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MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND APPROACHING 100th BIRTHDAY

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At the turn of the century, when the Mona's Relief Society celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary, Cleveland had grown from the small town it was in the year 1851, to a city whose inhabitants numbered nearly 400,000. The Manx population had been swelled by frequent arrivals from the old sod, and Manx boys, not long "out," used to gather on Saturday nights for a yarn at Southworth's corner, near the Square. Manx homes were always open to their countrymen for "surprise" parties and Sunday evening sociability.

Euclid Avenue, famous since 1860, in 1901 still claimed its distinction of being "one of the most beautiful streets in the world." Today it is a busy, commercial thoroughfare. We would hardly recognize the old Euclid Avenue with its stately homes—restful and cool in summer under its leafy arch; in winter gay with jingling sleighbells. Many well-known Manx names are associated with the palmy days of "The Avenue."

To tell the story of the Mona's Relief Society between the years 1901 and 1926 we turn to their 75th Anniversary Souvenir Book. Let's turn back to the year 1901.

A committee headed by President William R. Creer was appointed to make arrangements for the Fiftieth Anniversary, and the Chamber of Commerce Hall was secured for December 5, 1901. A Souvenir Book Committee, Mr. J. H. Collister and Miss Chrissie Quayle, secured data regarding the formation and early history of the Society. President Creer gave much time and thought to making this great gathering an outstanding event. Such indeed it was, and a new period in the Society's history started, with the Ladies' Auxiliary, founded in 1899, helping the Relief Committee and taking care of unfortunate women and children, while the parent Society gave them financial aid.

While this good work was being carried on, the death in August, 1903, of Mr. John T. Watterson, one of the

charter members, reminded us that one by one that little band who had "buildd better than they knew," would all soon have passed on to their reward.

September, 1904, saw Mr. Henry Watterson, a very active and interested member, elected president. He served until September, 1905, when he was succeeded by Mr. Elmer E. Teare, who guided the affairs for two years. In September, 1907, that duty was passed on to Mr. J. H. Collister, whose name is woven into all the workings of the Society for so many years that his judgment and guidance was always to be depended upon. It was during his first term as president that Mr. Collister saw the Society financially able to give assistance, other than charity. Two worthy causes which received contributions were—the funds raised at the time of the Collinwood School fire, 1908, when a few children of Manx parentage were among those who lost their lives; and the "Ellan Vannin" Fund, to assist widows and orphans of those who met their death when the ship ELLAN VANNIN sank in the Mersey River, Liverpool, in 1909.

In October, 1911, the Society was deeply grieved by the sudden death of its president, Mr. William H. Teare. He had almost grown up in the work of the Society, being keenly interested in not only the work of relief, but in the social gatherings, and had missed only one of the annual Festivals. Mr. Teare was a wise counselor, a conscientious officer and a sincere friend. He was president in 1910 and 1911.

Mr. F. Kissack, acting president, on taking the office of president in 1912, stressed in a forceful way the necessity of adding new members, as the Society to do good would have to arouse the interest and cooperation of as many as possible. Mr. Thomas H. Teare was elected to the presidency in September, 1913, and served until January, 1914, when on account of impaired health he resigned, and the work was taken up by Mr. J. J. Kelly, the vice president, who filled out Mr. Teare's unexpired term, and

was elected president September 3, 1914.

One of the important things accomplished through the generosity of the Society and the Manx people at this time was the raising of a fund for widows and orphans of Manx soldiers and sailors who had made the supreme sacrifice in the (First) World War. This fund was sent to the Island and, from reports received, helped many who were in want, again showing the Society's desire to put into practice the words of the first constitution, "for the relief of those who may need immediate help." Donations have been made to other worthwhile causes by the combined efforts of the Manx Societies. Among these were the Isle of Man Homes for Orphan and Destitute Children, the Lincoln Memorial Fund, the Cleveland Christian Home Building Fund, St. Luke's Hospital, and the American Foundation for the Blind—through Miss Helen Keller.

One of the prized possessions of the Society is a Service Flag, containing the names of some fifty young Manxmen from Cleveland and vicinity, who enlisted in either the Army or Navy to do their share in the (First) World War. Well-filled comfort bags, provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary, found their way to the different camps at Christmas time, 1917, for each and every one of them.

Perhaps one thing that has done more than any other to show interest in the Island is the "Cleveland Medal." This gold medal, provided by the Cleveland Manx, has been competed for each year at the April Festival of the Manx Music Guild. The fact that the medal becomes the private property of the winner has aroused so much enthusiasm on the Island that it is considered the "Blue Ribbon" event of the entire Festival. The fund to provide these medals was procured through the efforts of members of the combined Manx Societies and their friends in Cleveland and vicinity.

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The President's Message

My Friends:

What a lot of changes have taken place since our last Bulletin. We are now beginning to see the silver lining that we have all been looking for for so long.

What a pity that the passing of Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, occurred just as success was to crown his great work. As a Canadian, I would like to say how deeply we feel the loss of this great man. He loved his own country, he loved all humanity, and he certainly was the best friend that the British Empire ever had. So, we in Canada say in all sincerity, "May his memory never fade."

I hope our readers liked reading the historical account of the Mona's Relief Society and the concluding article in this issue. How those early settlers worked to accomplish this end so that we can now look back and be proud of their efforts. To them, the land of their birth meant something and they kept ever in front of them that pride of race that the Manx people are noted for.

In a very few years, the Mona's Relief Society will be celebrating its one hundredth birthday, still carrying on, as its founders intended it to do.

I hope that our N.A.M.A. is laying such firm foundations, that succeeding generations will be able to look back and say that we of this time had the same visions as our ancestors, who came to this continent as we did, to make their homes in a new land.

It is, of course, very gratifying to know that we are slowly and surely going ahead, despite the troublous times we have been passing through

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. Alvin E. Young, 35854786, Co. B-24 Bn. 7 Regt. I.R.T.C., Fort McClellan, Alabama. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Young, 17511 Miles Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

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1/c. Lester L. Burden, M.A.A.F., Aerial Reconnaissance Station, England. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burden, 936 First Ave., Havre, Montana.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Sgt. Robert Gridley, 35916619, Co. B. 1267th Engrs. (C) Bn., A.P.O. No. 17567, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

T/Sgt. Wallace O. Pomeroy, 35912608, Co. E, 361st Engr. Regt. (SS), A.P.O. No. 562, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

N. A. M. A. Membership

There will be no Prize Distribution Drive in aid of the North American Manx Association this summer. Possibly within the next twelve months we will announce such a drive, and will let you know in plenty of time.

In the meantime, let's bend our efforts toward increasing our membership to the point where it will be unnecessary to ask for additional financial support for our Association. This past year has shown a gratifying increase over previous years and if we keep this up, we should at some time be in a position of financial independence.

Membership for 1945-46 is not due until August. But if you would like to send in this 1945-46 dollar now, it will be off your mind and will help toward an early start in our efforts for a big membership next year. Many have already sent in the dollar for 1945-46. Send yours to: Miss Gertrude Cannell, Treasurer, 1492 Robinwood Avenue, Lakewood 7, Ohio.

during the last few years. I am sure that with faith and hope, and full co-operation from you all, we can and will make our Association an institution of which we can be very proud, and it will serve as a comfort and an inspiration to all Manx people, their connections and their descendants.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES Y. MANN

About Things Manx

IN THE TRAIN

When we were children we loved railway trains, because they were always going somewhere. Even when standing still they seemed impatient to be off. Most of us still are fascinated by trains. When we climb aboard we are in a different world; the familiar earth slips by as we race across the country—fields, houses, villages—glimpsed and gone. We have seen lovely scenery from train windows here in America—golden evening skies and dark woods reflected in broad, peaceful lakes, every mile bringing into view some fresh and unfamiliar beauty. Darkness comes—nothing but black night against the windows. People doze in their seats, or walk up and down the swaying aisles; we watch the scattered lights outside until at last they shape up into a familiar pattern; we say "That must be Painesville . . . or Poughkeepsie"—glance up at the luggage rack and prepare to descend into the world we know.

We speak quite casually of journeys of hundreds, even thousands of miles. As we rush through the night we have listened to the engine sending its lonely whistle across the vast, silent spaces of the tall corn country, and the sound conveyed the feeling of immensity of land all around, north, south, east and west. Then we remember, with affectionate amusement, the dear little Manx trains which huffed and puffed so merrily between our daisied fields, tilted toward the blue rim of the sea . . . and those trains, too, used to carry us into scenes of enchantment, well known, yet ever new.

We did not think then that they were small or slow. Off with a mighty snort, curving gracefully out of the station, they sent their banner of smoke trailing triumphantly across the fields. We sat facing each other—liked the seats by the window—a window raised and lowered by means of a stout strap with holes to hook on the ledge. There were familiar landmarks to look for. After all, it was a little place, a little train, a little distance . . . and looking through the window we were very close to it all.

It has been said that the Manx Railways were like the Three Legs—Douglas to Peel, one leg; Douglas to Castletown and the south, another leg; the third leg branched off the Peel line at St. Johns, going north to Ramsey. There was even a little "spur" track from St. Johns up to Foxdale.

Pulling in at St. Johns on a summer evening, after leaving Peel bathed in sunset, we'd see Tynwald Hill and the flagstaff, the church, the village houses, very quiet in the clear

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ber, 1920, Mr. Henry Watterson was president. He was connected with the Society for many years, and was loved and esteemed by all. In 1920-21, Mr. J. J. Kelly was president and, by his untiring efforts, interest and enthusiasm were very manifest at the meetings and gatherings. Mr. J. H. Collister in 1922 again occupied the president's office.

The Endowment Fund, created by the will of the late Mr. Daniel Corlett in 1899, has received several additional bequests and, on September 7, 1922, it was separated from the general fund of the Society—the interest only, except in very urgent need, to be used for general expenses. This fund now has an honored place in the Society's history, perpetuating the memory of those who worked for and loved those things for which the Society has stood. Many donations have been made to the Relief Fund by friends who wished to help in its noble work.

Mr. J. J. Kelly again was elected president on September 1, 1923. He held this position until January, 1925, when an amendment to the constitution changed the time of the annual election from September to January. During his term of office, "Tom Brown Night" was first officially recognized by the combined Manx Societies with an entertainment of music and readings from the works of the Manx poet, T. E. Brown, establishing a precedent for all future years.

The Festival of December 11, 1924, was especially interesting to a goodly number of Manx people, as it marked the culmination of twenty-five years of service and good cheer rendered by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society.

On January 8, 1925, Mr. John E. Christian was elected president, and at the September meeting of that year a committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Collister to make preparations for the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. This was held in the Masonic Temple, Cleveland, on January 29, 1926, and the "Diamond Jubilee" of the Mona's Relief Society was attended by about one thousand Manx people.

This story would not be complete if mention were not made of those who have kept the records during these many years. This important office was held by men during the earlier years, and to them we are indebted for many facts of the early history. James Christian, John J. Quay, John T. Quayle, J. H. Collister and William E. Kneale were among this faithful group. A few years after the ladies were admitted as members, the Society saw fit to elect one of them to the secretaryship. Miss Jennie E. Radcliffe was chosen and served faithfully and well for many years. From the records which were

so carefully kept, we learn that at many meetings, J. H. Collister, Robert Collister, Edward Kelly, George Collister and Miss Radcliffe were the only ones present, and to these faithful workers much credit is due for holding the Society together during a most trying time.

Miss Radcliffe was followed by Mrs. Nellie Hampton Morgan, who served for two years, after which Miss Amy C. Quayle was elected. With her characteristic orderly manner in caring for her duties as secretary, she slipped through the years with her beautiful service untarnished by neglect, kept bright and shining by the genuine affection she put into her work. (Miss Quayle, who died in January, 1944, was secretary to the Mona's Relief Society for more than thirty-five years, and simultaneously was secretary to the Ladies' Auxiliary for almost as long a period.)

Perhaps it is not generally known that the Mona's Relief Society owns a burial lot. For many years this lot was in Woodland Cemetery, and some sixty persons had been laid to rest there. It was decided in 1911 to beautify this lot with shrubbery, erect a monument and carve on it the names of the persons buried there. This was accomplished, but in 1914 it was deemed advisable to secure a larger lot in another location. So the sale of the Woodland Avenue lot was ordered, and one in Highland Park Cemetery selected and purchased, having space for one hundred and ten graves. The monument and bodies were moved to their new resting place, which had been greatly improved by the planting of many beautiful shrubs. This important change was effected through the untiring efforts of our late esteemed member, Mr. Robert Collister.

The foregoing outlines the career of the Mona's Relief Society between 1901 and 1926, as recorded in the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Souvenir Book. Mr. John E. Christian was president during the years 1925, 1926 and 1927. He carried on a drive for new members, which was so successful that eventually, increased attendance at the monthly meetings necessitated engaging a downtown hall, as the members could no longer be accommodated in the homes, as heretofore.

The year 1927 will be remembered as the date of the First Great Manx Homecoming, and this movement was warmly supported by the Mona's Relief and other Cleveland Manx Societies who also welcomed and entertained the delegates from the Isle of Man, headed by Mr. A. B. Crookall, who came out to escort the Homecomers on their trip.

The following year, 1928, the First International Manx Convention was held in Cleveland. Proud to be hosts for this historic gathering of Manx people from all parts of the States, Canada and the Isle of Man, the

members of the Mona's Relief and other Cleveland Manx Societies gave generously in time, money and effort to make it successful. The results of this gathering are well known—for here was born the North American Manx Association, whose constitution was drawn up and accepted at that Convention. Mr. John E. Christian, past president of the Mona's Relief Society, was elected first president of the North American Manx Association.

During this memorable year, Mr. William H. Teare was president of the Mona's Relief Society and, to the great grief of the Manx people, died suddenly on November 9th. His place was taken by Mr. John R. Cain, who was elected to the president's office the following January. Mr. Cain served during 1929 and 1930, accompanying the party on the Second Manx Homecoming in the latter year.

For the next several years the work of the Mona's Relief Society progressed steadily under the leadership of the following presidents and their officers: Mr. Thomas A. Cretney, 1931 and 1932; Mr. Robert Gorry, 1933 and 1934; Mr. W. Harry Kelly, 1935 (during which year Cleveland was host for the second time to the N.A.M.A. Convention); Mr. Tom Keig, 1936. Mr. W. Harry Kelly again was elected in 1937, the year of the Third Manx Homecoming. He maintained good attendance and high interest in all the Society's activities, and was re-elected in 1938 and in 1939.

The outbreak of war in September, 1939, became a startling reality to the Manx of Cleveland when word came of the sinking of SS. ATHERNIA, as all knew that President Kelly's wife and daughter were aboard, returning from a visit to the Isle of Man. Some time passed before the glad news came that they were among the survivors.

Mr. William H. Gorry was president in 1940 and 1941. In the early months of 1941, when war clouds were blackest, the North American Manx Association launched its drive to purchase a Patrol Boat for Britain, and the Mona's Relief, with the other Cleveland Societies, entered energetically into this undertaking. Mr. John R. Cain was appointed National Chairman for the drive and Mr. W. Harry Kelly, chairman for the local Cleveland Committee. The Cleveland effort produced nearly \$2,500 of the total \$6,400 raised by the Manx of North America.

In 1942, Mr. John Gell was at the helm of the Mona's Relief Society; in 1943 and 1944, Mr. John Callow; and now in 1945, Mr. Fred T. Gorry. During these war years, monthly meetings have continued without interruption, but the Annual Banquet has been temporarily discontinued. The Cleveland Manx Societies Service Fund and the Manx Newspapers' Cigarette Fund have received unstinted aid; knitting needles clicked busily at all meetings; the American

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

One of those interesting friendships formed during wartime is reported by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Collister, 4116 East 144th Street, Cleveland. Their son, S/Sgt. William S. Collister (better known to us as Stanley) is stationed in England, and had the good fortune to become acquainted—quite accidentally—with Captain John Corlett of the British Reserves, who lives near London, at 47 Nathans Road, North Wembley, Middlesex. Captain Corlett, a schoolmaster in London, hails from Castletown, and mutual acquaintances were discovered in Frank Cleator and Steve Cannell of Cleveland. Stanley has derived much pleasure from visiting this Manx family, with whom he has spent many happy hours while on leave. The Collisters have enrolled Captain Corlett as an N.A.M.A. member, and we hope he finds still more acquaintances in the pages of the Bulletin.

A "father-and-son team" now serving their country are Merchant Mariner Tom Corkish and his sailor son, Herbert, on duty somewhere in the Pacific. The Corkish home is at 716 East Mercury, Butte, Montana. Mr. Corkish Sr. is a son of Evan Corkish who came from the Eary, Isle of Man, and worked as a blacksmith in the Butte mines.

Congratulations to our member, Philip S. Cottier, 2045 Elbur Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, who has been appointed purchasing agent for the Pittsburgh Steamship Company and Pittsburgh Supply Company of Cleveland. Philip's brother, J. E. Cottier, who has been in the employ of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company in Chicago, has recently been transferred to Cleveland.

A well-known Manx preacher is the Rev. Frederick Cowin, who recently resigned from the Memorial Christian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr. Cowin was born in the Isle of Man and has had a distinguished career in the ministry on both sides of the Atlantic, having followed his calling in England and Scotland, as well as in South Africa before coming to Canada, and later to the States. A character sketch of Mr. Cowin is included in the book "American Preachers of Today," by Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones.

Another recent visitor to Cleveland was Mrs. L. McDonnell from Detroit, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Nelson to the Mona's Relief meeting, April 3rd. Mrs. McDonnell's husband was about to leave for New Zealand, where it is possible they will eventually make their home.

A visitor at the April 3rd meeting of the Mona's Relief Society was Flight Sgt. John E. Cooil, R.A.F., from Port St. Mary, Isle of Man. Sgt. Cooil is an instructor in radar and is stationed in the Bahama Islands. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooil, 2006 West 95th Street, Cleveland, with whom he was spending a short furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Kelly have returned to their home in Hinsdale, Illinois, after a visit of two months in California.

An honorary degree will be conferred at the June graduating exercises of the Montana State University, Missoula, Montana, upon Dr. Josiah J. Moore of 6937 Bennett Avenue, Chicago. The degree is being awarded to Dr. Moore, an alumnus of the university, for his distinguished record in pathology. Congratulations, Dr. Moore!

A new member of the N.A.M.A. is Mr. Sam Burden, 936 First Avenue, Havre, Montana. Mr. Burden left Douglas in 1903 to come to Butte, Montana, and was employed in the mines there where he met many Manxmen from Laxey and Foxdale. His son, Pfc. Lester L. Burden, has been at the M.A.A.F. Reconnaissance Station in England, and has received the Distinguished Unit Citation for "extraordinary heroism, gallantry and determination" when his squadron obtained valuable photographs of enemy installations at the time of the Normandy invasion last June, flying at dangerously low altitudes to accomplish this. Mr. and Mrs. Burden's comment—with which we all agree—is simply, "We know that Manx boys will always do their duty, and we as Manx will always be proud of them."

Mrs. Mildred Allen of the Office of War Information, daughter of our good member, Mrs. C. Edwards, Hotel Sevilla, New York, has recently returned from a mission to Paris.

The Secretary of the Nebraska Manx Association, Mrs. Nell Joughin Morris, and her family, of Lincoln, Nebraska, are moving to Denver, Colorado, in June. Mrs. Morris has been an ardent worker for the Nebraska Manx Association and those who attended the 1939 convention in Lincoln will recall her untiring efforts to see that everyone had a good time. We know she will look up the Manx in Denver and that she will be a valuable asset in their midst. Best wishes to the Morris family in their new home!

Vice Admiral Ingersoll, U.S.N., in formal ceremonies held at the Naval Base in San Francisco, recently awarded the Bronze Star to Lt. Comdr. John Clague of Santa Cruz. This citation was for distinguishing himself by meritorious conduct as commanding officer of his ship while conducting pre-assault operations in the Southwest Pacific Area. The ship was subjected to various air attacks, but by cool and artful directions, he caused his ship repeatedly to deliver accurate and effective gunfire, destroying at least one enemy aircraft unassisted. His ship completed its minesweeping mission well ahead of schedule, allowing safe entry for other groups of ships and his conduct throughout distinguished him among those performing duties of the same character.

Johnny's father was Joseph C. Clague of Castletown and his mother was formerly Miss Violet Fox, also at one time resident of Castletown.

The Manx in Chicago have been hoping to hear that Sgt. Jack Kneale had been found in some German prison camp, but no word has come through since the report last year that he was missing. Let us hope that good word will be forthcoming soon.

Our Secretary, Miss Claire Mylecraigne, who is President of the Cleveland Diesel Chorus, is to be congratulated on the fine organization work which helped to make a great success of their annual concert held in the Cleveland Masonic Temple on May 22nd. The members, their director, Russell Abbott, and accompanist, Miss Dorothy Baumgardner, richly deserved the tribute of hearty applause which they received. This chorus, composed entirely of employees of Cleveland Diesel Engine Division of General Motors Corporation, entertained a Manx audience at a Mona's Relief meeting about a year ago.

With a tea given in her honor by the faculty of Inglewood High School, where she has taught for 33 years, Mrs. Oscar Ward of Los Angeles tells us that she feels as if her school days were really over. Congratulations, Mrs. Ward, on your long and conscientious service. May you now enjoy the leisure hours which lie ahead!

Mrs. G. C. Ashman, Jr., and her two sons, of Janesville, Wisconsin, were recent visitors in Peoria, Illinois. Their time there was spent between Mrs. Ashman's mother, Mrs. Hester, and her father-in-law, Mr. G. C. Ashman, Sr.

Thomas Spencer Killip, R.C.N.V.R., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, 1020 Harwood Street, Vancouver, B.C., was married recently in St. Genevieve's Church, East Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia, to Marjorie Georgina MacDougall, only daughter of Mrs. Mary MacDougall, East Chezzetcook. Best wishes to these newly-weds!

Pvt. Thomas Cashin, son of Mrs. T. Cashin, Chicago, has been medically discharged from the United States Army.

A welcome newcomer in Peoria, Illinois, is the Rev. William Mylchreest Kelly, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, and formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church at La Rose, Illinois. His father, Captain F. Kelly, is a native of Peel, and his mother, whose name was Mylchreest, was born in Patrick. They now reside in Seattle, Washington. Rev. Kelly at present is commuting to Peoria each day, but hopes soon to be able to locate a house for himself, his wife and baby daughter.

Mrs. Frank L. Shimmin was one of a large group of nurses' aides recently capped at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Illinois.

In a recent mail, we received a file of "Bulletins" published by the Manx Society in London, England. Congratulations to the Editor, Mr. J. E. Mylchreest, who must have had an arduous task in preparing these interesting issues during the strenuous times through which England has been passing. We hope to see more editions of the London Manx Bulletin in the future.

Sgt. H. Q. Shimmin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shimmin, 6544 Perry Avenue, Chicago, obtained leave from his post in Germany recently and visited Paris, London and the Isle of Man.

Lillian Callow of Los Angeles seems to hold the record for sending Christmas boxes to the Isle of Man with articles of clothing and food. We are told that she sent some fifteen packages in all.

Thomas Robison, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robison, Elk Creek, Nebraska, with the United States Army overseas, recently was awarded the Bronze Medal for bravery under fire, when he brought in his wounded buddies, thereby exceeding his line of duty. He also was wounded and hospitalized in France for some time, but now has returned to active duty.

Sgt. A. C. Killip, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, 1020 Harwood Street, Vancouver, B.C., left for overseas on April 1st.

The Oscar Wards of 1818 West 81st Street, Los Angeles, California, spent Easter in Fresno, California, at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Quick (nee Alice Kennish) and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Christian. They had a grand cooish and were royally entertained, one of the attractions being an enlarged picture of the Corrary (Kirk Maughold) where Oscar Ward and Mrs. Margaret Kennish Allen were born. The picture previously had been the property of the late John Kennish, Senator and Supreme Court Judge in the state of Kansas.

Sgt. Bmd. F. H. Metcalf, son of Mrs. D. Metcalf, 1840 Vine Street, Vancouver, B.C., is taking a refresher course at B. & G. School, Paulson, Manitoba.

Lt. Ted Bliss of Peoria, Illinois, now piloting a B-29 in the Mariannas, writes that when he had the privilege of naming his bomber, he called it "City of Peoria."

Pvt. Bob Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelly, 54 East 68th Street, Chicago, has sufficiently recovered from his wounds to return to duty in France. Bob now is stationed at Marsailles.

Arthur Edmonds, with the United States Army in France, was wounded recently, but now is back with his outfit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Edmonds (nee Emily Lewin of Castletown), 152 Dupont Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Lt. Ronald Kinrade of Douglas, Isle of Man, son of Bob and Mona Quine Kinrade of Douglas, and his pal, Lt. George Soper of Devon, England, were welcome visitors at the March meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall, formerly of Cleveland, now reside at 520 14th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida. They expect to visit Cleveland next fall, and look forward to renewing acquaintance with Manx friends at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Halsall of 2175 Venables Street, Vancouver, B.C., are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Norma Arleen, born on March 5th.

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twilight; the steep side of Shieu Whallian, almost close enough to touch, it seemed, growing shadowy and mysterious.

Then off! Church and flagstaff out of sight directly, Shieu Whallian left behind; in front rises Greeba, its western slope still bright with the dying sunset. How beautiful and peaceful was that valley between Peel and Douglas—the rich meadows, white farms, luxuriant trees! Now we're in Crosby station with the neat flowerbeds and whited stones, the evening scents of August drift in at the window. On top of the hill, the schoolhouse catches the fading light; down here in the gloaming we see a glimmer of white road—gate—cottage; the trees toss their heads against the sky, whispering secrets to one another. A foot on the gravel . . . a Manx voice—"All right now!" . . . and off again.

On one side, the River Dhoo winds lazily through the meadows, on the other is the Peel Road. In the misty fields between, the cows are sleepily chewing the cud. Greeba is turning its shadowy side now, and we get a glimpse of the towers of the Castle. There's Marown Church, and there's St. Trinians, that never could keep a roof on, and there—standing all alone—is the cedar tree with its flat, spreading branches. A cottage window shows a light—and now here we are at Union Mills!

Greeba has dropped behind, black and solid against the sky. Up the climbing road yonder is the way to the fields where we may go in a month or so to gather blackberries in the hedges. That beautiful patchwork landscape is very dim now. On our way again—past Kirk Braddan—in another minute the dense shrubbery of the Nunnery Grounds, dark as a jungle, slips by. (Did the brakeman remember?—we sometimes wondered, as children will.) Yes, he did—we slow up and come to a gentle halt at the Douglas platform, the lights above in Railway Terrace winking at us knowingly.

Up the long flights of steps to Athol Street, and on up town. Streets and passersby and lighted shop windows make us feel how dark and lonely it must be now, out there in the country. How far away it seems! But what's this we see as we reach the top of the town? That's Greeba's broad shoulder lifted against the last dying gleam of the west—and a silver star above it.

GERTRUDE CANNELL.

Mrs. Edith Barnes, 12 North Astor Street, Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y., wrote some time ago that when visiting relatives in Ofhawa, Ontario, she noticed on the wall of a bookshop a plaque with the Three Legs of Man. "You bet I bought that plaque," says Mrs. Barnes.

OBITUARIES

BECKLER, Mary, died in Cleveland, Ohio, April 28th. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Alice Mylecraine, nieces Irene and Claire Mylecraine, our secretary; nephew Fred Scott and niece Mrs. Alice Sovereign.

BRAYDEN, Ann Jane (nee Christian) passed away on March 21st at her home, 98 Morris Street, Albany, New York. Mrs. Brayden was 78 years of age and was born at Ballasligg, Andreas, Isle of Man. She was the widow of James W. Brayden of Ramsey and a daughter of the late John and Jane Christian. She has lived in Albany for the past 52 years and is survived by two sons, five daughters and six grandchildren.

BREW, William, died May 3rd in Cleveland, Ohio. He resided at 18730 Locherie Avenue, Euclid, Ohio, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Hill Brew; two daughters, Nancy and Barbara Brew; and a brother, Christopher Brew, of Euclid. Mr. Brew was active in Manx circles for many years.

CALEY, Fred H., 71, died April 20th at his home in Los Angeles. Mr. Caley was a former resident of Cleveland, where he was secretary of the Automobile Club for 25 years. He is survived by his son, Roland C. of Columbus, Ohio, and Don, of Cleveland; granddaughter, Mrs. James Brundige, and grandson Fred W. Caley of Columbus, Ohio. Interment was in Cleveland.

COOLE, Mrs. Annie, passed away on May 7th at Maywood, Illinois. She was the widow of Thomas Coole, who predeceased her several years ago, and was an aunt of Past President Thomas Kelly of Chicago.

CORLETT, Robert William, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, died on February 28th at the age of 80 years. He came to Winnipeg from Peel, Isle of Man, about thirty-five years ago. When a young man in Peel, he joined the fishermen and at one time sailed with the late Jim Moore, "The Fearnot," being able to give the names of all the boats and their skippers when he talked of going to the "herrings."

HOOD, Pfc. William F., Jr., age 21, son of William F. Hood, 1738 Hillview Road, Cleveland, was killed in action in Germany on February 21st, having previously been reported missing on that date. His mother, Mrs. Georgia Reppenhausen; and sisters, Mrs. Bettie Panzarella, Colleen, Eileen and Jean, also survive.

CUBBON, John, of 10008 106th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, passed away on March 12th after an illness of several months. Born in Douglas, Isle of Man, seventy years ago, he had been a reporter for the Peel City Guardian and Isle of Man Times before coming to Edmonton in 1910. He was keenly interested in Manx history and was a student of the Manx dialect. Surviving are two nephews, Dr. T. W. Grindley of Winnipeg and Mr. F. L. Grindley of Edmonton; and a niece, Mrs. A. M. Sullivan of Vancouver, B.C.

HADCOCK, Frederick, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hadcock (nee Jean Costain) of Toronto, passed away suddenly through accident recently. Baby Frederick was about six months of age and suffocated in his crib.

KEIG, John Robert Lee, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Keig of Beaumont, Texas, was killed in action over Italy on February 28th. A Harvard University man, he enlisted in the Air Corps of the U. S. Army and, at the time of his death, was a Navigator. He is a great grandson of Robert Keig of Ballacaine, Ballaugh, Isle of Man.

KILLEY, Tom A., of San Pedro, California, died on May 7th. He was from Ramsey, Isle of Man, and planned to retire there after the war. He is survived by his widow, Gertrude (nee Brew), formerly of Laxey, Isle of Man.

KISSACK, Arthur, 83, died April 26th at his home, 23001 Fairmount Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice E. Kissack; a son, Major R. C. Kissack of the U. S. Army Air Corps; two brothers, William J. and Thomas Kissack; and a sister, Miss Adaline Kissack. Mr. Kissack was of Manx pioneer stock and was active in the Centenary Methodist Church, often referred to as the "Manx Church."

KNEEN, Edward W., 75, passed away in Cleveland early in April. Mr. Kneen was descended from a Manx pioneer family who owned extensive farm land in what is now Cleveland Heights, and all his life was deeply interested in church and civic affairs. He is survived by his wife, the former Estelle Fitch; two sons, Harold F. of South Euclid, Ohio, and Ferris P. of Hillsdale, Michigan; and two brothers, George O. and Frank P., and a sister, Anna, all of Cleveland.

LILYWHITE, Lewis, of 7926 Perry Avenue, Chicago, passed on suddenly on April 21st. He was the husband of Annie (nee Moore) of Peel and Winnipeg, and accompanied his wife to the Isle of Man with the 1937 Homecomers.

MARTIN, Robert, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, passed away on February 28th. Bob, as he was known, came to Canada from Kirk Andreas with the late Thomas Cottler of Kirk Bride over forty years ago. He went overseas during the first World War and although he never fully recovered from his service overseas, he was always cheerful and willing to help others.

MURFETT, Miss Adah M., died the latter part of March at her home in Moreland Hills Village, Cleveland, Ohio. She was a daughter of Charles and Clara Corlett Murfett, descendants of Cleveland pioneer families. Miss Murfett is survived by her sisters, Mrs. Olive Hoffman and Mrs. Edith Burante, both of Cleveland; and two brothers, Kohn and Irving, both of Arcadia, California.

RUHLING, S/Sgt. Raymond Perry, of Mentor Avenue, Painesville, Ohio, was killed in action in Belgium on January 10th. He belonged to the Junior Manx of Northeastern Ohio and at one time played in the Northeastern Ohio Manx Orchestra. Born in 1914, he entered military service in March, 1942. Surviving Sgt. Ruhling are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry J. Ruhling; a sister, Mrs. Charles A. Eldridge; a niece, Carol Eldridge; and a nephew, Charles Eldridge, III.

SWALES, James, formerly of Port Erin, Isle of Man, passed on at Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, B.C., in March. He had been employed at the Topaze Timber Company logging camp on Texada Island, about sixty miles from Vancouver.

WOODS, Mrs. W., of Liberty Street, San Francisco, passed away around the middle of April, interment being on the day of President Roosevelt's death. She was a Douglas lady and leaves a son and a daughter, Evelyn, who was at one time secretary of the San Francisco Manx Society.

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

Mr. Thomas Stephen of Merchantville, New Jersey, who has attended many Manx Conventions, writes interestingly of his Manx grandparents and their way of life. They belonged to the fine old stock of Manx farmer-fishermen, and had a thorough knowledge of both callings. Mr. Stephen says he often heard his grandfather quote the old Manx maxim: "Let every herring hang by its own gill" — "Believe me," he says, "that maxim is the basis of equal rights to all."

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SAN FRANCISCO

The March meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society was held at the home of the Fred Callows in Berkeley; and in April, they met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Stokes, President and Treasurer of the society respectively.

Their May meeting was in honor of Captain T. E. Brownsdon of India and of Douglas, Isle of Man, who was in San Francisco as Secretary of the Indian Delegation to the Peace Conference. He traveled to San Francisco via the Isle of Man and brought with him a letter of introduction from Secretary Charles Craine of the World Manx Association. The Captain, who is an ardent admirer of Manxland and whose mother was Manx, having the good old name of Quine, discoursed at the meeting on the ever-interesting topic of India. The San Francisco Manx presented him with a book on California, in commemoration of his visit to their city on such an historic occasion. The meeting room was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers and the evening was rounded out in true Manx style with a good supper, when bonnag and sponge cake came into their own. Mrs. Forrest Eccles of Reno, Nevada, Captain Brownsdon's cousin, traveled to San Francisco to renew acquaintance with him and, while there, spent a few days with the Wilfred Quayles.

The members of this society now are looking forward to their summer picnics, which will start in June and which they hope will prove to be as happy occasions as in other years.

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society recently held a banquet and reception for some of their boys who have returned from the European Theatre of War. The boys honored were Gordon Caven, Gordon Downward, Gordon Fick, Harry Greene and Harry Moore. They are hopeful that others will return in the near future and it has been decided to hold a similar banquet in the fall.

This society's annual picnic will be held on July 7th at Lake Wilcox, located twenty miles north of Toronto. They are looking forward to having a good crowd and a pleasant time.

LOS ANGELES

The annual picnic of the Los Angeles Manx Society will be held on Sunday, June 17th, at Ferndale (Griffith Park). "Each member is asked to bring a friend and a teapot," says Mary Caine Ward, their secretary. Election of officers will be held at the May meeting of this Society.

BUFFALO

The Buffalo Manx Society met on April 15th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Skillicorn. Out-of-town guests were Miss Alice Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Christian, all of Rochester, New York. Supper was served at 6:00 P. M. and after a short meeting, Miss Garrett showed movies which she had taken at several of the N.A.M.A. conventions. Needless to say, they were greatly enjoyed.

Their next meeting is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klaiber, 105 Century Road, Buffalo, when they will have a wiener roast, as well as election of officers.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

The most recent meeting of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society was held on April 14th at the home of Mrs. L. Campbell and celebrated the 93rd birthday of her father, Mr. E. Kenna, who received several gifts. After a short business meeting, games were played and a good lunch was served. Their next meeting will be held in Windsor in June.

VANCOUVER

The Annual Spring Concert of the Vancouver Manx Society was held on April 27th and was, without doubt, a splendid entertainment of great variety, consisting of solos, readings, plays and dances. There was a good attendance and refreshments were served to all. One artiste on the program, Miss Betty Coe, since has distinguished herself at the B. C. Musical Festival. She attained first place in piano playing, and second place in the solo class—under 13 years. The Adjudicator said, "She has a sense of poise which comes from experience, has a very fine voice and her words are splendid." Betty's grandmother was formerly Miss Fayle of West Baldwin, Isle of Man.

MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT CLEVELAND

The officers and members of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society of Cleveland send their best wishes to their several members who live outside of Cleveland. They hope that these men are enjoying good health, happiness and prosperity. While they cannot have these members with them at their meetings, they state they would be more than pleased to hear from any and all and to read their letters at their meetings. Such communications would be quite an inspiration to those who are doing their best to keep the old traditions alive and should be addressed to this society in care of their Recording Secretary, Mr. S. T. Kelly, 9520 Marah Avenue, Cleveland 4, Ohio.

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

The Ladies' Auxiliary can report one of the best years since its organization. This has been possible only through your loyal support and interest in our group. We are glad to make such a report as this and to pass along to each of you our sincere appreciation.

The long awaited V-E Day has arrived. It is a glorious realization that the time has come when once again the people of Europe can enjoy a life free from terror and the constant horror of enemy attacks. Our fighting men and women have attained one step along the road to a great victory. Now we must all concentrate our efforts on wiping out our other enemy so that soon we may celebrate a complete victory on V-J Day.

When that day has passed, we can again think of such pleasures as that Victory Convention. There will be hardships ahead for all of us before we can really celebrate, but that day must come, and we will all meet for the first time in quite a few years. It will be an ALL-OUT CONVENTION.

Let us all work for Victory, when we can welcome home those who have made victory possible and meet again with old friends and new for a grand reunion in Toronto.

Mrs. L. Abell, President
Alice Garrett, Secretary

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx Association's annual picnic will be held early in June either at the home of Mrs. H. R. Crellin or the home of Mrs. G. E. Humphrey. For further details, please contact the Secretary of this Society, Mrs. J. W. Morris, 2354 Washington Street, Lincoln 2, Nebraska.

Who said "Traa-di-liooar?" Not this Manxman!

The Rochester Times-Union of May 19th gives the following delayed news release: "A British light cruiser steamed into the Italian harbor of Leghorn in 1941, right under the noses of the Germans and Italians, mined the harbor and withdrew safely, its former commander disclosed.

"Rear-Admiral R. K. Dickson said the bold operation resulted in the sinking of important Italian ships. It was carried out by the cruiser MANXMAN, fastest ship in the British Navy."

There is much between saying and doing.

Ta lane eddyr raa as jannoo.

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A few good cows have had bad calves.
Ta booa vie ny ghaa agh drogh lhey eck.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

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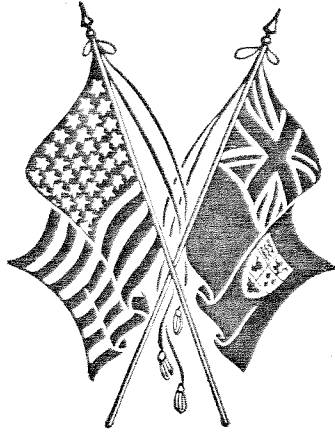
Red Cross, British War Relief and other war projects have been warmly supported by the Cleveland Manx Societies and the members individually. Noteworthy is the investment of \$3,000 of Mona's Relief Society funds in U. S. War Bonds. About one hundred and twenty young Cleveland Manxmen (including women) are in the Armed Forces and six that we know of, have given their lives.

Many dear and familiar faces, which for years were seen at every Manx gathering, are now forever absent. Two presidents of this latter period—our beloved William H. Gorry and Robert Gorry, have passed away quite recently. But their spirit animates their successors, who have taken up the work where they laid it down, and the Society marches on.

Before we close this story of the Cleveland Manx, let's take a brief impression of the city where they live. Imagine yourself on the deck of a Lake Erie steamer approaching Cleveland on a summer evening. A dozen tall buildings, the Terminal Tower soaring above them all, rise into the still air, their thousand windows flashing in the gold of the westering sun, which glints, too, on the cars slipping along the lakeside boulevards. Great heaps of red ore at the docks reveal one of the sources of Cleveland's wealth and industry; a long steel freighter moves slowly westward. Smoke wreaths, purple in the evening glow, shroud the water's edge, but at the eastern and western limits the lake shore is green and placid, white sails are brilliant against the water, masses of foliage indicate parks and quiet suburbs. This is Cleveland—which the Manx first saw as a struggling settlement; later as a small but enterprising town; later again as a growing industrial center and lake port—today, Cleveland of a million and a quarter people, pouring out its manufactures in amazing quantities—now for Victory—soon, we hope, for the industries and arts of Peace.

In this miraculous development of an American city, the Manx have pulled their weight, contributed their talents and energies, and earned recognition wherever Cleveland's growth is recorded. And they have never allowed the bonds of blood and friendship to be loosened, but have held together in a brotherhood which founded the MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY and has maintained it for nearly a hundred years. May it go forward for generations to come!

We have always known that the Isle of Man is rich in relics of the past. One historian says that it has "more antiquities in the shape of cromlechs, stone circles, crosses, ruined churches and castles, than any other place of like extent in the British Isles."



"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 W. Beddow, Toronto, Ontario
 William A. Butts, Cleveland, Ohio
 William H. Castell, Cleveland, Ohio
 Dudley Sidney Champion, Dorval, P. Q.
 Donald L. Chase, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 C. Christian, Toronto, Ontario.
 John C. Christian, Kamloops, B. C.
 Edward H. Collister, Shaker Heights, Ohio.
 Jack Collister, Brandon, Manitoba
 Thomas Collister, Rochester, New York.
 Thomas Cottier, Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Thomas Currie, Akron, Ohio
 Charles Murray Edwards, Windsor, Ontario.
 Douglas Fick, Toronto, Ontario.
 John F. Harrison, Painesville, Ohio
 William F. Hood, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio
 John Robert Lee Keig, II, Beaumont, Texas
 James Edward Moore, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 Jack Quiggin, Bedford, Ohio.
 Raymond Perry Ruhling, Painesville, Ohio
 William J. Sutton, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio
 William G. A. Vick, Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Warren Watts, Hedrick, Iowa

MISSING

Kenneth C. Christian, Vancouver, B. C.
 Richard O. Christian, Los Angeles, California
 Thomas George Curphey, Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Alan Downward, Toronto, Ontario
 John Stanley Kelly, Revelstoke, B. C.
 Milton Kelly, San Francisco, Cal.
 Jack Kneale, Chicago, Illinois
 Alfred J. Looney, Rochester, N. Y.
 W. D. Moore, Montreal, P. Q.
 George Wm. Smith, Jr., Painesville, Ohio
 Sydney James Smith, Kirkland Lake, Ontario

PRISONERS

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