

# BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



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

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## YOUR N. A. M. A. BULLETIN

### ★ IT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT ★

This is the time of year when usually we are making plans for the Annual Manx Convention. Last year, in accordance with the spirit of the times, we decided to omit the Convention. This year the same circumstances are intensified—transportation is more difficult, rationing is more general while vacations are less general—so we do not even have to consider whether we should hold a Manx Convention. We know we must wait a little longer for the bright day, already dawning, when the United Nations the world around will celebrate Victory and Peace.

So to keep our Association financially sound, we again call upon our members to support the officers of the North American Manx Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary who are sponsoring a Grand Prize distribution this summer. The support of every member to the extent of one dollar would relieve the N.A.M.A. of anxiety over finances for the new year which will commence in August.

The Prize Distribution tickets will sell at \$1.00 for the book of 12, three tickets for 25c or 10c for one ticket. When you read the list of prizes you will agree that they are the most attractive ever offered to our Manx people here. Members should have no difficulty selling tickets to their friends, and will of course purchase some themselves. Additional books can be had by writing the Financial Secretary. Keep in mind the date of the Prize Distribution, Saturday, July 24, at a garden party to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon, 19008 Kinsman Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

We remind you that in asking your support of this effort we are not making any unusual or unprecedented request. In past years the financial success of the Convention was assured by support of prize distributions, and contributions by patrons, and we are now asking your support of just one Grand Prize Distribution.

This is YOUR North American Manx Association, and like every democratic institution it is maintained for the people, by the people, and is of the people—in this instance, the Manx people of the North American continent. So, while subscribers will be many and prize winners but few, all will be partakers in the principal honor—that of having contributed a personal share towards keeping green and flourishing the age-old Manx tradition of which we are so proud—a tradition which on this side of the Atlantic has its spokesman in the Manx Bulletin.

Do YOU want the Bulletin to continue? We know you do. Here's your chance to prove it.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Manx People:

Elsewhere in this issue, you will read about our plans to provide the necessary funds to carry on our work for the coming year.

May I, as your President, ask you one and all for the same generous support given our previous efforts which enabled us to go ahead with our work. These are not ordinary times, and many are the calls that must be attended to. But knowing how proud a race we Manx are, I have no hesitation in appealing to you once again to come forward and help to keep your Association in a healthy financial condition.

I would like to point out to you that your Executive, both past and present, have always tried to make your Association an organization of which you can be justly proud, and they have endeavored to "Preserve whatever is left of Ancient Heritage." And what better objective could we have?

I am very pleased to say that our membership is increasing. I hope that it will continue to do so in the future, so that when the time comes, we can all meet again in harmony and peace, and really celebrate in Convention the return of Peace and Victory. May I add at this time our admiration and our thanks to all our men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces in all the scattered theatres of war. And, to our Manx people in the Isle of Man, may I express our hopes that you will give consideration to our invitation, and that many of you will make up your minds to attend our Convention at Toronto upon the conclusion of this, the greatest war in history.

JAMES Y. MANN, President.

## MANX-AMERICAN AND MANX-CANADIAN SERVICE LIST

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Lt. W. R. Baughman, 518 Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, Ill. Son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Abell, 1897 West 74th St., Cleveland.

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Pvt. Sterling P. Minor, A.S.N. 35536307, Co. G.—10th O.M.T.R., 3rd Platoon, T-628, Camp Lee, Va. Grandson of Mrs. A. S. Minor, 3604 Normandy Rd., Shaker Hts., O.

Pvt. Henry R. Nicholl, Serv. Btry. 202 F.A. Bn., Camp Gruber, Okla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Nicholl, 12942 Phillips Ave., Cleveland.

Pvt. Robert Irving Odell, Hdq. Ba. 691st F.A. Bn., Fort Sill, Okla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Odell, 150 E. 219th St., Euclid, O., and grandson of Mrs. I. F. Collins, same address.

Pvt. Ralph A. Pritchard, 735th Engineers Heavy Shop Co., Camp Claiborne, Alexandria, La. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pritchard, 9204 Hough Ave., Cleveland.

Pvt. Don Stephens, Co. C, 28th M. 2B, 2nd Plt., Camp Grant, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stephens, 4149 East 136th St., Cleveland, and grandson of Mrs. Alice Stephens, same address.

Aviation Cadet Stanton U. Keruich, Barracks 19, Locker 27, Minneapolis Naval Air Station, Minneapolis, Minn. Grandson of Mrs. Leona Teare, Cleveland.

Pvt. Albert P. Barber, A.A.T.T.E., 709 Training Group A.A.T.T.E., 74 Training Wing, A.A.F.T.T.E., Sq. A, Room 5, Atlantic City, N. J., and Pvt. Lewis Young, Co. C 37 Inf. Tr. Bn., Barracks 207, Camp Crost, Spartanburg, S.C., and Willard Young, U.S. N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.—three grandsons of Mrs. A. M. Barber, 21400 Fairmount Blvd., So. Euclid, O.

Pvt. Gordon W. Rogers, 35532485, 7th S.S. (A.A.F. F.G.S.) Buckingham Air Base, Fort Myers, Fla. Son of Mrs. J. W. Rogers, Battles Rd., Gates Mills, O.

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Millard M. Horace, A/S, Ward 32 E. U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. Grandson of Mrs. H. L. Miller, 4015 W. 166th St., Cleveland.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Sgt. Wm. Mylchreest, R-130332, R.C.A.F., W.A.G., stationed in the Bahamas. Formerly of South Porcupine, Ont.

Sgt. James A. Frisby, R-74305, R.C.A.F. Overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Frisby, Kemptville, Ont.

Orry J. Costain, R-130223, R.C.A.F., Overseas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Costain, South Porcupine, Ont.

Pfc. Wm. H. Scarff, Co. A, 28th Bn.—O.T.C., Camp Santa Anita, Arcadia, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scarff, 518 E. Hamtramck, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Pvt. Wm. John Stottler, First Troop Carrier Squadron, 10th T.C. Group—A.A. Force, Barracks No. 402, Pope Field, Fort Bragg, N. C.

### TORONTO

A.C./2 Alan Quilliam Downward, R206452, No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba. Son of A.Q.M.S. G. Downward, overseas, and Mrs. Downward, 60 Marchmount Road, Toronto, Ontario.

### PEORIA

Pvt. Ralph Quilliam, Detachment Medical Dept., Borden's General Hospital, Chickasha, Okla. Son of Mrs. Margaret Quilliam, 424 S. First Ave., Canton, Ill.

Pfc. Charles W. McMyn, 868th Guard Sqdn., Ellington Field, Texas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMyn, 419 Behrends Ave., Peoria, Ill.

Pvt. Ted Bliss, A.S.N. 16031897, A.A.S., A.C.D., Sqdn. C, Flight 11, Texas Tech. College, Lubbock, Texas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Bliss, 521 Columbia Terrace, Peoria, Ill.

## SERVICE NEWS

We believe our readers would be interested in items in the Bulletin regarding our young people who are serving in the Armed Forces of Canada and the United States. The only way we can publish such material would be for the families and friends to keep us advised of promotions, awards, furloughs, leaves, or interesting bits of news about any of these boys and girls.

This could be made to be a most interesting column if our readers will cooperate by supplying such information to the Secretary, Claire M. Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Let's all work together on this and see if we can't keep our readers informed about how these young Manx friends are getting on.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## SAN FRANCISCO

The March meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quayle, 1587—20th Avenue, San Francisco. Guests of the evening were Chief Officer Taylor of New Zealand, who represented the Merchant Marine, and Cpl. Flannagan of the U. S. Army. Mr. Taylor's ship, one of the windjammers, was a prize of war, having sailed into Wellington Harbor at the outbreak of hostilities, and was put into service by the New Zealand Government.

Letters were read from Captain Maeth, and Staff Sergeant H. P. Callister, former Vice Presidents of the San Francisco Society. The members were glad to hear from these two old friends, and to know that they treasure memories of former gatherings of the San Francisco Manx.

Their April meeting was at the Fred Callow home in Berkeley, an annual treat which is always looked forward to. On this occasion, they had a record attendance and enjoyed meeting many friends who have been finding it impossible to attend meetings in San Francisco in these days of restricted traveling. Guests at this meeting included Richard Cock of Detroit, who is now with the Navy and attending advance training school on Treasure Island. Another guest was Mrs. Rankin, daughter of Mrs. Hunt (one time of Peel), and a former President of the San Francisco Manx Society.

The members of this Society are to be congratulated upon their splendid support of the "I Am an American Bond Drive." So far, they have raised over \$10,000, in addition to collecting commodities for the "Big Sale" held at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium on May 16th, where they had a booth.

## LOS ANGELES

On Easter Sunday, the Los Angeles Manx Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trotman in El Monte, where they all enjoyed "putting a sight on" thriving vegetables and flowers. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Will Caley of Bisbee, Arizona.

Their next meeting will be held on May 23rd at the Marrion home in Hollywood, with Mrs. Betty Merwyn and Mrs. Frank Tipper assisting Mrs. Marrion as co-hostesses.

Sunday, June 20th, is the date they have selected for their annual picnic. It will be held in Ferndale, a part of Griffith Park. They say this park is so much like the glens in the Isle of Man, with similar flowers and shrubs, that it makes an ideal spot for a Manx gathering.

## GREATER NEW YORK

The Manx Society of Greater New York attended the Annual Patriotic Service of the Society of St. George at the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine, on May 2nd. The Manx banner took its place among the many other various British flags and banners, and was carried down the aisle by Mr. Alf. Anderson. It is reported that the members of the British Societies of Greater New York packed that large edifice on this occasion.

Mrs. Wm. Karran and her sister, Miss Eleanor Waterson, have invited the New York Manx to have a picnic at their home in Roslyn Heights early in July. The Society Secretary, Miss Florence Gill, 825 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, will gladly furnish further details on request.

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETIES

The Mona's Relief Society's business meeting on May 4th was a short one as they had kindly granted the greater part of the evening to the Cleveland Manx Service Fund Committee who were sponsoring a card party. Beside the card players, a good many were present as "lookers-on" and enjoyed a good coolish. During the evening, a fruit cake made and donated by Mrs. James Kewley, 4225 East 93rd Street, was raffled, which helped to swell the net receipts, including donations from persons not able to be present, to about \$50.00. Despite rationing, the hostesses succeeded in providing excellent refreshments.

The Service Fund Committee appreciated this opportunity to replenish their treasury—somewhat depleted since their Easter distribution of parcels to Cleveland Manx boys (and girls) now in the Forces. This committee also sent fifteen pounds recently to the Manx Servicemen's Fund in the Isle of Man.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society is planning another luncheon, to be held on Friday, June 4th, at the East End Y.M.C.A., East 105th Street, South of Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Mrs. B. C. Greggor and Mrs. J. Marcus, who are in charge, promise a very good luncheon and a pleasant afternoon.

Their Secretary, Mrs. Mona Bertsch, has asked us to say that they are all proud of another of their members who has entered the Military Services. She is Mrs. Lucille Kissack, who has joined the SPARS, and who is the wife of Captain Raymond C. Kissack, now overseas. Captain Kissack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kissack, 23001 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio.

## ROCHESTER

Dan Christian, Secretary of the Rochester Manx Society, has asked us to say that Rochester is still on the map, but that due to the illness of their president and several of their members, they have not been able to have meetings during the past several months. Here's hoping that all of them now are on the road to recovery and that they will resume their meetings soon.

## NEBRASKA

The next meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association will be their Annual Election of Officers and picnic. It will be held in Antelope Park, Lincoln, on Sunday, June 13th, and they will meet at the refreshment stand. All members and friends in that district are cordially invited to bring their baskets and spend the day with them.

Their March meeting was well attended. They met at the home of their Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Morris, 3091 U Street, Lincoln. Guests at that time were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kennaugh and son George of Glenrock, Wyoming; also five soldiers from the Lincoln Air Base. A program of music and readings rounded out a very pleasant meeting.

## TORONTO

Arrangements for the Annual Picnic of the Toronto Manx Society, to be held at Port Dalhousie on July 3rd, were well under way when they held their last monthly meeting on May 3rd. They would like to hear from any of their neighboring societies who could plan to join them on this occasion.

Their Secretary, Mrs. G. Downward, reports that their winter social activities are almost over, and that despite the bad weather and sickness among their members, the financial results have been excellent. This has enabled their President, Mr. Tom Moore, to keep up a steady supply of smokes each month for their boys overseas.

Don't forget the picnic—July 3rd!

## MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society held its last meeting of the season on Tuesday evening, May 11th. Due to the inclement weather, the attendance was not quite as good as usual, but those who did venture out spent a pleasant evening.

They had another evening of bowling at the "Pines" on Saturday, May 8th, and everyone had a good time, in fact so much so, that they have requests for a repetition at an early date.

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## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Manx lads in training in Ontario will be glad to know that there is a Manx welcome for them at the home of Mrs. B. Frisby, Kemptville (near Ottawa), Ontario. Mrs. Frisby was Essie Costain of Port Erin, and her son Jim, who is overseas with the R.C.A.F., has already visited the Isle of Man, along with his cousin Orry Costain of South Porcupine, also in the R.C.A.F. Manx lads who can avail themselves of Mrs. Frisby's cordial invitation will retain happy memories of such a visit.

Our energetic Regional Director Joe Daugherty of Toronto, who has a fine list of members to his credit, recently obtained the membership of Sgt. H. Vincent Shimmin, 1021111, Fighter Control School, Rockliffe, M.P.O. 306, Ontario. Sgt. Shimmin is from Douglas and attended the High School there from 1921 to 1926, was employed at Emmett's the outfitters and later took up work on the mainland. His father is well known as Tommy Shimmin of the Limited Yard Paint Shop, where he has a record of 45 years employment. Sgt. Shimmin married a Scotch girl but says he has upheld the Manx side of the house by naming his boy Douglas (which could also be Scotch!) and taking him to Tynwald Fair at the age of ten weeks. He enjoys meeting Manx people, and receiving Manx letters, and hopes to visit Cleveland before he returns home.

"There is always a feeling of pride when you see that N.A.M.A. membership card in your purse," writes Mrs. Lillian Marrion-Tipper, 2801 Griffith Park Blvd., Los Angeles. "I absorb everything written about our own dear li'l isle, and hope to visit it when this dreadful war is over."

A series of articles describing Britain's historic shrines and beauty spots by Mrs. Kathleen Spurway, is featured in the Windsor (Ont.) Daily Star. The issue of March 6 contained a very interesting one on the Isle of Man, brought to our attention by Mr. Hugh Kellner of Windsor.

Lt. Col. T. W. Gillard of Portland, Oregon (brother of Captain Frank Gillard of the Kaiser Shipbuilding Company, mentioned in the March Bulletin), now overseas, was met in London by his uncle, Alderman Walter Craine of Douglas, together with Deemster Cowley and High Bailiff Johnson. Lt. Col. Gillard in civilian life is a barrister in Portland, and expects to visit the Isle of Man during his first leave.

Mrs. H. C. Christian, daughter-in-law of the N.A.M.A.'s first President, Mr. John Christian of 2033 West Boulevard, Cleveland, is a talented musician and has just been made President of the Radio Council of Greater Cleveland.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collister, 4116 East 144th St., Cleveland, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on April 17. Mr. Collister is from Andreas and holds the office of historian of the Mona's Relief Society, while Mrs. Collister is from Peel. Both have the keenest interest in all things Manx, at home and abroad.

Our loyal New Zealand correspondent, Stanley Cannell of Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, is a valued member of the "land army" and upholds the best traditions of the Manx farmer, in the successful raising of carrots and parsnips for the Forces. Beside the New Zealand Army and Air Force, the Cannell Brothers are now supplying these vegetables to the U.S. Navy and Marines in Pacific waters. So here's good luck—and "keep 'em growing," Stanley!

The Corlett clan in America is quite prominent in military circles. The Washington Evening Star of April 6 had a photo of Maj. Gen. Charles H. Corlett pinning a medal on a plucky private at an Alaskan base. The same newspaper in a recent Sunday issue shows a picture of Lt. Vera M. Corlett of Monte Vista, Colorado, lecturing at the WAAC Training Center at Daytona Beach, Fla. Can any members tell us something more about these Corletts?

Reginald D. Shimmin, formerly of Los Angeles, is still in Trinidad—wounded. We are sure he would enjoy receiving a card or letter from anyone. His address is: Reginald D. Shimmin, Paratrooper, U.S.N.A.S., Barracks 10, Trinidad, British West Indies.

The Los Angeles Manx are glad that business takes William Callow of Burlingame, California, to Los Angeles occasionally. Such a trip gave him the opportunity of calling on Manx friends in that city recently.

Another Manx person spotted in the Los Angeles district is a Mrs. Wenchell, who was a Garrett from Ramsey. The Wenchells have taken over a Jap ranch and are growing strawberries for the market.

John Bain of Los Angeles has recovered sufficiently from a recent illness to resume his duties at the Douglas Aircraft factory. This is good news, because he carries on the important task of training draftsmen, and every war worker is very necessary these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Bliss, 521 Columbia Terrace, Peoria, Illinois, recently returned from Lubbock, Texas, where they spent several days with their son Ted, who is in training there. They report a most enjoyable visit in a lovely Texas town.

New residents of Lincoln, Nebraska, are Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey, who have moved there recently from Crete. They are now living at 2750 Arlington Street, Lincoln.

At a luncheon given on a recent Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska, announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Maryellen, to Mr. William A. Hinrichs, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hinrichs of Lincoln. Best wishes to this young couple!

Mrs. J. W. Morris, 3091 U Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, who is secretary of the Nebraska Manx Association, tells us of an unusual occurrence recently. It seems that a group of soldiers from the Lincoln Air Base was invited to join the Nebraska State W.C.T.U. at a luncheon. While visiting with these young men, Mrs. Morris learned that one of them, Pfc. Wm. A. Valentine of Brooklyn, New York, was a son-in-law of Mr. Ernest V. Curphey, 1721 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood, New York. Mrs. Morris says they are going to make this young soldier feel at home by asking him to their meetings and their homes, and we know that he will appreciate the atmosphere of real Manx homes.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. James C. Tyson, 2153—24th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York, President of the Manx Society of Greater New York, has had the degree of Doctor of Music conferred upon him for his many worthy musical compositions. We are sure that all of our members will join us in extending our sincere congratulations to Mr. Tyson.

Congratulations also to David J. Teare, 3264 West 114th Street, Cleveland, who recently stepped before flying officers at his training school and received his wings and a Second Lieutenant's Commission in the U.S. Army Air Force. Lt. Teare is the son of Mrs. Roy Cowin.

L.A.C. Juan Christian from Gordon (near Glenmoye), who is completing a course as Air Navigator in the R.A.F., and is stationed at Portage-la-Prairie, Manitoba, has been visiting some of the Manx in Winnipeg, having spent recent leaves with the Jim Manns and Tom Corkans. He is the son of Jack Christian, formerly in business in Victoria Street, Douglas.

Mrs. Harry Greene of Toronto, whose husband, Sergeant Harry Greene, is a wounded prisoner of war, has received letters from him stating that mail, smokes and parcels are beginning to reach him through the Red Cross, and that he is able to get around on crutches.

President Jim Mann tells us that he recently has had a letter from his nephew, Gunner D. G. Mann, who is at present with the Australian Army in New Guinea. This young soldier and his brother Alan, who is with the Australian Army in Australia, are sons of Jim's brother, Philip, who served through the Gallipoli Campaign in the last war.

Private Stephen H. Quinney, Secretary and Treasurer of the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club, sends his regards and best wishes to all Manx friends. Steve's address is, Det. Corps of M.P., Camp Howze, Texas, and we know he would love to hear from you Breakfast Club members.

Congratulations to these proud parents! A son, Edward Barton Melvin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Melvin (nee Nellie Barton), 2980 East Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C., on April 16th. Also, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Bohemier (nee Mona Gell) 545 East 22nd Avenue, Vancouver, on April 30th. He has been named Brian Bohemier.

We are proud of this fine Manx-man who is doing his bit for the war effort. It is with pleasure that we quote the following from The Vancouver Daily Province of March 4, 1943: "Sam Lewthwaite, Dean of Messenger Boys, who was 76 years old last January, is the oldest telegraph messenger in Vancouver. He wears the messenger cap of the Canadian National Telegraph and delivers messages eight hours a day. He is proud of the fact that he is light on his feet, and 'as spry as they make them.' 'I was born in the Isle of Man,' says Sam, with a smile on his pink cheeks. 'The Isle of Man gave more men in the last war in proportion to its population than any other land. But me—I was too old—they turned me down. Now, in this conflict, I figure I am in war work, for I release a younger chap for the services.' He says he would not mind riding a bicycle, but the City Superintendent says he's taking no chances with so valuable an employee. Before coming to the Coast some years ago, he was a machine expert on the Prairies."

Corporal A. Charles Killip, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, 1020 Harwood Street, Vancouver, B.C., is home on leave from duty in Alaska.

Private T. C. Corkan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corkan of Winnipeg, recently paid a surprise visit to Cleveland relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clucas, 13506 Milan Avenue, East Cleveland. Several Manx friends met him at the Clucas home during his short stay, and he was presented with a carton of cigarettes from the Cleveland Manx Societies Service Fund. Since then, we are sorry to hear that he is ill in a hospital at London, Ontario, but happily is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keig, Jr., 4118 Silsby Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, have a new baby daughter, Elizabeth Jean, born on April 28th. Congratulations and best wishes to this happy family!

Wonderful what these R.A.F. boys can accomplish! One of them, who was visiting the Tom Corkans in Winnipeg a short while ago, actually induced Tommy to go to a movie with him. It was the first one that Tommy had seen in 22 years, so had never heard a "talkie." He says they have improved, so maybe he won't wait another 22 years to see his next one.

The Toronto Manx Society reports that Sergeant Vincent Shimmmin, R.A.F., who is mentioned elsewhere in this Bulletin, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen during March. He attended Mrs. Williamson's St. Patrick's Party where he met—and had a "great yarn"—with the Toronto Manx.

Auxiliary Noreen Cottier of the WAAC's, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Edwin Cottier of Cleveland, has recently been transferred to Norfolk, Va., where she is doing Signal Corps work. Noreen's mother is well known to Manx people as Nellie Spence, from Peel.

## Ladies' Auxiliary to the N. A. M. A.

Another Summer is approaching and once again we must miss our convention and the opportunity to meet with old friends. In order that we can, we hope, meet in a grand reunion in the not too distant future, the N.A.M.A. must be financed. As an Auxiliary to our parent body, the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. again is cooperating with the N.A.M.A. to assure the complete success of the prize distribution. Last year, the results were very gratifying indeed, and we are asking you again to give this effort your full support.

If your vacation plans can be arranged so that you can be in Cleveland for the garden party when the prizes are distributed, you will enjoy the next best thing to a convention. Your Cleveland hosts will assure you a perfect day.

MISS ALICE GARRETT,  
Secretary

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I wish to extend sincere thanks and gratitude to the ladies for their support and cooperation during the past year. Now is the time when we need the financial aid of every loyal member, so we may carry on for another year. Your 25c for dues may be sent to Miss Mary Hampton, 3277 Cedarbrook Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; or to Miss Alice Garrett, 359 Hayward Avenue, Rochester, New York.

Looking forward to meeting many friends at the Garden Party in July,

AMY ABELL, President

## Up Barrule

By JAS. C. TYSON

A curse upon this city life,  
Is what I often say,  
As when in hustle, toil or strife  
My thoughts will sometimes stray  
To that remembered summertime  
On our old island home—  
And to that day we four did climb  
Up to the very dome  
Of old Barrule. And on the way  
The bantering and fun—  
The romping and the robust play,  
The health of wind and sun.  
And then the struggle o'er the hedge,  
The walk through shady trees,  
Or getting tangled in the sedge—  
The aching shins and knees  
As through the needled gorse we  
ploughed  
And out onto the slope.  
Where Anne and Janet straightway  
vowed  
That not for prince or pope  
Would they retrace those steps again.  
Then lo, that mountain air—  
Those little stings were not in vain—  
Who would not so much dare?  
And so the long climb to the top  
Through scented, purple ling,  
With every furlong length to drop  
And rest, when Ted would sing  
That army song of doubtful rhyme!  
Then off with effort new  
To gain the top—and in due time  
The summit was in view.  
Then reaching it, we wildly danced  
Upon its very pate!  
But oh, that sight—we stood en-  
tranced—  
Of beauty consummate.  
For there below us lay that world—  
A colored counterpane—  
The kingdom where the flags un-  
furled  
Of Roman, Celt and Dane.  
And as we gazed in pensive mood  
O'er that enchanted isle  
That summer afternoon, we stood  
On old earth's oldest pile!

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

Out of a list of Poets who either are Manx or intimately associated with the Isle of Man, we have selected ten. How many of them can you identify from the following brief description?

1. A famous naturalist
2. A college professor
3. A naval engineer
4. A bishop
5. A New York organist and composer
6. An actress
7. A great English poet
8. Wrote under a pen name
9. An army officer
10. A writer of internationally-known hymns

# ELLAN VANNIN . . . A Brief History

By GERTRUDE CANNELL

(Continued from March Issue)

## Bishop Wilson

Thomas Wilson was born at Burton, Cheshire, in 1663 and educated at Trinity College, Dublin.

His association with the Isle of Man commenced when in 1692 he became chaplain to the Earl of Derby and tutor to his eldest son. Later the Earl offered him the Bishopric of Sodor and Man, which in 1698 he accepted.

The coming of Bishop Wilson was a turning point in Manx history. To this day the name of "Good Bishop Wilson" is a household word in the Isle of Man.

He was a true shepherd of the flock. When the harvests failed in the years 1740 and 1744 he made large contributions from his own income and raised money from other sources to relieve the suffering of the people.

He established libraries in all the parishes of the Island; he founded schools; promoted the advancement of agriculture.

His was the first book to be printed in the MANX LANGUAGE—"Principles and Duties of Christianity".

The fame of Bishop Wilson was not confined to the Isle of Man. He was known in England for his saintly life and strict though gentle discipline. The Lord Chancellor of England said of him that "if the ancient discipline of the Church were lost, it would be found in all its ancient purity in the Isle of Man".

In the year 1722 a dispute arose between Wilson and the Governor of the Island on a matter of Church discipline. The Bishop showed his spirit and his determination to uphold the ecclesiastical rights in refusing to pay a fine of fifty pounds imposed by the Governor. He and his two Vicars-General were imprisoned in Castle Rushen.

The motto of the Island "Whichever way you throw me I stand" proved here as true as elsewhere. These gentlemen, undaunted and undiscouraged by their misfortune, commenced in prison the work of TRANSLATING THE BIBLE INTO THE MANX LANGUAGE.

The Manx people rose in behalf of their beloved Bishop and had to be restrained from storming his prison. Wilson himself appealed to the King, who ordered his release after nine weeks in Castle Rushen.

For 57 years Wilson was Bishop of Sodor and Man. He died at Bishopscourt in 1755 at the age of 92, and lies buried in the churchyard of Kirk Michael.

## The Close of the Eighteenth Century

The translation of the Bible into Manx, commenced by Bishop Wilson,

was completed many years later. About twenty-five of the Manx clergy collaborated in this work.

The Book of Common Prayer was translated at about the same time.

Side by side with the Established Church, the Methodists and Wesleyans were gaining strength in the Isle of Man. John Wesley was immensely proud of his Manx LOCAL PREACHERS.

These local preachers tramped the countryside, visiting lonely glens and hillsides to preach by farm and cottage firesides. They were welcomed and beloved by the people. Wesley's hymns at this time were translated into Manx.

Religious toleration is a Manx characteristic, prejudices are rare. "Chapel in the morning, Church in the evening" is the rule in many parts of the Island.

At the same time, there were at this period other activities of a less praiseworthy nature. Isolated in the Irish Sea—practically independent of the British Crown—the Isle of Man became a haunt for SMUGGLERS.

Many a cargo of contraband liquor has been run ashore at night into rocky caves in the vicinity of Douglas. The old houses—the narrow dark lanes around the Harbour—could have told tales of many strange doings in those days.

## The End of the Stanleys

The long line of the powerful Stanley family, Earls of Derby, came to an end in 1736. The title to the Isle of Man passed to their next of kin, the DUKES OF ATHOL.

The reputation of the Island as a headquarters for smugglers began to attract the attention of the British Government. The situation was a serious one. In 1765 the third Duke of Athol was persuaded to sell his rights, and the Island came under the British Crown—the smallest of the sister nations comprising the United Kingdom—distinct in race, in history, language and traditions,—with its own governing body unimpaired since the days of King Orry. This privilege of Home Rule has never been taken away.

The Crown appointed the fourth Duke of Athol as Governor of the Island. He lived in beautiful CASTLE MONA, overlooking Douglas Bay. Eventually the British Government purchased his remaining privileges—in 1829—and since then a Lieutenant-Governor has been appointed by the Crown.

So ended the independent existence of the Isle of Man. Under the new order of things, a new way of living came into existence. As early as 1830, Douglas attracted Holiday-makers from England. The lead

mines at Laxey and Foxdale became centres of activity, adding to the fishing and farming which had been the Island's support from time immemorial.

Yet the old Stanleys are not forgotten. In the Island towns we find such names as DERBY Road, STANLEY Terrace, ATHOL Street—familiar words which will keep their names for ever on the tongues of the Manx people.

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## The Tradition of the Sea

The roar of the sea against rocky headlands—the waves rolling in on the shore—the ebb and flow of the tide—this is the rhythm and music to which the drama of history in Mannin has unfolded.

Today as yesterday, where sea meets shore Manx children find their playground. As our poet Tom Brown puts it:

"Thinkin' of nothin' but down at the tide"—

Passing years bring longer vision, and the eye gazes out to sea—the sea which promises everything, yet separates from everything; which calls and urges, not only in the thunder of breakers against the cliffs, but in the lapping of wavelets against the Harbour steps.

So some day the young Manxman finds himself down at the "Boat", leaving Douglas—rounding the Head—standing out to sea. The town and all signs of habitation soon disappear from view—the Island hills alone are seen through Mannanan's purple mist—this, the most legendary, most insubstantial Island feature is the lasting impression left upon the heart. The hills vanish into the mists of memory, and the adventurer is launched upon a voyage that will take him far—yet never beyond the recollection of the Manx shore and the sound of the surf.

## Ships From the Outside World

Ellan Vannin, isolated though its position is, has attracted foreign ships from earliest times.

The Irish missionaries did not flinch from the stormy crossing to the Isle of Man. St. Maughold, we are told, braved the perilous sea in a wicker boat covered with skins; well he deserved his happy landing and the immortal memory preserved in the peaceful village and ancient parish church bearing his name.

The Norsemen in their high-beaked ships propelled by many oars, were a terror to Manx folk until the coming of King Orry, who brought peace and protection.

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## OBITUARIES

**Cleator**—Fred Ahmed, of San Diego, California, passed away on November 3, 1942, after a short illness. Mr. Cleator was a member of the N.A.M.A. Interment was at Boone, Iowa.

**Collister**—Rev. Thomas C., passed away on January 7th at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he had been pastor of the St. James Methodist Church for the past four years. Rev. Collister was born at Poor-town, near Peel, and came to America when quite a young man. He spent the greater part of his life in Colorado, and had been a minister for over 30 years. He is survived by his widow, Eva Viola (nee McGowan); five sons, Wilbur, Laren and Emmett of Cedar Rapids, Vannin of Lynn, Mass., and Lauress of Tucson, Arizona; two daughters, Mary Bett and Ruth of Cedar Rapids; and one sister, Mrs. Eva Cain of Peel.

**Collister**—Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Collister of Rochester, New York, paid the supreme sacrifice while on active duty in Africa. He was 24 years of age and a member of the Tank Corps. A brother, Private Charles W., is in training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

**Fick**—Mrs. Robert (nee Cannell) of Oak Park Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, died in the East General Hospital at Toronto on March 13th. She was the wife of a former President of the Toronto Manx Society.

**Gillard**—Mrs. Thomas, 6420 S. E. Milwaukee Ave., Portland, Oregon, died early in March after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, her sons Captain Frank and Lt. Col. Thomas W., and other children and grandchildren, and by her brother Alderman W. C. Craine of Douglas, Isle of Man.

**Kelly**—Lillian Mona, passed on at her home in Lake Villa, Illinois, on March 6th. Miss Kelly, who was 21 years of age, was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelly, Box No. 126, Lake Villa.

**Priest**—Ella Gertrude (nee Corlett), passed away on May 1, 1943. She lived at 5250 Hoy Street, Vancouver, B. C., and is survived by her husband, Robert B. Priest; two daughters, Mrs. G. Malcolm of Alhambra, California, and Mrs. Robert Gelling; also, a son, Eric Robert, and one granddaughter, Yvette Priest of Renton, Washington; two sisters in England; and one brother, Caesar Corlett, in the Isle of Man.

**Lamberton**—Samuel, of 957 Moy Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, passed away on March 18th. He was 73 years of age and is survived by his widow Cissie (nee Shimmin) and family. Mr. Lamberton, who was always interested in Manx activities, attended several of our N.A.M.A. Conventions.

**Miller**—Mrs. Mary Ann (nee Hudgeon), passed away in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 12. She was a sister of James, John, Murry, Elenore and Mona Hudgeon. Until recently Mrs. Miller was a resident of California.

**Moore**—Po. James Edward, son of Mrs. T. E. Moore, 506 Newman Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is reported as missing as a result of enemy action at sea. While home on leave at the end of April, he received notification of promotion to the rank of Pilot Officer. He was 20 years of age, and beside his mother, is survived by his brothers, Boyd, John and Orry.

To the families and friends of the above, we extend heartfelt sympathy.

## N.A.M.A. REGIONAL DIRECTORS

A year ago we published in the Bulletin the names of N.A.M.A. Regional Directors throughout the continent. The list is not being reprinted this year, but we are asking these same Regional Directors to consider themselves as still acting for the N.A.M.A.

Any Regional Director who may wish to be relieved of the office should write the Secretary to that effect. However, knowing these workers as we do, we don't anticipate that any such request will be made!

This is a good opportunity to congratulate these good friends of ours on their enthusiasm and their interest in all phases of N.A.M.A. activity. We'd like to say something about each one of them personally, but space is limited. However, we do pay tribute to the outstanding work of Mr. J. Wilson Jenkinson of Washington, D. C., Mr. Joseph Daugherty of Toronto, Miss Florence Crellin of Akron, and Mr. R. C. Craine of Los Angeles, whose untiring efforts have brought in many new members, as well as maintaining renewals from members of long standing.

Shameful leavings are worse than scandalous eating.

Ta fooillagh naareydhagh ny smessey na ee scammyltagh.

As straight as the backbone of the herring.

Cha jeeragh as craue-drommey yn skeddán.

## News of the Manx Societies

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### VANCOUVER LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Seventh Anniversary of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society was celebrated at the home of their President, Mrs. Ada Stevenson, 2596 Dundas Street, Vancouver, on Friday afternoon, March 5th. The very entertaining program, arranged by Mrs. T. Killip, was greatly enjoyed. A birthday cake, donated by Mrs. Stevenson, was cut by Mrs. McGregor, who, along with Mrs. Morse, also poured tea.

At a recent meeting, these ladies bade farewell to one of their most active members, Mrs. J. Woods, who left for the Capital City of British Columbia, Victoria. Mrs. Woods, who was a constant knitter of articles being sent by the Auxiliary to Manx soldiers, sailors and airmen, was given a presentation by Mrs. Stevenson on behalf of the members of the Auxiliary, and good wishes were extended for her success and good health in her new surroundings.

This society also had a very successful rummage sale recently, when a good sum was raised to buy wool for knitting comforts for their boys in the forces.

### DETROIT-WINDSOR

Approximately thirty members of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society attended their last indoor meeting of the season, held at the home of Mrs. Campbell, 1716 Burlingame Avenue, Detroit. The usual business meeting was followed by entertainment and refreshment, and everyone spent a very enjoyable evening.

During the summer months, their meetings will be held at the various parks around Detroit, the first outdoor meeting being scheduled for Palmer Park in Detroit.

The Sunday edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer has long been publishing a fascinating series of articles entitled "Ohio Songs and Citizens," by Grace Goulder. Featured in the January 3rd article was the story of the Manx brothers, William and Lawrence Boyd, of whom the last-named died recently. James Boyd, father of these brothers, came from the Isle of Man with his bride 120 years ago. He cleared and farmed the land at what is now Miles Avenue near Lee Road. The original log cabin which he built was later replaced by a farmhouse where he lived for many years and where his sons were born and have lived all their lives. A Manxwoman, Miss Ida Clark, well known to the Warrensville Manx, and a cousin to the brothers, has kept house for them. The story of this family and their fine old residence, now known as "15200 Miles Avenue"—which has held its ground amid the ever-expanding area of Cleveland is an interesting example of Manx pioneer life. Mr. William Boyd, the surviving brother, is a member of the N.A.M.A.

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Later, the great galleys of England and Scotland, alive with knights and men-at-arms, flying pennants and gorgeous banners, brought the gay stir of medieval times to the dancing waters of Peel Bay; brought, too, unfortunate prisoners doomed to the dungeons of Peel Castle.

Then the luckless Armada—the great ships of Spain. In 1588 the black cliffs near Port St. Mary saw the last remnants of that “invasion” fleet smashed to firewood.

Still later—wild October days of 1651 saw the ships of Oliver Cromwell tossed on the Irish Sea, crossing to take the Isle of Man for Parliament, from the Royalist Derby family.

And in the late eighteenth century, dark nights concealed the bold, nimble craft of the smugglers, slipping into Manx bays and coves, leaving their store of liquor in caves, or maybe in the cellars of Old Douglas, to be disposed of by those following what was quaintly called “the Trade.”

Through the years, the pageantry of the sea has surrounded the Isle of Man.

But in June, 1815 (the year of the Battle of Waterloo) came a ship which changed the course of Manx history. The “Henry Bell,” first steamboat of the Clyde, called at Ramsey en route to Liverpool. The advent of steam heralded the friendly invasion of pleasure-seekers. In armies such as no invader ever brought, they descend upon the Isle when the glorious summer months crown its beauty.

### The Herring Fisheries

The Manxman of past generations was both farmer and fisherman. The Manx Book of Common Prayer dramatically emphasizes this:

“That it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, and to restore and continue to us the blessings of the sea, so as in due time we may enjoy them.”

Not so many years ago it was an experience to stand on Peel Hill, above the Castle, and watch the fishing fleet putting out to sea from the Harbour beneath. Evening sky, summer sea, the brown sails spread—a picture of peace and Island industry typical of bygone days in Manxland.

Probably not often was the sea at rest, however, when the fishing fleet put out. The custom originated by Bishop Wilson, of prayer before putting to sea, emphasized the hazards and demonstrated the devout character of the Manx fisherman in the days when the Herring was King of the Sea. Daily confronting danger and death, the qualities of hardihood and courage were mellowed by faith and religion.

The disaster known as “The Wreck of The Herring Fleet,” September 21, 1787, shows the terror and hopelessness of a combat between the elements and small craft in those days before life-saving precautions were developed. In that night of terrific storm, the lantern swinging from a pole which served to mark the Harbour entrance at Douglas was overturned; the fishing boats out in the darkness, unable to find the Harbour, rammed each other in the welter of wind and wave. Limping into port next morning, the survivors found twenty-one boats missing.

The fishing boats ventured far from home. Robert Corrin of Knockaloe encouraged them to go to the fisheries at Kinsale. The herring and mackerel catch often represented an enormous value in those days of last century when they were the measure of Island prosperity, and the narrow streets of Douglas, Peel, Ramsey and Castletown rang with the cry: “Fresh herrin—fifty for a shillin’.”

Manx herring were known far and wide. Centuries ago, Manx sailors salted their catch and took it to the countries of Southern Europe. In more recent years, Russia has been a market for Manx herring. And we all know the popularity of Manx kip-pers!

The Douglas fish market on the North Quay was once a busy scene of brisk selling and eager buying. The herring—the cod—the characteristic smell—the red hands of the fishwives—the flare of the roaring gaslights . . . who now can remember those days and the local characters who moved against that background? Where is genial Mrs. Curtis who, enthroned in a barrel and sheltered by an umbrella, as we have heard tell, transacted her flourishing business amid the squalls and show-ers which swept up Old Douglas Harbour!

*(To be continued)*

## JOHN WESLEY AND MANXLAND

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, and one of the greatest of preachers, twice visited the Isle of Man, in May-June, 1777 and in the same months of 1781. He preached in Douglas, Ramsey, Peel and Castletown, and other places beside, including a service on North Barrule mountain, which must have been very impressive. Most of his sermons were delivered in the open air.

Wesley describes the Manx people as courteous, humane and industrious. “A more loving, simple-hearted people than this I never saw,” he writes in his Journal. He mentions the Nunnery Grounds, near Douglas — “These are delightfully laid out and yield to few places of the size in England.” His journeys around the Island were made by “chaise,” and

one day, between Castletown and Douglas, the horse ran away and he and his companion were thrown out but not hurt, the grass by the side of the road being so soft. He describes the country between Ramsey, through Sulby to Kirk Michael, as being “the pleasantest part of the Island.”

At Peel one time he preached on the shore; another time he said “the preaching house contained all that could come.” On this occasion he was asked after service to “meet the the singers.” He writes: “I have not heard better singing either at Bristol or London. Many, both men and women, have admirable voices, and they sing with good judgment.” Rather unnecessarily (we think) he adds: “Who would have expected this in the Isle of Man?”

The Manx local preachers were assembled to meet him on his visit in 1781. He writes: “I met our little body of Preachers. They were two-and-twenty in all. I never saw in England so many stout, well-looking Preachers together. If their spirit be answerable to their looks, I know not what can stand before them . . . They are men of faith and love, knit together in one mind and one judgment. They speak either Manx or English, and follow a regular plan which the assistant gives them monthly.”

Wesley is always careful to comment on the behavior of the congregation—usually “seriously attentive”—except sometimes for “a few children and two or three giddy young women.”

Such were the beginnings of Wesleyan Methodism and the Plan Beg in the Isle of Man. And we are proud that the great John Wesley is to be numbered among the affectionate admirers of Manxland and Manx people.

Listen with each ear, then render judgment.

Eaisht lesh dagh cleaysh eisht jean briwyns.

God prosper you!  
Dy bishee Jee shiu!

### ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. Professor Edward Forbes
2. T. E. Brown
3. William Kennish, R.N.
4. Samuel Rutter (Bishop of Sodor and Man 1661-1662)
5. James C. Tyson
6. Eliza Craven Green
7. William Wordsworth
8. Miss Josephine Kermode (“Cushag”)
9. Lieut. George H. Wood (1794-1874)
10. Canon Hugh Stowell