

BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



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

October, 1945

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1944-1945

Due to the continuation of the war, the Annual Convention of the North American Manx Association was postponed for the fourth time. However, the Association has made forward strides and the membership now stands at a higher figure than at any time in its history. During the year just closed, total paid memberships were 767, a record of which your officers are justly proud.

In addition to the efforts which were exerted with respect to increasing the number of members of the Association, we also have continued to work closely with the affiliated societies, endeavored to retain and improve the calibre of material published in THE BULLETIN, create interest in Manx activities and all things Manx and keep in touch with our young people who have been in military service.

Prize Distribution

For the second consecutive year, the financial status of the North American Manx Association has been such that the annual prize distribution could be dispensed with. After a careful analysis of the Association's finances, it was found that the year's expenses could be met and a fair balance retained without the usual drive for extra funds through a prize distribution. However, in studying our balance sheet, printed elsewhere in this BULLETIN, our members will learn that, even with the large membership now recorded, the revenue from that source does not cover the expenses of the Association. In view of this, our balance this year is somewhat less than that of last year, so it would seem that during the coming year a prize distribution will be necessary, and we know that we shall be able to rely upon the support of our members when such an occasion arises.

The utmost care has been taken in handling the finances of the Association, and it has been only through careful budgeting by the Secretary and Treasurer that we have been able to close the books this year with a comparatively healthy balance. It is hoped that in years to come our membership will increase to the point of where drives to raise extra funds will not be necessary. This is some-

thing in which all of us can help. Let us all endeavor to secure at least one new member during the year now starting. That will not cost us anything as individuals, but will help the Association and, at the same time, bring some Manx friend pleasure through reading our BULLETINS which are a part of the benefits of membership in the North American Manx Association.

The Bulletin

The members of the committee appointed by the President to handle the Bulletin during the past year were: Claire M. Mylecraine, Gertrude Cannell, Mrs. Fred T. Gorry, John R. Cain and Fred T. Gorry, all of Cleveland, Ohio.

These same people have fulfilled the task of editing this publication for several years and the membership will be interested in knowing that not one of the committee members has missed attending a Bulletin meeting in all that time. The usual five editions were published and the Secretary and Treasurer continued to handle the proofreading and layout work in order to keep printing costs to a minimum.

Sample Bulletins have been mailed throughout the year to Manx people whose names were submitted to us and we are glad to report that in most instances this effort has resulted in a new member being added to our rolls.

Our thanks are extended to all who contributed material for the Bulletin, and to the members of the Bulletin Committee for their splendid assistance, with special thanks to our printer, Mr. John R. Cain, who has cooperated so wholeheartedly during the past year.

Membership

As stated at the beginning of this report, our membership this year is greater than at any time since the North American Manx Association came into existence. It is 12½% higher than it was at this time a year ago and credit for most of the increase is due to the untiring efforts of our Financial Secretary, who has constantly kept in touch with old

members who needed reminders to renew their memberships, and followed up new names which were submitted throughout the year. In this connection, we express thanks to all of our friends who have sent in the names of Manx people not already members of the Association. We also wish to acknowledge the assistance given by Regional Directors and by Secretaries and other officers of local Manx societies, who have collected dues and submitted new names.

Conclusion

And so we end another successful year!

Our thanks are extended to each and every individual and society who in any way aided in attaining that success. During the year, we have received from our members many letters of appreciation. These have been very helpful and encouraging to the Bulletin Committee and to the officers of the North American Manx Association, and we express our gratitude to the kind friends who wrote them.

At the time of compiling this report, we are unable to state whether or not our postponed convention will be held in Toronto next August. The war has been brought to a successful conclusion for the United Nations, and we shall shortly make a decision with regard to the convention. Obviously, many problems of transportation and hotel facilities still exist and will have to be considered carefully before definite arrangements can be made. However, our members can be sure that when their officers do weigh the advisability of proceeding with this postponed convention, every detail will be given careful consideration with a view to making it an outstanding occasion, and assuring the delegates of the utmost in comfort and entertainment. A definite announcement will be made in our next issue. But, we can say this, that when we do meet in Toronto, it will be a grand reunion of Manx friends, a reunion to which we have all been looking forward during these many trying years.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire M. Mylecraine,
Secretary, N.A.M.A.

THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

My Friends:

We are now in our nineteenth year and I suppose we can say we are established—certainly we are in the hearts and minds of all our members. Most of our success I am sure is due to our Bulletin bringing, as it does, information of all Manx activities which take place on this North American Continent.

I am sure that the Bulletin, when it comes to you through the mail, is appreciated, and rightly so, because I know of no other race who could do this or indeed, would be willing to, merely to bring comfort and kindly thoughts in a purely fraternal manner.

A great amount of effort has gone into our Association since its formation, and as I am writing these lines, I have before me the first issue of our Bulletin and also the August copy of 1945, and I say with pardonable pride that we certainly have improved and indeed forged ahead.

Since the start of the war, it has been my privilege to be your President, and although the war is now over and we would like to resume our normal way of living, we must realize that it is going to take time to accomplish this. I would like to ask you to have patience in arranging our future plans. Yes, the war is over to all those brave men and women who have lost their lives, but, and let us not forget this, it is not over for those who have returned wounded and broken in health to face the future. Let us indeed be very kind and considerate in our dealings with them in the years to come and let us remember that their wounds allowed us to continue our way of living.

I express my thanks for the increasing membership—the largest in

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:

CALIFORNIA

Maj. A. E. Skillicorn and Lieut. W. A. Skillicorn, sons of Mr. Geo. E. Skillicorn, 2121 Portola Way, Sacramento, California. Mr. Skillicorn also has the following grandsons in the service: Sgt. Lorin Douglas Swift, Pfc. W. L. Skillicorn, Lt. Donald K. Skillicorn (missing in action in South Pacific), Pfc. David L. Tuttle, Ensign Robert A. Tuttle, Cadet Thomas H. Skillicorn, Cadet Stanley A. Skillicorn, Seaman Harry D. Frierermuth, Seaman C. D. Skillicorn.

CLEVELAND

Ralph Arthur, EM 2/c, SP Repair Unit, Navy 128, c/o F.P.O., San Francisco. Son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Ralph D. Arthur, Cleveland. Mrs. Arthur came from Lezayre, Isle of Man.

Pvt. Herbert Bartel, 45004632, Co. A 117th Bn., 80 Regt., I.R.T.B., Camp Jos. T. Robinson, Ark. Home address, 11817 Brighton Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Could you describe our Manx Tynwald Hill if someone asked you what it looked like? Here's a description from "Kneale's Guide to the Isle of Man" which is so exact you can almost see it:

"Tynwald Hill is an ancient artificial mound about twelve feet in height, eighty yards in circumference, seven feet in diameter at the top, and encircled by three receding terraces or rows of seats, cut in its sides, and surmounting each other at regular distances from the base; while at the eastern side, a small flight of steps conducts to the summit. This circular mound is covered all over with a beautiful greensward."

One thing they forgot to mention—the flagstaff on the summit.

Mona to Mana to Man

Caesar was the first historian to write the name for the Isle of Man, which he spelled Mona. It was changed later by Irish writers to Mana, and then to Man.

our history, and I hope this present year will beat that record and I am sure that this can be accomplished by the individual cooperation of all our readers. Think what an increase we would have if each of you could sign up at least one new member.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES Y. MANN,
President

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. When was the first known census of the Isle of Man?
2. Before the present Douglas Promenades were built, where did visitors take their seaside stroll?
3. What was the old name of the well-known street "Broadway" in Douglas?
4. What ores were formerly mined at Laxey?
5. Where are the stones known as St. Patrick's Chair?
6. What Manx parish church is particularly known for ancient monuments?
7. What is meant by "runic" crosses?
8. What are the most ancient church buildings still existing in the Isle of Man?
9. What is the largest stream in the Isle of Man?
10. Where are the following well-known Manx farms or estates? (a) The Creggans (b) Ken-traugh (c) Knockaloe.

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet

Financial Year 1944-45

RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank, August 31, 1944.....	\$ 605.94
Balance on Hand, August 31, 1944.....	13.54
Membership Dues.....	791.25
Donations	10.00
Interest on Savings Account.....	.64
	\$1,420.77

EXPENDITURES

Bulletins (5).....	\$ 512.50
Printing & Stationery.....	53.00
Postage—Bulletin	67.50
Postage—General.....	40.66
Salaries—Secretary & Treasurer.....	250.00
Supplies	9.09
Express & Hauling.....	4.00
Meeting Expense.....	23.71
Telephone & Telegraph.....	3.03
Ohio State Sales Tax.....	17.31
Bank charges & Canadian exchange.....	12.10
	\$ 992.90

Balance in Bank, Aug. 31, 1945.....	407.92
Balance on hand, Aug. 31, 1945.....	19.95
	\$1,420.77

MEMBERSHIP as of August 31, 1945 (for 1944-45)

Life Members.....	15
Senior Members.....	733
Junior Members.....	2
Societies	17
	767

Submitted, August 31, 1945:

GERTRUDE CANNELL,
Financial Sec'y-Treasurer.

Audited and found correct:
J. EDWIN KELLY
ROBERT A. FARAGHER

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

BISBEE

Arnold Corrin, Secretary of the Bisbee Manx Society, reports that this Society is still very active. Their August meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McConnell in Warren, Arizona, a few miles from Bisbee. While the McConnells are not of Manx origin, they hail from England and are friends of the Bisbee Manx Society and sometimes attend their meetings. A pot luck supper, served on the spacious McConnell lawn, was followed by a short business meeting, and a singing, which was led by Mr. McConnell with his accordion.

Their September meeting was also held at the McConnell home and the October meeting is to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin in Lowell, Arizona.

VANCOUVER

The Ladies of the Manx Auxiliary of Vancouver held a monthly meeting recently at the home of one of their members, Mrs. Quaggan, 508 12th Street, New Westminster, B. C., about 12 miles out of Vancouver. Mrs. Quaggan, who is in her 87th year, has to spend most of her time at home because of failing eyesight, and derived much pleasure from mingling with many she had known in the Isle of Man.

At a later date, about forty relatives and friends in the Vancouver Manx Society spent a very enjoyable evening at her home. In addition to visiting with this fine lady, they held a whist drive and sang both old and new songs. A special feature was the hearty singing of the old Sankey hymns, with which they all were so familiar in their childhood.

PEORIA

The annual picnic of the Peoria Manx Society was held at Bradley Park on Sunday, August 26th. Favored by ideal weather, the picnic was well attended and much enjoyed by all. The principal speaker of the afternoon was the Rev. William Mylchreest Kelly, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Peoria.

Officers elected for the coming year were:

Hon. President.....Rev. J. C. Craine
President.....Frank L. Shimmie
Vice President.....Anna Monier
Secretary-Treasurer.....Eva Kelly

TORONTO

The 1945-46 season of the Toronto Manx Society got off to a good start on October 1st. The meeting was well attended and an item of entertainment and interest was a talk by their member, Joe Daugherty, who had recently returned from a visit to Cleveland. While there, he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cowley and, with them, attended a meeting of the Mona's Relief Society.

SAN FRANCISCO

The October meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quayle, 1537 20th Avenue, San Francisco, and was a "welcome home" for Mrs. Quayle's brother, S/Sgt. H. P. Collister, who had been in the South Pacific for almost four years. There was a very good attendance and, after a short business session and a few speeches, the meeting closed with the usual "singing bee" and refreshments. Other visitors were two British sailors who were in San Francisco over the week-end. The Mesdames Fred Callow, Max Arends and H. P. Collister handled the serving, and everyone voted it a most pleasant evening.

They expect to hold a dinner meeting in November, when they will have election of officers, the first since the war started.

LOS ANGELES

At the first fall meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society, many of their members reported having visited with Manx friends in San Francisco during the summer. Installation of officers was held and was presided over by Edwin Killip, outgoing Vice President. He was assisted by Jack Christian as usher and by Miss Lorraine Young at the piano. She is the young daughter of Herbert Young, formerly of Douglas, and presently a deputy sheriff in Los Angeles County. The new officers are:

President.....Jack Callow
Vice President.....Lillian Callow
Treasurer.....Joseph Rodger
Secretary.....Mary Caine Ward,
1818 W. 81st St., Los Angeles 44, Cal.
Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn of Cleveland, who were the guests of Mrs. Skillicorn's sister, Mrs. Ed. Kelly.

BUFFALO

The most recent meeting of the Buffalo Manx Society was a wiener roast, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Klaiber. They report a good attendance and held election of officers, with the following results:

President.....Fred Towle
Vice President.....Mrs. Wilfred Edmonds
Treasurer.....Richard Coole
Recording Secy.....Mary Skillicorn
Corresponding Secy.....

Florence Kerruish,
667 Minnesota Ave., Buffalo.

It is interesting to learn that Dick Coole has held the office of Treasurer ever since the Buffalo Society was formed in 1912.

Their next meeting will be a Halloween Party and is to be held on October 27th at the home of President and Mrs. Fred Towle, 112 Deerfield Avenue, Buffalo.

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

Peace! That which we have all prayed for, wished for, and fought for, has at last become a reality. The price was a high one, but peace is such a wonderful thing that no price would have been too great.

The world is slowly getting back into a normal stride. Fall has come all too quickly, leaving a memorable summer behind. With the coming of fall comes the starting of activities for the winter again. One of these activities, not to be forgotten, is the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. Yes, you have guessed it. Once again we are holding out our hands for just ONE QUARTER from you. Without your support, we could not have grown as we have. Strikes seem to be the order of the day, but we are not contemplating a strike. We are confident that we can count on the same loyal support from our members and hope that they can interest others in becoming members. There is no increase in our dues, nor do we anticipate any. So, won't you please send that quarter to our Treasurer, Miss Mary Hampton, 3277 Cedarbrook Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio?

Mrs. L. Abell, President

Miss Alice Garrett, Secretary

TOM BROWN NIGHT IN CLEVELAND

November 12, "Hollantide Night," will be Tom Brown Night in Cleveland, under the auspices of the Cleveland Manx Societies Service Fund. Following the regular monthly meeting of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society at the clubrooms, 811 Prospect Avenue, the use of the hall is being generously turned over by the Benefit Society for the usual Service Fund card party. So come—and bring friends along—Monday, November 12, at 8:30 P. M., Standard Theatre Building. You can buy tickets at 35 cents each from any member of the Committee, or pay for them in the hall. There'll be prizes, good eats and good company. Mark down November 12 for a social Manx evening, a good game, and the joy of helping in the good work of sending Christmas parcels to "Our Boys."

No doubt many observed that on October 6, President Truman was best man at the wedding of former U. S. Senator Bennett Champ Clark, and Miss Violet Heming, actress. How many, however, knew that part of Miss Heming's childhood was spent in Douglas, Isle of Man, where her father, Alfred Heming, was manager of the Grand Theatre on Victoria Street? Her mother, also an actress, whose stage name was Mabel Allen, created the part of "Glory Quayle" when the dramatized version of Hall Caine's novel "The Christian" was first performed at the Grand Theatre.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Cpl. Robert Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelly of 54 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois, is home on a 45-day furlough. Bob was en route to the Pacific when the Japs surrendered and his ship turned around and headed back to the States.

T/Sgt. Harry Shimmin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Shimmin, 6544 Perry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is expected to receive his military discharge soon, so that he will be able to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

The Ted Harrison family of Cleveland (Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and daughter, Lily) left recently to take up residence in Phoenix, Arizona. They were to stop over in Chicago for a few hours on the way to Phoenix and also in Lincoln, Nebraska, where they expected to stay with Mrs. Harrison's sisters. We all wish them the best of luck in their new home.

On August 11th, L.A.W. Joan (Rusty) Margaret Patricia Kelly, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Kelly of Revelstoke, B.C., was married to A/B William Newbold Cook, R.C.N.V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook of Ioca, B.C. The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church in Revelstoke. Congratulations and best wishes to these newlyweds.

Most of the Toronto Manx boys have returned from military service overseas, the latest being Walter and Cecil Fick and Gorman Green.

Recent visitors in Toronto were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roach of 3735 West 135th Street, Cleveland, Ohio; also Mr. and Mrs. George F. Gell, 13314 Fourth Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. T. H. Sulkie has returned to Buffalo, New York and is now living with her sister-in-law in Niagara Falls, New York.

Miss Viola Peake and her sister, Marguerite, of Buffalo, and Mrs. Edith Bury of Gowanda, New York recently attended the Eastern Star Convention in New York City.

The Rev. and Mrs. Griffith Davies recently moved from Bisbee to Phoenix, Arizona, after Mr. Davies resigned his pastorate at the Bisbee Covenant Presbyterian Church, which he had served for over 17 years. He was also a past president of the Bisbee Manx Society. They expect to go into business with their son, who is a photographer in Phoenix.

Another member lost to the Bisbee Manx Society is Miss Ruth Kennaugh, who has moved to Long Beach, California, where she will teach in one of their schools. She, too, was a member of the Bisbee Presbyterian Church and taught music in the Bisbee Public Schools.

The members of the Bisbee Manx Society are preparing a warm welcome for some of their boys who are expected to return from military service overseas.

Col. Richard Rogers, who has been a prisoner of the Japs since the fall of Bataan, recently was liberated by the Russian Army in Manchuria and soon will be on his way home.

Lieut. Jack Rogers, also a prisoner of the Japs for four years, has been released, is well and will be home shortly.

S/Sgt. Fred Corrin, who has been in the United States Army for 3½ years, is now in Karachi, India, awaiting passage to the States, where he will be discharged from further military service. While overseas, Fred spent six months in India and six in China.

Sgt. James Quill has been discharged from the United States Marine Corps and is now in California. He served in the Pacific, was wounded and received a citation for bravery.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Oates (nee Anna Marie O'Sullivan) of Montreal, who are the proud parents of a son, born to them on September 24th.

Ronald Duggan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Duggan of Montreal, recently arrived home from military service overseas.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Albert Crennel, who, in 1911, went to Vancouver with his aunt, Mrs. Quigley? Mrs. L. L. Auty (nee Bessie Leece, formerly of Douglas), 429 N. Mayflower Road, Lake Forest, Illinois, would appreciate news of him, his aunt and his cousins.

Sgt. Frank Nicholl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nicholl, 12942 Phillips Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio, has been discharged from the United States Army and is home after 22 months of overseas service. Another son of the Albert Nicholls, Henry, who recently visited the Isle of Man while on furlough, is in France awaiting shipment home.

Phyllis Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kelly of Alhambra, California, has entered Redlands College, where she won a scholarship in music. It must be in the family, as she and her parents sing in the choir in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Walter Moore of Bakersville, California, her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters, the Dick Millets, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ward, 1818 West 81st Street, Los Angeles, recently. Dick has a month's leave from the Navy, where he was assigned as a gunner's mate on a cargo vessel. He is slated to be shifted to the regular Navy, but hopes to be discharged.

Angus Boyd of Upland, California, has returned to the States from the South Pacific and is in a Texas hospital recovering from malaria and a tropical skin disease.

William Vondy Kelly of Oceanside, California also was a recent visitor at the Ward home in Los Angeles. While there he attended the meeting of the Los Angeles Society.

Lieut. Kinraid of Ramsey, Isle of Man, who is stationed with the R.A.F. at San Diego, California, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Killip in Los Angeles. He hopes for a discharge soon and a glimpse at some British girl.

Elva Bain, daughter of Donald Bain of Los Angeles, California, has entered California Hospital in Los Angeles for nurse's training, having completed two years of preliminary training in the City of Los Angeles College.

Mrs. Tom Killey of San Pedro, California returned to Canada with her brother, who has been visiting in Los Angeles. She is expected home soon.

The Secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society, Mrs. Oscar Ward, reports that one of their oldest members, Mrs. A. J. Strong, 2500 4th Street, Ocean Park, California, is still quite active, although high in her eighties. She sends news to Mrs. Ward occasionally and is always interesting to visit with.

Donald Bain and his two daughters of Los Angeles visited in San Francisco for a few days recently. While there, they called to see many Manx friends. The San Francisco Manx express the hope that now that peace has returned and gasoline is to be had, they will have the pleasure of seeing many old friends again.

Miss Joyce Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Hughes, South Porcupine, Ontario, became the bride of Lieut. T. R. (Bob) Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Sullivan of Toronto, in St. Paul's Anglican Church, South Porcupine, on September 21st. Miss Dorothy Nicholl of East Cleveland, Ohio, was maid of honor, with the Misses Mary Sullivan of Toronto and Valerie Morley of Timmins as bridesmaids. The groom has just returned from 5 years of service overseas, during which time he visited the Isle of Man on numerous occasions.

On September 28th, the Rev. and Mrs. John H. Clarke of Knoxville, Illinois, were dinner guests of Miss Eva Kelly, Secretary of the Peoria Manx Society. The following Sunday, Miss Kelly, with her mother and two sisters, drove to Knoxville, where they attended morning services at Rev. Clarke's church and had dinner at their home.

Cecil Kelly, SF 1/c on board a PT tender in the Southwest Pacific and brother of Eva Kelly, Secretary of the Peoria Manx Society, has sent in a very interesting bit of news. Since the Jap invasion of Borneo, their niece, the daughter of their sister, Mrs. James Walsh of Manchester, England, has been a prisoner of the Japanese, but they never knew just where she was being held. His ship, carrying Australian occupation troops to Borneo, put in at Kuching, where his niece, a nun, had been living before the war. Having the opportunity to see the prisoner of war list, he found her name and proceeded to get in touch with her. While visiting her, he witnessed the raising of the British flag in place of the Rising Sun.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Corkish, 39 Cisney Avenue, Floral Park, Long Island, New York, were Captain Arthur Gill of the Cunard Steamship Company, formerly of Douglas, and his aunt, Miss Florence Gill, Secretary of the Manx Society of Greater New York. Arthur, formerly assigned to the QUEEN MARY, has had an exciting war career and, for so young a Manxman, has risen rapidly with the Cunard Line. At present he is performing temporary executive duties in New York, while his wife and young son wait patiently with relatives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Lieut. Commander Charles A. Seelig, M.C., U.S.N., recently returned from overseas and is now assigned to duty at St. Albans Naval Base Hospital, Long Island. Dr. Seelig is married to the former Mona Corkish, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Corkish, Floral Park, New York. Incidentally, Mrs. Seelig first saw the light of day in the parish of Kirk-Bride.

Miss Florence Gill, Secretary of the Manx Society of Greater New York, had dinner recently with Mrs. Charles Copeland Smith, whose husband, Dr. Charles Copeland Smith, was minister of Victoria Street Wesleyan Church in Douglas, Isle of Man, for nine years. They have many friends in the Island and retain happy memories of it. For the past three years, he has been lecturing in the United States for the National Association of Manufacturers. For the coming winter, they will be at Glen Moar, Titusville, Florida.

WEDDINGS. On August 25, Miss Ione Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of East Cleveland, became the bride of Corp. Kenneth J. Bateman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bateman, 13313 Sixth Avenue, East Cleveland.

September 15, Miss Betty Gell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gell, 11810 Castlewood Avenue, Cleveland, was married in Phillips Avenue Presbyterian Church to Mr. Joseph William Niverth, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Niverth of Passaic, N. J.

Heartly congratulations to these newlyweds.

Major Walter S. Smith, son of Dr. Geo. Smith of Painesville, Ohio, was made a Knight of the Crown of Italy by Crown Prince Umberto for "services rendered Italy during the war."

Allen Corlett, son of East Cleveland's Chief of Police L. G. Corlett, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N., in Guam.

Friends of Miss Noreen Cottier will be glad to know that after two years' service overseas with the Wacs, she is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Cottier, 3295 West 129th Street, Cleveland.

A new member we are happy to welcome is Mr. John Corlett, United Press, Statesman Building, Boise, Idaho. For his membership we are indebted to Mr. C. M. Corlett, Manager, C. C. Anderson Company Store, Nampa, Idaho.

Mr. J. B. Kee, a member who formerly resided at Sarnia, Ontario, is now living in London, Ontario—52 Dundas Street.

A June wedding recently reported was that of Miss Patricia Gene Robison to J. L. Strickland, U. S. Navy, at the First Methodist Church in Grand Junction, Colorado. The bride is a granddaughter of our member Mr. Frank Jenkinson of Aspen, Colo., and at the time of the announcement was employed at the Naval Convalescent Hospital at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where the groom also was stationed.

A new member is Mrs. Dorothy H. Chunko, of 41 Parkview Place, Baldwin, New York. Mrs. Chunko's maiden name was Kerruish and her father, Ralph Kerruish, came with his family from the Isle of Man to Homestead, Pennsylvania, some 45 years ago, where he married a Miss Nicholson. Mrs. Chunko says she has many relatives named Kerruish in Canada, and would like to hear from them.

A Manxman who could tell something about earlier days in the Golden West is Mr. Geo. E. Skillicorn, 2121 Portola Way, Sacramento, California. Mr. Skillicorn left the shores of Ellan Vannin almost seventy years ago, and has lived in California for sixty of those years! He is the father of a family of 13 and has the proud record of having had two sons in World War I, and two sons and nine grandsons in World War II. One son, Major A. E. Skillicorn, paid two visits to the Isle of Man while overseas, staying with his aunt at 7 Summer Hill, Douglas—the house in which his father was born. Major Skillicorn met many prominent people while in the Island and his father says that his description of the Isle, its people and customs would make the heart of a Manxman swell with joy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Watts, Hedrick, Iowa, recently received the air medal and two oak leaf clusters awarded posthumously to their son, Lt. Warren Watts, who lost his life in the skies over Austria some time ago. Three other sons and a son-in-law are in the services. One of the boys has been hoping to visit the Isle of Man while on furlough.

A new member, Miss Blanche Bickler, 20 Cottage Place, Bloomfield, New Jersey, is a cousin of Mrs. Mona Downward, Toronto. Miss Bickler's mother was Miss Margaret Dodd of Peel, who came to the States about 54 years ago.

Rev. John H. Clarke, minister of the Methodist Church at Knoxville, Illinois, is from the north of the Island and would like to hear from old friends he knew during school-days spent at Lezayre and Ramsey.

A couple of our good friends have sent us an interesting picture clipped from the Toronto Star, of Mrs. Tom Kerruish, a woman prospector of White Horse, Yukon. We'd like to know more of this enterprising Manxwoman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Corlett, formerly of Fremont, Ohio, have gone to California on account of Mr. Corlett's health, and are living with their son at 895 Melville Avenue, Palo Alto.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

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Mrs. Allen, daughter of Mrs. C. Edwards of New York City, recently flew to London, Paris and then on to Frankfort, Germany, on a mission for the United States Government.

On August 25, 1920, Sidney Weatherley and Helen Maddrell were married in Rushen Parish Church by Canon Leece. So—on August 25, 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weatherley celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary. Hearty congratulations, friends!

Our old friend, Alderman Frank Gale of Douglas, Isle of Man, writes that during his term as Mayor he received visits at the Mayor's Parlour from boys from all parts of the U. S. A. and Canada—from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, and from New York to San Francisco. "A glance through the visitors' book," he says, "makes a world tour—Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, South Africa, Iceland and the Faroe Islands." He adds that he has received many kind letters from fathers and mothers, wives and sweethearts of these boys.

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Teare, Cleveland, Ohio, announce the arrival of a daughter, Lynne Irene, on October 6. David Teare will be remembered as Captain Teare, young flier who won distinction during the Italian campaign.

The first "Manx Homecomer" since the war, apparently is Mrs. Theo. Kelly of Cleveland, who recently sailed on the Ile de France and has arrived at Douglas, where she will spend some time with her father, Mr. Evan Quaggin, 21 Kensington Road. Mrs. Kelly reports that the voyage, although under troopship conditions, was very pleasant with about 200 civilians and 1200 R.A.F. men aboard. The sing-songs on deck, she says, would have delighted the Manx! She met just one Manxman on the ship—a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooil of Cleveland—who, by the way, attended a Manx meeting in Cleveland about a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Jacklin of Winnipeg spent their holiday this year with their cousin, Jack Wade of Richardson, Sask. This month the Jacklins are expecting a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malboeuf of Montreal. Some of us possibly know Mrs. Malboeuf better as Mona Crellin, Vice President of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary—and of course as Mrs. Jacklin's sister.

While there is no Montana Manx Society, officially speaking, yet we find our people out there a most energetic and social group who think nothing of distance when it's a matter of getting together. They had a picnic in August at a place called Mormon Gulch, situated between the towns of Butte and Boulder, at which were present Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Costain, East Helena; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Butte; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. B. Moore, Boulder; Mrs. Maidie Joyce and daughter Norine, Stevensville; Ethel Margaret Hughes, Helena. Certainly the Manx manage to get together, be their numbers large or small.

What does the end of gas rationing mean to all the local Manx Societies? Here's word from Tom Howland of San Diego, California; "Now that gasoline rationing is off, we in San Diego are hopeful that we can drive the one hundred and twenty-five miles to Los Angeles again and meet the Manx friends there. We have greatly missed this privilege these few years past." Yes—let's get these grand old Manx meetings started again in real pre-war style!

Also, we are pleased to announce the arrival of a young Manx American—a son born September 9 in Douglas, Isle of Man, to Captain and Mrs. R. D. Hawkins, U.S.A. Mrs. Hawkins was Dorothy Thorpe of Crosby Terrace, Douglas, and may soon arrive on these shores with her husband and son. Captain Hawkins' home is in Ashley, Indiana.

Manx people who went to the Isle of Man with the Homecoming of 1937 will remember Kenneth Bateman of Cleveland, the "l'il fella" who was going to visit his father's family at Laxey. Today he is Corporal Kenneth J. Bateman of the 605th Field Artillery, and has won the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat in Italy in April of this year.

Everyone will be glad to hear that Fred Kelly, who has been a prisoner of Japan for four years, got home safely on October 5 to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Kelly, 24812 Oak Street, Lomita, California. There was a grand reunion the following Sunday, when a family party of ten sat down to what Fred called his "1941 Christmas dinner." It will be recalled that Fred's mother was Jennie Crebbin, a sister of Mrs. Murry Hudgeon of Cleveland. Mrs. Harriet Hughes of Cleveland, whose daughter Mildred was among those present at the reunion dinner, is also an aunt of Fred's.

The town of Douglas once possessed an old fort, said to be the most ancient in Britain. It was demolished in 1818, and stood on the site of what is now the Victoria Pier. The memory survives in the name "Fort Street."

To See Oursel's As Others See Us

We hear the Isle of Man described by Manx people—and by people not Manx who naturally are anxious to tell us they like our little island. But here's a letter from an American soldier, name unknown, to another American, and in turn passed through a couple of hands to reach someone who happened to know a Manxman, Rev. Frank Cowin, Ann Arbor, Mich. So, here's the Isle of Man, as seen by an entirely impartial observer.

"I have just returned from one of the nicest passes on leave that I have ever had over here, marred only by the news today of the death of our President.

"Last Monday night I suddenly decided that it was time to get away from it all again and called Maj. C. our Sp. Engineering Officer out of bed about midnight to ask him if he wanted to go with me. The two of us after some discussion on which direction to go, left the next morning (Tuesday) for Belfast, Ireland, in our roundabout plane.

"Thursday afternoon Mai. C. and I got up bright and early about 2 p. m. checked out of the hotel and headed for the field and plane. There we went into another huddle on whether to go up into Northern Scotland or out into the Irish Channel to the Isle of Man. Thanks to something, we decided to go to the Isle of Man, because there we found the most beautiful spot on earth that I have had the good fortune to see. The whole island is a gently rolling picturesque garden, some hills that are quite high (2,000 ft.) sloping down to the sea and all of it cut up into tiny green fields with hedges around them. The high light of our 24 hours' stay there was an electric trolley ride from the town near the field where we landed, to the main city of Douglas near the southern end of the island. The trolley was a typical Toonerville Trolley of the comic strips, running on a narrow gauge track and took 1 hour and 15 minutes to make the 17 mile trip, including 54 stops. The track ran for the most part along the sides of the mountains next to the sea and afforded an unexcelled view of the sea shore all the way. The whole terrain was so doggoned pretty that I stood on the back steps most of the way and just oh'd and ah'd to myself. It was quite late and dark when we arrived at the city (Douglas) and after a hearty dinner we fell into bed at the hotel. The next day we got out of bed about 10 a. m. and walked down along the beach and around town. The place is full of nothing but hotels and the playground atmosphere prevails everywhere. We finally and reluctantly left the city about 3 p. m. on the little trolley heading back to our field, but stopped off half way back to see a huge water wheel, reportedly the largest in the world. We finally took off in time to make the 3-hour flight

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OBITUARIES

AGNEW, John Patrick, passed on at his home, 1443 William David Street, Montreal, on September 7th. He was born in Douglas, Isle of Man 56 years ago and has been a member of the Montreal Manx Society since its formation. His widow, Mary (nee Maguire), survives.

AIKENHEAD, Annie (nee Clague), of Santa Monica, California, passed on recently after a short illness and was buried on September 18th. Her husband, John, and a 16-year-old son survive.

CORBE, Peter, died September 19 in Cleveland. He is survived by his wife, Julia (nee Cowin), and children, August, Mary Duffy, George Clarence, Joseph, Mildred, Sarsted, Gladys and Wilfred.

GELLING, John, of Waukegan, Illinois, passed away on August 23rd. He was the husband of the late Mary Jane (nee Fick). Born in Douglas, Isle of Man, Mr. Gelling has lived in Waukegan for the past 40 years. Surviving are a niece, Mona Sisty of Waukegan; a nephew, John Buckley of Duluth, Minnesota; a brother in Vancouver; and sisters in the Isle of Man.

JOCKERS, Elizabeth (nee Wolf), died in Lakewood, Ohio, on August 23. She is survived by a son, Edward W. and a daughter, Margaret E. Ross; and four grandchildren. Alice Cashin Jockers of Lakewood is her daughter-in-law.

MANN, Harry Haines, eldest son of the late Dr. H. A. Mann of Peel and a brother of our President, James Y. Mann of Winnipeg, passed away at Canberra, Australia on June 9th. He was gassed in World War I and, because of ill health, has lived in Australia for many years. In addition to President Mann, he is survived by his wife and a son; his sisters, Mrs. James Lawson of Canberra and Mrs. Horace Atkinson of St. Catharines, Ontario; and another brother, Philip A. Mann of Sydney, Australia.

SHEPHERD, John, of 63 Margaret Street, Rochester, New York, passed away on August 22nd. He is survived by his widow, Florence; a son, William; and a granddaughter, Nancy Gale, all of Rochester; his father, sister and brother, in England.

SICKLES, Mrs. Byron H. (nee Maria Corlett), passed away in September at the age of 79. She was born in Warrensville, Ohio, and was the daughter of Edward and Mary Corlett, who came from the Isle of Man in 1850. She was the widow of Byron H. Sickles, who was superintendent of the Warrensville City Farm some years ago.

SAYLE, W. Chester, died recently at his home in Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio. He was president of the Cleveland Punch & Shear Company and the Cleveland Crane & Engineering Company. Both concerns were founded by Mr. Sayle's father, who died a few years ago. Mr. Sayle is survived by his wife, Florence MacDonald Sayle; two sons, T/Sgt. Walter D. Sayle, II, and Pfc. David H. Sayle; a brother, Harold C. Sayle; and a sister, Mrs. J. Burton Ayers.

SKILLICORN, Mrs. Jane (nee Ker-mode) of Cleveland, passed away on October 5th. She is survived by three sons, William, R.D.M.; Frank, U.S.N.; Pfc. Wilfred, U.S.A. and grandchildren. Mrs. Skillicorn came from Douglas many years ago and was keenly interested in all Manx activities.

TEARE, Mrs. Liona Smith, widow of the late Ulysses G. Teare, died in Cleveland on September 18. She was an active member of the Ladies' Auxilliary to the Mona's Relief Society. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Adella Baker and Mrs. Mildred Burton; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Manx Society In Germany

Mrs. Margaret Qualtrough Turville of Madison, Wisconsin, has sent us a most interesting article from the "Mona's Herald" describing a Manx Society organized and maintained under the strangest possible conditions—in a German prison camp! Her cousin, Company Sergeant Major Harry Qualtrough of St. Johns was President of this Society, known as the Tynwald Club, and the story, which we quote below, was told at the Annual Tynwald Day Gathering of the World Manx Association in Douglas by Bombardier Arnold Forrester, one of the founder members.

"The Club was formed in 1942 by 20 Manxmen in Stalag 383, situated at the foot of the Bavarian Alps only 33 miles from Nuremberg. Company Sgt. Major Harry Qualtrough was elected President, Sergt. Curwen Clague, Secretary, and Sergt. J. Manderson, Treasurer. Sgt. Major Qualtrough, by his splendid example and sympathetic understanding, did much for our morale in those dark days. He got us our hut, and from then on, Wednesday night was Tynwald Night.

"In that hut in the evenings we would draw the curtain across the window, which looked out across the muddy wastes, the tumbled down huts, the high barbed wire fence, the look-out towers and the searchlights. We would shut out the present and dwell a while on the past, returning in our thoughts to our loved ones at home.

"News from home was of paramount interest. A letter to one, if it

contained news of people and events, was a letter to all. Cigarettes were the currency of the camp, and with them one could buy almost anything from a shirt to an accordion. Each member paid two cigarettes a week to the Treasurer, and so created a fund which enabled them to have an occasional light meal in the true "Manx tay" tradition, and supply any of their members sick in hospital with extra cigarettes. Sometimes an Australian, a New Zealander, or a Palestinian would give a lecture on their home country, and in return Sergt. Norman Cowley would be invited to give a talk on the Isle of Man. On two occasions his audience numbered over 1,000 men. In addition, he spoke at every club in the camp, representing almost every district in Britain. There were over 7,000 men in Stalag 383, and by the time Sergt. Cowley had finished with them the whole camp was "Isle of Man conscious."

"Games were organized in connection with the Club, and happily a definite link with the Homeland was forged by Mr. Chas. Craine, Hon. Secretary of the W.M.A., who wrote many letters telling the members of the Association's interest in their efforts. It was a proud moment for this virile and energetic little Manx Society in the heart of Germany when they heard from Mr. Craine that they were affiliated members of the W.M.A."

Sgt. Major Qualtrough was present at the W.M.A. meeting and naturally received an ovation. We are proud of these Manx boys who had the pluck, resource and enthusiasm to create a bit of "home" for themselves under such conditions.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. In the eighth century—when it was reported that the Island had about 300 families.

2. On the old Red Pier and Battery Pier.

3. Ballaquayle Road.

4. Lead, silver and copper.

5. In a field near The Garth, Marown.

6. Maugold.

7. Monuments or crosses of stone, inscribed with ancient Norse writing—these Norse letters or characters being known as "runes"—hence "runic crosses."

8. Ruins of Rushen Abbey; Cathedral of St. German and St. Patrick's Church in Peel Castle; St. Trinian's, Marown; St. Bridget's Nunnery, Douglas; Bimaken Friary, Arbory.

9. Sulby River.

10. Derby Haven. Between Castletown and Port St. Mary. Near Peel.

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down here to the base before dark, landing about 8 p. m.

"Another thing I will remember about the Isle of Man is the friendliness of the people. We had at least six invitations to come to people's homes and stay as long as we liked. Two different women on the trolley who had estates up in the mountains even wrote down their addresses for me to use, to come there and stay if and when we come back. They promised riding horses, fishing, lots of good food, etc., and I have definitely decided to spend my next leave up there, perhaps all the rest of my leaves.

"For breakfast this morning at the hotel we had two poached eggs on toast, sausage, porridge, toast and coffee. One cannot find anything like that when on leave over here in England."

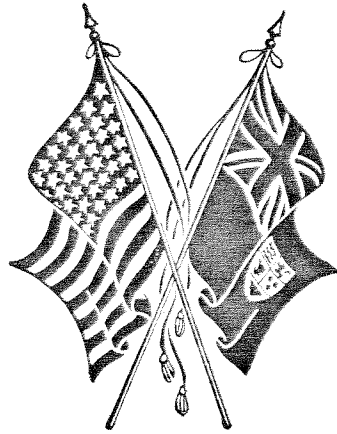
Well, how do you like it? . . . We are quite taken with the term "city" as applied to Douglas. The western metropolis at last has a competitor.

It seems the Manx have long been known as a hospitable race. In a book published in the year 1688, the writer, shipwrecked on the Manx coast, relates: "We stayed about a week in this Isle of Man without one farthing expense. For the inhabitants are very civil and courteous, especially to strangers."

We have all read accounts of how the Vikings used to plunder Manx villages many centuries ago. But how many have heard that, much later than the Viking raids, the town of Douglas was burned by Turkish pirates? There are statements to the effect that this happened in the year 1644. As Turkish pirates were operating in British waters at that time, and causing considerable trouble, it seems probable enough that the report is correct. In 1865 a Turkish "yataghan" or sword was dug up in a garden in Derby Square, Douglas, which gives the story added value.

We usually think of the Manx glens as running down to the sea, like Groudle or Glen Meay. But there are many beautiful and romantic glens situated among the mountains in the interior, and do not reach the sea at all. Here are the names of some of them: Glen Rushen in the west; Ravensdale, Sulby Glen, and Glen Auldyn in the north; Bal-lure, Cornah, Laxey in the east; Baldwin, Glen Moar, Rhenass (or Glen Helen) in the center. Glen Dar-ragh is a valley rather than a glen, and the name means "Vale of Oaks."

The famous Traie Fogog sea-water bath at Peel, 130 feet long by 80 feet wide, is reported to be the largest and safest open-air swimming bath 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—"

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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
 Ross Kee, London, Ontario
 John Robert Lee Keig, II, Beaumont, Texas
 Alfred J. Looney, Rochester, N. Y.
 James Edward Moore, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 Jack Quiggin, Bedford, Ohio.
 Raymond Perry Ruhling, Painesville, Ohio
 George Wm. Smith, Jr., 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
 W. D. Moore, Montreal, P. Q.
 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. (Repatriated)
 Jack Rogers, Bisbee, Arizona. (Repatriated)
 Richard G. Rogers, Bisbee, Arizona. (Repatriated)