

# ISLE OF MAN COURIER Leader



## Witchcraft to end?

**AFTER** spending a month's holiday somewhere in the sun, Mr and Mrs Campbell Wilson, the former owners of the Witches Mill, Castletown, are to go to San Francisco to help the Ripley "Believe it or not" Organisation set up a witchcraft museum.

It was announced this week that Mrs Monique Wilson, self-styled queen of witches, had sold the collection of witchcraft treasures to the organisation.

Mrs Wilson inherited the Witches Mill and its famous collection under the will of the late Dr. Gerald Gardner, who died at sea in 1964.

Does this mean the end of witchcraft on the Island?

It is a well-known fact that quite a lot of local persons joined Mrs Wilson's coven and took part in ritual proceedings.

Mr John Turner, General Manager of "Would you believe it," Blackpool, told the Courier this week that Mr and Mrs Wilson's future plans after their visit to San Francisco are uncertain. He added that there had been mention of a cottage somewhere on the Island being purchased by them.

It could be that the local witches are not to lose their High Priestess and witchcraft on the Island will continue.

Mr Colln Fick and Mr Douglas Bolton, the new owners of the Witches Mill, said last night that contrary to rumours circulating throughout the Island, they have not resold the property and as yet, no decision has been made on its future.