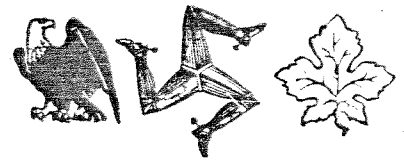


# BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



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

July, 1950

## DETROIT-WINDSOR MANX EXTEND HEARTY INVITATION TO JOIN IN THE FUN...AUG. 8th to 11th

### From the General Chairman

The 1950 Convention is now only one month away. Let's all pull together to make this Manx party one to be remembered.

Join us in Windsor! What a thrill you will have in meeting Manx friends whom you have met at previous conventions! Please send your reservations early and give the committee a chance to get you as close together as possible, so you can have a "cooish."

We have done our best to arrange things to suit everybody—moonlights, dinners, luncheons and a bus ride.

Come to Windsor, the Sun Parlor of Canada, and enjoy our hospitality!

We are looking forward to greeting all of you personally.

Sincerely,

RICHARD K. MERCER,  
Convention Committee Chairman

### Hotel Reservations

Have you made your Hotel Reservations? If not, do it now! Time passes so swiftly! Be assured of the accommodations you desire and of being together if possible at the Prince Edward Hotel, convention headquarters.

Room rates are as follows and are subject to 10% discount when paid in American money:

Single room with bath	\$3.50 to \$7.00
Double room with bath and double bed.....	6.00 to 8.00
Double room with bath and twin beds.....	7.50 to 10.00
Two connecting rooms for three persons.....	12.50

These rates compare with other downtown hotel rates, but if you want to come to the convention and desire cheaper rooms, do not hesitate to let us know and we will endeavor to get rooms at nearby tourist homes. For

further information and to make reservations, write.

MRS. R. K. MERCER,  
1544 Hall Avenue  
Windsor, Ontario  
Chairman,  
Hotel Reservations Committee

### Souvenir Book

July 8th was set as the closing date. The response has been most gratifying, and your kind cooperation is greatly appreciated. The Committee expresses sincere thanks.

We'll be seeing you in WINDSOR.

R. H. CORKILL  
Chairman,  
Souvenir Book Committee

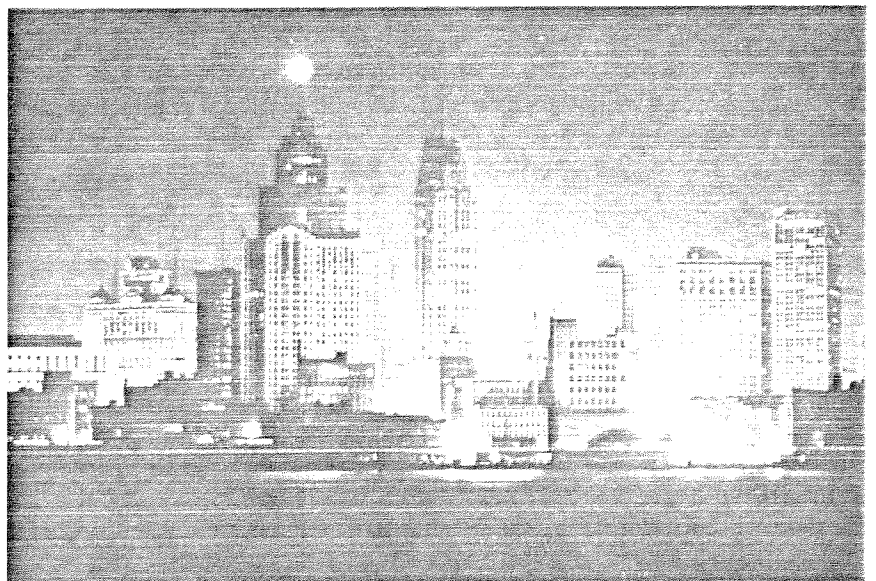
### Transportation

While friendly Windsor, Ontario, will be your home during the Convention period, your Transportation Committee knows that you will want to see the high spots in the great Motor City across the River.

A three-hour bus tour has been arranged for the afternoon of Wednesday, August 9, providing an opportunity to see colorful downtown Detroit with all its skyscrapers, plus the delightful pleasure of seeing America's famous and unique 1,000 acre public playground—lovely Belle Isle.

On the agenda is a visit to some of the world's most modern and beautiful buildings such as the famous General Motors building and beautiful Fisher building as well as the Art

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Looking North from Windsor, Ontario, to the City of Detroit, Michigan, at night showing the Penobscot Building on the left with Air Navigation Beacon and the bright lights of Woodward Avenue at the right.

Courtesy Windsor Chamber of Commerce.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### Detroit-Windsor Convention

August 8-11, 1950

**TUESDAY**—Reception and Registration Committees will be on hand all day to receive guests.

**TUESDAY EVENING**—Detroit-Windsor night. Informal get-together and entertainment at Prince Edward Hotel.

**WEDNESDAY A.M.**—Official opening of convention. Addresses of welcome. Business session.

**WEDNESDAY P.M.**—Luncheon at Prince Edward Hotel. Bus tour of Windsor and Detroit. Entertainment in the evening at Prince Edward Hotel.

**THURSDAY A.M.**—Business session and memorial service.

**THURSDAY P.M.**—Luncheon at Prince Edward. Committee meetings and meeting of N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary at Prince Edward.

**THURSDAY EVENING**—Moonlight ride on Detroit River.

**FRIDAY A.M.**—Business session, reports of committees and election of officers.

**FRIDAY P.M.**—Free afternoon for shopping.

**FRIDAY EVENING**—Banquet and ball at Prince Edward Hotel.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$11.00

## Transportation

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Center. You'll see the vast Chrysler automobile factories. Included in the selected route is a drive through a section of the beautiful residential area of Detroit. On Belle Isle, our guides will escort you to the Zoological Gardens, horticultural building, aquarium and to the Scott Memorial Fountain.

Seeing Detroit intimately and close-up will be long remembered as one of your most fascinating and interesting experiences.

On Thursday evening, August 10, we shall again cross the River to Detroit and board the S.S. Put-in-Bay for a leisurely moonlight cruise of three hours duration along the Detroit River and the cooling waters of Lake St. Clair.

Adequate transportation will be provided from the Hotel and back on both these trips.

R. A. CANNELL,  
Chairman  
Transportation Committee.

## Convention Prize Distribution

Have you sent in your stubs and money for the Convention Prize Distribution? If not, here is a reminder Canadians—mail your stubs and remittance to: Mr. G. Fletcher, 1822 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ontario. Americans—your stubs and remittance should be sent to: Mrs. F. H. Cornell, 25307 Ross Drive, Detroit 23, Mich. Do it now—while you are thinking about it!

## Manx Minister to Preach in Cleveland August 20

The Rev. Rex Kissack, M.A., B.D., minister of Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford, England, and Chaplain to Methodists at the University, will preach at Epworth Memorial Church, Wade Park, Cleveland on Sunday, August 20. He has arranged in exchange of pulpits with a minister in Asbury Park, N. J., and will be in this country through the summer. On August 13 he will preach at a church in Dayton, Ohio.

A graduate of Trinity Hall, Cambridge and Richmond College, London, the Rev. Mr. Kissack has been minister at Westminster College, London and at a church in Bolton; was chaplain with the rank of major in the R.A.F. during the War, and his present church at Oxford will be the center of next year's gathering of World Methodism.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kissack, Glen Moor, Michael, Isle of Man. He is a nephew of Mrs. L. A. Gardner of Grand Mere, Quebec, and grand-nephew of Fred Kissack, Wyomere Avenue, Cleveland, with whom

he and his wife will stay while in Cleveland.

Manx people of Cleveland and vicinity should not fail to take advantage of this opportunity to hear and greet the Rev. Mr. Kissack. Make a note of the date—Sunday, August 20, at Epworth Memorial Church, Wade Park.

## The Manx Directory

The big job of compiling and mailing the Directory of members of the North American Manx Association was performed almost entirely by our Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Skillicorn. It was a huge undertaking and involved many, many hours of work, but Bill feels repaid for the effort by the number of appreciative letters he has received from members who are finding the Directory a wonderful help in looking up and locating Manx friends. This is the first time a Manx Directory of this kind has been attempted by the N.A.M.A. We are glad that the work is appreciated.

Congratulations on the book have also been received from Mr. Richard Cain, President of the World Manx Association.

## Anticipation

When in happiness, we're planning  
For a visit back to you,  
Do we see the shore at Douglas—  
Do we see the mountains, too—

Let's not count the miles between us;  
Count, instead, each treasured  
thought.  
Count the times we think of "Mona"  
And the happiness it's brought.

Count instead the treasured memories,  
Think again of all they mean;  
In our traveling, keep together—  
Let's not see the miles between.

Treasured memories, they are with us  
Like the mists around Barrule;  
Then the sunshine breaks in splendor—  
Soon again, we'll be with you.

See you at Windsor, 1950!

JOE CLUCAS,  
Laramie, Wyoming.

How many Manx people know that Princess Elizabeth of England owns a race horse named "Monaveen"?

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, Vancouver, moved recently from 1020 Harwood Avenue where they have lived for many years, to 2974 Sprott St., New Westminster, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Costain, East Helena, Mont., were happy to have as a guest in May a young dentist, Dr. James A. Crellin, formerly of Nebraska and now practicing in Lewistown, Mont., who was attending the Montana State Dental Convention at Helena. His father came from the Isle of Man a number of years ago.

Still active is Edward Skelly, uncle of Mrs. R. F. Costain, East Helena, Mont. Mr. Skelly is 89, came to the United States from Ballakelly, Colby, Isle of Man 51 years ago. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. Edith Hughes, in Helena.

There was a happy party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Moore, Boulder, Mont., when the Costains of East Helena drove over on May 28 to spend the day and meet Mrs. Moore's brother, Dr. Sherman Tuttle of San Francisco. Mr. Moore, who has lived in Montana many years, came from The Level, Colby, Isle of Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shimmin returned home to Peoria, Ill. the early part of July after a month's vacation in California.

Miss Marian Kinley, niece of Mrs. Jessie Carter, Brimfield, Ill., is planning to visit the Isle of Man this fall after a conducted tour through England, Scotland, Holland, Switzerland and France. Miss Kinley formerly lived in Batavia, N. Y.

Mary Vaughan Thomas (daughter of Mrs. Ruth Clague of Auburn, Calif.) is en route to England and the Isle of Man by SS. America.

Mrs. Joe Hornall of Arbuckle, Calif. is hoping to leave on an early sailing of SS. America and Joe hopes to join her in the Isle of Man in the fall.

The San Francisco Manx are hoping to see Jack Boyle of Tacoma, Wash. during the current run of the Ice Follies, in which he takes part.

Nick Vaughan Thomas of San Francisco returned recently from his visit to the Isle of Man and England.

Ethel Skillicorn, wife of "Bill," our treasurer, recently received a gold pin in recognition of 30 years' service with the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. Someone remarked—"Ethel doesn't look that many years old."

Harry Mylchreest, N.A.M.A. Regional Director in Cleveland, has been awarded a gold pin—for 25 years of service with Ohio Motors Company. Congratulations, Harry!

Edward Collister of Galva, Ill., sailed on the Queen Mary June 8 for a two-month visit with relatives in the Isle of Man. He will return by plane about July 31. His brother Evan spent five months in the Island last year.

A letter from Walter McKibbin, Douglas, Isle of Man, requests information about a man named Robert Quaggin, who left the Island at the age of 15 years and would now be about 76. He made one trip back about 40 years ago, and Mr. McKibbin last heard from him in 1926. He has lived in various parts of Canada, including Toronto, other Ontario cities, and Quebec. He was a gardener and was known to have been in the employ of "H. Lawrence," florist—address not known. He was friendly with "Robert Whitney," mayor of a Canadian town, but again the address is not known. Mr. Quaggin had two sisters, Edith Anne, recently deceased, and Blanche Eliza, 81. If any member can identify Mr. Quaggin from this information, please write direct to Walter McKibbin, 61 Heather Crescent, Pulrose, Douglas, Isle of Man.

At a recent music festival in Toronto, our own Manx tenor, Percy Clucas, of that city took first place, winning a gold medal. Congratulations, Percy, and best wishes for continued success.

Cecil Teare, editor of the Ramsey Courier, and his brother spent a few days in Chicago during their recent tour and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevenson at a luncheon attended by several of the Chicago Manx. Crosby Kelly, general manager of the Chicago Fair, conducted them through the Fair grounds.

Ethel Shimmin, secretary of the Chicago Manx Society, and her father John Shimmin, recently spent a week in Seattle, where they were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore, and Mrs. Annie Crellin and family—Mrs. Crellin being a cousin of Mr. Shimmin whom he had not seen for 47 years. Among those they met were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kinnish, the Misses Edith and Ruth Cubbon, Nelson and James Gawne. The Shimmins went on to Victoria, B. C., where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Moore.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Corkan of 277 Machray Avenue, Winnipeg, who were married thirty years on May 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shipman (Belle Corkan) have bought a home at 520 Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C., and are getting nicely settled in. They have been in Victoria a couple of years, and like it very well.

Mrs. Widlands, the former Betty Corkan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Corkan of Winnipeg, has moved from North Dakota to Madison, Wisconsin. The Widlands would be glad to see any Manx folk in Madison and hope some will call on them at their home, 844 East Gorham Street.

Bill Quayle, Sr. of Winnipeg, retired on May 10 after many years' service at Eaton's. The Quayles are now living at 391 Jamieson Avenue, Winnipeg.

Some grand vacation trips are being enjoyed by Manx people this year. Anne Crellin, 627 West Market St., Akron, Ohio, left on June 10 with friends on a Western trip which included Texas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Hollywood and Mexico.

Florence Crellin of Akron also took a Western trip in the capacity of delegate for the Anne Case Toastmistress Club, holding its annual convention July 10 to 15 at Pasadena, Calif. There are "Toastmistresses" as far afield as Australia, and a delegate was expected from Edinburgh, Scotland.

Eva and Lillian Kneen of Birkenhead, England, who attended the Cleveland Convention last summer, are thinking with longing of the approaching reunion at Windsor. Since returning, they have lectured more than twenty times on their American experiences. At Easter, they took fifteen schoolgirls from Eva's class for a few days' holiday in the Isle of Man, which was enjoyed by the girls so much that they hated to leave, and all vowed they would return—especially for their honeymoon. These patriotic Kneen sisters are ambassadors of good will wherever they go.

Your Editor spent the week of June 12 in Atlantic City and Philadelphia, attending the Annual Convention of the Special Libraries Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ward of Los Angeles spent an enjoyable Memorial week end with the Ed Christians of Fresno and Mrs. Bessie Moore and family in Bakersfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Killip are getting acquainted with their new home, recently purchased in San Clemente, Calif., where they can have a close view of the ocean and even a duplicate of "Conister" (Tower of Refuge, Douglas). They plan to live in San Clemente in a few years when they retire from active work.

The Joe Rodger family of Los Angeles expect to visit in Vancouver, B. C., in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Craig (Chief Yeoman) and family have arrived in Los Angeles from Kodiak Island, Alaska, to visit the sister and family (Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Drom) and mother, Mrs. Jennie McDonald. Chief Yeoman Craig expects to assume new duties in Washington, D. C. by the middle of July. Mrs. McDonald will make the trip with them and visit in Detroit as well as in Washington. We hope they are planning to be in Windsor for the Convention.

On their 15th wedding anniversary, June 14, the Oscar Wards were pleasantly surprised to have Mrs. Jennie McDonald, the Bert Craig and Lloyd Drom families drop in to help them celebrate. Lovely colored movies of Kodiak Island, Alaska, as well as scenery throughout the western United States were thoroughly enjoyed.

Los Angeles is well represented in the Isle of Man this summer. The George Marrions and Mrs. Frank Tipper are sending back reports of a grand time. Mrs. Isabel Burch and cousin Mrs. Doris Perry will fly over in August.

Alice Garrett of Rochester, N. Y. spent the Fourth of July week end at Montreal and Lachine, Que. as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malboeuf. The return trip was through the Adirondack Mountains with a stop-over at Lake Placid. Alice recently returned from a wonderful holiday in Bermuda where she took some splendid colored movies, so is doing all right with vacation trips this summer.

Ivy Colquitt of Toronto, visiting her Mother and Dad in Sherborne, England, writes that she is thoroughly enjoying her visit in this charming little town, whose gardens, she says, are too beautiful for description.

Mr. Percy Clucas of Toronto, Ontario is planning an air trip to the Isle of Man, leaving September 2nd and returning October 2nd. We extend our best wishes for a happy vacation.

It was Open House on May 30 at 31 Nellis Park, Rochester, N. Y.—so many people dropped in to wish Dan and Betty Christian, now in the Isle of Man, Bon Voyage and a Happy Holiday.

If you are going on a Western trip this year, Joe Clucas of Laramie, Wyoming, has a suggestion. He writes: "Laramie is on Highway 30 west of Cheyenne, home of the University of Wyoming. Manx people on coast-to-coast trips—drop in at 357 North 6th St., Laramie, and 'rest and be thankful.' Tay and bonnage guaranteed. When in Cody, Wyoming, drop in on Robert H. Looney, whose wife is a Scarfe from Laxey."

Mr. Clucas also passes on an invitation from Mrs. J. T. Clucas, Greybull, Wyoming, who says: "Any Manx people traveling over the Black Hills of South Dakota to Cody, Wyoming and Yellowstone Park—drop in for a coosh and tay." Manx and Western hospitality are combined in these invitations from friends in far-off places. Mrs. Clucas, who is 79, is planning to be at Windsor, declaring that "it's just like a visit Home, to attend a Manx Convention." She came from the Braid, Marown, and lived at Galva, Ill., for a good many years.

Manx people at Toronto gathered at the Union Station on June 22 to greet W. H. Chapman (Chappie), travel agent of Douglas, Isle of Man, who was passing through bound for Vancouver, Honolulu, Fiji, Auckland and Sydney, flying back home from the last-named place. "Chappie" took a Manx party to Toronto 15 years ago and has happy memories of the event, but on this occasion there was only time for the Toronto Manx to shake his hand and wish him God speed.

Eight San Diegans made the 135-mile drive to attend the annual picnic of the Los Angeles Manx Society in Griffith Park, Los Angeles, writes Tom Howland. They all enjoyed the visit and were well repaid for the long drive in the way they were received by Los Angeles friends. The San Diegan delegation consisted of Mrs. Kelso, daughter Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Sutherland and small son; Miss Gladys Cleator, Miss Iris Corkhill, William V. Kelly and Tom Howland. Mrs. Kelso, her daughter and family will spend the month of July in Canada, where Mrs. Kelso formerly lived. She was Christine Isabel Skillicorn of the Corony, Kirk Maughold and came to Canada with her family while in her early teens.

The Donald Bains of Los Angeles have been enjoying a three-week visit with their daughter, Mrs. Robert Rodin and family in Berkeley. They were able to be present at the San Francisco Manx picnic at the Joe Hornall home in Arbuckle.

Winner of the Cleveland Gold Medal at the Manx Musical Festival this year was Miss Eileen Peters, soprano, of Douglas. The medal was presented by Mrs. John Lewin of Cleveland, who was spending several months in the Island.

Mention has been made in the past of the Rev. Fred Cowin, retired Methodist minister of Ann Arbor, Mich., whose lectures on the Isle of Man have aroused much interest. Last April, Mr. Cowin was asked to give an address before 1300 students in the Speech Assembly of the University of Michigan on the subject—"An Hour with Robert Burns." Later Mr. Cowin received a letter of thanks from the Dean of the Speech Department, in which he commented on the close attention and prolonged applause given by the student group—usually considered a restless and impatient type of audience. Comment repeatedly made by the students in their written reports on the lecture was: "This was the finest example of good public speaking that I ever heard on the University of Michigan campus."

Mrs. R. Rawlinson of Vancouver, B. C. (formerly Lydia Clague, Laxey) has just returned from Seattle, Wash., where she visited her brother Claude and his wife; Katie Joughin and Harriet Hinds, all Laxey people.

#### MANX WEDDIN'S

Mary Lou Carter and Karl Wayne Korth were married on January 6, 1950, at the bride's home near Brimfield, Ill., Peoria County. Mary Lou is a granddaughter of Mrs. Jessie Kaighin Carter.

Another wedding in the Carter family took place on June 4 when Carol Weybrick and Mrs. Carter's grandson, William Henry Carter, were married at the Lutheran Church in Brimfield.

On July 14th, Miss Marilyn Harratty became the bride of Mr. William F. Gell at Grace Lutheran Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Mr. Gell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Gell.

Miss Jenell Jewell of Salem, Ohio and Mr. Donald B. Greggor of East Cleveland, Ohio were married July 15th at The First Presbyterian Church in Salem. Mr. Greggor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Greggor.

#### THE L'IL PEOPLE

A daughter, Lindsay, was born on April 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Valavanes (Nancy Auty), who live near Chicago. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Auty (Bessie Leece), 429 N. Mayflower Road, Lake Forest, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tallitsch (Elinor Boyde) of Chicago announce the arrival of a second son on June 3. Elinor is a daughter of the late Fred, and Mrs. Boyde, 5044 West Superior St., Chicago.

A daughter was born on April 2 to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nind (Joan Bell) of Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell are the grandparents.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## SAN FRANCISCO

On April 22 the San Francisco Manx traveled to Berkeley for their annual get-together at the home of Fred and Katie Callow. More than fifty people were present. "Katie and Fred" are highly esteemed members of the Society—they bind the East Bay group together and their famed hospitality brings out a large number to the meeting at their home each year.

After a short business session conducted by the President, H. P. Callister, excellent refreshments were served, and Bob Rodin, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bain, showed pictures taken during his trip to South Africa—a natural history expedition under the auspices of the University of California. Both lecture and films were a great treat. Proceeds of the collection (\$32.00) were sent to the Isle of Man toward the Bishop's stipend fund.

On May 13, more than thirty members went to Arbuckle, Calif., on invitation of Joe and Betty Hornall to spend the day at their beautiful new home. The occasion was a housewarming, and among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bain of Los Angeles, the William Callow family of Berkeley; Gwen and Felton Bellamy and daughter Ruth; and Evelyn Corlett, who came 140 miles in her enthusiasm, going 40 miles out of her way to pick up her mother. Lunch was served on the glassed-in patio, after which Joe took the men to inspect the rice fields, while Betty took the women on a trip through the warehouses and thence to the church to have a cup o' tay with the Mothers of Arbuckle. A second meal was served before the long drive home, and Finette Hall, the Society's treasurer, is due a vote of thanks for her generosity in picking up and taking home several guests.

On June 10 the members met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Dalby (Evelyn Wood), 2362—45th Ave., San Francisco. This being another housewarming, there was a big attendance. Evelyn and Alf were thanked for a fine evening, and welcomed back to the Society's meetings.

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

Steve Quinney, President of the Breakfast Club, is looking forward to seeing all members at the Detroit-Windsor Convention, where "auld acquaintance" formed on a similar occasion in 1934 can be renewed. Breakfast Club members in Detroit and Windsor are planning a hearty welcome and Steve is hoping for 100 per cent attendance.

## NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx held their summer meeting on Sunday, June 11, at the home of Mrs. Thomas Kelley, 1511 South 25th St., Lincoln. About seventeen members were present. Feature of the meeting was the annual election of officers, with the following results:

President, Mrs. Pearl Watts Duffek  
Vice President, Thomas Robison  
Treasurer, Mrs. Kitty Crellin  
Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Watts,  
Route No. 5, Lincoln, Nebr.

## LOS ANGELES

Although the weather was a bit unfavorable, the Los Angeles Manx held a very successful picnic on May 14 in Fern Dell in Griffith Park, with its waterfalls, fuchsias, ferns, palms and maidenhair fern mixed with vivid red wild strawberries. About 80 members enjoyed a bounteous lunch and later tea, as well as cooishes, singing, renewing of old friendships and recounting of old country incidents and characters. It was regretted that Cecil and Gibson Teare from Ramsey, who are visiting relatives and old friends in U. S. A. were unable to attend. The blue ribbon goes to San Diego County, which was represented by eight Manx people who journeyed 135 miles to attend.

The next Los Angeles picnic will be held on July 23 at Recreation Park in Long Beach.

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETIES

On Sunday, June 25, the Cleveland Manx made their annual pilgrimage to the historic Centenary Methodist Church in Warrensville, where Manx pioneers worshipped long ago. The old building, while retaining its quaint exterior, has been wonderfully improved within during the last year or so. An excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. E. Heaps, minister of the church, while the service was conducted by W. Harry Kelly, President of the N.A.M.A. Soloist was Joseph Clucas; accompanist, Miss Mona Clucas. Naturally there was some fine congregational singing—which was continued in the evening after everyone had partaken of a basket supper in the church basement, where tea was provided by Manx ladies, members of the church. Welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Corkill who motored down from Detroit to spend the week-end with President and Mrs. Harry Kelly. Dick extended a hearty and urgent invitation to all present to come to Windsor in August for the Convention.

## TORONTO

It was a grand day on Sunday, June 18, when about 50 members and friends of the Toronto Manx Society went by bus to Niagara Falls for their annual picnic. The ride took them past newly restored Fort George, where celebrations were being held—American and British soldiers re-enacting battle scenes of the War of 1812, dressed in the uniforms of those days. Instead of real war, however, it was the spirit of good will that brought the Americans across the Niagara River to lay a wreath on the tomb of General Brock at Queenston Heights. At Queenston Park the party had lunch, played games and explored the historic places in the park. Continuing the bus ride, a stop was made at the Whirlpool, then continuing to the Falls, a thrilling sight in the first glimpse seen through the arch of the Rainbow Bridge. Toward evening it was a rare treat to watch the splendor of the dark green water roaring high in air and creating, with the sun shining through, the unforgettable spectacle of the rainbow extending in a huge circle from the foot of the Horseshoe over to the American Falls.

Much pleasure was added to the occasion by the presence of Alice, Gwen and Carlton Garrett of Rochester, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Corteen of Buffalo.

## Detroit-Windsor Manx Society

The most recent meeting of this society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornell, 25307 Ross Drive, Detroit, and was highlighted by another visit from President W. H. Kelly of the N.A.M.A., also Mrs. Kelly, and Mr. Quilliam, all of Cleveland; and Miss J. Manson from Cumberland, England.

Reports concerning the coming convention show that everything is going along nicely, and a good time is in store for all in August at Windsor.

## VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx held a whist drive in April, but had to cancel later meetings on account of unavailability of the hall where they have been meeting. At present plans are under way for their Annual Picnic, to be held sometime in August.

## PEORIA

The Peoria Manx are making plans for their annual picnic, to be held at Bradley Park, Peoria on Sunday, July 16. The basket dinner is scheduled for one o'clock.

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# A Canadian Ballasalla

Near Horning's Mills, Ontario, there is a paradise for anglers, named Ballasalla Pond. A picture of the spot in a Toronto paper caught the eye of Joe Daugherty, and, like the good Manxman he is, he went to considerable trouble to learn the why and wherefore of the name. Eventually he received the following interesting letter from the owner of the place:

"My late brother, Hunter Huxtable, and I had finished planting 24,000 trees and had completed the dam and filled the pond, when suddenly I realized we hadn't a name for the place. About this time I read in TIME magazine an account of the visit of the King and Queen to the Isle of Man to open their famous parliament. I was amused that even they had to repeat a greeting to the pixies who are always working in the valley of the Silverburn below the bridge Their Majesties were about to cross. Apparently the pixies are potent little characters, because a taxi-driver proceeded across this same bridge without shouting the customary greeting, and what happened? Why, the door flew open and he was dumped out on the far bank.

"And what has all this to do with picking the name? My grandfather, James Huxtable, built a flour mill on the Pine River at Horning's Mills, and named one of the products "Silver Creek" flour. His father or grandfather, was one of seven brothers who sailed the seven seas out of Douglas, Isle of Man. Now, four or five of the brothers were lost at sea, and my ancestor, upon landing in Maryland, decided he would not suffer the same fate, so became a landlubber. Some of the family migrated across the Niagara and settled near Fergus, Ontario, and my grandfather came from there to Horning's Mills.

"While working for the Toronto Star I searched diligently in the library for data on Ballasalla in the Isle of Man, the name having already impressed me when I came upon it in TIME magazine. I was particularly pleased to discover that Ballasalla was a favorite resort for anglers from England who enjoyed fishing in the little stream, Silverburn. It may have been just coincidence that my grandfather named his flour 'Silver Creek,' but it fits happily into the picture. I have the silvery water, the fishing and the bridge over the stream, which I should like to name 'The Silver Burn' or 'The Silver Creek.' The only thing I am not certain about is the presence of the pixies down in the valley! The little rascals may be there, and if I should

capture one I shall examine him and see whether or not he has a tail!

Yours very truly,  
ED HUXTABLE."

If any Manx would like to see this Canadian Ballasalla, Horning's Mills is 60 or 70 miles northwest of Toronto, says Frank Williamson, secretary of the Toronto Manx.

## The Winnipeg Flood

Many of us have been thinking of Manx friends in Winnipeg and wondering how they fared during the disastrous flood which inundated that city in May. The following is quoted from a letter received from Mrs. Tom Corkan, secretary of the Winnipeg Manx Society:

"It has been a time of stress and worry, but that is now behind us. We (the Corkans) were fortunate in not suffering any loss, and I am aware of only two Manx families who incurred damage. Bill Quayle, Jr., and family were forced out of their River-view home at 2 A. M. one morning and waded through cold water three feet deep before being picked up by boats. They had no time to make preparations for departure, so left the house empty handed, and would find their furniture ruined upon return.

"My brother, Will Killey, living on Matheson Avenue, his wife and two daughters, had to leave their home by boat on the morning of May 5, but had time to carry some articles of furniture upstairs, and to raise the heavier pieces off the floor. By June 1 he was able to walk back to the house, and after two weeks of hard work, pulling up hardwood floors and so on, was entitled to a green card declaring the house habitable. These are two instances, and when you consider there were 10,500 homes inundated, you can imagine the heart-break it has been to those affected. The Red River rose to a height of 30 feet 3 inches; had it risen two more feet, the whole of Winnipeg would have been evacuated.

"As a result of precautionary evacuation of women and children from Norwood, Mrs. George Cregeen and granddaughter Geraldine went to stay with Mr. and Mrs. John Fick for ten days. Others who found temporary refuge with friends and relatives were Mrs. Almrud (Olive Cregeen) and Mrs. Tom Middleton (Millie Fick) with their respective families.

"Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Qualtrough had four feet of water in the basement and were very uncomfortable due to lack of heat; however, they did not have to leave the house."

Jim Mann wrote to our President describing the great damage caused by the flood. "Many people have nothing left," he says. "In some cases

when they returned to look for their homes, the house was not there—probably down the river. It is heart-breaking." The suffering of his fellow citizens impelled Jim to write to the Isle of Man giving details of the disaster, and as a result, the Island wishes to do something to help, as the following paragraph from a letter received from Mr. Richard Cain, President of the World Manx Association, indicates:

"I am sure that we, the Manx people on the Island and elsewhere, deeply sympathize with the people of Manitoba and especially Winnipeg, in the sad calamity which befell them in the disastrous floods. An effort is being made by the Douglas and Ramsey Rotary Clubs in conjunction with the W.M.A., to send 2,000 pounds' worth of Manx blankets and rugs for distribution among those in need. The scheme has been favored by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, and Tynwald is being asked to provide half the cost. This will be a little gesture of appreciation on our part for all that Canada has done for us, during and since the war."

## News of the Manx Societies

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

The ladies of this Society have just completed a pleasant and successful year, the highlight of which was the celebration of their Fiftieth Anniversary, last January. Their annual outing was held on June 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kissack, 23500 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland, whose spacious lawn is ideal for a picnic party.

### CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx held a meeting on June 3, and were planning to meet again in July. Several members expect to attend the Windsor Convention.

### Manx Cat

Throughout the valiant Isle of Man.

The warriors of every clan,  
Adorned their martial helmet hats.

With tossing tails of brave Manx cats.

Until the cats in concert swore  
"We'll bear this shameful wrong  
no more!"

And crying "We are free born  
Britons"

They bit off the tails of all the  
kittens.

Since then the feline law  
prevails,

That true Manx cats shall not grow  
tails!

Contributed by Mary Clague Hodgson  
Rochester, Minnesota

## OBITUARIES

**BELL, Bertie Carine**, 62, died suddenly at his home in Montreal on April 1. Surviving are his wife, Ruth Madeline; two daughters, Lillian and Mrs. Malcolm Ritchie of Quebec City; five sisters, Mrs. Lucien Myers, Sugar Loaf, N. Y.; Mrs. W. H. Shimmin, Mrs. John Hislop and Mrs. Sarah Bashforth, Isle of Man, and Mrs. Thomas Mowatt, England; two brothers, Jack and Conrad, of Montreal. Mr. Bell came from Port St. Mary, and has been with the Bell Telephone Company 40 years. He was prominent in the Masonic order and in Manx affairs.

**BROWN, George John Archibald** of The Priory, Douglas, Isle of Man, editor of The Isle of Man Times, passed away in a Manchester hospital on May 22. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy (nee Oxenford); sons, Norman G. and Eric M. Brown; daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Cooper and Mrs. Muriel Pickford; brothers, D. M. Brown and R. Cyril Brown; sisters, Mrs. Gladys Hawley, Mrs. Phyllis Miller and Miss Connie Brown. Mr. Brown, who was in his 67th year, was a notable figure for his patriotism and the high calibre of his newspaper, and will be mourned by Manx people everywhere. He was deeply interested in the Manx of this continent, was a Life Member of the N.A.M.A., and attended several Conventions. He also was a member of the party that escorted the 1927 Homecoming trip.

**CHRISTIAN, William Henry**, aged 56, passed away in Burnaby, B. C. on June 11. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Bacon and Mrs. Betty Hamer of Olympia, Wash., Mrs. June Mann, Kamloops, B. C. and Mrs. Mona Pollock, Langley Prairie, B. C.; a son, Bill, of Sea Island, B. C.; nine grandchildren; a brother, Ralph, of Burnaby, and five brothers in the Isle of Man. Mr. Christian, a veteran of World War I and a member of the Canadian Legion, came to British Columbia from the Isle of Man 37 years ago.

**CORRIN, Elizabeth L.**, 64, passed away at her home, 12612 Locke Avenue, Cleveland, on May 14. She is survived by her husband, Harvey J. Corrin, vice president of the Cleveland Punch & Shear Works Company; a son, William H., and three grandchildren.

**CLAGUE, Alice May**, passed away in Toronto on June 17. She was a daughter of Richard and Catherine Clague of Douglas, Isle of Man. An invalid for many years, Miss Clague had formerly been prominent in Salvation Army work, as was also her sister, Adj. Elizabeth Clague.

**CLAGUE, Eleanor C. (nee Cooper)**, died on March 21, 1950, at her home in Dayton, Washington. Born June 15, 1864, in Castletown, Isle of Man, she was married to John Clague, also of Castletown, on January 18, 1896, and came to the United States that same year. Surviving are two sons and one daughter, Ewan Clague, Washington D.C., Vincent Clague and Mrs. Mona C. Ward of Dayton, Wash.; a sister, Miss Margaret Cooper of Castletown, and two brothers, W. H. Cooper of Castletown and J. J. Cooper, Montreal. Her husband predeceased her in 1925, and a son, Lawrence, in 1944.

**CRAINE, Robert Frederick**, passed away at Butte, Mont. on May 6. He was the eldest son of the late Robert and Isabelle Craine of Ballahimmin, German, Isle of Man. He is survived by his wife, Florrie.

**COWELL, John H.**, aged 69, passed way on May 24 at his home, 1659 Waterbury Road, Lakewood, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Guentzler, Mrs. Ruth Maier and Mrs. Ethel King; brothers Philip and George, and a sister, Mrs. Edith Gurney, all of Cleveland. He was also a brother of the late Mrs. Isabelle Christian. Mr. Cowell was born in Peel, Isle of Man, and came to Cleveland in 1899.

**CUBBON, Robert Charles of Geneseo**, N. Y., died on June 20, aged 68. He was born in Cleveland, a son of Robert and Margaret Cubbon. He became well known as director of physical education in Y.M.C.A. branches in various cities. During World War I, Mr. Cubbon was in charge of physical training for soldiers in the Atlanta area. He leaves his wife, Mary (nee Watkins); a sister, Mrs. Mona P. Stone and a brother, Clarence Douglas Cubbon, both of Cleveland.

**DONEGAN, Janet Grierson**, died on May 28 at her home in Youngstown, Ohio. She was born in Cleveland in 1895, a daughter of Andrew and Lillie (Hall) Hood. Surviving are her husband, Ford; daughter, Shirley Jean; her mother, Mrs. Lillie Hood of Cleveland; five brothers, Kenneth of Buffalo, N. Y., and Hall, William, Andrew and Winton, all of Cleveland; sisters, Mrs. Wallace Fry of Kingston, Pa.; Mrs. R. O. Winter, Lakewood, Ohio; Mrs. Clarence Quillin, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. William J. Evans and Mrs. Robert DeWard of Cleveland.

**DONNER, Gertrude (nee Cain)**, passed away at her home at Sharon, Pa. on March 25. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cain of Sharon. Her mother died on February 7, 1949.

**FARGHER, Thomas Wilfred**, 78, passed away on June 20 in Seattle, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Anna; one son; four daughters, and a brother, Walter Fargher of Peel, Isle of Man.

**GARRETT, John**, 489 Garson Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., died on May 17 at the age of 90. He is survived by four sons, John W., James L., Robert E. and Thomas A. Garrett; a stepdaughter, Ada Christian of Claremont, Calif.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a nephew, Edgar Garrett of Peel, Isle of Man, and a niece, May Garrett Smith of Liverpool, England; nephews Carlton and Willis Garrett and niece Alice Garrett of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Garrett came to Rochester from Ramsey, Isle of Man, 63 years ago. A prominent builder, he planned and constructed many of Rochester's public buildings and residences.

**QUIRK, Frederick**, 1028 East 146th St., Cleveland, passed away on June 19. He is survived by his wife, Annie; son, George A.; daughter, Mrs. Helen Barstow; sisters, Martha Kinvig of Vancouver, B. C., and Kate Gillibrand of the Isle of Man.

**SHIMMIN, Stanley**, 330 East Genesee St., Flint, Michigan, passed away on June 11, aged 77. He is survived by his wife; one son, Dr. D. A. Shimmin of Sandusky, Mich.; two grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters—Archibald Shimmin of Saginaw, Mich., John and Frank Shimmin, Mrs. Florence Gorry and Miss Lena Quayle of the Isle of Man. Mr. Shimmin was born in Foxdale, Isle of Man.

**VAUGHAN, Rhoda Kaighin**, Elmwood, Ill., passed away April 15 after injuries suffered in an auto accident 24 hours earlier. She was a daughter of John and Sophia McClure Kaighin, formerly of Peel and Douglas, Isle of Man. Mrs. Vaughan was born near Brimfield, Ill., on September 7, 1867. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Jessie Carter, Brimfield, and nephews and nieces.

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

### Membership, 1949-50

President Harry Kelly in his message has told us how close we are this year to the goal of one thousand at which the N.A.M.A. has been aiming ever since it was founded in 1928. Let's not disappoint Harry Kelly and his officers and the Association as a whole by falling just a little short of the figure. We appeal to all faithful members who have not yet paid their 1949-50 dues, to send the \$2.00 to:

R. W. SKILLICORN,  
Treasurer  
4912 East 96th St.  
Cleveland 25, Ohio.

Do this now, and the goal will be reached!

