig, these have been ordered from the Liverpool Press.

The next meeting of the Society will be held Sunday, July 19th at the farm of William Callister, near Cannon Falls, Minnesota. A direction map will be given in advance, some cooking facilities will be available but all members need to bring their own food and beverages, members were asked to make a note of the date and plan to be there. It was suggested by Mrs. Pat Boehme that members should visit the Greenvale Cemetery nearby where many of the early Manx settlers are buried.

Plans were discussed regarding the Fall meeting, the President suggested a trip to Cleveland, Ohio. This area has a large Manx population. He will contact the officers of the Cleveland Manx Society, a visit to the Clague Museum would be another interesting feature of the trip.

It was reported that Al Clague, Treasurer of the Society had suffered a mild heart attack and was in the Deaconess Hospital, he was coming along well, the Secretary was asked to send him get well wishes from the Society.

It was announced that two gifts in the amount of \$500.00 each had been received from two members of the Society with the request they be used for Manx research, preferably in regard to the fishing industry.

Preparation have been started for the publication of the Society's Bulletin #2, it was stressed that all members names, addresses and phone numbers be reviewed for accuracy before going to the publisher.

A map showing the relative distances between Norway, Scotland, Orkney Island, Shetland, Faroes, Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland and the Isle of Man was distributed together with a copy of the last newsletter published by the Bell Library which deals with the Viking travels, all members were invited to join the Associates of the James Ford Bell Library.

The meeting was then adjourned.
Jean Lavelle, Sec.

SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

Greetings from San Diego:

Our March meeting was held at the home of Marge and George Frederick. Marge is our president and was voted in during the Christmas meeting.

We had seven visitors whom we hope like us well enough to become permanent members. At every meeting we have guests and their presence always generates a lot of curiosity about their family histories, their Manx family name and any visits they have made to the island. We love to talk about each other's background ... you never know, the person sitting next to you might be a distant cousin you never heard of before, of a long lost uncle.

Our big topic at our meetings is, of course, the upcoming convention. One of our members, Iris Corkhill subscribes to the Isle of Man Times, and she pointed out that there was news of the event in that paper. In fact she said they had quoted some of my write up on it from the December N.A.M.A. Bulletin. So it is good to know the publicity is getting around. Lets hope we have several guests from the Island. We will do our best to give them a very warm welcome.

Mickey Gemeroy, Sec.,
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WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The Annual "At Home" took place on Wednesday March 18th 1981, when instead of the usual invited speaker, a Members Evening was arranged with the following members giving various items: Mrs. Anne Stone, vocal solos with piano forte accompaniment by Mrs. Kath Kneale; Mrs. May Leadbetter, Recitation; Mr. and Mrs. David Mercer, Instrumental Duets; Miss Doris Clague, Dramatic Recital and Mrs. Mary Weller, Comper, all being extremely well received.

Chairman Mr. John Quilliam heartily thanked all who had entertained, with a special word of thanks for the President, who had arranged the programme. Officials, Committee were also thanked for assistance during the evening. A most enjoyable supper was served by the Castle Mona Hotel and the "At Home" closed with the singing of Eilan Vannin and The Queen.

March 26th 1981 was the date of the Annual General Meeting of W.M.A., this being held in the St. John Brigade Hall, Douglas. A highly successful year of 1980 was reported, with a good representation of Overseas Manx present of the Annual Gathering in the Gardens Room of Villa Marina, and an outstanding T. E. Brown Dinner.

The election of Officials and Committee resulted as follows:

President - Doris M. Clague
Chairman - John J. Quilliam

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Ticket Secretary - May Kissack
Outings Leader - Tom Bridson
Catering Ladies - Ralda Speed and Win Livingstone
The present Committee re-elected En Bloc
Auditor - David Mercer

Following the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the caterers and all attending were the guests of President Miss Doris Clague, as a "Thank you" to all who had kindly given donations toward the beautiful gold watch recently presented to Miss Clague in return for her work on behalf of the World Manx Association over a long period of years.

All homecomers will be warmly welcomed by W.M.A., kindly phone 88 453 or Douglas 6741.

Doris M. Clague
Mary A. Weller

BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

Really not too much to report from the Bisbee Manx this time. Due to so many being away when meeting time comes the meetings have been called off. However, we did meet for the March meeting at the home of Eunice and John Cain when we had a good turn out and a grand time had by all. We celebrated John Hughes, Leland Chick and Ivy Dillon's birthdays. Dues and Birthday money was collected.

A pig in the poke raffled and won by Ethel Chick. Bacon and sausage. What could be better with food costing as it does today?

We were sorry the Oliver Halls could not attend as Bea was under the weather again. They are moving to Tucson and we will miss them.

Our April meeting was to be held at the home of Eva Maddern but again so many were out of town and busy elsewhere we had to call it off. Hopefully we will meet in May. Sorry to report that Leland Chick is in the hospital at the present time and not doing too well. He is to be operated on tomorrow to remove calcium buildups on spine.

I was happy to have a visit from my daughter for a few days. Do hope all have had a happy Easter time.

Ivy L. Dillon, Sec.
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It is with regret news has reached us of the death of Mrs. Bessie Auty, Bay Village, Cleveland, Ohio. No details are available at this time.

ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Speaker of the House of Keys - Sir Charles Kerruish, has consented to be Patron of our Society, we now have a new format to the Journal, a great improvement on previous editions, the Editor welcomes all written contributions. The Society plans to issue their first award in conjunction with YN CHRUINNAGHT, they hope to attract many entrants.

Our membership is around 150, which the Society would like to see doubled, we also have a new Treasurer - John Quayle, at the Millennium Get-together he entertained with "The Manx, as she is spoken".

The I.O.M. "Courier" now have an arrangement that a piece on Family History, or an enquiry can be included, free, in their paper which they distribute freely around Douglas and Onchan.

There is to be a bet-together in Loch Promenade Church, Douglas, on THURSDAY JULY 9TH 1981, from 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., there will be an exhibition based on the Good, Old, Bad old days showing how our ancestors lived, there will also be two films, one on Laxey Mines and the other on Utah's genealogical work, the Society also hope to have the Marquee at Tynwald Fair again this year and to have an exhibit at Yn Chruinnaght.

There is now a card index of the 1851 Census of Douglas, I.O.M., which has been compiled by some members of the Society, this will stay in the Museum Library, a hand written record of the census in Family Alphabetical order is to be made, this will make it much easier for people to find their family, they simply look up a card index file of the surname.

The Society have now acquired a Microfiche Reader and the Fiche of the Island, Lancs, Cumbria, Westmoreland, Ches, and Northern Ireland, deaths are unfortunately not included on the Fiche, it is proving its worth as a Research Tool, if any member wishes information, please get in touch with the Secretary, it is helpful to have some dates and place names also help. The Fiche runs from about 1600 to 1880.

The Annual General meeting was held in January and in February the speaker was Les Quilliam who gave a talk on family names, which was much enjoyed perhaps many people might be aware that their surnames are derived from F.L.O.N. eg - First name, location, occupation and nickname, sometimes the "L" is missed out and we get first name, occupation and nickname! Mr. Quilliam was asked to return and talk more about place names, plus an article for the Journal which would interest our members.

At the March meeting a talk was given by one of our members about Eleanor Brannin, the first Matron of a Manx hospital who did so much for patients with infectious deceases.

The speaker at the April meeting was Dr. Larch Garrard who spoke about Manx Archeological work in the field of Industrial Archeology, in May we will welcome Paul Gregson from California, Paul is a member of N.A.M.A. and formerly lived in Montreal, Canada.

Iris Lyle, Secretary,
The Old Manse,
Kirk Michael, Isle of Man

ISLE OF MAN ISSUES 7 COMMEMORATIVES

by James Montagnes

Seven commemorative stamps will be issued on May 22 by the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. One will mark women's voting rights 100 years ago, the stamp showing women in costumes of that year. Two stamps will appear depicting folklore of farmers and fishermen for the annual Europa series.

Four stamps are to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Colonel Mark Wilks, who was born and died on the island but served as administrator of the East India Company at Madras, India, and later as governor of the South Atlantic island of St. Helena, while Napoleon was exiled there. The stamps show his portrait with background of places where he served during his life.

On July 29 the Isle of Man will issue two stamps and souvenir sheet for the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

HAVEN FOR OLD HORSES

Just three miles out of Douglas on the main Castletown, Port Erin road - on the way to the airport, lies "Bulrhenny", the Isle of Man Home of Rest for Old Horses. Founded 30 years ago by the late Mrs. Mildred Royston and her sister. Here in 90 acres of grassland and beautiful views, can be found 54 horses, ponies and donkeys enjoying safe and happy retirement, their years of labour over.

Here too are many of the ex-Douglas tramhorses purchased by the Home from Douglas Corporation when they reach retiring age to save them from sale to an unknown fate.

Hundreds of tourists visit the Home every year during its open days from May 26th to September, Monday to Thursday inclusive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Many returning again, year after year, to visit a favourite horse.

Recent visitors with Mrs. Henry (Ethel) Christian, Largo, Florida were our Past President, Mrs. Edna Cowin and her husband Bert, Westlake, Ohio. They were there from early February to the end of March, while there they met Claude and Sarah Cubbon, members of N.A.M.A., who also reside in Florida.

WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

The Greater Washington D.C. Area Manx Society held its Fourth Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Fort McNair Officer's Club in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 4th, 1981.

46 members of the society and their families attended. During the meeting the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Robert C. Camaish, proposed the following names for election to office:-
Garrick M. Lightowler for President
Robert J. Condra for Vice President
Mary E. Hayslett for Secretary
Mary Elizabeth Lightowler for Treasurer
John R. Brideson for Member of the Board of Governors.

The above slate was unanimously elected to office by members of the society.

The retiring President of the society, John W. Comish, thanked all members for their support during his term of office and affirmed his continual support for the future activities of the group.

During the meeting expressions of loss were made at the passing of the society's oldest member, Thomas E. Comish (92), who had been a founder member of the society and an inspiration to all who have a link with the Island.

Robert Camaish, a Trustee of the North American Manx Association, spoke about the activities of the N.A.M.A. and encouraged members of the society to join the association.

The "special" speaker who was scheduled to speak (?) at the meeting, and whose item was billed as "Meanderings by a Man from Mann, was, unfortunately, not introduced. Nevertheless, the new President made some incongruous and inconsequential remarks about the Isle of Man in general and commented, to some length, about the virtues and sins of discovering one's lineage, the high growth rate of technology in the Island (the construction of space age airships) and the disturbing appearance of terrorism and high crime (murder) which birching does not seem to prevent. Despite the rather arbitrary nature of the remarks of the Man from Mann and their dubious value the society responded with remarkable respectful, if not wild, applause.

A meeting of the Board of Governors and Officers is being called for in early June to arrange for a full schedule of activities for the rest of this year and the early months of 1982.

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MONEY AGAIN

A momentous and significant judgement has recently been handed down by the Master of the Rolls, Lord Denning, in which he ruled that Banks and Financial Houses on the Isle of Man were not required by law to reveal any details of their clients accounts to the Internal Revenue in the United Kingdom. In other words complete confidentiality is assured. (As in Switzerland)

NB. Have the Gnomes of Zurich flirted with the Elves of Ellan Vannin?

THE ISLE OF MAN HISTORY SOCIETY AWARD TO

YN CHRUINNAGHT 1981

The award is donated by Nigel Crowe and the Family History Society, it is for a work of individual research carried out by the entrant and may be in the form of an illuminated chart, a family tree or pedigree or any written work that is concerned with Genealogy or Family History and has Manx connections.

Entries are to be sent to Mr. Norrie Radcliffe, 3 Hespera Terrace, Lezayre Rd., Ramsey, I.O.M., the closing date is July 1st, 1981, to be competed in an open class. Entrants should send their name, address and a brief outline of the research method, material will be returned if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. It is accepted that if the Editor of the Family History journal wishes to publish the material entered, the consent of the entrant is taken for granted. The award will remain the property of the I.O.M. F.H.S. and will be held by the winner for one year, it being returned to the Society by July 1st of the following year.

The winner will also receive an Award Certificate and a year's membership subscription to the Society if he or she is not already a member.

The judging will take place on July 15th and 16th, 1981 at Yn Chruinnaght.

A LOT OF BULL

With no little incredulity, I learned that the House of Lords were this week debating the "WILD LIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE BILL", one provision of which will allow for BULLS to be grazed in fields crossed by PUBLIC FOOTPATHS.

Imagine this summer, in the dales and pastures; the fields and curraghs, countless little fat legs pounding the earth as people race in panic from the great Brahmas and Charolais, who charge gaily, bellowing with mirth...

CRIME

It has been announced that Suspended sentences and Community service orders will be introduced in the Isle of Man Courts under a new Criminal Justice Bill to go before the House of Keys.

One thing does not change, the retention in Manx Law of the death sentence as the only penalty for murder.

At the same time a big increase in Crime in the Island was recorded for 1980. A rise of 26.42%. The police require an increase in the strength of Officers from 148 to 196 by 1983

A. H. Bridson
Ellesmere Port,
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BOOK REVIEW

HOI BOY

by Richard Kissack SHIMMIN

'Hoi Boy' was a popular greeting as 'Hi yessir' in the Isle of Man of my youth and Richard Kissack Shimmin's book with that title has re-captured all the flavour of those pre-World War II days. In memory those days were always long and sunny, the beaches, glens and countryside was always close at hand and parents didn't worry about you if you were gone for the whole day. Small incidents from that past, seemingly insignificant at the time, remain as unrelated but very vivid imprints on my memory.

'Hoi Boy' contains a number of short stories - 'tales' is probably a more suitable description - of the author's memories of those days, from early childhood to service in the Royal Air Force during the War. He grew up in a small village on the North-East Coast of the Island and went to school in Ramsey.

It is claimed the most Manxmen are good story-tellers, but not many of us have also the gift of putting them in written form. Richard Kissack Shimmin has that gift. Although each tale is complete in itself once you start reading the book, you can almost 'hear' the author telling it to a very attentive audience. For me and I am sure for most readers - the stories come alive. From the very first, when he recalls his father's death but, childlike, remembers in even greater detail the trip the next day to the T.T. races, to which a friend of the family takes him out of the "grief and disinfectant of our home" the reader is transported back to sights, sounds and colours of race week in the early thirties.

Humour, mischievousness, tragedy, they are all there in this one slim volume. The author has the rare ability for almost total recall and can make an interesting story out of an incident that may have been missed by

many other observers of the same scene. I wonder how many of us, living on the Island in those pre-war days, ever recall the 'London to Isle of Man' and 'Round the Island' air races? Read "All on a Summer's Day" and those memories will come flooding back. The tiny airplanes, the Moths and the Percival Gulls and Mew Gulls, the pilots, held in almost as much awe by us as the T.T. riders. Each of these stories has a central incident or a central character, so well described by the author's skillful penmanship and so distinctively Manx in flavour, that a mental image is formed immediately.

There are twenty three stories in the book, all of them fascinating. Take time out before you read the book, to read the list of contents first, then when you read each story you will realise how apt and how carefully thought out is each of the titles.

A gifted story teller such as Richard Kissack Shimmin must have more tales to tell and I am looking forward to publication of his next volume.

"Hoi Boy" with cover design by Nancy Corkish is printed and published by The Norris Modern Press Limited, six Victoria Street, DOUGLAS, Isle of Man. It can be ordered direct from the printer, \$6.00 U.S. and \$7.00 Canadian, including postage and packaging.

IN A WORD

A learned English Lord is pressing for a revision of our language which would make it acceptable to say: "We was" and "They was" - apparently, an 18th century practice. I wonder how he would re-word this epitaph in a Cornish Churchyard which reads:-
SHE AS WAS IS GONE FROM WE
US AS IS MUST GO TO SHE

All of which leads me to the classic epitaph in Ballure Churchyard, Isle of Man. Ann Stowell (Great Aunt of T. E. Brown) who was the mother of 15 sons and 1 daughter. The epitaph reads:-

"MAY THEY LIKE HER THEIR
THEY EMPLOY AND MEET HER
IN THE REALMS OF JOY"

NB. I keep conjecturing about Mr. Stowell!

A. H. Bridson
Ellesmere Port,
England

OBITUARIES

CHASE, Lucetta A., 76, 199 - 40 Nashville Road, Glenmont Route 1, died Thursday afternoon at her home after a brief illness.

Born May 22, 1904, in Cleveland, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Kittie (Boyd) Stoneman.

A member of the Church Women United of Cleveland, she was a 50-year member of the Shaffer United Methodist Church, Cleveland.

Mrs. Chase was past president of the Miles-Cranwood PTA and a member of the Council of PTA.

She had been a member of the Danville United Methodist Church for the past 12 years where she was past president of the United Methodist Women of the church, former Sunday school superintendent and teacher for the men's and women's classes. She was also education chairman of the administration board of the church.

Mrs. Chase served as pianist for Jefferson Grange.

A member of the Dan Emmett Kennel Club, she was also a member of the Standard Schnauser Club of America and the North American Manx Society.

Mrs. Chase attended the Teachers School of Cleveland and the Cleveland College Western Reserve University.

She was married Oct. 11, 1930, to Joseph A. Chase, who survives.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Cathryn Piekarski of Marietta; two sons, Joseph D. Chase of Parma, and Phillip J. Chase of Laurel, Md.; and four granddaughters.

A son, one sister and one brother are deceased.

The late Mrs. Chase was especially proud of her Manx ancestry, she was descended from the Boyd and Quiggan families, she and her husband visited the Isle of Man in 1975. Rev. Donald Lautzenheiser officiated, interment in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, near Danville.

WADE, Frederick, age 72, passed away on January 3rd, 1981, of Detroit, Michigan; beloved husband of Magdalen (Walker); dear father of Deanna Easton; David and Mary Doench; dear brother of Douglas. Also survived by six grandchildren. The late Mr. Wade was a long time member of N.A.M.A.

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

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

If we were to follow in the vocations of our ancestors, then perhaps I should have been a miner, working out the rich ores of earth; for there are mines in my heritage. While my father's father did little mining, so far as we know, yet he came from the mining area of Laxey, and lived on farm land near Snaefell. And, when he came to Wisconsin, he helped found a community which they named Laxey, near Mineral Point, a mining town.

But that is only half of my story. My maternal grandfather came from Cornwall and his people were tin miners in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, probably even earlier. Indeed, grandpa owned a farm north of Mineral Point, Wis. that was mined for lead at one time. I was raised on that farm, a part of which still showed the old sink-holes and shafts (covered, of course) while I was a boy there. Mining was in grandfather's blood, as we were told that at the age of eighteen he was lured to California by the gold rush of '49, and almost lost his life to fever.

Reading the story of Man, it is interesting to note the part that mining played on the Island. In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, lead was mined for the building of castles in Wales and elsewhere. And copper and iron were mined on Man over many years.

The Manx have been a religious people, and we ponder what Bible verses may have seemed relevant to their situation. Psalms 95:4 "In his (God's) hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his."

Historically, copper and iron were mined long before the time of David and Solomon, and of course, gold and silver were brought for the temple by Hiram of Tyre.

Probably the most vivid Biblical reference to mining is in Job 28. "Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold which they refine. Iron is taken out of the earth and copper is smelted from the ore. Men put an end to darkness (with their lamps) and search out to the farthest bound the ore in the gloom and deep darkness. They open shafts in a valley away from where men live; they are forgotten by travelers, they hang afar from men, they swing to and fro." (Job 28:1 - 4)

According to the Manx Story, mining had about ended on the Isle by 1919, which was about the time it was closing down in Wisconsin - probably the result of depressed world markets, and veins running out.

As with its counterpart in Wisconsin, Laxey owed much of its history (including the wheel Lady Isabella!) to the men who go down into the depths of the earth - often at the cost of life itself.

Herbert G. Kelly

MEMORIES

Over the years many articles have appeared in the N.A.M.A. Bulletin written by Mrs. Lillian Marrison Tipper of California, I am sure these articles have been greatly enjoyed by our members, especially those who were born on the Isle of Man, most of the stories are true depicting life on the Isle of Man with its memories, sad, happy and always nostalgic and again amusing. Indeed Mrs. Tipper who is "getting on in years" is a remarkable lady, has a wonderful memory regarding her childhood and growing up years on the Island.

Mrs. Tipper was a long time member of the Los Angeles Manx Society and a long time member of N.A.M.A., may she continue to enjoy good health and delight our members with her "memories".

FALCON CLIFF

Majestically standing high on the cliffs overlooking Douglas bay, as it has done for so many years, close to a century I would say, Looking like a regal grand lady, My vivid imagination allows me to compare it to a great white falcon, looking from its lair down upon the territory, Information for those people who know it not, Falcon Cliff was built on that lovely, ancient Isle of Man, set in the middle of the Irish sea, Built as a lovely ballroom plus pleasure grounds, losing its popularity when two more such ballrooms were built with easier access. It has fond memories for me for at the age of four years I learned to dance. Now, many decades later Falcon Cliff and its happy memories, still fascinate me.

Lillian Marrison Tipper, 1980
