

# BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



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

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## A Christmas Message From Our President

"At Christmastime, good friends recall  
The joys of long ago,  
The happy, kindly ways of all  
The friends they used to know;  
And though some travel far apart,  
And journey different ways,  
All keep a corner in their heart  
For happy yesterdays."

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Again the Christmas season is with us, bringing an opportunity through our Bulletin of wishing all our members and friends "the charm of an old-fashioned Christmas—the Peace and Happiness of a glorious New Year."

This season tends to weld the hearts of Manx people closer together with the happy memories we all love to recall. It should be a joyous and happy time for all our members. It is a season most precious, with its hospitable customs of open house and general rejoicing, and the singing of carols and familiar old hymns that have endeared themselves to us since early childhood.

"There's no place like Home" rings more true at Christmastime, for home is where Christmas memories begin, where we spend our happiest times with the people we hold dear. Decorating the Christmas tree; expectation and surprise over the exchange of gifts; the joy of giving as well as receiving; the excitement of the young

folk as they welcome their friends to join in the spirit of Christmas; a remembrance or a visit from an old, old friend who has never forgotten—that is Christmas as it should be, and it can last in your hearts forever.

It is often said, "The greatest gift that one person can give to another, is something out of one's own heart—Love and Respect." This is a gift that money cannot buy; it is the greatest of all gifts, and is in the power of each one of us to give. If we keep these thoughts in mind, Christmas can be very beautiful, and we can say "MERRY CHRISTMAS" with all sincerity.

At this Christmastide, let us have Faith. Even though the world is in a very unsettled condition, we in the free nations do have PEACE. We are warned of difficult days ahead, but we must have faith in the opportunities of the future also. Christmas means the finer things of life, including all the freedoms we hold so dear. Let us enter into the spirit of Christmas with renewed hope that eventually the day will dawn that brings lasting "PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

May your Christmas be bright and filled with the spirit of true friendship and good will, and may this spirit have its place in your daily lives throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

HENRY MYLCHREEST, President

A Merry  
Christmas



A Happy  
New Year

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

Again we stand at the portals of Christmas Day. Our Infant Saviour comes to us again on His Birthday, with a message of love and goodwill. In the midst of the trials and cares of life, nothing can lift our hearts more than the scene at Bethlehem's crib. May your hearts be filled with love for Him, and goodwill towards all around you — to those in your home, and to the needy who have claim on your charity.

The spirit of the Christ Child—the spirit of gentleness and love and goodwill among men, must take possession of us. Strife and greed will make shambles of our civilization unless men will hear and heed the Christmas message of the angelic hosts. We must take to our hearts again the message of Christmas—the birthday of Him who came into the world to make all men brothers.

I wish you all the very best at Christmastime, and a New Year of happiness.

Joseph Partridge,  
First Vice-President



May you all enjoy Good Health, and the best Christmas ever—and may the year to come be filled with every good thing you desire.

Like a lovely Christmas candle  
May your Christmas be bright  
With Happiness and Contentment  
That will make your whole day bright.

And throughout the year before you  
May each happy moment bring  
Many hours of pleasure  
And the best of everything.

Mrs. William Colquitt,  
Rep. N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary



At Christmas we remember the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest gift that God could bestow upon us. Let us pause in our festivities to offer thanks to Him for the blessing of good health, and for the wealth of Manx friendships formed over the years, both at home and in this blessed land of our adoption. I am happy to extend to all Manx people my warmest wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Percy Clucas,  
Rep. N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club

It is a pleasure at this season to send greetings to fellow-officers and all Manx people and friends of the N.A.M.A. everywhere. I wish you all—

Just health enough to banish care.  
Just wealth enough to give and spare.  
Just friends enough, sincere and true  
May this glad season bring to you.

John O. Christian,  
Third Vice-President



One of the pleasantest duties of an officer of the N.A.M.A. is to greet Manx people through the Bulletin. Sometimes we look back on those Christmases spent on our beloved Island and wish we could live them again. We cannot do that, but we can extend the hand of good-fellowship to all Manx people, especially the newcomers to this continent. I have met many of these newcomers during the past year, and hope they find health, wealth and happiness here. Let us all have faith in our God, our country and our friends, and strive to make this old world a better place. I sincerely hope you all have the merriest Christmas of your lives, and that I may meet many of you in San Francisco next August. May God bless you all.

Fred J. Caveen,  
Second Vice-President



By the time you receive this 1954 Christmas Bulletin, all will be in readiness for that Great Day. As Christians, we set this Day apart from all the others in the year to honor the birthday of Jesus Christ. We joyously worship Him, lovingly give and receive gifts in His name. Every Christmas renews His Spirit within us and leaves upon our hearts the imprint of His great love.

Yes, Christmas is truly a joyous season, one which unites all of us in a bond of friendship and love for our fellow man. I am happy to have the privilege again of expressing to each and every one of my Manx friends sincere wishes for the Merriest Christmas ever, and the hope that this happiness, like the music of a song, will make every day a happy day all the New Year long.

Claire M. Mylchreine,  
Corres. and Rec. Secy.

To all Manx people and their friends, sincere and hearty wishes for a Merry Christmas Season, and a Bright and Happy New Year.

Robert W. Skillicorn,  
Financial Sec'y-Treasurer



Again I am happy to have the opportunity of sending warmest greetings through the Manx Bulletin to officers, members and friends of the N.A.M.A. I wish all a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of Happiness and Prosperity.

Every minute, every hour  
Until the day is done,  
May you find this Christmas  
An especially happy one!

Tom Moore,  
Past President



For a good many years now, the Bulletin has given me the pleasure of saying "Merry Christmas" to all the Manx, both near and far. All of these greetings, whatever their wording, have always conveyed the same affectionate thoughts and hearty good wishes. So once again—in the words of an unknown author—"Old days, old times, old friends, it is joy to think of these and to wish you new joy in the old way . . . A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Gertrude Cannell,  
Bulletin Editor



As mentioned in previous Bulletins, our Regional Director R. G. Anderson, 1420-25th Street, N.E. St. Petersburg, Florida, is director of the world-famous Three-Quarter Century Chorus of St. Petersburg, composed of singers who are 75 years of age or older.

Bob tells us that they have taken in several new members, including some preachers who can sing, and that they now have a membership of about forty—all people from the north who winter in sunny Florida. A copy of the program for their first concert of the 1954-1955 season, given on December 5th, included Bob's own arrangement of "Now the Day Is Over."

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

N.A.M.A. President and Mrs. Henry Mylchreest, representing the Manx people of Cleveland, attended the Award Dinner sponsored by the Cleveland Folk Arts Association, held at the Carter Hotel on Sunday, November 14. The dinner was in honor of Louis B. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press, who has contributed the most toward making Cleveland's nationality groups an integral part of the community. Theodore Andrica, Press nationality editor, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Andrica will make a tour of England, Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man in April, 1955.

Mrs. Ralph Cowin and daughter Audrey, of 3264 West 114th St., Cleveland, arrived in New York on the Britannic on October 2, after a wonderful holiday of four-and-a-half months spent in England, Ireland, Wales and the Isle of Man.

Mrs. Colin R. Black and daughter Marjorie, 15624 Hilliard Road, Lakewood, Ohio, have been seeing the sights of Florida. They traveled the entire State during their vacation in October.

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. J. L. Cannell and daughter Cathy, of Arlington, Va., have been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. S. Cannell, 3915 East 154th St., Cleveland. Lieut.-Col. Cannell enlisted in the U. S. Air Force before Pearl Harbor, after graduating from Wooster College, and is now attached to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The Salvation Army's Newburgh Corps, in Cleveland, held special services on November 18, honoring Bandmaster Peter Albertsen on his 82nd birthday. He was commissioned bandmaster in 1897, and altogether has given 63 years' service to the Salvation Army. He is still active in it. His wife was formerly Miss Kermode, from Lonan, Isle of Man, and is a faithful member of the N.A.M.A. and the Mona's Relief Society. The Albertsens live at 10530 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland.

Allan Kermode recently joined the N.A.M.A. and hopes to hear from old friends. His address is 806 East Central, San Gabriel, Calif.

Manx folk travelling on U.S. Route 34 through Kewanee, Ill. will do well to inquire for the "Darr-bar" when it is time to eat. It is operated and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cubbon of Galva, Ill.

Also on Route 34, near Kewanee, the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fargher is easy to find because of the Three Legs of Man displayed on an oil barrel in their yard.

On a Saturday evening in October, Ethel Shimmin and her father, John Shimmin of Chicago, entertained John Cleator from Ramsey, Isle of Man, at a dinner party in their home. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cleator, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly, and Mr. Archie Kerruish. During the evening, John Cleator's colored pictures of the Isle of Man were shown, also some taken by the Cleators on a recent trip to Colorado to visit Bruce Cleator, in camp near Colorado Springs. An interesting view was one of a Miss Garrett, taken outside her home, Ballacallan Cottage, Silver Plume, Colorado.

Mrs. Emma Caine, who arrived in Janesville, Wis. a year ago from Peel, Isle of Man, spent a week-end in Chicago recently at the home of Ethel Shimmin and her father. Mrs. Caine lives with her son and family in Janesville.

W. Harry Roberts, 1522 Easton Road, Willow Grove 9, Pa., has been a faithful member for many years. Now he gives further proof of his interest by becoming a life member. Congratulations, Harry!

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Callow, formerly of Painesville, Ohio, have moved to Florida where their address is Rt. 2, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Mrs. Callow is the former Rose Webster and married Mr. Callow in May of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Quine and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Quine of Painesville, Ohio had a glimpse of Queen Mother Elizabeth when they were vacationing in Washington in early November. They saw her arrive in Washington Airport, where she was greeted by Secretary of State Dulles and a host of other dignitaries; and again at Washington National Cathedral where about 2000 people witnessed her arrival and departure from the service.

During the trip, Mrs. Kenneth Quine located Civil War papers and other family documents of her paternal grandfather, John Cape, in the Congressional Library. The Quines also called on Walter S. Smith, Lt. Col., Army Intelligence Division. He is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, who were prominent workers for the North East Ohio Manx Society.

Mrs. H. R. Crellin (Kitty) and Mrs. G. E. Humphrey (Lila) are looking forward to a visit next March from their brother, John Crellin of Douglas, Isle of Man, who may bring his son, Bernard, also. They will visit relatives in Nebraska, California and the East.

Don Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Clarke of Exeter, Nebr., is now out of the Services and was welcomed back at the October 3 meeting of the Nebraska Manx.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Cringle of San Francisco on their Silver Wedding, which they celebrated in November. They were given a beautiful surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cummings Reid at San Mateo. The home was a bower of flowers, and a two-tier wedding cake, made by Mrs. Cringle's brother Percy, was in a place of honor. Following the supper there were solos and recitations by Mrs. Bob Daniels, Jack Vincent, and "Cummy" Reid, the host. Mrs. Jack Vincent arranged this happy party. Among the gifts was a handsome Original Heirloom spread.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brice of Chilliwack, B.C. who are at present in the British Isles, spent three lovely weeks in the Isle of Man in October. Mrs. Brice wrote Vancouver friends that "the Island is indescribably beautiful." Heather, gorse, fuchsia and honeysuckle were still blooming, due to the late season.

Present at the Vancouver "Bring and Buy" party was Mrs. Sudeen who will be 90 next July. She and her husband ran the Palace View Hotel in Douglas for 30 years. She came to Vancouver nine years ago to live with her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckley.

Reid Cowell, a 34-year-old Castletown man with 13 years in the Colonial service, has been appointed assistant resident commissioner of the New Hebrides Islands in the Western Pacific. He is a cousin of Mrs. George Cringle of Douglas, Isle of Man, of Ned and Percy Moore of Peel, Bill and James Moore of Seattle, and Mrs. A. T. Wood of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. John Witsten (nee Mona Killey) of Vancouver, B.C., had Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corkan of Winnipeg as their guests this summer. The Witstens' young son, George, frequently attends the Society meetings, having made his debut not so very long ago at the age of two months.

A visitor to Vancouver this summer was Mrs. Thomas of Helston, Cornwall, who stayed with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell, 213 West 26th St., North Vancouver. She came by freighter via the Panama Canal, making about seven stops on the way.

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# News and Greetings from Manx Societies

## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

This Society met on October 7 at 15905 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood—the second "West Side" meeting of the year. Miss Jean Teare gave an illustrated talk on her recent trip through the West, when she visited Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper Park in Canada, as well as other places. The colored slides and Miss Teare's interesting narration were greatly enjoyed by the audience.

The November meeting was held on the 2nd in St. Stephen's Church Hall, with a good attendance in spite of its being Election Night, and also very cold and snowy. John R. Cain, speaker of the evening, paid eloquent tribute to the beloved Manx poet, T. E. Brown, in accordance with the custom established of honoring his memory on or about November 11, the old Manx Hollantide Night. Mr. Cain then gave a delightful talk about his three-month trip with Mrs. Cain to the Isle of Man and England. They were overwhelmed by the welcome they received over there, and Mr. Cain described it very well when he said that although the weather was "a little damp" at times, there was always an abundance of sunshine indoors wherever they visited.

Once more the festive season is with us. The officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society extend the old familiar greeting—"A very Happy Christmas and a New Year crowned with Peace and Plenty"—to Manx people everywhere. For the N.A.M.A. and all other Manx Societies—generous support and great achievement in the year to come.

Henry Mylchreest, President

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

## LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The Christmas holidays are here with the usual family gatherings and friendly parties. This Society is no exception, as we have our annual Christmas party on December 17, at which time we also celebrate our 55th anniversary. Down through the years, the ladies of the Auxiliary have faithfully met to carry on the ideals for which the Society was founded, and many pleasant memories are revived at each meeting.

To our Manx friends everywhere, we extend Season's Greetings—a Very Merry Christmas, and may the New Year bring you Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Mrs. Fred T. Gorry, President

Mrs. Roy Bertsch, Sec'y

1668 Lee Road,

Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

## LOS ANGELES

Here's something that will interest you. The lamp posts pictured in the San Francisco Chinatown scene on the front page of the October Bulletin were made a number of years ago by a well-known Manxman—Robert Gregg of San Marino, Calif.

The Los Angeles Manx Society extends Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the coming year to Manx folk everywhere.

William Caley, President

Noreen Cottier, Sec'y  
309 N. Buena Vista,  
Burbank, Calif.

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## GALVA

The "Manx Tea Party" planned by the Galva Manx for December 2, will be described in the next Bulletin. In charge of refreshments were Mrs. Ada Cubbon, Mrs. James Kermeen, Mrs. Arthur Johnson and Mrs. Glenn Whaley, who were to make "Manx Bread" a feature of the tea. Program, planned by Mrs. Guy Murgage, included the showing of colored slides of the Galva Centennial, and other interesting subjects.

The Galva Manx Society wishes all Bulletin readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Successful New Year.

Mrs. Jessie Clucas Lawson, President  
Tom Monier, Vice-President

Mrs. Hilda Kennaugh Collinson,  
Sec'y-Treas.

R. 2, Box 154,  
Galva, Ill.

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## MONTREAL

At the annual meeting of the Montreal Manx Society, held on October 15, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Hon. President.....	Mrs. S. Sloan
Hon. Vice-President.....	T. Corlett
Hon. Secretary.....	Mrs. T. Corlett
President.....	J. Cope
Vice-President.....	H. Hornsby
Sec'y-Treasurer.....	Miss M. Joughin

3050 Westmount Blvd., Apt. 4  
Montreal, Que.

On November 5 the members met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cope to welcome Mrs. Cope's sister, Mrs. Dorothy Calderbank, her daughter Dylis and her niece Edna Ellison, all from Douglas, Isle of Man. Games and a good cookish made up a pleasant evening. A Maple Leaf pin was presented to Mrs. Calderbank as a souvenir of her visit to Montreal.

The Montreal Manx Society sends Christmas Greetings to Manx friends everywhere.

"Where are now the merry party  
I remember long ago,  
Sitting round the Christmas fireside,  
Brightened by its ruddy glow,  
They have all dispersed and  
wandered,  
Long ago, long ago."

Miss M. Joughin, Sec'y-Treas.

## CHICAGO

"Take some Tinsel, shiny balls,  
Angels, two or three,  
Hang them on a shapely Spruce—  
That's a Christmas tree.  
Take some generous loving thoughts,  
Sing so all may hear it,  
Wreath your door, rejoice in  
heart—  
That's the Christmas spirit."

Ethel Shimmin, Sec'y,  
10212 St. Lawrence Ave.  
Chicago 28, Ill.

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## TORONTO

The Toronto Manx held their annual Hollantide Night party on November 12 in the Coral Room of the Royal Canadian Curling Club. About 100 Manx people and their friends enjoyed an evening of dancing, several special dances being featured which created much amusement. A buffet supper contributed to the success of the evening.

Recently five members of the Society, all ladies, appeared on a radio program. Mrs. Peter Bateman told about the fairies in the Isle of Man; Mrs. Fred Caven told about Douglas and its holiday attractions; Mrs. Frank Williamson spoke about Kirk Braddan, Castle Rushen and Peel Castle; Mrs. C. Doidge described the activities of the Toronto Manx Society. Mrs. Tom Moore caused a laugh when she told about her experiences at Cregneish, on her first visit to the Island.

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society join in wishing all Manx people a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Frank Williamson, Sec'y,  
61 Steeles Ave., East  
Willowdale, Ont.

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## VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

The Vancouver Manx Ladies met in October at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Jenkins. There was a large attendance, including several visitors, one of whom was Mrs. Kissack from Douglas, Isle of Man, who is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quane.

A bazaar and sale of home cooking was held on November 13 in Cambrian Hall. The regular November meeting was at the home of the Secretary, Mrs. T. L. Killip, 2375 Sussex Ave., So. Burnaby.

Greetings to the N.A.M.A. executive officers, the Bulletin Committee (who issue such interesting publications), and to all Manx people in the United States, Canada and elsewhere. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and many of them."

Allice M. M. Killip, Sec'y.

## NORTHEAST OHIO

The September meeting of this Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crellin, 330 Hale Road, Painesville, about 45 attending. After supper, served on the lawn, the business meeting was held in the summer house. A movement is afoot to obtain the histories of Manx pioneers in the district, and the Society has voted \$15.00 to be spent for Manx literature to be placed in the Painesville Public Library. Mrs. Maud McCarthy is contacting sources in the Isle of Man and in New York for such books.

The October meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harrison, 115 Ferris St., Chardon, with about 30 present. After a hearty picnic supper, officers for the coming year were installed:

President ..... Kenneth Quine  
Vice-Pres. .... Mrs. Maud McCarthy  
Sec'y.-Treas. .... W. H. Collister,  
65 Orchard Grove,  
Painesville, Ohio  
Trustee ..... Albert Killey

Miss Agnes Graham gave a lecture on the famous cartoonist, Thomas Nash, and showed some of his cartoons on the party politics of a past generation. Everyone had a pleasant evening.

The North East Ohio Manx Society sends Greetings and Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Manx people everywhere.

Kenneth D. Quine, President  
Mrs. Maud McCarthy, V.-Pres.  
W. H. Collister, Sec'y.-Treas.

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## ROCHESTER

About 14 Rochester Manx people met at Alice Garrett's apartment to greet Tom Radcliffe, Editor of the Isle of Man Examiner, who visited Rochester during his brief tour of the States and Canada in late September. Although the get-together was arranged on short notice, everyone enjoyed a very happy evening.

On November 6 an enjoyable meeting was held, with Alfred Looney as host. After a good visit and games, all sat down to a "real Manx feast." Miss Ruby Steiner, who had just returned from her vacation in Ireland, the Isle of Man, France and Switzerland, was welcomed back, and reported that the Island was as stimulating to her as on her first visit four years ago. She is ready to go again soon.

December 5 was the date for the Christmas party, with Mona Cannan as hostess. Mona's parties are always looked forward to, and everyone is assured of a grand time.

The Rochester Manx extend to all their friends, Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Alice Garrett,  
976 Monroe Ave.,  
Rochester 20, N.Y.

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

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes to all Manx friends, from the officers and members of the Breakfast Club.

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

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## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Christmas once again! What a wonderful message it brings of Hope and Peace, just as the first Christmas gave the promise of Peace and Goodwill to all on earth. Manx people have always honored Christmas in their hearts, and shown a kindly spirit to one and all. At this sacred season, we in the little Kingdom of Man specially remember our kinsfolk scattered throughout the world, and greet them with the old familiar words "May God bless you and grant you a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year."

Richard Cain, President  
Harold Cain, Chairman  
Charlie Craine, Hon. Sec'y.  
18 Broadway,  
Douglas, Isle of Man.

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## NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx met on October 3 at Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Crellin's home, Route 5, Lincoln, with 37 present. Mrs. Crellin, the President, called the meeting to order, and after singing "America" and "O Land of Our Birth," business was conducted and correspondence read. Among those present was Mrs. M. A. Lee, 80 years of age, and seven visitors, all ladies from England, now living in Lincoln. Another visitor was Miss Beryl Good, an exchange teacher from Cheshire, England, who is teaching biology at the Lincoln High School. Robert Humphrey showed interesting films of England and other places, which were much appreciated. Meeting closed by singing Manx songs, "America" and "God Save the Queen."

The Nebraska Manx wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Thomas Kelley, Sec'y.-Treas.  
5745 Franklin Ave.,  
Lincoln 6, Nebraska.

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## DETROIT-WINDSOR

On September 28, a large number of Manx people were present at the Corkill's home to meet Tom Radcliffe, Editor-in-Chief, Isle of Man Examiner, who gave an interesting talk on his world travels.

On November 14 some of the members visited the Honorary President, John W. Stephen, and helped him celebrate his 82nd birthday.

The officers and members wish all Manx Societies, Manx people and their friends, a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

R. H. Corkill, President  
Mrs. N. Mawson, Sec'y.,  
9351 Stoepe,  
Detroit 27, Mich.

## SAN FRANCISCO

Enthusiasm and good attendance continue at all meetings of the San Francisco Manx. They have been busy preparing for their usual "Open House" Christmas party.

This Christmas our wish is that all good Manx friends at home and abroad make up their minds to attend the 1955 Convention and have the time of their lives. Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years to all.

Mrs. Essie Quayle, Hon. Sec'y.  
1537 - 20th Ave.,  
San Francisco 22, Calif.

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## VANCOUVER

On October 9 the Vancouver Manx held their annual meeting for election of officers, with the following results:

President ..... Sam Cain  
Vice-President .... Leslie McDonnell  
Treasurer ..... Ernest Costain  
Secretary ..... Mrs. A. T. Wood,  
4131 Southwood St.  
So. Burnaby, Vancouver, B.C.  
Auditors, Messrs. Halsall and Smith  
Committee ..... Mrs. Isabel Erwin,  
Mrs. Watterson, Mr. and Mrs.  
Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson,  
Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan, Mr.  
and Mrs. Smith.

After the election, pictures taken by W. Harry Kelly of Cleveland, of the 1952 Homecoming trip, were shown and were enthusiastically appreciated. A cup of tea and coffee completed the evening.

The October meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the home of President and Mrs. Sam Cain. The President welcomed the new members of the Committee, four of whom, Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson came from the Isle of Man only two years ago. Mr. Cain appointed the following special committees:

Refreshments ..... Mrs. Mildred Christian

Sick Visiting ..... Mrs. Christian, Mr. A. T. Wood

Program ..... Mrs. A. T. Wood

Mr. Cain showed pictures of the British Empire Games and of Vancouver Island, taken by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McDonnell of San Francisco, while visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell in Vancouver this summer.

"Tom Brown Night" was celebrated on November 15, with a good attendance. Eric Costain gave a splendid talk on the life of the beloved Island poet, concluding with a reading of T.E.B.'s "Teggy's Wedding" to the delight of the audience. A welcome guest was George Gregor, formerly of Mona St., Peel, now 2nd Engineer on the "Princess Nanaimo" of the C.P.R. Steamship Service. Refreshments closed an enjoyable and instructive evening.

To raise funds for the Vancouver Manx children's party, scheduled for December 11, the Executive Committee invited 62 members and friends

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## SOCIETY NEWS AND GREETINGS

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to a "bring and buy" party at Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Callaghan's lovely new home. Whist and other games were played, and lunch was served. The sum of \$42.00 was raised towards putting a gift on the Christmas tree for each child.

Regular meetings of the Vancouver Manx Society are held the second Saturday of each month, from September through the following May.

A Christmas toast to Manx men and women everywhere:

"Slaynt as Shee, as Eash dy Veal,  
As Maynrys son dy bragh."  
"Health and Peace and Length of Days,  
And Happiness for ever."

Sam Cain, President

Mrs. A. T. Wood, Sec'y.

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### GREATER NEW YORK

The Manx of this continent were worthily represented by the Manx Society of Greater New York in honoring Queen Mother Elizabeth on her recent visit to these shores. On October 31, about twenty members and friends attended morning service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine when the Queen unveiled the Cathedral's new "Motherhood Window." Regional Director Miss Florence Gill says: "It was a pleasant sight to see this very gracious lady bowing to both sides and saying a quiet Good Morning to us all as she walked up the aisle, escorted by Bishop Donegan. After the service the Queen Mother and her party greeted us again as they walked out towards the great bronze doors. The Queen Mother has a radiant face, with a fair complexion."

Miss Gill continues: "On November 1, a party of Manx people attended the Commonwealth Ball at the Seventh Regiment Armory. It was a brilliant affair—the military bands, formations and drills of the Seventh Regiment—the various organizations with their flags and banners made an impressive sight. Standard bearer of the Manx banner was John William Howard, who marched around the large Armory, in line with flags and banners of all the other British Societies. After the National Anthems were sung the Queen Mother inspected the Regiment and spoke to several standard bearers and officers. She asked Mr. Howard how many Manx there are here—he told her, about 100 in New York, but a great many more in the Mid-West and far West. After the inspection, Presidents of the Commonwealth Societies were presented, among them Mrs. Thomas Christian, acting President of the Manx Society, who curtsied and shook hands with Her Majesty."

The Commonwealth Ball program shows that 52 British Societies were represented. We are pleased indeed that the Manx were among them.

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

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. is happy to extend best wishes for a Very Merry Holiday Season. May 1955 bring all you wish for.

If the ladies will send dues for 1954-55 now, to the Treasurer, Miss Alice Garrett, it won't be necessary for them to think of that fifty cents again until we meet in San Francisco next August. That time will be here before we realize it, so set up that vacation budget now. You will not want to miss the grand Convention planned for us, nor will you want to miss the sights of San Francisco and the beautiful country to be seen while en route.

Mrs. H. Mylchreest, President  
Miss Alice Garrett, Sec'y.-Tr.  
976 Monroe Ave., Apt. 10,  
Rochester 20, N. Y.

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### MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY — CLEVELAND

Hearty Greetings to all Manxmen and their families, and Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Herbert A. Quayle, President  
R. W. Skillicorn, Fin. Sec'y.  
4912 E. 96 St., Cleveland 25, O.

### VISIT TO WILLIAMSBURG

Two Cleveland Manx ladies, Mrs. R. W. Gell, 1516 East 133rd Street, and Mrs. Stanley Gell, 12404 Woodside Avenue, visited Williamsburg, Va. on a vacation trip in May. They were greatly impressed by the work of restoration which has given us the opportunity of seeing what the old Colonial town really was like. Mrs. R. W. Gell writes:

"Williamsburg itself, I understand, stays much the same as it was when Presidents Washington, Jefferson and Monroe were boys there. It was a thrill to sit a while in Bruton Church, where these great men worshipped. There are no traffic lights in the town, and very few street lights; side-walks are of cobblestones.

"On our way home we stayed a couple of days in Charlottesville, Va., and visited Thomas Jefferson's home there. The clock he built himself still runs, and has never been repaired. He had storm windows, dumb waiters in the dining room, a swivel table and chair, and many other things which we consider modern.

"We also visited the house where Mrs. Mary Washington lived and died in Fredericksburg. We also went to the Court House and read her will. I could ramble on at great length of all the things we saw."

An interesting set of souvenir poster stamps, picturing past and present ships of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, is being sold in aid of the British Sailors' Society, price 2 shillings, 6 pence per set of ten stamps. At current exchange, a dollar would pay for two sets. Anyone interested should send to: Mr. F. W. Groom, British Sailors' Society, 49 Trafford Road, Salford 5, Manchester, England.

### North American Manx Association Balance Sheet, Financial Year 1953-54

#### RECEIPTS

Bal. in Savings A/c. 7/31/53	\$ 121.00
Bal. in Com'l. A/c. 7/31/53	2,148.65
Contributions	4.50
Proceeds—Cleveland Convention	165.51
Membership Dues—Regular	1,716.00
Membership Dues—Life	40.00
Membership Dues—Society	33.00
Membership Dues—Junior	1.25
Interest—Savings A/c.	2.43
	<b>\$ 4,232.34</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Bulletin—Printing (5)	\$ 1,075.50
Bulletin—Handling	91.95
Bulletin—Engravings (2)	35.50
Bulletin—Postage	164.70
Bulletin—Envelopes	52.50
Salary—Corr. and Rec. Sec'y.	150.00
Salary—Fin. Sec'y-Treasurer	150.00
Salary—Bulletin Editor	150.00
Printing & Stationery	163.26
Telephone & Telegraph	7.49
Postage—General	86.18
Misc. Supplies	7.03
Ohio State Sales Tax	37.15
	<b>\$ 2,651.36</b>

Bal. Savings A/c. 7/31/54	\$ 123.43
Bal. Com'l A/c.	2,657.55
	<b>\$ 4,232.34</b>

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT — 1953-1954

Regular Members	783
Life Members	17
Society Members	12
Junior Members	5

Total Membership 817

Submitted Sept. 30th, 1954.

Robert W. Skillicorn

Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

Audited and found correct October 11th, 1954.

J. Edwin Kelly Robert A. Faragher

### Financial Statement for Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. for year ending October 1, 1954

Cash on hand August 1, 1953	\$ 234.55
Receipts during year 1954	257.55
	<b>\$ 492.10</b>

#### RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 59.25
Donations	172.50
Card Project	25.74
Canadian Exchange	.66
	<b>\$ 257.55</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary's registration Cleveland	
Convention	\$ 12.50
Convention Tea	25.50
Printing	9.50
Postage	3.00
Card Project	14.50
San Francisco Convention Committee	100.00
N.A.M.A. dues	3.00
	<b>\$ 171.00</b>

Total disbursements \$ 171.00

Balance on Hand \$ 321.10

Audited November 15, 1954

by J. H. McKenny

ALICE GARRETT,

Secretary and Treasurer.

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

(Continued from Page 3)

A young member of the Vancouver Manx Society, Lois Halsall, was chosen as a member of the Elgar Choir. This is quite an honor as these young singers are selected from the entire province of British Columbia and the choice is limited to less than thirty. The choir makes an annual tour of Britain, giving concerts in various cities. Lois is the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Halsall of Vancouver, formerly of Douglas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kelly of Zoar, Ohio are wintering in Florida and enjoying the sunshine. Their address is Box 1226, Eustis, Fla. They will return to Zoar in the spring.

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Miss Edith Cubbon, 13703 - 2nd Ave., N.W., Seattle, Wash. has been visiting Miss Fannie Urie and her sisters in Long Beach, Calif., for several weeks this fall. While there she visited cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall of Riverside (she was Annie Corkhill from Castletown) and Mrs. Ellen Stevens of Long Beach, formerly of Cleveland. In August, Miss Cubbon and her brother Nelson went to Vancouver, B.C. where they saw Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell, and their son Douglas and family from California, who were visiting there. They also saw Mr. and Mrs. John Kneale of Horseshoe Bay, B.C. (both from Castletown); Mrs. W. T. Kinley (Alice Kneen from Colby); and a cousin, Ronald Cubbon and family. Miss Cubbon is our Regional Director in Seattle.

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After 37 years with the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, our friend Robert Cecil Kelly retired August 1 and is now a gentleman of leisure—although he finds plenty to do at home. He was a cabinet maker in the utility company's shops. Cecil came to the States in 1911 from Peel, Isle of Man, and has been back on visits twice. We all enjoy the genial company of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly at our Conventions, and Mrs. Kelly has contributed delightful entertainment with her famous recitations. They live at 7825 Oglesby Ave., Chicago.

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Another friend who retired this year, in April, is Alexander Woosley, 174 Stanley Ave., Hamilton, Ont. He too can work around the house and enjoys reading, so is not worrying about being able to "put the time in." He has sent us many interesting paragraphs about the Isle of Man, which have been published in the Bulletin.

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On November 6, twenty-five Manx friends gave a surprise housewarming party to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gell at their new home, 4933 Monticello Blvd., Richmond Heights, Ohio. Everyone had a grand time, and presented "Alice and Bob" with a suitable gift to remind them of the happy occasion.

## MANX WEDDIN'S

Miss Donnamac Collinson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collinson of Galva, Ill. was married on November 14 to Mr. Frank Hocker, also of Galva. They will reside in Colchester, Ill., where Mrs. Hocker is homemaking instructor in the local high school, and Mr. Hocker is in the employ of the Yetter Implement Company.

A recent wedding of interest to the Vancouver Manx was that of Miss Audrey Brooks and Harry Kneale, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kneale, formerly of Castletown, Isle of Man, now of Horseshoe Bay, B.C.

Married in Seattle, Wash., on August 14, Raymond F. Reed, Jr., son of Mrs. Raymond F. Reed, Sr. of Olympia, Wash. and the late Mr. Reed, to Charlotte Leuthley, daughter of Mr. H. Leuthley and the late Mrs. Leuthley of Seattle. Raymond is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cubbon of Issaquah, Wash. and Port St. Mary, Isle of Man. The couple will live in Olympia, where Raymond is a civil engineer.

## THE L'IL PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelly, 1805 Keystone Road, Parma, Ohio announce the arrival of a daughter, Nancy Lynn, on September 30.

A son, Paul Howard, was born on November 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Collinson of Victoria, Ill. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collinson of Galva, and has a big brother, John Dale.

A son, David John, was born on September 13 to Mr. and Mrs. David Teare, 4440 Parkton Drive, Warrensville, Ohio. Mrs. Ralph Cowin, 3264 West 114th St., Cleveland, is the baby's grandmother.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Toronto, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man, a daughter, Caroline Christian Hall, last August.

Born on May 21, Robert William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Coons, 3406 - 19th St., S., Seattle, Wash. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Cubbon of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wimberley (nee Phyllis Kelly) of North Hollywood, Calif., announce the arrival on November 18 of their second daughter, Anne Micah. Proud Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kelly of Alhambra, Calif., and formerly of Cleveland, Ohio.

Those who attended the Rochester Convention in 1952, will remember the very clever performance given by the "Note Cracker Quartette," and will be interested in knowing that these talented young men took part in the international competition for barber-shop quartettes held in Washington during June. This is the fourth year that the group has won the right to compete. Each time in the past it has been rated in the top third of competing quartettes.

## 1955 Boy Scouts Jamboree

The 1955 Jamboree of the Boy Scouts is to be held near New York City in August. This will be an international gathering of Scouts from all parts of the world and a meeting of this type takes place every four years. It is perhaps the most important event in a Scout's life, and one that he will look back upon with pleasure and pride as long as he lives.

In the past, these meetings have taken place in Europe and the Isle of Man always has been able to send a contingent without the necessity of asking for financial aid outside the Island. This time, however, the cost will amount to about 130 pounds per boy, and they are asking for assistance with the finances for two Scouts to be sent to the 1955 Jamboree.

If any of our readers want to lend financial aid for this project, they may send their donations directly to the Hon. Island Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association, Mr. W. D. Kaneen, 34 Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

## Visiting The Island

Captain Arthur H. Gill of New York, with his wife and three children, visited the Island this summer, staying with his mother, Mrs. Gill of Onchan. Captain Gill, a nephew of our Regional Director Miss Florence Gill of Brooklyn, N. Y., is assistant marine superintendent for the Cunard Steamship Company.

James E. Taubman of Calgary, Alberta spent a holiday in the Isle of Man this summer, his second visit since going to Canada in 1909. When he first saw Calgary it was not the large city it is now, but consisted of just a few houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowman of Berkeley, Calif., spent a short time in the Island this past summer. Mr. Bowman is a descendant of Catherine Christian from the north of the Island, who emigrated to America in 1827. Her family eventually settled in Minneapolis.

The Rev. and Mrs. John Watterson of Woodstock, Ill. were in the Isle of Man during August and part of September, their first visit since 1912. Born in Ballabeg, Mr. Watterson went to the States in 1908 and became a Methodist minister. The couple stayed in Ballabeg with Mr. Watterson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Watterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corkill of Niagara Falls, N. Y. are expected back from the Isle of Man during October. They have been visiting Walter's mother, who is in the middle nineties.

Mrs. H. Collister and Miss Olga Collister, wife and daughter of the Chief Constable of Brandon, Manitoba, returned recently from a holiday spent in the Isle of Man, England and the Continent. They went to Germany to see the cemetery where Jack, the Collisters' second son, who was a gunner in the Royal Canadian Air Force, is buried.



## OBITUARIES

**CLAGUE**, Eve, 331 Atlantic Avenue, Winnipeg, died on June 13 at the age of 76. She leaves her husband, William Henry, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man; a son, Robert Douglas, of St. Vital, Man.; three daughters, Mrs. Ivy McLeod of Winnipeg, Mrs. Jean Hilliard of Port Credit, Ont., and Mrs. Grace Mark of Saskatoon, Sask., and nine grandchildren. Mrs. Clague was a daughter of Robert and Mary Corteen of Thalgo Queen, Kirk Maughold, Isle of Man. She married Mr. Clague in 1905 and they came to Canada the same year.

**COLLISTER**, William Ross, aged 64, of 1144 Chapman St., Victoria, B. C., died on November 4. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Murray T. Scott (Ella) of Victoria; a brother, H. Collister, of Brandon, Man.; two sisters in England and two grandchildren. Mr. Collister was born in the Isle of Man and came to Broadview, Sask., where he was an employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway for 38 years. He retired to Victoria, B.C. in 1948.

**COWIN**, Frank, of 7140 Kleber Court, Cleveland, died on August 14. He leaves his wife, Martha; a son, Charles; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Besserer, and grandchildren. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edward Cowin of Lacey.

**CRABINE**, Turner S., Leroy, Ohio, passed away recently at the home of his daughter. Surviving are three sons, and one daughter; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His wife died on September 4, 1953. Mr. Crabine was born in 1874 in Thompson, Ohio, where he farmed until his retirement twelve years ago.

**CURPHEY**, Robert, 13714 S. Parkway Drive, Cleveland, died on November 16. Surviving are his wife, Minnie; three daughters, Edith, Mrs. Ethel Scaletta, and Mrs. Gladys Boswell, and grandchildren; also a sister, Miss Edith Curphey in the Isle of Man. Mr. Curphey came to Cleveland from Ramsey, Isle of Man.

**DUGGAN**, Mrs. Ivy, 8235 Champagne Ave., Montreal, died on October 6 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Walter, and son, Ronnie. Mrs. Duggan was a valued and enthusiastic worker for the Montreal Manx Society, of which she was secretary for many years prior to her illness.

**GAWNE**, Miss Clara V., of Chicago, Illinois, passed away suddenly on August 27th, at the age of seventy-seven years. She had been a member of the N.A.M.A. since its inception. A survivor is her sister, Mrs. Laura Green of Chicago.

**GENDLE**, W. J., of Mira Loma, Calif., passed away on December 18, 1953, aged 84. He came from the Isle of Man and was an interested member of the N.A.M.A. for many years.

**HADLEY**, Mrs. Annie Quayle, of Claremont, Calif., passed away on August 28. She was born in Kirk Bride, Isle of Man, and was a sister of the late Mrs. Dan Teare.

**HUDGEON**, May Belle, aged 85, of 317 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio, died on September 16. Surviving are her husband, John Hudgeon who came to Cleveland from Port St. Mary, Isle of Man many years ago; a son, John B., and grandchildren.

**JEPSON**, Elizabeth (nee Kelly), died in Blackburn, England the latter part of June. She leaves a brother, Alan D. Kelly, of Douglas, Isle of Man. Mrs. Jepson was a member of the N.A.M.A.

**KERMODE**, Nellie L., of 859 Roanoke Road, Cleveland, died on September 16. Surviving are her husband, Ira J. Kermode; a son, Ira G.; grandchildren, and two sisters.

**KILLEY**, Edward Charles, of Painesville, Ohio, died on October 16. He leaves his wife, Ida; nephews Albert Killey of Painesville and Arthur Killey, Warrensville, Ohio; nieces Elsie Collister of Painesville and Eleanor Keyse of Bucyrus, Ohio. Mr. Killey was born in the parish of Jurby, Isle of Man, in 1864 and came to Cleveland in 1883. In 1889 he went to Australia, and later to Johannesburg, South Africa. He returned to the States in 1915 and married Miss Ida Collister in 1918. Since then he has lived in Bermuda and in Asheville, N. C. before settling in Painesville in 1950.

**LACE**, John H., of Iron River, Mich., a member of the N.A.M.A. since 1947, died on February 4 at the age of 76.

**MURDOCH**, William E., of 47 Lansdale St., Rochester, N.Y., died on November 8. He leaves his wife, Estella I. Murdoch; three daughters, Mrs. Burnett W. Eddy, Mrs. Ward S. Ward, Mrs. LeRoy E. Johnson; a son, William H. Murdoch; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**TURVILLE**, Margaret (nee Qualtrough), of Turville Point, Madison, Wis., passed away on October 28. She leaves a son, Henry Qualtrough Turville, and a granddaughter, Katherine Lee. Her husband died a few years ago. Mrs. Turville was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, February 7, 1888; came to Dodgeville, Wis. in 1914, and graduated as a nurse from Madison General Hospital. She was a Regional Director of the N.A.M.A., has attended several of our Conventions, and was deeply and enthusiastically interested in Manx people, as well as in the pioneer history of the Manx.

**ROBERTS**, Thomas Joseph, of "Elsinore," Victoria Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, died on September 15 after a long illness. He leaves a brother, W. Harry Roberts of Willow Grove, Pa., and a sister, Mrs. Marie Sheard of Douglas. Mr. Roberts attended the N.A.M.A. Convention at Toronto in 1947.

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

## New Plays By Philip Caine

Readers of Manx newspapers will have noted some reviews of plays by Philip W. Caine, poet and journalist, of Douglas, Isle of Man whom many had the privilege of meeting at the Victory Convention in Toronto in 1947. Copies of Mr. Caine's plays are available in booklet form as follows:

"The Manx Bible".....Two Shillings  
 "The House of Keys of 1851," and  
 "The Death Coach".....Two Shillings  
 "The Manxman by Land and Sea"  
 .....Two Shillings and Six Pence

The two first-named books of course are historic dramatizations; the last consists of a group of episodes in Manx dialect, introducing charming lyrics from Mr. Caine's earlier volume of verse—"When I Was Young." Those interested in acquiring any or all of the three books should write to Mr. Philip W. Caine, "Far End," 32 Westminster Drive, Douglas, Isle of Man.

## Crellins—California Pioneers

An interesting story appeared in the San Mateo (Calif.) Times of June 23, sent to us by Miss Anne Crellin of Akron, who in turn had it from an official of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company where she works. He thought she would be interested in the life story of a namesake. The article concerns Earle A. Crellin, 1335 Marlborough Road, Hillsborough, Calif., whose retirement from an important executive position with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company was effective July 1. The following is quoted from the story:

"Crellin is a descendant of the family that founded the Central Bank of Oakland and the once-flourishing San Francisco Bay oyster industry, in connection with which the family owned 60,000 acres of land. . . . His grandfather and a great-uncle, first presidents of the Central Bank, emigrated from the Isle of Man and crossed the plains of America by wagon train in 1852. His grandmother was in another wagon train which joined theirs on the way."

Mr. Crellin was born in 1889 and was graduated from Stanford University as an electrical engineer in 1911. The article describes his career at considerable length, and it is interesting to know of this successful descendant of Manx pioneers who owned vast tracts of California land when the West was in its infancy.

