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

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## COME ABOARD for the . . .

## .. SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Yes, climb aboard and come to Cleveland for the 25-year celebration of your North American Manx Association. Naturally, we want to make this an outstanding milestone in the history of our organization, but will need the help of our membership to reach the ultimate in success.

A convention is not really a "convention" unless there is a representative attendance, and it is most discouraging for the convention committee and your officers if our fellow-members do not avail themselves of the opportunity given them to join in the pleasure and business which transpires at these meetings.

We are proud of the Association's growth and progress during its first quarter-century of existence and are hopeful that even greater strides will be made in the years to come. The president and three additional Association officers are residents of Cleveland and, for that reason, are working wholeheartedly with other members of the convention committee to make this Silver Anniversary Celebration the finest convention the organization has ever had. Arrangements for all events are in capable hands and a fine program of entertainment has been planned for your pleasure.

The Ways and Means Committee has been working very hard to meet the deficit which will exist between the low registration fee and the actual cost. Think of it—Two luncheons and a banquet at the beautiful Hotel Cleveland, a sightseeing tour of Greater Cleveland with a dinner

at the exclusive Lake Shore Hotel, a grand ball, and all of the entertainment anyone could desire for the small sum of only \$12.50!

You cannot afford to miss this party, and your presence will assure the successful launching of the next quarter-century of the North American Manx Association. Remember—this is your organization and it needs your support. Of course, everyone cannot attend ALL conventions, but we do know that when you make an effort to get to one, you will want to do it again and again.

For those born in the Isle of Man, there is the ever-present opportunity at these conventions for meeting some of their almostforgotten friends who too have left the land of their birth to make their homes on this side of the Atlantic; and for those born of Manx parents over here, there is the thrill of learning more about their forebears and that beautiful little Island whence they came.

In another convention item, you will find information regarding the making of hotel reservations. So—get aboard and send in your hotel reservation card NOW. You old-timers at conventions will not want to miss this Silver Anniversary Party and you "first-timers" can't afford to miss it either. It's going to be grand!



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#### The President's Message

#### GET THE SPIRIT! COME TO CLEVELAND

By the time this message reaches you, our Silver Anniversary Convention, August 11 to 14, will be just around the corner. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend to our Manx people an invitation to come to Cleveland. We are working with only one object in view—to give our fellow countrymen a really good time. The Committees are doing everything in their power to take care of every detail which will add to your comfort and pleasure while here. So—let us be your hosts!

You are assured of three wonderful days of entertainment. You will meet friends from all parts of this great continent. You will revive fond memories of times past with old school chums and friends you haven't seen in years. Come and feel young again!

We Manx people dearly love to get together and this will be a wonder-ful chance to get that "little bit of sunshine" that life offers. The Convention is close at hand. So if you have not yet made your plans, do so now by mailing in your hotel reservation card. The success of the reunion depends on YOU. We invite you all, and a sincere welcome awaits you. Come and enjoy yourself, and by your presence give added pleasure to your friends.

"Good fellowship's enjoyed by all, So surely answer to the call, Come join your kin, neglect them not, Lest Auld Acquaintance be forgot."

#### HENRY MYLCHREEST, President

May I say again-if you have not paid your dues for 1952-53, please do it today.

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

#### Silver Anniversary Convention

#### Cleveland, Ohio-August 11-14, 1953

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

TUESDAY EVENING-Cleveland Night. Informal get-together and entertainment at Hotel Cleveland.

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

WEDNESDAY P.M .- Luncheon at Hotel Cleveland. Bus tour of Cleveland. Dinner at Lake Shore Hotel, entertainment and return to Hotel Cleveland by buses in the evening.

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

THURSDAY P.M.—Luncheon at Hotel Cleveland. Committee meetings and meeting of N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary at Hotel Cleveland.

THURSDAY EVENING—Entertainment at Hotel Cleveland.

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

FRIDAY P.M.—Free afternoon for shopping.

FRIDAY EVENING—Banquet and ball at Hotel Cleveland.

#### REGISTRATION FEE - \$12.50

#### Notice for Members in Greater Cleveland Area

Please remember that it is important for you to make reservations for convention events. Of course, everyone is welcome to the business meetings and to the Tuesday evening getto-gether, but for all other events you must have tickets.

The convention registration desk on the mezzanine floor at the Hotel Cleveland will be open all day Tuesday, August 11. This will be not only for the convenience of out-of-town guests, but for Cleveland members as

It will be helpful to the convention committees, the hotels and the bus company in arranging for meals and the sightseeing tour. They MUST KNOW exactly how many to plan for at the various events and can be assured of this if everyone cooperates by making advance registrations and picking up the necessary tickets.

Whether you want a full registration for all events or can attend only some of them-you will have to register in advance

#### An Invitation to All Ladies

We hope everyone has made plans to be in Cleveland August 11-14 for another outstanding convention. We know that the Cleveland folk are working hard so that we can enjoy a much-too-short sojourn together, living again in the spirit of our Little Island, meeting old friends and making new ones. We are sure that the only sad moment during our stay will be when the curtain rings down on Friday night with "Auld Lang Syne" ringing through the great ballroom, and we reluctantly plan to leave for home, to look forward to our next big Manx gathering wherever it may be.

The Ladies' Auxiliary meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon. This year in honor of the Silver Anniversary of the N.A.M.A., we are serving tea directly after the business session to all the women attending our meeting. We sincerely hope you ladies will accept our invitation to attend our meeting on August 13, with a cup of "tay" and a pleasant cooish to follow.

MRS. W. COLQUITT, President MISS ALICE GARRETT, Secretary

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

With the May Bulletin, you received a self-addressed card which provided you with a simple means of reserving accommodations at the Hotel Cleveland for the N.A.M.A. Silver Anniversary Convention—August 11-14. If you have not already mailed in your room reservation card, it is suggested that you do so immediately. This will assure your being allocated the room or rooms you desire when you check in for the convention.

If you have misplaced your card, a letter addressed to Mrs. L. K. Abell, 1897 West 74 Street, Cleveland 2, Ohio, will suffice.

Rates at the Cleveland are:

Single.......\$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$8.00 Double Bed.......\$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00 Twin Beds.....\$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.00 and \$14.00

(Note: All rooms are complete with baths.)

Again-Don't forget-Make your reservations today!

#### ENTERTAINMENT

An outstanding program of entertainment for your pleasure at the Silver Anniversary Convention is promised by the members of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Orton Reed, Co-Chairmen.

Some of us old-timers have seen wonderful convention entertainments over the years—many of which would be difficult to beat. But, this is exactly what the 1953 Convention Entertainment Committee aim to do. They tell us that a Silver Anniversary Celebration is worthy of the "very best" and that they are hoping for a full house at all performances.

Let's make their hopes come true by being on hand to enjoy this Silver Anniversary entertainment.

#### RECEPTION

The members of the Reception Committee are eagerly awaiting your arrival in Cleveland for the Silver Anniversary Celebration.

They plan to be on hand bright and early on Tuesday morning and will be in evidence all during the convention. Their disappointment will be great if they do not have an opportunity of greeting YOU, and YOU, and YOU! So, make up your mind right now to receive this committee's real Manx welcome by attending the Silver Anniversary Convention at the Hotel Cleveland in Cleveland, Ohio, August 11-14, 1953.

#### A Reminder

Don't forget to send in your money in payment for the tickets sent you with our letter of June 1st. If you have not already taken care of this, please look up your letter and the tickets enclosed and take care of them as soon as possible.

Remittance should be addressed to:
Mrs. Henry Mylchreest
13501 Marston Avenue
Cleveland 5, Ohio.

DO IT NOW while you are thinking about it—and, incidentally, more tickets will be sent to you promptly upon receipt of your request.

#### Cleveland Manx Church Service

On Sunday afternoon, July 26, the Combined Manx Societies of Cleveland will hold a Church Service at Centenary Methodist Church, Fairmount Boulevard and Richmond Road. The service, to be conducted by the Rev. W. J. Bullock, will commence at 4 P. M. There will be special music, with Miss Beatrice Cheesbrough as soloist. All are invited. Bring a picnic supper and stay for the evening

#### Cleveland Manx Picnic

The Annual Picnic of the Combined Cleveland Manx Societies will be held at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, August 29, at 3 P. M. A good program of sports has been arranged, so pack a basket, bring the family, and make this a record turnout.

#### Rev. Mr. Partridge Recovering From Illness

Our 1st Vice-President, the Rev. Joseph Partridge, was taken suddenly ill recently while driving to another city in his area, and was rushed to the nearest hospital for an emergency operation. It is a pleasure to report that Mr. Partridge is now convalescing at home, and all N.A.M.A. members will join in hoping that he will soon be completely restored to health. No doubt many would like to send him a card or a note—the address, 1515 Fifth St., East Moline, Ill.

In view of the interest expressed in "Orry's Grave" at Laxey, through memories of the spot described by J. J. Kelly of Toronto in the May Bulletin, it is worthy of remark that excavations at the site were made just recently, according to the Isle of Man Times of April 25. The ancient landmark is not actually Orry's Grave, say the experts. It goes back much further than Orry's time. Part of a dry stone wall which was uncovered was estimated to be three to four thousand years old.

Turning the clock back forty years, a Winnipeg newspaper reprinted the following item dated May 1, 1913. The clipping was sent in by Mrs. George Cregeen, 171 Marion St., Norwood, Winnipeg:

"Forty Years Ago—May 1, 1913—President J. S. McNabb was in the chair at a crowded annual gathering of the Winnipeg Manx Society, at which W. Killey showed fine colored slides of the Isle of Man. The singers of the Society had formed a quartette composed of Messrs Mountjoy, Blair, Cannell and Nickerson, whose songs were one of the evening's features."

Where are the songs of yesterday? And where the old crowd who sang them? How about a revival in 1953, Winnipeg?

The Liverpool Sunday Express devoted considerable space not long ago to the Manx Cat Society in the Isle of Man, recently organized to preserve the fast disappearing breed. "Manx cats," says the article, "were once the best ratters on Liverpool docks. Now they are the pampered pets of Hollywood stars. Sixty a year are sent to America." Reason for scarcity of the true rumpy is—"Too many are taken home by holidaymakers or sent abroad, and too few allowed to breed." Alex Woosey of Hamilton, Ont. sent us this clipping.

Columnist J. V. McAree of the Toronto Globe and Mail devotes a column (June 11) to the "almost forgotten names" of two novelists, popular at the turn of the century. They are—Hall Caine and Marie Corelli. The Manx novelist was highly praised during his lifetime and his novels enjoyed phenomenal popularity—but they are read little if at all today. The reason these writers have not retained their popularity, says the journalist, is that what they had to say was meant for their own times, and has lost all its significance.

#### MANX PROVERBS

Don't tell me what I was, but tell' me what I am.

When the day comes, its counsel will come with it.

There's much between saying and doing.

Perhaps the last dog may catch the hare.

A liar will not be believed though he speaks the truth.

To be easy in the night much supper don't eat, or else thoul't complain at wanting thy health.

## NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

#### MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

Entertainment for the May meeting of the Mona's Relief Society was in charge of Jay Carrigan, who gave several cornet solos, accompanied by Miss Joanne Dunsworth. Jay, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carrigan (Kathleen Skillicorn), is trumpet soloist and junior director of the Junior Band of Bedford High School, and everyone was delighted with the playing of this young musician.

Jay Welch had charge of entertainment for the June meeting. His guest performers were Miss Carol Grossman and Ted Paster, and everyone enjoyed the interesting program arranged by these young people.

A representative number of Manx people attended the pre-Coronation Service in Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, May 31, to join with people of British birth and descent throughout the world, in prayer for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who was crowned Queen of the British Commonwealth and Lord of Mann in Westminster Abbey on June 2.

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

After a very pleasant and successful year, the Cleveland Manx Ladies adjourned in June, to resume activities in September. In the meantime, they are looking forward to meeting many Manx friends at the Convention, August 11 to 14.

#### AEGLAGH VANNIN, TORONTO

The Young Manx of Toronto had planned a dance at the Club Kingsway for early June, but cancelled it in favor of a party at the home of their Secretary, Miss Dorothy Caveen, 34 Eastwood Road, Toronto. This was held on June 5, when a grand time was enjoyed by everyone.

The young people have planned an outing to take place some time in July at the Rouge Valley, when they will have a whole day of fun and relaxation.

#### VANCOUVER MANX LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies held their May meeting at the home of Mrs. Bell, 2646 East 46th Avenue, Vancouver, when plans were made for a June outing by bus to the home of Mrs. E. Mitchell in White Rock. The invitation was extended by her mother, Mrs. Cave, with instructions to "bring nothing to eat," which sounds like real Manx hospitality. Mrs. Cave herself was about to leave for an extended visit to the Isle of Man and England, with a two-week stopover in Winnipeg while en route.

The ladies also planned to hold a picnic in Stanley Park during July.

#### PEORIA

The Peoria Manx had a nice gettogether at the Union Church in Brimfield, Ill. on April 12, with about 50 present. There was a pot-luck supper, followed by an interesting illustrated lecture by the Rev. John Clarke of Galesburg, Ill. on his trip to the Isle of Man last fall.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

On May 23 the San Francisco Manx gathered at the home of Mrs. James Cringle to surprise her with a party on the eve of her birthday. Everyone had a most enjoyable evening. No regular meetings are being held at present, as so many of the members are away for the summer. However, picnics will be held at Sigmund Stern Grove, where band concerts form a great attraction during the warm months.

The "stay-at-homes" are looking forward to the return of members vacationing on the Island, when they expect to hear all the news. In the meantime, they wish to one and all a very happy holiday. Miss Evelyn J. Corlett, our Regional Director in San Francisco, is Secretary pro tem, while Essie Quayle is among the lucky ones visiting the Isle of Man.

#### TORONTO

In anticipation of Manx people coming out to Canada from time to time, the members of the Toronto Manx Society carried a motion at one of their meetings to have cards sent over to the Island, imprinted with the Society's name, and names and addresses of their President and Secretary, so that newcomers could get in touch with them on arrival. These were sent to Charlie Craine, Hon. Secretary of the World Manx Association, to be distributed to Manx people coming to Canada. Results have been satisfactory, as several new arrivals have contacted the officers through these cards. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen's home at 34 Eastwood Road has become quite a welcoming centre, and Fred has been in touch with about 15 people from the Isle of Man in the last three months—all of them now gainfully employed. Frank Williamson, Secretary, says they had the pleasure of welcoming seven new arrivals at a recent meeting.

The Society combined with Aeglagh Vannin, the young people's group, for the Annual Picnic on June 27 at Centre Island, across the Bay from the Royal York Hotel. The members took picnic baskets, and a fine program of games and races was arranged by the committee.

Regular monthly meetings have been discontinued until the first Tuesday in October.

#### VANCOUVER

Members of the Vancouver Manx Society have sustained a great loss in the tragic death of their dearly-loved President, Heywood Costain, who died in the General Hospital, Vancouver on June 17, from injuries received in an oil explosion on June 11. Mrs. Albert Wood, their Secretary, tells us that they will carry on with present plans for the summer, and although at first they had thought of postponing their Annual Picnic, they have decided it will be best to proceed with arrangements, and will welcome all Manx visitors who happen to be in lovely Vancouver on July 25 at their Annual Outing in Stanley Park.

The Spring Concert held by the Society in the Cambrian Hall in May was, to quote an enthusiastic member, "the bes' yit!" President Costain welcomed the large audience, which, in turn, thoroughly enjoyed a well-arranged program of vocal and instrumental solos. Mr. Costain himself sang "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," and "Galway Bay." All the artists acquitted themselves well, but special mention should be made of the clever Yandle family of four, who, although not Manx, resemble the Manx performers like Will Mudie and Miss Thelma Kneale in readiness to help on all occasions.

As in the good old Manx custom, "tay was sarved" afterwards, and ended another happy evening.

#### LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx held their annual picnic on Sunday, June 28, with a goodly attendance. Details will no doubt be available for the next Bulletin.

#### ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx held a meeting in May, with Alf Looney, 15 Gladstone Street, as host. There was a good turnout, and the members were happy to meet Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Kee of Toronto, who were spending a long week-end as guests of Mr. Looney. On the Sunday, Alice Garrett took Mr. and Mrs. Kee to see the famous Rochester display of lilaes in bloom, and the day ended pleasantly with dinner at the home of Mrs. Betty Christian.

One Rochester party has missed being reported in the Bulletin—a dinner on February 14 at the home of Miss Mona Cannan, 129 Cady Street, with Mrs. Betty Christian assisting Mona as hostess. This was the Rochester Convention Committees celebration in honor of a fine job accomplished last August. The evening was a memorable one, with a fine turkey dinner followed by games and of course, a good coolsh. This party was for oversight in failing to put it in Bulletin, and the Editor apologizes a little too late to catch our March the May issue.

#### NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx held their annual picnic on June 7 at Mr. and Mrs. James Robison's farm at Elk Creek. There was a very good attendance and it was noteworthy that only eight of those present were actually born in the Isle of Man. An excellent dinner was followed by a business meeting, after which gifts were presented to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pabin (Mona Morris), and to Mrs. Gladys Watts who was preparing for her trip to the Isle of Man. Several visitors were present, all of whom gave short talks—Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Corkhill of Topeka, Kansas, Archie Kerruish of Chicago, Mrs. R. B. Crellin of Ewing, Nebraska, and Captain and Mrs. A. Lempka of Tecumseh, Nebr., Mrs. Lempka being a British war bride. Interesting pictures of past Nebraska Manx picnics and meetings were shown, as well as views of the Isle of Man. This very enjoyable picnic closed with a good cooish over cups of tea.

#### GREATER NEW YORK

At the St. George's day service held on April 26 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, the Manx flag again was carried in the processional, along with the standards and banners of other countries of the British Commonwealth. The Cathedral was packed, and the procession of flags, headed by a bagpipe band, was thrilling.

#### DETROIT-WINDSOR

On Saturday evening, May 30, a large number of Detroit-Windsor Manx braved a severe storm, with hailstones as large as baseballs, to attend the first get-together since the Christmas party. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Corkill, 13160 Sorrento, Detroit, and the members were well repaid as Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly of Bedford, Ohio were spending the weekend with the Corkills and Harry showed his beautiful pictures of the Isle of Man, taken during his visit last summer. In concluding his tilk, Harry reminded the audience about the Silver Anniversary Convention of the N.A.M.A. to be held in Cleveland, and urged all to come and have the best time ever. All were delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, and Dick Corkill's words best describe the appreciation felt for a wonderful evening: "Thanks a million, Harry, for bringing the Island into the hearts of all present."

The Christian Science Monitor of June 4 carried a detailed and very interesting description of the Manx Tynwald, under the title "Parliament in the Isle of Man," illustrated with a photograph of the Court in session on the historic Hill. The writer, Lois I. Woodville of Oswestry, England, closes her article by quoting Mr. J. D. Qualtrough, Speaker of the House of Keys, who said in part—"Tynwald

goes back into the mists of history, but has proved to be capable of adaptation to the needs of this progressive and unsettled age." Fred Caveen, President of the Toronto Manx Society, sent us the clipping.

J. J. Kelly of Toronto sends some comments about Laxey Wheel. He says:

"The Big Wheel was designed and erected in 1854 by Mr. Casement, who was a neighbor of ours. It was christened 'Lady Isabella' out of compliment to the wife of the Hon. Charles Hope, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island. The wheel was built for the sole purpose of pumping water out of the mines—she pumped 250 gallons per minute. I have worked in the bottom of the engine shaft, depth 247 fathoms. There are two other shafts—'Welsh,' 275 fathoms and 'Dumbell's' 302 fathoms.

"Altogether there were six water wheels in Laxey . . . the Big Wheel; the wheel operating the flour mill; the wheel operating the machine shop and circular saw at the mines; the wheel operating the washing floor at the mines; the wheel supplying power to operate St. George's Woolen Mill, and a wheel at the foot of the quarry in the Glen, operating the machinery in the late Robert Corlett's carpenter shop."

When the British Chamber of Trade held its annual conference in Douglas, Isle of Man during June of this year, one of the matters on the agenda was a demand that the Imperial Government take steps to suppress "seaside cheapjacks," whose "mock auction rooms" are a nuisance in resorts all over the country. In the Isle of Man this nuisance was done away with as long ago as 1927, thanks to Mr. Richard Cain, well known to us as President of the World Manx Association. In that year Mr. Cain, then member of the House of Keys for Ayre, moved the addition to the Haghway Act of a clause forbidding the holder of an auctioneer's license to conduct sales by auction in the Borough of Douglas without first obtaining a certificate from the Mayor and other officials of the town. This automatically prevented any holding of "mock auctions" by promoters of cheap attractions. We Manx have reason to be proud of the high level of entertainment offered visitors to our beloved Island.

George A. Greenwood, columnist of the Liverpool Daily Post, called attention to the observance of May 14 in various places this year, as being the centenary of the birth of Sir Hall Caine, the Manx novelist. Born in Cumberland, educated for the profession of architect, Hall Caine did not take up writing as a serious occupation until he was approaching middle life. Then he went to reside in the Isle of Man, where his late home, Greeba Castle, is a well-known landmark. He enjoyed an immense popularity for

many years, his books were translated into several languages, and the stage and screen versions also were huge successes.

#### Toronto Manx Picnic Big Success

LATE NEWS! After this Bulletin had gone to the printer, Frank Williamson, Secretary of the Toronto Manx Society, came along with additional news:

"Yes, we all went to the Picnic and had a real nice time. The weather was perfect and the attendance good. The Moores, the Colquitts, the Caveens and Ficks, the Kees and Kays and Russells and McCarthys and many others were there, and friends we hadn't seen for years—all joined to make this one of our best picnics. The Picnic was held at Centre Island, one of Toronto's beauty spots, a fifteen-minute ride on the ferry boat. Games and races were the order of the day—then we sat down to the well-supplied tables for refreshments and the usual l'il cooish.

"We were all delighted when, to our great surprise, Bill and Ethel Skillicorn appeared on the scene, after a long motor ride from Cleveland. Bill, as you all know, is Treasurer of the N.A.M.A. and General Chairman of the approaching Convention in Cleveland.

"As we returned home, tired but happy, we watched the sun setting in the west, giving us a gentle reminder of that same sun going to rest over Peel Castle.

"While in Toronto Bill and Ethel Skillicorn visited the Colquitts and the John Kellys at 256 Westmoreland Avenue; Tom and Vi Moore at 96 Larchmount, and spent a very pleasant evening at the Williamsons, 61 Steeles Avenue East, with a number of Manx friends present."

#### Kind Thoughts From California

Here's another who "just made it"—Mrs. C. E. Cottier, formerly of Cleveland, now of 309 N. Buena Vista St., Burbank, Calif., who writes:

"We just had a very pleasant visit from Akron friends, Harry Cain and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith. It really seemed when they were with us that we were still living in Cleveland, and they had just popped in from Akron.

"Early in the spring we had Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keig, Jr. and family stop off to see us. They were passing through Southern California. We were happy to see them—we don't seem so far away from Cleveland when old friends drop in.

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Miss Ida Caine of Iowa Falls, Iowa is visiting the Isle of Man while touring Europe this summer. Miss Caine is a niece of Mrs. Mary Caine Ward, Secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society, and was Breakfast Club Representative on the N.A.M.A. Executive several years ago.

Mrs. Russell of Los Angeles (of the Cain family of Croit ny Caley) is paying a surprise visit to the Isle of Man. She reports that she is enjoying it immensely.

Recently Donald Bain, 5019 Halldale Avenue, Los Angeles, enjoyed a short visit with friends in Berkeley and Turlock, Calif.

Miss Helen Meredith, now of Los Angeles, attended the Rose Festival in Portland, Oregon, her former home.

Mrs. W. H. Maddrell of Minneapolis recently visited relatives and friends in Los Angeles.

A trip by plane to Washington, D.C. was a recent experience for Edward Christian, Fresno, Calif., who went as member of a committee acting in regard to frost damage to grapes and other fruits in the Fresno area. On his way home he visited his son in Minnesota, and reports that he is now a grandfather. Congratulations!

An item in the May Bulletin telling of a trip south by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip of Vancouver, B. C., brought them a letter from Edward Christian, Route 10, Box 298, Fresno, Calif., who wanted the address of the Thurlwells of Portland, Oregon, whom the Killips visited. The Christians and the Thurlwells had been in the Isle of Man together in 1947, and wanted to renew the friendship. That is how the Bulletin works to keep Manx folk together

Mrs. T. L. Killip of 2974 Sprott St., Vancouver, B. C., who is Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Ladies' Auxiliary, was interested in the remarks on King Orry's Grave by J. J. Kelly of Toronto, given in the May Bulletin. "Many times have I visited the Grave as a child," writes Mrs. Killip. "We must have been a nuisance to Mrs. Kelly (J. J. Kelly's mother)."

The Manx in Florida will soon be entitled to a place in the "Manx Societies" page, for here is another report of their doings, this time from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Faragher, 1264 Arlington Road, Lakewood, Ohio, who were there in April. Bob says:

"April 9 was 'Isle of Man Night' at the Lake Worth home of Mr. and Mrs. William Quine of Cleveland. Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly of Bedford, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Faragher of Lakewood were able to show some of the beautiful colored slides taken in the Isle of Man by Mr. Kelly last summer. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Quine, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Yetman, Mrs. Netta Lewin, Miss Dora Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nelson, daughter Florence and son, Robert, all residents or former residents of Cleveland. Everyone had a grand time revisiting the beauty spots of Ellan Vannin. After a buffet lunch the party adjourned in the wee sma' hours.

"The same slides were shown on Sunday, April 12, at the home of Mrs. Katherine Kermode on Anna Maria Island, Florida. It was almost a Kermode reunion. Those present were Mrs. K. Kermode, Mrs. Emma Kermode of Palmetto, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kermode of Bradenton, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe Kermode and family of Anna Maria, Mrs. Fenella lanone of Bradenton—and from Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Yetman and Mr. and Mrs. Faragher. Again everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening, and a vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly for their generosity in loaning the slides."

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boswell of Seattle, Wash, recently returned from a six weeks' trip to Europe, where they visited famous skiing resorts and took part in the sport. They also went to the Isle of Man to see Mrs. Boswell's aunt, Miss Christian Callow of Peel. Mrs. Boswell's father. Robert Gawne, formerly of Peel, left Seattle in June for an extended holiday in the Isle of Man.

Treasurer of the San Francisco Manx Society, Mrs. George Hall, enjoyed a plane trip to New Orleans recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Corkhill of Topeka, Kansas have had an extended trip which took them east to Illinois, north to Minnesota, and then home. They visited their son in Illinois, as well as many Manx friends along the way.

"We expect a good representation of Toronto people will be in Cleveland for the Convention, including yours truly," writes Fred Caveen, President of the Toronto Manx.

Miss Florence Gill, 825 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., former secretary of the Manx Society of Greater New York, was very pleased to have had the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Joan Martin, a young lady from the Isle of Man who spent a vacation in Cleveland early this year as guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly of Bedford. Miss Gill met Joan on arrival in New York in February, and met her again on her homeward journey, at which time she took her around to see some of the sights of New York.

During the Memorial Day weekend, Alice Garrett of Rochester, N. Y. drove as far as Toronto and had a pleasant visit with friends there, including Ivy and Bill Colquitt, and Tom and Vi Moore.

Mrs. LeVeda Bliss, 521 Columbia Terrace, Peoria, Ill., Secretary of the Peoria Manx Society, enjoyed a twoweek vacation trip South in April.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, 2172 Clarence Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 16. Best wishes, Bill and Ethel, and many more happy anniversaries.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cowell, 2183 Eldred Ave., Lakewood, Ohio on attaining their 60th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on July 3.

Mrs. Arthur Watts of Lincoln, Nebraska had a good sendoff when she left for Kansas City on June 28 on the first lap of a plane journey to the Isle of Man. Happy landings, and a grand holiday!

Sam Cain, member of the Vancouver Manx Society, hoped to be homeward bound, by air, on July 10. He will also visit his sister in Liverpool. Being an eminent instructor in the work of St. John's Ambulance, he will be keenly interested in the newly erected Hall occupied by that organization in Douglas.

Congratulations to Mrs. George B. Garrett, 1467 Rosewood Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio on winning second prize recently in an essay contest sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of Possibilities Unlimited. There were more than 50 entries in the contest, all telling of the conquest of various handicaps. Mrs. Garrett's son, George, was a victim of cerebral palsy, and her story graphically described her long and valiant fight to help him overcome his trouble and lead a normal life. So well did they both succeed that George was able to graduate from college and today is a licensed engineer in the State Health Department at Columbus. The story is a stirring example of what can be accomplished by faith, will power and confidence between mother and son. George came to Cleveland in connection with the awards, and was interviewed on Dorothy Fuldheim's television program.

The first homecoming American prisoner-of-war from Korea to step off the plane at Honolulu on April 28 was Cpl. Donald T. Legay of Leominster, Mass.—and the first person to greet him was Mrs. Suzanne Cannell, wife of Lt. Col. J. L. Cannell, USAF. Pictures of the arrival appear in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of that date. "Jim" Cannell is the son of Mrs. J. S. Cannell, 3915 East 154th St., Cleveland, stationed in Hawaii. His wife, Sue, is a Red Cross worker there.

Donald F. Scarff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scarff, 4146 East 123rd St., Cleveland, is currently taking his basic training with the U. S. Navy at Bainbridge, Md. A well-known musician, Don has been featured with "The Pastells," a recording combo group which has entertained in many of Cleveland's large hotels and at many benefit performances at Crile Hospital. He is a graduate of John Adams High School and attended the Bedford Conservatory of Music before entering the Navy. Don is the fiance of Miss Betty Zewalk of 10409 Dove Avenue. They plan to marry on August 1.

Another son, William Scarff, recently was appointed Executive Secretary of "Buckeye Boys State" at Camp Perry, an organization sponsored by the American Legion to teach political government to high school youths. The young Scarffs are nephews of William Scarff, 657 East 118th St., Cleveland.

Mrs. Parker, the former Eunice Quirk of Winnipeg, recently visited her parents in that city, accompanied by her daughter Lori. Mrs. Parker's home is in Altadena, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Garrett of Lakewood, Ohio, and their sister, Mrs. Sophia Brown, were very happy recently to have as a guest a young man from Bolton, England, — John Kirkham, son of an old friend, the former May Skelly of Peel. John had also visited sisters in Toronto, and after his stay with the Garretts went on to New York and Miami for further visits and sightseeing before returning home.

Archie Kerruish, 1817 Newport Avenue, Chicago, visited his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Robison, Elk Creek, Nebr. during June

When the opening game of the 1953 softball season was played at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii this year, it had a star reporter in the person of Lt. Col. Jim Cannell, who gave a masterly commentary on the game in the April 22 issue of the Pacific Division newspaper, the "Trans-Pacifican." If Jim returns to civilian life, we ought to hear of him some day as a leading sports writer. He has the gift of the right kind of gab!

Recent visitors to Vancouver, and to the Society's secretary, Mrs. Albert Wood, were Mr. and Mrs. Peace, M.P.S., formerly of Douglas, where Mr. Peace's father was manager for Boots' Cash Chemist, also organist of Well Road Methodist Church. Canadian and U.S. soldiers, stationed as guards on the Manchester Ship Canal during the Second Great War, were always welcome guests at the Peace home, and during their three-months holiday, Mr. and Mrs. Peace planned to renew acquaintance with these boys. Mrs. Peace is a former resident of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Newcomers to Vancouver are Mr. and Mrs. Moffat and their son, from Belfast. As the son was educated at King William's College, he knows our Island home as well as "the Pride of Port Le Murra!"

Lt. Col. J. C. Cave, formerly of Winnipeg, has been named commanding officer of the Esquimalt Garrison in British Columbia. He is a son of Mrs. Lily Cave of White Rock, B.C., who is an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society.

Mr. and Mrs Joseph Clucas, 13504 Milan Avenue, East Cleveland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mona Elizabeth, to Charles J. Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rose, 15010 Terrace Road, East Cleveland. A fall wedding is planned Tom and Bess Corkan of Winnipeg had a welcome visit from daughter Betty (Mrs. B. H. Widland) who brought her son, Gary, along for a ten-day visit during May. The Widlands live in North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Edwards of Seattle, Wash. left by plane for the Isle of Man on June 24. Mrs. Edwards is the former Mabel Kelly, sister of W. Harry Kelly of Bedford, Ohio. The couple will also go to Wales to visit Mr. Edwards' mother, who is 93. On the return journey they will stop over in Cleveland the first week in August, to spend a few days with the Kellys—and this visit will be a very happy one, as Harry has not seen his sister since her last visit to the Isle of Man, which was in 1926.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Smith, Box 528, New Liskeard, Ontario, who celebrated 60 years of married life at their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on April 4, with 53 guests present, including 17 Smiths. Among the many expressions of congratulation, Mr. and Mrs. Smith received a cable from Queen Elizabeth, a scroll from the Provincial Government, a letter from Archishop Renison, a letter from a member of the Federal Government, and two cables from Ramsey, Isle of Man!

Robert Gawne of Seattle, a "native of Peel," left in early June by Passenger-cargo boat via the Panama Canal, for London, whence he will go by plane to the Island. Bob will spend a month with his people in Peel, also will see the late Mrs. Gawne's sister, Miss Christina Callow of Braddan. He will make a leisurely return journey by passenger-cargo boat.

At a meeting held on May 23 at "Ballaquane," home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood of Vancouver, the youngest person present was the lovely 8-week old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Witsten—who naturally stole the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith (Mona Cain) and T. Harry Cain, 49 Detroit St., Akron, Ohio, have recently returned from a California vacation. Several happy days were spent as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Edwin Cottier and Noreen, 309 N. Buena Vista St. Burbank. They also enjoyed a pleasant evening with their cousins, Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Quine of Fullerton, California.

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### OBITUARIES

BREW, Elizabeth E. (nee Shimmin), of 828 East 207th St., Cleveland, died on June 6 after a short illness. Surviving is a nephew, Donald, of Cleveland, also nephews in the Isle of Man. Mrs. Brew, who was 78, was the widow of the late James Brew of Peel, who came to Blue Rapids, Kansas many years ago. On his death shortly after their marriage, Mrs. Brew came to Cleveland, where she has been a loyal and devoted supporter of things Manx, attending meetings in all weathers. She was buried beside her husband in Blue Rapids, Kansas. Mrs. Brew was born in Peel, and was a sister of the late Christopher Shimmin, well-remembered as a writer of delightful Manx plays.

CAINE, Nellie, died on June 5 at her home, 3022 East 28th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C. She is survived by her husband, George James Caine; a son, Douglas; a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Allen, and a grandchild, Ronald, all of Vancouver. Mrs. Caine was President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society in 1952.

CHRISTIAN, John, aged 72, died at Gordon, Patrick, Isle of Man on April 8. He leaves his widow, the former Miss Nellie Crellin of Douglas; a son, Juan, and daughter, Vorie; a sister, Mrs. Evan Crellin, Needham Heights, Mass.; another sister in England, and several nieces and nephews. A former resident of Douglas, Mr. Crellin for many years was one of the Island's leading tenor singers.

COSTAIN, Heywood (Ted), of 2561 McGill St., Vancouver, B. C., died on June 17 from injuries received in an explosion at the plant where he was employed. Surviving are his wife, Betty; two sons, Jimmy and Billy, and one daughter, Anne, all at home; six brothers, Ernest, Eden, Bill and Ben in Vancouver; Diek in England and Ned in the Isle of Man; one sister, Mrs. Philip Varley (Bessie) of Vancouver. Mr. Costain, who was 52, came to Canada from Port Erin, Isle of Man, in 1920. As President of the Vancouver Manx Society, he was greatly loved and esteemed by the members, and was also active in church work, music and sports. At the funeral service, the Vancouver Manx Choir sang "The Manx Fishermen's Evening Hymn" and "The Lord is My Shepherd."

CORKILL, William Walter Edward, aged 68, died at his home, 302 East 16th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., on May 30. Surviving are his wife, Frances, and a daughter, Miss Elsie Corkill.

COLQUITT, Harold, of 8 Hope Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, died suddenly on June 10. Surviving are his widow; a son; three daughters; two brothers, Victor of Onchan, Isle of Man and William (Bill) of Toronto; also a sister, Mrs. H. Bedford of Toronto. Mr. Colquitt was Inspector of the Douglas-Port Soderick Tramways, Marine Drive, for more than 35 years, and was champion rifle shot of the Douglas Volunteers.

GELL, Thomas E., Sr., of 1609 Spring Street, Syracuse, N. Y., passed away on May 12 after a long illness. Born in Douglas, Isle of Man, where he was employed by the Isle of Man Harbour Board, Mr. Gell had lived in Syracuse about 42 years. He enjoyed many Manx Conventions with his wife, the former Caroline Kelly of Port Erin, Isle of Man. Beside his wife, Mr. Gell leaves one son, Thomas E. Gell, Jr., of Syracuse; two daughters, Mrs. Henrietta Rounds of Windsor, N. Y., and Mrs. Margaret Anthony of Syracuse; twelve grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren; also a brother, Walter Gell of Liverpool, England, and nieces and nephews in the Isle of Man and England. A son, John, died last October 13.

KELLY, Elizabeth, formerly of Peoria, Ill. died in Berkeley, Calif., on May 5. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Philip Hinstridge, the former Eva Kelly, who was Secretary of the Peoria Manx Society prior to moving to California several years ago. Mrs. Kelly, who came from Ramsey, Isle of Man, enjoyed meeting the Manx who attended the Peoria Convention in 1948.

NELSON, Thomas, Dean Emeritus, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C., died there in April. He was a former resident of Douglas, where his wife, the late Mary (nee Andrews) still has relatives—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kissack, also Mr. and Mrs. M. Andrew, Eldercot, Union Mills, Isle of Man. Dr. Nelson was educated in the textile industry in Preston. England, came to America and joined the faculty of North Carolina State College in 1901 as instructor in textile operations, becoming a nationally-known educator, investigator and technical writer in this field. Many Manx people met Dr. Nelson when he attended an N.A.M.A. Garden Party in Cleveland on July 24, 1943, during a business visit in the city

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

#### OUR OWN PEOPLE

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A welcome addition to the Vancouver Society will be the O'Callaghan family, from Kensington Road, Douglas, who arrive in Vancouver on July 22, and will be cordially welcomed by an Executive member.

#### MANX WEDDIN'S

Miss Mona Morris, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Kelley of Lincoln, Nebr., was married to Glen Pabin on May 24 in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lincoln. A great many Manx friends attended the ceremony.

Miss Betty Troeger of Bowling Green, Ohio and Norman Keig, 871 East 143rd St., Cleveland, Ohio were married in Bowling Green University Chapel on Saturday, June 13th. A reception followed at the Women's Club.

Betty Moore, daughter of Past President and Mrs. Tom Moore, Toronto, became the bride of Benjamin Prisley at a very pretty wedding in St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Bayview Avenue, Toronto, on May 9. More than a hundred guests attended the reception.

#### THE L'IL PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Stanley Collister, 4116 East 144th St., Cleveland, announce the arrival on June 9 of a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collister of Painesville, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fricke, 1899 Knowles Avenue, East Cleveland, announce the arrival on May 29 of a daughter, Nancy Lucille.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Niepokoj (Jean Gell), 2209 Portman Avenue, Cleveland, announce the arrival on May 5 of a daughter, Kathleen Frances. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gell, 4214 West 42nd St., Cleveland.

A daughter, Cynthia Sue, was born recently to Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Hinrichs (Maryellen Robison) of Douglas, Wyoming. Mrs. John Robison, Tecuniseh, Nebr. made a trip to Wyoming to get acquainted with the new granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Preston McPherson, 27844 Rexford Rd., Bay Village, Ohio, announce the arrival on May 8 of a son, Douglas Roy McPherson, Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kelly, 592 Columbia Road, Bay Village, Ohio.