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

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## OUR 21st BIRTHDAY CONVENTION CLEVELAND, OHIO

The North American Manx Association has grown up! It has become "of age." Its 21st Birthday was celebrated in Cleveland—the city of its birth—August 2-6, 1949. Those of us who were on hand for its inception twenty-one years ago derived special pleasure and satisfaction when the family gathered for this celebration held in the Hotel Cleveland. We were proud of our "child"—proud of its hale and hearty condition, proud of its attainments, proud in the pleasure it has brought to so many of our kinfolk.

On Tuesday, the 2nd, the Manx were arriving all day and by night-fall the Cleveland Hotel was fairly "bulging at the seams" with hundreds of happy, laughing and jovial friends from all parts of the United States and Canada. Yes, they came from far-off places too. We had them from British Columbia and all parts of California; from the State of Washington; from the Province of Manitoba; from Quebec and from Alabama; from all sections of the Eastern Seaboard and from all points in the Great Lakes District. And, last but not least, we had a delegation of nine from overseas—seven from the Isle of Man and two from England. Visiting and the renewing of friendships occupied the greater part of the day. That evening was known as "Cleveland Night" when the members of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies, sponsors of the convention, entertained the out-of-town guests. Mr. John R. Cain, General Chairman of the convention committee, opened the meeting held in the Cleveland Hotel ballroom. After the singing of the National Anthems of the United States, Canada and the Isle of Man, also "Ellan Vannin" and "Ramsey Town," he gave a short address of welcome and praised the convention committee for its work. He also introduced Mr. Thomas Keig, Jr., president of the Mona's Relief Society, which had been founded 98 years ago; Mrs. J. P. Bieger, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society; and Mrs. Albert Killely of Painesville, Ohio, president of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society. All of these people extended greetings on behalf of their organizations and welcomed the visitors.

The next person introduced was Mr. W. Harry Kelly, president of the North American Manx Association.

After a short address of welcome, Mr. Kelly introduced the N.A.M.A. officers, who also were seated at the speakers' table. He then proceeded to introduce the overseas visitors: The Misses Bessie Mylchreest and Evelyn Cowley; Mrs. C. Hulme and Mrs. R. Kelly, and Messrs. T. R. Radcliffe, William Kelly and John Reubens, all of the Isle of Man; and the Misses Eva and Lillian Kneen of Birkenhead, England. This was followed by a program arranged by Walter Quilliam and his entertainment committee, consisting of community singing led by Frank Cleator; vocal solos by Mrs. Orton Re.d, Douglas Cleator, Fred Gorry and Joseph Clucas; recitations by Jack Bridson of Akron, Ohio; and vocal duets by Mrs. Ben Greggor and Joseph Clucas. Accompanists were the Mesdames Douglas Cannell, Fred Gorry, Mona G. Haldeman and Miss Mona Clucas. The entertainment concluded with the showing of movies taken at previous conventions by Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester, New York, and Mr. Thomas Cleator of Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Official opening of the convention took place in the hotel ballroom on Wednesday morning with the usual parade of flags of the United States, Canada and the Isle of Man, when everyone rises and sings the National Anthem of the respective country as its flag is carried down the aisle to the speakers' table. The invocation was given by the Rev. Joseph Partidge of Sullivan, Illinois, a past president of the Association. Convention Committee Chairman Cain introduced Mayor Thomas A. Burke, who extended a warm welcome on behalf of the city of Cleveland. Mr. Cain added his greetings and welcome on behalf of the Cleveland Manx Societies and introduced N.A.M.A. President W. Harry Kelly of Maple Heights, Ohio, who took over the convention at that point. Mr. Kelly thanked Mayor Burke and Mr. Cain for their words of welcome and called upon the Association Secretary, Miss C. M. Mylecraine, who read letters and telegrams of greetings to the convention. Among them were letters from Mayor F. M. Corkill of Douglas and our Hon. Pres. Mrs. A. B. Crookall of Douglas; also a cable from Mr. George J. A. Brown, Editor of the Isle of Man Times, and a letter from Mr. Cecil Teare, Editor of the Ramsey Courier. Upon

passage of motion made from the floor, the Secretary was instructed to send cables of greetings from the convention to the Governor of the Isle of Man, Mrs. Crookall and the World Manx Association. President Kelly then introduced his officers, who were seated on the platform with him. This was followed by the reading of the annual report of the secretary, the audited financial statement by the treasurer and a report by the Bulletin Editor. All three reports were accepted by acclamation. The financial report (printed elsewhere in this issue) brought out the fact that there had been an increase of 212 members and nearly \$1000.00 additional money on hand, as compared with the previous fiscal year. The N.A.M.A. Officers were highly commended by Mr. J. R. Cain for this splendid showing. President Kelly's opening message was entitled "Looking Backward, Thinking Forward." He went over the twenty-one years which had intervened since the organization was founded in 1928, stating that regardless of the depression years and the necessary cessation of conventions during World War II, the Association had "come out on top." He paid tribute to the past officers and said that they had "done a grand job." President Kelly also said that the Regional Directors and members too had played a magnificent part. They had stuck with the Association through the lean years and had been of great help in increasing membership. The goal of 1000 members, set at the Peoria convention, was almost met and could stand as a goal for the incoming officers. He continued by stating that the Association had members in forty-two states of the United States and in all Canadian Provinces. In closing, he said, "During the past year and the previous year, I have been proud to be counted among your officers. I am proud to be Manx and proud to belong to the North American Manx Association and this great family of Manx people."

Luncheon was served in the Red Room of the Hotel Cleveland and, promptly at two o'clock, seven police-escorted busloads of happy Manx people left for a tour of the city. The route took them out Lake Shore Drive and through the East Side Park System. Stops were made at the Cleveland Museum of Art, where the official convention photograph was

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## THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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### The President's Message Thinking Ahead

Having been elected for a third time (sounds like President Roosevelt), I want to thank the Manx people of this continent for the honor bestowed on me. I will endeavor to work at all times for the best interest of our Association.

I wish to thank all members, regional directors, members of the Bulletin Committee and officers, for their loyal and active support during the past year. Our balance sheet in this Bulletin will bear me out—we were a great team!

Our theme for the year is "Thinking Ahead." The N.A.M.A. Needs All Members Active. Being active, means paying dues promptly, and encouraging Manx friends to become members. Let us all work this year with one thought in mind—to secure at least one new member.

The future of any organization depends on the young people. Any Manx person under eighteen, by paying 25 cents, can become a Junior member. So come on, Juniors!

I want to congratulate the combined Cleveland Manx Societies for the wonderful Convention and 21st Birthday Party; the General Chairman, committee chairmen and all committee members, all did a superb job, which reflects great credit on the Manx in Cleveland. A hearty vote of thanks also is extended to those who in any way participated in our fine programs. To those who attended, from far and near—"Thanks a million" for making this one of the finest Manx Conventions ever held.

May we "Think Ahead" for bigger and better Manx Conventions.

W. Harry Kelly,  
President.

## OUR 21st BIRTHDAY CONVENTION

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taken, and to the Mona's Relief Society lot in Highland Park Cemetery. At this point a memorial service was conducted by President Kelly, with the Rev. Joseph Partridge leading the prayer. Final destination of the tour was the Lake Shore Hotel, on the West Side of Cleveland. After a pleasant sojourn in the hotel gardens, the group was summoned to dinner in the ballroom. President Kelly was chairman for the interesting entertainment which followed. It consisted of vocal solos by Mr. Orton Reid of Cleveland and Mr. Percy Clucas of Toronto, as well as piano solos by Mrs. Mona G. Haldeman of Cleveland, vocal solos, duets and recitations by the Misses Kneen of Birkenhead and recitations by Mrs. R. Cecil Kelly of Chicago. The entertainment items were interspersed with short talks by Past President R. H. Corkill of Detroit, Mr. John Reubens of Ramsey, Miss Lillian Kneen, and Past President T. C. Kelly of Chicago. Buses returned the party to Hotel Cleveland.

The annual memorial service for members and friends who had passed on during the year was held at the Thursday morning business meeting. The Rev. Joseph Partridge of Sullivan, Illinois, delivered a fitting address and the secretary read the names of those who had passed away. This was followed by reports of delegates from the various local Manx Societies, as well as the reading of greetings from Manx friends in all parts of the United States, Canada and the Isle of Man. Presentation of an illuminated three-leg emblem was made to President Kelly by Mr. John Kelly of Toronto, who made the emblem; and Miss Eva Kneen of Birkenhead presented a hand-embroidered map of the Island, as well as a book containing the names of three hundred Liverpool Manx, and a scroll from the Merseyside Manx.

Luncheon was served in the hotel ballroom, following which short talks were made by Past Presidents Dr. J. J. Moore and T. C. Kelly, both of Chicago. The latter solicited the contribution of data which could be used in compiling a history of the Manx in North America. Mrs. Wilfred Quayle of San Francisco gave a recitation from the writings of T. E. Brown and Mr. Walter Quilliam of Cleveland entertained with a tenor solo.

The afternoon was free for the annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. and for meetings of committees appointed to handle the business of the convention. In the evening, an entertainment was given in the hotel ballroom. Past President Dr. J. J. Moore of Chicago was chairman and, after a few words of welcome, he introduced the Misses Eva and Lillian Kneen of Birkenhead, who led the group in community singing and also entertained with vocal solos

and duets. Walter Quilliam of Cleveland, chairman of the entertainment committee, sang a duet with Miss Eva Kneen and assisted them at the piano. Mrs. Charles Sundlof of Dansville, New York, Mrs. Frank Williamson of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore of Toronto, all recited highlights of their recent trips to the Isle of Man. Interspersing these talks were vocal selections by the "Leroyettes," a group of several young ladies who hail from the Northeast Ohio Manx Society district, and a piano solo by Miss Ida Caine of Iowa Falls, Iowa. Past President James Y. Mann of Winnipeg then addressed the assembly, and next on the program was Mr. Howard Jenkins of Cleveland, who entertained with several vocal numbers sung in true Western style to the accompaniment of his guitar. Miss Beatrice Creesborough of Cleveland (formerly of Birkenhead, England) sang several contralto solos, and movies of the Isle of Man taken by Mrs. Thomas Kelly of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Mrs. William Roseman of Cleveland brought the entertainment to a close. During the program, President Kelly and Mr. Cain opened packages sent to them via air from Mr. Charles Craine, Secretary of the World Manx Association. Inside were gingerbread horses which had been baked in the Island on Monday of that week.

Invocation for the Friday morning business session was asked by the Rev. Joseph Partridge. President Kelly opened the meeting by calling on 1st Vice President Tom Moore, who read several messages of greeting, which he had brought with him from Toronto. The secretary also read letters of greeting which had been received since the Thursday morning meeting. President Kelly announced that during the past few days two women prominent in Association activities had passed away. They were Mrs. Arthur Callow of Toronto, Honorary President of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary, and Mrs. E. C. Jacklin of Winnipeg, sister of the President of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Charles Malboeuf of Montreal.

Reports of Committees then were requested by the President. The Homecoming Trip Committee, of which the Association Secretary was Chairman, reported as follows:

"The Homecoming Trip Committee met on August 4, 1949, and it was the consensus of opinion, after reviewing the data presented by the steamship lines and conferring with their representatives, that it would be best to defer consideration of a Homecoming Trip to the Isle of Man until shipping conditions have improved and we can secure suitable accommodations and arrangements can be made to arrive in Douglas Bay, as on previous homecoming trips.

"Application, however, has been made for 150 berths in one ship sailing in June, 1950. Whether this can be secured is extremely doubtful. But, if it can, we shall immediately contact our members through our N.A.M.A. Bulletin and endeavor to work out something along this line."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee, headed by Past President James Y. Mann of Winnipeg, brought in the following report, which was accepted unanimously:

"Resolved—

- (1) That this committee recommend to the Executive that the salaries of the Secretary, Treasurer and Bulletin Editor be raised by the sum of \$25.00 annually in each case, as a mark of appreciation for the wonderful services rendered.
- (2) We recommend that some definite action be taken with a view to interest our young people in plans whereby the continuation of the North American Manx Association can be assured and that a committee be appointed for this purpose.
- (3) We further suggest that action be taken for the purpose of encouraging Manx young people from the Isle of Man to come to this Continent to make their future homes."

Mr. R. K. Mercer of Windsor, Ontario, chairman of the Time and Place Committee, reported that they recommended acceptance of Windsor's bid for the 1950 convention—time to be decided later. Motion to this effect was carried unanimously.

The Nominating Committee, under chairmanship of the Rev. Joseph Partridge, was next to report. Election of officers took place at this time, with the following results:

Honorary President—Mrs. A. B. Crookall, Douglas

Honorary Vice Pres.—Hon. Richard Cain, Douglas

Honorary Vice Pres.—Hon. Ramsey B. Moore, Douglas

President—W. Harry Kelly, Bedford, Ohio

1st Vice President—Tom Moore, Toronto, Ontario

2nd Vice President—Mrs. W. Quayle, San Francisco, Calif.

3rd Vice President—Thomas E. Cleator, Chicago, Ill.

Rep. Ladies' Auxiliary—Mrs. Chas. Malboeuf, Montreal

Rep. Breakfast Club—Miss Ida Caine, Iowa Falls, Iowa

Corr. and Rec. Secretary—Miss C. M. Mylecraine, Cleveland

Fin. Secy and Treas.—R. W. Skillicorn, Cleveland

Bulletin Editor—Miss G. Cannell, Lakewood, Ohio.

Dr. J. J. Moore of Chicago, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, now was called upon and reported in part as follows:

"Whereas this 21st convention of the N.A.M.A. has been the best convention there has ever been held and whereas the local committee on arrangements has done indefatigable work on its preparation—therefore, be it resolved that the membership of the N.A.M.A. herein assembled express its deep appreciation for their endeavors. Furthermore, be it resolved that the Chairman of the local committee, Mr. John R. Cain, and each of his component committees be presented for fitting approbation."

Dr. Moore then moved that Mr. Cain receive a special vote of thanks. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Cain thanked Dr. Moore, but passed the credit along to his committee. Each sub-committee chairman was asked to come to the platform, where he was thanked by Mr. Cain and given the opportunity of reading off the names and thanking those who served on the respective committees for their assistance. Mr. Cain also read the names of the members of his executive committee and thanked them for their assistance.

Other items on the Resolution Committee report were those of thanks to the officers who had served the N.A.M.A. so well during the year; to the visitors from the Homeland who had brought such stimulation to the convention; to all who had sent personal greetings to the convention; to Mayor Burke of Cleveland, who had extended a heartfelt welcome at the opening session; to the Cleveland newspapers and those in the Isle of Man for the favorable publicity given the 21st Birthday Convention; to the radio and television stations who had presented programs regarding the Isle of Man; to all who had entertained and added so much pleasure to the various convention meetings; to the Cleveland Transit system which furnished transportation for the tour of the city; and last, but not least, to the Hotel Cleveland and the Lake Shore Hotel for excellent service rendered our delegates.

This report, of course, was accepted by everyone present. President Kelly closed the meeting by thanking his officers and the regional directors for the work they had done during the past year, and solicited the assistance of all members in building up the membership roll of the Association.

The high spot of every convention—the banquet and ball—came that evening, when nearly five hundred Manx people gathered in the Hotel Cleveland ballroom. It was truly a gala affair, with soft dinner music being played all during the meal. There was a small Manx pennant at every plate—donated by the Isle of Man Publicity Board. When the tables were cleared, President Kelly

opened the program by welcoming everyone to the Association's 21st Birthday Party. He said that a birthday party is a reunion—a gathering together of the family—and that the Manx family had gathered to celebrate its 21st Anniversary. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" as President Kelly blew out the 21 candles and Mrs. Kelly cut the mammoth birthday cake which had been placed on the speakers' table.

Toastmaster of the evening was Past President John R. Cain of Cleveland, who called for toasts to the United States, Canada and the Isle of Man, after each of which was sung the respective National Anthem. Following Mr. Cain's opening remarks, Mr. Percy Clucas of Toronto sang a tenor solo. This was followed by the singing of "Mylecharaine" in Manx by Mrs. Wilfred Quayle of San Francisco. The speaker of the evening, Chief Justice Carl V. Weygandt of the Ohio State Supreme Court, was introduced by Mr. Cain. The subject of Justice Weygandt's address was very appropriate—"Deemster Justice." He said, in opening, that it had been chosen because he believed the Isle of Man to be the only nation in the world to have a traditional office of "Deemster." His purpose was not to talk about Deemsters or Judges, he said, but rather he wanted to discuss their oath of office. It was his understanding that the Island's fishing industry was practically a thing of the past, but that in years gone by, it was its principal means of livelihood. He proceeded then, by stating that the oath assumed by a Deemster of the Isle of Man relates to that chief industry of fishery. In his oath of office, a Deemster swears before his God to administer justice between party and party as indifferently as the herring backbone doth lie in the midst of the fish. Justice Weygandt then referred to World War II, stating he understood that the Island had a wonderful record and had sent into the fighting armies the highest percentage of young men, according to population, as any part of the entire British Empire. The only reason he mentioned it, he said, was because he hoped that never again in the Island's history would it be necessary to send a single young man into a world war. He proceeded by stating that, according to history, the fear of being denied justice is the chief cause for people getting into misunderstandings which lead to war and subsequent killing. He said that nothing could be finer than for the group assembled there that evening to wish that, "Somehow, intelligent, educated and reasonable people of the world would feel that we should have some sort of worldwide organization which will cause most people to believe that they are having justice and that they will continue to have justice as the years come and go." He proceeded by referring to the Oath of Office taken by judges in the State of Ohio, stating that, in part, it is the same as required by Moses of his judges and

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## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Best wishes are extended to Miss Eva Kelly, for many years secretary of the Peoria Manx Society, who left for California on September 25, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. James Kelly, and her sister, Miss Eleanor Kelly. They will make their home at 842 Richmond St., El Cerrito, California. We wish them much happiness in their new surroundings.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin and daughter Louise, also Mrs. Ivy Dillon, all of Bisbee, Arizona, were visitors recently at the William Mullen home in Alhambra, California. Louise has entered the Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles.

Henry Cowley of Berkeley, California, was the guest of Oscar Ward and other old friends in Los Angeles and San Diego during a recent trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes of Dayton, Ohio, who have been guests of Mrs. Emma Barnes (his mother) of Altadena, California, have returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christian of Fresno, California, have been enjoying the ocean breezes at Santa Cruz for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Dorothy Corkhill Quayle of San Francisco, with her sister Miss Iris Corkhill of San Diego and brother, Ernest, of Phoenix, Ariz., recently were guests at the Oscar Ward home in Los Angeles. Miss Iris Corkhill was taking a jaunt by air along the coast, visiting various cities along the way, including San Francisco where she stayed with her sister, and had an enjoyable time with the San Francisco Manx. Her ultimate destination was Vancouver, where she visited an old friend (a Peel one).

Miss Ada Christian of Cleveland, and more recently of Rochester, is now enjoying Claremont, Calif., where she intends to make her home.

Visiting in Vancouver this summer were the Fenton Bellamys and Mrs. F. Jones of San Francisco.

Everyone knows that J. Wilson Jenkinson's hobby is boosting the Isle of Man. He talked about it so effectively to two Washington friends that when they heard that a horse named "Isle of Man" was running at Charleston, and again at Hagerstown, each put down \$2.00 on him. One gentleman picked up \$30.00, the other, \$15.00. If memory is correct, the horse "Isle of Man" is owned by the parents of Richard Quine, movie actor.

Visiting at the J. T. Looney home in Alva, Okla., this summer was their eldest daughter Mona and family—Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Heady and six-year-old daughter Linda Lee, from Tacoma, Wash. Previously they had gone to Baltimore to see Mrs. Heady's brother and family, M/Sgt. and Mrs. Mark H. Looney and small son Cecil, visiting Washington, D. C. at the same time. Relatives in Wichita, Kansas, and Enid and Alva, Okla., were also visited, so that when the Headys got back to Tacoma they felt they had seen a great deal of the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Looney of Alva, Okla., spent an August holiday in the Colorado Rockies.

A new member is Miss Maria Inez Riter, P. O. Box 1232, Santa Barbara, Calif. Miss Riter's mother was Maria Corlett, born in Painesville, Ohio, and she would like to hear from any Painesville Manx who might know the family.

Robert Fick of Toronto and his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Oakley, sailed for the Isle of Man in August and expect to stay until after the New Year.

Mrs. Edith Garrett of Iron River, Michigan, returned in July from her visit to the Isle of Man, which she greatly enjoyed. The main object of her visit was to see her mother who was in her 95th year, and who passed away while she was with her.

One of our members in Washington, D. C., is Ellsworth P. Killip, Head Curator of the Department of Botany at the Smithsonian Institute. Last fall Mr. Killip's botanical research activities took him to South America, where he was received by President Peron at Buenos Aires, afterwards visiting cities in Chile, Peru, Colombia and Panama. Mr. Killip would like to have been able to come to the Convention, and we hope one day to have him with us. He had Cleveland relatives at one time but has lost touch with them.

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hood, 1769 Burgess Road, Cleveland, on August 17, to help them celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Hood said that if the entire family could have assembled, they would have numbered about 60. May they have many more happy anniversaries!

President and Mrs. Callister of the San Francisco Manx Society enjoyed a visit in September from Mrs. Callister's sister and children, recently returned from London.

There was a happy reunion in Enid, Okla., last June, when Jack Bridson of Akron, Ohio, went out there to see his sister, Mrs. Margaret Kelly of Liverpool, England, who was visiting her daughter and family there. The last time Jack and his sister had met was when he made a trip home, in 1929. And what a time they had, going over happenings of the last twenty years!

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cottier of Cleveland have recently moved to Los Angeles where their daughter, Noreen, has resided for some years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cottier have always been active in Manx affairs. Mrs. Cottier was a member of the Relief Committee of the Mona's Relief Society and a Regional Director of the N.A.M.A. Before leaving Cleveland they were presented with useful gifts at a picnic sponsored by West Side friends. An East Side group of Manx ladies was entertained at a luncheon given in Mrs. Cottier's honor at the home of Mrs. J. R. Cain, and a lace tablecloth will remind her of many happy times they have had together. We wish them many years of happiness in their new home.

Following the Convention, Miss Edith Greggor of 14500 Orinoco Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio, returned with the William Clinton family to Mobile, Ala., for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Grapeland Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, are sailing for the Isle of Man early in November. We wish them a pleasant trip.

A happy reunion was held in Toronto when Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cain and Elinor of Cleveland and Mr. T. Harry Cain of Akron went there to meet Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speedie of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, on September 24. Mrs. Speedie (Emily Cain) was returning from the Island, and her husband journeyed east to accompany her home. Prior to coming to Toronto they visited their son, Norman Speedie, and family in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gawne, 818 West 14th Ave., Spokane, Wash., with their twin daughters, returned in August from the Isle of Man, where they enjoyed a pleasant visit with friends and relatives.

Of course everyone saw the charming photograph of George Quinney, 3, doffing his cap to the fairies at the Ballaglonney Bridge, Isle of Man, in the Pictorial Section of Sunday papers of September 25. But how many knew that the l'il fellow is a nephew of our Steve Quinney, President of the Breakfast Club?

While on a trip West during July, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Clarke of Knoxville, Ill., visited a number of the Manx in California, including the Donald Bains, the Oscar Wards, Miss Lillian Callow, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Hardwick and Thora Quayle. In Oregon they met members of the Robertson family, whose father was a former master at the School of Art, Douglas—Miss Grace K. Robertson of Eugene, Oregon, and her brother Alistair of Portland.

Mrs. Mildred Allen of Washington, D. C., who flew to and back from Europe in late summer on State Department business, has been detailed again for a four months' tour of duty in Germany. She sailed on the Mauretania on September 26.

Fred Towle of Buffalo and his wife, Adele, drove to Montreal in September, taking John Reubens of Ramsey, who was sailing from there on the 14th, after having enjoyed every moment of his two months' visit to the U. S. A.—the highlight being Convention week and meeting old cronies with whom he could exchange memories of boyhood days in Sulby. He had some long yarns with George Cain, Will Collister, Fred Brew—all of Cleveland.

Walter Corkill of Niagara Falls, N. Y., returned home on August 12 after a pleasant visit to the Isle of Man to visit his mother who, at the age of 90, enjoys excellent health.

The Walter Stevensons of Chicago report having a grand trip through Colorado this summer, covering about 2800 miles. Walter tells us that his father prospected for gold in the Cripple Creek area before the Civil War. He had crossed the Atlantic in a sailing ship in 1852 as a lad of 17. He visited the Isle of Man in 1860 and owing to the Civil War was unable to return to the U. S.; remaining in the Island, he brought up a family of 13 children, some of whom, as we know, eventually came to America.

A wonderful work in rehabilitation is being done in his community by Chief Constable Harry Collister of Brandon, Man. He organized a committee last fall to work with men completing jail sentences, making contacts for them with prospective employers who are willing to offer them suitable jobs. The same service is performed for vagrants and transients. Chief Collister and the citizens of Brandon are to be congratulated on the success they are making of this splendid social work.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cowley, 4419 Sheraton Drive, Cleveland, held open house on Sunday, October 9, to receive Manx friends who called to congratulate them on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary. Everyone will join in hearty good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cowley, who have been keenly interested in the N.A.M.A. for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sundloff of Dansville, N. Y., chose a good place to celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary—at the Cleveland Convention.

#### MANX WEDDIN'S

Phyllis Lenore Dickey was married on September 10 to William Harold Quayle, son of the late William Cameron Quayle and stepson of Mrs. Dorothy Quayle of San Francisco. The wedding took place at the First Presbyterian Church, Albany, Oregon. Bill and Phyllis will reside in San Francisco on their return from their honeymoon in Mexico.

Kathleen Clucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clucas, 3 Patrick St., Peel, and niece of Mrs. A. T. Hood of Cleveland, was married in Peel on July 7 to Edward Collister, 728 1st Ave., N. W., Calgary, Alberta, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Collister of Circular Road, Peel. The bride had been assistant organist at the Athol Street Methodist Church in Peel. After a honeymoon in England the couple went to Glasgow, whence they returned by plane to Canada.

Shortly after her return from the Isle of Man in August, Mrs. Ellen Kennish of Cleveland was married to Mr. Carl J. Abell, at a quiet ceremony in Angola, Indiana. The couple spent their honeymoon at Georgian Bay, Canada and are now back in Cleveland. Mr. Abell is father-in-law of one of the N.A.M.A.'s good workers—Mrs. L. K. (Amy) Abell.

Helen Irene Reeves was married on June 12 in Grand Junction, Colo., to William Edward Dufford. The bride is a granddaughter of the late George Wilson Jenkinson and Mrs. Jenkinson (nee Dalton), formerly of the Eary, Isle of Man.

Mrs. L. L. Auty, Lake Forest, Ill., announces the marriage of her two daughters, Elizabeth Gale Auty, to Lloyd Buckner McClure, on July 30—and Nancy Auty to Ralph William Valavanis on July 16. Mr. and Mrs. McClure will live at 5793 Lantana Ave., College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Valavanis in Waukegan, Ill.

#### THE LI'L PEOPLE

A baby girl was born on June 14 to Mr. and Mrs. C. Oleson of Menominee, Mich. Mrs. Oleson was formerly Kathleen Callow.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. Schlesinger of South Milwaukee, Wis., a baby girl on June 6. Mrs. Schlesinger was the former Jessie Kewley Chase.

Robert Hugh, born September 11, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kellner, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa. He is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kellner of Windsor, Ontario.

#### BALANCE SHEET

##### North American Manx Association Convention

Cleveland, Ohio—August 2-6, 1949

#### RECEIPTS

Registrations .....	\$4415.60
Souvenir Book .....	853.20
Ways and Means Committee:	
Card Parties, etc. ....	\$470.75
Donations .....	429.00
Prize Distribution .....	477.50
	<u>\$1377.25</u>
Total Receipts .....	\$6646.05

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Hotel Cleveland .....	\$2788.13
Lake Shore Hotel .....	850.00
Cleveland Railway Co. ....	322.00
Souvenir Book .....	825.52
Printing .....	305.68
Badges .....	123.77
Song Books .....	82.95
Flowers .....	42.75
Orchestra and Dance .....	185.28
Barker Lind Sign Co. ....	10.00
Transportation committee ..	25.00
Postage .....	120.14
Misc. small expenses .....	34.83
Bank Charge .....	1.20
Total Disbursements .....	\$5717.25

Balance .....

\$ 928.80

John R. Cain General Chairman

Mrs. F. T. Gorry, Treasurer

Audited and found correct, October 14, 1949:

Thomas Keig

John Watterson

#### NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

##### Balance Sheet Financial Year 1948-1949

#### RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank,	
Sav. A/c. July 31/1948 .....	\$ 116.64
Com. A/c. July 31/1948 .....	715.67
Contributions .....	128.55
Proceeds—Peoria Convention ..	663.33
Membership Dues .....	1895.75
Bank Credit .....	3.49
Interest—Savings A/c .....	.66
	<u>\$3464.09</u>

Membership — July 31st, 1949.

Life Members .....	18
Senior Members .....	893
Junior Members .....	3
Society .....	17
Total .....	931

#### EXPENDITURES

Bulletins—Printing (5) .....	\$ 918.70
Bulletins—Handling & Postage ..	186.55
Salary—Corresponding Secretary ..	100.00
Financial Secretary-Treas. ....	100.00
Bulletin Editor .....	100.00
Printing and Stationery .....	163.99
Postage—General .....	73.72
Supplies .....	16.47
Telephones—Telegraph—Cable .....	14.45
Flowers .....	15.00
Ohio Sales Tax .....	31.65
Bank Charges .....	9.15
Total .....	<u>\$1663.68</u>

Balance in Bank, July 31, 1949	
Savings A/c .....	\$ 117.30
Commercial A/c .....	1657.11
Cash in Hand .....	26.00
	<u>\$3464.09</u>

Submitted July 31st, 1949.

Robert W. Skillicorn

Financial Secretary-Treas.

Audited and found correct:

J. Edwin Kelly

Helen K. Hunt

# OUR 21st BIRTHDAY CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 3)

as quoted in the Book of Deuteronomy in the Old Testament of the Bible, Chapter I, verses 16 and 17, as follows:

"And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.

"Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's; and the cause that is too hard for you bring it unto me, and I will hear it."

The speaker continued, "The simple message that I want you to think seriously about here tonight is whether the world hasn't something to learn from the simple oath of office taken by the Deemsters in the little old Isle of Man? I am hoping, as I said a moment ago, that there never will be occasion for another youngster in the Isle of Man to shoulder a gun to help shoot down his fellowman. It seems to me that—not as a Judge—but just as the father of my children and as a citizen—the civilized, intelligent, educated, reasonable people ought to find some better way of adjusting their differences of opinion and their misunderstandings than by the futile process of killing as many

of each other as they can; that you and I—or at least our children—may live to see the day when justice is administered throughout the world as indifferently—which means 'impartially' between person and person—as the herring backbone doth lie in the midst of the fish."

Toastmaster Cain thanked Justice Weygandt for his splendid address and then introduced Mr. John Skelly of Timmins, Ontario, who entertained with a bass solo. This was followed by a few words from Tom Radcliffe of the Isle of Man, in which he reminded visitors to the Island, who want to enjoy themselves, to contact Mr. Charles Craine, Secretary of the World Manx Association.

Miss Eva Kneen, accompanied by her sister, Miss Lillian Kneen, sang one of T. E. Brown's poems, "When Childher Play"; and Mr. Joseph Clucas of Cleveland sang "Fair Isle of Mona," written by Mr. Frank Cleator of Cleveland.

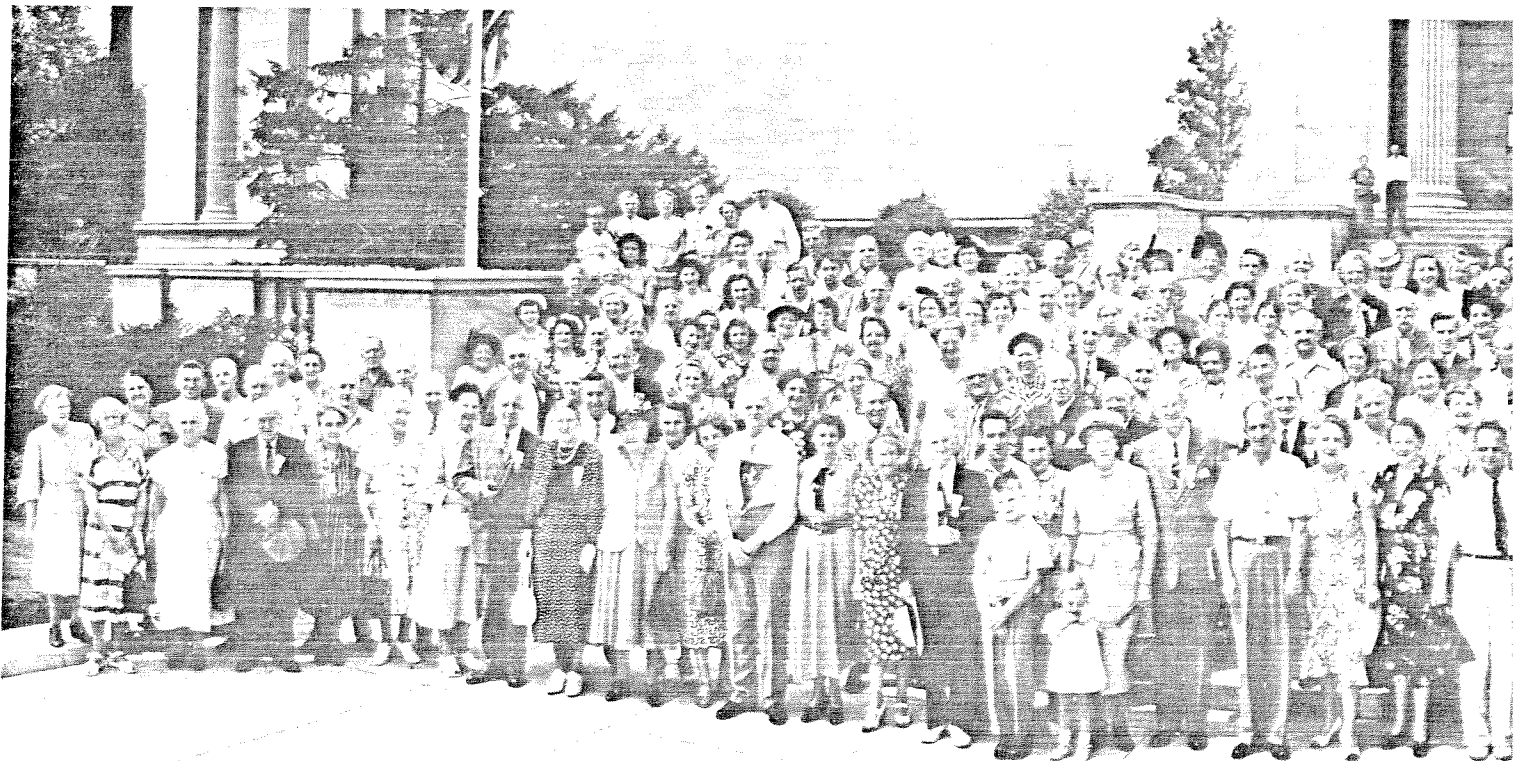
Mr. Cain thanked the artists who had participated in the evening's program, which had been arranged by Mr. Walter Quilliam and his Entertainment Committee. He also read a letter of greeting which had been received from Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio. In conclusion, he wished all visitors a safe journey home and thanked everyone for attending this

21st Birthday Party of the North American Manx Association.

This was followed by a brief message from President Kelly, in which he asked all delegates to take back to Manx people in their districts the best greetings of the one and only 21st Anniversary Convention of the N.A.M.A. He asked that every person present become a member of the Association and stated that the goal for the coming year again would be set at 1000 members. In conclusion, Mr. Kelly said, "I know I am going to see all of you in Windsor. So—Goodbye Cleveland—Detroit—Windsor, here we come! Don't forget, make up your minds that next August it will be—Hello, Windsor!" The meeting closed with the singing of "Ellan Vannin" and, after the tables were removed from the room, dancing was "the order of business" until "the wee sma' hours." Even then, everyone was reluctant to break up this wonderful party and so, they stayed for a final sing-song, which ended, of course, with the proverbial "Auld Lang Syne."

All convention visitors were invited to stay over until Saturday for the combined picnic of the Cleveland Manx Societies, which was held at Euclid Beach Park on the banks of Lake Erie, and which was a fitting climax for a fine convention. It was a beautiful day and the sports program

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was enjoyed by all. A picnic supper was served in the pavilion, with a short program of community singing in the early evening.

And now, we say, "Thanks a million to John Cain and his able committee who sponsored our coming-of-age convention." It was a grand party! The North American Manx Association indeed has grown up. Throughout its childhood, it was nurtured by those fine Manx people who were instrumental in bringing about its birth. It has blossomed forth to become forever a joy and pleasure to the Manx and their descendants in North America. It truly is an organization worthy of our pride. Let each of us resolve to put a shoulder to the wheel and work to make our Association an even greater organization, so that when we meet in Windsor next August, we shall have attained our goal of One Thousand Members! It can be done—so let's do it!

Respectfully submitted,

Claire M. Mylecraine,  
Secretary.

### Cleveland Convention Prize Distribution Winners

Lynwood Clement, Needham Heights, Mass., Pop-up Toaster

Evan F. Wade, Detroit, Mich., Lady's Hand Bag

J. W. Jenkinson, Washington, D. C., Needlepoint Picture

Carol Knock, Cleveland, Ohio, Pen and Pencil Set

Walter Quilliam, East Cleveland, Ohio, Luncheon Cloth

Viola Peake, Buffalo, N. Y., Hand-made Pillow Cases

John Richards, Detroit, Mich., Hand-made Pillow Cases

Frank Cain, Deerfield, Mich., Baby Set

Mrs. Harold Coles, Lyndhurst, O., Crocheted Tea Apron

Mrs. R. Curphey, Garfield Heights, O., Manx Teapot Stand

Miss Helen Minor, Mayfield Heights, O., Hand-painted Dish

Jack Skelly, Timmins, Ont., Pair of Sheets

Ross Kelly, Hibbing, Minn., Set of Towels

J. Kewley, S. Milwaukee, Wis., Sandwich Tray

Mrs. Edith Turner, Richmond, Ill., Luncheon Cloth

Mrs. H. Turville, Madison, Wis., Hand-made Handkerchiefs

Mrs. L. K. Abell, Cleveland, O., Manx Tray

Thomas Nelson, Raleigh, N. C., Oil Painting

Edwin Maddrell, Hudson, O., Pair Pictures

John H. Nichol, East Cleveland, O., Manx Teapot Stand

Miss E. Cox, Cleveland, O., Manx Teapot Stand

Mrs. A. E. Watts, Lincoln, Neb., Manx Teapot Stand

Mrs. William Boyd, Cleveland, O., Hand-made Handkerchiefs

Mrs. Frank Holaday, Gates Mills, O., Hand-made Handkerchiefs

Mrs. V. O. Banks, Jacksonville, Fla., Tea Apron

Mr. R. W. Skillicorn, Cleveland, O., Hand-crocheted Pot Holders

Kathryn Hughes, Cleveland, O., Hand-carved Table

Mrs. Paul T. Long, Cleveland, O., Hand-carved Table.

These prizes, in the order named, were donated by: Ohio Motors, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, Maple Heights, O.; Miss Edith Greggor, East Cleveland; Miss Claire Mylecraine, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. J. R. Cain, Cleveland; Mrs. Harold Coles, Lyndhurst; Mrs. J. Kewley, Bedford, O.; Mrs. Harry Mylechreest, Cleveland; Mrs. Eleanor Miller, East Cleveland; Mrs. C. E. Cottier, Cleveland; Mrs. E. H. Hemann, East Cleveland; Mrs. M. E. Partington, Belle-Vernon, Pa.; Mrs. Fred T. Gorry, Cleveland; R. W. Skillicorn, Cleveland; Mrs. John Watterson, East Cleveland; Mrs. William Bateman, East Cleveland; Miss Eva Kelly, Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, Cleveland; Mrs. William Bennett, South Euclid; Miss K. Hogg, Laxey, Isle of Man (3); Mrs. William Bateman, East Cleveland (2); Mrs. R. R. Gell, Cleveland; Mrs. William Bateman, East Cleveland; Mr. Fred Kissing, East Cleveland (2).

### CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPH



# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx do themselves proud in the matter of picnics. They held the third of the summer on September 25 at Bixby Park, Long Beach, which was as great a success as the two previous. "The cooishes went on and on as fast as a jet plane," says their secretary, Mrs. Oscar Ward.

Mrs. Ward reported on behalf of those from southern California who attended the Convention, that all found the gathering wonderful, entertainment of the very best, food delicious, cooishes and chit chats amusing, and relations—more and then some more! Mrs. Ward's two nieces, Miss Ida Caine and Mrs. Vera Caine Dougan of Iowa Falls, Iowa, accompanied her to the Convention.

## SAN FRANCISCO

Like the Los Angeles group, the San Francisco Manx really go in for picnics during the summer. They held the last of the season on September 18 at Stern Grove Park—a favorite spot where they can enjoy the open-air concerts of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. Descriptions of the Cleveland Convention also held the spotlight. Their winter meetings start in October.

## DETROIT-WINDSOR

This Society had planned an outdoor meeting for Sunday, September 18, but due to bad weather had to change their program, and instead met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Cannell. Rain unfortunately kept the Canadian members at home, so a special meeting was called for October 1 for election of officers and other business, details to be reported later.

President Corkill of this Society adds—"We all had a wonderful time at the Convention, and to the Cleveland Manx we say 'Thank you,' trusting that we can repeat at Windsor in 1950." We know you will, Dick!

## LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY— CLEVELAND

At this Society's final meeting held in June, the following officers were elected for the incoming season:

President.....Mrs. J. P. Bieger  
Vice President....Mrs. F. T. Gorry  
Secretary.....Mrs. Roy Bertsch  
Treasurer.....Miss Alice Corlett

Their annual picnic was held at the home of the president, Mrs. J. P. Bieger. First meeting of the 1949-50 season was held on September 16 at the YMCA room on East 105th St., with an enthusiastic attendance.

## VANCOUVER

The weather man was not in a good humor when the Vancouver Manx Society held its annual picnic at Kitsilano Beach on August 6, nevertheless a fair number turned out and had a very enjoyable time. Races, a sing-song and basket supper were the main features of the day.

This society held its first whist drive of the season on September 30, in the Maccabees Hall.

## NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx met on Sunday, September 25, for a basket picnic lunch in Antelope Park, Lincoln. Mrs. Thomas Kelly was to report on the Cleveland Convention. British war brides and others of British birth were invited to attend the picnic. Nebraska friends who attended the Convention had a grand time, and extend greetings to all they met there.

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

Alice Garrett, Secretary to the N.A.M.A. Ladies, reports on their annual meeting held during the Convention:

"We had a well-attended meeting at Hotel Cleveland. A tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Arthur Callow of Toronto, our first president and a fine supporter of the group ever since she helped to organize it in 1932. At the time of her passing she was Honorary President.

"A Constitution for the Ladies' Auxiliary was adopted, and the following officers were elected for 1949-50:

Honorary President—Mrs. John R. Cain, Cleveland, Ohio.

President—Mrs. James Rogers, Gates Mills, Ohio.

First Vice President—Mrs. Tom Moore, Toronto, Ont.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Richard Corkill, Detroit, Mich.

Treasurer—Mrs. Carlton Garrett, Rochester, N. Y.

Secretary—Miss Alice Garrett, Rochester, N. Y.

"Our financial report, given elsewhere, indicates that we have many loyal and willing workers. Dues were collected from those present at the meeting, and if you have not paid, please send the quarter to the Treasurer, Mrs. Carlton Garrett, 359 Hayward Avenue, Rochester 9, N. Y.

"Mrs. William Colquitt of Toronto, who left our Peoria meeting with a dime we had invested with her in the hope of large dividends, turned over \$76.25 to our treasurer. She invested the dime in a few scraps of yarn from

which she made one article, and sold it. She gradually purchased larger quantities of yarn and earned enough to purchase a nice piece of linen, which she made into a beautiful hand-embroidered tablecloth. There was no difficulty in disposing of tickets on such an article—the winner being Mrs. William Killip of Cleveland. Mrs. Colquitt has proved that you do not need large stakes to make money for the Ladies' Auxiliary. What can YOU do with a dime? Will you try it, and see what dividends it will pay?"

Alice Garrett, Secretary,  
359 Hayward Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY Cleveland, Ohio

Monthly meetings of the Mona's Relief Society were resumed September 6 at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 863 East 150th St.

On October 4, Mr. Howard Jenkins entertained with colored slides of Arizona and an interesting lecture on his vacations there. The evening was most enjoyable and included the usual Manx cooish with refreshments.

On November 1, movies of the recent convention will be shown as part of N.A.M.A. Night.

## TORONTO

The Toronto Manx are still talking about that trip to the Isle of Man this summer. Frank Williamson, secretary of the Society, has written a splendid description of it which we hope to have space for in a later Bulletin. There were twelve in the party, and all are enthusiastic in appreciation of the kindness and hospitality extended them by the World Manx and other people in the Island who devoted time and provided means of making their stay so pleasant. The reunion with old friends who visited Toronto in 1947 was a joy to all concerned. On the return trip the party landed in New York and spent two days sightseeing, arriving in Toronto on July 15.

## PEORIA

At the annual picnic of the Peoria Manx Society on July 23, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. Catherine McMyn, Peoria.

Vice President—Miss Alice Monier, Peoria.

Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Margaretta Carter, Brimfield.

The new president, Mrs. McMyn, is a sister of Miss Eva Kelly who moved recently to California, as mentioned elsewhere in this Bulletin.



## ROCHESTER

It's been a long time since we heard of the Rochester Manx doing something collectively, so it was refreshing to receive the following report from Secretary Dan Christian—for secretary he is, although the society has been inactive. "A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Kee came over from Toronto for the week-end, and we had a get-together on the Saturday evening at Alf Looney's. About 11 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle of Buffalo, with Mr. Reubens from Ramsey, walked in. They were quite surprised when they saw all the Manx folks, and it was nearly three o'clock when they started home for Buffalo. The following week Mr. Reubens returned for a few days and was entertained by several of the Manx—and we had another big get-together at Alf Looney's, where Mr. Reubens was staying. It was like a miniature Manx Convention!" Good news, Dan—and let's hear of some more doings of the Rochester Manx!

## N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB

Stephen Quinney, president of the Breakfast Club, reports that 50% of the members were present at the Cleveland Convention. At that time, new officers were elected, as follows:

President, Stephen Quinney, Bedford, Ohio.

Vice President—Miss Ida Caine, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Florence Kelly Roseman, 21009 Clare Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Dues are 25 cents per person, and now all former members and their husbands or wives are eligible. Steve hopes that the membership for 1949-50 will surpass last year's total of 96, and urges that all who have not yet paid their dues will make a point of sending them in to Mrs. Roseman, with the names of any prospective members. And—he hopes that all Breakfast Clubbers are making plans now to be in Windsor in August, 1950.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

July 25, 1949

## Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A.

## RECEIPTS

Bank Balance as of August, 1948 .....	\$ 99.14
Petty Cash .....	1.35
Membership dues .....	30.00
Donations .....	104.20
Profit from Card Project ..	98.77

232.97

\$ 333.46

## DISBURSEMENTS

Donation to Peoria	
Convention Committee .....	\$ 40.00
Dues to N. A. M. A. ....	3.00
Printing .....	7.25
Donation to Cleveland	
Convention Committee ....	60.00
Souvenir Booklet—	
Full page greeting .....	26.00
Flowers .....	5.00
Ohio Sales Tax .....	.15
Card Project .....	60.80
Postage .....	2.00
Telephone calls plus tax ...	2.38
Mrs. Colquitt—Project .....	.10

200.65

Balance on Hand .....

132.78

\$333.46

Gwendolyn Garrett, Treas.

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS . . .

. . . By GERTRUDE CANNELL

There's a saying—"When you want something done, ask a busy man." That's why, when a new Financial Secretary was wanted for the N.A.M.A., the man nominated was Robert William (Bill) Skillicorn. Bill was willing to do anything to help, and he brought to the Association a lot of experience gained with other organizations.

Bill was born in Laxey. His father was Robert Henry Skillicorn; his mother, Mary Hannah Slack—whose mother was a Qualtrough. He has a brother James, living at the Big Wheel, and an aunt, Miss Fanny Skillicorn of Lerghy Grawe, Laxey. In Douglas he has a sister, Mrs. R. H. Cleator of Poplar Terrace; and an aunt, Mrs. Robert Nichol, Hawarden Avenue.

Bill went to school in Laxey and later in Douglas. At the age of 16 he



ROBERT W. SKILLICORN

Financial Secretary-Treasurer, N.A.M.A.

joined the Colors and saw four years' service with the British Army in World War I. Later he came out to the States, arriving in Cleveland in October, 1920. He has visited half the states in the Union; admires the West and enjoys vacationing in Canada—but still considers Cleveland the best place to live.

In 1927 Bill married Ethel G. Williams. Ethel is of Welsh parentage and shares Bill's love of music. As a fellow Celt she likes the Manx and was among the hardest workers for our recent Convention. She sings soprano and has been with Cleveland's Messiah Chorus for 25 years; is a member of the Sohio Chorus (Standard Oil of Ohio), and sometimes sings in the choir of Jones Road Congregational Church, where Bill is not only Music Director, but also a

trustee. This is a Welsh church, so here's a case of a Manxman directing a Welsh choir.

Years ago, Bill was director of the Cleveland Manx Choral Society of happy memory. For a long time he was a member of the famous Orpheus Male Choir; he sings tenor and is an excellent sight reader. In 1926 he went with the Orpheus to Swansea, Wales, when they competed successfully at the National Eisteddfod, and during the same trip visited the Isle of Man. He plays the cornet and trumpet, and his taste is for the classics.

Bill joined the U. S. Army in 1943 and thus has the distinction of having served in both World Wars. At present he is foreman of operating engineers for the Duffy Construction Corp. of Cleveland. Beside his duties for the N.A.M.A., he is financial secretary for the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, Cleveland, and is active in Masonic work. For the past three years he has been treasurer of Ashlar Lodge, of which in 1935 he was Master. In 1946 he was Commander of Allenby Commandery in the Knights Templar of Ohio. It will be seen from all this that Bill hasn't much spare time, and, like most busy people, he finds relaxation in detective mystery stories.

Bill and Ethel have a charming home, and enjoy entertaining; Bill does his secretarial work in a neat little office he has fixed up for himself, and, like everything else in the house, it is in apple-pie order. His records are so well kept that he has all the facts at his finger-ends all the time. He has made a responsible, time consuming job into an interesting hobby that he truly enjoys.

Bill has keen blue eyes; stands 5 feet 8½ inches and weighs 150 pounds. His hair is brushed straight back, always wears sport shirts in summer and is a connoisseur of food. He is quiet and unassuming—nevertheless is a ready speaker, with his subject always well in hand. He enjoys baseball as a spectator, and is an ardent hockey fan, seldom missing a game. Both Bill and Ethel are fond of animals and are much attached to "Skippy," described as a combination of coach dog, terrier and cocker—a well-behaved dog despite a lot of attention.

No N.A.M.A. member needs to be told that Bill's address is 4912 East 96th St., Cleveland. The more mail received at that address, the better pleased is Bill—and as those pink slips and \$2.00 mount up, he gets a lot of pleasure in watching the growth of this wonderful Manx family of ours in North America. Let's all see to it that he gets a lot of mail this year. One Thousand Members in 1949-50 will make Bill very happy.

## OBITUARIES

- BREW, William F.**, died on August 27 at his home, 15808 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, aged 86. His wife was the late Anna Corlett Brew. Surviving are his son, W. Kenneth, and a grandchild. Mr. Brew was one of the oldest residents of Shaker Heights; his parents came to that district from the Isle of Man as farmers in the 1850's.
- CALLOW, Mrs. Christina** (nee Kewley), aged 67, died suddenly at her home in Menominee, Mich., on June 17. She is survived by two sons, James and Douglas; two daughters, Mrs. Oleson and Miss Betty Callow, and three grandchildren. Mrs. Callow was born in Laxey, Isle of Man.
- CALLOW, Mrs. Martha Jane** (nee McMeekin), passed away in late July at her home, 54 Scollard St., Toronto. She leaves a sister, Miss Eleanor M. McMeekin. Her husband was the late Arthur Callow, one of the founders of the Toronto Manx Society. Mrs. Callow was born in Douglas 84 years ago; came to Canada about the turn of the century, and has always been actively interested both in the Toronto Manx Society and the N.A.M.A. She was Honorary President of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary.
- CANNELL, Miss Esther**, passed away in Glen Ullin, North Dakota, last April. Surviving are two brothers, David and Frank, and a sister, Catherine.
- COLLISTER, Mrs. Jane**, widow of the late Thomas, passed away on July 29 at her home, 613 East 102nd St., Cleveland, aged 72. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mona Baker; five sons, Thomas, Albert, John, George and William; a sister and two brothers.
- COLQUITT, Wilfred**, of Ballaughton, Isle of Man, passed away on June 29. He leaves his wife, Kate, also a son, in the Isle of Man; a brother, William Colquitt of Toronto.
- COMAISH, John**, passed away in Cleveland on May 2 at the age of 93. The oldest Manxman in Cleveland, he nevertheless attended Mona's Relief Society meetings regularly almost to the last. He had outlived all close relatives.
- COSTAIN, Mrs. Jane**, passed away at her home in Toronto last April after a long illness. Born in Liverpool, she lived for some years in the Isle of Man, where she married John Costain of Colby, who survives her. Before her health failed, she was an active member of the Toronto Manx Society, of which at one time she was Vice President. Two daughters also survive.
- CRELLIN, Mrs. Mary S.** (Mollie), wife of Joseph Crellin, 190 Oakdale Avenue, Akron, Ohio, died on September 9 after a short illness. She leaves her husband, Joseph; daughter, Mrs. William Jahant, and three grandchildren. She was sister-in-law to Mrs. Harry Mylchreest of Cleveland and the Misses Anne, Selene, Catherine and Florence Crellin of Akron. Mrs. Crellin was born in Hyde Park, N. Y.
- DELANY, George**, of Waterton Park, Alberta, passed away on June 5 after a long illness. He was born in Peel, Isle of Man, in 1881 and came with his family to Canada in 1908. Surviving are his wife, Sarah; five daughters and two sons in Calgary, Alberta. Other surviving relatives are named in obituary of Mrs. C. Annie Hudgeon, Mr. Delany's sister.
- EDWARDS, Mrs. Cassandra** (nee Christian), died at her home, Arlington, Va., on August 11 after a short illness. She was born at Knocksharry, Isle of Man, 80 years ago; came to the United States about 1900, and has always resided in the East. She was keenly interested in the N.A.M.A. and in all things Manx, and was beloved by many friends who knew her affectionately as "Cassie." She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Crellin E. Allen of Washington, D. C., and a niece, Mrs. William E. Cain of Zoar, Ohio.
- FAYLE, Mrs. Catherine Margaret** (nee Skillicorn), passed away on June 6 at her home, 2746 Quebec St., Vancouver, B. C., in her 79th year. She is survived by her husband, Robert; two sisters, Mrs. S. Dalby of Winnipeg and Miss Ada Skillicorn of Douglas, Isle of Man. Mrs. Fayle was born at the Dhoon, Maughold, came to Canada in 1913 and had resided for some years in Saskatchewan. Her cheerful disposition, in spite of constant ill health, made her a popular member of the Vancouver Manx Society.
- FARAGHER, Mrs. John**, passed away in Douglas, Isle of Man, on April 29, after having just reached her 90th year. She had attended several Manx Conventions while visiting her brother, the late William Karan and his wife Sadie, who now resides at Roslyn, N. Y.
- HALL, Pfc. Jerry Brew**, was buried with full military honors in Butte, Montana, on December 20, 1948. He died of malaria in Yokohama, Japan, on October 28, 1945; although ill at the time of the invasion of Japan, he had insisted on going along with his company. Pfc. Hall is survived by his wife, Shirley, and son Jerry B. Hall, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hall, also a brother William, and sister, Mrs. Tom Mough-tin, all of Butte.
- MYLREA, Thomas Douglas**, passed away at his home in Newark, Delaware, in January, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Cornelia.
- HORNALL, James Cook**, passed away on June 12 at his home, 2294 Napier St., Vancouver, B. C., in his 54th year. Surviving are his wife, Kathleen; his mother, Mrs. James Hornall; a brother, Joseph, in California; three sisters in Vancouver and one in Nanaimo, B. C. Mr. Hornall served with the Merchant Marine in World War I. A native of Ramsey, he was very active in the Vancouver Manx Society, of which he was a former president.
- HUDGEON, Mrs. C. Annie** (nee Delany), passed away in Delia, Alberta, on May 21. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Alice Almond of Delia, and Eileen Hudgeon, Denver, Colo.; a son, R. Peel Hudgeon of Vulcan, Alberta; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Needs, Leethbridge, Alberta, and Mrs. Mary E. Hutter, Denver, Colo.; one brother, Thomas H. Delany of Tampa, Fla., and grandchildren. Mrs. Hudgeon was born in Douglas in 1885.
- HUNT, Mrs. Harriet Hemmings**, died on September 10 in Douglas, Isle of Man, at the age of 93. She leaves four daughters, Mona, Zillah, Tara and Viola; and a son, William. Mrs. Hunt was a daughter of Dr. Henry V. Hemmings, L.L.D., and wife of the Rev. William Hunt. The family was well known in Peel, where they lived for many years. Mrs. Hunt later came to California and was the organizer and president of the old San Francisco Manx Society; her continued interest has been an inspiration to the present Society.
- KELLY, Mrs. Ann J.** (nee Cannan), passed away on June 19 at Sartfell Road, Douglas, while on a visit to the Isle of Man with her son Percy, and niece, Miss Mona Cannon, of Rochester, N. Y. She was a sister of the late William Cannan of Rochester. Mrs. Kelly was keenly interested in the Rochester Manx and the N.A.M.A.
- KELLY, Septimus**, of Douglas, Isle of Man, passed away on June 12 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Annie, who is a sister of the late Mrs. Archie Keruish of Chicago; a son, George; two brothers, Herbert and Fred, in England; and a sister, Mrs. J. Jones of Kirk Michael. Mr. Kelly was treasurer of the World Manx Association, in which office he is succeeded by his son, George.
- PARKE, Sergeant Harold Lamothe**, of County Line, P.O., British Columbia, passed away on August 29 in Shaughnessy Military Hospital, aged 79. He came from Ramsey, and served overseas in World War I with the Canadian Engineers.
- KNEEN, Mrs. Cora L.** (nee Cowley), widow of the late William E., died on August 4 at her home, 15115 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Seville E. Kiley and Mrs. Ethel M. Stamoules; four sisters, and a granddaughter. Mrs. Kneen was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society.

**JACKLIN, Mrs. Amy**, passed away at her home, 18 Thelmo Mansions, Winnipeg, on July 26. She was born in Jurby, Isle of Man, in 1894, came to Canada in 1914 and for many years was an active member of the Winnipeg Manx Society. She is survived by her husband, Ernie Jacklin of Winnipeg; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crellin, three brothers and five sisters in the Isle of Man, and a sister, Mrs. Charles Malboeuf in Lachine, Que.

**McCLURE, Mrs. Nellie M.**, aged 80, died at her home, 103 N. Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, on August 18. She was a pioneer school teacher and prominent in club work, including the Los Angeles Manx, to which she belonged for 24 years. Her husband was the late John McClure; she leaves a daughter, four sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**MOORE, Edward**, passed away at Toronto in July. He was a popular member of the Toronto Manx group, although an invalid for many years. He was a brother of the late Charles Moore, and uncle of Tom Moore, 1st Vice President of the N.A.M.A.

**QUIRK, William S.**, Lt. Col. Salvation Army, passed away at his home, 38 Parker Avenue, Manasquan, New Jersey, on September 9. Surviving are his wife, and five sons and daughters, also grandchildren. Col. Quirk was born in 1872 in Peel, and came to the United States in 1892. He was in active service in the Salvation Army for 43 years, but since retiring in 1937 he has continued to conduct evangelist campaigns in the southern and eastern states. He was regarded with affectionate esteem by the hundreds of Manx people who knew him.

**ROSS, Mrs. Florence Elenor** (nee Quaggan), of 508-12th St., New Westminster, B. C., died on July 10, aged 63. Surviving are her husband, two daughters and six sons; her mother, Mrs. R. Quaggan; grandchildren; a brother, and two sisters.

**RYAN, Stephen**, aged 7 years, died on August 13 at the Chester Royal Infirmary (England), as the result of an accident. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ryan of Douglas, and nephew of Stephen Quinney of Bedford, Ohio.

**STAMOULES, Thomas**, of 11008 Plymouth Avenue, Cleveland, passed away on August 1. He is survived by his wife Ethel (nee Kneen) and a daughter, Helen.

**TROTMAN, Mrs. Sarah B.**, of El Monte, Calif., passed away on August 17. Surviving are her husband, Charles E.; two daughters and a son; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also a brother, Rev. E. P. Booher. Mrs. Trotman was active among the Los Angeles Manx.

To relatives and friends of the above we extend sincere sympathy.

## 1949-1950 REGIONAL DIRECTORS

We are pleased to announce that the following have been appointed to act as our Regional Directors during the current fiscal year—August, 1949, to August, 1950

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According to the Constitution of the North American Manx Association: "The duties of the Regional Director shall be to make himself acquainted with the existing Manx Societies in his region and with Manx people in his region who are not members of Manx Societies, and to inaugurate new Societies where none are now in existence, and shall report progress quarterly to the Secretary of the Association. He shall also secure memberships for the N.A.M.A. and promote interest in conventions."

## ANOTHER MANX GATHERIN'

Aw bless me, bless me for all now, here I am stannin' on the top of the town again after travellin' all the way out to the Big Counthree and back. An' I'm wonderin' if it's meself thass in. Aye, an' ye're all clammerin' for the yarn. Aw well, I'll do me bes'.

Jus' lek lots of others of our time, an' common to us Manx wans, when the childher grew up, they were off to forrin parts. Now, me fayther used to say he wasn' thinkin' much of a falla that didn' come back to see the oul' people sometimes. Well, I dunno what he'd think of our wans, for it's Betsy and me thass goin' to see them. Two years ago, Kate an' her man had us come to Cleveland to purra sight on them an' the grandchildher. An' when we were theer, they took us on up to Toronto for the Manx Gatherin', an' herself an' me had the time of our lives up theer.

Well now, this time Jenny thass out in Vancouver an' married to a northside man, an' Johnnie thass out in San Francisco, was purrin' theer han' down an' bringin' us out to Cleveland for they were comin' theer in August to the Manx Gatherin', an' we would have a family gatherin' at Kate's. Aw bless me, the stir we were in before we lef', for we hadn' seen Jenny an' Johnnie for years. An' then too, we would be meetin' Johnnie's American wife. Herself was goin' aroun' with a regular whushan on her, for she was middlin' happy at the thought of the family bein' all together again. As for meself, well, in the Big Counthree, ye know, theer's lashin's and plenty to speer, an' I was navar wan to pull away from the table without doin' me bes' to what was goin'.

We knew the ropes travellin' this

time, an' befoor long we were on the liner bound for America. Two days out, a white-coated falla came down with a note for Betsy an' me to come aft an' have tay with the fuss mate. A Manxman he was, from down aroun' Maughold way, an' gennal thallure; a l'il bit tickled with us two oul' Manx ones goin' to America. Kate's man met us at the boat an' had us home in Cleveland the nex' day. Aw, then was the time, all together again the fuss time in years an' years; the women all cryin' an' me tryin' to swaller a big lump in me thrut. What a time it was, but aw, the sweet joy of it all.

Johnnie's wife, Ann, was a fine gel, an' herself an' her war ding-dong in no time. I was a l'il bit shy of her but it all woer off befoor long.

Aw, the Gatherin, the Gatherin'. Jus 'houl' on theer, mastha, I'm comin' to it. Well, it's jus' lek the words in the Manx Weddin' song—"Navar was seen, no, navar was seen"—an' I'm all mithered now when I think of it. Aw, the hand-shakin', the squeals of delight, the claspin' arms an' the kisses—I'm tellin' ye, the lek ye navar seen. The friendships we wans have in our arly years is of an everlastin' kind, an' it's nawthin' for us Manx wans to bridge over 10, 20 or 40 years an' take up wheer we lef' off. Aw, it's a gran' an' lovesome thing, warmin' our hearts with the oul' friendships an' fillin' them full of memories again an' gettin' a big lif' for the days ahead.

The Gatherin' was in the big hotel of the town, an' they war needin' it for theer was a lot of them, flockin' in from all parts of America an' Canada an' belongin' to all over the Islan'—north, south, aist an' west an' all parts between, an seven or eight of us from the Islan'. An' the wans that come the farthes' was the fuss wans theer. Proud mortal herself was, with all the childher aroun', meeting the wans from all over the south. The bes' people come from the south, accordin' to her, an' what can a falla do or say but jus' be lettin' with, lettin' with—aye, thass all.

Bless me, tho', theer was a feer scutch of Peel wans theer an' I was right in me element—right back to forty or more years ago, an' bless me, what a time we had. They had a sight-seein' ride all over the town one day, an' a whole slov of us Peel wans filled up a bus an' navar a bit of the town did we see, jus' sittin' singin' the oul' songs an come-all-

ye's. I'm tellin' ye, it was clane show to the livin'.

They had doin's every day—lunch-  
eons, dinner, concerts an' meetin's every mornin'. It would have done yer heart good to hear the whole gatherin' singin' the oul' Manx songs; purrin' theer whole sowl in it, aye, an' maybe a big touch of longin'.

An' who was the Big Man? A falla from Laxa, Harry Kelly, good mortal on the talk; aye, used to be on the Plan Beg. Nawthin' lek startin' out for a local if ye want to get befoor the people. An' a rale nice wife arrim too, from Ramsaa—Mary Kissack. Aw, some of me own, it's lek, far out. Takin' order on them wans was Harry, an' houlin' them to it.

Now the las' night is the gran' time, the big dinner an' dance. Aye, people, four hundred an' fifty Manx wans sittin' down to a big spread, an' a l'il Manx flag on everybody's plate an' the ban' playing nice asy music. Aw now, the things an' oul' falla lek me will live to see. Betsy an' me an' all our childher, sittin' down with all these Manx wans in a strange country. I was wonderin' if it was meself that was in.

After the dinner they had a gran' speaker, the Big Deemster of the State of Ohio, an' talkin' to us wans on how the fishin' had a bearin' on Manx law; how our Deemsters swear an oath that they will give the law as feer as the herrin's backbone does lie in the middle of the fish. Aye, an' that man knowin' about that, now!

After that, they cleared out the room an' got ready to dance, startin' out with almos' everybody goin' roun' the room in the gran' march, an' then dancin' till the band shut off on them. An' then singin' theer hearts out till four o'clock in the mornin'. Aye, people, hatin' to let go, but that's the way it is an' thou'll get lave, an' the goodbyes had to come, all allowin' they had the time of theer life. "As good as a trip to the Isle of Man," some said. "Batthar than that," some said, "for we war with the wans we knew an' grew up with." An' Betsy an' me when we got to be alone together theer wasn't much sleep in us for our hearts war full. An' we were proud of our childher an' thankful of them that us two oul' Manx wans should have such a gran' time among theer own in the Big Counthre.

An' now that we are back home, theer'll be many an' many a night, Betsy clickin' her needles an' me smookin' me pipe in front of the fire,

that our minds will wander off to the times we spent with our own wans an' our oul' friends that we met in Cleveland, happy an' glad in the memories of it all.

Yis, people, thass the yarn for ye now, an' I bes' be goin' me ways home or herself will be givin' me curdaa for bein' out late. Good ever-in' to ye all.

JEMMY JEM.

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company is to have another new ship, the MONA'S ISLE, sister ship to four others built since the war. Cammell Laird's of Birkenhead are the builders. The MANXMAN, which has been on Government service since the war, will shortly be returned to the company.

An interesting article in a Lincoln (Nebraska) newspaper tells of the editor's interview with Mrs. Thomas Kelly, who gave him a description of our recent Convention in Cleveland. The editor comments on the fact that the population of so small a place as the Isle of Man has made itself heard in the far corners of the earth. He had flown over the Island at one time, so had some first-hand impression of its size and beauty. His opinion is, that the smaller one's birthplace is, the more one wants to talk about it.

The herring still is King of the Sea. Between three and four million were caught off the coast of the Isle of Man during the first few days of July.

A Philharmonic Orchestra concert in Liverpool recently featured Richard Hall's "Fantasy for Strings," based on the Manx folk song "The Sheep Under the Snow."

When a British airman crashed into the sea off Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, recently, the alarm brought out the Peel and Ramsey lifeboats as well as five of the Peel fishing boats. However, the pilot was rescued by another aircraft.

The room containing the Photo Display of Convention pictures and snapshots of previous years attracted many convention visitors who enjoyed browsing among these reminders of past happy occasions. Stephen Quinney and his committee did good work in collecting and arranging this interesting display.

## N. A. M. A. DIRECTORY

We are going to compile a Roster of N. A. M. A. members. The way to get your name and address listed is to send in your annual \$2.00 membership NOW. Of course if you have already paid this year's dues, you are in line to be included. When the roster is printed, it will be mailed free to all N.A.M.A. members, so you will have a directory of some 1000 Manx names and addresses on this continent. Date of going to press will be announced in the next Bulletin—so let's all send in our dues without delay.

