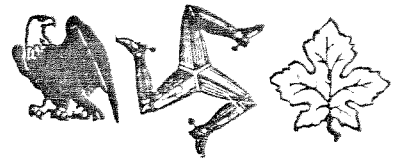


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The Thing To Do In '52!

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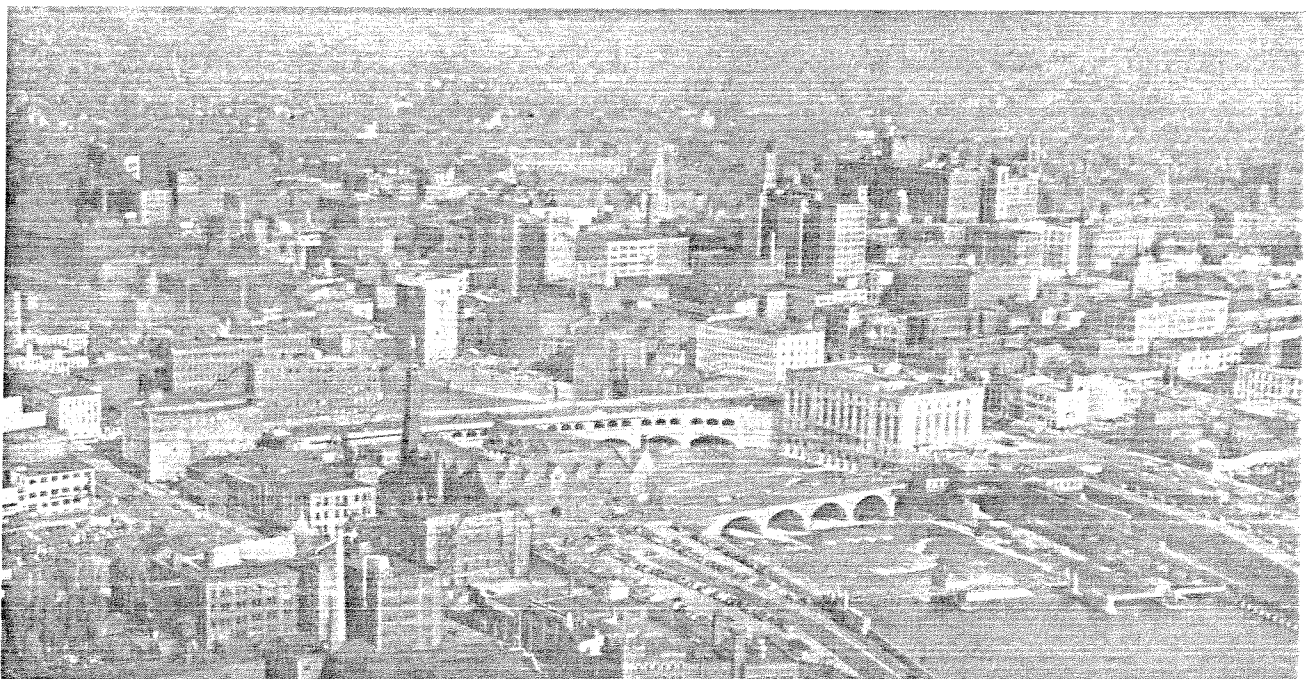
You read the story of Rochester in the March Bulletin, and it is hoped that, through it, many of you became interested in our 1952 convention city. Now, we don't mind telling you at the outset of this — our second article about Rochester—that it is our intention this time to "sell you" the desire to join your fellow-Manxmen there, August 12, 13, 14 and 15, at the Hotel Seneca.

Your secretary recently spent some time with the convention committee in Rochester and found that they are really "going all out" to give us the time of our lives—and all for a registration fee of only \$12.50! Think of it—two fine luncheons at the Hotel Seneca, a wonderful bus

tour of their lovely city with a delicious dinner afterward at an Inn on the shore of a beautiful bay, the usual banquet and ball as a grand finale, and all of the entertainment you could wish for. Do you know where you could spend \$12.50 and get more for it? Of course you don't—and, oh yes, we neglected to mention the fine souvenir program book and badge which will be thrown in for good measure.

A tour through the hotel, including all types of sleeping rooms, the air-conditioned meeting room and the beautiful ballroom, convinced your secretary that everything possible is provided for your comfort and convenience. Incidentally,

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AIR VIEW OF ROCHESTER, SHOWING GENESEE RIVER AND EAST SIDE OF BUSINESS DISTRICT. HOTEL SENECA IS THE TALL BUILDING AT UPPER RIGHT.

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The President's Message

By the time this Bulletin reaches you, the Homecomers will be about ready to start for that grand little Island. We all join in wishing them smooth sailing, a very enjoyable journey and a happy holiday.

On this side of the ocean, our good friends in and around Rochester are busy planning for and preparing an outstanding Convention. Every thought of theirs is for your comfort and enjoyment during your stay in their city. I have had the pleasure of visiting Rochester on several occasions, and to me it is one of the most interesting places one could find. Rochester and the country surrounding it have many attractions of a kind to please Manx people, so don't miss this fine opportunity to visit a beautiful city. Plan now to partake of the friendly hospitality and entertainment offered by the Rochester Manx. This small group have tremendous enthusiasm and energy, and are looking forward to our coming. We must not disappoint them—nor ourselves!

I am told that Professor R. H. Kinvig of Birmingham University, author of a recently-published History of the Isle of Man, may possibly be with us at the Convention. His attendance will add both interest and pleasure. Then, too, some of the Homecomers are planning to attend the Convention on their way back from the Island. The story of their experiences, and the messages they will bring from Home, will be worth

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAM
SECOND ROCHESTER CONVENTION**

AUGUST 12-15, 1952

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

TUESDAY EVENING—Rochester night. Informal get-together and entertainment at the Seneca Hotel.

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

WEDNESDAY P. M.—Luncheon, Seneca Hotel ballroom. Bus tour of Rochester terminating at Newport House for dinner and entertainment.

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

THURSDAY P. M.—Luncheon in Ballroom, Seneca Hotel.

THURSDAY EVENING—Entertainment in Seneca Hotel.

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

FRIDAY EVENING—Banquet and Grand Ball in Ballroom, Seneca Hotel.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$12.50

Hotel Reservations

In the near future, you will receive a card to be filled out indicating the type of room you wish to reserve at the Hotel Seneca, whose hospitality we know you will enjoy, as you did in 1937. Rates are:

Rooms with running water and double bed.....one person—\$4.25
two persons—\$6.50
Room with shower.....one person—\$5.25-5.75
Room with tub or tub and shower and double bed...one person—\$5.75-6.25-7.25
Room with bath and double bed.....two persons—\$8.00-9.00-10.50-11.00
Room with bath and twin beds.....two persons—\$9.00-9.50-10.00-10.50-12.00
Room with bath.....three persons—\$3.50 to 4.00 per person
Room with bath.....four persons—\$3.00 per person

After you receive the card please make your reservation as soon as possible. Acknowledgment will be sent promptly.

MRS. DAN CHRISTIAN, Chairman

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you people who want to use large rooms which accommodate three or four in single beds at a cost of \$3.00 to \$4.00 per person per day, will find them large, airy and comfortable. All of the rooms have been redecorated and, in most cases, refurnished, to give you the maximum in luxury and convenience. It is hoped that when you receive the convenient reservation card in the near future, you will fill it out and send it along promptly. No greater encouragement can be given the convention committee than to know that a flood of reservations is reaching the hotel, and you may be assured that the Hotel Reservations Committee will work closely with the hotel to see that YOUR reservation is handled promptly and correctly.

We quite realize that some of the "regular" attendants of our conventions will be "among those missing" this year, because they will be in the Island with the Homecomers. However, we hope that many of them, as well as other members who have never experienced the thrill of a convention, will find it possible to meet with us in Rochester. It would be grand if some of the Homecomers would arrange their schedule so that they could stop off at the convention en

route to their homes. In any event, our N.A. M.A. Convention is an annual activity of long-standing. Those who always attend know about the grand time they have had in the past. All of them have Manx friends who no doubt could be "talked into" attending with them. Wouldn't it be nice to see how many of us could influence someone Manx to come along?

The members of the Rochester Committee are working very hard to make this convention one of the most outstanding we have ever had. They are working doubly hard because they are so few in number. Now, it is up to us! Let's back up these loyal Rochester Manx by making up our minds now to attend the convention there in August. Include the convention in your vacation plans. Rochester is near all of the lovely vacation spots of New York State, which easily could be reached for the second week of your vacation at the close of the convention.

We assure you that you will have a wonderful time at the Rochester Convention and that you will take home pleasant memories which will last for a year. We cannot all afford to join those lucky Homecomers, but we can afford to attend the Rochester Convention! Yes—it certainly is the thing to do in '52!!

Rochester Is Looking

Forward To Seeing You . . .

We all realize how swiftly time passes and August 12-15 will be here very soon. It seems only a few months since "Ellan Vannin" and "Auld Lang Syne" rang through the Royal York ballroom.

The Rochester Manx are eagerly looking forward to convention days and in the meantime are working hard on a program to give you a grand week in Rochester. We are sure we have taken everything into consideration for your comfort and pleasure to make this 24th anniversary convention one which will be enjoyed and long-remembered.

The Hotel Seneca is in the process of being newly decorated to welcome the Manx. The Entertainment Chairman is lining up a fine program; the Refreshment Chairman, knowing how our Manx friends enjoy good food, has seen to it that we shall partake of some of the Seneca's meals "par excellence." The Chairman on Transportation has routed a sightseeing tour which will show you Rochester in comfort and terminate at a delightful waterfront inn for the evening.

The Reception Committee is ready to welcome you with open arms—providing you get that reservation card, which you will receive very soon, back to the Hotel Seneca in time. It will then be turned over to the Reservation Chairman for acknowledgment. Rochester is acting as host to many conventions this summer, so do not wait too long and find yourself without a place to sleep and also to enjoy the fun. The Chairman of the Souvenir Book awaits your patrons listing and greetings. Oh, yes, the Registration Chairman also will be ready to greet you and accept your registration.

Many have been very generous in donating prizes and we are certain even at this early date that we have a prize YOU will want to win.

Now it is up to you. If you do not plan NOW, it may be too late when you ask for your vacation. Completing your arrangements early will take a load off your mind and assure you of a happy week with the Manx in Rochester. DO IT NOW!

ALICE GARRETT, Chairman

SOUVENIR BOOK

Manx Convention time will soon be here, and in looking forward to it we have the pleasant thoughts of greeting old friends and meeting new ones.

One of the "Old Friends" we look forward to is the Souvenir Book. It is a grand way of saying "Hello" to those who attend the Reunion and to those who can attend only in thought.

We know you will wish to have your name on the Patrons list. Or will want to insert a greeting in the book. A letter will arrive shortly with a form to be filled out and returned for this purpose.

Please, let us not be "Slow Pokes," but take care of it as soon as you receive the letter and form.

The rates are as usual:

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

We are certain that all Manx Societies and members of the Association will want to help make a success of this "Old Friend," the Souvenir Book.

MRS. CARLTON GARRETT,
Chairman

ROCHESTER CONVENTION

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REGISTRATION

Money, they tell us, is made to spend, although we know too often that the parting is sweet sorrow.

The Registration Committee will be ready to accept the fee for three days filled with fun and visiting. We are sure you will agree when we part and another convention becomes history, that you have never received so much enjoyment and good food for such a small sum of money.

We hope to see many old friends and meet some new ones.

MRS. LOUISE KANE, Chairman

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

We are working hard to make this the best convention yet.

We appreciate the cooperation we have received so far, and feel sure you are going to enjoy the 1952 convention, just as we are going to enjoy having you with us.

Pack all your troubles away and come to Rochester prepared for a good time.

MONA CANNON, Treasurer
129 Cady Street
Rochester, N. Y.

RECEPTION

My committee is one which really has no problems. It is never a hard job to welcome old friends, the more there are the greater the pleasure to welcome them.

We are waiting for August 12 to arrive and then will be ready to welcome all of you with a hearty handshake, a real Manx smile and open arms.

We want you to enjoy your stay with us more than you have ever enjoyed a convention.

MRS. CHARLES SUNDLOF,
Chairman

The President's Message

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traveling to Rochester to hear. There will be some great tales!

Do you know Manx people who would like to read of things Manx, and about the doings of Manx folk on this continent? If they will join the N.A.M.A., they will become a part of this happy family which keeps in touch through the Bulletin pages. Try to get their membership—they will consider the \$2.00 well invested when they receive the Bulletin.

See you in Rochester!

TOM MOORE, President

REFRESHMENTS

The Committee has appointed me (the daughter of Mrs. Phoebe Sundlof) to act as chairman of the refreshment committee. I will arrange some tempting luncheons and dinners to add to your enjoyment of the 1952 Convention.

MRS. CLARENCE METEYER,
Chairman

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee is planning to show our guests the beauty spots of Rochester without making the sightseeing tour too long for comfort.

When the tour has been completed, we will stop at a very attractive waterfront inn on Irondequoit Bay where a fine dinner will be served followed by entertainment.

You may enjoy a leisurely boat ride around the Bay or a speedboat ride while you wait for dinner, or during the evening, if you wish.

CARLTON GARRETT, Chairman

ENTERTAINMENT

The Rochester Entertainment Committee invites you to attend the convention on August 12, 13, 14 and 15. Come and see what a fine program the committee has in store for you.

WILLIAM K. CHRISTIAN, Chairman

CLEVELAND MANX

On the evening of April 18 a number of Cleveland Manx turned out for a card party held in St. Stephen's Hall. The party, which was quite a success, was arranged by a small but energetic group in order to give some financial help to the Rochester Convention Committee. A good game of cards, excellent refreshments and a variety of prizes all contributed to a very enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brew, 828 East 207th St., Cleveland, has among her Manx possessions, a printed copy of a sermon preached in both Manx and English in the Seamen's Bethel Mission, Douglas, Isle of Man, on July 3, 1897. The sermon was preached by W. Kneen, father of the Misses Lillian and Eva Kneen of Birkenhead, England, who came here on a visit in 1949 to attend the Cleveland Convention. At the same service, a Welsh speaker addressed the congregation in Welsh and Cornish, and the captain of a Norwegian barque repeated the Lord's Prayer in the Norwegian language. The service received considerable comment in both British and American newspapers.

Manx Genealogical Records Microfilmed

A former member of the North American Manx Association, Miss Ann M. Cannon of Salt Lake City, who died in November, 1948, is honored for a most unusual gift which, through her influence, was obtained for the Manx Museum in Douglas. Miss Cannon, a descendant of George Cannon and his wife, Ann Quayie, who emigrated in 1842, had an intense interest in her Manx ancestry, an interest shared by the entire Cannon family in Utah. Her first visit to the Island was in 1926, and as a result of her researches into the Cannon-Quayle pedigree, her interest was stimulated to the extent that she offered to pay the cost of microfilming all the parish registers in the Island, so that these records would be permanently preserved, and also made readily available to people wishing to trace their ancestry. When permission had been secured the tremendous task was started, and took eleven months continuous work on the part of the technician who was sent from England to do it. There are 250 rolls of film, representing 350,000 pages of script written in the Isle of Man, some of them dating back to the year 1417. Most of these priceless original documents are in the Rolls Office.

One of the experts remarked that the Isle of Man has, for its size, a richer and more complete set of documents of genealogical interest than any country he knows of. In addition to documents, about nine books, some of them dating back to the 15th century, were filmed. The work was completed in January, 1950.

A duplicate set of these remarkable Manx microfilms is in the Library of the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, under whose auspices the project was carried through at Miss Cannon's suggestion. This vast Library is believed to have 144 miles of microfilm comprising 30,000,000 facsimiles of original genealogical manuscripts. Students from all over this continent go to Salt Lake to consult these archives.

Just before her death in 1948, Miss Cannon gave orders to purchase a film-enlarging reader for the Manx Museum, this machine being necessary to run the film through for reading. In acknowledgment of this and Miss Cannon's many other benefactions to the Island, her portrait hangs in the Manx Museum, with a suitable memorial inscription.

This story is told in greater detail in a fine article by William Cubbon, M.A., in the Examiner of January 27, 1950. We are indebted to Ed Q. Cannon of Salt Lake, a cousin of Miss Cannon, for this Manx newspaper as well as other information. A young cousin of his visited the Isle of Man in May, 1950, and spent some time with Mr. Cubbon, whom the family holds in affectionate regard. Perhaps in another Bulletin we will give some of young Ted Cannon's charming and refreshing descriptions of the Isle of Man, which he wrote home to his people.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

In spite of the inclement weather, there was a good turnout for the meeting of the Mona's Relief Society held on March 4. A card party followed the business meeting, and everyone had an enjoyable time.

On April 5 the regular meeting was held on the West Side, with a good attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown were welcomed back after their visit to the Isle of Man, and everyone enjoyed Mr. Brown's comments on the trip, and appreciated the greetings he brought back from the Island.

Plans for the May meeting include an address on "Norway and the Isle of Man," by Mr. George Guddahl, an exchange teacher from Norway, now at Bedford High School. Miss Doris Hood and the Misses Edith and Linnorah Cox will be in charge of the musical part of the entertainment. This will be a "Bon Voyage" party for those members going across with the Homecomers. More complete details will be given in the next Bulletin.

GREATER NEW YORK

Members of the Greater New York Manx Society attended the St. George Day service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on April 20, carrying the Manx flag in the processional as they have done for many years. After the service they had dinner together at a restaurant, and held a short meeting.

Several of the members will visit the Isle of Man this summer—Mrs. Kinnish, Mrs. Karran, Miss Waterson and Mr. and Mrs. Corkish.

SAN FRANCISCO

The April meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society, with the usual cooish, sing-song and supper, was most enjoyable. After the May meeting, arrangements will be made to hold outdoor picnics at Stern Grove throughout the summer months.

VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

The Vancouver Manx Ladies observed their 16th anniversary at their February meeting, held in Mrs. Jenkins' home. It was a warm, sunny day which brought out the snowdrops and crocuses. Mrs. Kelly, the Treasurer, reported on the Bazaar held last November, which was so successful that the ladies were able to send donations to several local charities as well as to the Vancouver Manx Society.

The March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Eric Mitchell, 3863 Nanaimo Street, her mother, Mrs. Cave, entertaining. A welcome visitor was Mrs. Moore from Gig Harbor, Wash., who was visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Wood. At the April meeting Mrs. Wood entertained.

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx have had a very successful season, marked by many enjoyable social evenings, and are now preparing to celebrate their 25th anniversary on May 17. It is expected that a number of visitors from the Isle of Man will reach Toronto on that date, afterwards going on to Niagara Falls and other places of interest before returning to the Island with the Homecomers.

The Society joins with all the Manx in wishing to the members of the Homecoming party, God speed, a happy and safe voyage and a safe return. May they bring back memories sweet and tender, and fondest thoughts of dear Ellan Vannin and its green hills by the sea.

AEGLAGH VANNIN (Toronto Junior Manx Society)

At a meeting held on March 13, Stanley Bateman was elected president of Aeglagh Vannin for 1952; Mrs. Lorraine Doidge, Secretary, 154 Gainsboro Rd., Toronto. At their April meeting, plans were made for a dance to be held at the Club Kingsway on May 2, when a very enjoyable evening was anticipated.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

Since the successful Christmas party reported in the last Bulletin, the unusually severe winter kept the Detroit-Windsor Manx from getting together until April 5, when they had a good meeting with a nice turnout.

NORTH EAST OHIO

At a meeting of the North East Ohio Manx Society held on March 20, about 45 members sat down to a picnic supper, after which the speaker of the evening, Judge Frank Pollack, gave an interesting talk on the work of the Juvenile Court. Mrs. Maud McCarthy, program chairman, introduced a ladies' quartette—Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Ramsey and Miss Hazel Clark; accompanist, Mrs. Leyde. This quartette of superbly blended voices gave a program of six songs, which were greatly enjoyed. A short business meeting conducted by Leo Crellin followed the program. Hosts and hostesses of the evening were—Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Crellin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collier, Mrs. Webster and Mr. Glen Callow. Members were present from Geneva, Mentor, Leroy, Cleveland and Painesville, Ohio.

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx had some fine talent lined up for their Spring Concert, planned for May 10. It is hoped to publish a report on this event in our next Bulletin.

Additional Homecomers

Since the last Bulletin, we have been advised that the following also will be in the Homecoming Party sailing from Montreal May 28 on the SS ASCANIA:

Mr and Mrs. Sandy Callin, Mineral Point, Wisconsin;

Edward Cain, Harrisville, Rhode Island;

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Nelson and daughter Florence, Lake Worth, Florida;

L. G. Corlett, East Cleveland, Ohio;

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartley, Long Beach, Calif.

There may be others who have not advised that they are joining the party, but the above completes the list as of going to press.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clucas and daughter Mona, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greggor of Cleveland also will visit the Island this summer, but sail at an earlier date than the ASCANIA party. Mona Clucas is secretary of the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club.

Bon Voyage to all!

Manx Newsreel Tour Postponed

Mr. M. B. Hawton of 5 Castle St., Castletown, Isle of Man, who planned to show his Manx Newsreel during April and May in several American and Canadian cities, writes that due to delays in his arrangements for leaving the Island, the trip has been postponed until fall. He expects to arrive in New York early in September, and will send details of his timetable as soon as possible, so that Manx folk in the various cities may know when to expect him.

Not long ago, a consignment of that famous Manx Oyster Stout arrived in Los Angeles and was featured in Levy's Grill, well-known restaurant on Spring Street. Apparently the new beverage found "stout" support, for an emergency repeat shipment by TWA air freight was necessary to meet the demand. According to TWA officials, this was the first known use of air freight for commercial transport of any malt beverage from the British Isles. In honor of Mona's Isle and its romantic associations, arrangements were made for an appropriate little ceremony at the air terminal—and film starlet "Mona" Knox was chosen to greet the shipment, which she did very charmingly.

This news comes from the California magazine "Fortnight" and was sent us by Mrs. C. Edwin Cottier of Burbank, Calif., who furnished the importer with information about the Isle of Man, some of which was incorporated in the article. It was interesting to note that the water the Castletown Brewery uses in making the stout comes from a well in Castle Rushen, continuously flowing since its discovery when Cromwell's soldiers invaded the Island in the 17th century.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Sgt. Alfred Moughton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moughton, 1351 Fry Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, has been visiting relatives in the Isle of Man and England. He is with the 112th Ordnance M.M. Co., stationed in Germany at the Rhine Ordnance Depot in the French Zone. He will soon be home again, being due for discharge in the near future.

Mrs. Mildred Allen, daughter of the late Mrs. Cassandra Edwards, has returned to her home in Washington, D. C. after a long stay in Germany in the United States Government service.

Readers of Manx newspapers will have noted that the Calf of Man, that tiny islet off the southern tip of the Isle of Man, is to have a tenant—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Faragher. Mrs. Faragher was Edith Moughton, sister of Cecil Moughton, 1351 Fry Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Sandra Cannell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cannell, 1306 Summit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, is in her freshman year at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa. She had quite a thrill when the students' orchestra, the Carnegie Kiltie Band, included on a recent concert program the "Manx Overture," by Haydn Wood.

Mona Broadbent, formerly of Ramsey, Isle of Man, now a member of the Toronto Manx Society as well as its Junior group, Aeglagh Vannin, recently became engaged to Clarence Creer, Oshawa, Ont. They plan to be married on September 13.

Mrs. Jesse Ketchum, 323 Frank St., Ottawa, Ont., has had another trip to the Isle of Man, returning on February 9. She stayed most of the time at Balladoole, near Castletown, with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Moore. During her six-months' stay, Mrs. Ketchum paid a visit to friends in Galway, Ireland, and while there had the unlooked-for experience of meeting William Stewart of Glasgow, Scotland, father of the young man who created a world-wide sensation by removing the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey. This strange, romantic episode, which concluded, happily, with the return of the ancient Stone to the Abbey, will probably go down in history, although the young fellow who created the uproar has settled down quietly to everyday existence, and his family is trying hard to live down the unwelcome and unwanted publicity.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Corteen, 40 Alamo Place, Buffalo, N. Y., will visit their families in Castletown, Isle of Man, sailing on SS Britannic on May 21.

Mrs. Ketchum of Ottawa has introduced a new member to the N.A.M.A.—Miss F. E. Ballem, 336 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, Ont. Miss Ballem came to Canada 36 years ago from Douglas, Isle of Man, where she was known as Miss Dolly Dick, because of living with relatives, the Dicks, of the "Ellerslie" Hotel on the Promenade. Miss Ballem visited the Island two years ago, but did not know there were any other Manx people in Ottawa until seeing in the newspaper an account of Mrs. Ketchum's recent trip over there.

A new and very young member is Wendy Sue Parkinson, 167 - 67th St., South, Tacoma, Wash. Wendy Sue was born on February 18, 1949, and is a great-granddaughter of Mrs. M. E. Morton, Route 6, Box 929, Tacoma, Wash. Mrs. Morton, an enthusiastic Manxwoman, is in her 92nd year—is a life member of the N.A.M.A., and is giving the new generation a start in the right direction by personally sending in this membership for Wendy Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christian of Fresno, Calif. spent an April week-end visiting the Donald Bain family and other Manx friends in Los Angeles. Someone remarks that retired life and a new car are great stimulants to getting around!

Mrs. Edith Dunn of Santa Monica, Calif. sailed on April 8 via Panama Canal for England, where she has a brother in Kent, and other relatives in Birkenhead. In the Isle of Man, she will stay with Miss Maggie Coole in Port St. Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Storey of Glendale, Calif. are sailing May 23 on the "Lurline" for a month's holiday in Honolulu.

Arthur Armstrong, a recent arrival from the Isle of Man, visited Toronto recently. A stonemason by trade, he found employment in Niagara Falls, Ont., and his address there is 634 Ellen Avenue.

As Regional Director in Toronto for the N.A.M.A., Fred Caveen, President of the Toronto Manx Society, is always on the lookout for prospective members and has added several to the roll. "A real good Manxman" is the tribute paid him by the Toronto Manx—and so say all of us.

Guests at a recent social gathering of the Toronto Manx Society, where they renewed acquaintance with several old friends, were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrise. Formerly connected with the Howarth Penrise Mills, Sulby, Isle of Man, Mr. Penrise came to Canada five years ago and is now managing the Beaumont Textile Mills, Georgetown, Ont. Their home there is on McNab Street, where Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Lacey have visited them.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson are two new members of the Toronto Manx Society. Mrs. Judson (nee Cowan) is from Ballasalla, Isle of Man.

Ruth, Nelson and Edith Cubbon, 13703 Second Ave., N.W., Seattle, Wash. had a wonderful cooish when some Manx friends dropped in to see them on April 9. The visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore of Boulder, Mont., with their daughter, Mrs. R. F. Holsapple, 9130 Waverly Drive, S.W., Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Moore was a boyhood friend of the Cubbon family's father. Also present at this enjoyable get-together were Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby, a cousin of the Cubbons; and their sister, Mrs. Wm. B. Laney.

L'IL PEOPLE

A son, James Paul, was born on February 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cowin, Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio, formerly of Lakewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kohnt (Dorothy Bridson), 2658 Ninth St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, are parents of twin boys, Timothy John and Thomas Frank (Timmie and Tommie), born on March 4. The very proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bridson, 899 Woodward Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

A daughter, Judy Moir, was born on December 30 to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clinton of Durant, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Wentworth, Mobile, Alabama have a new daughter, Pamela Clinton, born on March 26. Both of these last-named "l'il people" are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clinton of 510 Charleston St., Mobile, Ala. There is still a third granddaughter, Lee, big sister of Judy Moir, Durant, Miss. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton come frequently to our Conventions, and their genial company is greatly enjoyed, Mrs. Clinton being "Aunt Jennie" to everybody.

THOUGHTS ON THE THREE LEGS . . .

What do YOU think of when you look at that ancient emblem, the "Three Legs of Man"? To most of us it means just "Manxland," the insignia we have been familiar with from childhood, when we used to see it on so many things connected with the Isle of Man. We've always had it in Manx souvenir jewelry; in the center of that famous pink-and-white Isle of Man Rock; on teacosies, cushions, cups and other knick-knacks prized by visitors; on the flags flying from the Steam Packet Company's vessels and on the blue jerseys which covered the broad chests of the crews. In short, the Three Legs was always before our eyes during our early years in the Isle of Man . . . and its motto, "Whichever way you throw me, I stand," has always captivated our fancy.

As most of us know, the Three Legs is an immeasurably ancient emblem, and was used long before the Isle of Man appeared on History's pages at all. One of our members, J. E. Shimmin, G-4075 Mitchell Drive, Flint, Michigan, in a recent letter commented interestingly on this ancient symbol which has come down through the ages—appearing in many countries and in slightly modified forms—but always suggesting action, movement, haste. Mr. Shimmin has his own interpretation of the Three Legs idea; he says: "To me it is the PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE rushing down the corridors of ETERNITY. . . ."

He enlarges his thought by speaking of the Manxmen through the centuries whose restless feet have carried them away from the Island and along the roads of the wide world. He says: "Have you ever thought of the footsteps across the sands of Douglas Bay? The young feet which made those prints today, tomorrow may be off to some far corner of the earth—to some sheep station in Australia, some insurance office in New Zealand, a Government job in Tanganyika . . . hurrying to Korea, Abadan, Ismailia. For centuries these feet have been hurrying from the Island—with Alexander III of Scotland to stop the Moors in Spain—with Lord Clive in India in the Empire-building days—with Nelson at Trafalgar—hurrying to St. Helena to be jailers of Napoleon—fighting at the side of General Gordon at Khartoum—blowing the bugles at Ladysmith, the Dardanelles, Crete and Cyrenaica. Sometimes the same footsteps returned with feeble tread from missions accomplished. Not rarely, 'Earth, that nourished them, has claimed their bones,' in faraway lands beyond the sunset. Monuments in the Island list names of the dead in World War I, and names of sons of these same men dead in World War II. All things considered, in proportion to population, there have been more footsteps outward bound from the Isle of Man than

from any comparable place in Christendom.

"Did you ever lie on your back and gaze upward at the stars on a clear night? Remember what your grandfather told you of the 'dim Milky Way' and King Orry? Tradition says that when he first came to Man he landed on a bright, starry night, and the amazed populace gathered round him and asked whence he came. He pointed upwards to the Milky Way and said, 'Yonder is the road whence I came and along that starry dome is the way that leads HOME.' There are Manx the world round, who know that by following the Milky Way, or 'Raad Moorar Ree Gorry' toward the rising sun, they will eventually arrive at their ancestral home. Very elemental perhaps—the salmon and eels have a similar homing instinct to the 'Great Way of King Orry.' And ever and always the little Three Legs bids you be up and onward without a pause, along the way toward that Bourne whence no one returns."

These stimulating thoughts give a fresh interest in the old Three Legs of Man—and an added pride in the men and women who have carried it with them all over the world. Thanks to Mr. Shimmin for an interesting and breezy letter.

How many people today remember the World War I exploit of the Peel lugger "Wanderer," the little craft (20 ton) which was the first to the rescue when the liner Lusitania was torpedoed on May 7, 1915? The man at the helm saw the sinking of the giant liner and gave the alarm, upon which the skipper ordered the crew to make toward the doomed ship. Undeterred by the danger of lurking submarines, the Wanderer quickly arrived at the scene of disaster where she took on board 160 survivors, filling the boat so full that, as one man wrote afterwards, he "had to sit with his leg hanging over the side because there was no room for it inside." The story of the gallant exploit of the crew of the Wanderer was told in the magazine "Mannin," published many years ago by the Manx Language Society but now out of print. The copy from which these facts are taken belongs to Mrs. Elizabeth Brew, 828 East 207th St., Cleveland.

Here's an island smaller than the Isle of Man. Lundy, in the Bristol Channel, is three miles long and two miles wide; is inhabited by 18 people and thousands of birds. Recently a wedding was performed there, the first in 20 years, says an article in the Chicago Tribune sent in by Cecil Kelly.

Life in Ballaugh in the 1840's

In an article published in the magazine "Mannin," issue of May, 1915, there is an article by Mrs. Ellie Shimmin, mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Brew of Cleveland. Mrs. Shimmin told of life in the 1840's in the parish of Ballaugh, Isle of Man, where she was born, and gave a vivid picture of the Manxland of more than a hundred years ago. In 1915 when she provided these facts, she was 74 years old.

The Rector of Ballaugh parish church in the 1840's was the beloved Thomas Howard, said Mrs. Shimmin, and went on—"In my young days, when Manx was so much spoken, he preached in Manx every other Sunday. We had service at eleven in the morning, and three in the afternoon. There was no service at night, so we went to the Methodist Chapel at six o'clock. We were all very friendly!"

She went on to tell that her father was a small farmer, "but he had such a love of the sea, he went by spells to sea. He and some of our neighbors had a little smack, they called her the 'Edgar Veg.' For a short time they traded in her out of Ramsey to Whitehaven, taking corn and potatoes there, and brought coal back. I believe they made a fair trade."

Farm work, even on a small scale, was hard work in those days. There were no reaping machines, and the grain had to be cut with sickles; later on, scythes came into use and even they were a great improvement. "The first reaping machine in the Island came to a gentleman who lived at Druidale," said Mrs. Shimmin. "He was a very rich man. That was the first reaping machine heard of in the Island, and I remember the talk of the wonder, and the farmers going past our house to see it."

Education was not compulsory in those days, although most people obtained some schooling. "We children did not go to school regularly," said Mrs. Shimmin. "There were times when field work had to be done, and we each had our share. We went to school in whiles when we could be spared . . . Sometimes when I did get to school—when I came home in the evening—off with my school clothes, go and get the stable ready—clean it and get hay and straw for the horses, tired with their day's ploughing. Sometimes I think I would like to go through it all again."

Clothing and shoes did not come from the store in those days! Mrs. Shimmin said that when winter was coming, "Father brought two sides of leather from the tan-yard, one for uppers and one for soles of shoes, and we had a shoemaker come to the house and make our winter stock of shoes. His wages were one shilling a day, and board and lodging, and he was a good shoemaker. When they were worn a bit, he came to mend them. There were no shoes and boots

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OBITUARIES

CLAGUE, Claud, of 1736 Belmont Ave., Seattle, Wash., passed away on March 24. His wife, Bertha, survives; also a sister, Mrs. R. Rawlinson of Vancouver, B. C., who is vice president of the Vancouver Manx Ladies' Auxiliary. Mr. Clague was born in Laxey, Isle of Man, and has lived in Seattle for more than thirty years. He was a veteran of the Canadian Army, World War I.

CORLETT, Hugh, aged 77, of Los Angeles, Calif., passed away on February 11. He had been very active in the organization of the Los Angeles Manx Society, having served as vice president and as chairman of entertainment. He leaves three daughters; a brother, William, of Pasadena, Calif.; and a sister, Mrs. Anna Bolt of Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Corlett was born in Pennsylvania and his parents came from Ballaugh, Isle of Man.

CRELLIN, Lizzie (nee Harrison, 61, of 390 South State St., Painesville, Ohio, passed away on April 8. A prominent business woman in Painesville, Mrs. Crellin was active in church, cultural and social groups, and was an interested and esteemed member of the North East Ohio Manx Society. She leaves her husband, Barton W. Crellin; a brother, Frank Harrison, and several nieces and nephews.

HUDGEON, Madeline (nee Lawson), 317 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio, passed away on March 18 at the age of 48. Surviving are her husband, John B. Hudgeon; two daughters, Patricia M. and Frances M., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lawson, of Miami, Florida. Mrs. Hudgeon was daughter-in-law of John Hudgeon (for many years a jeweler in the Colonial Arcade, Cleveland), and niece of Murry Hudgeon, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

JOYCE, Rebecca (nee Quayle), aged 87 years, passed away on January 19 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Florence Coffman, R. No. 9, Topeka, Kansas. She was a first cousin of the famous Manxman, Bishop William A. Quayle of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Joyce keenly enjoyed her association with Manx people, and with her daughter attended the Convention at Lincoln, Nebraska in 1939.

KNEEN, Isabella Anne (nee Quark), of 19 Kings Garden Road, Toronto, died on January 5. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. C. H. Dickson; a sister, Mrs. Fred Christian, and a brother, Daniel Quark of Vantage, Sask. Her husband was the late John Kerruish Kneen.

COWIN, Rev. Frederick, aged 73, of 1621 Granger Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, died suddenly on March 10 in Winter Park, Fla., while giving a lecture on the poetry of Robert Burns. Surviving are his wife, Alice; a son, Fred P. Cowin of East Ann Arbor; a daughter, Mrs. Wilson Daugherty of Alma, Mich.; and two granddaughters. A second son, Lt. Douglas A. Cowin of the U. S. Marine Corps was killed fighting Chinese guerillas in July, 1946. Rev. Mr. Cowin was born at Agneash, near Laxey, Isle of Man, and following his ordination in 1900, served pastorates in Scotland, South Africa and Canada before coming to Michigan in 1919. He retired from his last pastorate, the Memorial Christian Church, Ann Arbor, in 1943. Rev. Mr. Cowin was not only a deeply respected and beloved figure in his community; but a lecturer of note, being considered one of the foremost authorities in America on the poet Burns and his works.

SHIMMIN, George W., aged 48, passed away at his home in Burlington, Iowa on February 8. He is survived by his widow, Melvina (nee Nordberg), and daughter, Beverly, of Burlington; a son, Lieut Kenneth Shimmin, Army Air Force, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio; three brothers and a sister. Mr. Shimmin was the youngest son of John H. and Annie Isabel (Cregeen) Shimmin, and nephew of Mrs. Margaret Cregeen Shimmin of Monmouth, Ill. and James Cregeen of Douglas, Isle of Man.

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

Life in Ballaugh

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from away—everything was made at home. Shoemakers and weavers were plentiful in those days. Our blankets, flannels, cloth for the men's suits, plaids for us women's frocks or dresses—all made at home, spun by Mother with a woman to help. We sent the wool to the carding-mill to get the rolls made, and spun them at home. My eldest brother served his time as a joiner, and when he went to Liverpool to work, dressed in Manx clothes, he was looked on as a sailor. Mother had to get him an English suit, as his cousins didn't like his coarse dress on Sundays."

Linen, too, was grown and cleaned, spun, woven and bleached at home. Mrs. Shimmin told how, as a young girl, she helped to bleach linen—a long, tedious process . . . soaking the pieces of linen in a pool in the river,

boiling them with a bleaching agent, beating them, stamping them, and alternately wetting and drying them in the sun for two or three days until finished.

Many more interesting recollections are included in these memories of life in Ballaugh more than a hundred years ago. All who know that lovely Manx village and its setting will agree that while life in those days meant plenty of hard work, it had the compensation of picturesque and charming surroundings!

Mrs. Elizabeth Brew of Cleveland, daughter of Mrs. Shimmin, has a copy of the magazine from which these extracts have been made.

From Mrs. A. T. Hood, 1730 Burgess Road, Cleveland, we hear of a purebred Manx cat named Mitzi which has reached the advanced age of 23 years. Mitzie belongs to a Mrs. Charles Kraus, Kenmore, N. Y., where Mrs. Hood's son and daughter live. Mitzie's daily diet consists of green shrimp, lobster tails, round steak, rare beef and liver, and cream or rich milk. No wonder she has outlived the usual life span of cats—even Manx cats. The news appeared in a Kenmore paper. Mr. J. W. Jenkinson also told us about Mitzie, her record having reached even a Washington newspaper!

We should have heard of this before—but it was someone not Manx who sent us a menu card from "Christian's Hut, Pitcairn Island — Proprietor, Fletcher Christian." This restaurant, in Balboa, Calif., features eatables and drinkables distinctly Tahitian in name and flavor. "Singapore Sling," "Shark's Tooth," "Captain Bligh's Coffee Grog" — and, in much milder vein, "Pitcairn Mixed Green Salad," are among the items offered. In very original verse, "Fletch Christian" claims they have moved Pitcairn over to Balboa, where you can dream of the South Seas in proper atmosphere—and "mutiny," briefly against humdrum, everyday existence. And judging from the menu, there certainly is "Bounty" there.

Speaking of Fletcher Christian the original, a news item sent in by Bess Corkan of Winnipeg says that an 18-year old descendant of his, named Christian, was refused as a recruit by the Royal Australian Navy on the ground that he is not of substantial European descent. Descendants of the famous Manxman of course have intermarried with native Tahitians through the years.