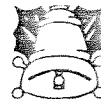


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is indeed an honor to be your President for the coming two years. This gives me the opportunity to carry on the Manx tradition of my mother's family who migrated from Knockaloe, near Peel, Isle of Man, to Minnesota in 1854. My family has always been proud of our Manx heritage. Mrs. Anderson and I, and most of our children and grandchildren have visited the Isle of Man on many occasions. Invariably, we must leave the Island before we can see and do all that we had intended and come back for another visit.

I would like to thank all of you who attended the 36th Convention in Minneapolis. It was wonderful to see so many of our friends again and to make new acquaintances. It was especially interesting that many of you came from all over the U.S., Canada, and the Isle of Man.

Our weather was above expectations for the Convention. A storm passed through the area and left three inches of rain and cool surrounding temperatures for all four days of the Convention. This made the tour of the Twin Cities rather spectacular. Everyday was doubly green and the flowers were abundant throughout the area. The Minnehaha Creek which flows from Lake Minnetonka to the Mississippi River was full to the brim. Even Hiawatha, if she was alive today, would have to agree that the Falls were never more beautiful.

The Honorable Donald Fraser, Mayor of Minneapolis, welcomed us all to the city at President Mona Haldeman's Reception. The Honorable J.A.C.K. Nivison, President of the Legislative Council for the Isle of Man, brought greetings from Tynwald along with a warm welcome for us to attend

a homecoming celebration on the Island this summer. The end of June and the first part of July, 1985, are the scheduled dates. The 1985 summer theme will be entitled the "Year of Sport" and the Tourist Board will be sending us more details as the time draws nearer. Remember that this is a great time to bring your children and grandchildren to participate in these events. The Tourist Board has planned special entertainment for the young ones, so let's start planning now!

One of the things which is very intriguing about the Isle of Man is the abundance of new creative projects constantly being developed there. To illustrate, the Island came up with the idea of using plastic for the Isle of Man currency last year. They were the first to develop the idea ahead of other countries. Since then the U.S. will probably follow suit. We hope to relay these features in future issues of the Bulletin.

Marshall Cubbon, recently retired Director of the Manx Museum, sent over a very interesting exhibit of the archeology of the Isle of Man. Accordingly, our members attended an informative meeting at the James Ford Bell Library to see the exhibit and to hear a speech by Dr. Jack Parker of the migration of Europeans to the U.S., including those from the Isle of Man. A display of precious rare books and maps of the Isle of Man from the Bell collection were included in the exhibit. You will read more about this exhibit once a report is concluded and produced later for circulation.

Our Convention continued with the McAllister College Bag Pipers Band playing for us and leading us into the Main Banquet Hall atop the 50 story I.D.S. Center. The marvelous views of the Twin Cities were available from three sides of the Banquet room. Mr. J.A.C.K. Nivison, our first speaker, extended Tynwald greetings to all present at the Banquet. He regaled us all with his famous Manx Stories. There was never a dull moment when he was at the podium.

The Honorable Dave Durenberger, U.S. Senator from Minnesota, welcomed everyone to our state. He made friends when it was pointed out that he was wearing a Manx tartan tie and a Manx three-legged tie pin and cuff links. These he had borrowed from his good Manx friend and colleague U.S. Senator Quayle of Indiana. Senator Durenberger entertained us with some very funny stories and ended with an unforgettable statement: "I hope that with all the change in language gender a jury on the Isle of Man will not have to change the name of the Isle of Man to the Isle of Person! The famous Golden Strings played popular tunes and ended with Ellan

Vannin and Ramsey Town to give us a rousing Manx finale.

For the past two years at my request, Mr. G.V.C. (Barney) Young, a Manx resident, lawyer and genealogist had done an in depth study which now proves that Myles Standish was born on the Isle of Man at Ellanbane, Lezayre. His monograph on this subject was published just in time for the Convention. His research has been accepted by the New England History and Genealogy Society, Plymouth Plantation, and the newly founded Captain Miles Standish Society. These Societies have taken a great interest in Miles Standish's birthplace and we expect a good number of new memberships in NAMA as a result. We are proposing a plan to assist in restoring Ellanbane to make it an authentic tourist stop on the Isle of Man. More will be written about this endeavor as further progress is made.

Over the next two years, we will organize a drive to increase our membership in NAMA. We hope that all of you are talking with your Manx relatives and friends and encouraging them to join with us.

We are already looking forward to the next Convention. Mr. William Brideson, our first Vice-President of N.A.M.A. and President of the Washington D.C. Manx Society extended an invitation to hold the 37th Convention at Williamsburg, Virginia in the fall of 1986. This offer was unanimously accepted by the Executive Board of N.A.M.A. An excellent film was shown at the past Convention which depicted the very interesting sights to see and do in Williamsburg. We hope that you all will be making plans to attend!

I cannot close without giving a big thanks to Sally Anderson and her very talented Convention Committee. They did a terrific job which made the Convention run smoothly and the result was that everyone had lots of fun. We truly hope that all of you enjoyed yourselves as much as we the Manx Society of Minnesota did.

Mrs. Anderson, our daughter, Sally, and I along with all of our Manx Society of Minnesota members, want to wish all our Manx friends and Associations happy holidays, and a very merry and joyous Christmas, and a successful and healthy New Year!

Sincerely Yours,  
T. R. Anderson  
President

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## LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT

Greetings my friends:

I started to write my letter to you on the last day of August this year, seated on my favourite bench, hard by the silvery lake in the Mooragh Park, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

It was a balmy sunny morning on a day salubrious and full of promise. A quiet day too on which, as ever, it was a joy and a privilege to breathe the air of life; blossom-scented and pure in this tranquil haven.

Seasons come and seasons go but never yet have I known such a glorious spring and summer - better by far even than last year's excellence. I recall looking at the hills above the town, dwarfed by the mountain (North Barrule) - all was light, shadow, colour, and sheer beauty. I could see the dark green glens, the bright green grassy slopes and I could imagine the hidden bowers and the secret fairy dells; the whole brilliant scene recapturing for me the happiest dreams of my childhood days. Truly it was a vista of intriguing and magical allure; our Island is a Jewel.

I believe that what the great Shakespeare wrote for England was meant for this hallowed Isle:—

*"This Royal throne of Kings, this scepter'd Isle, This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars; This other Eden, demi-paradise: This fortress built*

*by nature for herself against infection and the hand of war, This happy breed of men, this little world: This precious stone set in the silver sea., etc., etc."*

Still my friends; life goes on and dreaming has to end. By the time this letter is published, we will once again be near to Christmas. What more can I add to my previously expressed feelings regarding the holy festival, Christmas, the very sound of the word evokes the warmest emotions and recaptures for me the memories of happy times long past, when as a young man, I enjoyed the wonder and delight of the strange inspiring time of Noel. Strange because we achieve moments of intense joy and happiness generated, I believe by the human desire for loving and giving. With this sentiment therefore - may I take this opportunity to send to you all the traditional Manx Greetings from myself and family and all other friends on this side of the world: "OLLICK GHENNEL AS BLEIN FEER VIE SEIHLL AS SLAYNT D'AN CLANE LUGHT-THIE." (Merry Christmas to you and a Good Year. Luck and Health to the whole house.)

Arthur Bridson

## MANX NEWS

Herewith a few 'snippets' of Manx News which have appeared recently in mainland papers and on the Manx Radio.

### What a Cheek!!

In July, a scotsman was fined £25.00 at the High Bailiff's Court for exposing his bare bottom on Douglas Promenade late at night.

### Manx M. O. T. Rejected

Plans to introduce M.O.T. type car testing in the Isle of Man were rejected in the House of Keys in September. Mr. Walter Gilbey (Ind.) said the system operated in Britain was a 'farce and a fiddle'.

NB. (We can inform Mr. Gilbey that the test operated in this area is very strict indeed).

### Money, Money, Money

Recently, I read that Manxland which is one of the premier Banking and Investment Centres in Europe had financial deposits in the order of £1,800 million. Wow!

### Passenger Arrivals - it's a shocker!

Passenger arrivals to the Isle of Man are well down this year according to figures issued by the Manx Treasury. Air and Sea Arrivals for May-July incl. were 223,300 compared with 250,300 in 1983, a drop of around 8 per cent.

### Island Talks

In September, more than 300 delegates and observers from 50 countries arrived in the Isle of Man for the 30th annual conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The Island is the smallest Commonwealth nation ever to host the conference.

### Manx Coal Dearer

The price of coal is now about £6.00 per cwt. due entirely to the 7 months long Miner's strike on the mainland, where on the picket lines, savage violence has been demonstrated almost daily. Truly, the unacceptable face of Trade Unionism!

### Chief Minister to Retire

The Isle of Man's Chief Minister, Mr. Percy Radcliffe, 67, is to retire in February next after 21 years in Manx Politics. He has been chairman of the island's executive council for three years. His likely successor is the Finance Minister, Dr. Edgar Mann.

### Isle of Man

#### Steam Packet Changes

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Co., have just announced that they intend to purchase from Malta another Roll-on-Roll-off type vessel for their fleet. It is understood that this will likely be a fairly large steamer carrying 220 cars and approximately 1200 passengers. At the same time it is

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intended that the sale will be effected of the Ben My Chree and The Manxmaid.

N.B. This seems to be reducing the fleet substantially, but it may be in line with the diminishing passenger returns and the fall in volume of goods traffic.

### ISLE OF MAN HISTORY TOLD IN NEW STAMPS

If you are a stamp-collector you will know much more about the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea than that it is the home of the Manx cat, a feline with only a rudimentary tail. For the Isle of Man, since it began issuing stamps in 1973, has told much of its history and connections within the Commonwealth through its colorful stamps.

On September 21, for example, the island issued five stamps showing how one of its sons made his way in Australia in the last century to become Mayor of Melbourne and aided in the construction of various public buildings. The stamps show the birthplace of William Cain, the sailing ship in which as a young man he left for Australia as a gold prospector became a railway builder, his portrait as mayor of Melbourne in 1886 and one of the public buildings he helped construct.

Last year the Isle of Man issued five stamps to a Manx shipping company which had been transporting goods and passengers to the Falkland Islands since 1858. Earlier in 1983 four stamps featured four graduates of King William's College on the island who had made names for themselves in various parts of the Commonwealth. The occasion for the stamps was the 150th anniversary of the college.

The first stamps in 1973 showed scenery on the island, which lies in the Irish Sea between Ireland and Scotland, as well as the Manx cat and an early Viking ship that brought the first Vikings to the island in 938 A.D. In 1979 a replica of this Viking ship Odin's Raven made the voyage from Trondheim, Norway, to the Isle of Man and a stamp was issued for the occasion.

The island annually has motorcycle races and a number of stamps have appeared for these competitions, the latest in 1982. Ship services between the island and Great Britain have been operating by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company since 1830 and stamps of 1980 show various ships used during the 150 years.

The first parliament on the island was held in Viking style in 979 A.D. and stamps were issued in 1979 for the 1,000th anniversary of the open air gathering at Tynwald, attended by Queen Elizabeth II. Numerous stamps

have appeared for the Queen and members of the royal family including a 1982 stamp of Princess Diana holding baby Prince William.

The part played by the Manx Kermodé family in developing the Merino sheep industry in Tasmania is on a 1980 stamp set. Manxman James K. Ward developed a lumber business at Trois-Rivieres, Que., during the past century, and that fact is noted on two stamps issued in 1978. Manx people helped during the American Revolution of 1776 as shown on 1976 commemorative stamps and were among the early settlers of today's Cleveland, Ohio, as depicted on 1975 stamps.

On September 21 the Isle of Man issued two stamps for Christmas mail featuring stained glass church windows, and two stamps for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting there from September 28 to October 5.

### IMMIGRANTS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN TO THE UNITED STATES

(From the U.S. National Archives, courtesy of Mr. Robert Owen, Heritage Surveys, Fairfax, Virginia, who noted them in the course of other research.)

Manifest 682 (last page), Roll 155, Microcopy M-237  
Mr. Woodthorpe A. Clarke, Isle of Man, Merchant, Age 24 years and 3 months.

Arrived in New York City 23 July 1855 as cabin class passenger on Lucy Thompson, which sailed from Liverpool. Intends to become a resident of the United States.

Manifest 781, Roll 155, Microcopy M-237  
Robert Calister, Mechanic, age 44; Margaret Calister, wife, age 40; Children: Elizabeth, 17; Ellen, 15; Robert 13; John, 11; Jane, 9; Catharine, 7; Mary, 5; Elizabeth, 3; Sarah, 2.

Arrived in New York City 14 August 1855 in steerage on the F. A. Palmer, which sailed from Liverpool.

Manifest 480, Roll 173, Microcopy M-237  
William Hocking, Farmer, age 25  
William Kavin, Farmer, age 28  
John Shimmier, Farmer, age 22  
William Corkhill, Farmer, age 25  
Robert Quaille, Farmer, age 23  
John Corris, Farmer, age 22  
William Clucas, Farmer, age 31  
Cashamu Clucas, Farmer, age 22  
Margaret Clucas, age 2.  
Samuel Clucas, infant; Eleanor Quade, 19; Edward McKenna, Farmer, age 26; Margaret McKenna, 21; Archibald Singiva (Singira?), Farmer, age 21; Margaret Singiva, age 21.

Arrived in New York City on 18 May 1857 on the ship Atmosphere, which sailed from Liverpool.

Manifest 311, Roll 111, Microcopy M-237  
Henry Moor, Farmer, age 25  
John Cribben, Joiner, age 22  
William Moor, Millwright, age 30  
Ann Moor, age 26  
Ann Weterson, Servant, age 18  
Catharine Hearn, age 20  
Margaret Cribben, age 21.

Arrived in New York City on 9 April 1852 on ship America from Liverpool.

U.S. Census, 8 June 1860, Roll 1427, Microcopy 653, Household 72, page 10, Racine (First Ward)  
Robert Caystle, Moulder, age 28, b. IOM; Hannah, wife, age 26, b. England; Elizabeth, age 5, b. Wis.; William, age 3, b. Wis.; Clara, age 1, b. Wis.

### 'FEAST OF LIGHTS' IN MERRIE OLD ENGLAND

Over 1400 years ago the Council of Tours decreed that the 12 days through Epiphany, which falls on January 6 were a time of festivity. This day, also known as "The Feast of Lights", is still observed by many churches.

It became customary through the centuries, for the reigning King of England to open Twelfth Night revels by throwing dice. In the 17th century, Charles II played for high stakes: winning 150 pounds one year and losing 100 pounds the next, both tremendous sums for that period.

Festivities included choosing a King and Queen of the feast. Slices of a plum cake containing a bean and a pea were served and the man who got the bean and the woman who got the pea were crowned King and Queen. With toasts to the royal pair, the party got into full swing. Revels wound up with final kisses under the mistletoe.

Noreen Cottier returned to her home in Peel at the end of April after a four month trip around the world which included a month in Australia visiting many Cottier cousins and meeting members of the Isle of Man Family History Society. While in Sydney, Noreen had a brief item in the local paper, asking people of Manx descent to meet at her Hotel. To her delight there were 50 people came. She was able to tell them of the Tourist Board invitation to a Homecoming reunion in 1985. Many expressed an interest and a Manx Society was started by those attending. In Melbourne, a smaller group gathered at the home of Tom and Pam Corlett and also started a Manx Society. Noreen visited several places during the six weeks she spent in the United States, renewing friendships and spreading the message about a Homecoming in 1985.

# News and Christmas Greetings

## from the Manx Societies

### CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

In keeping with Manx tradition, our September meeting's Mhelliah provided food items which were given to an area Hunger Center. Slides of the Isle of Man, taken by Donald Kanner (grandson of Thomas McKissack) during the '83 Homecoming on his first visit to the Island, were the highlight of our November meeting.

This year again, Sheraton Inn, Rocky River, Ohio was the location of our annual Christmas Party on December 9th. Everyone enjoys that event.

To all of you - from our members and officers: -

May you have  
The gladness of Christmas  
Which is Hope,  
The spirit of Christmas  
Which is Peace,  
The heart of Christmas  
Which is Love.

(Author Unknown)

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

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Officers and Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. send our best wishes for the Christmas season and a hope for peace and happiness in the coming year.

In the words of an old Manx wish: "A Merry Christmas and a very good year, Luck and health to the whole household, Life and merriment to you that are living together, Peace and love between men and women."

Mona L. Creer, President  
Amo Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer

### GALVA MANX SOCIETY

Greetings from the Galva Manx Society, Galva, Ill. May the spirit of Christmas remain within your hearts through the holidays and the coming year.

Mildred Fahnstrom  
16 N. W. 4th Ave.  
Galva, Ill 61434

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Charm of Christmas, lies in the thought that we may live in the memory of our friends. May you find new joys, renew old friendships, rejoice in happy memories - and with bright hopes begin a

Happy New Year

The President and Executive Officers of the North American Manx Association would like to wish all members and friends of N.A.M.A. and to Manx people throughout the world - "A joyous Christmas filled with warmth and love and a Happy and Healthy New Year".

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### WASHINGTON MANX SOCIETY

The Board of Governors met June 28th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Camaish to plan the picnic at Great Falls Park, and the Christmas Party at the British Embassy Rotunda.

Mr. Brideson reported on his recent contact with the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce concerning the 1986 North American Manx Association Convention. They welcome the idea of hosting the convention.

Several members attended the 1984 Convention in Minneapolis: Mr. and Mrs. William Brideson, Robert Camaish, Mr. and Mrs. George Haller, Mary Hayslett, and Mrs. and Mrs. Ed Sayle. It was an outstanding convention and we wish to extend our thanks, once again, to T. R. Anderson and his staff. Mr. Brideson was selected Chairman of the 1986 Convention to be held at Williamsburg, Virginia, in October 1986.

We had a good attendance at the picnic at Great Falls Park on October 13. Everyone enjoyed the good food fellowship and the beautiful weather.

If any NAMA members are planning to be in the Washinton, D. C. area on April 13, 1985, we would like to have you join us at our annual meeting and dinner at Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers Club. Let us know in advance so that appropriate reservations can be made.

Our members wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mary E. Hayslett, Secretary  
2121 Columbia Pike, #302  
Arlington, Virginia 22204

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY MANX SOCIETY

We continue to meet the second Sunday of every other month at the homes of various members throughout the county.

In June our meeting was held at the home of Marjorie and Donald Webber in San Diego.

We have an average of twenty in attendance at each meeting, but have a paid membership of thirty seven.

On July 8, 1984 our group hosted the Cottage of England at the House of Pacific relations at our beautiful Balboa Park in San Diego. We had a notice in the San Diego Union and had many people stop by for a cup of tea and a cookie and stop and inquire of our heritage. We did meet two prospective new members who were delighted to find out about our association, and will come join us at our meetings.

On August 19, 1984 we met for a picnic at the home of our President and her husband, Marjorie and George Fredricks. We had reports from the NAMA Convention. Marjorie Webber, former President and Betty Bridson Bruno our present Secretary attended the convention in Minneapolis.

We met on October 10, 1984 and had our "Brown Bag Auction". This is our annual money raiser which is an easy and entertaining way to raise the money we need to operate each year.

We donated to the "sailing fund" of the STAR OF INDIA. In return we have a pass that can be used by any of our members. Everyone is looking forward to the sailing of the STAR OF INDIA in early November. The Star of India, built in Ramsey, Isle of Man in the 1850's is the last ship of its kind afloat and is the "pride" of San Diego Harbour and especially the pride of the San Diego Manx Society. I am sure we will have many members at the waterfront watching her under full sail.

Our Christmas meeting will be held the second Sunday in December. We exchange small gifts and generally have a Christmas Party.

We send our best wishes for the upcoming Holiday Season to all of our friends and relatives who will be reading this column.

Betty Bruno, Sec.,  
5800 Lake Murray Blvd., #21,  
San Diego, CAL. 92041

## WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY LAXEY PICNIC

About 180 persons, representing ten states attended the July 1st Laxey Picnic. It was a perfect day - "the sun always shines on the Laxey Picnic". The NAMA Chaplain, Rev. Herbert Kelly, was assisted by our President Bill Reese in conducting the open air Sunday morning services. Rev. Kelly spent his early years on a farm less than a mile from Laxey church. The Laxey choir sang a Manx hymn "Harvest of the Sea". The old bible from Laxey church was used for the service. After a bountiful picnic dinner, a short program was presented. A special guest for the day was the delightful Lily Kelly, an 83 year old resident from Peel, I.O.M., and relative of our past president Bob Callin. She read a fitting poem, "Fellowship", from the Manx book, "These Fairy Shores" by Kathleen Faragher. The Laxey picnic is held every two years at Laxey Cemetery, the site of Laxey Primitive Methodist church which is believed to be the first Manx church built in America.

### NAMA Convention

Nine Wisconsin Manx Society members attended the NAMA Convention at Minneapolis, August 10-13. It was a first time for most of us and we all found it a most enjoyable experience. We would all like to extend our thank-you to the committee for hosting us so well. We greatly appreciate their time and efforts which resulted in a very successful meeting.

### Fall Meeting

Forty members attended our Fall meeting at Madison, October 28. After a smorgasbord dinner, President Bill Reese conducted the meeting. Jayne Watkins led the group in singing "Ellan Vanin" - a request from one of our members. Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice William Callow related his experience finding his roots in the IOM Laxey area. The new film about IOM previewed at NAMA meeting was also shown. We felt this film was beautifully done. The music background and superb photography are exceptional.

One of our members reported about the visit from her Cashin IOM relatives. They toured together through the Black Hills and other scenic points in the West. Another member reported about her family's summer visit to the IOM and the helpfulness of Mrs. Iris Lyle of the IOM Family History Society in finding the family roots.

Our next meeting is scheduled for

April 21, 1985.

The Wisconsin Manx Society extends warm wishes for a Joyous Christmas season and a Happy 1985 to all of you!

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

## CHICAGO: MANX SOCIETY

Due to circumstances the October dinner meeting was not held this year. I would like to report that eleven members of the Society attended the recent N.A.M.A. Convention held in Minn., in August, and that everyone had a good time.

We would like to wish all members and friends of the North American Manx Association a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Florence Abbinanti, Sec.-Treas.  
9330 South Richmond Avenue  
Evergreen Park, Illinois 60642

## BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The Bisbee Manx Society reconvened on the second Monday of September after being closed down for the summer months.

The meeting was held at the home of Ivy Dillon with twelve members attending. We were happy to have the John Hughes from Tuscon with us again. None of our members attended the Convention this year but we were glad to learn that Fred Corrin and Ida Corrin each received one of the prizes. Fred was especially happy to receive a Manx Crown.

The October meeting was held at the home of Ida Corrin. We were happy to have Bill and Maude Franks back with us after their long trip to Alaska. Bingo was enjoyed and the usual Pig in the Poke raffled.

The November meeting will be held on the 12th at the home of Ethel Chick. We will be welcoming Mike and Debbie Kewin at this meeting. This young couple have recently come to the Bisbee District. Debbie teaches school and Mike works at the Bank.

It seems rather early to be thinking of Christmas greetings but since this will be the last chance to do so will enclose ours now:

"For every Christmas candle that glows on Christmas night  
May some gladness come to you to make your Christmas bright.

And may the pleasant memories of this joyous season last

To cheer your heart along after its happy hours are past."

The best of everything always to all of you.

Sincerely,  
Ivy Dillon

## NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

The Nebraska Manx held their fall meeting at Lancaster, Kansas, St. John's Lutheran Church, September 30, with Miriam and Lester Kaighin hosting. We also celebrated Lester's birthday. David and Adelle Corkill took over for the president and secretary and we thank them for their help. Due to a death and illness several of our members were unable to attend but from all reports it was a lovely day. We wish to thank the new members for joining us and the old members for their continued support. As Phil and Millie Corkill won't be back from England till sometime in May our next meeting will be with James and Annie Robison at Elk Creek.

Six members and three children from our society attended the convention in Minneapolis. Everybody had a good time, the weather was perfect, the programs very interesting and of course, meeting new and old friends. We send our thanks to the Minnesota Society for all their work.

James and I would like to thank our Manx relatives and friends for the cards and letters of sympathy we received at the death of his sister Maryellen Hinrichs.

The Nebraska Society would like to send our greetings to all far and near, for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Annie Robison, Secretary  
Elk Creek, Nebraska 68348

## ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Warmest greetings to all North American Manx for a very Happy Christmas and the best of everything for the coming year. We hope to meet many of you as Homecomers during June and July 1985. For those who come to the Island at other times, you are most welcome to attend our monthly Family History meeting, held on the third Friday (7:30 P.M.) at the Loch Prom Methodist Church in Douglas. The Regional Representative of the N.A.M.A. in the Isle of Man is Noreen Cottier of Peel, who is glad to assist Homecomers at any time.

Miss Pamela Killip, Secy.  
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Onchan, Isle of Man

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

The Ladies' Auxiliary had a delightful luncheon meeting at the Convention. It was held at the Tower Club on the 50th floor of the IDS Building and the view from there was superb! Letters were read from some members who were not able to be with us and cards were sent to those who were ill. The main part of the business meeting concerned the updating of the Constitution which had not been changed since it was originally written. The new Officers for 1984-1986 are President, Mona Creer; 1st V.P., Florence Roseman; 2nd V.P., Tina Cannell; Secretary-Treasurer, Amo Fisher; Honorary President, Alice Garrett; Representative to N.A.M.A., Irene Curphey.

Following the business meeting there was a brief fashion show in which garments of the last century were modelled. Annie Robinson had brought several undergarments which produced a good laugh when compared to today's fashions. Amo Fisher had an outfit of dress and hat which was made for Tottenham's Centennial celebration this year.

Twenty-two ladies have joined the Auxiliary, which is less than half the number of members for 1982-84. The membership fee is \$3.00 for 2 years - from Convention to Convention - and is payable now to the secretary-treasurer, Amo Fisher, R. R. 3, Tottenham, Ontario, L0G 1W0. So, come on ladies, let's increase our numbers!

Amo Fisher  
Secretary-Treasurer

### GREETINGS

Christmas is the time of the year when we all pause a little longer to think of our friends. How nice to have our Bulletin to carry our wishes near and far.

Alice Garrett  
Hon. President  
Ladies Aux. to NAMA  
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### 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.

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## YULE IS TIME OF WONDER, CELEBRATION

This season of the year has long been a time of wonder and celebration for the peoples of the earth. It is the winter solstice, the moment when the sun begins its journey back toward earth, when the days begin to lengthen.

Throughout the ages people have greeted the winter solstice with rejoicing. The Jews called it Hanakkah and link their celebration with the heroic exploits of Judah the Maccabean. The Druids called it Mother Night. The Venerable Bede, an English monk and historian, records that the Angli before their conversion to Christianity celebrated December 25 as the first day of the new year. To the ancient Romans, it was Saturnalia. The Scandinavians gave it the name of Yule, and feasted.

From many lands and cultures came the customs we now identify with this holiday season.

### FOR A CELTIC FUTURE

Recent visitors with Mrs. Hilda Penrice, Georgetown, Ontario, were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bridson, Manitouwadge, Ontario and their son, Edward who is a High School teacher in Toronto. Philip and Dorothy had just returned from a visit to England and the Isle of Man. Philip is now retired and has more leisure time for travelling. While on the Isle of Man, Philip had been busy tracing his family tree. Nigel Crowe did most of the investigating, the Bridson family goes back many years, mostly from the South of the Island, there were very few Bridsons in the North of the Isle.

He brought back a most interesting book entitled, "For a Celtic Future", a tribute to Alan Heusaff, General Secretary of the Celtic League since its foundation in 1961. The book covers Eire, Scotland, Mannin, (Isle of Man), Wales, Breton and Cornish. There is an excellent article written by P. A. Bridson, who is a niece of Philip Bridson, she writes about a personal viewpoint of Twenty Years of Manx Nationalism. There is also an article about Manx music by Colin Jerry and another entirely in the Manx language by Brian Mac Stoyll. This book was printed in Ireland. I could not find an address where this book may be obtained, but the Branch Secretary for the Isle of Man is - Bernard Moffatt, 24 St. Germain's Place, Peel, Isle of Man.

### CAIN FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of John and Jane Eads Cain, of Ballalla, Isle of Man, celebrated the 65th anniversary of their annual reunion on August 5, 1984 at Bagley, Iowa, where the first reunion was held in 1919. The meeting

was at the Odd Fellows Hall, with 34 attending, and besides the Iowa families, there were others from Virginia, California, Arizona, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

After the dinner and business meeting Mr. William E. Brideson and his wife, Doris, of Alexandria, Virginia gave an interesting resume of their visit to the Isle of Man for the Homecoming festivities in 1983, and also displayed several Manx related books which he was taking to the N.A.M.A. Convention in Minneapolis.

After the meeting was adjourned, many enjoyed a tour of the Jack and Alyce Cain country home originally owned by his great-grandfather, Edward Cain.

### CULINARY CAPERS

"Culinary Capers", the NAMA cookbook, will make an ideal Christmas present for that friend or family member who loves to cook. It costs \$4.50 plus \$1.25 for postage, and has over 250 recipes, less than 20¢ per recipe. If you hurry, you can still order some for gifts. As soon as I receive your order, I will send it off to you. Send your order and remittance to Mrs. R. F. Haldeman, 191 Glenview Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. (U.S. Funds).

Be sure to send in your order at once, and you too can have some new and deliciously different dishes for the holidays.

### STAR OF INDIA (EUTERPE)

Many members of the N.A.M.A. are familiar with the famous sailing ship which is berthed in San Diego Harbour, those attending the 1982 Convention toured this famous sailing vessel. The "Star of India" was built at Ramsey, Isle of Man and was launched on November 14, 1863, she was retired in 1923. She is the oldest iron-hulled merchant sailing ship afloat and can boast of 21 around the world voyages. She is 205 feet long at her waterline, her beam is 35 ft., her tonnage is 1197 and her mainmast measured 124 ft., 8 inches, from the deck to the top of the mast.

#### The Star of India to sail in 1984

Plans are now underway to sail her in November 1984, this is contingent on a successful fund raising campaign.

Members of N.A.M.A. are asked for their support, a donation of \$20.00 or more would automatically make the donor a member of the Maritime Museum for one year.

By the time this edition of the Bulletin is printed the event will be over, but all contributions will be gratefully received. Send your donation to — Maritime Museum Association of San Diego, 1306 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, Cal. 92101.

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## GROUP PICTURE

Delegates attending the Convention,



MINUTES OF THE  
36TH CONVENTION OF  
THE NORTH AMERICAN  
MANX ASSOCIATION  
HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS  
AUGUST 10 - 13, 1984  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1984

The 36th convention of the North American Manx Association was opened by Mr. Norman Clucas, Honorary Vice President.

After the official opening, the flags were escorted into the meeting, followed by singing the four National Anthems, Star Spangled Banner, O Canada, The Manx National Anthem, the Queen. Rev. Herbert Kelly gave the invocation.

Mr. T. R. Anderson, President of the Minnesota Manx Society, welcomed everyone to Minnesota, and introduced members of the Minnesota Manx Society who had worked so hard to make the convention a success, especially his daughter Miss Sally Anderson. Mrs. Mona Haldeman, President, responded and thanked the Minnesota Manx Society for hosting the convention. She then introduced the officers of the Association and welcomed Mr. J.A.C.K. Nivison, C.B.E., M.L.C., Isle of Man Tourist Board and President of the Legislative Council, and Mr. Barney Young from the Isle of Man.

Mr. Nivison read out three letters of greeting, from the Lt. Governor Sir Nigel Cecil, Mr. E. G. Cowey, M.L.C., J. P. Chairman of the Isle of Man Tourist Board, and Sir Charles Kerruish, O.B.E., S.H.K.

Reports from the Executive Officers followed: Secretary, Elizabeth Clucas; Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Creer; Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Hilda Penrice;

Trustee, Mr. Robert Camaish; Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Irene Curphey. Mrs. Haldeman announced the following Nominating Committee: Mrs. Edna Cowin, Mr. George Curphey and Miss Mary Hayslett.

Constitution and Bylaws: Mr. Norman Clucas, Mr. Robert Camaish and Mr. William Brideson.

Resolutions: Mr. Ed Sayle, Mr. Robert Kelly and Mr. Russell Gawne.

Mrs. Haldeman mentioned the membership certificates and described the Clague House Museum, and how the names and addresses will be filed with Mrs. Edna Cowin, she appealed for all members who had not applied for certificates to do so, cost is \$1.00 each.

New Business: Mr. Anderson announced that the Executive Committee had discussed Incorporation of the Association and at this time the subject was brought before the convention members; the reason for the decision were taxes, possibility of litigation, and insurance. Mrs. Haldeman seconded Mr. Anderson's remarks and asked members to consider all the proposals over the weekend and the final decision will be made on Monday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and Mr. Anderson outlined the day's activities.

The Ladies Auxiliary met at noon on the 50th floor of the IDS Building, and during lunch the minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were read and confirmed. Following lunch there was a short "fashion" show for which Mrs. Annie Robison's grandmother's nightdresses were modelled.

Later that afternoon there was an

interesting tour for members at the James Ford Bell Library, during which Dr. John Parker gave a speech. At 4:30 p.m. the sale table was opened and business was very brisk.

At 6:30 p.m. there was a hospitality hour during which the McAllister Pipe Band entertained members and guests, prior to dinner. Following the dinner Mr. J.A.C.K. Nivison entertained with a multitude of stories, then Senator Dan Durenberger addressed the meeting. Excellent entertainment was given by the Silver Strings and the evening ended with lucky raffle tickets being drawn.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p.m. by the President, and the meeting opened with reports from the following Manx Societies: San Diego (E. Clucas for Mrs. Marge Weber); Nebraska (Mrs. Annie Robison); Chicago (Mr. Clarence Creer); Minnesota (Mr. T. R. Anderson); Wisconsin (Mr. Bill Reese); Cleveland (Mrs. Florence Roseman); Greater Washington (Mr. W. Brideson); Galva, Peoria (Mr. Frank Shimmin); Toronto (Mrs. Hilda Penrice); Maritime (Mr. George Curphey). Mr. Jack Nivison gave a report from the World Manx, and Mr. Barney Young spoke for the Family History Society.

Regional Representatives: No report.

Mr. Norman Clucas, Honorary Vice President, gave his report.

The President asked members present if there were any questions concerning the proposed Incorporation of the Association, and as there were none, the meeting closed with Rev. Kelly leading a moving Memorial Service.

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Following the service, Mr. Anderson gave a summary of the day's activities, then we were entertained with a talk by Mr. Barney Young about the family history and background of Miles Standish.

Following lunch we had the official photograph taken at the First Bank Place West then we all went on a delightful bus tour of Minneapolis and St. Paul, a first time sight of these cities for many of us.

Early evening we all met for a buffet dinner and had a Free N Easy Evening, during which we were entertained by a film from the Isle of Man, and one from Williamsburg, an interesting talk from Mrs. Hilda Penrice and Mr. Barney Young, Mr. Nivison again enlivened the evening by reciting some of his numerous memoirs.

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1984**

The President called the meeting to order and the Manx National Anthem was sung.

Convention reports followed: Treasury and Registration: Mrs. P. Boehne, who stated there were 150 full registrations, 150 guests at the President's reception, 198 at the banquet, 90 on the bus tour and 105 at the Free n Easy evening. Mrs. Boehne thanked all the societies and members who had helped make the convention a success. Souvenir book: Miss Sally Anderson thanked everyone who had responded by sending messages. Prize Distribution: Mr. Norman Clucas - Mr. Anderson thanked Norman for his hard work on the prize distribution. Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. Irene Curphey reported there had been a successful luncheon and craft table. The officers of the Ladies Auxiliary elected are: Hon. President Miss Alice Garrett, President Mrs. Mona Creer, 1st Vice President Mrs. Florence Roseman, 2nd Vice President Mrs. Tina Cannell, Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. Amo Fisher. Representative to the Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Irene Curphey.

Convention Chairman Mr. T. R. Anderson gave a warm vote of thanks to everyone, especially his Minnesota Manx Society members.

Constitution and Bylaws. Mr. Anderson announced the Constitution and Bylaws had been updated, and introduced Mr. Paul Torgerson, who explained why it was considered necessary to incorporate the Association. A motion was made by Mr. Edward Sayle we accept the revised Constitution and Bylaws and seconded by Mr. Robert Kelly. Mr. Anderson explained to the members he would be working with Canadian lawyers, he also explained that it did not mean each Manx Society had to follow with incorporation. After questions raised from the floor, a unanimous vote was taken that we

accept the incorporation and adopt the Constitution and Bylaws as advised. Motion carried, and a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Paul Torgerson.

Resolutions. Announced by Mr. Robert Kelly, the following resolutions were made: To Mayor Donald Fraser, Senator Dave Durenberger, Dr. John Parker of the James Ford Bell Library, Lt. Governor Cecil, Speaker of the House of Keys Sir Charles Kerruish, and the people of the Isle of Man. Mr. Anderson and the Minnesota Manx Society. Also resolved that Mr. J.A.C.K. Nivison be made an Honorary Member of the N.A.M.A. Seconded by Mr. Dutch Fisher.

Millenium Report. Mr. Edward Sayle gave an excellent review on the background of the Millenium Award, stating 25 had already been struck. He also reviewed the recommendation of the Isle of Man Awards Committee that we broaden our original decisions for awarding the medals and proposed we accept their recommendations. It was proposed the Treasurer be asked to allow \$2000 for a further 50 medals be struck, giving a 10 year supply, and in 1994 consideration be given for a further 10 more be struck. The Isle of Man Awards Committee was extended a vote of thanks for the hours spent on these Awards. A motion was made by Mr. Sayle we accept the proposals, seconded by Rev. Herbert Kelly. Mr. Jack Nivison gave a vote of thanks from the Isle of Man Awards Committee to the N.A.M.A. for presenting these awards to encourage Manx youth.

Time and Place Committee. Mr. William Brideson announced that Williamsburg, West Virginia would be the city for the next convention in 1986. He took a vote as to when would be the favourite time of year to have the convention and early October won over Summer and Spring. A motion was made by Mrs. Amo Fisher we accept Williamsburg's offer, seconded by Mrs. Muriel Kai. Motion carried.

Mrs. Haldeman, President, thanked all the members and friends for allowing her the opportunity to be President of the N.A.M.A. for the last two years.

Nominating Committee: Mr. George Curphey announced the proposed slate of Officers: Honorary President Mr. Norman Clucas, Honorary Vice President Mrs. Edna Cowin and Miss Doris Clague, President Mr. T. R. Anderson, 1st Vice President Mr. William Brideson, 2nd Vice President Mr. Marshall Cannell, 3rd Vice President Mr. Lawrence Fargher, Secretary Elizabeth Clucas, Treasurer Mr. Clarence Creer, Bulletin Editor Mrs. Hilda Penrice, Chaplain Rev. Herbert Kelly, Trustees Mr. Robert

Camaish, Mr. Russell Gawne and Mr. William Roseman.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Haldeman and she presented the Tynwald medals, which she had been given last year in the Isle of Man, to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Anderson.

President Mr. Anderson in his acceptance speech, thanked Mrs. Haldeman and Mr. Norman Clucas for all their help in the past two years, and his family and friends for their support.

Mr. J.A.C.K. Nivison congratulated the new President and Officers on the excellent convention, and he encouraged everyone to consider attending the Isle of Man Homecoming in 1985.

The memorabilia of the Association were presented to the immediate Past President, Mrs. Haldeman, including the Sword of State and Millenium Bowl.

Mrs. Marge Weber thanked everyone who had remembered her during her severe illness last year.

Mr. Norman Clucas thanked the officers and members for nominating him to Honorary President, and said how proud he was to be elected to this office. Mr. Anderson thanked Norman for all his hard work and support through the years.

The Manx National Anthem was sung, and Mr. Clucas, Honorary President, declared the 36th convention closed.

The remaining prizes were raffled and distributed.

Elizabeth Clucas  
Secretary

#### **MENU FOR THE FINAL BANQUET**

Tynwald Wine for Toasts  
Snaefell Salad  
Castletown Roast half of Chicken  
Forstiere  
Minnesota Wild Rice Pilaf  
Ballasalla Broccoli, Cauliflower  
and Carrots  
Ramsey Rolls and Fairy Bridge  
Butter  
Strawberry Douglas Devonshire  
Choice of Ellan Vannin  
Beverages

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#### **CONVENTION FACTS AND FIGURES**

Full registration	150
President's Reception	150
Final Banquet	198
Bus Tour	90
Free n Easy Evening	105



**NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION  
1984 CONVENTION FUND  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
For the Period February 1, 1984 to October 22, 1984**

**Receipts:**

Souvenir Book:			
Ads	\$ 1,329.50		
Patron List	204.00		
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<b>Registration:</b>			
Full Registration	4,488.00		
Partial Registration/President Reception	463.00		
Main Banquet/Bus Trip/Buffer	1,943.00		
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<b>Cash Contributions:</b>			
Prize Distribution:			
Cash Contributions	413.00		
Raffle Tickets	921.50		
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Manx Sale Table			1,110.25
Interest Income - Money Market			110.71
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			\$15,162.69

**Disbursements:**

Souvenir Books	\$ 2,229.88		
President's Reception	1,325.51		
Main Banquet	4,528.84		
Buffet Dinner	1,234.38		
Bus Transportation	994.00		
Officer's Luncheon	313.39		
Prizes	1,421.80		
Manx Table - Cost of Sales	958.00		
Printing	887.72		
Postage	624.17		
Supplies	116.98		
Meeting & Miscellaneous Expenses	163.94		
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			14,798.61
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			364.08

Cash Balance - October 22, 1984

**FIRST CHRISTMAS SEALS FROM DENMARK**

Slightly newer than the Christmas card is the Christmas seal.

The Christmas seal was originated by a postal clerk, Einar Holboell, who ordered the first Christmas seals printed and sold at regular post offices in Denmark. While stamping letters and Christmas cards in Copenhagen, the idea occurred to him. Why not have a special stamp printed for the many tuberculosis sufferers who need hospital treatment? The first year more than four million stamps were sold, yielding some \$18,000.

The movement for adopting the stamp in the United States was greatly strengthened through the efforts of Miss Emily Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware. She designed the first Christmas seal herself. It had a big wreath of holly and a cross, with "Merry Christmas" in the centre and "Happy New Year" at the bottom.

**TAKEN YOUR PILLS?**

The Civil Defence Committee of the Home Affairs Board has laid in a stock of 200,000 potassium iodate tablets for supply to the Manx public in the event of a nuclear war - potassium iodate is said to act on the thyroid to reduce the

effects of radiation on the body. The Committee has a target stock of one million tablets, but the current reduction in the Board's estimates will mean that a second consignment cannot be purchased until at least 1985. They must hope that the super-powers will lay off until then.

In fact it would be a greater kindness to the Manx public to lay in a stock of something to bring about instantaneous and reasonably painless death. The world that "survivors" of a nuclear conflict will wake to will be too hideous to contemplate.

**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.

**MANX FARE**

The recipe given below is an economical cake which is very good for cutting if kept for a few days and is a welcome supplement to Christmas Cake.

**BUN LOAF OR SPICE CAKE**

- 1 lb Flour
  - 1/2 lb Margarine
  - 1/2 lb Brown Sugar
  - 1/2 lb Currants
  - 1/2 lb Sultanas
  - 4 ozs Mixed Peel
  - 1/2 lb Raisins
  - 1 teaspoonful Mixed Spice
  - 1 teaspoonful Bi-carbonate of Soda
  - 2 cups Milk
  - 2 tablespoons Black Treacle (Molasses)
- METHOD** Sieve dry ingredients, rub in fat, add fruit, mix treacle with milk and mix to a soft consistency. Turn into a greased tin and bake in a moderate oven - approx. 350 - for 2 1/2 to 3 hours. A little more spice can be added if liked.

For those who use the American method of measuring by cups the table of measurements which follow may be useful.

- 1 lb granulated sugar equals 2 cups
- 1 lb brown sugar equals 2 2/3 cups
- 1 lb butter or lard equals 2 cups
- 1 lb flour equals 4 cups
- 1 lb currants equals 2 3/8 cups
- 1 lb raisins equals 3 cups

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**ARRAN PRAASE (Manx Potatoe Cakes)**

Peel and boil six medium potatoes in salted water until soft. Drain and add a good lump of butter in the pan, then mash and beat well with a fork until light and fluffy. Turn out into a bowl and knead into the potatoes enough flour to make a light dough without adding any liquid. This must be done while the potatoes are still warm. Roll very thin and cook on a heavy iron griddle or fry pan over a steady heat, turning when one side is very lightly browned. The griddle or pan should be brushed off after each cake is made. The cake may be eaten hot or cold, spread with butter.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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

**NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
August 1, 1983 — July 31, 1984**

On Hand 8/1/83		\$24,789.59
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dues	\$ 3,957.86	
Memorials*	22.00	
Membership Certificates	27.00	
Interest	1,855.41	
Cookbook	108.00	
NAMA Pins	12.00	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
Exchange on Dues	<u>(12.60)</u>	5,971.67
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Bulleting - Printing	1,475.46	
Editor's Expenses	899.89	
Treasurer's Expenses	200.00	
Secretary's Expenses	16.04	
Allowances	600.00	
Cookbook	22.61	
Mount Convention Pictures	148.60	
Homecoming	100.00	
Executive Meeting	1,331.54	
Convention Advance	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>33.16</u>	<u>5,827.30</u>
Balance On Hand 7/31/84		\$24,933.96
* Memorial Fund Balance		\$481.50
<b>Account Balances at 7/31/84</b>		
Orland State Bank - Checking Account		\$ 1,295.59
Orland State Bank - Money Market Account		21,835.75
National Trust - Canada		1,802.62

**N.A.M.A. MEMBERSHIP**

Type	8/74	6/76	8/77	8/78	8/79	8/80	8/81	7/82	7/83	7/84
Regular	412	436	415	469	526	544	527	498	511	522
Life & Honorary	43	47	60	74	80	88	94	104	118	130
Subtotal	455	483	475	543	606	632	621	602	629	652
Associate	82	72	81	79	91	101	109	101	94	79
Society	8	7	7	9	8	12	15	14	14	13
Junior	17	13	12	5	3	3	12	12	10	8
Total	562	575	575	636	708	748	757	729	747	752
<b>New Members</b>										
Regular & Life	45	50	35	99	120	85	63	82	66	75
Associate						11	15	22	7	3

Clarence Creer, Treasurer

**ISLE OF MAN  
BASKET BALL  
ASSOCIATION  
DO WE HAVE ANY  
BASKETBALL PLAYERS  
WITH MANX  
CONNECTIONS?**

In 1985 the Isle of Man is staging a "Year of Sport" with emphasis on assorted sporting activities throughout the year.

It may be possible for the Association to invite a person or persons to the I.O.M. to participate in an intensive basketball week on the Island.

There will be a course of excellence for school children with professional coaches to instruct in basketball this will be followed by a club standard tournament, there is also the possibility of an international game - England vs. Scotland.

If any members of N.A.M.A. are interested and require more information, please get in touch with - N. K. Brown, 70 Bucks Road, Douglas, Isle of Man. Chairman of Basketball Committee.

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**CAROLLING,  
MASS ARE TRADITION**

In the mountain regions of Western Australia, entire villages join in carol singing on Christmas Eve. Beginning with the family living farthest from the village church, torch-bearing carollers form a procession. At each house along the way greetings of "Froehliche Weihnachten" are exchanged, and the inhabitants fall in line. Eventually, the whole population is part of the parade as it arrives at the church steps in time for Midnight Mass.

Christmas Eve carol-singing and Midnight Mass are also part of the British holiday tradition. The custom of hanging up mistletoe dates back to the Druids, who used the plant in religious rites.

Burning the Yule log is another custom borrowed by the British from the Vikings.

**REMINDER NOTICES FOR N.A.M.A. BULLETIN — 1985**

NOTICES SENT OUT — JANAURY 9th	RETURN DEADLINE DATE — FEBRUARY 9th
NOTICES SENT OUT — APRIL 9th	RETURN DEADLINE DATE — MAY 9th
NOTICES SENT OUT — JULY 9th	RETURN DEADLINE DATE — AUGUST 9th
NOTICES SENT OUT — OCTOBER 9th	RETURN DEADLINE DATE — NOVEMBER 9th

YOU GET ONE MONTH TO GET YOUR NEWS TO ME, HANG THIS NOTICE IN A PROMINENT PLACE, SO THAT YOU CAN REFER TO IT.

THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE DATES IS A CONVENTION YEAR, WHEN THE SEPTEMBER EDITION IS COMBINED WITH THE DECEMBER ISSUE INTO A 12 PAGE PUBLICATION

THE EDITOR

## OBITUARIES

**BOULTON, Edna**, on Sunday September 16th, 1984 at Ramsey Cottage Hospital, Isle of Man, age 69 years of 18 Westbourne Road, Ramsey, beloved wife of the late Sydney and dear mother of Michael, Mary and Paul. Funeral service was held in St. Paul's Church, followed by interment at Lezayre.

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It is with sadness that people in Ramsey learned of the death of Mrs. Edna Boulton, widow of the well-loved northside reporter Mr. Sydney Boulton, who pre-deceased her 19 months ago. A devoted mother and grandmother, she leaves two sons, Michael, who is a teacher at Albert Road School Ramsey, and Paul, who is a librarian in Ramsey. Her daughter, Mary, also a teacher and son-in-law Ted live in Ipswich and have three children.

She and Sydney had been married for 45 years and throughout her marriage she was an unfailing support to her husband in his journalistic career. They were both keen members of the North American Manx Association, and had travelled together to the U.S.A. and Canada on several occasions. It was a source of great comfort to Edna that she and Sydney had attended the N.A.M.A. biennial Convention in San Diego in 1982 when they both renewed old friendships and fulfilled a long-held ambition to visit the "Star of India". Her husband's death in February 1983 came as a great blow to her.

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**CORLETT, Herbert Stanley**, of Everett, Wash., died on September 5th, 1984. Mr. Corlett was born in Douglas, Isle of Man in May 1903, he was 81 years old.

For many years he was active in the San Francisco Manx Society and was President of the Society for many years, he was pre-deceased by his wife, Hilda in 1980. He is survived by two brothers, Norman and Harold and one sister, Evelyn, also one nephew, one niece, two grand nieces, two grand nephews and a great grand nephew.

**CRAINE, Mrs. Flora M.**, died August 21st, 1984, beloved wife of the late Ridge Craine, she was a native of Northern England aged 85 years. Mrs. Craine was a longtime member of the San Francisco Manx Society. Interment was at Olivet Memorial Park.

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**GERTRUDE GELL**, (nee Kelly) age 90 passed away September 14, 1984 in La Porte, Texas.

A native of Laxey, Isle of Man, Mrs. Gell lived in East Cleveland, Ohio

with her husband, Robert W. (Billy) Gell until March of 1984 when they moved to Texas.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Barbara Morrison, grandchildren Jeanne Mangano and Denise Cognata of Texas, Douglas and Billy Lefler of Florida. Interment was in La Porte, Texas.

Mrs. Gell was an Aunt to Fred Brew, Billings, Mont.

**HANSON, Mrs. Elizabeth Kneen**, passed away January 31st, 1984 at Eagle River, Wisconsin. She was the widow of Michael Hanson of Sayner, Wis., where they made their home for over 50 years.

She was the daughter of Margaret Corrin Kneen and William Kneen, her mother was born in Ballabeg, Isle of Man and her father was born in Ballaugh, I.O.M. Wm. Kneen was one of the founders of the Chicago Manx Society. The late Mrs. Hanson is survived by her sister, Mrs. Percy Ristow, Chicago, Ill., and many nieces and nephews, one being Norman Clucas, Honorary President of the North American Manx Association.

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**HINRICHS, Maryellen Robison**, died September 25th, 1984, in Douglas, Wyoming, at the age of 63 years.

She was born February 3rd, 1921 in Elk Creek, Nebraska, the daughter of John and Florence Cashin Robison. She married Wm. A. Hinrichs on June 5th, 1943 at Elk Creek. Two children were born to this union, being, Dr. Wm. A. Hinrichs, Jr. of Carlsbad, California and Cynthia DiBenedetto (Mrs. P. J.) of Johannesburg, Union of South Africa. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Hinrichs, the two children and five grandchildren.

She was a graduate of the University of Nebraska where she received many honors including degrees in Education. In 1942, she was named Nebraska Beauty Queen. She taught school and later became Superintendent of Schools in her home town of Elk Creek.

Mrs. Hinrichs was always proud of her Manx heritage, she published a book on the Cashin family genealogy in 1975 and was working on the second volume at the time of her death. She was a member of the N.A.M.A.

Her maternal Manx ancestry were Thomas and Hannah Crellin Cashin of Glenmoye, Isle of Man. Her grandfather, Thomas, had butcher shops in Peel and Douglas, I.O.M. Her great grandparents on her father's side were John and Isabel Gill Joughin of Ballahutchin, Dalby, I.O.M. Her grandfather, James Robison, migrated to the U.S.A. in 1841, receiving his citizenship papers ten years later in Galesburg, Illinois. By 1858 he was one of the few white people in

Nebraska Territory where he purchased land and remained to raise his family. His descendants still live on this original land. His wife, Ellen Joughin, immigrated to Nebraska Territory in 1868, where they were married. James Robison's father, also James, was gardener of Bishop's Court from 1841 to 1856. He was a Scottsman from Kirkcudbrightshire. She had the good fortune to visit the Isle of Man on several occasions while researching her Manx genealogy and made many friends on the Island.

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**HUGHES, Mr. Douglas Killip**, died October 27th, 1983, he was a long time member of N.A.M.A., he is survived by his wife Emily and daughter, Mona, Mrs. Hughes who is 95 years old has moved to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Mona R. Harwood, 5 Brookfield Court, Cheery Hill, N.J.

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**KERMODE, Mr. Kenneth A.**, passed away March 27th, 1984, at the age of 70, he was loved and respected by many people in Lake County. He is survived by his wife Virginia Quirk Kermode and five children, Mary, Kenneth Jr., Elizabeth, John and Thomas and five grandchildren. His other surviving family are Mason Kermode and Ruth Tear. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Kilrain Kermode, he was retired from Ohio Bell.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, the Rev. Andrew MacBeth officiated.

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

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

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Someone has said, if you would learn of people's culture, note now they celebrate their holidays. We can observe this in many countries we know, especially when it comes to Christmas, the most celebrated festival in all the world that is touched by Christianity.

The Manx poet, Kathleen Faragher, has given us little books of short poems, and several of these deal with Christmas, as "The Carol Singers", "The Christmas Bird", and "Preparing For Christmas", which are in Manx dialect and take us right inside family life. Most of these are too long for the space we have here. But here is a sample of one, called "Christmas Eve In The Town":

*"D'yer remember them Chris'misses,  
Annie,  
When the shops was lit with oil lamps  
an' gas.*

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An' they looked cozy an' warm an'  
invitin'.

An' folks 'ud crowd roun' for a skeet as  
they'd pass?

Theer was wan feller I min' made his  
winder

A pitcher with bunloaves an' holly.  
My! My!

Me mouth waters yit at the thought of  
them.

For they were the bes' on the islan' Aw  
oy!

An' d'yer remember the stors in the  
sky, gel.

Sparklin' like jools in the keen frosy  
air.

An' the choirs made theer way singin'  
carols.

From the market, through the streets  
to the Square?

Aw oy! Them was the good owl days.  
Annie.

When hosses clip-clopped in dogcart  
or brougham.

An' Gawd's peace filled folk's hearts  
as they parted

To spen' a rare owl-fashioned  
Chris'miss at home."

And, to remind us again of the truly  
religious meaning of Christmas, she  
wrote, without the dialect, "Carols By  
Candlelight":

"No light inside the little church  
Save that on crib and laden tree.

Where shadows hover warm and dark  
With air of deep expectancy.

The through the ancient oaken door  
The Guides and Brownies wend their  
way

On quiet feet: and from each hand  
A candle sheds its softened ray.

How reverently they take their place  
Within God's house, and as they sing,

Their sweet young voices tell again  
The story of the Babe -- the King

The story of the Babe -- the King  
They bring before our eyes the Star,

The Shepherds resting in the field  
Above the hills of Bethlehem.

Where God's great purpose was  
revealed.

They sing the message from their  
hearts.

Their youthful faces all aglow  
With earnestness and joy and love.

God grant wherever they may go,  
That light will guide them through the  
years.

Unfading steadfast shining bright  
As when they sang and knelt and  
prayed

In Dhooon's small church by candle-  
light"

And, wherever you may be, whether  
yours is an "owl-fashioned  
Chris'miss" or in a new, modern  
setting, may the spirit of the above  
lines express our prayer for each of  
you "Emmanu-el" . . .

God is with us!

Herbert G. Kelly

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Jean and Douglas Corlett of St.  
Laurent, Montreal, Quebec visited the  
Isle of Man for two weeks during  
lovely May weather. They renewed  
their friendship with Mrs. Mona  
(Crellin) Malboeuf, who was formerly  
a member of the Montreal Manx  
Society and now lives at Westlands in  
Peel.

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John Robinson of Salt Lake City  
who was with the Homecomers in  
1983, returned to the Island in May  
and had the opportunity of speaking to  
the Family History Society about the  
new developments in Genealogy  
records being done by the Mormon  
Church in Salt Lake. While on the  
Island, Les Quilliam was able to show  
John the Island locations where his  
Taubman and Quirk ancestors had  
lived.

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Paul and Madelaine Gregson of Daly  
City, CA. spent several weeks on the  
Island in June and July. They  
participated in the Family History  
Society Exhibition on July 12th and  
visited with many of the members."

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Any N.A.M.A. members interested  
in helping to further the excavations at  
Peel Castle may join the "Friends of  
Peel Castle". This is a Trust Society  
formed in 1983 to provide financial  
support for the St. Patrick's Isle  
Archeological Trust Limited. The  
annual membership is Ten Pounds  
Sterling and Life membership is One  
Hundred Pounds. Cheques should be  
made payable to "Friends of Peel  
Castle", and sent to Mr. Robin Bipland,  
Treasurer, Derby House, Athol St.,  
Douglas, Isle of Man.

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Mrs. Hulda Penrice, (Bulletin  
Editor), recently returned from a 23  
day tour of Europe. Britain, she visited  
Germany, also Oberammergau where  
she saw the very impressive "Passion  
Play", then on to Switzerland, France,  
crossed the English Channel to  
England, staying in London,  
Cambridge, Ely, Yorkshire, York,  
Edinburgh, Scotland, Lake District,  
then back to London, the tour included  
visits to all the famous Cathedrals,  
Canterbury, Chester, Ely, Notre Dame,  
York Minster, Durham, also Blenheim  
Palace, where Sir Winston Churchill  
was born, then to Bladon Churchyard  
where he and his family are buried, 38  
people from all parts of Canada  
participated in the tour.

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Last May, Mona and Ray Haldeman  
attended the graduation from law  
school of their son-in-law, Sang Ki  
Han, in Springfield, Massachusetts.  
After graduation, Candy and Sang  
moved to Des Moines, Iowa.

Following the Convention, Mona  
and Ray, along with Mona's mother,  
Edith Gurney, and Ethel Christian,  
continued west to visit Gail Haldeman  
Shewfelt and her husband, Dave, and  
son Jared in Twin Falls, Idaho. On the  
way home through southern Canada,  
they stopped to visit the Harbottles,  
where they enjoyed an hour of  
conversation and, of course, tea and  
goodies.

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## GREETINGS

Mrs. Lillian Marriem Tipper will  
reach the venerable age of 97 years on  
December 11th, 1984, she cannot now  
see to write as she once enjoyed doing,  
she remembers with affection all the  
many friends she made as a result of  
stories and poems that were published  
in the N.A.M.A. Bulletin over the  
years. She would like to convey good  
wishes to all Manx people for a Happy  
Christmas and a Happy New Year  
filled with the blessings of good health  
good friends and good fortune.

The Executive and members of  
N.A.M.A. would like to wish her a  
very Happy Birthday with family and  
friends. This remarkable lady still  
lives in her own home with her  
companion, she still takes a great  
interest in everyday affairs. Mrs.  
Tipper resides at - 7825 Clearfield  
Ave., Panorama City, Cal. 91402.

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## MANX REUNION IN AMERICA

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cubbon of  
Ballateren Road, Peel, Isle of Man,  
spent an unforgettable six weeks  
visiting many part of the U.S.A., Mrs.  
Cubbon is a cousin of Mrs. Henry  
(Ethel) Christian, Largo, Florida, they  
spent two weeks with her and her  
brother, Arthur Shimmin. They had  
many adventures and they met many  
Manx people, discovering relatives  
and namesakes of the Cubbon family.

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## MEMORIAL FUND

What better way is there to  
remember a Manx relative or friend  
than the sending of a Memorial to the  
N.A.M.A. Appropriate acknowledgements  
will be sent for each memorial  
received. Send remittances to : C. E.  
Greer, Treas., 14228 Union Ave.,  
Orland Park IL 60462