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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage" T.E. Brown

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NAMA 88

As you all know by now, the 1988 convention for N.A.M.A. will be held in Toronto from 29 July through 1 August. By the time you receive this issue of the bulletin, you should have received the registration material. Please send it in promptly to help us make final plans. We are going to have an exciting time. The mailing went out to paid up members but please invite your fellow Manxmen to attend. Just make as many copies of the registration materials as you need.

One of the features of the convention will be a giant map of the island on which the attendees can indicate where they or their ancestors lived. We plan to start this at the convention so that "neighbors" can meet face to face. After the convention we will make copies for all the Manx organizations affiliated with N.A.M.A. so that they can add their names to it. By the time of the convention in 2000, we should have a giant composite map to display and then donate to the Manx Family History Society.

Remember to send your hotel reservations directly to the Airport Holiday Inn in Toronto. They have set aside a block of rooms for us so that we can all be together (this is a regular hotel; not a motel.) But if you wait too long they all may be assigned.

Marshall Cannell
Convention Chairman

**See you at
the Convention
in Toronto!**

TYNWALD DAY

Will you come to the Fair with me, Bill,
To the Fair on the Fifth of July?
But Billy just shuffled and shook his head,
And, "No, I don't think I will," he said,
"I'm not wasting my time going there, not I."

Do you know why they hold the Fair, Bill?
Do you know what it's all about?
A look of concern came over his face,
And he gazed a while at outer space,
Then, "Just speeches and things, no doubt."

Have you never been to the Fair, Bill,
To the Fair on Tynwald Day?
Oh! The sight of it all is something great,
With the Deemsters' Wigs, and the Sword of State,
And the flags all down the Processional Way.

And the white tent pitched on Tynwald Hill,
And the Coroner "Fencing the Court."
And the Guard of Honour all stood at ease
When the Governor, the Bishop, the Council and Keys
Have passed to the Hill where the Laws are taught.

And the Laws being read in the Manx, Bill,
As well as the English tongue -
For they have to be before they are sent
To the Queen - Lord of Man - for her Royal Assent.
And the Anthem "O Land of Our Birth" being sung.

Have you no Regard for Tradition, Bill,
Of the thousand years, and more?
Since King Orry sailed down the Milky Way
And gave us the Law which is ours today -
That Freedom should reign within this shore.

Or perhaps you just don't care, Bill,
For the things that have made our Nation?
"By Dang!" said Bill, and he thumped the wall,
"I'm as proud as you of being Manx, and all,
I'll see you at nine, on the Fifth, at the station!"

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PAST CONVENTIONS

In our news this year there are a lot of analyses of 1968. Was there a Manx Convention in 1968? Yes, Norm Clucas was President and Convention Coordinator. A new Southern California Manx Society was formed to host the convention, Rev. James C. Caley was President, Malcolm Kinley Treasurer. It was held in mid-August, Sunday was registration and reception. Monday morning a business session and the afternoon and evening a visit to Disneyland. Tuesday morning a business session and an afternoon visit to Marineland followed by a seafood supper at Huntington Beach Pier. Wednesday morning a business session, lunch at the Saucy Swan and a free afternoon, evening banquet and entertainment and dancing. Sam Penrice was elected President of NAMA, his widow was immediate past Bulletin Editor and still researches and supplies us fine material. The convention before this one had been at Toronto.

Was there a 1948 convention? Yes, in Peoria, Frank L. Shimmin was President, his obituary appeared in the December Bulletin. Hotel rates ranged from \$3.45 to \$5 for single room with bath, \$5.50 to \$7 double. Tuesday was reception and registration, an informal get-together and entertainment in the evening. Wednesday morning a business meeting, an afternoon bus tour of Peoria and local industries, a program and entertainment in the evening. Thursday morning a business meeting and memorial service, luncheon, committee meetings and the Ladies Auxiliary, dinner and entertainment at the YWCA in the evening hosted by the Galva Society. Friday morning a business session and election of officers, afternoon free for shopping, evening banquet and dance. Saturday morning a picnic sponsored by the Peoria Manx Association. Over 250 attended, I never did find a figure for the 1968 convention but the picture looked like about 150-200. The convention before this one had also been at Toronto.

And in 1928? NAMA was organized at the first convention in Cleveland. "Manx Convention Bulletins" wrapped up the great 1927 Homecoming steamer trip to the Isle of Man, and extolled the first convention dur-

ing the first four days of August. The Ladies Auxiliary grew out of Mona's Relief Society, which was organized in 1899 by seventeen ladies who held monthly meetings in homes to quilt and make aprons and guide the welfare work. By 1928 they had a membership of 200. Just 102 years before that first convention, in 1826, three families (Kelly, Kneen, Teare) left the Isle of Man for Ohio. After a voyage of seven weeks to New York they came by way of the Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Cleveland, a town of 600. The first issue of the NAMA Bulletin in the numbered series we continue appeared in 1929 and carried the Constitution in two columns. Six Regional Directors were announced for the United States and Four Districts for Canada. Bulletins were issued monthly, dues were \$1, conventions were held annually, and the second convention was August 20-22 in Toronto.

NAMA has been bigger than it is now, and with the ebb and flow of time it will achieve peaks higher than any yet achieved. We have our unique strengths of this moment: T. R. Anderson maintains some 200 titles of Manx literature readily available to us. Noreen Cottier (of Cleveland) maintains the only active title of NAMA Regional Director in Peel, and is our ambassador easing and assisting our visits and promoting the IOM wherever she can. Alan Pickard and his Manx Youth Orchestra toured the Eastern US and exchanged mementos with Senator Dan Quayle. Marshall Cannell is managing the upcoming Toronto convention from a distance of 500 miles, no simple matter. (His mother died on March 1 after a long illness with cancer, this family should be remembered in our prayers.) Trade delegations from the IOM visit America promoting banking and trade, which constantly spin off into jolly reunions of Manxmen.

It has been a joy and privilege to serve this brief moment as your President. I have every confidence the deep ties between NAMA and the IOM will continue to serve us both well. As we visit the IOM and bask in the warm hospitality we meet visiting Americans at World Manx gatherings who have never heard of NAMA, and who really couldn't care less. But then
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WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the World Manx Association was held on Saturday 19th March at the Promenade Church.

Mrs. Betty Hanson welcomed members and said how much she had enjoyed her first year as President of the Association. Members stood in silence in memory of members who had died in the past year. The Chairman, Mr. Peter Kelly, reported on the many successful events held during the year, including the Annual Gathering in July, the T.E. Brown luncheon in October and the Christmas Party, which was a very successful "first" event. Mr. Kelly said he hoped to have good news soon about the revival of the Junior World Manx.

The officers elected were:

President: Mrs. Betty Hanson

Chairman: Mr. Peter Kelly

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Miss F. Moore

One of the members, Mrs. R. Brunton, spoke about her visit to New Zealand when she found that the Auckland Manx Society had ceased to exist but there was a flourishing Society in Christchurch.

Mr. Mark Bowen, son of one of our North representatives, Mrs. Roberts, reported that he had had 30 replies to his enquiries about Manx residents in Norfolk and had great hopes of getting a Manx Society started there.

The number one objective of our Constitution is to federate the Manx people and assist them to form local Manx Societies throughout the world.

At the end of the meeting, tea was served by the ladies of the Committee.

On 16th April we held our "At Home" at the Imperial Hotel, when

40 members were present. Mr. Bert Sharratt showed a film, with commentary, of his visit to New England which was very enjoyable. He was given an enthusiastic vote of thanks by Mrs. R. Brunton.

The events arranged for the Summer of 1988 begin with the ceremony in Glen Falcon Gardens on 5th May at 4:00 p.m. when a garland is placed on the T.E. Brown memorial plaque. On 19th May we have a coach outing to the South with tea at Mallmore Private Hotel, Port St. Mary. On 23rd June a coach outing to the North with tea at Quayle's Hall, Ramsey. Our Annual Gathering will be on Monday, July 4th with a "Manx Tea" at St. George's Hall in Douglas. On Sunday, July 10th we have a Church Service at Arbory. On 18th August an outing to the West with tea at the Sartfield Restaurant.

On 22nd September another outing to the West with tea at the Ballacallin Hotel, Darby.

We extend a warm welcome to all Home-comers and hope they will take the opportunity to join with us at these events.

In October we have our T.E. Brown Luncheon and in December our second Christmas Party.

My husband and I are hoping to be at the next Convention in Toronto when we shall be able to renew our friendships with members of the N.A.M.A.

E. Winifred Musgrove

Hon. Correspondence Secretary

Come To Toronto!

MANX SCENE IN OHIO MUSEUM

American motor-cycle dealers in Domireacer are attracting thousands of visitors to their Ohio showrooms with a unique museum layout based on a scene during T.T. week in the Isle of Man in 1960.

The museum-cum-showroom in Cincinnati shows the Steam Packet ferry "Manx Maid" at one of the piers in Douglas discharging her cargo of T.T. bikes and visitors. It was featured in last week's edition of "Motorcycle News".

The centrepiece of the living museum is a 32 feet long mural which depicts all the phases of the 60's, motor-cycling's classic era.

AN ISLE OF MAN PARISH AND ITS CHURCH

Did you know that the Isle of Man has seventeen parish's? Ballaugh is a Parish on the North of the Island, formerly called *Ballalough*, meaning Place of the Lake; bounded on the North by the sea and the parish of Jurby, and the on the South by the Parishes of Michael and Lezayre; on the East by the Parish of Lezayre, and on the West by the Parish of Michael.

Total area - 6086 acres; Population in 1966 was 505, while the highest recorded population was 1,516 in 1841, presently standing at 700.

It is interesting to note that this parish has two churches, the Parish Church was built in 1832 and if one looks at the tower, there on the top of the tower are seven small spires often referred to as the "seven sisters". Within this parish Church is the oldest Parish register in the Island dating from 1598.

Located about two miles Northwest of the above church is the well known *Ballaugh Old Church*. The date of the original building is unknown and is very old. It was restored by Bishop Wilson in 1717, the vicar at the time being the Rev. Walker. The Font is of *Old Red Sandstone* and is decorated with a Cross, which at one time was painted blue and red. It bears the following inscription in Manx — "Ta yn chiarn, un credjue, un vashtey, un Jee as Ayr jeh ooilley". . . . There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all. The leaning Gate Post has existed for many years, and is caused by a faulty (slipping) foundation; also on the surrounding wall of the churchyard can be found a very interesting stone sundial which is now badly weather beaten.

Within the churchyard many tombstones have both interesting and humorous inscriptions as; "I await my husband" — May 26th 1840, and "Here I am" — December 14th 1861. Some smart "wag" added in chalk — "Late as usual".

Ballaugh is a most interesting Parish with its mountains, glens, Curragh's, etc., and much more can be written about this Northern Parish.

Submitted by

George Curphey, Liverpool,
Nova Scotia, Canada

IOM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Once again we are looking forward to the summer when we hold our most important events – our display at Tynwald Fair and our annual Open Day Exhibition both in July. The Open Day this year will be in Douglas at the Promenade Church. The theme is “Cronkbourne Village” and we hope to have the usual displays.

With the better weather our Projects Co-ordinator Mrs. Lyle will be out and about in the churchyards of the Island reading the gravestones. This work goes on all year round but a little bit of sunshine makes it much easier!

We will be holding our Meetings all through the summer and in this way we hope that our visitors will be able to attend at least one of the monthly Meetings. We have a list of very interesting speakers booked for those Meetings.

Our annual “outing” in June will be a walk in the Curraghs with Mr. John Collister who gave us a beautiful film slide show last year on Manx wild flowers, many of which were photographed in the Curraghs area. Visitors are of course welcome to join us on this trip.

Sylvia Mylchreest

**Toronto Convention:
Coming Soon.
See You There!**

PAST CONVENTIONS (Continued from page 2)

we read again “Tynwald Day,” and we aren’t all that certain Bill ever stirred himself again to go to the Tynwald Fair. And so, we do what we can. If you come upon any opportunity to serve NAMA I urge you to seize it eagerly. The experiences and friendships in NAMA and on the IOM we have developed we treasure dearly, it would have been a shame to have missed all of that.

Thank you very much,
William E. Brideson
President

KING ARTHUR UPDATE

The Castle Excavations have had their share of excitement – we were visited by Norma Lowe Goodrich with her Arthurian romance. It didn’t go over too well with British scholars, but there is already a “Merlin Launderette” and I am sure other traders will follow suit. The dig has found Norse period (10 -11 AD century) defences, perhaps those of Magnus Barelegs, King of Norway and Man for a while – a colorful character who came to grief, like many, in Ireland. We have also found a pre-historic grain store over 2,000 years old, which suggests that the Castle has been a political and economic control centre for a long time. Grain was an element in so-called “staple finance,” a method chiefs used to control the economy and fund their pet projects by taxing the people. It’s a very exciting find and tells us much about the politics, economy, and ecology of the Isle of Man at a period when almost nothing is known.

David Freke

MRS. LENNON GRANTED LICENSE

Former wife of Beatles legend, the late John Lennon, took possession of Bunter’s Restaurant in Parliament Street, Castletown, yesterday following the granting of licenses in court on Thursday.

Cynthia Lennon of Riverdale, Foxdale, told the All Island Licensing Bench, sitting in Douglas, that she had bought Bunter’s from the previous owners, subject to consent being granted for the transfer of liquor license.

“It’s my intention to continue to run it as a high class restaurant,” Mrs. Lennon told the Bench. “I will be supervising the premises, and to start with doing the cooking myself.”

The restaurant business is not new to Mrs. Lennon. She said she held a licence for one in North Wales for two years, and had acquainted herself with the Manx licensing law.

A work permit has been granted for her, and the Bench granted the licence to her with immediate effect.

MAJESTIC HOTEL CONTENTS FOR SALE

One of the Island’s best known and biggest hotels – the Majestic at Onchan (site of the 1976 NAMA Convention) – definitely won’t be opening for business this summer.

The hotel, which can sleep 300 people, and used to employ 80 staff when it was in full swing, closed its doors at the end of the 1987 season, and now after 21 years of ownership the David Bellamy family company is selling up.

Bedding for 1,000 people, 2,000 chairs, hundreds of dinner services, modern kitchen appliances, a dishwasher system and waste disposal that has only seen one season of use, thousands of pounds of business machinery including computers, photocopiers, alarm and intercom systems, seven pianos including a grand used by the Edwardian entertainer Marie Lloyd of Music Hall fame, all are to be put up for grabs.

World Project Consultants, Limited, a firm in Gibraltar, has expressed interest in building a private hospital on the site.

Isle of Man Courier

LADIES AUXILIARY

All women at the NAMA Convention are invited to attend the Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon on Saturday, July 30.

The Ladies Auxiliary was formed in 1932. The purposes of the organization are a) for the mutual benefit and social welfare of the Manx people and their descendants, b) to bring together Manx women & their female descendants or any women married to Manxmen, and c) to stimulate interest in and help the NAMA to the best of its ability.

As well as the Luncheon, the Ladies Auxiliary usually has a booth at the convention where crafts & Manx items are sold. Please bring your craft items and/or Manx articles for our Sale Booth.

See you at the Convention.

Pres. – Mona Creer

1st V.P. – Florence Rosemen

2nd V.P. – Tina Cannell

Sec./Treas. – Amo Fisher

VIKING FILM

The final arrangements for the film "Timeline," which is to be filmed on the Island, were being made last week when a group of top officials visited the Island to finalize the locations.

The film is the first episode of a multinational series to be screened world-wide next year.

This episode tells the story of the Viking invasion of Britain as if it is happening today and being televised as a news item. There will actually be "interviewers" on the spot bringing the story to you "live." It is considered a new concept in education.

Isle of Man Examiner



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

We plan to travel to the USA in October, 1988, to commemorate our 50th Wedding Anniversary, which took place in Geneva, OH.

We hope there will be friends and relatives who attended our wedding in 1938 who will read this message and consider joining us to mark this special event in our lives.

The date is Sunday, October 16th, and we would be pleased if those who can attend will contact Mrs. Vera Shafer, 1313 Sherman Street, Geneva, OH, 44041, phone 216-446-6066, so that she can provide details of time and place.

Eleanor and Edwin Gawne
Douglas, IOM, British Isles

TWO QUERIES

1. In Vol. 14, No. 5, July 1941 NAMA Bulletin, it was reported that Mr. and Mrs. Evan Crellin of Codman's Point, MA, recently celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary. Evan Crellin's wife, Elizabeth Catherine "Lily" Christian, was my grandfather's (John "Joey" Christian) sister. Evan and Lily had a daughter Dorothy who married a Lynwood Arthur Clement of Belfast, Maine. I have heard my father talk of Needham Heights, Massachusetts, perhaps it is another area where they lived. What are the dates and places of Evan's and Lily's demise? When did Evan and Lily emigrate to the USA? When and where was Dorothy born and married? Are Dorothy and husband Lynwood still living?

2. I request information on the descendants of John Edward Christian and Eleanor Kneale, his wife. He emigrated from the IOM to the USA in 1891. On March 17, 1903, the couple were married in Napa County, California, where he had bought a ranch on Sonoma Road, five miles southwest of Napa, several years before, and where Eleanor arrived only a few days before. John Edward Christian was baptised February 25, 1855, at Kirk Bride, IOM, the son of William and Margaret Crowe of Ballabeg Farm, Bride. A biographical sketch of J. E. Christian appears in the "History of Sonoma and Napa Counties, California" 1926. What are the dates and places of John Edward's and Eleanor's demise? Did they have any issue? Where are they?

Roger Christian, Treasurer
Family History Society
Croit-y-Keel
Port Grenagh, Santan,
Isle of Man, British Isles

LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT

Greetings my friends,

Spring, nature's magical season is here in all its glory. In the garden the crocuses and snowdrops have wilted and died sadly passing on to make way for the blossoming beauty of the daffodils, tulips, early violets and wallflowers.

"Oh to be in England, now that April's here," quoth the poet, but I would rather be in the Isle of Man anytime where, I am told, the Island is ablaze with gorse and all the countryside is rampant with a riot of colour from all the spring flowers. Leading, let us hope, to a warm and tranquil summer.

The Douglas Hotels are booked solid for the T. T. Races in June, so much so that the Government of the Island has advertised to anyone who can provide suitable accommodation to cope with the exceptional holiday demand. Reminiscent of the old days before the last war when so many houses all over the Island took in visitors for the summer seasons.

Regretfully, I have to tell you that the Isle of Man Steam Packet Coy crews, are once again 'on strike'—this has to do with a massive withdrawal of labour by the National Union of Seamen, associated with a dispute regarding the 'P & O' and 'Sealink' Ferries operating from the South of England to the continent. Seemingly, complicated and insoluble—the only sure result from any strike is bitterness and financial loss to all concerned.

Let us turn to happier thoughts. In the Island, the annual guild has just finished. It has been going now for over ninety years and this year there were over 1,600 entries. Very high standards were reached in Music and Drama; demonstrating once again the exceptional musical talents and cultural achievements of the little Manx Nation.

We are looking forward with pleasure to our projected holiday in Manxland later in the year. Meanwhile, we are always in touch with our family and friends there, collecting and recording any small items of news which can be repeated for your edification.

Kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR BRIDSON

GAELIC LESSON (Not Marshall's)

- slogan (sluagh gairm) — a gathering cry, a war cry
- galore (gu leoir) — enough
- whiskey (uisge beatha) — water of life
- trousers (triubhas) — breeches and stocking in one piece

'SNIPPETS' OF MANX NEWS

CUTS FACE COAST WATCHERS

Hard-pressed Coastguards have launched a wave of opposition to British Government plans to axe three major stations, including the one on the Isle of Man.

The withdrawal of the coastguard presence at Ramsey will mean that the Liverpool-based team must take on a wider area. This will include: The listening aerial on the Island. The seas around the Island. More of the Scottish coastline. All this apparently in the interests of economy, small comfort to those men on the Island who will be retired or lose their jobs. Opposition in the Island is so bitter and widespread, we can only hope that the decision will be rescinded or modified.

ARSON OR ACCIDENT?

A few weeks ago, the cafe at the end of the Queen's Pier, Ramsey, caught fire. Two or three fire engines had to be called in to quell the flames. The fact that the fire happened late on a Sunday and out of season did not go unnoticed and gives some weight to a theory prevalent in the Island that there is an arsonist abroad. There have been many strange fires breaking out – often on Sundays, sometimes in the early hours, and in a few outlying areas. I am bound to say that very little comment seems to appear in the press etc. regarding this matter; it is just the whispers I receive from time to time.

INCOME TAX:

It has been reported that the Manx Government intends to reduce Income Tax in the Isle of Man from 20% to 15%. However, it will apply for those people at the lower end of the

wage scale, earning say, £6/7000 per annum. A good moral move destined to help those most in need. It may be known that the English Government has also reduced the standard rate of Income Tax to 25% to operate from June 1988. This has been well received although there is a great deal of controversy that on the overall percentage basis those with high incomes and assets will benefit enormously. A clear case of 'the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.'

ISLE OF MAN STEAM PACKET COY. FINANCES

The S. P. Coy were pleased to report recently that their profits to the end of 1987 increased dramatically to something around £2,000,000 (two million) from the previous year's £500,000 (approx). A dividend of 6% has been recommended – the first for a considerable time. Let us hope sincerely that the strike is soon over so that the Coy. can build on this notable achievement. They have a long way to go yet to be in the position they wish to achieve, i.e. purchase of new vessels.

I.O.M. NEW BROADCASTING STATION

It has been reported that Australian Mr. Rupert Murdoch – well known world-wide as a Newspaper Magnate and International Entrepreneur has set up a Company to build a new Broadcasting and TV. Station in the Isle of Man. The Station will be linked by Satellite. An historic venture if it goes ahead. Apparently, it is hoped that a close working relationship will be established with the present Manx Radio Station, all of which is very good news for the Island.

HOME SWEET HOME

Unless you move solely in the richer echelons of our Island society, you are bound to know at least one young couple desperately seeking a home of their own – and desperate they certainly are. From time to time a ray of hope shines through, such as last October's announcement by Mr. Gubay that he would build starter homes. Mr. Gubay, unfortunately, felt he had to withdraw the plan owing, he said, to excessive bureaucracy he was experiencing on another site he was preparing. Regrettably the main effect of his withdrawal was not on the Government, but it dashed the hopes of many of the Island's young people. What is being experienced now is just the beginning, and unless the Government moves firmly and fast the Isle of Man could end up with its own percentage of squatters and homeless to add to the statistics at next census time.

We have a situation now where the last 12 months has seen an average increase of 35% in house prices, with much higher increases in some parts of the Island and on some types of property. The cost of living generally on the Island is marginally higher than in the U.K., and wages are lower. Some years back young people had to leave the Island if they wanted work, now quite a number are leaving because they cannot find a home here.

"In the four short years I have been on the Isle of Man, I have seen the emergence of a new sector of our society – young, anxious, despairing people trying to find their first home. As the Government pursues its policy of attracting more wealth, Manx working people are increasingly becoming the victim of that policy."

Sue Stuart

The Manx Independent

MANX LANGUAGE

Laa mie. (By now you know that means "Good day!") Kyst'ou (kisstow) How are you? This is the shortened form of "Kanys ta shiu?" (ken-iss-theh-shoe) which you learned before. If someone asks you this, don't just say "braew, breaw" (brow, brow) which means "fine". Try "feer vie"; very good. My own favorite is the old Manx expression "Goll as gaccon"; "Goin' and grumblin'." "Goll as

gaccon" is pronounced as it is spelled; just remember that "a" is broad as in "father", and the "s" in "as" is as in "ass" not the "z" sound in English "as." "Goll" means "going." When you leave the convention in Toronto in July, you say "Ta me goll ersooil" which means "I am going away." "As" means "and." Now that you know the word for "and" you can go back to the

Manx lesson in the March Bulletin and be more descriptive of the weather as in "Ta nemshyr dorragnet as dorrinagh!" "The weather is dark and stormy."

We have just learned that the weather forecast for Toronto for the convention is "gial as aalin!" so we will see you there!

Marshall Cannell

ORIGIN OF THE NAME - ISLE OF MAN

In ancient historical writings, the Isle of Man has been called by various names - Caesar called it MONA; Pliny names it MANANN; the Norse-MAUN; the Icelanders-MON; and the Welsh-MANAW.

In the opinion of most recent writers, the root stem of all these words in MON- a pre-celtic word, probably of a mono-syllabic race, meaning-"hilly or mountain land",

Old Irish literature contains many references to the Isle of Man, imagination played a great part in their writings and the Island was referred to as-FLAUNYS- the Paradise: Tir Suthain -the everlasting land: Tir Subha- the Isle of Joy: the Island was also called FALGA: the following is a translation taken from the Book of Leinster.

"Tidings came to the champion of the Red Branch at Eamhain Macha, of an Island rich in gold, silver, jewels and other treasures, of which not the least desirable was the daughter of the country's ruler, she was rumoured to be more beautiful than any woman of Ireland.

Her name was Blathnaid and her home was with the men of Falga or MANANN, a sea girl land not far from the coast of Alba. The Ulstermen therefore decided to fit out an expedition with Cuchulainn at its head for the purpose of stealing the treasure and the lady".

The above article ended abruptly, so we will never know the outcome of the story.

Hilda (Bridson) Penrice

Come to the Convention

CONGRATULATIONS

From Dr. and Mrs. William R. Kermeen, Forest Ranch, CA, comes the following item:

Mr. Robert Kermeen Stoffel and Monique Renee Nichols were united in marriage Saturday, 9th of April, 1988, in the garden at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Stoffel.

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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On Hand 1/1/87 \$24,413.73

Receipts

Dues \$3,735.83
 Memorials 157.20
 Membership Certificates 17.00
 Interest 1,179.62
 Pin Sales 2.00
 Cookbook 25.50
 Gifts 32.00
 Convention - Net Proceeds 2,925.39
 8,074.54

Disbursements

Bulletin - Printing 2,945.63
 Editor's Expense 708.58
 Treasurer's Expense 575.00
 Allowances 1,000.00
 Insurance 250.00
 Accounting Fees - Tax Returns 350.00
 Executive Board Meeting 1,934.15
 Convention - Late Charges 239.72
 Convention Advance - '88 1,000.00
 Miscellaneous 16.67
 9,019.75

On Hand 12/31/87 \$23,468.52

Memorial Fund Balance included in above amount 678.70

Account Balances at 12/31/87

Orland State Bank - Checking Account \$1,003.96
 Orland State Bank - Money Market Account 20,093.34
 National Trust - Canada (In Canadian \$) 2,371.22
 \$23,468.52

NAMA - Myles Standish Fund

On Hand 1/1/87 \$5,381.56
 Gifts 328.25
 Interest 278.09
 On Hand 12/31/87 \$5,987.90

C.E. Creer, Treasurer
1/31/88

PINK DUES NOTICE

The PINK SLIP is our notice to those of you who pay dues annually, that it is time to renew your membership. Your remittance lets us know that you want to continue your membership.

Since the new year starts before the September issue of the Bulletin is published, won't you please return the PINK SLIP and your check now?

C. E. Creer, Treasurer

193 MANX PUBLICATIONS

A new list of books, pamphlets, Tynwald tapes, etc., has just been issued. It will be sent to all Life Members and to Regular & Associate Members at the time dues are paid. This is a fine list of material relevant to our Manx heritage which can be readily obtained by all NAMA members through the thoughtfulness of Manx Society of Minnesota.

C. E. Creer, Treasurer

SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

Our society is a member of the Maritime Museum of San Diego. They have announced that plans are under way for a sailing of the Star of India, which was launched in Ramsey, IOM, 1865, during Memorial Day weekend, 1989. This will be the fourth sailing, 1976, 1984, and 1986, since she was brought here under tow in 1927 and restoration beginning in the late '50s. We contributed to their Emergency Fund drive to help with the storm damages to the Museum ships.

A souvenir sheet of Manx stamps picturing four Manx ships went on sale at the Maritime Museum on May 11. The address is 1306 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92101. The stamps may also be ordered direct from the IOM.

A novel by Phyllis B. Burns, who has attended our meetings, titled "Iron Lady At Sea" is a story of the Star of India from shipyard to voyage. It will be offered for sale at the NAMA Convention or contact her direct at 567 Antonio Avenue, San Diego, CA 92106. Our society has an autographed copy.

Roger and Norma Quayle of Onchan, IOM, accepted our invitation to a tea in their honor on April 30th in the home of Paul and Doris Dobbel. They were traveling for seven weeks from Miami, Florida to Los Angeles, Ca with 37 persons from England and Switzerland in 18 RV's.

Our members Linley and Winnie Hall gave a very interesting program at our April meeting with photos of mining operations in a tourmaline mine in the Santa Isabel, CA area and displayed specimens of stones. They gave some geologic background and facts about mineral deposits in our area.

The regular Society meeting in June will be at the Coronado home of our members Aline and Ed Wittenkeller.

Several of our members plan to attend the NAMA Convention in Toronto and hope to meet many of you.

We wish everyone a relaxing summer.

CROSSING THE BORDER

The Canadian Embassy said a driver's license may work fine, but it is not definitive, that one should have along as a backup a birth certificate, passport, voter's registration, or a naturalization certificate.

WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

Forty-five members and guests attended the spring meeting in Madison, March 20th. After a Smorgasbord Dinner, President Mary Kelly conducted the business meeting. Jean Willett led us in singing the Manx National Anthem and Ellan Vannin. Eight first time attendees introduced themselves. The meeting notice in the Madison newspaper brought results! All others present introduced themselves giving their Isle of Man connections. Our President had prepared an IOM map on which each member could indicate the location and names of their Manx ancestry. This map will be used for the NAMA meeting in Toronto in July. A show of hands indicated about seven members were interested in attending the NAMA meeting. We voted to again pay for a full page ad for the meeting program.

Our President explained the Tax Exempt status of our organization and the advantages it will give in getting assistance to help underwrite expenses for activities such as the Laxey Picnic. The seven committee assignments for 1988-1989 were announced. There was also a discussion and motion to obtain a Wisconsin Manx Society pin to help identify us as an organization.

Dorrie and Norman Alff gave a very interesting slide presentation of the Isle of Man countryside and England's Lake Country, Yorkshire Dales, Hadrains Wall and the Jorvik (Viking) Museum in York. All of these may be possible as a part of a two to three week tour now being tentatively planned by the Wisconsin Society for the summer of 1989! Our next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Heritage House in Madison, October 16, 1988.

E. Mae Reese

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KATHARINE COMES TO THE USA

Petite Katharine Boyde arrived from the Isle of Man and hurried straight to the little village of Sussex, Wisconsin, in 1867. She was a pretty, slight, red-headed young lady of seventeen years. Expecting to meet her cousin at the train station, she waited while all boarded. She had come at her cousin's insistence to marry him.

No one knows why, but he never appeared. Katharine stood there with tears welling up in her blue eyes. The day was wearing on. Disappointed, alone, and a complete stranger in a new land, she gathered her courage and asked directions to the Episcopal Church. At St. Alban's she was received lovingly. They helped her find work caring for the ill.

One of her patients was Mr. Charles Buck, Sr., who had a son, Charles. Now, Charles thought Katharine was just his cup of tea. Soon they married and settled on a farm in the Town of Sussex. They took an active part in the community, the Masonic Order and Eastern Star, as well as St. Alban's Church. Their only daughter, Lulu, grew up and married. She had four children, one of whom died in infancy.

When Lulu was about fifteen, Katherine's sister, Maria Boyde Craine of Elyria, Ohio, where many Manx people had settled, died leaving a husband and four children. At that time people parceled the children out to relatives or friends to bring up. Katharine chose little George, the oldest, seven years old, to bring back to Wisconsin and live with the Bucks. A boy would eventually be a help on a farm.

After retiring from farming, the Bucks built a home on Main Street in Sussex. Charles died in 1916, and his beloved Katharine in 1924. Both are buried in St. Alban's cemetery, leaving many happy memories in the mind of their great niece, Ruth Craine Lembke.

**Wisconsin Society
Newsletter**



CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

As I write this – Spring is coming but very slow. Our weather has been very cold and rainy. The TV. weather man says “the week-end will be much better” I sure hope so.

We had a Theatre Party last Sunday, April 24th, but the attendance was very low. The play was “DA” and it was very good. The Theatre and Restaurant is a U.K. ethnic place and is unusual. We all enjoyed the food very much.

Plans are being made to have a meeting in June, and we hope we can have 2nd and 3rd generations come to this planned meeting so we can get some new ideas. Hope all in the NAMA are well.

Florence Abbinanti

Secretary-Treasurer
9330 S. Richmond Ave.
Evergreen Park, Illinois
60642

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Travel slides were shown to our members by Miss Barbara Daniels following our March 8th meeting. On Sunday afternoon, April 17th, we met at Mapleside Farms and Restaurant in Brunswick, Ohio, for a family style meal. There is an Apple, Cheese and Gift House on the premises so in addition to enjoying their meal, folks had the opportunity to buy more goodies to take home.

As of this writing, no definite program plans have been made for our May or June meetings although election of officers for the coming fiscal year will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

Happy news! Florence and Bill Roseman are first time grandparents. Mary and Ron Hitch are the proud parents of Matthew Franklin Hitch born February 11, 1988. From Grandma Roseman's account, Matthew is a joy to all. Florence and Bill are enjoying occasional baby-sitting.

Marge Kennish Krach

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Seven Hills, OH
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**Toronto! Toronto!
Toronto!**

REPORT OF THE MANX SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

We are pleased to announce a meeting of The Manx Society of Minnesota on Saturday, July 16, 1988, at Ironworld, U.S.A. Ironworld is located in Chishom, Minnesota, the heart of Minnesota's Ethnic Days. This is a festival highlighting the ethnic heritage of the Iron Range with ethnic music, dance, foods and craft demonstrations.

The Minnesota Manx will hold a closed meeting dedicated to the presentation and preservation of our Manx heritage in Ironworld's theatre. Various Manx members will give short reports and slide shows on their family's background and ancestry relating to the Isle of Man. This information will be assembled and presented at the North American Manx Association Convention to be held next summer in Toronto, Canada.

We also plan to open our Ironworld meeting to the public during the festival days to show the Isle of Man movie “TRAA-DY-LIOOR”. Other activities will include the performance of Carmel Quinn and the Ethnic Dance Theatre.

We would like to thank Mona Abel, the Group Travel Coordinator of Ironworld, U.S.A. for arranging such a special meeting for the Manx. Detailed information and notice will be sent out to Minnesota Manx members soon.

The Minnesota Manx are on the move again! Please join us at Ironworld, U.S.A. to celebrate Minnesota Ethnic Days.

Sally Dahlquist, Treas.

NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

The Nebraska Manx Society held their spring meeting April 24, 1988 at the home of Gladys Watts in Lincoln, Nebraska. We enjoyed a dinner at 1:00 p.m. with 19 people present from Nebraska and Kansas.

A business meeting was conducted after dinner with a map presented for everyone to record where their family had originated from on the Isle of Man. The map will be sent to the convention this summer.

After the business meeting, our President, Elizabeth Robison, showed 30

slides of the Isle of Man and asked a question on each picture. Noone received a 100% on the quiz but it was enjoyed by all!

I would like to note that 2 weeks earlier Mrs. Watts had celebrated her 99th birthday and is looking forward to next year's 100th!

Vicky Gobber, Sec.

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VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

Spring has sprung
The grass has riz
Time to report on
Vancouver biz.

A touch of frivolity on this beautiful spring day. Weatherwise this past winter, we, in Vancouver have been very fortunate and we count our blessings. Many plans are in the works for an interesting year. The first will be our Spring Tea. This will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell on May 28, 1988. To get the wheels in motion a committee meeting will be held at the home of Terry and Joan McCaffery. One of our members, George Greggor, has started his retirement. After a busy career we wish him the very best.

Vera Henry

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WASHINGTON MANX SOCIETY

The Greater Washington, D.C. Area Manx Society continues to widen its offering of activities to an expanding membership.

In June, the banquet room of a favorite Capitol Hill restaurant will be the venue for a full-course dinner and recital of Manx and other gaelic and

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

The Southern California Manx Society has been inactive for some time now. However, Malcolm and I have attended some of the San Diego Manx Society meetings.

We will be seeing you at the Convention in Toronto at the end of July.

Joyce Kinley

TORONTO TIPS

Toronto may just be the nicest city in the world, bar none. It has everything.

HOTELS: Tend toward the pricey, but most offer weekend specials if you don't mention a convention. Our favorite is the Harbour Castle. Royal York is classic Victorian, and newly renovated Prince Eddie is, naturally, classic Edwardian. You really can't go wrong anywhere, if you can get in. Reservations should be essential.

TRANSPORT: Forget driving, it's a disaster. Learn the transit system; it's easy, convenient, and fun, whether trolley, bus, subway, or GO train, with free transfers galore. Walking is delightful anywhere, day or night. Try Yonge or York streets.

SPORTS: The Jays are an exciting team, and some feel they will have clinched the penant by Convention time. But it is lousy stadium for baseball.

RESTAURANTS: Unbelievable! Anything you want. Prices reasonable. Our favorites, after many visits, are:

CHINESE: The Pearl, in old Chinatown. Not a tourist trap (some are), looks terrible, not much English (or Gaelic) spoken. But super food. Fast, but not crowded. For Dim Sum, we think the best is the tiny place next to the Chinese Methodist Church behind the downtown Holiday Inn. No English needed for this; you just point, smell, and enjoy.

ETHNIC: For Hungarian, the Czarda, in Yorktown. Insist on a table near the music. Allow for a long visit, it's that good.

SEAFOOD: Can't go wrong here. Try for Arctic Char, but there is nothing wrong with Atlantic Salmon, or Great Lakes Perch, or Walleye either.

BRUNCH: Our Canuck cousins have Brunch down to a science. A favorite is the Harbour Castle, with its revolving restaurant overlooking the harbor and city. But you have to figure on about two hours because they keep bringing in more selections. Once we even had Manx Kippers, which lasted about two minutes.

MUST SEEs and MUST DOs: After you see it, you still won't believe it. Undescribable. Eaton Mall. All underground, for miles. Fantastic! Sci-

ence Museum. Just great! Royal Museum. Wonderful! Zoo. Brand new, and very pleasant. Don't hurry.

CHURCHES: All Toronto denominations seem to be strong on fine music. If you're Anglican, we'd recommend St. Mary's, home church of Healey Willan, but it's High Church.

Many around here visit Toronto two or three weekends a year, always by train. If someone doesn't enjoy that town, the fault is with them.

I. G. Caley

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MANX NUCLEAR PROBLEMS

A young politician from Las Vegas visited the Island to trace his roots, and was intrigued to discover his Manx counterparts facing the same nuclear waste problem as his home state of Nevada.

Matthew Quayle Callister was fascinated when he read in the *Manx Independent* that the Isle of Man Government was to protest to Whitehall over plans to store nuclear waste under the Irish Sea.

In the USA, President Reagan's Government plans to bury all the country's nuclear waste in one underground dump, and the most likely site is an area of Nevada desert close to Mr. Callister's Constituency.

He took two days off to pay his first ever visit to the Island before joining other American politicians in Paris to begin a tour of European waste sites on a trip funded by the US Department of Energy.

Mr. Callister, a 31-year-old business attorney, made a point of visiting Peel, the home of his ancestor Edward Henry Callister, who is thought to have left for America in 1824. He told the *Independent* that the Mormon Church, of which he is a member, is full of Manx surnames like Callister, Cannon, Quayle, and Cowley.

One of the 42 part-time Assemblymen in the Nevada State Legislature, Mr. Callister is concerned about the impact of a nuclear dump on the image of Nevada, which is almost entirely dependent on tourism. The desert is already used for under-

ground testing of nuclear weapons.

"If there were an accident either at the dump or with the waste in transit, it would be network news, and people would stop coming to Nevada," said Mr. Callister. "It's fascinating that the Isle of Man has exactly the same problem. We're a small State with a low population and little political clout, so the Federal Government will probably give us the dump."

The Nevada State Legislature can at least make life very expensive for the nuclear dumpers. They have created "Bullfrog County" in the area likely to be chosen, and the new county has exhorbitant rates and taxes.

"It's a pity you can't do the same under the sea," remarked Assemblyman Callister.

Manx Independent WASH. MANX SOC.

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celtic music. Professional harpist Mary Spalding (nee Fitzgerald), recent recipient of an honorary Society membership, will perform.

An energetic evening of Manx dancing for beginners was enjoyed May 5th at a public school hall in Silver Spring, MD. Friends from the *Washington Folklore Society* provided the instruction to some of our more nimble-limbed members who learned how to jump and smile and laugh and spin, all at the same time. Lots of fun!

The Society's annual dinner meeting was held March 25th at the Ft. Myer Officer Club in Arlington, VA. It was an occasion for many of our new members to get better acquainted with each other and later with the Isle of Man, during the screening of two excellent films provided by the Manx Tourism Board.

The following officers now comprise the Board of Governors: Ronald Quayle—President
Russell Woodgates—V. President
Shirley Comish—Treasurer
Mary Ann McIver—Secretary
John Comish—Past President (substituting for Bill Brideson, now President of **NAMA**).

The other Governors are Mary Cannell Andrews, Donald Quayle, Avril Shipman and Dirk Ramsey-Spencer.

MANX YOUTH ORCHESTRA IN ISRAEL

The Manx Youth Orchestra trudged wearily after the guide, dragging their heavy instruments, suitcases, and sleeping bags towards the coach waiting to take them to Beersheba— their destination for ten days. The journey had started on Saturday evening from Ronaldsway Airport in the Isle of Man. After long security checks at Heathrow Airport and a 4½ hour flight, the plane touched down in Tel Aviv at 3:30 a.m. On the coach journey to Beersheba the guides produced a very busy schedule of concerts and sightseeing tours.

The party arrived at Kohl Comprehensive High School at 7:30 a.m. for a small reception. After the Manx members were introduced to their hosts they separated into various households to enjoy a couple of hours rest, because later that day they were to go to Hatzertim Kibbutz. Following lunch a guide took them on a tour of the kibbutz and explained how it worked, meanwhile the temperature had risen to over 30°C. They visited a farm where ostriches, camels, and goats were being bred, this farm was also the site of a trench battle between the British and Turks during the First World War. In the evening the Orchestra and the Israeli dance group (hosts) met at school for a social evening.

Next day the Orchestra travelled north to Rishon and played their first concert in one of the main streets, a wandering audience continued to gather round, later the concert became international with people from Canada, Germany, and of course Israel, joining in. The party travelled south towards Yad where they gave a concert to the small community in exchange for their dinner. Next to Jerusalem where they performed in the prestigious National Museum of Israel. The concert was publicized by Israeli radio and press and was a great success, especially with the children. Passover morning the party was taken on tour of Beersheba, the rest of the day was spent with their hosts celebrating the holiday with a traditional evening meal with the whole family.

Other events and experiences in

cluded The Gulf of Aqaba, Eilat, where everybody went straight into the warm waters of the Red Sea, complete with shoes for protection against the porcupines on the bottom of the sea bed, a walk through a Wadi in the middle of the desert, standing on a mountain range seeing Egypt and Moon Valley partitioned from Israel by a wire fence, barbeque, followed by an evening to “discover” Eilat, which took many different forms, Orchestra and staff sleeping “under the stars” in sleeping bags. In the morning the whole camp was awake by 6:00 a.m. with the sun already very strong and bright. The following day, Sunday, the hosts returned to school, so the Orchestra, very red and sore, travelled alone with two armed security guards to Masada, and then by cable car to the top of the mountain where King Herod had founded many buildings, now in ruins.

A trip to the Dead Sea was looked forward to by everyone, where they could experience a float, in this high-saline sea. To freshen up, the party was taken to an oasis in Ein Gedi where everybody was glad to swim in cold, fresh pools.

To Jerusalem again to perform in a music conservatory, to Beersheba in the evening to rehearse with the Holit dance group for a concert the following morning. Tuesday, the last full day in Israel, began with a concert in Kohl Comprehensive High School, followed by a reception in Town Hall. In the afternoon the Manx Youth Orchestra played its final concert in the park in Beersheba with the Holit dance group also taking part.

The final evening ended with a farewell party at Beit Hayehav restaurant with silly games and novelty items. At 11:30 p.m. everybody departed, knowing they were leaving in only five hours time. Arriving in the Isle of Man at 6:00 p.m., everybody realized that the most enjoyed and successful tour yet had ended. The Orchestra is most grateful to Mr. Alan Pickard and staff for giving them the opportunity to experience a completely different culture.

Excerpted from a report by Wendy Shallcross and Rosalind Kelly

T.E. BROWN GRAVESITE

I feel that the members of NAMA may be interested in the following information concerning our great Manx writer, The Rev. Theodore Edward Brown, MA, Fellow of O' Niel College, Oxford.

I received a photograph of Brown's grave in Redland Churchyard, Bristol, from a friend who has been keenly interested in T. E. Brown's writings for many years. The photo shows the dreadful condition of his resting place, with the memorial cross being toppled over as a result of the winter storms.

In 1980 I was pleased to inaugurate a T. E. Brown Memorial Fund to assist in the care of his grave. That Bank Account has in it a goodly sum of money, but not enough to cover the cost of the much needed repairs. However, the Fund has provided the lovely Memorial Garland which is placed each year on Brown's Memorial Plaque in Glen Falcon, Douglas, during the afternoon of May 5th, the date of his birth in 1830, and when we are delighted to ask a Homecomer, when possible, to place the Garland.

I trust that those who revere our fine Manxman, and who enjoy his verse and letters, will kindly donate to this worthy cause. Any contributions will be much appreciated. If you would care to donate please send to me, and it will be acknowledged by a receipt, and later an audit will be taken.

Doris M. Clague

The Corren Residential Home, Peel, Isle of Man, British Isles

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The dues income is no longer sufficient to meet the expenses incurred in the operation of the NAMA. In lieu of raising dues or curtailing services, the NAMA Board has selected the alternative of asking you for a voluntary contribution in addition to your regular dues remittance. The present dues rates have been in effect for 7 years, and costs, have risen considerably during this period. Your response to meet this deficiency will be sincerely appreciated. Contributions by Life Members will also be welcomed.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I suppose, from the stereotypes that go with titles, I am supposed to be serious and solemn at all times. Certainly, you would not expect— or want — the “Chaplain’s Corner” to become a “Joke Center”. And yet, most of us like a bit of humor now and then. Apparently, Jesus thought so, too, according to Elton Trueblood’s book, “The Humor of Christ”. The author cites examples of our Lord’s wry wit, as he referred to a “camel going through the eye of a needle”, or his hearers “straining a gnat but swallowing a camel”, etc. Jesus was condemned for eating with publicans and sinners. I’m fairly sure that this would also include a few jokers. The Pharisees who judged Jesus lacked a sense of humor. A terrible lot of damage is done by people who take themselves too seriously: people like Hitler, Mussolini, or Napoleon.

On the other hand, laughter is good for the health. The Book of Proverbs can hardly be called a humorous book; and yet it says, “A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but low spirits sap a man’s strength.” (17:22) The Psalms have many references to joy and gladness. Think what a cheerful attitude can do for one’s blood pressure!

We appreciate the contributions to humor from our varied national and ethnic groups, and I always enjoy the bits of sly humor that spice our Manx tales. The Irish are noted for their delightful wit; and this is true of the Jews, and many others we could mention. Each one has its own peculiar slant on humor. The important thing about humor is the ability to laugh at ourselves, recognizing that our individual foibles are what make us unique—our **special selves!** May we always keep our sense of humor. As someone (Mark Twain?) has said— “Man is the only creature that can laugh at himself—or needs to.”

Herbert G. Kelly



**See You Soon?!!
(At the Convention)**

EXACTLY 100 YEARS

Kristine Diane Kermeen, great-great-great granddaughter of Robert and Anne Jane (Logan) Kermeen, visited the Isle of Man in July of 1987.

She was the first of the Kermeens to visit the land of her forefathers since they left in 1887. She stated that the Isle of Man was such a beautiful place, “Why did my ancestors leave?” The answer of course is they were miners, and left for a better life in America.

LEGAL NOTICE

Any changes in the Constitution and By-laws should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of NAMA, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, 436 Audrey Drive, Richmond, Heights, Ohio, 44143, USA, thirty days or more before the Convention.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH ABBINANTI, husband of Florence Kneale Abbinanti of Evergreen Park, IL, died April 7, 1988. The funeral took place on April 11th at St. Bernadette Church, and interment was at St. Marys Cemetery in Evergreen Park.

BONNIE J. HOOD ANDERSON suddenly at her home in Tonawanda,, NY, on February 10, 1988, at age 44. Her grandmother, Lillie Hall Hood, came to live in Cleveland, OH, from Peel, IOM. Bonnie wanted to visit the IOM, but her life was taken abruptly. Her fondness of gardening, birds, and tending to her home will be everlasting and wonderful memories of those who survive. She was the daughter of Eleanor Doty Hood and the late Kenneth Hood. She left two sons, Todd and Scott, ages 20 and 18, and two sisters, Dianna Duscher and Judy Hool.

ANNIE JANE (JENNIE) MCNALLY MCDONNELL, 96, died May 2, 1987, at Ojai, CA. She was born January 19, 1891, in Port Erin, IOM, the daughter of William and Isabella (Cowling) McNally. She married Leslie McDonnell of Halifax, England, on October 28, 1915, and he preceded her in death on March 6, 1966 at North Vancouver, BC. She was an active member of the Detroit, Windsor, Los Angeles, and Vancouver Manx Societies, and attended many NAMA conventions. Survivors include three sons, William of Birmingham, MI; Eric of Franklin, NC; Douglas of Salt Lake City, UT; two daughters, Jean Craig of Ojai, CA; and Helen Drom of Santa Maria, CA; 24 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by sister Eva Cannell, son

Donald, and daughter Kathleen.

MARGARET JANE KELLY, 95, died February 9, 1988, at Ames, IA, at the Northcrest Retirement Community where she had lived for 18 years. She was the first child of William Teare Kelly, who was born in Sulby, IOM. She was a long time, enthusiastic member of NAMA, had attended a number of its conventions and visited the Island three times. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mona E. Wright of Ames, also a member of NAMA, and three brothers, William of Newport News, VA, John of Superior, WI, and Frederick of State College, PA. She earned her BS degree at the University of Minnesota, and served as an elementary school teacher for many years. A memorial service was held in Ames, and interment was in Superior, WI, the place of her birth.

MAURICE CRAINE, 93, of Galva, IL, died April 29, 1988. He owned and operated Craine’s Appliance Store in Galva for many years. He was born August 31, 1895, in Galva, son of Charles and Sophia (Cottier) Craine, who came from the Isle of Man. He was educated in the Galva schools, a World War I veteran, and married Marie Elliott on November 29, 1922, in Rock Island. She survives with one son, Dr. Elliott, of Ashland, OH; and one grandson, Andrew, of Lakeland, OH. One brother and one sister preceded him in death. Burial was in Galva Cemetery.

OBITUARY HELPS

Name, place, date of birth, education, degrees, marriage, children, career, military service, awards, organizations, date and place of death and burial.