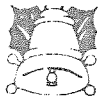
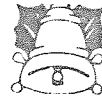


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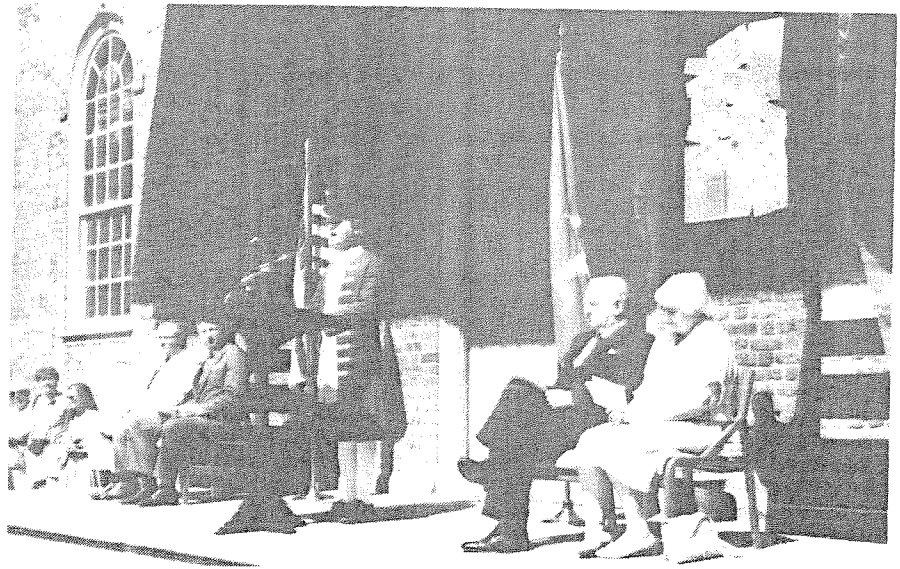
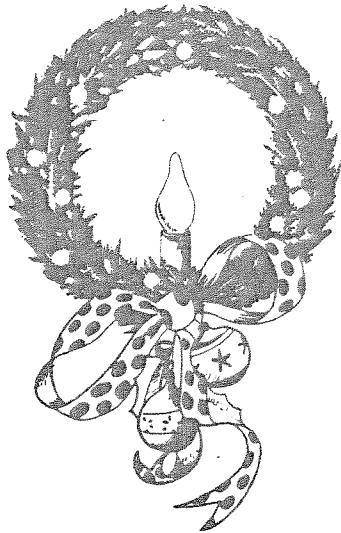
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"To preserve whate'er is left us of ancient heritage"

SEPTEMBER/DECEMBER 1986



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After the election at the Monday morning session of our convention it was a lonely feeling to realize suddenly that here it was. Mr. Anderson was for me the Voice of Experience in planning our convention, and over the two years our friendship grew in many directions. It was frightening to receive from him the gavel George Curphey made for NAMA, and have him seem not to be there any more. But, on further reflection, the advice and help I have had from time to time from all our past presidents has been warm and bountiful and generous, and if all will keep a careful eye cocked in my direction I have every hope we will keep this thing on an even keel for two more years, we may even do a useful new thing or two. Let us work together for this organization which does enrich our lives, gives us new friendships, and in this vast continent gives us all reason to pause and reflect on the tiny Isle of Man as the point of origin which binds us together in a very special way.

My wife, the Editor, and I both wish you a most bountiful and joyous Holiday Season. As we read our former Editor's recollections of the insecurities, anxieties, and uncertainties of a War Time Christmas, and as you recall your own memories of those times, we should all return big thanks every day we are able for the comfortable circumstances we enjoy.

Merry Christmas,
William E. Brideson
President

CONVENTION NOTES

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At the Friday afternoon Executive Committee Meeting our Treasurer reported the balance on hand is \$24,438.55 and membership is 668. Our membership list is now on the computer of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haldeman. Mrs. Penrice addressed the Bulletin with a hand system the supplies for which are no longer manufactured. Mrs. Doris Brideson agreed to take the duties of Bulletin editor.

Trustee Robert Camaish presented copies of a list of NAMA paraphernalia, and requested officers to correct it if necessary and return it to him. George Curphey announced that he would again present the Convention with a Canadian flag. This particular flag disappears after each Convention. This will be his third donation, and he was thanked for his generosity.

The Secretary announced that she has more than 100 NAMA membership pins available at \$3 each. President Anderson explained the possibility of NAMA sponsoring an exchange student with the Isle of Man. A committee consisting of Mr. Anderson as Chairman, Mrs. Mona Creer and Mr. Larry Fargher was named to study and hopefully implement this program.

On Friday evening messages of welcome and greetings were extended by the Convention Chairman, the Washington Society President, the Williamsburg Foundation, President Anderson. Speaker of the House of Keyes Sir Charles Kerruish, Douglas Mayor Audrey Ainsworth, Tourist Board Representative Jim Kennedy, Peel Castle Archeologist David Freke, Manx Radio Producer Charles Guard who conducted a sing-along with the Celtic Harp. A game using Manx names mixed people together for their food to establish a friendliness that seemed to prevail throughout the convention.

Saturday morning opened with a Viking breakfast during which costumed Vikings raided and pillaged and carried away maidens. Seats were fully occupied for the business meeting during which the NAMA officers reported on their two years of stewardship since the last convention. The photographer gave instructions on how to assemble in front of the conference center so he could take the photo from the roof of the hotel. The Vikings led the convention in a column a block or two long to Market Square where the Fife and Drum Corps opened a ceremony in which the Mayor of Williamsburg and President of the Williamsburg Foun-

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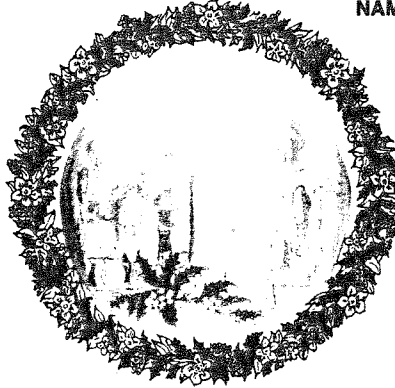
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**Ahoh Slabnt As Shee As Maynyrs Erriu,
Dn Nollick Shoh**

Health, Peace and Happiness to you
this Christmastide

NAMA Officers**OUR OWN PEOPLE**

Mrs. Isabel Lucas (nee Callister) celebrated her 90th birthday in July at the Corrin Memorial Home in Peel. Mrs. Lucas was born in Peel and returned with Mr. Lucas, in 1956 to retire. Her special day was a very happy one with many visitors, and greeting cards throughout the week. Mrs. Lucas has been a NAMA member for many years and takes a keen interest in the Bulletin, as she met many Manx people on a visit to her sister's home (Mrs. Essie Quayle) in San Francisco in 1949.

Miss Lena Watterson of Westlands, Peel had a visit in June from her first cousin, Harry Quayle Shimmin of Oak Brook, IL whose last trip to the Island was in 1945, when he had a short leave whilst serving with the U.S. Army in Europe. Mr. Shimmin was pleased to represent his sister, Mrs. Ethel Christian of Largo, Florida, when the Western Housing Assoc. had a short ceremony to acknowledge Mrs. Christian's gift of a seat in memory of their parents. It was placed in the Westlands complex.

John Robinson, formerly of Salt Lake City, UT made the big move to the Isle of Man in August, and is living in furnished premises until his household effects arrive. After spending his holidays on the Island and in the U.K. for the past ten years, he decided it would be better to live in the Island and perhaps have a vacation to the States occasionally. His new address is 2 Larch Hill, Highton Wood, Tromode.

Miss Laura Kinrade and her sister, Dorothy of Toronto, spent another happy time on the Island in July. They have been visiting every summer for the past four years and take great pleasure in meeting their relatives. Dr. Dorothy Kinrade also attended the NAMA convention in Williamsburg.

Noreen Cottier, our Regional Representative in the Isle of Man had a busy summer prior to attending the Convention. One of her visitors just before she left was a cousin, Mrs. Marge Verross (nee Cottier) with her husband Bill and son Tom, whom Noreen had never met, as the last time the cousins were together was more than 40 years ago in Cleveland. There was a great exchange of family news in the few days they were together.

Fastyr Laa Yn Nollick — Eve of Christmas Day

In olden times, the farmers, shepherds and fishermen, at Christmas time, after coming from 'Oie'll Voirrey', used to go to a public house and have a spree of Manx ale. They called it 'Jough-Vie', Good Ale. Every house had a big candle made for the occasion from any left-over wax and tallow, the bigger the better. The men would enjoy themselves until the large Christmas candle burnt down into the socket. They would sing before they left the house,

'Ta Traa Gholl Thie, Dy Gholl Dy Lhie, etc.'

'It is time to go home, to go and lie down'

Known as the parting song, it would be trolled out until the last revellers departed.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The WMA June outing led us to Arbory in the South of the Island where the Laa Columb Killey Fair was being held. I understand the meaning of Columb Killey is — St. Columbus Church Day, so appropriate an event in Heritage year 1986.

On July 5th the Annual Gathering was held at the Palace Hotel when a hearty welcome was given to guests by the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Richard Ward J. P. and Mrs. Ward. The Annual Reunion was highly successful with good attendance, albeit we missed the joy of welcoming our Manx American and Canadian friends. However, it was a pleasure to have with us Mr. T. R. Anderson, President of NAMA-1986, whose address to the gathering was much appreciated. Mr. John Corlett, President of the Queensland Manx Society was present and spoke greetings from his group. Mr. Boxall of Canberra, Australia also extended greetings. Mr. Peter Burns, President of the London Manx Society gave regards from the members of that Society.

Cleveland medalist, Graham Crowe sang some well chosen songs in very good style, including a rousing 'Ramsey Town'.

It was a delight when a large group of the Liverpool Manx Social Society joined us on Sunday, July 6th for an excursion where a halt was made at the Laxey Glen Gardens Cafe for a delicious tea. Miss Dorothy Corrin, President of the Society spoke to all present before going on to Maughold Church for the Evening Service. The Rev. Saul preached a very thought provoking sermon and lessons were read by WMA President and Mr. W. Moore, Secretary of the London Manx Society.

July 17th was a date to remember with gratitude as on that date in 1911 the World Manx Association was founded by Richard Cain and supporters in Rushen Abbey Gardens. Mr. Peter Kelly, a WMA member gave a most informative talk on the founding of our Association and the history of Rushen Abbey. It was a coincidence that during the time we were at Rushen Abbey, two Homecomers, Mr.

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**NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION
1986 CONVENTION FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Receipts:

Registration	\$14,565.00	
Bus Trip	2,737.75	
Souvenir Book	1,795.00	
Prize Ticket Sales	1,541.00	
Sales Table	1,324.78	
Donations	1,150.00	
Viking Breakfast	958.00	
Ladies Luncheon	800.00	
Convention Photo	540.00	\$25,411.53

Disbursements:

Banquet	5,379.57	
Bus Trip	3,007.00	
Souvenir Book	3,006.63	
President's Reception	2,595.25	
Sunday Evening Buffet	2,202.43	
Registration Packets	1,074.00	
Viking Breakfast	1,037.00	
Sales Table and Prizes	802.20	
Ladies Luncheon	800.00	
Entertainment	792.31	
First Mailing	493.00	
Convention Photo	490.00	
Second Mailing	394.00	
Bar Tenders	179.20	
Officers' Luncheon	167.75	22,420.34

Cash Balance, October 31, 1986 \$ 2,991.19

The Ladies' Auxiliary, NAMA

Eighty ladies met at the Convention Center of the Patrick Henry Inn in Williamsburg on Saturday, September 13th to enjoy a delightful luncheon, have a good business meeting, and then listen keenly as Noreen Cottier told us about how life goes on in the Isle of Man today. She had gone there to live in 1976. Several men, who did not want to be deprived of this enlightening program, joined us to hear Noreen and she answered many questions that her rapt audience kept asking.

Forty-four ladies have joined or renewed their membership to the Ladies Auxiliary. Any others wishing to do so may send their membership fee (\$3.00 for two years - until the 1988 convention) to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Amo Fisher, R.R. #3, Tottenham, Ontario, LOG 1W0.

A sincere "thank you" to all who contributed to the Ladies' Auxiliary Craft Table at the Convention. It was a great success.

Mona Creer, President
Amo Fisher, Sec-Treas.

FROM the WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

To All Manx people throughout the World
"May the joy and blessings of Christmas lead into a New Year of good health, true happiness and peace in the troubled countries of the World"

Doris M. Clague, President John J. Quilliam,
Chairman
Officials and members.



LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT.

Greetings my friends,

Once again in the annual time-scale we have reached the "Fall of the Leaf" or, as the poet wrote - "Congenial Autumn comes - the sabbath of the year!" So, whilst adopting a suitably reverential attitude to accord with this austere sentiment, I have to gleefully record that we have just enjoyed our annual, happy, lazy, three week holiday in the Isle of Man.

Everything there is as it ever was, lovely, unspoilt, salubrious, sublime even. The weather was generally perfect and rambling around my old haunts - the precincts of the incomparable Mooragh Park and the North Shore, I was able to contemplate and once more appreciate the beauties of the Island.

Looking south to the hills and North Bar-rule, most days bathed in sunlight, all was changeless, except when now and again, the sapphire sky was invaded by white cumulus clouds which drifted slowly along in the gentle breeze casting a few shadows on the face of the mountain.

On the other hand, the sea and shore were bewitching in their constant change of scene. Sometimes the colour of the sea was grey, sometimes green but mostly a brilliant azure blue in the bright sunshine. The seashore at low-tide was so revealing; the innumerable small pools of water, trapped by the tide and sparkling in the sun like so many shimmering pearls. The stink of fishy things; the odours of brine and seaweed and what was poignant and perhaps strange, sometimes in the quietude I seemed to hear siren voices calling with enchanting melodies evoking captivating memories of youth and love in the days of long ago.

Suddenly, my friends, the spell is broken. With just a hint of preemptory demand, my dear wife is calling from the kitchen "Come and get your Tea" in that voice which, in my little world, constitutes the absolute autocracy. Even so, I must fly simply because I detect the saintly aroma of Manx Herring which have been 'potted' - baked slowly and with care in a marinade of mixed spices and bay leaves. Already I am savouring the heady flavour of this piscatorial bounty; Already I am drooling in urgent anticipation. Never forgetting that lovely lady . . .

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR BRIDSON

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

This summer was only marginally better than the last, but despite the chilly conditions, our Open Day at Castle Rushen was a great success. We featured three southside families over a two day period in July. Our thanks is due to Mrs. E. Barlow of New Zealand for her material on the Quattrough family and also to Mrs. D. Corlett of Castletown for her artistic "centre piece". We hope to have a permanent display in the Castle next summer.

We also enjoyed success with our exhibition in the Homecomers' Marquee at Tynwald Fair, and once again met many overseas friends.

Miss Noreen Cottier reported that she attended the NAMA Conference at Williamsburg and enrolled seven new members and also encouraged some of our lapsed members to re-join.

We started the new season of Meetings in September with a Members Evening which took the form a short talk by four local members on their own researches, each in their own different style. In October Miss Amber Kaighin gave us a talk on her Rhenass research entitled "Rhenass, research and results". Amber has collected the results of many years' work in a series of beautifully presented books which won her the Family History Society prize and also the supreme award at the 1985 Cruinnaght. We have a full programme of events planned for 1987 on which I will be reporting in due course.

May I wish all our friends in NAMA a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

S. M. Mylchreest
Secretary, Isle of Man Family History Society

SUMMER TOUR

We are considering with Emerald Tours a genealogical trip to the Isle of Man next summer: Leave the US June 27 to Shannon Airport, coach to Gallway and Ballygalley Castle, ferry to Scotland, coach to Edinburgh, the English Lake District, ferry to Dublin on July 9 or 10, coach to Shannon for return to the US, cost \$899 for travel and lodging.

If anything comes of it you will receive a direct mailing from Emerald Tours (800-368-3267) after the first of the year.



CONVENTION NOTES

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dation welcomed Sir Charles Kerruish and Mayor Ainsworth. Senator and Mrs. David Durrenberger of Minnesota emerged from the crowd looking for the Andersons (the Senator was banquet speaker at the Minneapolis Convention), and they sent their greetings and best wishes to our Convention. The Ladies Auxiliary met in the conference center for a luncheon served to 80 ladies. Miss Noreen Cottier from Peel, Isle of Man, was the guest speaker on "Living on the Isle of Man". This year, for the first time, the talk was opened to all members, and many men came to hear Miss Cottier's interesting talk and replies to questions, which she had to cut off so the hotel could prepare the banquet room.

Saturday evening a Hospitality Hour preceded the banquet. Entertainment was provided by the Fort Eustis Band, and the Color Guard presented all the flags with an excellent narrative on the history of each. Sir Charles and the Commanding General of the Army Transportation Corps exchanged flags in an interesting ceremony. The Botetourt Singers of the College of William and Mary presented American and Manx music. Sir Charles' speech was captured in its entirety on the video film, and Master of Ceremonies Ed Sayle gave an outside world press account of a Viking terrorist raid on a peaceful Manx gathering in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

Sunday morning Chaplain Herbert Kelly opened the meeting with the Memorial Service, the theme of his message was "The Blessing of Memory." Later Chaplain Kelly read the lessons in the service at Bruton Parish Church, and Co-Chairman Ronald Quayle led a delegation to occupy the guest pew and acknowledge the recognition Bruton Parish extended to our Convention. A local Manx lady indicated an interest in joining the Washington Society, and attended our Sunday Evening Program. Following the Memorial Service, reports were read from the Manx Societies: Washington, Mr. Ron Quayle; Cleveland, Mrs. Florence Roseman; California, Mr. Malcolm Kinley; Wisconsin, Mrs. Mae Reese; Arizona, Mr. John Hughes; Minnesota, Mr. T. R. Anderson; Nebraska, Rev. Herbert Kelly; Chicago, Mr. Clarence Creer; San Diego, Mrs. Marge Weber; Nova Scotia, Mr. George Curphey; Toronto, Mr. Stan Shimmin. Mrs. Charlene Radcliffe, Lexington, Kentucky, gave a report on an ethnic festival she attended; Mrs. Eldred Trawver reported on the 68th Reunion of the Cain Family and the possibility of extending it to form an Iowa Society; Mr. John Musgrove on the World Manx Association; Miss Noreen Cottier on the Family History Society. Mr. Jim Kennedy presented NAMA with a tapestry of Loughtin wool depicting the Isle of Man, and Mr. Norman Clucas, Honorary President, closed the meeting with a delightful report.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to a bus tour of Jamestown, Yorktown, and the Carter Grove Estate. Sunday evening a buffet supper was followed by a program of toasting, a performance by the Queen's Guard of William and Mary College, American 17th Century and Manx Dances were performed by the Heritage Dancers of Williamsburg, and US flags flown over the Capitol for Senator Dan

Quayle of Indiana were presented to Speaker Kerruish and Mayor Ainsworth.

The Monday morning meeting opened with Convention Reports: Full registrations 264, President's Reception 285, Viking Breakfast 170, Ladies Luncheon 80, Banquet 298, Bus Tour 151, Sunday Buffet 275. Fourteen attended the convention from the Isle of Man, and 3 from England, 22 from Ontario, and 2 from Nova Scotia; 30 States and the District of Columbia were also represented.

Time and Place Committee Chairman Marshall Cannell announced that Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto, and Plymouth, Massachusetts, are being considered for the Convention in 1988.

Nominating Committee Chairman Mona Haldeman announced the following nominations: President, Mr. William Brideson; 1st Vice President, Mr. Marshall Cannell; 2nd Vice President, Mr. Lawrence Fargher; 3rd Vice President, Mr. Ronald Quayle; Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan; Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Creer; Chaplain, Rev. Herbert Kelly; Trustees, Mr. Robert Camaish, Mr. Russell Gawne, and Mr. William Roseman; Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Doris Brideson; Honorary President, Mr. Norman Clucas; 1st Honorary Vice President, Mr. T. R. Anderson; Hon. Vice President and Genealogist, Mrs. Edna Cowin; and Honorary Vice President, Miss Doris Clague. There being no further nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was duly elected, the Manx Sword of State was presented to Mr. Brideson, and the Badges of Office were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Brideson.

Mrs. Edna Cowin, on behalf of NAMA, presented Mrs. Hilda Penrice with a gift in appreciation for all her work on the Bulletin from 1972 to 1986.

At the Monday Executive Meeting Marshall Cannell was appointed the next Convention Chairman. Chaplain Kelly explained his daughter's suggestion that a map of the Isle of Man be provided to all the Societies on which members may place their ancestor's name and place and date of birth. Miss Noreen Cottier has supplied such a map which will be copied and supplied to each Society with the Bulletin Notice in January. All completed maps should be brought along to our next Convention for display.

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REPORT FROM THE MANX SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

A meeting of the Manx Society of Minnesota was held at the T. R. Anderson home, Point of France, Edina, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 4, 1986. It was one of our most interesting and well-attended meetings. A movie, "1986 Tynwald Ceremony" was shown and also the "Railways of Isle of Man." These films were watched with enthusiasm and several members have ordered copies.

We were delighted to welcome new members; among them, Marion Green, who had heard of us through her aunt, Marj Weber of San Diego. Thank you Marj! We certainly would appreciate any North American Manx Association members who have Manx relatives or friends in Minnesota telling them about our organization.

Lafean Anderson gave a report on the 1986 Tynwald Celebration which she and Mr. An-

person attended. Many distinguished guests came to the Isle this year. Some of the very outstanding individuals, all of Manx heritage, were; the 10th Duke of Atholl, of Blair-Atholl Castle, Scotland. His family owned the Isle of Man for about eighty years. He invited us to do Manx research in his great library at Blair-Atholl Castle. Four men were honored at the banquet as Distinguished Sons of Mann. They were:

(1) Sir Anthony Quayle, a well-known and beloved British Shakespearean actor and director. He is best known in the United States for his roles in "Guns of Navarone" and "Laurence of Arabia." He and Lady Quayle were so enchanted with the Isle of Man that he offered to come back later this year and direct a series of plays for the Manx people.

(2) Sir Brian Cubbon, the permanent Under Secretary of State, Home Office, England since 1979. Lady Cubbon accompanied him.

(3) Professor Frank Kermode, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, since 1974. He is a distinguished writer of books and articles on English Literature, and is probably best known as the editor of the internationally acclaimed "Oxford Anthology of English Literature."

(4) Sir Randolph Quirk, C.B.E. President of the British Academy. He was graduated from the Douglas, Isle of Man High School and from there received many degrees and honors from universities in England, Scotland, Sweden and the United States. He is the top authority on the uses of styles and communication in the English language in contemporary grammar and literature.

In addition to the above guests, there were representatives on Denmark, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Guernsey, Iceland, Sweden, Ireland, Jersey, Norway, United Kingdom, Australia and the Andersons and Russell Gawne from the United States.

Salome Thorkelsdottir, the President of the Upper House of Iceland's parliament, gave a fine address at the banquet. We enjoyed reading her name in our United States papers during the Reagan-Gorbachev meeting in Iceland. Fridrik Olafsson, the Secretary of the Icelandic Parliament and his attractive wife, all came to Tynwald. He was particularly impressive because he held the International Chess Championship in 1978-82.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gill and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Anderson attended the Williamsburg convention and gave a report on the meeting.

It was a pleasure to see Sir Charles and Lady Kay Kerruish in Williamsburg. He has spent a lifetime on the Island and his ancestors go back many centuries. Sir Charles confirmed that Tynwald was interested in continuing our Myles Standish programs. Sir Charles was given an honorary title, "Mr. Isle of Man" and gave us an outstanding speech about the Island heritage.

Norman W. Standish of Dallas, Texas, a direct descendant of Myles Standish was a special guest. He is the most active of all the descendants and promised us his continual support of the Ellanbane project, and we welcomed him as a new member of our association.

The Manx Myles Standish stamps and many new books and pamphlets published on the Island during Heritage year were on

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Christmas Greetings and News from the Manx Societies

BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

The Bisbee Manx Society is hoping to get off to a new start when they meet November 10th at the home of Ivy Dillon.

We have lost four members to death during the year so it leaves a very small membership at present. However, we are hopeful of getting more people to join since new people are coming into the area because it is becoming an artist colony and retirement area. Maybe we'll find some of them have Manx ancestors. We send best wishes to our new bulletin editor and our love and Christmas greetings to all.

Sincerely
Ivy L. Dillon

CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

I have no news as we have not had a meeting for some time, but the Chicago Manx Society sends along their good wishes for a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Year.

Sincerely,
Florence Abbinanti
Secretary-Treasurer
Chicago Manx Society

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

All our members and officers extend to our Manx kin and friends everywhere greetings of the season. May you all enjoy peace, good health, and prosperity in the coming year.

Keeping you posted on our society's activities, in September a "Lolly the Trolley" trip around downtown Cleveland was of interest to all who attended. The driver/guide gave a running commentary of Cleveland's history and landmarks. Everyone went to the same restaurant afterwards to wind up a most enjoyable afternoon.

On October 19th, we had a bus trip to Akron's Stan Hywet Hall (Seiberling's mansion). Dinner at Tangiers Restaurant followed before our return, via same bus, to Cleveland.

November's meeting included a Manx Mhelliagh. This year, canned goods were brought to be distributed to needy in the area through the church where our east side meetings are held.

December 14th: annual Christmas dinner/party, held at the Rocky River Sheraton Inn. This traditional event marks the beginning of the Christmas season for many of us. It is always enjoyed by all.

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

The sixty-eighth Annual Reunion of the John & Jane Eads Cain family was held August 6, 1986, at Jefferson, Iowa.

Attending were Cain descendants from Iowa, and two from out of state — Mr. & Mrs. William Brideson of Alexandria, VA.

Following a noon dinner, a business meeting was held. A report was given about the successful fund drive for the renovation of the John and Jane Eads Cain Monument in Greenbrier Cemetery in Greene County, Iowa. The response was tremendous from Iowa, and generous gifts came from Florida, Virginia, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, and California. The committee also was happy to report that the work on the monument was completed and re-set in the cemetery by Memorial Day.

John Cain was born in Ballasalla, Isle of Man in 1811, and Jane Eads was born in England in 1812. They were married in 1835 and had ten children, all born in Ballasalla.

Three daughters and six sons preceded them in emigrating to the United States in the 1860's, settling first in Illinois, and later in Iowa. John and Jane Cain, with son Maurice, joined their family in the United States in 1872. John died in 1889 and Jane died in 1880, and both are buried in Greenbrier Cemetery, as mentioned previously. The first meeting of the Cain family was in September of 1919, with 90 present. It was decided at this meeting to make the reunion an annual event, and this meeting has continued to the present time. Mr. William Brideson gave us a short resume of the meetings and events planned for the NAMA meeting at Williamsburg, and some of the guests expected to attend.

The next reunion will be August 2, 1987, in Jefferson, Iowa.

Arless Henneberry

NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

The Nebraska Manx Society met at the home of Bob and Vickie Gobber in Gretna, Nebraska on October 19, 1986. We had a beautiful day for the meeting — ideal fall weather. After a delicious pot-luck lunch, we held the business meeting and went over the news from the convention. We then viewed slides and literature brought back from our members who attended the Williamsburg convention. Rev. Kelly offered to host our next meeting in Fremont, Nebraska in the spring.

Vickie Knudsen

SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

The San Diego Manx Society wishes everyone Merry Christmas and lots of good health, happiness, and prosperity in 1987.

As we do each year we celebrated Tynwald Day at the Cottage of England where we met several people with Manx ancestors, whom we hope will become members of our group.

We extend our deepest sympathies to our member, Brian Harrison, whose father who lived on the Isle of Man passed on in September. We had three members attend the Convention and gave us a detailed report at our last meeting. It sounded just wonderful and made the rest of us wish we had been there.

We enjoyed visiting with Kathleen Corkhill, the niece of the late Irish Corkhill, who was our first secretary. Kathleen is here on holiday from Douglas, Isle of Man.

Our Christmas party will be Dec. 12th at the home of Rev. Devore and his wife Ruth Smith.

In February we will hold our meeting on the Star of India and present the head of the museum with a picture of the ship at the time it was launched. This is a gift from our San Diego Society and will be hung on the Star of India for all to see.

Marjorie Hall Frederick
Secy, Treas.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

Many thanks to all our Manx friends in the East for organizing such a wonderful Convention in Williamsburg. Now looking forward to the next one in 1988.

"What a thrill it was to meet and visit with so many "young" familiar faces, from the Nors and Sous, the East and the West, and Charlie the Speaker as honored guest.

There was ones there from Peel all sitting in a row, but no Bonnag in sight — a bit of a blow!

There was ones there from Kirk Michael, and the Douglas Mayoress, and an ex-Steam Packet sailor from the gold mines, no less.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

President Chris Stirling, on behalf of the Vancouver Manx Society, extends to one and all best wishes for a happy Christmas and a merry New Year.

1986 has been an exciting year for Vancouverites. We celebrated our centennial and held a highly successful exposition. Now we will relax for a short while, after all our visitors and prepare for the festive season.

The August picnic in Stanley Park saw a few new faces that we hope will return in the New Year. All present young and not so young enjoyed the society's annual treat-a ride on the children's zoo train. The Tug-o-war even had people not with our picnic joining in on the fun.

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display at our meeting. Many orders for them were received.

We are busy preparing for our last event of the year — our November "Pot Luck Supper". We are hoping for a good turn out so, hope the weatherman will be good to us.

While most of us stayed home this past summer a few members have been on the go. Mona Witsten took a cruise through the Panama Canal. Mona Bohemier and Isabelle Gell visited friends and relatives in the I.O.M. and other points.

We were saddened to learn of the passing in the I.O.M. of Charlie Jopson. To his family and friends, especially to his daughters living in the Vancouver area Cathy Cannell and Fenella Deakin our sympathy.

A healthy and prosperous New Year to one and all.

Vera Henry
4305 Prince Albert Street
Vancouver, B.C.

GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

Condolences to the family of Howard C. Looney. Mr. Looney passed away on September 9, 1986, of pneumonia. He joined the Washington Manx Society shortly after it was organized. He was a member of the North American Manx Association, and attended the Convention held in Arlington, Virginia, in 1974.

Since the Convention in Williamsburg we have all settled back into the routine of daily living. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit with long time friends, and to make new friends.

At a recent Board of Governors' meeting the film of the NAMA Convention in Williamsburg was previewed. The editing of the film is not complete but it is an excellent narrative of convention activities. A Christmas Party was discussed and tentative date set for Saturday, December 13, 1986. A trip to the Isle of Man in the summer of 1987 to attend the Homecoming planned by the Isle of Man Tourist board was discussed.

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

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

The Washington Manx Society sends their best wishes for the Holiday Season and hope for peace and happiness in the coming year.

Ronald J. Quayle
President

WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

Thirty-five Wisconsin Manx Society members attended the October 12th Smorgasbord Dinner and meeting at Madison. President Henry Turville presided. A report of the NAMA Williamsburg meeting was given by Bob Callin with additional comments by Isabel Miles, two of the five members who had attended from the Society. Special reference was made to the outstanding program

the Washington, D.C. area members had planned and provided for those attending. It was exceptional and we thank them for their tremendous efforts! Mary Kelly and her committee were thanked for their excellent work on our ad from the NAMA meeting program.

Three new members, Harry Clough and Patricia Gustavas, Fox Lake, and Joan Ogden, Janesville were introduced. Mary Kelly reported on a possible tour to the Isle of Man in 1988 for our Wisconsin Society. She stated a group of 30 would be ideal to work with and if we start planning now it can become a reality. It was voted to donate funds to help offset some of the costs for the Laxey Picnic which may be held during the summer of 1987. The amount was not determined but Bob Callin will go back to the Laxey Committee and discuss further with a report at the next meeting.

A committee is working on possibilities to sponsor an exchange person from the Isle of Man and providing a grant to a graduate student who could use the funds for studying the Manx Heritage in Wisconsin.

It was suggested by Mike Cannell we plan for informational programs on the Isle of Man. We discussed using money from our treasury to provide films and or slides about the Island for meeting use.

We also discussed incorporation as a non-profit organization and life membership. Members were encouraged to join NAMA. A show of hands indicated several of our members have become members. Correspondence from the Isle of Man Family History on "strays" and requests for articles about families of Manx descent for Isle of Man periodicals were also read. Our next meeting will be held May 3, 1987 at Heritage House in Madison.

We who "share the Manx heritage in Wonderful Wisconsin" send to all of you our warmest thoughts and best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

E. Mae Reese
Liaison Officer with NAMA
and other Manx organizations

WORLD MANX ASSOC.

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and Mrs. Jack Kneale of Toronto were welcomed to the outing by WMA President and Mrs. Amy Greenland, thus carrying out the aims and objects of WMA as laid down by Richard Cain.

August 21st excursion was again blessed with good weather and the coach run through the lovely Manx countryside was excellent. Tea was taken at the Castletown Golf Links Hotel before returning to Douglas.

September 13th was the date of our last outing, this time arriving at Port St. Mary where a splendid Tea awaited us at Miss Qualtrough's private hotel "Mallmore", so popular with visiting and Manx guests alike.

Best wishes from the World Manx Association to Mrs. Doris Brideson on taking over the Editorial work of the NAMA Bulletin, may she find it interesting and pleasurable.

Doris M. Clague, President
Peel, Tel. 84 3467

Win Livingstone, Acting Secty.
Douglas, Tel. 24726

Chaplain's Corner

When you read this, we shall again be approaching that memorable time of year — Christmas. In addition to the real Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke, there are many other legends and tales, inspired by this God-given event. And there are still other stories that, while not about Christmas, still suggest what it's all about. And some of them are found in surprising places.

The writer Bret Harte told of the gold rush days in California in his tale, "The Luck of Roaring Camp." It's about a baby who was born in a gold mining camp in the midst of crude, rough men who would seemingly care little about the finer things in life. Here was an experience totally unexpected; but the presence of the baby in their daily lives completely changed the camp. Wanting better conditions for the child, the men cleaned up the camp, they began to bathe oftener, and they changed their language and their drinking habits. The men were transformed, as they discovered a dimension in life they had forgotten.

Perhaps this could be called a parable about Christmas, because it is a story of people seeing new possibilities in their lives; and it is true to life, because it is happening around us all the time. Wasn't this why Jesus came into the world? As the writer John put it: "... to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God." (John 1:12)

May the blessed spirit of Christmas shed its light on your days, even through the New Year!

Herbert G. Kelly

MANX SOCIETY OF MINN.

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A committee was formed by the North American Manx Association to explore the idea of exchange students with the Island. We will hear more about this program in the coming months.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

T. R. Anderson
Chairman
Norman Gill
President
Corrin H. Hodgson
1st Vice President
Ruth Cadwell
2nd Vice President
Phillip Rollins
3rd Vice president
Mona Andrews
Secretary
Sally P. Anderson
Treasurer

Refreshments were made available by Sally Anderson. Everyone enjoyed the evening so much they stayed an extra hour to talk about relatives and the goings on in the "Little Manx Nation."

All of us here in the Minnesota Manx Society wish all of you a Joyous Christmas and Good Health and happiness throughout the New Year.

Mona Andrews
Secretary

OBITUARIES

MADDERN, Eva, born in England, died May 25, 1986.

MADDERN, Clarence, son of above, born Bisbee, Arizona, September 29, 1921, died August 9, 1986.

ROTHERY, Annie T., born in England December 18, 1891, died October 12, 1986.

SHIMMIN, Thomas Arthur, 82, died July 4, 1986, at Largo, Florida. He was born in Liverpool, England, worked for Commonwealth Edison Power Company in Chicago, Illinois, was a Mason and a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, and Trinity Presbyterian Church of Clearwater. Survivors include his wife, Anne B. Shimmin, 553 East Lake Drive, Largo; a sister, Ethel Christian of Largo; a brother Henry Q. of Oak Brook, Illinois; and two nieces, Susan and Leslie.

COLQUITT, Harold Frederick, passed away July 7, 1986, at his home, 9 Glen Road, Laxey, Isle of Man. He was 80 years of age and had been an NAMA member for several years. He is survived by three sons; Brian, Terry, and Sonny; and three daughters; Diana, Pam, and Wendy; all living on the Island.

QUINNEY, William (Bill), 80, Galva, Illinois, died July 29, 1986. Born July 18, 1906, in Douglas, Isle of Man, he came to America as a child, was educated in rural schools and Galva High School. He worked on farms and at the Galva Co-op for 53 years, retiring in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Mary Quayle; two sons, Everett of Streator and David of Galva; one step-daughter, Elwanda Sheriff of Seaton; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was a life member and past commander of American Legion Post 45, past commander of the American Legion of Illinois Clubs, a member of the Galva Fire Department for 41 years and served one year as chief, a former justice of the peace, a police magistrate, a township

trustee for 30 years, and a member of the IOOF Lodge in Galva and the 40 & 8 in Kewanee.

LOONEY, Howard C., 83, a retired (1967) official of the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C., where his work involved the use of radio to promote maritime safety, died of pneumonia on September 9, 1986. Mr. Looney was born in Oxford, Michigan, graduated from the University of Michigan, and began his career in New York in 1930 in what became the FCC. He was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Foundation for Amateur Radio, and Christ Congregational Church. Survivors include his wife, Harriet G. of Bethesda, Maryland; two children, Laura A. Sheridan of Arlington, Virginia, and John Howard Looney of Rochester, New York; one sister, Frances Meraw, and one brother, Lester A. Looney, both of Palmetto, Florida; and three grandchildren. He was a charter and an active member of the Washington Society.

BRUMBAUGH, Garnett E., suffered a fatal heart attack in Williamsburg, Virginia, on Wednesday, September 17th, as she was preparing to return to Cleveland following the Convention. She is survived by two sons, Peter and Daniel, and several grandchildren. Garnett was a relatively new member of both the Cleveland Manx Society and the NAMA, but she was proud of her Manx heritage, and had been very active in the Cleveland Society in the months she belonged. She looked forward eagerly to the Convention, and expressed her pleasure at being there to many of her friends. One of her sons flew to Williamsburg to attend to details there, and while he was shocked and saddened by her passing, he indicated that the family was happy that his mother had spent her last days in such an enjoyable way. She will be sorely missed in the Cleveland Society.

CHRISTMAS ON THE ISLE OF MAN DURING THE WAR YEARS. 1939-1945

Sometimes it is hard to realize that 47 years have passed by since the Second World War, but some things still stay in my memory.

The dreary blackout, all windows darkened, heavy drapes and blinds drawn across the windows, car headlights shrouded, needless to say not many folk ventured too far in the evenings, altho' I do remember the two Ramsey Cinemas kept their doors open, no T.V. in those days, the wireless was our entertainment, not the only one, as we still liked to sing, many a good sing-song we enjoyed in our front room at the old piano, my father loved to sing, especially when he found a tenor voice to harmonize with him.

I don't actually remember a "White Christmas", there would be a little snow on the Mountain tops especially on North Barrule which we could see from our bedroom win-

dow, this mountain stood like a sentinel as if guarding the whole Town of Ramsey, without central heating the December weather would be cold, but we always managed to keep a good coal fire going, lots of quilts on the beds plus hot water bottles, the kitchen fire was put out every night, mostly for safety and to economize on the fuel, which was in short supply.

Those who were born on the Isle of Man will remember that apart from Sky Hill, near Ramsey and Sliou Whallian at St. Johns, the Isle was not well wooded, altho' I think the Forestry Board at St. Johns did plant some Christmas Trees, it could have been after the war, I don't remember having a live Christmas Tree during my growing up years, but there was always a plentiful supply of berried Holly and mistletoe could be bought from the greengrocer. Every Christmas our home would be gaily decorated with plenty of holly placed behind the pictures in the living room, with paper garlands and the mistletoe bunch

it would look very festive, even through the war years.

During those very trying times everything was in very short supply, food and clothing were strictly rationed, few sweets, very little fresh fruit, no bright Christmas lights, no decorated Xmas shop windows, I never tasted a Christmas turkey dinner until I came to Canada, but we always managed a plump roast goose for Christmas Day, followed by plum pudding, and a little Port wine to make a toast to the absent members of the family, both my brothers and my husband were in the Armed Forces out in the Middle East, most families had a son, brother or husband serving in the Army, Navy or Royal Air Force, when tragedy struck, which was all too often, we all shared the families' grief.

The years of separation were lonely, with my small daughter, I lived with my parents in Ramsey, but we made the best of things, we couldn't change the situation, I might mention here that during the First world war, no part of the British Isles had a finer record when recruiting was voluntary than the Isle of Man, the recruiting proportion was higher than any county or district in the British Isles except for the Island of Lewis. I think I would be safe in saying that the same proportion prevailed during the 1939-45 war.

I do remember one of those years when my father managed to find a small Christmas tree, more like a large branch, we sat this on a small table in a plant pot, tree decorations were impossible to buy, have you ever made decorations from egg shells? from our meagre supply of rationed eggs we took the two halves of the shell and painted them, then sprinkled them with a glitter substance, coloured yarn was then threaded through the shells and hung on the "tree" together with our Christmas cards & small candles they looked very attractive, what a thrill it was for our small daughter to have her very own "tree".

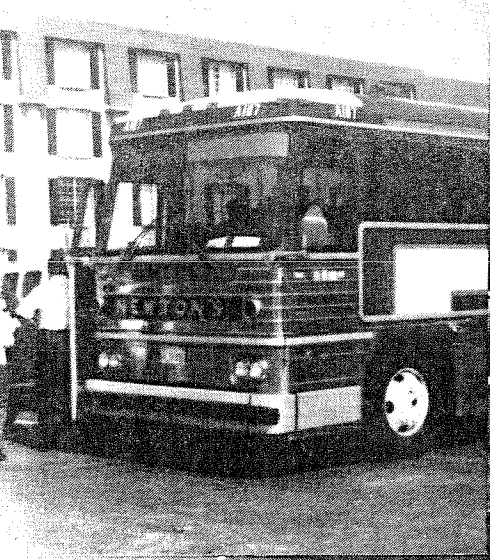
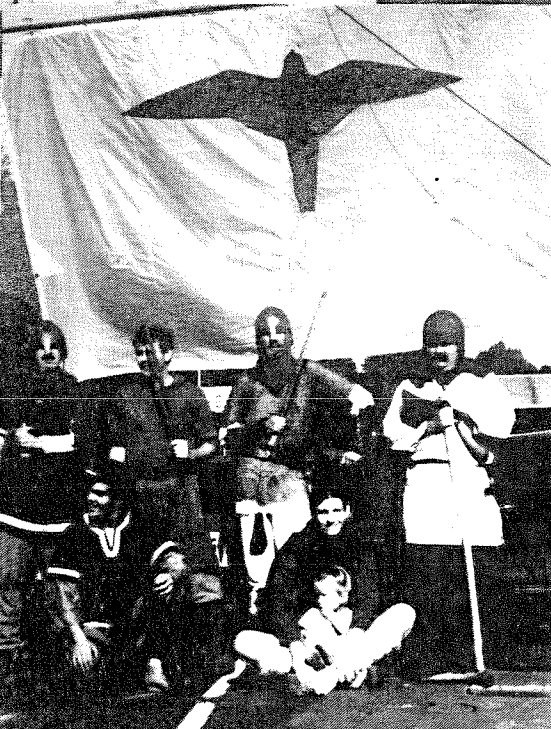
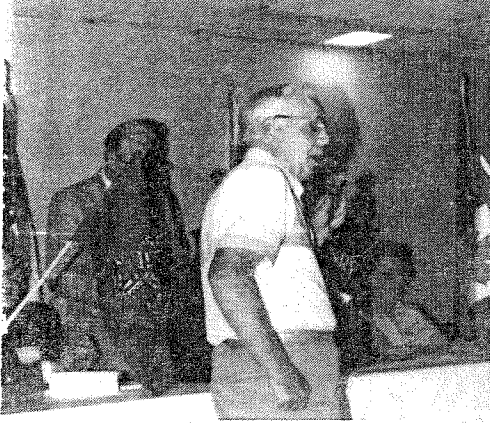
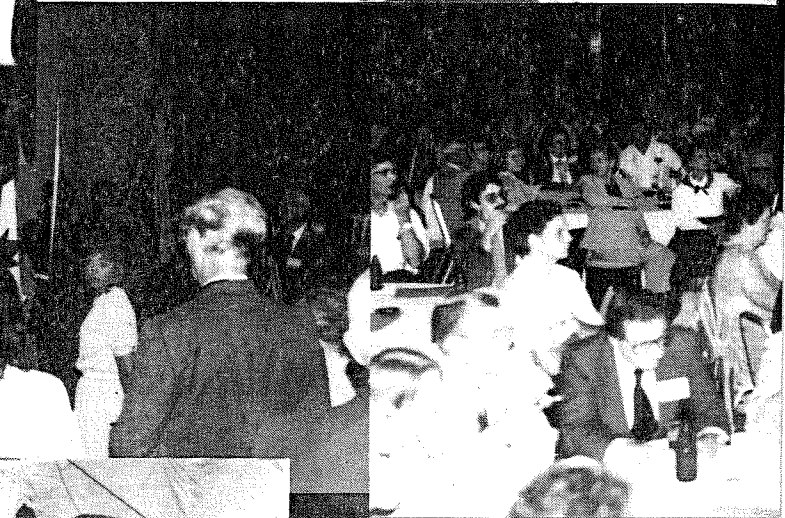
I believe two German planes jettisoned their bombs over the Isle of Man during those anxious years, they were bombing the Belfast Shipyards & the British fighter planes had driven them off over the Irish Sea, fortunately there was no loss of life or injury as the bombs fell on to mountainous terrain making huge craters, news was very hush hush in those times, so we were not told too much.

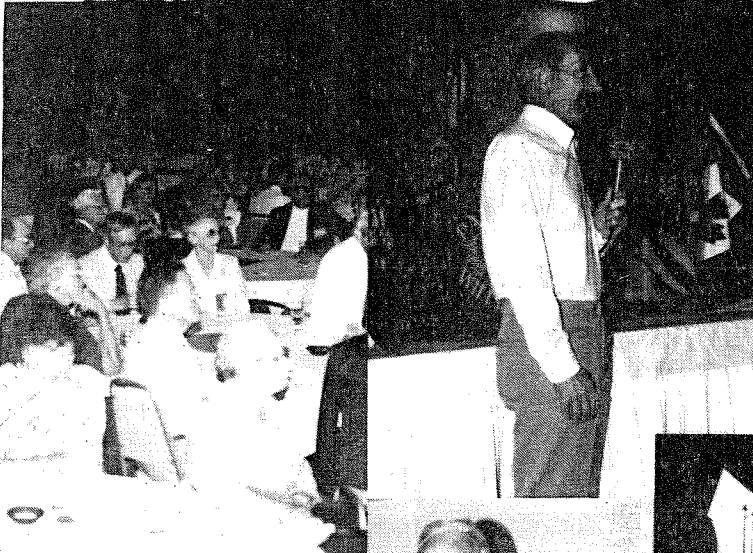
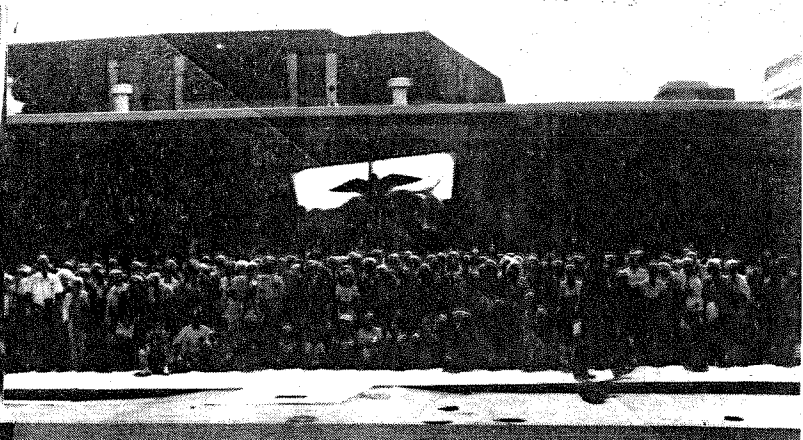
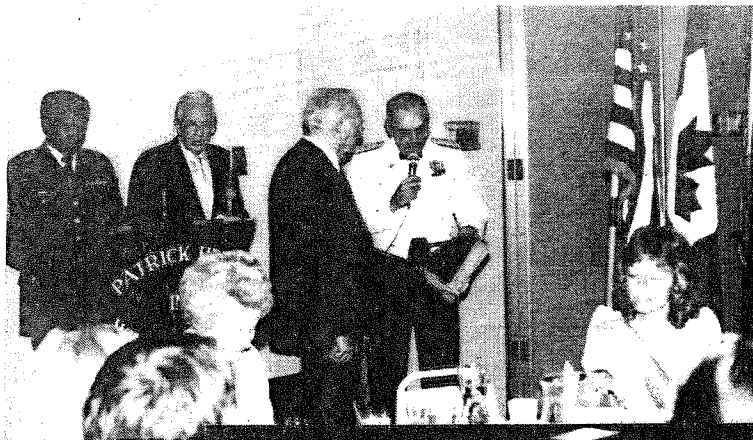
We were glued to the radio in case we missed the very famous speeches of Winston Churchill, this great man, who kept our spirits up during the very darkest days of the war. How well I remember V.E. Day for the first time in my life I went with my parents, Aunts & Uncles to a Pub in Ramsey to celebrate the end of the war, can't remember what I had to drink, but it was a very emotional occasion.

I still remember that last Christmas, we sang carols, stockings were hung by the fireplace on Christmas Eve, we saved up the ingredients weeks ahead for our bunloaf and mince pies, small gifts to family and friends just waiting for the lights to go on again all over the world, waiting to be re-united with our loved ones and that they would return home safely and that peace and happiness would once again be ours.

Health, Happiness and Peace to all my Manx friends.

Hilda Penrice





ELLAN VANNIN

On a sudden impulse I decided to make another visit to England and the Isle of Man, with three weeks to get ready I managed to get a flight from Toronto, Canada to Manchester, Eng., this was on Wardair, I left on July 10th, 1986. after phoning my brother to tell him I was coming.

My brother, Arthur Bridson regularly contributes articles to our NAMA Bulletin entitled "Letter from Ellesmere Port" he lives in S. Wirral a very pleasant part of England.

Arthur was waiting for me at Manchester, as you can imagine there was plenty of talk, we talked far into the night, mostly about the old days during our growing up years in Ramsey, Isle of Man, many happy memories, three years since we last met so we had plenty to talk about, my sister-in-law, Wynne, a good cook, was determined to put pounds on me before returning to Canada.

The weather — well the temp. was about 54° the day I arrived, on July 16th, the temp. in London was a sticky 84° — not that I visited London this time — "but who goes to England for the weather?"

There were sailings from Liverpool to the I.O.M. Tuesdays & Saturdays much to my delight. I love the 3½ hour sail across the Irish Sea, it is always a thrill to see the coast of the Island rising out of the sea as one gets closer. I reached Douglas on July 22nd, I was met by my good friend, Mrs. Kitty Nicholson and my sister-in-law, Mrs. Cathie Duke.

Kitty with her Mini car took me just wherever I wanted to go, I wish I could say the sun shone most of the time I was on the Isle, but it was cloudy and dull, but in between we would have a few "pretty days".

This was a personal visit mainly to meet family and old friends, when I visited the Isle in 1983 it was "Homecomers year" with many functions to attend, this time I was on my own. I went to see Peter Kelly, Sec. of the Manx Heritage Foundation, his office was at the Sea Terminal Building, I took advantage of the free Manx Passport especially for Homecomers. I took advantage of free transport for one week, this enabled me to travel by bus, train and Electric Tram, also on the local buses around Douglas, also free admission to many places of interest such as Peel Castle, Odin's Raven, Cregneash, it was a wonderful incentive which continues until the end of the year, so any North American Manx planning a visit within the next few months, make a point of seeing Peter Kelly, he will give you a great welcome.

I spent several days in Peel, a beautiful City, I stayed with Mrs. Joan Lace, her sister, Mrs. Alice Foster lives in Oakville, Ontario, while there I attended a "dig lecture" at the Peel Castle, many fine objects of the Viking era have already been discovered, I was a guest of the Inner Wheel of the Rotary Club, it was very interesting, this was followed by tea at Ballaquane House, my father's Aunt lived there many years ago.

I did all the usual things tourists do, I rode the horse trams from one end of the Prom to the other. I shopped in Strand Street, Douglas. I also spent a few days in Royal Ramsey, my home town where I grew up, for the past few years the drop in the tourist business has been keenly felt through out the Island, who knows where the answer lies, resuming the

boat sailings from Liverpool might be the answer, I'm afraid it would be too late to make any difference this summer.

I travelled the Mountain Road, what a magnificent sight as one drops into Ramsey, the wide sweep of the Bay, the green of the fields and the purple heather, the golden gorse, all this brings a lump to one's throat, a nostalgic feeling of happy youthful days, I remembered the time I climbed to the top of North Barrule, coming down the other side into Cardle, a quaint little village, six of us set out on this hike but only two of us finished.

The Moorage Park is one of Ramsey's finest assets, flowers everywhere, children's playground, bowling, putting and boating, something for every age.

I visited the Manx Museum, I found a little more information about my family roots — the Bridson Family, my nephew, Paul Bridson is very interested in his family tree, he contacted a lady from Laxey and she will be working on this. I attended two Methodist Chapels, and St. Pauls Anglican Church, I helped at a Bake Sale, (the total raised was about £360 pounds in about two hours, which I thought was very good, attended a Garden Party at Andreas Vicarage, Mrs. Betty Vick invited Kitty and I to tea at "Ivy Dene" her beautiful home in Laureston Grove, Doug-

las, here we met Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Quiggan and his mother Mrs. Quiggan a young 92 years of age, we went to Marown and Union Mills to visit my cousin whom I had not seen for some years, I discovered the house where my father was born — Crosby House — in the parish of Marown, I even managed to see inside this once beautiful home. I visited the family burial grounds at Andreas and Foxdale Cemeteries, Harry Kelly's cottage at Cregneash, Silverdale, Pt. Erin, Port St. Mary, Laxey and many little sideroads I remembered so well. Reading over my article to many it would not sound too exciting, but as I remarked earlier, this visit was mainly a personal one, while in Douglas I stayed with my sister-in-law, Cathie & Wilf Duke, I was there from July 22nd to August 12th, I extended my boat ticket twice so that I could visit a few more friends and places.

All too soon I had to leave, always with mixed feelings, wondering when I would return, at the same time, after five weeks I was longing for my family, home and friends in Georgetown, Ont. Canada, my home for the past 39 years, home is where the heart is — to quote from T.E. Brown, the famous Manx poet — "Happy an over, an short enough".

Submitted by,
Hilda (Bridson) Penrice

IOM FINANCIAL NOTES

SAVINGS Total deposits in Isle of Man Banks are on course to reach \$4,500,000,000 (yes billion) before the end of the year. Figures issued by the Manx Treasury showed that in the second quarter of 1986 deposits rose by \$198,000,000 to a new record of \$4,320,000,000, a 13% rate of increase.

TAX EXILES PLAN MOVE TO IOM The Manx Government's 18-month campaign to persuade more wealthy people to become tax exiles in the Island appears to be paying off. The Treasury said it had 2,400 inquiries from people in Britain and abroad. All had been sent questionnaires, and nearly 75% said they would be moving to the Island now or in the future.

MANX ECONOMY FORGES AHEAD A Manx Treasury report states that the Isle of Man's economy is recovering strongly from the recession of the early 1980s. The Island's national income rose 10% last year to \$347,000,000 the biggest increase since 1980-81. The main economic growth has been in the finance and banking sector, and in the registration of merchant shipping, along with an increase in new residents. The only declines were in the tourism and construction industries.

MANX HOTELS TO BE OFFICES

The conversion of two holiday hotels on the seafront at Douglas, Isle of Man, into bank and office accommodation has been given planning permission. Now other hoteliers, faced with a slump in the value of their properties because of the decline in tourism, are expected to make similar applications.

MANX AIRLINE PROFITS LEAP

Big increase in profits and passengers for Manx Airlines were announced by Chairman Michael Bishop. The 1985 profits for the world's smallest national carrier were nearly \$2,250,000 compared with \$750,000 in 1984. Passengers increased from 268,749 to 319,577. Mr. Bishop said that in the first six months of this year the airline carried a further 20% more passengers. He added, "Nobody has ever made money on these Manx routes before. Our predecessors used to lose one million pounds a year."

STEAM PACKET LOSSES

The Isle of Man Steam Packet has reported that for the first six months of this year they made an operating loss of \$2,100,000. However, they point out that for the corresponding six months last year the operating loss was \$2,700,000.

LAXEY WHEEL TRAIL

Work has been carried out in the vicinity of the Laxe Wheel clearing undergrowth and establishing a series of paths and picnic areas so that people may gain a better view of the Wheel and appreciate more fully the surroundings. The Mining Heritage Trail was opened by Mrs. A. New, wife of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on August 9.

The work has been divided into phases. Future phases are to include the roofing over of part of the now ruined mine working buildings, together with the opening up of a section of the mine for public inspection.

Retirement Life a magazine published by the National Association of Retired Federal Employees for its members had the following article in the November 1986 issue:

"Roots of a Manxman" by Anne Z. Moore covers the history of the Moore-Watterson family of Dundee, Michigan, with special emphasis on William Henry Moore, his wife, Isabel Smith Moore, and their three children, Sydney William Moore, Lucien Watterson Moore and Anne Zoe Moore. This limited edition was published by the author, 1204 Bluewater Drive, Sun City Center, Florida 33570, and is available for \$10.00 per copy, postage prepaid. It contains five genealogical tables, 105 pages, and 16 photographs.

On October 12, 1986, Lake Shore United Methodist Church in Avon Lake, Ohio, honored Mona Haldeman. She retired after 23 years as organist. Since it was lay Sunday, she was asked to be one of the speakers, and then presented with a beautiful pin, and a very generous check. The altar flowers were in her honor, as were the flowers on the head table at the brunch held for her. She was hugged, kissed, praised, and roasted (all in good fun), a truly memorable day. The check has been deposited in the bank toward a trip to the Isle of Man, hopefully within the next couple of years.

CONVENTION NOTES

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The Secretary read a letter from a family on the Isle of Man requesting a donation towards \$3,000 for a violin for their son. It was agreed this should be mentioned in the Bulletin for anyone who might be interested, and the Secretary would notify the family of this decision.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted affirmatively to send a contribution of \$750 to the Archeological Dig at Peel Castle.

Six past presidents of NAMA attended this Convention, no one could remember that record having been equalled or surpassed (Norman Clucas, Stan Shimmin, Robert Kelly, Edna Cowin, George Curphey, and Mona Haldeman). Mrs. Edith Gurney of Cleveland must have been our oldest member attending this Convention. Although she had to use a wheel chair some during the convention, Mrs. Gurney is not one to dwell on the problems of advanced age. Her lively interests are definitely in younger matters, and it is always a treat to have her participating in our activities.

The next NAMA Executive Committee meeting will be held in Cleveland on Saturday, September 19, 1987.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS in the Island have changed completely during the present century, losing most of their distinctive Manx character, but a few of the old customs still remain, and some of us would like to see more of them revived. For one thing, they were considerably less sophisticated and expensive than many of the things people do today, and that is a consideration when there is a family to provide for.

Take Christmas decorations, for instance. Christmas trees were virtually unknown. There was no tinsel, frost powder, fairy lights or coloured paper decorations, and very few people sent Christmas cards except to absent relatives. Instead we used decorations which were straight from Nature and obtained from the Manx countryside: holly and fir branches, ivy with the berried kind touched with lime on each berry, mistletoe, which grew in several of the Northside glens, apples and pears and nuts, which were used as decorations before being eaten, candles and rushlights burning in many places around the house, and sometimes Christmas roses from a sheltered garden.

Every house had its Kissing Bush suspended from the ceiling either just inside the entrance or in the kitchen, and a favourite focal point for the decorations in the kitchen, which was the main living-room, was a large Three Legs drawn on brown paper with ivy and holly leaves stitched on to cover the design and a bunch of red berries in the centre. Then the paper was cut away at the back and the finished decoration fixed up over the chiollagh, or fireplace. The decorations had a long life, for they were put up on December 21st ready for the first Giense, or party, and not taken down until Shrove Tuesday when they were burnt under the cooking pancakes.

On CHRISTMAS EVE the local fiddler went the rounds "on the Unnysup" wishing everyone "Ollick Gennal as Blein Vie Noa" (Merry Christmas and a Good New Year), and at each house he was given the "Jough-y-Dorrys-y Nollick", the Drink at the Door for Christmas. Then in the evening everyone went to church for the Oie'll Voirrey, the Christmas Mass followed by carol-singing to which everyone brought a candle so that the church, already decorated, was a blaze of light and colour. At this service, too, the local poets sang the new carols they had composed — and were sometimes "given the bird" by girls who had brought a pocketful of dried peas for this purpose, the carollers always being men. The carol-singing went on for most of the night, and the traditional breakfast on Christmas Day was a substantial one of Sollaghyn, a dish of crisped oatmeal in a delicious savoury sauce or broth, followed by home-cured bacon eaten with soda-cake and blackberry jam, with dough or buttermilk to drink.

White Boys

Sometimes on December 23rd, sometimes on Christmas evening, the White Boys went their rounds performing the Mummings' Play and dance. The characters were the King of Egypt and his son, St. George, Prince Valentine, the Turkish Knight, Sambo, the King's Negro servant, and the Doctor, with two Sol-

diers who only took part in the dance. They all wore white suits and tall white hats made of pasteboard decorated with painted designs and long paper streamers, and carried shields painted with heraldic devices and swords with which they first fenced and then danced finally raising the Doctor on the woven swords and carrying him off. He was not in white but in a black coat and hat, which he raised and waved as he was carried off.

The White Boys usually performed at the Christmas Giense, often at two or three going on in different houses on Christmas night. There was a special ritual dance, but for everyone at the Giense (or party) there was general dancing to the playing of the local fiddler, and very often the Giense took place in the swept and decorated barn lighted by lanterns hanging from the beams, where there was more room for dancing than in the kitchen; or if it happened to be a light Christmas (round full moon) and the weather was dry and frosty, some of the dancing was outside in road or haggard.

The big Christmas supper was always eaten in the warm kitchen, and after it songs and stories would go on for most of the night, and songs were often kept up as people walked home to get an hour or two of sleep before the next day's celebrations.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

At the Convention the idea was put forth to go home and inventory your family. Do your youngsters receive the Bulletin? Your grandchildren? Nieces? Nephews?

Consider a gift membership for some of these younger people. Not just for this year, keep it going for a while. You may be surprised and rewarded to see the interests that develop.

The cost is \$6. Send the name and address to Clarence E. Creer, Treasurer, 14228 Union Avenue, Orland Park, IL, 60462. Make the check or money order payable to NAMA.

528 Seacrest Drive
Largo, Fla. 33541
Nov. 2nd, 1986

Mrs. Doris Brideson,
6821 Duke Drive
Alexandria, Va. 22307

Dear Mrs. Brideson:

Mr. Brideson, President, The Washington Manx Society, and the various Committee Members who worked so diligently deserve our Congratulations on a very delightful Convention. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

I'd like to extend my wishes for a Joyous Christmas filled with Happiness and Love, and that the New Year will be a Healthy one for all.

Ethel S. Christian

(Mrs. Henry C.)

Imagine you would both be pretty tired out after the Convention ended so hope you got a much deserved rest.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE L.A.

The Ladies Auxiliary extends a wish for Peace, Joy, and Contentment to all our Manx friends and their families at this happy holiday season and throughout the coming year.

GREETINGS

After meeting so many old and new friends at the Williamsburg Convention, I wish everyone in the NAMA a very Happy Christmas and good health and fortune for the New Year. If any one of you plan to come to the Island for a holiday, please don't hesitate to contact me for help or friendship . . . Noreen Cottier 3 Cowley Terrace, Peel. Tel No. 84 2527.

CONVENTION VIDEO

The Convention Video is still being edited, but it looks like this will be the format: About an hour's program on the beginning of the film treating all of the Convention, followed by segments such as all 17 minutes of Sir Charles Kerruish's speech, the program by the Botetourt Singers, the Viking walk to Market Square and the ceremony there, and so on through the material Editor Don Quayle considers usable.

You may order a copy of the video for \$20, or you may rent a copy for a group or family showing (specify date) for \$5 plus the postage to return the cassette to us. In either case make your check payable to NAMA, and send your requests to Mr. Donald R. Quayle, 4831 Fort Sumner Drive, Bethesda, Maryland, 20816. Be sure to specify Beta or VHS.

MYLES STANDISH BOOK

Lawrence Hill's book, *Gentlemen of Courage — Forward . . .*, is now published. It traces the Standish Family back to William the Conqueror and establishes Myles' birthplace at Ellanbane.

The publisher's price is \$28.25 plus postage of \$1.50. However, one of our members has made a gift of 88 books to the North American Manx Association. The book will be available to members at a discounted price of \$25.00, postage included. All funds will go to the North American Manx Association Myles Standish Fund.

Please send orders to T.R. Anderson, P.O. Box 665, Nisswa, Minnesota 56468.

SALE! PRICE REDUCED!

In an effort to dispense with the remaining cookbooks, we are reducing the price to \$3.50, which amounts to slightly less than 1½¢ per recipe. The cost of mailing remains the same, \$1.25, but up to three books can be sent in the same envelope for 25¢ extra per book. Larger amounts of 10 or more can be boxed and sent for approximately 30¢ per book. There are many delicious recipes, including several for Manx bonnag, a treat for Christmas morning either plain or toasted. Send now to Mrs. R. F. Haldeman, 191 Glenview Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012, and we'll do our best to get them to you for Christmas!

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.

(submitted by C. E. Creer)

DELINQUENT 86/87 DUES

This is the last Bulletin that will be sent to those who have not paid dues for the year. We encourage you to forward your check now so you will continue to receive news of your Manx heritage. The dues are just \$6 (US or Canadian) for a regular membership or \$50-under 50 years of age and \$40-over 50 years of age for a life membership.

C. E. Creer
14228 Union Ave.
Orland Park, IL 60462

PRIZE APPRECIATION

Dear Mr. Brideson:

I was pleasantly surprised to receive "Culinary Capers" which you sent me as a prize in the manx Convention Raffle. It's the only Raffle in which I've ever been lucky.

I enjoyed the recipes and the helpful information on Household Hints and I'm going to try the recipe for Medium Rare Roast Beef. It's one I've never seen before. I don't do much cooking as I live alone, am 83, and Stauffers, LeMenu and Swansons help me out.

My mother came from Peel, all alone and only 13 years of age, to live with an uncle and aunt who had no children of their own. I have seven first cousins living in the Peel area, and I have one who is very good at letter writing and sending me newspapers and magazines. I have visited the Island many times so I enjoy all of the things she sends. I send her my copy of the Manx Bulletin, and she is always interested in that.

Many thanks again,

Bertha Kiel
South Bend, Indiana

Dear Mr. Skillicorn:

Yesterday my beautiful prize from the NAMA Convention was delivered. I must tell you what an appropriate gift it is. All my life my family has had banking associations, and coins are certainly part of that business.

I am sorry my sister and I were unable to attend. Another year, perhaps. I'm sure packing the gift was a real nuisance, but it came through beautifully and is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Imogene Clarke
Harbor Springs, Michigan

Chapter in Cleveland, Ohio soon after. Thus, a 75-year member is somewhat unusual. To commemorate the occasion, Pearl Chapter presented her with a Life Membership, and since she cannot now attend her own chapter regularly, Avon Lake Chapter, where her daughter belongs, presented her with an Honorary Membership.

Your many messages of support and good wishes on this new venture are greatly appreciated. To follow in the "footsteps" of Mrs. Hilda Penrice is indeed a great challenge. However, your cooperation in sending your articles to me on time is a big help. Many thanks.

Doris Brideson, Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE

You will find the following pages somewhat repetitive, but they have some excellent material that we believe you will want. We asked Ed Sayle to do something like this because he does it so well, but we did not give him a deadline. Ed is a busy man, but we received these four pages from him, camera ready for the printer, after the typesetter had our material ready. We are pleased we can include them so easily.

Our center photo pages, Row 1, top, left to right. NAMA Chaplain H.G. Kelly; below, the Botetourt Singers; Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps; Sir Charles Kerruish presenting flag to Army Transportation Corps CG Elam; Convention Photo.

Row 2, George Curphey of Maritime Society; Fort Eustis Color Guard; President's Reception; Malcolm Kinley of Southern California Society; President T.R. Anderson receiving laughten wool tapestry from IOM Jim Kennedy.

Row 3, Bus Trip; Vikings and Longship; Banquet; President T.R. Anderson; Charles Guard, Celtic Harpist from Manx Radio; Dr. David Freke, Peel Archeologist.

Row 4, NAMA Officers; Mona Creer, President Women's Auxiliary; Edward F. Sayle, Banquet Toastmaster; Herbert Cain crossing Faerie Bridge; Fort Eustis Band.

In June, Edith Gurney received a pin for 75 years of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. She was given a petition for membership on her eighteenth birthday by her brother, John Cowell, and she joined Pearl



NAMA Names Kerruish "Mr. Isle of Man"

In an enthusiastic outpouring of its sentiment for Sir Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys, Isle of Man, the North American Manx Association has named him "Mr. Isle of Man."

The action was taken in a resolution, adopted by acclamation, at NAMA's 37th Convention, held at Williamsburg, Virginia.

The resolution states:

In recognition of his twenty-five years of outstanding parliamentary leadership and forty years of legislative endeavor in the House of Keys; AND,

In acknowledgement of his constant devotion to the well-being and best interests of the people of the Isle of Man; AND,

For his outstanding and unmatched encouragement of Manx Heritage and culture, both on the Isle of Man and amongst Manx men and women and their descendants throughout the world,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the North American Manx Association expresses its undying gratitude and appreciation to

Sir Charles Kerruish

Speaker of the House of Keys

And declares and publishes that henceforth he shall be designated clearly, and held in our hearts, as a symbol of all that the Isle of Man means to us and to our posterity.

To this end, we proclaim that, to the membership of the North American Manx Association, he is and shall always be "Mr. Isle of Man"

Kerruish Cites Deeper Meaning of Heritage to Manx People

In his address before NAMA's 37th convention, Sir Charles Kerruish used the poetry of T.E. Brown, the Manx poet laureate, to illustrate the deeper meaning of heritage to the Manx people.

In his remarks, Sir Charles said:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I'm rising to express my thanks for the high honor of being your guest on this magnificent occasion and for the generous warmth by which you have received my name. I am conscious that this evening I am with my countrymen and I take pride in the ties of kinship which like some ethereal web binds us together. Conscious too that I am the proud and happy guest of an organization recognized by Manx people wherever they may be, for its fellowship, its enlightenment, its gracious hospitality and its deep rooted affection of all things Manx. So tonight I recognize the wisdom of the words of our national poet who wrote,

"To unlock the treasures of the island heart, with loving feet to trace each hill and glen and find the ore that is not for the mart of com-

merce."

But you and I know that such a song would be meaningless if it failed to recognize the fact that during the 360 years that have elapsed since the arrival of the Christian and Looney families in Virginia, North America has become the home of countless Manx families seeking a new way of life. Meaningless if it failed to portray an awareness that this land, in a remarkably short space of time in historical terms, has become the bastion of freedom, the hope and inspiration of beleaguered humanity, that within the freedoms it propounds it recognizes the fact that the patriotism of its people is not impaired by the natural affinity they retain for their country of origin. Where else in the world, where else in the history of mankind, is there to be found the freedom and the willingness to defend freedom that exists in North America today?

And perhaps here we find the first significant difference between life on a great continent and life on a tiny island. Here a man may live year after year without question who he is, where he comes from, what he does; What he thinks is immaterial. He may be richer than the dreams of avarice or poorer than the nightmare of poverty. He does not have the requirement to submit himself to the judgments of a circle of friends and neighbors. That is not the sort of freedom you will find in the Isle of Man.

There, freedom has meant, through its long history, opposition to the invaders--Celt or Norse or Briton. It has never meant that the individual was free from the constraints, the obligation, imposed upon him by the society in which he lived, which are altogether additional to, and separate from, the ordinary constraints of the law of the land. In the island, every person is checked to a degree by a strong local opinion. In other words, ladies and gentlemen, there is a responsibility to friends and neighbors who know a great deal about your lives and are never reluctant to know a great deal more. In that island which you love so dearly, there is also a widespread love of music and appreciation of poetry and a feeling for knowledge. Against such a background, it is surprising to find that the people of this young and vigorous continent have developed a far greater interest in heritage than the people of our island. Our island, so steeped in history that in many of the developing communities I have visited in the Commonwealth it is recognized as possessing a richness of heritage difficult to comprehend. This Manx problem of apathy was foreseen by Brown who I regard as one of the island's greatest sons. He saw its culture dying with the tholtan, and sought, as he expressed it, to fix upon the page a recital of

"whate're is left to us of ancient heritage, of manners, speech, of humours, polity . . . old love, hope, fear . . . that so the coming age, lost in empire's mass, yet haply longing for their fathers, here may see, as in a glass, what they held dear!"

This he did and all people of Manx origin owe him the greatest debt of gratitude for his portrayal. He also expressed a hope that someone would take up his cause. In his work, "Bradden Vicarage," he wrote,

"I wonder if in that far isle, some child is growing now, like me when I was a child; care-pricked, yet healed the while with balm of

rock and sea.

"I wonder if the purple ring that rises on a belt of blue provokes the little bashful thing to guess what may ensue, when he has pierced the screen, and holds the further clue.

"I wonder if to him the sycamore is full of green and tender light; if the garbled ash stands stunted at the door, by salt sea-blast defrauded of its right: If budding larches feed the hunger of his sight.

"I wonder if to him the heath-clad mountain with crimson pigment fills the sensuous cells; if like the full bubbles from an emerald fountain, gorse-bloom luxuriant wells; if God with trenchant forms the insolent lushness quells.

"I wonder if he deems the English men a higher type beyond his reach, imperial blood, by heaven ordained with pen and sword, the populous world to teach; if awed he hears the tones as of an alien speech;

"Or, older grown, suspects a braggart race, ignores phlegmatic claim of privileged assumption, holding base their technic skill and aim, and all the prosperous fraud that binds their social frame."

The sequel to that work is found in his poem "Spes Altera" which concluded,

"But come, come soon or else we slide to deep sea English soundings, absorbent final in the tide of empire lost from lonely old surroundings familiar swept . . . O excellent babe arise and ere a decade fail from forth the skies unto our longing hearts be born, Cain-Karran-Kewish supreme, supremist Skillicorn."

Regretably, Mr. President, as Brown predicted, our language waned, our culture weakened, our national pride diminished. There was no will to resist the erosion of our culture. Is then, ladies and gentlemen, what I termed my song to you, a lament? Happily, no. A growing recognition of omission came with the presentation to and acceptance by Tynwald of a resolution by the lady member of the House of Keys, Mrs. Christian, which resulted in the creation of the Manx Heritage Foundation. It was as if a sign warned that the serious cared. Quietly language, music, art, craft are all experiencing a renaissance. The central repository of Manx culture, our museum, is being extended and as the mayor of Douglas told you last evening, a home has been found for the Manx Language Society. A Myles Standish Foundation has been established to link with the American movement to give appropriate recognition to his achievements. Crafts long neglected suddenly find a revival of interest. The island's archeological wealth is being portrayed at Peel. Even the loaghten sheep indigenous to the island has acquired a new popularity based on a combination of the rare quality of its wool and its genetic properties. The Calf island long held by the English National Trust, returns to Manx ownership this year. Local interest is being generated in every aspect of heritage.

So, the song I sing you tonight is no lament. It is a song of happiness that the tide of interest in things Manx is no longer ebbing. It is flowing with ever-increasing strength and you, my friends, may take pride in the part you have played in sustaining our culture in the arid period of its development so that in the years ahead your children, indeed all those for whom the island is a very special place, may find that the hidden treasures of our culture are revealed in all their richness, that the beauty of hill and glen will remain unspoiled and be, as Brown

Heritage Year Convention Draws Over 300

Over three hundred members and guests descended on Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, to celebrate Heritage Year at the 37th Convention of the North American Manx Association, September 12-15. They came from across the United States and Canada and from abroad to gather for the organization's biennial reunion, held this year at the Patrick Henry Inn adjacent to Williamsburg's historic area.

The convention, hosted by the Greater Washington, D.C., Area Manx Society, was full of surprises, ranging from an early morning Viking raid to evenings full of sparkling entertainment.

Mr. Speaker's Heritage Message

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phrased it, the ore that is not for the mart of commerce. Pride in heritage which you retained is growing apace in an island which hitherto neglected this, its most precious asset. Just prior to coming to join you, I met a lady in my parish in her late 80's who had emigrated to Canada after the first world war. When she learned I was coming to Williamsburg for the specific purpose of conveying the greeting of the government and people of the island to you, she said, "Would you like to see a poem I wrote in those early days in Canada?" and, on my agreeing, she produced from a collection of papers an aging sheet which read:

"When I can walk that track I know so well from the Cairn School to Ballafayle, then I will know I am home again.

"When I can hear old Roy's bark of joy and climb the winding stairs to a room that shows no change, then I will know I am home again.

"When I watch the lighthouse beam straddling the haggart wall and feel the touch of loving arms I well recall, then my longing will be fulfilled and I will be home again."

My assurance to this gathering this evening is that there will always be a welcome awaiting you in the Isle of Man and that when you visit it is our hope that you too will feel you are home again! Mr. President, in recent years I have, in another capacity, been privileged to represent the parliaments of the Commonwealth of Nations, 146 in all, and there as in many other spheres, I have learned that irrespective of color or creed, the main objective shared by all is the happiness of their people. Tonight, as I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your reception, I pray that the tranquility and prosperity of these free and magnificent lands of North America may long be sustained and that within their bounds each and every one of you of the North American Manx Association will find the most cherished of human aspirations -- happiness.

Joining the convention was a sizable delegation from the Isle of Man headed by the Speaker of the House of Keys, Sir Charles Kerruish, Lady Kay Kerruish and the Worshipful Mayor of Douglas, Mrs. Audrey Ainsworth.

President's Reception

Leading off the packed schedule of events was the President's Reception, an evening of hospitality and refreshments held at the convention center on Friday evening. There was even a touch of the Isle of Man as one entered the convention center--a mini-version of the Fairy Bridge, complete with the readily remembered sign; the "little people" received their verbal tribute as each guest crossed over the bridge. The attendees were greeted with words of welcome by Susanne Doley, the representative of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. NAMA's response and a cordial welcome to the delegates was delivered by NAMA's president, T.R. Anderson. Others introduced by convention chairman Bill Brideson were the distinguished guests from the Isle of Man, Sir Charles and Lady Kerruish and Mrs. Audrey Ainsworth; Dr. David Freke, who heads the archeological explorations at St. Patrick's Isle, Peel; IOM Tourist Board representative Jim Kennedy; Celtic harpist Charles Guard; NAMA's regional representative on the Isle of Man, Noreen Cottier; and Ronald J. Quayle, president of the Washington Manx Society, who introduced the members of his committees. Entertainment chairman for the evening was Mrs. Avril Shipman.

The Vikings Raid NAMA

Saturday morning's events began with breakfast in the convention center. In truth, it was quite an orderly event until the doors burst open and sword-wielding Viking raiders charged into the room,

terrifying the guests with their shouts and threats before leaving the convention center with female contraband taken from the breakfast tables. In actuality, the raiders were members of the Longship Company, a historical reenactment group, which had readily accepted the Washington Society's invitation to bring a bit of Viking reality to the Heritage Year commemoration. The ladies they carried off were, in fact, their wives and girlfriends who had mixed quite sociably and gone undetected as "comeovers." Emerging from the breakfast, NAMA-ers recognized the Viking "take-over" was complete: a highly-authentic Viking ship was parked in front of the convention center and the Vikings had erected their campsite adjacent to it.

Opening Meeting

On Saturday morning, the convention was called to order by the Honorary President, Norman Clucas, following which the colors were presented. The group joined in singing the national anthems of the United States, Canada, Great Britain and the Isle of Man. The invocation was given by NAMA's chaplain, the Rev. H.G. Kelly

President T.R. Anderson conveyed the welcome of NAMA and outlined the exciting agenda for the weekend before introducing the officers and distinguished guests.

Sir Charles Kerruish, SHK, delivered words of greeting from the Tynwald and the people of the Isle of Man.

Reports were delivered by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin Editor, Trustees and the Lady's Auxiliary, and several committees were appointed.

The Secretary read messages of greeting received from those unable to attend, including a message from US Senator Dan Quayle which said: "I'm proud of my Manx heritage and am pleased to know that so many of my

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fellow Manx are able to attend this convention. I hope you enjoy your stay in Williamsburg and go home with a greater knowledge of the island and its current and transplanted residents, as well as a renewed pride in being Manx."

Following the morning meeting, the group assembled outside the convention center for the official photo, enlivened by a gigantic banner provided by the IOM Tourist Board.

Freedom of the City

Following the photo, the NAMA members marched to the old courthouse, preceded in part by a fife-and-drum corps, where the ancient ceremony of "freedom of the city" was held. There, Col. John Hodges, mayor of Williamsburg, exchanged greetings with Sir Charles Kerruish and Mayor Audrey Ainsworth and offered them the "freedom of the city," the traditional colonial honor for visiting dignitaries. Sir Charles Kerruish presented the city of Williamsburg with the flag of the Isle of Man.

Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon

In the afternoon, the members of the NAMA Ladies Auxiliary assembled for lunch and to hear Noreen Cottier speak about "Life in the Isle of Man." A short business meeting was also conducted.

The Grand Banquet

The evening saw the grand banquet of the convention. Joining the delegates were invited guests Mrs. Diana Zaidi, representing the Embassy of Sweden, Washington, D.C., and family; Major General Fred Elam, Chief of the US Army Transportation Corps, Commander of Ft. Eustis and Commandant of the US Army Transportation and Aviation Logistics Schools, and Mrs. Elam; Captain Charles L. Moore, Commander of the US Continental Army Band, Fortress Monroe; Col. John Hodges, mayor of Williamsburg, and Mrs. Hodges; Benjamin Rush, chairman of the board of supervisors of

York County, and Mrs. Rush; William Brown, chairman of the board of supervisors of James City County, and Mrs. Brown; Albert A. Louer, representing the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the American Travel Writers' Association; Frank Lendrim, chairman of the music department at the College of William and Mary; Jim Kennedy, Isle of Man Tourist Board; David Freke, archeologist for St. Patrick's Isle, Peel; Charles Guard, Celtic harpist and a member of Manx Radio; and Bruce Blackistone, leader of the Longship Company and members of the Company.

Before dinner, attendees were entertained by a concert, which included Manx melodies, by the U.S. Continental Army Band under the direction of Captain Charles L. Moore. The national colors of the United States, Canada and the Isle of Man were introduced and their history explained by S/Sgt. Edward Baker, as the Color Guard of Ft. Eustis, commanded by S/Sgt. Robert R. Ward, posted the colors.

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Herbert G. Kelly, NAMA's chaplain.

Following dinner, toasting was led by Dirk Ramsey-Spencer of the Washington Manx Society, followed by an interlude by Celtic harpist Charles Guard.

Ed Sayle, master of ceremonies for the evening, then introduced the distinguished dinner speaker, Sir Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys, Isle of Man, who delivered a Heritage Year address. (Speaker Kerruish's address appears elsewhere in this issue.)

The entertainment for the evening was by the Botetourt Singers of the College of William and Mary, directed by Frank Lendrim. The singing group, which performs songs from the colonial period, blended the colonial with Manx heritage by singing some

traditional Manx folk songs.

The evening's entertainment concluded with Charles Guard playing and singing classic Manx and Celtic songs.

Memorial Service

The Sunday morning sessions began with a memorial service, lead by the Rev. H.G. Kelly and the Rev. H.G. Costain, honoring those members of NAMA who had passed away since the last convention.

Reports were received from the many Manx societies in the United States and Canada and the chairman of the regional representatives, followed by reports from the World Manx Association and the Manx Family History Society.

The meeting adjourned to permit attendance at services at the Bruton Parish Church at which the Rev. Herbert Kelly was honored to assist.

Bus Tour to Historic Landmarks

Buses loaded, the delegates embarked on an afternoon tour, complete with box lunches, of the historic landmarks in the area: Yorktown Battlefield, Carter Grove Plantation and Jamestown Landing Park.

A Lively "Free and Easy"

Sunday evening, after a hospitality hour and buffet dinner, the delegates relaxed for a "free and easy" program led by Garry Lightowler. Featured were the Queen's Guard precision marching group from the College of William and Mary, the Heritage Dancers of Williamsburg (complete with "Hunt the Wren"), a presentation by David Freke on the Peel Archeological Project (and a bit about the Manx TT Races), and musical selections by Charles Guard.

In a serious vein, the NAMA presented Speaker Kerruish and Mayor Ainsworth with US flags, provided by Senator Dan Quayle, which had flown over the Capitol. Each responded with appreciation, with Mayor Ainsworth providing a bilingual tribute to the Manx, in both the English and Manx languages.

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Final Session

The convention concluded with the Monday morning session. After the singing of "Ellan Vannin" the meeting turned to business with reports from the several convention committees: Mary Hayslett, Registration; Mary Elizabeth Lightowler and Robert Camaish, Convention Treasurers; Garrick Lightowler and Herbert Cain, Souvenir Booklet; Gary Skillicorn, Prize Distribution; Mona Creer, Ladies Auxiliary; and Bill Brideson and Ron Quayle, chairman and host society president for the convention.

The time and place committee reported progress in selecting the next convention site and urged the membership to watch the *Bulletin* for the final decision.

A resolution was introduced honoring Sir Charles Kerruish, whom the membership agreed "shall be designated clearly and held in our hearts, as a symbol of all that the Isle of Man means to us and to our posterity." By acclamation, the convention declared that "he is and shall always be Mr. Isle of Man."

A second resolution, also adopted by acclamation, paid honor to Mrs. Hilda Penrice who has served as editor of the NAMA *Bulletin* for the past fourteen years. With her retirement from the position, those assembled offered a rousing vote of appreciation.

Other resolutions thanked Mr. David Freke of the St. Patrick's Isle Archeological Trust; Mrs. Audrey Ainsworth, Worshipful Mayor of Douglas; Mr. Jim Kennedy and the Isle of Man Tourist Board; William Brideson, chairman of the convention; Ronald Quayle, president of the Washington Manx Society and his convention committees; Garrick and Mary Lightowler and their staff of Little People who produced the *Faerie Times*, which was produced after each day's events and quietly slipped under the bedroom doors of all attending the convention; and Charles Guard. Similar votes of appreciation were extended to

others who had made the convention such a success: the Mayor and people of Williamsburg, the color guard of Ft. Eustis, the US Continental Army Band, the Longship Company, the Botetourt Singers, the Queens Guard of the College of William and Mary and the Heritage Dancers of Williamsburg.

The nominations committee delivered its report, and elections were held resulting in the unanimous election of the proposed slate. The new president, William E. Brideson, thanked the group for the honor, and spelled out some of his goals for the coming two years.

The convention adjourned with the singing of the Manx National Anthem and an exchange of fond farewells.

Special Efforts

Reviewing the events of the convention, special recognition is due those who were involved from dawn-to-dusk in making the event memorable. Don Quayle and his son video-taped the entire convention so that an edited version may be made available to Manx societies throughout the world. Garrick and Mary Lightowler (and those unseen "little people") wrote the *Faerie Times*, ran it off and saw that it was placed under the doors of all the attendees long after everyone else had turned in for the night, yet Garry and Mary were up at the crack of dawn to start the process all over again. Garry and Herb Cain were responsible for the elegant convention souvenir book. Dirk Ramsey-Spencer conceived many of the unusual happenings the Washington Manx Society employed to add a bit of fun to the convention. Gary Skillicorn held a prize drawing at the drop of the hat and at every pause in the proceedings. Mary Hayslett kept the registrations straight and recruited volunteers for the hospitality table. To them, and to all the members of the Washington Manx Society, NAMA extends its deepest

appreciation for a convention we will long remember.

Senator Quayle Recalls His Own Manx Heritage

In his message to the 37th Convention, Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana recalled:

"Many Manx men and women have played important roles in the evolution and development of the United States. Myles Standish was one of the original pilgrim settlers who arrived on the *Mayflower*. Patrick Henry's brother-in-law, Colonel William Christian, inspired him to deliver those famous words, 'Give me liberty or give me death.' Letitia Christian Tyler, a Manx woman, was the wife of our 10th President, John Tyler. A namesake of mine, shipbuilder Thomas Quayle, was responsible for building some of the largest ships which sailed on Lake Erie in the 1800s. To the best of my knowledge, I am the only current Manxman who is a member of the United States Senate.

"Since this is Heritage Year on the Island, I'd like to share a bit of my heritage with you. My great-grandfather, Robert Quayle, was born in Douglas in 1853. He left the Isle of Man in 1867 and settled in Oak Park, Illinois, where he worked his way up from machine apprentice to General Superintendent of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad during the next fifty-four years. He raised five children, all of whom continued to live in Illinois. I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1947. My father was a newspaperman. Prior to my election to the Senate in 1980, I served two terms in the House of Representatives. Before that I worked for the family newspaper, the *Huntington Herald-Press*, as Associate Publisher. I received my B.A. from DePauw University and then earned a law degree from the Indiana University School of Law. My wife, Marilyn, and I have three children: Tucker, 12; Benjamin, 9; and Corinne, 7."