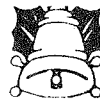


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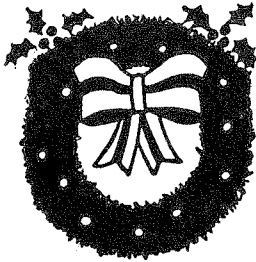


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THE MYSTERIES OF CHRISTMAS EVERGREENS

This Christmas most of us will follow our usual custom of adorning our homes with holly, ivy, and mistletoe in honour of Christ's birth. But did you know that our Island forbears did this centuries before Christ was born? And do you know why?

Especially venerated were evergreens, visible proof of everlasting life, and those with berries particularly so. As the days grew shorter the Celts brought evergreens indoors to celebrate the Feast of the Winter Solstice, when the Sungod halted his progress away from the Northern Hemisphere, and changing direction, began his return journey bringing light, warmth and life to the waiting earth.

In 354 AD St. Cyril of Jerusalem complained to Pope Julius that making converts to Christianity was difficult because the Christians had no feast days, while other religions had many. Pope Julius thereupon proclaimed that henceforth December 25th would be set aside for the Celebration of Christ's birth. Being also a man of great understanding, he cautioned his missionaries against destroying the pagan customs. It was easier, he urged, to change the name of the god, and absorb the customs into Christianity by giving them a new direction.

The *mistletoe* was a case in point. It was the magical plant of the Druids. It was known as All-heal, since an infusion of its berries would cure most ills, but was especially effective with epilepsy and nervous disorders. But its

power of bestowing fertility upon barren females, human or animals, was strongly rejected by the Church, and mistletoe is the one plant not welcome in church decorations. Yet the fertility legend persisted, being without doubt the basis of the Victorian "kissing bush." Each man who stole a kiss, also stole a berry, and when the berries were all gone the kissing had to stop, for the magic was gone too. The mistletoe, ran the legend, was once a strong tree, but when its wood was taken to provide Christ's Cross it shrivelled with shame to the slender plant it now is, dependant upon the oak and apple for support.

The *juniper* too was credited with magical powers. Juniper's "tea" could restore vigour to the aged, and a handful of its needles thrown on the fire could dispel evil spirits.

The *rosemary* was a favorite plant to take indoors because of its fresh perfume. This it obtained from the swaddling clothes hung to dry on its bush, and the blue of its flowers was gained from Mary's robe.

The *ivy* was beloved by all—a plant of peace, able to reconcile enemies. Its leaves had many curative properties, and a lotion made from the leaves would heal most skin ailments, the Druids maintained.

Pope Julius' advice to his little band of missionaries was completely justified. By this gentle absorption of the Celtic Culture into Christianity, a peaceful bridge from one religion to another was achieved. The happy thought of merging Celtic deities with Christian saints helped enormously. Interestingly, Brigit or Brigendia, merged into St. Bridget, who received her veil from St. Maughold, and built the Nunnery outside Douglas—later the home of Peter Heywood of "Bounty" fame, and now the residence of a well known racehorse owner.

Christmas greenery should be taken down on the Twelfth Night, and should never be thrown out with the rubbish.

The Celts laid them in a green place to die in peace—all but a small sprig of holly, mistletoe and ivy, kept until the following year to protect the dwelling from being struck by lightning or consumed by fire.

*Excerpted from
Ivy Robinson in Manx Life*

LAA MIE

As we come to the end of another year, we reflect on some good times and some sad times. This summer's Homecoming in the Isle of Man was one of the best we've seen with its emphasis for the Homecomers on heritage rather than tourism. It had its moments of excitement too, such as when the cargo ferry smashed into the pier in Douglas and when the very large shark circled one of the Homecomer's boats on the way to the Calf of Man.

The sad part for this year was the loss of several much valued members including "T.R." Anderson. T.R., our former president was involved in so many things dealing with NAMA and the IOM that the list just goes on and on. In recent years, we all knew him as the man behind the publicizing of the fact that Miles Standish was a Manxman, and the spearheading of the campaign to preserve the Miles Standish family homestead in the IOM. He gave unstintingly of his time and resources to many Manx causes and will be greatly missed both here and on the Island. I know you all join with Tina and me in sending our heartfelt condolences to his family.

On a lighter note, we are all looking forward to the convention in California next summer and the making of new friends and renewing of old acquaintances.

The Manx Family History Society Bulletin from last February had an old Manx poem that sums up Tina and my wishes for all of you for the coming year.

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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

After the busy summer season, we have settled down to regular monthly meetings. In July Mrs. Narasimham, a local member and Genealogist gave a very interesting talk on "Clay Head", and Mr. Brian Mylchreest was the speaker in August when he gave a fascinating talk on his grandfather Joseph Mylchreest, the famous "Diamond King". Mrs. Rodgers spoke on "Memories of Rushen" in October when she described her collection of local memories contributed to her which she has put into a series of four booklets. These talks were enjoyed greatly by all members present and also by quite a number of visitors.

The Annual General Meeting in September saw a few changes in the Committee, notably the election of a new Chairman Professor Kelly. We were very pleased to confer life membership on three former members—Mrs. Mona Christian, the first Chairman and former Secretary; Rev. Rex Kissack, retiring Chairman, and Mrs. Iris Lyle, former Chairman, Secretary and retiring Publications Coordinator. We owe a great deal to these three people.

We continue our programs of education and information with a "Workshop" in November and in December we will hold our pre-Christmas get together—this year we are holding a buffet. It only remains for me to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*Sylvia Mylchreest, Secretary
Isle of Man Family History Society
3 Wesley Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man
British Isles*

*Try this as a good starter for your
Holiday parties:*

SPICED CRANBERRY CIDER

2 qts. apple cider
1½ qts. cranberry cocktail
¼ C. brown sugar, packed
4-3" cinnamon sticks
1½ tsp. whole cloves
1 lemon, thinly sliced

Combine all ingredients in large kettle. Heat to boiling; reduce heat and simmer 15 to 20 minutes. With slotted spoon, remove cinnamon, cloves and lemon slices. If desired, float fresh lemon slices in each cup. Serves 25 (1 serving is about ½ cup).

To improve flavor, simmer for an hour or more.

WORLD MANX

The last two outings of the World Manx Association took place on August 17th when we went to have tea at Niarbyl Cafe, Dalby, and on September 23rd when members enjoyed Afternoon Tea at Silverdale, Ballasalla. On both occasions the weather was good and the company enjoyed an excellent meal.

Our next important function is our T.E. Brown Luncheon on Saturday, October 28th, and will be held at the Rutland Hotel once more. Major G.T. Crellin will be our guest speaker. Numbers are limited to 130.

On December 16th we shall have our third Christmas Luncheon at the Rutland Hotel and we expect the demand for tickets to be as great as on the two previous occasions.

During the summer we were sad to learn of the death of one of our Honorary Vice-presidents, Miss Mabel Clague, and we expressed our sympathy to her sister Doris who was for many years President of our Association. We were saddened also when we learned of the death in Arlington, Va. of Mr. Ed Sayle and our sympathy goes out to his wife Mae at this time of great loss and sorrow.

We were also very shocked to learn of the serious earthquake in California in mid-October and we hope our many friends in that area have come through the ordeal safely. Our sympathy goes out to those who have suffered the loss of loved ones and friends in this disaster.

We had hoped to send out our second newsletter with our Christmas cards but that will not be possible this time.

In connection with our inclusion in the Official Isle of Man Year Book we ask representatives of our Societies to inform us of any changes in names and addresses of their representatives so that the information in the Year Book is as accurate as possible. Details for the 1990 Book have already been sent in.

We take this opportunity to send to you all the best wishes of the Officers, Committee and members of the World Manx Association for a very happy Christmas and good health in the coming year.

*Winifred Musgrove
Hon. Correspondence Secretary
World Manx Association
11 Terrence Ave., Douglas, Isle of Man*



L'I'L PEOPLE

Holly Jeanne Hansing arrived in Twin Falls, Idaho on October 12, 1989. She is the daughter of Robert and Candy Haldeman Hansing, and the sister of Danielle. Grandparents Ray and Mona Haldeman were on hand for her birth. They were on their way home from the Banff-Jasper-Lake Louise area, and had also stopped in Boise, Idaho to see their daughter Gail and her children.



AN OLD MANX CAROL

Now spreads you out the table, and
put thereon the cloth,
and bring us some of your Christmas
cheer and some of your Christmas
"Jough."

For it's in the Christmas time we do
travel far and near

And we wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year, a New Year,
And we wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Christmas is coming, the geese are
getting fat,
Please put a penny in the old man's
hat,
If you haven't got a penny,
a hapenny will do,
If you haven't got a ha-penny, God
bless you.

NAMA MEMORIAL FUND

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

Edward F. Sayle	T.R. Anderson
Arlington, VA	Nisswa, MN

GREETINGS

The beautiful colouring of brilliant
reds, yellows, and bronze on the trees
are rapidly giving way to bare branches,
and then will come a mantle of
snow.

Soon the Festive Season will be here,
and our thoughts will turn to old
friends, new friends, near and far, to
recall other years and Happy
Memories.

I wish all my friends in NAMA a
very Happy Holiday Season, and a
New Year filled with Contentment and
Good Health.

*Hilda (Bridson) Penrice
Past Bulletin Editor*

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Carol Christian of Willowdale,
Ontario, had the shock of her life at
Homecoming when she saw herself at
age 3 sitting on her mother's lap in a
Family History Society picture collec-
tion labelled, "Can anyone identify
any of these?" She found pictures of
other relatives, a snapshot of her par-
ents' wedding in June, 1923, in Mont-
real, a group picture of people at Niagra
Falls in 1919, in which Carol recog-
nized many including her mother's
mother, and a picture of the brother of
Edna Kee of London, Ontario, killed in
World War II—Carol can go on and on
about all of those people she knew so
well.

The photographs were found about
two years ago thrown out in a skip
and were given to a member of the
Family History Society. A reminder to
us all to date and name our photo-
graphs.

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Around 80 members of the Old Com-
rades Association of the Manx Regi-
ment met in the Island during the first
week of September to celebrate the
50th anniversary of their mobilization
during September 1939 before the out-
break of the Second World War.

On Saturday afternoon they trav-
elled to Castletown, where the troop of
the 41st Battery had been based, and
at a reception by the Castletown Com-
missioners they recalled lively train-
ing sessions in the drill hall of King
William College.

Two men returned from abroad: Jack
Newson, who now lives in Belgium
with his Belgian wife, joined the Manx
Regiment when he was only 17 years
old, and feels he was the youngest
member present! And Phil Quane from
California. Phil and his wife Mae were
both born in Peel.

Phil and Mae met in their school
days, but Mae had gone to the USA
first at the age of four. They married
and settled in Wisconsin in 1948, mov-
ing to the Yucca Valley in 1960. They
return to the Island about every two
years to keep in touch with family and
friends, and specially arranged for the
Manx Regiment Reunion.

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Christmas Greetings and Best Wish-
es for 1990 to NAMA members in the
USA and Canada from the Isle of Man
members of NAMA.

*Noreen Cottier
Regional Representative in the IOM
3 Cowley Terrace, Peel, Isle of Man
British Isles*

MYLES STANDISH ROMANCE

Myles Standish, born at Ellanbane
in 1584, has been responsible for a
contemporary romance. When George
Vaughan Chichester Young, OBE, bet-
ter known in Peel as Barney, went to
Leiden in the Netherlands five years
ago to do research for a book on Myles
Standish he met the Assistant Cura-
tor of the Centre responsible for the
documentation of the Pilgrims from
1609 to 1620. Miss Johanna Wilhel-
mina Tammel, more often called Han-
neke, became enthusiastic about the
subject and visited the Island.

On Tuesday, October 10th, the
seventy-ninth anniversary of the mar-
riage of Barney's parents, the couple
were married at Peel Town Hall by
Town Clerk Ian Cannell.

The groom is well known as a writ-
ter of books on Manx history and
helped to compile the first ever
Faroese/English dictionary. He runs
the publishing company Mansk-
Svenska. The bride, who fell in love
with the Isle of Man on her first visit,
is an expert in puppetry and doll mak-
ing. She has made a Myles Standish
doll, and is now going to make Manx
dolls in the hope of promoting the
Island.

After the toast to the bride and
groom, there was an extra toast to
Myles Standish, matchmaker.

Excerpted from the Peel City Guardian

*Those of you who attended the 1984
Minneapolis Convention may remember
Barney as the special guest of Conven-
tion Chairman T.R. Anderson, and
some of the presentations he made on
Myles Standish, Manxman. Ed.*



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UNPAID DUES LAST NOTICE

This is the final Bulletin for members
who have not paid 1989/90 dues as
yet. We encourage these members to
continue their membership by sending
\$10 dues to C.E. Creer, Treasurer,
14228 Union Ave., Orland Park, IL
60462.

1989 ISLE OF MAN HOMECOMERS HOLIDAY

Even after two trips to the Isle of Man, I am looking forward to more visits there. Dorrie and Norm Aliff and a friend, Mary Hunt, and I were on the Isle from June 29th to July 6th of this year.

We arrived on a Steam Packet ferry from Heysham, England, after a four-hour ride. The week's weather was cooperative, with only one rainy day. I had thought it would be a slow, restful week on the Isle before we tackled our second week in Edinburgh and Yorkshire, but we were on the go constantly.

The Every Man Holidays program for the Homecomers was excellent. They took good care of us and organized many interesting activities—but allowed free time too so we could follow our own plans.

We rode the Horse Tram, Steam and Electric Railways, and comfortable coaches (buses). We enjoyed Castle Rushen in Castletown, the folk museum at Cregneash, rode to the top of Snaefell, climbed to the top of Lady Isabella water wheel, saw Odin's Raven in Peel, and took a walking tour of old mountain farms and historical ruins with a well-versed historian. Two banquets, a Gershwin revue at the Gaiety Theatre, and front row seats in the Royal Hall of the Villa Marina for a concert by the Royal Marine and Manx Youth bands added enjoyment to our evenings. There even were fireworks in honor of the Fourth of July.

The highlight, of course, was Tynwald with its moving church service, the pomp and ceremony and all our voices singing "God Save The Queen," familiar hymns, and the Manx National Anthem, and the realization that all this has been happening for over a thousand years—every Midsummer's Day since the Ninth Century. It was wonderful, as was the afternoon garden party at the lovely grounds of Government House.

Best of all were the kind and warm people of the Isle, and the new friends we made among the Homecomers who had come from all over the world. It gave me memories to treasure for the rest of my life. And I must go back.

Joan Ogden

The Wisconsin Society Newsletter



LAXEY PICNIC—JULY 2

Over 100 persons attended the July 2nd LaxeY Picnic. It was one of those beautiful Wisconsin summer Sundays. NAMA Chaplain Herbert Kelly, a native of the community and presently from Fremont, Nebraska, 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 LaxeY Church. Willard Reese assisted Rev. Kelly.

After a sumptuous pot luck dinner featuring pasties, a short program was presented. Our new President Mike Cannell gave greetings from our organization. He commented how attending functions like the LaxeY Picnic gives even stronger feelings of appreciation for our Manxness. Former President Mary Kelly presented Rev. Kelly with an honorary Wisconsin Manx Society pin in recognition for his splendid contributions to the picnic. Roselyn Callin led an introduction of family descendants of original settlers in the LaxeY Community as well as other families present, many of whom are WMS members. NAMA Treasurer Clarence and his wife Mona Creer were also in attendance. Ruth Jungbluth, LaxeY Committee member and area historian, related several stories about pioneer families who lived in the community in the 19th Century. We want to thank the LaxeY Committee for their outstanding organization for this wonderful day.

While your editor was spending a week in Salt Lake City this summer delving into genealogy at the Mormon Family History Library, she came across the book, *Manx Settlement in the United States of America* by R.H. Kinvig. On pages 15 and 16, a section on Wisconsin LaxeY Church, is a brief history of the church. The book published in the 1950's, also shows a map of US and Canada with distributions of membership in NAMA at that time. Ohio, of course, led in numbers, followed by Illinois, Ontario, New York, and Michigan. Wisconsin had 17 members in 1953. It was very interesting reading.

The Wisconsin Society Newsletter

CANNONS OF UTAH—1989

In 1842 George and Ann (Quayle) Cannon left their native Peel with their six children to start a new life in the United States. Ann died on the way and was buried at sea, but George continued to Utah.

Two years ago Russell, a descendant, came to the Island when plaques were put up at the birthplaces of his ancestors. George was born in Michael Street, and Ann in Douglas Street. Russell presented a bench seat for use of the people of Peel outside the Isle of Man Bank on the corner of Atholl Street.

This fall Russell returned to the Island accompanied by cousin Joseph and his wife Jan. Russell is an attorney, and Joseph is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Geneva Steel. Joseph is making plans to bring a party of at least 100 American Mormons to the Island next fall to mark the 150th anniversary of the church's earliest local mission.

The Americans will include Quayles, Craines, and Crowleys. There will hopefully be a series of workshops and events with the aim of teaching as much as possible about the Island's history, art, music, and genealogy.

Most of the Cannon family now live in the traditionally Mormon state of Utah, where the George Cannon Association has been established to maintain family links through genealogy. Its purpose is to carry out research into the family's Island forbears, and to identify and preserve historical sites relevant to the family's history.

The family holds a well-attended reunion on December 3rd each year to mark the birthday of "the immigrant." "Our family name and heritage are very important to us," explained Joseph. "We have the Manx emblem hanging in our home, and our children know they are Manx, and know about the Island."

Joseph Cannon first visited the Island exactly 20 years ago to carry out the period of missionary work all young Mormon men perform. Since those two years in Ireland and the Isle of Man he has gained distinction in many fields. Specializing in environmental law he was associate administrator for the US Environmental agency, a member of the president's task force on legal equality for women, served as a Debate group staff member on the Reagan-Bush Committee, and on the George Bush for President committee.

The Geneva Steel enterprise, in which his brother Chris is also involved, brought him state businessman and entrepreneur of the year awards. The business, producing 1.4 million tons of steel a year, ranks as the 460th public trading company in

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MARITIME

The Maritime Manx Society extends Seasons Greetings to all Manx and their families.

Was the Isle of Man always an island? The tradition survives to this day that the Isle of Man—the Mona, we believe, or Ellan Vannin Veg Veen (the Dear Little Isle of Man) of the patriotic islander—only came into existence when “Finn MacCoole,” a great giant and magician, in pursuit of a vanquished enemy, picked up a portion of Ireland and threw it after his Scottish foe. He missed, and the portion of Ireland kept going, finally landing in the Irish Sea. Today it sits equally spaced between Scotland, Ireland, and England. Sceptics there were, even in the old days, who hesitated to believe in the existence of such a mighty power. They stood abashed when confronted with the proof, because if one takes an outline map of Ireland showing Ireland’s lost territory, namely “Lough Neagh,” its outline is exactly the shape of the Isle of Man and its corresponding area of land set in the adjoining sea.

Strangely another magician, of Irish ancestry also, developed a tenderness for the newly formed island, his name being Mannanan (Beg Mac-y-Leirr) translated to Son of the Sea, and with his wonderful powers of magic, rather than strength, he could cover the sea with a dense white fog and thus hide his dear little land from view.

Strange to relate, we Manx still live under the protection of Mannanan, and no better testimony to our gratitude and admiration could be offered than is contained in one fact: Our Island continues to bear his name. One can state that mystery and uncertainty seem to creep into every statement, however I am confronted with an inherited suspicion: Was Mann always an Island? Today extensive coastal erosion is taking place, especially in the north, which has extended the length of the Island, particularly at the Point of Ayre northwards closer to the Scottish coast, and so it happens an old prophecy, declared the Manx and the Scot, would one day come so close that each would throw his “mallet” at the other. With the changing conditions of land and sea, here ends the first edition of “Believe It or Not”.

by George Curphey
32 William St., Box 716, Liverpool
Nova Scotia, Canada, BOT IKO

WASHINGTON, DC

Members of the Washington, DC Area Chapter wish you and yours a “bountiful” Christmas, having set that theme at our annual Christmas party December 2nd.

This being the bicentenary year of Fletcher Christian’s infamous uprising, we celebrated in part by inviting the “new” captain of the H.M.S. Bounty to join us in our festivities. He skips an authentic replica of the Bounty, built in 1962 for the MGM film starring Marlon Brando and Trevor Howard. The 169-foot boat toured the East Coast this summer, visiting Washington, DC and 18 other ports of call (West Coast Manxies should look for it this coming summer).

This chapter also mourned, with sadness, the death of longtime member (and NAMA Trustee) Ed Sayle. One of the guiding lights of this chapter, his death on October 5th saddened all who knew him.

Russell Woodgates, Vice President
2325 42nd Street, NW #306
Washington, DC 20007

CLEVELAND

We had a theatre party, Sunday, October 29th and some folks ate dinner together afterwards at a nearby restaurant. Our annual Christmas dinner/meeting date is December 10th at 3 p.m., in the International A’Fare restaurant in Parma. No meetings are scheduled for January or February.

Again another year is winding down and all will be anticipating the holidays and a new year to come. From the officers and members of the Cleveland Manx Society...

SLAYNT AS SHEE AS MAYNRY
ERRIU, NY NOLICK SHOH
(Health, peace and happiness to you this Christmastide.)

Marge Kennish Krach
319 Ridgeview Drive
Seven Hills, OH 44131-5617

CHICAGO

Season’s Greetings to all our Manx friends everywhere: May peace and joy be with you all, Good Health and Good Luck for 1990.

I’m sorry to say we have not had any meetings, but I hope we can all get together soon.

Florence Abbinanti, Secretary-Treasurer
Chicago Manx Society
9330 Richmond Avenue
Evergreen Park, IL 60642

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary extends to all our Manx friends everywhere greetings of the Season. May you all have good health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming year.

Florence Kelly Roseman, President



SNIPPETS OF MANX NEWS

VILLA MARINA: This week, Manx radio reported that plans are afoot to provide a complete refurbishment and modernization of the Villa Marina and its extensive grounds including a new Leisure Centre. The cost has been estimated at £6,000,000 and this is to be shared between the Manx Government and Douglas Municipal Authority. An optimistic and bold project—especially so when it is considered that the Manx Tourist Industry is in serious decline.

SEALINK/MANX SEAWAYS: To prevent a giant take-over bid, Sealink Ferries have to raise something in the order of £766,000,000. To do this they are auctioning off many of their assets, including Harbours and Ports which they own. Notably, Heysham, which of course is the main port dealing with all Manx traffic. At the same time, Sealink are intending to sell their 41% holding of shares in the IOM Seaways. It remains to be seen how this will affect the future of the Company.

WORK PERMITS: The work permit system in the Isle of Man looks to be in some jeopardy. The system for non-residents was designed primarily to give some degree of precedence and security to local residents in the matter of employment.

Apparently, the legality of the system is being challenged by local businessmen who wish to secure staff from outside the Island—those with special qualifications for immediate employment. It is contended that the system breaches ECC Regulations in regard to fair play in Industry and Employment. A tendentious issue, if ever there was one!!

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Christmas Greetings and News from the Manx Societies

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx Society met October 29, 1989, at the home of Elizabeth Robison in Omaha, NE for a 1:00 potluck dinner and meeting.

There were 15 in attendance. Elizabeth had requested that everyone bring with them a story, fairytale or folklore to tell from the Island since our meeting was close to Halloween. Gladys Watts related a "hair raising" story from her childhood on the island while walking from the Village of FoxDale to her Grandfather's home one evening!

Evelyn & Dick Young shared some of their experiences from a visit this past summer to the Isle of Man and Rev. and Mrs. Kelly told of their visit to the Laxey Picnic in Wisconsin.

Our President, Elizabeth Robison, had some interesting notes taken from the book, *Tales from the Isle of Man*.

Tom and Ida Robison of Elk Creek, NE were celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary and we all shared the occasion with a cake decorated with the Legs of Man and anniversary greetings.

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and our Spring meeting will be held at the home of Phil and Millie Corkhill in Lincoln, NE.

*Vicky Gobber, Secretary
214 Barrington Drive
Gretna, NE 68028*

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Greetings from Seismic Land!!!!

Many of you were concerned about our safety and our property after the news coverage of October 17 and subsequently. We are fine. Much of our damage was to old buildings, which were retained for ambiance, homes in the mountains near the San Andreas Fault, and the Marina area of the city, which had been built on fill. 99% of our properties took the shake A-OK! The real disaster was, of course, the collapse of the Nimitz Freeway in Oakland, and those death statistics have been drastically reduced. As Third Vice President Norm Gill said, "We have tornados here which are every bit as devastating as a quake." Our

valley and area still have a few problems we are addressing, but, by Convention Time you will have to search to see any recollections of our 7.1 quake. It is unlikely you will even get to experience a small shock to tell your family and friends about.

Polly Fargher Ernst and I had lunch this week with our Coordinator from the Doubletree Hotel. Carol took us to lunch at Stix, the nicer restaurant in the hotel. There is a second more coffee-shop type restaurant. She told us the hotel sustained "no structural damage" during our quake. We saw the meeting rooms and the dining rooms. We are going to have a great meeting location. Doubletree Hotels, which are in the west, have an excellent reputation for service. They have guaranteed "On-Time" breakfasts, fresh warm chocolate-chip cookies in your room the first night, and 5-minute breakfasts (if you are in a rush). There is a new 18-hole Championship Golf Course out the back, and the 49er Training Camp and Headquarters are just a short walk. The Great America Theme Park is across the street. There is a new light-rail to downtown San Jose for a quarter (25¢). San Jose is now a larger city than San Francisco in population, and is now 3rd largest in California. There is much!!!! much!!!! to see and do here, and we suggest you plan on time before and after the Convention at the great \$69/night rate Doubletree is giving us. Plan on flying into San Jose International Airport if you can, as Doubletree will provide you free shuttle transportation to the hotel. San Jose is served by United, American (now American Hub), USAir, and Alaskan, among others. I find it easy to get in and out of here using one of many hubs of the various lines, i.e. Denver, Salt Lake, Dallas, and Chicago. Please put August 10th-13th+ in your schedule now.

Polly has another of her informative travelogues elsewhere in this Bulletin. Please read it!

*Lawrence L. Fargher
NAMA First Vice President &
1990 Convention Chairman*

WISCONSIN

Over forty persons attended the October 15th Smorgasbord Dinner and meeting at Madison. Among those attending were new members Paul and Ellen Rabenhorst of Madison and guests Mona Voutila, Milwaukee, and Dorothy Gawne of Niles, Illinois, a member of the Chicago Manx group. Dorothy and Mona attended the Isle of Man Homecoming this summer and were invited by our Wisconsin delegation to visit our fall meeting.

Our new president Mike Cannell opened our business meeting. It was decided WMS would provide funds to purchase a new tree to replace a dead one at the Laxey Cemetery. The local Laxey Committee will handle choosing and planting the tree.

Mike arranged for a delightful, entertaining program. Corrine Rockow, folk-artist from the Blue River area, presented a wonderful collection of folk songs, many of them having Wisconsin composers and connections. She opened her program with all of us singing the Manx National Anthem. She sang several Manx songs including Ellen Vannin, a Manx love song and a Manx lullaby. She used a guitar and dulcimer as her accompaniments. Corrine is a school music teacher and during her free time takes part in heritage ensembles of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, performed all around the state.

Our next meeting will be held at the Heritage House in Madison, 12:00 noon, April 22nd, 1990.

The Wisconsin Manx Society members wish to send our very best wishes to all of you for a wonderful holiday season!

*E. Mae Reese
9102 W. Cleveland Ave.
West Allis, WI 53227*



MINNESOTA

The fall outing of the Manx Society of Minnesota was held October 28, 1989, in the Twin Cities. It began with about twenty members meeting for brunch at the Hotel Sofitel. They were joined later by other members for a business meeting at the Pointe of France. Sally Dahlquist had a collection of Manx books for sale. Books can also be ordered from the Lexicon Book Shop, 63 Strand Street, Douglas, IOM, and can be charged to your VISA card.

The meeting opened with the introduction of those attending and a brief report on their connection with the Isle of Man. One member asked if anyone knew of the location of a cotton factory or its ruins on the island. It had belonged to some of her ancestors. We were unable to help her. We were pleased to have members from out of state in attendance.

We took a moment to remember three recently deceased members: T.R. Anderson, Margaret Daugherty, and Elsie Phillips. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Then we viewed an interesting film on the history of the Isle of Man loaned to us by the Manx Museum. We also saw the promotion video of the area of next summer's NAMA convention. A number of members indicated they would be going to the convention.

President Gill asked members to spread the word of our society and to help get new members to join.

Joanie Gill
10215 38th Court, North
Plymouth, MN 55441

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Manx of Western Australia certainly know how to celebrate their national day. This year 80 people enjoyed an excellent meal at the Odin Tavern in Balcatta. Visitors were welcomed and absent friends toasted before an auction of beautifully framed Manx prints, the proceeds from these and souvenir-shop sales will help to fund the next event.

In response to requests from young members with children we have decided to hire a Transperth bus for the day, and have a Char-a-banc trip to Yanchep Park on Sunday, October 29th. The bus will leave from Perth Car-Park No. 4 (Riverside drive, causeway end) at 9:30 am and return there at 5 pm. The cost will be Adults \$5, children and pensioners FREE. Get your family groups together and arrange a picnic, light meals are availa-

ble at several venues in the park. Depending on the numbers, games will be arranged for the young and energetic!! The first 45 people to ring or write (small children on knees) will secure a seat—latecomers may wish to follow in their own vehicles. It is possible to arrange a pick-up point en-route, so ring me if you require this.

My most famous Manx-American relative would have to be Gladys Waterson, whose 100th birthday was reported in your paper. She is my mother's cousin.

We seem to have a continuous stream of young Manxies on work-visas here at present—6-12 months at a time.

If any of your members visit Western Australia we would be glad to hear from them and entertain them for an evening or afternoon!

Mrs. Kathleen Craine, Secretary
Western Australia Manx Society
8 McGill St., Kewdale, Australia 6105
(Good to hear from you from "down under". Keep in touch. Ed.)

VANCOUVER

At this special time of the year, one of the most magical of seasons, President Terry McCaffrey, on behalf of the Vancouver Manx, extends Seasons Greetings to all, and Best Wishes for 1990.

Our picnic, held on August 20th, was rained out. However, a few braved the elements and met at the park for tea and more tea, hoping the skys would clear. As it was not to be, after a visit to the petting zoo and a quick raffle most took their picnic baskets home for supper.

We are looking forward to our pre-Christmas pot luck supper on December 9th at St. David's Church Hall. A full program is planned plus a visit from (Doug Quaggan) Santa.

On December 13th a Christmas Lights bus tour has been organized. Most people in the Vancouver area put up outdoor lighting, some plan all year for this event, and the results are truly spectacular. These special homes are the ones the bus covers. We hope for good weather and a good turnout.

Peter and Flo Fregellis have been hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Georgie Clark of Australia. Mr. Clark is Peter's cousin, and they had not met for several years.

Happy New Year to All! Vera Henry
312 W. 32nd Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6L 2C1

SAN DIEGO

My word, where has this year gone! It is time to wish all our friends, old and new, all the Manx around the country a very Merry Christmas—may all your wishes come true, and may 1990 be filled with perfect health, happiness and prosperity.

The Manx picnic was fun with lots of goodies. The Frederick's had just gotten home the week before and had pictures of their trip to the USSR and Germany. It was a wonderful experience and with our connection with the Friendship Force we were treated as dignitaries.

Our October meeting was at our President's home, Devore & Ruth Smith. Our Secretary, Virginia Mellen was in the mountains with the Girl Scouts, and quite a few members on vacation; but we always enjoy getting together. The Frederick's showed a portion of their trip on VCR on Lenin-grad, Catherine the Great, and Peter the Great's beautiful palaces.

Marge Weber has had more problems with a compression fracture of the No. 1 lumbar. Also her husband Don had a shoulder operation, and Marge's brother is here from Minnesota. We all wish them well.

So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Sunny California.

Marjorie H. Frederick, 3870 Chippewa Ct.
San Diego, CA 92117

ONTARIO

We were happy to gather for a Mheliah on Sunday, October 29, 1989 at my home in Mississauga, Ontario, and we enjoyed a pot luck meal together with approximately 30 revellers.

It wasn't quite the Derby Castle, but nevertheless the harvest was well and truly gathered in.

The President, Roger Nelson, chaired our formal meeting and bade welcome to members, non-members (for now) and to other who while not being Manx or descendant, have a great love of our ancient homeland.

We will convene for a Christmas meeting on December 3, 1989 at Cedar Lodge, which is a beautiful old country house set on a ravine within Scarborough city limits.

It gives me great pleasure to wish you all, wherever you are *NOLLICK GHENNAL AS BLEIN VIE NOA* on behalf of the members and friends of our Ontario caucus.

Allan A. Caine, Secretary
2139 Corsair Rd., Mississauga
Ontario, Canada, L5A 2I7

MANXMAN IN JUNGLE 44 YEARS

An oil exploration team discovered a white man living with a primitive tribe in a remote part of Papua, New Guinea. He is Corporal Percy Coole, who was reported missing in action whilst serving with the Australian Army there in 1945. The amazing news that he is alive and well was conveyed to his nephew in Port St. Mary by telephone from Australia.

When Percy was discovered he spoke in the native tongue, finding difficulty in speaking or understanding English. Dressed only in a loin cloth, adorned with tribal markings and bone jewelry, he had no idea of how he came to be there. A clue to his former life before being taken by the tribe was provided by an army dog tag which he still wore around his neck.

The team established that he had been found by a hunting party from the Donga tribe with a severe head wound in Papua's dense jungle, and taken back to their village, where he was cared for by the chief's daughter Xoiga, who he later took as his wife and who has since bore Percy eleven children.

Percy Coole emigrated to Australia in 1938 at the age of 19. He worked on a sheep station for three years before enlisting in the Australian Army in 1941. As a member of the Australian Army's special forces, he was sent into New Guinea in December 1944. At the time he was reported missing in action, his unit had been in an engagement with a Japanese force in which heavy losses were sustained on both sides.

Percy was persuaded to return with the oil team to Papua's capitol, Port Moresby, along with his wife and their four younger children. They were then flown to Darwin, where Percy was positively identified by his dog tag and physical features from Australian Defense Department records.

Percy has since spoken by telephone to nephew Brian in Port St. Mary, who has talked to him at length about the Isle of Man in an effort to bring back his memory. As a further effort, arrangements have been made to fly Percy to the Island in time for a big 40's night at the Palace Lido, where it is hoped that the combination of a major family reunion and the night's 40's music and wartime nostalgia will bring the memories flooding back for Percy.

The Manx Independent

LAA MIE

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*"Whether man, woman, or girl or boy,
That long life and happiness all
may enjoy,
May they of potatoes and herring
have plenty,
With butter and cheese, and each
other dainty,
And may their sleep never, by night
or by day,
Disturbed be by even the tooth of a flea."*

Marshall Cannell, President

CANNONS

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America, and he clearly delights in describing it as "the only steel company in the world owned by a Manxman."

Next fall's visit, being arranged with cooperation from both the Manx Family History Society and the North American Manx Association, will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first Mormon mission visit to the Island. This was made by John Taylor, who, coincidentally, married the sister of George Cannon, and remained on the Island.

Excerpted from the Manx Independent

CANNONS OF UTAH—1952

A former member of the North American Manx Association, Miss Ann M. Cannon of Salt Lake City, who died in November 1948, is honored for a most unusual gift which, through her influence, was obtained for the Manx Museum in Douglas. Miss Cannon, a descendant of George Cannon and his wife, Ann Quayle, who emigrated in 1842, had an intense interest in her Manx ancestry, an interest shared by the entire Cannon family in Utah. Her first visit to the Island was in 1926, and as a result of her researches into the Cannon-Quayle pedigree, her interest was stimulated to the extent that she offered to pay the cost of micro-filming all the parish registers in the Island so that these records would be permanently preserved, and also made readily available to people wishing to trace their ancestry. When permission had been secured the tremendous task was started, and took eleven months continuous work on the part of the technician who was sent from England to do it. There are 250 rolls of film, representing 350,000 pages of script written in the Isle of Man, some of them dating back to the year 1417. Most of these priceless original documents are in the Rolls Office.

One of the experts remarked that the Isle of Man has, for its size, a richer and more complete set of documents of genealogical interest than any country he knows of. In addition to documents, about nine books, some of them dating back to the 15th century, were filmed. The work was completed in January 1950.

A duplicate set of these remarkable Manx microfilms is in the Library of the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, under whose auspices the project was carried through at Miss Cannon's suggestion. This vast Library is believed to have 144 miles of microfilm comprising 30,000,000 facsimiles of original genealogical manuscripts. Students from all over this continent go to Salt Lake to consult these archives.

Just before her death in 1948, Miss Cannon gave orders to purchase a film-enlarging reader for the Manx Museum, this machine being necessary to run the film through for reading. In acknowledgement of this and Miss Cannon's many other benefactions to the Island, her portrait hangs in the Manx Museum, with a suitable memorial inscription.

This story is told in greater detail in a fine article by William Cubbon, MA, in the Examiner of January 27, 1950. We are indebted to Ed Q. Cannon of Salt Lake, a cousin of Miss Cannon, for this Manx newspaper as well as other information. A young cousin of his visited the Isle of Man in May 1950, and spent some time with Mr. Cubbon, whom the family holds in affectionate regard. Perhaps in another Bulletin we will give some of young Ted Cannon's charming and refreshing descriptions of the Isle of Man, which he wrote home to his people.

May 1952, NAMA Bulletin



CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME! NAMA CONVENTION 1990

Travelogue #3: California Gold Rush Country.

You, too, may strike it rich! The California Division of Mines and Geology estimates that a prospector willing to toil long hours can still recover 50 cents to \$1 a day in gold! The fortune-seeking miners were called "Forty-niners". Appropriately numbered State Highway 49 is designated by the State Legislature as the Mother Lode Highway and it traverses Gold Rush Country.

To better appreciate the gold regions, your local library can provide a great deal of information about them which you may wish to sample in order to get a taste of local color. The Gold Rush stories of Mark Twain and Bret Harte are well-known. Louise Clappe's *Shirley Letters* give a woman's view of life in a gold camp and *Anybody's Gold* (Joseph Henry Jackson) brings to life quiet rural landscapes.

A carefully restored wild and important Gold Rush community is Columbia State Park. Here you can pan for gold, ride a stage coach, have a sarsaparilla at a saloon or just wander about absorbing the information and enjoying the atmosphere reminiscent of over a hundred years past. Columbia is actually a good starting point for your visit to Gold Rush Country since it presents a view of that time period, i.e. regarding architecture, sartorial styles, miners' habits, etc. Being a state historic park, everything is clearly labeled. There is also an abundance of maps and guide books which go to great lengths to explain the history and current attractions in detail and, of course, there are plenty of souvenirs.

Summer is the time when theatrical groups will be performing and when most colorful events take place. It is debatable whether you will find more of the Gold Rush atmosphere in the little deserted ghost towns or in the communities that still teem with activity. The decaying settlements have a timeless quality about them, and make for charming photos; on the other hand, the big towns like Sonora, Jackson or Grass Valley more closely resemble life in the Gold Rush days when lively crowds filled the camps. Don't forget to visit the side streets which are still narrow, crooked and lined with old houses and stores resembling Gold Rush times more than the present day. Markers throughout the

countryside (erected by local historical societies, etc.) are worthwhile reminders of the area and what took place as well as good museums almost everywhere and generally worth your time.

Points of interest connected with the early days are the steam trains: "Whistling Billy" steam engine at Coulterville, Sierra Railroad in Jamestown, and Westside and Cherry Valley Railway just outside Tuolumne, 8 miles east of Sonora. For additional information write: Westside and Cherry Valley Railway, P.O. Box 1017, Tuolumne, CA 95379 or call 209-928-4282.

Old cemeteries are everywhere suggesting the frailty of life in those reckless, gun-toting days. You may find the tombstone-recorded arrival of a person one day and killed the next—in the same vein there are the "hangin trees".

Look for places to pan gold or you can explore limestone caverns one mile north of Murphys and 2 miles south of Vallecito. And unique architecture is found in covered bridges, old schoolhouses, churches and houses; also, note the numerous fraternal lodges which helped their brethren overcome the lonely life.

For an interesting glimpse into the California Indian's life, Indian Grinding Rocks State Historic Park, a 40-acre area southwest of Volcano is on the Pine Grove road off Highway 49. Within the Park's boundaries you may see the largest bedrock mortar ever found in the western United States. This 7,700-square foot limestone outcropping has 1,158 mortar holes and 363 petroglyph designs. A replica of the rock is on exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

As for accommodations, California's Gold Country has several mellow old inns scattered throughout the area ranging from rustic to Victorian opulence. All have a feeling of old-fashioned hospitality. All inns listed are near State Highway 49. Reservations are advisable.

There is family recreation on four Gold Country lakes so bring your fishing pole, bathing suit, water skis and boat! For information about these lakes write to: (1) Camanche Lake Park (south shore), P.O. Box 92, Wallace, CA 95254; or Camanche Lake North Shore, Route 1, Ione, CA 95640; (2) Pardee Marina, Route 1, P.O. Box 224B, Ione, CA 95640; (3) Lake Amador is a few miles north of Pardee; (4) New Hogan Reservoir information may be obtained from Mr. Hi Witt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Valley Springs, CA 95252.

And there is much more too extensive to cover here but following is a list of some information that may interest you:

In Amador County there is shopping, old inns, meals and vintage wine. Write for a partial listing of stores to: Amador Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 596, Jackson, CA 95642.

For an excellent primer on panning for gold, write the California Division of Mines and Geology, Ferry Building, San Francisco, CA 94111, and ask for the pamphlet titled *Basic Placer Mining* (\$1).

For a copy of a colorful map of Gold Country with information on points of interest in each county send \$.50 to Golden Chain Council, Box 1246, Auburn, CA 95603.

More in the next *Bulletin*. See you at NAMA Convention, Santa Clara, CA.

NOLLYCK GHENNAL ERRIU AS
BLEIN FEER VIE.

Polly and Ed Ernst
Northern California Manx Society
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Los Altos, CA 94024

*For every thing there is a Season
and a time for every purpose
under Heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

SNIPPETS

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OLD AGE PENSIONERS: The Isle of Man government can take credit for the sympathetic manner in which they treat Old Age Pensioners. The Christmas Bonus for all Pensioners will rise this year to £25 each person. In England this still stands at £10 each. In addition, it is intended to scrap the cost of TV License for any pensioners who are hard-up, i.e. receiving Supplementary Benefit. This is a fine gesture. The current cost is £66 per annum. There is no change in England where, indeed, the License Fee is rising to £72 for 1990.

SIR ANOTHONY QUAYLE: One of Britain's leading actors with Manx connection and who maintained close links with the Island, regretfully died last weekend. Sir Anthony, the star of many film epics and a leading figure in the Royal Shakesperean Company, provided the 'voice-over' for the Manx Museum's short film, "The Story of Mann" and last year became the patron of the Manx National Theatre.

Sir Anthony, who was 76, died peacefully at his home in Chelsea.

Arthur Bridson

NAMA EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee of NAMA met at the Holiday Inn, Westlake, Ohio, at 9:30 Saturday morning, September 16, 1989. Attending: Mesdames Doris Brideson, Edna Cowin, Mona Creer, Elizabeth Duncan, Mona Haldeman, Florence Roseman, Messrs. Bill Brideson, Bob Camaish, Marshall Cannell, Norm Clucas, Clarence Creer, George Curphey, Robert Kelly, Ron Quayle, Bill Roseman, and Norm Standish. Apologies for absence were received from T.R. Anderson, Larry Fargher, Norm Gill, Rev. Herbert Kelly, and Stan Shimmin.

An organization named "U.S. English" requested and was given our support for a Bill in Congress making English the official language of the United States. President Cannell gave a report on his Homecoming visit to the Isle of Man this summer, and praised the Tourist Board for an excellent program. He passed around the group photo taken on the Island, and will show a video tape of his visit after this meeting and at the 1990 Convention. Treasurer Creer presented his report showing \$25,299.33 on hand; the Memorial Fund is at a standstill; and the Miles Standish Fund is on hold. Life memberships have increased by about 40, but it was agreed this should not be pushed as one is equivalent to about five years of dues, and over the years the Association loses money on them. Delinquent members names are removed from the roll in January. Mr. Creer stated he tries very hard to persuade members to pay their dues, but often is unsuccessful. Past President Cowin suggested the Tourist Board be asked to send over items for Mr. Creer to send to Junior Members to encourage membership. Mr. Cannell will contact World Manx President Betty Hanson for advice. Past President Robert Kelly moved that a word of appreciation be extended to Mr. Creer for all his hard work during the last 21 years he has been Treasurer for NAMA.

Mr. Cannell reported a loss of \$690.05 on the 1988 Convention, due possibly to the high rate of exchange, and the increased cost of everything. Mr. Cannell recommends no convention in a city without a local Society, although one positive result of the 1988 Convention is that the Toronto Manx Society has been reformed as the Ontario Manx Society. Mr. Cannell raised the matter of the 1992 Convention possibly being held on the Isle

of Man. A letter was read from NAMA Regional Director Noreen Cottier suggesting the Convention not be held there because of lack of local support. A suggestion was made that perhaps the Tourist Board can help if it is decided to have the Convention there.

Bulletin Editor Doris Brideson gave her report, which included the fact that 750 Bulletins were mailed in September 1989. Ladies Auxiliary President Florence Roseman gave a report on the Auxiliary sales at the 1988 Convention. Discussion followed on

the possibility of having more Manx items to sell, and it was agreed to purchase more for sale at the 1990 Convention. Trustee Bob Camaish gave his report and presented a list to each member of items owned by NAMA and held in various locations with a request that each member check the list and return any corrections or additions to him.

Mr. Cannell raised the question of advertising in the Bulletin. He received

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NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1 to December 31, 1988

On Hand 1/1/88		\$23,468.52
Receipts		
Dues	\$5,156.06	
Membership Certificates	25.00	
Memorials00	
Interest	1,202.59	
Pin Sales	99.00	
Cookbook	100.50	
Gifts (included in Dues amount)00	
Miscellaneous	26.42	6,609.57
		<u>30,078.09</u>
Disbursements		
Bulletins (3 Issues)	2,663.89	
Treasurer's Expense	375.00	
Allowances	1,000.00	
Insurance	252.00	
Addressing Expense	130.00	
Printing Book Lists	137.00	
Plaques	165.55	
Miscellaneous	55.32	4,778.76
		<u>\$25,299.33</u>
On Hand 21/31/88		
Memorial Fund Balance		
included in above amount		<u>\$678.70</u>
Account Balances at 12/31/88		
Orland State Bank-Checking Account		\$ 3,158.01
Orland State Bank-Money Market Account ...		19,156.08
National Trust-Canada (in Canadian \$)		2,985.24*
Total		<u>\$25,299.33</u>
<i>*Does not include \$211.23 held pending final Convention report.</i>		
NAMA-Myles Standish Fund		
On Hand 1/1/88		\$5,987.90
Interest	279.22	
Disbursement	(500.00)	
		<u>\$5,767.12</u>
On Hand 12/31/88		

C.E. Creer, Treasurer—1/31/89

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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requests in the Isle of Man this summer to sell Manx items in this country. It was agreed to charge \$100 for an insert on a one-time basis, disclaiming NAMA endorsement, a one-year trial, up to two flyers per Bulletin.

Mr. Creer said he has been asked about the possibility of life dues for Associate Members. After 1990 there will be no further Associate Memberships. If two Bulletins arrive at one household and only one is desired, please so advise the Bulletin Editor. In the absence of Convention Chairman Fargher the Secretary read a report he sent giving an up-to-date report on Convention preparations. It will be August 10-13, 1990, at the Doubletree Hotel, Santa Clara, California.

The suggestion was made that we announce in the Bulletin that monies from the Memorial Fund will be used to buy Manx Heritage Books for donation to the Bell Library at the University of Minnesota, Clague House Mu-

seum in Cleveland, and/or the Western Reserve Historical Society. Past President T.R. Anderson will be contacted to ascertain Bell Library desires, Mrs. Cowin will contact the Clague House Museum, and Trustee Norm Standish will contact the Western Reserve Historical Society. Past President George Curphey will design a book plate for insertion into the books signifying the donor appropriately.

Appointment of Committees: Nominations: Past President Bill Brideson, Chairman, Past President Norm Clucas and Past Convention Co-chairman Marge Weber. Constitution and By-laws: Past President T.R. Anderson. Time and place of the next Executive Committee Meeting: 3:00 PM, August 10, 1990, at the Doubletree Hotel, Santa Clara, California. The meeting adjourned. Mr. Cannell showed a video sent by Mr. Fargher showing the area of the 1990 Convention, and the video he had taken on his Homecoming trip to the Island this summer.

*Excerpted from Minutes,
Elizabeth Duncan, Secretary*

NAMA CONVENTION TORONTO, CANADA • JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1988 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

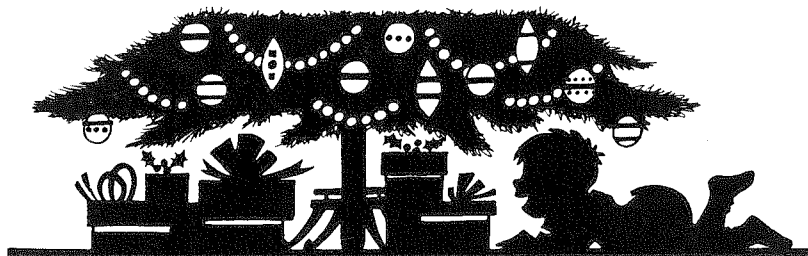
Souvenir Book, Donations	\$1,461.00	
Advance from NAMA	1,000.00	
Registrations, Auxiliary luncheon, tours, photos	12,522.71	
Interest '87, '88	88.76	
Total		\$15,072.47

Expenses

Luncheons, dinners, audio-visuals	\$11,893.69	
Printing, telephone, mailings, photos	853.00	
Tours	1,295.00	
Prizes	932.06	
Total		\$14,973.75

Gain/(Loss)	98.72	
Deposit in National Trust, Canada	211.23	
Gain/(Loss) Loan NAMA	(1,000.00)	
Gain/(Loss)	(690.05)	

Tina Cannell, Convention Treasurer



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Each year, on the first Sunday in October, many of our churches have a "Neighbors in Need" Sunday, with an offering designated to help the underprivileged, the unhoused, the victims of disaster, remembering Jesus' parable of "the Good Samaritan" in Luke 10, in response to the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

I just happened to note this bit of verse by Nebraska poet Edna May Pike, which has reference to the Gaelic word for neighbor—"Neah-gebur":

"How Do You Spell Neighbor?"
Neah-gebur (nigh dweller)—
credit the Anglo-Sax
Each person now who cares for those
who live across the tracks,
Important, yes, but not with fame,
to us who need a hand;
Good persons that are near or far,
who seem to understand.
He that in meek humbleness
brings food to "starving" souls,
Black, white, or red, the opulent,
the poor on city rolls.
Others who feed their cats and dogs,
or salvage on empty can,
Remove the filth, correct the wrong,
and improve the lot of man.

Recent events have demonstrated, in the South Carolina hurricane and the California earthquake, that calamity and human needs are no further from us than our television sets; and that compassion and healing make "neighbors" out of strangers dwelling in the same block. If only we could discover this without tragic happenings!

Herbert G. Kelly, Chaplain

VICTOR KNEALE

Victor Kneale, MHK (Member of the House of Keys), was awarded the CBE (Commander of the British Empire) in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours in June.

He was the Founder Chairman of the Isle of Man Post Office Authority—a position he held for nine years. He visited Cleveland, Ohio, in 1974 when doing research for the stamp issue commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Manx Settlement there, and was subsequently made a Life Member of the NAMA.

He has been a member of Tynwald since February 1962, and excepting the nine years as Chairman of the Postal Authority, he has been Chairman of the Board of Education, and is now Minister for Education.

OBITUARIES

Edith Ann (Comish) Malek died January 19, 1989 in her home following a short illness. She was preceded in death by her husband George, and her two sisters Winifred and Florence Comish. Mrs. Malek was a secretary for Diamond Match Co. in Chicago and New York before retiring. She was born in Ballasalla, Isle of Man, September 9, 1900 and was a member of both the NAMA and the Chicago Manx Society.

Mabel Elizabeth Clague died at the Corrin Memorial Home, Peel, Isle of Man on August 26, 1989.

Miss Clague was a well known Manx Primary School teacher. She trained at Hereford College, where she excelled in various sports, particularly hockey. Her first appointment was to a school in Wallasey. She returned home to the Island and became Headmistress of Peel Clothworkers Infant School. From there she was appointed Headmistress of Tynwald Street School in Douglas, where she remained until her retirement. Over the years she received many tributes from ex-pupils who had met with success in professional and business life.

She was a Founder Vice President of the Soroptimist Club of Douglas, and later became President. She visited Clubs in England as a Guest, was a fluent speaker, and made many lasting and valued friendships. She was a most efficient Assistant Treasurer of the World Manx Association, and a very good Committee Member.

Miss Clague was known also as a talented amateur actress, and was seen often on the Island stage. On one occasion she was awarded the trophy for the best performance during the week-long Drama Festival at the Gaiety Theatre.

Miss Clague leaves a sister, Miss Doris Clague, and nephews Gilbert M. Clague and Paul W. Clague.

Allan O. "Dutch" Fisher, died September 5, 1989, at Stevenson Hospital in Alliston, Ontario. He was born in Toronto on January 30, 1908, attended Toronto Schools and St. Andrews College, and spent his business career in the investment business. During World War II he was a top salesman for Victory Loan Bonds. His favorite hobby was fishing at the family cottage in Muskoka. He was a past warden of Christ Anglican Church in Tottenham. He is survived by his wife Amo Carran Fisher, son Greg and daughter Sherry Fisher Landry, stepchildren Edward (Ted), Larry and Carran Taylor Watson, and nine grandchildren. He was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto.

(Amo's address is 8 Brown Street, Tottenham, Ontario LOG 10W. After the first of this year Dutch began to feel more tired, more forgetful, confusion led to a car accident. Friends helped with a move into the village in July within walking distance of stores, etc. Falls led to hospitalization, and a cat scan disclosed an inoperable brain tumor.) (Amo was

Secretary-Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary for many years).

Thomas Richard Anderson, 78, died October 13 after a short illness of a blood disease at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

A native of Fergus Falls, he graduated in 1934 from the University of Minnesota, and in 1937 from its Law School. He worked for seven years in the state attorney general's office, and until the mid-1970's was President of Perry Bell Investments, where he entered a number of different associations, including co-founder and chief executive officer of ADC Telecommunications of Bloomington, and president and CEO of now-defunct Shenandoah Oil, a company named after a movie starring Jimmy Stewart, one of the company's investors and a friend of Anderson's.

Anderson was also president of Lehigh Coal and Navigational Co., which owned Cello cherry-covered chocolates. He was also a former director of the James Ford Bell Library at the University of Minnesota. He was a director or member of several businesses and organizations, including Magnum International Investment Fund of New York, Meisner Steamship Lines, College of St. Benedict in St. Cloud, Hill Manuscript Library at St. John's University, Union League Club in New York, and founding member of the Gull Lake Yacht Club in Nisswa.

T.R. Anderson founded the Minnesota Society of the North American Manx Association, and was president of the national organization during 1985 and 1986. He was voted a member of the Antiquarian Society, a rare book club, several years ago. His private library has up to 6,000 volumes of rare books, including one of the largest collections of Minnesota history books, and extensive Manx literature. Earlier this year he was recognized by the Minnesota Bar Association for his 50 years of membership.

He is survived by his wife LaJean Hurd Anderson; sons Thomas R. Anderson, Jr. of Bozeman, Montana, and James Hurd Anderson of Golden Valley, daughters Judith Fennema of Edina, Jean Lavelle of Maple Grove, and Sally Dahlquist of Minneapolis; brothers Larry of San Diego and Paul of Lima, Ohio; sister Ibby Burrell of Sun City, Arizona; and nine grandchildren.

Robert William Gell, 92, Pasadena, Texas, died August 26, 1989. A native of the Isle of Man, he worked as a machinist at the Foote Burt Company, Cleveland, OH, for over 50 years. He was a long-time member of NAMA. His wife Gertrude, also a native of the Isle, passed away in September, 1984. He is survived by a daughter Barbara of La Porte, TX. **Edward F. Sayle**, 61, a resident of Arlington, Virginia for 40 years, died October 5, 1989 of cancer at his home after a long illness.

Mr. Sayle was born in Waukegan, Illinois, in 1928 and attended Michigan State Univer-

sity after Army service in the Far East. He later joined the CIA where he served for 33 years. In the decade prior to his retirement he was the curator of the Historical Intelligence Collection of the CIA.

He had the distinction of being a national trustee of the North American Manx Association and, at the time of his death, was the Honorary Representative to the United States of the Government of the Isle of Man.

Mr. Sayle served as chairman, president, or member of various Arlington County Commissions and Boards, including the Bicentennial Commission, the Historical Commission, the Cultural Council, the Historic Landmark Review Board, the Criminal Justice Advisory Commission, and represented the county on the Public Safety Advisory Committee of the Council of Governments.

He was a past president of the George Mason Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and held other posts at the local and national level. His SAR work led to his selection for inclusion in the United States Hereditary Register.

Mr. Sayle was also a well-known writer in the field of the 19th century typography, and he operated the Foxhall Press which was devoted to the production of historical items employing type and printing equipment of the period. He was also a consultant on typography to several museums.

After his retirement Mr. Sayle edited "The Periscope," published by the Association of Former Intelligence Officers and acted as a consultant on secure information systems for Government and discreet elements in the private sector.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mae Helena Sayle, of Arlington, and a brother, William A., of Zion, Illinois. Mass of Christian Burial was offered at Fort Meyer Chapel, interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

Arthur Francis Killey, 78, Hiram, Ohio, died August 17, 1989. He was born September 22, 1910, in Douglas, Isle of Man, son of John and Sarah (Quine) Killey. He was a 45-year resident of Hiram.

Mr. Killey was an accountant for Portage Transfer Co., a member of the Hiram Fire Department, was involved with Hiram Cub Scouts, and was a member of the choir at Hiram Christian Church. He was a former Hiram Village Treasurer.

He is survived by his wife Bette (Reynard), sons William Young, John (Jack) and Randall, all of Hiram, daughters Roberta Zuver of Garrettsville and Vanessa Killey of Hiram, four grandchildren, brother George of Florida and sister Patricia Schlueter of Lakewood. Brother Robert and sisters Ida Bowman, Barbara Duffy, Margaret Reed and Eleanor Pinney all died previously.

Albert Killey, Mansfield, Ohio, died December 6, 1988.

John W. Collister, Chardon, Ohio, born April 24, 1920, died August 8, 1989.