

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

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## NAMA CONVENTION 1990

*Travelogue #5. In and around Santa Clara — Convention Site:*

Santa Clara Valley offers year-round outdoor recreation. The Valley is rich in early California history and tradition — it combines the old and new exemplified by the numerous giant computer and aerospace companies. High technology concentration is in the area of Santa Clara and Sunnyvale internationally known as "Silicon Valley".

Santa Clara Valley is about an hours drive from San Francisco and is very well suited for planned excursions to "the City" and elsewhere; i.e., Monterey Bay area, Santa Cruz, Pacific Coast drives, Santa Clara Valley wine regions, Mission San Jose de Guadalupe at Fremont, Mission Santa Clara, Mission Santa Cruz, Mission San Juan Bautista and San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo at Carmel. (Also see *Travelogue #1 in June 1989 Bulletin*).

*Following are a few attractions with various interests in mind:*

*Lick Observatory atop 4209 foot Mt. Hamilton, 25 minutes southeast of downtown San Jose up a winding road, State Highway 130. A nice trip with a good view when you get up there! No food or gasoline on Mt. "Ham."*

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## NEW QUAYLES

The family surname of Quayle is distinctly Manx and is as common on the Isle of Man as is the name Johnson or Smith in the United States. The best known of the Quayles today is Vice President Dan Quayle whose great-grandfather, Robert Quayle, was born in Douglas, IOM, in 1853, immigrated to the United States in 1867 and settled in Oak Park, Illinois. The current Second Vice President of NAMA is Ron Quayle of Alexandria, VA. Ron's grandfather, Thomas A.



**1990 NAMA CONVENTION SITE:** The Doubletree Hotel is located in the heart of Silicon Valley, right next to Great American Theme Park and just 5 minutes from San Jose Airport, 5101 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054, 800-528-0444 or 408-986-0700.

Quayle, was born in Lonan Parish, IOM, in 1871. He and his family immigrated to the United States in 1901 and lived in Ishpeming, Michigan.

The name Quayle comes from the name Paul which dates back to the biblical Apostle Paul according to the book "The Personal Names of the Isle of Man" by J. J. Kneen published in 1937. This book identifies early Manx references to the name dating back to 1408. Variations on the name appear

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laa Mie,

When you receive this issue summer will be here. With summer comes thoughts of the Isle of Man and plans to visit, either in person or vicariously through a trip to the NAMA convention. You have been receiving all the news about this year's convention, and I am sure you are planning to come. After all, where else in the United States or in Canada can you find so many Manx in one spot, or, as I always say, so many people who know how your name is pronounced?

This will be one of the best ever. Come and join the fun, see the Manx videos, shop for Manx mementoes, talk with people from the Island, enjoy the banquets and meetings, meet old and new friends, help decide where the next one will be held, and hear about the plans for the next Manx homecoming. See the beautiful countryside around Santa Clara, and as we all know, "Ta nemshyr aalin" (the weather is beautiful.)

In April I attended the beautiful service arranged by the Washington Manx in one of the chapels at the Washington Cathedral. The service was to celebrate over 1500 years of Christianity in the Isle of Man. Due to our island's long association with Norway, the Norwegian ambassador was in attendance. The social hour afterward had delicious food and an attack by the local vikings. The Ambassador and all the attendees much enjoyed the festivities.

Tina and I are very much looking forward to seeing you all in Santa Clara this August.

*Marshall Cannell*

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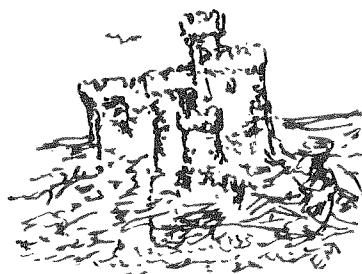
This is my first report as Secretary, so may I extend my best wishes to all NAMA members. Our recent meetings in February, March and April have been very well attended, the Society being well served with high calibre speakers. Mr. Peter Kelly of the IOM Victorian Society gave a fascinating talk on the Strathallan Park Area of Onchan Village. Mr. Nigel Crowe provided an in-depth guide to all the records available to family historians in the Island, and then illustrated how their use is invaluable in unraveling family disputes and histories. Mr. Cliff Renshaw produced a slide show and an informative talk on the Kellys of Kirk Michael, schoolmasters and map-makers, and how they were the fore-runners in producing land records in the Island.

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we are looking forward to our summer "open" day on the 6th of July at the new Castletown Civic Centre. This year the theme will be based on Manx families from the south of the Island and their connections with Castletown and the surrounding areas. On Tynwald Day, the 5th of July, the Society will once again be in attendance at the Homecomers' Tent, and we are looking forward to meeting many old friends and making new ones with those of you who return "home" for our National Day. You may all be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

If July does not fit your schedule, then what about a trip in the fall? The Manx Heritage Foundation is promoting an exhibition, "The Manks Celebration," in October, covering all aspects of the Manx way of life, including language, music, dancing, and history. Our Society will be there doing its part for heritage with our family trees and Manx family names. This would make an ideal reason for a visit "home", and might even make it more enjoyable.

*Kind regards,*

*Ernest Cleator, Secretary, IOMFHS*



## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, the 17th of March we held our A.G.M. at the Promenade Church and 70 members were present. Our President, Mrs. Betty Hanson welcomed everyone and announced that the Association is expanding and flourishing. Members stood in memory of those who had died during the year: Mr. T.R. Anderson, Mr. Edward Sayle, Miss Mabel Clague, Mrs. Eleanor Gawne, Mrs. May Heath, Mrs. Hilda Higham, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Mrs. J.E. Shimmin, Mrs. Bessie Shimmin and Mrs. Bessie Tate.

### Election of Officers

*President* — Mrs. Betty Hanson

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Mrs. N. Taggart

*North* — Mrs. J. Dennis

*South* — Mrs. Palmer/Mrs. Sargent

*West* — Mrs. C. Quirk/

Mrs. M. Corlett

Our second newsletter will, hopefully, be produced in the near future.

Our 'At Home' dinner was held at the Imperial Hotel on Thursday, April 19th. Mr. T. Cashin from Kirk Michael (a retired Headmaster) entertained us with slides taken during a holiday in the U.S.A. with a special reference to Wisconsin to which state many Manx families have emigrated in the early 19th Century. He showed where the famous Laxey Chapel had stood and where now the graves of many of these Manx settlers may be seen. We saw too, glimpses of the Grand Canyon, the Presidential sculptures on Mount Rushmore and other spectacular scenery. Mr. Cashin made an amusing reference to the fact that he and our Chairman started at Onchan school on the same day — Mr. Kelly as a pupil, Mr. Cashin as teacher.

Next Saturday, May 5th, a garland will be placed on the T.E. Brown memorial plaque in Glen Falcon Gardens. On May 17th our outing to the South takes place with tea at Mallmore Private Hotel. On June 21st we shall be going North — an evening outing — when we shall have tea at

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## NOMINATIONS

Clarence W. Creer was elected Financial Secretary-Treasurer of NAMA at the Huntington Beach, California, Convention on August 21, 1968, re-elected at every convention since, and he wants to stop.

Norman Clucas of our Nominating Committee was President of NAMA at that Huntington Beach Convention. Norm, Marge Weber, and I had candidates for the vacancies coming up at the Santa Clara Convention, and we thought our work was complete. But Clarence has insisted that he wants to stop, and he has served us honorably and faithfully for a long long time.

We need your help with this one. You may make nominations from the floor for any of the vacancies — Third Vice President, Trustee, Bulletin Editor, and now Financial Secretary-Treasurer. Please have the consent of the person you are nominating. The other officers listed below are moving up, or are continuing in their present positions.

The dues notices should have been included in this Bulletin, but we are holding them until the new treasurer and his/her address can be put on the form and included in the September Bulletin.

The Financial Secretary-Treasurer is the office of record for our membership list. All memberships and changes of address are processed through this office to the Haldemans in Cleveland who maintain the computer record and print the Bulletin address labels. All funds are in the custody of this office, and Clarence has maintained bank accounts in both the United States and Canada.

Our proposed Roster of Officers for 1990/92 is as follows:

### *Honorary President*

Norman Clucas, Missouri

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Mrs. Edna Cowin, Ohio

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Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, Ohio

### *Financial Secretary-Treasurer*

Open for Nomination

### *Bulletin Editors*

Norman W. Gill and Mrs. Sally P. Dahlquist, Minnesota

### *Chaplain*

Rev. Herbert G. Kelly, Nebraska

### *Trustees*

Mary Hayslett, Virginia (Six year term)

William Roseman, Ohio (Two more years)

Dr. Norman W. Standish, Ohio (Four more years)

*Respectfully submitted,*

*William E. Brideson, Virginia*

*Norman Clucas, Missouri*

*Mrs. Marge Weber, California*

*Nominating Committee*

## CANNONS OF UTAH

We have scheduled a reunion in Douglas that coincides with the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Latter-Day Saints Missionaries on the Isle of Man, which was on September 16, 1840. Beehive Travel, 1130 West Center Street, North Salt Lake, UT 84054, c/o Dick Lambert, (801) 292-4445, is handling this tour, which will comprise 120 persons of Manx ancestry, and will last a week.

On Sunday, September 16th, we plan to have an open house at the Latter-Day Saints Church on Bucks Road in Douglas in the afternoon for the Utah Manxmen to exchange addresses and genealogical information with all the residents of the Isle of Man who are interested.

## ISLAND EXCHANGES ONE SIR LAURENCE FOR ANOTHER

Shortly after Sir Laurence New leaves Government House, his successor, Sir Laurence Jones, will be moving in. The swearing in ceremony will take place in the autumn — possibly around the end of September or October.

Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones comes to the Island after a distinguished career in the Royal Air Force. He commanded No. 8 Squadron in Aden from 1961 to 1963, No. 19 Squadron in RAF Germany from 1967 to 1970, and RAF Wittering 1975-1976. He was knighted three years ago. He retired in January from the position of Member for Personnel at the Ministry of Defense.

Chief Minister Miles Walker was present at the interview between the prospective Governor and the Home Secretary. Although there had been extensive consultations with the Isle of Man authorities, it was the first

time that the Island's Chief Minister had been invited to take part in this particular stage of the procedure.

The two Sir Laurences met briefly a few years ago when they were both present at the 150th anniversary celebrations in connection with the Soldiers and Airmens Scripture Reading Association. Sir Laurence New in his capacity as president of the association had the task of introducing Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones to the Queen.

*Isle of Man Examiner*

## ELLESMERE PORT

Greetings my friends,

Whilst regretting the recent "break" in this correspondence, I am pleased to advise that all is well and I am happy to resume my periodical epistle from Ellesmere Port, in the environs of Merseyside, just across the sea from the Isle of Man.

Over there, the 99th (I think) Manx Guild has just been completed with a week-long parade—music, drama, dancing, elocution, a veritable feast of culture and aesthetic enjoyment. It has always been a great annual event in the life of Manxland, and as a youth I was there many times. I remember performing in this Albert Road Ramsey school choir singing a lullaby, "Hush thee my darling," in Manx (Saveen Millish), we gained second prize. The promotion of the Manx language is still maintained there, and the standards are very high. Many of the singers go on to the Blackpool Musical Festival where they have gained prestigious awards.

Well now, we hope to enjoy our usual visit to the Island later on in the summer. We are pleased that the sailings have resumed from Liverpool and are again proving to be very popular.

Our weather at the moment is a revelation, one of the finest springs on record, and just now we are enjoying a miniature heat wave which means nature is many weeks ahead of normal schedule. All varieties of flowers are in bloom, birds are nesting weeks before their usual time, everyone seems brighter and happier.

Although tourism to the IOM has been on the wane for the last few years, one can fly to the Mediterranean Area with its constant sunshine for a much cheaper fare, great efforts are being made this year by the Manx Tourist Board to stimulate the Tourist Industry on the Island. Let us hope they will be successful.

*Arthur Bridson*

# NEWS FROM MANX SOCIETIES

## GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C.

Saint Patrick never set foot on the Isle of Man? That's what nearly 200 surprised Manx-Americans and guests were told April 29th at our church service celebrating a millenium and a half of Christianity on the Isle of Man.

Among those in attendance at the chapel of St. Albans School for Boys on the grounds of Washington's National Cathedral were the Ambassador of Norway and NAMA President Marshall Cannell who carried a replica Sword of State in the procession.

In outlining the amazing story of how the Christian gospel came to be preached on the Island and preserved despite centuries of opposition from pagan Vikings, The Rev. Dr. Christopher Hancock, a professor at Virginia Theological Seminary, said no credible record has yet been found to verify that the Island's patron saint ever actually came there. Even so, he said, Christian influence became firmly planted, as evidenced by his display of a life-sized replica of the famous 8th Century and Byzantine styles in original slate carving, it combines Celtic and Byzantine styles in depicting a Roman soldier thrusting his spear into the side of the crucified Jesus.

In his talk, Society President Dirk Ramsey-Spencer displayed a life-sized coracle (lent by a Welsh import shop), like those 3rd Century Irish monks used to reach the Island. Picking up and swinging the replica Sword of State, Ramsey-Spencer explained why the original might very well be King Arthur's "Excalibur." One little boy was later heard saying "that was the best part" of the service.

Lt. Col. T. Fleming-Parsons II (Ret.) gave a brief survey of the Isle of Man's political history, including the establishment of the Tynwald as the world's oldest continuing democratic assembly.

Renowned celtic harpist Mary Fitzgerald sang and played three traditional Manx songs, with high school bagpiper Matt Leigh offering an original transcription of Ellan Vannin, as arranged by Governor Earl Watterson.

The officiant for the service was the Rev. Randall Day, Executive Director of the Canterbury Trust in America. Among the prayers was one sent by the Bishop of Soder and Man. It is prayed each July at the opening of Tynwald. The Rev. Day lent us the

Trust's large Canterbury processional cross (which had been used that morning in a National Cathedral service presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury).

Following the service, the entire congregation processed outdoors across the Cathedral grounds behind the Canterbury Cross (carried by a barefoot crucifer in monk's garb) and the bagpiper, to an indoor tea catered in part by local restaurateur and Society member Gordon King.

But that did not mark the end of the day's "celebration." Just as the Norwegian ambassador was greeting members of the congregation, the doors suddenly flew open and in stormed several "Vikings," replete with chain mail headdresses, battle axes flailing! Like their ancestors, the invaders proceeded to "attack and pillage" the assembled Manx guests — giving special attention to the young women, some of whom they carried away over their shoulders. Once the pandemonium settled down, it was discovered that several of their victims were wives and girlfriends. But the effect was terrific (much to the amusement of the Ambassador, who insisted that we had been invaded by Danish rather than Norse Vikings). The rest of the time was spent enjoying one another's company (and posing for photographs with the Vikings).

*Russell Woodgates*  
Vice President

## VANCOUVER

All in the Vancouver Manx are looking forward to our Spring get-together at the home of **Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell**. It will be held this year on June 2, 1990. Our summer picnic will be held on July 7, 1990 in Stanley Park. If visitors are in the area at the time of these events, we would be very pleased to have you attend.

Our Past-President, **Chris Stirling**, had a wonderful write-up in the Isle of Man Examiner on December 10, 1989. It was called the "Canadian Connection" and recounts Chris' life after leaving the Isle of Man at age fifteen, moving to London, England and finally emigrating to Canada in 1975. Chris was from Douglas and worked for S.R. Keig Photographic Specialists. He married his wife, **Jean** in London, and has two sons **Rob** and **Dave**.

This past March, Chris and Jean travelled back to London to celebrate

Jean's parent's fiftieth wedding anniversary as well as their own twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Congratulations to all!

Also on the travel list this past March were **Barbara** and **Phil Claridge** and family who travelled to Hawaii and **Mary Cazalet** who travelled to San Francisco.

**Peter** and **Flo Tregellis** are making plans for a trip in September, 1990 to the Isle of Man, Ireland and Scotland. We know they will have a great time as they renew contact with friends and family.

Two of our members have been in the hospital but are recovering nicely. They are **Marie (Christian) Dobson** and **Frances Rawlinson**.

It is with sorrow we announce the passing of long-time member **Mrs. Mary Comish** on March 2, 1990. To all her family and friends, our sympathy.

*Vera Henry, Secretary*  
3142 N. 32nd Ave.  
Vancouver, BC V6L-2C1

## SAN DIEGO

Greetings to you all from San Diego, "America's Finest City". Well, we've had two meetings since you last heard from us, the most recent being held at the home of Ed and Aline Wittenkeller, on Coronado island.

At our December meeting we had our annual elections. Rev. Devore Craine Smith is President for his second term, Hilary Harrison (one of our true Manx members) is Secretary/Treasurer and Arlene Archer our Historian.

Brian and Hilary Harrison have been entertaining relatives from the island. Brian's brother Ian and his wife Myrtle were here from Andreas for six weeks.

Eric and Helen Curphey leave in May to go over to the "Homeland", and Brian and Hilary will be there in June. Our chapter look forward to the convention being held on the west coast in August, and having a chance to greet as many of you as can attend. You might remember when we had the opportunity to host the convention here in San Diego, and what an honor that was for us to roll out the "red carpet".

We look forward to seeing you all in August.

*Hilary Harrison*  
Secretary/Treasurer

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

We had a nice brunch at "Just Fresh" in Cupertino. Marlene Quayle Duffin and her husband Ron hosted it. There were twenty-five Manxies there, including Chaplain Kelly's son Gregory. Others who attended were the Storeys (three generations), the Dale Skillicorns, the Les Corkills, the Waite Stephensons, the Max Widners, the Bill Stephensons, the Wayne Crews, the Pattisons, the Nortons, Eunice Parker, and Camille and me.

We discussed the Convention and the different plans and needs. It is surprising how much talent we have in our own ranks, i.e. Dale Skillicorn is a printer, Marlene Quayle Duffin is in public relations, and Bill Stephenson is a professional photographer.

At our four brunches we have had over 100 Manx-related parties, certainly a genesis of a society that could meet from two to four times a year. Our next meeting is planned at the Skillicorn Ranch in Watsonville the Sunday before Memorial Day. We hope all Northern Californians will come.

Our second mailer with the Hotel Reservation Envelope, tentative Program, and Call to Convention should have arrived by the time you read this. If it hasn't, you probably aren't on the NAMA computer list, or your address is incorrect. Please contact me directly and we will send you a copy. If you have family members who should be more interested in their Manx Heritage, why not copy your materials and send them a copy?

Our Convention is taking form and we are coordinating with the Hotel to make it a pleasant visit for you. You may wish to see the Bay Area from this central location. Doubletree is offering the same great rates for advance arrival and late departure on a "space available" basis.

Please include a visit to Northern California on your itinerary for August 10-13, and attend a dynamite Manx Convention while you're at it!

I have a 12-15 minute VCR tape showing what to see and do in the San Francisco Bay and Monterey areas. If you would like to see it to help with planning your trip to the Convention, please contact me at 830 Kiely Boulevard, Suite 200, Santa Clara, CA 95051, phone 408-244-7785, FAX 408-984-7055.

*Larry Fargher*

**See You at  
the Convention!**

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Australia Day Council Medal of Achievement was presented to Allan and Margaret Fairburn, with compliments from Mr. Lou Holm, Executive Director, by Mr. Vic Knight on behalf of our Society for their consistent support and assistance to other migrants over 23 years.

Kevin and Eileen Osborn enjoyed their stay in WA—especially camping in the Stirling Ranges when a kangaroo got caught in their tent guy-ropes at 4 AM!

The NSW Manx Society Newsletter has arrived, and includes the tale of two back-packers from IOM who were seen wearing Viking gear near the beach at Bulli in southern NSW.

Gordon Crosby has returned from the UK and passed on information from the Australia-British Pensioners Trust Fund regarding freezing of pensions when retirees settle abroad. The group is actively campaigning, and the matter is now on the agenda of the European Parliament. Margaret Thatcher has stated her Government has no intention of paying indexed pensions, amusing now that her party is publicising that they have extended the overseas vote to 20 years from 5 in an effort to boost their numbers in future elections.

Our Tynwald Day Celebration Dinner will be held at Le Mirage Restaurant in Northbridge on July 5th, 7:30-11 PM, cost \$24.

*Mrs. Kathleen Craine  
8 McGill Street  
Kewdale, Australia 6105*

## GALVA

A delightful afternoon meeting by 53 members of the Galva Manx Society on Sunday, March 4th, 1990 was held at the First United Methodist Church in Galva, IL.

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by President Russell Kelly. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given and America was sung. The Manx Anthem and Ellan Vannin were played for the group.

President Kelly reminded the members about the next NAMA meeting at Santa Clara, CA on August 10, 11, 12 and 13 of 1990. Members were encouraged to join and attend. He also encouraged them to take the trip to IOM in July 1991 as part of "Homecomers Tour."

Election of officers for the next year are: President, Russell Kelly; Vice President, Robert Miller; Secretary/Treasurer, Shirley Kelly; and Historian, Dave Clark.

The next meeting will be a picnic potluck in Wiley Park in Galva at 1 pm on August 26.

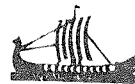
Program: Shirley Kelly presented a few facts about the first villages in Henry and Knox counties and how the ancestors might have arrived.

Lucille Lewin presented the very interesting article from Galvaland on the first Manx immigrants to this area and a little about each family.

Shirley and Russell Kelly presented "A Tour Around the Isle of Man" via slides.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. Refreshments were served and the members enjoyed reminiscing and meeting old acquaintances as well as looking at the display of items from the Isle of Man provided by the DeRollo and Russell Kellys.

*Shirley Kelly  
Secretary*



## CLEVELAND

Sunday afternoon apparently is a good time for our members to attend Manx activities. On April 29th, after brunch at Delphine's Restaurant in the Cleveland Hilton South Hotel, Independence, we had our meeting. More than thirty were present.

May 20th, our meeting was held in the party room of Tudor House (condos) in North Olmsted. A light buffet and a few games followed.

June's meeting, and a potluck, will be at Liz and Bill Duncan's home. No definite date has been set as of this writing. Plans are to have a picnic in July or August. Christmas dinner/meeting is already scheduled for December 9th, 1990 at the same restaurant we went to last year.

The Cleveland Medal—acknowledged as the award for the highest achievement during the whole annual Music Festival in the Isle of Man—was won this year by contralto, Mrs. Barbara Gale, a resident of Peel. Mrs. Gale was also the recipient of the Cleveland Medal in 1988. We are all looking forward to hearing a recording of her voice at our June meeting.

*Marge Kennish Krach  
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Seven Hills, OH 44131-5617*



## FLORIDA

Having no Manx Society in Florida, there is not much news to report really. I regret I will not be able to attend the Convention in California — the first I have missed in many years — but I sincerely hope it will be well attended and that those attending will have an enjoyable time.

In March and April had two cousins, Mrs. Juan Bellamy and her daughter Elizabeth, visiting me from Sydney, Australia. Our weather was ideal so they were able to see many of our attractions during their stay. Later this year I am expecting some relatives from the IOM to visit me too. It was good to have Mr. and Mrs. Hann, of Cleveland pay a visit during their winter stay in Florida.

Mr. & Mrs. B. MacWilliams, and Peggy Greggor of Clearwater also had Cleveland visitors in April, brother Donald Greggor and cousin Bill Duncan, spent time with them.

Would like to extend my very best wishes to the Committee in Santa Clara and hope they will have a very successful and Happy Convention. Will be thinking of all who attend.

*Ethel S. Christian*

## WISCONSIN

The spring meeting of the Wisconsin Manx Society was held April 22, at Madison with forty-seven present. After a buffet lunch, President Mike Cannell called on Jean Willett to lead us in singing Ellan Vannin. We also sang happy birthday to Mike's mother, Evelyn Cannell. He showed us his special gift to her, a lovely framed stained glass "Legs of Man" crafted by a local artist. Everyone present introduced themselves and gave their Manx connection. Bob Callin reported the Laxey Committee will contact the landscaper who has done work at the Laxey Cemetery to replace the dead tree at the cemetery. The Manx Society will provide funds for expenses.

Dorothy Gawn of Niles, Illinois, explained the Manx music tape she has available. The tape was sent to her by Barbara Hale of the Isle of Man. At her own expense, Dorothy reproduced it. Several of the songs have been performed at the Manx Music Festival. It includes some medal winners of past years as well as other fine vocalists. Roselyn Callin explained for the several new members present, our loan library of books and pamphlets. Our

President announced that Past-President Mary Kelly had been nominated for the NAMA third Vice-President. Six of our members indicated they plan to attend NAMA-90 at Santa Clara in August to give her our support.

A request has come from the Madison Public Library for more information on our Society and for a speaker willing to present a talk to groups about the Island. Mary Kelly volunteered. It was suggested our Society provide a copy of "Laxey In The New World" to the library.

Doris Alff and Joan Ogden delighted us with a fascinating tour of the Isle of Man showing beautiful slides and relating their experience at the Home-comers Holiday held there July 1989. They also arranged a table display of pictures and other articles of interest for viewing.

Our fall meeting date was set tentatively for October 14, 1990.

*E. Mae Reese*

*9102 W. Cleveland Ave.*

*West Allis, Wisconsin 53227*

## MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Manx are going to have their spring/summer meeting in Duluth on Saturday, June 15th.

The events will kick off with a one-hour tour of the S/S **William A. Irwin**, once the flagship of United States Steel's Great Lakes Fleet that journeyed inland waters from 1938 to 1978 transporting coal and iron ore.

After the tour, a meeting will be held in the Captain's Room of the Park Inn located on the shores of Lake Superior. Included on the agenda will be election of new officers, update on the NAMA Convention in Santa Clara, and news from the Wisconsin Manx Society.

Sally Dahlquist will give a report on "100 Years of Heritage," a celebration of the first 100 years since establishment of the Manx Museum and Ancient Monuments Trustees. She will also be asking interested members to put together a history of the migration of their Manx connections from the IOM to this country. We are planning to publish a bulletin containing these stories, just as we have done in the past.

Special thanks to Charlene Shimm of Duluth for making the arrangements for this meeting.

*Best wishes,  
Norm Gill*



## PEEL DIG

Prominent archaeologist, David Freke, recently gave an illustrated lecture to members of the Peel Heritage Trust at the Philip Christian Centre on the diverse societies that have lived on St. Patrick's Isle.

It was fortunate that a Viking hoard of coins valued at £1,000 was found within a few weeks of digging in Peel Castle, so that the team could be considered for a grant. Nomads were the first humans on the knoll where Peel Castle was later built, and their flints have been found to show that they were there over 6,000 years B.C. One of the first slides showed proof of the settlers when an oak post, (rather like a telegraph pole) stuck in the ground, came to light. It had been preserved by the water-table.

Liverpool University was able to carbon date it as being used as part of a hut built 500 years B.C. (The first Govags!) Another interesting discovery was the remains of what must have been a large granary that had been burned down, (by a raiding party perhaps?) the property of an Iron Age Chieftan, a sort of mint, as David Freke observed, to maintain his defences. He also pointed out that granaries from the same time have been found at the top of Mount Sumark and South Barrule, pointing to other Iron Age Chieftans in strategic safe forts on the Island.

David Freke went on to say that they had found many generations had been buried layer upon layer in Peel Castle for 900 years. Slides showed skeletons in their stone and slate coffins, others seemingly lying on the earth until the remains of rivets were found alongside the skeletons, showing that in later centuries wooden coffins were used.

He enlarged on the social and cultural behaviour of those who had lived on St. Patrick's Isle. In the late 5th century Irish monks built their small church to St. Patrick and established their monastery. Pilgrims would make their way there to pray with the holy men and in time St. Patrick's Isle was destined to become renowned for religious teaching. The remains of the churches can be seen today. The round tower standing in the centre of the Island was built to give shelter to the monks and their treasure when the monastery was being raided by Vikings. Viking is really a job description. When the Norsemen settled down, they

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first batch of pupils Sunday School Teacher Peggy Pedder taught are now in their sixties. Peggy, who has lived in Onchan all her life, went along to the church hall to do her bit when the Sunday School Leader was enlisted as a chaplain at the outbreak of World War II. Along with others she taught in the crowded church hall until one day one of her colleagues, having had enough, led a procession across the road to the butcher's shop and sought permission to use his empty attic. Peggy was asked to be sure to lock up the hall after classes, and was surprised to read in the church magazine that she had been appointed Superintendent.

Peggy was trained to be a school teacher in Sheffield and taught in Manchester for a year before she got the urge to come home. It was in the 1920s and she was warned that jobs in the Island were hard to come by. She approached the Island's first Director of Education and was offered a job at then Rushen Girl's School. Peggy never moved from Onchan, and rode to work daily on her 2¼ horsepower motor-bike, a half-hour trip. Peggy's teaching career took her to Hanover Street Boys' School and eventually to Onchan Primary School, where she held the position of deputy head until her retirement in 1968. No advocate of strictness, she attributes her success to "getting to know the children and getting their respect" rather than shouting at them.

Despite clocking up her half century of service, Peggy has no plans to retire from the Sunday School. "I love the kids and I would miss them far too much," the 85-year-old teacher says of her scholars. Despite holding classes in a variety of nooks and crannies, Peggy has enjoyed her involvement with the Sunday School. She feels the young people get a lot more out of modern teaching methods. "There are books that make learning about the Bible easier, and scholars take part in a whole range of activities these days," she said. "In the past it has always been a case of getting children ready for confirmation at 13 or 14, and then they were off. Now many of them enjoy coming so much they stay on. But I don't believe anyone was ever made to go."

At the end of the Christmas concert, present scholars sang, "Peggy, We Love You," before presenting her with a radio to replace her old one, now held together with an elastic band. Former

pupils, many now living off the Island, clubbed together to buy Peggy a framed sketch of a cross by a Manx artist. Vicar of Onchan Baggaley believes Peggy's long stint at the Sunday School may be a record. She said of the presentation, "I was suspicious when the vicar wouldn't let me into the back room after the concert. He looked rather shocked and asked me what I was doing there. It was all a big surprise to me. I didn't want any fuss."

## EMIGRATION

Have you ever thought what it was like for people when a member of their family decided to emigrate. They would be unlikely to see each other ever again, most of them couldn't read or write so letters couldn't even be looked forward to. In many wills the names of children are mentioned, as being in a land beyond the sea, they are left a small legacy if they come for it.

I think this extract taken from the Manx Sun of March 20th 1852 shows a little insight into what it was like for people emigrating, and for their families that were left behind, it depicts a rather pathetic scene.

"The natives of the northern part of the Island are again making arrangements to leave the place of their birth and seek a home in North America. On Wednesday last about fifty persons principally young men, arrived in Douglas from Andreas, Ballaugh, etc., and the same night took their departure by the King Orry for Liverpool with the intention of emigrating to America, where the most of them have already friends or relatives. We are informed by a person who accompanied the emigrants to Douglas that the scene, when these parties were leaving their homes, was truly affecting. Their relatives followed them for a considerable way on the road, lamenting their departure whilst a long procession of carts conveying the luggage moved slowly along, and also bearing the juvenile portion of the party amidst the silence of those about to leave their late homes.

"Our informant says that he never saw even a funeral procession move with more touching solemnity. There were also a few individuals from the South of the Island who left by the same steamship en route for Australia."

*Journal of the  
IOM Family History Society  
Mrs. P. M. Leuthwaite, Editor*

## AMERICAN VISITOR

The first ever Mourning Dove to reach the British Isles under its own power has been returned to the Island as a Museum Exhibit three months after it was found at the Calf.

A rare sighting of the bird was recorded near the observatory at the Calf of Man on October 31st last year by Warden Aron Sapsford. The dove (*Zenaida macroura*) was in very poor condition when caught, and died the day after being ringed, registered, and released.

Its home is western North America with populations travelling south in the winter to avoid the coldest of the weather.

The transatlantic migrant weighed only 83 grams when it was examined at the Calf, compared to the normal weight of around 140 grams. Even after being mounted in a life-like pose by a skilled taxidermist, the gaunt looking bird still betrays the ordeal that preceded its death.

## MANX RIGGS

A Manxman has been chosen to develop the new Riggs Valmet Isle of Man Limited. He is Peter Bond, well-known figure in the local finance sector for the past fourteen years.

Riggs Valmet is the trust and corporate services subsidiary of the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C., which has been providing banking and associated services for over 150 years to individuals, corporations, government agencies, embassies, and diplomatic missions in the United States.

The Riggs Valmet Group, through its principal offices in Geneva, provides private banking services and confidential discretionary investment management. In addition, a comprehensive range of trust and offshore company services is offered from their facilities in Gibraltar, Rotterdam, and now Douglas. Managing Director Peter Bond and his team will be based at 29 Prospect Hill.

*Isle of Man Examiner*

## SNIPPETS OF MANX NEWS

**Isle of Man Budget:** Families struggling to cope with the mortgages and the Poll Tax on Mainland Britain look enviously at the recent Manx Budget in which 88% of potential taxpayers will pay nothing at all or at the standard rate of 15%. On the Island a married couple will have to earn £26,000

per annum before paying the higher rate of 20%, and a married man earning £15,000 a year, whose wife is not working, will pay £1,500 income tax compared with £3,819 in the rest of Britain. Prescription charges are pegged at £1 per item versus £3.05 per item in Britain.

**Anger As Bank Trial Collapses:** Victims of one of Britain's biggest banking crashes attacked the decision to free eight men facing fraud charges. The case, expected to be the longest in Manx legal history, was dropped because of too many delays getting into court. Thousands of pensioners lost their savings when the Douglas-based Isle of Man Savings and Investment Bank folded in 1982 with the loss of £42 million. The Manx Government set aside £10 million to cover the cost of trial, and it is now under extreme pressure to reimburse investors who lost so much.

**Homosexuality:** The Manx Government is under pressure to amend legislation to allow for changes in the Manx Law regarding Homosexuality. It has become necessary for an Executive Council Committee to meet with the British Home Office to thrash the matter out. The changes emanate from rulings in the European Courts where homosexuality is regarded in a more tolerant manner. There is enormous strength of feeling on the matter in the Island on moral grounds. It will be interesting to see what eventually transpires.

**Swing Bridge That Won't Swing:** The 90-year-old Swing Bridge in Ramsey has been out of order for some time, causing traffic congestion of Ramsey Quay. Apparently there was difficulty in obtaining new parts for the swinging mechanism. A new part was secured a week or two ago to the relief of everyone but today, on Manx Radio, it was announced that the bridge is again out of action.

## ASPARAGUS

Sunday afternoon drivers lost to the west of Ballaugh may wonder what purpose is served by the huge glass buildings they pass. What they are looking at is the largest acreage of asparagus under glass in Europe.

The sandy fields near the coastline at Ballaugh Cronk seem a strange place for the delicate asparagus, but the 37 foot depth of sand is an essential ingredient in the cultivation of a plant whose roots grow a foot a year and which can live for 15. Where there's sand there's always water, so

perhaps it comes as no surprise that the plants guzzle down 3,000 gallons of water per acre per day as they swell under the 12½ tonnes of glass.

But perhaps the most fascinating thing about the plant is the disturbing speed at which it grows. The green "spurs" put on eight inches a day at the peak of the season, and have to be harvested twice every 24 hours, at 7 am and 4 pm. Even as early as March they put on four or five inches a day.

Even after being cut they keep sprouting and have to be chilled to stop. They are then flown to Manchester for general distribution to most of the markets from Covent Garden to Edinburgh.

*Isle of Man Examiner*

## CAREER CHOICES

It has never been easy to choose a career, but in the current economic situation in the Isle of Man there has hardly been a better choice. The influx of new industry and the improvement of local training in recent years means that fewer people are leaving the Island to advance their careers.

Earning capacity has never been so good, and the opportunities for promotion and career prospects are excellent. Among the employers: Mannin Seafarms, Isle of Man Bank, Aero Designs, Ronaldsway Aircraft, Royal Life International, Ronaldsway Shoe Company, Strix Limited (manufacturing), Manx Electric Authority, Palace Hotel Group, Ernst and Young Accountants, Marine Personnel Limited, Manx Airlines, CMI Financial Services Limited.

## STORMS

Local insurance companies expect to pay out a six figure sum following the latest storms. Up to 2,000 claims have been received since the start of the year. Claims are mainly for wind damage to roofs of houses and for flood damage. But the Island has not taken the battering that parts of the south of England has. Insurance claims in the UK have topped the £2 million mark.

Police have called upon parents to warn their children not to play "dare" with tides such as those being experienced. Youngsters have been dodging waves by the seashore in some of the most ferocious gales the Island has seen for years. The warning comes just months after the tragedy in which a 14-year old Castletown boy was swept to his death by waves while playing "chicken" with friends on the town's breakwater.

A Glen Wyllin man surrendered to the sea and moved out of his isolated cliffside cottage after mountainous waves and hurricane force winds combined to remove what was left of his garden in a matter of hours. When Mr. Couhig moved into the property in 1981 the land sloped gently to the sea 20 yards away. A fortnight ago the cottage boasted an eight-foot stretch of land, but after watching pieces of his land disappear "like slices of bread" into the sea while he was eating his lunch, only a slim concrete path and 18 inches of grass separated the house from a sheer drop.

"People come here in the summer and are fooled by the peace and tranquility. But for six months of the year, life here is really harsh and barren." Although the process has been speeded up lately, the site has a history of erosion. Shortly after the Manx Government's fish hatchery was switched to Maughold in 1973, the old mill formerly housing it was lost to the sea. "It is devastating what is happening. Our heritage is being washed away as wild and turbulent seas batter our coast not occasionally, but almost every day."

*Isle of Man Courier March 2, 1990*

## LIDO TO CLOSE

The Island's biggest nightclub, the Lido disco on Douglas promenade, will be closed down this summer, the Palace Group revealed. The questionable viability of the complex, criminal offences committed within the disco, and structural decay were the three main reasons blamed for the closure.

Group Chairman Jonathan Clague said the disco "is now out of date as a leisure facility, with the virtual extinction of the old mass tourist industry in the Island. The Lido, and the old Palace Ballroom, played a long and honourable part in the Island's tourist economy for many years, but now its day is over and we have come to terms with that." The only section of the Lido building to remain operational will be the new cinema complex.

*The Manx Independent*

## LOST MEMBERS

Mail is being returned for the following — please notify the treasurer if you have the lost members address:

Mr. & Mrs. Horace Smith, 104 — 1966 Main St., W, Hamilton, Ont. L8S 1J6; Tom Pomeroy, 2015 Canning Court, Burlington, Ont. L7P 3S5; Mrs. Marjorie K. Whatley, 813 Rachel Road, Mansfield, IL 61854.



## WORLD MANX

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"The Mill" Sulby and will be attending Church service at the Cathedral, Peel. On August 16th we have an outing with tea at Laxey Glen Cafe. Our final outing with tea at Silverdale, Ballasalla, will be on Saturday, September 22nd.

The Annual Gathering will be on Wednesday, July 4th with tea at the Masonic Hall. Tickets must be obtained for this function.

The T.E. Brown luncheon will be held at the Rutland Hotel on Saturday, October 27th and the Christmas Party at the same hotel on Saturday, December 15th. Tickets must be obtained for both these events.

Best wishes for a successful Convention in August.

*E.W. Musgrove  
Hon. Correspondence Secretary*

## NAMA CONVENTION

*From page 1*

Monterey Bay Aquarium is for everyone. Safely meet the big 'ones' eye-to-eye or nose-to-nose in the two-story exhibit. Approximately 5,500 creatures on display.

Especially of interest to men is NASA/Ames Research Center at Moffett Field. Two hour tours by reservation only. Call at least two weeks prior to your intended visit. Children under 9 not allowed. No charge.

Winchester Mystery House, San Jose. A wildly extravagant Victorian designed mansion with a variety of over 10,000 windows! Take a guided tour of the house or a self-guided tour of the garden or just stroll through the garden. You can see the gift shop and cafe which are open daily with no admission fee for these two.

Roseicrucian Egyptian Museum, Naglee and Park Avenues, San Jose. 3 miles from Santa Clara. The Egyptian and Babylonian artifacts which are quite unusual and very interesting since this type of display is rather out-of-the-ordinary as far as museums go. A Science Museum and Planetarium are located next to the Museum on Park Avenue.

For the children up to 100 years of age, Kelly Park contains Happy Hollow park with play areas, picnic tables, amusement rides and puppet shows; the Zoo there has exotic and unusual animals, a walk-through aviary, and an animal petting area; the San Jose Historical Museum depicts the Victorian era of the city at a glance while

the Japanese Friendship Garden allows you to feed the exotic Koi fish.

West of Santa Clara, in the Palo Alto, Menlo Park area we find:

Of great interest to the men is Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, 2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, 20 miles North (I say West because you go towards the Ocean!) of Santa Clara. Make advance reservations for tours which are 2 hours long. No charge. You might drop in without reservations and see what happens.

Stanford University Medical Center, 18 miles north of Santa Clara, is in the same area as the Linear Accelerator. Tours with advance reservations required. Must be 14 years of age. No admission charge.

Stanford University Campus. The Memorial Church has a very beautiful mosaic and it is great for pictures. Go into the campus via Palm Drive from Palo Alto to get the full impact of your approach to this Chapel and 'inner quad' — some of the oldest part of the campus structures. Follow signs for "Public Parking" which can be a problem but worth the effort.

Hoover Tower is not far from the Church. Here there is an elevator to the top (if operating) and you can also walk through Hoover Library and see his mementos.

In the Palo Alto area is Sunset Magazine's corporate headquarters, at Willow and Middlefield Roads, Menlo Park, one of my favorite spots. You can visit the beautifully landscaped gardens which always have something in bloom and/or take a 45 minute, scheduled, guided tour of the buildings and test kitchens with a docent-narrated history of the magazine, building construction and furnishings. No charge.

Allied Arts Guild, 95 Arbor Road, Menlo Park is a collection of shops and studios, patterned after the old craft guilds, established over 50 years ago. Nice gardens and a fun place to browse through. Ladies groups frequent the luncheon and tea room which require reservations.

On towards San Francisco, at San Mateo is the Bay Meadows Horse Racing just off Highway #101 — both night and day races.

And South of Santa Clara, it is about 40 minutes to Santa Cruz with its famous beach boardwalk which has amusement rides, arcades, restaurants and there is a Sunday brunch in the glass-domed Sun Room at the old Cocoanut Grove, famous for its ballroom, the only remaining one in Northern California. Nearby is Municipal

Wharf offering shops, restaurants, boat rentals and trips, fish markets and a panoramic view of Monterey Bay.

For a really casual, fun night out try Gaslighter Theatre in Campbell and its usually comic melodrama with audience hissing and booing encouraged — accompanied by free popcorn!

I have only brushed the surface of the area attractions. But don't worry, the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce will be supplying everyone with great ideas for places to go and have fun in his/her spare time. Each city has its own unique areas. Parks, amusement centers, shopping centers, museums, and you-name-it, we have it in California — all out there just waiting for you to discover whatever suits your expectations on your eagerly awaited trip to sunny California to attend the great bi-annual North American Manx Convention. So dig out your casual duds and start packing. See you there.

*Ed and Polly Ernst  
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**Come to  
Santa Clara...**

## PEEL DIG

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did so as farmers and rulers, marrying into the local Celtic families who further civilised them.

There was plenty of infighting. The Island was to know several Norse rulers. One such colorful ruler known as Magnus Barefoot eventually settled, restored order in Mann, and strengthened the ancient stronghold on St. Patrick's Isle and built his Hall there.

Gradually through the centuries the generations have built their own halls and palaces on top of those who went before.

David Freke paid tribute to the many hundreds of people who had supported the team and worked at the Dig. Not only had they come from Mann, but from all over the world, to help to unravel time in this way.

*From Islander Magazine*



**California...  
Here We Come!**

## OBITUARY

**John Evan Cannell, Sr.**, 90, died April 11, 1990, at Monrovia, California. Born May 25, 1899, in Douglas, Isle of Man, he moved to Ventura County seven years ago. He was formerly a machinist at Pacific Aeromotive.

He is survived by his son, John E. Cannell, Jr., of Simi Valley; sister Amy Belenkin of Hove, Sussex, England; six grandchildren and a great grandson.

## DECEASED

**John W. Collister**  
Chardon, Ohio  
August 8, 1989

**Mrs. Charline Radcliffe**  
Lexington, Kentucky  
February 1990

**Gary L. Queale**  
Sacramento, California  
Date unknown

*(These deaths were reported by  
Treasurer Creer.)*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Recently, the confirmation class of our church was examined by members of the church's diaconate, men and women charged with the spiritual welfare of the congregation. First, the boys and girls each read their written statements of faith, as evidence that they had studied and were prepared. They were then questioned as to their experience and belief. Many of the questions were quite good, and the answers seemed to satisfy the inquirers. One of the more thoughtful questions went something like this: "In the earliest days of the Church, it was often risky to be a Christian, and so they often used symbols, such as the sign of the fish, to let fellow Christians know who they were. How could you identify persons today as Christian, aside from church membership?" The pupil answered that he would know by that person's actions, if he showed caring for others, gave loving service, etc.

A familiar song has it — "They will know we are Christian by our love". But how is that love expressed and made evident? Both within and outside the church, we have many volunteer persons and groups. A very large portion of the church's work is done by these — in Women's Fellowships, Circles, teachers in the church schools. In the community at large, we have service clubs that sponsor eye banks, deliver meals-on-wheels, offer youth scholarships, and have many other service projects. Our hospital depends on numerous volunteers. It is the combined efforts of these numerous men and women that keep our community going. I'm sure that I am describing what is going on in your town as well. I would point out that, while much of this service occurs outside the structured church, a bit of research would reveal that most of the motivation for these "good deeds" have their roots in

the teachings of the Church's Founder, who once said — "Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me". (Matt. 25:40)

Truly, "They will know we are Christians by our love."

*Herbert G. Kelly, Chaplain*

### QUAYLES *From page 1*

in the oldest records and are shown as Mac Fale/1417, Mac Fayle/1511 (Mac Phayl is 'son of Paul') and Mac Quayle/1540. Other spellings were Quale, Quaylle, Quall, Quaille, Quaile and Quail. A Robert Quayle was constable of Douglas in 1664. In the United States, Wm. Alfred Quayle became Bishop of the Methodist Church in 1908.

Early in 1989 Ron Quayle purchased a book titled "Quayles in America" as a result of receiving a postcard inviting such a purchase. The book listed 513 Quayles in the United States with the largest number being in the states of California (87), Ohio (50), Michigan (41), Illinois (37), New York (34) and Utah (33). As a means of increasing membership in the North American Manx Association, the NAMA board decided in the Fall of 1989 to contact these Quayles and invite them to join NAMA. A welcome letter describing NAMA, the December NAMA Bulletin and a membership form were sent to each Quayle on the list. Ron Quayle's "Quayle and non-Quayle cousins" were also included producing a mailing to about 535 addresses.

We are happy to report that the effort has been a big success. Thirty one "Quayles" have newly joined NAMA and add to the thirteen Quayles who were already members. Twenty five new members are Quayles and six new members are Quayle descendants who no longer carry the Quayle name. Four of the new members are life members.

Welcome to the following new members! The Quayles and their locations are listed first. **Agnes E.**, Forest City, IA; **Bruce**, Wilmington, DE; **Charles W.**, Harrison City, PA; **Clifford D.**, Lynwood, WA; **Elizabeth W.**, Wyandotte, MI; **Gordon C.**, San Juan Capistrano, CA; **Harold F.**, New Hartford, NY; **James D.**, Danville, CA; **James M.**, Alpharetta, GA; **John A.**, Washington, PA; **Louis H.**, San Diego, CA; **M. Jackson**, San Leandro, CA; **Mark B.**, Tampa, FL; **Marky L.**, San Francisco, CA; **Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J.**, Oakland, CA; **Paul W.**, North Royalton, OH; **Robert E.**, Hammond, IN; **Robert G.**, Ashville, NC; **Robin W.**, Flagstaff, AZ; **Samuel B.**, Turtle Creek, PA; **Sonja E.**, Seaside, OR; **Thomas C.**, Aurora, OH; **Thomas E.**, South Beach, OR; **Vincent P.**, Baltimore, MD; **William J.**, Lutz, FL. The new Quayle descendant members are **Marion Q. Bethea**, Naples, FL; **Alicia Duncan**, Phoenix, AZ; **Janice Gray**, Venice, FL; **Patricia Hayes**, Hudson, FL; **Kalah A. Jenkins**, Carol Stream, IL; and **Mary Lou Philips**, Waldo, OH.

We hope all of you will enjoy your association with NAMA and the opportunity to learn more about your Manx heritage. If you live close to one of our societies, please get in touch with them and participate at the local level also. We look forward to meeting many of you at the NAMA Convention in Santa Clara, CA, in August. That could turn into a large Quayle family reunion. If any of you know of Quayles (or any other Manx folks) who would like to join NAMA, membership information can be obtained from Clarence Creer at 14228 Union Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462.

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## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mrs. Eleanor Gawne of Framingham, Massachusetts, has been on a world cruise aboard the Cunard 'Vista-fjord' and plans to return to her apartment at Kings Court in Ramsey sometime in May. She and her husband John, who died in 1987, made many visits to the Isle of Man in the past 25 years, and had always planned to have a home in the north of the Island when they retired. John Gawne's family were at Ballacorage in Ballaugh. Eleanor plans to continue researching the family when she is living on the Island.

*Noreen Cottier*