

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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LAA MIE

When you read this Bulletin you will be either getting ready to leave for the big homecoming celebration on the Isle of Man, or just returning from it. One thing that we see every day on the island are the "GBM" stickers on every car. Did you remember to put the one you got in Toronto on your car? I find that it is a great conversation starter, and I have gotten the names of several prospective NAMA members because of it. NAMA is our organization and we should take every opportunity to promote it! In addition to the GBM sticker on the car, I always wear a Manx tie when I travel. When you are in the Island, make sure to stop in at St. George's Woolen Mills in Laxey. They have men's ties in various colors with the three legs symbol about one inch in diameter. No matter where I go people say "Is that a special symbol on your tie?", and I take it from there. I am sure a few of these people are sorry they asked, but for the rest, they learn something about Man. A number of times this has resulted in finding people who are aware that they have Manx ancestry, but have not heard of NAMA. Noreen Cottier, on the Island, is one of our biggest promoters; every time she hears an American accent (whatever that is—we don't speak with an accent) she brings up NAMA. Let each of us do our part in promoting the Isle of Man and NAMA.

If anyone needs another GBM sticker for their car, just drop me a line and I will mail one out for as long as they last.

*See you on the Island,
Marshall H. Cannell
President, NAMA*

HOMECOMERS

PLEASE bring whatever info you have or know for sure — dates of birth, marriage, death, and places — if you would like to do any family history searching in the Family History Society Library in Peel.

N.A.M.A. 90—SANTA CLARA TAKE OUT YOUR CALENDARS!!!

*The Convention will be the week of
August 10-13, 1990.*

That will allow August vacations both before and after the meeting. It also provides for a leisurely drive out from the East Coast, if desired.

Our committee homed in on two principal hotels because of their location, ability to service us, and great rates. They are the Santa Clara Marriott and the Santa Clara Doubletree. We have selected the Santa Clara Doubletree, which is a near-new 500-room hotel. It is on the new Santa Clara County light-rail line, so attendees will be able to ride the new light-rail vehicles to downtown San Jose for 25 cents. It also adjoins the new Santa Clara golf course and great America theme park. The Santa Clara Marriott, which can also handle us easily, is courting us like crazy. We haven't penned a deal, yet, so they are raising the stakes. You'll wind up the beneficiaries of this competition.

The present daily rates are \$110+, but, our guaranteed rate is \$65/night single, and \$69/night for 2, 3, or 4!!!! We expect you can have that same rate for 72 hours before or after and perhaps longer on a space available basis.

More in the next letter!!!!

We are inviting V.P. Quayle and his family.

Yosemite reservations open 1-year in advance. If you want to go to God's country — Yosemite on the way here or back, you should make those reservations in August (before the next letter). We have two 12;23 minute VHS tapes that can be used to show your society or your family and friends some of the highlights of a San Francisco Bay area vacation. Call, FAX, or write us and reserve your copy for your next meeting.

Sincerely your Manx friend,

*Lawrence L. Fargher
1st V.P.-N.A.M.A.
Convention Chairman*

PRESERVING OUR ANCIENT HERITAGE

Throughout the world today there are more Manx people or those of Manx descent than have ever lived on the Isle of Man itself this century.

Manxmen in their thousands who emigrated from the Island's poor rural community last century in search of fame and fortune (which they often found) faced hazards and adventures that world travellers today couldn't even begin to imagine. What if they fell sick, or were injured thousands of miles from home? Who would care for them? How would they survive? These were questions that must have plagued many a worried mind as they pioneered new frontiers in America, Canada, Australia, and Africa.

Their solution was to congregate together; to go where other Manxmen had already gone, and then rely upon the blood ties of a national identity to ensure mutual support in adversity. Formation of the Mona's Relief Society in America was typical of the approach. Here was a form of Friendly Society run by Manxmen for Manxmen in a foreign country where money could be advanced in times of sickness or difficulty.

As the years passed similar Manx Societies emerged throughout the world. They became an anchor point, as it were, for people so far from home which could organise meetings and socials where the old days and old ways could be remembered. They provided immediate sources of local information for new Manx emigrants; introductions for jobs, and so on.

Then in 1911 that grand old Manxman and owner of Castletown Brewery, Richard Cain, proposed the formation of a Manx-based Association which could liaise between all these independent societies and also provide a welcome back for those first successful pioneers who had aged and prospered and now felt the tug of home and a wish to see the places of their birth before they died. A special

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WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the World Manx Association was held on Saturday, 18th March at the Promenade Church at 2:30 p.m. Heavy rain and strong winds prevented many people from attending but 40 people braved the elements to be present.

Mrs. Hanson welcomed members and Mr. W. Waid, a former Treasurer came to present Badges of Office to Mrs. Hanson and Mr. Kelly. These had been purchased with money remaining in the Harold Cain Memorial Fund. A silver rose bowl has also been purchased and suitably inscribed and will be used at formal functions held by the W.M.A. in years to come.

Members stood in silence in memory of those who had died during the past year.

The Officers elected were:

President: Mrs. B. Hanson; Chairman: Mr. P. Kelly; Vice-Chairman: Mr. A. Corlett; Minuting Secretary: Mrs. W. Livingstone; Correspondence Secretary: Mrs. W. Musgrove; Hon. Treasurer: Miss N. Cottier; Area Representatives: Mrs. I. Joughin, Mrs. J. Jordan, Mrs. D. Littlefair, Mrs. J. Clucas, Miss F. Moore, Mrs. M. Etherington; Catering Committee: Mrs. I. Ackary and Mrs. N. Creer. Outings: Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

At the end of the business meeting tea and cakes were served by the ladies of the Committee.

On April 22nd we held our 'At Home' at the Imperial Hotel. 105 Members were present and enjoyed an excellent meal. Mr. John Crowe (a member of the W.M.A. and brother of our Minuting Secretary) gave us a very interesting talk about the Youth Skill Olympics with which he is closely involved as Australian Technical Delegate. He will be coming to the Island again in August with a team of young Australians who will be participating in the Skill Olympics Competition in Birmingham. The events arranged for the Summer begin with the ceremony in Glen Falcon Gardens on May 5th at 4:00 p.m. when a garland will be placed on the T.E. Brown Memorial plaque. On May 19th we go south to Port St. Mary for tea at Mallmore Private Hotel. On June 22nd we have a coach outing to Peel with supper at the Viking Long House at 8:00 p.m. Our Annual Gathering will be on July 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Douglas and on July 9th we have a coach outing to Ramsey with tea at the Mitre Hotel and later Church Service at Kirk Bride. On August 17th we have a

coach outing to Niarbyl where we shall have tea and on September 23rd coach trip to the South, having tea at Silverdale.

Any home-comers who are on the Island at the time of these events will be warmly welcomed.

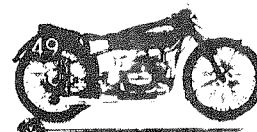
On October 28th we have our T.E. Brown luncheon at the Rutland Hotel and our Christmas luncheon also at the Rutland will be on Dec. 16th.

We look forward to meeting several of our friends in the N.A.M.A. this Summer. So far I have no details of a programme from the Tourist Board but we hope that any member of N.A.M.A. who comes to the Island will make contact with the W.M.A. so that we can give you a welcome.

Warm and friendly greetings to you all.

E.W. Musgrove

*Hon. Correspondence Secretary
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Douglas, Isle of Man*



GREETINGS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The first two Meetings of our tenth anniversary year were devoted to research when Mrs. Mona Christian gave talks on "First steps in tracing your family tree" and "First steps in reading old English". These talks were very informative and useful especially to the beginner to Genealogy. At the March Meeting Mr. T. Cashen spoke on "Kirk Michael". His talk covered the genealogy of the Cashen and Quiggin families and also an account of his visit to a cousin in the USA with film slides which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Major Geoff Crellin delighted us at the April Meeting when he gave a talk on "T.E. Brown" and recited some well-loved verses from the Manx national poet, in his own special style. We are pleased to learn that Major Crellin is releasing a tape of the life and poetry of T.E. Brown on May 5th, the poet's birthday.

We have a selection of very interesting speakers lined up for the coming months and remind our overseas visitors, don't forget our Open Day and Tynwald Fair both in July.

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GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Mary Hayslett had an opportunity to join a Genealogical Research Tour to Salt Lake City to do research in the Latter Day Saints Library.

This is the largest collection of genealogical records in one place in the world - overwhelming. The master negatives of the films are stored in a solid granite vault in the Wasatch Mountains outside Salt Lake City. The films in the Library are copies.

There is a collection of over 30,000 printed histories and genealogies filed alphabetically by surname on open shelves.

The Family Group Records Collection contains thousands of Family Group Sheets filed in binders alphabetically by the father's surname. Copies may be made of these Family Group Sheets. Mary asked how she could get her Family Group Sheets into the Library and was told "send them in." The Family Group Sheets are no longer filed in the binders but the material is put on computer.

The Isle of Man records are part of the British records. They were among the first filmed partly because it is a small area, and partly because they have kept excellent records for hundreds of years. The International Genealogical Index (IGI) is an alphabetical name list on microfiche, and is an index to the original source of the records. Material on about a one-fourth inch square on a microfiche is enlarged to about 8"x6" on the microfiche reader. Copies may be made of material on the microfiche. One of Mary's family names is Kaighin (there are many spellings). There are 23 pages of Kaighin names on microfiche, about fifty names to a page, between the years 1611 and 1885.

The National Genealogical Society Library, 4527 North 17th Street Arlington, Virginia, has a copy of the International Genealogical Index.

The Latter Day Saints branch libraries have a microfiche copy of the Main Library Catalog. From these microfiche in the branch libraries films may be ordered and loaned to the branch libraries.

The tour Mary took is scheduled again for October 1989, February 1990, and April 1990.

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IOM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society came into being through the initiative of Mrs. Mona Christian when, in 1978, she called a meeting of people interested in tracing their family history. Twenty-nine people attended and agreed to form a local Family History Society, of which there were many thriving in the UK and elsewhere.

A planning committee was formed from eight volunteers: Mrs. Christian was chairman; secretary was Mrs. Iris Lyle; treasurer Mr. J.D.F. Corlet; editor Rev. Rex Kissack; project coordinator was Mrs. Ernie Cleator; programme organiser Mrs. R.W. Clarke; librarian Mr. Jack Jusgrove; and genealogist Mr. Nigel Crowe. Six of those officials are still serving today, though in varying capacities. Rev. Kissack is now chairman, and along the way Sir Charles Kerruish has been recruited as patron.

Ernie Cleator, who now edits the quarterly magazine issued by the Society, first became interested in genealogy following his father's death in 1976 when he inherited a trunk full of old family papers. He was recruited into the Society when he answered Mona Christian's advertisement to attend the first meeting. He says: "By then, the Government had started its 'Manx Roots' project which was geared to Millenium Year. Many of us helped with that, and from both these events came the birth of the Family History Society in the Isle of Man."

He has been editor of the Society's magazine for the past seven years, and it is his design which is featured on the cover. Some 700 copies are now printed, with the help of the Manx Tourism Department, which sees the magazine as a splendid form of advertisement for the Manx way of life because most of the copies go overseas to members of the Society.

The Society's library, which is housed in part of Peel public library, provides unlimited information for members, as well as acting as a focal point for Homecomers seeking to delve into their Manx roots, usually with all too little time to spare. On the shelves can be found such reference works as this Bulletin issued by the NAMA from 1928; journals of all the other Family History Societies and Genealogical Societies worldwide; reference booklets; family trees. There is also a microfiche reader, which will show on the screen miniaturized pages from records

AUNT KATE MADE US HAPPY

Short, chubby with sparkling blue eyes and thin white hair, Aunt Kate brought a world of happiness whenever she came to stay with us. I don't remember that she ever brought any presents, but her arrival was a perk-up for each of us—Mother, Father, my sister, and me.

Even before she took off her hat, Aunt Kate was putting on her white apron, rolling up the sleeves of her black silk dress, and asking, "Ruth, can you find the flour? Florence, where's the big bowl? Let's make bread!"

We ran to get what she asked for while Mother took her coat and Father carried her bag to the bedroom. Then the fun began! She gave each of us a small piece of dough.

"Knead it well," she cautioned as we played with it. "Good bread needs a lot of pushing and pulling."

Aunt Kate loved to talk. She talked as she worked and made all work seem like play. Soon the house smelled of baking bread, an aroma which tickled our taste buds and promised satisfaction at supper time.

Both Aunt Kate and my father were Manx, for they were born on the Isle of Man. We loved to hear her tell over and over stories of her coming to America by boat when she was eighteen, settling in Sussex and marrying my mother's uncle, Charles Buck. She often told of going to Elyria, Ohio, when my grandmother, her sister, died and of bringing my father, then only seven years old, to live with her. Florence and I tried to get her to tell these stories when we went to bed after she took her teeth out.

"Tell us a story, Aunt Kate," Florence would beg just as soon as Aunt Kate placed her teeth in the jar for the night. She always obliged. We rolled on the bed we laughed so hard. She seemed to enjoy these sessions as much as we did.

At seventy-five Aunt Kate was a proud and particular about her everyday appearance as any meticulous young adult. Each night before she stepped into bed, she put her two thin wisps of hair on funny flat metal curlers. We marveled at those curlers and sat entranced as she carefully twisted her hair into them. When she had finished, they looked like protruding horns. Florence and I rushed to our beds and buried our heads in the pillows to keep from laughing at those "horns."

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NEWS FROM MANX SOCIETIES

CHICAGO

Just a few lines to let you know we do not have any programs worked up for summer or fall. I am looking forward to our annual picnic, as it is always a good get-together.

I would love to go to the Isle of Man this summer, but I was not timely in making my reservations. I hope to go there soon again. I hope all have an enjoyable summer.

*Florence Abbinanti, Sec.-Treas.
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CLEVELAND

Our members and friends were saddened by the sudden passing of Francis C. Glunt on Easter morning, March 26, 1989. He was the husband of our society's president, Margaret (nee Yetman), and they resided in Avon Lake, Ohio. Besides his wife, he is survived by their daughter, Kathleen (Mrs. Edward Gliva), who lives in Alaska.

In April, our meeting at Lake Shore United Methodist Church in Avon Lake, was followed by a program of songs sung by Kathryn Cake, accompanied by Mona Haldeman. Several Manx songs were included in her program...and what a beautiful voice! Mona and Ray Haldeman provided a lovely "tea" afterwards.

May 7th, we had a mid-afternoon dinner and meeting at a restaurant in Parma Hts., Ohio. Our folks prefer daytime meetings for many drive some distance to attend our get togethers.

June 11th, we are to have a potluck supper after our regular meeting. Election of officers is on the agenda. A party room of a condo in North Olmsted, made available to us by a member, is to be the location for this meeting and potluck.

No further regular meetings until fall but we will probably have a picnic in August.

The Cleveland Gold Medal was sent to the Isle of Man for the annual Music Festival. We have been told that the desire to win this medal generates much competition.

*Marge Kennish Krach
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GALVA

The next Galva Manx Society meeting will be on Sunday, August 20, 1989 at Wiley Park in Galva, IL. There will be a potluck dinner at 1:00 pm. Each person should bring a covered dish and table service. Beverage will be furnished.

The meeting will be held after the potluck dinner. There will be entertainment, reports from the IOM and a time for visiting and conversation.

Families that attended the first meeting included: John and Dorothy (Collister) Brose, Dave Clark, Alan and Joanne (Hickey) Corkill, Dale and Mary Ellen (Johnson) Collinson, Paul and Deborah (Reffett) Collinson, Keith and Theresa (Brose) Collister, William Craine, Dale and Mary (Cowley) Fargher, Doris (Robson) Friend, Bob and Becky (Ringle) Gale, Harold and Caroline (Bodeen) Gale, Ralph and Dorothy (Miller) Gale, Rebecca Gale, R. Dean and Helen (Sandquist) Gale, Mary (Robson) Hathaway, Louis and Irene (Kelly) Johnson, DeRollo and Marilyn (Bertz) Kelly, Russell and Shirley (Carlson) Kelly, Leon and Helen (Godke) Kennaugh, Margaret Lucille (Peterson) Lewin, Richard and Martha (Cox) Lewin, Robert and Alvine (Bevard) Miller, Carl and Ethel (Kermeen) Palmer, and Emily (Shimmin) Robson.

*Shirley and Russell T. Kelly
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MINNESOTA

The spring meeting of the Minnesota Manx Society was held on April 26, 1989, at Point of France, Edina, Minnesota. About 30 members were in attendance. A special welcome was extended to Dr. and Mrs. Swale, recently moved from the Isle of Man to the Twin Cities area.

T.R. Anderson introduced the guest speaker Brian Moon, an artist, researcher, and adventurer. Mr. Moon presented a slide show and speech on his recent expedition to Pitcairn Island. This was especially appropriate as it was just two days prior to the 200th anniversary of the famed Mutiny on the H.M.S. Bounty.

Mr. Moon's presentation stressed the isolation of Pitcairn, the friendliness of the inhabitants, and rigors of

daily existence. Pitcairn, an island two miles by one, is fertile for the growing of fruits, vegetables, and insects. Very little meat is available. There are no drugs, alcohol, or crime on the island today. Pitcairn's life line to the rest of the world is radio communication and two long boats, which carry all supplies ashore since there is no harbor. The population has been declining as the young people leave the island for further education and jobs.

Mr. Moon saw and handled the Bible brought to the island by the mutineers. The oldest structure on the island is the home of Thursday October, son of Fletcher Christian. Only two names of the mutineers survive on the island today — Christian and Young. Only a few items from the Bounty have been salvaged. One is a cannon prominently displayed on the island.

A social hour and refreshments followed the speech. Wood carvings from Pitcairn Island and a print of Mr. Moon's painting of the H.M.S. Bounty were on display.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

31 Northern California Manxies 'invaded' Danville's Branding Iron Restaurant for another brunch get-together on Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am. Our Native daughter, Evelyn Corlett, had quite a tour getting herself to the meeting. Larry and a few others just got lost! (Sorry, my instructions were for South bound not Northern exist!) The enthusiastic and congenial group included: Leslie and Jennie Corkill, Fremont; Evelyn Corlett, San Francisco; William and Mary Corlett, Berkeley; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crew, Kingsburg; Joyce Dye, Walnut Creek; Ed and Polly Ernst, Los Altos; Larry and Camey Fargher, Santa Clara; Robert and Enid Geyer, Piedmont; Rufus and Norma Norton, Escalon; Eunice Parker, San Jose; Brian and Edna Skillicorn, Sunnyvale; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Skillicorn, Watsonville; Mr. and Mrs. Waite Stephenson, Jr., Lafayette; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephenson, Walnut Creek; Herb and Marlene Storey, San Ramon; Byron and Mary Townshend, Carmichael; Lee and Jan Widner, San Jose.

Before we ate Ed Ernst returned thanks. Introductions and family background by each Manx descendant entertained the group. Some shared genealogy charts, etc. and Dale Skillicorn presented each of us with a copy of an original Arms of the Isle of Man from a book prepared for Prince Arthur who expected to become King after Henry VII. Larry discussed Convention ideas and hotels to consider. Also starting in this Bulletin and continuing until Convention '90 we intend to inundate you with Bay Area/California tour information in order to prepare you for your trip!

Bouquets to Marlene Storey and Polly Ernst for organizing this second Northern California Manx Society extravaganza. A summer picnic is on the agenda for our next meeting. New members please join us.

ONTARIO

Our new society, the Ontario Manx Society, held its first meeting on March 19, 1989 at the home of Pauline and Roger Nelson in Toronto. Twenty-three people attended including many former members of the old Toronto Manx Society. Phyllis Linsley organized and conducted the meeting, which began with the singing of the Manx National Anthem and then went on to discuss and approve the constitution of the society. The following officers of the society were then appointed:

President — Roger Nelson
 Vice President — Phyllis Linsley
 Secretary — Alan Caine
 Financial Secretary
 Treasurer — Bob Radcliffe
 Social Convenor — Kelly D'Agostino

The meeting then adjourned and we all got to know each other while enjoying a Manx Tea.

Our next meeting is being planned as a picnic in the summer, somewhere in Southern Ontario, after our "home-comer" members have returned from the Isle of Man. We plan to have four meetings a year and as an "Ontario" society, we hope to hold those meetings at any place in Ontario where our members live or can readily reach.

We would be very happy to welcome new members, so please pass the word along about the new Ontario Manx Society.

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THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHAPTER

Such excitement and anticipation here in San Diego. Our STAR (formally the EUTERPE launched at Ramsey, IOM, 1863) which was such a glorious sight sailing on San Diego Bay in 1976, 1984 and 1986 will be sailing again May 28th! What a thrill it is to experience a rare moment of maritime history as the last iron hulled square-rigger still afloat and sailing sails again. We wish each of you could be a spectator along the Embarcadero.

Our February meeting was at the home of Marge and George Frederick. We were pleased to hear of the forth coming issue of a Newsletter from the World Manx Association. Eric Curphey reviewed an article sent him by Noreen Cottier, Douglas, IOM, concerning the management of the island's population growth which was very informative. Etta Crowes, Douglas, IOM, mother of Joyce Kinley was a guest at the meeting. Malcolm Kinley entertained with several recitations about Manx heritage—so very well done and enjoyed by all.

The April meeting was at the home of Hilary and Brian Harrison. We had received a letter from Dr. Guy Panton of Douglas, IOM telling of a Manx-published book, now available in reprint, entitled "Labor of Love" of which the proceeds will go to support a hospice in Douglas. Eric Curphey brought Manx recipes for everyone, along with copies of a poem by T.E. Brown and other interesting items.

As our society welcomes and entertains Isle of Man visitors, we held a reception for Ian and Myrtle Harrison. Ian is the brother of our member Brian Harrison.

We wish everyone a relaxing summer.

Mrs. R. Virginia Mellon, Sec.-Treas.
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CHILD CONCERN GROUP APPOINTS BETTY HANSON

Manx Child Concern, the newly-formed local group set-up in response to the alarming rise in the number of child abuse cases in the Island, has appointed former member of the Legislative Council, Mrs. Betty Hanson as its President.

Mrs. Hanson is President also of the World Manx Association, and attended our Toronto NAMA Convention last year.

WISCONSIN

The spring meeting of the Wisconsin Manx Society was held April 9, at Madison with forty-six present. After the Smorgasbord Dinner, President Mary Kelly conducted the meeting. The following officers were elected for the 1989-1991 term beginning May 1, 1989.

President: Mike Cannell, Cazenovia
 Vice President: Dann Willett, Madison
 Secretary/Treasurer: Doris Alff, Janesville
 Past President: Mary Kelly, Cottage Grove
 Board of Governors:
 Henry Clough, Fox Lake — 1 year
 Joan Ogden, Janesville — 2 years
 Barbara Poseney, Madison — 3 years
 E. Mae Reese, West Allis, will continue as newsletter editor and liaison with NAMA and Isle of Man organizations.

Our president announced fifteen new members have joined with us during the past two years. Those present were asked to introduce themselves and tell their Manx connection. This membership growth has been due largely to Mary's outstanding efforts in getting information about our organization out to the media. Mary, a lady of many talents, also has been responsible for designing our lovely Wisconsin Manx Society pins and the exciting red, black and white woolen sweaters of two designs. The sweaters are knit in the Isle of Man. Doris Alff reported on the Isle of Man Homecomers Holiday for 1989, and possible side trips to Yorkshire and Scotland. Some of our members are planning to attend.

The Laxey Picnic will be held July 2, 1989. (see details below) The Wisconsin Manx Society will help underwrite some of the expenses for this event.

For our program the video Traa-Da-Lioor was shown. Books, new articles, periodicals and coming events of interest to members were all part of the table display for viewing.

We all want to thank Mary Kelly for her splendid leadership during the past two years. She has helped our organization grow into a vital and interesting group of members of all ages. She has encouraged all of us to take an active role in sharing our interests in all things Manx.

We now look forward to another exciting two years under Mike Cannell's leadership. Our fall meeting has been scheduled Sunday, October 15, 1989, at Madison.

LAXEY PICNIC—JULY 2

The Laxey Picnic will be held July 2, 1989, at the Laxey Church Cemetery grounds in Iowa County, Wisconsin. The cemetery is located about five miles south and west of Dodgeville on County Hwy B. This is the site of Laxey Primitive Methodist Church, believed to be the first Manx church built in America.

Plans for the day include:

10:30 a.m. Rev. Herbert Kelly, NAMA Chaplain, and once native of the community will conduct services.

12:00 noon Picnic Dinner to follow.

Please bring your own plates and tableware. Pastries, salad and soft drinks provided for a donation.

There will be a short afternoon program. Some seating provided but bring lawn chairs, if convenient. Casual dress or "turn of the century" costumes will be mode of the day. Artifacts for display are welcome. A table will be provided. For additional information about the picnic or lodging arrangements, please contact Bob or Roselyn Callin, R.R. 3, Box 128, Mineral Point, WI 53565, or call 608-935-3468.

We extend a special invitation to all of you to join us. This will be a family affair, bring the children and come and enjoy! "You're Among Friends in Wisconsin!"

E. Mae Reese
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VANCOUVER

We will start off our 1989 program with a Spring Tea. This will be held once again at the home and garden of DR. AND MRS. GORDON GELL on May 27, 1989. Our weather has been great and after a rather cool winter we are all looking forward to this annual get together. It will be an election of officers event. We are hoping for a good turnout.

Congratulations to GEOFF and MICHELLE CANNELL on the birth of their son, CODY JOHN, born February 21, 1989. CODY is the first grandchild for Mrs. CATHY CANNELL and the late JOHN CANNELL.

Happy Birthday and Happy Retirement to MONA (KILLEY) WITSTEN longtime treasurer of the Vancouver Manx. After a banking career MONA will begin her retirement with a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Welcome back to DOUG and MARLENE QUAGGAN. They thoroughly enjoyed their five weeks stay in Australia and New Zealand. A highlight of their trip was snorkelling and diving

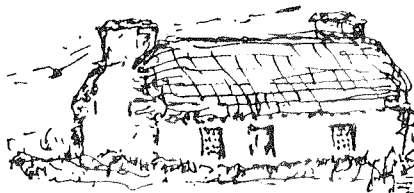
in the Great Barrier Reef. On their many trips DOUG and MARLENE are always on the lookout trying to find others with the surname of QUAGGAN. So far they have been unsuccessful in their quest. They may be contacted through the Vancouver Manx.

We also say welcome back to JIM and MIDGE PHILLIPS, Victoria, B.C. They were visiting the Isle of Man amongst other places in March and April.

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There are many notes in the wedding tune.

Ta lane clinkyn ayys Car y phoosee.



WASHINGTON, DC AREA

The Twelfth Annual Dinner Meeting was held on April 15th at the Fort Myer Officers Club in Arlington, VA. Bernard Collister of Colby, IOM, a pilot for Manx Airlines on training in Tennessee for operation of a more sophisticated plane the line plans to use, gave us a verbal tour of the Isle of Man. Chris Uhlman talked on Manx coins. Mary Hayslett reported on her participation in a Genealogical Research Tour to Salt Lake City to do family research in the Latter Day Saints Library. Special guests were Larry Fargher, First Vice President of NAMA, of Santa Clara, California, who waxed eloquently about both NAMA 90 convention plans and the Northern California area, and Polly (Fargher) Ernst and her husband Edward.

Election of officers was held: Dirk Ramsey Spencer, President; Russell Woodgates, Vice President; Sheba Quirk, Treasurer; Earl Watterson, Secretary; Ron Quayle, Immediate Past President; Board of Governors: Mary (Cannell) Andrews, Avril (Quiggins) Shipman, Don Quayle, and Honora Finkelstein.

Mary Andrews artistically prepared in old Manx calligraphy membership certificates for all of our families. Plaques were presented to all of our past presidents: Bob Camaish, John Comish, Garrick Lightowler, Bill Brideson, and Ron Quayle.

Our summertime plans include the annual picnic, and participation in the Queen's Birthday Garden Party at the British Embassy. We also hope to organize an event in honor of Vice President Quayle and his family, possibly in cooperation with some Indiana Manx, let us hear from you!

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AUNT KATE

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Just before lights out, Aunt Kate kneeled beside our bed and said the Lord's Prayer in Manx. We listened with pride and admiration to the lilt-ing sound of the words in a language we didn't know. It was beautiful!

Aunt Kate was equal to any emergency. Actually she seemed at her best in emergencies. When I was four I came down with the measles while she was with us. My young mother cried. Aunt Kate took me on her lap, pulled off my clothes and bathed me in hot water. I felt miserable. "Go home, Auntie, I don't like you," I heard myself saying in my feverish state. I knew that was terrible and was sorry, but just couldn't say I was sorry. She just smiled and hugged me. "You'll feel better soon!" she soothed. I was grateful she didn't run home as I feared she would.

Another time she demonstrated her creative talent. We had gone from Milwaukee to her home in Sussex to stay over night. Bed time came and Mother discovered she had forgotten to include my doll, Betsy, with the luggage. Mother was unnerved, but not Aunt Kate. "This is Susie. She is a country doll and she lives here with us. She will stay with you tonight." I took Susie and loved her instantly. She wore a long calico dress and had a bonnet tied around her head. I fell fast asleep. Next morning I found a glass jar in my bed. The calico dress had turned into a piece of cloth. My four-year-old mind decided that country dolls had glass bodies instead of sawdust like city dolls. Their shapes were a bit different too.

It is fifty years since Aunt Kate visited us for the last time. I am living in Sussex now. Each time the house is filled with the aroma of baking bread, I feel happy remembering Aunt Kate's perk-up visits. I bake bread often!

by Ruth Craine Lembke
Wisconsin Society Newsletter

NAMA

In our first travelogue geared to enticing you to spend a lengthy, rewarding vacation in sunny California in conjunction with NAMA Convention 1990, I will give you an overview of Northern California. I am doing this early in order to enable you to pick and choose. If you cannot spend much time, you will be able to zero in on the local scene near Santa Clara Convention site which will come in the last of my series of five articles — June 1989 — June 1990.

So all aboard for day trips out of Santa Clara. First of all, I have it from a reliable source that Midwesterners want to see the Ocean first. In deference to our many Midwesterners we will head West on Highway 280, the most beautiful freeway in the country, for San Francisco and the Pacific. Actually the Beach at San Francisco is not the greatest so after you glimpse of the Ocean via the Great Highway, you can tour San Francisco (called "The City" by us locals) and cross the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito, Tiburon, Muir Woods, Mt. Tamalpais, Sea World Africa U.S.A. near Vallejo or elsewhere for an entire day and return by way of either the Golden Gate Bridge or go South on Highway 17 (Nimitz Freeway) via Oakland (see Jack London Square — dinner any place here) and on around the Bay to Santa Clara.

A really nice way to see the Pacific is to forego the San Francisco trip until later and take Highway 280 to Highway 1 going to Pacifica — excellent sea food restaurants — follow Highway 1 South to Princeton-by-the-Sea and on to Half Moon Bay—good restaurants with Ocean views, continue South to Pescadero with Duarte's Restaurant or Davenport's Hotel for food. Continue on to Santa Cruz (Beach and boardwalk — no longer made of boards) which is the area's most attractive beach and popular with the water-lovers of all ages.

You can go over to Capitola and have dinner at the Shadowbrook or to Soquel's Farmhouse which has a nice atmosphere. Your return to Santa Clara can either be on Highway 17 or you can wind your way along Highway 9 to Felton (take a train ride at Roaring Camp Steam Railroad past Henry Cowell State Park), Ben Lomond, Boulder Creek and Big Basin State Park. Or reverse this entire trip going to Santa Cruz for most of the day and returning via Highway 1 cutting back East at Half Moon Bay on Highway 92. You will have spent your

day at the Ocean!

Another day trip to Monterey Peninsula is possible. Go to Monterey and see the Aquarium, take the 17-mile drive (toll) to Carmel-by-the-Sea and visit the shops and Clint Eastwood's Hogs Breath Inn if you must, (he was Mayor of Carmel until recently). See Carmel Mission, the white sandbeach (take lunch and eat here while you rest), and return home via Highway 101. Mission San Juan Bautista, another mission town restored and thriving, is 3½ miles off U.S. 101. Nice restaurants here and an old one near the Mission on the hill has a neat view of the Valley below. Back to 101 through Gilroy, the garlic capital, and not much further to San Jose and Santa Clara.

Branching out farther North, you can drive along the Redwood Highway to Stinson Beach, Pt. Reyes Natural Seashore, Fort Ross (an old Russian fur-trading post now a State Historical Park), and continue all the way to the Oregon border. Along the way, Mendocino, an artist colony and old sea town, is in interesting country — take Anderson Valley, Route 128, for rural loveliness, Fort Bragg has the "Skunk" train children and train buffs will especially enjoy; Ferndale inland has Victorian houses restored and is touristy but picturesque; Eureka has historical interest and lumber and fishing industry background.

For longer trips, the wine country tour is good for another day or longer as is the Gold Country. Some back roads lead to Sonoma's Valley of the Moon (Jack London State Park with ruins of "Wolf House", London's dream castle and a museum built in his memory); the town of Occidental is worth a visit just to eat at one of the three famous Italian restaurants — perhaps after hitting the winery trail!!

There are excellent campgrounds throughout California but they may need advance reservations. Lake Tahoe is a beautiful Summer as well as Winter attraction. There is gambling (on Nevada side) and nightlife galore. Reasonably priced food abounds in order to attract you to the casinos.

Yosemite Park is awesome — just to stand on the Valley floor and view the majestic sights such as Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, Cathedral Rock, El Capitan, a 3,000 foot vertical pillar running to a massive summit and the Sequoia trees is well worth the trip. And there is much more to the Park than the Valley — trails and camping complete with bears and other wildlife to steal your food!

And if this is not enough and you

care to spend time in Southern California, the Coast Highway again is a good choice — if it isn't foggy. Oops — fog in California?? NEVER — right Larry??

Anyway you can go through Big Sur, another Redwood Park and campground. Farther South is Hearst Castle with tours daily, on to Anderson's Split Pea Soup at Buellton, up the Santa Inez Valley to Solvang, a Danish town always lit up like Christmas, drive down through Reagan Country to Rufugio Beach and Santa Barbara (another Spanish-style town) and on South to Los Angeles, if you must. Better see it before the earthquakes drop it off into the Ocean.

Now I must stop before I use up all of Doris' space in the *Bulletin*. Future issues: Wine Country Tour, Gold Country Tour, San Francisco and San Francisco Peninsula attractions, plus visitors bureaus, etc. with addresses in the next Bulletin.

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such as church registers, voters lists, and census returns. And much more. Projects organizer, Mrs. Iris Lyle, is in charge of compiling lists of monumental inscriptions throughout the Island. These, too, as far as she and her enthusiastic band of helpers have progressed, are available in book form for reference at the library, and are on sale at a few pounds per cemetery. Anyone wanting to start a search for their forbears can find step-by-step instructions, learned the hard way by others, within the valuable reference material housed in this unique little library.

Membership of the IOM Family History Society costs £8 overseas, and this includes mailing the four quarterly issues of the Society's interesting journal, which contains readers' queries and interests, features on Manx families, and serves to put readers in touch with each other when interests cross.

Meetings are held monthly on the third Friday of each month in the Loch Promenade Church, Douglas, beginning at 7:30 pm. Further information from the secretary, Mrs. Sylvia Mylchreest, 3 Wesley Terrace, Douglas, telephone Douglas 74529.

Excerpted from Manx Life

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As I write this, we are into spring-time and entering the month of May; and for many of us, May is a month of memories. Also, in our churches, we celebrate Mother's Day, "Christian Family Week", and Memorial Day, all of this recalling the homes in which we grew up.

On the Wisconsin farm where I first knew life, this time of year brought some rather heavy rainstorms, when fences would be washed out in flooding streams. Then my father would have to go and mend the fence or the cattle would get loose. And when I grew old enough (but still a young boy) he would take me along to help, mostly to hand him tools. When it required crossing over the stream, he would take me on his shoulders. I would look down at the swirling, muddy current, but beneath me I could feel his powerful shoulders, and was not afraid.

Recalling those moments now, I am reminded of certain Bible verses:

"But now, says the Lord...fear not...when you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you."

and

"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

(Isaiah 43:1,2...and Deuter. 33:27)

With words like these to remember, it is easy to see why, for ages, the image of God's strength and dependability has been a father-figure!

What, my friend, are *your* good memories?

Herbert G. Kelly
Chaplain

HERITAGE

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World Manx Association committee, formed with Tynwald support, established itself as a connecting link between the Island and all the official bodies that had to be approached prior to emigration.

It was able to arrange, for example, for prospective emigrants to be medically examined on the Island instead of in the UK prior to being accepted by one of the colonies. And those Manxmen who had ambitions to go farming, meanwhile, had training in advance of emigration at places such as the UK Ministry of Labour Training at Clayden, part-funded by Tynwald and arranged by the WMA committee.

Like the mutual support available within the Manx Societies abroad,

these were all positive means of assistance that gave the World Manx Association a special meaning and significance in the lives of many.

The slogan of the WMA is: "To preserve what e'er is left of ancient heritage," and this became most probably the overriding interest.

The WMA chairman today is Peter Kelly, who is dedicated to evolutionary change; a change, he believes, which will probably have to start at the bottom, among the youngest of Manx people and work up. Together with several primary school teachers, Mr. Kelly is now examining possibilities. One is the formation of a club in which children of four to five years old get a badge proclaiming: "I'm a Manxie." Between seven and eight they will be promoted to the rank of a 'Three Legger.' Then, later still, to a Junior Manxman.

Abroad, the cultivation of third and fourth generation interest offers scope, he believes. These are the people of Manx descent who have lost the knowledge of what sort of community they have descended from but who are immediately fascinated when they discover what there is to be learned about the Isle of Man.

Re-cementing of the old Manx bonds is another challenge. One suggestion on how to achieve this has been the encouragement of correspondence between youngsters on the Isle of Man and those of Manx descent throughout the world. What better pen pal for a Manx boy or girl than one who is of Manx descent and is anxious to learn so much about his or her homeland? From other Societies come other ideas. The Wirral Manx Society send regular visitors to any Manx patients sent to Clatterbridge Hospital in their area, a surviving hand-me-down from the old mutual assistance days.

From Cleveland, Ohio, the Manx Music Festival has received for many years the gold medal that marks out the finest singer of the year on the Island. Now, the North American Manx Association, which holds major conventions every other year, has instituted an awards scheme on the Island for young achievers in the Manx language, music, arts, and crafts.

When the Speaker of the House of Keys, Sir Charles Kerruish, visited Washington, DC, in 1976 he presented the US Congress with a replica Manx Sword of State on the occasion of the USA's Bi-centennial. The interest which the gift generated in the area when people re-discovered their Manx ancestry was such that a new Manx Society was formed: not so much to

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH COLLISTER CORLETT was born near Warrensville, Ohio, on August 2, 1895 and died in Winslow on Bainbridge Island, Washington, on December 30, 1988. She lived near her birthplace until 1929 when she married Edwin Howard Corlett and established a home near Katonah, New York, living there until 1966. He died in 1956. She lived in Wooster, Ohio from 1966 to 1975, and in Winslow thereafter. She is survived by her sons Richard of Seattle, Washington and Robert of Deming, New Mexico, and five grandchildren. She was a member of Methodist Churches all her life, most recently that of Seabold, on Bainbridge Island. She was also a member of NAMA. Her ashes are buried in Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland.

preserve the old customs and ways, because they have been largely forgotten, but to provide a means of educating themselves on Manx heritage and especially in tracing their roots.

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