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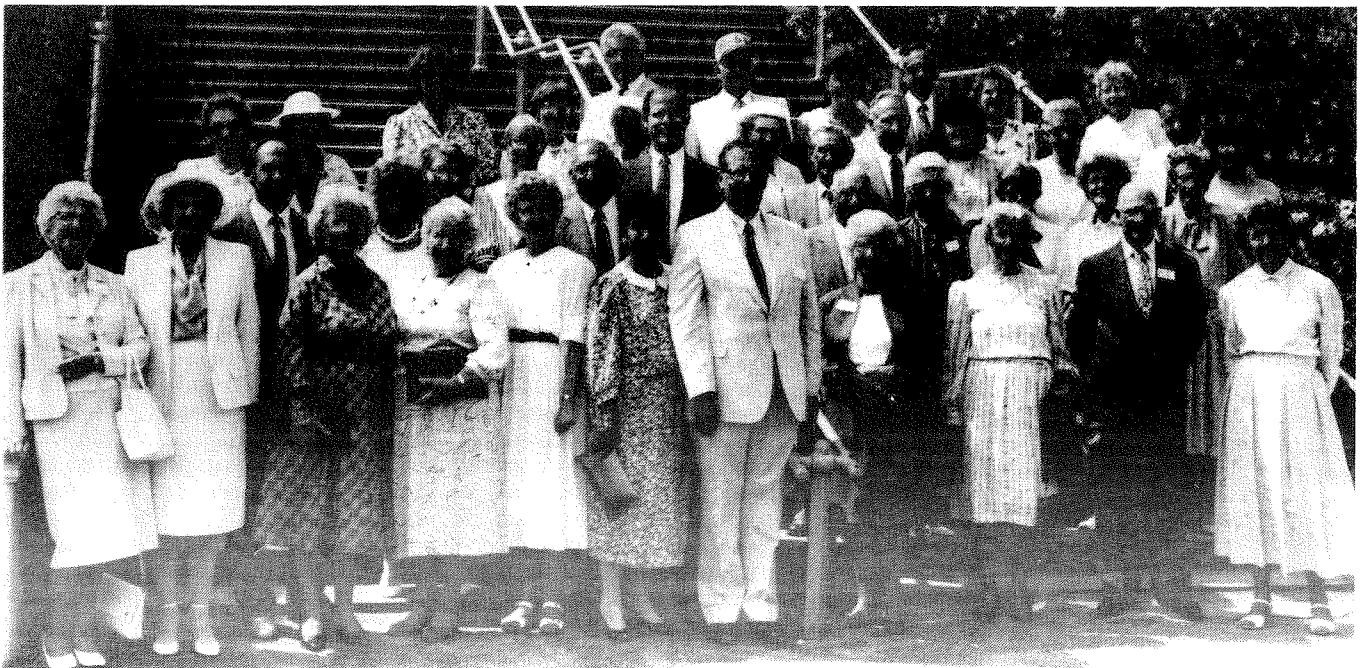
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our distances are so great it gives us difficulty in doing our work. When I wrote in the last Bulletin concerning older copies of the Bulletin, Mr. Anderson was actually much farther along with that project than I realized. All the needs I set forth have been met except Clague Museum. If someone has another set of old Bulletins they are willing to donate, we will place them there, unless the donor has other wishes. But there are still some missing issues:

All of 1927 and 1928

April through December, 1929

August through December, 1931

April through October, 1934

If any of you have any of these issues, we will be most pleased to hear from you, or you may let Mr. T.R. Anderson know directly, P.O. Box 665, Nisswa, MN, 56468. He is most keenly interested in this project, and will arrange with you for the most careful and secure copying in order that the record copy of NAMA, and the other important reference sets we have placed, may be as complete as possible, and your copy restored safely to you. Mr. Anderson has also indicated willingness to provide missing copies to any of you who may be trying to complete a full set.

Homecoming 1987: About 75, 31 with the Emerald Tour, and forty some who went on their own, a difficult group to get together and count. Both groups got together for the World Manx Church Service in Ramsey on Sunday Evening, at the Tynwald Ceremony Monday forenoon, at Lieutenant Governor New's Garden Party for Princess Margaret and President Vigdis Finnbogadottir of Iceland Monday afternoon, and after the Viking mock invasion on Peel Beach during a cool cool Monday evening Norwegian Cottier hosted a wine party in the Longhouse. Both groups flocked to the coziness of that huge room and visited and intermingled like long-lost cousins. On Wednesday evening the Tourist Board had a Banquet for both groups with welcome from the Manx Government and entertainment that bonded us all together in a way no one present will ever forget.

The organized Emerald Tour was hastily put together this year, is an easy way for second, third, and fourth generation Manx with no friends or relatives on the Island to go and see the important things in an organized way, and once they come under the friendliness of the Island people they find themselves planning a return visit with more time. Our group of 31 arranged in age from 10 to 82, came

from all over the US and Canada, and we hope it was enough of a success for Emerald Tours that they will build it into their business on a regular basis.

Mrs. Mona Creer, wife of our Treasurer and President of the Women's Auxiliary, participated in the Peel Archeological Excavation. We hope that she and other Homecomers from either group with interesting experiences will share them with us.

William E. Brideson  
President

**FIRST EMERALD TOUR  
(IOM) 1987**

Joke wedding performed in the Old Blacksmith's Shop, Gretna Green, Scotland. Left to right, front row: Clara Cogan (mother of bride), Hawthorne, CA; Robin Skillicorn, Burke, VA; Derwin Scalph (groom), Stafford, VA; Sarah Andrews (bride), Springfield, VA; Nancy Arcara, Cedarburg, WI; Marian Smith, Mentor, OH; Herb Cain (father of bride), Damascus, MD; Piper and Proprietor of Blacksmith Shop. Second row: Carol Christian, Toronto, Canada; Bill and Doris Brideson, Alexandria, VA; Esther and Alan Fricke, Medina, OH; Gladys Bobnar, Sarasota, FL; Edith Murphy, Long Beach, CA; Lou Bobnar, Sarasota, FL; Ann and Norman Ashworth, Berwyn, PA; Ciaren Cavenough, Emerald Tour Driver. Third row: Robert Geyer, Piedmont, CA; Kim Nelson, White Bear Lake, MN; Helene Arcara, New Port Richey, FL; Pat and Gary Skillicorn, Burke, VA; Elizabeth Cain, Damascus, MD; Jack and Marjorie Christian, Alexandria, VA; Steve Tedesco, San Jose, CA. Fourth row: Pat Clague, Roanoke, VA; Paula Scalph, Stafford, VA; Linda Clague, Harrisonburg, VA; Mary Andrews, Springfield, VA; and Karen Storey, San Jose, CA.

**MYLES STANDISH BOOK**

The book "Gentlemen of Courage Forward" by Lawrence Hill has finally been received after considerable delay. The author traces "the line of Standish within the History of England" back to William the Conqueror. Mr. Hill discusses in detail the result of his research from which he concludes that Myles' place of birth proved to be the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. This is the first time Myles' exact connection with the illustrious House of Standish has been established. The cost is \$25 net of Postage. Send your order to T. R. Anderson, P.O. Box 665, Nisswa, Minnesota 56468 or call (218) 963-3350.

## TT (TOURIST TROPHY) RACES

This spring the 80th anniversary of the world-famous TT races drew 40,000 visitors. Population of the Island is 65,000.

The first race was held 28 May 1907, 25 riders completed 10 laps of a 15.25 mile circuit. The course has been extended over the "mountain course," a scenic 37.73 mile circuit, and 333 races have been run.

Many of the riders have become household names. Mike Hailwood, who was tragically killed in a car accident, still holds the record for the most individual victories with 14 wins. Joey Dunlop holds the fastest lap record — an average speed of 118.48 mph.

Ear-piercing blasts from supercharged exhausts are not everyone's idea of sport, and the loss of life on this demanding course has gathered its critics. But for the many bikers who make the yearly pilgrimage to the Isle of Man, the experience is invigorating. They especially look forward to "Mad Sunday," when the circuit is open for any biker to get on the course and have a go.

Why in the Isle of Man? In Great Britain, no road may be closed to the public except by Act of Parliament. Tynwald is never so busy as not to be able to consider amending the Highway Act, so as to allow the roads to be closed at certain times and under certain conditions, especially in an Island which desires to attract as many visitors as possible.

## MANX NEWS

Herewith a few 'snippets' of Manx News gleaned mostly from Manx Radio:

**JURBY SKYSHIPS.** There were many sceptics, myself included, when some two years ago it was announced that a new Company would be established at Jurby to construct Airships. Now, "Wrens Skyships" have commenced their multi-million pound project at Jurby Airport and by 1990, the undertaking should be in full and profitable production.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.** It has been reported that presently, 1,316 people are registered as unemployed on the Island. This figure is 589 fewer than at the same time last year. A good augury for the future and in line with the mainland's resurgence in Industrial and Economic growth and wealth . . .

**CASTLETOWN ADVANCES.** A sum in the order of £500,000 is to be spent on a new Civic Centre at Castletown — the ancient capital of Man.

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**PLEA TO MANX WITCHES BY THE BISHOP.** Witchcraft is widely practised in the Isle of Man, the island's Bishop claimed this week. The Rt. Rev. Arthur Attwell called on those practicing the black arts to abandon the dangerous practice.

Claims have been made that Covens were active on the Island and that the disused aerodrome at Jurby was reputed to be the centre of such activities. Altogether, it is claimed that there are as many as thirteen covens active in the Island meeting in places such as disused church property.

N.B. Looks as though they will have to bring the spiked barrels back to Slieu Whallian . . .

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**FIRE SAFETY.** Apparently, over twelve Hoteliers on the Island face the prospect of a closedown for failing to satisfy stringent Fire Regulations. The Ministry of Home Affairs are ever conscious of the disastrous conflagration at Summerland some ten years ago when fifty people were killed . . .

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**INDUSTRIAL UNREST.** This week many Electricians and Plumbers started an indefinite strike over a longstanding dispute with Island Employers regarding pay and conditions. Apparently, the strikers numbering up to sixty having been seeking parity in wages and conditions compatible with the mainland.

N.B. Many people on the Island consider it is sad and frustrating that increasing Union militancy and Employer's recalcitrant insularity have increased conflict and confrontation, just at the time when the Island's Industrial and economic prospects look so good.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

We appreciate the efforts of those of you who have sent us your change of address as well as the new addresses of relatives and friends. However, we are continuing to receive "Returned" Bulletins. This results in wasted postage and delay in members receiving the Bulletin. We request your cooperation.

Doris G. Brideson  
Editor

## LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT.

Greetings my friends.

Now, at the end of July, we are moving toward the 'hub' of summer — August and the 'Dog days.' Incredibly therefore, Autumn looms near. A lovely colourful time in field and forest, best described perhaps by the experts — the classical poets; none better for me than John Keats:

"Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness! close bosom friend of the maturing sun; conspiring with him how to load and bless with fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run. etc., etc.,"

How I wish that just an element of style had been bequeathed to me by past Literary 'greats' to be able to gracefully record the beauty and peace of our own land — the Isle of Man.

Of course, you will know that lately — July the 6th this year — the picturesque Tynwald ceremony was enacted. The new Governor, coincidentally General New, presided over the gathering of nobles and notables as the laws of the island were promulgated in both English and Manx. This year H.R.H. the Princess Margaret was present.

Frequently, in the 1920's I remember being taken to St. Johns for the great day with my mother and father and sometimes my redoubtable maternal grandmother, aptly named 'The Wild Mama.' Mostly we travelled there in our Ford Tin Lizzie. A unique experience. As I recall, my only interest at that time was to enquire constantly when they would be rolling the witches down Slieu Whallian (Mountain of Allen) in the spiked barrels. According to legend this gory spectacle eradicated all evil and witchcraft and of course the witches.

Superstition dies hard in the Isle of Man and there would be few people who would contrive to stroll down Slieu Whallian on any dark night of the year lest they met Berry Dhone (Brown Berry) the witch familiar should she suddenly appear in all her dreadful agony and black horror.

On quickly to a more cheerful conjecture. Soon, we will once again be en route via Liverpool on the Steam Packet 'with a wisp of blue smoke and a curl of salt foam' to the beautiful Isle of Somewhere — MANXLAND — to enjoy our annual sojourn for the thirtyseventh year. A feature of our existence and a constant joy in our lives.

Yours sincerely,  
A.H. Bridson

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CANADA

### THE LEGEND OF MANITOULIN ISLAND

To the ancient Greeks, it was Mount Olympus. To the Ojibwa and Ottawa people, it was Manitoulin Island. It was the home of the Great Spirit.

The Indian people associated many spirits with nature and its forces. These were the "manitous". Yet, above them all, they felt that there was one Great Spirit superior to all the others . . . the 'Gitchi Manitou'.

A spirit so great had to live apart on his own. No place was more suitable for this home than the great island lying at the north end of Lake Huron. In this way, the island got its name . . . Manitoulin Island. Here, the Gitchi Manitou had created the ancestors of the Ojibwa and Ottawa and set them down to live their lives.

Many places in Manitoulin Island get their names from Indian legends. On one of the lakes on Manitoulin, is an island which resembles a fat old woman. Legend has it that Nanibijou the Giant, protector of the Ojibwa, hurled one of his wives into the lake in a fit of temper. The lake, the island and a nearby village are all named "Mindemoya" . . . old woman.

Experience the legends of Northern Ontario for yourself. It is part of our province that is like no other. It is a place where legends come to life and where every place name has a story to tell.

In Sudbury, enter Science North through a cleft in rock hundreds of millions of years old. Elliot Lake is the town that uranium built. At the Elliot Lake Mining and Nuclear Museum, you will see exhibits relating to the mining of uranium.

At Meldrum Bay on Manitoulin Island, climb the Mississagi Lighthouse for a spectacular view of the treacherous Mississagi Straits where La Salle's ship "Griffon" was wrecked in 1679. Fort St. Joseph National Historic Park on St. Joseph Island contains the ruins of the original fort dating back to 1796. The Algoma Central Railway runs from Sault Ste. Marie through the beautiful scenic Agawa Canyon. Ermatinger Stone House in the Sault was built in 1814 by Charles Ermatinger, an eminent fur trader, for his wife, daughter of an important Ojibwa chief. Northern Ontario is the Land of Legends.

Hilda (Bridson) Penrice



## WASHINGTON SOCIETY

The Greater Washington DC Area Manx Society will be turning out for "An Evening in Camelot" in October, as reservations have been made for 40 couples to attend a rousing local production of the famous musical.

In September, 50 soldiers of Europe's last private army marched through the streets of Alexandria, Virginia (across the Potomac from Washington). The Athol Highlanders were greeted by members of the Society at a reception where they were scheduled to receive a flag from atop the US Capitol, in recognition of their historic alliance with American forces — and the IOM. It was the Duke of Athol who sold back to Queen Victoria his rights to land on the Isle, resulting in the royal epithet, "Lord of Man," being associated with British royalty ever since.

Two prominent members are on the mend: Avril Shipman broke a leg in a freak water accident early in the summer. Garrick Lightowler is recovering from long-awaited eye surgery.

JAMES R. WOODGATES  
Vice President

### THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHAPTER MANX SOCIETY

The Society's June meeting was suspended as so many members were travelling.

The annual hosting of an open house at the Cottage of England in Balboa Park was held on July 12th, 1 to 4 pm. This was the closest to Tynwald Day we could arrange. Notices were put in the local area newspapers advising the public. We displayed various Manx items, played a tape of a commentary of a tour of the Isle of Man and offered several different pieces of literature concerning the Isle we had received directly from the Isle of Man. Over a hundred came into the house and had our cookies and tea. We hope to have gained some new members through this activity.

Our annual pot-luck picnic and swim will be our regular meeting in August at the home of President Marge Frederick. There will be much sharing of the trips taken this summer.

Mrs. R. Virginia Mellon,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
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## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Officers elected at our June meeting were:

Mrs. Wm. A. Roseman, President  
Mrs. J. Elliott, Vice President  
Mrs. Wm. Duncan, Secretary  
Mrs. Ray F. Haldeman, Treasurer  
Trustees: Mrs. Robt. S. Cowin, Mrs. Francis C. Glunt, and Alan Fricke.  
Honorary Trustee: Wm. A. Roseman  
No society activities were scheduled for July.

Our annual picnic was held August 9th at Look About Lodge in Chagrin Falls. The society provided part of the food and members were asked to bring casserole dishes. Guessing games, picnic games, and door prizes were included in the day's program.

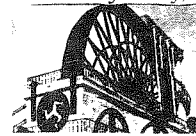
Regular meetings resume in September.

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### WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

Laxey Picnic-July 5 Although legend has it that it never rains on a Laxey Picnic, it seems this year's would be the exception. The local Committee was prepared. The church services and pot luck picnic dinner were held at the historic Linden Methodist Church, a few miles from the designated Laxey Cemetery. This unique old rock church, built in 1857, is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Reverend Herbert Kelly, NAMA Chaplain and native of the community, conducted the services. His message — "What Is The Church?". A special duet, "The Little Brown Church in the Vale" was performed by Alan and Marsha Jewell. Nearly 150 were present.

After the sumptuous Dinner featuring pasties, the sun began to shine and the gathering moved to the Laxey cemetery for the afternoon program. Ruth Jungbluth, an area historian, read highlights from a journal written by an early day settler of the Laxey community area. The reminiscences brought laughter and thoughtful speculation as almost everyone there could relate to the account. All joined in singing the old Laxey church hymns with Lisa Springer and her harp accompaniment. Mary Kelly, Wisconsin



Manx Society President, noted there are now 70 members in our organization and anyone interested in the group would be welcome to join.

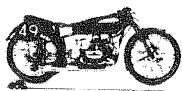
#### Laxey Cemetery

Laxey Cemetery is the site of Laxey Primitive Methodist Church which is believed to be the first Manx Church built in America. It has been beautifully landscaped and preserved. A special marker has been placed there by the Wisconsin Historical Society. It reads as follows:

"During the mid-19th century, hardy immigrants from the Isle of Man settled in this vicinity, naming it Laxey after their ancestral home. Here Manxmen whose roster included such names as Callow, Kelly, Cowley, Skillicorn, Hudgen, Kermode, Kewley, Craine, Quirk and Quine, laid rock for the first Manx-built church in America. Through mud, dust and snow; on foot, by wagon, or by sled, members came for religious services. Served by lay preachers and circuit riders, they worshipped with typical pioneer zeal. Laxey church became the hub of their community — a testimony to the pioneer spirit of their time. The nearby monument is built of stone from the church."

Laxey Picnics were held annually as fund raisers for the church during the latter half of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The idea of a neighborhood Laxey Picnic was revived in 1978 by Robert Callin, a great grandson of one of the founders. That year and every two or three years since, many "neighbors" have come from far and near to gather together. It has become a homecoming for many whose roots are in this lovely area of Southwestern Wisconsin. It was from this event the Wisconsin Manx Society was born.

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## NO DUES NO BULLETIN

To those who have not paid their dues for the 87/88 year, please note that the December Bulletin will not be sent until payment is received. The dues are just \$6 (US or Canadian) for a regular membership with the Bulletin, or \$2 for a membership without the Bulletin. Please don't delay making payment any longer. Remit to: C. E. Creer, Treas, 14228 Union Avenue, Orland Park, IL, 60462.

## HOSPICE CONCERT

A concert was held in the IOM Cathedral on July 24th with Canon B. Kelly presiding and Lieutenant/Governor and Mrs. New among the guests.

In response to a special request for items of spoken word, Doris Clague presented dramatic interpretations and poems, prize winning items in a competition. Miss Clague's guests were vocal and instrumental soloists.

A freewill offering was designated for Hospice care.

## AMERICAN ON VISIT

An American farmer of Manx descent has been on the Island renewing friendships he made during past visits. Mr. Bob Callin from Mineral Point, Wisconsin, is the grandson of Mr. Sandy Callin, an Agneash man who lost his life in the Snaefell Mine disaster 90 years ago.

The mines at Laxey and the graves of those who perished at Snaefell in Lonan churchyard were among the places to which he made a return pilgrimage. Soon after Mr. Callin arrived on the Island he received the news that his mother had died back on the home farm. He was unable to return to the USA in time for the funeral but his friends, farmer Mr. John Corlett, JP, and his wife, Nellie, from Ballabeg Farm, Lonan, took Mr. Callin to a service in Agneash Methodist Chapel, where his ancestors worshipped.

The Agneash service coincided almost in time with the funeral in Wisconsin. Methodist Minister, the Rev. Terry Isherwood from Onchan, referred to the fact and to the presence in the congregation of Mr. Callin.

Bob Callin has been a dairy farmer all his life. But now the massive food surplus in the USA and the reduced overseas market have driven him out of dairying. He has opted for a US Government scheme which compensates him for slaughtering all his dairy cows and agreeing not to keep any female cattle for the next five years.

Now he feeds 150 steers for beef and continues with the 300 hog pigherd his 160 acres already carry. He runs, too, a seed and fertiliser retailing business from the cheese making dairy no longer used on the farm.

Mr. Callin was accompanied on his latest Manx visit by his wife, Roselyn. They stayed with Mrs. Lily Kelly in West View, Peel. Mrs. Kelly's late husband, Edward, was a cousin to Bob Callin's father.

Peel Independent News

## 1987 EVERYMAN Tour of the Isle of Man

Thirty-six members of NAMA signed up with EVERYMAN Tours to visit the IOM this past summer. The first event was on 3 July and was a trip to the Laxey Fair in a chartered train on the Manx Railway. All the train personnel were in 1800's costumes, as were many of the town's people. We watched a parade and then settled back for an evening entertainment out of doors on the old washing floors of the lead mine. There were speeches, singing, and Manx folk dancing, combined with trips to the many booths run by local charities.

On the 4th of July, the World Manx Association held their annual tea. NAMA was represented by your 1st VP who asked to sit up on the stage and make a speech at the appropriate time. He thanked the president of WMA for the many kind references to the fact that it was American Independence Day, but pointed out that the American flag had been hung backwards on the stage. That night the tour group was given tickets to attend the play at the beautifully restored Gayety Theatre. Everyone enjoyed themselves whether or not they were able to understand all the words which were spoken in a broad Yorkshire accent. The rest of the week was filled with many preplanned events and bus tours, including, of course, attendance at the Tynwald ceremonies, and the garden party with HRH Princess Margaret, and the President of Iceland. At many of these events it was nice to be with the other NAMA members (including our NAMA president) who had come over with Emerald Tours.

EVERYMAN Tours and the Tourist Board did their usual fine job of planning and organizing, but special thanks have to go to Ellis Killey who, with his wife, not only stuck with us but also supplied his beautiful and talented daughter for the demonstration of Manx folk dancing at the party held at the Palace Hotel for both tour groups. Many thanks also to the three EVERYMAN Tour Guides who took us around the island: Rene Savage, Brenda Kennaugh, and Jane Hitchin! They were much appreciated!!

## NAMA MEMORIAL FUND

The following were honored with a donation to the NAMA Memorial Fund since the last issuance of the Bulletin:

Mrs. Gertrude Skogen  
Rochester, MN



## PEEPS INTO THE PAST

The following items are taken from the Manx Convention Bulletin #3, Issued Twice Monthly by the Publicity Committee. This was to inform Manx folk everywhere of the FIRST INTERNATIONAL MANX CONVENTION HELD IN CLEVELAND, OHIO - AUGUST 21-24, 1928

### The Ladies' Auxiliary

For the past twenty-eight years the "Ladies' Auxiliary" has been a potent factor in the welfare work of the Mona's Relief Society.

It was organized December 7th, 1899, with a membership of seventeen. From this small beginning it has increased to a membership of about two hundred.

The first President was Mrs. J.A. Moxon; vice-president, Mrs. C.C. Corlett; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. George Collister.

For many years the monthly meetings were held at the homes of the different members, where the work of quilting and making of aprons, etc., was done, the hostesses furnishing the lunch.

The membership having grown too large for home accommodation, other adequate quarters were procured. The society now meets the first and third Friday of each month except July and August at the East-End Y.W.C.A., 2055 East 105th St., where four large rooms are at its disposal, rent free. To show its appreciation of this, the society makes a yearly donation.

Aside from the work, the meetings seem to afford great pleasure and act in many cases, as a panacea for homesickness to those who have left the Island to make their home in Cleveland.

The charitable work of the society has not been limited to the Manx of Cleveland. Generous donations have been made to the Red Cross, St. Luke's Hospital, Dorcas Home and other worthy projects.

Evidence of the society's interest in the "Homeland" is shown by the yearly presentation of a gold medal to the Music Guild on the Isle of Man, which is awarded to the successful contestant in the prize winners' special class.

A cordial invitation is given to the ladies to come to this Convention and we assure you our Auxiliary will make your visit a happy one.

Submitted by Hilda (Bridson) Penrice



## PEEPS INTO THE PAST FOLLOW UP

We now reach the Eighth International Manx Convention, again Cleveland was the Host City, this was held August 13-14-15-16, 1935, at the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio. No doubt many of our long time members will remember this happy occasion. President of the NAMA was - Thomas C. Kelly.

To quote from the Souvenir Programme -

### FROM LOG CABIN TO SKYSCRAPER

The Manx people of Cleveland take pride in welcoming our visitors to Cleveland. For over a century we have played a prominent part in the growth of this great City.

Down the newly-built Erie Canal into the western wilderness came three Manx families in the Spring of 1826. Ohio was at that time largely covered with forests and their first task was to build their little homes.

With an axe in one hand and a pen in the other, they proceeded to develop Cuyahoga County. With the axes they cleared up enough land that following winter to plant their crops the next year. With their pens, they became propagandists and are credited with having sent to the Manx newspapers such glowing accounts of the golden opportunities open here that many folks were induced to leave their Island home and join them. Union Street territory of Newburgh township, soon became known as the "Manx Settlement."

Very soon the colony needed educational resources and the little log schoolhouse grew up under the hammer of the busy Manx colonists. Peeking in the window in retrospect, we see on the long benches, the sons and daughters of Ellan Vannin, learning their pioneer lessons in reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic.

Realizing their dependence on each other, they organized the Mona's Relief Society in 1851, for the purpose of "Mutual improvement and charitable relief of our fellow-countrymen through adversity of misfortune.

Two years later the Mona's Benefit Society was formed for the purpose of sick and death benefits, patterned on the order of British societies of similar nature.

On December 7, 1899, the women of the Mona's Relief Society organized a separate unit calling it the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society. Their work has been continuous and unflinching in carrying out the friendly aims of the Society.

The trail from the Isle of Man to Cleveland had lengthened and broadened all over the United States and Canada and a hundred years after the first Manx immigration the American born Manx reunited their ties to the little Island with a great "Home-coming" trip in 1927. This trip gave birth to the idea that all people in Canada and the United States of Manx Heritage should be united into an Association, and in 1928 the North American Manx Association was organized in Cleveland, linking the Manx roots into a unit.

Shortly after in 1929, the younger Manx of Cleveland, realizing that they too, had a rich heritage to preserve, banded together and formulated what is now known as the Cleveland Junior Manx Society.

Those early Manx settlers, our forefathers, merit our deepest gratitude for what they did for us. We shall continue to carry on and believe this Convention will stimulate interest and strengthen the ties that now exist.

Hilda (Bridson) Penrice

## SIXTIETH HOMECOMING 1987

Can you find yourself? Dr. Polly Ayers, Birmingham, AL; Steven and Sally Black, Jackson Heights, NY; Marshall and Tina Cannell, Wellesley Hills, MA; Russell and Marilyn Cannon, Salt Lake City, UT; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clucas, Piedmont, NY; Dr. Robert and Anne Cording, Dearborn, MI; Clarence and Mona Creer, Orland Park, IL; Ivy Dillon, Bisbee, AZ; Edward and Polly Ernst, Los Altos, CA; Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodwin, Glendale, AZ; Bryan, Hilary, Fiona, and Kevin Harrison, San Diego, CA; Mary Hayslett, Alexandria, VA; Mrs. M. I. Helman, Ontario, Canada; John and Kathryn Hughes, Tucson, AZ; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jacob, Defiance, OH; Mrs. M. Kai, Skokie, IL; Miss Edna Kee, London, Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kelly and Miss D. Kelly, Tampa, FL; Russell and Shirley Kelly, Galva, IL; Charles and Wendy Kennish, Ontario, Canada; Malcolm and Joyce Kinley, Costa Mesa, CA; Shirley Kishur, Rio Rancho, NM; Margaret La Prade, Goodland, FL; Mrs. C. Liepman, Tampa, FL; Al and Kathy Linley, Dallas, TX; Heather Miller, Burleson, TX; Philip and Mae Quane, Yucca Valley, CA; Dirk and Mary Beth Ramsey Spencer, Alexandria, VA; Helen Stitt, Salt Lake City, UT; Kathleen Stuart, Tampa, FL; Ann Tibbetts, San Antonio, TX; and Joan Tibbetts, Dallas, TX.

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Since the previous issue of the Bulletin several W.M.A. functions have taken place.

On 25th June we had an outing to Quayle's Hall in Ramsey. Twenty-three travelled by coach and fifteen others went by car. Mr. J.J. Kaighen, Chairman of Ramsey Town Commissioners, and Mrs. Kaighen attended and welcomed us to Ramsey.

A tasty supper consisting of wholesome Manx Fare was served. We were entertained by Mrs. M. Leadbetter who delighted us with her recitations of Manx poetry. Two members of the London Manx Society were able to join us on this occasion.

To conclude, Mr. Kaighen and Mrs. Leadbetter led the company in the singing of "Ramsey Town".

The Annual Gathering was held on Saturday 4th July at the Majestic Hotel in Onchan. Mrs. Betty Hanson, our new President, welcomed the overseas visitors and Mr. Peter Kelly, our new Chairman spoke briefly and introduced the Chairman of the Onchan District Commissioners, Mr. Peter Moyer, who was accompanied by his wife. Messages of goodwill from London, Manchester and the Wirral were read out and personal greetings were presented by members representing the U.S.A., South Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. Entertainment was provided by Cleveland Medallist, Mr. Andrew Williamson, who was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Judith Sutton. Mr. Malcolm Kinley from California recited some Manx poetry.

We were sorry that some of our friends who had come to the Island on the Emerald Tour did not arrive in time to be with us at the Gathering. We were pleased to welcome them to their hotel later that evening.

On Sunday 5th July we had a very enjoyable coach trip to Laxey via West and East Baldwin and at Laxey Glen Gardens a delicious afternoon tea was served.

Later we travelled to Ramsey to share in the service at St. Olave's. The Rev. J.H. Sheen gave a very interesting address. Mrs. Hanson and Mr. Peter Kelly read the lessons and the singing of The Manx Fishermen's Evening Hymn was included in the service. The singing of the Manx National Anthem ended the service.

Refreshments were served in the church prior to our return to Douglas.

On 6th July the Tynwald Ceremony took place and was presided over by Her

Royal Highness, the Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, and we were delighted to see Mr. Brideson, President of the N.A.M.A. with his wife, walking along the processional path from the church to Tynwald Hill.

On Wednesday 8th July A Home-comers' Banquet was held in the Palace Hotel and the Menu had a very Manx flavour. Kipper Paté and Bonnag, followed by Roast Leg of Manx Lamb with Mint Sauce and a variety of fresh vegetables, Apple Pie and Cream, finishing off with Coffee and Mints.

A delightful cabaret programme followed which included a very clever display of Magic, Solos and Duets by Graham Crowe and Barbara Gale, Recitations by Renée Savage and Manx Dances by the young daughter of Mr. Ellis Kiley of the Isle of Man Tourist Board.

It has been a very happy time. My husband and I were especially glad to renew friendships with the many kind friends we had met in Williamsburg last year.

Now we are looking forward to our reunion in Toronto in 1988.

Best wishes to you all,  
Winifred Musgrove  
Minuting Secretary

## PLAN TO COME TO TORONTO IN JULY

Your convention committee is hard at work planning the biggest and best NAMA get together yet! We have already been told that the Manx Government is planning to send representatives, and we had a brief meeting with the incoming Secretary to the House of Keys who has promised to help in whatever way he can. Noreen Cottier has again volunteered to be our contact on the Island, and John Spencer and Katie Corkill have also said that they will help.

We won't tell you all the planned events now, but through the courtesy of "Manx Radio" we will be able to listen to their outstanding special program on the first Manx Homecoming when a whole ocean liner was leased to bring people back. Many of you had relatives on that trip, and if any of you were on the ship, please write to Marshall Cannell, 25 Sheridan Rd., Wellesley, MA, 02181, and let him know so that we can plan a special recognition at the convention.

DON'T FORGET!! You and your children and your grandchildren and your great grandchildren are all coming to the 1988 convention, 29 July through 1 August in Toronto, Canada!!!!

Marshall Cannell  
Convention Chairman

## THE MANX LANGUAGE

A big part of our heritage as Manxmen is the Manx language. Your parents or grandparents may not have spoken it, but from that point back your ancestors had their own native tongue. Therefore, from time to time we will have some simple phrases for you to learn and by so doing, forge a link with your forbears.

Everyone with any connection to the IOM knows "Traa dilooar". "Traa" (tray) means "time", and "dilooar" means "enough". Now we can combine many other words with "dilooar" to make other expressions;

Mie (My) dilooar-Good enough  
Olk dilooar-Bad enough  
Beg dilooar-Small enough  
Cheh dilooar-Hot enough.

As a final item for this first lesson; when you come to the convention in Toronto next summer, and you see someone for the first time in the day, say to them "Laa mie" (lay my) which means "Good day"!

## FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Greetings from the Isle of Man Family History Society.

July is the busiest time for us in the Society. On Monday 6th July we were at Tynwald Fair in the Homecomers' Marquee when we were pleased to meet and talk to friends old and new.

On Tuesday 7th July we held our annual Open Day at the Phillip Christian Centre in Peel. We had all the usual family trees, photographs, old newspapers and magazines, microfiche and computer records, a costume display and an emigrants section with a genuine victoria trunk complete with contents, including genuine victorian underwear! Our refreshments proved very popular especially the home-made bonnag. For the first time we had on show the entries for our own Family History Award and we were delighted that the first prize went to Rev. Rex Kissack. During the day, we were particularly pleased to welcome a group of US visitors on the Island with a special tour. We hope that we were able to help them in some small way in tracing their Manx roots.

Our next meeting will not be until September, but we are planning the calendar of events for the coming year. Have a lovely summer!

Mrs. Sylvia M. Mylchreest  
Secretary



## Chaplain's Corner

The famed "Laxey picnic" of Wisconsin was held again, July 5, 1987. The old saying, "it never rains on a Laxey picnic" did not quite hold for this one, as a rainy night on the 4th caused us to accept the invitation of the Linden Methodist Church to hold it there. (Some of our Laxey group are members of that church.) The warm hospitality of the pastor, the Rev. David Kellin and his people brightened the otherwise cloudy day. We shared in their morning worship service in a marvellous old building kept in excellent repair by caring people. The church dates back to 1841, when Wisconsin was still a territory. (It became a state in 1848.) The church is now a historic landmark.

The potluck dinner after the service was in the church's spacious, modern social hall, and, as usual, enough food

was furnished to satisfy a fair-sized army. No-one went hungry! Our thanks goes to the Linden church and to all the Laxey families who brought such delicious food! Our N.A.M.A. was represented by Clarence and Mona Creer . . . and "yours truly".

Since the weather had cleared somewhat, the afternoon meeting was moved to the Laxey cemetery grounds, a time for reminiscing and visitation. People from as far as California and Florida, and points between, enjoyed this reunion.

It should be noted that, even with the "Laxey" name, the area is by no means all Manx, and never was. (And most of us are of mixed cultures.) The Cornish, for example, had a very large part in the settlement. Indeed, there is now a Wisconsin Cornish Society which I understand is quite active. One of its local

members, Jim Jewell, has written a booklet on "The Cornish Pasty", which gives the history — and makings — of this delectable dish, still very popular in the area.

Mentioning books — about five years ago some of you obtained copies of the book (paper): "Laxey in the New World", about the community and its beginnings. Now a 12-page supplement has been printed, in limited quantities, and was offered at our meeting. Written by Roselyn Callin, it adds further information about the community as it is today, and is helpful to any who would visit the area. If interested, you might write to: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Callin, Route 3, Mineral Point, Wis. 53565, to see if any copies are still available. The "Laxey Spirit" still goes on!

Herbert G. Kelly

## OBITUARIES

**Gertrude Alice (Clarke) Skogen**, 77 of Rochester, Minn. passed away June 14th.

Gertrude was born Oct 2nd 1909 at Boissevain, Manitoba, moving to Rochester in 1932 where she was a Rochester State Hospital employee, retiring in 1974.

She was a member of Zumbro Lutheran Church & participated in various church activities, including Sunday school & Boy Scouting.

Gertrude was predeceased by her Mother & Father, Alice Mae Cashin & Joshua Stephen Clarke, both of Glen Maye, Isle of Man. Her husband Rudie Skogen, sisters Ivy & Mae, Brothers Bob, Jack, Gordon & Phil.

Surviving Gertrude are her two sons Roger C. Skogen & Gary H. Skogen, wife Vicky & four grand children, all of Rochester, Minn. Two sisters, Jean Humpage, Boissevain, Manitoba; Edna Harbottle, West Hawk Lake, Manitoba, & one Brother, Jim Clarke, 42-5th St. N.E. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

**GAWNE, John O.**, noted psychologist who served as administrator of several Boston area colleges and universities, died April 20, 1987, at Framingham, MA, of cancer. John and his wife Eleanor, a college professor who specialized in family relations and child development, set up a counseling service at the largest international prep school in Cuba three years before Castro came to power.

After leaving Cuba the Gawnes took a sabbatical in Denmark. The Gawnes met at Columbia University while both were working on their doctorates. John served in the Army in the Pacific and European Theatres in WWII as a company commander in the Eighth Infantry Division. He was awarded three Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. He was a member of NAMA, the Family History Society, and took a keen interest in genealogy. The Gawnes have visited the Isle of Man regularly for the past 25 years, and were considering retirement there. John is survived by his wife, a son, Jonathan, of 707 West Windsor Drive, Framingham, MA, who said of his father, "He dedicated most of his life to trying to help other people, counseling not just students, but anyone who needed it," and by another son Timothy and family of Columbia, MD.

**Eva Kelly Nash** passes away in Perth, Australia.

Eva was born in the IOM in 1905 and emigrated to Australia with her parents, Amelia (Cashin) Kelly, Glenmaye, and John Kelly (Peel) when she was a small child. She was a great worker in the Perth Manx Association and welcomed many Manx visitors and New Comers to Perth. She was a truly Manx person, and a cousin of MaryEllen Robison Heindrichs author of "Cashins of Patrick" which is a truly marvellous Geneology and history book.

## NEW MEMBERS

Stanley E. Corkhill  
Orlando, FL

Gordon Heyd Evans  
New York, NY

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