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"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"

March, 1939

WESTWARD HO! LET'S GO!

AUGUST 22nd to 25th

FROM THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION

The Nebraska Manx Society is working faithfully to make the 12th N.A.M.A. Convention "the best yet," and the Committees in charge are planning for your comfort while you are with us. The program is being arranged so that it will provide something of interest for each one.

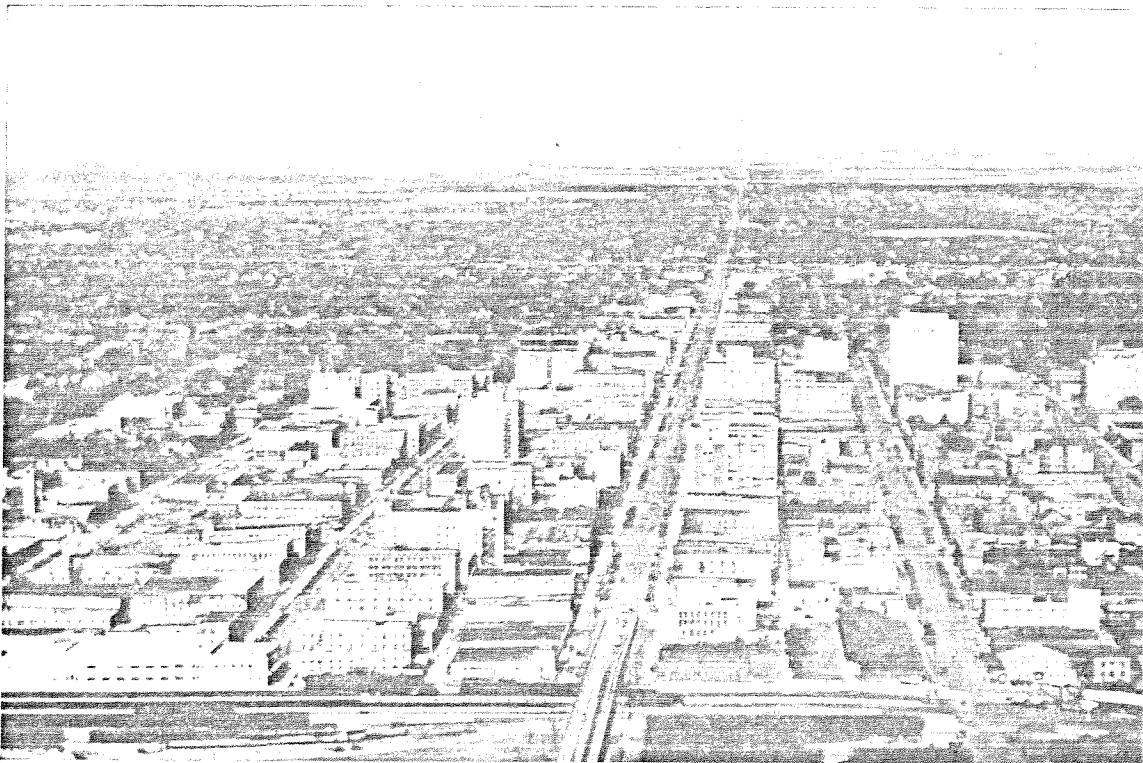
Nebraska, being quite centrally located, we are looking for delegates and visitors from the North, South, East and West. We are very proud of our paved highways, railroad facilities, and friendly people, so plan to come to Lincoln, and we assure you that you will be cordially

received and well entertained.

We have chosen the CORNHUSKER HOTEL as Headquarters for the Convention. This hotel is classed as one of the best. Its rates are reasonable and there is ample room to accommodate all who attend.

Plan now to join your Manx friends in Lincoln August 22nd to 25th, when I hope to have the pleasure of meeting and greeting each of you.

T. D. CLARKE, General Chairman,
Nebraska Convention Committee.



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The President's Message

Greetings to Manx Friends everywhere:

Last Sunday evening while I was showing the pictures I have of the Isle of Man many vivid scenes came back to memory. I was thinking as I saw the old chimney pots on the top of the houses, that each one represented a fireside, a place where we sat at the close of day sharing together the joys and the love of home.

How we relaxed when we gathered around the family fireside.

The fireside is a good place to get one's bearings again if they have been lost in the confusion of life.

The friendly fireplace will kindle anew the smoldering embers of our faith and courage. It will touch our souls with the spark of a newborn hope and set us free from our doubts and fears. It will drive away our despair even as the morning sun pushes away the morning mist. In the light of the old fireplace, we get a picture of what is beautiful and good. If there is any hatred or envy in our hearts we can command it to go, and a spirit of goodness and light will come and abide in its place.

It was at an open fire that the Christ stood in the early morning of a day long ago. His hands had kindled the flame. His voice gave the welcoming word to come and dine. Only a few hours before, a brother man of ours had stood by the wrong fire. The longer he stayed the colder he became, and at last all his courage and loyalty had fled and left him with nothing but cursing.

And now on the shore of that little inland sea, perhaps at the very spot whence he had left his nets and his boats to follow the Master, he stands at that mysterious fire.

What that Holy One did for this brother man of ours in the long ago at the open fire on Galilee's shore, he can do for us today. Draw near to the Holy Flame that Love has kindled and all your doubts and fears shall flee away as your love and his shall come into its own.

We won't have an open fireside at Lincoln, but we will have the next thing to it. We will have groups of

friends sitting there enjoying together the joys of days gone by.

Plan to come to Lincoln to the Convention and get a real taste of Manxland.

In these troublesome and momentous days in which we are living, may the memories of those days around the fireside keep you steady and bring Love and Peace to your hearts.

That is my wish for you.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH PARTRIDGE.

Let's Beat All Records This Year

Membership has been climbing rapidly this year. Maybe this is due to better times; certainly it shows wider interest—and we HOPE it points to a record for the year. It WILL, if all who have still to renew since last year, will do so NOW.

Just say to yourself — "Here's where I again show my enthusiasm for the N.A.M.A."—and mail the dollar. Remember—it's not only a record total we'll be proud of, but there's even more pleasure in the personal touch conveyed in each individual renewal.

Kipling said, "It's the everlasting teamwork of every bloomin' soul"—that get's things done. Let's prove our interest, individually and collectively, by an all-time high roll call for 1938-39.

GERTRUDE CANNELL,
Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

Are You Interested?

A very excellent rate via rail from Cleveland to Lincoln has been submitted to us — providing we can interest twenty-five people in such a trip to attend the Convention. However, we would like to have some idea as to the number who would be interested in joining such a party at Cleveland, so that we may make further arrangements with the railroad companies.

Therefore, if you yourself or any of your Manx friends would consider traveling to Lincoln in this party, will you please so advise your Corresponding Secretary at your earliest convenience? The sooner we get the party together, the sooner we will be able to give out complete details. Obviously, however, such a trip would be considerably under the regular rail rates, and tentatively, we can say that it would be around \$25 return — traveling via coach. The present schedule would be to leave Cleveland at 8:40 A. M., arriving in Lincoln at approximately 2:00 the next morning.

This trip should interest not only people in the vicinity of Cleveland, but those east of Cleveland or enroute from Cleveland to Lincoln. So, if you would like further information, it will be gladly furnished upon receipt of your request.

Those who rode to Winnipeg from Cleveland in a party of this kind can tell you what a grand time they had on this trip. It is well worth your consideration!

N. A. M. A. Executive Meeting

The officers of the North American Manx Association met in Cleveland on January 21st for the purpose of discussing the forthcoming Twelfth Annual Convention to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 22nd to 25th.

They expressed pleasure at the program which is tentatively being planned by the Nebraska Manx Association, and not a stone is being left unturned to assure all who attend the "time of their lives." It is hoped that the tentative program will be in such shape to permit its being printed in the May issue of the Bulletin.

Ladies' Auxiliary Not Anxious To Boast of Slim Figure

The Ladies' Auxiliary is growing each year. This year we are proud of a large membership. Several parties have been held and very much enjoyed by all attending them, to say nothing of the increase our treasury has enjoyed due to the revenue from these parties.

Fortunately our treasury is not anxious for a "slim figure" for the new spring fashions, so if you will have a party and send us the proceeds, it will be greatly appreciated and if you are not a member, we will be glad to receive your quarter.

LINCOLN NEEDS OUR SUPPORT — WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN.

Mrs. Robert G. Anderson, *President.*
Alice C. Garrett, *Secretary.*

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1—What is the meaning of "Cronk ny Iree Laa"?
- 2—What custom is connected with its name?
- 3—What are the names of the two Manx express trains?
- 4—What are their runs?
- 5—Name four well-known Manx names beginning with "Myl."
- 6—Who was Edward Forbes?
- 7—What was his particular study?
- 8—Where is the Chickens Rock?
- 9—What supposedly gave it the name?
- 10—How do you say in Manx
- 10—What and where is the Marine Drive?

Here is a proverb typically Manx in its sentiment. It was sent in by Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Quirk of Vantage, Saskatchewan:

Cha nee fer dy-bragh jarrood cheer e ghooie.

"One never forgets his native country."

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

VANCOUVER

The annual reunion of the Vancouver Manx Society was held on Monday, January 2nd. About 175 people turned out for this event, and after the banquet, a very excellent program was greatly enjoyed. Motion pictures donated by the C. P. R. were shown. Vocal solos rendered by Mrs. J. Hornall, Mr. Fred Killip and Mr. W. Mudie; a violin solo by Mr. Frank Kewley; readings by Mr. Joe Connor and Miss Mona Killey; impersonations by Mr. Frank Robinson and several numbers by the Vancouver Manx Ladies' Choir, directed by Mrs. Thos. Killip, rounded out a very happy evening. The chairman of the evening was their President, Mr. S. Cain, and the accompanist, Mrs. M. Lawson.

They held a Whist Drive on February 10th, when a very enjoyable time was spent by those present. Mrs. G. A. Walker and Mrs. M. E. Walker of Winnipeg were welcomed by their President.

On March 31st, a concert sponsored by the Ladies' Choir is to be held in Cambrian Hall, Vancouver.

VANCOUVER LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society held its annual Sale of Work in Cambrian Hall on the afternoon and evening of November 11th, and on December 8th a successful Canadian Products luncheon was held and sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Instead of their usual business meeting, a birthday party took place at the home of Mrs. Fred Killip on January 25th. The birthday cake, donated by their President, Mrs. A. Stevenson, was cut by their oldest member, Mrs. McKnight. Their meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of the month at the homes of members, the time and place being published in their local newspapers.

They would cordially receive any Vancouver Manx ladies who would like to join their organization. Their officers for the current year are:

President, Mrs. A. Stevenson.
 Vice-president, Mrs. R. McWaters.
 Secretary, Mrs. A. Halsall,
 2834 Georgia Street, Vancouver,
 B. C.
 Treasurer, Mrs. T. Killip.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. Amy Satterlee, Secretary of the San Francisco Manx Society, reports that their organization is making rapid strides having had some very interesting and well attended meetings during the past few months. A whist party was to be held at the home of Mrs. Satterlee on the afternoon of Washington's birthday—February 22nd—it being about the third or fourth of these whist parties to be given in the homes of members for the good of their society.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society has not been holding meetings regularly during the winter months, but the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shimmin, 6544 Perry Avenue, Chicago, was to be their meeting place on March 5th. We hope that with spring "just around the corner," this Society will be able to get together more frequently.

CLEVELAND

The eighty-eighth Annual Banquet of the Combined Manx Societies of Cleveland, was held on Friday, January 20th, at the Hotel Carter. There was a good attendance.

An excellent dinner was followed by a very fine entertainment including vocal numbers by Miss Margaret Killey and Mr. Robert Fraser and pianoforte solos by Mrs. Douglas Cannell. Mrs. Cannell was also the official accompanist.

A stirring address was given by Dr. L. C. Wright, president of Baldwin-Wallace College, and Rev. Joseph Partridge, president of the North American Manx Association also extended his greetings and a warm invitation to attend the Nebraska convention.

Mr. W. Harry Kelly, president of the Mona's Relief Society, presided.

A Grand March and dancing occupied the remainder of the evening—and the "Home Waltz" found everyone happy to have been privileged to attend such a grand party.

Out of town visitors included Richard Corkill, Detroit, past president of the N.A.M.A.; Miss Alice Garrett, Rochester; Mr. Sidney Corkish, Buffalo; Mrs. Bury, Gowanda, N. Y., and Dr. Franklin Moore of Chicago.

MONTREAL

The average attendance at the meetings of the Montreal Manx Society this winter has been fifty, which is very encouraging to the officers of that group. Mrs. Meredith, who spent last summer in the Isle of Man, has recently returned to Montreal and has been added to their executive committee. The 28th anniversary of this organization will be celebrated at the Central Y. M. C. A. on March 15th, when their guest speaker will be the Rev. Charles George Smith of Temple Baptist Church. It is expected that their President, Mr. T. A. Moore, will have some announcement to make with regard to Montreal Society bidding for the 1940 convention of the N. A. M. A.

The Montreal Manx Society regrets that their greetings for Christmas and the New Year arrived too late for publication in the December Bulletin, so now take the opportunity of extending to all Manx Societies and Manx people "at Home and Abroad" their sincere wishes for all times.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

Over a hundred guests turned out for the Christmas Party of this Society, which was held on December 14th. Gifts were provided for all of the children present. A program of singing and tap dancing was rendered by youthful artists, and the singing of Christmas Carols by the entire party brought the evening to a fitting close. The members of the Society met again on January 11th, when their annual meeting and election of officers took place. The following were elected for the year of 1939:

President—Mrs. F. E. Richey (re-elected).
 Vice President—Mrs. J. Munro.
 Secretary—Mr. Arthur Gough, 9174 Schaefer Rd., Detroit.
 Treasurer—Miss Mildred Mawson (re-elected).

After the officers had been installed, the re-elected President, Mrs. Richey, was presented by the Society with a set of table glassware as an expression of their appreciation for the excellent work she had done during the year just closed. Their February meeting was held on the 8th in St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, when all Manx and their friends were invited to join them.

GALVA

At a recent meeting of the Galva Manx Society, three couples among their membership were honored for having been married for fifty years or more. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Farraget, 56; Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Killip, 50; and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kewley, 50. Approximately ninety attended the Manx pot-luck supper, following which, Mr. Tirus T. Kelly, their vice-president, conducted the business meeting in the absence of their president. A program consisting of vocal numbers, guitar selections and readings, together with games and dancing completed a very enjoyable evening. The regular election of officers was to be held at their February meeting, and Mrs. Margaret Kermeen was named chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for this meeting.

GREATER NEW YORK

The Manx Association of Greater New York met on Thursday evening, February 17th, at the Y. M. C. A., in Brooklyn. After a delightful dinner and their regular business meeting, their Vice President, Mr. Cubbon, who is Physical Director of Central Y. M. C. A., entertained them with a very interesting talk on "Protecting Democracy," a subject on which he is well qualified to talk. Everyone went home feeling that a profitable and interesting evening had been spent.

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About Things Manx

Brown sails scudding before the wind; skies now blue, now cloudy; white waves breaking against purple cliffs—that's the Manx coast. Always the brown sails are in the picture, and what a history they represent—of courage and seamanship; of un-failing hope, and of patience under adversity.

Once the fishing boats were the mainstay of Island life. Generations have watched them slipping out along the glittering pathway of the setting sun to vanish into twilight and darkness;—to return again to harbor with nets overflowing with the "silver harvest of the sea".

The Harvest of the Sea literally meant daily bread, and the hazards of the herring fishing were reflected in the laws, customs, superstitions and in the religious life of the Manx people. Bishop Wilson wrote a Form of Prayer to be used during herring season. Fishermen were accustomed to pray when leaving harbor; they knelt bareheaded in the boats before shooting the nets, to invoke a blessing on their labors.

The fishing has declined in recent years, and modern ways have lessened the perils of the sea, and with these changes the touching old custom has died. But its spirit has been preserved for all time in one of the finest of Manx hymns, known to many and sung wherever Manx people gather. The words are by Mr. W. H. Gill who compiled that well-known volume "Manx National Songs", and the musical setting was arranged by Mr. Gill from a traditional Manx air. Here it is—"THE HARVEST OF THE SEA."

"Hear us, O Lord, from Heaven Thy dwelling place.
Like them of old, in vain we toil all night
Unless with us Thou go, Who art the Light;
Come then, O Lord, that we may see Thy Face.

"Thou, Lord, dost rule the raging of the sea
When loud the storm, and furious is the gale;
Strong is Thine Arm, our little barques are frail;
Send us Thy help, remember Galilee.

"Our wives and children we commend to Thee,
For them we plough the land and plough the deep,
For them by day the golden corn we reap,
By night the silver harvest of the sea.

"Sow in our hearts the seed of Thy dear Love
That we may reap Contentment, Joy and Peace,
And when at last our earthly labors cease
Grant us to join Thy Harvest Home above."

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Costain, who last Christmas Day celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Costain are pioneer residents and popular citizens of South Porcupine, Ontario, and the regard in which they are held was demonstrated in a presentation by the township of a bouquet of fifty red roses. Many other beautiful gifts were brought by friends and relatives, and it is noteworthy that all their children and grandchildren were present on this happy Golden Wedding day. Mr. Costain is from Castletown and Mrs. Costain from Foxdale, Isle of Man.

Miss Mary Clague Hodgson, 9 Second Ave., S. W. Rochester Minn., is a new member and writes that while she was born in Minnesota, both her parents came from the Isle of Man and she herself has visited there. Miss Hodgson is greatly interested in "things Manx" and hopes to attend the Convention at Lincoln. Come along, Miss Hodgson—you will have a fine time and we shall be delighted to welcome you.

Our President, Rev. Joseph Partridge, can claim some friends up in Vantage, Saskatchewan. Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Quirk write that they knew his family in Ramsey; also that Mrs. Quirk is a cousin of Rev. C. Kinrade who officiated at Rev. Partridge's wedding last fall. Mrs. Quirk is a daughter of Captain J. Clarke, Harbour Master at Ramsey for forty years.

Another new member is Mrs. H. A. Watts, (Isabel Fargher) of Hedrick, Iowa, formerly of Laxey. In Mrs. Watts, the financial secretary has the pleasure of renewing friendship with a schoolfellow of old days in the Secondary School, Douglas.

The father and sister of Past President Dr. J. J. Moore have been visiting him, from Helena, Mont., during the winter months.

Mr. Edward Brayden, a popular Montreal Manxman and one of the founders of the Montreal Manx Society, was presented with a gold watch on February 18th, by the Executive and Staff of the Office Equipment Company of Canada. This gift was to honor him for his thirty years of service in the employ of that company. During this time he had not missed a day at his work. What a record to be proud of!

Mr. Albert E. Creer, who is connected with the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn., writes that he hasn't met a Manx person in Connecticut. He is the son of the late R. W. Creer, stonecutter, of Athol Street, Douglas, and came to the States in 1911. He says "Give my best wishes to any of your members who may happen to remember me"—and asks that they write him.

Tom Howland, 3318 5th Ave., San Diego, Calif., greatly enjoys the Bulletin and is especially interested in anything relating to Ramsey and Bride, as he hails from near Bride Village.

Jim Mann writes that they are looking forward to having a Convention in Winnipeg again some time and that they could promise twice the good time they gave us in 1936. In that case, it would be "some Convention," Jim, and we might take you up on that one of these days.

A member new to our ranks is J. C. Rivers, J. P., 1901 Wharf Street, Victoria, B. C. He is Secretary of Victoria Unit No. 12 of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada. Mrs. Tom Corkan of Winnipeg introduced him to the N.A.M.A.

Another new member is Miss Grace Kinnear Robertson, 932 Pearl street, Eugene, Oregon, who was introduced to us by Mr. J. H. Moores, also of Eugene. Miss Robertson just recently came from the Isle of Man to make her home in Oregon.

Mrs. Edith G. Quayle, 1203 W. Park avenue, Champaign, Ill., is another who is making plans for going to Lincoln next August. Last summer she spent in the Isle of Man, and is now taking a winter holiday in Florida.

Mr. W. D. Callow, Hon. President of the San Francisco Manx Society, is spending a month in Mexico. He also visited the Los Angeles Manx Society during the Christmas Holidays, and reports that he was "treated royally". We hope the Mexican Manx do as well by you, Mr. Callow!!!

Planning a trip home—Mrs. Wilfred Quayle, president of the San Francisco Manx Society. She will be accompanied by her brother from South Africa who will join her in San Francisco the latter part of April. They intend to stay about three months.

This should make our President, the Rev. Jos. Partridge, feel pretty good. The Manx people in Galva, Illinois, were "thrilled" when they learned that Joe had been elected as President of the N.A.M.A. It seems he had spent a good many years in Galva and was very well known there.

Because of lack of detail, we are unable to include in the Obituary Column the deaths in the Isle of Man of the mother of Mrs. C. Moore and an aunt of Mrs. G. Downward, both of Toronto. However, we do wish to extend our sincere sympathy to both of these ladies in their bereavement.

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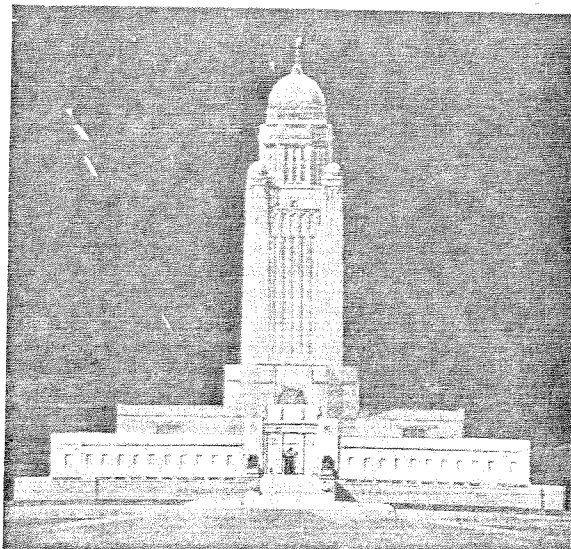
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Ways and Means Committee

The Nebraska Manx people are exerting every effort to make the coming N.A.M.A. Convention to be held in Lincoln a grand success.

This Committee will have some very worthwhile prizes for the drawing at the Convention and tickets for these will be mailed out in the near future. When they arrive we ask you to buy all you can and thus help us, the N.A.M.A., and maybe yourself, too—if you are a lucky winner.

A number of events are being sponsored by this Committee. We are enjoying them as they make us get together more often, and so we are getting better acquainted.

We want all of you to come to our Convention and bring someone else. The more the merrier. So—start saving your dollars for your Nebraska trip this August. Help us put this over. We depend on you.

"And what's going on down there in Lincoln, boy?"

"A Manx Gathering, and all, they're telling me."

"And will we be going down, boy?"

"Yes, gel, I think we will! We had better be puttin' a sight on them. They say there will be bonnags and buttermilk — and maybe some Manx knobs."

"Well, it's lek we'd better be goin', then."

We will be looking for you from the North, South, East and West. Let us make a record attendance this year.

Best wishes to all the members of the N.A.M.A. and Manx people everywhere.

NELL JOUGHIN MORRIS,
Chairman

Entertainment Committee

It is the hope and desire of this Committee that the Twelfth Annual Convention of the N.A.M.A., to be held in Lincoln in August will be one of the largest and best. Our program is being planned with the thought of pleasing both old and young. Many Manx entertainers whom you have heard at previous Conventions will be on hand — also some of our finest Nebraska talent.

We are very pleased that the Convention is to be farther West this year, and we assure each and every one of you who plan to attend that it is our aim to show you a pleasant time, where you will meet old friends and make new ones. SO — plan to come to Lincoln in August, where you will receive a sincere and hearty welcome.

MRS. T. D. CLARKE,
Chairman

Registration Committee

You will certainly have a good time if you come to Lincoln for the 1939 Convention. I am hoping that we will be able to say that we registered every member of the North American Manx Association and many new members as well. I know you will all boost Lincoln for us, as we are certainly looking forward to seeing you—meeting old friends and making lots of new ones. Our Committees are lined up and working earnestly toward making this Convention not only a success, but also making your stay with us one of the best times you have ever had.

Mrs. Lillian Crellin Humphrey,
Chairman

Souvenir Table Committee

The Souvenir Committee are busy getting ready to help make the 1939 Convention at Lincoln one of the best. We hope you will find something among our souvenirs to remember us by.

MRS. H. R. CRELLIN, Chairman

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1—Hill of the Dayrise.
- 2—When sunrise appeared over its summit, it was said to be the signal for the fishermen to haul in their nets.
- 3—"Cock o' the North" — "Port Erin Flier."
- 4—Douglas to Ramsey, 1 hour; Douglas to Port Erin, 40 minutes.
- 5—Mylechraine, Mylchreest, Mylrea, Mylroi.
- 6—Famous Manx naturalist, 1815-1854.
- 7—Starfish and shellfish.
- 8—Three-quarters mile south of Calf Island.
- 9—From being a haunt of "Mother Carey's Chickens," sailors' nickname for the bird stormy petrel.
- 10—Electric railway and road along edge of cliffs between Douglas and Port Soderick.

Eighteen years ago the city of Vancouver, British Columbia, had a Manxman, or more accurately a man of Manx descent, for Mayor. This was Mr. R. M. Gale, whose great grandfather was born in the Isle of Man.

News of the Manx Societies

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TORONTO

The new Executive and Entertainment Committee of the Toronto Manx Society are working hard to increase the membership of that organization, and their activities thus far have met with much success. Their January and February meetings were well attended and filled the workers with enthusiasm. A dance and euchar was held on February 24th, and another is planned for March 7th, when they hope to welcome home their President and Treasurer—Mr. and Mrs. F. Williamson—who have been spending the past two months in England and the Isle of Man.

ROCHESTER

The February meeting of the Rochester Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Christian on Wednesday evening, the 22nd. The bad weather interfered with the attendance, but those who did venture out spent a very enjoyable evening.

LOS ANGELES

The Annual Dinner of the Los Angeles Manx Society was held on December 30th, with an attendance of one hundred and ten. The dinner was prepared by Mrs. Stone and Charlie Trotman. T. Donald Bain acted as Master of Ceremonies and special guests of the evening were Mr. W. J. Callow and a party of five, also Mr. C. Kermodé, of the San Francisco Manx Society. After dinner, games and dancing were enjoyed by all. Their January meeting was well attended, and Mr. Tom O'Hara of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society was their guest. After refreshments, the party gathered around the piano and enjoyed an old-time song fest.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The Northeastern Ohio Manx Association recently held an election of officers with the following results:

President—Murray Morse.
Vice President—John Harris.
Trustee—Dr. Geo. Smith.
Secy. Treas.—Mrs. Blanche Killey,
59 Hartshorn Drive, Painesville,
Ohio.

WINNIPEG

Beginning with their October meeting, the Winnipeg Manx Society have held monthly Whist Drives, which have been greatly enjoyed. They report, thru their Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Corkan, that their Christmas entertainment was a very pleasant affair, the children having prepared an excellent program of songs, recitations and dances. Their March meeting is to take the form of a "social evening", with their ladies busily rehearsing a sketch "Mrs. Jenkins' Brilliant Idea"

and the men busy on some project to add to the enjoyment of the evening. A "Quiz Bee" and other games will help to round out what they consider will be a very happy time for their members and friends. More power to you, Winnipeg!

EDMONTON

Mr. Arthur Teare, Secretary of the Edmonton Manx Society, reports that their January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Turney, when a goodly number was present and enjoyed a "Bingo" game. Refreshments and the usual "cooish" climaxed an interesting evening. Their February meeting was being held at the home of their President, Mr. W. S. Cleator, on the 24th.

Pioneer Days In British Columbia

The history of Manx pioneers in North America, if it were written completely, would be a colorful one, with chapters from practically every part of the continent. From the picturesque Northwest comes a biographical sketch of the late Mr. John Callister, written by his niece, Mrs. Ada Stevenson, 2596 Dundas street, Vancouver, British Columbia:

"John Callister was born November 17, 1842, in Ballaugh, Isle of Man. He served his time as a joiner, and on leaving the Island he followed his trade in Liverpool. While still a young man he migrated to the New World. Making his headquarters in Chicago, he traveled through many of the States, spending one winter in Galveston, Texas, but left on an outbreak of yellow fever. The next year or two were spent in Denver, Cleveland, St. Louis, and also in parts of Iowa.

"While in Chicago, John Callister and another Manxman, Mr. D. Kneale, from Corvalley, Ballaugh, were engaged to go to work on the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. They had a two-year contract to do inside finishing. That done, Mr. Callister went to Portland, Oregon, spending some time there, also at Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, then north to Victoria, British Columbia — which he said was the only place he had encountered where the people had plenty of leisure, and the more leisure they had, the higher they seemed to stand in the public estimation!

"In 1885 he took a trip to Vancouver, B. C. He did not stay at that time, but returned the next year, 1886, to settle. One Sunday, he and several friends took a walk and when about three miles east of the city (which was then in its infancy), and looking back from time to time, they saw dense smoke and knew that a fire was raging. It was the Great Fire of June 13, 1886, and he lost everything but the clothes he was wearing. He had fitted up a shoe store, and taken his wages out in shoes! These were put carefully under his bed on the Saturday night,

and went up in smoke on Sunday.

"Being a contractor and builder, he said the fire did a lot of good, and he had the lumber on the ground by noon the next day. He erected a rough building on a lot on Hastings street near Carroll street, and many of the homeless were glad to take advantage of its shelter until their homes could be rebuilt. The Princess Theatre now occupies the site.

"He was architect, builder and half-owner of one of the first three-story buildings in Vancouver (still standing) known as Elesmere House, at Homer and Pender streets.

"When the first train came into Vancouver, he was too busy to leave his work to see its arrival! He occupied himself in building many homes, renting for a period, then selling. He became very tired of a home in the city, so in 1903 he moved on to a block of land in Hastings (a suburb of Vancouver) where he planted an orchard and garden, which were a great delight to him.

"The city spread rapidly in his direction so he subdivided the land, and was responsible for the building of about twenty-five homes on it. He used to say, he had gone there to retire but really he had never worked so hard in his life!

"It was largely through his influence that the Vancouver Public Library was opened. So anxious was he for a library that he paid the Librarian's salary for months.

"He was Honorary President of the Vancouver Manx Society. Twice during his lifetime he returned to visit the Isle of Man.

"He died on February 15, 1934, at the ripe age of ninety-two years."

Another Vancouver lady, Mrs. Alice M. M. Killip, 1020 Harwood street, obtained some notes from Mr. Robert H. Greggor, who is one of British Columbia's pioneer Manxmen. Mr. Greggor resides at 1452 West 13th avenue, Vancouver, and the following is his own story, as sent in to us by Mrs. Killip:

"I can say in the words of the song 'I'm a Native of Peel.' I was born and educated in that small city and afterwards learned the carpentering trade. Like many young men of the Isle of Man, when my time was served I 'went foreign.' It was in the Fall of 1885 that I landed in New York. I lived with a Scotchman in a shack on 72nd street, long since become a residential part. We were afterwards joined by James Keown, also of Peel, and we all worked together.

"I worked in one city after another, usually staying about three months in one place, but always working westward, and from Cleveland I struck directly west to Seattle. I had not been long there before I had a wish to stand on British soil again. I took a trip to Victoria, British Columbia, and there I was so impressed with the beauty of the country, its magnificent forests, its bays and peaceful waters, that I bought some lots on Quatsino Sound. That was my first speculation! (I still have the deeds

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OBITUARIES

Callow, Arthur, of Toronto, passed away on December 14th, at the age of 72, after an illness of several years' standing. Mr. Callow was keenly interested in the work of the Toronto Manx Society, having served as president several times, and was actively interested in the conventions of the N.A.M.A., having been a Vice-president in the Association for several years. He is survived by his wife, who is honorary president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A.

Clague, Miss Ruth, of Cleveland, O., passed away very suddenly on January 10th while driving her car home. She had been in ill health for a year, but the end was most unexpected. Ruth was an ardent worker in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society and was ever ready to do her share. She is survived by a brother John — her sister Maude having passed away just four months ago.

Corlett, Miss Emily E., of Vancouver, B. C., who died December 30, 1938, was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, having lived in Canada since quite young and in Vancouver for the past 45 years. She was a member of the Vancouver Manx Society, and also of the Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland. Surviving her are her sister, Mrs. A. Stevenson of Vancouver, and four nieces in San Francisco.

Corrin, Alfred B., passed on at his home in Franklin, Pennsylvania, on January 2nd. Born in Monongahela City, Pa., in 1853, he had been a resident of Franklin for 61 years, having been engaged as a building contractor. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wm. W. Wilt and Mrs. L. D. Gent, both of Franklin; one son, James A., of Warren, Pennsylvania; one sister, Mrs. Geo. T. Walker, Sr., of Washington, Pa., five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Cregeen, John, passed away suddenly at the age of 78 in his home at Mount Royal, Quebec, on January 24th. He was born in Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, and lived in Canada for 52 years. Mr. Cregeen was one of the founders of the Montreal Manx Society, and at the time of his death, was its honorary president. Always interested in things Manx, his loss will be greatly felt by the Montreal Society. He leaves a daughter, Mona, and one son, Kenneth T.

Cretney, Jean, passed away suddenly at Los Angeles, California, on February 21. Miss Cretney was born at Tosaby, St. Marks, and came to Cleveland about 10 years ago, where she resided until a year ago when she moved to Los Angeles. She made many friends in both cities and was a member of the Manx Societies and also contrib-

uted to their entertainment programs. The funeral arrangements were carried out by the Los Angeles Manx Society and a large number of their membership attended. She leaves three sisters: Annie Christiana, Nessie Quine and Florence Ada (Mrs. Shimmin) and a brother Edgar Hampton in the Isle of Man; and one brother, Thomas A., of Cleveland.

Golling, Mrs. Lisa Cowling Golling, of Cleveland, who died January 7th, was a former school teacher and had lived all her life on the homestead on which her mother and grandmother had lived. She was the first of a family of nine daughters to die and was 71 years old.

Grindley, Mrs. Eliza Maud, widow of the late Frank K. Grindley, of Edmonton, Alberta, passed away February 9th at Victoria, B. C. and was interred in the Masonic Cemetery at Vancouver, B. C. She is survived by a brother John Cubbon, of Edmonton, formerly of Peel, Isle of Man.

Harrison, Mrs. Nevetie (nee Manley) of Painesville, Ohio, passed on on December 26th. She was an interested worker in the Northeastern Ohio Manx Association and was one of the first members of that organization. Mrs. Harrison was the widow of the late Fred, and is survived by a son, a daughter and six grandchildren.

Hughes, Mrs. Esther (nee Mylchreest) passed on in Beatrice, Neb., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elsie King, on January 28th, at the age of ninety years. Mrs. Hughes was born in Patrick, Isle of Man, and left the Island at the age of 13. She was the widow of the late Joseph Hughes and in addition to her daughter is survived by six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Kerruish, Otto P., of Cleveland, who passed away on January 5th, was a collector for the Telling-Belle-Vernon Company, having been employed by that Company for twenty years. Surviving him are his wife, a son and daughter, his mother, a brother and a sister.

Lawson, John, of Chicago, Illinois, died on December 30th, and about thirty of the Chicago Manx attended his funeral on January 2nd. Mr. Lawson was born in Ballabeg, Isle of Man, but has lived in the States for over fifty years. Both he and Mrs. Lawson were members of the Chicago Manx Society.

Lewis, Mrs. Hester, oldest woman member of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society passed away recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clark, in Windsor, Ontario, after a brief illness. Born at Baldwin, Isle of Man, Mrs. Lewis lived at Pontiac, Michigan; Kansas City, Denver and Chicago prior to taking up residence in Windsor in 1905. Surviving in addition to her daughter are four sons, Frederick of New York, Arthur of Windsor, Captain T. M. of Shanghai, and Captain A. T. of San Diego.

Watterson, Miss Essie, passed away in Nobles Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man, on December 18th. She was a native of Peel and was well known and respected by everyone. Miss Watterson leaves four brothers and four sisters. Three of the brothers reside in the United States — John and Charles in Cleveland and William in Chicago.

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

Our Own People

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Another Manx celebration in South Porcupine, Ont., was the Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hughes, on January 17th, when many friends gathered to offer congratulations—in which N.A.M.A. members wish to join! Their home was beautifully decorated, and many lovely gifts were presented to the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are highly esteemed as "old-timers" and builders of this busy mining community, having first gone there in 1914. Quite a large percentage of Manx people reside in this section of Ontario, where they are well regarded as valuable members of the community.

Here is one of those coincidences we all like to hear about. J. A. Duke of Lochdale, B. C., while calling on a friend (not Manx) observed on the piano a song "Fair Isle of Mona"—words by Miss Bickerstaff of Castletown, music by Frank Cleator, formerly of Castletown, now resident in Cleveland. Mr. Duke was able to tell his friend that he knew Miss Bickerstaff and that Frank Cleator (whose father was coxswain of the Castletown lifeboat) was his own cousin!

Mrs. Hilda Johnson, secretary of the Galva Manx Society, says she is planning on going to Lincoln for the Convention, where she hopes to meet a lot of old friends.

A Manxman well known on both sides of the Atlantic passed away in Liverpool the latter part of January. He was Captain J. W. Binks, R.D., R.N.R., White Star Line commander. He was born in Ramsey and was apprenticed to sailing vessels at the age of fifteen. When he retired in 1934 he had sailed about one and a half million miles, and had commanded some of the largest vessels afloat, including the "Olympic."

Here is a saying—not Manx—but quoted by Mr. Leonard Corlett, 10712 112th street, Edmonton, Alberta, as typical of the philosophy of Manx seamen—"Go forth and meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart." Mr. Corlett's grandfather was a Manxman and he himself had a holiday in the Island when a schoolboy. Naturally at that age he was much impressed with the seafaring life of the Island. "Manxmen sail the Seven Seas and are known in every port of the world," he writes.

Pioneer Days

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to the lots, but have paid no taxes for many years!) Returning to Seattle, I stayed only a short time, then took tramp steamer to Everett, which was the terminus of the railway. It was a town of tents—even the theatre was a tent!

"The journey from Blaine to New Westminster was made by stage—the fare agreed upon being five dollars. I built a workshop there and was kept very busy. I was interested in Y.M.C.A. work, and I helped with the building of the Gymnasium. Later I was chairman, and the first to organize a concert in the building.

"Feeling it was about time for a holiday I left for the Isle of Man, and worked in Douglas for some time. I married Miss Clara Joughin of Peel and we went to Liverpool to live. There I worked on the building of a very large dining hall for the employees of the Hartley's Jam Works at Aintree.

"Now came the time when everyone was reading and talking of the 'Gold Rush' to the Klondike, and I decided to come West again. Landing in New York, I left for Vancouver and went to Stikene by stern-wheeler. I got as far as Glenora, but returned to the coast and went to Skagway, and thence to Yukon by the Dyea Trail. Hearing of a gold strike in Atlin, I was one of the first to arrive there, and the first to build a log cabin! I lived there until the Fall, easily found a tenant for my cabin, and left before winter. Next Spring I returned, but found that Government surveyors had been at work, and my shack was moved.

"I set out alone along the bed of a creek and came to Spruce Creek, which showed signs of being a good place for placer gold. I arrived late at night, slept on a gravel bank, and next day drove stakes, putting on names for myself and friends, and then moved on. Returning some months later I found others had covered our names with their own.

"I enjoyed the solitary wanderings and the quiet beauty of the country. My equipment was of the lightest—a canvas round sheet, a 'billy can' for cooking, a shingle axe, and a mackintosh! I lived chiefly on rice and pork and beans, beside the fruits which grew in the country. Blackberries were plentiful, and when cooked with the rice they made a very palatable mixture. I did not burden myself with either tea or sugar.

"There were many lakes and rivers, and thinking that a boat would be useful, I made one out of my canvas sheet and a frame of jack pine. A sapling made a good mast, and with pine under my feet, and my mackintosh for a sail, I was well able to navigate! In this way, I discovered Lake Surprise. At my next move I passed an abandoned Indian settlement where the coffins were tied in

the trees—presenting to me rather a gruesome appearance. After my varied experiences I returned to Vancouver where I have lived ever since.

"In 1908 I organized the first Vancouver Manx Society, and Bob Thompson, an employee of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company was Secretary. It may have been his example which induced so many of our Manxmen to enter the service of the B.C.E.R. A large number of Manx people attended our first picnic, for which we engaged a boat and sailed up Burrard Inlet to Belcarra Park — about an hour's sail from Vancouver. Our Manx flag, which was well displayed, caused some comment and inquiry!

"I owned one of the first motor cars in the city and I found plenty to do at the picnics, taking the children for short rides which were a great treat for them.

"Since its inception, I have always taken a deep interest in the Vancouver Manx Society, whether as President, or serving on committees, or lending my home for social and musical events. When the Vancouver Manx Choir was organized some years ago, my family was closely identified with it, one daughter being conductor and another daughter accompanist—I was a member of the choir, and many of the weekly rehearsals were held at my home.

"I have attended several of the North American Manx Conventions too, and found them all full of interest and enjoyment."

The Children's Corner

"The Top of the Mornin' to you on St. Patrick's Day" — and sure, boys and girls, a bit of green shamrock is a sight not alone for Irish eyes, but for everyone who believes that spring is really peeping round the corner.

We Manx should give more than a passing thought to St. Patrick, because it was Ireland's Saint who brought Christianity to the Isle of Man. Were he living today he would be called a missionary, but in those far-off fighting days, it's no wonder that a good and gentle Christian, who made it his duty to teach others, should be called a Saint.

The rock on which Peel Castle stands is called St. Patrick's Isle to this day. One of the Castle buildings is St. Patrick's Church. Its roof has long since fallen in ruins, but the four ancient walls are the very oldest structure now standing in the Isle of Man. They are probably the oldest remains of a Christian Church anywhere in the British Isles!

It was in 447 A. D. that Christianity was brought to the Isle of Man. Dates are hard to remember, so we'll say—Manx people have followed the Christian faith for fifteen hundred years! We are not accustomed to think of the passage of time in such large figures, because we think so much of the rapid progress the world has made in the few recent years

with which we are familiar. Even you youngsters have seen huge developments happen within your lifetime.

Less than a hundred years ago people were marveling at the advance from the stagecoach to the locomotive. But thousands of years ago a much more revolutionary thing happened, when man first thought of putting a wheel under anything in order to move it. That was the beginning of the whole history of transportation.

All your lives through you will be influenced by your first guidance from parents and teachers. In the same way, in this twentieth century we are still influenced by those great men who taught and guided the infancy of nations, like St. Patrick who planted in our Manx forefathers those seeds which grew and blossomed through the years into faith, courage, fortitude, understanding, vision — things which in our modern way we call "background," and which prove to the world that our national life was built upon a solid foundation.

So on March 17th let's think of St. Patrick. No doubt he found a shamrock or two in our Manx glens—no doubt he'd be proud to know that Manx boys and girls carry a thought of him in their hearts, fifteen hundred years after his time, in a vast continent he never heard nor dreamed of.

Do you know "Isle of Man Rock"—pink and white or yellow and white hard candy bars a foot or more long, with the Three Legs design through the centre and the words "Isle of Man"? Manx and English newspapers have been publishing articles as to who had the honor of originating this lettered rock. It seems certain at least, that a bar of it was presented to Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, when he visited the Isle of Man in 1847, ninety years ago. The wording used on that occasion was "Welcome, Prince Albert, to Mona."

The hurricane which struck the Atlantic coast on September 21st was experienced in full force by Mr. and Mrs. Evan Crellin of Codman's Point, Mass. Their home is at the water's edge and they were caught in the teeth of the storm. However, there is a good Manx anecdote connected with this rather terrifying event, and we are indebted for it to Mrs. Albert Nicholl, 12942 Phillips avenue, Cleveland, to whom it was told in a letter by Mrs. Crellin. Last summer Mr. Crellin erected a weather vane with the Three Legs on top. After the hurricane, the Crellins on going outside to view the devastation found the Manx emblem still standing, undamaged. Someone remarked, "Why, the Isle of Man stood it." "Yes," said Mrs. Crellin, "you can't knock a Manxman down." We can all share the Crellins' thrill in finding the Three Legs "on its feet" after the big storm.

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