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

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## TORONTO . . . In Retrospect . . . and In Anticipation

Four years ago the Toronto Manx Society were hosts to the N.A.M.A. Victory Convention here in Toronto, and looking back to that time, I cannot help thinking of the grand time we had here. After all, it does one good to look back and dwell in the memories of the past. Some say, "Why dwell in the past?" But, why shouldn't we enjoy past memories—especially if they are pleasant ones.

I think of our Tuesday get-together night. What a great send-off that was for a start. The pictures shown by Alice Garrett and Mr. Mylrea, and then that sound recording film "The Happy Isle." Then, Wednesday's Bus Tour round our fair city, and the gathering round the Cenotaph, laying the wreath in memory of those who laid down their lives that we may still enjoy our freedom. I can still hear those 300 Manx people lifting their voices in gratitude and thanksgiving, singing our National Anthem, "Eillean Vannin," and "Fishermans Evening Hymn." And I'm sure everyone enjoyed the Wednesday night concert; the Thursday Moonlight Ride across

Lake Ontario and, to top it all, the banquet and dance on Friday night. No wonder the people were reluctant to leave when it all came to an end.

Why I am reminding you of all the good times you had here is because the Toronto Manx Society had promised that if you came, you would have a good time. Well, the Toronto Manx are trying to make this convention even better than the last. But you are the ones who will have to make this Convention a success. So plan your vacation for the Convention, August 7-11.

F. W. WILLIAMSON,  
General Chairman  
Toronto Convention Committee

The Toronto Manx are going all out to make the 1951 Convention the best yet. We hope as many as possible of our Manx friends will try to visit us on this occasion. You will meet all the Manx you know and will make many new friends! As president of the Toronto Manx Society—and Con-

vention Treasurer—I send you a special invitation to BE SURE TO COME! We are going to put on a wonderful show for you, and we don't want you to miss it. We are planning something new for Manx Conventions — Something BIG — Something MANX!! You will get the surprise of your life.

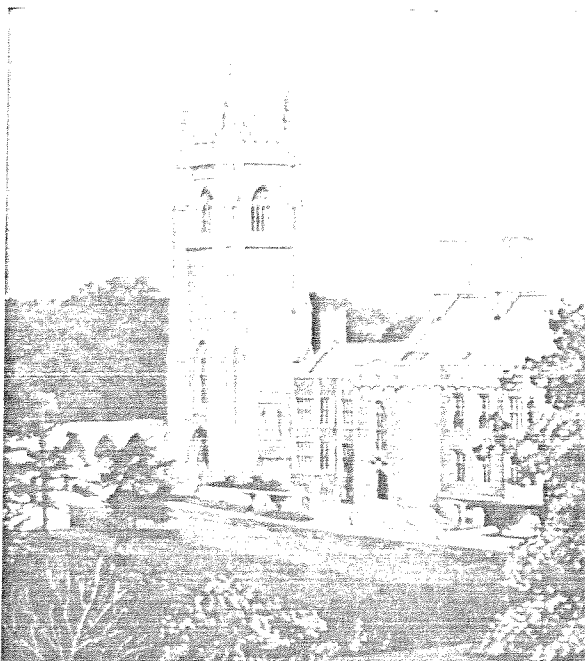
Plan now to come to Toronto on August 7-11.

F. J. CAVEEN, Treasurer,  
Toronto Convention Committee.

### REFRESHMENTS

Well, here we come once again hoping to see all our old friends and lots of new ones. We are busy planning for all to have a good time. And, of course, good things to eat are always a big part of the Convention, so we will do our best.

MRS. F. WILLIAMSON,  
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### The President's Message

Have you made plans to join the happy Manx party that will gather in Toronto August 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11? Manx people from all over the United States and Canada will be there—yes, and from the Isle of Man, too.

I am in the fortunate position of being able to help the Toronto folk in preparing for what we believe will be one of the best Conventions ever put on by the North American Manx Association. It will be my first opportunity of conducting a Manx Convention, and naturally I am very anxious that it be a success. The enthusiasm of the Toronto Manx, and their desire to do everything that will contribute to your pleasure, gives me confidence as well as assurance of our success, and I shall be proud to greet each and all of you when you arrive. Toronto will be happy to welcome you, and I am sure you will be glad you came.

The Manx people are accustomed to excellent Convention programs, and this year the Toronto Manx are concentrating on making the events and activities even more enjoyable than heretofore. For instance, they are expending a great deal of time and effort on the Wednesday evening concert, planning an entertainment that will bring back many memories of Home during the summer holiday season, and should be a good preview of the 1952 Homegoing. If plans materialize as we hope they will, this concert will be the highlight of our Convention.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### THIRD TORONTO CONVENTION

AUGUST 7-11, 1951

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

**TUESDAY EVENING**—Toronto night. Informal get-together and entertainment at the Royal York Hotel.

**WEDNESDAY A. M.**—Official opening of Convention—addresses of welcome, business session.

**WEDNESDAY P. M.**—Luncheon, Royal York Hotel roof garden. Bus tour of Toronto and memorial service at Cenotaph in front of City Hall.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**—Musical review entitled "Holiday in the Isle of Man."

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

**THURSDAY P. M.**—Luncheon in Crystal Ball Room, Royal York Hotel.

**THURSDAY EVENING**—Moonlight cruise across Lake Ontario and down the Niagara River to Queenston and return.

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

**FRIDAY P. M.**—Shopping tour.

**FRIDAY EVENING**—Banquet and Grand Ball in Crystal Ball Room, Royal York Hotel.

**SATURDAY**—Toronto Manx Society's annual picnic, Centre Island. All are cordially invited to be the guests of the Toronto Manx at this picnic.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$12.50

The Toronto Manx are proud of the opportunity of again being your host. You can prove to them that you have pleasant memories of Toronto Manx hospitality by attending this Convention and by sending in your name for the Souvenir Book Patrons' List.

To Manx friends in the United States, may I emphasize that the Canadian border is as free as the air, so do not anticipate annoying delays. Plan to come and renew old friendships, make new ones, and also have the pleasure of greeting some who will come all the way from the Isle of Man. Your share toward making this Convention the success for which the Toronto Manx are working so hard, is to make up your mind that in August you'll be travelling "ON TO TORONTO."

TOM MOORE, President

### N.A.M.A. Garden Party Cleveland

The Cleveland officers of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary are sponsoring a garden party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon, 19008 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, on Saturday, July 21st.

You and your friends are invited to pack picnic baskets and enjoy a pleasant afternoon and evening.

A feature of this year's party will be a Parcel Post booth. For this booth, the ladies are soliciting packages from friends throughout the country. These should contain articles to be sold, unopened, for 50 cents.

Will you please address these packages to Mrs. John R. Cain, 483 East 126th St., Cleveland 8, Ohio. Your support will be appreciated.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Although it is several months until our Convention, I am prepared to accept your hotel reservation now. Our headquarters will be at the beautiful Royal York Hotel. All rooms allocated to us are exactly the same: Double room with twin beds, bath, shower and equipped with radio. All are outside rooms and all at the same rate, which includes radio—\$5.25 per person, two to a room.

For those that would prefer a more moderate rate, arrangements have been made for a limited number of rooms at the Walker House, which is directly across the street from the Royal York. Rates for this accommodation are: Single room—\$2.75 and up; double room—\$5.00 and up.

Please address your reservations to Mrs. T. Moore, 96 Larchmount Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, and I will be very glad to look after them for you.

VIOLET MOORE, Chairman  
Hotel Reservations Committee

## Come One, Come All.

### Toronto In August

Those of you who were privileged to be with us in 1947 have an idea of what to expect and we assure you that you will not be disappointed. If you did not have that pleasure, we predict that after this convention is over, you'll all be declaring, "When yandher you've been, 'Twas the love-lies' Convention aver has been."

So, come to the Royal York, look for the THREE LEGS and we will do our best to make this come true.

ROBT. FICK, Chairman,  
Reception Committee.

## 1952 HOMECOMING

If you are planning to join the Homecoming Party in 1952, you should make your reservation as soon as possible with your local Cunard Steamship Company agent, stating you wish to go with the Manx Party sailing from Montreal on the date nearest to the first of June. When you have done this, notify the N.A. M.A. Secretary, Miss Claire Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland 2, Ohio.

In the July Bulletin we will publish a list of the Homecomers (as many as have booked up to that time) and you will want your name to be included.

While overseas this summer, Jim Mann of Winnipeg will visit a 90-year-old cousin residing in Leicester, England. He quotes from a letter written by this lady during the War, which represents the sort of spirit that carried Britons through. Neighbors had air-raid shelters in their backyards, but the only place where Jim's cousin could make one was at the far end of the garden where there was a favorite lilac tree. Building the shelter would mean moving the tree—so they would just do without the bomb shelter!

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

When Captain A. H. Gill of Douglas, Isle of Man, was appointed recently to the post of Marine Superintendent for the Cunard Steamship Company, his wife and family joined him in New York shortly thereafter, taking along their household furniture in two large moving vans. This is believed to be the first time vans have travelled from the Isle of Man to America. In addition to consignee's address, the two vans bore the mover's name, A. E. Corkill, Douglas, Isle of Man, and on the back was painted a huge Manx Cat, and "The Isle of Man for Happy Holidays." Truly a wonderful advertisement for the Island.

Mrs. Jennie McDonnell, formerly of Detroit and now of Vancouver, B. C. has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Loyd Drom in Los Angeles—also her son Douglas who is in the Navy, stationed in San Diego.

Supervisor of the Safeway Grocery Stores in northern Oregon is Tom Holloway, who in his early career worked for Dibbs' Grocery, also for Johnson's in Douglas, Isle of Man. Mr. Holloway has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Eileen Lenny, in Los Angeles and while there has enjoyed going over old times with his friend, Oscar Ward—including memories of a wonderful fruit cake weighing a ton, more or less, which was exhibited in Johnson's window long years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christian, Fresno, Calif. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ward of Los Angeles recently, and enjoyed visiting the International Flower Show in Inglewood during their stay.

Miss Ruby Steiner of Rochester, N. Y. is proud of a gold key sent to her recently from the Isle of Man. The key commemorates the centenary of the Howe Methodist Chapel, Port St. Mary, built on the old farm belonging to Miss Steiner's ancestors, whose name was Collister.

Mrs. Elva Rodin and baby June recently were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Donald Bain, Los Angeles.

Treasurer of the Los Angeles Manx Society, Joseph Rodger, is a Scot, and recently he met a fellow-countryman named James Daugherty from his own birthplace Motherwell. In the course of a varied career, Mr. Daugherty had lived in Douglas, Isle of Man—has trained for the Army served in Scotland Yard, later served in the United Nations and met his bride, also in the U.N. employ in China. Mrs. Daugherty is from Minnesota. The Daughertys now live in Long Beach, California.

Mrs. John C. Christian of Cranstal, Bride, Isle of Man, and her daughter Edwina, from London, arrived on the Queen Mary on April 29 for a six-week visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Christian, 31 Nellis Park, Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Christian is the widow of the late well-remembered schoolmaster of Bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kissack, Mountainview Drive, Willoughby, Ohio invited a number of friends to their home on March 25 to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Kissack's mother, Mrs. Arthur Kissack. About forty were present, and Mrs. Kissack said it was about the nicest birthday she ever had. We wish her many more just as happy.

On February 14, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dempcy of Aurora Road, Cleveland, celebrated their Golden Wedding—a quiet family celebration with a warm welcome for their many friends and neighbors who called to offer congratulations. Among the gifts was a television set from their sons, Marshall and Donald. Many more happy anniversaries, Mr. and Mrs. Dempcy!

Thelma Kneale, who delights the Vancouver Manx with her singing at their frequent concerts, recently was the winner in a local contest sponsored by the British Columbia Music Teachers' Federation.

Here for an extended visit is Miss Doreen Kelly from Peel, Isle of Man, who is staying with her cousin, Miss Mona Cannon, and uncle, Percy Kelly, at 129 Cady St., Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Viola Peake and her mother have moved recently, and their new address is 496 Eggert Road, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sydney Smith, New Liskeard, Ont., 81 years old, is looking forward to seeing old friends at the Toronto Convention in August.

Sailing on the Queen Elizabeth on May 24, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle, 112 Deerfield Ave., Buffalo, will visit Fred's brother and sisters in the Isle of Man, afterwards going on to Invergorrdon, Scotland, the birthplace of Mrs. Towle's father. This is her first trip overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Anderson (Bob and Minnie), who moved to Florida from Cleveland several years ago, recently bought a new home, and friends should address them at 1420 25th St., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.

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# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## VANCOUVER

An unusual and interesting meeting was held in Vancouver on April 13, when the Manx got together with the local Channel Islands Society for a joint meeting. J. E. Costain, treasurer of the Manx Society, gave a talk about the Isle of Man, and two speakers from the Channel Isles addressed the group on Jersey and Guernsey, illustrating their talks with lantern slides. All present enjoyed comparing notes about their respective islands. In April also, the Vancouver Manx gave their annual Spring Concert, with a varied program, an added feature being the first appearance of a Junior Choir, organized and trained by the gifted young Manx singer, Thelma Kneale.

At their March meeting the Vancouver Manx held a whist drive, and at the February meeting enjoyed an educational movie, through courtesy of a local business firm.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The March meeting of the San Francisco Manx consisted of a short business session, followed by a musical program in which Mrs. Annie Rhodes sang in her usual pleasing manner. In honor of their anticipated trip to the Isle of Man, both Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Lily Callister received gifts and corsages from the members, presentation being made by Mrs. Marian Callister. Other members visiting the Island this year are Mrs. Ruth Clague Thomas and daughter Gillian.

For their May meeting, the group planned to have a picnic and spend the whole day at "Braemar," home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hornall in Arbutle, Calif. Mrs. Hornall's sister Betty, her husband and two children have just arrived from Scotland to take up residence in the San Francisco area.

## GREATER NEW YORK

On April 22nd, the New York Manx attended afternoon service in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, carrying the Manx flag in the processional as is their custom whenever British Societies combine for a patriotic service in the great Cathedral. After the service, the Manx group proceeded to the Hotel Bristol, where they enjoyed an excellent dinner, following which Mrs. Colin Kinnish showed movies taken during a four-month holiday in the Isle of Man last year—a wonderful experience shared with Mr. Kinnish who, it will be remembered, passed away suddenly soon after their return to New York.

The New York Manx are handicapped by small and scattered membership, and are to be complimented on their courage and loyalty in getting together as often as they can—and in literally keeping the Manx flag flying among other British groups in New York.

## VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

At a recent meeting, the Vancouver Manx Ladies sent a generous donation to the Sailors' Home in their city, which does a wonderful work among seamen on shore leave. This institution possesses a good library for use of the men, to which the Vancouver Manx Ladies have contributed on many occasions.

## TORONTO

The Toronto Manx are busy planning their summer activities—which means a full schedule as the Convention is steadily drawing near. Meetings are well attended and preparations are shaping up and getting well under way. First event on their summer schedule, however, is their annual outing, Sunday, June 3. They will go by bus to the Niagara Peninsula visiting historic spots on the way, and arriving at Queenston Heights for lunch, to be followed by a sports program in the afternoon. Queenston is just across the border from Lewiston, and our Toronto friends will be happy to welcome any Manx from the American side who can arrange to join them. The date again—Sunday, June 3.

## BUFFALO

Fred Towle, President of the Buffalo Manx Society wrote that a meeting was planned for April 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Skillicorn, 158 Huntly Road, to which they had invited the Rochester Manx and were hoping for a good representation to be present.

## DETROIT-WINDSOR

At a recent meeting, this Society elected the following officers to serve for the next twelve months:

President.....R. H. Corkill, Detroit  
Vice-President.....J. Baird, Pontiac  
Secretary-Treasurer....Mrs. J. Mawson  
9247 Hartwell, Detroit 28, Mich.

## NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx recently held their spring meeting at the home of Mrs. John Robison, Tecumseh, Nebr. About 24 members and friends attended, many travelling 50 and 60 miles. Talks about the Isle of Man (always a popular subject) were a feature of this meeting.

The Society is losing one of its young members, Robert Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Humphrey, Lincoln, who has joined the Forces. His address: Serg. Robert Lee Humphrey, 27-728-833, 132nd Food Service, Nebraska Air Nat. Guard, Dome Air Force Base, Bangor, Maine.

## THE MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND, OHIO

Plans for the Centenary celebration to be held in October are going "full steam ahead."

A series of card parties have been very well attended. Following the March meeting, nearly 150 people enjoyed a very pleasant evening at St. Stephen's Church Hall. A similar group gathered at the meeting hall on May 3rd.

For this occasion, the society's president, Mr. S. H. Quinney, donated a large cake, beautifully decorated by a Manxman, Mr. Lawrence Skillicorn of Bedford, Ohio. A Manx cat, a map of the Island, two gold three-legs and a gold "100" were part of the icing—a real birthday cake for The Mona's Relief Society.

In addition to these parties on our regular meeting nights, parties have been held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudgeon and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roseman. West Side members banded together and sponsored a card party on April 26th.

The Ways and Means committee, under the able leadership of Mrs. H. Mylehreest and Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, are to be complimented on their fine efforts.

Following the April meeting, entertainment was furnished by Misses Edith and Linore Cox.

A happy party in October is assured and Clevelanders are looking forward to this big event which will climax many pleasant evenings.

## CLEVELAND MANX CHURCH SERVICE

The Annual Church Service of the combined Manx Societies of Cleveland, will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 17th, at 4:00 o'clock in the Centenary Methodist Church on Fairmount Blvd. Rev. J. E. Heaps will officiate.

Following the church service there will be a picnic supper and community singing. You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends.

## Mona's Relief

### 100th Anniversary

### West Siders Get Together

Cleveland is a big city, and as most Manx doings take place on the east side, where most of the Manx live. West Siders who find it difficult to get over there very often, decided it was time to hold a West Side Party, and show everybody that West Siders, too are honoring the Mona's Relief Society in its 100th year.

Miss Mildred Corris and Mrs. L. K. (Amy) Abell headed a committee

which organized and carried through such an outstandingly successful card party in Lakewood that it was felt that in future Manx meetings should be held more often on the West Side. Well over a hundred Manx folk gathered for a social evening at cards—in fact, the crowd was so large that it overflowed the hall and tables were set up in the lobby outside the door.

There were table prizes, lots of door prizes, refreshments, and as much renewing of old friendships as at a Manx Convention. Special guest was East Sider Mrs. Alice Stephen, celebrating her 86th birthday that very day, who came with her son, Wilbur. Mrs. Stephen was presented with a corsage and lighted birthday cake, while the crowd sang "Happy Birthday."

The hard-working committee and helpers supporting Miss Corris and Mrs. Abell were Mona and Betty Cowell, Mrs. Matt Patterson (Ethel Wade), Mrs. R. W. Gerber (Ruth Wade), Claire Mylecraine and Gertrude Cannell, Mrs. Jack Gell and Mrs. Jack Hornby; also East Siders Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mylechreest and Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn. Other East Siders who came to the party were Harry Kelly, chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain and daughter, Elinor.

Next time the West Siders will have to hire a bigger hall and invite all the East Side Manx to come over and get acquainted with them.

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

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Mrs. W. R. (Marion) Stuart, 311 Brock St., Winnipeg, really loves the Isle of Man. She and her husband spent three months there last year and covered about every inch of it; admit they felt chilly most of the time but are thinking of going over again this June! Mrs. Stuart says the house where she was born—No. 5 Esplanade, Douglas, looks just the same as ever.

Col. H. A. Mullins of Toronto is hoping that health will permit him to attend the Convention. He will celebrate his 90th birthday in August.

Mrs. J. S. Cannell, 3915 East 154th St., Cleveland, had a thrill recently when her son, Jim, called her up from Washington to tell her of his promotion from the rank of Major to that of Colonel in the American Air Force. He is stationed in Hawaii, but at the time was in Washington on business. Congratulations to Colonel James Cannell and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cubbon, Galva, Ill., with Mrs. E. Connell and her son Edward, while passing through Cleveland recently, called to see Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moughtin and Mr. and Mrs. Laurel K. Abell. They were en route to Pittsburgh to see the Horace Browns.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Quine, 338 Willow Drive, Painesville, Ohio, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on March 20, with a party of two hundred and twenty-five friends and relatives present to do honor to the occasion. The gathering was held in the Painesville Park Ballroom, which was beautifully decorated with yellow roses, daisies, daffodils and forsythia to carry out the "golden" theme. A program of songs and readings typical of fifty years ago, was followed by dancing and refreshments. Mr. Quine's great-grandfather came to Leroy, Ohio from the Isle of Man in 1827. Both Mr. and Mrs. Quine are popular members of the North-Eastern Ohio Manx Association, Mrs. Quine serving as its secretary for some time. May they have many more happy anniversaries!

"Have been away from the Island so long that I couldn't wait any longer," wrote Robert J. Quayle, 859 Hamilton Road, London, Ont. Mr. Quayle sailed on the QUEEN MARY on March 30, but expects to be back for the Toronto Convention.

Fred Caveen is proud to announce that the play, "The Desert Song," produced and directed in Toronto by a Manxman, Don (Cubbon) Sinclair, was a great success. This was mentioned in the March Bulletin and it will be remembered that a number of the Toronto Manx were in the cast.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meredith, Ottawa, Ont., leave on May 18 for a visit to the Isle of Man, where they will stay with Mrs. Meredith's sister and 92-year-old father, at No. 1 Mona Drive, Douglas. Mrs. Meredith is a sister of Fred Caveen, President of the Toronto Manx Society.

Jim Mann of Winnipeg, who has been longing for a trip to the Isle of Man, recently made up his mind and sails from Montreal on June 4 on the CANBERRA, arriving in time for the Manx "Festival of Britain" program. On his way back he will stop over in Toronto for the Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd, 1887 East 101st St., Cleveland, sailed on the QUEEN MARY on May 1st. Following their arrival in Southampton, they will spend some time in London before going to the Island. Best wishes for a happy trip!

Mr. and Mrs. David Little, 31 Frost Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., sailed on the BRITANNIC on April 19, bound for the Isle of Man. Mr. Little was looking forward to enjoying some fresh herring when he got to Peel. Mrs. Little has never seen the Island, but without doubt she will like it very much—and the fresh herring too!

There was quite a family reunion at the Laurel Abell's recently when daughter Lois (Mrs. Warren Baughman), of Warrenton, Ill., and her two little girls came on a two-weeks' visit to her parents and sisters.

Sailing from Montreal on the Ascania on April 26, Mrs. Walter Callow of Toronto will visit the Isle of Man this summer.

A letter from a namesake in Australia to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cottier, 309 N. Buena Vista St., Burbank, Calif., will be of interest to many, so is quoted in part below. The writer, Robert Francis Cottier lives at 130 Ernest St., Lakemba, New South Wales.

"I am a Manxman, born 4th December, 1898 in Strand St., Douglas. My father was Francis William Cottier, painter, of Douglas, and my mother's maiden name was Tamar Mylechraine of Alma Cottage, Laxey. Both are still alive, hale and hearty—and would be pleased to hear from anybody who came from the Isle of Man. My parents left Douglas for Barrow-in-Furness where Dad had a milk run for many years before we emigrated to Australia in 1909. My uncle, Robert Gale Cottier was a plumber in Douglas before he came to Australia, was president of the Manx Society in Sydney for many years and is now over 80.

"On my mother's side, some of the Mylechraines were with the Mitchell Explorers who first crossed the Blue Mountains in New South Wales—an epic in the history of this State. The railway over the mountains follows the original tracks of the Mitchell Expedition. So you see, no matter where you are on this globe, Manxmen will be found in something which is to the credit of a race which came from a small but beautiful Island.

"There are six 'Cottiers' in the Sydney telephone directory—myself, my bother Douglas, and four whom we do not know. I am a supervising technician in the Postmaster Generals, Engineers Branch.

"My parents' address is: F. W. Cottier, Greystanes, Hume Highway, Yagoona, New South Wales, Australia."

No doubt some members would like to write to Mr. Cottier or his parents.

## MANX WEDDINGS

Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christian, Astoria, N. Y., was married on February 4 to Mr. John J. O'Rourke at Presbyterian Church, with reception at National Hall, Astoria. The bride's mother is Secretary of the Greater New York Manx Society.

Married in Orillia, Ont., March 31, Shirley Johnson and Walter Callow, youngest son of Walter Callow, Sr., a former president of the Toronto Manx Society, and Mrs. Callow. The happy couple will reside in Toronto.

# MEMORIES OF DOUGLAS

By Edward Bawden

There are memories of people, places and events connected with Douglas, which give a true and genuine satisfaction, excitement, curiosity, and surprise. The recording of these memories may sometimes seem clumsy and disjointed, but they are written with the idea of refreshing the minds of people who, like myself, are interested in them.

Who can remember when homes stood on the space now occupied by the Town Hall? I remember the boarded-up enclosure when the space was being cleared of streets and homes. It started at Ridgeway Street, then over to Church Street just opposite Corkill's grocery shop, down from there and across again to Ridgeway Street. There was a "Corrin's Court" in the space cleared, but I have forgotten names of other streets. Going home from Hanover Street School we used to peep between cracks in the boards to watch the foundation being dug. I don't know when the building was finished, but do remember that in 1902 I got my conductor's badge (to work on the cable cars) at the Town Hall.

The Town officials I knew best were—William Proctor, Mayor; Alex Robertson, Town Clerk, and Councillors Caley, Corlett, Kelly and Thornley. They had yearly passes for riding on trams and in that way I came in contact with them.

Did you ever listen to the Salvation Army open air meetings on a Sunday evening, at the top of Victoria Street, between the shops of Broadbent the printer and Rooth the butcher? I often did, and believe their sincerity left a wholesome and lasting impression on their hearers. A little higher up was the Adelphi Hotel, at the foot of Police Station Hill, which led into Shaw's Brow and thence to Athol Street. The Police Station was about half-way up the hill, and when the Black Maria was outside, the curious gathered round to see who was being taken to that big building on Victoria Road—the prison. High Bailiff Harris had the duty of sentencing offenders at that time. Just below the Police Station lived a family named Christian, with the father and four sons all in the Town Band. I played in the band too, and hope that one of the Christian boys may read this article.

On Athol Street was the Courthouse and the lawyers' offices, places of business, the Athol Street School, and at the lower end, the gateway to the Railway Station. Here are a few of the business places I remember on Athol Street—Isle of Man Times office; Clarke the saddler; Kirwan and Mullins, coach builders; Fielding's furniture shop.

A favorite walk in those days was through the Nunnery Grounds, across to Pulrose, down past Belle Vue to Peel Road, and home. Starting our walk, we crossed the Douglas Bridge, turned up Castletown Road, past Qualtrough the boat builder's and on about a quarter-mile, then entered a narrow lane or road bordering the Nunnery estate. On the left was the estate, on the right, the stream flowing into Douglas. There was shrubbery (remember the rhododendrons?) all along by the river. At a certain time of year, on looking down into the stream, could be seen something dear to the hearts of fishermen—majestic and silvery salmon, heads upstream, motionless yet very much alive—but untouchable, because no fishing was allowed here. A little further on was woodland, where in spring we picked the pretty primrose. We then crossed a stretch of road—over a stile—across a field—over another stile—and we were in Pulrose. Up the road, on our left, was Murphy's fruit and flower gardens where we bought big yellow gooseberries (I'll never forget them) and dainty tea roses. Across the road was "Soldiers' Field"—so named, I think, because in summer a company of soldiers came over from England and camped there—a company of the 7th King's Own Liverpool Regiment, I believe. In winter we played soccer football on this field; great sport, even if we did have to use stones with coats on top for goal-posts.

Leaving Pulrose, we continued down the road and over a bridge to Belle Vue, where I have often watched Rugby and Association football. Names of the Rugby teams were Douglas, Mona and Derby; the soccer teams were Gyms, Wanderers, Stanley, St. Mary's, Ramsey and Peel. Hollantide Fair used to be held at Belle Vue each 11th of November, when manservants and maidservants pledged their services to the farmer of their choice. At one time Belle Vue was a regular amusement place, buildings and other facilities, including a racetrack, still to be seen there in my day.

Proceeding homeward, we crossed the railway track and soon came to Peel Road, and in a few minutes were on Lazy Hill, which had thorn bushes on the left, fruit and vegetable gardens on the right. At the top of the hill is a relic of bygone days—the "Brown Bobby"—an old-time inn, out of use by now. Just below is the Douglas Volunteers' Drill Hall, and on the right, Belmont Terrace.

So ends one of our favorite walks—and we'll take another one later on.

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## The Ancient Name of Monier

By William Cubbon, M.A.

William Cubbon, M.A., retired curator of the Manx Museum in Douglas, is greatly interested in the survival in America of the ancient Manx name of Monier. Many of us have met Thomas Monier of Galva, and his sisters, the Misses Alice and Anna Monier of Peoria, Illinois. "The name is unique in this world," writes Mr. Cubbon. "It was extinguished in the Isle of Man about 1860, when the only members of the family emigrated to America from the parish of Kirk Bride, near Ramsey.

"The earliest reference to the name goes back to the year 1502. It was then Mac Gil Mere, meaning the son of the servant of Mere. 'Mere' is derived from 'merry' or 'lively.' It developed into Mac v Mere in 1550; Mac na Meere in 1650; Monnair in 1750, and so to Monier in the beginning of the 19th century.

"In the Journal of the Manx Museum of June, 1934, I wrote an article about the complete disappearance of this old family name in Man and its appearance in the United States, which brought a most interesting letter to me from Miss Anna Monier of Peoria, Illinois, a lady who took part in the formation of the Manx Society there. Her grandparents, she said, were William and Jane Quayle Monier, who emigrated in 1850. He had been the miller at the Dog Mill before emigrating. 'My grandfather's children,' said Miss Monier, 'were christened in the following order: John, Kitty, Annie, William, Margaret, Thomas, James and Charles. My father was William. Their descendants of the third, fourth and fifth generation, number about ninety and are scattered about the States from South Carolina to California. James Monier became an attorney-at-law and practised in Missouri. The other brothers were successful farmers and stock-raisers. They were all fine, stalwart people, honorable men, and left memories we are all very proud of.'

"In the Manx Museum Journal of September, 1929," continues Mr. Cubbon, "there is a picture of a beautiful punch bowl which was presented to Captain John Monier in 1855. The bowl is of Royal Copenhagen factory make, and was placed in the Museum by Miss Louise Joughin, a descendant of the Moniers. John Monier was captain of the 'Philander' and the family also had other vessels sailing foreign, one being the 'Cronkbane,' named after the farm owned by his wife's father, a Joughin. Captain John's son, Captain Thomas, died aged 23, when his vessel, the schooner 'Henry Curwen,' was wrecked on its passage home from a foreign port. The family graveyard is at Kirk Bride, where there are many old inscribed Monier slabs.

"Beside the farmer families in Bride Parish, as far back as 1515 there were two unmarried Monier ladies in

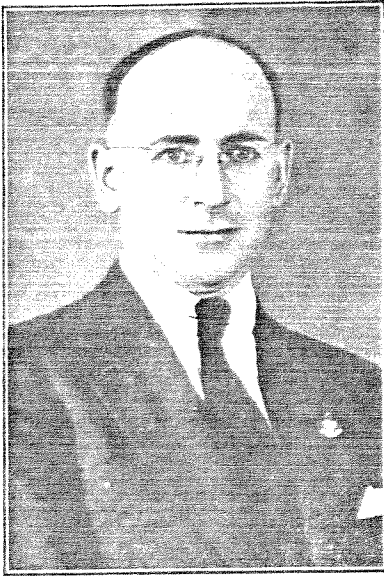
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## MEET YOUR OFFICERS . . .

. . . By GERTRUDE CANNELL

Dick Corkill was born at The Eary, Foxdale, on the Fourth of July—which, maybe, helps to account for his being as fine an American as he is a Manxman.

His full name is Richard Hiram Corkill. His father, Thomas Corkill, was a Laxey man; his mother, Elenor Ann (nee Quayle) was born at The Eary. Dick is the seventh son and thirteenth child of their family of fourteen. With the exception of Dick and his sister, Mrs. Mawson, who is secretary of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society, all surviving members of this large family are still in the Isle of Man. One brother, John Thomas, was killed in 1914 in a mine



RICHARD H. CORKILL  
First Vice President, N. A. M. A.

accident in Northern Michigan; another, William James, was killed in France in 1918 while serving with the Canadian Army.

Dick was brought up in Foxdale and came to Detroit in January, 1929, to make his home with his sister, Mrs. Mawson. They were not acquainted with any Manx people, so Dick wrote to the late George J. A. Brown, asking if Isle of Man Times subscribers in that area could be put in touch with him. The result was that in November of that year he was able to call a meeting in the Mawson home with eighteen Manx people present, who were organized as "The Mona Club." The following year the club was renamed "The Detroit-Windsor Manx Society." This Society, one of our youngest, has already been host to two N.A.M.A. Conventions. Dick was secretary for six years, was president in 1937-39, again in 1946-49—and at a meeting held a few weeks ago was

elected president for the third time.

The first N.A.M.A. Convention that Dick attended was at Buffalo in 1931. The following year, at London, Ont., he was elected Third Vice-President of the N.A.M.A. At Rochester in 1937 he was elected President and conducted the Hamilton Convention in 1938. Last year at the Detroit-Windsor Convention, for which he was secretary, Dick was elected First Vice-President.

At the Chicago Convention, 1933, he organized the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club, and was its president for two years. The only Convention he missed was Montreal, in 1941.

Dick is a veteran of World War II (Medical Corps); is Past Sn. Vice Commander and Past Chaplain of American Legion Post No. 70; for several years has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Covenant Lutheran Church. With all these activities, Dick goes to work every day like the rest of us—he is employed at the Parker Wolverine Division of the Udyllite Corporation.

As a lad in the Isle of Man he was a keen athlete, competing twice in the Marathon (Peel to Douglas), and winning the A. B. Crookall 3-mile challenge cup in 1928; also won several times in cycle races. Nowadays he enjoys baseball and hockey from the spectators' stand; is fond of gardening and makes a specialty of roses. In 1944 he married Stella E. Holland, who has adopted the Manx—and been adopted by them—so that now Stella is completely one with the happy crowd when she comes with Dick to the Manx Conventions.

Dick and Stella have a cozy, attractive home at 13160 Sorrento Avenue, Detroit, which they share with a talking parakeet named Bobby, an entertaining little rascal, and with Dick's pedigreed black cocker spaniel, "Pride of Sorrento," A.K.C.—called "Blackie" for short. Everyone who has been to a Manx Convention knows that Dick has a fine bass voice, loves community singing and that his favorite song is "Home on the Range." He enjoys band music and the classics. His favorite spots in the Isle of Man are Foxdale and Kirk Michael . . . in America he likes Cleveland and the country surrounding Toronto.

To help the Manx in America to keep in touch with one another . . . to practice the good old Manx virtues of dependability and faithfulness . . . to preserve and cultivate Manx friendships—these are the aims Dick has followed ever since he came to America and are proof of his affection and loyalty toward his fellow-countrymen. They have brought him many friends.

Dick is 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, has blue eyes and a serious, earnest manner. His stocky build is largely accounted for by the

large quantity of correspondence he always carries in his breast pocket. On the platform he speaks out with conviction and delivers a direct, sincere message—flavored with that real Manx humor which makes him one of our best story tellers. In his friends he admires those sterling qualities which are characteristic of God-fearing, law-abiding people, of whom there is no better example than Dick Corkill himself—good citizen, good Manxman.

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other parts of the Island. One was Alice Ine Mere, in Castletown, alongside Castle Rushen. She had considerable property, consisting of 'a cotage, a garden and two parts of a croft,' for which she paid, as Lord's Rent, the high figure of two shillings a year. The word 'Ine' in her name meant 'daughter' Alice the daughter of Mere. This section of the family must have been fond of town life. Marion Ine Mere is recorded in 1515 to hold in the city of Peel, a 'cotage' of 14 pence Lord's Rent per annum. Marion was concerned in a dispute with a neighbor, the wife of John McKie, and the jury found that the McKie woman was the aggressor, and she was fined six-pence."

Mr. Cubbon was impelled to write up these interesting details after browsing through the N.A.M.A. Directory, and finding therein, to his great delight, the names of our Monier friends in Illinois. "Long may they continue," he says, "and may there be many more Moniers."

## An American Describes

### The Isle of Man—in 1854

The Rev. Fred Cowin of Ann Arbor, Michigan has frequently given lectures to groups in his community about the Isle of Man. On one occasion he opened his address by reading a letter written by an American lady to her father, while visiting the Isle of Man in the year 1854. After reading the letter he told his audience that the lady was none other than Mrs. Nathaniel Hawthorne, wife of the author of "The Scarlet Letter," "The House of the Seven Gables," and other well-known American classics. Hawthorne was U. S. Consul at Liverpool for some years, and it was during that period that his wife wrote her letter from the Isle of Man. It is preserved in a book "Memories of Hawthorne," by his daughter. Here are some extracts from the letter:

"I little dreamed that I should next address you from the Isle of Man. Is it not wonderful that I am here in this remote and interesting and

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## OBITUARIES

BRIDSON, John Cleator, died suddenly on February 13 at his home, 1605 Ducharme Ave., Outremont, Montreal, Quebec. Surviving is his wife, Hebe. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Bridson of 38 Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

CHRISTIAN, Thomas, aged 83, a native of Ramsey, Isle of Man, passed away on March 23 in San Marino, Calif., where he had lived for about twenty years. He is survived by two sons, Geoffrey of Evanston, Ill., and R. Leslie of Spokane, Wash. Mr. Christian was a retired grocer, at one time with Williamson's in Douglas, Isle of Man, and later in business in Seattle.

COLLISTER, Lena Taylor, aged 88, died at her home in Painesville, Ohio on March 22.

CORLETT, Zella Snow (nee Kelly), of "Boley Neddin," Hudson, Ohio, passed away on February 24 at the age of 58. She is survived by her husband, Spencer D. Corlett, legislative counsel for the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce; two sons, William S. and Forrest S.; a daughter, Mrs. Louisa J. Feick; six grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Ruedy. Mrs. Corlett was descended from early Manx settlers in Cleveland; her father, Wm. Henry Kelly, was known in Cleveland as "the peanut king" from the large wholesale nut business founded by himself and his brother.

DURFEE, Susannah E. (nee Mylechraine) passed away on April 2 at her home in Cleveland. Surviving are her husband John, a son, Melvin, and daughter, Eunice; and a brother, Leonard Mylechraine. Another brother was the late William T. Mylechraine, whose death was reported in the March Bulletin.

FARGHER Mary (nee Barron), passed away in Tacoma, Wash. on March 8 at the age of 85. Her husband, the late John Fargher, died a few years ago. Four sons, six daughters and their families survive. The Fargher family came to the States from their farm, Gretch Voar, Laxey about forty years ago, settling originally in Montana.

STONNELL, Elizabeth Margaret, died on March 26 at her home, 1323 East 13th Ave., Vancouver, B. C. She was the widow of the late Thomas William Stonnell and is survived by a brother, John Connell, in England; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Kewley of Vancouver; nieces, nephews and stepchildren.

KILLIP, William J., aged 66, residence 1656 Grace Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, passed away on April 2 after a long illness. Surviving are his wife, Minnie; a brother, John, in Cleveland, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Gelling in the Isle of Man. Mr. Killip was a native of Laxey and came to Cleveland with his wife in 1920, since when until his retirement in 1949 he was employed by the Cleveland Trust Company. He was a most interested and loyal member of the Manx Societies and was to be seen at all Cleveland Manx gatherings until incapacitated by his last illness.

KISSACK, James, aged 76, residence 957 Minto Street, Winnipeg, passed away on March 11. He is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons, Walter, Ernest, George and Arthur; four daughters, Mrs. W. O. Sylvester, Mrs. J. H. Arnett, Mrs. O. E. Brown and Mrs. H. C. Christensen; a sister, Mrs. E. Quilleash, St. Helen's, Oregon; five brothers, John, Wilfred, Clarke, Edward and Walter (the two last-named in the Isle of Man). Mr. Kissack was born in Glen Mona and came to Canada in 1904. He was a well-respected and popular member of the Winnipeg Manx group.

PAYNE, Frank, passed away at the home of his daughter in Milborne Port, England, on March 30. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and son in England; and one daughter, Mrs. William (Ivy) Colquitt, in Toronto, Canada.

VINCENT, Nelson, aged 86, died at his home in Albion, Michigan, on March 23. His wife was the late Lydia Clague Vincent, formerly of Leroy, Ohio. A sister-in-law is Mrs. W. H. Kewish, Ford Road, Madison, Ohio.

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

### THE LIL' PEOPLE

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wittenhuns on December 13. Mrs. Wittenhuns is the former Ella Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christian, 4305-21st Ave., Astoria, L. I., N. Y.

A daughter, Judith Alice, was born on March 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lumb (Marjorie Halsall), Vancouver, B. C.

On April 8 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mitchell nee Bonnie Cave, Vancouver, B. C.

## The Isle of Man in 1854

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storiéd spot . . . this last retreat of the little people called fairies, the lurking place of giants and enchanters?

"On Saturday we walked to the Nunnery, which was founded by St. Bridget. A few ruins remain, with old ivy vines of such enormous size that I think they probably hold the walls together. Julian and Una (their children) were enchanted with the clear stream. I kept thinking—'And this is the rugged, bare, rocky isle which I dreaded to come to—this soft, rich, verdant paradise!' It really seems as if the giants had thrown aloft the bold, precipitous rocks and headlands around the edge of the Island to guard the sylvan solitudes for the fairies whose stronghold was the Isle of Man. I should not have been surprised at any time to have seen those small people peeping out of the wild foxgloves which are their favorite hiding places. So poetical is the air of these regions that fairies, mermaids and giants are quite natural to it.

"Sunday was the perfectest day in our remembrance. The afternoon we spent on Douglas Head. It is quite impossible to put into words that afternoon. Such softness and splendor and freshness combined in the air; such a clearest sunshine; such a deep blue sea and cloudless blue heaven such fragrance and such repose. We looked from our great height upon all the beauty and grandeur, and in my husband's face was a reflection of the incredible loveliness and majesty of the scene.

"This morning soon after ten we summoned a boat and were rowed to St. Mary's Rock (Conister), which has a good beach on one side, and spent two hours there. There was a delicious air and bright sunshine, and we found innumerable pretty shells among the pebbles, and Julian bathed in the sea. I actually seem in a dream and not here in bodily presence.

"I suppose the world could scarcely furnish another such stately and salubrious spot as exactly this, for the climate of the Isle of Man is extremely mild and genial. From my parlor window in the Fort Anne Hotel I look out on the beautiful crescent harbor from a good height. Mountains rise above high hills in soft, large, mellow lines which I am never weary of gazing at . . . But why attempt to put into ink such a magnificent setting as this? No jewels could be compared to it. God alone could mingle these colors and pencil these grand lines."

The letter goes on to mention visits to Castletown, Ramsey and other places, but Mrs. Hawthorne's chief delight was in the natural beauty and grandeur of the Isle—its sea and sky, mountains and rocky coast. "Once we rowed about the Island and it was truly superb."

