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

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# A Merry Christmas



# A Happy Pew Pear



# A Christmas Message From Our President

"May Christmas bring to you the music of Laughter, the warmth of Friendship and the Spirit of Love."

One of the many good things which this joyous Christmas Season brings is the opportunity of sending warmest greetings to you and yours. I send you best wishes for Success, for Health and Happiness, and I hope that the coming year will carry you a great stride forward toward the fulfillment of all your hopes and dreams.

This is the season of the year when, more than ever, our thoughts turn toward Home and those near and dear to us, and in memory we mingle again with our loved ones and enjoy the genuine kindness found in Manx homes.

As we grow older, Christmas seems to come more quickly. When we were children, we started to count the weeks to Christmas early in the fall, and many times thought that Christmas Eve would never come.

Old ties and customs seem to knit into our lives ever more closely as we grow older, and at Christmas what a thrill it is to find in the mail, greetings from an old school chum, a former playmate or an old friend or neighbor, bringing kindly recollections of happy childhood days.

When we think of Christmas, we think of peace, happiness, joy and service to others.

More than at any time of the year, the emphasis is on how to make others happy.

Again this Christmas season the emphasis will be on peace, stimulated by the message that heralded the coming of the Prince of Peace: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward Men."

This year marked a milestone in the history of our Association. Here in Cleveland we celebrated our Silver Anniversary Convention—twenty-five years of faithful service. It was a gathering of Manx people from all over the North American continent, meeting in a common bond of love and esteem to enjoy real Manx friendship.

I extend to you and yours, very best wishes for the Merriest Christmas ever. May the New Year of 1954 be the happiest and most prosperous year of all, and may Life bring you much Joy, Peace and Contentment.

"Holly wreaths and mistletoe,
Candles burning bright,
Gentle, softly falling snow,
Carols in the night,
Greetings hearty and sincere—
These are symbols of
This day that's filled with warmth and cheer,
The Christmas that we love."

HENRY MYLCHREEST,
President





# N. A. M. A. Executives Extend Season's Greetings

Dear Manx Friends Everywhere:

I am grateful for this opportunity of coming into your home at this Christmas time, through the medium of the Bulletin, to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

The Day comes to us again as a reminder of the world's debt to the Incarnation. To the Christ Child, born that first Christmas Day, we owe all that is best in life and hope. For in that Child found by the Wise Men at His Mother's breast, the streams of all prophecy converge; and from that Child radiate the glowing lines of all history.

We cannot have the experience of the Wise Men and the Shepherds as they stood about the cradle on that first Christmas night, but in imagination we can stand in love and admiration at the cradle of the Christ Child, and with Joseph and Mary and the Shepherds and Wise Men, see in Him the living Word of God and pledge to Him the supreme loyalty of our lives.

Our wish for you is that your faith in Him will give you renewed hope and courage throughout the coming year as you walk confidently with His Hand in yours.

And in the words of Tiny Tim-God bless us, every one.

Joseph Partridge, First Vice-President



It is a pleasure to have the opportunity through this fine Bulletin, of sending Season's Greetings to Manx folks wherever they may be. May your Christmas be Happy and Merry, and your New Year full of Good Health and Prosperity.

MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Tom Moore, Past President



To all Manx people the world over:

It is a pleasure to send you my sincerest greetings at this happy time—"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." May the spirit of Christmas live in your hearts always, and may each New Year bring prosperity. "Here's to Christmas so jolly,

So cheerful and happy and dear.

The glow of its memory will linger
Long through the sparkling New
Year."

Mrs. Ivy Colquitt.

Rep. N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary

It is a pleasure to send Christmas greetings to the officers and members of the North American Manx Association. May your Christmas be bright, and may the New Year be filled with Peace and Happiness.

Let us pray for the people who have come out to this continent from the Isle of Man. They need our guidance so that they can get established in their new homes. Let us all pull together and help make their lot an easier one.

May God bless you all.

Fred J. Caveen, Second Vice-President



Christmas awakens our strongest and most cherished associations, and we draw many pleasures from their recollection. To all Manx people everywhere, Hearty Greetings and Sincere Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

> John O. Christian, Third Vice-President



It is again a pleasure to send greetings to all our Manx friends everywhere, with sincere wishes for a Joyful Yuletide, and with the hope of a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Robert W. Skillicorn, Financial Sec'y-Treasurer



How time flies! Here it is almost Christmas again and the jovial fellow with the whiskers—dear old Santa Claus—is about to make his annual visit. We, in turn, are making preparations for the festive season and someone has just reminded me that it is time to write my Christmas message for the Manx Bulletin.

Having done this eighteen times in the past, it becomes increasingly difficult to find new words or a new approach. So again—just a Merry Christmas wish to all Manx friends far and near, and may the New Year bring peace, health, happiness and all good things to each and every one.

> Claire M. Mylecraine, Corres, & Rec. Secy.

"There seems a magic in the very name of Christmas," said Charles Dickens. To many Manx people, that magic calls up childhood memories, making them as fresh and vivid as though they belonged to last Christmas instead of to the long ago. In the midst of a dark Manx December, Christmas glowed with a wondrous warmth and light, and the singing of the choirs in the midnight hours was the music of the Heavenly Host. No matter how sound asleep we might be, somehow we never failed to waken for "The Choirs."

Far-off voices
Through dreams and sleep
Bring "Glory to Thee'
From darkness deep.
Down quiet streets
Let silence break—
Triumphant the summons—
"Christians, awake!"

May the magic of Christmas Past be yours again this year, and always.

> Gertrude Cannell, Bulletin Editor



Once again the Christmas Season is upon us, and we have the joy of exchanging Christmas Greetings with Manx people the world over. May I, through the medium of the Bulletin, take the opportunity of wishing all Manx friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Percy Clucas.

Rep. N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club



## Cold Blows the Wind

It wouldn't be Christmas without recalling the beloved Manx carol, "Cold Blows the Wind." music composed by Miss M. L. Wood and dedicated "To the Manx Choirs." Two verses follow:

"Cold blows the wind on Bethlehem's hill.

Where the shepherds their nightwatch keep;

The wintry stars shine bright and chill, And the shadows are dark and deep. Awake awake, ye sleepers, wake! For Heaven draws near, and its day doth break.

"Now glory be to God on high."
Sing these hosts of the radiant wing:

'For peace on earth, good-will for ayo.

Is the message from Heaven we bring.

Awake, ye people! wake and hear Your Christmas tidings of holy cheer!"

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# News of the Manx Societies

### TORONTO

The annual Hollantide Party of the Toronto Manx Society was celebrated on November 11 with a banquet and dance at Molloney's Art Gallery, A goodly number of Manx and their friends sat down to the bountiful repast, and a surprisingly large number attended the ball, dancing to the strains of Al Stagg's orchestra until the wee small hours.

The Toronto people were happy to have as guests, N.A.M.A. President Henry Mylchreest and Mrs. Mylchreest, who flew from Cleveland for the occasion. Mr. Mylchreest gave a very interesting talk on what Hollantide is, and what it means to the Manx people. Probably the old custom is dying out, he said, but to the older generation it brings back memories of Hollantide Fair, gingerbread men, candies and so on. It was also the time when farmers exhibited their cattle and produce, and hired help for the coming year, generally giving a shill-ing to bind the contract.

Fred Caveen, President of the Toronto Manx Society and 2nd Vice-President of the N.A.M.A. was chairman, and Tom Moore. Past President of both Toronto Manx and the N.A.-M.A. was M.C. for the dance, Mrs. Oakley was accompanist. Robert Fick, chairman of entertainment, and his able helpers are to be congratulated on making this party a great success.

Regular monthly meetings are well attended and new arrivals are welcomed at each one. Other social activities, such as card parties, will take place throughout the winter.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Manx Society has assured itself that the next two years will be the busiest period of its existence. It has accepted the suggestion made at the Silver Anniversary Convention, that the 1955 N.A.M.A. Convention be held in San Francisco. The project was undertaken at the first fall meeting of the Society, upon a motion by Harry Callister, which received a number of spontaneous seconds and enthusiastic, unanimous approval.

This particular meeting was held at the home of the President of the San Francisco Society, H. S. Corlett, and coincided with Mrs. Corlett's birthday. Mrs. Finette Hall requested a penny from Mr. Corlett, and also one from Mrs. Corlett, and after this bow to old old custom had been made, Mrs. Corlett was given a beautiful set of kitchen knives. Presentation of a birthday cake and the singing of "Happy Birthday to You" found their appropriate place during the refreshment period.

It is confidentially reported that between one and two o'clock in the morntween one and two o'clock in the morning, President Corlett and Mrs. Hall the Treasurer were already discussing Convention plans. That's enthusiasm for you! At any rate, the acceptance was transmitted to Cleveland next day. Reading of the correspondence, appointment of the Convention Committee, and making of preliminary. mittee, and making of preliminary plans are on the agenda for the De-cember meeting. There will also be time for the customary Christmas festivities, which will be reported in the next Bulletin.

### GALVA

About 200 people gathered in the Knoxville, Ill., Methodist Church one evening in October to bid adieu to their pastor, Rev. John H. Clarke, before he left to assume his new pastorate in Cambridge, Ill. Following a program of entertainment, the Rev. Clarke was presented with a gift for his new home, in appreciation of his 18 years of service in the Knoxville Church,

# AEGLAGH VANNIN TORONTO

A successful euchre party was enjoyed by the Young Manx on October 3 at the home of the Secretary, Miss Dorothy Caveen, 34 Eastwood Road,

On November 20 they joined with another club in a Square Dance at the Kimbourne Hall, everyone having a grand time. Half of the proceeds was to go toward the Toronto Manx Children's Christmas Party, scheduled for some evening in the week preceding Christmas.

Aeglagh Vannin's Treasurer, Charles Doidge, resigned his office on account of attending night school. Stanley Bateman was elected in his place to finish out the year.

## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

In October the Mona's Relief Society held a meeting on the West Side for the second time this year, at 15909 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Miss Jean Teare gave an illustrated talk on her visit to the Isle of Man, Ireland and Scotland. The slides, in colors, were really lovely, and the imaginary tour proved interesting to everyone and was much enjoyed.

For the November meeting, W. Harry Kelly had charge of the entertainment. He showed his colored movies of the Homecoming trip, the sequence of scenes including the fare-wells at East Cleveland Railway Station, scenes on the Ascania crossing the Atlantic; entertainment of the Homecomers in the various towns of the Island, and the Manx countryside in all its beauty. Walter J. Quilliam. who was leaving next morning to spend Christmas with his family in Liverpool, England, sang "Lovely Mona," bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Meetings of the Society have been very well attended during the year, and several new members have been welcomed.

#### CHICAGO

On Saturday evening, November 14, more than fifty Manx people and their friends met in the Pine Arts Building, Chicago, to view colored pictures of the Isle of Man shown by Dr. J. J. Moore and Ralph Creer, both of whom visited the Island this summer. The vivid gold of the gorse, the purple of the heather, the profusion of fuchsia and other flowers, and the familiar scenes were greeted with enthusiastic pleasure, and the group felt indebted to the two gentlemen for showing these beautiful pictures.

President Thomas C. Kelly greeted all present, after which Mrs. R. C. Kelly recited a poem on "Ellan Vannin." Between the showing of Dr. Moore's pictures and those of Mr. Creer, Walter Stevenson sang "Ramsey Town," "Ellan Vannin," and "The Manx Weddin'," in his inimitable style. His accompanist was Mrs. Ste-

Refreshments donated by various members brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings the Chicago Manx have enjoyed in a long time.

## VANCOUVER MANY LADIES

A bazaar and sale of home cooking by the Vancouver Manx Ladies, to be opened by their President, Mrs. J. Crossan, was scheduled for 2 P. M. on November 14. Afternoon tea was to be served. A beautiful linen teacloth, with an eight-inch border cro-cheted by Mrs. Varley was a feature of the bazaar. The ladies were hoping for a good attendance of members and friends with money in their pockets. and we feel sure they were not disappointed.

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# Christmas Greetings

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

Time speeds on, and again the Christmas Season is with us. The shops are bedecked in greens and gay decorations indicating we will soon have to be prepared for the little man with white whiskers. For the good Manx folks this means getting fruits, spices, and nuts ready for those delicious puddings, pies and cookies, which must be ready for the callers whom we always welcome.

Distance frequently prevents contacting many good friends during the holiday season, so we welcome the Bulletin which brings us closer to Manx friends throughout America and often from more distant parts, Greetings from friends are the next best thing to seeing them in person, and this is why we all look forward to and appreciate the Christmas Bulletin so much.

The Ladies' Auxiliary welcomes the opportunity to add sincere good wishes to the others herein for a Christmas Bright and Cheery, and a New Year filled with Happiness.

Mrs. H., Mylchreest, President Alice Garrett, Sec'y-Treas. 976 Monroe Ave., Rochester 20, N. Y.



#### WINNIPEG

All the Manx in Winnipeg join in sending Heartiest Christmas Greetings and Kind Wishes to Manx friends everywhere.

Bess Corkan, Sec'y 277 Machray Avenue Winnipeg, Man.



#### NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Hearty Yuletide Greetings, and best wishes for a Joyful and Prosperous New Year to Manx men and women everywhere, from the Manx of Northeastern Ohio.

Kenneth D. Quine. President
William H. Collister, Sec'y-Treas.
65 Orchard Grove Painesville. Ohio

#### WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The officers and committee of the World Manx Association take pleasure in wishing all members and friends of the North American Manx Association a Very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Christmas is a kindly time and a time of happy memories. We know that during this sacred season our Manx kinsfolk scattered abroad will be thinking of friends and relatives here in Ellan Vannin. Rest assured that we on our side are sending our kindest thoughts to you all.

That the true spirit of Christmas may be with you throughout the festive season is the sincere wish of

Richard Cain, President
Harold Cain, Chairman
Charles Craine, Hon. Secretary
Douglas, Isle of Man



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

A Very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year, from the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society.

> Mrs. J. P. Bieger, President Mrs. Fred Gorry, Vice-Pres. Miss Alice Corlett, Treas. Mrs. Roy Bertsch, Sec'y 1668 Lee Road Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio



### VANCOUVER

The officers and members of the Vancouver Manx Society join in wishing all Manx people everywhere, a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year,

"And the long may you live, And the happy may you be, With your best content, And your fortune free."

Sam Cain, President
Mrs. A. T. Wood, Secretary
"Ballaquane"
South Burnaby, Vancouver, B. C.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

To all the Manx near and far, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Evelyn Corlett, Sec'y pro tem 1400 Fell St. San Francisco 17, Calif.



### LOS ANGELES

Merry Christmas to all Manx folks who at this festive season are recalling old-time gatherings when carol singing, cheery greetings, savory goose and rich plum pudding indicated that all was well around the hearth.

May all enjoy the kind thoughts, hearty greetings and good wishes that flit from one to another through the pages of the Christmas Bulletin.

> Joseph Rodger, Treasurer Mrs. Oscar Ward, See'y 1818 West 81st St. Los Angeles, Calif.



#### TORONTO

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society send greetings to all Manx people wherever they may be, and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fred Caveen, President F. Williamson, Sec'y 61 Steeles Ave. E., R., #2 York Mills, Ont.



# MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society are happy to extend Holiday Greetings to Manx friends wherever they may be at this Christmas Season.

May the year ahead bring continued success to the North American Manx Association, and to all Manx Societies everywhere.

Henry Mylchreest, President Carrie Mylchreest, Corres. Sec'y 13501 Marston Ave, Cleveland 5, Ohio



# From Manx Societies



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

The festive season approaches and we hope that peace is almost at hand. Officers and members of the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club join in extending sincerest greetings for Christmas and the New Year, with Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men, to all Manx friends throughout the world.

Stephen H. Quinney, President Mrs. Charles Rose, Sec'y-Treas. 13504 Milan Ave, E. Cleveland 12, Ohio



# AEGLAGH VANNIN. TORONTO

To our fellow Manxmen, we of Aeglagh Vannin extend heartiest greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Dorothy Caveen, Sec'y 34 Eastwood Road Toronto, Ont.



# MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

To Manx people everywhere, friendly greetings, kind thoughts, and hearty good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year.

Herbert A. Quayle, President R. W. Skillicorn, Fin. Sec'y 4912 East 96th St. Cleveland 25. Ohio



### MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society sends greetings to all Manx friends near and far, and best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Donald Creese, President Mrs. James F. Hornsby, Sec'y-Treas. 112 Cloverdale Ave. Dorval, Que.

#### GREATER NEW YORK

Greetings to all Manx people in North America and throughout the world, from the Greater New York Manx Society.

> Mrs. Tom Christian, Sec'y 4305 - 21st Ave. Long Island City 5, N. Y.



## LADIES' AUXILIARY VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Ladies send good wishes to all friends near and far, for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

> Mrs. Alice M. M. Killip, Sec'y 2974 Sprott St. N. Burnaby, Vancouver, B. C.



#### GALVA

The Galva Manx Society wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members of the North American Manx Association.

Mrs. Jessie Clucas Lawson, President Mrs. Hilda Kennaugh Collinson, Sec'y R. R. =2, Box 154 Galva, Ill.



## CHICAGO

"With Christmas lights all shining, And hearts and hearths aglow, It's good to send Best Wishes To Manx folks we're glad to know."

> Thomas C. Kelly, President Ethel M. Shimmin, Sec'y 10212 St. Lawrence Ave. Chicago 28, Ill.



### ROCHESTER

A Gay and Merry Christmas to all our good friends, and for the New Year—Health enough to make life a pleasure; Wealth enough to support all your needs.

Rochester Manx Folks

# Christmas Trees

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly," says the old Welsh carol that we sing so vigorously around the piano. What—no Christmas tree? There is no mention of Christmas Trees in the old carols we are familiar with. To us, brought up in British or American tradition, the Christmas Tree was unknown until the middle of last century. It is really something very new in our observance of Christmas. The decorated Christmas Tree is a part of Germany's tradition, as we all know.

The first Christmas Tree seen in England was introduced by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, in 1841, where it made its appearance in Windsor Castle, In America, I believe one of the very first trees was the one lighted in a little German Lutheran church in Cleveland, at Christmas, 1851. Some Cleveland citizens of that day considered such an innovation not at all the right thing in a church, but in a few years opposition faded away, and Christmas Trees began to be the accepted thing in many homes.

In Cleveland this year our Public Square is a Christmas fairyland, with the tall buildings decorated with sparkling lights representing the Star of Bethlehem, Christmas candles, and other emblems of the season. Scores of Christmas Trees, all round the Square, are lighted up at night and glow against the dark. In the middle of the Square is a huge tree, which I understand is a gift from the City of Toronto, to which Cleveland responded by sending a similar tree to the Toronto citizens, symbolizing peace and good will between two friendly mations. What a beautiful and appropriate way to clasp hands across the Border at Christmas time.

The sparkling trees, outdoors or in the windows of cosy homes, are a lovely sight. There is one regret about it all, however. Too, too soon, they must be dismantled and taken away-one of the saddest of all fairy tales is the one called "The Fir Tree" by Hans Christian Anderson, where the tree, after its brief reign of glory, glittering with lighted candles, gay ornaments and sugar-plums, is later thrown out on the rubbish heap, dried up and yellow, with nothing left of its splendor but the gold tinsel star still clinging forlornly to its crown.

Gertrude Cannell

# OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Raleigh Boyde, Dallas, Texas, visited the Isle of Man during September. He is the son of Henry Boyde, a former assistant postmaster in Douglas, and emigrated to the States in 1913. He first came to Cleveland, but during World War I went to Dallas for training in the U. S. Air Corps, and afterwards decided to settle there. He is head of an electrical contracting business, Boyde Electric Service. Mrs. Boyde, who is an American lady, was delighted with the Isle of Man and enjoyed their brief visit there.

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Mrs. Leslie McDonneil, 980 Denman St., Vancouver, recently was the guest of Mrs. L. Brice of Chilliwack, B. C. at luncheon in the Hotel Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Brice have a great affection for the Isle of Man, especially Peel. For many years during her childhood, Mrs. Brice went with her family across from Ireland to spend the summer months in the Isle of Man, where they rented a cottage at Cowley's Terrace, Peel. Mr. and Mrs. Brice visited the Island in 1947.

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Mrs. Cave of Vancouver, B. C., has been spending the summer in England and the Isle of Man. She called on relatives of Mrs. Alice M. M. Killip. Secretary of the Manx Ladies' Auxiliary of Vancouver, who was pleased to receive first-hand news of her people.

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Mrs. Allan Costain and granddaughter, London, Ontario, visited Mrs. Costain's son and his wife in Barnett. B. C. during November. During their stay they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ernic Costain of Vancouver.

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Lt. Col. and Mrs. James L. Cannell and daughter Cathy are now residing in Washington. D. C., where Colonel Cannell has been appointed to the Pentagon after returning recently from Hawaii, where he was stationed for three years.

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When Mr. and Mrs. Bill Colquitt of Toronto heard recently of a "Hotel Colquitt" in the town of Moultrie, Ga., they wanted to learn something about it. Mrs. Colquitt wrote to the manager, and learned from him that the name also belongs to the county in which Moultrie is situated which was named after Walter Colquitt, a famous pioneer lawyer, statesman and preachet. Mrs. Colquitt believes that this man may have been a relative of her husband's family, as some members emigrated to Georgia many years ago. Bill Colquitt's living relatives reside at 8 Hope St., Douglas, Isle of Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelly, Box 243, Lake Villa, Ill., went by plane to the Isle of Man in August for a seven-week visit. They spent a most enjoyable time with relatives and friends, and observed many changes since they left the Island more than thirty years ago.

Mr, and Mrs. Wm, Chapman, formerly of Yorkshire, England, have settled in Arcadia. Calif., with their two daughters, after touring Canada and the States. Mrs. Chapman's father was from Douglas, Isle of Man, and she is a niece of the late Miss Marion Teare of Los Angeles and the Isle of Man. The Chapmans are a welcome addition to the Manx group in Southern California. Their address: 845 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, Calif.

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Visitor in Vancouver recently was Mrs. Tom Quirk from Winnipeg. She attended a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary with one of the members, Mrs. A. Corrin. Mrs. Quirk was on her return trip to Winnipeg after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Parker, in Altadena, Calif., where she had the thrill of welcoming a new grand-daughter.

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Tom Cottier, P. O. Box 972, Fairbanks, Alaska, inquired after "all the Manx folks in Cleveland" when writing to our Treasurer. Bill Skillicorn some time ago, Mr. Cottier played in the Peel soccer team along with Johnnie Cain of Cleveland in days gone by, and hopes to revisit Peel next year. He says Alaska enjoys perfect summers, but adds that the winter up there has one advantage—there are no mosquitoes when it is 50 below zero!

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Manx purser on the "Queen Elizabeth" is Lionel E. Carine, who has been with the Cunard Line since 1919,

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle. 112 Deerfield Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., and Walter Corkill. 424 Ninth St., Niagara Falls, N. Y., took a trip to Rochester recently to see Alf Looney. Not finding him at home, they went on to Mrs. Betty Christian's, where they spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

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Among guests present at the Northeastern Many Society's 25th Anniversary Party, the following couples had passed the Golden Anniversary mark: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Quine, married 52 years. . . Mr. and Mrs. Serenc Pomeroy, married 50 years, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barber of Cleveland, married 62 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Qualtrough, 119-15 193rd St., St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y., took a fall vacation, driving to Florida with two friends. They went to the Keys and back through the Everglades, through Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, and felt that the Blue Ridge Mountains in October are hard to beat for scenic beauty. Next year they hope to visit the Isle of Man to see Mr. Qualtrough's older brothers, Harry in Port St. Mary, and Willie in Port Erin.

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When Robert A, McCaa, who is with the Sherwin-William Company's Chicage Office, came to Cleveland recently to attend a conference of the company's sales managers he hunted up a fellow-Manxman. Douglas Cannell, who is in the technical laboratories of the big pain' company's Cleveland plant. The two were able to find time for a chat about old Manx friends, Manx coins of which Bob McCaa has a collection), and the Manx Bulletin. Bob McCaa lives in Flossmoor, Ill., near Chicago.

Miss Mona Cannan, her cousin, Percy Kelly and Mrs. Betty Christian, all of Rochester, N. Y., drove to Toronto this fall and visited the J. S. Kee family, 20 Balmy Avenue, where they were well entertained and had a grand time.

On their way home from the Convention last August, Mr. and Mrs. George Cregeen of Winnipeg visited their son, Bill, at Belvedere, Iillinois,

Where Is The Golden Cradle?

Here is a Manx carol, music composed by W. H. Gill,

"Where is the golden cradle,
And where the silken bed,
And where the snowy pillow
On which to rest His head?
No robes has He, no royalty,
A manger holds the Child:
No mantle brave could Jesus have
To keep out winter wild.

"With wings of spotless whiteness
The angels earthward fly;
All beauty, Joy, and brightness.
From realms of crystal sky.
In accents strong they raise the song
In notes that were His own:
The echoes ring for Jewry's King,
With sweet melodious song.

"This day, Thy birth revealing.
To Thee the song we raise,
Before Thine altar kneeling,
Our Jubilee of praise.
While here below Thy blessings flow.
O may we share Thy love.
Thou on our side, and Thou our
Guide,
Faith points to Thee above."

#### THE L'IL PEOPLE

A daughter, Mary Louise, was born on August 27 to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Mulligan, Yakima, Wash, Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wood. 4131 Southwood St., So. Burnaby. B. C. The Mulligans have two other children, Kathy and Johnny.

A daughter, Melanic Joyce, was born on October 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bell of Montreal, Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell, 557 Cremazic Blvd. E., Montreal.

A daughter, Debra Ann was born on November 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Kless (Peggy Jackson), 1378 East 188th St., Cleveland, Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson, 4490 West 157th St., Cleveland.

Another son. Bruce Christian, was born on July 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Widland (Betty Corkan), of Williston, N. D. The grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corkan of Winnipeg, visited them in October and found the whole family well and happy

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harding, 4214 W. 42nd St., Cleveland, announce the arrival of Deborah Ann on October 27th. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gell, Cleveland.

God Bless the Master of this house, Likewise the Mistress too,

And all the little children. That round the table go.

Love and Joy come to you And to you Good Fortune too And God Bless you, and send you A Happy New Year.

-Old English New Year Carol.

# Manxwoman Plays "Queen Victoria" in Oakland, Calif., Pageant

Each year a celebration is held in the city of Oakland, Calif, in honor of Joaquin Miller, "Poet of the Sierone of California's famous sons. This year the program took the form of a pageant, written and arranged by the poet's daughter, and presented on September 27 in Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland. The story is about the poet's visit to England in 1870, where he was an immediate success. He was dubbed "The American Byron." and was received by Queen Victoria. The large cast of characters dramatizing the cast of characters dramatizing the action included famous poets, musicians, artists and statesmen of mid-Victorian London, with "Queen Victoria" played by a Manxwoman, Mrs. Viola Ponsonby-Rankin, formerly Viola Ponsonby-Rankin, formerly Druie Hunt, of Peel, Isle of Man, Mrs. Rankin is a daughter of the last Mrs. Harriet Hemming Hunt of Douglas. She writes that the pageant was such a huge success that there is talk of repeating it next year, and adds that she was told that she bore a greater resemblance to Queen Victoria than to herself. Her address: Mrs. Viola D. Rankin, 2212 Carleton St., Berkeley 4. California,

# News of the Manx Societies

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#### VANCOUVER

Annual meeting and election of officers of the Vancouver Manx Society was held in the Cambrian Hall on October 10. The business meeting was preceded by showing of colored moving pictures taken by Sam Cain during his recent visit to the Isle of Man and England. They were exceptionally good, and judging by the expressions of appreciation, Mr. Cain will be asked to show these lovely views many times in the future. Especially interesting and striking were pictures of the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.

Leslie McDonnell, too, deserves a vote of thanks for showing a film for children, which was as heartily enjoyed by grownups as by the youngsters.

The following were elected to office:

President Sam Cain
Vice-President Leslie McDonnell
Treasurer Ernie Costain
Secretary Mrs. A. T. Wood
4131 Southwood St.
So. Burnaby, B.C.

In her report the Secretary stated that six members had been lost by death during the past year. Members stood for two minutes' silence for the honored dead, especially their late beloved President, Ted Costain.

Refreshments and the customary chat rounded out the evening very agreeably.

#### NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The 25th Anniversary of the Northeastern Manx Society was celebrated with a dinner and program in the Painesville Methodist Church on October 22. This was also the Society's 249th meeting. Dinner was served to 78 members and guests from Cleve-land, Chardon, Geneva, Mentor and Painesville, as well as London and Toronto, Canada, The horseshoe table was decorated with flowers from the gardens of members-William H. Collister. Albert Killey, Lloyd Pomeroy and Mrs. Maud McCarthy. By each plate was a rose, also supplied by Mr. Pomeroy-and a program decorated with the Three Legs. Highlighting the decorations was a cake in the shape of a memory book, also decorated with the Three Legs.

After dinner. President Kenneth Quine opened the meeting by calling on Mrs. Leo Crellin, who offered a prayer of thanksgiving Kenna and Carolyn Quine sang "Ellan Vannin" accompanied by Mrs. Hefelfinger, the audience joining in. After a short welcoming speech, Mr. Quine then turned over the meeting to Mrs. Maud McCarthy, Chairman of the event, who introduced the various speakers who outlined the history of the Society.

Mrs. Richard Karran of Geneva told of the first meetings: John R. Cain of Cleveland spoke of the work done by the organizing committee, of which he was a member. Walter Quilliam of Cleveland was introduced as one who

had come out many times to entertain the Society, and as at this point Mrs. Hefelfinger was called on for a piano solo, she chose to play 'Moonlight and Roses,' which inspired Walter to sing for them once more. W. Harry Kelly of Bedford spoke of the Isle of Man and its Government. Mrs. McCarthy next introduced others active in the Society, including Albert Killey, Past President and an untiring worker. Her sister, Mrs. Blanche Killey, gave a talk—"Through the Years," which covered the history of the organization in a very comprehensive manner.

Harry Mylchreest conveyed greetings from the North American Janx Association and the Mona's Relief Society. Guest speaker, the Rev. George Whiteman, pastor of the Methodist Church, gave an inspiring address entitled "Our Heritage," and complimented the members on their spirit and enthusiasm. Singing of "America" closed a most interesting and stimulating program.

A display of antiques, many of them brought from the Isle of Man in the Isle of Mrs. Was arranged by a committee composed of Mrs. A. Killey, Mrs. J. E. Harrison, Mrs. Lleyd Pomeroy, Mrs. R. Karran, under the chairmanship of Mrs. McCarthy. Members spent an enjoyable hour inspecting these articles after the meeting.

#### MONTREAL

The October meeting of the Montreal Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hornsby of Dorval. Officers were elected for the coming year, as follows:

Hon, President Mrs, S. Sloan Hon, President T. Carlett President Donald Creese Vice-President Mrs, J. Cope Sec'y-Treas. Mrs, H. W. Hornsby 112 Cloverdale Ave. Dorval, Que.

## ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx met on November 14 at Miss Mona Cannon's home, 129 Cady Street. This was the first meeting of the season, with 22 people present—a wonderful turnout for the small Manx community in Rochester. Meetings are scheduled for several months to come, the next to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clark.

#### GREATER NEW YORK

The New York Maux, who are prevented by distance from meeting as often as they would like, had a very happy get-together in New mber. They attended Armistice Day service at St. Ann's Church. Brooklyn, where the late James Tyson, a president of their Society, was organist and choirmaster for many years. After the service they adjourned to one of the charch rooms where a number of heaviful pictures of the Isle of Man were shown, these having been taken by Mrs. Coli. Kinnish during her eightmonths stay in the Island. After v. ewing the slides, the party went to a restaurant for dinner and a real old-fashioned Manx chat and get-together.

# IT'S SAN FRANCISCO IN 1955

It is with sincere pleasure that we announce to our members that our next convention will be held in San Francisco in 1955—time to be decided later.

Shortly after the Convention in Cleveland last August we received an urgent invitation from the San Francisco Manx Society to meet in their city in 1955—and this, without any solicitation on our part. We were indeed happy to have the San Francisco Manx Society take up this matter and extend an invitation, which was unanimously approved by their membership.

Already, they are making preparations for a gala convention and we know that, with the enthusiasm they already are exhibiting, it cannot help but be a huge success.

# Exchange Teacher Wanted

The following is quoted from a letter which the secretary received recently from Mr. A. P. Shimmin, Ramsey, Isle of Man, and is self-explanatory:

"As a school teacher at present teaching Geography in Ramsey Grammar School, I wish to enter the scheme run by the English-Speaking Union for the exchange of school teachers between Great Britain and the U.S.A. or Canada within the next two or three years.

"I was wondering if there is a Manx-American or Manx-Canadian high school or college teacher of geography or social studies—preferably in Ohio or Northeastern U.S.A. or Canada—who also wishes to enter the teacher-exchange scheme, whom I might contact. I thought the best way to effect this would be through the Bulletin. I would be obliged if you would let I would be obliged if you would let me know if this could be arranged and I will let you know further details later . . . My wife's parents, who are not Manx but who know a few Manx Americans, are Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Piper of 3701 Oak Park Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio."

It is suggested that interested persons contact Mr. Shimmin at 12 Ascog Hall, Stanley Mount, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

# Hotfoot for a Manxman

Of course everyone noticed that the Isle of Man broke into Life Magazine with a full page in the October 26 issue. Pictured is the scene of an accident in the Junior Manx Grand Prix races, a motorcycle having skidded into a stone wall and burst into flames. The injured cyclist had been carried to safety, but a road marshal, lingering a second too long by the wrecked machine, got his shoe doused with burning gasoline and is shown running from the spot with his shoe spouting flame. The picture is captioned "Hotfoot for a Manxman" and if you haven't seen it look up the last page of Life. October 26.

# OBITUARIES

COLLISTER, Louise Stokes, aged 81, died in her apartment in Wade Park Manor, Cleveland, on November 8. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edward J. Owen of Sharon, Pa., grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Collister was the widow of the late Clucas W. Collister, common pleas judge in Cleveland for many years, who died in 1931. Judge Collister was a member of the committee which drafted the constitution and by-laws of the North American Manx Association in August, 1928.

FAYLE, Robert, of 1424 East 5th St., Vancouver, B. C., died on October 1 at the age of 79. He is survived by a brother. John. and sister, Mrs. Keen, in the Isle of Man; also two sisters, Mrs. E. Bryon and Miss Fayle, in Vancouver.

KELLY, Annie, of 1 Westmorland Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, died on September 15 after a long illness. Her husband, Septimus Kelly and her son, both of whom died before her, successively held the office of Treasurer of the World Manx Association. Mrs. Kelly was very active in Manx patriotic organizations as well as in church and civic activities, and was also a member of the N.A.M.A.

KELLY, Dr. T. Harry, pastor of the Fourth Street Methodist Church, Sterling, Ill., died on November 17. He leaves his wife, Augusta, two daughters, and two grandchildren; and three sisters in the Isle of Man. Dr. Kelly was born in Peel, Isle of Man, came to the United States about 1910, and attended theological seminary preparatory to entering the Methodist ministry. Funeral services were held at Grace Church, Blue Island, Ill., of which Dr. Kelly was pastor for many years before moving recently to Sterling.

KILLIP, Annie Elizabeth, of 4329 N. Ninth Ave., Phoenix, Arizona, died on October 15 at the age of 76. Surviving are her husband, William; four daughters, Mildred and Iris of Phoenix, and Mrs. Thomas O. Hearn and Mrs. William Rotton of Morenci, Ariz.: a son, William, of Goodyear, Ariz.; three grandchildren: two brothers, William K. Corrin in England, and John Corrin in New Zealand, Mrs. Killip was born in Laxey, Isle of Man, married in 1906 and came with her husband to Arizona in 1910, She was a faithful worker in the Episcopal Church, and a member of the N.A.M.A

LAMM, Tillie Gawne, died on October 29 in Los Angeles. Interment was in Chicago, where Mrs. Lamm and her first husband, the late John Gawne, were very active members of the Chicago Manx Society. In later years, Mrs. Lamm has been an interested member of the Los Angeles Manx.

McKANE, Bessie, Galva, Ill, died on November 6 at the age of 69. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ed Collister, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. D. P. Robinson of Cambridge, Ill., also several nieces and nephews. Miss McKane was born in Galva, a daughter of Rufus H. and Eliza Kneen McKane, and had been a schoolteacher in that town for 43 years.

SANDQUIST, Ella, nee Corkill, of Galva, Ill., died on November 8 at the age of 69. She was a daughter of John and Isabelle Corkill, and had always resided in the Galva community. Mrs. Sandquist is survived by her husband, Arthur; a daughter, Mrs. Dean Gale; two grandchildren and a brother, M. J. Corkill, all of Galva.

SAYLE, Charles Robert, retired engineer, died suddenly on July 31 at his home in Vancouver, B.C. Born in Cumberland, England, he frequently visited the home of his uncle, the late Thomas Looney of Kirk Maughold, Isle of Man, before emigrating to Canada in 1910. Mr. Sayle was a bachelor, and his nearest surviving relative is his cousin, J. T. Looney, Alva, Okla.

STONES, Nancy Miller, died in Los Angeles on September 22 after a long illness. She was a staunch supporter of the Los Angeles Manx Society and will be greatly missed.

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

# Ben-My-Chree Club

The Ben-my-Chree Club of Cleveland, whose members are several West Side Manx Ladies, with Mrs. Jack Hornby as President, gave a farewell luncheon recently at Bowen's Restaurant, West 65th and Detroit Ave., for Mrs. T. A. Cowley, 4419 Sheraton Drive, Parma, Ohio, who is one of their members. Mr. and Mrs. Cowley are moving to Florida, where they will take up permanent residence.

# Manx Say Goodbye to Walter Quilliam

About fifty Manx guests assembled on October 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, 21009 Clare Avenue. Bedford, Ohio to say goodbye to Walter Quilliam on the eve of his departure for an extended stay in Liverpool, England. The big crowd assembled in Walter's honor filled the Kelly home almost to overflowing, both living room and dining room being used. Among the guests were two from Canadá—Mrs. Fred Stanton, London, Ont., and Mrs. Donald Kinrade, Toronto.

Walter was presented with a watch as a farewell gift from the group.

Manx people, not only in Cleveland, hut in most cities where Conventions have been held, will always remember Walter Quilliam with affection and respect.