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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the next Convention just around the corner, it suddenly occurred to me that the next author of this column will be the new President. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve you for the last two years, and I have nothing but pleasant memories. As the third member of my family to serve in this capacity, I feel deeply honored, and I'm sure both John and Henry Christian would be pleased. They were both deeply devoted to the organization, and proud of their Manx heritage, and my childhood was steeped in stories of the Isle of Man. I have always felt particularly fortunate to have had them as relatives.

I hope many of you are planning to be in Minneapolis in August. Mr. T. R. Anderson and his committee are working very hard, and several changes in format are planned. We hope to have a seminar on the "digs" at Peel Castle, as well as other parts of the island. Also, instead of a men's outing on Saturday afternoon, we hope to be able to include any ladies who would like to go. Of course, the Saturday outing is optional, but should be both interesting and enjoyable. Since we won't have an ocean available this year, it will not be a harbour cruise, but we believe it will be just as good.

Our hotel, the Marquette Inn, is one of the finest in the country, rated four diamonds by AAA. It is part of a complex of offices and stores, so shopping will be readily available. The hotel is offering us very low rates (for the area) so plan on attending.

Mr. Anderson has informed me that he hopes to have consignments of Manx goods from both Tynwald Mills and Kelly Souvenirs, so here is your chance to buy some of those items others buy when in the Isle of Man. Of course, we also plan to have the cookbook available. (see separate article).

However, as far as I'm concerned, the true fun of the Convention is seeing old friends and making new ones. The more you attend, the more "old" friends you will have, and I'm hoping to see many of the "new" friends I

made last year at the Homecoming, who will now be "old" ones.

Ray and I had the privilege of attending the Greater Washington Manx Society annual dinner in April. They always have a lovely party, and we enjoyed ourselves so very much. Besides seeing several of our "old" friends, we were delighted to meet the sister of one of our "new" friends, and she told us that her brother and his wife plan to be at the Convention. Let's hope many of the Homecomers will attend.

In an earlier Bulletin, I mentioned the scrapbook Eddie Lowey sent me. I'm planning to bring it with me, as well as some of my own pictures of the Homecoming. I hope many of you will do likewise. Let's have a scrapbook "fest"!

While the Association is growing, the membership is still only a very small percentage of the thousands of Manx descendants in North America. If we are to endure and prosper, we must interest the younger generations. This should not be too difficult with the increased interest in genealogy. Remember, anyone with even one drop of Manx blood is Manx. Let's get going and work on our children, grandchildren, etc. If we can impart knowledge about our Manx heritage to them now, we will instill in them an interest that hopefully will blossom as they grow older. Without younger blood, the Association will never reach its 100th year, and much of our ancient heritage will be lost forever. I like to think we're a bit unique, and have been through the centuries. Even though we've intermarried with many nationalities and cultures, we still love our little island, and cherish all things Manx. Let's all work together to keep it that way.

Thank you again for the honor of serving you. Although my term as President will soon be over, I look forward to many years of working for the N.A.M.A.

Mona Haldeman
President

DUES TIME

The enclosed pink slip is a reminder to you that it is dues paying time. Prompt payment of dues would be appreciated.

Annual fees are \$6.00 for Regular members, this includes the N.A.M.A. Bulletin quarterly and \$2.00 for Associates.

If you are a Life Member or have paid in advance, please pass the form to a friend and encourage them to join the N.A.M.A.

Thank you
remit dues to the Treas.
Clarence Creer
14228 Union Ave.,
Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

N.A.M.A. COOKBOOK

By the time you read this, the cookbook should be at the printers, and will, hopefully, be available at the Convention. It contains about 250 recipes, some very unusual and different, while others are more conventional. There are several Manx recipes, among them Bonnag and Manx Knobs. Other nationalities are represented, including Korean.

The cost will be \$4.50. However, if you are unable to attend the Convention, and cannot get someone to bring you back a copy, the additional cost for mailing will be \$1.25, making a total of \$5.75 per book. No cookbooks will be sent out until after the Convention, probably not until early September. If you would like to place an order, I will be happy to reserve a copy in your name, either handing it to you or your delegate in Minneapolis, or mailing it to you later on. Just drop me a line, either enclosing a cheque or informing me that you will pick it up and pay for it in Minneapolis. Several copies have already been spoken for, so it should be a best seller. (U.S. funds, please)

Mona Haldeman (Mrs. R. F.)
191 Glenview Drive
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Members over 50 years of age \$40.00
Members under 50 years of age \$50.00

WELCOME TO
MINNESOTA
LAND OF THE
SKY BLUE WATERS

As previously announced, the 36th convention of the North American Manx Association will be held at the Marquette Inn in Minneapolis, Minnesota! The committees are planning the 1984 convention for August 10th through the 13th which will take place during the lovely summertime in the upper Midwest. We urge all of you and your friends to attend the convention. It promises to be an unforgettable weekend.

The Marquette Inn is a beautiful hotel and has received a four star rating as being one of the finest anywhere. The rooms are spacious and each with a spectacular view of Minneapolis and its suburbs. The staff are warm and wonderful people to know and have been pleasant to work with in preparing a successful convention. The hotel is located in the center of the city for your convenience and is surrounded by shops, entertainment, and business districts. Close by is the famous Crystal Court in the IDS Center which is worth a visit over and over during your stay.

We have obtained special low rates for accommodations at the Marquette Inn! In order to be assured of these special rates your hotel reservations must be made by July 20th, 1984. The rates, not including 11% tax, are \$55.00 for a single room. A double room with one double bed or twin beds for \$60.00. There will be a charge of \$10.00 for each extra person in a room. The hotel will extend these special rates for both evenings of Thursday, August 9th and Monday, August 13th.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 1:00 p.m. It may be possible for persons arriving before the 3:00 p.m. check-in time to obtain their room by 1:00 p.m., if the hotel did not have a large occupancy the previous night. Please indicate on the hotel reservation form what time you will be arriving so that the hotel will be able to make arrangements for you as best they can.

The rooms will be held after 6:00 p.m. only on a guaranteed basis. This means that only in the case of a late arrival (after 6:00 p.m.) must the reservation be accompanied by a deposit or an accepted credit card number and signature. So, if you plan to arrive early or late, please make arrangements with the hotel! We ask that you send all hotel reservation forms (enclosed in the convention letter) directly to Marquette Inn, 710 Marquette Avenue, at the IDS Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

The convention schedule will be similar to those of past conventions. The registration will commence at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 10th in the Foyer of the Marquette Inn. Friday evening will include the President's

Reception with entertainment and refreshments. The convention will open this year on Saturday morning, August 11th and then at noon the Ladies' Auxiliary will have a luncheon and meeting.

The Main Banquet will be held on Saturday night at the 50th floor of the IDS Center. The view of Minneapolis and the surrounding areas is magnificent with large windows on three sides of the Banquet room. The sunset should be breathtaking for sure. We will be entertained by the "Golden Strings", a very popular and well-known stringed instrument group, who have performed publicly in the Twin Cities for 20 years. They will put on a concert of Scandinavian music with a few Manx numbers too! In addition, our spirits will be uplifted by the sounds of the Canadian Bag Piper's Band from Winnipeg, Canada.

Sunday morning will be the Memorial Service and a business meeting to follow. Sunday afternoon is filled with a bus tour of Minneapolis and St. Paul with a Buffet Dinner at the hotel upon our return. Sunday evening will call for a relaxed time such as the "free and easy" meeting at which we will show films and slides of the Isle of Man. The Convention will conclude on Monday morning with the drawing of prizes, reports from the committees and the election of new officers.

We are expecting a delegation from the government of the Isle of Man and we are honoured to announce that it will be Mr. Jack Nivison, President of the Legislative Council. You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Mr. Nivison and ask any questions which you wish to have answered. We will also have a talk by Magnus Magnusson, world expert on Viking archaeology. This will include a discussion of the excavations which are now being conducted at Peel Castle on the Isle of Man. In addition, Mr. G. V. C. (Barney) Young, an historian, will speak on the research and studies being done on Miles Standish. Mr. Young has produced some interesting evidence that Miles Standish was born on the Isle of Man.

We have obtained favorable and low convention costs for your convenience. The full registration for an unforgettable weekend will be \$44.00 (U.S. Currency) which will include the registration fee, souvenir book, badge, President's Reception, the Main Banquet, Bus Trip and Buffet Dinner. The partial registration fees are listed for you in the following article. Please make cheques in United States currency payable to the N.A.M.A. 1984 Convention Fund, and send to Patricia Boehne, N.A.M.A. Convention Headquarters, 1914 First Bank Place West, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. No registrations will be accepted after July 13th, except as cancellations occur!

Persons must be registered if they attend two or more activities for

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which a charge exists. In addition, persons must be registered and must wear their badges at all meetings except Sunday evening's "free and easy" program. We would like you to indicate on your convention reservation form whether you will be attending the Ladies' Auxiliary luncheon. It promises to be a lovely occasion set in a beautiful restaurant in the Marquette Inn with a short business meeting to follow the luncheon.

Please let us know if you are bringing children and approximately what their age's are so that we can plan some fun and interesting things for them to do. We will have three of Mr. T. R. Anderson's teenage grandchildren to help entertain and take care of your young ones. So bring them along! They will remember this trip for the rest of their lives. You may include the information about the children on the back of the registration form.

The Twin Cities in Minnesota are a lively and active place to visit in August. We offer a wide range of arts, entertainment, sightseeing, and shopping. This convention will be one that you just won't want to miss! Gather your Manx family and friends and sail on to the Land of the Sky Blue Waters.

CONVENTION NEWS

TIME AND PLACE: Marquette Inn, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Friday, August 10th through Monday, August 13th, 1984.

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to use the hotel registration form enclosed in the convention letter, however, if you do not, please state in your request that you are with the N.A.M.A. Convention.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

FULL REGISTRATION: \$44.00 (U.S. Currency), this includes Registration Fee, book, badge, President's Reception, the Main Banquet, Bus Trip, and Buffet Dinner.

All Registrations Must Be Sent Before July 13th To: -

Patricia Boehne
N.A.M.A. Convention Headquarters
1914 First Bank Place West
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Make cheques payable to N.A.M.A. 1984 Convention Fund.

PARTIAL REGISTRATION:

Registration Fee, Book, Badge	\$4.00
President's Reception	\$7.00
Main Banquet	\$19.00
Bus Trip and Buffet Dinner	\$20.00

T. R. Anderson
Convention Chairman

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO N.A.M.A. 1984 CONVENTION

The Ladies' Auxiliary will present a special luncheon on Saturday afternoon, August 11th, it is hoped all the ladies will attend this entertaining event at the Marquette Inn in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Please let us know if you plan to attend by checking the space on the reservation form. You need not pay for the luncheon when sending in your reservation form.

ISLE OF MAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR N.A.M.A. CONVENTION

We are please to announce that Mr. Jack Nivison, President of the Legislative Council of the Isle of Man will represent Tynwald at the N.A.M.A. Convention.

All those members who were present at the 34th Convention at Halifax, N.S., and the 1983 Homecoming on the Isle of Man will be especially pleased that Mr. Nivison is coming to Minneapolis, Minn. We have fond memories of Mr. Nivison's ability to tell great stories about the Isle of Man.

We are honoured to have such an entertaining speaker as Mr. Nivison for the 36th N.A.M.A. Convention.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We are most fortunate that Magnus Magnusson, now of Glasgow, Scotland, has agreed to attend our convention. He is the outstanding authority on Viking archaeology throughout the British Isles, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.

Mr. Magnusson will make a slide presentation which will include the excavation taking place at Peel Castle on the Isle of Man.

We expect to repeat the Manx movie that was viewed in San Diego and additional films and slides which will be made available to us.

We are pleased to announce two very interesting exhibits which are being planned for the 36th Convention. Mr. Marshall Cubbon, Director of the Manx Museum and National Trust, Douglas, Isle of Man, has prepared a very exciting exhibit now on display at the Museum. This includes a series of outstanding aerial photographs of the entire island which reveal in great detail ancient markings not previously detected. A complete set of these photographs along with commentaries are being sent to us for view during the convention.

The James Ford Bell Library of rare books at the University of Minnesota has extended to all our members and friends an open house invitation to visit during the convention.

Dr. John Parker, the curator, is preparing an unusual exhibit of some thirty volumes containing the very old maps and treaties pertaining to the Isle of Man.

This will prove most interesting and will be the basis for determining whether or not some of these maps may be in addition to the wonderful collection of maps in the Manx Museum.

The 1984 N.A.M.A. Convention Committee is working hard to obtain some discount tickets for many of the fabulous attractions in the Twin Cities area. The list of sights to see are as follows:

- Fort Snelling
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- Omni Theatre
- Minnesota Zoo
- Minnesota Arboretum
- Como Park Zoo
- Minneapolis Art Institute
- Walker Art Institute
- Guthrie Theatre
- Betty Crocker Kitchens
- Japanese Gardens
- Minnesota Twins (baseball)
- Minnesota Vikings (football)
- Minnesota Strikers (soccer)
- Orchestra Hall
- The Capital - St. Paul

We will include more information regarding these sights in the convention letter. Any other tours any members would like to take in addition to the above, please let us know and we will assist you in arrangements. We will, also, include in the convention letter more information pertaining to car rental. We hope to obtain special prices for those of you who will need to rent a car.

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NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

March meeting's entertainment was provided by a Scottish piper and two Scottish dancers. Unfortunately, it was a foggy evening and not as many folks were present . . . and not because they didn't want to be there!

In April, our members travelled (in thoughts) through England, Scotland, and the Isle of Man courtesy of beautiful slides - and dialogue - by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Crooks. We never tire of seeing Mona's Isle. Does anyone?

May was our annual card party to raise funds for the N.A.M.A. Convention. As one does not have to be present to win a door prize, members sent back their tickets (signed on the reverse side) with their donation, and thus are eligible for the drawings. Because many prizes are donated, there are many winners!

Election of officers in June winds up our fiscal year.

We wish you all a happy summer and hope many of you will be at the Convention in Minneapolis.

Marge Kennish Krach
319 Ridgeview Drive
Seven Hills, OH 44131

NEBRASKA MANX ASSOCIATION

The Nebraska Manx Association met at the home of Phil and Millie Corkill in Lincoln, Nebraska on Sunday, April 29, 1984. It was a real Isle of Man day with 2-1/2 inches of rain turing to snow and 50 mile an hour winds. Surprisingly we had a good turn out, even our members from Kansas made it. Following an excellent dinner the meeting was called to order by James Robison, President. The Treasurer's report and minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. A souvenir program and convention literature were passed around. A decision was made to send \$75.00 to the convention fund and a half page ad to be taken in the convention souvenir book. The association also voted to renew N.A.M.A. membership.

Our fall meeting will be September 30, 1984 at Lancaster, Kansas. Mr. & Mrs. Lester Kaighin will host a covered dish dinner at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. If you live in the area come spend the day with us.

Annie Robison
Secretary

Elk Creek, Nebraska
68348

WASHINGTON MANX SOCIETY

Noreen Cottier of Peel, Isle of Man, spent a few days in the Washington Area on the last leg of an around-the-world trip which included stops in Australia to visit relatives, promote the Isle of Man Family History Society, and encourage Manx descendants living in Australia to organize Societies of the World Manx Association. Noreen made stops in India, Singapore, Hong Kong and San Francisco, and planned to stop in Cleveland and New York City before returning home. Noreen enjoyed visiting with members at the annual dinner.

The seventh annual dinner meeting was held on Saturday, April 7, 1984, at the Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers Club with an attendance of forty-nine members and guests. Guests were Mona Haldeman, President of N.A.M.A., and her husband Ray; and Noreen Cottier.

A short business meeting was held primarily for the purpose of electing two members to the Board of Governors. The membership accepted the report of the Nominating Committee and elected Ronald J. Quayle and Mrs. Avril (Quiggin) Shipman.

Once again we had a very interesting and informative program. We opened with the Manx National Anthem, followed by invocation by the Rev. Herbert S. Costain. Mrs. Shipman read the Lord's Prayer in Manx Gaelic translated by Mrs. Patricia Skillicorn. Mona Haldeman reported on the N.A.M.A. with emphasis on the 1984 Convention in Minneapolis, August 10-13, 1984. A highlight of the program was a report and slides on the 1983 Homecoming by Noreen Cottier and Mary Hayslett.

Although the greater percentage of our membership reside in Washington D.C., and immediate vicinity, we are always pleased to have in attendance several who travel a distance.

Once again, President Bill Brideson and wife Doris, the officers and board have served our membership in an outstanding manner.

Mary E. Haylett, Secretary
2121 Columbia Pike
Arlington, Virginia 22204

WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

The spring meeting of the Wisconsin Manx Society was held April 8, 1984 at Madison, with forty-two present. After a smorgasbord dinner, President William Reese conducted the business meeting. It was announced that Mrs. William Cannell had presented a \$100.00 check to the Society in memory of her husband. Jayne Watkins led the group in singing the Manx National Anthem. Jayne also sang "Ellan Vannin", a request from one of the members. It was suggested copies of this song be distributed among the membership for singing at future meetings.

New members Mr. and Mrs. Forest Turner, Soldier Grove, were introduced. Roselyn Callin, Historian, requested each family have a picture taken at close of meeting. These pictures will be used for the Society's History Book. A show of hands indicated several of our members will be attending the N.A.M.A. Convention in Minneapolis, August 10-13. The group decided that the July meeting be a social one by attending the Laxey Picnic, July 1. A regular meeting will be held again in October. Bob Callin gave a report on the Laxey Picnic and extended a warm welcome to all to attend.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to a very enlightening program on "The Manx Economy" - an insight into matters rarely discussed about the Isle of Man, by Stephen Murray. Mr. Murray and his wife Elizabeth moved from the Isle of Man to the Arena, Wisconsin area in June 1982, to work with the famed "House On The Rock". They joined our society the following year. His outstanding presentation brought many questions from our members. We all came away much better informed and perhaps more content with our own economy.

LAXEY PICNIC - JULY 1

The Laxey Picnic will be held July 1, 1984 at Laxey Cemetery, about five miles southwest of Dodgeville, Wisconsin on County Trunk B. The cemetery is the location of site of the Laxey Primitive Methodist Church which is believed to be the first Manx church built in America.

The schedule for the day includes:

10:30 a.m. Open air church services conducted by N.A.M.A. Chaplain Rev. Herbert Kelly. (Featuring the Laxey Choir)

12:00 - Pot Luck Picnic Lunch (donation appreciated, if one cannot bring food)
After Lunch - Short program which will include the history of Laxey Church and Picnic. There will also be time to renew friendships and to meet new acquaintances.

There will be a table of artifacts relating to the history of the church and area.

Other points of interest visitors might enjoy in the area:

June 30 - Pasty Ball - A pasty supper and concert by the Symphony School of America - Mineral Point Fairgrounds.

A ticket to the Pasty Ball entitles you to a free guided tour through Pendarvis - a Cornish restoration and Wisconsin Historical Society site located in Mineral Point. Mineral Point is a quaint, old Cornish town situated in the hills about seven miles south of Dodgeville.

July 1 - Symphony School of America Evening Concert - Governor Dodge Park, north of Dodgeville.

House On The Rock - near Governor Dodge State Park on Hwy. 23, this is a unique structure with an unusually large collection of "Player Music of Yesterday" in the museum section.

The Laxey Committee invites you to join them. Further information can be obtained from Bob and Roselyn Callin, Rt. 3, Mineral Point, WI. 53565. Phone (608)-935-3468. If you haven't travelled in this area we think you'll enjoy the beauty of the Southwestern Wisconsin hills and deep valleys. We have been told they reminded the early Manx pioneers of their beloved "Isle".

E. Mae Reese
 9102 W. Cleveland Ave.
 West Allis, WI. 53227.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

1984 - EVENTS - 1985

May 5th Saturday 3:15 p.m.

Glen Falcon Gardens - Garland will be placed on T. E. Brown Memorial Plaque by Miss Mona Douglas, M.B.E. Tea in Mannin Hotel.

May 24th Thursday 2:30 p.m.

Outing to West of Island, Tea at the Creg Malin Hotel 4:00 p.m.

June 21st Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Outing to North of Island, Supper at Quayles Hall, Ramsey, 8:00 p.m.

July 5th Thursday 2:45 p.m.

Annual Gathering and Reunion. The Palace Hotel, Douglas
 Afternoon Tea will be served.

July 8th Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

Outing to South of Island, Tea at the Golf Links Hotel 4:00 p.m.
 Followed by a Church Service.

August 16th Thursday 2:30 p.m.

Outing to South West of Island Tea at the Grapevine, Glen Vine 4:00 p.m.

September 8th Saturday 2:30 p.m.

Outing to Port Erin 2:30 p.m.
 Tea at Allandale Cafe 4:00 p.m.

October 29th Monday

Annual T. E. Brown Dinner
 The Empress Hotel, Douglas

1985

March Annual 'At Home'

Annual General Meeting

These will be Afternoon meetings
 Venues and details later.

Meeting Place for Outings:

MASONIC TEMPLE - Top of Derby Road

BOOK OUTINGS Not later than TUESDAY morning for THURSDAY outings; not later than THURSDAY morning for SATURDAY outings; not later than THURSDAY evening for SUNDAY outing.

Phone: Mr. G. Deacon, Douglas 29009
 or your Area Representative

A very pleasant "At Home" was held on March 21st, at the Empress Hotel.

A varied programme was presented by vocal soloists, Lynda Watterson, Gilbert Clague and Jonathan Kneale - winner of the Young Musician competition.

The accompanist was Bernard Clarke, L.R. A.M.; A.R.C.O.

Miss May Teare and Mr. John Quilliam, our own Members, provided Manx items.

An excellent savoury supper was served and the Meeting closed with the singing of Ellan Vannin and The Queen.

At the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Wilfred Waid, F.C.A., retired as Treasurer, after many years of valued service.

Mr. G. B. Deacon, 32 Demesne Road, Douglas, is now Treasurer.

Doris M. Clague

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

A membership certificate is still available to N.A.M.A. members for \$1.00 (quite a bargain as you will see). It was especially designed by our Past President George Curphey. It comes with an explanation of the design and colours. The application form has space for your ancestry and these will be filed in the Clague Museum, Cleveland, Ohio. Please write for an application form and then return the application with \$1.00. Write to C. E. Creer, Treasurer.

MEMORIALS

Memorials received are accumulated in a Memorial Fund. The Fund is used for special needs and not for normal operating expense, the last Memorial Fund project was the membership directory in 1978.

Please keep the N.A.M.A. in mind when a memorial is in order. Direct memorials to the Treasurer, C. E. Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, ILL. 60462. USA.

"I'M FINE - THANK YOU"

There is really nothing the matter with me,

I'm as healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees,
 And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze,
 My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,
 But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
 Or I wouldn't be able to walk on the street,

Sleep is denied me night after night,
 But every morning I find I'm alright.

My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
 But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this... as the tale I unfold,
 That for me and you, who are getting old,

It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
 Than to let folks know... "The shape I'm in".

Anon.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

Reluctantly we have had to drop several members from our mailing list for non payment of DUES, we cherish your membership, we do not want to lose a single member. Please fill in the enclosed pink membership form, together with your cheque for \$6.00 and send promptly to the Treasurer - Mr. Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Any changes in the Constitution and By-laws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the N.A.M.A. - Miss Elizabeth Clucas, 1541 E. St., Apt. K. 605, Euclid, Ohio, 44117, U.S.A., 30 (thirty) days before the Convention.

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

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

I was pleased to receive so many favourable comments on my column in the March issue on MANXMEN COME TO LAKE COUNTRY. The following is the conclusion of the article:

Thomas Kelly, a Manxman from Doolough, Jurby, started for America in a sailing vessel in July 1827 with his father, sister, wife, five daughters and ten other Manx people to set up a home in the new world. His diary tells a fascinating story of the adventurous trip from the Isle of Man to Painesville.

A small daughter died three weeks out from Liverpool and was buried at sea. "Our Isabella was committed to the Deep and was not seen no more. Burial service was read by the Captain My wife fell to the deck in a deep swoon. A sorrowful time for parents, but as she was a child of only 2 years, we may say with St. John: Blessed are dead which die in the Lord."

August 15th: Tons of water pounding down on the decks, the ship creaking and groaning. Now we labour in a trough of the sea and now we try to reach the sky. But this is a proud ship, well manned, and provided with sails and sickness among those unused to the sea. I do what I can, often using that gift of healing which I do not understand, but give thanks for, and I keep the children quiet with songs and stories. The Captain acknowledged that he had not often seen a worse storm and read prayers for such a time: We confess that when we was safe we have forgot Thee but now we see how terrible Thou art in all thy works of wonder.' Then when the winds and the waves ceased their fury, as many as could be spared from necessary service united in a sacrifice of praise. 'After we gave up all for lost Thou didst wonderfully command a deliverance and Thou has showed us how both winds and sea obey Thy commands."

September 8th - Saturday: "The Pilote on board at 7 in the morning with a bill of health from the doctor. Weighed anchor and sailed for New York. Passed several islands with Forts. Landed near Steamboat Wharf and went to Washington Market House for provisions which sell very cheap. The sight of fruit trees is wonderful to us. Long Street is said to be 20 yards broad and 7 miles long, more than half the width of our little Island. The buildings and streets exceed those in Liverpool and we like it very well."

"Thursday the 13th: at Albany, after 22 hours. Engaged with the Boat Lawrence to carry us up the Buffalo Canal paying one cent a mile for grown people and 1/2 cent for Children under

12 and a Dollar per cwt for Luggage. At Troy came to the Nine Locks which rises 100 ft. before we get to the level. The Canal divides here, one Branch goes to Buffalo, the other to upper Canada. The land here is beautiful, with trees of different kinds and plenty of fruit. Apples floating in the water."

"Wednesday the 19th - Lockport. Five double Locks which rises 64 feet. The Canal is cut 20 feet deep out of solid Limestone. At Tonawanta there is a narrow lake which serves for a Canal. Saw a part of Lake Niagara and the Boundary between the United States and the British Settlement. At the Town of Buffalo several Indians but no Buffaloes. On the Canal 6 days. The lake here looks like a large Sea."

"Thursday the 20th. Engaged with the Captain of the Schooner Andrew of Buffalo to carry us to Fairport, Ohio, paying one dollar a passenger and 2 s. 6d. per barrel for Luggage. Sailed at 2 o'clock from Buffalo, all sail set. Fair and smooth water on a large Lake of good fresh water. 60 Passengers, some of them very sick with sailing even on this fresh water. This is a very fast sailor. We sail near the south west shore with land in sight all the way. Looks as if covered with timber."

"Friday the 21st. Arrived at Fairport after 25 hours. Will sleep in the Schooner this night.

"Saturday the 22nd. Hired 2 team of Oxen for to carry our goods to the Village of Painesville and rented a wooden house so common here for 2 and a half dollars per month. Will sleep there for this first night on land in America after 80 days from my old Habitation, the Doolough in the Parish of Jurby in the Isle of Man."

"Bought a farm of 72 acres in Concord Township for the sum of 800 dollars. This is the 1st of January, 1828."

LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT

Greetings my friends,

How fickle is the weather? When last I wrote to you we had just experienced outrageous winter conditions. Now - and since before Easter we have enjoyed a fabulous period of sunshine, blue skies and gentle westerly winds. The best Easter weather for a hundred years. The gardens full of spring flowers are beauteous to see and I am overjoyed for my wife who is having a short holiday in the Isle of Man. Where (she says) the scene is magical - the whole island covered in Golden Gorse - a veritable haven of warmth and peace.

Imagine my pleasure recently when my No. 1 Son, (who is a Theatrical Agent in the lovely City of Chester) asked me to emerge from seclusion and assist with his business accounts. When I tell you that the whiff from a virgin snow white cashbook or the odour from a musty ancient Ledger is

like a drug to me, then you will realise that I am just 'an old book-keeper at heart.' Of course it may be a defined hereditary instinct. My sainted father was a mathematician and solutionist of the highest ability. Terms like Pythagoras, Euclid, Differential Calculus, etc. etc., tripped from his lips with the same warmth and fervour as when he sang many of his favourite old hymns. He was, as the Irish would say, "a lovely man - a darling man."

Currently therefore I am as happy as the proverbial pig in its natural element - up to my neck (as it were) in the VAT, principle; Debits and Credits, and dealing with the usual dilatory Debtors and carping Creditors. Great Stuff.

Finally, reverting to the Manx Scene. Most people will know that for a long time now there has been much agitation and controversy for a form of Ministerial Government. Here fortunately, the old Manx common-sense not to say inherent humour has won the day. When it was apparent that out of 30 MHKs. and LC. members in Manxland, 20 would have to be Ministers of State, the ensuing waves of loud laughter swept across the Irish Sea all the way to Ellesmere Port and I fell out of bed in merriment.

kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,
A. H. Bridson

MANX NEWS

Herewith a few 'snippets' of Manx News which have appeared recently in Mainland Papers and on the Manx Radio:-

"NO-GROW AREA"

"Beards are to be banned in the Isle of Man Police Force, although moustaches will still be permitted."

"BANKING ON SUCCESS — THE PLASTIC POUND NOTE"

"Manxmen can bank on the pound in their pocket lasting longer. The new Isle of Man £1 note made of plastic has now been well circulated. It has an expected 15 years life span, compared with only nine months for the traditional 'oncer'. Many people in England would like to have plastic notes which don't tear and are so much easier to handle. A Bank of England spokesman said: "We have no plans for plastic notes, but we will be watching the scheme very carefully."

"LONG LEGS OF MAN"

"A GIANT'S skeleton has been found during the archeological dig at an ancient viking palace in Peel, Isle of Man. At 6 ft. 10 in. he was probably the world's tallest man in his day."

"REST AND BE THANKFUL"

"Who remembers that grand and ancient mansion house which stands at the Hibernia in Maughold, right at the top of steep Slieu Lewaigue? Recently, on Manx Radio, it was disclosed that a planning application by a local entrepreneur to convert the mansion house into a modern Country Club had been turned down by the Planning Authorities. Main reason for decision apparently was inadequate Road access. Seems a great pity. Amount of Investment involved was in the order of \$400,000 dollars."

INVISIBILITY

Have you ever been evanescent? Have you ever disappeared or evaporated? I have, many times. This strange phenomenon first happened with some regularity when I was a young and insignificant junior clerk in the offices of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co., on Ramsey Quay.

I would be alone in the office - my elders and superiors would be at lunch or in the goods warehouse or "in headlands". To this day I never did know what this latter expression meant nor where this strange sanctuary was located. Suddenly, the office door would burst open and a local business dignitary would stalk in, oozing self-importance and quivering with the dynamic energy, which I later knew to be associated with the dedicated pursuit of wealth and the desire to grind the noses of the poor into the nearest and dirtiest dust. He would glance quickly around the office then looking directly at me, he would say: "So there's no-one here then".

In the fullness of time, this puzzling condition of envanishment decreased and ceased altogether as I matured through the vibrant years to reach the highest pinnacle of Administrative success!! Pathetically commensurate, I hasten to add, with the lowest possible level of financial imbursement. Never mind, during that time, I was a solid citizen and saw the humour in this phantasy. I would just have a good laugh. Dare I say it, 'Visible and Risible'.

The wheel of life must turn full circle however and now, as I hover at 270% (or thereabouts) - sliding inexorably, albeit gracefully into the realms of senility, the phenomenon of invisibility is re-appearing, (is that a pun) with increasing frequency.

For instance, I go into the local Supermarket and pick up a large Moot (Turnip) priced at a sum which at one time would have bought the farm on which it was produced. I approach the pay-counter where a painted nubile

female conducts retail commerce with a casual indifference; matched only by her evident disdain for courtesy and old age. She serves the customer in front of me, then it is my turn. She looks directly at me. There is a slight sneer on her thin encarnined lips. I smile at her, engagingly, I look into her eyes, do I discern interest, pity? - no, there is just a blankness. There is a silence until incredulously, I realise she does not even see me. My august corpulence has melted into thin air. Bless my soul, once again I am invisible.

Pleasant though the prospect may seem my friends, there is no possibility of my materialization to you in the ethereal state described above. Just now, with great gusto, I am in the full flow of one of my enlargement periods. Like the full moon, but lacking the brilliance of that celestial body, I am waxing into a splendid rotundity.

Here, in the background, one of my lovely granddaughters less endearing because of her renowned and refreshing candour, is shouting to me - "Grandad you are getting very fat." Oh well, - back to the lettuce leaves, back to the rabbit food and the thin soup, welcome to the raw carrots, - back to the keen eyesight! . . .

MY MANX FAIRY

Suddenly last summer whilst on holiday, I entered a small shop on Ramsey Quay and purchased a GOOD LUCK MANX FAIRY - a silver-plated trifle at the price of a mere thirty pence.

The following endorsement was attached on a card:-

"Tis luck I bring you - Just you see, Carry me always and believe in me, Good fortune; Good luck is the Plan, of the Fairies in the Isle of Man."

Underneath, there was a further inscription which read: "Guaranteed to have been dipped in the Waters at the Fairy Bridge."

For weeks thereafter, I awaited the daily Post with bated breath convinced that I would receive a large cheque from some unknown and admiring benefactor. Entranced with the prospect of being showered with riches beyond the dreams of avarice.

Nothing ever happened and I started to worry about it until suddenly one day, I lost my little Fairy. Fancy, all he left me with was Good health and a contented mind. All the same, I think I will have a 'lil' sight in that shop on the Quay this Summer - it doesn't do to scorn them you know!

PRIZE DRAWING

The drawing tickets have been sent out with the convention letter. We urge you to take part and send in your tickets or carry them to the convention with you. The prize committee has been working diligently to produce some fine prizes. We have a silver trophy donated by the Greater Washington Area Manx Association and plastic Isle of Man one pound notes, just to name of few prizes.

We are interested to hear from you if you would like to donate a prize. However, please remember to limit your choice to smaller, unbreakable prizes so that the winners are able to take the gifts home with them.

We thank all of you who have already sent donations for prizes. We have had a wonderful response. To those who would still want to join in the fun, please send your prize fund donation to Patricia Boehne, N.A.M.A. Convention Headquarters, 1914 First Bank Place West, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. Make your cheques payable to N.A.M.A. 1984 Convention Fund.

Try your luck at being a winner! Don't forget to send in your drawing tickets.

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

MANX NATIONAL COSTUME

I recently read an article in the Manx newspapers about Miss Jennifer Huyton of Bride and the national costume which she wore when she competed for the "Miss World 1983" title as "Miss Isle of Man" which I thought you would enjoy.

"This year's national costume has a distinctive Manx flavour although it is entirely different from previous designs. The dress has 10 yards of heavy purple taffeta in it, gathered from the waist and finished with a deep frill around the hemline. The bodice is black velvet with the front heavily embroidered. The big puff sleeves are also heavy taffeta, in which, and are off-the-shoulder and gathered at the elbow into a sequin-trimmed bow. The dress has a narrow front apron in white taffeta and lace also heavy trimmed with braid. A Manx tartan shawl, donated by St. John's Mill, is draped from one shoulder and around the back of the dress. Underneath is a skirt comprised of four layers of white net. Mrs. Dolly Ellison of Millcraft Industries, Gingerbread House, St. John's Mills was the designer of this costume.

Mrs. Robert Cowin

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Having grown up in a rural, Protestant home and community, I sensed the difference when I first visited the British Isles, especially in England. You see, we were on a tour under the auspices of the Anglican Church, the "established" Church of the United Kingdom. As we visited the centuries-old cathedrals and some of the lovely parish churches, we were introduced to the "saints": St. Albans, St. Paul's, St. Ives, St. Giles, St. Pancras, to mention a few. It was a marvellous experience, and we were warmly treated by our English hosts.

Much later, when visiting the Isle of Man, some contrasts were noted. (Not in the hospitality, I must add.) The independent, "non-conformist" spirit of my Manx grandfather was apparent in almost every instance. True, Tynwald Hill has its St. John's, Peel Harbor its St. Patrick's Isle and St. Germain. There's "Port St. Mary" - and the Queen is still honoured and respected. The traditions of centuries are still in evidence. But the great cathedrals and churches of Britain are absent. The "saints" of Man must have other memorials.

All of which reminds me of a reported discussion between Rufus Jones (a Quaker and certainly a non-conformist) and the famed Baron Von Huegel, a brilliant philosopher and theologian. Mr. Jones asked the Baron for his definition of a saint; and he replied that, for one thing, to qualify for sainthood, a person must have done something heroic and extraordinary; the he/she must have lived a virtuous, blameless life; and third, that a saint must have had a radiant personality.

"Yes," said the Baron reflectively, "Perhaps that's the most important of all; a saint must be radiant." Or -- as the little girl said, coming out of a church after looking at the portraits in the stained-glass windows, "a saint is a person the light shines through." All of us have known persons like that, whether officially "sainted" or not. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

You are the light of the world." (John 8:12, Matt. 5:14). The reflections of that light are ever with us; may we too have a part in its radiance.

Herbert G. Kelly

INSPIRATIONAL ONE SET OF FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. In each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand - one belonging to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene flashed before him, he looked

back at the footprints and noticed that many times along the path there was only one set of footprints in the sand.

He also noted that this happened during the lowest and saddest times in his life. This bothered him and he questioned the Lord: "Lord you said once I decided to follow you, you would walk beside me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you deserted me". The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your time of trial and suffering when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

MANX PIONEERS

Many of our members have enjoyed reading the article about the Manx Pioneers who sailed to America in the year of 1827, this article was compiled by Mrs. Robert Cowin, of Ohio who devotes much time in researching these items for her column "Know You Ancestors".

The following article is about the Manx emigrants who left the Isle of Man in the year 1646 bound for Barbados and the hardships they endured.

INDENTURED MANX SETTLED BARBADOS

David Craine, in a series of historical essays entitled 'Manannan's Isle' published by the Manx Museum and National Trust, includes one in which he details the early Manx settlers in the Barbados and St. Christopher, a way-station from which many were to emigrate to America.

Craine tells of a day in October, 1646, when the Bristol ship, Fortune, appeared in Douglas Bay, and the captain sought out Governor Greenhalgh in Castletown to obtain permission to advertise for Manxmen to go to those West Indies isles. Emigrants were promised free food and ship accommodation until their arrival in the West Indies. In return they had to sign a contract engaging themselves to serve for a period in the plantations, four years for men, five or six years for youths or boys. Their employers were to provide them with meat, drink and lodgings during the indenture, and ten pounds sterling or its value in commodities when they had earned their freedom. Little did they know of the poor conditions they would serve as bond-men, and thirty six Manx men and boys made the fateful decision to sign the agreement. Those sailing on the Fortune were from all parts of the Isle of Man, as evidenced by their names: Teare,

Caley, Moore, More, Quayle (2), Christian (3), Skelly, Hutchin, Cottier, Carran, Kennish, Gale, Fayle, Clague,

Nores (2), Lace, Crowe and Woods. One was William Standish, no doubt a kinsman of Miles Standish who had landed in New England twenty-six years before. None will ever know how many of the indentured Manxmen outlived the Atlantic passage and the cruelties of the plantations, and only one, Robert Quayle, who was also on the original sailing list, was found twenty years later to have returned to the IOM. The overseers were sadistic bullies who gave severe beatings to sick, slow or complaining workers. If a laborer became so working under the tropic sun, and the owners saw him of no further value, he was turned off the plantation, to die by the wayside, where his body would be left to rot. The food the indentured Manx received consisted of "loblolly", crushed Indian corn worked into a paste with water and served cold, or mashed potatoes. They were given no bread, and water was their only drink. Their beds were boards, unprovided with coverings.

It is small wonder that those who survived the tortures of their bonded service, flooded to New England and the Carolinas when they had earned their freedom. They again had the opportunity of regaining their dignity as Manxmen!

But the official list of the Fortune was not a complete tally of the Manxmen in the West Indies. One, later well-known as Captain Skillicorn, was taken captive by a Bristol ship -- kidnapping was an alternate way of acquiring bondsmen for the West Indies after recruitments dwindled as stories of the miserable conditions there reached the IOM -- while sitting on the rocks below Ballarragh. In a letter to the IOM in 1650, two other names are also found, Phillip Kermeen of Kirk Lonan and John Rattliffe of Kirk Andreas. In addition to those wretched slaves, there were still other Manxmen who went to Barbados as free-men, among them: Robert Corlett, a prosperous trader, and brother of Thomas Corlett of Ballakeoig, Ballaugh; Charles Stephenson, brother of Captain Richard Stephenson of Balladoole; and Robert Looney, son of John Looney and Anne Cannon of Kirk Onchan. All three died in Barbados.

There was communication between the Manxmen of Barbados and their homeland until 1765, at which time the Lordship of Man was surrendered to the British Crown, and Manx ships were forbidden to engage in foreign commerce. (A right they were not to regain until 1853).

North American Manx whose family origins have eluded them until now, might consider the possibility of descent from these earlier settlers in the islands off the coast of America.

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