

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In preparing material for the March issue of the Bulletin the first Bulletin for the year 1982, I am at once reminded that it is the ability to communicate with words that has made man the dominant species on this planet. His tongue, and his pen have been the interpreters of his mind, not only to people of his own generation but to those yet unborn.

A word is not a symbol on paper or a vibration in the air it is a tool of communication. Communication does not mean simply telling or hearing something, there are also personal values in good communication, growth of knowledge, depth of intelligence, self fulfilment, and peace of mind. Let me draw your attention to the word communication, we find it comes from the Latin word *commico* "to share", therefore communication in its vital sense means communion, a sharing of ideas, and feelings in a mood of mutuality.

We must all be made aware that it is this link of communication in the publication of our Bulletin, which for the past fifty four years has carried the activities of our Societies, along with all the news of our Manx people, and may I add we are very fortunate indeed to have such excellent and devoted people as Editors of our Bulletin.

Within a short period the first quarter of the year 1982 will be passed by, thus drawing closer to our Convention dates, therefore as members of a proud and unique Society, coupled with a great "Heritage", let us **PLAN NOW** to participate and "share" in our forthcoming Convention to be held in the lovely City of San Diego during August 6th - 9th 1982.

George Curphey  
President

## ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Members of N.A.M.A. and Manx folk everywhere will be sorry to learn of the illness of Miss Margaret Joughin, 1550 Clanranald Ave., Apt. 16, Montreal, QUE. Canada H3X 2S3. The most recent news of Margaret was that she was undergoing treatment in hospital, good wishes, thoughts and prayers go out to Margaret for a recovery to good health. Margaret held the office of N.A.M.A. Bulletin Editor for ten years doing an excellent job, she was then elected President of N.A.M.A., the first woman President in the history of the Association, again she did an excellent job with her capable and efficient organizing ability introducing many new ideas into the smooth running of the N.A.M.A. Get well soon Margaret.

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## MANX CAT

Although the official name for the Manx Cat with a long coat is Cymric (kim-rik) in some Canadian cat associations, the word Cymric being Welsh for longhaired Manx, the breed is often referred to simply as longhaired Manx. Some fanciers even believe the two names refer to two distinctly different cats.

The coat variation from the regular shortcoated Manx comes from a longhaired recessive gene. It is medium-long, and the silky texture is derived from a longer undercoat as opposed to the longer guard-hairs of the Persian cat.

The cobby body is well-boned, with a round hump higher than the shoulders and without a tail. Forelegs are shorter than hind legs. Head is quite round, with full cheeks, medium-long nose, medium ears, expressive large round eyes with outer corners a bit higher than inner corners.

The breed is active and intelligent. Being home-loving and with a soft voice, he makes a fine indoor companion.

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## COST OF LIVING DOUBLES

The cost of living in the Isle of Man has now more than doubled in the last five years - so anyone who has not had a 100 per cent rise in income since 1976 actually has a lower standard of living now than they had then.

According to the October Index of Retail Prices released by the Manx Treasury yesterday, there has been a 12.3 percent inflation rate in the Isle of Man in the past 12 months. The most marked increase has been in the price of tobacco goods, which are now one third higher than they were at the same time last year.

During October there was an increase of less than one per cent in the price of food: lamb and tomato prices rose, but most vegetables were cheaper than in September. A rise of 1.9 per cent over the month in the fuel and light category was the result of dearer costing heating oil.

Fuel and light, and tobacco goods, have seen the sharpest increase in the past five years. Starting from a base rate of 100 in 1976, fuel and light now stand at 241.1 and tobacco at 241.5. Meals out, stand at 206.1, transport and vehicles at 200.7, housing at 199, food at 193 and clothing and footwear at 169.4.

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## ARE YOUR DUES PAID? W.M.A.

With the N.A.M.A. holding its Convention in San Diego August 6th/9th, 1982, no doubt the number of North American Manx will be somewhat reduced in their visit to the Isle of Man this summer, in a letter from Miss Doris Clague, President of W.M.A., she assures any Homecomers to the Island will be warmly welcomed, elsewhere in the Bulletin is listed the coming events for the W.M.A. in 1982, plus the phone numbers so if you are visiting the Island this year, please contact the W.M.A.

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## CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!

In previous issues, I have described some of the many attractions in and around San Diego. Now, I would like to go north and east. Within a 500 mile radius, there are several national parks, national monuments, and a wide variety of things to see and do. Probably the most famous of the national parks is the Grand Canyon. It lies northeast of San Diego, and is approached through Flagstaff, Arizona. Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks all lie in California with easy driving distance of San Diego.

However, if you're not interested in parks, there are many more things to see. A drive up the coastal highway from Los Angeles to Monterey is awe-inspiring. On the way you might like to stop at Solvang, a Danish community, or stop at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. Each room is furnished differently and in a unique manner, as is the dining room. Further up the coast is San Simeon, the home of William Randolph Hearst.

Not only are the house and grounds beautiful, but the house contains many of the treasures amassed by Hearst. Allow a full day for the tours, and reservations during the tourist season are recommended.

Just south of Monterey is the Seventeen-mile-drive, a scenic drive from Pacific Grove to Carmel. Points of interest along the drive include Seal Rock and Cypress Point. The drive passes many beautiful and extensive homes, as well as several nationally-known golf courses. Then on to San Francisco. A description of all the attractions in that city would take a whole bulletin, so I'll just suggest that you don't miss Fisherman's Wharf and go up Telegraph Hill to the Coit Tower. The scene from the top of the hill is fantastic, for you can see San Francisco Bay, as well as much of the city.

In the last bulletin, I mentioned the Mission Trail, as well as one or two of the missions. There are about 20 in all extending north to San Francisco, all of them listed in the AAA tour book. Also, there are many wineries who encourage visitors, particularly in the San Francisco area. Again, consult a tour book.

If you prefer to go east, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead, Lake Havasu City and London Bridge, Phoenix, Tucson, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and Saguaro National Monument all lie within the 500 mile radius. Then, just about 300 miles northeast of San Diego is Las Vegas. If you have any money left after the Convention, you might like to try your luck with the one-armed bandits. On the way, stop at Barstow, the scene of

a ghost town which has been made into a tourist attraction.

In the last issues, I have tried to give you some idea of what you might find to interest you in the area. You could easily spend months and not cover all of the places of interest. Whether you plan to drive to San Diego, or decide to rent a car out there, do make your plans carefully. Study tour books and acquaint yourself with tour hours and fees. Also, it's a good idea to make hotel reservations before you go. August is in the tourist season throughout the land, and motels fill up early. There are many publications listing motels, and at least one book listing low-cost motel chains.

Most important of all, do plan to attend the N.A.M.A. Convention in San Diego. We're doing our best to hold the cost down, so we're hoping many of you will come. Plan now, and be in San Diego on August 6th.

Mona Haldeman  
Convention Chairman

## SHORE TO SHORE

Mr. John Quilliam of "Glendene" Glen Road, Colby, Isle of Man has written and published his third book entitled - "From Shore to Shore" this book deals with all the Parishes of the Island, place names, pictures, poems and happenings interspersed with a bit of humour. This book is now on sale at all the Island's leading bookshops, including the Manx Museum priced at £2.95p. Mr. Quilliam has also made cassette recordings, 10 short talks about the Island; actual experiences of his lifetime, varied with humour and history. These can also be obtained from the Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man prices at £3.99p.

Many of our members know Mr. Quilliam the genial Chairman of the World Manx Association and a true Manxman.

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## FROM THE MAIL BAG:

A new member, Mrs. N. S. Ashworth, 922 Pinecroft Rd., Berwyn, Pa. 19312 is anxious to find information about the New York State Christians; and particularly the father of a WILLIAM CHRISTIAN, bab 1758, who served in the Revolutionary War; married Phebe Oakley in 1782 and died in 1810.

Mrs. Ashworth has done much research on the family which she is willing to share with interested N.A.M.A. members. If you can give her any additional information or leads, please contact her at the above address.

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## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

Mrs. Robert S. Cowin  
1223 W. Melrose Dr.  
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Much has been written about the Mutiny of the Bounty and the Bulletin has referred to it more than once. However, it is one of the great sea tales of all times that bears repeating and to explain more fully wherein lies its particular interest for Manx people.

"In the year 1780, Lieut. William Bligh, a young naval officer just returned from a voyage with the famous discoverer Captain Cook, took a holiday during which he visited the Isle of Man. In Douglas he met Miss Elizabeth Betham, daughter of Richard Betham, Receiver General of the Island and Water Bailiff of Douglas. On February 4, 1781, Bligh and Miss Betham were married in Onchan Church. The young couple made their home in Douglas for a few years thereafter.

Through his wife's family Bligh became friendly with Deemster Heywood, who lived in the Nunnery. The Deemster's 13 years old son Peter wanted to get into the Navy, and his father and friends talked to the Lieutenant on the lad's behalf.

Then... a Manx sea captain, name of Taubman, recommended to Bligh's notice a young man, Fletcher Christian, of a Manx family resident in Cumberland. Bligh took Christian with him on two voyages prior to the "Bounty" expedition.

The object of the "Bounty's" famous voyage was to transplant the breadfruit plant from the Society Islands to the West Indies. Bligh was placed in charge and earned the nickname of "Breadfruit Bligh" which sounds Manx enough! The expedition set sail in November, 1787, Bligh taking his two Manx friends along - Fletcher Christian, 24, master's mate; Peter Heywood, 14, midshipman - a little lad with a light complexion, a Manx accent, and the Three Legs tattooed on his right leg, according to Bligh's own description.

That is how the three leading characters in the drama of H.M.S. Bounty found their common ground of acquaintance in the Isle of Man. These details are given very fully in Dr. Geo. Machaness' "Life of Vice Admiral William Bligh". Of the famous mutiny, how Bligh eventually got back to England, how Fletcher Christian and other mutineers reached Pitcairn Island and settled there, how young Peter Heywood was brought home, tried and actually condemned to be hanged as a mutineer - all can be read in the various books on the

subject. But as every story must have a happy ending somewhere, it is cheering to know that the little lad from Douglas - Peter Heywood with the Manx accent and the Manx emblem on his leg - was pardoned, returned to duty and served for over 40 years with honor and distinction as an officer in the Royal Navy".

One of the descendants of Lieutenant Fletcher Christian, one of the leaders of the mutiny against the brutal Capt. Bligh, settled on Pitcairn Island. Today, one of his descendants, also named Fletcher Christian, is chief magistrate of the tiny island today. His job is not a difficult one, because Pitcairn has a population of only 130, and they are very law-abiding people. During the past three years he has been in office, there have been no crimes, and only two arguments have been brought before him to be settled. His people do not believe in crime.

But he believes his famous ancestor did the right thing in rebelling against the treatment men got on the "Bounty". He also thinks the original Fletcher Christian was right to choose Pitcairn as a place to settle after the mutiny, thereby ensuring him life where he is happiest. After completing a recent trip around the world, Christian returned happily to Pitcairn. He had enjoyed seeing the big buildings and the other things in the outside world, but would rather live on his small Pitcairn Island than anywhere.

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## LADIES AUXILIARY TO N.A.M.A.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to our next meeting in San Diego, California.

As this will be the 50th Anniversary of our Auxiliary, we would welcome any suggestions to celebrate this Special Event.

Remember also our Craft Table, if anyone would like to donate any small gifts with a Manx flavour they would be greatly appreciated, you can either send them to me or bring them along to the Convention.

Do please keep up your membership dues, new members would be welcome.

Looking forward to meeting you all in San Diego, Cal. - August 6th - 9th, 1982.

Irene E. Curphey  
President Ladies Aux. N.A.M.A.  
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Liverpool, N.S. Canada B0T 1K0

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## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION EVENTS 1982

MARCH 10TH (Wed.)

ANNUAL 'AT HOME' 7:30 p.m. Venue to be announced later. Tel. Douglas 21239.

MARCH 24TH (Wed.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
St. George's Hall, Douglas 7:30 p.m.

MAY 5TH (Wed.)

GLEN FALCON GARDEN'S BROADWAY, 3:15 p.m. Placing of Garland on T.E. Brown's Memorial Plaque.

MAY 13TH (Thurs.)

Outing to the West of the Island. 2:30 p.m.

JUNE 17TH (Thurs.)

Outing to the North of the Island 6:30 p.m.

JULY 4TH (Sunday)

Outing to the South of the Island 2:30 p.m. The party will attend Evening Service at one of the Island's Ancient Churches.

JULY 5TH (Monday)

THE ANNUAL GATHERING 2:45 p.m. Venue to be announced. Phone Douglas 21239

AUGUST 14TH (Sat.)

Outing to S. West of the Island 2:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 9TH (Thurs.) Outing to Port Erin. 2:30 p.m.

Tea or supper will be served to those attending the Outings at a Restaurant or Hotel before returning to Douglas.

Meeting place for Outings is the Masonic Temple, Top of Derby Road, Douglas. Book by phoning Douglas 28105 as early as possible.

Doris M. Clague

Pres. W.M.A.,

1 Hilary Rd., Douglas, I.O.M.

## ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

## 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

## MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

We regret not having gotten our Holiday Greetings to everyone in the December Bulletin. Anyway, we wish all of you a belated happy and successful new year.

Our weather so far this winter, as you probably are reading about, has been one of the worst we have ever had and has made it difficult to schedule meetings. We have now set our next meeting for the third week in March.

We have recently acquired a series of new books about the Isle of Man published by the Mansk-Svenska Publishing Company Limited of Peel, Isle of Man. The most interesting so far have been "The Three Legs Go to Scandinavia", "The History of the Isle of Man Under the Norse", and "From the Vikings to the Reformation". We will be discussing these books at our next meeting.

We regret to advise that our Treasurer, Alfred Harold Clague passed away on December 16th of last year. He was 78 years of age. He received his education at the Minneapolis School of Art and the Chicago School of Art. He spent many years with the national advertising firm of BBD & O. His father, Phillip Clague, was born on the Isle of Man and migrated to the United States at the age of 15. The family settled near Castle Rock, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Storm Clague, a son, Warren Philip Clague of Shorewood, Minnesota, and a daughter, Mrs. Rocco Imerti, Glen Cove, Long Island, New York, four grandchildren, and a sister Mrs. Marian Ireland of Sheboygan, Michigan.

There will be an election of officers at our next meeting.

T. R. Anderson, President  
1914 First Bank Place W.,  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55402.

## NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

The Nebraska Manx Society sends New Years greetings to all. Like most of the rest of the nation we have been kept home due to snow, cold and ice. We know Spring can't be far away when we receive the reminder of news for the March Newsletter.

Nebraska Manx printed their own Newsletter in an effort to keep those who are unable to attend meetings informed. We will evaluate it in April.

The Nebraska Manx Society will have its spring meeting in Lincoln on April 25 with the Phil Corkill's.

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

## SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

On the afternoon of December 13 we crossed the beautiful San Diego - Coronado bridge to go to our Christmas meeting in the lovely Coronado home of Ed and Aline Wittenkeller. President Marge Frederick conducted the business meeting, during which the following officers were elected to serve in 1982: Marge Weber, President (Marge is also San Diego liaison for the Convention), and Doris Dobbel, Secretary-Treasurer. Several committees were formed to take care of various activities in connection with the 1982 N.A.M.A. Convention.

Following the business meeting our hosts served from the bountifully-laden table in the dining room a variety of delectable Christmas cookies, pastries, and confections along with eggnog, coffee and tea. Then an exchange of gifts took place around the magnificent Christmas tree that sparkled in the bay window of the living room. Several guests shared in the delights of the afternoon along with sixteen Society members.

Our excitement and enthusiasm increase as the time approaches for the N.A.M.A. Convention here in our city. We truly hope that many Bulletin readers are making plans now to be with us in August. Mona Haldeman, with her excellent articles in the past several issues of the Bulletin, is doing a splendid job of publicizing the attractions of San Diego. Do heed her advice to "allow plenty of time to see and experience San Diego and the surrounding area".

Doris L. Dobbel  
1617 Plum Street  
San Diego, CA 92106

## BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

Happy New Year to all from Bisbee Manx. Do hope all you who live in the cold country are doing O.K. We in Bisbee are so fortunate to have such mild winters. Had a little snow last week but it melts almost as soon as it falls. Beautiful sunny days now. Our Society is just limping along these days. We did have a good turn out for the Annual Christmas party which was held at my home. We all enjoyed games and singing for a grant get-together. Have had no meeting for January and it doesn't look like there'll be one for February.

Eva Maddern has been quite ill in hospital but home again and doing a little better. Sarah Mazzoni is at present in California visiting her children. Very near to that terrible landslide but fortunately they are alright.

Ida Corrin enjoyed having her two girls with her for the holidays. Margaret Ann's family joined them too.

I, of course spent the holidays with my children in Glendale, Arizona. We are presently awaiting the birth of a new great grandchild.

Hope we will get some information on the Convention in San Diego soon. I had a card from my cousin Marge Frederick who is on the committee but she didn't have much to tell. We are expecting my cousins Alfred and Dorothy Clucas from Peel to attend. Had a letter from my cousins Jack and Pat Corrin (the Deemster) but they will not be able to make it this time. Jack has too many commitments.

Will be looking forward to seeing quite a few of you there.

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

## TO ALL N.A.M.A. LADIES:

Just another reminder to all Manx Ladies to send their membership fees of \$2.00 to the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Amo Fisher, R.R. #3, Tottenham, Ontario, L0G 1W0. We now have 45 members (as compared with 100 a few years ago) so won't you help to make it at least 50 in time for our 50th Anniversary this year?

Amo Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer  
R.R. #3, Tottenham, Ontario  
Canada L0G 1W0

## WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

The following news items of the newly formed Wisconsin Manx Society arrived too late for inclusion in the December edition of the Bulletin. I am happy to include this interesting report in the March/82 issue.

The first meeting of the newly formed Wisconsin Manx Society was held on July 5th, 1981, at the Heritage House in Madison with a fine attendance of 55 people which was most gratifying, following a smorgasbord dinner an election of officers was held - Robert Callin, President; Mae Reese, Secretary; Dr. Barbara Brew, Scribe.

Each person of Manx descent gave a brief history of their heritage, some found they were related to others in attendance and had never met before.

Mary Kelly distributed copies of "Folk Customs on the Isle of Man" written by her cousin, Florence Kelly, Baldrine, I.O.M. Jayne Watkins of the Laxey Committee sang Ellan Vannin and other Manx songs, a display of artifacts was much enjoyed, a group picture was taken before the meeting adjourned.

The second meeting of the Society was held October 18th, 1981 at Heritage House, additional officers were elected - Vice. Pres. Willard Reese; Treasurer Mae Reese, and added duty of Secretary; Board of Governors - Henry Turville, Mary Kelly, Mike Cannell; Historians - Roselyn Callin, Vesta Hendrichs, Ruth Lembke.

An invitation was read from the San Diego Manx Society, inviting the Wisconsin Society to the N.A.M.A. Convention, Aug. 6th - 9th, 1982. President Callin extended an invitation to all to attend the 1982 Laxey Picnic, tentatively set for July 4th, 1982 at Laxey Cemetery, Iowa County, originally the Laxey Picnic was held from 1845 when the Manx Church was built, until 1895. In 1978 a group of interested neighbours revived the event and formed the Laxey Committee, many were ancestors of the original members who attended Church services there. At the 1980 picnic - people from nine States attended, it began with an open air Church service led by Rev. Herbert Kelly, Chaplain to N.A.M.A. who grew up within a mile of the Church.

Lily Kelly, Peel, Isle of Man, a cousin of Robert Callin visited the Callin Farm this past summer, she also attended the first Laxey Picnic in 1978. Dr. Barbara Brew, Doris and Henry Turville and Al and Mona Manson gave interesting reports of their visits to the Isle of Man, unfortunately the Mansons were hospitalized while on

the Island, but they had excellent care, Mary Kelly distributed copies of "Tales my Grannie Told", there were more new people at this meeting. The next meeting will be held on March 28th, 1982

Application forms were sent to about 70 households for membership for 81/82 in the Society and the N.A.M.A.

Robert Callin  
R.R. #3, Mineral Point,  
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## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

With the year 1982 well under way, our society's going along with regular meetings and programs. Seed catalogs in January's mail gave us hope of better weather to come. Everyone seemed to have more than the usual share of winter.

A Valentine Bingo party followed our February meeting. March meeting was followed by presentation of travel slides by Elroy Kaighin.

Ernest Thorn, a Cleveland Medal winner in the Manx Music Festival competitions held in the Isle of Man, is due to be in Cleveland sometime in April. He plans to bring his wife and two daughters with him. We are looking forward to the concert he has promised us.

In keeping with past schedules, in May our society will hold its annual card party. Proceeds benefit the N.A.M.A. Convention Fund. This social event draws attendance from members and their friends. It is a "fun evening" and a sure way to show N.A.M.A. that we are supporting them in their efforts to preserve our ancient heritage.

Marge Kennish Krach  
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## VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY ARCHIVES

We have formed an Archives Committee for the purpose of establishing a history of the Society which was formed in 1909 and the purpose of this item, is to request any of our fellow N.A.M.A. members, to donate or lend any photos, letters, etc. pertaining to the V.M.S. that you may possibly have.

We know that some of you at one time lived in the Vancouver area and anything you may have would be much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,  
P. Tregellis, Secretary  
10260 Shell Road,  
Richmond, B.C. V7A 3K3

## VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

Hello Everyone,

Due to personal commitments I didn't manage to get any news to you this past year, however, the Vancouver Manx continued our usual social activities beginning with our May Pot Luck Supper at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Gell with about fifty people in attendance.

In August we held our annual picnic in Stanley Park, sixty people attending and enjoying the beautiful weather, good fellowship and good food.

Our Manx tea was held on November 14th, unfortunately we managed to pick a particularly stormy evening which resulted in only thirty people braving the elements.

At the moment we are unsure about how many members plan to attend the San Diego convention.

I will end by extending the Vancouver Manx Society's best wishes for 1982 to you all.

P. Tregellis,  
Secretary

## WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

The N.A.M.A. welcomes the formation of the Wisconsin Manx Society who held their first meeting July 5th, 1981, with the President, Robert Callin presiding.

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

## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

Our last meeting was the Christmas Party held on December 12th at which 35 of our members and guests had a most enjoyable evening. We played games, sang carols, exchanged gifts and of course had good things to eat. A folk singer, Donald Burns from St. Jude's sent a tape recording of some Manx folk songs for our gathering. This proved to be a very interesting collection. It is amazing how many Manx songs there are, and so many of them tell an interesting story.

Our next meeting will be in April. We look forward to seeing each other and celebrating the return of warmer weather.

Best wishes to all for 1982.

Marion Welton  
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## LETTER FROM ELLESMERE POINT

My Friends:

The New Year is with us. Hallelujah! The old year died with a whimper after Christmas had spread its usual magic of joy and peace to all our family. Greetings and Best Wishes for 1982.

I was a trifle disconcerted to note that once again, my name had not been included in the New Year's Honours List. Never mind, I may send Mrs. Thatcher (she who must be obeyed) a copy of "Letter from Ellesmere Port". I can imagine her saying to an underling "keep an eye on that lad - he is going places and when is the present Governor of the Isle of Man due for retirement?"

My personal integrity would not permit me to let her into a little secret: in that I am already Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary for the Leighaney River and Environs - appointed by the Brookfield Rovers around 1927.

Meanwhile, enough of this nonsense. We have been in the grip of a mini ice-age as has most of the Northern Hemisphere. It has been a most miserable 6 weeks for the whole country. Fortunately, the temperature has risen and we will survive.

In any event, when I think of your great continent and read about it - particularly north of the 49th parallel everything becomes comparative. Let me quote the following:-

*"Dark spruce forest frowned on either side of the frozen waterway. The trees had been stripped by a recent wind of their covering frost, and they seemed to lean towards each other, black and ominous in the fading light. A vast silence reigned over the land. The land itself was a desolation, lifeless, without movement, so lone and cold that the spirit of it was not even that of sadness - a laughter that was mirthless as the smile of the sphinx, a laughter cold as the frost and partaking of the grimness of infallibility."*

*It was the masterful and incommunicable wisdom of eternity laughing at the futility of life, and the effort of life. It was the Wild, the savage, frozen-hearted Northland Wild."*

A fine piece of descriptive writing by Jack London. When? Well believe it or not - 1907.

I am the eternal optimist. Never mind the rotten weather. I only know this, the Gulf Stream flows around the balmy old Isle of Man and when the Spring and early summer brings the warm South-Westerlies - then my friend I will be there. Oh yes, I will be there . . . . .

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## GETTING "TOOK"!!

In the autumn time many years ago than I was very young, one of my tasks was the gathering of kindling - firewood for the home. I was not compelled to do this but on many a Saturday morning my Ma (who was lovely) would "swish" the family cane through the air and say, "Out Lezayre Road to Skye Hill - you 'lil' dirt, and get a load of "bons". There would be a twinkle in her eye as she said this and her parting words invariably would be "and watch you don't get "took" . . . .

This warning always made me feel uneasy, but for sure, I never ventured beyond the fringe of the dark woods at Skye Hill. However, I was about ten years old, full of tenacity, and about two hours later I would arrive home, pulling my Bogey loaded with firewood and often dragging along a large branch roped to the back. My reward - three old pennies - good pay for those far-off days!!

Strange, you may think, that last year on holiday in Ramsey (has over fifty years gone by) I was sitting on my favourite seat in the Mooragh Park surveying the 'Brooghs' in a dreamy sort of way. It was a lovely day and I was drifting toward what Bon Viveurs call a post-prandial nap. To put it another way, I was sleepy from the effects of the sun and air not to mention a huge feed of fish and chips. When, wist! Was I dreaming, or did I see the grass on the brooghs moving, swaying as if from the passage of innumerable tiny feet - waving, undulating then suddenly stopping? Was I sleeping when I heard a small treble voice say:-

"Houl, on boy - that oul. fool from across is over again. He's a real 'skeet' - leave him to see if he'll go off to sleep. If not, he may have to be "took" . . .

Aghast, I leapt to my feet and hurtled homeward along North Shore Road. I burst into the house and shouted to my wife - "a small libation, love". (I always keep a little stimulant handy in case I meet a snake).

My wife gave me a drink and said, "you look dreadful, dear - drained, pallid - wan, even." I said, weakly, "would you believe me if I told you I heard a fairy talking?" She looked at me in an odd way and just a faint hint of joyful anticipation crept into her voice as she said "You had better watch out, love, or you'll be getting 'took'."

It was like a sad echo of my Mother's voice from long ago . . .

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## BAYR-NY-RHEYN-DHOO

On holiday this last year and motoring around the North of the Island, I took note for the first time of the various Manx names for certain minor roads.

"BAYR-NY-AIRREY" For instance, "The Road of the Ayres". I had always thought this was something like "Bernahara" (as I heard it pronounced years ago) - now I know better.

Of course, this is the road that runs from Andreas right through to Lezayre. Starting by turning left Ramsey side of Andreas church and passing Ballavarry farm on the right.

## "BAYR-NY-GRENABY"

Meaning, "The Road of the Green Farm" What a nice name. This road is in Bride, of course, and a good 'spot' for picking blackberries.

There were many other roads with strange translations which I must record at another time. The most intriguing however, so far was "BAYR-NY-RHEYN-DHOO" Meaning "The Road of the Black Division". Located on the right hand side, half way along the road between St. Judes Chapel and Sandygate Chapel.

Now there is a name to conjure with my dears - "The Road of the Black Division" - perhaps an innocuous term for a local boundary, perhaps a simple black stone wall between farms - no one I spoke to seemed to know.

To me, it has a sombre and strange ring and I could well imagine myself on a moonless night in dark October walking boldly and -

Suddenly, I hear a strange sound - as if of marching feet, rhythmic but indistinct - gradually drawing nearer and louder - a dull leaden inexorable sound. I turn the first bend in the road and with rising horror I can see trudging toward me a mass of evil-smelling creatures - they seem to be faceless yet, they have eyes, glowing evil eyes, burning insensate. Are they from some ancient graveyard or from some primeval swamp? Is it the Black Division?

Let me tell you, my friends that 'brave men run in my family' and in keeping with that estimable tradition I would by now be moving away from that scene at a swift lope or perhaps amble because I would also be shaking uncontrollably - like large jelly.

In any case, you will have to wait until the next issue of the Bulletin to hear the end of this tale . . .

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## THE RAMSEY COURIER

Everyone was sad to learn last week that the Ramsey Courier was ceasing publication forthwith in its present form and with the loss of employment of fifteen staff. A big blow to employment prospects for a small town like Ramsey.

The paper will continue to be published in tabloid form and will be distributed free of charge to the Island's 24,000 homes. Free distribution news pages have proved to be very successful in England and it is hoped with increased Advertising Revenue and lower publication costs that the Courier will rise again a stronger and more vigorous publication.

The paper was started in 1884 by Mr. John Craine on the site of the present Courier Office. No doubt some day the story of the Courier will be related by someone more competent than I, when that is done I would not want them to include the information that I was once an employee - auxiliary paper boy in the summer and autumn of 1927.

My career as a Newspaper tycoon ended however when I was asked to stand outside the Shop in the afternoons and sell the Paper to visitors by shouting in a loud voice "Ramsey Courier - One penny." I refused and was summoned to the presence of Mr. A. C. Teare, Managing Editor who wanted to know the reason for such an extreme act of rebellion in such a diminutive creature. My plea of inherent shyness was not accepted and Mr. A. C. (as we called him) asked me to seek some other Employer who would better appreciate my precocious talents (or words to that effect). I was sacked...

In drawing my letter from Ellesmere Port to a conclusion I have to say with regret that lately there has been a complete dearth of Manx News in the local papers so frankly, I have little of interest to relate in this Department. No doubt there are plenty of "Newsies" going on over there which I hope to learn about and relate in due course. Just one strange cryptic message in one of yesterday's Sunday papers:-  
Quote: "A PINTS BEST"

Milk Marketing chiefs on the Isle of Man are investigating the possibility of selling their pints on draught in pubs.

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A. H. BRIDSON, Ellesmere Port.

## ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

## CONVENTION NEWS

### HOTEL SAN DIEGO VENUE FOR N.A.M.A. 1982 CONVENTION

Hotel San Diego, site of the convention, is conveniently located in the heart of downtown San Diego. The hotel has been recently refurbished. All rooms are air-conditioned and color TV is provided in all. Guests will admire the wood-paneled lobby, the crystal chandeliers, and antiques imported from Europe.

For those arriving by private car, there is parking on the premises and a guard is on duty all night. In order to reach the hotel from Interstate 5 take the Front Street exit, turn right on Broadway to the hotel (339 W. Broadway). If arriving from the east by way of Interstate 8, take Interstate 5 South and follow above directions.

Free limousine service is provided to and from the Airport and the Amtrak Depot; pick up the phone and call the hotel when you arrive. The bus terminal is only one block from the hotel. Local buses pass the door, and the electric trolley, which can take you to the Mexican border, is nearby.

You can walk to the Gaslamp Quarter (a major downtown restoration project), and to downtown stores and shops, or go five blocks down Broadway to the Bay and see and explore the interesting sights and attractions along the waterfront -- from our historic Manx-built sailing vessel "Star of India" to the modern tuna fishing boats that line the wharf. There are usually several naval vessels -- aircraft carriers, destroyers, etc. -- in port, and often visiting ships from foreign lands. Don't fail to bring your camera; you will want to take pictures everywhere you go.

### THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In recent years, there has been a movement toward reviving the use of the Manx Gaelic language on the Isle. This is evident to a visitor, who sees the road signs in both Manx and English. Less apparent are the classes in Manx, which seem to appeal especially to many of the young. And copies of the quarterly magazine, "The Manxman", devote a page or two to Manx Gaelic.

It is doubtful that many of us in North America will be seeking to acquire a speaking knowledge of Manx. (I would hardly find much use for it in everyday life.) There is,

however, another phase of the language which might interest many of us, and that is in music. There are a number of groups on Man, I understand, such as the Aeg Threshlyn Choir, that sing in the language, and thus help to preserve the folk-tales and the mother tongue. It has been said, To know a people, know their songs.

Incidentally, there is Biblical precedence for this. In "pre-Bible" generations, before writing was common, the stories (folk-lore) of the earliest Hebrew tribes were taught through poetry and song, and thus were passed on from generation to generation. (This, I believe, was true of most primitive civilizations). Even so, some of these tales must have been lost, as only passing mention is made in Scriptures of the Song of Lamech, or the Song of the Well. However, we can be grateful that much was remembered, and preserved through songs.

Today, we have the advantage of the "multi-media": not only the printed word and pictures, but modern sound equipment that can faithfully record anything.

While we may not care to study the Manx tongue, perhaps there are some of us who might want to learn such songs as "Ellan Vannin" and "Land of Our Birth", even in Manx. (We do have the words in both English and Manx). Meanwhile, we commend our "home-land" friends for their efforts to "preserve whatever is left of our ancient heritage". May we give them our encouragement and support as best we can.

Herbert G. Kelly

### PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

If you plan to bring a prize for the drawing at the Convention please make certain it is easily transported or mailable. Items in odd shapes are easily broken, are difficult and costly to carry or mail.

Many of those attending the Convention will be flying to San Diego, so taking prizes home becomes a problem. Also many not attending send in their money and tickets in order to be included in the drawing. In the past, there have been many prizes that just could not be mailed to the winner, please consider these problems when selecting your donation. If you would prefer, we would be very grateful if you would send a contribution to - Mrs. Eileen Fabel, 1736 Walnut Lane, Rocky River, Ohio. 44116., and we will purchase prizes with the money.

Thank You,  
Mona Haldeman,  
Convention Chairman.

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## OBITUARIES

CAVEEN, Mrs. Dorothy (Dolly), of Toronto, Ontario, Canada at the age of 88 years, Dolly was the widow of the late Fred Caveen, both were well known to members of the N.A.M.A. and Manx people everywhere.

They were founding members of the Toronto Manx Society, they helped new Manx immigrants for many years, they offered friendship, helped them to find jobs and also gave financial aid to those in need.

Dolly was a charming vivacious lady who made people feel at home in a strange new land.

Memorial Services were held at the Thrull Funeral Home on January 12th, 1982. She is survived by one son, Gordon; and two daughters, Dorothy and Barbara and several grandchildren.

CORLETT, Mr. Thomas P., died September 4th, 1981 at the age of 62, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario. He is survived by his wife Ethel, two sons, Robert Thomas of Vancouver, B.C.; and Rodney of Cambridge, Ontario; one brother Orry Fayle Corlett of Ramsey, Isle of Man, and one granddaughter, Tonya.

Funeral services were held in Guelph, Ontario, followed by Cremation, remains were taken to Ramsey, Isle of Man for burial.

The late Mr. Corlett was a member of N.A.M.A.

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JACKSON, Mrs. Annie L., age 95 of 4490 West 157th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, died on November 23rd, 1981. She was born in Onchan, Isle of Man to James and Margaret (Nelson) Quine, coming to Cleveland in 1913 where she was active in the Mona's Relief Society, she was also a long time member of N.A.M.A., she was the beloved wife of the late M. William Jackson, dear mother of Frances A. Polkon, W. Douglas, Woodrow A., Margaret E. Kless and Eileen V. Quine, grandmother and great grandmother, sister of Margaret Everiss of Sarasota, Florida and the following of Onchan, Isle of Man: Florence E. Quine, Eleanor E. Kinley and Robert E. Quine, and the following now deceased - James Quine, Ada Quine and Gladys Keggen of the Isle of Man and J. William Quine of Lake Worth, Florida.

MCKIBBIN, Mrs. Lillian E., of Garfield Hts., Cleveland suburb, Ohio, died January 24th, 1982 at the age of 92, beloved wife of the late John T., she is survived by three nephews on the Isle of Man.

Lily was well known among the Manx, she attended many N.A.M.A. Conventions and was a long time member of the Cleveland Manx Society and the N.A.M.A. Her maiden name was Ward and her family had a boarding house on Douglas promenade during her early years. Her husband John T. McKibbin died in 1939, they had no children.

Mrs. McKibbin was formerly the head housekeeper of the Hotel Cleveland. Interment was at the Calvary Cemetery.

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QUAYLE, Mrs. Essie, died November 3rd, 1981, peacefully at the Rosslare Nursing Home Peel, Isle of Man, aged 88 years of 21 Queen's Drive, Peel, dearly loved wife of the late Wilfred Quayle. Mrs. Quayle, the former Miss Callister, was born in Peel, I.O.M., she was educated at Peel Clothworkers School and lived in West View. With her sisters, she ran the Central Cafe in Michael Street, on the site of the present Barclays Bank Building.

Mrs. Quayle met her husband, Mr. Wilfred Quayle, in Peel, for he too, came from a well known Peel family, he went to the United States and his fiancée followed, they were married in Canada, but lived in the States for over twenty five years. While in the U.S.A., Mrs. Quayle was very active in the N.A.M.A. and in 1932 she assisted in the organization of the San Francisco Manx Society, she held the office of Secretary for many years until she moved back to the Isle of Man on the death of her husband. Mrs. Quayle was the prime mover of the Society and in particular the very successful N.A.M.A. Convention held in San Francisco in 1955. Mrs. Quayle was a friend to Manx people all over the world, she was well known for her hospitality to British people in the States during the war and, in fact, kept an open house at all times.

Mrs. Quayle was a member of an operatic choir in San Francisco when she returned to the Isle of Man she became active in many spheres and was President of the Peel British Legion Women's Section and Vice President of the World Manx Society, she also took a great interest in the Manx Music Festival, her other love was Peel Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Isabel Lucas and Mrs. Katie Cringle to whom much sympathy is extended.

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RADCLIFFE, Gertrude E., passed away June 10th, 1981, age 69. Services held at Cooney Funeral Home, Chicago, Illinois. The Rev. Gerald Rees officiated and interment was at Acacia Park Cemetery.

SAYLE, Sister Peter Marian, IHM. Sister Peter died January 3, her 45th birthday, at Immaculata, Pennsylvania, after a prolonged struggle with cancer. She was the daughter of the Edward Arthur and Grace Burke Sayle, both of whom had predeceased her.

Sister Peter was born at Waukegan, Illinois, and was a graduate of Immaculata College. She also earned a master's degree in music at Temple University. This year was her silver jubilee as a sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Her most recent assignment was as director of music instruction at St. Clements School in Philadelphia, where she also directed a widely-recognized boys choir. She had been slated to be director of all such choirs in the Philadelphia area prior to her illness.

Shortly before her death, Sister Peter penned the following note for her friends and family which we know she would want shared with her fellow Manx:

"I will sing while I live.  
I will be there for you,  
And I shall see God,  
And celebrate what my life may be."

Sister Peter was a member of the Washington Manx Society and a life member of the N.A.M.A. She is survived by her brothers, William A., of Holiday, Florida, and Edward F., of Arlington, Virginia.

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## N.A.M.A. PINS

Due to the illness of Miss Margaret Joughin any members who are interested in purchasing an N.A.M.A. lapel pin please forward their orders to - Miss Elizabeth Clucas, 1541 East, 191st., Apt. K605, Euclid, Ohio 44117.

This notice is for our Canadian members, the cost of pin is \$2.00 each plus 20c for postage, U.S.A. members should send a stamped addressed envelope with their order.

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

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