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In August, 1928, over a thousand Manx people and their descendants met in the city of Cleveland and organized the North American Manx Association. Many of us have happy recollections of that momentous occasion and are proud of the progress made by the organization during the intervening years.

Cleveland again was host in 1935, and in 1949, when the N. A. M. A. "attained its majority" on its 21st birthday; and now the silver anniversary of the Association also will be celebrated in Cleveland—the city of its birth.

It is our hope that as many as possible of those who helped at the organization meeting or at the 21st birthday party again will join with us in celebration of reaching our quarter-of-a-century mark.

The dates—August 11-14

The place—Hotel Cleveland

Although most of our members are familiar with Cleveland, the headquarters city of the North American Manx Association, the following descriptive material should be of interest, and—we hope—will bring nostalgic memories of previous Cleveland conventions and create a desire to come to Cleveland to help celebrate this silver jubilee.

Cleveland did not come by its slogan, "The Best Location in the Nation," by just rhyme—or without reason. It IS the "Best Location" because it is the center of a 500-mile radius in which 57.5% of the total population of the United States lives, and for many other reasons. Cleveland indeed is a good place to visit, and to live.

Looking south from an airplane high over Lake Erie, we would see Greater Cleveland stretching out for nearly 30 miles along the shore and ten miles inland. The half-mile wide, low, flat valley of the Cuyahoga River in the center of the city is filled with steel mills, oil refineries, lumber yards and other heavy industry. Most of Cleveland is on a level plain, stretching for miles east and west, 60 or 80 feet above Lake Erie. Some

of the suburbs away from the Lake are on land 100 to 300 feet higher. Many thousands of the fine trees which gave Cleveland the name "Forest City" remain, and ravines cut by streams running into Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga Valley make picturesque Cleveland's city parks and the Metropolitan Park System.

At the present time, Cleveland's population is more than 40% of foreign birth or foreign parentage. That these people with varied racial backgrounds can live and work together in an American city is demonstrated by a unique chain of 23 cultural gardens, unlike any others in the world, and which have been sponsored and built by the many nationality groups making Cleveland their home. The purpose is to foster and build up an international brotherhood and amity among Cleveland's cosmopolitan population.

Cleveland's industry is based upon the production of iron and steel and the precision manufacture and fabrication of all manner of things made of iron, steel, copper, brass and aluminum. More people work in Cleveland's 3,258 manufacturing establishments than are employed in all the factories in 28 different states, according to the U. S. Census of Manufacturers of 1947.

Cleveland has the railroads, the highway and air transportation facilities befitting one of the nation's great industrial centers and, in addition, a dominant place in the Great Lakes shipping industry which handles vast quantities of iron ore, coal, grain and other commodities more efficiently and at lower cost than any other transportation medium.

For years Cleveland's public transportation system has been known as one of the best and most efficient of any of the larger systems in North America. Cleveland's transit system is being swiftly modernized and the rapid swing from old-fashioned trolley cars to trackless trolleys and buses has given the streets an up-to-the-minute air.

In addition to the Cleveland Public School System, which consists of approximately 160 buildings, Greater Cleveland also has many suburban

and county schools, parochial and private schools. Greater Cleveland also is well taken care of with institutions of higher learning. There is Western Reserve University, with 11 schools and colleges, including law, medicine and liberal arts; Case Institute of Technology, an engineering college of first rank; John Carroll University, Baldwin-Wallace and Fenn Colleges.

The Cleveland Public Library, which occupies a beautiful white marble building downtown, operates 33 branches and 39 school libraries.

The Cleveland Orchestra, one of the country's leading symphonic organizations, serves its city generously with symphony and twilight programs at its home in beautiful Severance Hall. Since 1924, the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York has come to Cleveland each spring for a season of opera in Cleveland's Public Hall. The Cleveland Play House, organized in 1916, is outstanding and unique among the nation's resident civic theaters. Cain Park Theater, a 3000-seat outdoor theater owned and operated by the city of Cleveland Heights, offers musical comedy and light opera during the summer. In addition, there are many more recognized "little theaters" in Greater Cleveland.

One of the outstanding zoological gardens of the country, maintained jointly by the City of Cleveland and the Museum of Natural History, is in Brookside Park. A Metropolitan Park System of 14,000 acres encircles Greater Cleveland like a giant horseshoe, and contains hundreds of miles of motor roads, trails, picnic areas, campsites and golf courses.

Most cities point with pride to residential sections which have pleasant, winding streets, homes designed in good taste and built at prescribed distances from the streets and carefully placed on the lots. Many of these sections were inspired by the Wade Park and Edgewater sections of Cleveland, as well as by the beautiful residential districts found in all of the Cleveland suburbs. While predominantly an industrial community, Cleveland is

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The President's Message

Greetings to Manx Friends everywhere:

It gives me much pleasure to greet you again through the medium of the March Bulletin. As this is my first message to you in 1953, I wish to thank you for your kindness and encouragement during the past months.

As spring is just around the corner, I hope you are beginning to think of the 25th Birthday of the North American Manx Association, and its 1953 Convention. Let me assure you that plans are going forward for a grand party in Cleveland. Plan your vacation now . . . make it Cleveland in August, where for three happy days, a spirit of friendliness will be our keynote. The North American Manx Association Convention has become one of the outstanding holiday events of the year to Manx people throughout the United States and Canada. The benefits derived from these "gatherings of the clan" are too numerous to mention.

As we get busy with Convention plans, may I ask for your full support. One way in which everyone can help, is to be sure to pay membership dues for this year, and to try to bring in a new member.

Although a special invitation is hardly necessary for those who have attended N.A.M.A. Conventions and know how enjoyable they are, yet I do extend a most hearty special invitation to all Manx people to come to our 25th Birthday Party. We have had historical milestones like the Victory Convention in 1947 and the 21st Birthday in 1949—and now we celebrate our quarter-century—25 years of progress and pleasant association.

COME TO CLEVELAND . . . WE ARE EXPECTING YOU.

Sincerely,
HENRY MYLCHREEST,
President.

MEET YOUR PRESIDENT . . .

By GERTRUDE CANNELL

Harry Mylchreest is twice a president, being not only in the chair of the North American Manx Association, but is in his second term as president of the Mona's Relief Society. That shows how keen is his interest in Manx people.

He was born in one of Manxland's loveliest places—Ballasalla. His father, Mathias Mylchreest, worked at the Rushen Abbey Gardens; his mother was Ellen Maddrell Mylchreest and they were a happy, devoted couple. Harry had a twin sister, Helen, who died during childhood. His only brother, Louis, was killed in the Battle of the Somme,

that the other was in that part of the world. Harry served at the Suez Canal, then in Mesopotamia where he was one of the force that attempted the relief of General Townsend at Kutelamara. He was at the fall of Bagdad, served in Persia, and was mentioned in dispatches by General Dunstaviil. Finally, Sergeant Mylchreest crossed the Caspian Sea to land in Baku, Russia, and ended his military service in Salonika, Greece.

In April, 1920, Harry came to the States, living first in Akron, Ohio, where he met Miss Carrie Crellin from Peel, and they were married on January 12, 1926. Since then they have lived in Cleveland.

Harry is employed in the Service Department of Ohio Motors Company. He has been with them for almost 30 years and has received a diamond pin in recognition of faithful service. He has served on local labor negotiation committees, World War II transport committees, and for ten years was an executive of the Machinists' Local Union.

With his youthful memories of action on the fighting fronts, it's no wonder Harry still says he "would run a mile any day to hear the Scotch bagpipes." He is an avid reader of history, and Western stories; enjoys Western movies; is a music lover and his favorite song is "Bless This House." He considers these United States altogether a wonderful country, and is quite satisfied with the State of Ohio. His idea of relaxation is a long drive in the country with the family—likes to visit Canada and especially admires the scenery surrounding Toronto.

Harry and Carrie have one son, Louis Stanford Mylchreest, who served in Italy during World War II, and recently in Korea. At present he is studying in Kent State University. Carrie is the efficient secretary of the Mona's Relief Society, and a wonderful "right-hand man" to her husband. They are a grand pair—their mutual happiness and devotion to each other are reflected in their genial outlook, and their eagerness to work for and with Manx people.

Harry is six feet tall and weighs 210 pounds, has blue eyes, a humorous smile, and, though he is still only in the middle years, his hair is silvery. He is quiet, warmhearted and sincere, and puts his whole heart and soul into his efforts. In his friends he admires above all the qualities of straightforwardness and honesty. He has high enthusiasm for his office as President of the N.A.M.A., and is looking forward to a successful year in 1953—the Silver Jubilee of the North American Manx Association. Let's give him the generous support he deserves.



HENRY MYLCHREEST
President, N.A.M.A.

First World War. He has five sisters living—Mrs. W. Fayle, Mrs. J. A. Qualtrough and Mrs. J. J. Mylchreest of Castletown; Miss Bess Mylchreest of Douglas, and Mrs. J. S. Cannell who lives in Cleveland. Harry loves every bit of the Island, especially his birthplace—has never been back, but likes to remember it as it was in his childhood.

Harry went to school in Ballasalla, and as a lad enlisted in the British Army soon after the outbreak of World War I. In 4½ years he served in several countries in the Near East. He was at the Dardanelles landing, and went through the entire campaign. On the Gallipoli Peninsula he had the odd experience of meeting his brother Louis, who was with the New Zealand Forces. Neither knew

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

VANCOUVER

The mild weather assisted in making the 45th Annual Banquet, Concert and Dance on New Year's night, held in the Cambrian Hall, quite the best in the Vancouver Society's history. The Committee excelled itself in giving a true Manx appearance to the hall and tables, as well as providing the 200 guests a plentiful supply of good things. Friends from as far as Seattle came to enjoy the evening. With the genial President, Mr. Hayward Costain as chairman, the concert which followed was enjoyed by young and old. It consisted of vocal and instrumental solos, clever Indian impersonations by a musical family, while about 30 members of the old Manx choir gave several Christmas carols and hymns, the audience joining in some of them. Will Mudie, who for over 40 years has delighted the members with his solos, was in excellent form and was heartily applauded. The dance was a fitting climax to a very enjoyable evening, and all agreed that the New Year had begun right well.

It is hoped to revive the Vancouver Manx Choir this year, and Mrs. Orry Joughin has kindly offered to conduct the practices.

A committee meeting held on December 20 at Ballaquane, Burnaby home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood proved to be a Christmas party, in the true Dickens manner. "The fire, with well-dried logs supplied—Went roaring up the chimney wide"—and the evening was a festive occasion, enjoyed by all.

Tribute is paid to the excellent work done for the Vancouver Manx Society for several years by its former Secretary, Mrs. Mona Witsten, who resigned in December. The daughter of Mrs. R. W. Killey, also a tireless worker in both Vancouver and in Winnipeg, Mona comes naturally by her love for things Manx; for a young lady born in Canada, who has never seen the Island, her zeal is most commendable.

SAN FRANCISCO

As always, the San Francisco Manx had a wonderful Christmas Party. They did not meet in January, but planned to hold their election of officers on February 21.

Of great pleasure and interest to members were the visits of Professor and Mrs. Kinvig of Birmingham, England—also Miss Skillicorn of Ramsey and Oxford, who was travelling in the States on a Fulbright scholarship. Although no regular meetings were possible at the time of these visits, various members were happy to entertain the guests and show them the city.

VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

At a recent meeting of the Vancouver Manx Ladies, the following officers were elected:

President.....Mrs. J. Crossan
Vice-President.....Mrs. A. E. Halsall
Treasurer.....Mrs. R. W. Killey
Secretary.....Mrs. T. L. Killip
2974 Sprott St.,
N. Burnaby, Vancouver, B. C.

The Ladies held the 17th Birthday Party of their Society late in February at the home of Mrs. Jenkins, 3792 Lanark Street.

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society elected the following officers at their meeting held on December 6:

PresidentFred Caveen
Vice-PresidentWilfred Lacey
Treasurer.....Mrs. F. Williamson
Fin. Sec'y.....Mrs. Minnie Oakley
SecretaryFrank Williamson
61 Steeles Ave., E.
R.R. 2, York Mills, Ont.
Ass't Sec'y.....Mrs. F. Cowley

Frank Williamson, the Secretary, feels that tribute is due one of their members, Mrs. Willie Fick, 203 De-Grassi St., Toronto, for her courage and fortitude in the face of serious handicap. He says: "Mrs. Fick is totally blind, but has always a pleasant smile and kindly word, and loves nothing better than joining with a group singing the old Manx songs. She is one of the many fine examples of that sturdy race of Manx people who have migrated to distant lands a credit to the Little Isle and an asset to the land of their adoption. Mrs. Fick is the mother of four sons, all of whom served in the armed forces overseas, one being killed. She also has two daughters, and nineteen grandchildren."

MONTREAL

Acting Secretary of the Montreal Manx Society is Mrs. Janet F. Hornsby, batting for Mrs. Walter Duggan, who has been in hospital for a considerable time.

The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Agnew, 1443 William David Street. An evening of court whist was enjoyed by the members.

ROCHESTER

Those good Rochester Manx folk who worked so hard for last year's Convention, met on January 10 at Mrs. Betty Christian's home, 31 Nellis Park, and enjoyed a good visit, a game of cards—and of course, a good lunch.

NORTH EAST OHIO

The Christmas meeting of this Society was held on December 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gridley, Leroy, Ohio, with about 35 present to enjoy an excellent Christmas program arranged by Mrs. Maud McCarthy. The Secretary, William H. Collister, read an essay written by Miss Chase for her class in Miles School, Cleveland, describing the Isle of Man and its customs, particularly the old Christmas and New Year customs. Miss Chase is a great-granddaughter of a Manxman named Boyd who came to Cleveland more than a hundred years ago and settled on Miles Avenue. Christmas carols and dance music were played on the violin by Luther Battles, piano accompaniment by Mrs. Lucetta Ingersoll (nee Lacey). Other capable pianists were the Quine girls and their mother, and Jeanette McGee. Mrs. Leo Crellin told a Christmas story. Gifts, which had been placed on the Tree earlier, were exchanged after the program.

Another enjoyable meeting was held in January, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ingley, 70 Chatfield Drive. After an appetizing supper, W. Harry Kelly, of Maple Heights, Cleveland, showed his beautiful colored slides of the Isle of Man, taken last summer. Those of Manx descent, who had never seen the Island, marvelled at the beauty of the towns, villages, gardens and countryside. There were no less than four Manx song books on hand, as it had been proposed to sing some Manx songs as a fitting climax to a wonderful evening, but as the hour grew late, this had to be omitted.

The meeting on February 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crellin and sister, 1171 N. State St., Painesville, will be reported later.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

The annual Christmas dinner of this Society was a huge success, and the members extend a hearty "Thank you" to those who made it possible. After dinner all joined in singing carols, and Santa Claus presented each with a gift. John Stephen, who always enjoyed making the tea on these occasions, was unable to be present, so the group went to his home, had tea and cake with him, and presented him with a gift.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1953:

Hon. President.....John Wm. Stephen
President.....R. H. Corkill
Vice-President.....Wm. A. Stephen
Sec'y and Treasurer.....
.....Mrs. N. Mawson,
9247 Hartwell
Detroit 28, Mich.

The next meeting will be held in April.

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MANX WEDDIN'

Douglas N. McDonnell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell, Vancouver, B. C., was married on November 29 to Marjorie Laird of Alameda, Calif., formerly of Salt Lake City, Utah. The ceremony was performed at the Church of the Flowers, Berkeley, Calif., reception in Alameda. Douglas is in the Navy and is stationed at Alameda Naval Air Station.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

A son, Wilfred Roderick, was born on January 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lacey, 31 Kenwood Avenue, Toronto.

A son, Bryan Edward, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fick of Toronto. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fick, 203 DeGrassi St., Toronto.

A son, John Pierre, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caveen of Ottawa, Ont. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen, 34 Eastwood Road, Toronto.

A daughter, Lynn Kay, was born on October 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McDonnell, 1159 Worthington Ave., Birmingham, Mich. They have two older children, Rodney and Sharon. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell, 980 Denman St., Vancouver 5, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wimberley (Phyllis Kelly) of North Ridge, Calif., announce the arrival of a daughter, Mary Deirdre on February 15. The little girl is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kelly of Alhambra, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stephen of Athens, Ohio announce the arrival of a son, Douglas Philip on February 17. This is the first grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Douglas Stephen of Cleveland.

H.M.S. MANXMAN is the Royal Navy's fastest minelayer and the Island's adopted warship. In the Christmas Bulletin we told of its mascot, a Manx cat who skipped ship at Naples, was found some days later and flown to Malta to rejoin the ship. Later information (received from Alex Woosey of Hamilton, Ont.) reveals that was an error to describe the cat as "he"—as in a cable to the Mayor of Douglas, the MANXMAN'S commander announced that "Orry" had presented the crew with three kittens, two with tails and one without. The Mayor replied that the MANXMAN had better revisit the Isle of Man and obtain a mate for Orry, and thus avoid international incidents and uncertainty of nationality of offspring. "Orry" was presented to the MANXMAN'S crew a couple of years ago, when the warship anchored in Douglas Bay.

Christopher Shimmin, Manx Patriot and Writer

As many know, our good friend Mrs. Elizabeth Brew, 828 East 207th Street, Cleveland, is a sister of the late Christopher Shimmin, writer of some excellent Manx plays. There is a short account of his life in William Cubbon's book "Island Heritage," where he is placed by Mr. Cubbon among the "Manninee Dooie" — True Manx Folk.

Christopher Shimmin was born in Peel in 1870. His parents were among the group who met in the Primitive Old Chapel, Peel, one night during the winter of 1897-98 and founded the Peel Manx Language Society. A little later, James Kewley of Agneash started a Manx reading class in Lonan; William Kneen of the Bethel, father of Lillian and Eva Kneen who visited Cleveland in 1949, started a class in Douglas. Another class was formed in Andreas. Thus the little group in Peel had actually started a movement which spread over the Island and in 1899 took shape as The Manx Language Society, later known as The Manx Society.

Christopher Shimmin was active in the organization, and he is particularly remembered by the Manx people for his plays. "I'lliam Kodhere's Will" was produced at the Gaiety Theatre, Douglas, on January 13, 1913, by Miss Sophia Morrison's company of Peel Players. Christopher himself was in the cast. Other plays of his are "Lussny Graih," "The Dooiney Moyllee" (published in 1914 by The Manx Society); "The Charm," first performed in Peel on November 7, 1912. These delightful plays have preserved the flavor of Manx life many years ago, and in the words of T. E. Brown, should say to future generations—"Twas thus and thus they lived."

"A barefoot boy from the Isle of Man in 1877 stood in the Liverpool Museum in William Brown Street, marvelled at what he saw—and rose to become Director of the Manx Museum." These are the opening words of an article in the Liverpool Daily Post of November 19 last. The article goes on to tell how William Cubbon, 12-year-old son of a Port St. Mary skipper, concealed himself in his father's boat in order to get across to Liverpool. When he presented himself on arrival he expected a scolding, but apparently Dad was the sympathetic sort. After business had been completed he took his son, barefoot and capless as he was, to see some of Liverpool's great buildings—St. George's Hall and then the Museum. Mr. Cubbon says he never forgot that first visit to a great museum. Perhaps, who knows, he may have gained there the inspiration for the great work he was to do in later years on Manx antiquities.

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also a city of homes and at its borders is one of the country's major centers of the nursery industry. In addition, Greater Cleveland possesses the largest concentration of the greenhouse industry in the nation.

Yes—do come to Cleveland for the Silver Anniversary Convention, and let us show you what a beautiful city we have. The Cleveland Manx are anxious to bid you welcome and are hoping that this will be one of the best-attended conventions in the Association's history.

Remember the dates—August 11-12-13-14—Hotel Cleveland.

Miss Florence Q. Crellin of Akron, Ohio, who is secretary to the Librarian at the Akron Public Library, is a devoted daughter of her native city of Peel. Miss Crellin has sent several gifts of books to the Peel Library, the latest parcel consisting of 13 volumes. She also asked what books the Library particularly required, as she would do her best to supply them. "This," said Mr. J. E. Quirk, chairman of the Peel Commissioners, "is thinking of her home town in a practical way." The Isle of Man Times carried the story of Flo's devotion to this worth-while cause. Perhaps other Manx people would like to help the Peel Library, and if they would write Miss Crellin at 627 W. Market St., Akron 3, Ohio, we are sure she would be glad to tell them how to go about shipping the books across.

Story for children in the magazine, "Southern Farm and Home," is called "The Kitten Without a Tail," by Meta Hall. The kitten was distressed when, on his first day in a new home in the country, all the animals about the farm told him he had "lost his tail." After various adventures, the kitten was told by his mother that he never had a tail—that they were a family of Manx cats whose ancestors came from the Isle of Man, where the cats never had any tails! This cute story was clipped and sent in by Wilfred Butterworth, Route 1, La Feria, Texas.

This paragraph appeared in the Mona's Herald of December 30—truly a breath of spring in midwinter—"Lambs are now to be seen in the fields in various parts of the Island. Other signs that point the way to spring are the thrilling song of the missel thrush and the practice warbles of the song thrush."

OUR OWN PEOPLE

In a playwriting competition sponsored by the Cheshire (England) Rural Council, a one-act Manx dialect play, "The Dumb Cake," written by our friends Lily and Eva Kneen of Birkenhead, was one of three chosen for actual presentation before the judges. It was performed on December 6 by the Birkenhead Manx Players, the cast including the two sisters. The Manx play won second place, and hearty congratulations are due Lily and Eva on their success. The play is excellent, and it would be a real Manx treat to see it performed.

A request has been received from Miss Maureen Ryan, 20 Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, for pen pals, both sexes. Maureen met some of the Homecomers last summer. She is employed at Wilkins, Jewelers, Strand Street, Douglas.

Steve Quinney of Cleveland received a letter recently from a Manx friend, Anthony Ryan, L/Cpl of the R.H.Q. Squadron R.E., stationed in Fayid, Egypt. Anthony wrote that while sitting in his bunk after duty, listening to the Overseas Request Broadcast, he was surprised to hear his own name with the request from his folks to play "Ellan Vannin" for him. He said it made him very homesick as the B.B.C. Orchestra played the familiar melody, and he pictured the dear little Island, "with its green hills by the sea." Anthony will be demobilized in March, after his two-year hitch.

Pilot Officer W. J. Skillicorn, R.A. F., of Laxey, Isle of Man, who received his final training at Centralia, Ont., received his "Wings" at graduation in December, and spent Christmas in Cleveland with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn. He has now returned to England to await his new assignment. "God speed" and "Happy landings" from us all, Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn of Cleveland, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on St. Stephen's Day, December 26, wish to say "Thank You" to their many friends for the beautiful gifts and cards sent them on that happy occasion. They were thrilled.

After living in Colorado Springs, Colo. for the past few years, Tom Howland has returned to San Diego, Calif. and has opened a tailoring business at 3979 Goldfinch Street. Tom enjoyed being near his stepdaughter in Colorado Springs, but feels that the California climate suits him better. He has one other relative in America, Mrs. Bertha Teare of Cleveland, who is his sister.

Edward A. Joughin, who was a charter member of the Los Angeles Manx Society, has been living for some time in British Columbia and is now manager of the Maxine Apartment Hotel, Bidwell at Davie St., Vancouver. He is a brother of Mrs. Elsie Broadbent, Oshawa, Ontario.

The Rev. J. T. Cowley, retired minister, who is deeply interested in things Manx and has frequently lectured on the Isle of Man, is now living at 610 West 5th St., Newberg, Oregon, and would enjoy hearing from Manx friends.

After attending the wedding of her son, Douglas, in Alameda, Calif., Mrs. Leslie McDonnell of Vancouver, B. C. flew to Los Angeles to visit her daughter Helen and family—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Drom, and children Maureen and Tim.

About 24 Manx people met on March 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carrigan (Kathleen Skillicorn), 117 Cowles Ave., Bedford, Ohio, the occasion being a "surprise party" for Mrs. Joan Martin, a young lady from Ramsey, Isle of Man, who is spending a three-month vacation here as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly, 21009 Clare Ave., Maple Hts., O. Joan is a daughter of the late Joe Hughes of Ramsey, and Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christian of Long Island, New York are beaming with pride these days. Granddaughter "Baby Wetterhuus" recently won a "Charming Child" contest.

Miss Blanche Cowley Young of Indianapolis is renewing acquaintance with old friends, in Los Angeles where she is studying television while on leave of absence from her teaching duties.

James Longbottom, formerly a maker of Isle of Man rock in Douglas, but more recently a resident of Dublin, Ireland, is now in California and lives at 5018 W. Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

A former Cleveland, Mrs. Dorothy Corlett Fiore, now has a secretarial position in Los Angeles. Her address is 420 S. Westlake Avenue.

Miss Thelma Bain, 5019 Halldale Avenue, Los Angeles, had a pleasant visit in January with friends in Mexico City.

Visitors last fall at the home of Edith, Ruth and Nelson Cubbon, 13703 Second Ave., N.W., Seattle 77, Wash., were Captain and Mrs. Richard Kelly of Kirkland, Wash., with their son, daughter-in-law and grandson.

Arthur Teare and his sister, of 10863 - 93rd St., Edmonton, Alberta, are always delighted to see Manx friends. Last summer they had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson of Saskatoon, Sask. Later they spent an enjoyable time with Major E. C. Farrant from the Isle of Man when he went through Edmonton with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Delegates. Quite recently they saw Larry Quilliam from Cadomin, Alberta, who always looks them up when in town.

Recently returned from a trip to the Isle of Man and Ireland is Robert Teare, Dominion Block, 101st St., Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. R. George Anderson, Jr., who now live in Fremont, Nebr., spent their Silver Wedding Anniversary in their home town, Cleveland, Ohio. They celebrated by inviting their friends to an open house, held at Hotel Cleveland on February 4.

Congratulations to Dennis Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell, 557 Cremazie Blvd., Montreal—who recently obtained his Chartered Accountant's degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shorrock, who formerly lived at Beloeil Station, Quebec, are now residing in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Sloan have moved to Dorval, Quebec. They formerly lived at Beloeil Station.

Pictures of Peel Harbor and Bay over sixty years ago, by the marine artist J. Holland, bought by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood of Vancouver while with the Homecomers last summer, have won much favorable comment, especially from those who remember "Purt-ny-Hinshey" in its prime.

Manx San Franciscans are really travelling this year—Mrs. William Quayle (formerly Dorothy Corkhill, Ballagaraglen, St. John's) and son Bobby will fly to the Isle of Man in June for a two-month visit . . . Mrs. Bob Vaughan Thomas (formerly Marjorie Clague of Castletown) leaves in May to spend six months overseas. . . . Alfred and Elizabeth Caldwell are going across in July . . . Miss Cecilia Morris will attend the Coronation. Those left behind wish them all Bon Voyage, and hope for lots of "newsies" on their return.

It seems that women motorcyclists would like to compete in the Tourist trophy Races in the Isle of Man, but again this year they were turned down with an emphatic "No." As the Liverpool Post put it—"It's Still the Isle of MAN."

Fred Caveen Tells Rotary Club About The Isle of Man

Fred Caveen, President of the Toronto Manx Society, gave an address on the Isle of Man before the Rotary Club of Toronto last July.

Here are some of the highlights of his speech:

"I want to thank you most sincerely for the welcome you have afforded me, and for the opportunity of telling you a little about the smallest kingdom in the world—the Isle of Man.

"Today the Isle of Man is a holiday resort, and only a few know the story of this tiny kingdom, which nestles, enveloped by a mystical aura, in the middle of the Irish Sea.

"To the average visitor, the Island represents a happy holiday, being not too far from home, yet far enough to suggest a trip abroad . . . But to the more romantic visitor, the Island proves itself a land of -make-believe; a veritable never-never land, where fairy tales and folk-lore form a part of daily existence.

"It was once said of it, that 'the Island is in every way a jewel, that ought, because of its beauty and interest, to be kept under a glass case.' As one approaches it by ship, one sees it is enveloped by a purple mist. About ten miles from shore, the mist slowly disappears, leaving green and purple hills in full view.

"The larger part of the Island is dominated by mountains and glens. There is, of course, a good amount of cultivated ground, particularly around the low-lying lands, mainly because it has been found unprofitable to cultivate more than 600 feet above sea level. The summer is usually short, with rarely more than warm temperatures, whilst the winter brings cold winds. Because of this, wheat production is unsuccessful, and the staple grain crop is oats.

"The coast scenery is magnificent, changing in character every few miles. Slate cliffs rise towering from the sea; caves (used long ago by smugglers) are seen; rocky headlands; stretches of yellow sand at the water's edge. It is impossible to describe the glorious sunrises and sunsets; the long summer evenings, gently dwindling into twilight; the soft mists which protectingly enfold this little land. The Manx explanation of the strange mist that appears and disappears is that ages ago, the Island was ruled by a sea-god, Man-nan Mac-Lir, described as being able to envelop himself and his Island in a mist to make them invisible to enemies.

"Tradition has it that the first King of Man was Orry, the Norseman,

who defeated the Manx on their own ground in 1079 and ruled, a popular and powerful monarch, until his death in 1095.

"The Isle of Man at that time was part of a kingdom known as Man and the Isles, which included the Scottish Hebrides. From the death of King Orry until 1405, the Isle of Man was buffeted between the Norse and the English, for let it be understood, of all the Islands, Manxland was the most fertile, and many were the bloody battles fought upon its shores. Even Scotland had its moments of supremacy, when Alexander III overcame King Magnus about the year 1263. It was Alexander III who introduced the Three Legs as the Island's crest. Actually, the Three Legs is one of the most ancient of symbols, dating back to at least the sixth century before Christ. When Alexander took it for the Isle of Man, he modified it by the addition of spurs, whilst encasing the legs in armor. The Latin motto 'Quocunque jeceris stabit' meaning 'Whichever way you throw me I stand,' was added much later—about 1668.

"During the Norse occupation an open-air assembly was held annually at some central place, where new laws were announced, and individual disputes were settled. This assembly was called a 'thing' and the meeting-place a 'waid.' If you put these words together, you get the word 'Thing-wald,' or as we call it today, 'Tyn-wald.' This assembly has been handed down to us through the ages, and except for a few minor changes, the ceremony remains as it was originally! The meeting is held every July 5 (Old Midsummer Day) at a place called St. John's, reputed to be the dead centre of the Island. It is where four main roads, running north to south, and east to west, cross each other.

"In the tenth century, the Norse dropped their pagan beliefs and turned to Christianity. King Olaf I founded the Cistercian monastery of Rushen Abbey, which today stands in ruins, but to whose grounds tourists flock to sample delicious fresh strawberries and cream.

"After a long period of struggle between England and Scotland, the Isle of Man finally came under English rule for all time. It was given to Sir John Stanley in 1405. As Earls of Derby, the Stanleys ruled the Island for more than 300 years, until in 1736 the Island passed to the Duke of Atholl.

"At that time, smuggling had grown to alarming heights on the Island, and the British authorities wondered how best to stop this illicit business. The then Duke of Atholl, on

being approached, agreed to sell part of his rights in the Island for 70,000 pounds. In 1828 his successor sold the family's remaining rights for an additional 417,000 pounds. Thus, Britain paid about half a million pounds, or two million dollars, for the financial control of the Isle of Man. Under their jurisdiction, much progress has been made.

"In the period between 1830 and 1840, probably 20,000 to 30,000 tourists visited the Island annually. Since then, traffic has increased at such a rate that nowadays an estimated 620,000 people visit its shores every year. Economically, the Island has to rely more and more on the tourist industry, but its people have learned newer standards of living. Educational standards have risen enormously, so that school children are able to study under the finest conditions. Culture has increased through the Manx Music Festival; with the development of such organizations as 'Aeclagh Vannin'—the Young Manx Society, and the World Manx Association, which help members to revive the history of their ancient kingdom, while keeping pace with this atomic age.

"In 1866, the Isle of Man Customs and Harbours Act was passed in the British Parliament, and a House of Keys Election Act was passed by Tynwald. Since then the Island has levied its own taxes and spent its own money, except in the case of the salaries of the Governor, the judges, and the police. One of the interesting indications of the harmony established between the British and Manx Governments is found in the generous financial aid the Island contributed during the emergencies of World War II.

"Manxmen and women served side by side with the British Armed Forces during the War. Some of the latest and best of the Manx steamers were lost during the Dunkirk evacuation, and in the North African campaign. Also during the war, radar research stations were erected, and airports constructed.

"There is little wonder that the Island attracts so many tourists. Apart from the motorcycle races, there is golfing, salt and fresh water fishing, and swimming. Thousands are attracted to the beauty of the Island's glens, and many an eager hiker has scaled the hills, returning fatigued but happy to his hotel, to spend the evening dancing in one of the four major ballrooms, or enjoy a variety show in one of the many theatres.

"It is little wonder they call it 'Pleasure Island.' But how many, I

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OBITUARIES

CARRAN, Harriet Ritter, aged 85, died on February 26 in Miami, Florida. She was the widow of the late Charles H. Carran of Cleveland, deputy Cuyahoga County auditor for 40 years. She is survived by two sons, Charles A., City Manager of East Cleveland, and Nelson of Miami, Fla.; and three daughters, Mrs. Hugh G. Selby, Harriet and Eleanor Carran, all of Cleveland.

CLUCAS, John, of 10 Wybourne Drive, Onchan, Isle of Man, passed away on February 26. He leaves five daughters; grandchildren; brothers, Evan and James in the Isle of Man, and Joseph of Cleveland; sisters, Mrs. Stanley Chilcot of St. John's, Isle of Man, Mrs. Ben Peters of Birkenhead, England, and Mrs. Ben Greggor of Cleveland. Burial was in Peel Cemetery.

COLLINGWOOD, Constance Mary (nee Butterworth), aged 66, died suddenly on September 26 at her home, Beaumont Road, Ramsey, Isle of Man. She was the widow of the late Percy Lionel Collingwood and is survived by her two brothers, Wilfred B. Butterworth, formerly of Cleveland, now at La Feria, Texas, and Frank H. Butterworth of Marion, Ohio.

CRAINE, Maud E., Sherburne, N. Y., died in August, 1950. She was an interested member of the N.A.M.A. for many years, and also was associated with the Manx Society of Greater New York. Miss Craine's death was reported recently by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude R. Craine.

QUAYLE, Thomas Arthur, aged 57, of Douglas, Isle of Man, died on December 3 following a traffic accident. He is survived by his wife, Cis, and daughter, Ann. As Editor of the Mona's Herald, Mr. Quayle was known to Manx people everywhere, and his ability, integrity and high principles won him their affection and admiration. He had served in both World Wars, being one of the youngest Manxmen to wear the 1914-15 ribbon and star. He was very active in the British Legion and was closely connected with many civic and musical organizations. Mr. Quayle was a journalist most of his civilian life, acquiring the Mona's Herald in partnership with Mr. J. Ross Gags in 1945.

CUBBON, John Nelson, aged 79, died in November, 1952, at his home in Bremerton, Wash. Surviving are two brothers, James of Seattle, Wash., and William Cubbon, M.A., Douglas, Isle of Man, former Curator of the Manx Museum; also many nieces and nephews. Mr. Cubbon had lived in Seattle for 42 years and moved to Bremerton two years ago to live with his nephew, William Cubbon.

QUILLIN, Mary F. (nee Hood), passed away in Cleveland on February 25. She is survived by her husband, Clarence W. Quillin, and son, Clarence W., Jr.; her mother, Mrs. Lillie Hood of Cleveland; sisters Mrs. Evelyn Fry, Mrs. Helen Winter, Mrs. Myrtle Evons, Mrs. Lillian De Ward, and brothers Hall A., William F., Andrew J., Kenneth E. and A. Winton Hood.

ROGERS, Isabel (nee Quirk), formerly of Gates Mills, Ohio, and lately at 6720 Glenview Ave., Cleveland, died on January 9 after a brief illness. She was the widow of the late James W. Rogers and leaves four sons, J. Douglas, Milford, Briton and Gordon, and grandchildren; also relatives in the Isle of Man. Mrs. Rogers came to Cleveland from Peel and has always been a faithful supporter of all things Manx. At the time of her death she was Representative of the Ladies' Auxiliary on the N.A.M.A. Executive. She was a member of last year's Homecoming Party and attended the Rochester Convention.

STEVEN, James Milton, formerly of Cleveland, died in California on March 7, 1952. He leaves his wife, Ellen (nee Cubbon), and a stepson, William Charles McCormack, now living at 3838 El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.

WALLACE, Eleanor, a niece of the late Mrs. Ella Cooper Clague of Dayton, Wash., died on January 12 in Wainwright, Alberta. Surviving are her husband, Dr. Harry C. Wallace; two sons, Dr. J. Douglas Wallace of Wainwright and Dr. J. Beatty Wallace of Prince Albert, Sask., and six grandchildren. Mrs. Wallace was born in Castletown, Isle of Man, in 1884 and came to Canada in 1910. As a nurse she accompanied her husband for overseas service in World War I. In later years she has been a leader in local benevolent and cultural activities.

JENKINSON, Lillie, aged 65, died at her home, 1367 Churchill Road, Cleveland, on January 24. She leaves three brothers, Fred and Walter in England, and J. Wilson Jenkinson, Washington, D. C., formerly a Vice-President of the N.A.M.A., also a cousin, Mrs. Harold Coles of Cleveland, with whom she lived. Miss Jenkinson was a retired schoolteacher and came here in 1942 from Liverpool, England.

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

Here is an old Manx birthday greeting, sent in by William Cubbon, M.A., Douglas, Isle of Man:

Y Chiollagh Cheh
Y Carrey Furrinagh
Y Chree Boolagh
as y Chiarn Bannaght!

A warm fireside
A true friend
A happy heart
And the Lord's Blessing!

MANX PROVERBS

A sunny evening may follow a cloudy morning.

A wise man often makes a friend of his enemy.

The silent tongue is better than evil speaking.

Every man for himself, and God for us all.

Sceldom is the time that a hasty man is out of trouble.

'Tis not the man who has little that's poor, but he that desires more.

The idle hand gets nothing.

FRED CAVEEN

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wonder, know the real Isle of Man—the trials and hardships which the sturdy Celtic stock which occupies it has had to overcome to achieve all this? How many know the history of this little gem which nestles in the Irish Sea—a history which begins with that old sea-god, Mannanin Mac-Lir, and is still going strong in 1952? Alas, none but a few. But I know it, and now you, too, know a little of it, too. I'm proud of it, because though I've lived here over thirty years, I was a Manxman born . . . I'm a Manxman still. Thank you."

News of the Manx Societies

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

Officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary regret the passing of their Representative to the N.A.M.A., Mrs. J. W. Rogers, and know that the members will be saddened by her death. Isabel, as she was known to many, was a loyal worker for all good causes, and the Ladies' Auxiliary stood high on her list. Distance or weather never interfered with Isabel's determination to accomplish what she set out to do. Her friendly presence will be missed at future meetings, but we know she has earned the reward we should all strive for, by doing a thorough job in trying to make this a more pleasant world. Sincere sympathy goes to her family and her host of friends.

The Auxiliary has appointed Mrs. John R. Cain of Cleveland to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Rogers.

Members responded nobly to the recent appeal, and Mrs. Colquitt, the President, sincerely appreciates the fine support given. A beautiful cloth has been sent to Mrs. E. Keig of East Cleveland.

Some members have forgotten to send that quarter for dues to the Treasurer, Mrs. C. Garrett, 359 Hayward Ave., Rochester 9, N. Y. Are you one of them? A record membership is hoped for this year.

LOS ANGELES

The annual teaparty of the Los Angeles Manx Society, held early in January in the tearoom of the Odd-fellows' Building, was thoroughly enjoyed by the 50 or 60 members present. Dr. Robert Rodin assisted by his wife Elva (nee Bain) gave a talk on "A Year in Pakistan," with colored slides, also showed pictures taken in the Isle of Man on their homeward journey and reported on people in the Island known to the members. Miss Noreen Cottier is to be commended for the efficiency of her Refreshment Committee—Mrs. John Christian's pastries, Mesdames Mullen and Ward's bunnings, Mrs. Hardy's scones, Mrs. Cottier's brawn sandwiches disappearing like the magic of Manx fairies, along with coffee and tea made by William Mullen and helpers. Mrs. Barnes and Master Jackie Cannell accompanied the community singing.

AEGLAGH VANNIN TORONTO

The Christmas children's party given by the Young Manx of Toronto was a big success, with a large attendance of children and their parents. Everyone had a grand time. Thanks are extended to Shirley Bate-man and her mother for the use of their home for the occasion, and for their splendid assistance.

The young people were planning a bingo party for February 14, and are obliged to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen,

who had kindly offered the use of their home for the party.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

At the December meeting of the Mona's Relief Society, all the officers who served so well in 1952 were re-elected for another year. They are:

President.....Henry Mylchreest
Vice-President.....Gordon Killip
Financial Secretary....Wm. C. Kissack
Corres. & Recording Secretary—
Mrs. Henry Mylchreest
13501 Marston Ave.
Cleveland 5, Ohio
Treasurer.....Miss Helen Minor
Relief Comm.....{ Fred Brew
 { Thomas Keig
 { Mrs. W. Harry Kelly
Trustees.....{ R. R. Gell
 { Ben Greggor
 { John Skillicorn
Historian.....W. H. Collister
Reception Comm.....Stephen Quinney

The Christmas program which followed was in charge of Edith and Linorah Cox, the members joining heartily in carol singing. Wilfred Corbe, son of Mrs. Julia Corbe, played several accordion solos—Wilfred has had to learn music by the Braille system and this was his first public appearance.

Guest speaker at the January meeting was Miss Jean Teare, who gave an illustrated talk on England and several European countries she had visited. Jean was heartily applauded for an excellent and entertaining program.

Miss Beatrice Chesebrough, a great favorite with the Cleveland Manx, was guest soloist at the February meeting, charming everyone with her lovely contralto voice. Community singing brought another interesting evening to a close.

George Tansey, newspaper columnist, had an article on the Isle of Man in the November 18 issue of the Liverpool Daily Dispatch. Among the picturesque names he used to describe our Island are: "Sleepy isle of Traady-Liooar," "cosy paradise," "strange enchanted island," and others equally romantic. He found a small nation where juvenile delinquents are punished by three strokes of the birch, a population which can provide its own musical and dramatic entertainment during the winter, but is, nevertheless, the B.B.C.'s best customer—even agitating for a TV booster station so as to get better reception for the Coronation. He was amused at the seemingly unnecessary activity of half-empty buses dashing about in the dead of winter, in a place designed to cater for thousands of holiday-makers in summer. All in all, he found the Island a fairyland where even the "come-overs" feel the enchantment and want to stay. Hugh Kellner of Windsor, Ont., sent in this interesting newspaper clipping.

Manx in Wyoming

Here is a letter from Regional Director Joe Clucas, 357 North 6th St., Laramie, Wyoming:

"The wife and I went north to Cody to see some Manx friends, and stopped at Glenrock on the way to visit the Chris Kennaughs, who had just returned from the Homecoming trip to the Isle of Man. They had a wonderful time and said the Island put on a grand show for them . . . Glenrock is one of the few towns in the U.S.A. that has an oil well at a street intersection. Who does the oil belong to? Believe it or not—the taxpayers of the town! From there we went to Greybull, where Mrs. J. T. Clucas and family live. She was born at the Braaid, Isle of Man, is 83 and as spry as ever. We went on to Cody, where there are a few Manx people. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Looney. Mrs. Looney is a daughter of John Schaffe, mason at the Strang, Isle of Man. Mr. Looney, who is 75, was born at Baldwin. Other Manx in Cody are Robert Quine, born at the Cooil, and Sid Kewish from Sulby Glen. He is a son of Caesar Kewish the butcher, who had a stall in Douglas Market 50 years ago. Many a time have I sold him the Isle of Man Times.

"That was the time when Douglas Market was for Manx farmers—and in those same days I pumped the organ in St. Matthews Old Church—and for the first service in the New Church . . . When Parson Taggart had finished his sermon, that organ needed some wind in it . . . Yessir, we had a regular visit. All we needed was Jack Mollie from the Braaid to do the whistling . . . Sincerely yours, JOE CLUCAS—from the State with a population of two people to the square mile."

A men's clothing store in San Antonio, Texas, advertises \$90.00 suits made of a fabric called "Laxey"—not a Manx tweed, by the way. The ad says: "This timeless fabric has been christened 'Laxey' after the memorable water wheel which turned the looms in the old mills where rich worsteds were woven, long before the days of power looms." As we all know that the "Big Wheel" was used to pump water out of the lead mines, it would be interesting to know the source of the very confused information the advertiser has given.

We wish to correct an item in the Bulletin of last October, which stated that John Faragher, formerly of Ramsey, Isle of Man, is mayor of Juneau, Alaska. Mr. Faragher is not the mayor, and we are sorry if the error has caused any embarrassment. Our information was from one of the Isle of Man newspapers, and no doubt they too will be sorry there was a misunderstanding.