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

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## WINDSOR, ONTARIO OUR 1950 CONVENTION CITY AUGUST 8-11, 1950

Windsor, the most popular and largest gateway to Canada from the United States, is located just across the river from Detroit, Michigan. Five railways connect Windsor with all parts of Canada and the States, her modern airport is served by Trans-Canada and American Airlines, and the city also may be reached by either bridge or tunnel from the heart of Detroit. Over 5,000,000 tourists enter Canada annually through Windsor.

The metropolitan population of Windsor is 120,000, and the suburban population 35,000. Over three hundred and fifty thriving industries are established in Windsor, the automobile center of Canada. Total industrial employment is over 38,000.

Other products manufactured include pharmaceuticals, light and heavy chemicals, scales, toys, textiles, pumps, buttons, playing and greeting cards, paper products, machinery, steel products, cereals, varnishes, paints and many other items.

Large tobacco, soybean, corn and fruit crops grown in the Windsor area indicate Windsor's gentle climate—average winter high is 33, low 20; average summer high is 79, low 62.

Within the city limits, or easy motoring distance, are places where French, British and Indian heroes died for an ideal. Fort Malden Museum at Amherstburg, 18 miles from Windsor, incorporates in its surroundings, tangible memories of such men as Tecumseh, Sir Isaac Brock and Colonel James Baby. Windsor also is in easy traveling distance of Southern Ontario's summer playgrounds. Visitors may reside in Windsor hotels and find an interesting trip to be made every day to an unusual colorful spot.

Tree-arched roads lead to quiet residential areas, to homes and public buildings of beauty. The park-lined drive along the Detroit River is magnificently beautiful by day and a fairyland of colored lights by night.

Visitors also will find Windsor a treasure chest of linens, furs, china,

and fine English woollens. There also will be found a profusion of clever craftsmanship of Canadian weavers, wood carvers and potters.

In Windsor, guests will find a selection of restaurants to suit their tastes. One may dine in the friendly atmosphere of a busy city or partake of tasty food in a quiet out-of-the-way eating place, where courtesy is always a habit.

Then, too, another attraction is Detroit, Michigan, located just across the river and recognized as one of the world's most dynamic cities. It has beauty of international interest. The great automobile industry and higher types of machine products, the pharmaceutical output in this giant metropolis of over 1,800,000 persons, with its beautiful Belle Isle, zoo, many parks and recreational assets, are looked upon with equal pride by its neighbor, Windsor, and is always an object of interest to visitors from the Canadian side of the border.

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AERIAL VIEW WINDSOR - DETROIT SKYLINE  
Windsor in foreground looking North to Detroit.

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### The President's Message

During the past two and a half years my messages have been built around the theme "Looking Backward" and "Thinking Ahead." Looking back, we find we are proud of the outstanding record of the Manx as a nation—our Island has the oldest democratic government in the world and laws enacted for the good of all are administered with justice to rich and poor alike. As a people, we have always been law-abiding, and many Manx men and women have held outstanding positions in all parts of the world.

There is a saying amongst us, "Go where you will—you're bound to find a Manxman"—which is remarkable when one considers the size of that l'il Island in the Irish Sea. We are proud of a record like ours. Looking back to our last Convention and 21st Birthday Party, I likened the Party to a large Manx family and asked each member to become interested in Manx people and Manx activities. In the past six months I am happy to say a greater interest has been created—I would say a forward movement of the Manx people in all parts of Canada and the United States of America. The membership in our Association has increased.

Thinking Ahead—We have still six months to go before our year ends, so let us carry on with greater zest and interest. Start planning now to attend the Windsor Convention in August—our hosts, the Detroit-Windsor Manx, have all plans made and will be ready to welcome us with open arms. The next best thing to a trip

### Windsor Welcomes You

Of course, you are planning to attend the convention in Windsor this summer—aren't you? Arrangements are in full swing to assure you a most enjoyable time in Canada's Sun Parlor next August. All members of the Windsor and Detroit Manx Association wish to extend this advance welcome to you. Let's make this the best convention yet. It will be if YOU come.

Plan to spend your vacation with us, and we will endeavor to make it the best yet.

Yours sincerely,  
RICHARD K. MERCER,  
General Chairman.

### Windsor Chamber of Commerce Windsor, Ontario.

February 20, 1950.

Members of  
North American Manx Association:

It is, indeed, pleasing to learn that the North American Manx Association will hold its next convention in August of this year in Windsor.

We are confident that delegates to this annual conference will find in this area an ideal place for annual meetings of this nature. Windsor is situated on the international border opposite the City of Detroit. These two cities are separated by the busiest waterway in the world—the Detroit River.

In the Windsor area delegates to the convention will find a large concentration of Canadian industry. Principal among these are the automotive and pharmaceutical manufacturing plants making a wide variety of nationally advertised products. Windsor also has many points of historic interest and many short trips may be taken from Windsor into Essex County which will reveal to the visitor an area here well balanced between agriculture and industry. There are also available both here and in the City of Detroit many varied types of entertainment to occupy the delegates' leisure hours.

We can assure you that all interested agencies in this community will be found most cooperative in an effort to make the sojourn of your members here most interesting and enjoyable. Looking forward to your visit,

Yours very truly,  
Windsor Chamber of Commerce,  
H. J. Lassaline,  
Secretary-Manager.

to the Isle of Man is to attend the Convention.

"Then rises like a vision  
Sparkling bright in nature's glee  
My own dear Ellan Vannin—  
With its green hills by the sea!"

W. HARRY KELLY,  
President.

### Some Facts About Old Douglas

A Manx newspaper of the year 1811 commented that "upwards of 70 passengers arrived in the 'DUKE OF ATHOLL' on Monday last." That was a record crowd of "strangers" in those days.

Regular sailing service between Whitehaven and Douglas was started in 1767. Before that, people wanting to cross to the Island sometimes waited weeks for a passage.

The Irish Sea, noted for its contrary moods, was a trial indeed in those old days of sailing ships. In 1815 the "DUCHESS OF ATHOLL," outward bound from Douglas, tried for three days and nights to reach Liverpool only to be driven all the way back when almost in the Mersey river.

Douglas has always been beautiful, but it had a picturesqueness all its own in those early days. The town centered around the Harbour. There were neither promenade nor boarding houses. The shore came right up to the back of the Strand Street houses.

The advent of the steamship brought increasing crowds to Douglas every summer. The old Red Pier was the chief place for holiday gaiety. A band played there at night for dancing; women were not permitted to wear wooden shoes on the pier, but had to leave them with an attendant at the entrance.

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company was formed in 1830. During their first year of operation, they handled 20,000 passengers.

The fastest steamer of her day was the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company's "DOUGLAS," built in the 1850's or early '60's. She was the first vessel of modern, streamlined design, and made the trip between Liverpool and Douglas in four hours and twenty minutes.

Holiday throngs visiting the Island have increased swiftly and steadily through the years. Now in our time, nearly 1,250,000 passengers are handled annually.

These notes are from an article by Corlett Ward, appearing in an English newspaper and sent us by J. W. Daugherty of Toronto.

### Notice

Please be sure to notify the Secretary if you change your address, sending her both the old address and the new one. Bulletins are returned by the Post Office if wrongly directed. So make sure of receiving your copy by informing Miss Claire Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland 2, Ohio, of any change in address.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## DETROIT-WINDSOR

This Society held a highly successful Christmas party in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Windsor, with 64 members and friends present. An excellent supper was served. Thanks were extended to Mr. Douglas Lamberton, who donated the ham, and to Mrs. C. Richey who brought candy for all the children. Mr. A. Stephen as Santa Claus also had gifts for the kiddies.

At the January meeting, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardhouse, chairmen of the various Convention committees were appointed. New members welcomed were Mr., Mrs. and Miss Braid; Mr. Looney, Mrs. Zimmerman and Miss Smith, all from Pontiac and vicinity. Mr. Braid has turned in several new members for the N.A.M.A.—nice going, Mr. Braid, and a hearty Thank You.

On February 11 a meeting was held at the Prince Edward Hotel in Windsor, with a large number present to meet Miss Claire Mylecraine of Cleveland, Secretary of the N.A.M.A., and Miss Gertrude Cannell, Bulletin Editor. Miss Mylecraine addressed the group on the subject of the coming Convention, giving helpful advice and suggestions to the various committees and their chairmen.

## MONTREAL

At the Montreal Manx Society's first meeting of the season, held on October 31, 1949, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. S. N. Sloan.....Hon. President  
Mrs. J. Agnew.....Hon. Vice President  
Douglas Corlett.....President  
Jack Bell.....Vice President  
Miss Nancy Agnew.....Treasurer  
Ian Cope.....Secretary  
236 Wood Avenue, Westmount 6,  
Quebec, Canada.

In December the members spent a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hornsby, 5556 Snowden Avenue, when Miss Nancy Agnew described her trip to Europe last summer, illustrating her talk with slides she had taken. Another enjoyable and well-attended get-together was held on January 25 at the North Branch "Y."

## NORTH EAST OHIO

At a meeting held on January 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Killey of Painesville, Ohio, the North East Ohio Manx elected the following new officers:

Mrs. Richard Karran, Geneva, Ohio  
..... President  
Mrs. Albert Killey..... Vice President  
William H. Collister.....  
..... Secretary and Treasurer  
65 Orchard Grove, Painesville, Ohio

## BUFFALO

Sixteen members of the Buffalo Manx Society turned out on February 18 for a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle, 112 Deerfield Avenue. After the television show had been viewed, the group got down to business, and the Treasurer, Dick Coole, was happy in collecting dues from everyone present. An appetizing supper was served by Mrs. Towle and her sister, Miss Agnes Cameron, and this enjoyable party did not break up until the wee hours.

Their next meeting, with election of officers, will be held in May.

## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The new year started out well for this Society and meetings have been well attended.

The following officers have been elected to serve for 1950:

President: Stephen H. Quinney.  
Vice-President: Thomas Keig, Jr.  
Financial Secretary: Wm. C. Kissack.  
Corres. and Rec. Secretary: Elinor Cain, 488 East 126th St., Cleveland 8, Ohio.

Treasurer: Helen Minor.  
Relief Committee: Mrs. C. J. Sutton, Fred Brew, Henry Mylechreest.  
Trustees: W. Harry Kelly, Ben Greggor, R. R. Gell.  
Historian: W. H. Collister.  
Reception Committee: John Skillicorn.

Following the February meeting, Mr. Howard Jenkins entertained with his singing guitar, which was very much enjoyed by everyone.

A card party followed the meeting of March 7th. A visitor was Mrs. M. E. Partington of Belle Vernon, Pa.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 863 East 150th St.

## TORONTO

Members of this Society have spent some enjoyable social evenings during the winter, meeting at the various homes. Great credit is due these people who brave the elements, long distances and transportation difficulties in order to meet regularly and keep up the Manx tradition—but they feel that the 'il' coolish and cup o' tea is worth the effort.

## SAN FRANCISCO

This Society had a meeting February 25 when Florence Roseman's Isle of Man movies were shown—a treat which the members had been eagerly anticipating. We will hear more about this meeting later.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

"Fifty Years of Loving Service and Happy Association"—this phrase, the keynote of their Golden Anniversary, aptly sums up the career of this Society. The ladies celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary with a luncheon in the Hotel Cleveland on January 27, with an attendance of seventy ladies and two representatives of the male sex, Fred Gorry and Fred Brew. During the short entertainment which followed the luncheon, Mrs. James Rogers of Gates Mills sang. Accompanists were Mrs. George Welsh and Mrs. Fred Gorry—and a Gay Nineties Style Show created great amusement. Mrs. J. P. Bieger, the President, thanked all who had contributed their efforts, particularly Mrs. Fred Gorry, who was in charge of arrangements. It was regretted that Miss Mary Hampton, the only charter member still living, could not be present.

Although the actual date of the formation of the Ladies' Auxiliary was December 7, 1899, it was found more convenient to hold the anniversary celebration in January. Attractive gold souvenir cards were used as favors at the luncheon.

Congratulations and thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary on reaching their half-century mark. May their kindly services and friendship to the Manx of Cleveland continue "through the years."

## LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Annual Tea Party on January 7 was a most joyous occasion with a record crowd of 120 people present. Colored movies of the Isle of Man, taken by Florence Kelly Roseman in 1947, were shown to an enthusiastic audience, which showed its appreciation by many "Oh's" and "Ah's," applause for familiar scenes, and exclamations when some old schoolfriend or relative appeared on the screen. Others who were applauded for their contributions to the success of the evening were—William Mullen, master of ceremonies; Edwin Kelly, in charge of program and community singing; Mrs. Edwin Killip, who superintended the serving of refreshments; Jack Callow, who made the tea and coffee; Mrs. Emmy Barnes, accompanist; Donald Bain, narrator for a London movie taken by his son-in-law; Mrs. Oscar Ward, in charge of film projection and general arrangements; and a special mention for Mrs. John Christian, a new bride from Ramsey, Isle of Man, who baked and decorated nine dozen beautiful individual cakes and pastries for the party.

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## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Arthur Teare of Edmonton, Alberta, says there is not much to report these days as many of the Manx have left for the Pacific Coast. He was glad to see Reggie Kissack and Sam Lewthwaite of Vancouver, who visited him not long ago. Arthur, it will be remembered, is a keen stamp collector and is a director of the Canadian Philatelic Society, as well as secretary of the Edmonton Stamp Club.

The Edwin Killips of Burbank, Calif., famous for their prize-winning pug dogs, as usual came off with tops at the dog show in San Francisco in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cottier, who recently moved to Los Angeles from Cleveland, are building a home in Burbank, Calif.

While in Los Angeles recently on business, Tom Howland of San Diego was a guest of the Oscar Wards.

A young Manxman, Crosby Kelly, son of Mr. Thomas Kelly of Hinsdale, Ill., has been appointed executive manager of the 1950 Chicago Lake Front Fair. Crosby is known to many Manx people, having attended some of our Conventions and entertained us with his magnificent voice. Only 32, he already has an outstanding reputation as a business executive. In accepting his new appointment, he promised "a great show, in the tradition of Chicago's famous fairs of the past." Congratulations, Crosby, and best wishes for complete success.

Congratulations to Mr. John Garrett, Rochester, N. Y., who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 6.

Mrs. W. R. Marion Stuart, 311 Brock St., Winnipeg, enjoyed visits last summer from her brother, W. E. Young, and sister, Mrs. W. H. Sargeon, both of Los Angeles.

From Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Looney of Alva, Okla., we learn that their soldier son, M/Sgt. Mark H. Looney, with his wife and small son, are now stationed in Paris. Before sailing last fall, the young people spent the month of October with them in Alva.

If you are planning to drive through Michigan this summer, make a note to drop in and see Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Corlett, 300 Littlefield St., Cheboygan, Mich. They would be happy to meet anyone Manx.

Congratulations to Mrs. Nellie Corlett of Nampa, Idaho, on her 88th birthday, which she celebrated on December 10, 1949, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Myers.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Craine, North Hollywood, Calif., on their Golden Wedding anniversary, celebrated at Christmastime with an informal dinner party arranged by their son and wife, the Robert D. Craines of Burbank, Calif. Mr. Craine, who came to America from the Isle of Man in 1890, was the founder and first president of the Los Angeles Manx Society, and Mrs. Craine was its first secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karran of Geneva, Ohio, spent a winter vacation in Florida.

Our good friends, Lily and Eva Kneen of 12 Palm Grove, Birkenhead, England, are cherishing pleasant memories of their visit here last summer. In a recent letter they wish to express through the Bulletin their warmest thanks to all friends in the N.A.M.A. who remembered them at Christmas. "We had a record mail," they write, "and were overwhelmed with the kindness of those who sent gifts, photographs and greeting cards. Our one regret is that it will take us some time to reply to all. Thank yers all very much; it was very kind of yer to remember the Kneen gels. Mortal urrov massy kind when yer come to consider, for all!"

The sisters appeared in very successful concerts at the Bethel, Douglas, during the Holidays; also at Peel. They report that the "Peel wans" did them well, providing a good supper and a taxi home—also they demanded a repeat performance at Easter!

During a trip from British Columbia to Mexico last year, Mr. and Mrs. James Gawne of Naramata, B. C., were interested in the marks of Manx influence they encountered here and there. "While driving through the State of Utah," writes Mr. Gawne, "we came to a town called Mona. In Fillmore, the former capital of Utah, as we entered the old Capitol Building, the first picture we saw was of Thomas Callister, first Bishop of Fillmore, who came to Utah in 1847 and was Bishop from 1861 to 1869. His Bible and the bonnet and cape of his wife are displayed in the museum. In San Diego, Calif., we visited the oldest iron sailing vessel afloat, to find it was built in the Isle of Man in 1863, by hand labor."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quayle of San Francisco had a full evening recently when they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood from New Westminster, B. C., who were honeymooning in California; also Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kelly, formerly of Cleveland, who are enjoying a winter vacation—and finally Mr. and Mrs. James Cringle of Palo Alto, Calif.

Letters from Bulletin readers would be deeply appreciated by Mrs. Willie Fick, address 203 DeGrass St., Toronto, Ontario. Mrs. Fick came to Canada from Douglas, Isle of Man, 40 years ago, and her husband is a former president of the Toronto Manx Society. In the late war, four of their sons saw active service, one being killed overseas. Mrs. Fick has been totally blind for some years, and suffers from an incurable disease.

The Manx actor, Don Sinclair, who now resides in Toronto, has been touring cities and towns of Ontario in the play "Arsenic and Old Lace." The tour, which has been most successful, will end in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skillicorn and family, and Miss Mary Skillicorn, all of Buffalo, recently spent a week in New York City, seeing the sights. Mary got in touch with Leonard McCombe (a nephew of the late Miss Emily Cain), who is on the photographic staff of Life Magazine. Much to her delight, she also met his sister Irene from Port Erin, Isle of Man, who is visiting him.

Fred Towle, President of the Buffalo Manx Society, says that all Manx on the route between Buffalo and Los Angeles should prepare themselves to say "Hello and Goobye" to Sid Corkish before long. Sid will be travelling to Los Angeles to attend the Shriners' Convention in June.

At the home of Miss Iris Corkhill in San Diego, Calif., Robert Fayle of Vancouver had the pleasure of a cup of tea and a cooish with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shimmin and Tom Howland. Mr. Fayle was visiting his nieces, Mrs. Kelso and Mrs. Sutherland in San Diego.

Good luck to Allan Corlett of Cleveland, who is running for the office of Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio in the next election.

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## MANX WEDDIN'S

Kathleen, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Wilfred K. Kelly, 1252 Warren Road, Lakewood, Ohio, was married on December 2 in the Lakewood Methodist Church to Willis Stuart. Reception at the Lake Shore Hotel followed the ceremony. The bride is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and the groom attended General Motors Institute. They are now living at 9516 Baltic Road, Cleveland.

On December 15, 1949, Miss Mabel L. Fargher of Tacoma, Wash., became the bride of Charles Everett. Mabel is a daughter of the late John Fargher and Mrs. Fargher, of Gretch Voar, Laxey, Isle of Man. The couple will reside in Tacoma.

A romance resulting indirectly from last year's Convention was the marriage of Albert Wood, New Westminster, B. C., and Mrs. Stuart, the former Annie Moore of Peel. On his way home from Cleveland, Albert stopped over in Seattle to visit his old friend Frank Moore, and there met Annie, who was visiting her brother. They were married on February 9, and are living at 4131 Southwood St., New Westminster, B. C.

Jack Speedie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speedie (Emily Cain) of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada, was married on January 14 to Miss Mary Klein of Calgary. After a wedding trip to Calgary and Banff, Mr. and Mrs. Speedie are residing in Sylvan Lake.

## THE L'IL PEOPLE

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Looney of Rochester, N. Y., on January 21. This makes Alf Looney a grandpa for the first time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Callow of Menominee, Mich., on December 19, 1949, a baby girl, Nancy Christine.

A baby boy, Gregory, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cotter of Monroe Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wis.

On Kodiak Island, Alaska, a son, Brian Leslie, was born on December 28, 1949, to Chief Yeoman Bert Craig and wife (Jean McDonnell, formerly of Los Angeles).

A daughter, June Marie, was born on December 17, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodin of Berkeley, Calif. Mrs. Rodin is the former Elva Bain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bain, Los Angeles.

A daughter, Amy Dee, was born on March 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berkopec of South Nearing Circle, Geneva, Ohio. Mrs. Berkopec is the former Irene Kelly, daughter of Mrs. Arthur B. Kelly.

A son, Gary Allan, was born on September 21, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Widland of Williston, N. D. Mrs. Widland was Betty Corkan, daughter of Tom and Bess Corkan of Winnipeg, who are enjoying the new title of grandparents.

## OUR TRIP TO DOUGLAS

Born in Douglas, almost in sight of the sea, I am interested in the sea and ships. It used to fascinate me to watch for that first sign of the incoming steamer—a tiny speck on the horizon—gradually becoming a ship and eventually gliding in to her berth alongside the Victoria Pier—journey's end for the MONA'S ISLE, coming from Liverpool with a full complement of holiday-seekers. As I watched the passengers disembark, I wondered what they would say if asked to describe their sea trip and their visit to Douglas. Here is my idea of how they might describe their holiday:

"What we have looked forward to so long is now about to be realized—a trip to that delightful and popular seaside resort—Douglas, capitol of the Isle of Man. We are aboard one of those well-known and reliable steamers with the familiar red and black funnels, owned by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company. Sailing time is about due—the August Day is ideal—giving promise of a pleasant trip across the Irish Sea. And so, with enthusiasm and anticipation running high, we steam out of Liverpool harbor.

"It is only three and a half hours' cruise to Douglas, situated on the southeast coast, so it was not long before we discovered the outline of the Manx hills. The island is small—just a bit of loveliness set down in the Irish Sea, nearly equidistant from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. As we drew nearer we scanned its contour, and many passengers, who seemed to know the Island intimately, discussed familiar landmarks as one after another came into view.

"First we discovered the Lighthouse, a tower of warning set on the rocks below Douglas Head. Beyond was a castle, said to be built on soil brought from Ireland by the owner, in order to fulfill the terms of a will which forbade him to reside anywhere but on Irish ground. This castle is now the famous Fort Anne Hotel. In the Bay is the Tower of Refuge, built on a treacherous rock. It is a tiny castle, erected long ago as a refuge for shipwrecked seamen.

"As we steamed into Douglas Bay it was like entering the stage of a huge amphitheater open to the sea, for its outline is a perfect semicircle

Harry Lace, Denver, Colo., reports the arrival of his seventh great-granddaughter. We are sorry not to have the name of the parents, but they live at Cucamonga, Calif.

A daughter, Florence Kay, was born on March 6 to Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Burrows (Florence Kennish) of Mansfield, Ohio.

A son, John Daniel, was born on September 18, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kneale Corlett of Cheboygan, Mich.

with bold Douglas Head at one extremity and the lesser Onchan Head at the other—a charming sight, with the two-and-one-half mile Promenade edging the Bay, and the town climbing the slopes of the hills. We were met by friends on arrival at the pier, and were soon rolling up Victoria Street to upper Buck's Road—our friends' home—where we stayed during our visit. Thus we were welcomed to the Island—to the land which for years had been the object of our dreams—this beautiful Isle of Man.

"That same evening we started out in high spirits to begin our sightseeing. The summer evenings are long and delightful on the Island, and the glittering lights and crowds of people drew us to the Promenade, where thousands were enjoying the shore and the cooling breeze off the Bay. It was fascinating to watch the throngs in their thorough enjoyment of good fellowship, as arm in arm they leisurely sauntered up and down, talking and laughing, with an occasional burst of song from some joyous soul. The Promenade is a beautiful sight in the evening, with festoons of electric lights extending from one end to the other. It makes one think of a crescent moon set in brilliant jewels, with the Tower of Refuge as the evening star near by. One evening spent thus, mingling with thousands of pleasure-seekers, enjoying the cool breeze and the brilliant lights is never to be forgotten.

"Morning on the Promenade is a favorite time to feed the gulls, which come in great numbers to the sea wall for their breakfast. Later in the day it is interesting to watch the bathers, and at low tide, see them taken out into the water by horse-drawn bathing vans—or to watch, farther out in the Bay, the little launches and yachts sporting hither and thither, with the spray dashing high around them.

"The date of our arrival, the first of August, was Bank Holiday week end, when all business in Great Britain is suspended from Friday until Tuesday, to give people a three-day holiday. That the Isle of Man is a favorite place to spend this holiday is evident, for while we were seated on Douglas Head, where we had a fine view of the pier, we watched three boats come and go. The pier, which is nearly a third of a mile long, was a moving mass of humanity. It was estimated that between 50,000 and 60,000 tourists entered and left Douglas that day."

This is the first part of the story "Our Trip to Douglas." It is written about the Douglas that most of us remember—not since it was made over. Look for another installment soon.

Edward Bawden,  
1749 Bedford Pike, Johnstown, Pa.

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS . . .

. . . By GERTRUDE CANNELL

There is a man who has traveled, all told, more than 30,000 miles, or a good deal more than the distance round the world, to attend Manx Conventions. Twice he has been President of the N.A.M.A., and he says, rightly, that the N.A.M.A. is his chief interest. Of course we are speaking of our old friend, James Y. Mann of Winnipeg.

Jim's parents were Dr. Henry Augustus Mann and Sarah "Taggie" Yeomans, and he is the youngest of six brothers and sisters. All six have lived in Canada, three eventually going to Australia. Philip A. Mann of Sydney is his only surviving brother. A sister, Mrs. Horace Atkinson, lives



JAMES Y. MANN  
Past President, N. A. M. A.

in St. Catherine's, Ontario; another sister is Mrs. James Marshall, Canberra, Australia, who as Maud E. Mann, once kept the Sulby Glen Hotel and the Albion Hotel, Ramsey. Two of Jim's brothers were World War I casualties.

Jim is so strongly a Peel man that we forget he was brought up in Ramsey, where he attended Ramsey Wesleyan Day School. The family moved to Peel, and here Jim met Leonora Craine, daughter of Thomas Craine (the Mason), who was to become his wife. They both left the Island in 1909. After a short stay in Toronto, Jim came on to Winnipeg where he and Lenna were married that same year. They enjoyed forty happy years together. When Manx people meet at future Conventions, they will think of that gracious lady who loved the Manx so well as to

come, during her last, lingering illness, to our Victory Convention in Toronto.

Jim and Lenna's daughters, Mary and Jean, married brothers and, as Mrs. G. I. and Mrs. W. H. Connell, live in Toronto.

Except for the war years, when he worked in an aircraft plant, Jim's line has been the auto and bicycle repair business, and he had his own shop for twenty years. He belongs to the Royal Society of St. George, and with Lenna, has been associated with St. Matthew's Church ever since their first year in Winnipeg. He is a founder and charter member of the Automobile Trades Association and has been its president. Under his leadership the Winnipeg Manx Society gave us a memorable Convention in 1936, where the warmth of their welcome, and the eloquence of several distinguished delegates, more than repaid the long journey to Winnipeg.

Jim has been president of the Winnipeg Manx several times; he was president of the N.A.M.A. in 1933-4; was elected again in 1941 and served through the war years until the Victory Convention in Toronto in 1947. His astonishing memory and wide acquaintance among Manx people have helped him to write some interesting articles for the Bulletin from time to time. His preference in books is for historical subjects, particularly Manx history and the life of Abraham Lincoln. He likes educational programs on the radio, also good music; hates political talks and blues singers. A black cocker spaniel, Susie, who was Lenna's pet, keeps him company.

His height is 5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches; he is wiry, active and weighs 160 pounds; has bright black eyes, hair which once was black but, he says with a twinkle, "has grown white with worrying about the Manx." He owns the only waxed moustache on this continent. He admires the man and woman who can look you straight in the eye, shake your hand as though they meant it, and are broad enough to overlook the other fellow's faults. He admires the State of Wisconsin and considers Winnipeg the best city in Canada. Although it is called the coldest big city in the world, Jim says it is warmed by the hospitality of its hearty, wholesome people—of whom Jim himself is a fine example.

He has just one wish left—to visit Home once more and roam around the little Island he loves so well, and chat with old friends. And we are sure there would be a warm welcome there for Jim Mann—who all through the years has cherished such deep and abiding affection for Manx people at home and all the world over.

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### CHICAGO

Despite a bad sleet storm, fifty persons turned out on February 18 for the annual dinner of this Society, held at the Corner House Restaurant. Some drove in for distances of 30 miles and more, including Joseph Kewley, who came 90 miles from Milwaukee. The toastmaster, Dr. J. J. Moore, introduced the guest speaker, British Vice Consul George Welsh, who gave an account of life "down under" in Australia, where he was born. Mrs. R. C. Kelly gave some entertaining readings from T. E. Brown, and Walter Stevenson sang three numbers, including "When Chilter Plays." Tom Cleator showed colored movies taken by Mrs. Cleator during her visit to the Isle of Man last summer, while Mrs. Cleator narrated. She had some excellent shots of Peel Castle, Douglas Promenade, Ramsey, Port Erin and Castletown. President Tom Kelly was chairman, and Mrs. Walter Stevenson was accompanist.

### NEBRASKA

About 20 members and friends of the Nebraska Manx Association met on December 11, 1949, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Humphrey in Lincoln for their Christmas party. After a noon lunch, there was a short business meeting, musical program and exchange of gifts. The spring meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly, 1511 South 25th St., Lincoln, some time in April—members will be notified of the exact date by their Secretary.

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

Alice Garrett, Secretary to the N.A.M.A. Ladies, appeals for a membership to equal last year's record:

"We need only three members to equal our good record set last year. Are you one of the three who will send in a quarter tomorrow? We need your support in order to help this year's Convention Committee. And, we hope you are planning to join the Manx crowd in Windsor in August. Don't miss the opportunity of meeting and renewing old friendships. Life is too short to deprive yourself of the grand time you are sure of having at a Manx Convention!"

### Attention— Cleveland Manx

Plans are under way for a Manx Banquet in the good old style, to be held on May 5 in Hotel Cleveland. The Committee is arranging for a fine dinner and entertainment. You will hear more about this from the Cleveland Societies, but meantime, mark this date on your calendar—MAY 5, 1950.



# OBITUARIES

**BOOTH, Thomas J.**, a native of Laxey, Isle of Man, passed away early in January in Butte, Montana, where he had lived for 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Howard and their son Keith, of Salt Lake City; and several stepchildren and grandchildren. Mr. Booth was an expert miner and a popular member of his community.

**CONNOLLY, Rose**, passed away on January 6 in Liverpool, England. She is survived by her husband, two sons, three daughters and two sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Tom Brown, of London, Ontario.

**CORLETT, Edward**, passed away at Sheffield Lake, Ohio, near Cleveland, on December 17, 1949. He is survived by his wife Alice (nee Kelly); two sons, Douglas and David; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Rowe; a brother in the Isle of Man, and a brother and sister in Liverpool, England.

**CRAINE, George**, aged 68, passed away at his home in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on December 11, 1949. He was born in Peel, Isle of Man, and was brought to the United States as an infant. The family lived for a time at Elyria, Ohio. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Florence Grove, Waukesha, and Mrs. Ruth Lembke, Milwaukee; a sister, Mrs. Mona Cox, Fremont, Ohio, and a brother Percy, Elyria, Ohio.

**CRAINE, John**, of Erieside, near Cleveland, passed away on February 23. He is survived by his wife Stella; a son, J. D. Craine; and a sister, May Craine in the Isle of Man. Another sister was the late Mrs. Eleanor Quirk.

**CRAINE, Olive (nee Caine)**, aged 64, died on January 5 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She was the widow of George Craine whose death is reported in this column. He predeceased her by less than a month.

**CUBBON, Emily (nee Qualtrough)**, aged 78, passed away at her home, 4234 South 146th St., Seattle, Wash., on November 30, 1949. She was born at Strandhall, between Castle-town and Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, and has lived in Seattle for the last 45 years. Survivors are her husband, John Cubbon; a sister, Elizabeth Qualtrough, in the Isle of Man; and nieces and nephews in Seattle and in the Island.

**DELANY, Thomas H.**, passed away at Tampa, Florida, on December 27, 1949, after a long illness. He was born in Peel, Isle of Man, on March 5, 1894. Surviving are his wife, Estelle, and two daughters, Mary and Patsy of Tampa; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Needs of Lethbridge, Alberta and Mrs. Mary E. Hutter of Denver, Colorado.

**FARAGHER, Meta (nee Glasenapp)**, died suddenly on January 27 at her home, 3922 West 157th St., Cleveland. She is survived by her husband, James, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man; her father, and two sisters.

**GELL, William H.**, aged 84, died on December 9, 1949, at his home, 12404 Woodside Avenue, Cleveland. Surviving are four sons, George F., R. William, Stanley C. and Donald F., grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His wife, Catherine, died about a year ago. Mr. Gell, who was born in the Isle of Man, came to Cleveland about the turn of the century and for many years was chief engineer at the Cleveland Trust Company.

**GRIFFITHS, Jewel (nee Creer)**, passed away in Cleveland on December 4, 1949. She was a daughter of William R. Creer, founder of the Cleveland Savings & Loan Company. Mrs. Griffiths was secretary of the loan company for many years, and at one time was treasurer of the Mona's Relief Society. Her husband, George, survives.

**HOLTZ, Charles**, died at his home, 3880 Warrensville Center Road, Cleveland, on January 15. He is survived by a daughter, Maude; a brother, John, and a sister, Eliza. His wife, Sarah (nee Shimmin), died five years ago. Mr. Holtz was born on a farm in Warrensville in 1860.

**HOOD, Andrew T.**, of 1769 Burgess Avenue, Cleveland, died on February 24 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife Lillie (nee Gregg), six daughters, Mrs. Wallace Fry, Mrs. Ford Donegan, Mrs. Ralph Winter, Mrs. William Evans, Mrs. Clarence Quillin and Mrs. Robert De Ward; five sons, Hall, William, Andrew, Kenneth and Winton; a sister, Mrs. Charlotte Fayle and a brother, Alexander.

**MERVYN, Mrs. Betty**, passed away suddenly at her home in Hollywood, Calif., on December 9, 1949. She was the first secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society.

**KELLY, Edith (nee Jones)**, aged 69, died suddenly on December 23, 1949, as the result of a traffic accident near her home, 9520 Marah Avenue, Cleveland. Her sister, Mrs. Maud Williams, who was with her at the time, was killed also. Mrs. Kelly was the widow of the late Stephen Kelly who came from the Isle of Man, and is survived by two sons, Fred and Richard, also grandchildren. She was an active member and hard worker in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society, and will be greatly missed.

**KELLY, William Teare**, passed away on November 26, 1949, at his home in Superior, Wisconsin. He was born in 1863 at Orrisdale, Isle of Man, lived at Sulby and Bishopscourt, and in 1890 came to Superior, Wis., accompanied by his bride, Margaret Ann Mitchell of Bishopscourt. He is survived by five sons and two daughters in the United States, and two sisters in the Isle of Man. His wife passed away eleven years ago. Mr. Kelly was intensely interested in everything relating to the Isle of Man, and revisited it with his daughters in 1939.

**KERMODE, David Eric**, of Sausalito, Calif., was killed on January 27 in an automobile crash. He leaves his widow, Margaret; a young son, John David; two brothers, William of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, and Alan, of Douglas, Isle of Man; also a sister, Mrs. R. S. Coole of Ramsey. Mr. Kermode, who was 48, was born in Douglas and served in both World Wars. Before the last war, he was a steamship representative in Shanghai, but volunteered and served with distinction as an officer in the British Navy. Since the war he has been manager of the San Francisco office of States Marine Corp.

**KIRK, Emily Ellen (nee Fell)**, aged 84, passed away at her home, 9 Laureston Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man, on December 18, 1949. She was the widow of the late John H. Kirk and is survived by a son, John, and a daughter, Frances; also relatives in America. She was a member of the N.A.M.A.

**KISSACK, Carry B.**, of 1879 Wymore Avenue, Cleveland, passed away on February 18. Surviving are her husband Fred, and a sister, Minnie Raines. In former years Mrs. Kissack had been an active worker in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society.

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MANN, Leonora Harriet (Lenna), nee Craine, passed away at her home, 399 Banning St., Winnipeg, on January 25. She was born in Peel, Isle of Man, in 1889, and came to Canada in 1909. Surviving are her husband, James Y. Mann, Past President of the N.A.M.A.; two daughters, Mrs. G. I. Connell and Mrs. W. H. Connell, both of Toronto, and a brother, Thomas Craine of Algonquin Park, Ont. Mrs. Mann took a keen interest in the N.A.M.A. and the Winnipeg Manx Society. She attended the Toronto Convention in 1947 in spite of serious illness, and will be affectionately remembered by a host of friends.

MONNINGTON, James Henry, died in Neepawa, Manitoba, on January 8. He was born in the Isle of Man and came to Canada in 1881. In 1885 he served with the 90th Regiment (now the Royal Winnipeg Rifles) in the Riel rebellion and was believed to be, at the age of 91, one of the oldest veterans in Canada. He took part in a parade last summer celebrating Winnipeg's 75th anniversary. Surviving are three daughters; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his wife, nee Florence Robertson, died in 1936.

NELSON, Philip, died at his home, 5922 Byron St., Chicago, Ill., on December 4, 1949, aged 72. He is survived by his wife, Jane; four sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren. Mr. Nelson was born in Ballabeg, Isle of Man, and came to the States in 1910.

NICHOLL, Thomas H., passed away on February 18 at his home in Cleveland. Surviving are his wife Minnie (nee Callow); sons, James, Douglas and Cyril; a brother Robert; a sister in the Isle of Man, and another sister, Mrs. John Kewley of Bedford, Ohio.

ST. CLAIR, Peggy, aged 10 years, passed away on October 7, 1949, at her home in Creve Coeur, Ill., after a long illness. She is survived by her parents, Lee and Lucille St. Clair (nee Quilliam), and her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Clague Quilliam of Canton, Ill., who came from the Isle of Man.

TOWLE, Arthur Alfred, aged 85, passed away in Winnipeg on January 23. Born in the Isle of Man, Mr. Towle came to Canada in 1886 and served the city of Winnipeg as inspector of weights for 40 years. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Louise White of Winnipeg, and two sisters in England. His wife, Isabella, died in 1935.

SELBY, May, passed away January 3 at her home in New Hampshire. She is survived by her husband, two sons, three grandchildren and two sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Tom Brown of London, Ontario.

WADE, Thomas Edward, died on November 30, 1949, at his home in Weller Township, Illinois. He was born in Sulby, Isle of Man, in 1872 and came to Galva, Ill., in 1890. His occupation was farming, which he followed until his retirement in 1943. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Merrill Nystrom and grandson Wade Nystrom; nieces and nephews. His wife, nee Mary Johnstone, died in 1938. Mr. Wade and his daughter will be remembered by many who attended the Peoria Convention.

WILLIAMSON, Florence, passed away on January 12 at 9247 Hartwell Avenue, Detroit, Mich. Surviving are her husband, Fred; son, Fred A. Gough, and sister, Mrs. Wilfred K. Kelly, Lakewood, Ohio.

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

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

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Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crellin, formerly of 16915 Hillsboro Road, Cleveland, after spending two winters in Florida, decided to stay there permanently. Mr. Crellin, who is a great fisherman, has fished all over the United States and Canada, but says Florida tops them all. His picture appeared in a Florida paper, showing him with granddaughter Linda Kay Regal, exhibiting a 25-pound redfish they caught at Fort Myers Beach.

Charlie Craine, Secretary of the World Manx Association, would like overseas visitors to the Isle of Man to make themselves known to him. Many do, but some are "jus' the shy," he says. His address is 18 Broadway, Douglas—so, all you who are going across this year, be sure to call on him. Here are the names of some who have told us they are going—or have already gone—to the Isle of Man: Mrs. Wm. Colquitt, Toronto; Sam Lewthwaite and Reginald Kissack, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. George Marrion and Mrs. Frank Tipper, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cowley, Mrs. John Lewin, Mrs. Frank Cleator, Mrs. L. K. Abell, Louis Roach and John Nicholl, all of Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gawne, Geneva, Ohio, and Robert Vaughan Thomas of San Francisco.

Mr. William Cubbon, M. A., who recently celebrated his 84th birthday, has a varied and interesting career to look back upon. As a youth he was apprenticed as a compositor, and later became editor and joint proprietor of the old "Manx Sun." When that paper was purchased by the Isle of Man Times, he served for some time as manager of the Times' shop in Victoria Street. Later he was Borough Librarian of Douglas, manager of the Isle of Man Government's Labour Exchange, and Secretary and afterwards director of the Manx Museum. Though now retired, he still advises. He and the late Mr. P.M.C. Kemmode literally made that museum, an institution of which the Manx have reason to be proud. He has written on Manx history and research, and personally made many discoveries. He was honored by an M. A. degree by the University of Liverpool, and the Norwegian Government made him a Knight of the Order of St. Olav.

Eloise Wattleworth of Seattle, Wash., recently returned after spending three months in Europe attending summer sessions at the Sorbonne and Fontainebleau, in Paris. During her stay she visited Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, France and the British Isles. In the Isle of Man she visited her grandmother, Mrs. C. H. Wattleworth and her aunt, Miss Mary Wattleworth, of Albany Road, Peel, and also was entertained by Mr. William Cubbon, formerly of the Manx Museum, and his family, as well as by Stanley and Martha Gell of Port Erin. Eloise is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wattleworth, 429-17th St N., Seattle, Wash.

From a British Methodist magazine called "Joyful News," Mr. Jenkinson sends an article by a minister who tells of a delightful holiday spent in the Isle of Man this summer. He heard the Speaker of the House of Keys, J. D. Qualtrough, preach at a service at Port St. Mary, and enjoyed a long talk with him afterward. He also went to see Alderman Frank Gale, now in a nursing home at Braddan, and was accompanied on this visit by Mr. Wilson, the minister at Victoria Street Church in Douglas.

The "Countryman's Diary" from an English newspaper, sent to us by Mrs. Gladys Watts of Lincoln, Nebr., speaks about certain August sounds heard in the country, such as the droning of bees among heather and ling, and the tiny explosions of gorse-pods shooting away their seeds. These small, fairylike noises are typical of the Manx hillsides in summer. "The little guns of the gorse" is the poetic title of the article.

