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

May, 1955

Let's Make Our Slogan . . .

. . . "California, Here We Come!"

At long last, an event to which we "older" officers of the North American Manx Association have been looking forward for lo these many years is about to take place - an N.A.M.A. Convention on the West Coast. Yes, this is our first movement to the Far West and how wonderful it is!

From what we hear, however, the anticipation comes nowhere near the wonderful convention which is being

planned for us in that "City by the Golden Gate" - that "City That Knows How" - San Francisco.

It is our sincere hope that many, many of our Eastern members and friends are going to take this opportunity to visit fabulous California. A world-wide traveller and lecturer, who has visited practically every corner of the world, recently lectured in Cleveland and his subject was "California - the Vacationland of the

World." If only those of you good Manx friends who have been "sitting on the fence" about whether or not to go to the convention this summer could have heard his lecture and viewed the wonderful colored movies he showed, we are sure you would have fallen off that fence - on the West side of it, we mean - and decided then and there that California, San Francisco and the West Coast

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CABLE CAR AND VIEW OF CITY

The first cable car in the world was tried on a San Francisco hill in 1873. Held by a wire rope cable running beneath the street, the little cars with clanging bells are pulled up impossible hills, affording breathtaking views of the city and bay.

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The President's Message

As I write this message, in early April, brighter sunshine and longer hours of daylight have brought springtime to Cleveland. While riding through the countryside I noticed the farmers plowing and the lambs playing in the pasture. It is very appropriate that Easter, commemorating the Resurrection of Christ, should be celebrated at a time when Nature is awakening to newness of Life. When you read this, Easter will be past, but the fullness of spring will be here.

New life is thrilling, whether it be in a gaily bonneted tulip or a pert crocus. To all of us, Easter is a renewal of faith, hope and confidence, just as Nature is renewed in springtime.

The pioneers of our Great West were imbued with faith, hope and confidence in the possibility of developing a virgin country — and the time is approaching when we shall have the opportunity of following in their trail — but without their hardship—across the rolling prairies to the Golden West, to hold our Convention in San Francisco.

The greatest happiness we can obtain in this life is association with those we love and admire. To me, it is well worth any sacrifice to obtain this enjoyment by attending the Convention. Come along—join us! You will enjoy pleasant days with good friends, and gain happy memories to treasure long afterwards. Don't disappoint someone who may be traveling hundreds of miles in the hope of meeting YOU.

WESTWARD HO! LET'S GO!
August 9 to 12!

HENRY MYLCHREEST,
President

"California, Here We Come!"

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are a MUST in your vacation plans for August 1955.

This lecturer said that originally he had planned to entitle this particular lecture "Fabulous California" but changed his mind during the period in which he was editing and preparing his pictures for showing. Apparently, like those of us who later had the pleasure of seeing these fine pictures, he was struck with the thought that here was a place where one can find everything in the world to provide a happy and long-to-be-remembered vacation. Consequently, he decided to change the title of his lecture to "California - the Vacationland of the World."

Another well-known traveler and lecturer remarked, upon the occasion of a recent visit in San Francisco, that he always derives a thrill out of being there. He said that in all the harbors and hills on four separate sides of the earth compare with San Francisco — Hong Kong in China, Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Naples in Italy and Istanbul in Turkey. He went on to say, however, that in addition, there is something in the San Francisco air which spells vitality and progress, an upsurge which takes hold of you and makes you feel the heartbeat of the great West Coast and the broad Pacific. He had never heard of anyone who did not like San Francisco. Coming from such a man, this seems to us to be all of the recommendation that one could want.

During the past two years we have tried in our own small way to play up in our Bulletins the interesting spots in San Francisco. But, believe us, we have scratched only the surface. We have not even begun to tell you about all the wonderful things to see and do in San Francisco — and we have said absolutely nothing about the rest of that magnificent country out there. Those of you who live on the West Coast and those of you who have visited or travelled there will agree that there is nothing more beautiful or enjoyable anywhere. The exquisite coastline with its charming beaches all along the way, the majestic and stately mountains which form a backdrop at the east, the stupendous forests of venerable redwoods — the oldest living things known to man, some of the highest and loveliest waterfalls in this or any other country, and the many other grand and marvelous things on the West Coast should be witnessed by all of us. Yes, California is indeed "The Vacationland of the World."

And, to top it all off, the San Francisco Convention gives us an opportunity of meeting the many Manx friends who make the Far West their home. It also gives our friends out there the opportunity of greeting and welcoming their Manx friends who live in the East. Regardless of all this, however, we are glad to have a convention on the West Coast, in order that our good Western

Manx members, who have never been able to travel East to a convention, may have occasion to partake of the many pleasures these meetings afford. They really have a treat in store. We hope, therefore, that those members who live in the West, but in places other than San Francisco, will join us there. They, too, will be thrilled by the experience of renewing old friendships and making new ones among kindred souls from their Island Home.

We urge you to make up your mind now to be in San Francisco on those memorable days - August 9 to 12 - so that you will not miss having "the time of your life" at our 27th Anniversary Convention.

CLAIRE M. MYLECRINE,
Secretary.

WAYS AND MEANS

The Manx Society of San Francisco again extends a warm invitation to all Manxmen and their friends to come to the 1955 convention. The Ways and Means Committee wishes to thank all Manxmen and friends who have so generously contributed to our successful 1955 convention fund. We especially thank the Vancouver and Los Angeles Manx Societies for their aid toward the success of this convention. August 9-12 are the dates and San Francisco, the City by the Golden Gate, is the place. Send in your hotel reservation early so that we may make your stay a pleasant one.

H. A. Zenger, Chairman

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Hotel Reservations for August are starting to come in, so we hope it is a good omen for a bumper crowd. We are looking forward to a happy time, as we have so much of interest planned. We know everyone will love San Francisco — the fresh breezes from the ocean will bring back happy memories of their Island home. Fisherman's Wharf will be a Manxman's delight and Golden Gate Park a nature-lover's Paradise. So, come one, come all, and join the throng heading West for the "best convention ever." The Hotel Reservations Committee would appreciate the form enclosed in this Bulletin being filled out and sent in no later than July, if convenient.

Katie Cringle, Chairman

SOUVENIR BOOK

Recently you received an invitation to have your name printed in the San Francisco Convention Souvenir Program Book. Since these books entail much preparatory work, it will be appreciated both by the committee and our printer if you will send in your space request or patron's listing as soon as possible.

We know you will want to have your name listed with those of the other patrons and, thereby, become a part of this wonderful First West

Coast Convention of your N.A.M.A. So, look up the letter NOW, fill it in and return it with your check or money in the envelope sent you for that purpose.

If you have misplaced or lost your letter, just print your name and address on a slip of paper and send it along with your remittance to — Mrs. Viola Rankin, 2212 Carleton Avenue, Berkeley, California. The rates are the same as in the past — only \$1.00 for a single-line patron's listing. Or, if you want a larger space, it will be \$2.50 for a card-size, \$5.00 for a quarter-page, \$10.00 for a half-page or \$20.00 for a full-page.

Hurry—Hurry—Hurry—Do it now!

TRANSPORTATION

The members of this committee are "going strong" and we hope to have a large crowd of good "Manxies" to entertain in August. So, pack your grips and make San Francisco your vacation and convention headquarters. And, be sure to bring your "singing voices" so we can all join in singing the old favorites. A most cordial welcome awaits you in San Francisco.

Finette Hall

REFRESHMENTS

We, of the Refreshment Committee for the San Francisco convention, are looking forward to meeting you in the City by the Golden Gate in August. Varied appetizing menus are being planned, which we hope will be enjoyed by all.

Lillian Vincent, Chairman

REGISTRATION

We hope that each person will register upon arrival, or as soon as possible, so that we may know who is here and from where they come. The registration fee will be only \$12.50, as in the past. We are planning to give all a wonderful time. We hope that you will enjoy yourselves and renew friendships with folks from the various parts.

Evelyn Corlett, Chairman

San Francisco

Convention Committee

Since printing the names of the San Francisco Convention Committee members in the March Bulletin, we have been informed of the following corrections:

Hotel Reservations — Mrs. James Cringle, 1537 — 20th Avenue, San Francisco 22, is Chairman of this committee.

Registration — Miss Evelyn Corlett, 1400 Fell St., San Francisco 17, is Chairman of this committee.

Ways and Means — Additional members are: Mrs. H. P. Callister and Mrs. Jack Vincent.

Refreshments — Mrs. Jack Vincent, Chairman; Mrs. Finette Hall, Assistant.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

27th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

AUGUST 9-12, 1955

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

TUESDAY EVENING—San Francisco night. Informal get-together and entertainment at Hotel Whitcomb.

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

WEDNESDAY P. M.—Luncheon, Hotel Whitcomb. Bus-tour of San Francisco and environs terminating at Claremont Hotel in Berkeley for dinner and entertainment.

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

THURSDAY P. M.—Luncheon, Hotel Whitcomb. San Francisco Bay Cruise in late afternoon.

THURSDAY EVENING—Entertainment, Hotel Whitcomb.

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

FRIDAY EVENING—Banquet and Grand Ball at Hotel Whitcomb.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$12.50

Convention Train Party

Since announcing plans for a convention train party from Chicago to San Francisco, we have made definite arrangements as follows:

Those in Cleveland and to the east of this point will travel via New York Central train, leaving Cleveland Terminal at 11:20 A. M. (12:20 Daylight Savings Time) on Saturday, August 6. This train arrives in Chicago at 5:05 P. M. (6:05 Daylight Savings Time). We shall endeavor to have the entire party ride in one coach.

On arrival in Chicago, the party will be met by a railroad passenger agent and immediately transferred from the La Salle Street Station to the C. & N. W. Station. This transfer is included in your ticket cost. There will be sufficient time to eat in the C. & N. W. Station before boarding the train for San Francisco. We are travelling on the City of San Francisco, which leaves Chicago at 7:00 P. M. (8:00 Daylight Savings Time) on Saturday, August 6, arriving in San Francisco at 9:50 A. M. (10:50 Daylight Savings Time) on Monday, the 8th.

Since most of the responses to our recent questionnaire indicated a preference for coach travel, we have reserved a 44-passenger coach on the above train. The trip from Cleveland

to Chicago is so short that this also will be via coach. However, if you wish to travel via Pullman from Chicago to San Francisco, you, of course, may do so.

All coach seats in the City of San Francisco are reserved and are equipped with full leg and foot rests. The backs of the seats are also of the reclining type, so that they can be let down for sleeping. Pillows also are available for comfort of the passengers.

Ticket costs, including federal tax, are as follows from Chicago to San Francisco:

Round Trip coach seats as described above	\$ 99.17
Round trip 1st class for Pullman travel	139.10
Plus for lower berth each way, 2 @ \$23.10	46.20

Roomettes or bed rooms are also available in 1st class. The cost for such accommodation is somewhat higher than for lower berth.

Each one who has indicated interest in joining this party eventually will be written a special letter of instructions for purchasing tickets and making necessary reservations. Meanwhile, if you would like to go with us and have not already let us know,

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kelly of Douglas to Cleveland, a number of Manx friends held a "surprise party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gell, 4933 Monticello Boulevard on Saturday, April 16th. A very pleasant evening was spent and the visitors were presented with a lovely lace tablecloth.

Peggy Van Camp and small son, Peter, recently visited her mother, Mrs. Ivy Dillion, who is Secretary of the Bisbee Manx Society, and her uncles, Fred and Cecil Corrin. Later the Corrins had another welcome visitor — their sister, Mrs. Bessie Vandivier (nee Dorothy Elizabeth Corrin), from Long Beach, Calif.

Visiting the Isle of Man for several months this year are Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, 1887 East 101st St., Cleveland. Bill, who came to Cleveland from Peel in 1910, retired in March after 20 years as a printer with the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Fellow-workers gave him an engraved wallet, with best wishes for the years to come, and the newspaper published a photograph of the little ceremony with an interesting write-up. Bill's wife, formerly Margaret Quine, also comes from Peel.

Mrs. Ada Cubbon of Galva, Ill. is planning to attend the San Francisco Convention, and at the same time will visit relatives in the West.

The Peoria Manx paid tribute to one of their older members recently — Mrs. Quilliam of Canton, Ill. — by sending her cards on her 81st birthday, April 9.

Rev. and Mrs. John Killip of Paxton, Ill. "had their pictures in the paper" when they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 3. Hearty congratulations!

Alexander Woosey, 174 Stanley Ave., Hamilton, Ont. sailed from Montreal on May 2 to visit his two sisters in Liverpool. While there he plans to take a short holiday in the Isle of Man.

John J. Crellin from Douglas, Isle of Man is having a wonderful visit with his sister, Mrs. H. Crellin and Mrs. G. E. Humphery of Lincoln, Nebr. He is meeting many friends, old and new, and getting to know his nephews and nieces in Nebraska. Mr. Crellin is a baker with a business in Douglas, and will return to the Island in June after visiting Chicago, New York, and possibly other interesting places.

Mrs. Gladys Watts of Lincoln, Nebr. is making plans to go to the San Francisco Convention. She was Secretary to the Nebraska Manx Ass'n some few years ago.

About a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawson, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man, arrived in Vancouver with their two young daughters to join Mrs. Lawson's mother, Mrs. Kinrade. Mr. Lawson soon found employment in television servicing and is now quite settled in Vancouver. The family like Vancouver very much, and all are active and helpful in the Manx Society. Bill Lawson has been around, having served with the Royal Engineers in Kenya and Tanganyika, 1939 to 1945, and was back there for another spell in 1948-1951. A son, 18, is going to Kenya shortly to work on cable and wireless installation.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan of Vancouver, B.C. enjoyed a grand three-week trip to Tucson, Arizona recently. While en route they visited their uncle and aunt in San Francisco — Mr. and Mrs. J. Fielding, formerly of Douglas, and Mrs. Edwin Kelly of San Clemente, also from Douglas. In Tucson they spent a week with Mrs. O'Callaghan's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowley. On the return trip they visited the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Las Vegas and other places, and will never forget the marvellous scenery. Mrs. O'Callaghan is the former Chrissie Fielding of Douglas.

William Keig of Powell River, B.C. has had a two-year holiday in the Isle of Man and England. He returned to Canada on the SAXONIA about the middle of May. Mr. Keig is an enthusiastic reader and booster of the N.A.M.A. Bulletin.

The Ben-my-Chree Club, a group of Manx ladies residing on Cleveland's West Side, held their annual luncheon in April at the Sherwood Inn. Mrs. J. H. Hornby, 3843 West 43rd St., Cleveland, is President of the club.

Athol Quine, who recently arrived in Toronto from Douglas, Isle of Man, has joined the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The San Francisco Manx were pleased to meet Miss Connie Crennell of Ramsey, Isle of Man, and show her round their city during March. Miss Crennell has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Edith Quayle, in Claremont Calif.

Off to the Isle of Man for a summer holiday, Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, Bedford, Ohio; Mrs. Edward Corlett, Sheffield Lake, Ohio, and Stephen H. Quinney, East Cleveland. All sailed April 30 from Montreal on the Saxonia.

Steve Quinney, 1718 Elsinore Ave., East Cleveland, has just completed 25 years with the Fisher Body Division of General Motors Corp., and becomes a member of their 25-Year Club.

Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester, N.Y. paid a week-end visit to Cleveland during March, staying with Miss Claire Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road.

Mrs. J. Cannell, 1492 Robinwood Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, had a visit from her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Cannell, 14227 Glenfield Ave., Detroit, for a few days during April.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Bellamy of San Francisco left by plane for England and the Isle of Man late in April. They plan to be back for the Convention!

Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Abell, 14200 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, enjoyed an April visit from their daughter Lois and her two children for the two weeks of the spring vacation. The visit concluded with a happy family party when Lois's husband, Warren Baughman, came to take his little family home to Warrenville, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gell, (from Laxey), who lived for many years on Cleveland's West Side, are enjoying country life since moving to their new home, on Station Road S., R.D. 1, Columbia Station, Ohio.

Jim Mann of Winnipeg, who moved from his old address some time ago, and now lives at 64 Donald St., writes that some of the Manx emigrants from Douglas are arriving in Winnipeg.

A man who gave his name as Quaie (pronounced "Q"), told Jim Mann of Winnipeg that his people came from Brittany. He said he understood the name was once Quayle, but had been changed to the French version.

W. H. Clague of 331 Atlantic Ave., Winnipeg, sends his best wishes for the success of the San Francisco Convention. Mr. Clague is 75, comes from Douglas, and would love to chat with someone about old days at St. Barnabas' Church which he attended from the time he could walk.

MANX WEDDIN'S

T/Sgt. Harold B. Corlett of Sacramento, Calif., now stationed at the Air Force Base at Lincoln, Nebr., and Ida L. Andrews, R. N., of Modesto, Calif., were married recently and are living at 2618 South 12th St., Lincoln.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

A son, Richard Leslie (Rickey) was born to Donald and Charlene McDonnell of Vancouver, B.C. on February 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell of North Vancouver.

A son was born on March 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacRae Kinnish, of 115 Newcomb Road, Tenafly, N.J. Grandmother is Mrs. Alice Kinnish of 1331 Park Place, Brooklyn, N.Y., who spent eight months in the Isle of Man in 1953, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kinnish. She took many colored pictures of the Island, at that time, and has shown them at meetings of the Greater New York Manx Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas DeWerth, 15028 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, announce the birth of a daughter, Shirley Ann on January 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeWerth (Mona Frick) of Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Keig of Columbus, Ohio announce the birth of a son, Thomas Traeger, on March 11. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keig, Cleveland.

Born on March 12, a daughter, Deborah Ellan, to Mr. and Mrs. Faunce (Mary Beth Sieversten) of Cleveland. The great-grandmother is Mrs. Maude Corlett, 22469 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland; grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude Sieversten.

Convention Train Party

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please write the Secretary, Miss Claire M. Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland 2, Ohio, advising the number in your party. This will give us an idea as to how many are going to be with us and will also assure your being supplied with final detailed information regarding the trip. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND MUST BE DONE IF YOU ARE JOINING THIS TRAIN PARTY AT CLEVELAND, CHICAGO OR ELSEWHERE EN ROUTE.**

The following is for the information of those who question possible reductions in rates:

Family-plan fares are available ONLY when leaving home city on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. This is of no benefit to our party, as we must leave Chicago on Saturday in order to arrive in San Francisco by Monday.

The "Group Plan" which allows reductions for three or more going

and returning together, is not available west of Chicago. However, any groups of this sort can secure a slight fare concession for that part of the trip which is east of Chicago.

Also remember that if you join this party for the trip to San Francisco, you are permitted to return when you wish to do so and also you may return via some other route. For instance, if you go to Los Angeles, Seattle, or perhaps some other point on the West Coast after the convention, you can return from such point without any extra fare. There would, however, be a very small additional fare for returning through Canada. Stopovers also are allowed anywhere in route.

The Writer of "Ellan Vannin"

Little is recorded of Eliza Craven Green, who wrote "Ellan Vannin." We know that she came to Douglas in 1824 as a young actress in a theatrical touring company, and that she contributed poems to the newspaper "Manx Sun."

Mrs. A. U. Bartholomew, 3253 Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland, has sent us a reprinted article from the "Douglas Weekly Diary," a paper now out of print, giving some details about the life of this gifted lady, Eliza Craven Green, gleaned chiefly from her poems. We quote a few paragraphs;

"The most reliable bit of information we have concerning her is an entry in Faragher's Isle of Man Directory, dated July 9, 1825 in which it states that Miss Craven, authoress of 'Legends of Mona', left the Island and that her last published piece was 'Glenmay Visited.' Reading this poem reveals the fact that she had seen Glenmay for the last time, and that she was aware of it:

'I go — but thine image
Shall still with me dwell!
Sweet glen of the waters
For ever, farewell!'

"The reason for her departure we know not, but she left behind relatives and friends in the Isle of Man with whom she kept up correspondence for many years

"Her early poems are worthy of attention. She was first to write in praise of the Island, a fact of which in after life she was justly proud. The Groves, Ballaughton, and Kirk Braddan were dearly loved haunts. Two of her most lengthy poems are written in connection with the old Churchyard.

"Careful reading of her poems reveals the fact that when Miss Craven left the Isle of Man she left her sunniest days behind. She married a man named Green, and lived in more lands than one. . . She seemed to realize that her return to her beloved 'Ellan Vannin' was an utter impossibility. . . She had more than her share of poverty and sorrow.

"About 1857 she was busy corresponding with her old friend, Peter Curphey, proprietor of the 'Manx Sun,' with the result that in the following year appeared her book of poems entitled 'Sea Weeds and Heath Flowers, or Memories of Mona,' quite a nice volume containing 200 pages. . ."

Of this volume of poems, the only one we are familiar with today is the beloved "Ellan Vannin." Mr. Townsend of Manchester set the words to music. Says the article — "His beautiful air was a perfect setting for the longing expressed in the words of this well-known song, which will never be forgotten by Manx people."

The article we have been quoting gives several specimens of the charming verse written by Eliza Craven Green, but we lack space to give them here. It is pleasant to remember this lady who loved the Isle of Man so well, and in lines written a hundred years ago, voiced sentiments we all feel today —

"Memories—sweet and tender—
Come, like Music's plaintive flow,
Of the hearts in Ellan Vannin.
That loved me, long ago."

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

In his annual report for 1954, Charles Craine, Hon. Secretary of the World Manx Ass'n., expressed warm appreciation of the grand work being done by Manx Societies throughout the world. He commented on the forming of two new Societies — Sydney, Australia, and Birmingham, England.

The conferring of the Order of the British Empire on Richard Cain, founder and President of the Association, was a signal honor which gave great joy to the officers and to Manx people as a whole.

Outings for Manx visitors from overseas were arranged last summer and were greatly enjoyed. Similar arrangements have been made this year. At the Annual Manx Gathering on Tynwald Day last year, there were many overseas friends present, among them Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain of Cleveland, who were guest speakers.

Tribute was paid to the Manx poet, T. E. Brown, in the observance of "T. E. Brown Night" with a Manx Tea and Concert. Deep regret was expressed for the passing of that gifted Manx scholar, William Cubbon, M.A., on New Year's Day.

The W.M.A. has given advice and letters of introduction to many Manx people emigrating from the Island. Overseas Manx Societies were thanked for the unstinted help and advice they give to these newcomers on arrival.

The W.M.A. welcomes new members — annual dues 2/6, Life Membership One Guinea.

The above is a digest of Mr. Craine's very complete report, on which he is to be congratulated.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SAN FRANCISCO

A meeting of the San Francisco Manx was held on April 16 at the home of Mrs. Viola Rankin, 2212 Carleton Ave., Berkeley. Mrs. Rankin is a most gracious hostess and the meeting was very enjoyable, with continued keen interest shown in the "Big Do," August 9 to 12. Excellent refreshments were served, with Mrs. Fred Callow and Mrs. Janie Jones in charge, assisted by members of the regular refreshment committee.

An honored guest was Judge Donald Quayle of the Superior Court, who was accompanied by his wife. He told the members that his grandfather was guide for the Mormons, and led them across the country in 1846 on their historic journey to Salt Lake. He finally settled in Oakland, Calif. Judge and Mrs. Quayle are hoping to pay a brief visit to the Isle of Man this summer.

A picnic is planned for some time in May, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fayle in Petaluma.

The Convention Ways and Means Committee is very busy with fund-raising activities. On April 2 there was a whist drive at Mr. and Mrs. Ridge Craine's home in San Francisco, and on the same evening, Mrs. Jack Vincent had a "Fun Night" at her home in Palo Alto, assisted by Mrs. H. P. Callister and Mr. and Mrs. Cummings Reid. Both these affairs were very successful. A card party was being planned by Mrs. H. Corlett, Miss Evelyn Corlett and Mrs. Amy Satterlee, and another by Mrs. Alfred Caldwell. A good Scottish friend, Mrs. Daisy Bruce, has also aided the cause with a lovely card party and luncheon at her home.

LOS ANGELES

Manx people from the northeastern area of Los Angeles enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregg in San Marino recently. A collection was made, and the money sent to the San Francisco Manx to swell Convention funds.

First picnic of the season will be held on May 22 at Bixby Park, Long Beach.

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx finished up the bowling season with a dance on April 22. Trophies were awarded to Dorothy Caveen, Barbara Caveen, Rita Bateman, Pat Caveen and Bill and Jean Lees.

The Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 25, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, a picturesque and historic spot, not far from Niagara Falls and Lewiston. A special invitation is extended to Manx friends across the Border to join the Toronto people at the picnic site.

VANCOUVER

The annual spring concert of the Vancouver Manx Society was scheduled for May 14, and will be reported later. Plans included a two-hour entertainment; a drawing for gifts sent by Miss Florence Gill of Brooklyn, N.Y., proceeds for the San Francisco Convention; refreshments to wind up the evening.

Meetings will be omitted during June, July and August, to be resumed on Saturday, Sept. 10 in the Cambrian Hall. The annual picnic will be held on July 16 in Stanley Park, near the Duck Pond, and out-of-town Manx visitors will be welcomed.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on April 16 at Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wood's home. A social hour followed the business session, and all enjoyed hearing Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan tell of their recent trip to Arizona. Refreshments brought a jolly evening to a close.

VANCOUVER LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Vancouver Manx Ladies are to be commended for their good work in raising money for worthy causes. In March they sent donations to the Cancer Fund, the Arthritis Fund, Children's Hospital, Tranquille Sanatorium, the Preventorium and the Sailors' Home. Already they are laying plans for the usual Bazaar to be held in the fall, when handmade articles will be on sale. They will appreciate hearing from members who can suggest ways of raising money — so send your ideas along this line to their Secretary, Mrs. T. L. Killip, 2373 Sussex Ave., South Burnaby, B. C.

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

We sincerely hope you are planning to be with us in San Francisco August 9 to 12. If you miss this Convention, you will regret it! May it be our pleasure to meet you!

Ladies — are your 1954-55 dues paid? If not, please mail the 50 cents now, to Miss Alice Garrett, 976 Monroe Ave., (Apt. 10), Rochester 20, N.Y. Your support means success to us.

Mrs. Henry Mylchreest, President.
Miss Alice Garrett, Sec'y & Treas.

ROCHESTER

There was a good turnout of Rochester Manx at Mrs. Dan Christian's, 31 Nellis Park, where the March meeting was held. Games and excellent refreshments contributed to an enjoyable evening. The April meeting, scheduled to be held at Alf Looney's home, will be reported later. Alf is a hospitable Manxman — this is the second time this year he has been host!

FLORIDA

"It has been like a Convention this past winter, with the Manx goings-on," writers Dora Hampton, 901 N. Palmway, Lake Worth, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. William Quine of Cleveland, who have been wintering down there, had as guests, their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Nelson of Ridge Top, Tenn. Mr. Nelson will be remembered by many as being present at the Cleveland Convention in 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sundlof of Dansville, N.Y. also were in Lake Worth, and their apartment on the Dixie Highway was a popular place with the Manx. In the next apartment were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corkhill of Topeka, Kansas.

A farewell dinner for those returning north was held on April 1 at the Famous Restaurant, with twelve Manx people present: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corkhill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sundlof, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cowley; Mr. and Mrs. William Quine, Mr and Mrs. Tom Nelson, Mrs. John Lewin and Miss Dora Hampton. However, the visitors could not tear themselves away, and more entertainment followed during the week end — Mrs. Tom Cowley and Mrs. John Lewin each gave a dinner for the visitors, and on Sunday night the Lake Worth Manx served a picnic supper in Mr. and Mrs. William Quine's patio, winding up a lovely and happy time.

Dora adds that the Quines and the Bob Corkhills, and maybe the Nelsons — will attend the Convention in San Francisco.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The regular monthly business meeting, held in St. Stephen's Church Hall on March 1, was followed by an entertainment given by Jim Hirsch, a young magician who provided many surprises in his program entitled "Moments of Mystery."

The April meeting, a card party, was held at 15905 Detroit Ave., Lakewood. Attractive table and door prizes were obtained by Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, and there were table favors in the form of miniature savings banks, balloons and matches, obtained by Mrs. Carol Grigsby and Miss Helen Kewley. Excellent refreshments were provided by the "West Side" hostesses, and extra cakes donated by several ladies were drawn for at the close of the evening. Welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kelly of Douglas, Isle of Man (formerly of Peel), vacationing in Cleveland as guests of Mrs. Kelly's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gell, 4933 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland. Mr. Kelly brought greetings from Richard Cain, Harold Cain and Charles Craine of the World Manx Ass'n., Sir Percy Cowley and Sir Joseph Qualtrough.

Coming Events In Cleveland —

The Annual Church Service of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies will be held on Sunday, June 5, at 4 P.M., at the Centenary Methodist Church, Fairmount Blvd. and Richmond Road, Beechwood Village. The Rev. Claude Wood, pastor of the church, will preach; R. W. Skillicorn will conduct the singing; special soloist will be Mrs. Willard Young. A picnic supper will follow the service, so bring a basket and stay for singing of favorite hymns in the evening.

Annual Picnic of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies will be held at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, August 27.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx had a meeting planned for Sunday, May 1, with a covered-dish luncheon at noon. This get-together will be reported in the next Bulletin.

MONTREAL

The Manx of Montreal held their February meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell, 557 Cremazie Blvd. Topics discussed during the business session were — increasing the membership, possibilities of hiring a hall for the meetings, and plans for future entertainment. Games, music — and refreshments followed, completing a very enjoyable evening.

The March meeting was held at Mr. and Mrs. T. Corlett's home, and again the subject of membership was discussed. Refreshments and a social hour concluded another interesting evening.

Miss M. Joughin, the Secretary, is contacting old members who have dropped from the ranks, and the officers will appreciate receiving names of new Manx people in Montreal whom they could welcome as members. As Miss Joughin will be absent on a holiday in England and the Isle of Man for the next three months, letters should be addressed to the President, John Cope, 3285 Goyer Ave., Cote des Neiges, Montreal, Que.

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx had an enjoyable meeting on February 21 at the home of Mrs. Harry Rothery, with 19 in attendance. President Robert Skillicorn was in the chair, and the meeting opened with the singing of "Ellan Vannin" and "God Bless America," followed by the Lord's Prayer, recited in unison. After business was disposed of, the group enjoyed some interesting parlor games, and the hostess presented some pretty and useful gifts. The traditional "cup of tay" and refreshments completed a delightful evening.

The March meeting, which was to have been held at the Fred Corrin home, was canceled because of the death of Mrs. Anna Kennaugh, reported in the Obituary column. A meeting held on April 18 will be reported later.

OBITUARIES

BELL, William K., of 3231 West 116th St., Cleveland, died on April 21 after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth (nee Nightingale); two brothers, John R. of Peel, Isle of Man, and James C. of Toronto; and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe of Barrow-in-Furness, England. Mr. Bell came from Peel, Isle of Man and was an interested member of the N.A.M.A.

COLLISTER, William, of 1383 South Towne Ave., Pomona, Calif., died on March 26 at the age of 85. He leaves his wife, Jessie M.; and a sister, Miss Anne Collister in the Isle of Man. Mr. Collister came to the States in 1890 and lived in Cleveland for many years, where he worked as a carpenter. In 1931 he and his wife moved to Pomona, Calif.

CORRIN, Eileen Mary, aged 53, died on March 9 at her home, 906 Odlin Road, Lulu Island, B. C. She is survived by her husband, John; a daughter, Mrs. V. Stretch, Beachy, Sask., and two sons, John and Denis, both at home. Mrs. Corrin, a much-loved member of the Vancouver Manx Society, was born in England; her husband was born in Port St. Mary, Isle of Man.

COWLEY, Annie, aged 71, died in Victoria, B. C. on December 27. She leaves five sons, James in Toronto, Robert, Arthur and William in Alberta, and Norman in San Francisco; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Carmichael of Edmonton and Mrs. Marjorie Jane Thorsteinson of Victoria; twelve grandchildren; two sisters in Cleveland and one in the Isle of Man, and three brothers in the Isle of Man. Mrs. Cowley moved to Victoria three years ago from Greencourt, Alberta, where she had lived for many years.

GAWNE, W. Stanley, Galva, Ill., died suddenly on March 12 at the age of 67. Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; a brother, Edward, in the Isle of Man; nephews, nieces and cousins. Mr. Gawne was born in Douglas, married Eleanor Oliphant of Maughold in 1908, and in 1913 the couple came to the States, settling in Galva. For the past eight years Mr. Gawne was Galva City Clerk and Collector. He was a past President of the Galva Manx Society and will be remembered as toastmaster at the Galva Night program given at the Peoria convention in 1948.

KENNAUGH, Margaret A., of Bisbee, Arizona, died on March 20 at the age of 78. Surviving are her husband, James; a son, Cobey; a daughter, Ruth; and a sister, Mrs. Mona Wills of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Kennaugh were married in Ishpeming, Mich. 50 years ago, and moved to Bisbee about 1928.

LAWS, Minnie, aged 79, of Brimfield, Ill., passed away in Fort Lauderdale Fla. on March 2. Mrs. Laws was a granddaughter of William Cowley of Brimfield, well-known Manx pioneer.

RAWLINSON, Lydia Selina, of 79 West 26th Ave., Vancouver, B. C. died on December 23. She leaves her husband, Roland Hill Rawlinson; a son, Fred, and a granddaughter. She was a sister of the late Claude Clague of Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Rawlinson was a devoted and popular member of the Vancouver Manx Society.

REUBENS, Thomas John, of Lough House, Ramsey, Isle of Man, died on March 26 in his 70th year. He was a prominent citizen of Ramsey, having been active in civic, social and church affairs for many years. For more than 30 years he was a member of the Town Commissioners, twice as chairman. His wife died many years ago, and there are no immediate survivors; a sister was the late Mrs. Edith Bury of Gowanda, N.Y. Fred Brew of Cleveland is a cousin. Mr. Reubens attended the Cleveland Convention in 1949 and had hoped to visit these shores again.

SHIMMIN, John R., aged 68, died suddenly at his farm home near Monmouth, Ill. on March 31. He leaves his wife, Lessie (nee Weegar); three sons, Lawrence, William and John H.; a daughter, Mrs. Mona Coursey; two brothers, James and George, and a sister Mrs. Isabel Leiper; grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Mr. Shimmin was a prominent farmer in Lenox township, and took an active part in community affairs.

TERBUSH, Eugene, passed away in Lyons, N. Y., in March. Surviving is his daughter, Mrs. William Christian of Rochester, N. Y.

WARD, Marshall, of Onchan, Isle of Man, died on March 16. He leaves his wife, Polly; a daughter, Grace Mary, and a twin brother Oscar Ward, of 1818 West 81st St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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

PIONEER MANXMAN DANIEL L. QUIRK

In the year 1947, the Peninsular Paper Company of Ypsilanti, Michigan celebrated its 80th anniversary, and among the observances was a salute to the man who had founded the firm in 1867 — Daniel L. Quirk from the Isle of Man. His life is briefly but dramatically told in a handsome folder sent to us by Walter L. Stevenson of Chicago for the benefit of Bulletin readers. We quote the story in full:

In the middle of the Irish Sea, separated by almost identical distances from Scotland, England and Ireland, lies the tiny Isle of Man, whence came the famous Manx cats that have no tails and the rugged Manxmen whose national coat of arms is three legs surrounded by the motto "Stabitz quocunq; jeceris" — "It will stand however you throw it."

This might also have been, very appropriately, the motto of Daniel L. Quirk, founder of Peninsular Paper Company, who in a life that lasted nearly a hundred years, was thrown into many and various situations and always stood up to them.

Daniel L. Quirk, one of a family of twelve children, was born on the Isle of Man in 1818 at the ancestral country home where the family had lived for more than 400 years. His father was a farmer and shipowner, "a man of property," but the pioneer strain of his ancestors ran strong in him and in 1827 he sold out and set sail for America—no light undertaking for such a household when passengers had to provide their own bedding and meals for a voyage that often lasted three months.

Life was an eager and exciting thing in those days, for, the great tide of immigration was rising and every cloud of white sail that came out of the east brought another shipload of settlers. The face of the country was changing almost daily. By 1840, the city of New York had swollen to more than a quarter of a million people and there were nearly two million scattered over the state. Many a rugged individualist, discovering some clear morning that he could hear the bark of a neighbor's dog, muttered to his wife that the country was "gittin' too durn crowded" and moved on.

That meant west, of course. For the next hundred years the words "Out West" (which meant west of New York) were to be the living breath of adventure and opportunity. "Out West" were the new settlements where land was cheap, plentiful and fertile, fish and game abundant, wood and water free and life was rich—if you managed to hold on to your scalp.

Daniel L. Quirk came west in the Forties and worked as a carpenter in the small Michigan settlements. He had learned his trade well and could

build anything that the daily life of the pioneer world demanded, from cradles to coffins. Mostly, he built houses, and since he was a man who grew to fit his environment, he was presently in the contracting business.

Now he began to sense the scope of his abilities. Working with his own two hands he had been fettered to limits of one man's physical capacity to produce. Now, as the planner, he could direct the productivity of others and thus multiply his own many fold. He bought a saw mill and a grist mill, operated them for several years, bought a cooperage and a blacksmith shop, then a general store. Everything he undertook touched upon some fundamental human necessity, served it well and grew accordingly.

He moved to Chicago, that rising young star of the west which in its brief existence had mushroomed into a metropolis of over 5,000 people. There he met the president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad which had been built out to Aurora, Illinois, (35 miles West of Chicago).

At that stage in our westward course of empire, railroad building was not so much an engineering process as it was a rip-roaring adventure which included Indians, hunters, traders, bad men, gamblers, infinite hardship, booze, dysentery and sudden death.

But, Dan Quirk was young and strong and the pioneering urge was in him. For fifteen hundred dollars a year he contracted to build the C. B. & Q. out to Burlington, Iowa—and hounded the officials to let him get started. While waiting for them, he got into the grain and livestock business. His travels took him to Lyons, Iowa, where he found a hotel for sale for \$3,500, bought it, managed it for eleven months and sold it for \$11,000. That, was even better than railroading.

Moving to Sterling, Illinois, he bought a lumber yard, built three warehouses, entered the grain commission business, sold out again and returned to Chicago. Wherever there was opportunity he went—or, perhaps we should say, wherever he went there was opportunity.

But now the claims of a growing family directed him to Ypsilanti where schools were good and life was pleasant. Settled there, he joined in organizing the First National Bank, the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company and the Peninsular Paper Company. Perhaps because of his Chicago connections, all of Peninsular's production in early years was newsprint for the Chicago Tribune. As a safeguard against the contingency of flood or fire, the Tribune insisted on a second mill being built further west on the other side of the river, And,

sure enough, the mill burned down—the second one.

Daniel L. Quirk was now a leading figure in the community, active in half-a-dozen business ventures and a key figure in every civic enterprise. Yet, he still found energy to take part in building a couple of small railroads, and, heading west again, he got into the packing business in Chicago and East St. Louis, while, back in Michigan, he acquired and operated several farms.

So ran the course of life of one of the men who built our country—and Daniel L. Quirk was typical of their breed. He came here an immigrant boy, started his career as a carpenter and ended it, at the age of ninety-three, as the leading citizen of his community. All his life he displayed the character of true leadership in his indomitable courage and quiet modesty.

A Nebraska Pioneer Family

New members of the N.A.M.A. and of the Nebraska Manx Ass'n are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMullen, 3038 Ryon St., Lincoln. Mrs. McMullen has an interesting record of her Manx descent in the form of entries in an old family Bible, belonging originally to Edward Kermeen and his wife (nee Jane Kneal), who were married in Kirk Braddan by Parson Drury in April, 1845. Mrs. Thomas Kelley, our Regional Director in Nebraska, went to the trouble of copying the entries in the Bible relating to this family, as being an interesting bit of Manx pioneer history, and worthy of preservation. The entries show the family history from 1854 up to 1917, and indicate that the present Mrs. W. B. McMullen is granddaughter of Edward and Jane Kermeen who were married in Kirk Braddan 101 years ago, and later came out to settle in the new American Mid-West.

Natives of Peel — and others too — will love this poem by the late William Myrick, sent in by Mrs. C. E. Cottier, 309 N. Buena Vista St., Burbank, Calif.

PEEL

There is a spot on Mona's Isle
That ever in my memory finds
Peace for sweet reflection.
It is a city in the west,
That nestles 'tween the hills at rest.

And oftentimes when I dream, I see
The fishing boats set out to sea
With sails set to the breeze,
And the setting sun shed forth its ray
O'er silver waters in the Bay.

Those quiet paths and shady glens
That round about the town extend—
I think of them
With love that makes my heart to yearn—

God spare them all till I return.

William Myrick

