

BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



Vol. 16, No. 5

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

August, 1943

1943 Prize Distribution and Garden Party

About 150 Manx people and their friends attended the Garden Party, sponsored by the North American Manx Association and its Ladies' Auxiliary, and held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon, 19008 Kinsman Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio, on Saturday afternoon and evening, July 24th. It was a perfect day, and the lovely lawn and gardens at the Hudgeon home made an ideal setting for the party. In the afternoon, some played cards, others had their fortunes told at the Fortune Telling Booth, while still others investigated the White Elephant Table and the Grab Bag. Of course, the proverbial "cooish" was, by far, the biggest attraction. A number of out-of-town visitors were welcomed and made the occasion seem like a Manx Convention in miniature. Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCaa of Pasadena, California
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Comish and son Jack of Mobile, Alabama
Mr. John Comish of Buffalo, N. Y.
Miss Alice Garrett, Vice President, of Rochester, N. Y.
Mr. Richard H. Corkill, Past President, of Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. Leslie McDonnell and daughter of Detroit, Michigan
Mr. J. Neil, R.A.F. of Glasgow, Scotland (guest of Mrs. McDonnell)
Dr. Thomas Nelson of Raleigh, N. C.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Trueba of Buffalo, New York
Mrs. B. J. Bury of Gowanda, N. Y. (Exec. Rep. of Ladies' Auxiliary)
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bridson of Akron, Ohio.

After the basket lunches were adequately disposed of, an informal meeting was called in the evening, for the purpose of distributing the prizes. Community singing, led by Mr. R. G. Anderson, opened the meeting; and after welcoming the guests and thanking them for their cooperation, the N.A.M.A. Secretary, Miss Mylecraine, turned the meeting over

to Past President John R. Cain, who took charge. He spoke of how fine it was that the interest in the North American Manx Association had been maintained, and that despite the fact that the yearly conventions had had to be postponed, the membership was greater this year than ever before. "The Association," he said, "ties together all Manx people on the North American Continent and is a real link with the homeland." He went on to state that he was amazed, when looking through the box of prize distribution ticket stubs, to note that stubs had been mailed from so many parts of the North American Continent, and that so many different places had been chosen for "home" by Manx people who had crossed the Atlantic to make their homes in North America. He asked for continued support of the North American Manx Association, which is filling a very useful purpose in keeping our Manx people in these many, many places in touch with one another.

The out-of-town guests were introduced, and short talks were given by Mr. Corkill of Detroit and Mr. Nelson of Raleigh, N. C. Mrs. Bury spoke in behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary, as did Mrs. L. K. Abell, its President; and Miss Garrett, its Secretary. Miss Mylecraine read letters of Greeting from our President, Mr. James Y. Mann; Past President Thomas C. Kelly of Chicago and several of the Manx Societies. Miss Cannell thanked the people for their support of the N.A.M.A., and Mr. Cain introduced the Presidents of the Cleveland Manx Societies.

The Prize Distribution then took place, with the following results:

- 1st Prize—(War Savings Bond, \$25.00 maturity value. Donated by the N.A.M.A.) Ben Greggor, 14500 Orinoco Ave., East Cleveland, O.
2nd Prize—(Framed Charcoal Drawing—Manx view by Mr. J. Cannell. Donated by Miss Gertrude Cannell of Cleveland) George Cregeen, 171 Marion St., Norwood, Manitoba.
3rd Prize—(War Savings Stamps, \$10.00 maturity value. Donated by N.A.M.A.) Ralph Birnbaum, 11606 Castlewood Ave., Cleveland, O.

4th Prize—(Woolen blanket. Donated by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A.) E. Hughes, 145 MacDonald Ave., South, Vancouver, B. C.

5th Prize—(Luncheon cloth. Donated by Miss Claire M. Mylecraine, Cleveland) Mrs. E. B. Kennish, 3353 W. 95th St., Cleveland, O.

6th Prize—(Subscription to "National Geographic." Donated by Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester, N. Y.) Mrs. Fred T. Gorry, 13915 Beaumont Ave., E. Cleveland, O.

7th Prize—Bath towel set. Donated by Mrs. L. K. Abell of Cleveland, O.) Mrs. George C. Ashman, Peoria, Ill.

Consolation Prizes: (Bath mat. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Gorry of Cleveland, O.) Mrs. W. E. Kelly, 1813 Kibby St., Mobile, Ala. (Box of writing paper. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain of Cleveland, O.) J. E. Cotner, 7623 Paxton Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Fred Gorry spoke in behalf of the Cleveland Manx Societies Service Fund, and the meeting closed with the singing of "God Bless America" and "America".

The Committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Miss Claire M. Mylecraine, Miss Gertrude Cannell, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain, Mrs. L. K. Abell, Miss Mary Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Gorry. To each and every one of them, to Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon and to every person who assisted with or supported the Prize Distribution and Garden Party, we extend sincerest thanks. The proceeds of this effort amounted to approximately \$400. We are only sorry that each one of our members scattered all over the North American Continent could not have been with us at the party, and we also want to thank the many of them who sent us best wishes for the success of the affair.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire M. Mylecraine,

Sec'y N.A.M.A.

THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS 1942-1943

Hon. President.....Mrs. A. B. Crookall
Douglas, Isle of Man

Hon. Vice Presidents.....Hon. Richard Cain
Atty. Gen'l Ramsey B. Moore
Douglas, Isle of Man

Past President.....Rev. Jos. Partridge
Casey, Illinois

President.....Mr. James Y. Mann
399 Banning Street, Winnipeg, Canada

Vice Presidents:

Alice C. Garrett.....Rochester, N. Y.
J. Wilson Jenkinson.....Washington, D. C.
Walter D. Skillicorn.....Buffalo, N. Y.

Rep. N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary:
Mrs. Edith Bury.....Gowanda, N. Y.

Rep. N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club:
Richard H. Corkill.....Detroit, Mich.

Corres. and Rec. Secy.: Claire M. Mylecraine
16525 Baltic Road, Cleveland, O.

Fin. Sec'y and Treas.: Gertrude Cannell
1432 Robinwood Ave., Lakewood, O.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE:

Claire M. Mylecraine Gertrude Cannell
Mrs. F. T. Gorry John R. Cain F. T. Gorry

The President's Message

To All Manx Friends Everywhere:

In peacetime, it is customary at this particular time, for the President to issue an invitation to attend the Convention, which usually follows this Bulletin. But this is not my privilege at present. We must have patience until that great day dawns and peace again settles on this troubled world, when, by our united efforts, we shall have restored, for the comfort of those who are left and the generations to come, the right to live as free people under our respective Governments—free to carry on as decent, law-abiding citizens; not afraid to speak our minds or worship our Creator as our respective religious ideas call for. What a future to look forward to! The pity of it is, however, what it has cost, not in money, but in the lives and suffering of the cream of the men and women, boys and girls, of the United Nations, who willingly laid down their lives so that the rest of humanity could live in decency and freedom.

I hope that this will not be so easily forgotten as it has been following previous wars, and that we shall not see those who did their duty subjected to the injustices that usually have been their reward in the past.

You will read elsewhere in this Bulletin a report on the recent Prize Distribution held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hudgeon in Cleveland, and the splendid results obtained show the interest you all have in our N.A. M.A. I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hudgeon for their great kindness and their help. To the Committee who worked so hard to make this effort the success it was, I say, "Many thanks for a job well done."

In closing, a word to those good people in Toronto: Have patience, keep working on your convention plans, and above all, be thankful that we are going to have the privilege of celebrating Victory and Peace in your City.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES Y. MANN, President

Manx Americans and Manx-Canadians In The Armed Forces

The following boys have joined the Armed Forces of the United States and Canada since our last Bulletin was published:

GREATER NEW YORK

Pvt. Wm. A. Moore (No. 32904018), Company C.T. 141, Proving Ground Attachment, Aberdeen, Maryland. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, 3082—33rd St., Astoria, Long Island, New York.

BUFFALO

Ward A. Skillicorn, S 2/c, U. S. Navy. Barracks No. 49, U.S.N.A. T.T.C., Memphis, Tenn.

Pvt. John C. Skillicorn, Jr., Btry. B, 844, AAA-AW-BN-SEM, Camp Stewart, Ga. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Skillicorn, 158 Huntley Rd., Buffalo, N. Y.

SAN FRANCISCO

Lt. John Clague, U.S.S. Cimarron, c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Son of Joe Clague of Santa Cruz, Cal., and the former Violet Fox, both formerly of Castletown.

Robert Vaughan Thomas, Marine Reserves, College of the Pacific. Son of Mrs. Marjorie Clague Thomas, Auburn, Placer County, Cal.

LOS ANGELES

William Cormack, U.S.M.S. Officer's Training, Alameda, California.

Wilbur Craine, MM 2/c, Plat. No. 3416, Area D-7, Bldg. No. 114, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Craine, 429 N. Croft Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

CLEVELAND

John A. McNeil, Jr., Boatswain's Mate, 3rd Class, U. S. Navy, 12th Construction Batt., c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNeil, 3372 Dellwood Rd., Cleveland Heights, O.

Lieut. Norvin B. Myers, U.S.N.R., Comsowestpac, c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNeil, above address.

Alex Winton Hood, F.I.C., N.C.B. 72nd, c/o 3rd Reg., c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hood, 1749 Coit Rd., East Cleveland.

2nd Lieut. Wallace J. Fry, Jr., O.B. M.T. Area Bldg. T 682, Fort Monmouth, N. Y., and Pvt. Wm. T. Hood, Hq. Co. 3rd BN—114 Inf., A.P.O. 44, Fort Lewis, Wash. Grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hood, above address.

Pfc. Edward F. Carran, Jr., U. S. Marines, Co. C, Barracks E, 29th Candidates Class, Quantico, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. F. Carran, 17221 Edgewater Drive, Lakewood, O.

Pvt. Wilfred Skillicorn, Btry. C, 787th AAA AW BN, Camp Hulen, Texas. Son of Mrs. Jane Skillicorn, 606 East 103rd St., Cleveland, O.

Pvt. Wm. J. Sutton, Co. A, 1st E. T. Bn., E R T C 3rd Platoon, Fort Belvoir, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sutton, and grandson of Mrs. C. J. Sutton, 1269 West 111th St., Cleveland, O.

Harold Eastwood, A.S. (R), (623-914) Co. 28, Batt. 7, U.S.C.G. Training Station, Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Eastwood, Warrensville, O.

Robert W. Nelson, Av. Cadet, U.S. N.R., Bat. 7, Co. M, Plat 4, Stuyvesant Hall, Delaware, O. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nelson, 1509 S. Noble Rd., Cleveland Heights, O.

Cpl. Wilson F. Dunbar, No. 3551-6858, Co. H, 330th Inf., A.P.O. 83rd, c/o Postmaster, Nashville, Tenn. Son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nelson, address above.

Pvt. John Richard Wiard, Co. E, 2nd Ord. Trng. Reg., Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiard, 15610 Fernway Ave., Cleveland, and grandson of Mrs. H. L. Miller.

Pfc. James D. Castell, 786 C H (AW) A-Bn., Battery C, 35525756, U. S. Army, Fort Bliss, Texas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Castell, 3138 East 102nd St., Cleveland.

Donald F. Corlett, A.S., U.S.C.G., Port Security Unit, Portsmouth, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus E. Corlett, 4182 Lee Road, Cleveland.

Ensign Helen K. Hunt, W-V (5) U.S.N.R., U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Bayonne, N. J. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Kelly, 1282 Edwards Ave., Lakewood, O.

DETROIT

Donald L. McDonnell, F 2/c, U. S. S. Intrepid Detail, Barracks D, Naval Receiving Station, Newport News, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell, 1207 E. 2nd St., Royal Oak, Mich.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pvt. Jack L. Scarff, Fort Bragg, N. C. son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Douglass Scarff, 657 Ash St., Winnetka, Ill. (Grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John J. Scarff of Cleveland, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man.)

Pvt. John R. Brew, home address R. R. No. 2, Box 157, Kewanee, Ill. Son of Rev. and Mrs. John Brew, same address.

L.A.C. W. Cannell (No. 1623550), R.A.F. Station, Assiniboia, Sask., Canada. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cannell, Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, and nephew of Mrs. L. McDonnell, 1207 E. 2nd St., Royal Oak, Mich.

L.A.C. R. Peel Hudgeon, R121140, R.C.A.F. Overseas. Son of the late Robt. and Mrs. Hudgeon, Delia, Alberta, Canada.

L.A.C. Thomas Delany, R.C.A.F. Overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Delany, Waterton Lakes, Alberta, Canada.

(Continued on page 8)

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

BUFFALO

The Buffalo Manx Society met on Sunday, June 27th, at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Skillicorn in Crystal Beach, Ontario. Due to transportation difficulties, the attendance was somewhat less than they had hoped it would be, but those who did make the trip had a real good time. Both the noon and evening meals were served out-of-doors and were greatly enjoyed.

This society also held a farewell party on July 25th for Mrs. Thomas H. Sulkie, who is leaving Buffalo to make her home in the East. This party was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Skillicorn, 158 Huntley Road, Buffalo, and was well attended. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Comish and son of Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Comish is the brother of Mr. John Comish of Buffalo, and it was the first meeting of these brothers for a period of 30 years. Another visitor was a Manx-Canadian soldier, L/Cpl. Horace Smith of New Liskeard, Ontario. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Smith, formerly of Ramsey, Isle of Man. He was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle of Buffalo, and at present is stationed at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Mrs. Sulkie's friends and co-workers in the Buffalo Manx Society presented her with a black leather pocketbook. Supper was served on the lawn, and then everyone went indoors to enjoy the musical program and "song-fest" which had been arranged.

The next meeting of this society will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klaiber, Century Road, Buffalo, on September 12th.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

The last meeting of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society was held at Mrs. Lamberton's summer cottage, situated on the Windsor side of the beautiful Detroit River. A good time was had by all, but they missed Mr. Fred Tate, who, through illness, was confined to his home. The members were pleased to greet Mrs. Costain again, who was visiting her mother, Mrs. Lamberton.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF, CLEVELAND

The Annual Election of Officers for the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland, was held on Friday, June 18th. The following were chosen to serve this Society for the coming year:

President.....Mrs. Frank F. Cleator
1st Vice Pres.....Mrs. J. P. Bieger
2nd Vice Pres.....Mrs. W. C. Kissack
Treasurer.....Miss Alice Corlett
Secretary.....Mrs. Roy Bertsch
3061 Essex Rd., Cleveland Heights, O.

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx Society reports a good attendance at their June meeting, held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Griffith Davies. After the usual business meeting, Rev. Davies and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Madoc Davies, provided a program of entertainment, consisting of quiz games and the singing of old time songs.

Their July meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kelly in Bisbee. This also was a very good meeting, and like the June gathering, was well attended. The James Ken-naughs are entertaining the Society at the August meeting.

LOS ANGELES

The Annual Picnic of the Los Angeles Manx Society was held in Ferndale, Griffith Park, on Sunday, June 20th. All who attended pronounced Ferndale to be a second Grouldie Glen. The ferns, fuchias, and all flowers are cultivated, and are perhaps larger and lovelier—even wild strawberries! Out-of-town visitors were Miss Iris Corkill and Mr. Tom Howland of San Diego.

NEBRASKA

The Annual Picnic and Election of Officers of the Nebraska Manx Association took place at Antelope Park, Lincoln, on Sunday, June 13th. Although the weather was somewhat unsettled, they report a record attendance. After doing justice to a splendid dinner, they held their Election of Officers, with the following results:

President—Mrs. James Robison, Elk Creek, Neb.

Vice-President—Mrs. G. E. Humphrey, Lincoln.

Sec'y-Treas.—Mrs. J. W. Morris, 3091 U Street, Lincoln.

The Humphrey children, Miss Martha Crellin and Messrs. Don and Thomas G. Clarke and J. Bignal provided a fine musical program. A wedding shower for Mrs. W. A. Hinrichs (nee Maryellen Robison) brought her some lovely gifts. The presentation was made by Mrs. Ella Worrest and Mr. Hinrichs assisted his wife in unwrapping the many parcels.

The next meeting of this society will be in September at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Abernathy in Elk Creek, Nebraska.

GREATER NEW YORK

Mrs. Wm. Karran and her sister, Miss Eleanor Waterson, entertained the Manx Society of Greater New York at their home in Roslyn Heights, Long Island, on Saturday, July 10th. It was a lovely day and all who attended had a very delightful time.

PEORIA

The executive Committee of the Peoria Manx Society met on Tuesday evening, July 27th, at the home of President Frank Shimmin to discuss plans for their Annual Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 22nd. Officers for the coming year also will be appointed on that date.

CLEVELAND

An event of interest to all Manx people in Cleveland and vicinity is the Annual Manx Picnic of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies at Euclid Beach Park. This year, it was held on Saturday, August 7th. The weather was perfect, and about 200 turned out to join in the fun. A sports program of races and contests was held, and in the evening, everyone assembled at the Annex Building for community singing, talks and the distribution of the door prizes. Mr. John Callow, President of the Mona's Relief Society, was Chairman of the Picnic Committee.

Another annual affair sponsored by the combined Cleveland Manx Societies is the Sunday afternoon Church Service, which is held at the "old Manx church" in Warrensville—the Centenary Methodist Church. It was held this year on July 11th, with the late Mr. William H. Gorry in charge of the arrangements. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Wood of the church, with vocal solos by Mr. Joseph Clucas. Mr. Walter Quilliam was pianist. At the close of the service, a picnic supper was enjoyed, and then all gathered in the church again in the evening for a real Manx sing-song of hymns. It was truly a wonderful day—one that is remembered for many more to come.

MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society has discontinued its activities for the summer months, so they have no news for us this time. We are looking forward to having something from them for the October issue. Meanwhile, we are pleased to learn that they are continuing to send socks for Manx servicemen to the Manx Women's Guild in the Isle of Man.

SAN FRANCISCO

Summer picnics are held regularly by the members of the San Francisco Manx Society, but they tell us that owing to transportation difficulties, war work and the call of the Army and Navy, their ranks are somewhat depleted. They are looking forward to a time of glad reunion. Meanwhile, they are delighted to read letters from various members and friends in the service.

(Continued on Page 7)

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Caley and son Ivan recently moved from Bisbee, Arizona, to Santa Ana, California, to make their home. Mr. Caley is a Past President of the Bisbee Manx Society. We join the Bisbee Manx in wishing the Caleys the best of luck in their new home.

Word has been received that Lt. Jack Rogers, son of the late Mrs. Elsie Haygreen, of Bisbee, has been transferred from the prison camp at Yokohama to some camp in Manchuria. He has been a Japanese prisoner of war since the fall of Bataan.

Madoc Davies, son of Rev. and Mrs. Griffith Davies of Bisbee, Arizona, is now stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas, as a member of the Medical Corps. His wife left Bisbee recently to join him there.

Sgt. Tech. Fred Caley is at home in Bisbee, Arizona, on a six weeks' furlough due to a knee injury. His wife, who has been teaching school in Hayden, Arizona, during the past year, is with him in Bisbee.

Miss Ruth Kennough, teacher in the Bisbee Public Schools, is now in the employ of the Government at Fort Huachuca, near Bisbee, for the summer months.

Miss Elsie Watterson is also employed at Fort Huachuca. She is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Watterson and a teacher in the Public Schools at Phoenix, Arizona.

The Secretary of the Toronto Manx Society, Mrs. Mona Downward, tells us that they understand that four of their overseas boys are now in Sicily. We join the relatives and friends of these boys in their prayers for their safe return.

Our Vice President, Walter D. Skillicorn, and his wife of Buffalo, New York, are spending a week's vacation fishing at Manitoulin Island, Ontario. Walter's sister, Mary, says she thinks it must be like the Isle of Man, because Walter likes so much to go there.

Fanny Elizabeth Richards, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Richards, 1745 Napier Street, Vancouver, B. C., was married to Allan Scott, youngest son of Mr. A. Scott and the late Mrs. Scott of 3352 Templeton Drive, Vancouver, on Friday, June 11th. Our best wishes are extended to this young couple.

Miss Mona May Corlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis M. Corlett, 1067 Oxford Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was married on June 26th to Mr. Charles H. Post, son of Mrs. Orlo J. Post, Bainbridge, Ohio. Congratulations and best wishes to these newlyweds!

Mrs. W. Bardon and son, of San Francisco, Calif., have been visiting with Mrs. Bardon's aunt in Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. Ada Stevenson, 2596 Dundas Street.

L.A.C. Kenneth Christian (R192-901) has been spending a short leave with his mother and sister at 4305 Prince Albert Street, Vancouver.

Pvt. Norman Gell spent a recent furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gell, 545 E. 22nd Avenue, Vancouver.

Shipwright Thomas S. Killip, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, 1020 Harwood Street, Vancouver, has now returned to Halifax, N. S., after spending three weeks with his parents. Their younger son, Charlie, who has been in Vancouver since May, has left for Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Fick of Winnipeg are spending a vacation in Vancouver, visiting with their son at Esquimalt, B. C., and renewing acquaintances with several Manx friends.

F.O. Henry Hartwell, R.C.A.F., son of Captain and Mrs. Henry Hartwell, Rosedale, B. C., has been visiting the Isle of Man recently, staying with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stevenson, Ballasalla.

Martha Crellin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Crellin of Ewing, Nebraska, was Valedictorian of her graduating class at Ewing High School this June. Martha will pursue her musical education at Wayne State Teachers College this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Coleman of Omaha, Nebraska, are the proud parents of a new daughter, this being their third child and second girl. Mrs. Coleman was Dorothy Cottier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cottier.

A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska, on July 7th. Mrs. Robison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerruish of Chicago, and Mr. Robison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robison of Elk Creek. There is great rejoicing in the Robison family over the birth of this child, their first granddaughter.

Pfc. Thomas Robison spent a fifteen day furlough at his home in Elk Creek, Nebraska, recently. His wife and son went with him when he returned to Camp McCain, Mississippi.

Heartiest congratulations to Pvt. Gordon Caveen, who was married to Miss Mary O'Donohue in London, England, on June 9th. Pvt. Caveen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen, 34 Eastwood Rd., Toronto, Ont.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Cowell. This fine couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 27th, with an "open house" in their home at 2183 Eldred Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Two interesting visitors to Cleveland recently were L.A.C. Thomas H. Kelly, R.A.F. of Castletown, Isle of Man; and Sgt. H. Vincent Shimmmin, R.A.F. of Douglas. Both of these young men are currently stationed in Canada, assisting in the training of Air Force students, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, 21009 Clare Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio, during their short sojourns in Cleveland in June and August respectively. We are always glad to welcome such young Manxmen in Cleveland, and get a real thrill from talking to and visiting with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ward have just returned to their home, 1818 West 81st Street, Los Angeles, California, after a two weeks' trip to Yosemite. They visited several Manx friends enroute—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Christian in Fresno; Mr. and Mrs. Quick, near Fresno; and near Bakersfield, they called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore.

The William Mullens of Alhambra, California, recently enjoyed a visit with Cadet Ernest Daugherty of Mesa, Arizona.

President Jim Mann's daughter, Jean, is at present spending a two weeks' holiday with her sister, Mary, in Toronto. Mary will return to Winnipeg with Jean for a long-anticipated visit with her parents.

One of our newer members is Mrs. Wm. Fairhurst of South Porcupine, Ont., who was Lillian Kneale of Kirk Patrick, where she went to school at the same time as Wilfred Quayle, now of San Francisco. Mrs. Fairhurst is a cousin of Mrs. Jas. Y. Mann, and had a grand reunion with the Mann family in Winnipeg last September—after a lapse of twenty years.

Mrs. Robert Hudgeon of Delia, Alberta, is among our newer members. She is a sister of Mrs. W. Christian of Denver, Colo., who introduced her to the N.A.M.A. Mrs. Hudgeon is a daughter of George Delany of Peel and has many relatives in Alberta, as well as in Vancouver, B. C., and Tampa, Fla. She has a son in the Canadian Army in England, who finds everything very much to his liking over there.

Hearty congratulations to Miss Anne Crellin of Akron, Ohio, whose 25-year record of service as telephone operator at the Goodyear Company was recognized by gifts of a diamond pin, \$100 cash, a bouquet of 25 red roses, and a shower of other gifts and messages.

And in the same breath—congratulations to Douglas Cannell, 1306 Summit Avenue, Lakewood, O., who in a somewhat similar manner received notification that he had attained the quarter-century mark in the service of the Sherwin-Williams Company, where he is a technician. He is a son of Mr. Joseph Cannell of Robinwood Avenue, Lakewood.

Our New Zealand member, Stanley Cannell, has an acquaintance in Mrs. Walter Joyce of Topeka, Kansas, who remembers his mother, Annie Kinvig, who used to visit at her father's farm, "Ballachrink", Ballasalla.

The Manx in Florida are few in number, but like all the Manx, are keen on becoming better acquainted. Mr. Wm. R. Morrison, now at Jacksonville, writes that he got around to see Mrs. V. O. Banks of that city, and Mr. Jas. Moughtin of Sanford, and greatly enjoyed both visits.

Mrs. Campbell (nee Hornall) of Vancouver, B. C., has been visiting the Manx in the San Francisco area, including her brother in Arbutle, Calif.

Dan C. Corlett, 300 Littlefield St., Cheboygan, Mich., became an N.A.M.A. member through running across a Manx Bulletin, which aroused his interest. He tells us his father was born in Chardon, Ohio. Mr. Corlett has seen—but not visited—the Isle of Man. When serving as an ensign in World War I, the captain of his ship changed course so as to pass close to the island and give the young Manx American an opportunity to view the land of his forefathers.

An exciting time was had recently by Mrs. E. Quane, one of our members in Melita, Manitoba. Her home was badly damaged by fire one Sunday morning, early in June. She had just about recuperated from that shock, when her soldier son, who has been serving overseas, telegraphed her that he was on his way home. He was transferred to a base in Saskatchewan as an instructor, where he expects to be located for the next six months. To top it all off, her daughter, Mrs. Dobbyn, gave birth to twin boys recently. Small wonder then that Mrs. Quane says she "hopes all will go quiet for a while."

Second Lieut. Thos. M. Cowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cowell of Washington, D. C., who is in the Air Service, recently passed his navigator test with high honors and has since been taking final preparation for overseas duty.

"Under Two Flags" would have been a slogan until recently for the fighting sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Skillicorn of Bedford, Ohio. Corporal Lawrence Skillicorn is serving under the American flag in the South Pacific, and Private Jack enlisted some time ago with the British Army. Recently, however, Pvt. Jack transferred to the American Army in England.

New Cleveland citizens! Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cashin of Lakewood announce the arrival of a baby boy in June, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, 14410 Strathmore, East Cleveland, are also proud possessors of a son, born in July. Congratulations to these happy families!

Since receiving his wings on March 20th, Lt. David J. Teare has been made "First Pilot" and has his own crew. He is the son of Mrs. Ralph Cowin, 3264 W. 114th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

RAMSEY

Ramsey, in the North of the Island, is really a beautiful place, and no wonder succeeding generations always endeavor to spend their holidays there. Surrounded, as it is, by the Parishes of Maughold, Lezayre, Andreas, Bride and Jurby, it is no wonder that it is prosperous, with all this farming country to support it. Its fine harbor has, in times past, housed many famous ships, and its shipping trade has been considerable. Ramsey Bay has always been famous, not only in providing safe anchorage, but also for its natural beauty, flanked by its promenades—the South Promenade and the newer Mooragh, with its baths as an added attraction.

The Mooragh Park, with its lake, tennis grounds and boating facilities, is one of which any town might well be proud. In the days when the Annual Ramsey Bay Regattas were held, what a beautiful sight it was to see it in full sway. The amount of interest that was taken in it by residents and visitors alike always assured its success. Perhaps some of our readers will recall what a busy place Parliament Street was on a Saturday evening, when everybody came to town "for a sight."

The Albert Tower stands out as a reminder of the visit paid to the town on September 20, 1847 by Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort.

Some forty years ago, King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra also landed at Ramsey, to make a tour of the Island. How nice it would be, when peace reigns again, if King George VI and his lovely Queen could be persuaded to pay a visit to the town which so welcomed his ancestors.

Ramsey has produced many famous men and women, and all its native sons are always proud to sing "Ramsey Town" whenever the opportunity arises.

Many readers will remember the Old Ramsey Grammar School in Headmaster A. S. Newton's time, the National Day School under Mr. Fenna who was the conductor of "Fenna's Male Choir," and the Ramsey Wesleyan Day School under Headmaster John Sedgeman, who later moved to Perth, Western Australia.

Ramsey Bay was the scene of a naval battle on the 28th of February,

1760, when the British Navy defeated the French and took their prizes into Ramsey. This victory is commemorated by a monument raised by Bishop Hildesly at Bishop's Court.

To tell about all the beauty spots adjacent to the town, the lovely glens of Auldin, Sulby, Dhoon, Ballure, and all the other beautiful places people can enjoy, would take too much space and would not be news to anybody who came from there and who might read this article. So I conclude by wishing Ramsey and its people prosperity in the future; and may "Royal Ramsey" always stand out for what it is—a grand place, whose natives have every cause to be proud of it.

JAMES Y. MANN

DR. THOMAS NELSON

A new member and welcome guest at the N.A.M.A. Garden Party was Dr. Thomas Nelson, Dean of the Textile School of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C. Dr. Nelson is a former resident of Douglas, Isle of Man, and his wife's sister, Mrs. Robert Kissack, lives there, at 7 Sydney Street. A brother of Mrs. Nelson resides at Union Mills.

Dr. Nelson has a notable record of accomplishments in the textile field. Educated in this industry in Preston, England, he came to America and worked in some of the large textile mills of New England. In 1901 he became connected with North Carolina State College as instructor in weaving and kindred operations. At that time the textile department of this college was in its infancy; today, it has more full-time textile students than any other institution in America. So much has Dr. Nelson contributed to the development of textile education in North Carolina that it is expected that the present textile school building will be named in his honor—Nelson Hall.

Dr. Nelson is the first Dean of this school. Men who received their education under him are today filling responsible positions in the textile industry. He is deeply and intensely interested in his lifework; has written several textbooks and articles on the subject; has conducted investigations on all phases of the industry for the U. S. Government; and in 1934 and 1937 visited textile schools in England, Ireland and Scotland in further pursuit of ideas and information. Needless to say, on these occasions he also revisited the Isle of Man. He is the first President of the National Committee of Textile Deans.

In all, Dr. Nelson has contributed 42 years to textile education in North Carolina, and has become a nationally-known authority in the industry. Mr. Walter Craine, M.H.K., of Douglas, Isle of Man, was the means of our getting in touch with him, and it was a privilege to have him attend our N.A.M.A. Garden Party, where his meeting with many Manx people afforded mutual pleasure.

ELLAN VANNIN . . . A Brief History

By GERTRUDE CANNELL

(Continued from May Issue)

The High Seas

In the eighteenth century, to follow the sea was more than a trade or calling. The merchant seaman took his life in his hands and trusted to Providence to bring him fortune. The same can be said in this year of war, 1943, except that the seaman's trust and purpose is that "the convoy must go through," and that he may see his home again.

The merchant sailor of the lusty 1700's was a navigator of the first order, a fighter, an adventurer—with vision combined with reckless courage. France and England were constantly at swords' points in those days. The meeting of their merchant ships on the high seas was often the signal for an ocean duel. Vessels for trading and adventuring were fitted out by private persons—"privateering" was the word—the capture of enemy ships with their cargoes being the main objective.

In the home ports there was the pressgang—the long arm of the British Navy stretched out to seize sailors from private vessels to press them into the service.

It was the age of vast opportunity, of world expansion; of fighting, winning and losing; of slave-trading and piracy—a rough, reckless, spirited and often unprincipled age, but it opened harbours the world around, and foreshadowed this era of world commerce. And Manxmen, with their heritage of Viking blood, played their part in the drama.

Captain Hugh Crow of Ramsey was a picturesque figure in those days. As a lad he won notice for his seamanship and alertness. His career was packed with adventure; in his voyages to the West Indies and the Gold Coast he suffered every change of fortune a mariner's life could offer. Manx enough is the tale that is told of the supposed dispatches handed to him in the thick of a sea fight—the message when opened contained the words "Mind your eye, Crow" — a timely enough warning, since he had but one! He saw storm, battle, imprisonment, good luck and bad, his remarkable resourcefulness carrying him through. Once, captured by a French ship and imprisoned in France, he escaped and made his way to the port of Havre, passing himself off in his wanderings as a Breton sailor by talking to the natives in Manx!

Manx captains distinguished themselves in the merchant service of that day, but the amusing story of the Manx ship TYGER illustrates the less fortunate happenings which could befall upon the seas. The TYGER, owned by Douglas merchants and

commanded by Captain Qualtrough, while en route to Jamaica captured a Dutch vessel with a cargo of tobacco. Proudly the prize was towed home to Douglas, only to have the capture declared illegal as the Dutch were a friendly nation. Surrender of the prize and payment of costs to the Dutch captain closed the incident. On her next voyage it was the TYGER'S turn to be captured—and by her own countrymen—a squadron of the British Navy who pressed the crew into the naval service. "Finest fellows I ever saw," said the English captain who took them. So ended the career of the TYGER.

In modern times, ocean-going liners on the seven seas have numbered many Manx commanders, who have maintained a high and enviable record.

The Royal Navy

Although the pressgang aroused fear and resentment among eighteenth century sailors, there were large numbers of Manxmen who voluntarily joined and distinguished themselves in the British Navy. Many Manx names occur in the roll of officers and seamen who in those years from 1794 to 1806, established England's supremacy over France on the seas. The battles of St. Vincent, Tenerife, the Nile, Copenhagen, Trafalgar—all saw Manx fighting seamen in the thick of it.

Those were the days when seamen wore tarred pigtailed and hard, broad-brimmed hats; sailed in men o'war whose brass cannon roared death and defiance; boarded enemy vessels and fought hand to hand with cutlasses. Toy ships, toy guns to modern eyes—but they won battles which shook the world and shaped history. Those days saw the Navy tradition established, taught Britons to sing "Britannia Rule the Waves," gave the world a wholesome respect for the "Wooden Walls of Old England," typically celebrated in the old song:

Hearts of oak are our ships, hearts
of oak our men,
We always are ready; steady, boys,
steady—
We'll fight and we'll conquer again
and again."

Best known of Manx naval officers is John Quilliam, who figured in several naval engagements during the Napoleonic wars. He came to Lord Nelson's notice at the Battle of Copenhagen. Under the cannonade from the batteries of Elsinore, Quilliam's superior officers all were killed, which left him in command. Nelson hailed him—"How are you getting along?" The Manxman's cool answer—"Aw, middlin'" —helped promote him to first lieutenant on Nelson's flagship VICTORY, which Quilliam steered into action at Trafalgar in 1805.

The voyage of H.M.S. BOUNTY to the South Seas in 1787, the famous mutiny and the forming of the colony on Pitcairn Island, with their several Manx links, are common knowledge today. Fletcher Christian undoubtedly is one of the most colorful of Manxmen, as anyone who saw his portrayal by Clark Gable several years ago will agree. Another familiar name is Peter Heywood, Manx midshipman who was acquitted of share in the mutiny and in later years rose high in the naval service. And—the aggressive Captain Bligh himself was married in St. George's Church, Douglas, and his wife's parents are buried in Onchan churchyard.

Ships of the Isle of Man

Another phase of Manx enterprise at sea in the early part of last century was the building of ships. Manx shipbuilders had the art of designing fast-going vessels, and in those days before steam was generally used, speed depended largely on the design of the boat.

Ships built in Douglas, Peel and Ramsey were purchased for the American cotton trade, the China tea trade, and the Spanish orange trade.

The ever-famous VIXEN was built in Peel about 1850 by Thomas Graves. That was the time of the gold rush, and she sailed from Peel for Australia in 1853, manned by a crew of 34. There are Manx people in America who cherish memories of a father or grandfather who sailed to Australia in the Vixen.

Her speed, racy appearance and large crew caused her more than once to be mistaken for a pirate. Once, overtaking an American brig, they found her men ready to fire on them. But all the Manxmen wanted was to have letters they had written forwarded home to Peel!

Again guns were trained on them when they arrived in the harbor at Melbourne. The "Three Legs of Man" (not the skull and crossbones) was quickly run to the masthead. "Don't fire," cried an onlooker. "Those are Manxmen—my countrymen." Which goes to prove that there's a Manxman to be found everywhere.

So this adventurous schooner of 120 tons made an almost fabulous voyage for so small a craft. The crew did not go to the gold mines, but found there was money in carrying mails between Sydney and Melbourne, and the Vixen was employed in that service for several years.

Eventually they sailed the Vixen back to Peel. One stormy afternoon the skipper insisted on taking her out of the harbour in the teeth of a raging gale. Into the wild waters of

(Continued on Page 8)

OBITUARIES

Bain—John A., of Los Angeles, California, passed away on June 5th. He was a brother of Mr. T. Donald Bain, one of our Regional Directors in the Los Angeles district. In addition to his brother, he is survived by his widow, Anita; a daughter, Yvette; and a son, Ronald; his mother, Mrs. Jessie Bain of Spring Valley, Isle of Man; as well as several other sisters and brothers.

Boyd—John, died recently in Los Angeles, California. He leaves his wife, Minna; a daughter, Mona; and a son, Angus. The Boyd family were former residents of Cleveland, and Mr. Boyd was Station Master at Ballaugh while living in the Isle of Man.

Callow—Edith, passed on in the Isle of Man on June 1st. She was the sister of Mrs. Thomas H. Sulkie of Buffalo, New York. Interment was at Braddan.

Callow—James, passed on at his home in Menominee, Michigan, on June 12th. Born in the Isle of Man in 1877, Mr. Callow came to Michigan in 1900 and had operated a dairy farm in Menominee for the past 28 years. Survivors are his widow, Christina (nee Kewley); two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Olson of Oscoda, Michigan, and Lt. Betty Callow of the Army Nurse Corps; two sons, James K. Callow of the U. S. Coast Guard, Hampton Roads, Va., and Douglas L. Callow of Menominee; one grandchild; two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Miss Nellie and Henry Callow of Ishpeming; and John Callow of Butte, Montana.

Clague—William, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died on March 22nd. Mr. Clague had been a member of the N.A.M.A. for many years and was ill since last December. His wife passed away early in 1941. Survivors are a daughter, Captain Elizabeth Clague, W.A.C. of San Francisco; and a son, Robert, of Milwaukee.

Comish—Lillian (nee Radcliffe), of Buffalo, New York, passed away on July 16th, after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Comish was the wife of our former Vice President, Mr. John Comish, and was born in Peel, Isle of Man. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Wm. Cowell, of Cleveland, and several nieces and nephews.

Morrison—Thomas Edward, husband of Emma Quayle (from Peel, Isle of Man), father of Thomas Edward, Jr., Harold Quayle, William Alfred, Maude, Edna Gladys and Oswald, died July 21 in Cleveland.

Gorry—William H., of Cleveland, O., died suddenly on August 3rd by accident. He was a Past President of the Mona's Relief Society and the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society of Cleveland; also of the North-eastern Ohio Manx Society. At the time of his death, he was Secretary of the Benefit Society. Mr. Gorry came to Cleveland from Peel, Isle of Man, in 1907. Surviving are his widow, Alice (nee Caley); his daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Miller and Mrs. Alan Fricke; his son, Fred T.; two sisters in the Isle of Man and a brother in London, England.

Kelly—Mrs. E. L., of Liverpool, England, passed away on May 11th at the age of 78 years. She was the mother of Mrs. J. G. Phillips, Erington P. O., Vancouver Island, B. C.

Kewley—James T., of Cleveland, O., passed away on August 11th. Although Mr. Kewley had been in failing health for some time, he was seriously ill for only two days prior to his passing. He was always interested in Manx activities and was a regular attendant at our Conventions. Surviving are his widow, Emma (nee Hogg); and his children, Jack and Helen Kewley, and Mrs. Amy Abell.

McCaa—Isabella (nee Kirk), wife of John, passed on at her home in Medina, Ohio, early in June. The funeral was held on the 19th. Mr. McCaa is an interested member of our Association.

Maddrell—Thomas, oldest inhabitant of Peel, Isle of Man, passed away on May 13th at the age of 94 years, after a short illness. He was a widower and leaves two sons, six daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. S. Sloan, a daughter, is an active member of the Montreal Manx Society.

Quilliams—Frank H., of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, passed away on June 12th. He was an interested member of the N.A.M.A., and Quilliams Road in Cleveland Heights was named for his grandfather, who came from the Isle of Man early in the 1800's. Surviving him are his widow, Minnie; and a sister, Mrs. Prudence Greve.

Radcliffe—Harry, beloved brother of Etta Weenink, Charles and Grace Jackson, residence, Elyria, Ohio, died July 24; interment in Cleveland.

Sulkie—Thomas H., of Buffalo, New York, passed away on March 10th, after a long illness. He is survived by his widow Margaret (nee Callow) and a son.

Teare—Chester T., passed on at his home in Rochester, New York, on August 2nd. He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Edwin Beall, and several cousins.

News of the Manx Societies

Continued from page 3

TORONTO

The highlight of the Toronto Manx Society in July was their Annual Picnic, held on the 3rd, at Port Dalhousie. About fifty members and their friends attended. Out-of-town visitors were the President of the Buffalo Manx Society and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle. There were crib and golf tournaments, races and competitions, but the children really came into their own, when they partook of free rides on the merry-go-round.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson entertained at their home on July 19th for Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Claire Mylecraine of Cleveland, O., Vice President and Secretary respectively of the N.A.M.A., who were spending a day's vacation in Toronto. About a dozen members of the Toronto Manx Society turned out on this occasion and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening together.

Monday, October 4th, is the date set for the next meeting of this society, when they are looking forward to having a good turnout.

VANCOUVER

The Annual Picnic of the Vancouver Manx Society was held at Mahon Park, North Vancouver, on August 7th. We trust they had pleasant weather and a good attendance, and are looking forward to having an item about it in our next issue.

Cleveland Manx Societies Service Fund

CLEVELAND MANX PEOPLE!

You have all received books for the Prize Distribution to be held in support of the Service Fund. We count upon you to do your usual generous part in support of this drive, so mail money and stubs, before September 7, to Miss Claire Mylecraine, Service Fund Treasurer, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland, O. First prize is a hand-made afghan donated by the Ellan Vannin Club; second prize, a handsome silver-plated tray donated by Mr. R. G. Anderson. DON'T FORGET that the Prize Distribution will be held September 7 at the first Fall meeting of the Mona's Relief Society, in the Standard Theatre Building. Be sure to come down and enjoy the evening.

Radcliffe—Frederick W., died at his home in Lakewood, Ohio, on August 4th. Born in Peel 85 years ago, he had lived in Lakewood for the past 55 years. Surviving him are his widow, Jane; and three daughters, Mrs. Eleanor R. Folwell, Mrs. Louise R. Dort, and Mrs. Grace R. Mickey.

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

ELLAN VANNIN

Continued from Page 6

Peel Bay she vanished from the watchers' view, never to be seen again—lost in Manx waters, after her voyage to the bottom of the world and back. But the story of the Vixen is immortal; it will go down through the years, a saga of Manx courage and enterprise on the high seas.

The Lifeboat Service

The record of the lifeboat service in the Isle of Man is a most gallant one, and it is fitting that this wave-beaten Isle should be the cradle of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The terrible storms which in winter lash the Manx coast have meant disaster to many vessels, and have developed Manx lifeboat crews to a high degree of efficiency. What a thrill to watch the lifeboat sliding down the ways, the sturdy, well-drilled men in their cork jackets grasping the oars, the red woollen caps bright against the gray and swirling background of wave and sky. The thrilling rescue of the passengers of the steamer *St. George* by the Peel Lifeboat on October 6, 1889, is described by T. E. Brown in one of his best-known poems.

At Douglas, the Conister Rock in the middle of the Bay, covered at high tide, was at one time a menace to shipping. Sir William Hilary, distinguished resident of Douglas, frequently witnessed boats in trouble on this rock from his home, Fort Anne, on Douglas Head. So in 1834 he built on Conister Rock the Tower of Refuge, one of the best known of Manx landmarks; immortalized, too, in one of William Wordsworth's poems. Thus the dangerous rock was plainly marked, and if need be, shipwrecked mariners could find shelter within the Tower. Sir William Hilary founded the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and lies buried in St. George's Churchyard in Douglas.

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Co.

In 1829 the Duke of Atholl sold the Lordship of Man to the British Crown. That and other influences marked the beginning of modern history in the Isle of Man.

The smuggling activities for which the Island was too well known were checked. Manxland's central position between the sister kingdoms now attracted attention of another kind.

Between Douglas and the mainland, passengers, cargo and mails were carried by sailing vessels which sometimes took a couple of days to make that short but stormy crossing. But when the "Henry Bell," that first steamboat, called at Ramsey in 1815, it was followed soon by other quaint steamers, low in the water and high in the funnel, which carried visitors to the Isle of Man to spend a seaside holiday. These visitors took back accounts of Manxland's charm and beauty, and we all know that our beloved song "Ellan Vannin" is a tribute from an English actress, Eliza Craven Green, who performed in the Island in the 1820's. It was evident

that a new era was dawning, and in 1830, enterprising Manxmen formed the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co.

Their first steamer was the *Mona's Isle*, commanded by Captain William Gill of Ramsey. More vessels were added as succeeding years saw the Island's popularity increasing. Some of them were built in Douglas.

The qualities of these Manx-built boats was so well known that one of them, the *Douglas*, was purchased by the Confederates during the American Civil War. This little steamer was used for blockade running and was eventually sunk by a Federal gunboat.

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Co. is now one hundred and thirteen years old and there have been generations of Manx boats—four "Ben-my-Chrees, three King Orrys, four *Snaefells*, and so on—for the old, salty Manx names given to most of them cannot be improved on. To hear them is almost like turning the pages of Manx history: *Tynwald*, *Viking*, *Peel Castle*, *Ramsey Town*, *Lady of Mann*, and many more.

These succeeding generations of boats have kept pace with the strides made in ship construction and engineering, and the Manx fleet has the reputation of being the finest of its kind in the world. Year after year, tens of thousands of holiday makers have been carried to and from Douglas. Several boats daily make the trip in summer; in winter generally but one. Manx captains, Manx crews, and the house flag with the Three Legs and the familiar letters "I.O.M. S.P.C." have built for themselves an unexcelled record.

Just a memory of the earlier years of this century. A big steamer coming alongside the Victoria Pier at Douglas on a bright August afternoon, the churning paddle wheel slowly revolving to a standstill. The straining ropes—the gangways lowered for the eager Lancashire crowd (the crowd that used to sing "Has anybody here seen Kelly"). The dripping wheel and the great gilt Three Legs above it; the smoke ascending into the blue, and the panting hull along which the eye travelled to the gold letters at the prow—*EMPRESS QUEEN*, largest and fastest cross-channel paddle steamer in the world. She was the last of the paddle boats, and with her name there flashes into mind the first of the present-type turbine steamers—the graceful, streamlined *VIKING*, and that fast, luxurious vessel, pride of the fleet, favorite of all Manx boats before and since her time—the well-named *BEN-MY-CHREE*.

What happens to the Manx boats in wartime. Like all able-bodied citizens, they are promptly called in to the country's service. The Centenary Souvenir Book of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, among a wealth of history, gives a record of the Company's service in World War I, from which a few outstanding examples from a notable record are selected:

The *Mona's Queen*, commanded by Captain William Cain, while carrying

British troops to France, rammed and sank a German submarine in February, 1917. Captain and crew received appropriate reward and recognition for their gallantry.

When the U. S. liner "New York" was torpedoed near Liverpool in April, 1917 it was the Manx steamer *Tynwald* that rescued 50 or 60 passengers, including an American admiral.

The King Orry represented the British Mercantile Marine at the surrender of the German Fleet at Scapa Flow, on November 21, 1918. She went out to meet the surrendering ships and led them to the British Fleet.

And where are the Manx boats now, in World War II? With their gallant Manx crews, they quickly answered the country's call and were put into battle dress and ships and men are maintaining the proudest tradition of the sea. From the gay holiday dash across the Irish Sea they went fearlessly to the grim race with death at Dunkirk, shuttling across the Channel under air attack with load after load of exhausted, wounded soldiers! There the King Orry, the *Fenella*, the *Mona's Queen* found a glorious grave. The *Tynwald* was sunk at the historic landing operations in North Africa in November 1942. And all through the war—there has been a Manx boat to plow bravely between Douglas and the mainland.

So, on whatever of the far-flung fronts they may be, the Manx ships and crews are proving themselves worthy of a small nation with a proud and ancient seafaring tradition. And we all look forward to the day when they will be restored to their own home waters, the ever-restless, ever-changing Irish Sea.

ARMED FORCES

Continued from Page 5

L.A.C. Wm. Delany, R.C.A.F. Canada. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Delany, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

W.O. Thos. Clague Hoy, Summerside, Prince Edward Island. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Hoy, Delia, Alberta, Canada.

Sgt. T. E. Comish, Jr., 811 T.S.S., Bks. 1332, Sioux Falls, S. D. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Comish, 1567 Es-lava St., Mobile, Alabama.

Lt. Betty Callow, Army Nurse Corps. Daughter of Mrs. James Callow, 29 Bay de Nocque Rd., Menominee, Mich.

James K. Callow, U. S. Coast Guard, Hampton Roads, Va. Son of Mrs. James Callow, 29 Bay de Nocque Rd., Menominee, Mich.

Pfc. Douglas A. Crellin, 15th Transport Sqd., Presque Isle Army Air Base, Presque Isle, Maine. Son of Edward C. Crellin, Kittery Ave., Rowley, Mass.

Lt. Wm. R. Clinton, EORP-ERTC, Fort Belvoir, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clinton, 510 Charleston St., Mobile, Ala.

