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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Homecoming '83 is now only a memory, but one that will remain with those of us who attended for many years to come. The members of the Tourist Board really outdid themselves in planning a full and varied schedule for us, one that kept us going from morning to night. From the moment we were met at the airport until we waved goodbye, we were kept busy. We received a warm welcome from everyone, from the government officials down to the merchants and bus drivers, and we received a very warm welcome from the island itself. It registered its warmest day on record on July 13th. We had beautiful weather the whole time, although many of us were wishing for a bit of air conditioning.

While the ceremony of Tynwald was the high spot of our visit, we enjoyed several other experiences. The majority of us were from the United States, and what a thrill to travel to Port Erin on July 4th, and see the Stars and Stripes flying at several locations in our honor. Then in the evening, we watched while an American destroyer (the first to ever drop anchor in Douglas bay they tell us) set off a series of flares in honor of Independence Day. On July 10th, we attended a Mariners' Service in Peel Methodist Church, and the flowers on the altar were red, white, and blue, in honor of the visiting Americans.

The N.A.M.A. was honored at the Tourist Board banquet when Tynwald presented us with medallions for the President and consort. Since Ray was unable to attend the Homecoming with me, the consort medal was presented to my mother. The medallions are made of Isle of Man slate, and were hand-made by Maureen Costain-Richards. These symbols of office will be worn proudly by Presidents both present and future.

Many who attended the Homecoming were familiar to us, but we met quite a few people for the first time, some of whom had not known about the N.A.M.A. until recently. What a wonderful group of people! We now

count them as our friends, and hope to see them at future N.A.M.A. conventions.

While I could go on and on about the Homecoming, I am sure many of you will be hearing from friends and relatives who attended, all with glowing reports. I do hope that all who attended will write and thank the Tourist Board (particularly Eddie Lowey, Kevin Kelly, and Derek Mulhern), Noreen Cottier, and the World Manx for all of the courtesies extended to us, and for all the work they did to make our stay such an enjoyable one.

My greatest regret is that so few Canadians were able to attend. Let's hope the economic situation will change before Convention time in 1984. We cherish our Canadian members, and we want you with us.

Looking ahead to next year, remember Convention will be in Minneapolis, from August 10th-13th. You will hear more about it in the months to come, but start now to make your plans and to save your pennies. Many of the people we met for the first time at the Homecoming are going to try to attend, so come and welcome them to membership in the N.A.M.A. Let's have a large attendance, reminiscent of the 30's and early 40's when several hundred attended each year.

Mona Haldeman
President

JANUARY 28, 1983

FLAT-TAX LAB: THE ISLE OF MAN

By Roy W. Jastram

Tax reform, which has bedeviled many presidents and Congresses, is again in ferment.

We are agreed that our present system of trying to extract from the citizenry enough dollars to pay the governments bills is too complex, costly and full of inequities. But as usual, few agree on how to make it simpler, cheaper to operate and fairer.

One prominent contender for achieving these desirable ends is the flat-rate tax on incomes. It must always be remembered that a flat-rate income tax has two distinct parts: 1) the percentage of tax to be applied; and 2) the numbers and kinds of deductions

to be allowed. Much needless confusion arises over this subject because of a misapprehension that a flat-rate income tax necessarily precludes certain kinds of deductions.

The best way to get some idea of how a flat tax would work is to take a look at one in operation. And, as luck would have it, we've got one: It's on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea.

For the past 20 years, the Isle of Man has operated with a flat-rate income tax of about 20% on individuals and corporations alike. And in the last 10 years its national income has risen nearly 500%.

Yes, the Isle of Man is small. But so is an experimental culture in a biologist's laboratory from which important principles have been drawn and hypotheses confirmed. The island has a population of 66,000 operating a modern economy with a mixture of manufacturing, finance, agriculture, construction and a wide range of services.

Maintains Public Services

The government of the island funds and maintains its own education, health, national insurance, social security, pensions, police, postal and other public services. The level of social benefits is comparable to that in the United Kingdom.

It should be emphasized that the Island is totally independent from the U.K. except for defence, foreign affairs and diplomatic representation, for which it pays to Britain 2.5% of its customs and excise receipts. It has its own parliament, the Tynwald, which dates back 1,000 years. It is not represented in the British Parliament.

When we look at the Manx flat-rate income tax we are not looking at an anachronism ("Manx is the abjectival form of Isle of Man). We are examining the results of a sophisticated overhaul of the island's entire tax system spanning the 1970s and culminating in the "Income Tax (Amendment) Act of 1979. This modern system emerges as an innovative attempt to remedy the confusing patchwork muddle to which most national tax systems are prone. Written on a clear slate, it is the most concise and original example of a working flat-rate income tax that can be observed. (In fact the entire Manx tax code deserves study.)

The tax rate in 1982 was 20%. Each year the Tynwald sets the rate for the forthcoming tax year. Since 1962 the flat rate has varied between 21.25% and the current 20%.

What about exemptions? The simplest way to examine how exemptions are

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applied is by presenting a prototype of a single family and a corporation.

The income tax return of a married couple with one child receiving a single income represented by the earnings of the husband would be worked out like this:

You begin with the individual's total earned income figure. From that subtract personal allowances (which for a married man there are 2,315 British pounds, and for each child, depending on age, from 250 to 350 pounds). Then subtract the expense deductions (which include: expense incurred in earning income; mortgage and loan interest - for any purpose - paid to a Manx recipient; and retirement annuity payments made). Those subtractions leave one's taxable income. And 20% of that is the personal income tax on the Isle of Man.

This information could be fitted onto the proverbial postcard, but the Manx taxing Authority uses a sheet of paper so the taxpayer need not suffer the discomfort of cramped handwriting.

The principles of company (or corporate) taxation are closely consonant with the individual tax and form an integrated system. This can be accomplished in a straightforward manner when a flat rate income tax of equal percentage is applied to both.

A company's taxable income is computed according to the usual rules:

Starting with gross income, one subtracts: a) direct expenses to acquire income, including reasonable entertainment; and b) capital allowances. That leaves taxable income. And 20% of that is the company's income tax.

It is equally noteworthy that in addition to these customary deductions a company can subtract that part of its income as shall be distributed among its shareholder or members by way of dividends, bonus, interest or share of profit. As these amounts are passed on to the recipients designated, they become subject to the personal income tax of the same 20%. In this manner the Manx system avoids the double taxation of corporate income so controversial in our own code.

Compassionate Treatment

There is a distinction between earned and unearned income. Earned income is reduced by one-fourth of the first 6,200 pounds, with the standard 20% then applied.

Let anyone think that the successful operation of a flat-rate income tax forecloses compassionate treatment of the individual, it should be pointed out there is provision in the Isle of Man's system for age relief, small income relief, dependent relative relief and tax relief when age or infirmity of the taxpayer causes a son or daughter to reside with the taxpayer. Particularly contemporary is a "housekeeper allowance" whereby a deduction is given to a widow who employs some other

person to have care and charge of her child in the home. On grounds of equality, the "housekeeper allowance" is extended also to a widower similarly situated.

In the Manx system the income tax described is the main form of direct taxation.

There are no death or estate duties; no capital transfer or gift taxes; no wealth tax nor any other capital levies; no capital gains taxes, with the exception of a narrowly proscribed land speculation tax.

In international financial circles the Isle of Man may be viewed as a "tax haven." The inhabitants consider their tax code as a sensible solution to meeting their needs. It may be a tax haven for some but this need not be a pejorative term. It would be a credit to the strongest economy in the world if it were also known as a haven from unjust, confused often contradictory taxation.

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an old family friend at Glen Helen, a day spent on Douglas Beach sunning ourselves in deck chairs then cooling off in the lovely Villa Marina grounds, spending our money and shopping in Strand Street, Douglas, then after the official events were over spending a few quiet days in Ramsey the Town I grew up in and which evokes such happy and sad memories for me.

Have I mentioned the Island was as beautiful as I remembered it, the wild flowers growing in profusion, the sea calm and tranquil, the weather perfect, the kindness of our families and friends, the warm welcome and hospitality shown to us by everyone. For Sandie the trip was important in that she realized her Manx heritage and ancestry from her great, great grandparents, great grandparents and grandparents, I think she will always remember the "Homecoming".

I know we are all indebted to the Isle of Man Tourist Board, in particular to Kevin Kelly, he was all things to all people, he was our guide, our advisor, always helpful, he was everywhere when needed, to Eddie Lowey, our genial host always pleasant and cheerful, Derek Mulhern and Noreen Cottier who did such a good job on the registration desk and to all the members of the Tourist Board, in fact to all those who helped to make our stay on the Island so enjoyable.

Last, but not least our sincere thanks go to our hard working Secretary, Elizabeth Clucas, she did a tremendous job, it was no easy task to start the ball rolling, to contact all members of N.A.M.A., by mail, tie up the loose ends which culminated in the success of the 1983 "Homecoming".

Hilda (Bridson) Penrice
Bulletin Editor, N.A.M.A.

LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT

Greetings my friends,

It is the 5th of July, 1983. The time is 2-o'clock (peri-meridian), the sky is a resplendent cloudless blue and that old sun is shining down in its full splendour. There is a gentle whispering westerly wind, - soothing - teasing, as we wilt and swelter in a temperature of 80°F.

For all Manx people, it is a significant day. Just 80 mile away by land and sea, in that blessed Isle from which we sprung, it is TYNWALD Day, when many new laws are promulgated in Manx and in English and where many Canadian and U.S.A. Manx will be enjoying the ancient timeless ceremony.

This morning, I woke with what I call my 'seldom feeling' which when translated, is nothing more than a mood of inspired indolence. It will be no surprise to anyone therefore to learn that presently, I am reclining in a deckchair in a somnolent posture in a small contrived sanctuary, under the Trammon tree, at the bottom of our garden.

Apart from birdsong and the humming sound of insects, the limpid air is silent, yet permeated by the scent of roses, carnations and the odd whiff of cultivated honeysuckle, drifting over from a garden across the way. Moments like these need no contemplation, no conjecture, nor any explanation. For me, it is enough to enjoy a happy acceptance of this lovely, warm, azure day. A day full of the dreaming mystery of life and nature. A day to remember.

Still, sadness inevitably obtrudes and my mind for solace, turns to my old poetical friend, Omar Khayyam:—
"Ah Love! could thou and I with Fate conspire

To grasp this sorry scheme of Things entire,

*Would not we shatter it to bits - and then
Re-mould it nearer to the Heart's Desire!"*

Suddenly, dramatically, my tender reverie is shattered by a sound of spine-chilling portent. It is a voice. A voice of startling clarity and stentorian power.

Strewn; it is the voice of my dear wife. She, realising that I was no longer amongst those present, had spotted my feet protruding from beneath the deckchair.

"Sluggard" she cried. "How long are you going to hide out there. Plenty of work to do, you know."

Oh! I knew alright, I knew - "Coming love" I bleated in a high pitched voice - hoping that the tone indicated desperate urgency with just the right touch of grovelling subserviency.

Then with an inspired thought, I added: "Traa-Dy-Liooar" you know, "Traa-Dy-Liooar". Quickly, I grabbed the largest sweetest rose I could find and holding it in front of me, like a priest shewing his crucifix to a vampire, I approached the house and my wife at a brisk trot, still murmuring "Traa-Dy-Liooar".

Whether it was the sweet smelling rose or the power of the old Manx supplication, I will never know, but for sure my wife executed a complete volte-face. In quick order she seemed to acknowledge my position as titular head of the house-hold and agreed to eschew the brush and shovel for the nonce (as it were).

Fortified with gracious dispensation, I have retreated to the furthest corner of the house from reality where I have started to write to you. Obviously, I have little of importance to impart. Mind you, I do enjoy these minor contre-temps in the otherwise tranquil tenor of our connubial bliss. It gives me the opportunity to demonstrate my conciliatory nature and at the same time affirm my belief in the durability of married love. (Sickening ain't it).

My wife has just read this letter and is starting to smile at me again - like a razor - so I declare here and now that she really is the most wonderful person with a marvellous sense of humour and at the moment, by the look in her eye, a fat lot of good that is going to do me.

Kindest regards
A. H. Bridson

"YN MODDEY DHOO", the
'legend of the Black Dog'
of Peel Castle, Isle of Man

There is little knowledge of "The Hound" prior to its initial recorded sighting, although it is believed in legendary folklore that something did exist for many years before the first sighting.

It is said that sometime in the early or mid 17th century, one of the guards, a William Quirk was the first to see the apparition.

The Castle had a number of cells and dungeons and it is on one of these dungeons the story begins. The dungeon was built in the shape of a large wine bottle, with the open neck of the bottle in the guard room floor, this was covered over with a wooden type manhole cover.

The procedure with prisoners destined for this cell was to lower them into the dungeon, slip the rope and leave them there, life expectancy was 12 hours; the dungeon was connected to the sea by an underwater tunnel.

The odd point about this is, that the bodies were never seen again and the belief arose that some monster had carried them away screaming in terror.

We now return to Guardsman Quirk; one night the guards were carousing and making merry in the guard-room because they knew there would be no visitors to the Castle that night because of a severe storm that was raging outside.

Quirk had become merry and light-headed with wine, and the talk in the guard-room turned to the subject of the 'thing' in the cell. He offered to be lowered down into the dungeon to see if he could find any trace of the monster. The guards lowered him into the cell, slipped the rope but left it hanging so that he could signal when he wanted to be lifted up to the room above.

A short period went by and suddenly the cell was filled with the sound of loud baying as of a dog, this was followed instantly by a blood curdling scream from Quirk. It is recorded "He was dragged from the dungeon to the safety of the guard-room and was laid on the floor; he was bereft of all the gifts that the good Lord had bestowed upon him, sight, speech and hearing; his black hair had turned snow white and he was nigh unto death".

By signs he managed to convey what he had seen. It was a large black dog, as large as a donkey; large glaring eyes and dripping fangs. It is believed that Quirk died later a gibbering idiot.

This is the legend which has been told throughout the years, we now move to the 19th century. It appears that on this particular occasion a minister of the local Church was walking along the base of the hill towards the Castle when he saw the dog high up on the battlements of the buildings. He states that he heard the howls of the dog as it roamed about the buildings. There was again a severe storm raging at the time, research has shown that this may have some bearing on the howling of the dog, although the howling of the dog had been heard many times, it had only been seen twice, once by a man very drunk, but the second time by a Man of God well loved and respected by his parishioners.

Research shows that it was only when the wind was in a certain direction that the howling could be heard, perhaps the wind was entering the seaward side of the tunnel and the dungeon was acting as an echo chamber, although no trace was ever found of an entrance after a search of the seaward side at low tide.

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NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

Our past year has had a very mild winter followed by a very cool spring and now we are in a scorching hot summer. Our social functions have been few due to the hot weather, but, we hope to have a Manx dinner in the fall.

Last week I received a letter from Elizabeth A. Barlow of New Zealand and I am summarizing her letter:

"I am a family historian and a member of the Isle of Man Family History Society.

I would like contact with anyone who bears the name Qualtrough; who was a Qualtrough; who has Qualtrough in their ancestry or who can give any information about this large Manx family.

For the past few years I have been gathering all sorts of references to this family from all over the world and compiling family lineages from the material. I have had contact with quite a few Qualtroughs in N. America, and I plan soon to make contact with them again and would like to plea for information through your columns from anyone interested in sharing their knowledge."

Elizabeth A. Barlow
 Banks Road
 Matamata, New Zealand

Any information can be mailed directly to E. Barlow or to myself and I will forward the information to her.

Thank you so much and have a happy summer.

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CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Officers elected to continue serving our Society for the fiscal year June 1983 to June 1984 are:

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Our annual Basket Picnic was held

August 14th on the grounds of the Grace Episcopal Church in Willoughby, Ohio.

All are looking forward to hearing from our members who were fortunate enough to attend the Homecoming in the Isle of Man this year. We know they will have much to share with us. It was a first-time visit for some of our second-generation Manx folks - but it probably won't be their last visit to the beloved Island. Preliminary reports indicate all had a marvellous time. The Isle of Man Tourist Board went "all out" to make certain everyone had an enjoyable visit and the Homecomers appreciated their efforts.

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MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

Our compliments go to the Isle of Man Tourist Board for arranging such a wonderful and exciting program for the Homecomers. The weather was perfect for the many outdoor activities planned for us. The Tynwald Ceremony was better than ever.

In addition to 18 adult members, there were also five granddaughters - Kathy and Christy Fennema, Annie Lavelle, Johanna Hagon, and Karen Hodgson - that attended the Homecoming event. We were all delighted to see how interested these young people were in all things Manx and their willingness to help us with the 1984 Convention here in Minneapolis.

Our members are now busy putting photographs and other mementos from the Isle of Man together for our next meeting which will be in late September.

T. R. Anderson
 President

PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

On Sunday July 24, 1983 the Peoria Manx Society held their 50th annual picnic at West Park in Elmwood. 29 members and guests enjoyed all the good food and fellowship.

The first reunion was held Sept. 3, 1933 at Bradley Park in Peoria.

Thirty-six Manx people or descendants of Manx people were present. Twelve of these had been born on the Island, while the ancestors of others came to America as early as 1840.

Frank L Shimmin of Peoria and Mrs. Lillian Quilliam Polich of Canton were the only ones present who had been at the first reunion.

After a short meeting conducted by President Bill Archibald the afternoon was spent visiting (and trying to keep cool). Mrs. Gladys Evans had just returned from a visit to the Island and had many interesting things to share with us.

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WASHINGTON MANX SOCIETY

The first Board of Governors meeting under the leadership of William Brideson was held on Friday, May 20, 1983. In addition to normal business, considerable time was devoted to plans for the coming year. Social activities were discussed such as a picnic and the possibility of a Christmas party at the British Embassy. Although the annual dinner meeting, held on the first Saturday in April is our primary activity, it was the consensus that the Society should have one or two additional functions to retain and cultivate interest.

Publicity for increasing membership continues to be of concern. Patricia Skillicorn, Ann Brennan and John Brideson are to contact the various county libraries in an effort to further this objective.

It was of interest to note, according to recent publicity in two national magazines and the Washington Post concerning the ancestral origins of the people in each state, that somewhere in the various states there are 9,220 people with roots on the Isle of Man. We are making an effort to obtain the original source of this information to determine if more details are available.

Four of our members, Mr. and Mrs. William Brideson, Dr. Donald F. Corlett, and Mary Hayslett, just returned from the Isle of Man Homecoming.

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WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

The summer meeting of the Wisconsin Manx Society was held July 31, 1983 at Madison, with fifty-one present. President Bob Callin turned over his office to the new President Willard Reese, who accepted for the organization, a recently purchased Manx flag from Vesta Hendricks. Mrs. Hendricks had just returned with her husband from the Isle of Man Homecoming. She arranged a table of many interesting items she purchased there - books, pamphlets, family shield, newspapers etc. - for members to view and study. New committees for 1983 - 1985 were appointed by the new president. Roselyn Callin, Historian Chairman showed the books she has prepared on the history of our Society and the membership. One volume has a page or two devoted to each member including clippings and family history that may be helpful to other Manxmen searching for information.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to a report of the 1983 Isle of Man Homecoming. Vesta Hendricks and Paul Kewin showed their beautiful slides of the activities and countryside. Isabel Miles gave the interesting history of the Tynwald ceremony. It was noted that a U.S. Destroyer was anchored near the Douglas harbor and for the first time U.S. Navy men took part in the ceremony this year. Wisconsin was represented by six members; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kewin, Isabel Miles and Mrs. Enoch Smithrude. First time visits for all except Miss Miles, it was indeed a thrilling experience for them.

The fall meeting is scheduled for October 23, 1983, Heritage House in Madison.

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WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Since the previous Issue of the Bulletin, various W.M.A. Functions have taken place, with success exceeding all expectations.

The highlights of these was, without doubt, The Annual Gathering at the Palace Hotel with 230 person present; a near record attendance including the large number of ever-welcome Representatives of Manx Societies from U.S.A. Canada, Transvaal, Australia and nearer home from England. It was a wonderful afternoon with many re-unions taking place and acquaintances made. Greetings by post were gratefully received.

The key-note - Happiness.

W.M.A.'s first Homecomers in 1983 were Mr. and Mrs. T. Quilliam, of Victoria, Australia, who came to the Island in April, and were invited to place The Garland on T. E. Brown's Memorial Plaque, in honour of our National Poet's Birthday, May 5th, 1830.

Mr. and Mrs. Quilliam, joined us again on May 12th, for an Outing to Peel, where tea was served at The Creg Malin Hotel.

Mrs. Phyllis Linsley, President of the Toronto Manx Society was another early Homecomer, and she was one of our large Excursion Party on June 23rd, when 110 members and Homecomers, enjoyed an excellent supper at The Grand Hotel in Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Curphey also joined the Party.

July 10th was the date of the Sunday Outing, when in brilliant sunshine the coaches took us via a lovely country route to the Castletown Golf Links Hotel, where Homecomers were extended a warm World Manx welcome by the president, and a really delicious tea was taken, and enjoyed immensely.

The party then proceeded to Peel Methodist Church for a Service which was most impressive, the memory of which will long remain with all who were in the packed church that evening.

An outstanding sermon from The Rev. Eddie Cubbon, was a feature of the Service, and the singing of the choirs was quite beautiful. Lessons were read by Homecomer, George Curphey, and Doris Clague. After the Service the ladies of the church, kindly served refreshments in the Hall nearby, and a grand cooish took place.

The W.M.A. Manx Supper was held on July 14th, and it was with much pleasure that some 20 Homecomers were given a great reception, including 5 from California and Ohio, who had arrived during that day.

The Supper had all the traditional goodies to enjoy, and those performing Manx items received rounds of applause. Compere Jack Lewis kept the fun going well, with his spontaneous humour. The evening closed with the hearty singing of Ellan Vannin and The Queen.

Doris M. Clague
Mary A. Weller

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

HOMECOMING 1983

The following is a list of names of all those attending the 1983 Homecoming held on the Isle of Man June/July, 1983.

This list was supplied by the Isle of Man Tourist Board, I'm sorry to report that at least two names and addresses are not clear enough to decipher.

If your name was missed off the list, please accept our apologies.

HOMECOMING 1983

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It was certainly nice meeting so many of you at the I.O.M. Homecoming this summer and I am sure everyone who attended had a marvelous time. We owe our thanks to so many for their kindness to us. It was especially nice to meet the folks from the Family History Society and to see and hear first-hand what they are doing. The afternoon we spent at the Villa Marina was both informative and educational.

Many of you have expressed interest in the Manx Crosses so I am sharing this article, in part, with you.

EARLY MANX CROSSES

The Isle of Man possesses a rich heritage of early carved stone crosses. These memorials — mostly gravestones — are lasting evidence of the early Christian period in the Island. Over 180 of them, ranging from simple incised plain crosses to elaborately-decorated works of art, survive, and the Island is one of the richest areas in the British Isles for antiques of this type.

The earliest crosses date back to the days of the coming of Christianity to the Island, and the two slabs of local stone bearing the representation of the cross standing at the ancient site known as "St. Patrick's Chair", in Marown, are silent witness to the arrival here of the Christian missionaries.

The largest collection of early Celtic crosses is at Maughold, the site of the principal Celtic monastery in early Christian times.

Probably the most important and famous of all the Manx carvings is the representation of the Crucifixion found on the Calf of Man in 1773 and now preserved in the Manx Museum.

Dating from the late 8th or early 9th century this was not a tombstone but an ornamental feature of the little Celtic chapel, or 'keeill', which formerly existed there, and may have formed part of its altar decoration. The ornamentation is typically Celtic in style, but also illustrates the links which then existed between the Celtic church in Western Britain and the artistic tradition of the eastern Mediterranean Christian church.

At the end of the 8th century Celtic Christian society in the Isle of Man was rudely shattered by the arrival of the Viking raiders, who first plundered and later settled here. While early Norse settlers clung to the pagan religion of their Scandinavian homeland and were buried according to Scandinavian customs, succeeding generations integrated with the local population and adopted Christianity, and with it the earlier Celtic practice of raising stone carved with the Christian cross on the graves of their dead. The Norsemen, however, added their own ideas to the ornamentation of those monuments, and the 10th and early 11th century cross-slabs show a most interesting inter-relationship of Celtic and Scandinavian artistic traditions. The earlier close-knit Celtic style interlacing was replaced by broader, looser bands, and much animal and human ornamentation was introduced onto the later Norse crosses. Many of them also bear inscriptions cut in the Scandinavian runic alphabet, recording the names of the persons who raised the cross and in whose memory it had been set up. Two such inscriptions, one at Kirk Michael and the other at Andreas, bear the name of the sculptor Gaut Bjornson, and from their style it is possible to recognize other work by him, and further crosses which must have been carved by pupils of his school.

Differing from the normal rectangular Manx cross-slabs is Thorleif Hnakki's cross at Braddan. Of the late 10th or early 11th century, it is in the form of a tapering pillar with small pierced ring at the cross-head. Three sides of the shaft show highly-accomplished decorations of Scandinavian-type dragons of the Mammen style, their tales, limbs and top-knots elaborately interlaced. The other edge carries a well-cut runic inscription, continued — perhaps in a

different hand — under the ring of the cross-head with "Ihsus", i.e. "Jesus".

These stone carvings, erected to record the last resting places of early Christians here in the Island, survive as striking and evocative witnesses to the long tradition Christian heritage in the Isle of Man.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

At the Homecomer's Banquet held on July 7th at the Palace Hotel, Mr. Jack Nivison, P.L.C. presented a rare print of Peel Castle to Elizabeth Clucas, Secretary of N.A.M.A., this was in recognition of the work she had done in organizing the Homecoming trip.

L'IL PEOPLE

BORN — on June 4th, 1983, a son, Daniel Allen Bates, to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Bates nee Caley, of Fontana, California. He arrived at 10:58 p.m. and weighed 6lb. 11 oz., everyone is doing well including Daniel's grandmother, Mrs. Clarice Caley of Huntington Beach, California.

RADCLIFFEE GENEOLGY

Ian Radcliffe of Ballaugh, I.O.M. is curious about Radcliffes of the Andreas area that moved to the U.S.A. in the mid to late 1800's. Please write if you have information or just wish to contact -- Ian Radcliffe, Rowan House, Rowan Avenue, Ballaugh, Isle of Man.

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During the Second World War many men of Peel enlisted in the Home Guard, their duties were to patrol the breakwater in case of a German invasion on the West coast of the Island, this meant patrolling past the entrance of the dungeon cell, it is a well known fact that many of the men would not cross this line, it is recorded that one of the men brave enough to do so felt the hair on the back of his neck rising, the feeling of something or someone supernatural became stronger and stronger. Maybe it is all superstition, but to most Manx people is that there is "something there".

(Taken from the late Syd Boulton's column in the Manx Star and compiled by Captain Tom Corlett, a Manxman now residing in Liverpool)

DUES TIME

If you haven't sent in your dues with the pink slip you received with the June Bulletin, please do so at once. The Sept. issue of the Bulletin is the first issue in the new year and prompt payment of 83/84 dues is in order.

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OBITUARIES

CLUCAS, Helen M., passed away April 26th, 1983, at Webster Groves, MO., funeral services were held at Geils Funeral Home on Saturday, April 30th, 1983, Bensenville, Illinois, interment Elm Lawn Cemetery, Elmhurst, Illinois, she is survived by her husband Norman, two sons, Douglas and Jim, daughter-in-law Lynda and granddaughter, Christen, also one brother.

Helen will be sadly missed by all those you knew her, her husband Norm was President of the N.A.M.A. during 1965-1968, Helen was Secretary during those years giving Norm unselfish help and support, she endeared herself to friends and members alike. When she was elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A., she gave of her time and talents to become a capable President and a warm and loving friend, if Helen was asked to do a job it would be well done she never stinted herself to further her interest in N.A.M.A.

The following is a tribute to Helen from the Executive of the Ladies' Aux. to N.A.M.A. —

Helen Clucas will always be remembered by the Ladies' Aux. to N.A.M.A., as a devoted member, a capable President and a wonderful friend. She will be sadly missed, but her great sense of humour and cheerful personality will be a happy memory for all who knew her.

CORKILL, Richard, Detroit, Mich., Hon. President of N.A.M.A. As briefly stated in the June Bulletin 1983, further information is now available.

Richard H. Corkill died May 5th, 1983, he was the beloved husband of the late Estelle, Uncle of Mrs. Mildred Gough and James Mawson. Services were held at the Harris Funeral Home, McNichols Road, Detroit, Mich.

Richard Corkill was born in Foxdale, Isle of Man on July 4th, 1903, Richard was a very long time member of the N.A.M.A., he attended many Conventions, his Manx wit and honour was always a source of enjoyment, he was a great story teller, he will be greatly missed.

CUBBON, Ada A. of Galva died at 11:40 pm on Wednesday, July 27, 1983 at the Kewanee Convalescent Center. She was born June 8, 1893 on the Isle of Man, daughter of Thomas and Sophia Partington Moore. She was reared and educated on the Isle of Man. She came to Galva in 1914 and worked as a housekeeper in different homes in Galva.

She married James H. Cubbon on Oct. 10, 1917. He died July 6, 1952.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, past noble grand of Rebekah Lodge 430; Past President of World War II Mothers, Lynn Merry Maker and a member of the Manx Society, all of Galva.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Rose Cubbon and a grandson, John Cubbon, both of Galva; a great-granddaughter, Vicki Cubbon of Bushnell; a sister Elsie Holt of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, two brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 30, at 1:30 at Johnson-Gill-Schuster, Chapel Galva, with Rev. K. Belmont Metzger officiating. Interment in Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Galva Senior Citizens Center.

LONG, Mrs. Hazel Hibbert, passed away April 1983, her grandparents emigrated from the Isle of Man to the United States, she was the daughter of Charlie Hibbert. The late Mrs. Long was a member of the Cleveland Manx Society and the North American Manx Assoc., she is survived by her husband Paul Long.

MAWSON, Mrs. Ellen, passed away October 31st, 1982, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Mawson was born in Foxdale, Isle of Man on June 9th, 1891, she was a sister of the late Mr. Richard Corkill, Hon. President of N.A.M.A. who passed away on May 5th, 1983.

She came along with her brother, Richard, to Detroit, Mich. in 1926 and they started the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society in 1929.

She is survived by her daughter, Mildred Gough, one son, James E. Mawson, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers on the Isle of Man.

SARVARY, Mrs. Catherine Marcia, (nee Cottier), died at her home on May 7th, 1983 at the age of 84. Catherine had lived in Cleveland since 1907 when she came from the Isle of Man with her father, Charles Edwin Cottier and her brother, Henry, a younger brother, Ballantyne joined the family in 1920. Her husband, William Sarvary died in 1954, Catherine worked for the Ohio Bell Telephone for 42 years and was a member of the N.A.M.A. and the Cleveland Manx Society. The Homecoming in 1958 was her first trip to the Isle of Man, later she had two more visits to the Island, in 1976 and 1977. Mrs. Savary is survived by a sister, Noreen Cottier of Peel, Isle of Man and a niece, Mrs. Renee Thomas of Parma Heights, Ohio.

WRIGHT, Mrs. Eleanor Kiel, of South Bend, Indiana, passed away on November 27th, 1982 in Memorial Hospital at the age of 77, a former teacher in the Public Schools of Dearborn, Michigan, she had lived in South Bend since 1966. She was born in Grand Haven, Mich., the daughter of Thomas and Eleanor Kiel, her mother was Eleanor Kermode of Lynaue, Peel, Isle of Man.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her sister, Miss Bertha M. Kiel, and the following cousins, Vivienne Gawne, Norman Gawne, William Dodd and Mrs. Emily Nathans of Peel, Isle of Man, also Mrs. Anne Craine of Douglas, Isle of Man. Interment was in Grand Haven, Michigan.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In her books of poems and stories, the Manx writer, Kathleen Faragher, has given us a vivid glimpse of the Isle as she knew it, and, especially through legend and lore told by her grandparents, has linked us with the generations that preceded us. These anecdotes and tales contain nuggets of common sense and gems of humor that keep these people alive for us.

Evidently that was the way the Bible came to us, especially the Old Testament. Begun originally as hero tales, perhaps sung around the nomadic peoples' campfire, the folklore went on to include "wisdom literature", the counsel of experience, passed on from generation to generation. (We trust there was no "generation gap").

I think it was George Bernard Shaw who said that "youth is such a marvellous age, it's a pity it's wasted on the young!". On the other side, perhaps one could add, that it seems sad that wisdom is so elusive, we generally don't acquire it until we're too old to use it very long. Happy indeed are those people who keep touch with their ancestors; and -- happy are those who communicate with their children and grandchildren! We may inherit all manner of material goods, but the greatest bequests are the virtues of a happy, fulfilled life -- faith, hope, love, patience, kindness, trust, honor, perseverance. These endure when all else has crumbled away. We look at the lives of our great-grandparents, perhaps, on the Isle, and think, "How little they had! How poor they were! But they weren't really. They were rich, in all that mattered -- if they knew how to live! And that, we could all learn more about.

Herbert G. Kelly

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