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

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GENEROUS SUPPORT GIVEN!

No Prize Distribution Necessary In 1944

Here is a surprise! This year — NO PRIZE DISTRIBUTION!

In the past two summers the Prize Distribution organized jointly by officers of the North American Manx Association and its Ladies' Auxiliary has been carried through to complete success by the support of the members.

And your support has been so generous and enthusiastic that this year we can say—No Prize Distribution in 1944! Your cooperation means, therefore, that at present we have a sufficient balance in the bank to enable us, with careful management, plus 1945 dues, to carry through the coming fiscal year.

We know that the same liberal and willing support you gave to our drives for funds in the past two years would have been extended again this year had we asked for it. But . . . the N.A.M.A. is not a money-making organization . . . it operates on a non-profit basis . . . the aim is simply to carry enough money in the bank to be able to operate efficiently and without financial anxiety.

But please remember—N.A.M.A. annual dues are still not nearly sufficient in total amount to cover the Association's operating costs, despite the fact that we have a growing membership. Next year, we probably shall have to renew the Prize Distribution effort. But, meanwhile, we must work for still more members . . . bring in new people . . . regain old members who may have dropped out . . . be sure that all memberships are regularly renewed.

So let's make this little note: N.A.M.A. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF \$1.00 IS DUE IN AUGUST. This year, application blanks will be sent out with the August Bulletin, and we shall be grateful for your prompt and hearty response in the payment of dues. In fact, you can send in your 1944-45 membership dues to the Treasurer now!

We look forward to 1944-45 as a year of continued progress and steady growth of membership.

OFFICERS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION AND ITS LADIES' AUXILIARY

A Message From Our President

Fellow Manx People:

At this time, I would like to express sincere thanks to all our members and friends who, by their generous support and loyalty to this Association, have made it possible for us to carry on.

The last two years have been a period of progress and we now find ourselves in a position which enables us to proceed with the coming year's work, without making the usual appeal for help through the means of a Prize Distribution, which has been necessary in the past.

Our Executive decided that, because of the healthy condition of our Association, we would not make any further call on our members for this year. We are very grateful to all who helped us to arrive at this happy position.

We not only have held our own, but have increased our membership, and this, during a period when there are so many other problems to be attended to by all of us.

Can the reason for this be that at last the Bulletin is taking its place among Manx people and that the appreciation and interest shown in this publication is

going to prove a solid foundation for our progress in the years to come?

Since that day when the N.A.M.A. came into being and we embarked on the idea of uniting all Manx people in North America under one head and stimulating their interest in all things Manx, we have come a long way. The going has not always been easy and sometimes your Executives have had problems which caused them plenty of worry. But they faced their duties with that determination which must have its own reward.

I appeal to all of our members to try to persuade another Manx person to become a member. By so doing, you will help us to increase our membership, which is the progress that we desire most of all.

We must have a certain amount of money to meet fixed expenses every year. If we boost out membership, we can carry on easily and progress accordingly, safe in the knowledge that we are doing something worth while among our own people, cementing old friendships, creating new ones, and bringing happiness to all of us. Toward what better goal could we set our energies?

JAMES Y. MANN, President.

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Cleveland Garden Party July 15th, 1944

The Cleveland officers and members of the North American Manx Association are sponsoring a garden party to be held Saturday, July 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon, 19008 Kinsman Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

If you live in Cleveland—or can get there—be sure to attend this party and enjoy a pleasant afternoon and evening.

The Hudgeon home can be conveniently reached by street car, so if gasoline rationing prevents your driving, the following instructions will be useful:

Take the Moreland Rapid Transit car to Linnfield Road, from which point a short walk takes you there.

Or, take the Kinsman Road car to the end of the line, then transfer to the bus which passes the door.

Or, if you live anywhere in the East 105th Street district, the easiest route is to take the city bus at East 107th and Euclid and ride as far as Shaker Square, then take the Moreland Rapid Transit car to Linnfield Road.

Bring a basket supper. Tables, chairs, games and hot water for your "cup o' tay" will be provided.

Last year our garden party had all the festivity of a small-scale Convention by the presence of a number of out-of-town guests. We hope that these friends, and as many more as can come, will be with us again this time. The Cleveland Manx will extend a hearty welcome!

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:

CLEVELAND

Frank Skillicorn A.S., Co. 632, U.S.N.T. Station, Great Lakes, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jane Skillicorn, 606 E. 103rd St., Cleveland.

William D. Jackson, A.S., Company 710, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackson, 19506 Nottingham Road, Cleveland, Ohio

MISCELLANEOUS

Captain Arthur C. Reddie, Chaplain, stationed in the Aleutians. Husband of Ruth Mona, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. S. Quirk, 38 Parker Ave., Manasquan, N.J.

CHICAGO

Pvt. Robert Kelly, No. 16174959, 3rd Platoon, Co. C., 67th Infantry Training Battalion, Camp Wolters, Texas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cecil Kelly, 54 E. 68th St., Chicago, Ill.

CANADA

John De Groot, R.C.A.F., Manning Pool, Toronto. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. DeGroot, Oakville, Ontario.

J. K. Kinvig, R.C.A.F., stationed at Mount Hope, Ont. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kinvig, 365 Belfast St., Medicine Hat, Alberta.

An Interesting Letter

A letter written by T. J. Garrett, a cousin of Vice President Alice Garrett, contains some interesting descriptions of his experiences in H. M. Forces in various parts of the world. He says he is one of the "British Garretts"; his home is in Birkenhead, Cheshire; has a wife and young son; a cousin Edgar in Peel, Isle of Man who is now in the R. A. F.—also has several other connections in the Island. He is much interested in his American relatives, the two Garrett families of Rochester, N. Y., whom of course he has never seen, and the letter in question was addressed to a mutual friend. We quote the following brief extracts:

"I was called up for duty in H. M. Forces in July 1940, and having previously completed four years service with a field ambulance in the Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial Army) I was again assigned to the same Corps, but Regular Army this time. I left the country in a liner

and we eventually dropped anchor in the tropical harbor of Freetown, West Africa. We were not permitted to go ashore there . . . but unknown to me, my brother Kenneth, then 4th Officer in the Merchant Navy, was lying in a hospital there after his ship was torpedoed and sunk. He was for two weeks one of 15 men in an open boat and landed at Gambia suffering from exhaustion and exposure. This I did not discover until six months later . . .

"Our next port of call was Capetown, South Africa. We spent a week here and were accorded a great reception; I will never forget the wonderful hospitality, and took a great liking to South Africa. Proceeding around the Cape of Good Hope, we crossed the equator and sailed into the Red Sea, passing Aden and the Twelve Apostle Islands, eventually to reach the Gulf of Suez. Then a long, tedious train journey across the desert to Cairo; saw the Pyramids and Sphinx and was then posted to Tel-Aviv in Palestine to a general hospital . . .

"Soon after, my new unit took part in the invasion of Syria, June 8, 1941. At the victorious conclusion of this campaign, my unit returned to Palestine. During this period I managed to cover practically the whole of the Holy Land whilst on training maneuvers and on week ends, visiting Nazareth, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Jaffa, modern Jewish cooperative settlements and agricultural colonies . . . also spent three days at Tel-Aviv, the ultra modern Jewish seaside resort on the Mediterranean. In Jerusalem I saw the old wall with the eight gates; the site of the Temple; Pontius Pilate's Judgment Hall; Church of the Holy Sepulchre; Calvary . . . Walking completely around the old City Walls, I went through St. Stephen's Gate . . . saw the tombs of Zacharias and Absalom, and entered the Garden of Gethsemane where is the Church of All Nations. One day I took a bus ride to Bethlehem passing Rachel's Tomb enroute, and went into the Greek Orthodox Church there to see the manger—in the tower of this church are the bronze bells which broadcast to the world at Christmas. Returning to Jerusalem I found it lying under a white mantle of snow—the first fall for 26 years."

Mr. Garrett then gives details of the movements of his unit during the desert campaign which ended with the Nazis being driven out of North Africa. Following this, the men were assigned to the invasion of Sicily. "After Catania fell," he says, "the Sicilians gave us a cordial welcome, with gifts of wine, fruit, flowers etc. At Messina we first came into contact with British and American troops of the 5th Army. We were sent across the Straits of Messina to Italy . . . were there only seven weeks when we (the 8th Army desert veterans) were withdrawn and embarked . . . through the Strait of Gibraltar, into the Atlantic rollers, and so finally I reached my home, which I had not seen for three long years."

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

VANCOUVER

The annual spring concert of the Vancouver Society was held recently, with the program being given entirely by the Burrard Male Choir and assisting artists. This is the third time they have entertained the Vancouver Manx, who greatly enjoyed the evening.

The society held a Whist Drive on April 28th. These drives have been held on the last Friday evening of each month during the past winter, the last of which will be on May 26th at the Maccabees Hall, 2237 Main Street, Vancouver.

BUFFALO

The most recent meeting of the Buffalo Manx Society was held at the home of their President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle, 112 Deerfield Avenue, Buffalo, on March 18th. Mrs. Hugh Corteen was co-hostess with Mrs. Towle. The meeting was a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Walter Skillicorn (wife of N.A.M.A. Vice-President), whose birthday was that day, and Fred Towle, whose birthday took place during the following week. Miss Viola Peake of Buffalo, who operates a florist shop, presented a corsage to Mrs. Skillicorn and a boutonniere to Mr. Towle.

Several of the members of this society are planning to go to Port Dalhousie on July 8th, when the Toronto Manx Society will hold its picnic.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

April 4th being "N.A.M.A. Night," the local officers of the N.A.M.A. entertained the members of the Mona's Relief Society, following the regular business meeting. The Secretary, Miss Claire Mylecraine, was successful in enlisting the cooperation of the Chorus of the Cleveland Diesel Engine Division of General Motors Corp., of which she is a member. This group of forty singers, under the baton of Mr. Russell Abbott, well known in Cleveland musical circles, gave a splendid concert which was warmly applauded and greatly enjoyed.

In a short address, Miss Mylecraine paid tribute to the noble work of the Mona's Relief Society during its 92 years' history. She also spoke of the work of the N.A.M.A. and of the aims and accomplishments of the Manx Bulletin. A letter from President Jim Mann conveyed his greetings and good wishes to the Cleveland Manx assembled on "N.A.M.A. Night."

Other local N.A.M.A. officers introduced were Miss Gertrude Cannell, Treasurer; Mrs. Amy Abell, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, (Miss Mary Hampton, Treasurer for the Ladies was absent on account of ill-

ness), also Past President John R. Cain who spoke of the fine spirit with which the Cleveland Manx have always supported N.A.M.A. activities.

A pleasant interlude was the unexpected arrival of Lt. Col. W. S. Quirk of the Salvation Army, who was in Cleveland conducting a series of revival meetings. The Colonel's brief address was enjoyed by members of the guest chorus as heartily as by the Manx themselves!

President John Callow of the Relief Society closed the meeting with appropriate remarks, and refreshments, with the usual "cooish"—brought this lively and enjoyable evening to a close.

At the May 2nd meeting, Mona's Relief members voted \$25.00 to the Crile Hospital "Phone Home" Fund for wounded veterans. This meeting was announced as "Scotch Night," and members of Clan Grant provided an hour of song and story with the inimitable Phil Barker as "M.C." so there was never a dull moment. A good laugh stimulates the appetite, so all, including the Scottish entertainers, did full justice to the good things provided, which called forth the remark—"How CAN they do it in these times?"

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

The hard-working ladies of the Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland meet on the first and third Fridays of each month at the East End Y.M.C.A., East 105th Street, South of Euclid Avenue. They convene in the morning and their Secretary, Mrs. Mona Bertsch, reports they have a lot of work on hand. They wish the Cleveland Manx ladies would come out and help finish it up before they close their sessions for the summer. In addition to quilting, they have lots of other types of work and would appreciate any help they can get.

SAN FRANCISCO

The April meeting of this Society, held at the Fred Callow home in Berkeley, California, was one of the highlights of their season. It was an excellent meeting and everyone had a grand time. They are meeting this month at the home of Mrs. Frank Burnett in San Francisco, and are planning to start their summer series of several picnics in the near future.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society's report on their March meeting reached us too late for our last Bulletin. This Society met on the first Sunday afternoon in March at the Lawson Y.M.C.A. in Chicago. About thirty members attended and they all spent an enjoyable afternoon.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

Thirty-two members of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society met at 1716 Burlingame Avenue, Detroit, the home of Mrs. Campbell, to celebrate the 92nd birthday of her father and their Honorary President, Mr. Edward Kenna. Because of difficulties incident to gas rationing and long working hours, this is the first meeting held by this society since Christmas. Mr. W. H. Hall of Cleveland attended the meeting at the Campbells.

The next meeting of this society will be held at Palmer Park, Detroit on Sunday, July 9th.

GALVA

Because of their members being so scattered, this Society has been very quiet during the winter months. However, their Secretary, Mrs. Ada Cubbon, reports that they are hoping to resume their meetings soon.

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx Society held its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Annie Watterson on Quality Hill, Bisbee. This was a good meeting and well attended.

The May meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kennaugh, Tombstone Canyon, Bisbee. Community singing and the inevitable lunch brought the pleasant evening to its close.

Their June meeting will be held at the Berlinde's Ranch, just a few miles out of Bisbee.

NEBRASKA

The most recent meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association was their Christmas party, held on December 6th at the home of their Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Morris in Lincoln. They report a good attendance and an excellent entertainment. As is customary at the meetings of this Society, they had as their guests several service men who are stationed at the Air Base in Lincoln.

It was decided that, due to gasoline rationing, they would dispense with their usual meeting scheduled for March. Their next meeting will be the Annual Picnic on June 16th at Antelope Park in Lincoln. They hope to see all their Manx friends in their vicinity at this gathering.

MONTREAL

Mrs. Ivy Duggan, Secretary of the Montreal Manx Society, reports that that Society has been very successful during the past six months. Among their other activities, they have raised sufficient funds to enable them to send \$50.00 to the Manx Prisoners' of War Fund. Congratulations Montreal! Keep up the good work!

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Alex Woosey, 174 Stanley Avenue, Hamilton, Ont., has lately been more than usually successful in his efforts to contact Manx lads at the local R.C.A.F. station at Mount Hope. He has been in touch with Joseph P. Keruish, 28 Circular Road, Douglas; Hilton Killip, Onchan; J. Ditchfield, 68 Westbourne Drive, Douglas; and finally a Canadian Manxman, J. K. Kinvig, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. Woosey is doing excellent and patriotic work in keeping in touch with young Manxmen in the Forces.

Mrs. S. T. Burrows, 1717 Girard St., Akron, Ohio, (who was Florence Kennish of Cleveland) writes that they had some excitement at their home recently. The excitement was the arrival on April 26, of David Thomas, the third of Florence's boys, the others being Ramsey and Douglas who think the new brother is just 'tops.' So does Grandma, Mrs. E. B. Kennish, who naturally is down in Akron at present lending a helping hand. Congratulations to all members of this happy family.

Congratulations also to George Q. Kennaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kennaugh of Glen Rock, Wyoming, who was married a few months ago and now is stationed in Idaho. George is a Doctor of Dentistry and is in the service of his country.

Mrs. L. McDonnell, 1207 E. 2nd Street, Royal Oak, Michigan tells us that her son, Donald, who is with the U. S. Navy, now is stationed in San Francisco and will be there for a few weeks. His address is:

Donald McDonnell, WT 3/c
Division B
U.S.S. INTREPID
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

We are sure he would appreciate having some of the San Francisco Manx get in touch with him.

Hearty congratulations are extended Alva R. Corlett, Jr., U.S.N.R., on his promotion early in May to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He is the son of Judge and Mrs. Alva Corlett, Alcazar Hotel, Cleveland; graduated as Ensign from Yale University in 1939, has seen service in the Aleutians, and now at the age of 26 will go aboard the Destroyer Escort ROBERT BRAZIER as executive officer. Commander and Mrs. Corlett are to be congratulated also upon their new daughter, Lisabeth Ann, born January 28th.

Mr. Arnold Corrin, Secretary of the Bisbee Manx Society, has announced his candidacy for the office of State Representative to the Arizona State Legislature, subject to the Primaries to be held on July 18th. Sorry we don't all live in Arizona, Arnold, so we could vote for you.

Leading Steward Wm. E. Black, who was born in Lezayre, Isle of Man, spent some time in Vancouver recently, visiting some of the friends he made while there last summer. Since that time, he has sailed about 60,000 miles, calling at Africa, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand and Honolulu.

A very pretty wedding took place recently at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church, Windsor, Ontario, when Miss Kathleen Ruth DeFields, daughter of Fire Chief Clarence J. DeFields of that city, became the bride of Douglas Edward Lambertson, grandson of our member Mrs. Samuel Lambertson, 957 Moy Avenue, Windsor, who has attended many Manx Conventions. Following the ceremony, the young couple left for Toronto. Hearty congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lambertson!

Essie Quayle of San Francisco reports "a happy visit from a relative, Clinton Quirk of Anaconda, Montana, a son of Basil Quirk of Peel, who was a baker with Tom Shimmin. Clinton Quirk is with the Merchant Marines and is off again on the High Seas."

Miss Ethel M. Shimmin, Secretary of the Chicago Manx Society, recently was honored by her employer for completing twenty years of service with the company. Ethel was presented with a gold brooch, set with diamonds and rubies and given a month's vacation. She at present is spending the vacation in Florida and the Smokies. Congratulations and best wishes, Ethel!

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Speers of Peoria, Illinois are the parents of a son, Richard, born on January 20th. The baby is the grandson of the late John Speers of Bushnell, Illinois and a great-great-grandson of John and Ann Cowley Mylchreest, who came from the Isle of Man many years ago. Mr. Speers is a Vice-President of the Peoria Manx Society.

"Whichever way you throw me" . . . the old Manx faculty for always falling on two feet holds true for Lt. Thomas M. Cowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cowell of Washington, D.C. Lt. Cowell, Flying Fortress navigator, has crashed four times due to enemy gunfire when returning from bombing raids over Europe, but has escaped unhurt. He holds the Air Medal, six oak leaf clusters, and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross. Home recently to spend a short furlough with his wife, he found awaiting him his 7-weeks-old son, Thomas Jr.

Congratulations to L.A.C. George Ross, youngest son of Mrs. George Ross, New Westminster, B.C., who was married on April 19th to Miss Sadie McKenzie.

Lieut. Alfred J. Looney, A.A.F., has been reported as missing in action over Germany since February 24th. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Looney, 15 Gladstone Street, Rochester, New York. Mr. Looney is President of the Rochester Manx Society. Pilot of a B-24 Liberator Bomber, Lieut. Looney received the Air Medal for piloting his bomber on five combat missions over Europe.

Captain Robert Looney, holder of the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross, arrived home from service in Tunisia and Italy at about the time his parents received word that his brother was missing. He was home for twenty days before being sent to a rehabilitation center in Atlantic City.

Another brother, Aviation Machinist's Mate 3/c Lawrence W. Looney, also was visiting his parents when the news was received. He left shortly thereafter for his station in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Quirk of New York City announces the arrival on February 10, of William Stephen Arthur—or perhaps we should say the announcement was made by grandfather Lt. Col. Wm. S. Quirk of the Salvation Army, who is proud of the fact that the new baby is the first Quirk grandchild in the family. Lt. Col. and Mrs. Quirk live at 38 Parker Avenue, Manasquan, New Jersey.

Congratulations! Eileen Jackson, 19506 Nottingham Road, Cleveland, on March 25 became the bride of T/Sgt. Clarence J. Quine, also of Cleveland. For years Eileen was one of our faithful Junior members. Clarence Quine, whose name has appeared in the Bulletin Service List, is with the Marines and at present is stationed at Columbia, S. C.

At the Annual Convention of the Canadian Section of the American Waterworks Ass'n held in Niagara Falls, Ont., April 21, our good friend Mr. Hugh Kellner, 350 Moy Avenue, Windsor, Ont., was elected to the Executive Committee as a Trustee. Mr. Kellner is Waterworks Chief of the City of Windsor, is a native of Manchester, England, and has spent some happy years in the Isle of Man when employed on engineering projects there. The first Waterworks Convention which Mr. Kellner attended was held in Cleveland, at which time he met a Mr. Quayle, Manxman, who was active in the Cleveland Water Department at that time. Mr. Kellner has many Manx friends in Cleveland as well as in the Isle of Man.

P.O. Kenneth Christian, R.C.A.F., 4305 Prince Albert Street, Vancouver, B.C., arrived overseas in March. He reports that he has had a wonderful time visiting in Douglas and met Pvt. Charles Henry, his brother-in-law, on the boat. Naturally, they were greatly surprised and pleased to see one another.

Theo. Kelly, engineer with the U.S. Merchant Marine, returned home to Cleveland after several months' duty in the Mediterranean. With Mrs. Kelly, he found time to renew acquaintance with Cleveland friends, and had many interesting tales to tell of experiences in the war zone. In Naples he found that the Germans had removed all streetcars and "sight-seers" were dependent upon military vehicles for transportation. He accosted a Scotch soldier who was directing traffic, who at once stopped a passing jeep with the request—"Make room in there for this man—he is from the Isle of Man."

It is a pleasure to welcome a new life member, Mr. J. E. Shimmin, 4075 Mitchell Drive, Flint, Michigan. Born in the States, Mr. Shimmin has visited the Isle of Man and is an admirer of all things Manx. We asked him to tell us something about himself and his Manx forefathers, and quote from his letter as follows: "My Mother was Anna Isabelle Cregeen, daughter of the cobbler who lived and had his shop across the street from the brewery in Castletown. A large family — James, William, George, Arthur, Stanley, Edward, Margaret, Edith, John. My father was Robert Shimmin; both he and I were born in this country. I have tramped the Island from Castletown—Scarlet, Port St. Mary, Cregneish, the Chasms, Sugar Loaf, Spanish Head, Port Erin. Attended a 'tea fight' in Ballabeg with my cousins Janey and Doris Kelly . . . someone recited 'The Peel Lifeboat.' I seem to have a craving lately for things Manx," concludes Mr. Shimmin, "and a knowledge of the ways of my ancestors."

Essie Quayle, Secretary of the San Francisco Manx, wrote in March that she had on her desk a bunch of "gilvers" grown from seed which arrived from the Isle of Man on the day France fell. Essie said that if they bloomed she would consider it a good omen for our ultimate success in the war, and call them her "Victory gilvers." "They have excelled themselves," she writes, "and I have been able to give lots of flowers away."

Congratulations to our member Dr. William T. Corlett, dean of Cleveland skin specialists, who attained his 90th birthday on April 15th. Dr. Corlett was born in Ohio, a son of Manx pioneers, enjoys an internationally famous medical career, and is the author of several books including a volume of poems recently published.

Mr. E. Christian, Route 10, Box 298, Fresno, Calif., writes that there are but few Manx in that part of California. Sometimes, he says, "the Oscar Wards, Donald Bains, or Mr. Callow from Berkely visit us at the ranch when passing through." Mr. Christian is from Ramsey and has two sisters there, May Christian and Mrs. R. K. Underhill, and a brother Arthur. He enjoys reading in the Bulletin about old friends he knew years ago.

After accomplishing 52 bombing missions over Europe, David J. Teare is expected to return to Cleveland shortly with the rank of captain, having received his promotion on April 14. This 26-year-old Manx lad, the son of Mrs. Gertrude Cowin, led the formation which bombed Cassino on March 15, as mentioned in the last Bulletin.

Some time ago Cleveland Manx were sorry to read in the newspapers that Cpl. Briton Rogers, U.S.M.C., was wounded in action in the Pacific. However, it is a pleasure to learn from his mother, Mrs. J. W. Rogers (nee Isabel Quirk) of Gates Mills, Ohio, that Briton was able to return to duty after two months in hospital. He received his injuries on December 30 last, at Cape Gloucester.

No. 1 Junior member, Robert Kelly of Chicago, who only this year advanced to the 18-year-old class, is in training at Camp Wolters, Texas and his complete address will be found in the Service List in this Bulletin. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cecil Kelly, tell us that Bob wrote asking to have his address transferred "so he would be sure to receive his Manx Bulletin." We are proud of this boy who has been an N.A.M.A. member ever since he was a "l'il fella."

Harry Lace, 3501 Alcott St., Denver, Colo., turns over his Bulletins to the Public Library after he has read them, and receives acknowledgments thanking him for his thoughtfulness. That's an idea which might be followed by members in other cities. Mr. Lace has two grandsons who recently departed for military duty overseas.

Lieut. Kenneth Peake, son of the late William and Mrs. Peake, 1249 Genesee Street, Buffalo, New York, is now stationed in England. He hopes to have the opportunity soon of visiting the Isle of Man, where his late father was born.

Sgt. A. C. L. Killip, R.C.A.F., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, 1020 Harwood Street, Vancouver, B.C., was home for two weeks' leave at Easter. He now has returned to Mossbank, Sask. The Killips elder son, P.O. Thomas S. Killip, R.C.U.V.R., arrived overseas in April.

Charlie Walker, R.N. Wireless Operator, attended the April Whist Drive of the Vancouver Manx Society. During his stay in Vancouver, he visited at several Manx homes, including that of Mr. and Mrs. R. Fayle, who are relatives. His mother lives in Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Attention, Rochester Manx! Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hinrichs of Rochester, New York would appreciate your getting in touch with them. Mrs. Hinrichs is the former Maryellen Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska. Dr. Hinrichs is serving his internship at the Rochester General Hospital, and they may be contacted by mail at the hospital.

John De Groot, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. De Groot, Oakville, Ont., and grandson of the late Thomas Cubbon of Liverpool, England and Douglas, Isle of Man, has joined the R.C.A.F. and is stationed at Manning Pool, Toronto. His sister, A.W. 1 Leonie De Groot, W.D., R.C.A.F., has graduated from No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal, and has received her "Sparks." She has been transferred to No. 7, Service Flying Training School, Macleod, Alberta.

Our old friend Arthur Teare, 10863—93rd St., Edmonton, Alberta, is another who likes to get in touch with visiting Manx service men. Recently he and his sister entertained Palmer Shimmin, R.A.F., who was stationed at Bowden, Alberta, and is a grandson of Mr. Palmer of the Peel City Guardian. Since then the young man has visited Cleveland as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Christian, 2033 West Boulevard, where he met a number of Peel friends. He now is stationed at the 6th B.&G. School, Mountain View, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain, of Cleveland recently had the pleasure of entertaining their cousin Corporal Thomas E. Quine of the R.A.F., who is now stationed at Port Albert, Ontario. From Cleveland Corporal Quine went on to Washington, D. C., to spend the balance of his furlough with his uncles—Messrs. Stanley and Finlo Quine.

Mr. Robert Gregg of 2345 Roanoke Road, San Marino, California, formerly of Douglas, visited in Buffalo early in May, where he was attending the Foundrymen's Convention.

Gordon Gell, Vancouver, B.C., attached to the Medical Corps, has been home recently on embarkation leave.

Mrs. Frank Shimmin, wife of the President of the Peoria Manx Society, returned recently from Chicago, where she attended the P.E.O. State Convention.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. How well do you remember the geography of the Isle of Man? See if you can identify the following:

- (a) Kitterland
- (b) Creg Malin
- (c) Bahama Bank
- (d) Falcon's Nest

2. Where are the following headlands:

- (a) Noggin Head
- (b) Clay Head
- (c) Caigher Point

3. What is noteworthy about the following:

- (a) Cluggid Falls
- (b) Ballaglass
- (c) Frissel Hill

4. In what way is Laxey Village divided?

About Things Manx

MAYTIME IN MANXLAND

Did you ever stand on Peel Hill on a May morning?

Remember the view? The shining roofs of Peel; across the Bay the purple headlands sweeping inland to meet the springtime fields; the White Stones like clothes spread out to dry on the green hillside; Lhergy Dhoo farm; the White Strand. Along that curving coast the eye follows bay and headland, the gleam of farm and cottage, until the needle point of Jurby Church marks the northern limit of the view; looking outwards, the circle of the flashing sea, sapphire blue in the Bay, polished silver at the dazzling horizon.

Let's turn and walk south along the cliff path. On the hilltop, Corrin's Folly commands sea and land, as it has done through more than a hundred winters and summers. That lonely landmark looks friendly and welcoming on this glorious morning. The sea is heard dashing at the foot of the cliffs; looking down we see it surging among the rocks, circling them with emerald, breaking and scattering into showers of diamond and pearl. Flung like a royal robe across headland and hill, the flaming gold of the gorse adds its brilliance to the morning.

We go on round Contrary Head, drinking in the tang of the sea and the almond-like scent of the gorse; feasting on the colors of the changing panorama. A little while ago we were looking north as far as Jurby—now to the south we can see Bradda Head, and beyond that, the Calf—almost the whole western shore of the Island.

Before long we come to Glen Maye's stream, hurrying down to the sea. It is a temptation to linger and explore this spot—often claimed to be the finest of Manx glens, with its rushing waterfall and wealth of ferns and flowers. But not today—this May day was made for the sea and the headlands, so we pass through Glen Maye village and continue up the hill toward the white cottages of Dalby, then ramble down the rough road that leads to the Niarbyl.

Here is a place that can vie with Cregneish for its atmosphere of "Old Manx." At Dalby once lived the farmer-fishermen, those hardy men who "ploughed the land and ploughed the deep." They farmed on those green hillsides, and in the fishing season their boats put out at sundown from Niarbyl Bay, under the shadow of old Cronk ny Iree Lhaa, returning home in the early morning when the sun's first gleam on the brow of the mountain announced the dayrise. Some of us gained a new appreciation of that ancient tradition when we were approaching the Island on a certain June morning of 1927,

when we saw that very sight which has been a signal to our people for generations—the cliffs shrouded in night-shadows—the sun's bright finger on the crest of Cronk ny Iree Lhaa, beckoning the wandering Manxman home.

At Dalby was born William Cashen, for years custodian of Peel Castle, known to many of us, known to Royalty, and known to thousands whom he conducted through his beloved Castle in the summer months. William Cashen's childhood was spent in one of the Niarbyl cottages, where now we can stop and have tea in the old Manx setting of thatch and snowy whitewash and hearty Manx talk, enjoying the magnificent view of mountain and cliff, listening to the waves rolling up the beach—playfully today, but how they could thunder when driven by winter gales—how their mighty voice would roar and reverberate from those rocks and caves! The Manx are known as a hardy race; no wonder they have produced stalwart men of the sea; pioneers in other lands; strong men and women for today's no less arduous tasks!

We start back to Peel in the late afternoon—by the cliff path again, as we cannot have enough of the sea on this glorious day. Leaving the shadow of the Niarbyl cliffs, the headlands seem dazzlingly bright—but it is a mellow light than the morning's sparkle. When we come back to Corrin's Tower in the early evening, Peel Bay below us is a floor of gold, brushed toward the headlands into purple streaks by the ruffle of the in-shore breeze; the brown sails and the white, with their slender reflections are the fleet of Fairyland. Standing in that magic atmosphere, we think again of Wordsworth and "the light that never was on sea or land."

Have we missed something on this long ramble? Ah—there is one thing we have not seen—the guardian spirit of this western shore of Manxland. But we know it is there all the time, hidden below the hill. Worn with its weight of centuries, yet nobly reminiscent of the brave days of old, Peel Castle looks tranquilly out into the setting sun.

GERTRUDE CANNELL.

The following conversation took place in Ottawa, Ontario, a few years ago when folks still took vacations and gasoline was sold to the tune of "fill 'er up."

Station Attendant: And what part of Ohio are you people from?

Manxwoman: Cleveland.

Attendant: Oh . . . Cleveland! I used to know a man from Cleveland, name of Kelly.

Manxwoman: Kelly ??? Was he a Manxman?

Attendant: No—he was a piano tuner.

Which makes us fear that maybe the little land of Three Legs, tailless cats and Hall Caine is not quite as well known as we think it should be.

In these days of rationing we often like to talk about prewar plenty, and this reminds us of a little poem by our beloved "Cushag." It is called:

THE GOOD OUL' TIMES

Them was the times, the fine oul' times,

When the Manx was goin' a spakin';
In the pulpit an' all, it was goin' for all,
At the like of the oul' Archdacon.

Them was the times, th' oul' fashioned times,

When the flax would be goin' a spinnin';

An' the busy the queels were whistling roun',

As quick as the talk of the women.
Them was the times, the prosperous times,

When no one was thinkin' of savin's;
But heavin' the puddens over the quay
To show there was lashin's and lavin's.

Them was the times, the fine oul' times,

When the weaver was bringin' the newses,

And colloguin' the bargain urrov the wife

While giving the mather his viewses.

Then was the times, the courtin' times,

When the boys to the dhure were stealin';

And the busy the dogs were waggin' their tails

To show there was no ill feelin'.
Them was the times, the fine oul' times,

When the childher was goin' a rarin'
On porridge an' jough, an' bonnags an' broth,

An' suppin' on priddhas an' herrin'.

The first church in Douglas, Isle of Man was Old St. Matthew's, in the marketplace—consecrated on September 21 (St. Matthew's Day), 1708. Before then the nearest church was Braddan, which in those days was inconveniently far from town. In 1879 the Rev. T. A. Taggart was appointed Vicar of St. Matthew's, and under his leadership the church flourished and the congregation outgrew the tiny building. Funds were raised for a new church and the foundation stone was laid in 1895. The building was consecrated on September 21, 1908—exactly 200 years after the consecration of the old church by the famous Bishop Wilson.

Rev. Taggart always insisted that no money be collected for pew rents, and today—and for all time—it is a ruling that St. Matthew's is entirely open and free to the public. Rev. Taggart was succeeded by his son, Rev. Hugh Selwyn Taggart, and both were well-known and beloved by Douglas people of all denominations.

Says "Believe-It-Or-Not" Bob Ripley: "Giant Wedding Rings, Isle of Man . . . Stone rings 4 ft. in diameter used as wedding rings by the Manx people. No wedding was legal without the couple shaking hands through the openings." Can anyone throw further light on this curious custom?

O B I T U A R I E S

If it is true that what we know as death
Is but the throwing off, of all things mortal—
That with the passing of our latest breath
We drift in numb dark silence through the portal,
To where the day is morning-cool and clear—
And with the burden of the mortal cast,
Immortal senses that are ours, can peer
Into the hearts of earth—and know—at last.

If it be thus, ere now you surely know
That my affection was both strong and true.
That at its stream-like source, 'twas dammed in flow,
And to its river-breadth it never grew.
But your dear, noble spirit will discern
The flood-gates burst—the waters now expand,—
While other hearts will never know or learn
What you and I will know—and understand.

James C. Tyson.

Christian—Emily J., of Rochester, New York, widow of the late Caesar Christian, passed away on March 19th. She was born in England, but spent her early life in Sulby and Kirk Andreas, Isle of Man, having taught school at the Lhen for several years. An active member of the Rochester Manx Society and the N.A.M.A., she attended most of the conventions. Surviving are her brother, William Gale of St. Louis; several nieces and nephews; also several cousins in the Isle of Man.

Corlett—Leonard, Edmonton, Alberta, died suddenly November 27, 1943, aged 54. He was a veteran of World War I, and is survived by his wife and one daughter, Eden Jessie of Ahlairk, N.W.T.

Craine—Robert Ernest, died on April 11th in Oakland, California. Formerly of Ballavar, Braddan, he is survived by his son, James C. Craine, and two grandchildren in Vancouver, B. C. Interment was in Oakland.

Fox—Herbert A., passed away in April at his home in Cleveland. Surviving are his wife, Irene (nee Freedle, a daughter of our member Mrs. Emily Q. Freedle of Bay Village, Ohio), son Glenn H. Fox, and daughter Mrs. Lois I. Sage.

Corlett—Thomas E., passed away in April at his home in Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Corlett was 73 and is survived by his wife, Maud, and four children, Mrs. Gertrude Sievertson, Harold, Ruby and Wilbur, a brother John and three grandchildren. Mr. Corlett was custodian of Shaker Heights schools for many years, was one of the first residents of Shaker Heights, and was a member of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society.

Kerruish—T. Philip, of Buffalo, New York, husband of the late Eliza (nee Crellin) and father of Courtney Kerruish, passed away on May 2nd. He was born in Sulby, Isle of Man, eighty years ago and was the oldest member of the Buffalo Manx Society. In addition to his son, he is survived by two grandchildren, Elaine Kerruish of Buffalo and Pfc. Courtney Kerruish, Jr. in the Aleutians; and three nieces, Mrs. B. J. Bury, Mrs. M. Trueba and Miss F. Kerruish, all of Buffalo.

McCaa—John, husband of the late Bella, passed away in Medina, Ohio on April 12th. Surviving are his children, Andrew C., Isabel Featheringham, Winifred, John (deceased), Edith Madsen, and grandchildren. Mr. McCaa was born in the Isle of Man and never missed coming to Cleveland for the Annual Manx Picnic.

Teare—Miss Ella, who lived in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, passed away in April at her home. She visited the Isle of Man several years ago and was much impressed with its beauty and characteristics. Miss Teare was always interested in things Manx and was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society.

Tyson—James Colquitt, President of the Manx Society of Greater New York, passed away on March 21st. Born in Ballasalla, Isle of Man, 56 years ago, Mr. Tyson came to Canada as a young man and for several years lived in Seattle, Washington before moving to New York. At the time of his passing, he lived in Astoria, Long Island. A talented musician, he served as orchestrator for several orchestras, including the Philadelphia Symphony, and also for the principal music publishers. The Boguslawski College of Music in Chicago, about a year ago, conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Music, thus honoring him for his distinguished service in behalf of the Musical Arts. For several years, he directed the vocal chorus at the Roxy Theatre in New York, and for the past 14 years, was organist and choirmaster of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn. He also had a gifted pen and several of his poems have appeared in the Bulletin from time to time. Surviving are his wife, Anne, (nee Roberts), formerly of Seattle; and a daughter, Mrs. John P. Mitten of Setauket, L. I.

Harrison—John Alfred, of 5705 Waverly Street, Montreal, passed on recently. Mr. Harrison came to Montreal from Port Erin, Isle of Man. He is survived by his widow, Mary Chris Laurie.

Worrest—Ella (nee Bluett) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed on in Toledo, Ohio on January 10th at the home of her son, C. H. Cowley. She was a faithful member of the Nebraska Manx Association and the N.A.M.A. In addition to her son, she is survived by her husband, Charles S. Worrest of Lincoln; a daughter, Mrs. Louis Vanous of Lincoln; her sons, John Worrest of Hartford, Connecticut; a sister, Mrs. Daisy McElvarr, and a brother Wm. B. Bluett, both of Philadelphia.

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

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. (a) Small islet in the Sound, between the Isle of Man and the Calf.
(b) Headland north of Peel—also name of a hotel in Peel.
(c) Sandbank off Ramsey Bay.
(d) Hotel in Port Erin.
2. (a) Southwest of Port St. Mary.
(b) South of Laxey.
(c) On the Calf.
3. (a) One of the finest, and least-known, waterfalls in the Island—situated in an offshoot of Sulby Glen.
(b) Glen between Laxey and Ramsey—a favorite of T. E. Brown the poet.
(c) Site of the Albert Tower, Ramsey.
4. Old Laxey—near the sea; New Laxey, adjoining the electric railway station.

Mr. Cecil Teare, editor of the Ramsey Courier, has written President James Y. Mann, seeking some information. Mr. Teare's inquiry reads as follows:

"Information is sought as to the present whereabouts of William Henry Corkill, of Ramsey, Isle of Man, who emigrated to Canada in 1921, and was last known to be in Calgary, Alberta. Any particulars regarding him or any issue should be forwarded to Sydney J. Corkill, The Bridge, Ramsey, Isle of Man, administrator of the estate of his father, John Corkill, of Ramsey, from whom he benefits."

Will anyone who can furnish any information regarding William Henry Corkill please communicate with the Secretary, Miss Claire Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland 2, Ohio.

World Manx Association

At the annual meeting of the World Manx Association held on March 8, several matters of interest to the North American Manx were discussed.

Mr. William Cubbon, former curator and now consultant to the Manx Museum suggested the creation of a Chair for the study and teaching of Manx history, archaeology and literature. This, he felt, should be connected with either the Manx Museum or King William's College. Mr. Cubbon says that the establishment of this chair is the Island's greatest cultural need, and that by merging private and national sources of funds it should be possible to bring it into existence.

Mr. Cubbon was unable to be at the meeting in person and his idea was brought forward in a letter. At the same time he paid tribute to the leadership of Mr. Richard Cain, President of the World Manx, and hoped that after the war, Mr. Cain and others "would go to Cleveland and encourage their kinsfolk there in the patriotic work they were doing in keeping Manx sentiment alive." May we say here that the Cleveland Manx would indeed be happy to welcome such a delegation from the Isle of Man!

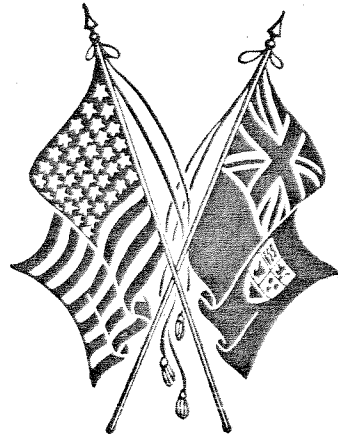
Tribute was paid to the late Secretary of the Mona's Relief Society—Miss Amy C. Quayle, who passed away on January 30. Miss Quayle's untiring services to the Cleveland Manx for nearly forty years have made her name familiar to Manx people practically everywhere.

Among suggestions put forward by President Richard Cain was that World Manx Association members should go to Toronto for the N.A.M.A. Convention when the war is over. This was warmly supported by Alderman Frank Gale. Councillor W. D. Moore felt that following the Convention, the Island could expect the biggest Homecoming it ever experienced.

Speaking in behalf of members of the North American Manx Association, and of the Manx of Toronto—we certainly hope that our friends in the Isle of Man will keep the Toronto Convention constantly in mind and plan to be with us. They would be warmly welcomed and would enjoy real Manx hospitality in a new and interesting setting.

In turning over the pages of "The Place Names of the Isle of Man" by the late J. J. Kneen, many half-forgotten spots are recalled to memory, and interesting bits of local history are brought forward. Old street names are included in the work, and we find that Douglas, Isle of Man has a store of names which compare in quaintness with some of the old street names of London. Preaching House Lane was the earliest name of Wellington Street, and was named on account of the Wesleyan Chapel, now well known as Victoria Street Wesleyan Church. Red Cross Lane is better known as Drumgold Street; Lovers' Lane is the now very modern Derby Road. The Fairy Ground really means the fair ground and was near the old marketplace and St. Matthew's Church. Fancy Street has

"These Honored Dead"



... that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—"

Donald L. Chase, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
C. Christian, Toronto, Ontario.
Edward H. Collister, Shaker Heights, Ohio.
Thomas Collister, Rochester, New York.
Thomas Cottier, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Charles Murray Edwards, Windsor, Ontario.
Douglas Fick, Toronto, Ontario.
James Edward Moore, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Jack Quiggin, Bedford, Ohio.

MISSING

Dudley Sidney Champion, Dorval, P. Q.
John Stanley Kelly, Revelstoke, B. C.
Alfred J. Looney, Rochester, N. Y.
W. D. Moore, Montreal, P. Q.
Sydney James Smith, Kirkland Lake, Ontario

PRISONERS

James Christian, Vancouver, B. C.
R. E. Fick, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Harry Greene, Toronto, Ontario.
Fred Kelly, Lomita, California.
Jack Rogers, Bisbee, Arizona.
Richard G. Rogers, Bisbee, Arizona.

disappeared in the march of Time, but Sandy Lane survives as a fragment of a longer street and runs from Victoria Street into King Street . . . not too many years ago Cannell the Jeweler's was on one side of it and Tom Halsall the Tailor on the other, at the Victoria Street end. Guttery Gable was a passage with a house built over it, leading from Arch Lane into Strand Street. The Widow's House near St. Barnabas Church gave its name to Almshouse Lane. The names all had significance; Pump Street, Big Well Street, Bath Place

in bygone days really had a pump, a big well and public baths—and the headquarters of the local militia were on Barrack Street. And so on . . . and it is hard to drop this subject without recalling the Goose Neck, which some of us who were children in Douglas will remember as a winding country lane which could be approached through a hole in a broken stone wall behind Eastfield. One feels a pang of regret for the quaint things which the years steal away, and which modernization can never quite atone for.