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

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MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY— FACT, FILM AND FICTION

Where does Hollywood end and reality begin? The Manx Museum's new exhibition called "The Mutiny on the Bounty — Fact, Film and Fiction" hopes to answer that and many other questions referring to one of the most popular naval tales/events in history. Whilst most of us know the story as told by Hollywood and are fully convinced Marlon Brando or Clarke Gable were perfect heroes, how many of us know the true background to the Mutiny and the facts that underlie the popular myths and stories?

The Exhibition:

If you were writing a film script or a novel you could not improve on the Mutiny and its story; it has mystery, romance, violence, suspense and even exotic locations. Taking this as the basic theme the exhibition has been laid out in the style of a film script by incorporating the various elements of the cast, and the location and the set (The Bounty). The various parts of the plot and action including the voyage, life on Tahiti, the Mutiny, the epic voyage in the long boat, the search and trial of the Mutineers and the epilogue all go to make up the sections in the exhibition.

Objects and contemporary illustrations have been interwoven with film images of the events so that the visitor will constantly be comparing and contrasting the familiar Hollywood images with the less familiar contemporary images of the Mutiny period. Hopefully as well as providing new and interesting insights into the event and highlighting its Manx connections, it will provide people with a new perception on history and how much we rely on films, television and novels to tell us about the past. Certain items will also highlight how often historical accuracy is the first victim to the telling of a good yarn or the production of a glamorous film shot.

The exhibition will be a truly international affair with material on display coming from as far afield as

Sweden and Tahiti as well as the negotiations that have taken place with institutions in the United States, New Zealand and Australia for copyright clearance to use various feature films and documentaries relating to the Mutiny items of interest which will be on display in the exhibition and have rarely if ever been seen before range from: a wine bottle from the *Bounty* that was retrieved from Pitcairn, various copper nails/copper sheathing from the hull/fragments of the hull salvaged from the *Bounty*, a model of the *Bounty* produced with relics of the ship by Fletcher Christian's grandson, Bligh's walking stick, Bligh's telescope, a miniature chest of drawers produced by Adams (one of the mutineers on Pitcairn) and a pair of oil paintings of Fletcher Christian's parents (important because there are no known contemporary portraits of Fletcher Christian). These and many other items and pictures will make up the 'factual' part of the exhibition; in contrast there will be film stills, posters, objects and props from the various Hollywood films to show the treatment that the Mutiny has received from the different film makers. Items include a balsa wood model of the *Bounty* (with cut away sections to show the interior) used in the discussions with the Director for the 1984 film, a historically accurate midshipman's uniform used in the 1984 film, various publicity publications used to promote the 1935 and 1962 films. The film stills help to highlight the transition from a swashbuckling hero like Clarke Gable to a dandified Marlon Brando with silk handkerchief or from the tyrannical Charles Laughton to the sulky Anthony Hopkins. The exhibition will also include a small video lounge where visitors will be able to watch the two MGM film versions of Mutiny on the Bounty with Clarke Gable (1935) and Marlon Brando (1962) as well as a documentary which records the making of the 1984 'Mutiny' film.

HOMECOMING 1989

Approximately 65 American and Canadian Homecomers were in the Isle of Man during the week of Tynwald. All of these were at the Tynwald ceremony on 5 July and at the Governor's tea party, although all did not sign up for the package of tours set up by the Tourist Board. The weather was fantastic! That's the only way to put it. Tina and I were there for three weeks and it only rained twice. We had a supper time thunder storm with lots of lightning, and a light drizzle the evening of the Laxey Fair.

The tours arranged by the Tourist Board this year were ideal for Homecomers. Instead of the usual tours to "tourist attractions" and seemingly endless descriptions of the TT Races by the tour bus drivers, the itinerary was set up by keeping in mind that Homecomers are special! A noted scholar on the Island took us up into the hills to prehistoric sites, keels (the earliest places of worship), and old abandoned farmhouses. On another day we went to a mining area in Foxdale. Here again were old houses and also the remains of the entrances to the lead mines. He showed us pictures taken at the mines when they were still in operation, and described what it was like to live in those times. Talk about finding one's roots! Everyone on the tour could visualize his ancestors standing at these very spots.

We took the Steam Railway to Castle Rushen and heard the stories about the ghosts, and then went to Port St. Mary. But this time instead of just looking at the Calf of Man across the water, two boat loads of Homecomers went across and spent two hours wandering around on that beautiful bird sanctuary. On the way over and back we were entertained by the puffins, shearwaters, petrels and many other types of birds. The seals were nowhere in sight that day, but a large basking shark passed by about 20 feet from the boat.

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WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

We are enjoying an unusually warm and sunny Summer—the best for many years. Our Homecomers have been very lucky to be able to enjoy this good weather. A little rain fell during their first week and in fact spoiled the evening at the Laxey Fair but the Summer is already rivalling 1984 and records for sunshine hours, temperature readings and rain-free periods are tumbling. The Department of Tourism is making justifiable capital out of the fact that temperatures on top of the T.T. Grandstand (where the readings are taken) outstrip those of the Mediterranean hotspots. However, we are now facing water restrictions. Bans on hose-pipes and car washing look to be imminent.

The Annual Gathering of the World Manx Association was held in the Masonic Hall, Douglas on Tuesday, 4th July. There were 11 homecomers from Canada, 23 from the U.S.A., 4 from the U.K., 2 from New Zealand and 2 from Australia. Altogether there were 146 members and guests. This year's Cleveland Medallist, Mr. Graham Crowe was our guest Soloist, with Mrs. Linda Watterson, his accompanist.

Greetings were read out from Mrs. Helen Cross of the Fylde Manx Society who was prevented from attending because of an accident, and also from The Wirral Manx Society. Several of the visiting homecomers were able to give greetings from their home groups.

Mention was made of the importance of 1991 which will be the 80th Anniversary of the World Manx Association. It is planned to re-enact some of the events which took place in Rushen Abbey in 1911.

The evening ended with the singing of Ellan Vannin and the Manx National Anthem.

On Sunday 9th July a coach trip was organised—travelling to Ramsey to have tea at the Mitre Hotel and attending the Church service at Kirk Bride. Members and friends enjoyed their meal at the Mitre and an even better selection of Manx traditional fare by way of refreshments after the Church service, generously provided by the ladies of the church.

Our next outing will be on 17th August when we shall be having tea at Niarbyl Cafe, Dalby and the final one on 23rd September with tea at Silverdale, Ballasalla.

On 28th October we shall be holding our T.E. Brown Luncheon at the Rutland Hotel, Queen's Promenade, when

our speaker will be Major G.T. Crellin.

Warm wishes to all N.A.M.A. members from the Officers and members of the World Manx Association.

Winifred Musgrove
Correspondence Secretary

SNIPPETS OF MANX NEWS

VIVA LE VILLIERS. Massive investment is taking place in the Isle of Man. Mr. Sam Adler, millionaire businessman, resident in the Island, has plans well advanced to create a business and hotel centre on the site of the Villiers Car Park in Douglas. The extent of this development can be measured by the fact that the new hotel alone will cost eight million pounds.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS. A UK Inspector of Fire Services has described the Isle of Man's thirteen year delay in implementing fire precaution recommendations in the hotel industry as the worst in his experience. Apparently this has become an extended and complicated issue with much contention.

SENIOR CITIZEN WELFARE. As of 1 May 1989 all old age pensioners are entitled to travel free on all buses of the IOM Road Services in accordance with the promise given in the recent Manx Budget. Not many people realize that, apart from the obvious tax advantages, the Manx Government has not raised charges for Medical Prescriptions on the Island for many years. Each item on the mainland now costs £2.60, whereas on the Island the charge is still 60 pence only. Good old Isle of Man!

FIRST MINISTER. In the recent Manx bye-elections Dr. Edward Mann returned to political life and won the election at Laxey. Dr. Mann was First Minister of the Island not so very long ago.

THE MUTINY. The bicentenary of the Mutiny on the Bounty was celebrated in Cocker mouth, home of Fletcher Christian. Meanwhile, a great, great, great, great grandson of Captain Bligh is undertaking a long voyage which purports to follow the epic journey made by Bligh 200 years ago. The Isle of Man has an historical interest in this event because of the Manx relatives connected with Captain Bligh and other members of the crew.

GREAT CHANGES IN THE BEER INDUSTRY. It has been announced by Castletown Brewery that they are to close 47 public houses on the Island. This follows similar moves in the United Kingdom by several larger brewers who are compelled

by changes in the law relating to cartels and monopolies. So far, the hotels named by Castletown Brewery are The Rushen Abbey, The Ducks Nest, and Victoria in Castletown; The Quarter Bridge in Douglas; and The Bridge Inn in Ramsey. A poor future indeed for many landlords, apart from a dramatic break with tradition.

ISLE OF MAN STEAM PACKET COMPANY. The 159th Annual General Meeting announced that profits had jumped considerably to £2.1 million for 1988, an increase of 23% over 1987. This news was tempered with caution that the Tynwald Car Passenger Ferry has failed to meet the required standards of safety set by the Board of Trade following the Zeebrugge Ferry disaster.

Arthur Bridson

CASTLE TRANSFER

A re-enactment of a ceremony that took place almost 60 years ago was seen at Castle Rushen last week when the keys to Castle Rushen, together with those for Peel Castle, Odin's Raven, and Laxey Wheel were handed over to Bernard Caine, chairman of the Trustees of the Manx Museum and National Trust, who are taking over the running of the structures from the Department of Highways, Ports and Properties.

Arnold Callin, MLC, Minister for the Department, who performed the ceremony, referred back to July 8th, 1929, when the UK Government returned Castle Rushen and Peel Castle to the Manx people.

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WHAT'S IN A MANKS NAME?

Peel Historian Leslie Quilliam has just launched a new book on Manx surnames. (Those of you who attended the NAMA Convention in San Diego may remember hearing him speak on this subject.)

"Surnames of the Manks" (as there is no "x" is Gaelic it is believed that Manks is the correct spelling) is the first book to be published on Manx surnames for over 50 years.

Mr. Quilliam has been interested in the origins of Manx surnames for many years, and it has taken him nearly six years to write this book. It is published by Leslie under the name of Cashtal Publications of 3 Peveril Road, Peel, in paperback.

"Surnames of the Manks" is available in all good bookshops for £9.50.

MUTINY

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At the end of the day though, most of us will still go home strongly attached to our favourite film inspired stereotypes of Laughton/Gable, Howard/Brando or Hopkins/Gibson as the villains and heroes but this exhibition will hopefully have shown there are more versions still.

The Plot:

Some people are probably already wondering why the Manx Museum in the Isle of Man is hosting an exhibition to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Mutiny and what its connections are with the Island? The Isle of Man was the stage where the main characters of the Mutiny met and became acquaintances.

William Bligh's connection with the Island started in 1774-6 when he was stationed in Douglas, on the Revenue cutter *Ranger* with the duties of searching for and capturing smugglers in the Irish Sea area. He later returned to the Isle of Man and in 1781 married Elizabeth Betham, the daughter of the Douglas Customs officer, and set up home in Douglas until 1784. As part of the town's social elite the Blighs would have mixed with some of the leading Manx families of the Island, including the Christians and the Heywoods.

Fletcher Christian and his family came to the Isle of Man when he was only 15 following his father's death and mother's subsequent bankruptcy in their native Cumberland, England. The Christians' more wealthy Manx relatives would have been able to provide the support and social contacts for the family in their reduced circumstances.

By the use of patronage and family favours between the Christians, Taubmans, Bethams and Blighs, William Bligh was persuaded to take young Fletcher Christian as a crew member on two of his merchant voyages to the West Indies. Bligh, himself was in command of the merchant vessel because of his wife's uncle, who owned the ship and was involved with trade in the West Indies. Bligh trained Christian in the skills and duties of an officer and appears to have viewed him as a trusted 'pupil' and friend.

Peter Heywood also came from a family experiencing financial problems, his father had held in his time the highest legal and administrative posts on the Island but had later fallen from grace. The normal avenues of

advancement of university and the professions such as Law were closed to young Heywood as they had been for Christian so by the use of family favours and obligations Bligh was persuaded by his wife and father-in-law to take Heywood as a midshipman on the *Bounty*.

The tangled threads of the Mutiny started in the Isle of Man and took the main characters of the saga to the South Pacific and beyond.

After the Mutiny, Bligh navigated a 23 ft. launch across almost 4000 miles of open sea and lost only 1 man out of the 19 in the boat. On his return to England he was heralded a hero and only after the trial when a fuller account of the event appeared did public opinion turn against him. Later problems such as a court martial for verbally abusing a junior officer, a second mutiny in 1797 and being forcibly removed from his post as Governor of New South Wales, did not help his public reputation. Fletcher Christian and the other mutineers went first to Tubuai and Tahiti and then on to the lonely island of Pitcairn to start their self imposed exile and wait for possible recapture. The ultimate fate of Christian is still a matter of some speculation although the most plausible version is that he was murdered on Pitcairn in the early years although some stories record him being seen in Plymouth docks or by Lake Windermere in England.

Peter Heywood was recaptured on Tahiti and brought back to England in chains as a mutineer, although found guilty and sentenced to hang he was granted a King's pardon and reprieved. His reprieve may in some part be due to the efforts of his sister,

Hester (Nessy) Heywood.

Young Nessy spent 49 hours in a small fishing boat on the Irish Sea in a wild — and probably unnecessary — dash to London to contact people of influence who might be able to save her brother's life. In later life Peter Heywood went on to become a respected and admired Naval Captain and earlier allegations to his involvement in the Mutiny were withdrawn. His adored and adoring sister Nessy was only to survive the "Bounty" court martial by a year. She died aged 25 in September 1793, probably of physical and mental exhaustion.

The 'Mutiny on the Bounty' exhibition will be staged at the Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man from April 29th to Christmas 1989. The Manx Post Office and Treasury will be issuing commemorative stamps and coins

for the Mutiny, details of which can be obtained from:

Isle of Man Post Office Philatelic Bureau, P.O. Box 10M,
Douglas, Isle of Man

Manx Museum Press Notice submitted by Harold Cosgrove
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STAMPS

The issue of commemorative stamps by the Isle of Man (referred to in the previous article) is a set of 5 stamps and a souvenir sheet. The 13-pence Manx stamp shows Bligh outside the church in which he was married, and the 16-pence depicts him and his loyal supporters being cast adrift by the mutineers. Heywood appears on the 30-pence, while the 32-pence has a scene of the Bounty arriving at Pitcairn Island. Shown on the 35-pence is Christian against a background of the refuge at Pitcairn, according to the *Columbus Dispatch*. These issues are available at your local stamp dealer.

BIRCHING

Despite an impassioned plea from Glenfaba MHK Walter Gilbey, Tynwald overwhelmingly defeated a resolution calling for the restoration of judicial corporal punishment. The proposal was defeated 21-3 in the House of Keys and 7-1 in the Legislative Council.

The mover urged his colleagues to show the political courage, determination, and will to find a way by which judicial corporal punishment could once again be meted out by Manx courts. "It is well known that thugs and hooligans in many parts of the adjacent isles used to be influenced by the fact that if they carried out violent assaults in this Island, they were likely to get the birch."

Many other speakers, while supporting the principle that birching should be restored, said it was not practical to do so. Chief Minister Miles Walker said if Tynwald passed the resolution it would be flying in the face of international opinion and law. But he went on to say that he would not like to see judicial corporal punishment removed from the Manx statute book.

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We had two banquets with entertainment which included speeches, songs, and Manx dances. The first was just for NAMA Homecomers and invited guests like: Sir Charles Keruish (speaker of the House of Keys), Betty Hanson (President of the World Manx Association), Noreen Cottier (NAMA's "Manx Connection"), Ellis Killey (from the Tourist Board) and his wife and daughter Adele. Adele performed some Manx Folk Dances for us with a friend. At this banquet I had the honor of bestowing the medals that NAMA supplies to two very talented teenage boys. The second banquet was sponsored by the World Manx Association. The Douglas Masonic Hall was filled to overflowing with Homecomers from all over the world as well as many local members.

As usual a special train on the Manx Electric Railway was arranged for our trip to the Laxey Fair. We were honored to have riding with us the woman who had represented the Isle of Man in the Miss World Beauty Contest. For anyone of our members who has not been to the fair, I should mention that all the townspeople dress in costumes that match those worn by our Manx ancestors in the 19th century. Besides many sales, games, and food booths spread out for our enjoyment, the elementary school children put on a grand performance singing songs from the Gay Nineties, Ellan Vannin, and ending up with the Laxey Song whose refrain is "and the great big wheel kept turning." This refers of course to the great Lady Isabella in Laxey, the biggest water wheel in Europe. It is still turning, although it no longer pumps water out of the mines. The whole fair is held on what once were the ore washing platforms in the river bed.

The Manx Museum had a special exhibit on this anniversary of the Mutiny on the Bounty. Included in this was a constant showing of the two famous movies made of the event. On one side of the room, Marlon Brando was pushing Capt. Bligh into the small boat after the mutiny; while on the other side, Charles Laughton was shouting, "Mistuh Christian!" We saw the exhibit after visiting the church on the site of Capt. Bligh's wedding in Onchan, just north of Douglas. The Museum also had a large display of samplers, sewn by young Manx girls many many years ago. Several Homecomers found samplers done by ancestors.

There were many more events to

keep us busy, and a video tape was made of all of them. It will be available for showing at the Convention in 1990.

*Marshall Cannell
President, NAMA*

1989 HOMECOMERS

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Alff, Mrs. J. Ogden, Mrs. M. Hunt, *Janesville, Wisconsin*; Mrs. Mary Cannell-Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. S. Andrews, *Springfield, Virginia*; Bill and Patti Brideson, *Cary, North Carolina*; Richard and Lawrence Callin, *Kiekland Lake, Ontario*; Marshall and Tina Cannell, *Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts*; Carol Christian, *Willowdale, Ontario*; Dr. and Mrs. Cording, *Dearborn, Michigan*; Mrs. P. Crozier and Miss J. Burdon, *Alberta, Canada*; Dorothy Gawne, *Niles, Illinois*; Mr. J. Clarke-Gelling, *Windsor, Ontario*; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, *Scotland*, and Mr. and Mrs. Davis, *Kirkland Lake, Canada*; Mr. and Mrs. R. Heckendorn, *Laurel, Maryland*; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kelly, *Tampa, Florida*; Mr. and Mrs. R. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. D. Kelly, *Galva, Illinois*; George and Audrey Leckner, *Northglenn, Colorado*; Mrs. Phyllis Linsley, *Toronto, Ontario*; Mrs. Norma Martin and Mrs. Shirley Tate, *Brampton, Ontario*; Mrs. Fay Parks, *Vermilion, Alberta*; Mrs. Hilda Penrice, *Georgetown, Ontario*; Mrs. B. Renman and Mrs. Mona Voutilla, *Hopkins, Minnesota*; Norman and Ingrid Standish, *Hilary Standish, Robin Hicks, Solon, Ohio*; Mr. and Mrs. K. Slocum, Mr. and Mrs. D. Slocum, Masters D. and S. Slocum, *Elmhurst, Illinois*; Richard and Marjorie Straka, *North Olmsted, Ohio*; Bob Watterson, *Toronto, Ontario*

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The busiest period of the Society's year began when Mr. Norman Gale was speaker at the May Meeting. Mr. Gale was for many years the Custodian of Castle Rushen and he gave a most interesting and amusing talk on the history of the Castle and an account of his experiences during his time there. This was followed by members questions. On a warm June evening a group of local members enjoyed a walk in Laxey, from the Mines washing floors, down the valley to the harbour and back along the river and across the railway line to the starting point. The guide, Mr. Frank Cowin, gave a most informative description of the places of interest along the way.

We were present again this year at Tynwald in the Homecomer's Marquee and on July 6th we held the most important event of the Society's calendar, the Open Day, this year in Ramsey. The weather was again very warm and we were delighted to see so many visitors passing through St. Paul's Hall viewing the displays. We are already planning for next year.

We have a list of very interesting speakers for the rest of the year and I will be describing their talks during the coming months.

Have a lovely summer!

*Sylvia Mylchreest
Secretary, Isle of Man
Family History Society*

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Bill and Patti Brideson of Cary, North Carolina made their first visit to the Isle of Man during Tynwald week and enjoyed beautiful weather as well as the many events held during that week for Homecomers.

George and Audrey Leckner of Northglenn, Colorado had several days before Tynwald week to explore the Manx countryside, which they didn't have time to do on their last visit in 1983. They also joined some of the Homecomer events.

Jack and Peggy Corlett of Richardson, Texas were on the Island at the beginning of June with their son and his wife, Glenn and Bonnie. Their visit was during the week of the TT motorcycle races, which was a very different experience to their visits in 1982 and 1983.

Noreen Cottier

RUSHEN ABBEY DIG

The annual training excavation at Rushen Abbey, Ballasalla, led by Dr. Lawrence Butler of Leed's University's Centre for Archeological Studies, has been working on uncovering buildings at the site which are still underground.

This is the third season at Rushen Abbey, and the aim is to interpret the site, conserve and restore the stonework, and layout the site for visitors.

Work will continue on the church, and it is expected that the excavation will last another five or six years.

The dig is being organised and sponsored by the Manx Museum and National Trust, the Department of Continuing Education, Liverpool University, the Isle of Man Board of Education, and the University's Field Archeology Unit.

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NEWS FROM MANX SOCIETIES

CLEVELAND

Officers of our society for this year remain the same: *President*, Mrs. Frank Glunt; *Vice President*, Mrs. Robert Thormann; *Secretary*, Mrs. William Duncan; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Ray Halde-eman; *Trustees*, Mrs. Robert Cowin, Mr. Alan Fricke, and Mrs. William Roseman; *Honorary Trustee*, Mr. William Roseman.

An "Indoor Picnic Party" was held Saturday, August 26th, in the Red Barn recreation center of the Mac Intosh Farm on Broadview Rd., Broadview Hts., Ohio. Meat, beverages and dessert were provided by the society and those attending were asked to bring a covered dish ("enough to feed yourself and five additional persons").

With the start of regular activities in the fall, an east side meeting at Hope Church is scheduled for September 12th. As of this writing, a tentative slide show will follow the meeting.

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MARITIME

On a recent sunny day, as I sat in my garden chair in this the Bicentennial of Captain W. Bligh's visit to Tahiti, I began to reflect on the strange interconnections among the seaports of the world that once gave seaports an aura of mystery and their residents a relationship to the fraternity of the sea mostly unknown to inlanders, but to the Isle of Man and all of Manx descent it is part of our history.

Many books have been written, some have provided material for a number of epic films that recount the story of the "Mutiny on the Bounty", in fact right here in this Province of Canada, Smith and Rhuland's shipyard in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, built an amazing and skillful sailing replica of H.M.S. Bounty for an American film company filming the story of the mutiny and this vessel is presently lying moored at a pier in Florida, U.S.A. Captain William Bligh had strong ties to the Isle of Man, was married in Onchan Parish Church on Feb. 4th 1781 to Elizabeth Betham whose father was the first Manx collector of Custom dues, while several of his crew, especially Fletcher Christian, had close Manx connections.

Captain W. Bligh had left England with botanist's on board in search of breadfruit trees to be planted in the

West Indies. In 1789 Capt. Bligh brought H.M.S. Bounty to anchor in thirteen fathoms in Matavai Bay, Tahiti where Capt. Cook had brought his ships to anchor on three earlier occasions, however it is told that during their stay in Tahiti his crew fraternized with the natives to the degree that when departure was due many were rather reluctant to leave, perhaps this might have started "the pot boiling".

Few people today know the history, however Captain Bligh's ordeal in an open boat and his marvellous feat of navigation over four thousand nautical miles has never been equaled. Capt. Bligh was promoted to Admiral and appointed Governor in New South Wales, Australia. Fletcher Christian with his native wife ended up on Pitcairn Island and named his descendants (First Name only) after the days in the week i.e. Monday Christian. It can be noted that the complete Diary of Capt. Bligh's return in the open boat is in London, England.

Respectfully submitted, George Curphey

SAN DIEGO

It did happen! Our STAR OF INDIA (formerly the EUTERPE launched at Ramsey, IOM, 1863) sailed on May 28, 1989. What a beautiful day and sight it was! Many distinguished visitors and celebrities were on hand for this gala sailing. Walter Cronkite, the former CBS news anchorman and an avid yachtsman was a member of the crew as the honorary sailing master.

The following day, at the home of Paul and Doris Dobbell, our Manx society held a luncheon reception for William Grimshaw Kneale and wife, daughter and husband, Stephen Naylor and their young son. He is the owner of the Booth W. Kelly shipyard where the Star was built. Other guests included David Brierly, the Curator of the San Diego Maritime Museum (the Star of India is the museum's flagship) and Phyllis Burns, author of IRON LADY AT SEA (Star of India). Mr. Kneale recalled many past and present experiences at the shipyard and of his life on the IOM. We felt very fortunate to meet the Kneale family and hear this maritime history at first hand.

As a service in fulfilling one objective of the Society, to "preserve what-
e'er is left to us of ancient heritage", we made a contribution to the Lezayre Parish Church, Lezayre, IOM to help

in keeping the church building, built in 1835, in repair.

To celebrate Tynwald Day, on July 9th, George and Marge Frederick, Virginia Mellon and Pat Latham were hostesses at the House of England Cottage in Balboa Park, San Diego. We had the IOM flag flying, brochures about the IOM to give out, a tape cassette commentary which is a travelogue of the IOM, and served hot tea, lemonade, and home-made cookies. We have gained a few members this way and are informing about two hundred visitors of our Manx heritage and about the IOM.

Our annual pot-luck picnic and swim is our regular meeting in August at the house of Marge and George Frederick. They had just returned from a tour in Russia and shared their experiences as did other vacationers share their trips.

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MEMORIAL FUND

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

*Mrs. Edith Ann (Comish) Malek
Berwyn, IL*

WASHINGTON

Greetings from the Greater Washington, DC Area Manx Society! We hope your summer has been full of sun and fun. Following last summer's drought, the nation's capital was soaked by early summer rains 22 inches above average! That resulted in our summer picnic being rained out. But some hardy souls braved the elements—including the inevitable heat and humidity—to support our Scottish brethren at their annual Highland Games in late July.

Our next big get-together will be the annual Christmas party. We're also preparing for a special winter event commemorating 1500 years of Manx Christianity, recognizing our longstanding tradition of participatory democracy and honoring our Society's most distinguished member, Vice President Dan Quayle. Details in the next newsletter!

*Russell Woodgates, Vice President
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

On 2 July the stay-at-homes of the Bay Area Manx had a picnic at Great America in Santa Clara. The concept was to see the arrangement and treatment Great America could offer us, so we could repeat next year, if worthwhile. Many of our regulars were out of town for a long 4-day weekend. However, 20 of the committed showed, including Andersons, Corkills, Farghers (2 sets), Schreiners, Carie Bare and friend, and Pattisons. Lee and Jan Widner bought tickets, but we missed them. "Cousins" Polly and Ed were on an Alaskan Cruise, and many sent regrets, including Skillicorns, Marleye Quayle Duffin, Lila Lanning, and Ernsts. We have the nucleus of a Great Convention Team in place.

The facilities at Great America for our barbeque and their service were great. We had our own area, our own beverage kiosk, our own buffet setup with chicken and ribs and all the trimmings, and North American Manx signs around. It was great. My only concern was that Great America had six people solely devoted to our 20. That spells service! Following a great meal and fellowship we moved through the park seeing the ice show, pictorium, shops, and rides. It was a great afternoon and we all enjoyed it. They change their shows and add rides every year, so it will be fresh even for us in 1990. This will definitely be an option for Saturday or Sunday at our Convention. One price covered everything.

CONVENTION

NAMA-90 SANTA CLARA is taking form!! The weekend of 10-13 August 1990 has been contracted for The Doubletree Hotel in Santa Clara. The Doubletree is a near-new 500 room hotel that can take great care of us. We have already planned some of the optional events. We also have set up a travel agency to sort out tours and add-on packages before, during, and after the Convention. The Doubletree has given us a firm good rate of a room for up to four for only \$69 per night. They have offered us that rate on early arrivals and late departures on a space-available basis for another 72 hours. It would be wise to see the Bay Area—Monterey/Carmel—from here (25-80 miles).

There will be free pickup and delivery to the San Jose International Airport. Where possible you should use hubs, i.e. Denver, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, etc., and fly into San Jose (rather than San Francisco or Oakland). We may be able to transport some SFO passengers, especially, for groups coming together.

Yosemite books up a full year in advance, so, if you want to see God's Country, make your reservation now! Thursday I heard of a great before or after sidetrip: Drive to San Francisco, about 25 miles, and take a ferry (1 hour) to Vallejo and see Marine World-Africa USA and come back to the city on the ferry and home. It is an all-day event, but would be great.

Better schedule a week or two for a great visit and convention!!!!

Lawrence L. Fargher
Convention Chairman

ADDRESS CHANGES

Forward all address changes to C.E. Creer, Treasurer, 14228 Union Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462

VANCOUVER

A lovely day in May was the setting for the bi-annual general meeting of the Vancouver Manx Society. The event was combined with our annual Spring Tea and Dinner Party and was held once again at the lovely home of **Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell**.

The evening started with an election of officers. The new executives are as follows: *President*, Terry McCaffrey; *Vice-President*, Angus Gillon; *Secretary*, Vera Henry; *Treasurer*, Mona Witsten; *Committee*, Jean Stirling, Mary Cazalet, Joan McCaffrey, Barbara Condon, Doug Quaggan; *Associate Committee*, Marlene Quaggan, Fenella Deakin, Leslie McGee; *Past-President*, Chris Stirling

This was followed by a beautiful potluck meal and a raffle completed the evening.

Congratulations to *Michael Belfie*, son of **Arthur** and **Mona Belfie**, on his appointment as Managing Director of International Banking for Royal Trust. Michael has his headquarters in Douglas, Isle of Man. He and his family moved from Canada and are now living in the Isle of Man enjoying a taste of Manx life.

Congratulations also to **Leslie McGee**, daughter of **Angus** and **Judith Gillon**, and **Steve Ilott**, son of **Doritt** and **George Ilott**, who will be delegates to the twenty-five nation Rover Scouts Conference in Tokyo, Japan during the summer of 1989.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Henry, Secretary
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GAWNE REUNION

My son Johnathon and I felt we were the only Gawnes left with ancestors from Ballaugh. About Easter I received a letter from Mrs. James Gawne, Niles, Michigan, inviting us to a reunion of her children and their children and grandchildren. On July 8th about 75 Gawnes from Florida to the northern tip of Michigan gathered in Niles, Michigan. Children of all ages played happily in the pool, along with a few dogs, and everyone ate heartily in the shade of that mid-western town in hot summer, no breeze to hope for. Putting our heads together, it seems we all come from a William Gawne of Ballcoraige, Ballaugh, born about 1585, died in 1610.

We knew of an Uncle Charlie Gawne, a plumber of Chicago, but it turns out he lived in Oak Park, the next town west. Charles' father William came to the USA about 1882. The father of my husband John came to the States about 1910. He used to tell about taking a Manx newspaper to a Mrs. Skillicorn in Albany, New York, whenever they got one, and she gave him some candy.

I was surprised to learn that few of the Gawnes knew much about the Isle of Man, or really seemed to care. I had brought some paper napkins from St. John's with the Manx words on them, and they thought them queer. The few I talked to seemed surprised about the beauty and comfort and variety available there.

So our hope is that this reunion will be the start of a new interest in their roots—the Gawnes of Ballaugh.

Eleanor Gawne
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ONTARIO

We have been busy building membership in our new society, and now have over 50 members. Although most members live in the Toronto and Hamilton areas, we have members living as far away as Desbarats (400 miles from Toronto) and Deep River (250 miles from Toronto), so we can truly say our members come from near and far.

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed our summer picnic which is being held on August 27th at Queens-ton Heights overlooking the Niagara River. Our social convenor, Kelly D'Agostino, has arranged a lot of interesting activities to make the occasion memorable. Our next regular meeting is planned for October or November.

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NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx Association held the Spring meeting April 30, 1989 in Nortonville, KS with Mr. & Mrs. Dave Corkill serving as hosts. There were 29 in attendance including a number of Corkill cousins. Several were attending a Manx gathering for the first time and Mrs. Helena Davidson came the greatest distance making the trip from Jacksboro, TX.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Adelle Corkill led the group in learning and singing "O Land of Our Birth," "Ellan Vannin" and "Ramsey Town." We will see how well we remember our lessons when we meet again.

Of special note was the reunion of several Corkill cousins, Mrs. Helena Davidson, Mrs. Helen Hughes of Atchison, KS, Mrs. Helen Johnson, Topeka, KS, Mrs. Agnes Parsons, Tonganoxie, KS, Mrs. Patricia Dell, Topeka. Dave Corkill, Nortonville and Phil Corkill, Lincoln, NE. The Corkill connection begins in the northern part of the Island at Jurby, Maughold and also Lonan. They shared a bit of their family history with the group.

The afternoon ended with everyone taking a turn at telling of a particular event, person or place that evoked a Manx memory. As always these stories are accompanied by a good deal of laughter.

Earlier this Spring our oldest member, Mrs. Gladys Watts of Lincoln, NE celebrated her 100th birthday. She received many cards and letters. Among them were special greetings from Nebraska Governor Kay Orr and President and Mrs. Bush. The Honorable Bill Harris, mayor of Lincoln presented Gladys with the key to the city. Gladys was born in Foxdale, Isle of Man.

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WISCONSIN

Laxey Picnic-July 2.

Over 125 persons representing several states attended the July 2nd Laxey Picnic. It was a beautiful Wisconsin summer Sunday. The NAMA Chaplain Rev. Herbert Kelly, a native of the community, conducted the open air services at the Laxey Cemetery grounds. his sermon—"The Dwelling Place of Wonder". Special music was provided by descendants of original attendees of the Laxey Church.

After a bountiful picnic dinner which included pasties, a short program was presented. Our new President, Mike Cannell, gave greetings from our organization. He commented how attending

functions such as this one gives even stronger feelings of appreciation for our Manxness. Former President Mary Kelly presented Rev. Kelly with a honorary Wisconsin Manx Society pin in recognition for his splendid contributions to the Laxey Picnic. Roselyn Callin led an introduction of family descendants of original settlers in the Laxey community, as well as other families, many of whom were WMS members. NAMA Treasurer Clarence and wife Mona Creer were also in attendance.

Laxey Church History

There was a flourishing Manx community living in Iowa County, Wisconsin, many of whom were engaged in lead mining, and to some extent, agriculture in the early 1850's. Many came after spending a short time in the Cleveland area, the "Manx capitol of America". By 1855, there must have been an appreciable community of Manx people in the area between Mineral Point and Dodgeville, because in that year they decided to build a church for their use. Trustees had such names as Hudgen, Callow, Kelly and Cowley—all Manxmen from the Laxey, IOM area. They called their new church Laxey, and adhered to the doctrine of the Primitive Methodists. In the 1890's this was changed to the Congregational Church. Services ended in the early 1900's.

The sandstone church deteriorated and was torn down in the 1940's. Then during the 1960's, community leaders and the local 4H Club cleaned up the grounds, added beautiful landscaping and erected a monument built of stone from the church. A special marker was placed on the grounds by the Wisconsin State Historical Society giving recognition to these hardy Manx pioneers.

Isle of Man Homecoming

Three of our members—Norman and Doris Aliff, and Joan Ogden of Janesville, attended the 1989 Isle of Man Homecoming. They reported a wonderful experience there!

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LEAD FREE

Pump conversion work has been taking place in readiness for the introduction of lead free petrol in the Isle of Man. Manx Petroleums act as distributors on behalf of both Shell and Esso.

Isle of Man Courier

DUES REMINDER

If you haven't sent in your dues yet, please take a moment and do it NOW. This is the first Bulletin in the 89/90 year, and we need to know that you wish to continue your membership in the NAMA. We hope to hear from you soon.

C.E. Creer, Treasurer
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Life Membership Fees in NAMA:
Members over 50 years of age \$50.00.
Members under 50 years of age \$75.00.

MINNESOTA

The Manx Society of Minnesota held its summer outing July 21 and 22, 1989, in the northern part of the state. The activities began Friday evening with a dinner at the Atrium Restaurant in Hibbing. The group gathered under the Manx flag for food and conversation.

Saturday morning the business meeting was held in the theater at Ironworld U.S.A. near Chisholm. President Norm Gill called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The minutes of the last meeting were read. An audio tape of Mr. Moon's talk at the meeting is available for use by members. Treasurer Sally Dahlquist presented the 1988 financial report in accordance with I.R.S. requirements for non-profit status. The main expenditures are the increased costs for additional meetings and mailing costs. Membership cards are in the process of being designed. Members were reminded to join NAMA and encouraged to attend the 1990 convention.

Bill Shimmin of Virginia, Minnesota, gave a report on his IOM family history. While some of his ancestors remained on the Isle of Man, others emigrated and settled in England, Australia, South Africa, Canada, and the United States.

Several videotapes about the IOM are available for member use from T.R. Anderson or Norm Gill. A nylon Manx flag can be ordered through Bill Shimmin for \$35.00.

There was a drawing for door prizes donated by Margaret Daugherty. The meeting closed with the showing of "Top of the World", a made for television travelogue about the Isle of Man.

Submitted by
Joan Gill, Acting Secretary

TRAVELOGUE NO. 2 — NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY TOURS

In Northern California it would be possible to visit twenty wine cellars in a day, but in doing so you would miss the details. That is the winery architecture, what kind of a dog would stand sentry at the door, choice of winery equipment in relation to producing better tasting wine, how wine should be made and different ideas on methods of growing grapes all according to winemakers in California from every corner of the globe.

Where is the Wine Country?

Areas to visit include Sonoma Valley which has districts characteristic of old California including many wineries. In and around Sonoma we find Adler Feis, Buena Vista Winery, Carment Vineyard, Chateau St. Jean, Gloria Ferrer Champagne Caves, Glen Ellen Winery, Grand Cru Vineyards, Gundlach-Bundschu, Hacienda Wine Cellars, Kenwood Vineyards, Matanzas Creek Winery, St. Francis Winery and others that are restricted or have no visitor facilities.

The Russian River Valley wine country's wineries are at Guerneville, Healdsburg, Geyserville, Asti (Italian Swiss Colony), Cloverdale and others. To really enjoy yourself in the country, it might be a good idea to plan a picnic—just pick up some French bread and some cheese at a deli along the way to go with the wines.

Mendocino and Lake Counties for those with a pioneering spirit—here wineries are scattered across an expanse of hills and valleys all along the north coast. Ukiah is the hub of this area and the logical headquarters for visitors.

Napa Valley is considered "THE Wine Country" and understandably so with some of the oldest names such as Beringer/Los Hermanos, The Christian Brothers, Franciscan Vineyards, Charles Krug, etc. The unsurpassed beauty of this long, narrow valley exudes a sense of tall and usually rugged hills. From San Francisco a two-hour trip takes you to the north end of the valley encompassed by seas of grape vines or in an hour you can reach the south end of the valley. The Napa and Sonoma Valleys offer examples of both old and new winery caves. Be sure to call ahead to determine whether accessible to visitors. If so, don't forget a sweater!

Alameda, while mostly an urban county, is still famous for gravelly soil and white wine. The Livermore Valley is one distinct wine area. Pleasanton

has one winery and a cheese factory. On the way north to the Pleasanton-Livermore area, Warm Springs has a winery; Mission San Jose is an interesting early mission site which had the earliest vineyards in this district in the 1830's. The stretch from Mission San Jose-Niles to Sunol (Niles Canyon Road) is a scenic diversion from the freeway.

Solano County may be rather warm in August and with other wine areas offering more, perhaps spring would be a better time for visiting this area.

The Santa Cruz Mountains have specialized, hand-crafted winemaking. Most wineries are too small to have daily tastings and tours. The mountains are enchanting—thick forests and grassy meadows—a vacationland for people who prefer rustic.

Santa Clara County and South of San Francisco Bay, while steady population growth has led to the demise of thousands of acres of vines in the area, still offers a diversity of wine due to the climatic changes—north and cooled air from the bay while the south end is not blessed with the same natural cooling. The wineries of Santa Clara Valley are close to the Convention site so in the event you cannot get to the "Wine Country" you may be able to visit some of the local ones.

For a complete list of wineries and their visiting hours, including descriptions of tasting room and picnic facilities, write the Wine Institute, 165 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94108 for a copy of *Wine Wonderland*. Enclose a \$.45 stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope.

Where to get information about California:

California Guide: A great bargain and sure beats reading my travelogues! The California Office of Tourism has published a 191-page travel book "Discover the Californias". Copies are free by phoning (800) 862-2543. Takes 4 weeks to arrive. It contains a Calendar of Events for the year and discount coupons so you may wish to delay ordering until after the first of the year.

Redwood Guide: An updated 56-page booklet, "Visitors Guide to the Redwood Empire" is available. The booklet contains maps, suggested tours, events and attractions from San Francisco north to Grants Pass, Oregon. For a copy send \$2.00 to Redwood Empire Association, One Market Plaza, 1001 Spear Tower, San Francisco, CA 94105.

San Francisco: Write to the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau,

P.O. Box 6977, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Accommodations: For a listing of accommodations throughout the state write: California Office of Tourist and Visitor Services, 1121 L Street, Suite 103, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Camping: For a guide to California's state parks, send \$2.00 to the Publications Office, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, CA 95811. For information on national park campgrounds, write to the National Park Service, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123.

Hunting and fishing: Every May the Department of Fish and Game, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, publishes a pamphlet outlining current hunting and fresh-water and salt-water fishing regulations for the coming year.

Public Transportation: Greyhound Bus Lines provides efficient and convenient coach services throughout Northern California.

California Parlor Car Tours covers most scenic highlights on jaunts from San Francisco. For more information contact Parlor Car Tours, 1101 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94109.

Amtrak runs daily trains from San Diego and Los Angeles through Northern California. For schedule and price information, write Amtrak Public Affairs, One California Street, Suite 1250, San Francisco, CA 94111-5466.

All for now, more next Bulletin!

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SENIORS

A £1,000,000 luxury nursing home in the Saddle Mews retirement village complex was officially opened by Minister for Health and Social Security, Tony Brown, MHK.

Registered for 30 occupants, the Cresta Care home caters for the elderly and is the first purpose-built nursing home in the Isle of Man. Prices start at £275 per week for a ward bed, and long stay care in a luxury single room will cost £375.

The home overlooks the landscaped grounds of the Saddle Mews retirement village. Fish pools and streams make the area very picturesque, and residents are encouraged to have cats and dogs. The only requirements for residency in Saddle Mews is an age greater than 50 and a consideration for the well-being of other residents.

SHIP PASSENGER LISTS

The following is excerpted from an article by P. William Filby, F.N.G.S., in the January-February 1989 issue of the National Genealogical Society Newsletter:

From 1892 until 1954 most immigrants to America were processed at Ellis Island. No fewer than sixteen million immigrants passed through the Island, and the records are preserved in the National Archives. Unless the person needing information knows the name of the ship and the date of arrival, it is almost impossible to trace the immigrant.

The buildings on Ellis Island are being refurbished and in time will look as they were during the time of arrival of immigrants. Genealogists and family researchers want access to the actual arrival records, so The Ellis Island Restoration Committee has been formed to make these records available. It is intended to computerize the passenger lists so that any name will be immediately available.

Information differs from list to list, but the full name, age, port of embarkation, and port of arrival are given. Since the family was treated together, the names of children traveling with parents will be available. Some lists give place of birth and last residence. Completion date for the project has been set for 1992, then anyone visiting Ellis Island will be able to find their family by using the computer. It is possible the computer tapes will be made available to other locations.

NEGLECTED HERITAGE

The Isle of Man has produced two men of more than a passing local interest in the literary world: the poet T. E. Brown and the novelist Hall Caine. Both men belong to the Victorian era, and their lives and works were coloured by Victorian morals and attitudes.

T. E. Brown died in 1897, Hall Caine in 1931, but while the Manx have taken great pride in keeping the memory of T. E. Brown well polished and his poetry alive, Hall Caine has been almost wilfully neglected.

The two men respected and admired each other. Hall Caine kept many of T. E. Brown's letters, which are now in the Archives of the Manx Museum.

Hall Caine wrote a novelette with a Manx setting called, "She is All the World to Me," which he published in America, where it was well received,

but Caine was not happy with it. He reconstructed the plot outline Brown had criticized, but he was eager to prove that the Island had much of interest to offer, and he went into action with all guns ablaze.

In "The Deemster" the reader is bombarded with Manx folklore, Manx proverbs, Manx dialect, Manx superstition, Manx second-sight, and much Manx quaintness. T. E. Brown reacted against it, it was overdone, and the same criticism was levelled by other prominent reviewers, but Hall Caine's Manx novel won the day.

He was born in Cheshire on 14th May 1853, the eldest son of John Caine, a Manx blacksmith. His father, like so many other young Manxmen, emigrated to Liverpool in order to earn a better living. His mother, Sarah Hall, was a Cumbrian Quaker woman of Danish descent.

Hall Caine left school at fourteen and got himself apprenticed to a Liverpool architect, but gave up the job after a couple of years and came to the Isle of Man to assist his uncle, James Teare, at the Central School in Maughold. His uncle was in poor health and died from T.B. when only 44 years old. He stayed on as schoolmaster for a while, returned to Liverpool and to his old job, but was restless and did not stay. He ended up as a works' supervisor for a builder.

It was from such an unlikely background that Hall Caine rose, through his own talent and brilliance of mind, to become a world celebrity and to earn a fortune through his writing. He received a knighthood in 1918 in recognition of his journalistic propaganda writing during the Great War. In 1922 he was made a Companion of Honour. The Manx added their official acknowledgement of what he had done for the Island by giving him the Freedom of Douglas in 1929. He was then 76, died two years later on 31st August, and was buried at Maughold with all the pomp and circumstance of a state funeral.

Many of Hall Caine's novels were regarded as controversial, even outside the Isle of Man. They were in turn labelled immoral, blasphemous, and even seditious. The publicity surrounding the novels did not enhance Hall Caine's popularity with the Manx. He was an embarrassment.

Hall Caine's books have long been out of print. It is still possible to find copies in second-hand book shops, and both the Manx Museum and the Douglas Corporation Library have most of them.

The plot machinery may creak and

groan, as it so often does in Victorian novels, but within its framework he created characters of great psychological subtlety and he painted word pictures that remain in the reader's mind. His non-fictional writings, such as his autobiography or "The Little Manx Nation" have a freshness that is striking. Hall Caine is a writer who deserves to have his position in English literature reassessed.

Excerpted from an article by Mrs. Ulla Corkill in Manx Life. (Mrs. Corkill is doing research about Hall Caine's life and work with a view to writing a biography, and would be pleased to hear from anybody with personal or family recollections of the writer and/or his family. Letters should be addressed to her c/o Manx Life, Douglas, Isle of Man.)

KOALA NURSE

A well-known Manx woman, now living in Australia, is enjoying one of the most unique jobs in the world—a koala nurse!

Doreen Cameron (nee Crossley), formerly of Douglas, is a koala nurse at Cohnu Wildlife Park near Perth, one of only three places in the world that looks after koalas.

Doreen's unusual job, in addition to running her own driving school, is to care for the koalas and help them learn to be handled by visitors.

She spends many hours with the cuddly animals, and has just achieved the real thrill of having one of the "old" koalas trust her with its baby, and now the baby is almost ready for visitors.

Doreen is married to Alan, who was a well-known cyclist on the Island, they live in Thornlie, a suburb of Perth. Alan, still cycling as a hobby in Australia, is currently working on the design and planning of an exciting new gold mine development at Bodington, about 100 miles south of Perth.

LOST MEMBERS

We've had Bulletins returned for the following due to lack of a forwarding address. Can you provide their current address? If so, write to the Treasurer, C.E. Creer.

Mrs. Janelle C. Lauterbach
Omaha, Nebraska

Miss Christy Fennema
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Mrs. M. Barbee
Northridge, California

Mr. Frederick Graves
Tulsa, Oklahoma

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I have been around here as pastor for quite some time now, and with my several "journeys" to attend Manx conventions, "Laxey" picnics in Wisconsin, plus two trips to the Isle of Man, the term "Manx" has become known to at least a few of our local people, and some interest has been generated. I have had a few requests from persons in service clubs and church groups to give a little talk on the Manx heritage—which, in turn, spurs my delving a bit into the subject.

Various approaches are open. For instance, if one is interested in really ancient roots, he can mention the Romans, in exploring what is now the British Isles, discovered in the Isle of Mona, their name for Man. The invasion by the Norsemen, in a later century, fills another chapter of lore, with perhaps their greatest contribution being the introduction of parliamentary government, celebrated annually on Tynwald Day on the Isle.

And we are indebted to author G.V.C. Young for bringing to our attention that Myles Standish, of Pilgrim connections, was a Manxman.

Even closer to our mid-western culture is the account of the building of America's transcontinental railroad, as told by Nebraska's Clark Fuller in his book, "Pioneer Paths", telling of the very significant contributions of two Manx brothers, Jack and Dan Casement, construction engineers. Evidently, they came from the Isle of Man about 1827, first settling in Michigan, where there was considerable mining. Some railroad work they did was noted by General Dodge, in charge of the Union Pacific project, and he hired them for this large and more difficult job. And, as they say, the rest is history.

Or, again, one might explore the coming of Christianity to the Isle, which, in turn, would take a special kind of "digging". While we generally associate St. Patrick with Ireland, there seems to be evidence that he probably visited Man, and in fact there is an island named for him at Peel. Also, we know from diaries and church records that (much later, of course) the Anglican Church was well established, to which many buildings of long standing bear witness. The records likewise show that John Wesley held numerous meetings and worship services on Man, and, again, the Methodist chapels testify to his presence. The Christian faith has long been very much a part of Manx life.

As you can see, there is enough to fill several talks about Manx history,

OBITUARIES

HARRIET LOONEY, 84, Bethesda, Md., a retired elementary school teacher in Montgomery County, Md., June 16th of a heart attack. She received a bachelor's degree from Barnard College and a master's degree in English literature from the University of Michigan. She was a member of Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring, the Society of Wireless Pioneers, gardening organizations, NAMA, and the Washington Manx Society. Until earlier this year she was a docent at the National Gallery of Art since 1969. She was the wife of Howard C. Looney, who died in 1986. Survivors are a son John of Rochester, NY; a daughter Laura Sheridan of McLean, Va., two brothers, William Gore of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Richard Gore of Wooster, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

MRS. ARLINE ANTHONY, 345 Cedardale Drive, #111, Owatonna, MN 55060, passed away June 18 at a nursing home in Owatonna, after losing a battle with cancer. She was a member of Grace Baptist

Church in Owatonna, and funeral services were held there June 21, with burial in Grandview Memorial Gardens, Owatonna. She was 73.

Mrs. Anthony was a daughter of the late Myron and Bessie Quilliam Lattin, and a granddaughter of William Henry and Margaret Gill Quilliam, both of whom were born on the IOM. She was proud of her Manx heritage, and had visited the IOM twice. She was a past member of NAMA, and had attended several conventions, including the one on the IOM in 1976. Her illness prevented her from being an active member in recent years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, one brother, and one great-grandson. She is survived by her husband, Lyle, of the home address, one son, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, as well as a brother, Mr. Nelson Lattin, of Faribault, Minnesota, and a sister, Mrs. Marge Weber, of San Diego, California. Marge and her husband, Don, attended the funeral.

and we have barely skimmed the surface. We have omitted references to ship-building, as at Ramsey, the American interest in the "Star of India", or of the famed (?) "Bounty" and its crew.

Do you have friends who ask about the "Manx"? Perhaps they would find these and other data interesting . . . and you could find yourself digging, too! People these days generally seem to be taking a greater interest in their roots.

Herbert G. Kelly

RUNNING THE ISLAND COSTS £600,000 A DAY

"That's £230 million to run the Isle of Man for a year," according to Treasury Minister David Cannan. He pointed out that the estimates include provision for big staff increases in health, education, and social services.

Mr. Cannan also commented that economic growth means that every school-leaver, whether white-collar or blue-collar, could have a job.

"Manx graduates now have the chance to come back to the Island, and no longer have to search overseas for jobs, because there's a whole range of opportunities here for them," he said. "In the past, there was no prospect of them returning."

SHOPPING CENTERS?

A call for the planning authorities to have a major re-think about approval for out-of-town shopping centres has been made by Isle of Man Industrial Development Company Ltd, the company which owns the Spring Valley industrial estate.

"It is not realised that towns in the Isle of Man are so entirely different to cities in the rest of Britain. It is well nigh impossible to achieve a flow of traffic because all the towns are faced on one side by the sea.

"With an estimated 3,000 new jobs being created in the Island in the near future, with most of those in Douglas, one can imagine the future traffic problems.

"Anything to help must be of benefit to everyone. We can resuscitate shopping in Douglas and it will return to leisure shopping again. The enjoyment is being lost because of the problems finding a parking space, and the situation can only get worse, not better."

The company has already fought and lost a battle with the planning committee of the Department of Local Government and the Environment over permission for retail outlets at the Spring Valley estate amidst a heavy barrage of opposition from two centre shop owners.

Manx Independent