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TENTH CONVENTION**



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## TIME MARCHES ON—TENTH CONVENTION

### Be Sure You Are Not Left Behind

Be sure to be in Rochester on August 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1937, for the Tenth Annual Convention of the N.A.M.A. From the time the first note of Ellan Vannin rings through the Seneca Hotel until the last farewell is given, you are going to have a good time, if the Rochester Manx Society has any control over you at all.

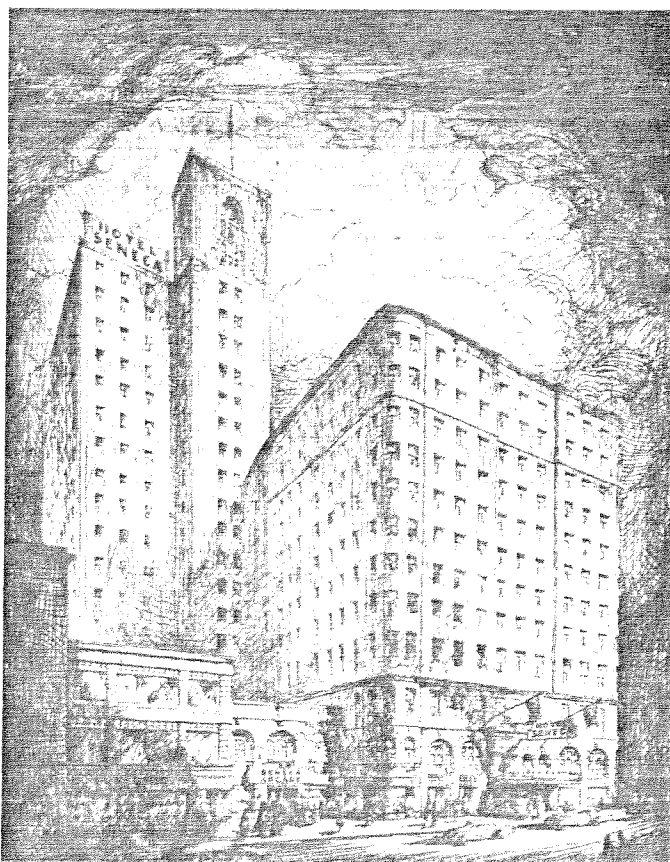
As we leave each convention from year to year, we declare each to be the best yet, and after nine such declarations, the tenth should be even better than the best. We know it will be, for all our chairmen are working hard to give you just that kind of a convention this year.

Have you ever seen a group of Manx people together after a few hours at a convention and had any doubt that they were enjoying themselves? You may have arrived tired and weary but soon rise to the highest degree of bliss to see them at these reunions. Were you not a Manxman, you would soon be trying to find out how you could join them in their cooish, and I will wager before many minutes you would find that someone in the group was a distant cousin, or most certainly knew some of your relatives. This is the spirit that makes these convention affairs that no one can afford to miss—just one big happy family gathered from all over the continent, together with some from our native Isle of Man—where all cares are forgotten, and all are out to enjoy themselves.

Alice Garrett,  
Chairman Convention Committee.

### Ways and Means Committee

The time is fast approaching when we will hold our Annual Convention—which as you know—will be held in Rochester, New York. This being our  
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Hotel Seneca, Rochester

The Seneca Hotel, which is to be your home while in Rochester, is one of the leading hotels, having over 400 rooms. The rooms are not "hotel-ly". The are attractively furnished, and airy; the beds are soft and so inviting.

The Seneca is noted for its hospitality and its delicious food. The chief interest of the management is comfort for all the guests.

The Crystal Dining Room and the Palm Room are well known to all who have ever stopped at the Seneca.

Its spacious lobby on the main floor and the large mezzanine floor will be ideal meeting places for all Manx friends.

### Hotel Reservations Committee

Don't put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day.

In other words, make your hotel reservations for the Convention now and don't wait until to-morrow and chance the possibility of being disappointed.

Rochester has many visitors during the summer months and from the reports received from various societies within our own organization, we are to have many Manx folks with us in August.

Reservations for rooms will be made as they are received by the Chairman of the Hotel Reservation Committee. Make yours now and assure yourself of a comfortable room and of being with the rest of the Manx people—all in one hotel—all one happy family.

Rates for convention delegates are as follows:

\$2.00 single, \$3.00 double for room with double bed, hot and cold running water.

\$2.50 single, \$4.00 double for rooms with one double bed and either bath or shower.

\$5.00 for room with twin beds and either bath or shower.

Mrs. William Garrett, Chairman.

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Tenth Anniversary, let us make this the best convention ever. It can be done if all societies will put a shoulder to the wheel.

Tickets for the drawing have been forwarded to the various Societies and Regional Directors.

Any help given us will be greatly appreciated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the following for their financial assistance:

- The Ladies' Auxiliary.
- Miss Betty Caine, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Miss Alice Garrett and Mrs. Quine, Rochester, N. Y.
- Mr. Sidney Corkish, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Mrs. Dan Christian, Chairman, 31 Nellis Park, Rochester, N. Y.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## NORTH EASTERN OHIO MANX SOCIETY

A Society composed almost entirely of descendants of the Manx pioneers of North Eastern Ohio—and the first offspring of the N.A.M.A.—is the North Eastern Ohio Manx Society. The existence of this group speaks volumes for the interest felt by Manx people in their Island tradition, as but two or three of the members are Manx by birth. On Friday evening, May 21st, they held an entertainment in the First Church Congregational of Painesville, where the attendance was swelled by a good representation of the Cleveland Manx. Doctor George Smith presided, and Mrs. Heffelfinger was in charge of the program. The audience was delighted with the singing of a ladies' quartette from a Finnish church in the nearby town of Fairport; also greatly enjoyed vocal duets by Mrs. Heffelfinger and Mrs. Clarke. The Rev. Willis Warren, former pastor of the Church, gave interesting impressions of Arizona, obtained during a six months' sojourn there.

The hall was decorated with Spring-like bouquets of lilac and dogwood, and the tables were loaded with the delicious cakes for which the Manx ladies of Painesville and district are famous.

The Clevelanders started for home in a downpour of rain, which in no way dampened the enthusiasm aroused by a very jolly and enjoyable evening.

## EDMONTON, ALBERTA

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith was the meeting place for the Edmonton Manx Society in March. Mr. Harold Brooke of Viking attended before leaving with the Homecomers on April 30th. Miss McMullen and Miss O'Neil assisted the hostess in serving an enjoyable lunch, and the meeting was one of the best attended this year.

The April meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corkan. Piano numbers were rendered by Mrs. Cleator, Mona Corkan and Mr. Lewthwaite, and Mr. Robert Teare sang "The Rose of Tralee". The lunch was provided by Mrs. Corkan and Mona, and everyone went home feeling that he had had a happy evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleator are to have the May 28th meeting in their home, and the Annual Picnic will be held on "Dominion Day".

## SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Manx Society held a very successful dance on Saturday night, April 10th. They were participating in the Grand Coronation Ball to be held on May 22nd, with the proceeds to go to the British Benevolent Society. San Francisco Society has two appointed delegates to the British United Societies.

## GREATER NEW YORK

The third meeting of the Greater New York Manx Society was held at the Y.M.C.A. in Brooklyn, New York, on Friday, May 14th. Mr. Cubbon, the Vice President being responsible for the arrangements. A very successful meeting followed an excellent dinner, and Mrs. Wm. Karan secured eight memberships for the N.A.M.A. We are looking forward to the pleasure of greeting many of the members of the Greater New York group at the forthcoming Convention in Rochester.

## CHICAGO

A very successful "White Elephant" and "Bunco" party was held by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Chicago Manx Society on March 13th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore for the benefit of the Chicago Manx Society. About sixty members were present, among them being Dr. Moore's father and sister, who were visiting from Montana.

On Saturday evening, April 10th, the Auxiliary again held a card party at the home of Mr. P. M. Watterson, Oak Park.

"Manx Night" was held on Sunday evening, May 9th, at The Methodist Temple, under the auspices of The Men's Club. Mr. Walter J. Stevenson, President of the Chicago Manx Society and soloist at The Temple, delivered an illustrated lecture on the Isle of Man, and sang a number of Manx Folk Songs. The Temple was crowded to capacity.

The Ladies Auxiliary is holding another card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Quayle on Saturday evening, May 22nd, and on Sunday, May 23rd, the Society will attend a morning service at Park Ridge, Illinois, where the Reverend T. Harry Kelly, D.D., is Pastor. After the service, luncheon is being served in the parlors of the church.

We are very happy to learn that the following are well on the road to recovery: Mrs. Emily Gawne, Mr. Fred Boyde, Mr. Thos. C. Kelly and Annie and Florence Comish.

## TORONTO

On April 6th, the Toronto Manx Society held a "Hard Time Party" at the Jessie Ketchem Hall, and a very happy time was had by all. Mrs. and Miss Craine, who had gone up from Hamilton to attend the party, were judges for the costume prizes, which were won by Mrs. W. Colquitt for comic costume, Mr. P. Clucas for best costume and Miss M. Birchnell for hard time costume. Dancing was enjoyed to the strains of a five piece orchestra, and Mr. Oakley, dancing with his daughter, Miss Audrey Oakley, won the spot dance prize. Mr. and Mrs. D. Connell won the lemon dance. Games filled out a most happy evening.

## MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

"Open House", held on Monday evening, April 12th, in the Pythian Hall, provided a splendid opportunity for the Benefit Society to give a farewell party for the Cleveland Homecomers. Mr. Fred Gorry, President of the Society, after welcoming the visitors, turned over the entertainment to his father, Mr. W. H. Gorry, who had arranged a fine program, including vocal solos by Messrs. Joe Clucas and S. T. Kelly; instrumental numbers by Master Bob Nelson, cornettist, and Mrs. Stead, an accomplished violinist. Travel films were shown by Mr. R. A. Cannell of the Cunard-White Star Line, and the entire audience joined in community singing led by Mr. Gorry. Refreshments and the customary "coolish" completed a most enjoyable evening.

## HAMILTON

A highly successful meeting of the Hamilton Manx Society on Saturday evening, March 20th, was presided over by Mr. C. W. Kewley, President. Forty members of the Toronto Manx Society and a number of members of the Buffalo and Rochester Manx Societies were in attendance. After a fine banquet, a very interesting entertainment was provided, a feature of the evening being the showing by Miss Alice Garrett, President of the Rochester Manx Society, of several films she had taken at past conventions. Her visit accomplished a lot in stirring up interest in Toronto and Hamilton Manx people to attend the Convention at Rochester.

## DETROIT-WINDSOR

The Detroit-Windsor Manx Society met on April 14 to honor Mr. Edward Kenna, Honorary President, on his 84th Birthday, and Mrs. Louis. Thru the efforts of the Breakfast Club, movies were procured for this meeting. They consisted of N.A.M.A. Convention pictures, thru the courtesy of Miss Garrett of Rochester, and a "Trip Around the World", thru courtesy of the Canadian Pacific R. R. Mr. Thos. O'Hara presented the officers with "Three-Legged" Tea Pot stands. Mrs. Richey, Vice President, would have no trouble in using hers to grace her dinner table, but the other officers, who belong to the Breakfast Club, were in a quandary.

The Coronation is a big occasion in the homeland, but Detroit and Windsor Manxmen were not to be outdone. In fact, it turned out to be an international affair, with Canadian, Serbian and Assyrian children doing some fine dancing, plus an American High School Band, to say nothing of the little Negro children singing their Spirituals. The meeting closed with a fine lunch after which the children received Coronation plates.

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## MORE ROCHESTER NEWS

### Tentative Convention Program

Tuesday, August 10th

The Reception Committee will be on hand to give you a warm welcome to Rochester. The Hotel Reservation Committee will take care of your room, the Registration Committee will be ready to handle your registration, and you will then be prepared to enjoy the Tenth Annual Convention of the N.A.M.A.

8:00 P. M.—Rochester Night, a get-together meeting. A good song or two and everyone is acquainted. Short talks and an interesting program is planned.

Wednesday, August 11th

9:30 A. M.—The Convention officially opened by the Mayor of Rochester. Business session.

1:00 P. M.—Luncheon at The Seneca.

2:30 P. M.—Leave the hotel to tour Rochester. Dinner and an entertainment will be given outside the hotel at the termination of trip.

Thursday, August 12th

9:30 A. M.—Business session. Short opening address by prominent Rochesterian.

1:00 P. M.—Luncheon at The Seneca. Afternoon free for shopping. Radio broadcast from a local station.

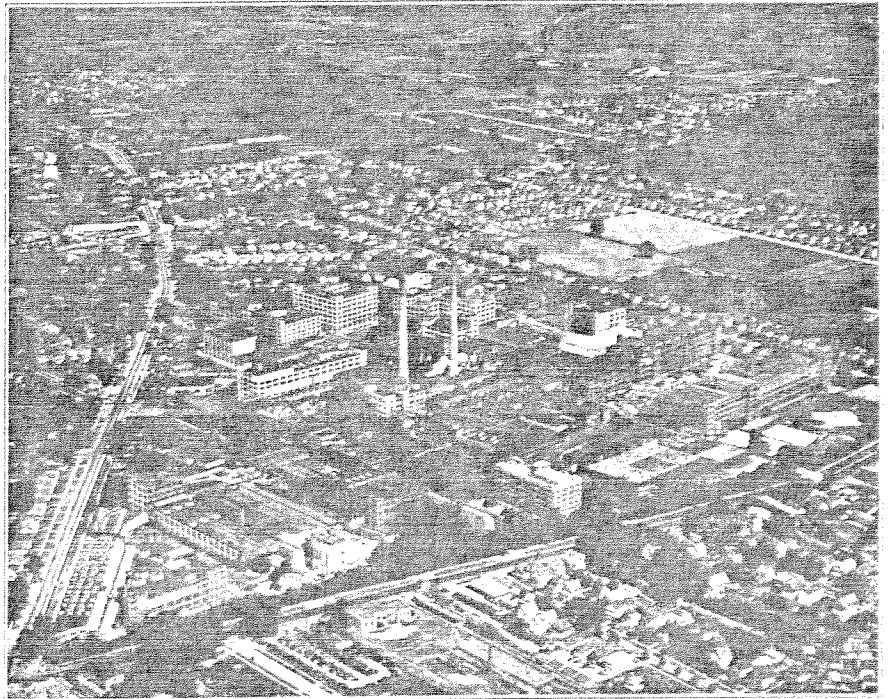
9:00 P. M.—Annual Dance in The Seneca Ballroom. Music by one of Rochester's leading orchestras.

Friday, August 13th

9:30 A. M.—Closing session. Election of officers. Afternoon free for visitation to Rochester industrial plants.

6:30 P. M.—Annual N.A.M.A. Banquet at The Seneca.

Adult registration fee for convention has been set at \$8.00, junior registration under 12 years \$5.00.



Eastman Kodak Plant Showing Residential Section for Employees, Rochester

### Entertainment Committee

All indications strengthen the belief that our Tenth Annual Convention will be one of the most successful and noteworthy held to date. There is growing enthusiasm among our members in the United States and Canada, and, in addition to the faithful members who can always be depended upon, we shall be favored with many new faces. And, apart from the joy of greeting old friends and renewing old acquaintances, Rochester is well worthy of a visit. Its beautiful parks and beaches, its tree-shaded avenues, its splendid industrial establishments, have a nationwide, and in some cases, a world-wide reputation.

The Entertainment Committee is working hard to provide a feast of music and a flow of oratory that will fully measure up to the high standards set by the Association in the past. And to those members whose minds are still wavering, we have this to say, it will be much better to come and enjoy a memorable experience than to say, when it is too late, "I wish I had!"

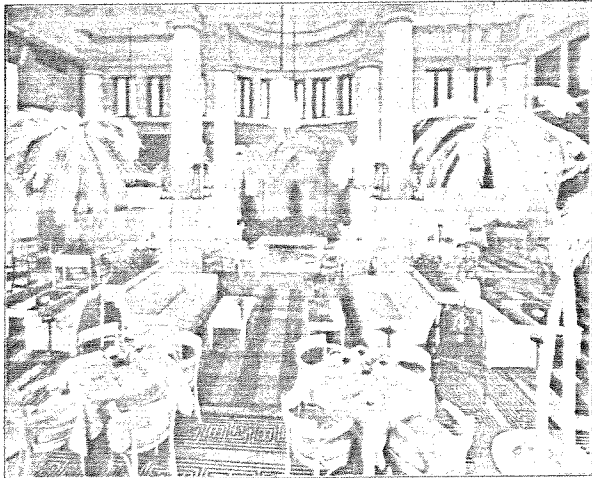
J. H. Quine, Ch.

### Souvenir Book Committee

The Souvenir Booklet Committee strongly urge members to send in their names for the Patron's List at as early a date as possible. The heavy cost of printing this important booklet can only be met if our members cooperate in the most generous manner. Furthermore, in this way, greetings can be sent to relatives and friends at home and abroad. We hope to print the largest Patrons' List in our history.

Mrs. J. Henry Quine, Chairman,  
312 Susquehanna Rd., Rochester, N. Y.

Make hotel reservations NOW with Mrs. William Garrett, Chairman of the Hotel Reservations Committee.



Palm Room, Hotel Seneca, Rochester



Main Dining Room, Hotel Seneca, Rochester

## HISTORICAL -- LOS ANGELES

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with few variations. During the second year a bachelors' tea party was introduced, with Mr. Edward Storey as chairman, which was such a success that a Xmas tea party or dinner dance has been given every year since. Twice during that second year a hall was rented in order to have the tea party and a dance. After the second year, meetings were held in a hall in order to accommodate the large membership. Average attendance of 104 members during the second year and a balance of \$144 in the treasury show the flourishing condition of the new club. A few changes in the officers were made from time to time, Mrs. Mervyn resigning and Mr. Donald Bain accepting the secretaryship which he held until he became president of the society in September, 1933. A chuckle comes in reviewing the minutes of the society when the record is found that an umbrella was presented to Mrs. Daniel Teare as the Teares were leaving for a trip to the Isle of Man. A slight change in the officers was made in 1925-26, Mr. Hugh Corlett becoming vice president, which office he held for two years, and Mr. Edward Storey becoming treasurer which office he held until 1933. In 1927-28 Mr. W. R. Callister became vice president which office he held until he became president in 1932-33. Homecoming in May, 1927 aroused much enthusiasm in the society as it did in 1930 when so many members joined the merry-makers, with Mr. Edward Storey chairman of the homecomers entertainment committee duly appointed by the N. A. M. A. This gala occasion has never been forgotten by the Manx people of this society.

In 1932, the year of the Olympics in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Manx Society held a Manx Gathering which was attended by representatives from New York, Cleveland, Montana, Colorado, Arizona, and all sections of California. Letters and telegrams for the success of the gathering were received from Barrow, England; Victoria, Australia; Toronto, Winnipeg, Chicago, Cleveland, and the N. A. M. A. The marvelous Olympic events were attended in the day time, a wonderful picnic, a banquet and dance, a concert at the Hollywood Bowl, and a motor tour of Glendale, Pasadena, Hollywood, and Beverly Hills were provided for the entertainment of visitors during the remainder of the time. California likes to be a host and is longin' for another opportunity to entertain those Manxmen who will be attending the exposition in San Francisco.

The year 1932-33 was a very sad one. It was in that year the society made Mr. Daniel Teare honorary president because of his very serious illness, and his passing after a short time left the society in a sort of daze since he had been such a wonderful guide and associate. His place was taken however by Mr. W. R. Callister, president; with Mr. Edwin Killip, vice president and Mr. Donald Bain retaining his office of secretary

and Mr. Edward Storey that of treasurer. Miss Mary Ann Caine was appointed a reporter. With such heavy sorrow in the society, with depression beginning to show its telling effects, and with the calamity of the earthquake, it was a rather tragic year for the society. With such good sportsmanship of our leader, Mr. W. R. Callister, and the tenacity of the workers the society slowly revived, amusements being simpler, refreshments donated, etc., until there was the feeling that it was good to be there, and the society flourished.

The year 1933-34 saw a change in officers, the president being Mr. Donald Bain; the vice president, Mrs. Edwin Killip; treasurer, Mr. Raymond Marrion, and secretary, Miss Mary Ann Caine. This too was a rather cautious year since depression was still showing its marked effects. The next year with the same officers and with Mrs. George Marrion as chairman of the ways and means committee, there were gala nights—Canadian Legion night, California night with its glorious Spanish dancers and music, Scotch night (an annual event), a play by the Manx players, Manx night, a Xmas tea party until coffers were filled. Gay times were enjoyed and the society was regaining its old time swing.

And now on our final chapter with the following officers: president, Mr. Robert Gregg; vice president, Mr. Buddy Callister; treasurer, Mr. Joseph Rodger; and secretary, Mrs. Oscar Ward (Mary Caine Ward), the society is shown regaining its tempo with marvelous entertainment, wonderful attendance, good financial standing, and a fine spirit of cooperation. Our president is a king of men in getting everyone interested and working in the society and is himself an ardent worker and is a very generous supporter of Manx societies in general, Manx people and Manx workmen. He himself has either supplied or provided for in other firms many, many jobs for unemployed Manxmen. The same generosity is manifested in the Los Angeles Manx Society, so that donated door prizes of bronze table and floor lamps, smoking stands, tea pot stands, radio benches, Manx emblems for the entrance to Manx homes—all stand as mementoes of a president jealous for an active and hospitable Manx society. Much credit must be given to Mr. John Bain as chairman of the ways and means committee for the rehabilitation of the treasury and to Mr. Jack Christian for the new memberships and the regaining of old members.

Throughout southern California where the Manx people are scattered over hundreds of miles, there is great need for a gathering place. As such the Los Angeles Manx Society wishes to invite any Manxman or his descendants to enjoy with us whatever there is of ancient heritage which we can preserve and enjoy together.

Mary Caine Ward, Secretary.

## DO YOU KNOW

That the Isle of Man has been called—"The Cradle of British Road Racing"—due to the fact that the famous "Tourist Trophy" motor races, inaugurated in 1905, were first run in the Island in that year? The racing cars made four circuits of a 52 mile course mapped out on the Island highways, and the winning car in the first race averaged about 40 miles per hour. Remember—this was 1905—and the course, covering mountain, glen and winding road, a strenuous test of endurance!

That the first Manx "Sunday School Anniversary" on record was held at St. George's, Douglas, for the combined Douglas Sunday and Day Schools, on July 25th, 1813. The sermon was preached by Rev. Hugh Stowell, one of the founders of the Sunday School movement, who in 1808 opened the first Manx Sunday School at Kirk Lonan.

That descriptive literature for visitors to the Isle of Man has been issued for considerably longer than the past hundred years? An account of the Island, with map and information, was published in 1808. The year 1822 saw the first actual "Visitors' Guide Book", with map, illustrations and complete information for tourists. Another guide book, published in 1841 by two Manxmen, William Cannell and John Gill, has the true native flavor in its title—"The Strangers' Guide".

That in ancient times every Manx fishing boat had to furnish a mease (500) herrings towards the food supplies of the Island garrisons?

That Manx coins were first issued in 1668 and finally discontinued in 1840? In 1733, brass cannon from Castle Rushen were melted down and minted into Manx pennies and half-pence.

That the Isle of Man wants stamps of its own, and it is indicated that the demand may be granted by the British postal authorities.

That the National Geographic magazine for May, 1937 has an excellent article on the Isle of Man by Captain Frank Mellor, a Manxman of Castletown, whose grandfather attained celebrity as a lawyer in England. The article is profusely illustrated with charming Manx views, many of them in color. All Manx people who have not seen the May Geographic should make a point of obtaining a copy.

That one of our Indianapolis members, Miss Blanche Cowley Young, had her version of "How the Manx Cat Lost Its Tail" printed in the June issue of the children's magazine, "The Story Parade".

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## (NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES—CONTINUED)

## LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx Society made a pilgrimage to Indio, California, on Sunday, March 14th, participating in the services of the Community Methodist Church, of which Reverend George Quayle is the Pastor. Hymns pertaining to the sea, familiar to Manx churchgoers, popular modern church songs and Manx songs were sung by the sixty Manx people, adding color to the scholarly discourse on "The Homesick Exile", with many references to the homely Manx life of the past, its Christian character, its reliance on the blessings from Heaven in the simple fishing and farming interests, and the genuine and wholesome happiness of the Manx people. For over a year, this event had been the fond dream of Mr. T. Donald Bain, Past President of the Los Angeles Manx Society, and came to pass after much planning, corresponding and organizing. The transportation was by motor bus, the breakfast being at Riverside, where Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson of Riverside and Mrs. A. Q. Hadley of Claremont joined the group. Some of the entertaining features on the return trip were visiting a date garden in the noted Coachella Valley and roaming about the exotic desert playground—Palm Springs. Here Manxmen mingled with movie queens and with thousands of other sightseeing people, who were there to see the Spring flowers on the desert. A banner, displaying the Three Legs of Mann and the name of the Society, announced the arrival of the group in each city passed thru.

Two cars accompanied the motor bus coming from Los Angeles thru the orange grove country, bordering towering snow-capped mountains, while a smaller group came from the South thru avocado and orange groves, over high mountain passes and along the Salton Sea, which is 280 feet below sea level. After the church service, the Manx congregation was invited into the social hall to partake of a bounteous lunch. Among the visitors on this pilgrimage were Mrs. Maggie Soppitt and Miss Soppitt of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fayle of Petaluma, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cain of Ventura, Mr. Wm. Kelly of Ocean-side and Mr. Brady of Port Erin, who is making an extensive tour of the U.S.A.

The March meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall and was the annual "Scotch Night", with Jack Innis and his friends providing the entertainment. At this meeting Mr. Innis was presented with a suitcase, and his wife with a pair of bookends—both being gifts of appreciation for the many fine entertainments he has furnished over a period of years. The Hon. Francis Evans, British Consul gave a splendid talk, as did Mr. Tom Cottier.

A dance was the form for the April meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society, it being "young folk's night".

Somewhat of a flurry occurred when Mr. Arthur Callister of Santa Monica appeared, announcing that he was leaving with the Homecomers on April 30th. During refreshments, he gave a short talk, telling of his plans and suggesting that he be given the addresses of those friends that members wished him to call upon. Naturally, many took advantage of his offer. Interest also ran high when it was announced that two Manx families—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore from the "Raggart", Peel, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Moore from South Africa—would meet in San Pedro on May 15th. A get-together is being planned for them by the Los Angeles Manx Society.

## N.A.M.A. LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary wish to thank their many Cleveland friends who have responded to the call in attending the various card parties given by them during the past few months, and the members who have so willingly opened their homes on these delightful occasions.

The last card party was held at the home of Mrs. Morgan and Miss Hampton, Cedarbrook Road, Cleveland Hts. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Morgan, Miss Hampton and Mrs. John Cain. A good time was reported by all and ten dollars was added to the treasury at the happy gathering.

Alice Garrett, Secretary.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY,  
CLEVELAND

A large attendance made the May meeting of the Relief Society a particularly enthusiastic one. Under the leadership of the President, Mr. W. Harry Kelly, the Society is now conducting an intensive membership drive which is bringing fine results. A short entertainment followed the meeting, featuring two groups of charming songs by Miss Margaret Killey, and "The Manx Wedding" effectively sung by Miss Evelyn Christian, in costume. Chat over the coffee cups and the excellent cake provided by the hostesses, kept the gathering from breaking up until the customary Manx late hour. The Manx never do want to go home once they get together!

## N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB

A meeting of the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club was held Sunday afternoon, May 9th, at the home of Gordon Killip, Vice President, in Cleveland. Richard Corkill, Honorary Vice President and founder of the Breakfast Club, was present and presented to each Secretary-Treasurer, who had held office since the beginning of the Club, a lovely china Coronation Plate. These were given by Richard Corkill personally, and the delighted recipients, Elinor Cain, Margaret Kennish, and Florence Crellin, are truly grateful for his kind thoughtfulness.

Bob Harper, reporting on the get-

together at Lyndhurst Country Club May 8th, announced that an enjoyable time was had by the twenty-three members present. Dancing was the diversion of the evening.

Just a gentle reminder.—It is not too late to pay your dues for 1936-37. Your quarter will be enthusiastically received by the Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Florence Q. Crellin, 93 Grand Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

## GALVA

Mr. John Brew was re-elected President of the Galva Manx Society at their April meeting. Mr. D. T. Killip was re-elected Vice President, and Mr. Leonard Kneen Secretary-Treasurer. About fifty attended the meeting, which opened with a "pot-luck" supper, followed by a short program and an evening of cards and games. The program consisted of the following numbers:

Recitation—Donna Mae Collinson

Recitation—Dale Collinson

Solos—"Ramsey Town" and

"The Maid of Port y Shee"—

Robert Miller

Duet—Mrs. Paul G. Nesgen and

Mr. Robert Miller

Novelty features of the refreshments were colored Easter eggs, gaily decorated with the Manx Crest.

## Are You Going To Move

If you intend to move shortly, will you please notify the Financial Secretary of your new address? Much time has been spent recently in tracing members whose mail has been returned unclaimed. We don't want to lose sight of you—so please drop us a line when you move!

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE  
QUESTIONS

1. Where is St. Michael's Isle?
2. What is the southernmost village in the Isle of Man?
3. What famous cathedral has steps of Manx marble?
4. By whom were they presented?
5. What and where are the "Cloven Stones"?
6. Where is the Manx "Suspension Bridge"?
7. What was the first railway line in the Isle of Man, and when opened?
8. Where is the Elfin Glen?
9. What and where is "the Level"?
10. Name two Manxmen who have been U. S. Congressmen.

## OBITUARIES

Fick—Mr. R., father of Wm. R. Fick, President of the Toronto Manx society, died on March 25th, aged 85 years. He was a well-loved member of the Toronto Manx Society and will be greatly missed.

Lambert—Mrs. Phebe (nee Mylchreest), a past President of the San Francisco Manx Society, passed away recently after a short illness. Mrs. Lambert was born in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of Robert and Sage Quayle Mylchreest.

MacFeeters—Mrs. Thomas C. (nee Nellie Cowley), 71, 4236 E. 99th Street, Cleveland, died at St. Alexis Hospital on May 4th. Mrs. MacFeeters was a member of one of the pioneer Manx families of Cleveland and belonged to the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society since 1913. She is survived by her son, Charles H. of Shaker Heights.

Nicholas—Mrs. W. J. (nee Emily Shimmin) passed away at her home in Biwabik, Minnesota, April 8th following a long illness. Mrs. Nicholas was born in Foxdale, Isle of Man, May 24, 1877. She came to America when she was 12 years old. Her husband, four children and two sisters survive.

Radeliffe—Mrs. R., passed away on April 26th at her home in Oak Park, Illinois. Among those surviving is her daughter, Miss Sarah.

Sayle—Mrs. John E. (nee Mary Cowle), 62, 22300 Fairmont Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio, passed away May 6th at Glenville Hospital, where her son, Dr. Gilbert Sayle, is resident physician. Funeral services were held on May 10th at the Methodist Church of the Saviour. Reverend Mr. Rowe, who officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sayle, thirty seven years ago, had charge of the services. She is survived by her husband and four sons, Walter, Norman, Dr. Gilbert and Theron, also by a brother, William Cowle.

To the relatives and friends of the above, we extend our deepest sympathy.

### THANK YOU!

To those who so generously donated the beautiful prizes for the competitions among the Manx Homecomers aboard the S. S. Athenia:

On behalf of the Executive and Members of the North American Manx Association, I express our deepest gratitude for your assistance in making the trip of the Homecomers more interesting. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we only hope that we may have the opportunity to reciprocate whenever you visit us in the North American Continent.

—Claire M. Mylercaine,

Corresponding & Recording Secy.  
North American Manx Association.

## THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

By John Henry Quine

The forthcoming Convention of the N.A.M.A., to be held in Rochester next August, will mark the completion of our first decade as an organization, and will be, therefore, an important milestone in our history. This first decade might well be called the "Pioneer Period", and it illustrates what can be accomplished by a handful of zealous, courageous, far-seeing individuals, fighting against the forces of apathy and inertia. Too much praise cannot be given to those Manx men—and women too—who had a clear unflinching vision, who held the torch high, and who refused to be discouraged even under the most disheartening conditions.

And, on top of all the difficulties incident to the launching of a new organization, came the severest depression this country has ever known. Still the work went on, the Annual Conventions were held with a clock-like regularity, and members travelled hundreds and even thousands of miles to attend, coming from the four corners of the North American Continent, from Montreal, Vancouver, Los Angeles, and even from St. Petersburg, Florida. This is almost startling, in view of the fact that if we go back only two generations, the ancestors of most of us never got beyond the narrow bounds of that little island in the Irish Sea in their entire lives!

And, now, with a paid membership, I believe, of approximately eight hundred, it might be said that the "Pioneer Period" is over, and we enter a new phase, which should, perhaps, be called the "Cultural Period". But we cannot have culture without books, and we cannot have books without a permanent home for them. This is the vital thing we lack, and this is the next big job we shall have to tackle. I, for one, am confident that the second decade of our history will see the establishment of a permanent home for our organization, one of which we shall be justly proud, situated in Cleveland, which has been aptly styled "The Manx Capital of America". We do not want to give it a grand name, because that might invite ridicule. I think that "Manx House" would be as apt a title as any, and it ought to serve not only as the official headquarters of the N.A.M.A., but also as the headquarters of the Cleveland Manx Societies.

Needless to state, this will require money, but, in view of the fact that the depression is now safely over, it will require only a little self-denial on the part of our members to carry the thing thru to a triumphant conclusion. The important thing is that every member shall contribute according to his or her ability. I merely wish to suggest a few figures on my own responsibility. Let us suppose that six hundred and fifty members pledged themselves to give \$2.00 per year (in addition to the regular mem-

bership of \$1.00), one hundred members pledged \$5.00 per year, and fifty members \$10.00 per year. That would amount to \$2300.00, but in order to keep on the conservative side, let us call it \$2,000.00 per year. (Our friends at home should divide these figures by five to give the approximate value in Pounds.)

In five years, we shall have accumulated \$10,000.00, and with accrued interest at four per cent, this will amount to \$11,200.00. In a large and rapidly growing city like Cleveland, it is always possible to pick up very desirable bargains in what were once fashionable neighborhoods, but where the former residents have moved into the suburbs. In such localities, handsome, commodious houses can frequently be purchased at about one-half to one-third of their original cost. The depreciation in values, due partly to the whims of fashion, and partly to the encroachments of business, generally results in a lowering of taxes. I am confident that a good roomy house, suitable in every way for the official headquarters of the N.A.M.A., could be purchased for approximately \$16,000.00.

If everything goes according to schedule, we should be in a position to make a purchase by the year 1942. A cash payment of \$8,000.00 could be made, and a mortgage for an equal amount be assumed. There are two ways of handling this indebtedness. The old-fashioned way consists of paying an annual interest charge of \$400.00 indefinitely, which, in ten years, would amount to one-half of the original obligation. The modern method requires the payment of one percent of the mortgage per month, in this case \$80.00, or \$960.00 per year. In ten years and eleven months, the mortgage would be completely paid off, and the debt extinguished. It would have to be understood, of course, that the members would continue to pay their pledges until the house was free and clear of all incumbrance.

The payment of \$8,000.00 on the house would leave a balance of \$3,200.00, of which \$2,000.00 (or less) would be needed for the necessary alteration, and the rest would be available for upkeep, such as janitor service, taxes, heat, light, etc. What about the furniture, draperies and other embellishments? I feel sure that every single item would be gladly contributed by the Manx people of Cleveland and elsewhere, because it would not have to be new, and nearly every family has some surplus furniture which is at present relegated to the attic. Last, but not least, there are the books. It should be the aim of our Association to build up a library of books relating to the Isle of Man second only to the splendid collection

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housed in the Manx Museum in Douglas. This will take a long, long time, but a start can be made as soon as the house is purchased. It would be safe to estimate that at least half of the books would be donated largely by Manx well-wishers at Home. I know one member who will give a dozen books as soon as a permanent home can be secured.

I have outlined the above plan in the hope that it will be eagerly and exhaustively discussed at the forthcoming Annual Convention next August. It is not a Utopian dream, because it is entirely practicable. It does not depend on a gift of the fairies, nor must we wait until we find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If each individual member wills it, then it can be brought to pass. Our goal can be attained by the zealous co-operation of all our members, by the practice of a little self-denial for a truly worthy object, by the annual giving of a small sum which will not tax unduly the pocket-books of even those least favored by fortune. Furthermore, by this very fact, each member will continue to take a deep, abiding, personal interest in the work of the Association. In ten years' time, our membership should be double the present enrollment, and this will make our burden much easier to carry.

If the Kellys, the Christians, the Corletts, the Cains and all the rest were to lift their right hands to Heaven in a noble, dramatic gesture, and say, "It shall be done!" then not even that notorious old villain Traadi-llooar—the greatest enemy of the Manx people—could not prevail against them. I could fill several pages with glowing details of what could be accomplished once we secure a permanent home for the N.A.M.A., but space forbids. One word in conclusion—The names of all subscribers should be entered in a Golden Book. In years to come the descendants of the original subscribers will view those pages with deep love and pride.

As old Caleb Wetherbee says in "The Last Puritan", "America is the greatest of opportunities and the worst of influences: Our effort must be to resist the influences and improve the opportunity."

And that distinguished French writer, Andre Maurois, in his brilliant History of England, has stated that the British people possess two supremely valuable virtues—continuity and flexibility. In other words, we jealously cherish our age-old traditions—the proudest in the world—and yet we adapt ourselves easily and readily to new and alien conditions. And, so, paradoxical as it may seem, those of us who live in the United States can become

## NOTABLES OF THE NORTH SIDE THE PARISH OF BALLAUGH

Mr. W. H. Callister of 13906 Benwood Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, hails from the north of the Island, and possesses a wealth of information and anecdotes connected with that locality.

In speaking of the North Side, it may be well to mention that most of the pioneer Manx families who settled in the Western Reserve in Ohio—the Corletts, Teares, Craines, Quayles, etc. were from that part of the Island.

Mr. Callister recently gave an interesting account of the Kewish family of Ballaugh. They were considerable land and property owners; were farmers and brewers; and in addition were known as talented craftsmen. They were connected by marriage with the Corletts of Broughjaig and the Ballamona Beg, with the Craines of Broughjaig, the Tubmans and many other notable northern families.

The Kewishes will be chiefly remembered, however, in connection with Thomas Kewish, who in 1819 dug up the skeleton of the Great Elk, which he discovered in a field of his own at Ballacroscha. The skill and craftsmanship of this Thomas Kewish were demonstrated by the fact that he succeeded in assembling and putting together the entire skeleton. When the work was nearly completed,

it was found that the right foreleg was missing—so Thomas Kewish made a new leg from the bones of an old horse! Later this was replaced by the leg of another elk.

When the task of assembling these rare prehistoric remains had been completed, the Duke of Atholl—then Lord of Man—wished to claim the Elk. It was only with great difficulty that Kewish was able to get it out of the Island, for the Duke's soldiers were on the watch. He actually succeeded, however, in shipping it over to Whitehaven, while the soldiers were pursuing into Ramsey what they thought to be the remains of the Elk, but which proved to be the bones of an old horse; The Duke of Atholl later purchased this skeleton of the Great Elk for seventy pounds, and presented it to the National Scots Museum at Edinburgh, where it is still exhibited. The Museum Trustees presented Kewish with an engraving of the skeleton, which his descendants still possess and greatly value.

Some forty years ago the cost of repainting the walls of Ballaugh Parish Church was defrayed by an old lady of the village—named Mrs. Gill—a daughter of this Thomas Kewish. The old lady also gave the Church a stained glass window in memory of her father and her mother. The mother was Ann Kelly, a sister of Captain William Kelly, naval officer who received recognition for bravery at the capture of Cape Town, South Africa in 1806.

Other interesting Manx characters are connected with Ballaugh. Colonel Mark Wilks, who was Governor of St. Helena at the time of Napoleon's exile there; his daughter Laura, whose beauty and charm greatly impressed the famous prisoner—and who later, by the way, became Lady Buchan—also Sir Mark Wilks Cubbon, Commissioner of Mysore, India, in the middle of the last century, were all descendants of Rev. James Wilks, Rector of the quiet Parish of Ballaugh from 1771 to 1777.

Ballaugh is a village of unusual charm—in some ways suggestive of the beauties of rural England, rather than the more rugged Manx countryside. Yet the "Curraghs" are lonely and picturesque enough, with their associations with the legend of "Mylecrarine"; and the winds blowing over the sandhills down by the sea have the tang found nowhere else in the world but in the Isle of Man!

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### ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. At Derby Haven, close to Langness Point. (The isle is more generally known as Fort Island).
2. Cregneish.
3. St. Paul's, London.
4. By Thomas Wilson, Bishop of Sodor and Man from 1698 to 1755.
5. The remains of a stone circle marking an ancient burial ground, at Garwick, five miles from Douglas. One of the stones is cloven or split down the centre.
6. In Glen Helen.
7. Douglas to Peel, opened on July 2nd, 1873.
8. Near Ramsey.
9. A small village between Colby and Port Erin.
10. John Quayle Cannon, representative for Utah the latter part of the last century; succeeded by John Caine, who came from Kirk Michael.

still better citizens by clinging to our cultural heritage, because it is only by so doing that we can erect a barrier against the barbarism which threatens to engulf us.

### NOTICE

Mr. Quine's story, "Ellan Vannin", will be continued in the July Bulletin.

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