
The Season's Greetings

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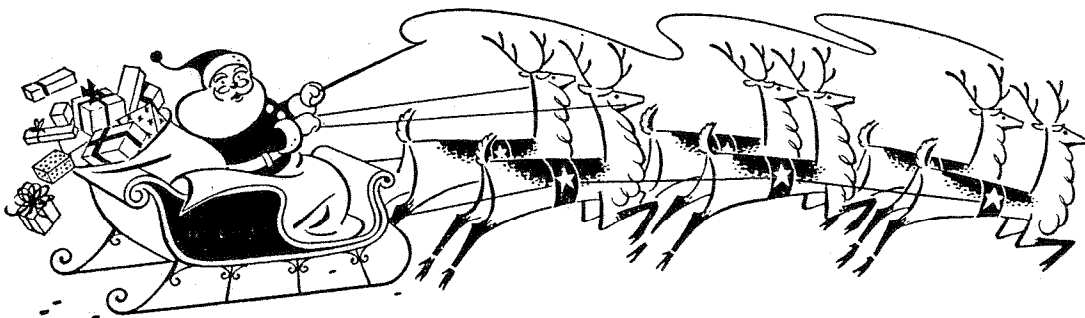


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"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"

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The President's Christmas Message



I take this opportunity of once again wishing all members, readers and Manx men and women, not only on this Continent, but the world over, a Happy Christmas and New Year—a year in which, let us hope, we shall see unfold new hopes for peace and a chance again to live our lives as the Prince of Peace intended. We should, as useful people, each try to do his or her share to make the world a better and more comfortable place in which to live.

Some may say that this is not possible, but it took only the genius of a handful of madmen to plunge the world into the chaotic state it is in today. The loss of human life and consequent suffering represents the cost of restoring peace and goodwill again.

During these war years, our N.A.M.A. has tried to bring to our readers messages of com-

fort and encouragement, not only at Christmas, but all the year round, and what better can we do than this.

This Association was founded on a sound basis, namely love of country, respect for one another and a pride in our ancestry, and I think that with a background like that, we cannot fail in our objective. I suppose many things could have been done which have been passed up, but as the future unfolds, opportunities will present themselves to be acted upon to the mutual happiness and advancement of us all.

Personally, I much appreciate the privilege of being able to greet you all at this time of the year, with a wish of "Ollick Ghennal—as Blein Vie Noa."

Fraternally yours,
JAMES Y. MANN, President

N. A. M. A. Executives Extend Season's Greetings

Christmas is the special time for remembering those who are absent—and when we think of this Bulletin carrying its Christmas messages to Manx people over thousands of miles of land and ocean, we realize how immense is that circle of friends whom we seldom or never see. I will borrow a few lines from a Christmas card, which came just a few years ago from the Isle of Man, to express greetings and good wishes to Manx people everywhere—with particular thought of those serving on the far-flung war fronts and on the high seas.

"When the Bells of Christmas peal
Out their golden glad refrain,
How our hearts and fond thoughts
steal
To the absent ones again,
Hoping joy and peace betide them
And that God will guard and guide
them."

And to one and all—a Happy
Christmas . . . a Joyful New Year.

Gertrude Cannell,
Financial Sec'y-Treasurer



No doubt a great number of us often stop to wonder in these trying times how we can possibly have a Merry Christmas. Yet to ignore Christmas and its merriment and cheer would be ignoring the age-old tradition that has given us years of pleasure and has taught us the real joy of living. There must always be a Christmas in this land of ours.

There are few families this year who will not have someone missing from the family circle, some temporarily and many permanently. Sons and daughters are scattered to distant points all over the world. We pray that these boys and girls are not fighting in vain, giving their lives in many cases, or that these families are not giving their all in vain, but that this terrible war will make the world a happier place, one where wars will be won forever, and peace restored to all the world.

If Christmas is a wishing time, I'm sure we all have one wish and one prayer for lasting peace. Memories of other years and brighter Christmas Seasons help us all to carry on.

To all my Manx friends everywhere, may you have a Merry Christmas and may the coming year bring to us all the realization of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

Alice Garrett, Vice President

It may appear somewhat unbecoming to exchange cheery greetings while so many of our boys at present are living under repugnant conditions under the deathly menace of shot and shell. Nevertheless, under Providence, because of our sure and certain hope of victory through their sacrifice we may mutually express our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year. And at the same time we might well petition Deity to endue our soldier and sailor boys with courage and fortitude, and to enable us who benefit from their sacrifice to ever keep in mind that we, therefore, are enjoying freedom to worship the Prince of Peace at this season, and to be ever grateful and appreciative of their travail.

There'll always be a Christmas season, when men, for a time at least, seek to make their fellows happier and we pray that some day the Christmas spirit will continue throughout the year, and that there will be no more war and domestic strife.

So, to all Manx ones at home, abroad, to those who mount with wings as eagles, who go down to the sea in ships, and the soldiers in their foxholes, Washington and Baltimore Manx men and women extend warm and sincere greetings. Especially for those who have given of their sons and daughters, we pray the Lord God to comfort and console them and give them the assurance that their loss has not been in vain.

J. Wilson Jenkinson, Vice Pres.



Here is another Christmas Bulletin bringing cheer and messages of friendliness to your home. It is with much pleasure that I add my Greeting to the many others.

May your Christmas be Merry and your New Year filled with Happiness, Prosperity and Peace.

Claire M. Mylecraine, Secretary



It is with sincere appreciation that I send greetings to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Your continued interest is very gratifying.

To you and Manx people everywhere, I extend a friendly wish for your happiness at Christmas and for the coming year.

Edith A. Bury, Representative
N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary

It does not matter where we are;
Be it near or be it far;
Somewhere along the path of life
We will meet our bit of strife.

If we meet it with a frown,
It, no doubt, will get us down.
If we meet it with a smile
Life will be more worth the while.

Christmas is the time of year
Bids all Manx, be of Good Cheer.
May the Shining Christmas Star
Shine on you where'er you are.

Walter D. Skillicorn,
Vice-President



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1—In the Isle of Man, what is meant by "The White Boys?"

2—What was their performance?

3—What is "Jough-y-Nollick?"

4—To what Manx proverb did it give rise?

5—Is the "Hunt the Wren" custom peculiar to the Isle of Man?

6—How many verses have been recorded in early records of the "Hunt the Wren" song?

7—The song refers to the wren as "King of the Birds." What is especially interesting about that phrase?

8—What is the Manx name given to the first person to enter one's house on New Year's Day?

9—It is customary to entertain this person—but is anything expected of the person himself?

10—Name one other New Year's custom in the Isle of Man.

A little lady in Chicago, Myrra Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stevenson, 321 Lotus Ave., has sent us an appeal for a Manx kitten. It seems that Myrra had a Manx kitty which was lost several weeks ago, and is anxious to have one to replace it. We are sure that she will welcome information as to where another can be secured.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Sgt. Gordon W. Rogers, aerial engineer, husband of Wilma Sacash Rogers of Mayfield Heights, has just been promoted to Staff Sgt. and received the Air Medal after completing 45 missions over France.

Sgt. Briton Rogers, who recently received the Purple Heart, has been promoted to the rank of Platoon Sgt. He is stationed in the South Pacific.

Milford Rogers, Diesel Motor Machinist's Mate, stationed in Attu, has been promoted to Petty Officer First Class.

They are the sons of Mrs. Isabel Rogers of Battles road, Gates Mills, Ohio.

Pvt. and Mrs. W. W. Robinson of Lakewood, Ohio, announce the arrival of David Willard, born December 6th. Mrs. Robinson is the former Betty Cannell, daughter of Mrs. George Cannell, 1526 Arthur Ave., Lakewood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kneale, Osborne, Kansas, are new N. A. M. A. members. Mr. Kneale comes from the Vol-lan, and his wife was Katie Corlett of Ramsey.

Mrs. J. S. Agnew, formerly of Moose Jaw, Sask., whom we have met at many Conventions, has moved to 342 Winnipeg St., Penticton, British Columbia. Mr. Agnew has retired after 50 years with the Canadian Pacific Railway. They have a son in the Canadian Army, sons-in-law in the R. A. F. and the R. C. A. F., and a grandson in the Sea Cadets.

News of Los Angeles Manxmen in service! John E. Killip is on a mine-sweeper in the South Pacific. Lieut. William Mullen has left on another voyage in the Maritime Service. Lieut. William Cormack is home enjoying a visit with his family and friends before rejoining his ship in the Maritime Service. Gordon Pilkington has completed his basic training and is at home before leaving for overseas.

One of our many new members is Miss Elizabeth Craine, Karcher Hotel, Waukegan, Ill. Her father, who died in 1938, was Rev. William Henry Craine, D.D., for over forty years a minister of the Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our member Rev. John Craine, Princeville, Ill., is her uncle. Miss Craine writes—"I want the contributors to the Bulletin to know that I felt I was having a truly homey chat with a friend, as I eagerly scanned the news in the October Bulletin." She will pass along her Bulletins to her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Craine, Sulby, Isle of Man, whom she visited in 1939.

A man in WALTERIA, Calif., listening in on short wave, caught the following message: "24812 Oak St., Lomita, Calif., Thomas E. Kelly. Best regards to Mother." He immediately telephoned Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, who received with untold thankfulness this message from their son, Fred, a prisoner in Japan since Wake Island. We rejoice with the Kellys over this good news.

We learn from Mrs. Julia L. Corrin, Vancouver, Wash., that her son, Captain William H. Corrin (whose name appears in the Service List in this Bulletin) has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal "for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy." Hearty congratulations to Captain Corrin and his family.

Mrs. F. A. Stone (nee Mona Cubbon), 1185 Virginia Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, writes: "We have a new granddaughter, Sue Ann Stone, born in Cleveland, September 30, to Sgt. and Mrs. Fred A. Stone, Jr. Her father flew up from Texas to see if he really wanted her!! When nearly two months old she and her mother flew to Texas to join Dad, who is stationed at Laughlin Field, Del Rio." Congratulations to all members of the Stone family.

We regret to learn through the Secretary of the Montreal Manx Society that a sister of Mrs. C. Malboeuf of Montreal and Mrs. E. Jacklin, Winnipeg, was killed in a robot raid in London recently.

Ethel Shimmin, Secretary of the Chicago Manx Society, reports that Winifred Cashin and her sister, Alice (Mrs. Jockers), both of Cleveland, have been spending some time in Chicago recently.

P/O Thomas S. Killip, shipwright, R. C. N. V. R., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, 1020 Harwood St., Vancouver, spent several weeks' leave at home recently, following the torpedoing of his ship off the coast of Norway.

Good news has been received that Mona Downward of Toronto is expecting her husband, Gordon, to come home soon from overseas. Gordon is convalescing satisfactorily from wounds received in action.

A son, Ralph Austin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Sayle, 1655 Balsam St., Vancouver, on October 14th. Best wishes to this happy family.

Announcement was made of the marriage of Pfc. Manley W. Harrison, son of Mrs. C. J. White of Painesville, Ohio, to be held on December 10th. The bride is Carol Gertrude Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Robinson of Painesville. Pfc. Harrison is with the U. S. M. C. and has recently returned after spending 29 months with the Marines in the Pacific, where he saw plenty of action.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mealin of Salina, Kas., are now making their home with their daughter, Mrs. Guy Griffith, 4520 West 46th St., Los Angeles. They were welcomed at a recent meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society.

Dr. Lewis T. Corlett, President of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, has sent us the membership of his father, Rev. W. B. Corlett, 1550 Asbury Drive, Pasadena 7, Calif., who came from the Isle of Man when five years of age; also his brother, Dr. D. S. Corlett, an outstanding preacher and evangelist, who lives at 2923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City 10, Mo. Dr. D. S. Corlett is editor of the denominational paper Herald of Holiness.

George Kennaugh, D.D.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kennaugh, Glenrock, Wyo., has opened an office in Exeter, Nebr., where he is now living with his wife and baby son.

Congratulations to the Robison family of Elk Creek, Nebr., on the arrival of Jane Victoria, daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Thomas Robison, born July 8; and William Alden Hinrichs, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hinrichs of Rochester, N. Y., born September 17th. Mrs. Hinrichs was the former Maryellen Robison.

Sgt. Stanley Collister, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collister, 4116 East 144th St., Cleveland, had a four-day visit in the Isle of Man while on furlough last summer. He found the Manx people kind, generous and friendly, and the Island—"just wonderful!"

A recent visitor to Toronto was Vice President Alice Garrett, who spent a few days there while on vacation during the month of November. She met a number of the Toronto Manx on this occasion and was entertained by Mrs. F. Williamson and Mrs. W. Colquitt.

Two old members of the Toronto Manx Society, Joe Daugherty and Willie Fick, have decided to take life easy and make way for the younger generation. Joe, who has been with the Bell Telephone Company for 30 years, has retired on pension. Willie Fick, who was a highly respected employee of his company, also has gone on the retired list.

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Christmas Greetings

SAN FRANCISCO

Once again the year has almost completed its cycle, and in the little old Island Home they will be saying: "The dark days before Christmas are here," the chairs will be drawn up before cheery fires and all the preparations to keep the old traditions alive will be in order.

In spite of war and sorrow the Spirit of Christmas survives and helps to bring us courage and steady our faith, and we still look forward to the days when peace will reign once more.

It is with great pleasure that the San Francisco "Manxies" extend the Season's Greetings to our Manx friends scattered over the Continent of North America, and you may be sure that we will be looking forward with great joy to opening our Christmas number of THE BULLETIN, which invariably brings us all closer together.

Happy Christmas—and Happy New Year!

Ivor Stokes, Pres.

Essie Quayle, Hon. Sec'y.



VANCOUVER

The warmest greetings of the Vancouver Manx Society go out to our fellow countrymen and their families everywhere and to all men and women in the forces and to all prisoners of war. To everyone, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. E. Costain, Pres.

Mrs. Fred Killip, Vice Pres.

Mrs. T. L. Killip, Sec'y.



LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF, CLEVELAND

The officers and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society wish for all of you a Happy Holiday Season. May peace soon come to the world, our homes and our hearts.

Eliza Cleator, Pres.

Mona Bertsch, Sec'y.

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx Society sends the Season's Greetings to all Manx Societies and Manxmen and women wherever they may be, particularly those in the Armed Forces. May the New Year bring peace to this troubled world.

Griffith Davies, Pres.

Arnold Corrin, Sec'y.



BUFFALO

The members of the Buffalo Manx Society extend the Season's Greetings to the officers and members of the N. A. M. A. and to Manx folks wherever they may be.

Fred Towle, Pres.

Mary Skillicorn, Sec'y.



MONA'S RELIEF, CLEVELAND

The officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society wish a most Joyous Christmas and New Year to their Manx friends everywhere.

We sincerely hope that the coming year will bring peace and happiness to all!

John Callow, Pres.

Virginia C. Foster, Sec'y.



GREATER NEW YORK

The Manx of Greater New York send Christmas Greetings to all their countrymen throughout the world, and particularly to those dear men and women who are fighting our battles in distant lands. We hope there may be ahead soon for all of us the promise of a freer life in a peaceful atmosphere. Our thoughts at this Season also turn to those dear members of ours whom we lost this year.

All good wishes for a happy Christmas and joy in the New Year.

Mrs. T. Christian, Pres.

Florence M. Gill, Sec'y.

NEBRASKA

As this fourth War Christmas Day dawns, our thoughts turn back to days gone by, when we all gathered together at home; and in looking forward, we think of those so far away and those who are left behind to carry on, bravely working together for the time when strife shall cease and peace once more reigns over the earth. It is with hearts full of gratitude and love for the blessings we enjoy, and with prayers for those less fortunate than ourselves, that we approach this Christmas Season and all that it means to mankind in these days of unrest.

To those in the service of their country, and all our friends, we send these verses:

May the God who watches o'er us
Through the darkness and the light
Give you strength and faith
undaunted,
And turn each wrong to right.
May His star across your pathway
Shed its radiance far and wide,
And His love lead you to many
A joyous Christmastide.
And a New Year of peace and happiness.

Mrs. James Robison, Pres.

Mrs. G. E. Humphrey, Vice Pres.

Mrs. J. W. Morris, Sec'y-Treas.



NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Greetings to Manx people and their descendants, with a Christmas and New Year wish for all that's good.

Good health, good times, good friends,
Good cheer, and good luck, too, that
never, never ends!

George W. Smith, Pres.

Bertha Clark, Vice Pres.

Blanche Killey, Sec'y-Treas.



LOS ANGELES

May we renew all old friendships, greet old friends merrily, review old incidents and jolly occasions, and also convey our Christmas greetings to the boys overseas and wish them God-speed in their service for our country, so that they may return soon to loved ones at home and to a welcome and well-earned rest.

John Callow, Pres.

Mary Caine Ward, Sec'y.



From Manx Societies



TORONTO

This year, more than ever, our thoughts turn to those we love and to our friends over here and our loved ones over there. We all join in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tom Moore, Pres.

Frank Williamson, Sec'y.



MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT, CLEVELAND

The officers and members of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society extend to Manxmen everywhere, The Season's Greetings.

Our thoughts and hopes are especially with our relatives and friends who now are serving in the Armed Forces of the Allied Nations. Although they may be far from home this Christmas, may the coming year see the end of hostilities and the return of our loved ones to their homes.

Alan C. Fricke, Pres.

Norman Cowin, Rec. Sec'y.



MONTREAL

The Executive and Members of the Montreal Manx Society extend sincere greetings for a bright Christmas to all Manxmen and women on this continent and abroad and hope that peace and happiness may come to all with the New Year.

T. E. Oates, Pres.

Janet F. Hornsby, Sec'y.



ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx Society wishes its many friends at home and abroad a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year. With the sincere hope that the coming year will really be a year of peace and goodwill in this troubled old world of ours. Looking forward to meeting our many good friends at the Toronto Convention—May it be soon!

Alfred E. Looney, Pres.

Dan W. Christian, Sec'y-Treas.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE

N. A. M. A.

When we open the Christmas Bulletin, it is just like opening dozens of Christmas cards from many of our friends. It is such a nice way to contact friends whom we have met during the good old days of conventions, and pleasant memories are brought back to our minds. The Ladies' Auxiliary is glad to add our Season's Greetings to our many friends for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. L. Abell, Pres.

Alice Garrett, Sec'y.



PEORIA

The Peoria Manx Society sends hearty Christmas Greetings to all Manx people everywhere, and expresses the hope that the New Year may bring us victory and peace.

Frank L. Shimmin, Pres.

Eva Kelly, Sec'y.



CHICAGO

The members of the Chicago Manx Society extend their sincere and cordial good wishes to all Manx people, both at home and abroad, for a Christmas Season filled with gratitude for the blessings of life and liberty and a Godspeed to loyal men and women in service the world around.

Thomas C. Kelly, Pres.

Ethel M. Shimmin, Sec'y.



GALVA

The Galva Manx Society wishes a Very Merry Christmas to all our Manx friends everywhere, and to all, A Happy New Year.

T. T. Kelly, Pres.

Ada Cubbon, Sec'y.

N. A. M. A. BREAKFAST CLUB

Heartiest Greetings of the Season to all members of the Breakfast Club, from

Stephen H. Quinney, Sec'y.
21009 Clare Avenue,
Maple Heights, Ohio.



WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Douglas, Isle of Man

Once again it is the Season when our hearts turn to loved ones and friends of old; when our deepest thoughts are of Peace and Goodwill on Earth. As Christian people, we can face the future with courage with this glorious hope in our hearts.

To all our kindred scattered so far away from the little Kingdom of Man, we remember you and wish you the old familiar greeting of "A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year," from the World Manx Association in Dear Ellan Vannin.

Richard Cain, Pres.

Charles Craine, Hon. Sec'y.

S. Kelly, Hon. Treas.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1—Strolling players, who performed in houses at Christmas time in the Isle of Man.

2—A version of the play "St. George and the Dragon."

3—"Drink of Christmas"—a special Christmas brew made in the Isle of Man in olden days.

4—"To go about like a brewing pan."

5—No—it has been observed in several countries and localities.

6—Thirty-five.

7—The wren is called "King of the Birds" in almost every language.

8—"The Qualtagh."

9—Yes—he is supposed to bring a gift, otherwise it means bad luck.

10—The floor was swept towards the hearth; to sweep towards the door would be sweeping good luck out of the house for the whole year.



NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

MONTREAL

The Annual General Meeting of the Montreal Manx Society was held on the 16th of October, for presenting of reports and election of officers.

The slate of officers for the coming year is as follows:

Hon. President E. Brayden
 Hon. Vice President J. Agnew
 Hon. Vice President C. Fayle
 President T. E. Oates
 Vice President J. Cope
 Secretary Mrs. H. W. Hornsby
 Treasurer J. Kneale
 Committee—Mrs. Munro, Wool
 Convenor, Mrs. J. Cope, D. Corlett,
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Malboeuf, J. Bell,
 B. C. Bell.

The Secretary and Treasurer both gave a very satisfactory report of the work done during the past year.

The Wool Convenor reported that 30 pairs of socks had been knit by the ladies and sent to the Women's Guild, Douglas, for distribution to Manx servicemen from the Isle of Man.

Their November meeting held on the 15th, was a Social Evening and Get-Together of Manx people and their friends with Court Whist for those who enjoyed a game of cards.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

At a recent meeting of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society the following were elected to serve the Society for the coming year:

President Dr. George W. Smith
 Vice President Bertha Clark
 Sec'y Treasurer Mrs. Albert Killey

GALVA

The Galva Manx Society held a "pot luck" supper and Hollantide Party in the I. O. O. F. Hall on November 15th. A very entertaining program followed the supper. A good time was enjoyed by the 80 people who attended.

LOS ANGELES

A Halloween Party sponsored by the Los Angeles Manx Society was greatly enjoyed by the 55 who attended. Mrs. Tipper won first prize dressed as a Gainsborough model, the prize, a four-piece glass dresser set, being donated by Fred Williamson. The gentleman's prize, a scarf and tie, was won by Mr. F. Williamson who was dressed as a "perfect lady." Plans have been completed for a Holiday Party to be held on January 26th when those whose birthdays fall in December and January will furnish a turkey dinner. The hosts and hostesses are the four officers, Callow, Killip, Rodger and Ward, plus chairmen of committees Pilkington, Christian, Mrs. Marriion and Lilian Callow.

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society held its election of officers for the year of 1945 on October 27th, with the following results:

Hon. President Mrs. Gawne
 Hon. Vice Presidents—W. J. Cain and Sam Lewthwaite.
 President J. E. Costain
 Vice President Mrs. Fred Killip
 Secretary Mrs. T. L. Killip
 1020 Harwood St., Vancouver, B. C.
 Treasurer Mrs. R. McWaters
 Committee—Mrs. Killey, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Cave, Mrs. A. E. Halsall, T. L. Killip, J. W. Clucas, Mr. Cave and A. E. Halsall.
 Auditors—Fred Killip and Mr. Davidson.

The 37th Annual Banquet, Concert and Dance of this Society will be held January 1st in the I. O. O. F. Hall, 6th Avenue and Main Street, Vancouver, at 6 P. M.

NEBRASKA

The December meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association was to be held on December 10th at the home of Mrs. H. R. Crellin, Route 5, Lincoln. The program planned consisted of a covered-dish luncheon, entertainment and gift exchange. They hoped to have the Kennaugh family of Glenrock, Wyoming as guests on this occasion.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Max Arends were host and hostess for the November meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society. There was a very good gathering and a good time from start to finish. At a short business meeting it was voted and carried unanimously that their present officers remain in their respective positions during the war period. The hostess, Mrs. Arends, is a sister of Sir John Clague, and will be remembered by many Manx friends hailing from Castletown. Their annual Christmas Party was planned for December 16th.

BISBEE

The December meeting of the Bisbee Manx Society was held at the home of Mrs. Ivy Dillon in Warren, Arizona. In spite of the cold weather there was a good attendance. The following were elected to serve this Society for the coming year:

President Cecil Corrin
 Vice President Mrs. J. J. Quill
 Secretary Arnold Corrin,
 Box 3332, Lowell, Arizona.
 Treasurer Mrs. James Kennaugh
 Trustees—J. J. Quill, Alfred H. Kelly and W. H. Kelly.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The annual election of officers for the Mona's Relief Society was held on December 5th. The officers for 1945 are:

President Fred T. Gorry
 Vice President Alan Fricke
 Recording Sec'y Mrs. V. C. Foster
 Financial Sec'y W. C. Kissack
 Treasurer Mrs. L. B. Abell
 Relief Committee—Mrs. C. J. Sutton,
 Mrs. C. E. Cottier and Fred Brew.
 Trustees—W. Harry Kelly,
 John H. Gell and John Callow.
 Historian W. H. Collister

A Christmas party was enjoyed by all at the close of the business meeting. There was "candle light" carol singing and an exchange of ten-cent gifts. Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed chatting with friends.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society gave a luncheon on November 17th and served almost 100 people. It is surprising what these ladies can do in these days of rationing. They were glad to welcome so many friends who had been unable to attend their meetings for some time. The officers of this Society extend thanks to all the faithful workers as well as to all who attended the luncheon, thereby contributing to a pleasant and successful day.

The members of this Society, having taken care of the things they enjoy doing at Christmas for other people's happiness, are holding a Christmas Party on their regular meeting day, December 15, when they hope to have a good attendance.

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETIES SERVICE FUND

November 13th was observed by the Cleveland Manx as "Tom Brown Night," and the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, with its usual kindness, gave up its time and meeting place to the Service Fund Committee for a card party. About seventy people enjoyed a good game and excellent refreshments, and generous donations swelled the receipts to an amount far in excess of what the actual attendance represented. The Committee extends hearty thanks to all well-wishers and friends who helped provide Christmas parcels for Cleveland Manx service men and women, and enabled the sum of fifteen pounds to be sent to the Isle of Man for the Manx Newspapers Service Fund. With these gifts go hearty Christmas Greetings, and the earnest hope that all now serving their country may soon be able to return to their homes.

OBITUARIES

ALGEO, Florence (nee Moore) of Edmonton, Alberta, died on October 13th. She was born in Dalby, Isle of Man and is survived by her husband, John Algeo of 9543 106th Avenue, Edmonton; two sons, John in England and William James of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec; four daughters, Mrs. E. Ekstrom, Mrs. J. Dobler, Mrs. G. Hawkins and Mrs. A. Andrews, all of Edmonton; two brothers, Joseph Moore of Edmonton and Fred Moore of Minto, Manitoba; and three sisters, Mrs. G. Raymond of Vancouver, B. C., Mrs. N. Warden of Brandon, Manitoba, and Mrs. F. Blair of North Dakota.

ASHMAN, Charlotte M., wife of George C. Ashman, Peoria, Illinois, died on November 29th after a brief illness. She was born in Lansing, Michigan, the daughter of Eleazer and Cornelia Cowley Slocum. Always interested in Manx affairs, she was largely responsible for the formation of the Peoria Manx Society and, at the time of her death, was their Regional Director to the North American Manx Association. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, George C. Ashman, Jr., of Janesville, Wisconsin; and two grandsons.

CHRISTIAN, Violet, of Los Angeles, California, passed on in October. She was born in Cornwall, England in 1901 and came to the States in 1908. An ardent worker for the Los Angeles Manx Society, she also was interested in the Red Cross and in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Surviving are her husband, John Christian; a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Wagner; and a son, Robert Nelson Christian. Another son, Richard, recently has been reported missing and probably lost with the submarine GUDGEON.

COLLISTER, Sgt. Air-Gunner Jack, R. C. A. F., of Brandon, Manitoba, was killed in action over Germany during the latter part of July. Sgt. Collister went overseas last December and visited the Isle of Man in January. Surviving are his parents, Sgt. Henry Collister of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and Mrs. Collister, Brandon, Manitoba; three brothers, one of whom, Henry, is in the R. C. A. F. in England; and a sister.

GUNN, Charlotte C., of Chicago, passed away on October 22nd. Born in Peel, she was among the Home-comers in 1927. Surviving are her husband, John H.; a daughter, Mrs. Mona G. Brockhoff; and three sons, Douglas G., Alfred C. and Harold J.

CORLETT, Harriet E., 1906 E. 105th St., Cleveland, passed away at her home on December 3rd. Miss Corlett was a teacher and principal in Cleveland Public Schools for 50 years and was well known to thousands of Clevelanders who attended Mayflower and Willson Schools. She was interested in Manx activities and was a member of the Mona's Relief Society and its Ladies' Auxiliary. A cousin in Troy, New York, and other distant relatives in England survive.

GORRY, Robert, a well known and respected Manxman, passed on suddenly at his home, 7913 Cory Ave., Cleveland, on October 25th. Mr. Gorry had lived in Cleveland for 50 years, having come from Peel, Isle of Man in 1894. He was a past president of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society and held the office of Chaplain of that Society at the time of his death. He also was a past vice president of the Mona's Relief Society and a member of the Relief Committee for many years. His love for the Homeland made him one of Cleveland's outstanding Manxmen. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Helen Allen, of Philadelphia; a son, George, of Cleveland; and six grandchildren.

HOLTZ, Sarah Shimmin, 3880 Warrensville Center Rd., Cleveland, died on October 14th. She was the wife of Charles and mother of Maude E. Mrs. Holtz in earlier years was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Mona's Relief Society.

HUDGEON, James Clague, of Cleveland, passed away on November 19th. He was the father of Mrs. Alvin Jackson and a brother of Murry, John, Nellie and Mona Hudgeon.

HUGHES, Carl M., of Rochester, Wisconsin, passed away about a year ago. His mother, whose name was Shimmin, came from the Isle of Man to Delavan, Wisconsin, with her parents in 1845. Several years ago an article written by Mr. Hughes about his ancestors' trip to America was published in the Bulletin. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hughes (nee Gill).

SMITH, Cora E. (nee Miller), wife of Dr. George W. Smith of Painesville, Ohio, passed away suddenly on December 3rd. Always interested in Manx activities, Mrs. Smith was one of the founders of the North-eastern Ohio Manx Society and served as its Secretary for many years. Dr. Smith is the present President. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son, Lieut. Walter S. Smith, now in Italy; and a granddaughter, Cynthia Smith, infant daughter of Lieut. George W. Smith, Jr., who has been missing in action over Germany since early in the summer.

SHIMMIN, Eleanor, widow of the late William Shimmin, Baker of Peel, passed away on November 5th after a short illness. She was 89 years of age and is survived by her daughter, Mrs. T. Watterson of Peel; and two sons, John T. Shimmin of Chicago, and William Shimmin of Sydney, Australia. She was the grandmother of Ethel Shimmin, Secretary of the Chicago Manx Society. Several other grandchildren also survive.

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

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:

PACIFIC COAST

Captain William H. Corrin, 01110430, 82 Engr. Combat Bn., A. P. O. 230, c/o P. M., New York.
Richard J. Corrin, S. C. 3/c, USS E. A. Poe, c/o F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.
Sons of Mrs. Julia L. Corrin, 2202-D W. 26th St. Drive, Vancouver, Wash.

KANSAS

Pvt. John A. McMurtrie, 17199993, Sec. N B-2, Kirkland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McMurtrie, 123 S. 11th St., Salina, Kas—formerly of Ramsey, Isle of Man.

CLEVELAND

Eleanore Hudgeon, WAVE, Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon, 19008 Kinsman Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio.

UTAH

The March, 1944, Bulletin gave the story of the Cannon family, Manx pioneers of Salt Lake City. Today the descendants of the original Cannon brothers and sisters, who came to America more than a hundred years ago, have contributed nearly 300 members to the Armed Forces of the United States. This impressive service list has been compiled and printed by the Cannon family and will form another valuable page in their history. We are indebted to Mr. Edwin Q. Cannon for a copy of this list—which, due to space limitations, we cannot include in this column.

LOS ANGELES

John Mervyn, Jr.; SM 3rd Class, Arm'd Guard Center, SS Edward F. Ripley (K47), San Francisco, Calif. Son of Mrs. Betty S. Mervyn, 4517 Prospect Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

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While on furlough recently, Thomas Robison of Elk Creek, Nebr., who is with the U. S. Army in England, visited his mother's sister and other relatives in the Isle of Man.

Mr. C. L. Kelley, County Treasurer at Nebraska City, Nebr. was interested in a recent Bulletin item about an old issue of the Peel City Guardian containing the advertisement of Mr. George Delany. He writes: "Mr. Delany had a butcher shop in Peel and also sold meat on the market in Douglas every Saturday. I was 14 years old and it was my pleasure to ride home from my work in Douglas at Cottier and Cubbon's, drapers, with Mr. Delaney on Saturday nights to my home in Peel. A most lovable man!"

Reprinting a news item of "Fifty Years Ago," a Cleveland newspaper quoted the following, which should be intensely interesting to Manx people:

Out at the old Manx School at the corner of Union Ave., formerly Manx St. and Rice Ave., former students held a reunion. Eli W. Cannell was president of the school association; Merrick E. Johnson was vice president; Mrs. Louise Johnson Smith, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Mary Saxon, historian. The executive committee included John W. Cannell, O. W. Quiggin, James E. Corlett, Mrs. Mary Quayle Botten, Mrs. Helen Q. Chandler, Mrs. Bell C. Corlett and Mrs. Eli C. Cannell.

A Manx Sailor's Reverie

by

Charles Craine

Oft' times through the hush of night
 I have gazed at the sky above,
 To the majesty of moon and stars,
 A reminder of God's Love,
 Thinking of those in my Native Land
 Whose thoughts steal back to me;
 Mother, father, loved ones there
 In my Isle beyond the sea.

My ship is sailing the ocean wide
 In a cause that shall prevail;
 The Celtic fire burns in my soul
 And says—Ye cannot fail,
 Dictation's creed is contrary
 To God's blest rights for all;
 Justice, Freedom, Brotherly Love
 Alive! All else must fall.

Afar from home, we see more dear
 The meaning of true life;
 We fight for principles, not gain,
 And a future shorn of strife,
 Our cause is just; a solemn pledge
 To aid a stricken world;
 With victory ours—then Home, Sweet
 Home,
 Our Flag—God's peace unfurled.



Manx Santa Claus



But there IS a Santa Claus! We've seen him many a time, though he didn't wear a red suit or climb down the chimney. We've known old gentlemen who were just as regular, as dependable, as much a part of childhood's picture.

Once upon a time, in Douglas, Isle of Man, there was "Jacob." He had white whiskers and played the cornet outside Patterson the chemist's on Victoria Street every Saturday night. He was as regular as the Saturday night bath, and the two were always associated. Bath time, and old Jacob standing across the street against the cheery glow of the shop windows—a cozy winter night's picture of a musical Santa Claus. The years do not give up any memory of the tunes he played, but he was eagerly awaited, and he never disappointed.

Then there was old Mr. Christian the shoemaker, in Dalton Street. It was a bit of a thrill to reach up, press the latch and push into that tiny, crowded, fascinating shop smelling of leather and dust and tobacco. The rows of dilapidated shoes on the floor were a bit depressing, but there were jagged sheets of new leather hanging above for their salvation. The one window was curtained at the bottom, the upper half let the gray winter daylight fall on the old man at work. I remember how he would raise his eyes and white beard at the sound of my step, put down the boot he was hammering, solemnly open the newspaper parcel offered him and turn the small shoes over and over in his hard old hands. Waiting for the verdict I would note, with awe, how his bench was worn where he sat, likewise the floor under his feet. How many years of labor did those hollows represent? Did he always wear that old cap . . . was he always sitting on his bench, a worn boot between his knees? What did he do on Sundays . . . did he ever look at that dusty calendar on the wall to see how many weeks till Christmas? Surely such an industrious old man ought to have a particularly cozy and cheery Christmas.

His beard was so white and his eyes so kind—he might be Santa Claus himself! The daydream was broken as he peered over his glasses to say that the shoes needed soling and heel-ing and the cost would be one-and-six. How soon? Tuesday? A dubious shake of the head, then a more hopeful nod. "Well—we'll see, we'll see, we'll see, we'll see." Oh yes, they were ready on Tuesday. Mr. Christian was a useful, practical Santa Claus.

And there was Mr. Murray the baker, on Prospect Hill. A smell of warm bread filled that shop, a dusting of flour was over everything. On the shelves were loaves and loaves—oven bottom, tin loaves, cottage loaves—and at the far end, rows of biscuit tins neatly arranged, Castletown biscuits and all the rest. Currant buns, round, brown and glossy, filled the window and counter. By the window, day in and day out, sat Mr. Murray—bald head, vast spread of waistcoat, gold watch chain, white whiskers, eye-glasses dangling—a majestic figure. But Mr. Murray always sent round a bunloaf a fortnight before Christmas, foretaste of the season of good things. Yet I stood in awe of him, and fingering three pennies while Mr. Quaggin wrapped the bread, would eye him over the edge of the counter, well aware that he was watching me and preparing to pass judgment on my insignificance. No matter how fast I put down the pennies and gathered up the loaf, escape was impossible before sentence was pronounced—a sentence heard with annoyance, humiliation—yet with secret pleasure. Hurry up now and get the door open—ah, it's no use. From behind those white whiskers come the dreaded words—"Aw, give the bogh a bun!"

So in the traditional figure of Santa Claus we love to pay tribute, year after year, to the kindly, white-whiskered old gentlemen who smiled on our youth and never, never disappointed any expectation. May we never forget them!

Gertrude Cannell.

In its repertoire of Christmas music, the chorus of the Cleveland Diesel Engine Division of General Motors Company this year is including our Manx favorite, "Cold Blows the Wind," by the late Miss M. L. Wood, beloved Manx composer, organist and teacher of music. Our Secretary, Miss Claire Mylecraine, President of the Cleveland Diesel Chorus, introduced the carol and it was enthusiastically adopted by the group and its conductor, Russell Abbott. Miss Wood has been called the mother of modern music in the Isle of Man, and at the annual Manx Music Festivals her appearance on the stage was always greeted by a thunderous ovation. She is affectionately remembered by many of us who knew her and were taught by her. Miss Wood died in Douglas in 1925 at the age of 84.