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

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PEORIA...

OUR 1948 CONVENTION CITY

SECOND city of Illinois, Peoria is a community famed for its live and prosperous spirit. More than a thousand products are manufactured there and distributed throughout the world. Centrally located, within easy access of raw materials, and with modern transportation facilities of every kind, Peoria industry continues to expand year after year. The city is a major wholesale market and the retail shopping center for the prosperous farm belt of Illinois.

Peoria is rich not alone in material things. Situated in the broad valley of the Illinois River and surrounded by wooded hills, it is a city of inviting beauty, with a friendly, hospitable spirit that makes it increasingly popular as a community in which to live. The superbly-equipped, capably-staffed educational institutions are second to none. In addition to the fully accredited public and parochial school systems, Peoria is the home of Bradley Polytechnic Institute, with an enrollment of nearly two thousand. It offers a four-year college course and specialized training in horology, home economics, manual arts and music.

Over one hundred churches of every denomination are maintained in the city, and many occupy buildings of unusual architectural beauty. Naturally, too, in a community where the school and church have received so much attention, the home occupies a prominent place. The pride of home ownership is reflected in the attractive, well-kept dwellings which grace Peoria's quiet residential streets.

Beautiful Grand View Drive, a three-mile scenic roadway, high on the bluffs overlooking the Illinois River valley, presents an inspiring panorama of rolling, wooded hills and the

wide expanse of the valley. The "Drive" is part of a vast park system which maintains ten public parks located throughout the city. Abundant facilities for play are available in Peoria — golf courses, archery ranges, tennis courts, duck-shooting grounds, water sports, roque and

PEORIA INVITES YOU

The Peoria Manx Society takes pleasure in extending a cordial invitation to all Manxmen to attend the 16th Convention of the North American Manx Association, to be held in Peoria on August 11-12-13, 1948. The Peoria Society is eagerly awaiting the time to greet you in person at this great Manx gathering.

An organization of enthusiastic workers is preparing for your comfort and entertainment. We sincerely hope each and every one of you will give us the opportunity to serve you.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to come and enjoy it. Make this your date in 48!

Very truly yours,

FRANK L. SHIMMIN,

President,

Peoria Manx Association.

shuffleboard courts, and baseball diamonds.

Many fascinating mementoes of the oldest civilized settlement in Illinois are still to be found. The site of famed Fort Creve Coeur has been carefully marked, and the grounds and buildings of old Jubilee College are now at State Park.

Here are a few facts about Peoria, which we thought would be of interest to our members:

1. Peoria is 488 feet above sea level.
2. Its area is 12.74 square miles.
3. The estimated population for 1946 was: City 119,419; County 174,232.
4. Annual farm income of Peoria County is about \$13,000,000.
5. Thirty-four coal mines in Peoria County have a total annual output of 663,512 tons.
6. The Peoria Board of Trade, organized in 1869, is one of the nation's large primary grain markets. It handled 36,800,000 bushels in 1946, including 28,500,000 bushels of corn. Industries in the Peoria area, when operating at full capacity, require 125,000 bushels of corn each day.
7. It is a terminal point for four-teen steam and one electric railroad.
8. There are 170.16 miles of paved roadway within the corporate limits. National and state highways lead into Peoria from every direction.
9. Peoria has 123 churches of all denominations.
10. Between 60 and 80 conventions are entertained annually in Peoria. There are adequate facilities, excellent hotels, innumerable attractions, and the central location assures Peoria's continued reputation as the finest convention city in Illinois.

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The President's Message

Fellow Members:

It is now six months since our Convention in Toronto and in six months we meet in Peoria for the 1948 Convention. At the halfway mark, let us look back and see what we have done and look forward and lay plans for the second half.

By this Bulletin you will see our Manx friends in Peoria have been busy making arrangements for our 1948 Convention. As this will be the first post-war Convention in the U.S.A. and Peoria is the honored City—we are looking forward to a wonderful time.

In checking back, let us ask ourselves, "Are we members in good standing?" In other words, have we paid our dues? Judging by this year's membership so far, only a few have let this matter slip their minds. We have also had a good response from parents who have paid dues for their children. Our list of new members is steadily growing, which shows progress.

This will be the third Bulletin since the Convention. Miss Cannell, Bulletin Editor, and the Committee, have been kept very busy. I attended several of these Committee meetings and believe me, I did not know there was so much work arranging a Bulletin. The Committee goes into every detail to give you the type of Bulletin you want.

Miss Mylecraine has been in touch with Miss Eva Kelly, Secretary of the Peoria Manx Society, giving all the information for handling a Convention. This is just a side light on Claire—at work she noticed on a mailing list a Manx name, the person lived in California. Claire sent a Bulletin and a letter. By return mail she received a check for \$2.00—one year's dues.—Good Work.

Our Financial Secretary, Mr. R. W. Skillicorn, is kept busy keeping the records straight. The change from one to two dollars per year caused a lot of extra work as some had paid one dollar before the change was made.

Mr. Tom Moore, Miss Alice Garrett, and Mr. J. Wilson Jenkinson, Vice Presidents, have written me several times—all anxious to help in any way for the best interest of our Society.

The Ladies Auxiliary under Mrs. C. Malboeuf and Mrs. L. K. Abell keeps busy, you can always count on the ladies. The Breakfast Club representative is Stephen H. Quinney—Steve will always do his share.

In looking back over the past six months, you'll find your officers have been working hard, with one thought in mind, "What can we do to make the N.A.M.A. a bigger and better society?" I am proud to be counted as one of this group. May I ask all members to support the fine work your officers are endeavoring to carry out. I have taken up so much time reviewing the past it leaves little space for the future. I will suggest one plan for the future "Plan to be at Peoria in August—we shall be looking for you."

If you have any ideas or plans, write and let us know so we can all cooperate and work for a Grand Twentieth Anniversary for the N.A.M.A. in 1948.

W. Harry Kelly, President.

N.A.M.A. LADIES' AUXILIARY

August will be here very soon, judging by the way time slips by, and with August will come another convention. The Ladies' Auxiliary is the helping hand, you know, to convention committees and aids them financially in getting a good start.

Have YOU paid your dues? Every quarter helps to swell our treasury and supply that necessary aid. We know you want to help, so send that quarter to Mrs. Carlton Garrett, 359 Hayward Avenue, Rochester 9, New York, TODAY, please!

Mrs. Charles Malboeuf, President
Miss Alice Garrett, Secretary

New N.A.M.A. Members

This year is remarkable for the increase in our membership in the Isle of Man and elsewhere overseas. Here is a list of some of these far-off friends:

Douglas, Isle of Man: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shimmin, Queen's Promenade; Arthur H. Karran, D. J. Cowin, Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mrs. M. Faragher, Mrs. E. Kirk, Mrs. E. E. Martin, Miss A. Skillicorn, W. H. Shimmin, Devonshire Road; Mrs. S. Kelly. Other places in the Island: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bridson, Baldrine; Mrs. C. Caley and James W. Cannell, both of Santon; Miss Catherine Hogg, Laxey; John Kelly, Port Erin; Miss Blanche Nelson, Port St. Mary; Miss Bessie Mylchreest, Castletown; Mrs. Moore, The Garth, Crosby; Misses A. and E. Quine and Harry Yetman, all of Onchan.

In England we have: Captain John Corlett, London; Mrs. Robert W. Creer, Birkenhead; Mrs. James Richards, Liverpool.

In South Africa: John G. Mylroie, Kimberley, Arthur Lewin, Florida; Mrs. James Swanson, Luipaardsvlei. In Australia: Philip A. Mann and Sydney Senogles, both of Sydney.

These are all people who have been introduced to the N.A.M.A. recently by friends on this side. It is by no means our complete list of members abroad!

Some of the new members recently added from the States and Canada are: Mrs. Edward Gardner, Maspeth, N.Y.; Thomas F. Yetman, Cleveland; Miss C. Gaskell, Elyria, Ohio; Mrs. Ernest G. Geary, San Francisco; J. Kissack, Winnipeg; H. Caley, Terrace Bay, Ont.; D. E. Kermode, San Francisco; John R. Thompson, London, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb, Willoughby, Ohio.

And—here are the names of those whose good work has brought these members into the N.A.M.A.: Mrs. Sadie Karran and Miss E. M. Waterston of Roslyn Heights, N.Y.; P. C. Yetman, Mrs. J. R. Cain, Mrs. Louise France, Miss Helen Kewley, S. H. Quinney, John Watterson, Mrs. Harry Mylchreest, Tom Nelson, Miss Claire Mylecraine, W. Harry Kelly, Mrs. Colin Black, J. F. Lewin, all of Cleveland; Mrs. James Callow, Menominee, Mich.; Thomas C. Kelly, Walter J. Stevenson, J. Archie Kerruish, all of Chicago; James Y. Mann, Tossie Clague, both of Winnipeg; R. E. Mylchreest, Middletown, Conn.; William Cubbon, Douglas, Isle of Man; W. H. Collister, Painesville, Ohio; Mrs. J. W. Rogers, Gates Mills, Ohio; Mrs. C. Ames, Iron River, Mich.; Miss Ella Kelly, Mentor, Ohio; John Bell, Montreal; Mrs. R. Fayle, Vancouver.

It is more than likely we have missed the names of some of our good workers, through not having the name available, but if the information is sent in we shall be glad to publish it next time.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Manx have a pleasant custom of holding open house each year at their Christmas "Do," when they invite members of other British societies to join them, to their mutual enjoyment. "Could be the fame of Manx bonnag, soda cake and mince pie that attracts a large crowd," says Essie Quayle. This past Christmas they had a pretty Tree, with Tom Fayle of Petaluma, formerly of Ramsey, as Santa. A good program of music and recitations was given by Messrs. Sherriffs and Stokes, and Mesdames Rhodes, Rogers and McBride. An honored guest was Mr. Joshua Colvin of San Jose, formerly of Peel, who gave several recitations—a remarkable feat of memory as this gentleman is one of their very oldest members. Two large cartons of food were collected for the British Benevolent Society.

At the January meeting the guests of honor were Misses Margaret and Hilda Kelly of Peel, who are returning to the Island in April. They were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Amy Satterlee; and Mrs. Max Arends (Sally Clague of Castletown) presented both with corsages of gardenias and a beautiful handkerchief as a memento of the meeting. A good program and the usual "eats" rounded out an enjoyable gathering. A number of dressed dolls, donated in aid of their fund for parcels for two British families, were sold by the Treasurer, Mrs. Tinette Hull.

MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND, OHIO

It was recently decided to curtail the meeting dates of this society and hold meetings every other month. These six meetings will be held at the Hotel Carter on the second Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

The following officers have been elected for 1948:

President.....Herbert A. Quayle
Vice-President.....Thomas Keig, Jr.

NEBRASKA

The Christmas meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association was held on December 7 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Duffek, 2509 B St., Lincoln. The members had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Watts give a report on the Toronto Convention. Their Spring meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Humphrey, 2750 Arlington St., Lincoln, some time in March. The Society received an interesting letter from Mrs. Alice Crellin, wife of R. B. Crellin, Ewing, Nebr. (editor of the paper "Nebraska Manxman") in which she told of the visit of her sister from the Isle of Man, who spent six months with them last year. This lady went back with pleasant memories of sweet corn, water melon and other typically American food; and was also able to supply the big-hearted Nebraska folk with names of needy people to whom they will send food parcels from time to time.

VANCOUVER

A Manx event which is observed every year with unflinching zest is the New Year's Day supper, concert and dance of the Vancouver Manx Society. This year they were entertained by Betty Coe and Thelma Kneale, with their lovely voices; also William Mudie—the faithful tenor who has never missed a New Year program since 1911, and sings as beautifully as ever! Mrs. Kewley and her son Frank were accompanists. Mrs. J. Hornall, who returned in December from a year's holiday in the Isle of Man, gave an interesting account of her travels and of conditions as she found them. In spite of existing drawbacks, her daughter Joan would like to have prolonged the visit indefinitely! Mrs. Alice Killey recited "The Ranther's Goose" and other numbers—and also was in charge of the catering.

N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB

Attention! All Members!!

Now is the time to renew your membership for the year 1947-48. Dues are still only 25 cents a year. Also, we are counting on your support at Peoria in August. We will welcome any new members between 18 and 80—bachelors and bachelor-ettes, widows and widowers. Please send in your membership to the secretary today. So far our obligations have been met, but we really need your financial support NOW. Mail your dues today to—

Secretary.....Stephen H. Quinney
21009 Clare Avenue, Bedford, Ohio

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

CLEVELAND, OHIO

The February meeting of the Mona's Relief Society was followed by a card party. Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed this pleasant evening.

The following officers were elected to serve the society for 1948:

President.....Mr. Thomas Keig, Jr.
Vice President.....Mr. Alan Fricke
Financial Sec'y....Mr. Wm. C. Kissack
Corresponding and Recording Secretary.....Miss Elinor Cain
488 East 126th St., Cleveland, Ohio
Treasurer.....Miss Helen Minor
Relief Committee—

Mrs. C. J. Sutton

Mrs. C. E. Cottier

Mrs. Florence Holcomb

Mr. Fred Brew

Trustees—

Mr. W. Harry Kelly

Mr. Thomas Keig

Mr. Fred Brew

Historian.....Mr. W. H. Collister

In addition to the above the following committees were appointed:

Reception.....Mr. John Watterson

Entertainment.....Mr. Joseph Clucas

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 963 East 150th Street.

LOS ANGELES

The Annual Manx Tea Party, with 55 members present, was a most enjoyable affair. A feature of the musical program was the solo "A Thousand Beautiful Things," by the Manx composers Richard Corrin and Haydn Wood, beautifully sung by Phyllis Kelly, a musical student of Redlands University. Mr. Robert H. Hudson, exchange teacher from London but born in Ramsey, gave some interesting observations on his travels in the U. S. A. Community singing, conducted by Edward Kelly of Alhambra, was enjoyed by everyone. The bountiful refreshments were interspersed by comments of homegoers and talks by Mr. Robert Craine, a past president of the Society, and Mr. Edward Christian from Fresno. Mrs. Oscar Ward was mistress of ceremonies. An invitation to this party had been extended to General and Mrs. Omar Bradley, which their schedule did not permit them to accept; however a gracious letter of acknowledgment was received from Mrs. Bradley (Mary Quayle Bradley) saying that she realized a "life-long wish" when she "visited her grandfather's house at Kirk Michael not long ago."

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Col. Wm. S. Quirk of the Salvation Army has an interesting news item and also a question. He says: "February 1st at our Salvation Army Temple in Asbury Park, N.J. we had the dedication of the first baby born in Ocean Grove, N. J., this year, and by the way, he is a Manxman! His grandfather, Myron Joughin was from Douglas, Isle of Man, and the father became a Salvationist in Newark, N.J. and recently transferred to Asbury Park. H. Myron Joughin doesn't know much about his father or his relatives in the Isle of Man, but maybe some of our folks might be able to give him some information." If anyone knows anything of the Joughin family, please write Lt. Col. Wm. S. Quirk, 38 Parker Avenue, Manasquan, N.J.

Manx Californians seem to have the homegoing urge this spring. The following are sailing in May: John Christian (who will bring back a wife), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregg, Charles Callow, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ward, Mrs. Bell Shimmin (mentioned elsewhere). Mr. and Mrs. Mullen are driving east and will stop over in Cleveland and in Rhode Island. All of the people mentioned are from Los Angeles and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Christian of Fresno, and Mr. Robbie Hudson from London were house guests at the Oscar Wards in Los Angeles over New Year's. They also were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bain and Mrs. Bell Shimmin. A visit was paid to the Henry Huntington estate where many famous paintings are on view, among them Gainsborough's "Blue Boy," Reynold's "Tragic Muse" and Lawrence's "Pinkie." The guests took colored movies of the New Year's Day parade floats for which Los Angeles is famous.

The Toronto Manx have had the pleasure of welcoming some new members — Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McLean from Douglas—Mr. McLean is an electrician, and Joan his wife, was formerly a stenographer in the "Isle of Man Times" office. Another new recruit is Wilfred Lacey from St. Johns, whose people are farmers near Tynwald Hill. These three people have all found employment and are settling down very happily to Canadian life.

Bill Gell of the U. S. Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gell of Cleveland, was home on furlough during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Edith Craine, 1839 Phillips Ave., Butte, Mont., writes of a reunion of some old schoolfriends who met after a lapse of thirty years. "On October 18," she writes, "at Gray, Sask., a reunion took place between Craines from Butte, Mont.—Kinvigs and Stanley Corkill of Gray, Sask. They all knew each other in the Isle of Man, attended the same school and chapel and shared many happy memories. You can just imagine the 'Do you remember' oftentimes repeated at this pleasant meeting—a phrase always heard when old friends get together."

Captain John F. Corlett of London (England) who is an interested member of the N.A.M.A., writes that he recently spent four months in the Isle of Man, most of the time in Noble's Hospital, Douglas. "One Sunday afternoon," he writes, "I had the Archdeacon, the Vicars of Foxdale and St. Ninian's (Douglas), the Methodist minister from Victoria Street Church, Douglas, and a Roman Catholic priest from St. Mary's, Douglas, all around my bed at once! There was a great deal of joking and ragging, and hardly had they gone when a Salvation Army officer came and sat by me, and said—'Brother, are you saved?'" Mr. Corlett replied that if all those parsons hadn't managed it among them they had put up a poor show! Later he told the Archdeacon about it, who was instantly reminded of a story—but you'll find that story somewhere else in the Bulletin!

John S. Crellin of Virginia, Minn. was honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars with a party and a presentation on the occasion of his 87th birthday, January 6. Mr. Crellin came from Glenmaye, emigrated to Ishpeming, Mich. and for many years was mining captain at various mining camps. Since his retirement he has lived in Virginia, Minn. His son Walter was the first boy from that city to lose his life in World War I, and the American Legion Posts in both Virginia and Chisholm, Minn, are named after him.

The Misses Margaret and Hilda Kelly of Peel, who have been staying with their youngest sister, Mrs. Forrest Eccles of Reno, Nevada, have also visited their brother Tom and family of Seattle as well as friends and relatives in and around San Francisco including Mr. and Mrs. James Cringle of Palo Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Shimmin of Peoria, Illinois, recently returned from a four-week visit in Florida. They report having had a most enjoyable time, highlighted by a plane trip to Cuba.

It will be remembered that at the Toronto Convention, several delegates visited a Manx invalid, William Skillicorn, who has lost both legs and is, of course, quite helpless. Mr. Skillicorn would welcome letters from Manx people. Mrs. Colquitt writes that he is a wonderful character, always in good spirits. Here is an opportunity to extend cheer and friendship to a fine Manxman. His address: William Skillicorn, Rest Home, 5 Dale Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Mr. T. R. Radcliffe of the Isle of Man Examiner wishes us to convey his deep appreciation of the many letters and cards he received from friends on this continent during his recent serious illness. We are pleased to report that Mr. Radcliffe has now fully recovered.

A most unusual anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Ora Parker, 4501 Emerson Road, South Euclid, Ohio, who began their 65th year of married life on New Year's Day. Mr. Parker is 87, and Mrs. Parker, who is 85, was the former Anna Kerruish, born in old Warrensville Township. Her parents came from the Isle of Man. Mr. Parker celebrated his anniversary by dancing a jig at a merry family party arranged by their sons.

J. Archie Kerruish, who has been in Nebraska for some time, is back in Chicago and his address is %Mrs. L. C. Frank, 1817 Newport Ave., Chicago 13, Ill. Archie expects to take a trip to the Island, sailing August 14, and will return early in 1949.

Joe Daugherty of Toronto writes that he is planning a trip home to Douglas, sailing April 7, and hopes he will "bump into some old friends on the Prom." We are sure he will. Joe's girls recently had occasion to do some research involving old Canadian newspapers of the year 1847, and found an item relating to the Rev. Robert Brown, Vicar of Kirk Braddan!

John (Juan Noa) Cleator of Ramsey, Isle of Man, who was with us at the Convention, liked us so well that he didn't leave these shores until the middle of January. The last few weeks of his stay were spent with N.A.M.A. President Harry Kelly and Mrs. Kelly of Cleveland. Due to a bad cold he had to omit a visit to Rochester to the great disappointment of Dan Christian, who had planned all kinds of "doings." Dan saw John for only three minutes on the Rochester platform as the train went through to New York.

Past President Thomas C. Kelly of Chicago is visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Eleanor and Ernest Geary, in San Francisco. He expects to return to Chicago sometime in April and, meanwhile, extends best wishes to his Manx friends in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crellin of Cleveland, their daughter Mrs. Regal and daughter are spending a pleasant vacation in Florida.

Through the N.A.M.A. Secretary, Mr. Charles Craine, Secretary of the World Manx Association, extends heartfelt thanks for the many cards and letters he received during the recent holiday season from friends he met while visiting Canada and the States last summer. He says he derived great joy from all of them and heartily reciprocates their good wishes.

Here are some highlights from a talk given by Charlie Craine at a gathering held in Douglas shortly after his return from Toronto Convention. We thought our readers would be interested in knowing his reactions to our Association meetings.

1. He expressed great delight in the manner in which he was received as official delegate of the World Manx Association, and for the high esteem in which that organization is held by our members.

2. He was happy to find the N.A.M.A. to be such a live force and extending such a fine influence among Manx people in the United States and Canada.

3. He was impressed by the love of overseas Manx for the Isle of Man, its people and all things Manx.

4. The kindness of the average American citizen and the sympathy shown towards Great Britain in her present position also impressed him.

5. He also was impressed by the up-to-date methods and hygienic conditions, the grand trains and the beautiful modern railway stations.

6. He was pleased with the business-like manner in which the Toronto convention was handled and recalls with pleasure the happy faces of all who were in attendance. "The scene of the banquet in the beautiful Royal York ballroom on the final night will never be forgotten," he says.

We all appreciate Mr. Craine's sentiments and hope that he will be able to be with us at another convention in the near future.

It was a real Manx Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Killip, formerly of Vancouver, B.C., when they moved into their own farm home on December 24—at "Ballacollister," Laxey, Isle of Man. The Killips returned to the Island several months ago.

Mrs. Isabel Shimmin of Altadena, Calif. is taking a trip "Home" this summer, sailing from New York on June 2nd. Accompanying her is Mrs. Edith Quayle, formerly of Champaign, Ill., who has been living in California for several years, and as both ladies have relatives en route they will be stopping over in Chicago and in Cleveland.

Mrs. Cecil Kelly and Mrs. Ellsworth of Chicago gave one of their Manx programs on January 27, in Hammond, Ind. These programs, telling about the Isle of Man in song and story, invariably bring many requests from the audience as to where they can purchase the music, which they find most enjoyable.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly of 168 Essex St., Toronto, who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on December 15. Many of us met Mr. and Mrs. Kelly at the Convention and it is a pleasure to wish them many more happy years together.

The Penton Publishing Co. of Cleveland recently gave a dinner for six employees who had completed 30 years in their service, on which occasion each was presented with a handsome watch. One of the group thus honored was our own Fred Gorry, member of the Bulletin committee. Congratulations, Fred.

Miss Noreen Cottier, of Los Angeles spent the Christmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cottier, 3295 West 129th Street, Cleveland.

Miss Rita Taggart of Altadena, Calif. (formerly of Howstrake, Isle of Man) was a guest at the Oscar Ward's house for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown arrived home in Lakewood, Ohio, late in February after a six months' holiday in the Isle of Man.

Mrs. Jennie McDonnell, formerly of Detroit and now of Los Angeles, has her daughter Mrs. Bert Craig and baby Larry visiting her at present, while Bert is attending school for special legal training in the Navy.

MANX WEDDINGS

Norma Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore of Toronto, was married recently to James Martin. Norma will be remembered as the young lady who sat next to Claire Mylecraine at the Convention meetings and "took the minutes."

Dorothy Stables, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stables, Cleveland, was married February 14 to Maurice C. Hills of Lakewood.

Miss Florence E. Kneale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kneale of Chicago, was married on January 3 to William Prendergast. The honeymoon was spent in New Orleans. Florence attended the Toronto Convention.

Dorothy Clague, daughter of Mrs. Helen Clague and the late James Clague of Cleveland, was married on February 7 at the Miles Avenue Church of Christ. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother William, who is minister of a church in Minerva, Ohio.

Another pretty Toronto wedding was solemnized on January 24, when Audrey Wright became the bride of Clinton Downward. Clinton is the second son of Gordon and Mona Downward.

Frances Willard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pattullo of Vancouver, B.C., was married on December 27, 1947 to a young Manxman—Frederick Claude, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Hill Rawlinson.

OBITUARIES

BOYD, Mrs. Minna E., passed away at her home in Upland, Calif. on January 13, at the age of 68. She leaves a son, Angus, and daughter, Mona, both of Upland. Before her marriage to the late John T. Boyd, she was a Miss Joughin of Painesville, Ohio, and is survived by a brother and two sisters there, Mona, Alma and John Joughin. The family came from Maughold, Isle of Man.

CLAGUE, John James, of Monmouth, Illinois, passed on suddenly on January 19 at the age of 72. He was born in Castletown, Isle of Man and came to the U.S.A. in 1910. His widow, Jane Lowey Clague, born in Kirk Maughold, Isle of Man, survives him.

CLARK, Mrs. Emma Jane, passed away in Painesville, Ohio on January 2. She was the wife of the late John G. Clark, and is survived by a son, Vernon S., and daughters Bertha E. and Hazel F., all of Painesville. Born in 1861, Mrs. Clark was a daughter of William Skinner who came to Painesville from the Isle of Man. She was well versed in Manx folklore and was a charter member of the North Eastern Ohio Manx Society.

CORLETT, John Frederick, passed away on February 7 at his home, 13123 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland. He was born in Concord, Ohio, in 1861, a son of Robert Corlett from the Isle of Man, and Christian Caine of Warrensville, Ohio. His wife was the late Minnie Ruedy of Cleveland, and his sole survivor is a daughter, Gertrude. Until his retirement in 1946, Mr. Corlett was associated with the firm J. F. Corlett & Company, steel manufacturers' agents, and was an ardent worker for welfare, civic and social service organizations.

DYER, Mrs. Ciara Carran, of 6715 Dunham Ave., Cleveland, died on December 14, 1947. She was a granddaughter of Robert Carran, who was official flag-raiser for patriotic ceremonies in Cleveland's Public Square, and a well-known figure until his death in 1914 at the age of 102. During World War I, Mrs. Dyer served actively in Red Cross work in Europe, and with her husband, the late Guy S. Dyer, had travelled extensively in foreign countries. Surviving relatives are cousins among them being Charles A. Carran, city manager of East Cleveland; Edward F., Nelson H., and Miss Harriet N. Carran, all of Cleveland.

CORLETT, Edward S., passed away early in January at his home in Sacramento, Calif. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, three sons and two grandchildren. Mr. Corlett was a keenly interested member of the San Francisco Manx Society, travelling from Sacramento each month to attend their meetings, and will be greatly missed.

CORLETT, Robert J., died on December 30, 1947, at his home, 3210 Mapledale Ave., Cleveland. Born in the Isle of Man 77 years ago, Mr. Corlett came to Cleveland in 1888 and was employed at the old Weddel House and the American House. Later he entered the grocery business and was a director of the Ohio Retail Grocer's Association. He is survived by two sons, Clarence J. and R. Gale Corlett, and a daughter, Mrs. Irene Hoenig. His wife passed away a year or so ago.

HARRISON, John H., aged 73, of Leroy, Ohio, died on September 23, 1947, as the result of an accident. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dessie Harrison; two sons, Elias N. and Harold E. A daughter, Marie Ruth, died several years ago. Mr. Harrison was a descendant of early Manx settlers in the Western Reserve and was proud of his Manx blood. He was a charter member of the North Eastern Ohio Manx Society and a regular attendant at their meetings.

HARTSUFF, Mrs. Clara G., died at her home, 284 Saxton St., Rochester, N. Y., on January 14. She was the widow of the late Arthur L. Hartsuff, and is survived by three sisters, Mrs. M. B. O'Neill, Mrs. C. M. Burlingame and Miss Emma L. Stalker; and three nieces. Mrs. Hartsuff was a member of the Rochester Manx Society and an active worker for the Convention in that city in 1937.

KELLY, William H., passed away on January 18 in Los Angeles. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Richard Pilkington. His wife (nee Cannell) passed away a year ago. They were married in Kirk Braddan, Isle of Man, and had celebrated their fiftieth anniversary not long ago.

KERMODE, Harriet, passed away in Laxey, Isle of Man on December 20, 1947. She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Christian Cubbon, Mrs. Annie Clague and Mrs. Maggie Corlett, all of Laxey, and Miss Emily Kermode of Cleveland. Miss Kermode lived in Cleveland for about forty years, and attended some of the N. A. M. A. Conventions. She returned to the Island in 1946.

WEBBER, Mrs. Margaret Ann (nee Knight), of Evanston, Ill., passed away on November 27, 1947, aged 85. Born at Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, she came to the United States 64 years ago. Her sympathy for young Manx girls, many of whom found "a home from home" with her, was well known. She was an active member of the Chicago Manx Society and attended many N.A.M.A. Conventions, including the 1930 Homecoming. She is survived by two sons, Samuel Arthur and John Knight Webber; a sister, Mrs. Isabel Shinmin of Altadena, Calif.; a brother, Philip Knight of Balla Lhen, Isle of Man; and a niece, Mrs. Cecil Kelly of Chicago.

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

THE L'IL PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caveen of Toronto are proud parents of a dark-haired baby girl, Frances Margaret. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen are getting quite used to this third generation business.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fick of Toronto announce the arrival of a little Douglas. This makes our friend Willie Fick a grandpa once more.

A daughter, Maureen Lynne, was born December 11, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mudie, 4560 Slocan St., Vancouver, B.C.

A son, Stephen Thomas, was born February 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Kelly, 9808 Hilgert Drive, Cleveland. Richard is a son of Mrs. Stephen Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ceylon Dyer (Mona Stables) of Cleveland announce the arrival of a daughter, Lucinda Rae, January 5.

A son, James Albert, was born January 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Faragher, 14927 Arden Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Congratulations to all these happy families.

The total number of visitors vacationing in the Isle of Man during the past season was 606,690. This made a record season, beaten only once before—in 1913, when the figure was 615,726, says the Isle of Man Times.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

News of the Manx Societies

(Continued from Page 3)

Ending the first part of our pleasant trip down Memory Lane, we took leave of genial Mr. Blackburn, proprietor of that popular herb beer shop on Walpole Avenue in Douglas.

Now let us continue over to Parade Street where we see Ohmy's Circus Building. Doesn't it bring to you memories of clowns, trapeze and tight-wire artists, bareback horse riders, etc., and evenings of happy, youthful enjoyment? Sometimes the building was used for band contests in the autumn. Those were happy days for music lovers, like myself. I remember the year about 1899 well, because the test piece for the bands was called "Songs of Shakespeare" (lovely music)—I would like to hear it again! Johnnie Bridson, trombonist of the Douglas Town Band, won the gold medal for trombone solo. It was a lovely song—"Who is Sylvia"—and he played it like an artist.

I was a bandman myself, a member of the Douglas Town Band. Can you remember their splendid conductor, Councillor George Thornley, who kept a stationery shop on Finch Road just around the corner from R. D. Cowin's bakers shop on Prospect Hill?

Retracing our steps back over Walpole Avenue we reach the Jubilee Clock at the foot of Victoria Street, a symbol of the reign of Queen Victoria. I believe this clock was erected in 1887. It is a credit to the people of Douglas—a splendid commemorative monument and a practical one as well, because it supplies two things we could not do without—water and time. The clock above gives the time—the fountains below, clear water to drink.

As you know, the Jubilee Clock was the Victoria Street terminus of the Douglas Tramway System—cable and horse cars respectively. This brings to mind two familiar figures whom you might remember — Mr. George Stewart, traffic manager for both tramway systems, and Bill Leece, dispatcher for the horse cars in the summer. Both could be seen generally close to the "Clock." Their

work required it, and they were always on the job. I myself worked on the cable cars, as conductor, in the summer months only. And didn't our guests from across the water enjoy a novelty ride on those toast-racks and double-deckers along the Promenade, propelled by horsepower!

Who remembers the call of "Wax matches, Sir, penny a box!" It came from the small boys, earning something while the earning was good—in the summertime, and it helped the family budget. The call of the older boys was "Tit-bits, Answers, Pearson's Weekly!" A lot of these magazines were sold, and they were good reading.

The two fine buildings on the Victoria Street corners on each side of the Jubilee Clock were the Grand and the Villiers Hotels. Going over to the sea-wall side of the Promenade we meet the men who have small row boats for hire. The Roney and Canepa families were two boat-owners whom I knew—of course there were others in this business, but I've forgotten their names. Another character you might remember is the sand artist. He was a deformed, small fellow and went by the name of Joe. His stand was on the sand, close inshore about opposite Regent Street. Hundreds of people looking down over the cement sea-wall watched him draw different objects in the sand in a big square, and he was very clever in his line. People threw money down to him as a reward for his skill, and he was worth it too. Can you remember this man?

I trust what I have written will revive interest in Douglas—the place some of us came from and possibly spent some of our happiest days. I'm a shut-in from illness, and would be glad to hear from my Manx friends. Any letters sent to me will positively be answered. Please don't be misled by my name, because I'm as thoroughly Manx as a Quilliam, Quirk or Quayle!

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BUFFALO

A Christmas celebration was the feature of the December 5 meeting of the Buffalo Manx Society, held at the home of Miss Flossie Kerruish, 667 Minnesota Avenue. Gifts were exchanged and the hostess served a delicious luncheon, all of which contributed to a very pleasant evening. March 13 is the date of the next meeting, at the home of Mrs. Peake and her daughter Viola, at 63 Connelly Avenue.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The North Eastern Ohio Manx Society celebrated Christmas with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Quine of Painesville. There were gifts for everybody on the Christmas tree, and a chicken supper added to the festivity. About sixty were present. In January the annual election of officers was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Killey in Painesville, with the following results:

- President.....Mrs. Albert Killey
- Vice President.....Mrs. Elga Pomeroy
- Sec'y and Treasurer.....Mrs. Lynn Quine
- 338 Willow Drive, Painesville, Ohio
- Trustee.....Frank Harrison

CHICAGO

Mr. Thomas C. Kelly, President of the Chicago Manx Society, is visiting his daughter in San Francisco, and this fact, combined with extreme winter weather, has prevented any meetings of the Society so far this year. However, they have in hand a most praiseworthy undertaking—the collecting of material for "A History of the Manx People in North America." The committee appointed by Mr. Kelly to take charge of this compilation consists of Dr. J. J. Moore, Mrs. Walter Stevenson, and Miss Ethel Shimmin. They are anxious to receive any information which can be used in this History, so will anyone with historical material to contribute please send it to: Miss Ethel Shimmin, 6544 Perry Ave., Chicago 21, Ill.

From an item in the Mona's Herald, it is learned that on September 16, one of America's most famous soldiers, General Omar N. Bradley, accompanied by Mrs. Bradley, their daughter and son-in-law visited the Isle of Man as guests of the Deputy Governor, Deemster Cowley, and Mrs. Cowley. As is generally known to most Manx people, Mrs. Bradley's maiden name was Quayle, her forebears coming from Kirk Michael, in which village the party planned to spend some time, hoping to contact someone who knew Mrs. Bradley's ancestor.

The Archdeacon's story which we promised elsewhere was about the Bishop of Sodor and Man, either the present Bishop or his predecessor—who was very much interested in the Salvation Army and a strong supporter of it. One night he attended a mission service, and as the congregation was at prayer when he arrived, he slipped into a back seat and knelt down. Presently a Salvation Lass whispered in his ear—"Brother, are you saved?" He whispered back "I'm the Bishop." "Never mind, brother," said the lassie, "there's hope for all."

Mrs. Mary Caine Ward writes that the Los Angeles Times carried a wonderful editorial on the transportation system of London in comparison with Los Angeles, written by R. L. Hudson, an exchange professor from London teaching in Monrovia near Los Angeles. "Robbie" Hudson was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, and is related to the Kueales of Queen's Hotel. Apparently he recommends the Los Angeles system on all points except the "filtering" through downtown traffic by pedestrians. Javawalkers everywhere, please note!

THE STORY OF THE STANLEYS

A Famous Family Which Ruled the Isle of Man for 400 Years

Previous to the rule of the Stanleys in the Isle of Man, history was in a loose condition, and consisted mostly of tradition mixed with a good deal of fable and it was only after the Stanleys came into possession that the history of men and events was put on record as a proper sequence of history.

The Island was conferred on Sir John Stanley after the Battle of Bosworth in 1406 A.D., when Henry VII came to the English throne on the death of Richard III on Bosworth field. This Stanley, who was created Earl of Derby by Henry VII, seems never to have visited the Island, but his son, Sir John Stanley II, came in 1417 and again in 1422, and he made the first serious effort to put on record the ancient laws and customs of the Island.

The second Earl was a grandson of the first holder of the title. He discontinued the title of King of Man and the Isles, substituting Lord of Man, as his idea was that the title of a great Lord was preferable to that of a petty King.

For some time the succession was in dispute owing to changes of dynasty on the English throne. The Island was in control of nominees of Queen Elizabeth and James I during the first part of this period. The suzerainty of the Earl of Northampton and the Earl of Salisbury acting in conjunction followed.

Then came the rule of James, seventh Earl of Derby, called by the Manx "Stanlagh Mocar," the Great Stanley, being the most important figure in the history of the Island to that time. His land laws left a legacy of hate, which explains the revolt of the Island after his death. However, he had a genuine interest in the island that had fallen to his charge, and with his wife, Charlotte de la Tremoille, made a home among those subjects to his rule. The lady was destined to prove one of the most striking and picturesque figures of a great epoch in national history.

When Charles I marched from Scotland during the English Civil War, the Earl and 300 Manxmen set out to join their forces to his. They met the Parliament men at Wigan and were defeated and scattered. At the Battle of Worcester the Earl was captured, and though he petitioned Parliament and openly recommended the Countess to surrender the Isle of Man, his execution at Bolton followed on 15th October, 1651. The Countess took refuge in Castle Rushen and the presumption was, that she was preparing for a stubborn defense, though the final result was in no doubt. It was thought her ladyship was arranging terms with Parliament favorable only to herself.

A body of Manxmen, with William Christian, Receiver General, at their

head anticipated any such bargain, if it existed, by negotiating surrender themselves on condition that the Manx people should not be disturbed in their ancient laws and liberties, many of which the Countess's own husband had ruthlessly cast aside. The Commonwealth gave the Island to Lord Fairfax, and William Christian, (who must not be confused with Edward Christian, another sterling champion of the people's heritage) was promoted to the office of Governor. However, at the Restoration the tables were turned, and William Christian, despite the Act of Indemnity, was brought to trial for rebellion—not against the King of England—but technically against the Countess of Derby. In a court shamefully packed with his enemies, Christian was declared guilty and sentenced to be shot. Two days later the sentence was carried out at Hango Hill near Derbyhaven. Thus perished "Illiam Dhone," as he was affectionately called by his fellow countrymen, one of the most patriotic Manxmen who ever lived.

Christian, from his prison cell had appealed to the King, and a week after the execution, Lord Derby was ordered to produce his prisoner. Christian's sons claimed redress. The Privy Council declared the Act of Indemnity applied to the Island, and ordered entire restitution of Christian's estate, while the Deemsters were to be imprisoned as punishment for their offences.

The reign of the House of Stanley did not close, however, without the passage of one Act which does much to redeem their memory. The "Act of Settlement" of 1704 is sometimes called the Manxmen's Magna Charta. It converted tenants at the will of the Lord of Man into virtual owners of the soil. The Lord's rent became fixed and unalterable, and with the appreciation in land values, the rent paid to the Lord became merely nominal. This Act provided a security to the soil to all who had rented from the Lord, and covered the whole Island. Most of these families had held tenure from the date of the Manorial Roll compiled in 1511. Numbers of old Manx families still hold the land thus acquired.

Bishop Wilson took a leading part in effecting this beneficent settlement. He presided over the diocese for 57 years—1698 to 1755, and is buried in Michael Churchyard.

Little is to be noted in most of these changes as to the conditions of the laboring population, who, through all feudal laws and ages had nothing to say as to how they should be ruled. According to feudal laws, on a transfer of ownership of property, the tenants and all labor went with the land, not even giving the laborer a chance to change masters.

Wages amounted to a bare subsistence, but a farm laborer was furnished with a thatched cottage and as much ground as himself and family could cultivate to eke out a bare living. Even as late as the last quarter of the 19th century, farm labor could be hired at 9 shillings per week with the proviso of a cottage and garden—and hours most prevalent for farm labor were from daylight to evening darkness.

The law entitling a protest at Tynwald Hill had become a dead letter for labor, until such time as they found a conscientious, capable man to uphold their cause, and even then their redress was a slow and cumbersome process.

Looking back over history, therefore, we can realize how tremendously the living and working conditions of Manx people have improved in this twentieth century; in fact, in these respects the Isle of Man can be reckoned among the more pleasant places of this troubled world.

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In reading the article in last issue, "Do You Remember?" by Edward Bawden of Johnstown, Pa., it is interesting to note that Mr. Bawden has a personal recollection of the sailor "Dawsey" who was employed by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company at the turn of the century. Other readers possibly remember "Dawsey," and many will remember the Dawsey Memorial, a drinking fountain constructed of granite, with portrait of Dawsey on bronze plaque inset, which stands at the foot of the Victoria Pier. The inscription reads:

Erected by public subscription in
in memory of
David Kewley (Dawsey) as a tribute
of admiration for
his bravery in saving at various
times 23
lives from drowning. May his example
prove an incentive to like
heroic deeds. A.D. 1904.

Many of us have noted among Hollywood stars the name of Richard Quine, whose wife, Susan Peters recently made a comeback after a near-fatal accident. In an article by Susan in the December "American" Magazine, she mentions that they own a racehorse "Manxman," so named because Richard's parents "came from the Isle of Man." It would be interesting to know more about the Quines of Hollywood.