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

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WE AWAIT YOUR COMING . . .

. . . whether by bus, boat, train, plane, old car, new car, street car, whatever the mode of travel or the distance covered, all roads lead to the Hotel Cleveland August 2nd.

The committees have worked hard to make this 21st Birthday Convention an outstanding event. All we now need to make our party a complete success is YOUR presence.

Decide today to join us. We will be on hand with a smile and hearty hand-shake to welcome you.

Pack your grip . . .

Take the trip . . .

Cleveland's Calling "Come."

John R. Cain
General Chairman

Have You Made Your Hotel Reservations?

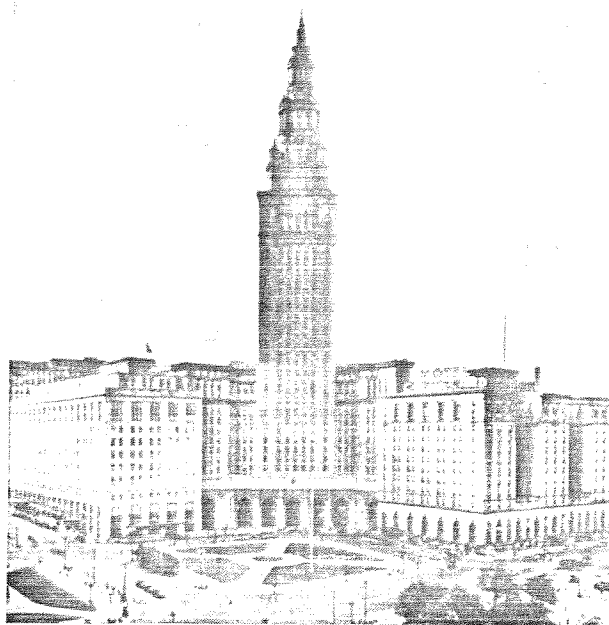
Time is fleeting! Have you made your hotel reservations for the great 21st Anniversary Convention of the N. A. M. A.? Room rates at the Hotel Cleveland, our convention headquarters, are:

- Single Room.....\$4.00 and up
- Double Room
(Double Bed)..... 5.50 and up
- Double Room
(Twin Beds)..... 8.00 and up
- All Rooms with Bath.

These rates are as reasonable as those at any hotel in downtown Cleveland. However, if you want to come to the convention, but feel you would like a cheaper room, do not hesitate

to let us know and we shall endeavor to get something for you elsewhere. In any event—don't delay in making sure of your hotel room. Write the Hotel Reservations Committee now, stating in your letter the type room you desire and time of your arrival. They will make the reservation and confirm it to you.

Your letter should be addressed to Mrs. Wm. A. Roseman, Chairman of



Section of Cleveland Public Square,
Hotel Cleveland at Right.

the Hotel Reservations Committee. Her address is 21009 Clare Avenue, Maple Heights, Bedford, Ohio. DO IT NOW!

Entertainment Committee Assures All a Good Time

The Entertainment Committee has prepared a fine program for the

entire convention. There will be movies of previous conventions, movies of the Isle of Man, Manx recitations, vocal solos, vocal ensembles, instrumental music and, in fact, any type of entertainment one could desire.

Practically all of the entertainers are Manx and they are coming from all parts of the United States, Canada and even from the Isle of Man and England. Our Entertainment Committee, under the leadership of Walter Quilliam, is working night and day to assure all delegates the finest entertainment they have ever had at a Manx Convention.

YOU won't want to miss these fine programs! They alone will be worth the trip to Cleveland. And, don't overlook the dinner at the Lake Shore Hotel after the bus tour of Cleveland. Situated on the shore of Lake Erie in the beautiful suburb of Lakewood, The Lake Shore is one of the beauty spots of Cleveland. Its gardens and grounds are a sight to behold these lovely summer days, and are constantly fanned by the breeze off Lake Erie.

Prize Distribution

The Ways and Means Committee takes this opportunity to thank all those who have so promptly forwarded their money and stubs for the National Prize Distribution.

The response to our circular letter has been very encouraging—but time is running out.

Have you sent in YOURS? If not, do so now. Here's the address again: Mrs. T. J. Carrigan, 117 Cowles Ave., Bedford, Ohio.

Ways and Means Committee
F. T. GORRY, Chairman

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Twenty-first Anniversary Convention Cleveland, Ohio—August 2-6, 1949

- TUESDAY**—Reception and Registration Committees will be on hand all day to receive guests.
- TUESDAY EVENING**—Cleveland Night. Informal get-together and entertainment at Hotel Cleveland.
- WEDNESDAY A.M.**—Official opening of convention. Addresses of welcome. Business session.
- WEDNESDAY P.M.**—Luncheon at Hotel Cleveland. Bus tour of Cleveland. Dinner at Lake Shore Hotel, entertainment and return to Hotel Cleveland by buses in the evening.
- THURSDAY A.M.**—Business session and memorial service.
- THURSDAY P.M.**—Luncheon at Hotel Cleveland. Committee meetings and meeting of N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary at Hotel Cleveland.
- THURSDAY EVENING**—Entertainment at Hotel Cleveland.
- FRIDAY A.M.**—Business session, reports of committees and election of officers.
- FRIDAY P.M.**—Free afternoon for shopping.
- FRIDAY EVENING**—Banquet and ball at Hotel Cleveland.
- SATURDAY**—Annual picnic of Combined Cleveland Manx Societies. All convention guests are cordially invited to attend.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$12.50

Souvenir Book

The response to our appeal for support in compiling a Souvenir Book for the Cleveland Convention has been very gratifying and we wish to express our sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

We have set July 4th as the closing date for all copy.

Will you please mail your donation together with your copy to Mr. Stanley Collister, Treasurer Souvenir Book Committee, 4116 East 144th St., Cleveland 5, Ohio, before this date, if you wish to be included.

As listed in the May Bulletin, the price of space has been set at:

Full page.....	\$20.00
Half page.....	10.00
Quarter page.....	5.00
Eighth page.....	2.50
Patron's List.....	1.00

It will be a real pleasure to greet you in Cleveland and once again, many thanks for your fine cooperation.

ELINOR CAIN
GORDON KILLIP

Co-Chairmen Souvenir
Book Committee

Attention Cleveland Manx!

You are coming to the convention—of course. So to avoid confusion and possible disappointment, please come to the hotel on Tuesday, August 2, when our registration committee will be on duty all day and all evening and get your tickets. It makes no difference whether you are taking a full registration or whether you can only attend a few of the events—Come in and register just the same.

Our committees have to make advance reservations for meals and transportation.

So come—for the entire convention or for any event of the convention—but REGISTER IN ADVANCE.

Overseas Visitors Expected at The Convention

Many will be interested in knowing the names of those from the Homeland who are expected to attend the Convention. Here they are:

John Reubens from Ramsey; Mrs. K. Hulme and Willie Kelly from Peel; Miss Bessie Mylchreest from Ballasalla; the Misses Lilian and Eva Kneen from Birkenhead, England; Tom Radcliffe, editor of the Isle of Man Examiner, and Miss Evelyn Cowley, Douglas.

Perhaps there will be still more, but these are the names received at the time the Bulletin went to press.

Convention Photo Display

Hurry! Hurry! If you have not already sent in your photographs taken at previous conventions, look them up right away and send them to Steve Quinney in the next mail. We are sure that all of us will enjoy seeing these pictures and going over in retrospect the happy days spent in Buffalo, Detroit, Windsor, Hamilton, Chicago, Montreal, Lincoln, Winnipeg, Rochester, London, Peoria, former Cleveland conventions and homecoming trips to the Isle of Man.

Steve wants to get them in as soon as possible, so he will have time to arrange his display. You may be sure that all photographs will be properly taken care of and returned to you after the convention. Just write your name and address on the reverse side and tell him what the pictures are, where taken, who is in them and anything else of interest. His address is Stephen H. Quinney, 82 Palmetto Street, Bedford, Ohio.

Annual Church Service of Cleveland Manx Societies

The bell of the old Centenary Methodist Church in Beachwood Village rang out as the Manx began to assemble there on Sunday afternoon, June 12, for the annual service of the Cleveland Societies. The opening hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," sounded very impressive as hearty Manx voices filled the little church, and the strains must have been heard far over the surrounding fields. Other favorite hymns sung during the service were—"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," "All Hail the Power," and "Day is Dying in the West." The minister of the church, the Rev. J. Eric Heaps, preached a fine sermon; Douglas Cleator, soloist, sang "The Lord's Prayer," while the order of service was in charge of W. Harry Kelly, President of the N. A. M. A. Frank Cleator led the singing, and Mrs. Mona Haldeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Gurney, was accompanist.

After the service, everyone sat down to a basket supper in the church basement, tea being thoughtfully provided by Manx ladies who are regular members of the church. A little later, despite the warm evening, all were back in church again for an hour of singing, anyone having the privilege of asking for his favorite hymn. Solos by the Rev. Mr. Heaps and by Walter Quilliam, and a duet by the Misses Cox were interspersed with the congregational singing.

While the combined service, held in this church of the early Manx pioneers, is an annual event with the Cleveland Manx, this year it was sponsored and all arrangements made by the Convention Entertainment Committee, Walter J. Quilliam, chairman. The friendly, hearty service was an inspiration to all who attended.

MEMORIES OF LAXEY

Lovely Laxey! A lovely name—a lovely place—where I spent some of the happiest and most carefree years of my young life—a period which I would like to repeat. Youth is the best time of our lives, but we are then too young to realize it! Our family lived in Laxey during the building of the new breakwater, where my father was employed. I shall try to describe Laxey as I remember it, hoping to bring pleasant memories to those who, like myself, left the Island to make America their home. My observations and descriptions will be familiar to people who lived in Laxey between 1880 and 1890, or thereabouts.

Driving from Douglas past the South Cape, you come into view of one of the loveliest panoramas you could wish to see. Lying snugly between two hills is the village of Laxey. On your right is the old Ramsey road leading down to Old Laxey, which, when taking the bridge route, passed Bateman's whose well supplied most of the water for Old Laxey, with the help of the well at the paper mill. Crossing the old road, Snaefell looms up before you, looking down as if guarding the beautiful valley below. As you drive toward the village, you observe as you pass, how neat, clean and well-kept are the homes—giving you the idea of calling the place "Spotlesstown."

Thousands of people visit Laxey every summer to see what is conceded to be the largest water wheel in the world—called the Lady Isabella; also to pass a day in lovely Laxey Glen Gardens, where tranquility abounds and serenity comes to all who can idle away a summer day there. English military bands gave concerts in the Glen, and in later years, after we had moved back to Douglas, I visited the Glen every summer to hear these fine musicians—the Coldstream Guards, H. M. 1st Life Guards, H. M. Grenadier Guards—and it was a rare treat.

The mining industry was the most important in Laxey at that time. It provided work at good wages while it lasted. Output was at its best in the 1870's. The Giant Wheel used for pumping water out of the mines was the landmark which made the name of Laxey popular, I believe. There were other, smaller projects, such as the well-known St. George's Mills producing Manx homespun, the paper mill mentioned before, also Corlett's flour mill, at that time the only flour mill on the Island. There was farming and fishing, and many a time I have watched the fisherman come in with his catch, the salmon being the most valuable fish caught. Laxey has a fine beach, and I've always thought of it as silvery-looking—

different from sand on other beaches.

Laxey had a good school which I attended for a short time before going back to Douglas. I remember one of the teachers, named Lewin. The Co-operative Store (Co-op it was called) on the new road was the main buying center and it was popular and well patronized. I had an uncle working there named Joe Cowley. The electric trams were not running when we lived in Laxey.

Now I will tell of my own activities to prove what I already said—that I spent some of the happiest days of my life in Laxey—and I hope some reader, about my age, will agree with my remarks. We lived on the old Laxey road in one of Horseley's houses, one of a row. The rocks and beach were below, and handy to slip down to any time, to fish for the "bollan"—a lively customer, scaly and strong and a fighter when hooked. We caught other fish too, using the rod and line, and it was good sport. A quantity of "flitters" (limpets) could always be chipped off the rocks and carried home to be enjoyed by the family.

These shellfish were good for us, they provided the necessary iodine for promoting and keeping good health. Other shellfish were winkles and mussels. After a storm (and there were many) we would go down over the rocks to see what had been blown in or was floating on the water. Lots of timber and sometimes a ship's wreckage would be seen.

Getting the "gibbon" in the sand after the tide had left was exciting. We used two "scrapers"—they looked like blunt sickles. As the tide left we "scraped" the little silvery fish out before they got down too deep in the sand. We had a bucketful in a short time, and they were good to eat.

Gathering the tender and delicate mushroom in the early summer morning was something I will always remember. The mushrooms seemed to come up from the ground while you were looking, and just at daybreak. Fields in which sheep were kept were ideal for mushrooms. Another thing I liked was picking the luscious, large blackberries when in season. They were plentiful, quickly and easily picked, and supplied us with good jam and jelly for the winter. Speaking of winter—wasn't it good to be able to go and pick your own red-berried holly? Who could forget these things? I know I could not, and I like to live them over again. I hope any of my Manx friends who read and enjoy this story will write and let me know—I shall be glad to hear from them.

EDWARD BAWDEN
1749 Bedford Pike,
Oakland,
Johnstown, Pa.

Manx Champion

First-prize winner from coast to coast is Jerry, a Manx cat owned by Mrs. Harry Lyndes of 2874 Cherry St., Denver, Colo. Jerry came from the Ramtal Cattery of Mrs. Stephen L. Stillman at Pelham Manor, N.Y. He is a descendant of the famous international champion, "Ginger" of Manx of Glen Orry," who was born in the Isle of Man and imported by the Carlson Sisters of West Chicago in 1936. Jerry has flown from coast to coast and recently returned from a series of shows in St. Paul, San Diego, Oakland, Los Angeles and Phoenix, where he won honors and completed his championship in the Cat Fanciers Association of America.

The newspaper article about Jerry says that the Manx people have for the past few years refused to allow their tailless cats to be exported or other cats imported in order to preserve their strain. In describing the essential features of a Manx cat for show purposes, the article lays stress on the fact that "taillessness must be absolute, with a decided hollow at the end of the backbone, where in the ordinary cat the tails would begin." Many people are under the mistaken impression that any "bob-tailed" cat is a Manx cat.

Dan Christian sends the following, which he entitles "Little Known Facts About Rochester, N.Y.—(with apologies to the Cleveland Convention Committee)." Cleveland is not looking for competition at present, Dan, but we are printing the interesting paragraph anyway.

"In Rochester we have a Mona Street—a Douglas Road—a Ramsey Park—a Christian Avenue—and a Qualtrough Road. NO, Christian Avenue was NOT named after yours truly.

"Yes, Harry, we do have a Kelly Street—but would not guarantee that it is of Manx origin. Also, if anyone from Cleveland should tangle with the law while visiting our fair city, he might possibly be introduced to our Chief of Police, T. Herbert Killip, a descendant of an old Manx pioneer family."

A correspondent of the Daily Mail wanted to know what is the longest time a clock has worked without stopping. He understood a clock at Castletown, Isle of Man, beat all records. The editor replied, that Castle Rushen's clock at Castletown, a gift from Queen Elizabeth, has ticked away 360 years without stopping.

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The President's Message

I have been writing short messages for the Bulletin now for close to two years. All I have to say this time, really, is to invite you, one and all, to attend our 21st Anniversary Convention in Cleveland—and to assure you that you will have a grand time and be delighted you came.

If you haven't made your plans yet, do so now. August 2 to 6 is the time—Hotel Cleveland is the headquarters—all details will be found in this and the May Bulletin.

Those who have attended our Conventions know what a wonderful time they had meeting Manx folk from "all over"—renewing friendships—reminiscing about the Island—besides enjoying a fine program. If you have never been to a Manx Convention, you have missed a treat. So come along—join the happy crowd who are headed this way, singing—"Cleveland, Here We Come!"

A GREAT WELCOME AWAITS YOU!

W. HARRY KELLY,
President

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

DETROIT-WINDSOR

Dick Corkill, President of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society, sends the following cheery and stimulating message:

"Congratulations on the splendid reports in the May Bulletin from the Chairmen of the various Convention Committees. We, your neighbors across the Lake, are proud of you, and know that every thing is being done to give everyone a good time." Thanks, Dick, and we hope to greet many of you good neighbors from Detroit and Windsor.

He continues: "Our last meeting was in Windsor, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bridson, and was well attended. President Kelly's message of greeting was appreciated. Our next meeting will be held outdoors, at Mrs. Lamberton's cottage on Riverside Drive, Windsor."

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

Are your reservations made? Have you started to pack your bag? Are you all set to enjoy the best week of your life? If so, we know you must be heading for Cleveland!

The Ladies' Auxiliary has had a very successful year. We hope each of you who had a part in making that success possible feel as happy about it as the officers do. Without your support we could not make this report.

Like you, the officers are eagerly planning and looking forward to that big birthday celebration in Cleveland, August 2 to 6. We hope you ladies will plan to be free on Thursday afternoon, August 4, and attend our meeting. This is the one time during the year that we are all together; the time to elect officers and formulate plans for future progress. As the N. A. M. A. grows, we must grow also, as we are the helping hand to that great organization.

We hope to see you all in Cleveland August 2 to 6.

MRS. CHARLES MALBOEUF,
President.
MISS ALICE GARRETT,
Secretary.

GALVA

Here's a nice message from Mrs. Ada Cubbon, Secretary of the Galva Manx Society: "Our Society wishes you a wonderful Convention—and maybe we will be seeing you." We'll be looking for you and many others from Galva, Mrs. Cubbon!

BUFFALO

The Buffalo Manx are holding an outdoor meeting some time in June, mainly to talk about the Convention in Cleveland. "I have no doubt there will be quite a few of us present," says Fred Towle, their President. That's good news, Fred!

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx held their spring meeting on April 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Robison, Elk Creek. They enjoyed meeting Archie Kerruish, who had returned after spending six months in the Isle of Man. A souvenir spoon, presented to the Society by Miss Ethel Moore of Douglas and brought here by Mrs. Thomas Kelly, was won by Mrs. Pearl Duffek.

The Society held its summer meeting on June 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crellin, Lincoln. Plans for attending the Convention at Cleveland were discussed, and it is grand to know that several members are arranging to come.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

CLEVELAND

As convention time approaches it is very evident that the Manx people of Cleveland are anxious to do everything possible to assure their guests a happy time while here.

After a brief business meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd, the Mona's Relief Society turned over its meeting rooms to the Ways and Means Committee. This committee sponsored a card party which was attended by 150 Clevelanders. Table prizes were secured by Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn for both this event and for the March card party. Ladies of the committee provided the refreshments.

A table model radio was drawn for at this time and won by Mr. Charles Thomas. Many door prizes were contributed to add interest to the evening.

In March, as previously reported, a similar card party was held—the main drawing being for a pre-cooked ham donated through Mrs. Harry Melchreest and won by Mrs. W. J. Killip.

The June meeting was followed by entertainment planned by the Entertainment Committee for the Convention. Solos were rendered by Mr. Victor Anderson, Mr. Joseph Clucas and Mr. Walter J. Quilliam who were

accompanied by Miss Edna Anderson. Mr. Howard Jenkins entertained with guitar ballads. Refreshments were served by ladies of the Mona's Relief Society and brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Regular meetings for the 1949 season will be resumed on Tuesday, September 6th at St. Stephen's Church Hall, where the main topic of conversation will be—"Wasn't the convention wonderful — and didn't the time pass too quickly?"

SAN FRANCISCO

At their April meeting, held at the home of the Fred Callow's in Berkeley, the Manx of San Francisco had a grand time, as they always do at the Callow's. On May 21 they held their last meeting of the season at the Church Hall on 19th Avenue, with a good attendance. President H. P. Callister was in the chair. Colored films entitled "Recreation Playgrounds" were shown by the City, and musical items by Mrs. E. Rhodes and Ivor Stokes added to the enjoyment. As usual at any Manx "Do" the eats were "super."

Through the summer months the Society plans to meet every third Sunday at the favorite rendezvous of the members—Sigmund Stern Grove—where, after luncheon they can enjoy the best music in the world by famous artists, in beautiful surroundings.

Essie Quayle, their Secretary, would like to see a number of their group make the trip to Cleveland—and adds that she and her sister expect to be with us at the Convention.

GREATER NEW YORK

The Manx of Greater New York were well represented at the St. George's Day service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. They have been taking part in this British celebration for a number of years. In July they will hold their annual picnic and election of officers.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx Society held a picnic in Fern Dell (Griffith Park) recently, with 55 in attendance in spite of unfavorable weather. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the get-together and did full justice to grand eats. In July they intend to have another picnic, which will be held at Long Beach. Anyone in that vicinity who wishes to attend a fine Manx picnic—just telephone or write to Mrs. Oscar Ward, Secretary of the society, 1818 West 81st St., Los Angeles.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

A number of the Toronto Manx are enjoying themselves in the Isle of Man at present, but Joe Daugherty, our Regional Director, sends the following timely message: "To all Manx Friends: Next best thing to a holiday in the Isle of Man, is to meet the Manx at a Convention. Here's hoping to meet lots of you in Cleveland!"

Walter Corkill of Niagara Falls, N.Y. sailed on the WASHINGTON from New York on May 25 to visit his mother in Ramsey, Isle of Man.

The President of the Buffalo Manx Society, Fred Towle, is looking forward to a visit from an old friend, John Reubens of Ramsey, Isle of Man, brother of the late Mrs. Edith Bury of Gowanda, N.Y. Mr. Reubens is taking a holiday in the States during July and August, and will be attending the Convention at Cleveland.

A Manx visitor to Buffalo, Mrs. H. Forrest, Kenmore House, Onchan, had an unfortunate accident while here, but has now returned home and is making a good recovery. Better luck next time, Mrs. Forrest!

The Secretary of the Greater New York Manx Society, Mrs. Tom Christian, 4305—21st Avenue, Astoria, L.I., reports having some visitors from the Isle of Man—Miss Barbara Smith from Douglas, on her way to Mexico to marry a Texas boy; Jack Christian from Sulby, who was joining his father in Beaver Falls, Pa. — and George Taggart from Laxey, who has settled in New York and is planning to come to the Convention, and visit Cleveland relatives.

Congratulations to the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Craine, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 24 at the home of their daughter, Mrs. LaVon Dowse of Kempton, Illinois. Mr. Craine is honorary president of the Peoria Manx Association.

The present address of Mrs. Edith M. Turner of Richmond, Ill., who attended many Manx Conventions in former years, is Solon Mills Manor, Richmond, Ill., where she has lived since sustaining an accident last year.

Attending the Manx Picnic in Los Angeles were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christian of Fresno and Mrs. Bessie Moore of Bakersfield, Calif. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ward during their stay.

High school students of Lincoln and Lancaster counties, Nebraska, recently participated in a contest for designing an insignia for the Lincoln Naval Air Reserve Station, and first prize winner was Jerry Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Humphrey (Lilla Crellin from Douglas), of 2750 Arlington Ave., Lincoln. Jerry was given a trip to the naval air station at Glenview, Ill., all expenses paid, and visited Rear Adm. Richard F. Whitehead; was on a nationwide radio broadcast and was escorted around Chicago by Arnott Folsom of Lincoln, contest co-ordinator. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corkan of Winnipeg spent the month of April in Vancouver, B.C., meeting many Manx friends, some of them former residents of Winnipeg. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Moore in Victoria, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rivers, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Southern. They also met the executive of the Vancouver Manx Society, and were glad to get news of friends in the Isle of Man from Mrs. James Hornall who returned from there not long ago. At a meeting of the Vancouver Ladies' Auxiliary, Bess met Mrs. Broughton, an old friend from Winnipeg, and greatly enjoyed the visit.

John Fick of Winnipeg retired from the Canadian Pacific Railway on May 9, and to celebrate the event, a party was held in his honor by his daughters, Mrs. Tom Middleton and Mrs. Vigfusson. Mr. and Mrs. Fick recently returned from a visit to their daughter, Evelyn in Freeman, Ontario.

The Convention at Cleveland is the topic of discussion among Manx people all over the land. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Corkill of Detroit spent a recent week end at Sullivan, Ill. with the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Partridge, making plans to come to the Convention and continue on their vacation afterward.

Dan and Betty Christian, 31 Nellis Park, Rochester, N.Y., send a short message which is much to the point: "OF COURSE we are coming to the Convention!"

Evan Collister of Galva, Ill. sailed on the QUEEN MARY on April 20 to spend the summer in the Isle of Man, visiting sisters and brothers and many old friends. This is Mr. Collister's third trip to the Island, but the last one was made 25 years ago.

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MEET YOUR OFFICERS . . .

By GERTRUDE CANNELL

There are a number of Manx people who believe that the most important landmark in the Isle of Man is the Big Wheel. Among these is one who himself has conferred distinction upon his native Laxey, by becoming President of the North American Manx Association. He has the real Manx name of William Henry Kelly, is better known as W. Harry Kelly—and better still, to his many friends, just as "Harry."

He was born in the district known as Lonan Old Chapel, about a mile and a half south of Laxey Village. His father and mother—William Edward Kelly and Jessie Cowin—were both Laxey people. They went out to South Africa and Mr. Kelly for a time was



W. HARRY KELLY
President, N. A. M. A.

president of the Transvaal Manx Society; however, only one of their children was born out there as they returned to the Island on account of Mrs. Kelly's health. Harry has a sister, Mrs. Edwards in Seattle; two sisters in Lonan, Mrs. W. Gill and Mrs. A. Quilleash, and a brother, John J. Kelly, in Onchan, Isle of Man.

Harry went to the South Cape School; later attended Albert Road School and the Secondary School in Douglas. He played football in those days, but has not gone in for sports since. He decided to enter the grocery business and served his time in the Co-operative Store—the famous "Co-Op"—in Laxey. About this time, too, he was getting his first experience in public speaking, as a local preacher on the Douglas Wesleyan Circuit.

In 1921 he came out to Cleveland and entered the employ of the Fisher Bros. Company, chain grocery, and has now been with them for 28 years. He is a superintendent and has a number of stores under his supervision.

Harry has a way of attaining most of the things he sets out to do, and he realized his greatest wish in 1923, when Mary E. Kissack of Ramsey came out to join him. He met her in Montreal and they were married there. Florence, their only daughter, was married last September to William A. Roseman of Cleveland. Harry revisited the Island in 1927, but Mary and Florence made the trip in 1939, with a dramatic conclusion, as they were among the survivors of SS. ATHENIA, torpedoed immediately after the war broke out. Harry spent some harrowing weeks of anxiety before he learned that they were among those saved. Florence visited the Island again in 1947, when she had the honor of presenting the Cleveland Gold Medal at the Manx Music Festival.

Harry is a fluent speaker and an excellent leader. In all his activities he sets a definite goal and works steadily towards it; his tireless energy is a stimulus to others and success is the natural result. He is a Past President of the Mona's Relief Society and the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society. At the Toronto Convention in 1947 he was elected President of the N. A. M. A., and his two years in office have proved him to rank with the most hard-working, enthusiastic, result-getting presidents we have had. He is a member of the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Maple Heights, the Cleveland suburb where he lives; is a Past Master of the Ashlar Masonic Lodge; is present at all Manx affairs. He and Florence have made a hobby of taking movies and showing them, Harry being a good commentator; he likes baseball broadcasts and quiz programs, enjoys a pipe and a good game of pinochle. He is blond and blue-eyed, stands 5 feet 11 inches and fills out a tuxedo quite nicely. For vacations he likes Canada and the family go there every year.

Harry and Mary are alike in their interests. Their fondness for animals and the fact that the ages of their dog and two cats add up to more than 45 years is evidence of their sympathy with pets. But it is their love of their fellowmen that has endeared them to hosts of friends on two sides of the Atlantic. During the war, sixteen visiting servicemen were welcomed in the Kelly home. There is good reason why, at the close of a Manx evening at Kelly's, Walter Quilliam sits down to the piano and

sings that fine old song, "Bless This House."

As President of the N. A. M. A. and as a Manx Clevelander, Harry is looking forward with keen anticipation to the Big Manx Party, August 2 to 6. He'll be looking for you when the Convention opens, so be there! Don't disappoint him!

MANX WEDDIN'S

Elsie Joyce Callow, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. Callow of Winnipeg, and the late John B. Callow, was married on June 2 to Clifford Huxley French, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. French, of Stony Mountain, Man. The ceremony took place in St. Paul's United Church.

Lawrence A. Looney, youngest son of Mr. Alfred Looney, 15 Gladstone St., Rochester, N.Y., was married on April 16 at Calvary Baptist Church to Miss Beatrice Ketchum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Ketchum of Williamston, N.Y.

A May wedding was that of Martha Moran and Kenneth Peake of Buffalo. Kenneth is a son of Mrs. William Peake, and brother of Viola.

Manx Coins

The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine is a publication devoted to the interests of coin collectors, and needless to say, our Fred Brew of 1870 Page Avenue, Cleveland, who owns one of the finest collections of Manx coins in existence, corresponds with the magazine on the subject of his particular hobby. Recently another correspondent referred to the Three Legs on Manx coins as "dancing legs," in reply to which Fred made the following interesting comments:

"Referring to Mr. Schultz's remark regarding these coins as "dancing legs"—it is somewhat amusing to think he is so badly informed about dancing and Manx coins. If Mr. Schultz will take a little time and carefully check the three legs on the Greek and Sicilian, he will notice that the legs are slim and undraped while the legs on the Manx coins are plump and dressed in armor with boots and spurs to give them action and speed. With this heavy armor and boots and spurs, it is difficult to see how any man could dance.

"History records that the Three Legs emblem was inscribed on Manx coinage by James, Earl of Derby, in 1709 . . . The Three Legs, the Manx national emblem carries the slogan "Whichever way you throw me I stand."

PEEL CHARACTERS OF FORTY YEARS AGO

Not long ago Mr. Ramsey B. Moore delighted a Douglas audience with a lecture on "Characters of Old Douglas." Peel also being noted for its characters, it would seem only fitting that a tribute should be paid them, and so keep their memory fresh among people who knew them in their day. I make no distinction as to their station in life, but just refer to them from memory and intend this article as a mark of respect to them as citizens of Peel.

First let me mention "Marrier" John James Fayle, who worked hard delivering coal by the bag, and lived alone at the rear of Sarah Cunningham's, Patrick Street. The Cunningham's consisted of Charlie, Peter and Sarah, who used to whitewash her house every few weeks. Then there was Dick Gale, who lived in "Crab Shell Hotel," Lake Lane; and there was Willie Carran (Baby) who also made a living delivering coal by the bag.

Robbie Lacey—"Scudder"—used to take height occasionally, probably imagining the airplane before its time. Willie Corris or "Peg Out" was a hard-working old man noted for keeping himself scrupulously clean and talking to himself (and others too if they annoyed him too much). And there was "Willie the Perkin" and Tommie his brother.

All the kids had good reason to know old "Kelly Buck," the enforcing officer. Walter "Look Up" used to pray in chapel as though he meant it—and laugh in the same way when visiting Jack Hinds barber shop on Saturday night, sometimes stopping the shaving operations by his sense of humor. Many will remember the "Cadgers," Richie Cannell, Bob Kinley, John Kinley and Neddie Teare who was also the bellman—as well as looking after Father Neale in his wheel chair. Ned Cubbon kept the "Depot" where a lot of questions of the day were ironed out.

Many will remember Mr. Stenhouse Dodd, whose magnificent figure was the admiration of all—Mr. Tossie Greaves—Charlie Kewin, that wonderful football player, "Santa Claus", the mascot of the Peel Football Club. Some will remember the Election (Cormode) in Peel, and the excitement with "Dan the Jeweler," and many others taking part. Out of respect, let me mention Mrs. Cowley "The Butcher," and Tommie Clague, "The Baker," both of whom always made sure that some of these characters had plenty to eat for Sunday when they made their Saturday night call at their stores.

The Police Force at that time was composed of Inspector Shimmin, Tom Comish, Bill Clague and Jim Quirk, and later Jack Lacey.

Peel was a happy place in those far-off days—always something doing. Practical jokes played no small part of everyday life and were not always appreciated by the victims—as for instance the time that Betsy Charlie delivered the goats to the Vicar's garden party on the lawn.

I almost forgot to mention Jim McLeavey—many will remember his taking the white horse in through the front door of their house on Christian Street on its way to the stable—and how spotlessly clean the house was. I must mention Johnny Kinrade's cobbler's shop in Market Street where many old-timers like Harry Kaye, Eddie Quayle and old Quilliam used to meet and tell fairy stories, and as a kid I have had goose pimples while listening.

The "Weather Glass" was an outstanding place in those days, and arguments were carried on, with many old-timers taking part. My remarks would not be complete without mentioning the "Diamond King" — Joe Mylchreest, the man who did so much for Peel, and never forgot a friend. And I must mention the Peel Town Commissioners' meetings, with members like "Kelly Pewter," Phil Moore and Dr. Kelman, whose remarks were not always printed in the Guardian; also Tom Halsall, their efficient officer.

Another worthy who should be mentioned is Danny Cain, who put the winkers on the cow, and Caesar Kinish his side-kick, who worked for John Meyrick.

Who amongst us can forget those memorable Football Suppers held at Crookall's Restaurant, and "Santa Claus" eating ham and eggs without the aid of a knife and fork—or our goal keeper, "Johnny Eby" Cowie who undertook to eat a bun in two bites—then tried to do it in one with the result that he bit off more than he could chew when it swelled in his mouth. Probably he would have choked only that one of the players hit him in the back and released the obstruction just in time.

Many pages could be written about these people, and I realize I have missed many well-known names. I pay tribute to the memory of them all, and consider that Peel was a better place by having them as citizens. May their memory never fade!

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OBITUARIES

CORMODE, Mrs. Alice, of 2205 Leland Avenue, Chicago, passed away on December 16, 1948. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Bertha M. Rees of Chicago. Mrs. Cormode was a member of the N.A.M.A. and the Chicago Manx Society.

COWIN, Mrs. W. H., of Hamilton, Ontario, passed away on April 25, 1948. She was the widow of the late W. H. Cowin, Sr. who died on April 7, 1942. Both were active at one time in the Hamilton Manx Society.

MYLROI, Mrs. Annie Beatrice, passed away at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, on May 31, just six days before her 82nd birthday. She was the widow of the late Ben Mylroi of Laxey, Isle of Man, whom she married in Laxey 60 years ago. She is survived by her daughter Cissie at Newcastle-on-Tyne, a son John of Kimberley, South Africa, a son Tom of West Hartlepool, England, and a daughter, Mrs. Elsie Black of Lakewood, Ohio.

OATES, James, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, died after a heart attack on April 7. He is survived by his wife, Lucy May, and a son David. Mr. Oates was a cashier in the employ of the Canadian National Express Service for nearly thirty years, and was much respected.

QUAYLE, William O., of Orion, near Galva, Illinois, died on April 4 as the result of an accident. Surviving are one daughter and two sons: Mrs. Duane Cole of Orion; Vernie Quayle of Reynolds, and Virgil Quayle of Geneseo, Illinois, also several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Quayle, who was 81, was born near Galva and had been prominent in community affairs there.

REYNOLDS, Mrs. Alice (nee Quayle) passed away on April 29 at her home, 1926 Kansas Avenue, Flint, Michigan. Mrs. Reynolds, who was 79, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Quayle of East Foxdale, Isle of Man. She is survived by her husband Samuel, and a nephew and niece, Richard H. Corkill and Mrs. M. Mawson of Detroit.

CREER, Burnham R., of Glendale, California, passed away on June 21, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Margaret. Mr. Creer was a member of the N.A.M.A. for many years.

OBITUARIES

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OLESEN, Mrs. Margaret E., passed away in Moscow, Idaho, on August 12, 1948. Mrs. Olesen came from the Isle of Man, and is survived by her daughter, Ella L. Olesen.

ROACH, Mrs. Evelyn, of 3735 West 135th St., Cleveland, passed away on May 12 at the age of 54. She is survived by her husband, Louis, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man; two brothers and three sisters in Cleveland; three sisters in Scotland and one in Toronto. Mrs. Roach was born in Aberdeen, Scotland and had resided in Cleveland for many years. She took an active interest in Manx affairs.

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

North Eastern Ohio Manx Society

About 200 people attended an Entertainment and Dance given recently by this Society. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Cleveland

Pre-Convention Events

BOOSTER MEETING . . . A pre-convention rally will be held at the Hotel Cleveland on Monday evening, June 27th at 8:00 P. M.

There will be entertainment and as guests for this meeting we will have Mr. John Pickard of Derbyhaven, Isle of Man and Miss Maxine Hall.

GARDEN PARTY . . . The Ways and Means Committee will sponsor a Garden Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon, 19008 Kinsman Road, Shaker Heights on Saturday afternoon, July 9th. Bring a picnic basket and stay for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bain enjoyed a two-weeks visit with their daughter Elva and her husband Bob Rodin in Berkeley, Calif. While there they had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society, held at Fred Callow's in Berkeley.

Mrs. Jack Cannell of Burbank, Calif. is entertaining her sister from Chicago, who is having a most enjoyable visit.

Congratulations to Edwin Killip of Burbank, Calif., who entered a pug dog in the Santa Monica Dog Show and received the grand championship!

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ward spent the Easter week end in San Diego as guests of Miss Iris Corkhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metcalf of Vancouver, B.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maddrell of Seattle, Wash. were in Los Angeles recently, visiting relatives and Manx friends.

Miss Phyllis Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly of Alhambra, Calif. had the honor of singing the leading role in an operetta given by Redlands University, where she is a student.

Tom Howland has returned to his home in San Diego, after attending the funeral of his stepson in Colorado Springs, Colo.

A new N.A.M.A. member, signed up by Fred W. Boyde of Philadelphia, is Russell S. Callow, 43rd & Locust Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Callow tells us that his father came to the United States from Castletown with his parents in the 1860's, and that he has ten brothers and sisters, all brought up in the State of Washington, and all proud of their Manx heritage.

Winner of the Cleveland Gold Medal at the Manx Music Festival held in the Island this year was Lewis Gale, baritone, of Douglas, who was highly praised by the judges.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

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A pleasant surprise during the evening of the Cleveland Manx church service, June 12, was the arrival of Frank Moore of Johannesburg, South Africa, who had come to Cleveland in the course of an extended business trip in the States and Canada. His plans included a trip to the Isle of Man (which he had never seen) before returning to Johannesburg. Frank is a son of Philip Moore, formerly of Peel and a long-time resident of Johannesburg—and very well known to Cleveland Manx, particularly those from his native town. The young man had a long list of names and a host of good wishes to carry back to his father. While in Cleveland, Frank was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Philip C. Cowell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Skelly of Kirkland Lake, Ont., sailed on the EMPRESS OF FRANCE from Montreal on June 17. They will visit Liverpool and the Isle of Man and then go to Holland to see the grave of their son, Flying Officer F. R. Skelly, R.C.A.F., who gave his life during the recent war.

Among Cleveland Manx visiting the Isle of Man at present are Mrs. Walter K. Wood and Mrs. Bertha Teare. Mrs. Teare made the trip by plane.

Mrs. Robert (Emily) Speedie, twin sister of our Convention Chairman, John R. Cain, is at present visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Osborne, in Liverpool, England. She will also visit her brother Joe and her husband's relatives in the Isle of Man.

Mrs. Leslie McDonnell of Vancouver, B.C. is visiting her daughter Helen (Mrs. Lloyd Drum) in Los Angeles where she will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Christian of Los Angeles, and son Bob, visited a brother—Bob Christian—in Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Jennie Kelly of Lomita, Calif. is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Langlois, in Oakland, Calif.

• Have you sent in your \$2.00 membership to R.W. Skillicorn, 4912 East 96th Street, Cleveland 5, Ohio? We want "A Thousand and Nine in '49" --- but we'll settle for a thousand. Be sure you are among the thousand members in our 21st Anniversary year.