



# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association

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"To preserve whatever is left us of ancient heritage"

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We were indeed pleased to have David Kreke, archeologist from Liverpool, attend our meeting on 3/24/86 of the Minnesota Manx Society. His report on the digs at Peel Castle, which he is supervising, was truly outstanding. Fortunately he has agreed to present an update of findings at our Williamsburg Convention. Be sure you don't miss it. He also took a full day to tour our museums which will enable him to make an excellent report upon his return home. This surely illustrates that personal exchange programs should receive our support.

The Manx Heritage Foundation of Douglas Isle of Man has now established a special Myles Standish Fund to provide assistance to programs such as ours. Recently one of our members provided a grant of \$2,000.00 for the support of the publication of Lawrence Hill's new book, "Gentlemen of Courage Forward". The Manx Heritage Fund will provide funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 in support of this publication. In his book, Hill discusses at length Myles' birthplace at Ellanbane; he then traces his Standish ancestors back to William the Conqueror; also his military leadership of the Pilgrim fathers on their voyage to Plymouth, Massachusetts and the establishment of the colony there in 1620. Hill has a lovely Manx wife Veen Shimmin. They are now living in Cheshire, England. They have also spent a great deal of time on the island.

A new article on Ellenbane by Norman W. Standish of Dallas, Texas will appear in the next quarterly report of the Mayflower magazine updating developments at Ellenbane. Richard Sampson of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, also a direct descendant, is very active with a fund raising project. Hopefully this is just the beginning of the Standish connection.

The Isle of Man Post Office will release a series of 4 stamps commemorating the life of Myles Standish, first Manx American, on 5-22/86 at the World Philatelic

Society, to be held in Chicago. Some of us plan to attend. A preliminary viewing indicates this will be a very successful issue. The First Day Cover is most unusual in that a new portrait of Myles is featured. He is shown as a military leader which he surely was. The Standish family were successful military leaders all the way back to William the Conqueror. Without him, the colony would never have survived the onslaught of the Indian attacks.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful convention at Williamsburg. Bill Brideson and his assistants are creating a great program for us. Hope to see you there.

T. R. Anderson  
President

## HAVE YOUR DUES BEEN PAID?

The answer is probably yes, but there are a number still unpaid.

Your membership is cherished and we think you will agree that \$6.00 a year is not too much to keep you informed on your Manx Heritage. Fill in the enclosed pink membership and send with your cheque or money order. Canadian members may pay their dues at the rates stated on the pink dues slip, members from other U.K. countries may base their payment with the value of the Canadian dollar.

Send to the Treasurer:—

Mr. C. E. Creer  
14228 Union,  
Orland Park, ILL. 60462.

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If you are a Life Member of N.A.M.A. or perhaps you have already paid your dues, please pass along the pink membership slip to a relative or friend.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

To my many friends and members of N.A.M.A., as of APRIL 1st, 1986, I will be moving from my old address - 60 Park Ave., Apt. 502, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada L7G 4Y9 to my new Townhouse - 20 Mountainview Road South, Unit 13, Georgetown, Ontario Canada L7G 4K3

Mrs. Hilda Penrice

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## PINK DUES NOTICE

The pink slip is our notice to you that it is time to renew your membership. Your remittance lets us know that you want to continue your membership.

Since the next issue of the Bulletin will be the first in the new year, won't you please remit now.

C. E. Creer, Treas.  
14228 Union,  
Orland Park, ILL. 60462

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## THANK YOU

A sincere "Thank You" to so many of my Manx friends who have written to me to wish me well in my "retirement" from the office of Bulletin Editor and especially the tributes paid to me in various Society news, it is nice to be appreciated. My new address is - 20 Mountainview Road South, Unit 13, Georgetown, Ontario Canada L7G 4K3.

I love to receive letters, so please don't stop writing to me, I will always take an interest in all things Manx.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hilda Penrice  
Bulletin Editor  
N.A.M.A.

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## A LITTLE REMINDER

To all Secretaries of the various Manx Societies: When you send your news to the Editor for inclusion in the Bulletin, would you please type your name and address on the bottom right hand corner, phone number would also be a help, this would help any Manx folk who would be visiting in their area to get in touch with the Society where they would be assured of a warm welcome.

## CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Any changes in the Constitution and By-laws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the N.A.M.A. — Mrs. Wm. Duncan, 436 Audrey Drive, Richmond Heights, Ohio, 44143, U.S.A., 30 (thirty) days before the Convention.

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Members over 50 years of age \$40.00  
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**MANX HERITAGE  
FOUNDATION**

Heritage Year in the Isle of Man got off to a good start with a special Service of Dedication on 2nd January held on the Chapel of St. John the Baptist next to Tynwald Hill. Many events have been planned and, indeed, some have already taken place. I am enclosing with this notice copies of our bulletin 'Heritage' nos. 1 and 2. Also enclosed is a list of events as planned at this moment in time.

You may care to note that also during Heritage Year, the Manx Heritage Foundation is producing a 'Freedom of Man Passport'. The object of this passport is to provide those expatriates or descendants of Manx people returning from overseas with free transportation on the Island Steam Railway, Electric Railway and buses. The Passport also admits the bearer into Castle Rushen, Peel Castle, the Grove Museum at Ramsey, the Nautical Museum at Castletown, Cregneash Village and Odin's Raven at Peel.

Anyone contemplating returning to the Island during Heritage Year and who would like to take up the opportunity of this free Passport should, in the first instance, write to me at the Heritage Office.

It is hoped that the 'Heritage' bulletin will be issued once a month during Heritage Year and I shall ensure that you receive a copy together with any other information that is available at the time.

Peter Kelly, Sec.  
Manx Heritage Foundation

**HERITAGE YEAR  
ON THE ISLE OF MAN**

For all those lucky people travelling to the Isle of Man this year there are many interesting and exciting events planned for you.

Some events are now over but June, July, August, September, October, November and December promise to be busy months. A list has been received for the many events taking place. space does not permit inclusion in this issue of the Bulletin, but if anyone is interested they may write to — THE HERITAGE OFFICE, SEA TERMINAL, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN. Phone — (0624) 27452.

Details of events planned by the Isle of Man Family History, please contact Mrs. S. Mylchreest, 3 Wesley Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man. Phone Douglas 74529.

Details of events planned by the World Manx Association, please contact — Miss Noreen Cottier, 3 Cowley Terrace, Peel, Isle of Man, Phone Peel 2527.

**DUES AND EXCHANGE  
RATES**

The fluctuating cost to Canadian's to pay dues in U.S. dollars was discussed by the N.A.M.A. Executive Committee at their meeting in September. In keeping with the basis on which the N.A.M.A. was founded, it was determined that it is not necessary for dues to be paid in U.S. dollars.

Accordingly, Canadian members may pay their dues at the rates stated on the pink dues slip. Similarly, members from other U.K. countries may base their payment with the value of the Canadian dollar. All dues payments should be payable on either a Canadian or U.S. bank including payments by members of other U.K. countries.

The above statement pertains to dues payments only and does not include convention registrations, book purchases, etc.

**MEMORIAL FUND  
NOTICE**

Those who are remembered through donations to the Memorial Fund will be shown under this heading. No Memorials were received this period.

**OOPS!**

After almost two years, I suddenly discovered a mistake in the cookbook! In the recipe for watermelon pickle, the amount of cinnamon and clove oils should be measured in teaspoons, not in tablespoons. The pickle is particularly delicious, so I hope many of you will try it this summer. Just be sure to use 1/2 teaspoon of each of the oils, and be sure to use glass containers. The oils will eat through plastic.

As careful as we tried to be in proof-reading, errors do appear. To date, I have not heard of any others, but I would like to know if anyone has found an error so that I can publish it in the Bulletin. We were only allowed one proof-reading, and the publishers' errors were numerous, even omitting vital ingredients.

Cookbooks are still available at \$5.25 per book. (\$4.50 plus \$1.25 postage). If you would like to have one, just write to Mrs. R. F. Haldeman, 191 Glenview Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. All remaining books will be available at the Convention.

**NEXT BULLETIN  
COMBINED EDITION  
SEPT./DEC. 1986**

As is usual during a Convention year, there will not be a September issue of the Bulletin. This is combined with the December edition and will consist of 12 (twelve) pages.

# WILLIAMSBURG SEPTEMBER 12 - 15, 1986 CONVENTION NEWS

## TIME AND PLACE

Friday, September 12, through Monday, September 15, 1986, Patrick Henry Inn, One Block from Restored Area, Routes 60, 5. 31, Williamsburg, Virginia.

## REGISTRATION

Will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12th.

## RATES

\$55 single or double, there are two double beds in each room, \$5 per person for those over 2.

## ACCOMMODATIONS/ RESERVATIONS

Must be made by August 12th, and an advance deposit of the first night's lodging is required to confirm your reservation.

## CONVENTION FULL REGISTRATION

\$55 U.S. currency includes fee, book, badge, President's Reception, Banquet, Buffet Dinner. All Registrations must be sent before August 12th to:

## ACCOMMODATIONS:

Patrick Henry Inn,  
PO Drawer S  
Williamsburg, VA, 23187

## CONVENTION

Mary Hayslett  
2121 Columbia Pike, Apt. 302  
Arlington, VA 22204

LADIES AUXILIARY will hold its luncheon on Saturday afternoon with a special presentation by Noreen Cottier on life in the Isle of Man.

Noreen was born, raised, and worked in the U.S., but now lives in Peel. It is hoped all ladies will attend this important event, and we know some men would like to hear the speech portion of the program, especially the tax benefit of life in the Isle of Man.

AN OPTIONAL TOUR of Jamestown, Yorktown, and Carter Grove is being planned for Sunday afternoon for \$15 (some admission fees involved) for those who wish a professionally conducted and explained tour of these places. You may do them in your own car perfectly well.

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

Sir Charles Kerruish, OBE, CP, Speaker of the House of Keys, will represent Tynwald at the N.A.M.A. Convention. Much nostalgia is involved here. When the 1974 N.A.M.A. Convention met in Arlington, Sir Charles represented Tynwald, and Ed Sayle was N.A.M.A. Convention Chairman. The Washington Society will be lost in its own reverie as these two old friends once again highlight our banquet.

attending our Convention, not exactly representing Tynwald, but visiting his daughter who will be attending from Florida.

Dr. David Freke, Archaeologist from the University of Liverpool in charge of the Peel Castle Dig, toured some of the U.S. in the spring with a most interesting presentation. We invited him to come back for our Convention, he enthusiastically accepted, so we are reserving a place for the most interesting and personable archaeologist you have likely ever seen.

And Ron Richmond of the Richmond Travel Agency of Douglas is leading a group from the Isle of Man who are arriving on Thursday or Friday. The Washington Society is planning to dash home after the Convention to entertain these people in Washington on Monday and Tuesday as more personal arrangements are made among hosts and guests during the Convention. At the Convention we look forward to Manx stories, songs, stunts, and skits we hope we can persuade these good people to loosen up and provide. If we wind up wanting to go to the Isle of Man to see more, perhaps everyone will be glad he came. We of the Washington Society sincerely hope so, and we wish you all a safe and pleasant trip. See you in Williamsburg!

William E. Brideson  
Convention Chairman

## LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT

Greetings my friends,

As one grows older, perhaps patience becomes a necessity rather than a virtue, whichever it is, patience is badly needed just now to enable us to accept and endure our particularly 'grotty' weather. Acknowledged to be the coldest Spring in this country since records began, presently, it is rain interspersed with rain. The so called 'silver lining' of any cloud must be as rusty as an old nail! Verily, the eternal sun can't be far away. It is playing hide and seek and one day soon, it will burst forth from the clouds with comforting warmth and celestial brilliance. Then, surely, it will be summer!

Never mind, everything passes; I think it was Robt. Browing who wrote "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be." In this context, it is often the most simple things that please us most and I am happy to tell you that our family of Crows have again built a nest in the great Oaktree next door. They flaunt flutter and sqawk all the day long. Meanwhile a pair of Blue tits have invested our garden box and are nesting. So in birdland all is well, the ritual of spring has begun; soon there will be nestlings then when the sun comes in the summer, they will all fly away to the green woods or some other far away places. Writing of

provisionally booked our passage to Ellan Vannin in late August as usual. Fortunately, sailing from Liverpool once again which although presently restricted, is so very convenient for the majority of travellers to Manxland. Let us hope that by next year a full service to and from Liverpool is resumed.

There are Royal Visits planned for the Island this year and of course being Heritage Year many special events have been arranged to emphasize and exemplify our ancient heritage. Above all, it will be a year which gives us the opportunity to rejoice in the unique privilege of being MANX

## MANX NEWS

Once again, herewith some 'snippets' of Manx news mostly gleaned from the mainland press.

### NEW MANX UNION FORMED.

Many Manx workers who previously were affiliated to or registered with United Kingdom Unions are forming a new Manx Union. Secret ballots, the outlawing of wildcat strikes and the possibility of no-strike agreements are included among proposals issued recently for an independent Manx Democratic Workers Union.

N.B. Apparently, the workers are fed-up with the intractable and the disruptive attitudes of the big U.K. Unions, - who are themselves learning under the present Government that strikes just don't pay.

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Rabbits Galore You will recollect the report that the Manx Government - some six months ago, agreed to pay 35 pence per tail to anyone in an effort to reduce the excessive rabbit population. Incredibly, since that time, it has been reported that the Government have paid out no less than £8,500 for tails.

N.B. The nimble nimrods of Man have excelled themselves. This amount represents the demise of some 24,000 'Bunnies'.

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S.S. MANXMAN. It is gratifying to learn that the ex Steam Packet vessel 'the Manxman' has been turned into a £40 million floating leisure complex. At a ceremony last week, the complex was officially declared open to the public and the punters. The ship is of course still moored at her berth in Preston, North Lancs.

N.B. It is nice to know that this lovely ship, the last 'proper' passenger steamer left in the west of Europe is going to have a long and productive life.

S.S. MANXMAID. As a contrast, it is sad to report that the former Steam Packet car ferry - the Manx Maid has gone to the 'breaker's yard'! It was learned that recently she has finished up in Birkenhead waiting to be scrapped. The Manx Maid was the S.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

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

I'm sure most of you have been busy knitting, crocheting, or sewing some useful or decorative articles for our Craft Table at the Convention.

Should you find that you are not going to be able to attend send the things along with someone who is coming. If that is not possible U.S. residents may send them to our L. A. President, Mona Creer, 14228 Union Ave., Orland Park, Ill. 60462. Canadian residents may send them to me, Amo Fisher, R. R. 3, Tottenham, Ontario L0G 1W0, and we will take them along. If by chance some of you ladies are just now hearing about our L. A. Craft Sale you still have all summer to create some items for us!

Many thanks to all of you who have been giving your time and effort to help us in this project.

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

## ARIZONA MANX SOCIETY

Greetings from Arizona

I have finally come home after spending five months with my daughter Peggy in Glendale, Arizona. It was my hope to hold a meeting of the Bisbee Manx but I find too many are indisposed right now. Maude Franks with a broken hip, my sister in law Ida Corrin with a broken ankle, Eva Maddern with heart problems and Eva Cunningham severe headaches. We are such a small group that it's hard to hold meetings at times. Right now Sarah Mazzoni and Mabel Bolitho are still in California with relatives. We have not held any meetings for several months. I'm afraid we will not have any attending the convention it is scheduled too late for Peggy and I to attend as she will be back teaching at that time and is unable to get time off since she had to take so much time when she had her foot surgery. We had hoped to attend. Sounds like plans are going well and we hope it will be a very successful get together.

Ivy Dillon  
207 Hazzard St.,  
Warren, ARIZ. 85603

## SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

The San Diego Chapter wishes to express their thanks for the wonderful job Mrs. Hilda Penrice has performed the last fourteen years, in making the Bulletin such a success. We know it is only through loving dedication and now we wish her a happy retirement.

The Star of India is preparing to go out May 25th and sail along the coast and in the Bay for several hours. She is being manned by local people who have been in training for months.

Since she arrived in San Diego she has sailed only twice, July 4th, 1976 when San Diego celebrated the Nation's Bicentennial, and Nov. 11, 1984 just three days before her 121st anniversary of her first voyage out of the Isle of Man shipyard.

Our chapter met at Paul and Doris Dobbel's home April 13th. Not too many members present but we had a lovely time. Doris told us of her connection with the Island, grandparents from both sides of her family were from the Island. Refreshments were "yummy, yummy" and we enjoyed each other's company the rest of the afternoon.

Mrs. Marge Frederick  
3870 Chippewa Crt.,  
San Diego, CA. 92117

## NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

The fall meeting of the Nebraska Manx Society was held on October 13, 1985 at the home of Elizabeth Robison in Omaha, Nebraska. At this time, an election of officers was held. Rev. H. G. Kelly was elected the new President and Vickie Knudsen is the new Secretary/Treasurer. We had a beautiful day for a picnic lunch, and shared pictures and experiences with Mr. and Mrs. Schipporeit on their trip to the Isle of Man last summer.

Our spring meeting was held in Lincoln, Nebraska at the home of the Phil Corkhills. After a delicious potluck and the business meeting, we enjoyed a slide show on the life of Miles Standish and his Isle of Man connections. We discussed the upcoming convention and encouraged as many of our members who can attend to do so. The fall meeting will be held in Gretna, Nebraska.

Victoria Knudsen  
1921 S. Cypress  
Sioux City, IA 51106

## ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

After the long and cold winter, we are looking forward to the Spring and Summer when we hope to welcome many visitors to our shores. Once again our helpers will be out and about in the churchyards of the Island, cleaning and transcribing the gravestones.

The speaker at our February Meeting was Miss Noreen Cottier who gave us an amusing talk on her delightfully eccentric Cottier family on the Island and in the U.S.A. On Good Friday, March 27, Mr David Freke was the speaker when he gave a very interesting and informative talk and film slide show on the progress of the Peel Castle Excavations. We felt that as this is such an important project and as this is Heritage Year, we would like to sponsor the Dig for one week in the summer as part of our contribution to Heritage Year.

We wish you all a very happy and successful Conference at Williamsburg in September and please give a special welcome to our Patron Sir Charles Kerruish who will be attending on behalf of the Manx Government and also to member and N.A.M.A. representative on the Island Miss Noreen Cottier. Possibly one or two other members will also be there.

Mrs. S. M. Mylchreest, Sec.  
3 Wesley Terrace  
Douglas, Isle of Man

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

We had a good turnout of members for the brunch and theater party on April 13th. Our annual card party held in May, in lieu of a regular meeting, is our fund raiser for the N.A.M.A. Convention Fund.

As our fiscal year ends in June, there will be an election of officers at that meeting. August 17th is the date set for our basket picnic. Some of our members are planning to attend the Convention.

A loyal member of our local society as well as the N.A.M.A. - and a long time supporter of all things Manx - is Amy Abell. On April 13th, Amy was 90 years young. She is loved by all.

Marge Kennish Krach  
319 Ridgeview Drive  
Seven Hills, OH 44131-5617

## WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

Fifty-four members and guests of the Wisconsin Manx Society met at Madison, April 13th, for their Spring Smorgasbord dinner and meeting. President Harry Turville opened the meeting asking members to introduce themselves and tell of their IOM connection and location.

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Cannell reported on three new members and the large response to his request for Manx names from telephone books. The president will be writing a letter of invitation for the secretary to send each of these names.

Roselyn Callin, our Historian and Librarian, reported she has six books pertaining to the IOM that are now a part of the Society's library. These books are available to any member on loan from Roselyn.

Words and music of the Manx National Anthem and Ellan Vannin were provided to all members by our Song Leader Jayne Watkins. This will enable membership to practice before meetings to come.

The membership voted to have a full page ad in the 1986 N.A.M.A. Convention Program and also to contribute to prizes given during the drawings at the Conventions. Some of our members will be attending the Convention in Williamsburg.

The group also discussed the possibility of sponsoring an exchange program with young people and/or adults from the IOM. A committee was appointed to study this further.

Other possible future projects discussed - Picnic 1987, group trip to IOM - 1988, hosting a N.A.M.A. Convention at a latter date. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 12, 1986 in Madison.

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

## VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

In March a committee meeting was held at the home of George and Doritt Hlott - Richmond B.C. At this time plans were made for our forthcoming events. The first will be our Spring Tea, to be held as usual at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell, on May 10, 1986. The second our annual picnic at Stanley Park on August 16, 1986.

We would welcome any visiting our city to these events. A contact phone number would be 277-6090. Also, anyone seeking accommodation during EXPO could contact Angus or Judith Gillon, 5025 Malvern Ave., Burnaby B.C. V5E 3E7 - phone number 524-3305. They have registered as a

bed and breakfast with the city during the May to October event.

It is with sadness we report the deaths of two of our seniors. Mr. Charles Henry C. Christian and Mr. Roland Thomas Condon.

Mr. Christian (Uncle Charlie as he was known to many in the Society) passed away March 1986 in his 99th year. He was born in Peel the second eldest in a family of eleven children. In his early years he sailed aboard his father's fishboat the Harvest Queen. He emigrated to Canada in 1906 and settled in Alberta. While in Alberta he married the former Annie Quayle of Peel. After homesteading in Endake B.C. for many years he eventually settled in Vancouver.

Mr. Condon passed away in December 1985 in his 81st year. He was born in London, Ontario of Manx parentage and on his way to Vancouver lived in Edmonton and Calgary. A broom maker by trade Roly was always ready for a joke and a bit of fun.

To the families of Mr. Christian and Mr. Condon our sympathy. We will miss them.

Congratulations are extended to Mary Catherine Rooney on receiving her Masters degree in Education Psychology from McGill University, Montreal. Mary Catherine is the daughter of Nancy (Agnew) and Pat Rooney.

Congratulations also to Leslie Gillon on her engagement to Mr. Glen McGee. Leslie is the daughter of Angus and Judith Gillon.

From Winnipeg, Ross and Cindy Hornall announce the safe arrival of baby Heather Leigh. Proud grandparents are Daisy and Alfred Hornall - Richmond.

At this time we, in the Vancouver Manx would like to give a "Thank You" to Mrs. Hilda Penrice for her help and guidance over the years. Best wishes on your retirement Hilda.

Vera Henry, Secretary  
4305 Prince Albert Street  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5V 4J8

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The "At Home" luncheon took place on February 22nd with over 100 attending. Mr. Ian Qualtrough gave an excellent talk on the coincidence of meeting Manx people on his travels.

This was followed by light entertainment provided by the Albany Players led by Mrs. R. Savage.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Loch Promenade Church on March 15th, when the following Officers and Committee were re-elected en bloc:

President, Miss D. M. Clague  
Chairman, Mr. J. Quilliam  
Vice Chairman, Mrs. N. Quiggin  
Correspondence Secretary, Mrs. M. Weller  
Minutes Secretary, Mrs. W. Livingstone  
Treasurer, Miss N. Cottier

The Committee remained the same, except for the addition of Mr. K. Dale to the Eastern Area. Two proposals by the members concerning the outings planned for this summer were approved as follows: We will have our "Annual Gathering" on Saturday, July 5th, instead of July 7th, when the official Government will have the Tynwald Ceremony. The other change is that as well as participating in the Heritage Church Service on July 13th at Peel Castle, the World Manx will have an "Anniversary Tea" on Thursday, July 17th, the date 75 years ago that the Association was formed at Rushen Abbey Gardens by Mr. Richard Cain, O.B.E. and others.

The St. German's Open-Air Service at the Old Cathedral, Peel Castle led by the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Mann, Rt. Rev. Arthur Atwell, is a Heritage Year Service that will be open to all.

We extend a warm welcome to all Homecomers visiting Ellan Vannin at any time, and hope they will contact either the President or Secretary during their stay on the Island.

Doris Clague  
Corrin Memorial Home  
Peel (Tel. 84 3467)  
Mary Weller  
Kerrow-ne-Cronk  
Bride (Tel. 88 453)

## WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

The ninth annual dinner meeting was held Saturday, March 29, 1986 at Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers Club, Washington, D.C., with an attendance of 63 members and guests. Mrs. Avril Shipman read the Lord's Prayer in Manx Gaelic, translated by Mrs. Patricia Skillicorn. Dirk Ramsey-Spencer led the toasting and called on several to participate. This was followed by each attendee introducing themselves and telling of their connection with the Isle of Man.

Gary Skillicorn, Vice President, conducted the business meeting in the absence of President Ronald Quayle. The membership accepted the report of the Nominating Committee and elected Avril Shipman and Dirk Ramsey-Spencer to the Board of Governors.

William E. Brideson, Chairman of the Convention, brought us up to date on plans for the North American Manx Association Convention to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, September

following last year's merger with Sealink and the advent of the ill-fated S.S. Mona's Isle.

N.B. Again it was intended that a £250,000 conversion would have changed her into a Conference and leisure Centre at Bristol Docks. Alas, at nearly 3,000 tonnes, she was considered too large for such a project.

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### I.O.M. REJECTS SEAT BELT LAW

The Isle of Man is not going to follow the mainland in making the wearing of seat belts compulsory for car drivers and front seat passengers. In the Manx Parliament, Tynwald, just recently, MPs. threw out by 21-9 regulations which would have made belting up compulsory from Oct. 1st. They said the individual had the right to decide for himself.

N.B. Since the introduction of this law in the U.K. it is confirmed that many hundreds of lives have been saved. This shows that even the normally sage Manx Legislators can come up with judgements of seemingly perverse stupidity! I venture to predict that this law will yet be passed eventually. Meanwhile it may be of little consolation to the Islander to know that they have the right to decide whether to live or die!

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I.O.M. INFLATION FALL. Inflation in the Isle of Man fell to 2.9 per cent in April and the Manx Government yesterday reduced the mortgage interest rate for its house purchase loan scheme to 10% - from 11%. Gas prices on the Island will go down on May 1 by nearly nine per cent because of falling oil prices.

N.B. This good news, together with a slow but steady fall in the rate of Unemployment seems to auger well for the future prosperity of the Isle of Man.

Arthur Bridson

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Garrick Lightowler introduced the speaker Mr. David J. Freke, who is with Archaeological Services, University of Liverpool. Mr. Freke has been working with the St. Patrick's Isle Archaeological Trust in excavations of Peel Castle on St. Patrick's Island, and gave a very interesting slide illustrated lecture on the early history of the Island and the Peel Castle excavations. The excavations have revealed an early Christian cemetery; a Pagan Viking cemetery containing the most spectacular single grave yet discovered in the British Isles; many Viking silver coins; and royal apartments of medieval times. He said the history of Peel Castle is yielding many surprises. The

Archaeological Trust has been exploring this site with support from the Manx Museum and Tynwald. Some of the artifacts from the excavations are on display at the Manx Museum in Douglas. Mr. Freke gave an outstanding presentation.

Vice President Gary Skillicorn on behalf of the Washington Manx Society presented Mr. Freke with an honorarium to help continue his work in the excavations; and the book "We The People", a history of the U.S. Capitol.

The program closed with the group singing Ellan Vannin.

The tenth annual meeting and dinner will be held at Fort Myer Officers Club, Arlington, Virginia, on Saturday, March 28, 1987.

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### WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

In March 1986 the World Manx Association published a booklet commemorating the 75th anniversary of its founding. Noreen Cottier and a small committee, Mrs. Bea Cain, Mrs. Margaret Etherington, Mr. Robert Forster, Mr. Les Quilliam and Mrs. Mary Weller helped to get it ready for publication.

We want to thank all Manx Societies and individuals who responded with messages for inclusion in the booklet. The reports from Societies in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and of course America and Canada make interesting reading. A complimentary copy has been sent to all who sent a message, and additional copies may be ordered through your local Society, or from Noreen Cottier at 3 Cowley Terrace, Peel, Isle of Man. There will also be copies available at the 1986 Convention.

News from Richmond Travel in Douglas, is that while quite a number of people earlier this year expressed an interest in a tour of the U.S.A. and in attending the Convention in Williamsburg, Ron Richmond said that a true "Traa dy looar" attitude had developed in April. So although the numbers are uncertain at this time, there will be a number of folks from the Island at the Convention. They are Audrey and Harrison Quirk from Peel. Mr. Clifford Irving, M.H.K. is hoping to meet his daughter and son in law, Caroline and David Ward from Florida at the Convention. Miss Geraldine Collister of Glen Vine, Mrs. M. C. Green from Ramsey and Noreen Cottier from Peel will also be at the Convention.

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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.

### MANX INSCRIPTION FOUND IN CANADA

An inscription found over the mantelpiece of a wooden house in British Columbia has finally been translated after being sent to the Isle of Man via Holland.

Mr. Jimmy Gorry of Queen's Drive, Peel received a letter from Mr. Adrian Harrison, now living in Holland with an enclosure. This was a copy of the inscription which had been sent to friends of his in Holland.

At first nobody recognised the language. Enquired ruled out Irish Scottish and Welsh Gaelic and it was suggested that the mysterious language might be Manx Gaelic which was described as "a dying language".

It was suggested that the inscription be sent to Mec Vannin but even then the progress was slow as the letter went to Church Street, Peel but finally got into Mr. Gorry's hands.

He has had it translated as follows: "A hearty welcome, health while you stay, peace after leaving. In Manx it reads: "Oltachey Dooie, Slaynt Tra Tannaghtyn, Shee lurg faagail."

### MYSTERY SOLVED

A recent item in "the Manx Star" has awakened memories for Mr. William Cowell of Belle Vue, Peel. It described how an inscription had been found above the hearth in a house in the British Columbia Province of Canada and the language had puzzled the finder. After being sent to Holland it was finally identified as Manx Gaelic and was sent to Mr. Jimmy Gorry of Peel who had it translated.

Mr. Cowell says that in 1904 three men left Peel for Vancouver to work in the salmon fishing. Their names were Gorry, Callister and Quilliam, so it is possible that the inscription could have been written by one of them. If so, it was very appropriate that it arrived in Peel many years later to be translated.

Mr. Cowell has spent a lifetime at sea working on the Steam Packet boats in summer and going deep sea in winter, that is with the exception of three years that he spent on the Pacific coast of America. Mr. Cowell and his

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wife had an apartment on the waterfront at Vancouver and he sailed up and down the rugged Pacific coast and on the inland waterways taking provisions to the logging camps.

He went up to the Queen Charlotte Islands and, at times, right up to Alaska, working in a temperature of 40° below zero. This was from 1954 to 1956. The Manx had left their influence because Mr. Cowell used to pass a location named Scarlett Point, which was the most northerly point of Vancouver Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowell did a considerable amount of travelling around Canada and the United States and went on board the "Star of India", built in Ramsey.

One of Mr. Cowell's winter trips took him right round the world via Las Palmas, South Africa, Western Australia, Sydney, New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Tahiti, Acapulco, Panama City and Trinidad.

In 1929 he sailed on the Manchester liners and was at Montreal where he visited the Seaman's Mission. He saw a large oil painting on the wall and the inscription read: "The Hon. J. K. Ward, Mayor of Montreal, 1911-1912." It was the James Kewley Ward, born in Peel, who gave Peel the Ward Library and the clock in the Market Square.

At the moment Mr. Cowell is housebound after an accident in which his hip was broken. He has a lifetime of memories of faraway places where Manxmen had been before him.

## WHAT THE ISLE OF MAN OFFERS NEW RESIDENTS

A recent report by a Committee of Tynwald recommends that the Isle of Man should boost its population by at least 10,000 to 75,000 over the next 15 years. The report proposes a campaign to attract to the Island new residents of independent means and individuals who will be economically active in areas which will benefit the Island and its economy by increasing trade and creating employment opportunities. Whilst it is important to identify the benefits that might be derived by the Island from an expansion of the population, this article seeks to examine the significant benefits that the Island has to offer to new residents, since it is on the basis of these attractions that the success of any population expansion policy will depend.

**POLITICAL STABILITY:** The Isle of Man has a long history of self-government by its own elected parliament and this has created the political stability that is fundamental to growth as a financial centre. The Island is a dependency of the British

Crown with the Queen as its Sovereign, but it is not part of the United Kingdom. With the exception of matters relating to external relations and defence, the Island's parliament, Tynwald, legislates on all matters affecting the Isle of Man. The Island is not a member of the E.E.C., but has negotiated an arrangement under which there is free trade with other E.E.C. countries in agricultural and industrial products.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Island is well served by direct scheduled air service to both the U.K. and Ireland, which operate daily on all major routes and offer connecting flights internationally. Sea connections to the U.K. operate daily, with additional services to Ireland during the summer season.

**TAX STRUCTURE:** The Isle of Man is a low tax area, with income tax being levied at a flat rate of 20% per annum on the income of resident individuals, after the granting of personal allowances and other reliefs.

There are a number of important matters relating to taxation which should be considered by any individual who is intending to become a resident in the Isle of Man, and specific professional advice should be sought before arrival on the Island. There are no higher rates of tax levied, regardless of the level of income, and relief is granted from the effects of double taxation on income derived from foreign sources. The Island levies no capital gains tax, capital transfer tax, estate duty, gift tax, inheritance tax or wealth tax. Tax on companies is charged at the rate of 20% per annum, although certain classes of company may be subject to a lower effective rate of tax, or may even be exempt. The principal indirect taxes are customs and excise duties and V.A.T., which are charged at similar rates to the U.K.

**GOVERNMENT POLICY:** Policy in relation to new residents may be summarised as follows —

- \* There are no restrictive housing laws, and new residents are therefore free to purchase housing on the open market.

- \* Resident permits are not required.
- \* The Isle of Man is part of a common travel area within the British Isles and there are consequently no immigration controls in operation between the Island and the U.K. or Ireland and no restrictions on the citizens of those countries who wish to take up residence in the Island.

- \* Individuals wishing to take up employment or self-employment on the Island must comply with the provisions of the Control of Employment Act 1975, which

provides for a system of work permits for non-Isle of Man workers.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** There is a wide selection of schools and other educational facilities, including a full free state education system comprising both primary and secondary schools, and two fee paying public schools, one for boys and one for girls. The Island has a comprehensive free health and social services system, which operates in a similar manner to the U.K. and most E.C.C. countries. National Insurance contributions are levied at rates similar to the U.K. The Island also offers the full range of professional skills to be expected in a developed financial centre, including advocates, accountants, company administrators, stock brokers and other investment advisors.

In addition to the above attractions, the Isle of Man offers superb natural amenities, a wide variety of sports and leisure activities and considerable room to breath with 220 square miles of land and a population of only 65,000.

(Peter Pell-Hiley)

## WASHINGTON AREA MANX DINNER

The following verses were sung to the tune of "The Manx Weddin" and was performed at the Manx Dinner held on March 29th/86.

"Be off to the Convention ye young people all, for all are expected the great and the small,

Yer friends and yer neighbours, yer relatives dear

An' all yer belongings both distant and near —

From the Nor's and the Sou's and the Eas' and the Wes'

There isn't a soul not asked as a guest  
In fact the whole Islan' has flocked to Williamsburg —

An' as likely as not the whole world will be there.

So be off with the Kit of yer herrin' and sprats:

Yer brothers and sisters, yer dogs and yer cats,

The mice in the barn, Oh see how they run —

An' Robbin a bobbin and everyone.

So be off with ye childer' as fast as ye can —

or the seats'll be taken and ye'll have to stan', like Caes-ar they've come

and they've conquered and seen —

The lovlies't Conventioun that ever has been —

Ever has Been

Yes, ever has been.

The lovlies't Conventioun that ever has been."

Submitted by  
Mrs. Avril Quiggan Shipman

## OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret that news was received of the death of Miss Alice Garrett, Rochester, N.Y. Alice had been a long time loyal member of the Rochester Manx Society and the N.A.M.A. She had held office on the Executive level and was Hon. Pres. of the Ladies' Aux. to N.A.M.A. at the time of her death. No further particulars are available at this time.

CORLETT, Roland, of Middlefield, Ohio, passed away very recently, he was a long time member of N.A.M.A. and over the years had attended many Conventions. Further particulars are not available at this time.

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DURFEE, Eunice A., beloved daughter of the late John and Susannah, sister of Melvin E., (Eustis, Fla) and the late Jean Delight. Funeral and Memorial services were held on April 9th, 1986 at the Church of the Master. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery, the Rev. Earl W. Sires officiated. Eunice was a niece of the late Claire Mylecraime, Ohio.

PICKARD, Ann passed away May 1986 at Douglas, Isle of Man, while she was not a member of N.A.M.A., Mrs. Gurney, Avon Lake, Ohio, mailed her every issue of the Bulletin. The Pickard family were very well known on the Isle of Man for their musical ability. Alan Pickard, Conductor and Music Advisor of the Manx Youth Orchestra visited Washington last year and was very well received, he is a member of the Pickard family and resides in Douglas, Isle of Man.

QUINE, Ffinlo Cain, the last of six sons of John Henry and Ellen (Eleanor) Cain Quine of St. John's, Isle of Man, came to Washington, D.C. in 1919 after serving four years with the Royal Engineers in the British Army, World War I.

He died on February 14th after a brief illness, at the age of 95. He and his brother William Stanley, had been self-employed in a construction business known as W. S. and F. C. Quine, carrying on the trade of their father. They retired in 1957. In 1964 he married Grace Gosnell of Laurel, Maryland where he resided until his death.

Services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church near Laurel, and burial was in Ft. Lincoln Cemetery in N. E. Washington, D.C. Survivors include his wife, nieces, nephews and cousins in the Isle of Man, England and Wales and cousins in Ohio and Canada. He was a long time member of the N.A.M.A. and had attended several conventions.

QUIRK, Frank B. (Benny), 76; a Sterling Park, Virginia resident for fifteen years, died January 6, 1986. He was retired from the government with thirty-one years of service to the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce.

Mr. Quirk was born February 22, 1909, in Pinyfork, Ohio the son of Frank and Ruby L. Quirk. He was raised in Painesville, Ohio, and moved to the Washington area in 1931.

He was an active member of the North American Manx Association, the Washington, D.C. Area Manx Society, OX5 Aviation Pioneers, enjoyed golfing and belonged to several golf and bowling associations.

Surviving are his daughter, Helen Franchimon, Vacaville, California; one son, Benjamin F. Quirk, Lakeside, California; sister, Bernice Q. Cummins, and brother, John E. Quirk, Melbourne, Florida; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were held January 11, from Arlington Funeral Home with interment on January 14, in Madison, Ohio.

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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.

## A LITTLE MIXED UP SENIOR CITIZEN

Just a little line to say I'm living  
that I'm not among the dead,  
Though I'm getting more forgetful  
and more mixed up in my head.  
For sometimes I can't remember  
when I stand at the foot of the stairs  
If I'm going up for something  
or just come down from there.  
And before the fridge so often,  
my poor mind is full with doubt,  
Have I put the food away, or  
Have I come to take it out?  
And there's times when it's dark  
outside, with my nightcap on my  
head.  
I don't know if I'm retiring  
or just getting out of bed!  
So, if it's my turn to write you,  
there's no need of getting sore,  
I may think that I have written  
and don't want to be a bore.  
So, remember, I do love you,  
and I wish that you were here.  
But now it's nearly mail time,  
So I must say "Goodbye my dear"  
There I stood beside the mail box,  
with my face so very red,  
Instead of mailing you my letter,  
I've opened it instead!!!

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We share with you in the N.A.M.A. our regrets at the resignation of our Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Hilda Penrice. She has served ably and well in these 14 years of keeping us informed as to Manx news, both on the Isle and in America. We hope that she will continue to be heard from, perhaps in occasional columns or other contributions to the Bulletin, and in her valued presence at the Conventions. So, it's not "Goodbye, Hilda" - but "See you around!"

What is faith? Someone once said, "Christian faith does not free me from perplexity; it/does enable me to live with a lot of unsolved problems." There are many things we do not see; how some family problems will be resolved; how our nation can solve its social and economic problems; how peace can be secured. How many times we have turned to Paul's words: "... for we walk by faith, not by sight." (II Cor. 5:7). (Yes, we have even preached from it!)

There are many times when we don't know the answers, but somehow we are given the strength and guidance to live the questions, to step forward in the light we have been given. In the economy of God we are given the strength and light for each day. Like so many of the vitamins we take for health, that power is not stored in advance! And that is why we pray, with Jesus: "Give us this day our daily bread..."

Rev. Herbert G. Kelly

QUESTION: What can you tell me about the Manx cat?

ANSWER: The Manx cat is one of the most unusual of all breeds of cats. Its hind legs are longer than its forelegs, and it doesn't have a tail. It has a thick double coat of hair that can be many different colours.

Because of its long hind legs, the Manx looks a little like a rabbit when it is in motion. Because of this, legend has it that the Manx is the result of a cross between a cat and a rabbit.

The Manx, being without a tail, is also the source of another myth. The animal dawdled as it went up the ramp into the Ark, so the story goes, and Noah shut the door on it too soon.

The lack of tail is so pronounced that there is a depression or hollow where the tail would be. Occasionally a Manx will be born with a very short tail, these cats are called "stumpies" to distinguish them from the tailless "rumpies".

The Manx is believed to have originated in the Far East and has been bred for many centuries on the Isle of Man, off the coast of northwest England.