

# BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



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

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## Renew Your Loyalty To The N. A. M. A. Pay 1944-45 Dues Now

This is August—month of Manx Conventions, which now for three successive years have been sadly missed.

However, the omission of the Annual Manx Convention, regrettable as it is, has failed to dampen the enthusiasm, loyalty and interest of the members of the North American Manx Association. In fact, our growing membership shows that the Association is more vigorous today than ever before! The very lack of the Convention has made us rally closer round our other bond—the Manx Bulletin!

Manx people who attended the Convention in past years always paid their dues at that time. In the October Bulletin, which contained the

Convention report, we sent out application blanks to the rest of our Manx friends and asked for their continued membership.

This year we are making our general appeal to all members in August, the month when dues are actually payable. So, in honor of famous Manx Conventions of the past—in anticipation of even greater Manx Conventions in the future—make this month of August the time to pay your dues and renew your loyalty to the North American Manx Association.

Balance sheet and report of membership will be published in the October Bulletin. However, there's no harm in letting you in on the secret now—that we beat last year's record and have 650 adult members on the

books for 1943-44. So now we must aim higher yet!

Send in the name of any Manx friend who is not yet a member. We are grateful to those who did this last year—it brought new names into our ranks.

Application blank is enclosed. Fill it in, send it with your dollar to the Treasurer, Miss Gertrude Cannell, 1492 Robinwood Avenue, Lakewood 7, Ohio.

There'll be a big Convention when the boys come marching home. In the meantime, let's keep step—shoulder to shoulder—increasing our ranks, enjoying to the full the privileges of friendship which are brought to us by the North American Manx Association.

## Garden Party In Cleveland - July 15, 1944

Despite not having a prize distribution this summer, the Cleveland officers of the N.A.M.A. and its Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored the usual Garden Party, at which the distribution of prizes ordinarily would take place.

As in previous years, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon, 19008 Kinsman Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio, opened their lovely garden for the affair, and there was not a more perfect day in Cleveland all summer, so far as weather is concerned. It was one of those lovely days of cloudless blue skies and just enough breeze. Approximately seventy-five Manx and their friends gathered there in the late afternoon, and, after a couple of hours of visiting, sat down to their picnic suppers. In the evening a short informal meeting and program was opened with the singing of "Ellan Vannin" conducted by Mr. R. G. Anderson. The Secretary, Miss Mylecraine, welcomed the guests on behalf of the North American Manx Association, and turned the meeting over to Past President John R. Cain.

Mr. Cain thanked those assembled for their support of the N.A.M.A. and spoke of the growth of the organization. He said it is a great credit to those who have been associated with

the effort, particularly the officers, who have worked so hard to bring the Association membership roll to its present all-time high. He mentioned the N.A.M.A. BULLETIN and told of the many letters which, through that publication, are received from members and Manx friends in all parts of the United States and Canada, and which express interest in Association activities. The great number of Manx-Canadians and Manx-Americans who have joined the armed forces were paid tribute by Mr. Cain, who also spoke of the tremendous war effort response made by the people of the Isle of Man. The Cleveland Manx were complimented on their local organization, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1951, being the oldest nationality group in Cleveland.

After community singing, led by Mr. Anderson, the following out-of-town visitors were introduced:

Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester, New York, Vice-President of the N.A.M.A. and Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary;

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Garrett of Rochester, New York;

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bridson and daughter, of Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Laurel Abell, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A., and Miss Gertrude Cannell, Treasurer of the N.A.M.A., were introduced and said a few words. In her remarks, Miss Cannell announced that the Association now has 650 members, the largest in the history of the organization.

Mr. Fred T. Gorry, Vice President of the Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland, was called upon, as was Mrs. Frank F. Cleator, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to that Society. Mr. Gorry said he hoped that it would be possible for the annual N.A.M.A. conventions to be resumed in the near future and that when they are, the Mona's Relief Society would send the largest delegation ever to attend the reunion in Toronto. He also spoke on behalf of the Cleveland Manx Societies' Service Fund Committee, of which he is Chairman. An appeal was made by Mr. Gorry for a continuation of the splendid support given this effort by the Cleveland Manx people.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hudgeon, and the meeting was brought to its close with the singing of "God Bless America."

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## The President's Message

Fellow Manx People:

At this time of the year, in peacetime, it is our usual custom to invite you to the convention taking place in August. In wartime, everything is altered, and all things are secondary to the problem of winning the war as quickly as possible, so that we can resume our natural way of living and, in our case, have the privilege "To preserve whatever is left to us of ancient heritage."

The sacrifices of this war, the hearts that have been broken by the loss of loved ones taking part in this conflict, should make us pause and remember the same sacrifices that the generations of the past made in their time, so that we might continue to live in comfort and safety.

Too often, we are apt to take these matters for granted, losing sight of the fact that those who have made these privileges possible are not with us to enjoy them. Let us then express our respects to their memory, and let our sympathies be genuine in that expression.

I would like at this time to pay my respects to that band of faithful members who have passed on since the formation of the North American Manx Association. These good friends helped us in our efforts to make this Association what it is today, and their ideals should be our incentive for our future guidance. These pioneers have in no small measure helped in the building of this Continent and have contributed much to its progress, and we can feel much better for knowing them and being able to call them fellow members and friends.

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:

### CLEVELAND

Pvt. John Woff, 35838484, Co. C. 228 I.T.B., Camp Blanding, Fla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Woff, 4069 East 93rd St., Cleveland.

Pvt. Wm. S. Spurr, No. 35919866, I.R.T.C. Co. D, 63rd Regt., 203 Bn., Camp Blanding, Fla. (Hut No. 6). Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spurr, 16208 Ernadale, Cleveland.

Douglas H. Miller, A.S., Co. 1462, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill. Son of Mrs. Eleanor Miller, 14304 Euclid Ave., East Cleveland.

C/m Leonard M. Creary, E-1-6 Low Hall, USMM—C.B.S., Santa Mateo, Calif. Son of Mrs. Mary Creary, 10078 Chester Ave., Cleveland.

### DENVER

Pfc. John J. Killey, Jr., Hd. Sqdn. M.A.G. 13, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, (Marine Corps). Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Killey, Denver, Colo., and nephew of Wm. Killey, 2381 Clermont Ave., Denver.

### PEORIA

Pfc. Harold D. Clarke, No. 36321549, Co. C, 3118th Sig. Service Bn., Supreme Hq. Allied E.F., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y. and Lawrence Dean Clarke, S 2/c, R. M. School, Sec. 111, U.S.N.T.C., Farragut, Idaho. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Clarke of Lafayette, Illinois.

Lt. R. T. Bliss, No. 0-777094, Box No. 373, H.A.A.F., Hobbs, New Mexico. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bliss of Peoria, Illinois.

### NORTHEASTERN OHIO

S/Sgt. W. R. Tear, No. 35046579, Hdq. Dept., 117th Un., 78th Regt., R.I.T.C., Camp Robinson, Ark. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tear of Painesville, Ohio, and husband of Ruth (nee Kermod).

S/Sgt. Raymond R. Ruhling, No. 35289433, Hdq. Battery, 321st G.F. Artillery, A.P.O. No. 472, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ruhling, Painesville, Ohio.

Sgt. Robert Ranney, No. 35332418, Dept. 9th Port Hq. T.C., A.P.O. No. 795, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ranney, Chester, Ohio.

### WINNIPEG

Mervyn Cowley, R. C.N.V.R. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cowley (nee Annie Corkan), Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Arthur Fick and Raymond Fick, both R.C.N.V.R. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fick, 123 Worth Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

### GREATER NEW YORK

Pvt. Florence Burton, No. A-208433, Company 9, 21st Regt., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. She and her late parents were loyal members of the Manx Society of Greater N.Y.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Av/c Douglas Robert Barnes, U.S.N., stationed at Iowa City, Iowa. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnes, 1654 Ard Eevin Avenue, Glendale, Calif., and nephew of Mr. Alex Woosey, 174 Stanley Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario.

Lt. Mona Elma Quine, A.N.C., Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah; Pvt. W. H. Quine, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; and John F. Quine, Meteorology Instructor at Airfield, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Quine, 2550 Wallace Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Midshipman T. D. Cowley, Naval Training School, Co. M, Bks. 44, Batt. 3, Camp McDonough, Plattsburg, New York. Son of Rev. J. T. Cowley, 1207 E. 7th Street, Newberg, Oregon.

## MANX PIONEERS IN MINNESOTA

By Mary L. Clague Hodgson,  
Rochester, Minn.

"The following excerpts of an article were written by my father for a Dakota County, Minnesota, newspaper, June 16, 1882, nearly thirty years after he, as a boy of twelve years, with four men braved the hardships common to our early pioneers, and began the first settlement in the township of Greenvale, Dakota County.

"These five people were all natives of the Isle of Man. My father, Thomas Corrin Hodgson, was born in Foxdale on January 1, 1843, and came with his parents, Thomas Hodgson and Sharlot Corrin Hodgson, also an older brother to Northwest Illinois in 1845. Manx lead miners who had been there a few years persuaded them to come. The family lived there about ten years, during which time, the country developed rapidly. However, several Manx families were attracted to the potential agricultural areas which the Government then was opening up to settlers in the territory of Minnesota.

"I am quoting the section of his memoirs descriptive of his associates on this great adventure. His further reminiscences are replete with stories of deprivations in a cold state, with insufficient housing, inadequate clothing, scarcity of fresh foods, scarcity of mail and news, lack of medical care, and the constant fear of Indians, who, by the way, never proved unfriendly.

"During the years from 1855 to the Civil War, there was a constant stream of pioneers, who settled in this vicinity and adjoining townships, among whom were many more Manx families, as well as English and Irish,

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# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society held their annual picnic at Port Dalhousie on July 8th, when perfect weather greeted over fifty Manx people and their friends who enjoyed the sail across Lake Ontario. Out-of-town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle, and Mrs. C. G. Kerruish and daughter, all of Buffalo, N.Y. The committee which looked after the catering and entertainment, as well as the members who sponsored and gave prizes for the races, are entitled to a great deal of credit for this fine picnic.

A royal welcome was given by the Toronto Manx Society recently to one of their boys, Sgt. Harry Greene, who is one of the repatriated prisoners of war returned to Toronto in June. He was in the Dieppe raid, wounded and taken prisoner. Since then, he has been in hospital and various camps. To welcome Harry back to Toronto, over fifty Manx people attended a banquet and reception which they gave in his honor. Mr. Tom Moore, President of the Toronto Manx Society, was chairman at this meeting, and after a short talk, he called upon the guest of honor, who told many interesting stories about his life as a prisoner of war. He also told of his experiences in the Isle of Man while on one of his leaves and spoke of the wonderful treatment which the Manx boys receive when they visit the Island. He paid special tribute to the Red Cross for their work among the prisoners and stated that many of these men owe their lives to that organization. A wallet was given to Sgt. Greene, and a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Greene. The party was so successful, that it was agreed similar welcomes would be given to all Toronto Manx boys as they return home.

## VANCOUVER

The regular monthly meetings of the Vancouver Manx Society were discontinued during July and August. However, on July 5th, in commemoration of Tynwald Day, they had an evening "get-together" in Kitsilano Park. In spite of threatening clouds, the evening remained fine and warm, and about sixty people were present.

The President, Mr. J. E. Costain, gave a brief talk, and little Miss Betty Coe, prize winner at the Vancouver Musical Festival this year, delighted her audience with her songs. Mr. James G. Walker, formerly of Ramsey, gave recitations in dialect; and Mrs. T. L. Killip, Secretary of the Society, made a short address on the history and procedure of the Tynwald Day Ceremonies. Community singing rounded out a very entertaining program.

Their annual picnic was held on August 5th. We hope to have a complete report on this event for the next issue of the Bulletin.

## VANCOUVER

### LADIES' AUXILIARY

Mrs. Lucy Bamsey, Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Ladies' Auxiliary, has sent us a copy of the following letter which she received recently from Captain Geo. J. A. Brown of Douglas, Isle of Man, and which she thought would be of interest to our readers:

"Thank you very much for your letter of May 11th, informing us that two parcels of socks were on their way. We have in the Island a very fine Home Guard, men who train in their spare time to defend the Island if the need arises. Most of these men served in World War No. 1, and they are keen; mostly working men giving up the whole of their spare time to their training. His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor has presented a cup to the platoon who are the best at all weapons and the final takes place on Sunday next. I am presenting your socks to the winning platoon. His Majesty's Government uniforms the men and provides them with weapons, but not with shirts and socks. So I know they will be much appreciated. On their behalf, I tender sincere thanks to your Auxiliary for their gift.

"The war goes very well—the Hun is meeting his fate on all fronts. I am hopeful victory will soon crown the Allied Effort."

## GREATER NEW YORK

The Manx Society of Greater New York enjoyed a happy day on June 17th at the home of Mrs. Wm. Karran and her sister, Miss Eleanor Water-son, in Roslyn Heights, Long Island. They all arrived early and stayed late. It was a perfect day and some of the party went for a swim, others were taken for a drive through Garden City, and the rest enjoyed a game of cards on the lawn. At the business meeting held in the evening, it was decided that Mrs. Thomas Christian, their Vice President, would carry on as President, in the place of the late Mr. Tyson, until they meet again this fall. Special guests were Petty Officer Bert Hubbard of London, who arrived with Ella Christian; and Mrs. Telford's sister, two nieces and nephew from New Orleans. Mrs. Telford's nephew is John MacKenzie, Mo.MM 1/c, U.S.N., at present stationed in Providence.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Manx Society suspended meetings during the summer, having, in place of them, picnics at the Sigmund Stern Grove in San Francisco. They tell us this is a beautiful glen, very reminiscent of Glen Helen. There is a stage in the grove and some very good concerts are put on each Sunday, so the San Francisco Manx have enjoyed a really fine time there in the open air.

## NEBRASKA

At their annual meeting, held on June 11th, the Nebraska Manx Association re-elected the following officers to serve for another year:

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

Vice-President—Mrs. G. F. Humphrey, Lincoln, Neb.

Sec'y-Treas.—Mrs. J. W. Morris, 2354 Washington St., Lincoln, Neb.

Ordinarily this meeting of the society is an outdoor basket picnic, but owing to wet weather, it was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Morris. Thirty-eight, including two service men from the Lincoln Air Base, were in attendance, and enjoyed the entertainment which followed the luncheon. Those taking part in the program were Tom Clarke and son Don of Exeter, Nebraska; Charles Kelly of Nebraska City; and the Humphrey family of Lincoln.

The next meeting of this society will be held on December 3, 1944 at the home of Mrs. H. R. Crellin, Route 5, Lincoln. Or, if the weather is bad, they will meet at Mrs. G. E. Humphrey's, 2750 Arlington Street, Lincoln.

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

Greetings to all members of the N.A.M.A.

As you know, the Ladies' Auxiliary is anxious to increase its membership and very happy to welcome all newcomers. While on my vacation, I took the boat trip from Sandusky, Ohio, to Leamington, Ontario, and when getting off the boat, was asked, "Where were you born?" "In the Isle of Man, Sir," I replied; and he said with a smile, "You are Manx then, and a good race to which to belong," and I passed easily without another question.

And it is just as easy to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary—just send twenty-five cents to Miss Alice Garrett, Secretary, 359 Hayward Avenue, Rochester 9, New York; or to Miss Mary Hampton, Treasurer, 3277 Cedarbrook Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio—and you are a full-fledged member.

Best wishes,  
Most sincerely,  
Florence Q. Crellin,  
2nd Vice-President.

## PEORIA

The annual picnic of the Peoria Manx Society will be held on Sunday, August 27th. Their arrangements had not been completed when last we heard from them, but we suggest that interested parties contact their Secretary, Miss Eva Kelly, 2600 Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, who will gladly supply any necessary information with regard to this event.

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Miss Olive Cregeen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cregeen of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and an ardent worker in the Winnipeg Manx Society, was married on June 29th to Mr. Haakon Ahnrud. The wedding took place at the First Norwegian Church in Winnipeg, and Elmwood Hall was the scene of an evening reception, when over one hundred guests assembled to wish the happy pair good luck on their journey through life. They are now living at 263 Chalmers Street, Winnipeg.

June 15th was the date selected by Miss Mona Crellin of Montreal for her marriage to Mr. Charles Malboeux. Mona's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jacklin of Winnipeg, visited the newlyweds at their home in Lachine, Quebec in July.

A recent visitor in Winnipeg was Mrs. Bertie Walker of Kinosota, Manitoba. Mrs. John Corkill and baby also have been visiting in Winnipeg, but soon will be returning to their home in Victoria, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Corkan of 277 Machray Avenue, Winnipeg, spent a week at Victoria Beach recently. Tossie Clague of Winnipeg, we are told, is currently planning a trip to the West Coast, while Miss Jean Mann, daughter of President Jim Mann, spent her holidays in Minneapolis.

Mrs. E. G. Craine, 1839 Phillips Avenue, Butte, Montana, and her daughter, spent some time in Cleveland during the fore part of June. They made the trip from Butte to meet Mrs. Craine's nephew, Tom Kelly of the R.A.F., who also was visiting in Cleveland. All were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, 21009 Clare Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio. During her visit, Mrs. Craine became a member of the N.A.M.A.

Congratulations to the London (England) Manx Society on the publication of its new paper, "The London Manx Bulletin." A copy was mailed to us recently, and we find it filled with interesting bits about their members in military service, as well as news of their civilian members. We are looking forward to receiving future issues of this worth while publication.

In a recent letter received from Past President and Mrs. Thomas C. Kelly of Hinsdale, Illinois, they asked that their cordial greetings be extended to all Manx friends.

During the recent WAC Recruiting Drive held in Cleveland, we were pleased to note that Mrs. Edwin Cottier, 3295 West 129th St., was chosen to broadcast the activities of the WACs overseas, over Station WHK. She spoke of some of her daughter's experiences with the Communications Co. stationed in North Africa. Apparently the WACs keep moving behind the combat troops as Noreen's present address is "somewhere in Italy."

Corporal Thomas Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska spent a 15 day furlough at his home recently. He has returned to his post, but his wife and son, who formerly were with him at camp, have stayed behind this time and will settle in a new home they bought recently in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

Mary Caine Ward, Secretary of the Los Angeles Society, tells us that Ernest Marrion has returned from duty in Australia, where he had been for almost two years. He now is stationed at Camp Beal, California. Reggie Marrion also was home on a short leave recently and gained a marital status at the same time.

Word was received recently that Lt. George William Smith, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith of Painesville, Ohio, is missing in action after his 22nd raid over Germany. Lt. Smith was graduated from the Air Corps Technical School at Chanute Field and won his wings and Commission at Foster Field, Texas on November 3, 1943. He has been based in England since April 14, 1944.

T/Sgt. Eugene L. Cottier, 6427 Aylesworth Avenue, Lincoln Nebraska, left gunner of the Flying Fortress "Kipling's Error," is credited with downing two ME-410's in a bombing attack near Augsburg, according to an Eighth A.A.F. dispatch. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cottier of Lincoln. He has finished 25 combat missions, winning the distinguished flying cross, air medal and three oak leaf clusters. Congratulations and best wishes, Sgt. Cottier!

Mrs. Tillie Gawne Lamm of Los Angeles has been entertaining her niece, Mrs. Mesher, and daughter from Minneapolis, Minnesota; also her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lund of Chicago. Mr. Lund, who has been employed at the "Chicago American," now is employed by the "Los Angeles Examiner" as pressman.

Bess and Tom Corkan of Winnipeg tell us that their son is now overseas and that they received a cable from him on July 24th advising that he had arrived safely. Their daughter Betty enters the Children's Hospital for training in September.

"The Bulletin, I note by the latest issue is prospering, which is good news. May it continue!" writes W. Fred Quine, 2550 Wallace Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, one of our former Vice-Presidents, in a recent communication. Mr. and Mrs. Quine want to be remembered to their old friends in Cleveland.

We are pleased to report that Pfc. Edward Keig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keig, 871 East 143rd St., Cleveland, is rapidly recovering from wounds received in action in the South Pacific. He had previously been reported seriously wounded.

While enroute home from Milwaukee, Miss Viola Peake of 1249 Genee Street, Buffalo, New York, stopped off in Chicago on July 29th and spent the day with the Secretary of the Chicago Manx Society, Miss Ethel Shimmin, 6544 Perry Avenue, Chicago.

Another recent marriage was that of William George Quirk, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quirk of Langley Prairie, B.C. Mr. Quirk's bride was the former Isobel Kirkpatrick, daughter of Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick of Vancouver. The wedding took place on July 20th at the Kirkpatrick's home, 2387 Renfrew Street.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cain, 2207 West 47th Street, Vancouver, B.C., on June 1st. Best wishes to this happy family.

Miss M. Swanz, 38 College Street, Buffalo, New York, held a reception at her home on June 21st for Mrs. T. H. Sulkie, who had returned to Buffalo for a short visit. Mrs. Sulkie, a former resident of that city, now lives at 28 Ridgeway Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey.

Miss Jean Skillicorn, 77 Fern Hill Avenue, Buffalo, New York, was married on June 17th to Lieutenant Jack J. W. McEwan of the U. S. Army. The bride is the daughter of Vice-President and Mrs. Walter Skillicorn of the above address.

Mr. and Mrs. Orris Smith have established their home in Eustis, Florida. Mrs. Smith is the former Emma Cowle of Chardon, Ohio.

Mrs. Wilfred Quayle, 1537 20th Avenue, San Francisco, is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Eccles of Reno, Nevada, at their summer home on Lake Tahoe.

Friends of the Edward H. Collister family, 3294 Avalon Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio, will be glad to know that word has reached them to the effect that their son, Lt. Frank C. Collister, who was previously reported to be "missing," is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Lt. Collister, who is 21 years of age, was the pilot of a fighter-bomber, and has been overseas since April.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain of Cleveland and Mr. Harry Cain of Akron, Ohio have recently been informed by cable that their nephew, Kenneth Butler of Barrow-in-Furness, died of wounds received in action in France. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler (nee May Cain of Peel).

Manx ships were there on D-Day! The Lady of Man, the Ben-my Chree and the Victoria were among the huge fleet which carried troops to Normandy. The "Lady" and the "Ben" previously did magnificent work in the Dunkirk evacuation four years ago. The "Isle of Man Times" expresses great pride in these ships and crews, and so do we!

## MANX PIONEERS IN MINNESOTA

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and a generous sprinkling of Scotchmen.

"Many of these came directly from overseas. In walking through the cemeteries in the villages of this part of Minnesota, I have noted these names: Clague, Costain, Cowles, Cowell, Cottier, Colliester, Phare, Howell, Quayle, Quilliam, Cubbon, Lowry, Rothwell, etc.

"Whenever I visit these environs, which is one of the most productive agricultural and dairying areas of Minnesota, I like to think of the God-fearing courage, faith and integrity these men put into the soul of this part of their adopted country."

He wrote as follows:

### (Part I)

"It is my purpose to relate as briefly as I may be able, an account of my early experience in Dakota County, confining myself entirely to the first eight months, which embraced the winter of 1854-1855.

"It was on the second day of October that a party of four men and a boy, with a yoke of oxen and a prairie schooner, left the mining village in Jo Davidson County in Illinois to take a steamer in Galena on the Fever River. We proceeded down to the Mississippi River, then up to Hastings Landing in the Territory of Minnesota. Our party consisted of John Clague, about 46 years of age; William Kegg, about 43; William Clegg, about 40; Thomas Gill, who spent his 31st birthday that winter; and the writer, whose twelfth birthday occurred in January of that winter.

"My father and John Clague had been up to Minnesota about two months before and explored a large part of Dakota County, fixing a location which now is known as North Greenvale, for the little colony they expected would follow in the spring. The purpose of our expedition was to locate and build homes for the families who expected to come within the year.

"All four of these men and myself were natives of the Isle of Man and all, including my father, were attracted to Illinois by the reports they had heard of the fine lead mining prospects. Most of them lived there at least ten years before coming to Minnesota.

"John Clague was born near Peel, and was a man of considerable means, as were none of the others. It was he who furnished the entire layout for the winter's expedition. He was a well-built and heavy-set man, with a strong face and marked originality. One's first opinion was that he was inclined to be rough and hard-hearted. This was not true of him. He had a very sympathetic and tender vein in his character, which he often tried to conceal—and often succeeded in doing. Had it not been for him, it

is not likely that any one of us ever would have seen Minnesota.

"William Kegg was, in one respect, the most peculiar man I ever knew.

No braggart ever over-rated himself more than Kegg under-rated himself. On his own testimony, he was 'no good at anything.' He was a shoemaker, and an excellent one, but he rated himself as 'half a cobbler.' He was fond of calling himself a 'half fool' also, and consoled himself with the fact that smart men and not fools go crazy. While he was a devout Christian, he often had his doubts of ever entering the Pearly Gates. Children are inclined to take grown-ups at their own estimate of themselves, and the boy in this expedition was an especially unsophisticated one. Yet, we children all loved Kegg. Was it because his professed incompetency endeared him to us because of his own conscious inefficiency? 'A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind.'

"Mr. Clegg was the cook for the company, and hence became my boss. I was to be housekeeper and apprentice cook. Mr. Clegg could neither read nor write. He was a deeply religious man but I was not then in a position to appreciate his piety. I am willing now, at this too late date, to concede that he had many better qualities than I gave him credit for when I was under his rather autocratic rule.

"Thomas Gill was an original—a man of strong nature and large physique, something of a humorist, efficient in everything he undertook. He had excellent ideas, was open-hearted, a 'hail fellow well met' but withal, as contrary as a mule. He delighted in taking the off-side. The last time I saw Tommy Gill, he told me he still 'loved his friends and hated his enemies, according to Scripture.'

"All four of these men have crossed the Great Divide, but I felt it my duty to say this much to perpetuate their memory."

### (Part II)

"To continue with my early memoirs of my trip from Illinois to this territory of Minnesota in 1854 in company with four Manxmen:

"We landed in Hastings the following Friday and put up at Barker's Hotel. The next morning was spent in taking care of our freight and loading for the journey to the road following the Cannon River. It was an ideal October day, one of Minnesota's most romantic days. We walked most of the distance, and Mr. Gill shot two prairie chickens and shot at two timber wolves. It was midnight when the oxen drew up at Waterford where we went into camp on the premises of Abel Lamphere. The first four logs for their future home were laid in their proper places—being all there was to indicate that men had been there.

"The next day was Sunday, and our men, true to their ancestral teachings, would do no secular work but saw no harm in walking and viewing the 'land of promise.' Mr.

Kegg and I remained behind to build a camp fire, cook our chickens and have dinner prepared by the time the other three men returned. It was a beautiful day, and all was going well when Mr. Kegg exclaimed, 'Oh, my God, Tommy, here comes an Indian!' I was transfixed with terror. My brother and I had engendered a strange fascination for Indian massacre literature, and had managed to get hold of a good deal of it in our Illinois home. And now, here I was face to face with a bloody massacre, of which I was to be the victim! My youthful impression was that whenever a white man and an Indian met, one of them had to die, and it was usually the white man. There were, of course, exceptions, but they were due to the intervention of Providence. I reasoned, 'What reason would Providence have to intervene in behalf of two such unmitigated cowards as we two? Kegg had repeatedly admitted that he was a chicken-hearted coward, and, though I had never admitted it, I was a coward—I knew I was. And so it seemed to my childish mind that God could have no object in saving us.

"The Indian was on a small pony, and, when he descended into a little valley, I crawled into a wagon and buried myself in bedclothes and almost smothered there. I waited in suspense, expecting to hear a blow that would end Mr. Kegg's life, but could hear nothing but my own heart. Blank curiosity at length forced me to rise up and peek out between the wagon box and canvas cover, and behold, there was Mr. Kegg lighting 'His Majesty's pipe' with a coal from our campfire. They took two or three turns apiece at the Peace-pipe, and while Kegg was smoking, the Indian regaled him with stories of the Chippewas he had killed. Each feather in his colorful head-dress represented a dead Chippewa. He spoke little English, but enough to 'soothe our lacerated feelings' with his boasts of his bloody murders. Having smoked and boasted to his heart's content, he bowed and shook hands like a true courtier and, putting spurs to his horse, he cantered off down the road. 'Thank God, Tommy, he's gone,' were the magic words of Kegg that ended the dread interview with our first Indian. I was as overjoyed at the outcome as I was terrified at the beginning.

Later on in Autumn, when snows came, the deer put in appearance in great numbers. Herds of them could be seen from our cabin every day. Quickly upon the heels of the deer came the Indians. They camped nearby on the farm later owned by James Fury, a Manxman, and his wife, Celia. For a time, I refused to remain alone in the cabin when the men were away clearing the land. However, I gradually grew used to having these Indians in the neighborhood, and soon became 'brassy' enough to order them out when they came begging for food. They could have devoured our winter's supply of food in a week's time, had we responded to their requests."

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## O B I T U A R I E S

**Castell**—Pvt. William H., 32, was killed in action in France on June 18th. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Castell, 3138 East 102nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, he has been in the Army since October, 1943, and overseas since May. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Naomi; a sister, Esther Helen; and a brother, James D.

**Corlett**—William R. of Cleveland, passed on at the home of his niece, Mrs. Charles E. King, on May 15th. He was 92 years of age and the oldest member of the Cleveland Grays, a military organization. His father, the late William K. Corlett, came from the Isle of Man in 1840. Besides his niece, he is survived by his sister, Mrs. H. E. Handerson of Cleveland.

**Cubbon**—Margaret Louisa (nee Christian), passed on recently at the home of her son, James Cubbon, Lafayette, Illinois. Born in the Isle of Man 79 years ago, Mrs. Cubbon was the widow of the late John Cubbon. They came to the States after their marriage in 1890, and settled in Kewanee, Illinois, shortly thereafter moving to Galva, Illinois. Surviving in addition to her son are a grandson, T/Sgt. Harold J. Cubbon, stationed at Greensboro, N.C.; one brother and a sister in the Isle of Man. Mrs. James Cubbon, her daughter-in-law, is Secretary of the Galva Manx Society.

**Garrett**—Ida (nee Johnson) of Rochester, N.Y., passed away on June 15th, after a prolonged illness. She was the widow of the late William Garrett and is survived by her daughter, Alice, one of our Vice Presidents; two sons, Willis and Carlton; two granddaughters, Dorothy and Wilma Garrett; and a sister, Mrs. W. Armstrong. Mrs. Garrett was an enthusiastic member of the N.A.M.A. and has attended most of the Conventions.

**Gaskell**—Mrs. Alice, (nee Watterson), widow of the late James E., and mother of Catherine, Mrs. Clara Wendorf, and the late Alice, Ethel May, James and Percy Gaskell, and grandmother of James W. Gaskell, passed away in Cleveland July 14th. Mrs. Gaskell was from Peel, Isle of Man, and came to America with her family in 1910.

**Kelly**—Dr. W. H., of Albany, New York, passed away on December 19, 1943. He has been a member of our Association for a great many years, and is survived by his wife, Anna.

**Gick**—William Henry, passed away in St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, at the age of 86. He was born in the Isle of Man and came to America when 11 years old with his parents. He visited the Island in 1930 with the Homecomers. Surviving are three sons and two daughters.

**Gill**—Sarah Jane (nee Rooney), widow of the late John T. Gill of Cleveland, passed away on May 18th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. U. S. Needs, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Mrs. Gill was born in the Isle of Man and came to Cleveland when but a child. In addition to Mrs. Needs, she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Marguerite G. Brown; and three grandchildren, Mrs. Adelbert Bronson, Mrs. Charles H. Lewis and John T. Brown.

**Harrison**—John F., U.S.N., son of City Councilman and Mrs. Frank Harrison, 380 Liberty St., Painesville, O., died of wounds received in action. He was 20 years old and left this country for foreign service December last. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother Richard, and an aunt, Mrs. Barton Crellin.

**Higgins**—John L., of Detroit, Michigan, passed away on June 22nd. He was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, and was the first President of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society. His son, Pfc. Russell Douglas Higgins, survives.

**Ipson**—Catherine Anne (nee Faragher) of Denver, Colorado, passed away on June 3, 1944. She was born in Peel, Isle of Man in 1867 and came to the United States in 1889. Surviving are her husband, John Ipson; a son, William; four grandchildren, William, Elinor, Jack and Tommy, all of Denver; and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Faragher Smith, a niece and a nephew of Los Angeles. Mrs. Ipson was a Life Member of the N.A.M.A.

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

## News of the Manx Societies

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### LOS ANGELES

The following officers have been elected to serve the Los Angeles Manx Society for the coming year:

John Callow, President  
Edwin Killip, Vice-President  
Joseph Rodger, Treasurer  
Mrs. Mary Caine Ward, Secretary,  
1818 West 81st Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Their June meeting was in the form of a picnic and was thoroughly enjoyed. It was held in Ferndale, with a good attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Marrison were host and hostess for the August meeting, held on Sunday, the 6th, in the gardens of their home.

### CLEVELAND

Manx weather again! The summer's long drought would choose to break on the day of the Cleveland Picnic, August 5; nevertheless, the two hundred loyal Manx and their friends who assembled at Euclid Beach said they were thankful to see the rain, picnic or no picnic, and would not have it otherwise. Games and races were held indoors, with just as much fun as on the sports field.

The Committee had arranged a social get-together in the Annex for the evening, and the highlight of this event was the arrival of Commander Anthony Kimmins and Commander Kenneth Downey. Public Relations representatives of the British Navy. Alan Fricke, Chairman of Picnic arrangements, after introducing the local Manx Society Presidents, asked Mr. J. R. Cain to introduce the two British naval officers.

Commander Downey spoke briefly of the war record of his colleague, Commander Kimmins, who had been actively engaged on every major invasion front, including the Pacific area. Commander Kimmins then took the platform and held the breathless attention of his audience while he told the story of preparations for the Normandy invasion and actual incidents of D-Day, as witnessed by himself.

The Prize Distribution for which the Cleveland Manx Societies Service Fund Committee has been working, concluded the evening. Winner of the \$25.00 War Bond was R. W. Skifficorn, 4912 East 96th Street, Cleveland; consolation prizes, Miss Helen Minor, Mrs. W. A. Kelly, and Ronald Fricke, young son of the Benefit Society President. Out-of-town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Brown, 523 Speer St., Belle Vernon, Pa.

The Committee is to be congratulated on a Picnic which, despite most adverse weather conditions, turned out to be one of the most interesting and enthusiastic the Manx have had.

"One of the most desolate spots in all the world" says the American Weekly, speaking of the Calf of Man—a description which rather startles Manx ears. The article speaks of Robert Barton Mitchell, warden of the national bird sanctuary on the Calf.

At a recent meeting of the Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland, Mr. Will Kissack, their financial secretary exhibited a paper called the Peel Chronicle, dated August 20, 1892. On the front page of this 52-year-old paper it was interesting to note the advertisement of George Delany, Butcher, which was a reminder that several sons and daughters of Mr. Delany are now on this side of the ocean and are members of the N.A.M.A. The Peel Chronicle was first issued on March 7, 1891, by William Knowles Palmer, who in 1895 bought the Peel City Guardian and combined the two papers as the Peel City Guardian and Chronicle.

## MANX PIONEERS IN MINNESOTA

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"Mr. John Clague returned to Illinois during the summer and came back with a large herd of cattle. He was accompanied by my father, a brother, Edward, who came up through Iowa, while the balance of the colony came by Mississippi River. We soon were settled. Mr. Robert Moore, another newcomer, brought his young family and settled where he still lives.

"The balance of the summer, there were no accessions to our neighborhood. Late in the fall, James Clague, with a bride, came direct from the Isle of Man, and with them from New York City, came Charles King and family. They had come to the United States the year before. Mrs. King was a sister of the three Clague brothers. The next summer, 1856, there was a rapid increase. Among them, S. C. Howell, Z. Bogue, Tom Phare and Phineas Roach with families. In 1857 came William Clague, oldest brother of John and James Clague. He had a family of seven children and came from Peel, Isle of Man. That year, almost all Government land was taken up.

In the winter of 1856-1857, a school was organized and held in a private house. Charles King had the honor of being the first teacher, and William Phare the second. In the fall of 1857, the neighborhood got up a 'building-bee' and erroneously poached upon Mr. Muckey, thinking it was Uncle Sam's property, and hauled out logs for a schoolhouse, covered it with slabs from the Waterford Mill. The logs were of poplar, and all else was basswood. The children of the settlement made full use of their opportunities and attended the school regularly. The schoolhouse became a community center.

"The occasional 'exhibitions' inflated us with great pride, because our audiences declared they were the best entertainments they ever had seen. So why shouldn't we think we were good? Night spelling schools, and weekly community singing schools, as well as weekly Lyceum, were kept up for several winters. In the Lyceum, we vainly thought we decided once and for all the many questions that have been plaguing the country ever since: Negro and Indian questions, Women's Rights, and many others equally important. But all of this was decided, and decided correctly, way back at the dawn of North Greenvale's civilization!

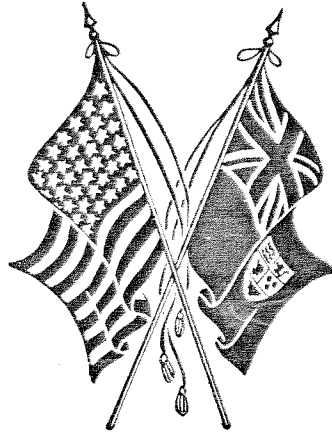
"On the 15th of August, 1862, sixteen of our neighborhood boys were sworn into the Volunteer Army at Hastings, Minnesota. Eight or ten of the Greenvale youth had gone before this. I and the others thought we were about the most traveled companies of the war, due to our

participation in the Sioux Indian Rebellion, which took us away out into Montana. Our experiences in this phase of our military service is another story by itself to be related at a date in the near future.

Thomas Corrin Hodgson."

(We are endeavoring to secure, through Miss Hodgson, further memoirs of her father. If successful, they will be printed in a later issue of The Bulletin.)

## "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—"

William H. Castell, Cleveland, Ohio  
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.  
John F. Harrison, Painesville, Ohio  
James Edward Moore, Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
Jack Quiggin, Bedford, Ohio.

### MISSING

Dudley Sidney Champion, Dorval, P. Q.  
John Stanley Kelly, Revelstoke, B. C.  
Milton Kelly, San Francisco, Cal.  
Alfred J. Looney, Rochester, N. Y.  
W. D. Moore, Montreal, P. Q.  
Sydney James Smith, Kirkland Lake, Ontario  
George Wm. Smith, Jr., Painesville, Ohio

### PRISONERS

James Christian, Vancouver, B. C.  
Frank C. Collister, Shaker Heights, Ohio  
R. E. Fick, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Harry Greene, Toronto, Ontario. (Repatriated)  
Fred Kelly, Lomita, California.  
Jack Rogers, Bisbee, Arizona.  
Richard G. Rogers, Bisbee, Arizona.

Mr. J. Wilson Jenkinson, with his unrivalled knack for finding interesting people with Manx names has been corresponding with Dr. Alex. R. Crebbin of New Orleans. Dr. Crebbin is not acquainted with any relatives in the Isle of Man, but says his father was brought to New Orleans as an infant, before the Civil War. Another New Orleans Manxman located by Mr. Jenkinson is Mr. W. N. Crellin whose grandfather came from the Isle of Man, owned a Manx flag and a copy of "The Manxman"—pretty good proofs of ancestry.