

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

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## NAMA 88 CONVENTION ISSUE

### TORONTO NAMA 88 CONVENTION REPORT

For four days the Manx flag flew high over Toronto outside the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel. Inside, close to 170 NAMA members and guests feasted, were entertained, and conducted business.

The weekend began with registration Friday afternoon, followed in the evening by cocktails and the President's Reception. This was an informal affair with hot and cold hors d'ouvres served buffet style. Welcoming speeches were made by Convention Chairman Marshall Cannell and President William Brideson. Informal messages, greetings, and news of the Island were given by Terry Toohey of the Tourist Board, Betty Hanson and Jack and Wynn Musgrove of the World Manx, and Noreen Cottier of the Family History Society and our roving ambassador. Table hopping and visiting lasted a long time.

Saturday morning we had a general meeting with reports from all NAMA officers. Betty Hanson, President of the World Manx Society, gave a stirring speech at the Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon. Saturday afternoon was open for those who wished to shop, and for those who remained at the hotel an afternoon of movies about the TT races and the Isle of Man was provided. Saturday evening our banquet gave us entertainment by George Kerr and his group of musicians and singers; they presented Manx, Scottish, and Irish music, some US and Canadian favorite songs everyone joined, four nostalgic verses of Ellan Vannin, and an emotional

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### BETTY HANSON ADDRESSES WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Betty Hanson from Douglas, Isle of Man, addressed the Women's Auxiliary Luncheon on Saturday, July 30. She attended the NAMA Convention in Cleveland in 1978, was Chairman of the Millenium Committee in 1979, is a member of the Heritage Foundation, and is President of the World Manx Association.

At the Williamsburg Convention Noreen Cottier spoke to this group about what life is like in the Isle of Man today. Mrs. Hanson chose to talk about what life was like years ago: "Did You Know?" Cicero said to be ignorant of what happened before you were born is to be forever a child. In another session today those who were born in the Isle of Man were asked to stand up. It is obvious a lot are second or third generation Manx.

Did you know that our heritage is part Scandinavian and part Celtic? Celtic is our language, and Gaelic is taught in our schools today. The Scandinavians left a lot of names in the Island, Sedrick, Ronaldsway, Snaefell, and many others.

When the Vikings came they were pagan. They destroyed the churches. They sheltered their boats up the rivers in winter, and in summer they went on raids to Scotland, England, and Ireland where they founded a Viking Empire in Dublin. When the resident chieftan at Peel sailed home he left his nine-year old son in charge. He was educated by an Irish monk, Christianized, and by the time he was sixteen he ventured forth to establish his own kingdom. He sailed north to

### OUR NEW PRESIDENT

In an impressive simulated "knighting" ceremony conducted by incumbent President William Brideson, Mr. Marshall Cannell became the new President of NAMA to serve for the next 2 years.

Marshall lives in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. He is very busy man. Besides his regular job in the government, he does catering, and is a lighting technician in the theatre. He and his wife Tina have two daughters and three grandchildren. We look forward to his leadership during the next two years.

Other new officers are Larry Fargher, 1st Vice President, Ronald Quayle, 2nd Vice President, and Norman Gill, 3rd Vice President.

Iceland, and named Saint Patrick's Bay.

Saint Patrick was the son of a Roman centurion who was guarding the coast of England during the

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### THANKS !

Marshall and Tina Cannell, their family, and Toronto NAMA members and friends put on a very nice Convention in Toronto. In spite of the hot weather, the long wait at Peace Bridge, and in customs at the airport, everyone had a good time. Many friendships were renewed, new friendships were made, and some even found new relatives! The atmosphere was friendly and relaxing, and there was time for visiting. We send them all a sincere thank you.

- Ed.

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**"TIME AND PLACE"  
1990 CONVENTION**

As you may know, "Time and Place" is the Committee of NAMA that recommends the site and time of the next Convention (1990).

That report was made on Monday morning at the business session along with the election of officers.

It is official now. Yours truly is the Convention Chairman. The theme is NAMA 90 - Santa Clara. I know, where's that?

Santa Clara Valley, now known as "Silicon Valley," and formerly called "The Valley of Hearts Delight." The City of Santa Clara, population 90,000, is the center of the Valley, and adjoins San Jose, a city of over 700,000.

San Jose Municipal International Airport is within a few miles. San Francisco International Airport is about 25 miles away, with good transportation. Santa Clara Valley has a Mediteranian climate with warm sunny days and cool nights. Typically day highs are 75-80° and lows are about 50°f.

There are too many places to go, things to see, and things to do to list them here. Suffice to say you won't be able to scratch the surface.

Additionally, San Francisco is only 45 miles, Santa Cruz is 35 miles, Carmel and Monterey are only 80 miles, and the famous Napa-Sonoma wine country about the same. Breath-taking Yosemite, Redwoods National Park, and 7,000-foot high beautiful Lake Tahoe are less than a day's drive. A little farther and you can crank in Hearst Castle, or even Disneyland, or San Diego.

Don't think of this as a Convention. Think of "NAMA 90 - Santa Clara" as a great vacation. Keep July/August 1990 open for the date.

See you there!

**Lawrence L. Fargher**

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

The 53rd meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the NAMA was held at a luncheon on Saturday, July 30, at the Holiday Inn, attended by 52 women.

Mrs. Betty Hanson from Douglas, Isle of Man, President of the World Manx Association, gave a very interesting talk about the Folk Lore of the Isle of Man, in particular, old tales

relating to women's life on the Island.

It was voted to send a donation to the next Convention, and to contribute \$500.00 to the Friends of Peel Castle to help with the completion of the Archeological Report.

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**MANX VEEP?**

Senator Dan Quayle has just been selected by Vice President Bush as his running mate. Senator Quayle is an honorary member of the Washington Manx Society and NAMA. His heritage goes back to his great grandfather, Robert Quayle, who was born in Douglas in 1853. He left the Isle of Man in 1867 and settled in Oak Park, Illinois, where he worked his way up from machine apprentice to General Superintendent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway during the next fifty-four years. He raised five children. We send congratulations and our best wishes to Senator Quayle.

**ISLE OF MAN  
HOMECOMERS' HOLIDAY  
1-8 JULY 1989**

For your advance information a special Homecomers' Holiday is being arranged for the first week of July, 1989. Details of the Holiday will be forwarded to interested members of the North American Manx Association. The holiday will be centered around "Tynwald Day", July 5th, 1989, and the holiday will include a reserved seat on the grandstand at the Ceremony at St. Johns. Tickets will also be included for unlimited travel on the century-old Steam Railway and the unique Manx Electric Railway as well as a full day coach tour of the beautiful Isle of Man.

Admission tickets will also be included to highlights of the Manx Heritage, and our very own Homecomers' Banquet.

If you would like to receive further details which will be available in September, 1988, and did not complete a form at the Convention, please send your name and address to Mr. T. P. Toohey, Director of Tourism, 13 Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles.

## KIPPERS

BBC reported that her favorite food Lady Dianna would like to have for her birthday would be Manx kippers. Mr. Toohey, with permission from Buckingham Palace, rushed 27 Manx kippers through to the Princess for her 27th birthday. A few days later he received a note from her lady-in-waiting thanking him and mentioning how much the Princess enjoyed the kippers.

You in the US may have 3 lbs kipper fillets, 3 lbs whole kippers, or 1½ lbs fillets plus 1½ lbs whole, any one of the three choices for \$36 plus \$4 for UPS delivery. Send check or money order to Manx Brands, 499 New Rochell Road, Bronville, NY, 10708. You in Canada should convert using your most current exchange rate or inquire. Please include your name, shipping address, and phone number.

## TWO LAMPS

In the Memorial Service Sunday morning Chaplain Kelly spoke about Two Lamps. Someone long ago said, "God has given our minds and hearts two wonderful lamps by which we are enlightened for our journey through life."

One lamp is the Lamp of Memory, by which we keep and treasure those things that are most dear to us, especially the persons who are dear to us. The other is the Lamp of Hope. What were their dreams, their hopes? Were there distant goals, or something in their minds they wanted to develop? St. Paul speaks of hope in Romans. He says, "That hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through his Spirit, which has been given to us." These lamps will lead us on through even the darkest night that you and I will have to face.

*Where there are two  
there is choice,  
but where there are three  
there is a pick*

*Raad ta jees ta reih  
Agh raad ta troor ta teiy*

## NAMA 88 CONVENTION GLIMPSES

The Isle of Man was well represented at the NAMA 88 Convention: as an observer to the next MS International Convention in Rome.

Terry Toohey, Chief Executive, Isle of Man Tourist Board, brought a display of pictures of the Island, brochures, and videos that were shown during the Convention. He told of the Homecoming being planned for 1989 and encouraged everyone to attend. Terry suggested that visitors to the Island from the U.S. and Canada consider a flight to Manchester rather than to Heathrow Airport in London. Manchester is a smaller airport with one terminal, compared to Heathrow that has more than one terminal.

Betty Hanson has just completed her first year as President of the World Manx Association and reports membership is growing. The Tynwald Day gathering featuring a typical Manx dinner was attended by 120. Betty encouraged visitors to contact the World Manx Association when they plan to visit the Isle of Man.

Noreen Cottier is presently Treasurer of the World Manx Association and Librarian for the Isle of Man Family History Society. She spends considerable time assisting FHS members with their family lines and numerous other tasks. The Family History Society meets the third Friday of each month and visitors to the Island are welcome to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Musgrove were among the attendees from the Island. Mrs. Musgrove (Win) is Correspondence Secretary for the World Manx Association, and Mr. Musgrove is Out of town Activities Chairman.

While Betty Hanson was in Toronto, she attended the Multiple Sclerosis International meeting and luncheon. Betty founded the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation in the Isle of Man, and has been their President for 14 years. The Foundation raises funds for the care of MS patients and tries to make the patients' lives as pleasant as possible. Well known entertainers and sports figures, when they are in the area, visit the MS patients. Betty has been invited

Norman Standish, a direct descendant of Myles Standish, and a NAMA Trustee, told about his father, grandfather, and great grandfather working on the railroad and their life at the end of the railroad line at Oxford Junction, Iowa. Norman has had their old home where he was reared in Illinois restored to the time when he lived there as a child. It is now called Standish House, with bed and breakfast accommodations. He showed slides of the restoration and the work he has done in restoring the house and furnishings.

The San Diego Manx Society reported seven members attending the Convention. This spring the Star of India was damaged during a storm, but it has been repaired and plans are being made to sail next year. The Society has made two donations to the Archaeological Digs on St. Patrick Island.

Minnesota Society reported six members attending the Convention. A video tape was made of a Symposium on Myles Standish and is available for loan to other Societies. July 16 was Manx Day at Ethnic Day activities at Iron World.

Washington Society reported 17 members attending the Convention, including one who became a member at the Convention. The Duke of Athol visited in the Washington area last fall and brought part of his private army – drum and bagpipe group. A dinner theater showing Camelot was well attended, as was the Christmas Party. Video tapes of the Williamsburg Convention are available for purchase.

Cleveland Society is the oldest Society in North America with about 130 members. They meet eight times a year, and have a picnic in the summer.

Wisconsin Society meets twice a year. They are trying to reach younger  
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members. The Society has a newsletter and would like to exchange newsletters with other Societies.

Chicago Society has two activities a year – a dinner theater and a picnic. They are working hard to increase membership.

Nova Scotia Society was represented at the Commonwealth Convention in the Isle of Man.

Noreen Cottier suggested Societies send the World Manx Association copies of their newsletters.

John W. Corris expressed an interest in starting a Society in Florida, and would like to hear from anyone in the Florida area who is of Manx descent. His address is 108 Mallard Lane, Pelican Bay, Daytona Beach, Florida, 32019.

Five attending the Ladies Auxiliary luncheon attended the first luncheon in 1928: Ethel Christian, Edith Gurney, Mona Haldeman, Mrs. Phyllis Crozier, and Noreen Cottier.

Edna Cowin mentioned she has written the ancestors column in the Bulletin for sixteen years, and would like new material. The family names, surnames, and other material on the membership certificates have been cross indexed. She reported the Clague House in Cleveland is the only place in the states that houses Manx memorabilia, and requested that family articles be sent to her for placing in the Museum. Many heirlooms and articles from the Isle of Man have been donated to the Museum.

Past Presidents' plaques were presented to the following: Norman Clucas, Stanley Shimmin, Robert Kelly, (Absent), Edna Cowin, George Curphey, Mona Haldeman, and T.R. Anderson. The plaques are a new addition to the North American Manx Association and will be presented at future Conventions to the Past President. The plaque was designed by George Curphey, and Bob Camaish had them made and engraved.

Members of the Time and Place Committee to select a site and time for the 1990 NAMA Convention were Larry Fargher, Chairman, Polly Ernst, and Ron Quayle. Larry Fargher reported their decision was San Jose, Santa Clara County, California, probably in July or August. Larry says this is about 30 miles from the Redwoods, 45 miles from San Francisco, and Yosemite is close. Save your money so you can attend the NAMA Convention in 1990 and have the opportunity to again visit with your Manx friends.

Members of the Nomination Committee were Norman Clucas, Chairman, Hilda Penrice, and Mary Hayslett. Norman Clucas placed in nomination the name of Norman Gill of the Minnesota Society as 3rd Vice President. Since this is the season for campaign speeches, a Minnesota Society member asked for the support and election of Mr. Gill. Norman was unanimously elected.

At the Monday morning business session, new President Marshall Cannell presented the Past President's plaque to William Brideson.

The Long Sword of Office and the Nicholson painting of Peel Castle were presented to Marshall Cannell by William Brideson.

The Short Sword, Replica of the Sword of Office, and The Millennium Bowl was presented by former Past President T. R. Anderson to Past President William Brideson.

Two Medallions, Badge of Office, were presented to Tina and Marshall Cannell by Doris and William Brideson.

The wooden gavel, carved by George Curphey, was presented to President Marshall Cannell, with which he officially closed the Convention.

**Mary Hayslett**



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closing with Amazing Grace. Terry Toohey introduced a most welcome tape of greetings prepared by Charles Guard of Manx Radio, remembered for his Celtic harp playing and singing at the Williamsburg Convention, recently retired President of the Legislative Council J.A.C.K. Nivison who has attended many of our Conventions, Chief Minister Miles Walker, Dr. David Freke of the Peel Castle Archeological Dig, and music by this year's winner of the Cleveland Medal, Contralto Barbara Gale. Mr. Toohey then made a most inviting presentation of the plans which are being made for the HOMECOMING on the Island next summer. Trustee Norman Standish presented slides and a description of restoration of Standish House in Linark, Illinois, now open for bed and breakfast.

Sunday morning we heard reports from the Manx Societies represented – San Diego, Minnesota, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, and an interesting explanation by Past NAMA President Stan Shimmin of the gradual loss of the Toronto Society in Toronto's tremendous growth. We held a Memorial Service for members of NAMA who have passed away during the past two years. The afternoon was spent on a sightseeing tour of Toronto. For those who did not go on the tour, video tapes on the Isle of Man were shown. Sunday evening we were entertained by an accordianist and two Irish dancers. From the moment they began it was clear they were very talented, but it wasn't until they were finished that we learned they are world champions in their respective age classes. Trish Hewitt Reisman gave a very interesting talk about her business enterprise of bringing Manx kippers into Canada and the United States. Marshall Cannell gave a brief Manx lesson and taught us how to greet each other and talk about the weather. Maraya Turko, a story teller from the Canadian Celtic Arts Society, kept us spellbound with a tale of magical doings in olden times in Mann. For our grand finale, Malcolm Kinley and Bob Radcliff entertained

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## BETTY HANSON

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Roman occupation. The Chief of Ulster was so enamored with this young boy he adopted him as his son and sent him to Rome to be educated. He came back and started the Christianization and sent monks to the Isle of Man. While in Rome Saint Patrick reported the language hard to understand, but when he was sold to the Chief of Ulster he understood the language easily. Although the Isle of Man is charted on Roman Maps, the only Roman thing ever found on the Island is a headstone to a Roman centurion found in a field. The west coast of England was not so well guarded, so it is possible the Romans were the first tourists on the Isle of Man, and that Saint Patrick was kidnapped on the Isle of Man by the Irish and sold into slavery to the Chief of Ulster. That would account for his understanding the language of Ulster.

Saint Bridgette is the patron saint of the women of Ireland. She is also a Manx saint, but she is called Saint Bride. We have Bride parish, Bride church. When Mary was giving birth at Bethlehem she wished for a woman to help at the birth, and she prayed to God. Legend has it that Saint Bride of the Isle of Man was sent to Bethlehem, and there she assisted at the birth and is known as the foster mother of Christ. When Joseph was told to flee to Egypt Saint Bride didn't go. She, the legend says, was miraculously transported back to the Isle of Man and then to Ireland, and there she lay in a deep sleep until awakened by Saint Patrick. She was told to go across the sea to the Isle of Man and build a house to the Glory of God.

Now for some actual facts. Saint Bridgette did come to the Isle of Man. She did establish a religious foundation, it is the Nunnery at Douglas. There is a wall about nine hundred years old that was part of the old Irish foundation. It is said Saint Bridgette made shrouds which were taken back to Ireland for Saint Patrick's burial. Many years later the foundation was destroyed, and only that one wall is left. We had a King of Man who was Irish, and an Irish princess spent the summer with her

brother. On the way back her little boat ran into a terrible storm, and she prayed that if she reached Ireland safely she promised God to return to the Isle of Man to rebuild the foundation founded by Saint Bridgette. She did do that, and she was given a relic of Saint Bridgette to bring back. Many years ago they rebuilt the chapel at the Nunnery, a very big priory, cloisters, a beautiful big abbey. All that is left now is a side chapel that was used for many years as a stable. In 1832 it was reroofed, scraped down inside, and they found part of a female bone buried in a wall. It is believed this is the relic of Saint Bridgette. It was reburied in a glass box in front of the altar in the chapel, which is open today and has an inscription. That all ties up with the legend and what we know about Saint Patrick. His nephew Saint German really Christianized the Isle of Man.

The old Christmas Day was January 5. On the day after, children take a bed of coals, build a cage around them, put on some streamers and some feathers inside, and take it around to houses and sing, "Hunt the wren . . ." there are quite a few verses to it. There is a legend about this. A princess of the Sea Dogs, the King of Man was King of the Sea Dogs, was beautiful and cruel. All the men on the Island fell in love with her, and when she was bored with her suitors she would cast them over Barrule, a high cliff in the south of the Island, onto the rocks below. The women decided they must do something about this. A spokeswoman told the King of Man about this very wicked princess. The princess disagreed and said the women were jealous of her beauty. The King sent her into exile, but granted her one day a year to return to the Island in whatever form she might choose, and she selected the wren. It is the smallest bird, could hop from bush to bush, and listen to gossip of women and men mending their nets. The King set the day as the day after Christmas, so now we have the symbol of a dead wren in a cage treated cruelly. When the Isle was Christianized the people held to some of their own Celtic religion. To break that link with the past the priests told the people to kill the wren.

You are becoming interested, as we are, in wholistic medicine. In the Isle of Man before doctors they had charmers. One Dr. Teare had a great great grandson who became chief pathologist in London. The original Dr. Teare cured animals and people with an herb, the vane, which grows wild and is supposed to keep you free from illness. A coach driver now stops for his passengers to roll in the vane. Mrs. Hanson closed with a T. E. Brown poem.

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us with stories and poems about the Isle of Man.

Monday morning we had our biennial election and the formalities associated with "changing of the guard." With strains of Ellan Vannin ringing in our ears we ended the convention and promised our friends that we will see them next summer at the HOMECOMING and/or in California for the next convention in 1990 which promises to be another exciting event under Larry Fargher's direction.

Tina Cannell

*It is not he who has little  
that's poor  
but he who desires more  
Cha nee eshyn ta red beg  
echey ta boght agh  
eshyn ta gearree ny smoo*

## COST OF RUNNING THE ISLAND

Government estimates of over £ 197 million on both capital and revenue expenditure for the coming financial year are contained in the annual Green Book released by Government Office.

The greatest slice of net revenue expenditure goes to pay for the running of hospitals and the welfare payment system, 39%. Administration of the schools takes a further 22%, and third largest is the Highways, Ports and Properties taking 11%. The Departments of Tourism and Transport and Home Affairs take a further 7% each.

Not a pound is mentioned for fighting a drug problem, nor is there a word of criticism of this fact.

## THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHAPTER MANX SOCIETY

At our June meeting, Cliff and Cary Quayle gave a slide presentation of a portion of their six months, 1800 mile trip. The show started at Sitaka, Alaska, made a large loop, and returned through the Canadian Yukon. Very primitive and interesting.

Six of our members attended the convention. Don and Marge Weber, Joyce and Malcolm Kinley, Alice Zettel and sister Marion Kelly.

The annual hosting of an open house at the Cottage of England in Balboa Park was held on July 10th. This is the closest to Tynwald Day we could arrange. We hope to gain new members and acquaintances through this activity.

Our summer picnic for our 40 members is always a success with good food, swimming and Bingo at the home of our President, Marge Frederick.

One of our members, Virginia Mellon, spent time in July on the IOM. Some activities were: (1) A guest at the World Manx Association Annual Gathering and Reunion in Douglas; (2) A reserved seat at the Tynwald ceremonies and accepted an invitation to the Garden Party in the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor at Government House; (3) Attended the Isle of Man Family History Society's Open Day Exhibition in Douglas; (4) Spent several hours in the Archives at the Manx Museum in Douglas searching for her heritage ties; (5) Guest of Kathleen Corkhill and John Spencer, Douglas; Roger and Norma Quayle, Onchan; and the Arthur Quilliams, Port Erin. A very wonderful trip. Everyone should have the experience.

**Mrs. R. Virginia Mellon**  
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## UNPAID DUES REMINDER

If you haven't already sent in your dues for 1988/89, please forward them now, along with the pink slip, as the new year started Aug. 1. As indicated in the June Bulletin, NAMA expenses are expected to be greater than the income this year, and a donation along with the dues would be appreciated.

**C. E. Creer, Treasurer**

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

In May and June 1988 we have enjoyed beautiful weather. Summer, which visited us only very briefly in 1987, was most welcome. Sadly, July has been its normal rainy self, but of course the rain was welcomed by farmers and gardeners after the long dry spell.

On 23rd June, we had our evening outing to Quayle's Hall in Ramsey. The Chairman of Ramsey Town Commissioners, Mr. Neil Morris and Mrs. Morris attended and welcomed us to Ramsey. Once again we enjoyed a typical Manx meal, all home-made fare, and once again Mrs. May Leadbetter entertained us with recitations and songs. She had dressed as Queen Victoria which added to the enjoyment.

On the evening of 4th July we had our Annual Gathering in St. George's Hall, Douglas, where in 1983 on 14th July we had a Manx Supper at which my first cousin, Robert Corkish from Anaconda, Montana, was present with his wife and daughter, when they were making their first visit to the Isle of Man. This year over 100 guests attended including the Mayor and Mayoress of Douglas, Councillor Michael Shimmin and Mrs. Shimmin. Mr. Shimmin's brother, Stanley, was formerly on the police force in Scarborough, Ontario. We also had guests from Canada and from Boston, Massachusetts.

This year's winner of the Cleveland Medal at the Manx Music Festival, Mrs. Barbara Gale was our soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Gladys Skillicorn, who had won the medal in 1953. All enjoyed a delicious supper of apple tarts, bonnag, soda bread, potato cake, scones and jam.

Then on Sunday, 10th July, we had our outing to Castletown Golf Links Hotel for Afternoon Tea. The weather, after a very wet and stormy Saturday night, was beautiful and the tea was delicious. Later we went on to the evening service at Arbory Parish Church, where the Vicar, the Rev. G.B. Clayton was the preacher and he based his address on the W.M.A., its Past, Present and Future. After the service, the ladies of the parish served tea and biscuits in the Church Hall.

Our next important event will be our T.E. Brown Luncheon on 29th October when our guests will be the Lieutenant-Governor, Major-General Lawrence New, C.B. C.B.E. and Mrs. New. Mr. Dollin Kelly, Headmaster of Fairfield Junior School will entertain us with excerpts from the poems of T.E. Brown.

As I write this, I am also thinking ahead to the N.A.M.A. Convention in Toronto which I am hoping will be as successful and as enjoyable as the one in Williamsburg in 1986.

With warm wishes from the officers and members of the World Manx Association,

**E. Winifred Musgrove**

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Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles



## MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

The summer meeting of the Minnesota Manx Society was held July 16, 1988, at Ironworld USA near Chisholm, Minnesota. It was part of Ironworld's annual Ethnic Days celebration.

The morning business meeting was attended by about forty Minnesotans from all parts of the state. Following the private meeting, the public was invited to view the film "Traa dy liooar".

It was a beautiful summer afternoon for enjoying the performances of the many folk singers and ethnic dancers performing throughout the park area. The star entertainer that day was Carmel Quinn.

A variety of ethnic arts, crafts, and cooking were also demonstrated. Grandma Cain's Plum Pudding, a 200 year old recipe from the Isle of Man, was prepared for sampling by Myra Meittunen at one of the cooking booths. The Manx tartan and the explanation of its colors was also on display.

A special thanks goes to Mona Abel, one of our members and tour coordinator of Ironworld, for making the arrangements for this delightful outing.

**Joan Gill**  
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**NAMA CONVENTION,  
TORONTO, CANADA,  
1988 ATTENDEES**

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 and Kelley, Kerri, Ryan Haldeman  
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 Mary Hayslett  
 Robert and Sally Heckendorn  
 Betty Hanson  
 Catherine and George Haller  
 Barbara and Jack Hughes  
 Joyce Hunter  
 Carol and John Jacobs  
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 D. Edna Kee  
 William Teare Kelly  
 Daniel and Doris Kelly  
 Marion Kelly  
 Shirley and Russell Kelly

The Rev. Herbert Kelly  
 and Mary Joyce Kelly  
 Malcolm and Joyce Kinley  
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 Trish Hewitt Reisman and  
 David Reisman and Emily Reisman  
 Marguerite Sheridan  
 Maria T. Quayle  
 Joseph and Barbara Sherman  
 Fran and William Shimmin  
 Kenith and Florence Slocum  
 Daniel and Marlys Slocum  
 and Daniel, Jr., and Scott  
 Horace and Angela Smith  
 Norman and Ingrid Standish  
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 Margaret Thompson  
 Don and Marge Weber  
 Mona Wright  
 Shirley Wulf  
 G. Connie Flyght  
 Maraya Yurko  
 Alice Zettel  
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 and D.J., Sandy, and Blaise  
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 Kathleen Stuart  
 Mary Kelly  
 Frank Evans  
 Douglas Stewart  
 Albert and Mary Corkill  
 Henry Turville  
 George and Beverly Cowley  
 Doug Cowley  
 Ian Shimmin  
 Robert Radcliffe  
 Natalie Erskine  
 Robert Waterson  
 Terry Toohey  
 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cosgrove  
 (Englishman who provided tapes of  
 the Isle of Man)



**LADIES AUXILIARY  
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Many thanks to all who contributed Manx articles and crafts to the Craft Table. It was a great success with over \$400.00 in proceeds.

The officers for 1988 - 1990 are:

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Mona Creer

A sincere thank you to all who faithfully participated during my presidency.

**Mona Creer**

**VANCOUVER MANX  
SOCIETY**

Greetings from the Vancouver Manx Society!

This year on December 3, 1988, our Society celebrates its 80th Anniversary, and in view of this we are having a small celebration.

Could the NAMA send us greetings and/or a small item for a raffle?

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Vera Henry, Secretary**

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**UNEMPLOYMENT  
LOWEST IN SEVEN YEARS**

Unemployment figures show a total out of work of 1,364 compared with 2,298 a year ago, a fall of 40%. The number out of work is the lowest since the latter weeks of 1980.

The sharpest fall was in building. Engineering and manufacturing have drawn in new labour. Less skilled labour is being attracted to newer businesses, and traditional winter high-unemployment sectors such as catering and hotels showed a sharp drop of almost 50%. While professional and administrative personnel out of work appears stubbornly high, these figures include some professionals who retired early.

**Manx Independent Business News**

## THE STANDISH HOUSE

On April 8th, 1988, I began a fascinating trip to Lanark, Illinois. I met Norman Standish and his lovely wife Ingrid, at 9:00 a.m. at the O'Hara Airport in Chicago. A few minutes later Lawrence Hill, author of *Gentlemen of Courage Forward* arrived on schedule from Cheshire, England. After a stop for dinner, we arrived at Lanark, some one hundred twenty miles south of Chicago, at 2:00 p.m. We had a quick tour of the wonderful old Victorian home, The Standish House. It was here that Norman Standish was born and raised. He is the third generation of Standish's to have lived in that homestead and is of the tenth generation as direct descendent of Myles Standish.

The house has been beautifully refurbished with four poster beds and all the other things to match the old Victorian style. It is so nicely done that it is more like a museum than a new Bed and Breakfast establishment.

The next day was open house and some two hundred people, all friends of Norman and Ingrid, came through the house bringing flowers and other presents to celebrate opening day.

That night we drove about twenty-five miles over to Galena, Illinois for sightseeing and dinner. It was there on the Mississippi River that thousands of immigrants either stayed in the area or moved on West and North, including my Mother's family in 1854 on their way to Minnesota. This is a most delightful area with slight rolling hills and valleys, most of which has been converted to rich farming communities. The architecture has changed very little from it's founding.

It was interesting to meet so many local people, many of them relatives of Norman. In addition to his doctorate in Chemical Engineering, he has lots of skills, which he has applied to making furniture, and in general reworking all the woodwork in the house.

Larry Hill autographed many of his books and carried on long discussions about the Standish Family history going back in time to William the Conqueror and on up to Myles Standish of Ellanbane on the Isle of Man.

Myles Standish has been described as short of stature but very strong oth-

erwise. His ancestors were all very successful military men who always seemed to come out on the right side of the great battles of the centuries. In fact Myles was on duty as a soldier in Holland when he was taken on as the military officer to the Pilgrim Fathers on the Mayflower to America. You would not suspect that Norman was a descendent of a powerful military family with his very gentle and thoughtful friendliness. It is wonderful to have Norman as one of our outstanding members of the North American Manx Association. He adds much to our relationship to our little Manx Nation.

I brought a stack of all the latest books and pamphlets about Myles Standish and his relationship to Ellanbane and the Isle of Man, which are on display there and for sale.

You will be most welcome as a guest at Norman's new Bed & Breakfast Establishment whenever you may be in the area. (540 West Carroll Street, Lanark, IL, 61046. 815-493-2307)

**T. R. Anderson**  
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## OBITUARIES

MONA MURPHY, died July 1987 in Old Bridge, New Jersey, of lung cancer. Buried in her family grave in churchyard of Lonan Church near Laxey, Isle of Man. Married in Christ Church, Laxey to Charles Murphy on November 6, 1945, and came to Canada and the United States in 1955.

ELEANOR HUDGEON BRANDT, 85, died June 20, 1988, at the home of her daughter, Dorothy Bailey, in Garrettsville, Ohio. She was born October 14, 1902, in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Radcliffe) Hudgeon. She has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, Albert, and a daughter, Eleanor Meifent, preceded her in death. Services were held in Garrettsville, interment was in Redondo Beach, California. She was a faithful member of NAMA for many years.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

There has been quite a good response to the request for additional contributions (announced in the June Bulletin.) Our appreciation is extended to each contributor.

**NAMA Board of Directors**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Herbert G. Kelly**

Reflecting upon the recent convention in Toronto, two things seem to come strongly to mind. One is a deeper interest in the World Manx Association, very largely due to the personal presence and contagious enthusiasm of the W.M.A. President, Betty Hanson. The Musgroves and Terry Toohey also were able ambassadors for the home Island. And perhaps some of it is because most of us are becoming more world-conscious.

Another notable feature that usually accompanies these conventions, but perhaps was even more so in 1988, was a revived concern as to how to stimulate growth in our local societies; how to contact and recruit potential members. We saw some of this happen in Minneapolis, and again at Williamsburg; we hope that it will be a "spin-off" from Toronto.

As a postscript to the Toronto experience, we had an interesting coincidence. On the plane out of Toronto, there was a church youth group, and one of these, a young high school student, was seated beside us. His name is Craig Kelly. His home is at Whitby, a Toronto suburb, and his family roots go back to England, where he has uncles, aunts, cousins, etc. We told him about our Manx Connections, and urged him to look up his family tree, to see if he may have Manx heritage. (His family roots seem to be near Liverpool). The youth group, incidentally, were in route to Mexico to help Mexican families build decent housing, etc., projects similar to those some of our Fremont youths engage in. Well, anyway, we were just using a bit of our convention enthusiasm; maybe it will bear fruit. We did, of course, exchange addresses, so that we can follow this up.