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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Magic of being President of the North American Manx Association brought forth royal treatment from Tynwald, along with many welcomes, wherever Mrs. Anderson and I visited during Homecoming. Of our many visits to the Island, this one was really fabulous. There was never a dull moment.

Among the most exciting events was a special dinner with Sir Nigel and Lady Cecil, a luncheon at Sir Charles Kerruish's home, attending the service in St. John's Chapel and walking on the Parade on Tynwald Day, and a visit to the H.M.A. Minerva, a British Frigate. This was the first time we ever saw a flower garden and fountain on a warship!

I want to thank Mr Steven Harrison, the new Director of the Manx Museum, who opened the Museum for the evening, especially for Manx Homecomers. The most impressive display was centered around the artifacts recovered from the digs underway at Peel Castle. Most prominent is a beautiful necklace with all the bright colors brought back to life. It was found in the tomb of a Manx Christian lady, presumably the wife of a Viking pagan. The Vikings always buried their most precious possessions, jewelry, money, etc. with their deceased. A poster, in the brilliant colors of the stones from the necklace, can be purchased at the Museum. We should bring over a quantity of the new posters for our Williamsburg Convention.

I was very pleased at the response when handing out the NAMA medallions to three very deserving young men. We were surprised at the great interest and enthusiasm these medallions created among the Manx people. There was excellent publicity about them in the Manx press.

We were pleased to see so many of our officers, Norman Clucas, Bob Camaish, Edna Cowin, Elizabeth Clucas, John Robinson, Ed and Mae Sayle, Norman and Joan Gill, William and Florence Roseman, and many other Homecomers. We are all

looking forward to the executive committee meeting on September 21, 1985 in Cleveland.

We hope to see you all at the Convention in Williamsburg, VA., in September, 1986. The Washington D. C. Manx Society is planning an outstanding program for us all.

T. R. Anderson
President

WILLIAMSBURG CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 12-15, 1986

Response to our request for a choice among dates for the NAMA Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1986 was light, but very supportive of September 12-15. So please read on, let the juices flow, set aside a few bucks, and y'all come.

For more than 50 years Colonial Williamsburg has been a center for the study of America's early history and culture, a living museum admired and appreciated by more than a million visitors each year. They come to see and study the historic town of Williamsburg which includes 88 preserved and restored houses, shops, taverns, and public buildings; an additional 50 major buildings which have been rebuilt according to extensive archeological research; and 90 acres of garden and greens restored to their 18th century form.

There is something of interest for every visitor to Colonial Williamsburg: craft demonstrations, music, food, and everyday life in Colonial America brought back to life by costumed interpreters. For many visitors, however, the major attraction is undoubtedly the 40 exhibitions in various houses and buildings which offer 225 period rooms furnished with 60,000 antique representative items. They include the decorative and fine arts -- china, glass, silver, brass, pewter, furniture, carpets, portraits, paintings, textiles, and tools.

From the beginning the founder, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and his family wanted only the best. Only sometimes the best wasn't appropriate: objects were relegated to storage as they were replaced. Thus

an inventory of decorative arts of every quality began to accumulate, plus gifts of entire collections, some by purchase. Eventually the total came to 8,000 objects, most of which have never been on public view.

Obviously a collections of 8,000 objects began to be a storage problem, and it became necessary to make a decision whether to build a warehouse, or a decorative arts gallery so that they could be seen by the public, thus furthering the educational scope of Colonial Williamsburg. Fortunately the latter decision was made, and the gallery opened this June.

The DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Gallery is named for the founder of the Readers Digest, who provided gifts totalling \$14 million toward the approximately \$17 million cost of the gallery and adjacent reconstructed colonial Public Hospital (lunatic asylum), which opened in March, 1985. The hospital itself tells a story through imaginative interpretive exhibits.

One cell is sparsely, even forbiddingly, furnished. A fetid mound of straw under ragged ticking serves as bedding. A chamberpot, no less malodorous, is pushed aside in a corner, and a pair of heavy manacles hang suspended from the wall, having been struck from the arms of the absent inmate. The only light in the cell is that emitted through a heavily barred north window.

The other cell, as seen from the viewing room that connects the two chambers, is more an apartment than a prison. It has a hospital bed, a chair, and a table on which well-thumbed reading matter lies. A cotton rag rug hides some of the chill floor, and the window, unbarred, admits an unbroken stream of light into the room. No signs of restraint are visible.

These two cells -- one furnished to the first year of the Williamsburg Public Hospital for the insane's existence (1773), the other to 1845, in the midst of an era of reform -- comprise the first segment of an exhibition dealing with the early

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history of treatment at the hospital. The exhibition, which can now be seen at the reconstructed building, effectively blends period rooms, audiovisual programming, and displays of artifacts and accompanying labels to tell the story of changing treatments of the mentally ill in America's first madhouse.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Noreen Cottier of Peel, Isle of Man, has been asked to organize a sub-committee to be responsible for the links with Manx Associations around the world and to interest them in the celebration of "Heritage Year" 1986, she is already working with the W.M.A. along the same lines.

Noreen is kept very busy during the summer months on the Island, meeting many Manx folk from far and wide she is a true "Manx Ambassador" she keeps in touch with news about the Isle of Manx for our NAMA Bulletin.

Noreen hopes to attend the NAMA Convention to be held in Williamsburg in 1986, Ron Richmond Travel Agency, Douglas, I.O.M. was selected to organize a tour of the U.S.A., this would include the weekend of Sept. 12-15/86 as part of the Itinerary, he has put a notice in each of the FIVE Manx newspapers to get people to think about it and start making their plans.

Many of our members will be sorry to learn that Alice Garrett, Rochester, N.Y., has been in hospital for an operation, we all wish her well and a return to good health. Alice has been a hard working member of NAMA for many years, holding positions on the Executive, she is presently a contributor with news for the Bulletin, and is Hon. Pres. of the Ladies' Aux. to NAMA. Although the Manx are not too active in Rochester, Alice always replies promptly to the reminder notice and sends news to the Bulletin, she is very proud of her Manx Heritage.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND CONGRATULATIONS

Elizabeth Clucas, popular Secretary of NAMA who was on the Island with the Homecomers was happy to be part of her mother's 90th birthday, Mrs. Lily Clucas, now residing in the Corrin Home, Peel, I.O.M., they had a most enjoyable birthday, a meeting took place with two Australian "Clucas" cousins and another cousin from London. A family party was held in the evening at Glen Moar Mills.

Congratulations to Elizabeth on becoming engaged to be married whilst on the Island, we wish her much happiness.

Bulletin Editor, Hilda Penrice has recently returned from a ten day cruise on the "Island Princess" to Alaska, it was a most enjoyable vacation, the group flew from Toronto to Vancouver, visiting Victoria, while in Vancouver, Hilda managed to get in touch with Catharine (Jopson) Cannell, a Manx girl from Ramsey, they spent a delightful evening together, Hilda went to school with Catherine's mother, she died when Catherine and her sister were very young, Hilda also got in touch with Vera Henry, Sec. of the Vancouver Manx Society. Come October Hilda will be off travelling again, this time to Australia and New Zealand.

COOK BOOK! COOK BOOK!

There are still a few N.A.M.A. Cook Books available, order now before it's too late! There are many tempting recipes, pickles, pies, casseroles, salads, many with a distinctive Manx Flavour, if you have never made a Manx Bonnag, you don't know what you are missing, all you have to do to obtain your copy of "Culinary Capers" send \$5.75 (includes postage) to Mrs. Ray F. Haldeman, 191 Glenview Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio. 44012. (US currency please).

SMILE

DEFINITION OF A COMMITTEE!

- the unable who have been asked by the unwilling to do the unnecessary!

1985/86 DUES

This Bulletin is the 1st issue of the new year and dues should have been paid by now. Won't you please do so at once or let us know if you do not intend to do so. The Bulletin is a bargain at \$6 year and the NAMA appreciates your membership.

C. E. Creer, Treas.

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ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

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

LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT

Greetings my friends,

Mid-July and sadly, weatherwise, it has been a poor summer. Blustery, wet and humid, with just the odd day when the bright sun - like a knife, has incised its way through the monotonous never-ending banks of clouds.

Still, as ever, we hope for the blue sky and the gentle breeze especially so, when we travel to the Isle of Man for our annual holiday in a few weeks time. After thirty-five years of crossing to the Island, we now have to travel by car to that remote little port of Heysham. Almost it feels as if we are travelling backward in time, when we recall that Heysham was relegated to the status of a minor fair weather port when it was part of the superlative London & Northwestern Railway Coy. earlier this century. At a time my friends when the trains always ran on time!!

Never mind, would it be ridiculous to say 'that we have to move with the times.' Eventually, I hope to give a first-hand account of the reality of the journey and its outcome.

The Crows - nesting in the Oak tree next door did eventually breed. We do not know how many chicks there were, but last week one repulsive looking fledgling was pushed or fell from the nest. Unable to fly, it was fluttering hissing and squawking for food. I hate beaks. Now you will know that in every small community there dwells an eccentric 'do-gooder' - a 'nice know-all'. We have such a one. Helpful beyond comprehension. I once saw this chap strap Crampons on his feet and with the help of a rope walk up the side of a neighbour's house, over the roof and down the other side. In a trice, he had the little fledgling Crow on his wrist and was stuffing food down its throat with his fingers. I remember thinking at the time with utter lack of conviction. I wish I could do that. Nevertheless, we were all pleased to know that within a few days, the young bird was able to fly away to freedom.

Since writing the above, would you believe - we have had a cloudburst with torrential rain. Indeed on Manx Radio this morning, it was reported that July, with five inches of rain, has proved to be the wettest July in the Isle of Man since records began. Surely now we cannot fail to get some good weather. Meanwhile herewith a few 'snippets' of Manx News. The Steam Packet Coy. and Island communication still seem to dominate the scene.

The Daily Echo of June 5th last carried a headline "DE-LUXE FERRY PLANNED." A precis of this article reveals that an alleged Isle of Man Shipping Corporation, American owned Gemini Shipping Coy claimed through their Consultants that £2 million had been already pledged toward the cost of restarting a Liverpool to Douglas Ferry service. Gemini wanted another £2 million required to meet the cost to come from the islanders themselves. It was even stated that the sailings would be twice daily in summer and once daily in winter and that the ships had already been selected their names: S.S. Peel Castle and S.S. Greeba Castle. It was claimed that the service was planned in a luxury style and that eventually a prospectus would be issued.

Alas, I have to advise that so far as is known, no prospectus has been issued nor indeed has there been any further pronouncements from the so-called Isle of Man Shipping Corporation regarding this proposal. What a pity

NB. I predict that by next year sailings from Liverpool to the Isle of Man will be resumed by some means. Probably by intervention of the Manx Government.

MANX "SNIPPETS"

The following article appeared in the Liverpool Daily Echo just last week:-

MANX FERRY IN STORM ROW. The well-known Isle of Man ferry, Mona's Isle which for many years sailed out of Liverpool to the island, ran into trouble yesterday afternoon when sailing into Heysham. Now under the control of the Isle of Man-Sealink service, the ship, with 240 passengers aboard from Douglas, found a strong south west wind and rough seas made it impossible to get into harbour. The Master radioed for assistance to Liverpool Coastguard who put helicopters and lifeboats on stand-by. Two tugs went out to the Mona's Isle but the rough seas broke the tow lines. A second attempt was made - lines were secured and the ship eventually reached its berth safely. No-one was hurt, and there was no damage to the ship or its cargo."

NB. An incredible event in the middle of summer: highlighting the fact that Heysham is not an all-weather port. The local 'old Salts' have verbally raised storm warnings on this aspect for many months past. Those with 'nautical nous' predict 'Stormy waters ahead'.

Isle of Man Passenger Arrivals. Latest news on Manx Radio is that passenger arrivals to the Island this year by sea are down roughly 19% so far. The actual figure for June 1985 being 11,000 passengers down on 1984. Air arrivals are up - exact figures are not yet known but it is estimated that the increase could be in the order of 20%. However, apart from the Transport difficulties, it has to be considered that this year has obviously been affected by the indifferent weather which bears no comparison to the beautiful summer of 1984.

In the Daily Telegraph in June the following small article appeared:-
"ISLAND SET TO GO DUTY FREE. The Isle of Man Government is preparing itself for an eventual breakaway from the 19th century agreement with Britain under which it keeps Custom duties and indirect taxes in line with those on the mainland. The tourist industry wants the island to go duty free and a select committee of Manx M.P.s said yesterday they believed abrogation of the agreement was on the way."

Kind regards,

ARTHUR BRIDSON

MANX KITTEN IS KOKO'S PET

TV pictures and press photographs of the tiny Manx kitten chosen as a pal for a sixteen stone gorilla were flashed around the world this week when the pair went on public show for the first time.

Koko, the big ape whose pet cat was killed by a car last year, was grief-stricken and lonely. Her keepers decided to see if she would take a replacement and brought six kittens to a cage at the Gorilla Foundation, Woodstock, California. Koko picked the tail-less Manx kitten. The cat that was killed had no tail either.

The TV pictures shown on news programmes throughout the world this week showed the huge gorilla playing gently with the little kitten and obviously getting back to her old happy self again. (The unnamed kitten seemed contented too!) Koko's fame had already spread because of her ability to communicate in sign language with her trainer.

Would all our contributors to the NAMA Bulletin PLEASE type their news, articles and items on a separate sheet of paper, DOUBLE SPACED, and please adhere to the deadline date as stated in the reminder notices.

The Editor

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

Our Manx picnic was postponed, as we met in June at Arlene Archer's home. Rev. Smith opened our meeting with a prayer and our President, Marge Weber conducted the meeting. Arlene told us of her Manx ancestry the Bridson's from Ramsey and Castletown, and their coming to Minnesota where Arlene was born.

July 7th we held open house at the Cottage of England in Balboa Park for the Manx Society. Last year we enrolled four new members, and this year I believe we will have at least four more. We have invited them to our picnic to be held at Marge and George Frederick's home August 11th. It will be a pot luck lunch, swimming and bingo.

Our Rev. Devore and Ruth Smith: Hillary, Brian Harrison and their two children were on the Island for Tynwald day, and Alice Zettel is on a tour of Scotland. We will be on the Island in September to see all our relatives and friends, and return to Ft. Lauderdale to spend some time with my sister, Lauradel Kimmel before coming home. Love and best wishes to all.

Marjorie Hall Frederick
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CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Members of our Society who visited the Isle of Man this summer were: Elizabeth Clucas, Edna Cowin, and Florence and Bill Roseman. Their time on the Island included attending Tynwald Day ceremonies and all said their holidays there were wonderful.

Officers for our fiscal year which runs from June 1985 to June 1986 remain the same as last year.

August 11th, we had our annual picnic at the Cleveland Natural Science Club's Look About Lodge in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The large cabin is set in a beautiful, serene area and makes an ideal spot for our gathering. We are indebted to friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Didham, for arranging the use of this lovely place for our picnic. Games, good food, and time for "visiting" made for a happy day.

Marge Kennish Krach
319 Ridgeview Drive
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WASHINGTON MANX SOCIETY

The first Board of Governors' meeting under the leadership of Ronald Quayle, was held June 14, 1985, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garrick Lightowler. Since this was the first meeting of the new officers the primary objective was to accomplish plans for the coming year.

Our main function continues to be the annual dinner meeting at Fort Lesley McNair Officers Club. The date for the next annual meeting was set for Saturday, April 12, 1986.

Mr. Dirk Ramsey-Spencer reported on the reception he attended at the British Embassy sponsored by the English Speaking Union. This is an annual affair and it was suggested that our organization participate in this event next year. Several other activities were discussed and decisions postponed pending further recommendations by Messrs. Kelly and Ramsey-Spencer.

Mr. Brideson brought us up-to-date on the plans for the next North American Manx Association Convention which is to be held September 12-15, 1986, at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

Three of our members attended the 1985 Homecomer's Holiday, and from all reports, the Everyman Inclusive Holiday, Isle of Man Tourist Board, did an outstanding job. Every effort that could be made to accommodate visitors was accomplished.

Mary E. Hayslett
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NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

Elizabeth Robison has agreed to host the fall meeting at her home in Omaha. Members will be notified as soon as a date has been confirmed.

Annie Robison, Sec.
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VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

A lovely day in June was the setting for the Spring Tea and Garden Party. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell opened their home for this annual event. It is always a great success and this year was no exception. The ladies outdid

themselves as usual and the table was a feast of all good and fattening delights. Approximately 60 guests attended. Several new faces were seen and we are hoping for an increase in membership.

President Chris Stirling presented Past President Flo Tregellis with a beautiful gold three leg medallion. The medallion is a special gift from the Society to all Past Presidents of over two years service. It is given as a token of appreciation and, after the eight years Flo was in office, we believe that it was well deserved.

Several of our members have been on the move. Mona Witsten journeyed to Scarborough and Sarnia, Ontario where she visited with family and friends. Joan and Terry McCaffrey travelled to California and other points south. Jim and Bea Grice have been to the Isle of Man for an extended holiday.

Congratulations to Barbara Claridge on receiving her Masters degree in Educational Administration from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Barbara is the daughter of Vera Henry and the granddaughter of the late Mildred and William Christian.

Angus Gillon made arrangements for members of the Executive Committee and spouses to meet at a local restaurant on July 5, 1985 to celebrate our Manx National Tynwald Day.

Our picnic will be held on August 17 at Stanley Park. We are hoping for a good turnout. The weather, this summer has been exceptional - so far. Let's hope it will continue until after our picnic.

Vera Henry, Sec.
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ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY NEWS

We seem to have had one of the wettest summers this year for many a day. Even Tynwald Fair Day, (5th July) which can usually be depended on to be fine, turned out to be damp and overcast. Nevertheless, we welcomed many visitors in to our "Homecomers" marquee including a number of Manx-Americans which was very pleasing to see.

The following week was scheduled for our 'Annual Open Day' exhibition

which seems to be getting more ambitious each year. This year our 'day' was extended to three days and in my opinion the exhibits were even more interesting and varied than in previous years. They included amongst other things a large wall display detailing some of the old stories, occupations and personalities who used to live in Union Mills area, illustrated with photographs where available. Then we had a selection of old costumes some of which were Manx made, a display by the Loughton Sheep Society, a spinning demonstration and, revealing our main genealogical interest, there were very many and varied Family Tree charts, together with old books, documents, photographs, even old newspapers. For those with a literary mind we had a bookstall containing works of historical interest.

Next year (1986) has been designated as 'Heritage Year' in the Isle of Man and so before very long we shall be concentrating our thoughts on to the question of how best our Society can contribute to the celebration of our common heritage. I sincerely hope we can do it justice.

Miss Pamela Killip, Sec.,
9 Sandringham Drive
Onchan, Isle of Man

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The first in the 1985 series of Outings took place on Thursday, 30th May, going by coach to Glen Maye, where a very good tea was provided at the Waterfall Cafe. The two Homecomers from Victoria, Australia - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corlett - were introduced, and most warmly welcomed by the President, Miss Doris Clague. In replying, Mr. Corlett spoke of the pleasure he and his wife had in being on the Outing that day, and seeing the Island on such a lovely day.

He told Members that the rather recently formed Victoria Manx Society, was increasing in Membership, and he thanked Miss Noreen Cottier for her assistance in forming the Society when she visited Australia.

The next Outing was held on 27th June, with Ramsey as the venue for Supper. This was served with plenty of Manx fare, by the ladies of the Northern World Manx Group, headed by Mrs. Mary Weller and Miss Isa Lewney.

The presence of Mrs. Barbara Radcliffe, as the special guest, was greatly appreciated, as was her address to all present in her usual kindly manner.

Mrs. Radcliffe gave an apology for the absence of her husband, Mr. Percy Radcliffe, but many messages of congratulations were given in recognition of his unfailing help to the Island, by being included in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

It was pleasing to welcome another Homecomer, Mrs. Hilary Harrison from the San Diego Manx Society, who brought greetings from her Society, and thanked Miss Noreen Cottier for her help while visiting there.

7th July was the date of the Sunday Outing to the South of the Island, where tea was taken at the Castletown Golf Links Hotel on Fort Island.

Before partaking of the delicious tea, Mr. John Quilliam, Chairman of the W.M.A., gave the Grace in Manx Gaelic, with a following translation.

The President expressed the happiness felt by all in having Homecoming Manx in the party.

Later, the party went to Evening Service at Mount Tabor Methodist Church in Port St. Mary, and heard the Rev. Howe preach an inspiring sermon. Hymns included several by Manx composers and were well sung.

The ladies of the Church served light refreshments afterwards and were thanked by Mr. J. Galey, U.S.A.

The 5th July Gathering was held in the Palace Hotel, and had an attendance of over 100 Homecomers and Members.

Homecoming Manx from Overseas and Britain kindly conveyed greetings from their various Manx Societies, and any visiting Manx present were invited to speak, and this produced a good response.

A list of Homecomers attending the Gathering was published in the Examiner of 10th July.

A pleasant ceremony took place during the afternoon of the Gathering, when Miss Doris Clague handed over an Illuminated Address to Mr. Tom Bridson, in recognition of his meticulous service as Leader of the W.M.A. Outings. His Knowledge of the Island had been invaluable in the planning of routes for the coach runs.

Mr. Bridson was extremely pleased to receive The Address and said he had derived great pleasure in giving service to the Association. He was most grateful for the beautiful gift, and thanked Miss Clague also for her very kind remarks about him.

Future Outing Dates:

8th August, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

Tea at the Grape Vine Cafe.

7th Sept. Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

Tea at Allandale Cafe, Port Erin.

For bookings, please ring Douglas 29009.

Doris M. Clague, President
Mary A. Weller, Secretary

HOMECOMING REPORT

The 1985 Homecoming, arranged by Mr. Ellis Killey of the Tourist Board, was again a great success. With most of the visitors on the Island on July 1st, they were welcomed at the Palace Hotel by Mrs. Barbara Gale from the Tourist Board who presented them with their 'EveryMann Holiday' package. Miss Noreen Cotter, as NAMA Regional Representative on the Island was on hand to help with the advance bookings for the World Manx events.

On July 2nd Mr. J.A.C.K. Nivison, President of the Legislative Council, conducted the group on a tour of the Government Offices. In the evening, Mr. E. G. Lowey, Chairman of the Tourist Board warmly welcomed the Homecomers and guests at the Palace, where an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all. The Albany Concert Group presented truly Manx entertainment in song and verse. Mr. Norman Clucas, Honorary President of NAMA expressed appreciation for a marvelous evening.

Mrs. Brenda Kennaugh of the Tourist Board was the Courier on the various tours to Ramsey, Laxey, Castletown, Cregneash, Peel and of course on July 5th to the Tynwald Ceremony at St. Johns. There were several Australian Homecomers who joined the North Americans on the tours.

The Manx Heritage awards which were established by the NAMA in 1979 to recognize outstanding achievement by Manx youth were presented on July 8th in the Millennium Conference room. Mrs. B. Q. Hanson, Chairman of the committee administering the awards, introduced each of the winners; Brian Nelson for Art, David Vernon for Music, and a new category this year for Lee Alstead in recognition of his outstanding effort in overcoming a handicap caused by an accident. Mr. T. R. Anderson, as President of NAMA, expressed his pleasure in presenting the awards personally to each of the recipients.

HOMECOMERS 1985

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Colorado USA
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MEET YOUR OFFICERS LAWRENCE LEROY FARGHER 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT

My dad was born 2/2/02 at Gretch Voar, Laxey, I.O.M. His family farmed there until 1910 when they emigrated to USA and homesteaded in Montana. Many of our cousins still live and ranch there. The John Fargher family was composed of Mary Barron Fargher and 11 brothers and sisters besides the 'old man'. One brother died on the Isle of Man. Only four of our aunts are left; "Uncle Billy" Fargher (John William Barron Fargher), the eldest son, having passed away 9/84.

That is our Manx connection! It has been strengthened by two return visits by my dad, Lawrence — the #3 son, to the I.O.M. On one of these visits (with my mother and Uncle Billy), my folks met the current owners-occupants of our old farm, Gretch Voar, named Maggs. Since that time, Son, Peter Maggs, has been here on 3-4 holidays. He has brought pictures and lore of our Gaelic Island. Consequently, we feel close again to Laxey and Gretch Voar. Peter is in movie making and writes often. He has visited many of my relatives, mostly under the auspices of Uncle Billy. We were introduced to NAMA by my "cousin" Polly Fargher Ernst. Polly and her husband, Ed, have been to the I.O.M. several times and she has spent much effort in Genealogy. (She would make an excellent article herself, Hilda, and her research into Fletcher Christian and the Pitcairns.) A new "cousin" we met in recent years is Marlene Fargher Storey. Marlene and Herb Storey live in S. F. Bay area, too. Storeys, Ernsts, and we attended the convention in San Diego and that started us in NAMA.

My family consists of five sons and a daughter. We live in the mission city

of Santa Clara (between Palo Alto and San Jose). I am a realtor with my own office and 14 salespeople, also in Santa Clara. We have been active in politics and I am a past mayor and city councilman of Santa Clara (a city of about 90,000). I was fortunate enough to be appointed as a Reagan delegate to 1976, 1980 and 1984 republican national conventions. And, as a matter of fact, we rented a car in Minneapolis at that super convention arranged by the Andersons and I dropped it off in Dallas after we nominated Pres. Reagan for a 2nd term. This year I am president of the Rotary Club of Santa Clara and in 1983 I was president off the San Jose Real Estate Board, one of the five largest in this country. We are excited about NAMA and in going to the next homecoming in the I.O.M. Unfortunately, our only daughter is getting married 29 June, so that washes us out for 1985.

As I understand the role of 3rd vice-president, my job is to work on membership development. I have an idea that undoubtedly will be applicable to most others in NAMA. Several years ago my wife, Camille, bought me a book on Genealogy and specifically on the name of Fargher. This book has a list of all the people with a Fargher surname in the USA. It apparently was derived from our U.S. census. I have many Manx cousins as well as a sister who have different surnames. However, I feel that exposing every Fargher to NAMA will undoubtedly reach all cousins with a genealogy flair. My goal this summer is to do a computer letter to each one with a Manx message, a NAMA boost, and data on our next convention. I think if all of us who care about NAMA would do similarly. Our Ranks would grow! Please join me in bringing more of your surname to NAMA.

MRS. LILLIAN MARRION TIPPER

It is with sadness we learned of the death of Mrs. Tipper, she was a remarkable lady, about four weeks before she died she was mentally alert and able to keep up with what went on in the world, when her eyesight failed, she was able to keep abreast of the news with Braille Talking books. For many years she contributed interesting items to the N.A.M.A. Bulletins, memories of her life growing up on the Isle of Man.

She started the story of her life at the age of 90 and finished it in her 95th year, when she was 96 she wrote a brief volume titled, Memories of My England, she wrote poetry, doing needlework, macrame and keeping up with correspondence with friends and relatives all over the world, until her eyesight failed and she was unable to type.

Mrs. Lillian Marrion Tipper was a kindly lady, an inspiration to all those who knew her - young and old, she had such a genuine interest in people, she was independent in that she lived for many years in her own home, with a devoted companion taking care of her, she was very proud of her Manx Heritage, her last visit to the Isle of Man which she loved dearly was in 1970 when the first Convention was held in Douglas.

She was predeceased in death by her husband and a son Frank Jr., who was an artist, he died in 1963. Much sympathy goes out to her daughters, Peggie and Joan and their husbands, Howard and Al and to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

An Episcopal service was held at the Old North Church, May 20th, 1985 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, the service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Spicer-Smith. Interment beside her husband, Frank Tipper who died in 1969, at Murmuring Trees, Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, Cal.

THE STORY OF THE TORONTO MANX SOCIETY - Part Two

During the war the Toronto Manx Society sent each of their members overseas 300 cigarettes each month, over 500,000 in all, besides parcels from friends and relatives.

The 1941 N.A.M.A. Convention was held in Buffalo and as Canada was then in the throes of the second world war, the restrictions put on by the United States made it almost impossible for Canadians to cross the border and only one delegate from the Toronto Society, Mr. Tom Moore, was able to attend.

Mr. Moore put in a bid for the 1942 Convention to be held in Toronto and this was accepted, then on December 7th, 1941 the United States was drawn into the war and it was decided by the N.A.M.A. that the Convention would be postponed until after the war.

As early as 1946 the Toronto Manx Society started preparations to hold the Convention in 1947, this, the Victory Convention was a great success, the attendance of delegates from the Isle of Man added to the success — Mr. Tom Radcliffe, Editor of the Isle of Man Times; Mr. Charlie Craine, Secretary of the World Manx Assoc; the late John Cleator; Mr. Philip Cain and sister, Alice; Mr. Tom Roberts, brother of Harry Roberts of Florida; Mr. & Mrs. Alex. Connell and Mr. & Mrs. Birkenhead. At this Convention Mr. Harry Kelly of Cleveland was elected President of the N.A.M.A.

The 1951 Convention was held in Toronto and at that time Mr. Tom Moore had been elected President of the N.A.M.A. Mr. Frank Williamson was General Chairman. The highlight of that Convention was a play put on

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by the members of the Toronto Manx Society. A musical revue, it was entitled "Holiday in the Isle of Man" which was very appropriate as a home-goer's trip was planned for 1952. The play was written and produced by Donald Sinclair (Brendon Cubbon) a native of the Isle of Man, he also wrote the theme song "Go Abroad to the Isle of Man".

The Toronto Manx Society celebrated its 25th Anniversary on May 17th, 1952 with a Banquet and concert at the Royal York Hotel. Four Past Presidents were in attendance: Mr. Willie Fick; Mr. Robbie Fick; Mr. Tom Moore; and Mr. F. Williamson; as well as Mr. Fred Caveen President. Visitors from the Isle of Man were Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Teare and Miss Groves, all from Peel, and from the United States: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mylchreest and son Louis from Cleveland; Miss Alice Garrett and Miss Mona Cannon from Rochester and Mr. Sundlof from Dansville.

In 1956 Toronto was once more host to the N.A.M.A. Convention with Mr. Tom Moore as General Chairman. Mr. Robert Greeg was President of the N.A.M.A.

The Past Presidents of the Toronto Manx Society since 1927 have been: Mr. Arthur Callow; Mr. Walter Callow; Mr. W. Salter; Mr. W. Fick; Mr. F. Williamson; Mr. R. Fick; Mrs. R. Allen; Mr. T. Moore; Mr. Fred Caveen; Mr. S. Bateman and Mr. S. Penrice and Mr. Bill Lahmars.

The above article was written by the late Mr. Frank Williamson, Secretary of the Toronto Manx Society, and was published in the N.A.M.A. Bulletin, March and June 1963, many of the names mentioned have now passed on, it is with a feeling of nostalgia and sadness that the Toronto Manx Society is no more, many young Manx emigrants were given a helping hand when they first arrived in Toronto, Canada, the Toronto Manx Society will be long remembered.

It is interesting to note that the last N.A.M.A. Convention held in Toronto was in 1965, the late Mr. Sam Penrice was the General Chairman.

Mr. Stan Shimmin was then elected President of the Toronto Manx Society, followed by Mrs. Alice Foster and latterly by Mrs. Phillis Linsley who resigned through ill health. It is also interesting to record that both the late Sam Penrice and Stan Shimmin were elected President of the N.A.M.A.

For the past several years the duties of the Secretary was faithfully carried out by Mrs. Dot Hall, more recently she was Treasurer, Dot worked so hard to keep the Society together, but it was not to be, she was ably assisted by Mrs. Marion Welton, Secretary for many years.

Perhaps some day the Society will again be active if only to assure the founding members that their effort were not in vain.

'WHEN CHILDHER PLAYS'

During the last lovely summer, I was having a 'lil' stroll early one evening above the Mooragh Park in Ramsey, when, looking at the imposing end house on Windsor Mount, I remembered and saw yet again the brass plaque attached to the side wall in Windsor Road; it read thus:-

"T. E. Brown, the Manx Poet lived here from May 1894 until his death in 1897. "The Ebb and Flow of all our Hearts went through - and through him."

A remarkable Manxman and I feel privileged to quote a few excerpts from "The portrait of the Isle of Man" by the late Rev. E. H. Stenning, that well-loved man and superb Chronicler of the Manx Scene.

"T. E. Brown was born in 1830. His father was Robert Brown the Chaplain of St. Mathews and later the Vicar of Braddan. After a brilliant scholastic career, T. E. Brown was in 1853 made a Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, which he resigned to become Vice-Principal of King Williams College, - eventually becoming Second Master at the prestigious Clifton School in 1864. He was a great figure in the life of Clifton, from which he retired in 1893. The affection in which he is held in the Island is the result of his innate Manxness. He was body and soul part of the Island. He stood for all that is best and noblest in the Manx character. He had a fund of humour, a vast friendliness, a power of understanding for his fellow men, and, what is probably as precious to the Manx mind, a rugged directness and inability to 'suffer fools gladly.' Anybody who wishes to understand the Manx and the Island spirit must read his poems and letters. Of him his pupil and friend W. E. Henley wrote:

"He looked half parson and half skipper: a quaint
Beautiful blend, with blue eyes good to see,

And old-world whiskers. You found him cynic, saint,

Salt, humourist, Christian, poet, with a free

Far-glancing luminous countenance: and a heart large as St. Francis's."

His best poems are comparable to those of Wordsworth and Blake, but in the Island the dialect poems such as "Focsle Yarns" and "Besty Lee" have pride of place."

Personally, like so many older Manx folk, I can remember T. E. Brown's poetry from my school-days and in particular that poignant and penetrating poem of childhood: "When Childher Plays."

"When Childher Plays"

Now the beauty of the thing when childher plays is

The terrible wonderful length the day days is.

Up you jumps, and out in the sun,
And you fancy the day will never be done

An your'e chasin' the bum-bees hummin so cross

In the hot sweet air among the goss,
Or gatherin' blue-bells, or looking for eggs.

Or peltin' the ducks, with their yella legs.

Or a climbin' and nearly breakin' your skulls.

Or a shoutin' for divilment after the gulls.

Or a thinkin' of nothin', but down at the tide.

Singin' out for the happy you feel inside.

That was all - just baby play

Knockin' about the boats all day,

And sometimes a lot of us takin' hands

And racin' like mad things over the sands.

Ah! it wouldn' be bad for some of us

If we'd never gone funder, and never fared wuss:

If we'd never grown up, and never got big.

If we'd never took the brandy swig.

If we were skippin' and scamprin' and cap'rin' still

On the sand that lies below the hill.

Crunchin' its gray ribs with the beat of our little patterin' naked feet;

If we'd just kept childher' upon the shore

for ever and ever and ever more!

Thats the way with the kids, you know.

Oh the years to do and the years do go.

And when you look back it's all like a puff.

Happy an' over an' short enough!

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.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

OBITUARIES

CORRIN, Charles T., died at age 79 on November 26, 1984, in Chicago, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife Pauline Egger Corrin of Chicago; daughter Mrs. John Radcliffe (Charline) of Lexington, Kentucky; sister Isabelle Daniels of Rice Lake, Wisconsin; seven grandchildren: Susan, Brian, Debra, Bruce, Janet and Karen of Kentucky, and Scott of Phoenix, Arizona; and one great grandson, Juan Mario Radcliffe of Phoenix, Arizona.

He was the son of the late Henry and Esther Cannell Corrin who were from the I.O.M. He was preceded in death by brothers Thomas, John and Robert, and sister Esther.

He had worked for 47 years for the Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago, and was a past president of the Chicago Manx Society.

HARWOOD, Mrs. Edna, of Scarborough, Ont. Canada was killed in a tragic car accident on November 11, 1984, she is survived by her husband, but there are no further particulars. Mrs. Harwood was a life member of N.A.M.A.

KELLY, Percy, died in April 1985, Douglas, Isle of Man, after a long illness. He resided for many years in Rochester, N.Y., he is survived by a sister, Lottie, nieces and nephews. No further particulars are available at this time.

ROBINSON, James Cashin

James Cashin Robinson was born August 29, 1909 at Elk Creek, Nebraska and died May 21, 1985. He had been in failing health for four months.

James was born on the family farm to John Robison of Elk Creek and Lucy Florence (Cashin) of Glen Maye, Isle of Man. He was one of four children born to this union.

In 1936, while attending the NAMA convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, James met Annie Elizabeth Kerruish of Chicago Ill. She too, of Manx descent. On October 15, 1938 they were united in marriage at the Gross Park Methodist Church, Chicago, Ill. They returned to Elk Creek to build a home on the farm where they lived all their married life. Five children were born to this union. James was active in his community and church, serving on the Elk Creek school board, during the construction of a new facility, and on the church board and as Sunday school superintendent of the Elk Creek Methodist Church. He also served 27

years on the Mount Hope Cemetery board, during which time he directed the restorations of the cemetery.

James maintained a life-long interest in his Manx heritage. His grandfather James grew up at Bishop's Court, I.O.M. and his grand-mother, Eleanor Joughin came from Glen Maye, I.O.M. He made several journeys to the island, his first in 1927 with his parents. In 1970 he and Annie made their first of three trips together. He enjoyed visiting his cousins and the places his parents and grandmother had talked about. He was a member of the World Manx Society, the N.A.M.A. and was serving his second term as president of the Nebraska Manx Society at the time of his death.

James had many other interests and always enjoyed learning. He once confessed to someday wanting to write a book and he left for his family many written accounts of the people, places and events that touched his life.

James was preceded in death by his parents, John and Florence (Cashin); brother, Glen; sister, Maryellen (Hinrichs). He is survived by his wife Annie; sons Douglas and Vera (Albers), Gordon and Sarah (Lillich), and Donald; daughters, Elizabeth and Deborah and John Kreinehop; grandchildren, John, Kimberly, Heather, Benjamin, Jacob, Jessica, Shawn, and Carrie; brother, Thomas.

TIPPER, Lillian Marrion, died at her home, Panorama City, Cal., on May 15th, 1985, age 97, long time member of the N.A.M.A. She was a Charter member of the Los Angeles Manx Society, she and her brother and his wife George and Ciss Kelly Marrion founded the Society, for many years, she was the Corres. Secretary of the above Society.

The late Mrs. Tipper is survived by two daughters, Peggie (Mrs. Howard Palmer); and Joan (Mrs. Pabian); four grandsons, Michael Andrews; Kim Tipper and Tim and David Pabian; and one great-grandson, Steven Andrews; and two adopted great-granddaughters, Melissa and Josie Pabian.

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

To those members sending in Obituaries, please include the names and addresses of next of kin.

MEMORIALS

A donation to the N.A.M.A. in remembrance of a family member or friend is always a thoughtful gift. Forward remittances to C. E. Creer, Treasurer, 14228 Union Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As most of you know, it is the chaplain's duty, when a death occurs within our membership, to write a letter of sympathy and concern to family members on behalf of the N.A.M.A., our Manx Association.

In the almost-ten years that I have been chaplain, I have written quite a few of these letters. Some of these have been belated, because we did not learn of the death earlier. Usually, I received no reply, nor did I expect any. But some of you have written beautiful letters of appreciation, sometimes sharing a folder or a poem used in the memorial service, or giving some details of the loved one's life, such as a love of flowers, contributions to music, or some other interest or activity, for which they will be remembered.

We are grateful for this sharing, and it reminds us that, while we may be far apart, we have bonds of kinship that transcend any barriers. One of these is cultural; we trace our "connections" to a tiny Isle -- Man. Someone told me recently that he heard a man lecturing on genealogy state that in a room of fifty people, more than thirty would be able (theoretically) to trace their families back to a common name.

Another bond is spiritual. In his book, "Christian Care-Giving", Kenneth Haugk says, "The bonds of the whole Christian family fashioned by the love of Jesus Christ are distinct from those of other groups. All Christians are involved in a unique web of relationships that transcend normal human barriers." We seem to feel these "ties that bind" more vividly in our times of sorrow. But may we always be aware of our "family connections"!

Rev. Herbert G. Kelly
Chaplain

The report of the death of Miss Clarice Anne Crellin was contained in the June edition of the Bulletin. I am indebted to Elinor Cain for fuller details. Miss Crellin was 87 years old, she was born in Peel, Isle of Man, she retired from the Telephone Dept. of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in 1961.

She was very proud of her Manx heritage, she never lost her soft Manx accent, nor her fond memories of her childhood on the Isle of Man. Services were held on May 6, 1985 interment Mt. Peace Cemetery with Rev. Paul H. Byer officiating.
