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

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SAN FRANCISCO WELCOMES THE 1955 N. A. M. A. CONVENTION

The San Francisco Manx Society, host to the 1955 convention of the North American Manx Association, is programming some events of interest for each part of every day, beginning with a variety show on Tuesday evening, August 9. Ample opportunity also will be provided for those interested in renewing old acquaintances and chatting about old times—and, undeniably, this is part, and for many a very important part, of convention activity.

But the full schedule of entertainment, meetings, tours, lunches and dinners, allows no spot whatsoever for dull moments. In fact, the convention committee is so completely convinced that those who attend will enjoy the convention, that two days of post-convention activities are being planned.

A hint of the plans may be gained from reading the committee reports in this issue, but the only way to get the full benefit of the program is to attend the convention in person.

No convention was held last year, in order to give everyone an opportunity to prepare for 1955. Come, and bring your friends to the N.A.M.A. Convention in San Francisco, August 9 through August 12. We anticipate your being with us!

H. S. CORLETT
President

PUBLICITY

Local newspapers have been most cooperative in giving publicity to the convention. While Sir Arthur Morse, chairman of the British Travel Association, was passing through San Francisco recently, he graciously posed for a photograph with some of the officers of the San Francisco Manx Society, holding a Manx flag. As a result of the release of this picture by the local San Francisco newspapers, many calls were received from Manx people in the Bay area, who did not know of the existence of the San Francisco Manx Society until they saw the picture in the papers.

VIOLA RANKIN,
Chairman

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Have you put in your hotel reservation yet? If not, there is still time, but hurry! This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to visit the Golden West and to renew old friendships, so do not hesitate—"Action is the Keynote."

KATIE CRINGLE, Chairman
1537—20th Ave.
San Francisco 22, Calif.

REGISTRATION

New places to see, as well as lovely cool weather, are enticing many Manx folk to come to San Francisco for the 1955 convention. For us out here, it means meeting new folk, as well as renewing old friendships. So, upon your arrival, be sure to come to the registration desk and let us welcome you to "The City by the Golden Gate."

EVELYN CORLETT,
Chairman

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

This committee extends grateful thanks for the support given by advertisers and patrons. Those who contributed one dollar will receive acknowledgment by having their names listed in the Souvenir Program book for the convention, a copy of which they will receive. Those who have contributed in excess of one dollar will receive acknowledgment through the mail.

VIOLA RANKIN,
Chairman

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment for the convention will begin on Tuesday evening, August 9, with a program put on primarily by home talent. On Wednesday evening, one of the Bay area's finest Welsh tenors will entertain at the Claremont Hotel. On Thursday evening, our friends who are interested in taking and showing moving pictures will provide the major part of the evening's entertainment. At

the convention banquet on Friday evening, our Welsh tenor, who is not only a highly competent vocalist, but an interesting entertainer as well, will furnish part of the entertainment. An excellent soprano has also been engaged for this occasion, as well as an orchestra for dinner music and dancing later.

On the Sunday after the convention, a picnic will be held at Sigmund Stern Grove, where the feature of the afternoon will be an orchestral program in which members from the San Francisco Symphony, as well as finalists, auditioning for the San Francisco Opera Company will participate.

"CUMMY" REED,
Chairman

TRANSPORTATION

Two official tours will highlight the sightseeing activities of the 1955 N. A. M. A. Convention. On Wednesday afternoon, chartered buses will take the delegates through the principal business district of San Francisco, then through Chinatown, out to the Marina, (site of the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition), thence across Golden Gate Bridge, into Marin County. This is merely the first hour of the trip; actually, the tour leaves convention headquarters after lunch and returns at 9:30 p. m. Of course, every bus will have its own lecturer to tell you about important landmarks and points of interest, and a stop will be made at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, where dinner and entertainment will await you.

Thursday afternoon, there will be a cruise of San Francisco Bay. A four-hundred-passenger boat has been reserved exclusively for our convention party.

After the convention, on Saturday, those wishing to participate are invited to drive to Berkeley where, in a spacious private patio, with the entire San Francisco Bay in view, including both the Bay and Golden Gate Bridges, a barbecue supper will be served. And, of course, we'll be singing "Ellan Vannin."

H. S. CORLETT, Chairman

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The President's Message

When you receive this message, Convention time will be almost here. Travelling by plane, train or automobile, members and their families will head for San Francisco, "The City by the Golden Gate," for our 27th Anniversary Convention and our first to be held on the West Coast. All will be looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones, anticipating the joy of being with their "own folk" talking over things near and dear to Manx people, and learning by experience that these Convention are good for us all.

As this is the last Bulletin before the Convention, I wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and members for their inspiring encouragement, loyalty and support. Also, I wish to thank the Bulletin Committee. The Bulletin reaches out to Manx people all over this large continent, as well as in many distant parts of the world, and brings interest and pleasure into Manx homes. You will agree that our Bulletin Committee has done excellent work. To the Committee members, and to the N.A.M.A. Officers, Regional Directors and members, may I say "Thank you for your splendid cooperation."

And now our thoughts turn to August 9 to 12. Don't say "Time enough," but get on the bandwagon now and join the crowd. A cordial welcome is awaiting you in San Francisco, and you can be sure your visit to the West will be a happy one and that it will remain in your memory forever.

HENRY MYLCHREEST,
President

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

A REMINDER

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

Remittance should be addressed to:

Mrs. Finette Hall
1739—17th Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

DO IT NOW, while you are thinking about it. If you would like to have more tickets, a request addressed to Mrs. Hall will receive prompt attention.

O. B. E. For Ramsey B. Moore

Included in the Queen's Birthday Honors, published on June 9, is Mr. Ramsey B. Moore of Douglas, Isle of Man, who was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

Mr. Moore is Chairman of the Manx Museum and National Trust and until his retirement a few years ago was Attorney-General of the Isle of Man. He toured the United States and Canada in 1936 at which time he also

attended the Manx Convention in Winnipeg.

Mr. Moore is an Honorary Vice-President of the N. A. M. A. and is regarded with affection and admiration by Manx people of this continent who join his many friends in offering heartiest congratulations.

Cleveland Medal Winner

"Amidst tremendous applause," says the Isle of Man Times, "Norman Kaighin, baritone, was acclaimed the winner of the Cleveland Test, the premier event of the Manx Music Festival." A spectator was quoted as saying that not for years had there been such an exciting finish to the Cleveland contest. The paper adds that "the tension mounted as singer after singer gave what seemed to be a perfect performance." Mr. Kaighin's success came on his fourth try for the Medal—he had sung in the finals on three previous occasions.

News of the award, cabled to Cleveland, was received by Mrs. Fred Gorry, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Mona's Relief Society, in a few hours after the judge announced his decision.

The Isle of Man Examiner gave a most interesting history of the Manx

Music Festival—or Guild—in its May 6 issue, written by Chief Reporter E. W. Kinrade. The Guild, it says, was started in 1892—63 years ago, with only five classes and 42 competitors. This year there were 2000 entries. The Guild was founded by the late Miss M. L. Wood, Manxland's much-loved musician and teacher, whose appearance on the platform each year always brought forth a thunderous ovation, as many will remember. The Examiner article tells about the Cleveland Gold Medal—"To have been a Cleveland Medal winner is now recognized as a hallmark of quality, and it is the ambition of all soloists to achieve this honor. The Cleveland Medal, which is provided annually by the Cleveland Manx Society, has been competed for since 1923. Its list of winners is one of illustrious names in the world of music. Two singers have won it three times—the late Allan Quirk and Mrs. L. M. R. Bull. On that performance they must rank perhaps as the greatest of all Manx singers, with Miss Lillian Pickard, Miss Eileen Peters and Arthur Quirk (son of the great Allan), who have all won the Cleveland Medal and the Blackpool Rose Bowl."

A Famous Hymn

Most of us have heard that the famous hymn "From Every Stormy Wind that Blows" was written by a Manx clergyman, Canon Hugh Stowell, who was born in Douglas in the year 1799. Enos Christian of 924 Briarhill Road, Toronto, came across an article about this hymn in the Toronto Telegram of June 11, and sent it in for the benefit of Bulletin readers. We quote the first verse of the hymn, followed by the article itself. The writer's name is Horace B. Powell.

From ev'ry stormy wind that blows,
From ev'ry swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat,
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat.

A little band of Christian missionary-martyrs sang this fine old hymn, and found strength and peace in its message, one day in 1857, just before they were put to death by a Hindu chieftain in Cawnpore, India. Christians in tribulation in every generation since then have drawn comfort from its reassuring promises.

It was written about a century ago by the Rev. Hugh Stowell, a Manxman preacher who served a brilliant ministry in England and became widely known for his sermons and writings. Born in 1799 on the Isle of Man, he was ordained in 1823 after studying at Oxford University. In 1835 he was appointed canon of Chester cathedral.

The hymn cited above, one of 47 written by the preacher-poet, was given its music by Thomas Hastings, distinguished American composer and

musician. Mr. Hastings wrote a number of Christendom's most precious hymn-tunes, including the music for Augustus Toplady's immortal Rock of Ages.

Mr. Stowell died in 1865 and shortly after his death his son wrote of his passing as follows: "My father's last utterance abundantly showed his love of and delight in prayer. Almost every word was prayer, couched for the most part in the language of Holy Scripture or the Book of Common Prayer".

New Books

A new booklet of Folk Tales, in the Manx language, has been written and published by A.S.B. Davies, 16 Old Highway Road, Mochdre, Colwyn Bay, Wales. Title is "Juan Doo Shialteyr, as Daa Skeel Elley," price three shillings and threepence, including postage. Mr. Davies has also written "Skeekyn Cheeil-Chiollee" — (Fireside Tales) — price two shillings and sixpence. At present exchange, we figure this would be about 46 cents for the Folk Tales, 35 cents for the Fireside Tales. Mr. Davies tells that a number of copies of his books have been sold in North America and other parts of the world where Manx people reside. Those interested should write direct to Mr. Davies at the address given above, enclosing remittance.

"Dead Men Can Tell," is the title of a new short play by Philip W. Caine. This is a tense, powerful drama based on an incident recorded in Manx Court Records for the year 1639. The same booklet contains two narrative poems with Manx setting. The price, two shillings plus postage, and we recommend sending 35 cents. Write direct to Mr. Philip W. Caine, 32 Westminster Drive, Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles. Both play and poems are in Anglo-Manx dialect.

An instance of "good neighborliness" among Mid-West farmers was afforded recently in the case of a Manx family named Halsall, whose farm is near Galva, Ill. Details are quoted from the local newspaper: "Corn planting and other spring work was done Monday at the Dean Halsall farm. Mr. Halsall died May 6 following a long illness and is survived by his wife and six small children who plan to remain on the farm for the present. Forty-five neighbors, friends and relatives of the Halsalls did farm work Monday, and 15 women prepared dinner. Ninety-six acres of corn were planted, some additional land was plowed and 250 loads of manure were hauled. Machinery used included 30 tractors, four planters, two cultimulchers and four harrows. Neighbors sowed the oats crop earlier in the spring."

Manxmen in Maryland

Thomas Wilson, Bishop of Sodor and Man, died in the year 1755 in his 92nd year. Naturally the 200th anniversary of the death of the great Bishop has been appropriately recognized in the Island.

Philip W. Caine of Douglas, Isle of Man, writes: "The bi-centenary of the death of Bishop Wilson, which takes place this year, led me to re-read the Rev. John Keble's 'Life of Bishop Wilson.' In it I found a reference to two very early Manx settlers in Maryland.

"Henry Callister was appointed by Bishop Wilson in 1740 to teach school in Ramsey. But he met with great opposition, and decided to emigrate. He settled in Oxford, Maryland, as 'merchant and King's attorney.' He married there, and in 1853, when Keble was writing the book, he had a descendant named Miss Goldsborough. She presented Keble with a copy of a letter from Bishop Wilson which was then in the cabinet of the College of St. James, Maryland. She, or a member of her family, told Keble that Henry Callister brought with him a heart full of reverence for the Bishop, 'as manifested in his correspondence with his home friends, of which he kept duplicates.'

"After three or four years, Mr. Callister was delighted to welcome a fellow-Manxman, and even to find that this friend was the clergyman of his own parish. He was the Rev. Thomas Bacon, whom Bishop Wilson ordained at Kirk Michael so that he might be a missionary in 'the Plantations.' He was a great admirer of Bishop Wilson, and Callister admired Bacon generally, but particularly for that.

"The Bishop of Maryland in 1853 told Keble that Bacon was 'one of the most industrious, faithful and successful of all the provincial clergy in Maryland.' His parish was St. Peter's, Talbot County, Eastern Shore, and the town of Oxford appears to have been a part of it. (Miss Goldsborough wrote from Myrtle Grove, near Easton, Talbot County.)

"Mr. Bacon published a small volume of 'Sermons for Servants,' besides several single sermons, and a compilation of the laws of the province published at Annapolis in 1775."

Philip Caine tells us that the Rev. John Keble is the authority on the life of Bishop Wilson. Keble's name is well known to most people as author of the hymn "Sun of My Soul."

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SAN FRANCISCO

It was a perfect day for a picnic when the San Francisco Manx gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fayle of Petaluma on May 28. More than 40 members arrived, bright and early, to receive a hearty welcome from the host and hostess, and soon all were enjoying the contents of lunch baskets, and the steaming tea and coffee provided.

A short meeting was held in the afternoon to acquaint members with progress of Convention plans. The President introduced some new members attending their first meeting—Mrs. Isabel Kunze of Petaluma and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gale of Santa Rosa, formerly of the south of the Isle of Man. Newcomers from the Island, the Lewins and Callows, are regular attendants at meetings. The Bellamys recently returned from their quick trip to the Isle of Man, gave a wonderful account of their reception and the contacts they made.

Another meal was enjoyed outdoors before going in for a sing-song, with Jim Cringle at the piano, and Mrs. Cringle and Tom Fayle taking turns with the "fiddle." After a big "Thank you" to the Fayles, all enjoyed the ride home after a delightful day in the country.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx held a meeting at Mr. and Mrs. James Robison's home at Elk Creek, Nebr. on Sunday, May 1, with about 40 present. The group sat down to luncheon at midday, the Rev. W. N. Wallis of the Methodist Church asking the blessing. Many visitors were present—Harold Corlett, San Francisco; Miss Lily Harrison from Los Angeles; John J. Crellin from Douglas, Isle of Man; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corkhill from Topeka, Kansas; Archie Kerruish from Chicago. The Rev. Wallis, who is from England, recalled his boyhood days by the sea and also told about having preached in a Church in Plymouth, England, where John Wesley had preached. Harold Corlett, Archie Kerruish and Robert Corkhill urged that all who could, should plan to attend the coming Convention. Mr. Corkhill also told about the Florida trip taken by Mrs. Corkhill and himself.

This enjoyable get-together closed with the singing of "Come Back to Mona," and "The Manx Fishermen's Hymn." The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, at the home of Mrs. Thomas Kelley and her daughter and husband (Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Paben), 5745 Franklin Avenue, Lincoln, Nebr.

TORONTO

Two of the original members of the Toronto Manx Society, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Colquitt, left on June 10 en route for Isle of Man where they will reside permanently. Their sailing date was delayed owing to the seamen's strike in England, so they visited in Ottawa and Montreal during the waiting period. A few friends from the Toronto Manx gave a farewell dinner for Bill and Ivy, as well as a gift as token of their esteem. As representative of the N. A. M. A. Ladies' Auxiliary, Ivy was presented with a gift by Miss Alice Garrett, Secretary-Treasurer of the group, who visited Toronto during the Decoration Day week-end. All will join in wishing good luck and happy days to Bill and Ivy.

MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY CLEVELAND, OHIO

This year the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society reaches its Centenary.

It was founded in 1855 by pioneer Manxmen of Cleveland for the dual purpose of rendering financial aid in times when illness cut down earning capacity, and to provide association with their kinsfolk.

Patterned on lines similar to other friendly societies where, for a given amount charged, liberal sick and death benefits are paid, this society has distributed many thousands of dollars in this way. Few, if any, other societies pay as much benefit for so long a period.

The Society has been a real factor in holding together the Manxmen of this district and has played an important part in all Manx activities. It enjoys a strong financial position.

CLEVELAND

The Mona's Relief Society meeting of May 3 in St. Stephen's Church Hall was one of the best attended of the year, in spite of an unseasonably warm evening. A colored film, "Cloud over Ohio," produced by Standard Oil Company, was shown, and was greatly enjoyed. Welcome guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kelly, from Douglas, Isle of Man. Mr. Kelly sang several baritone solos, one being "Isle of Mona" by J. W. Gelling of Crosby. As the Kellys were sailing for home on May 6, at the close of the evening everyone joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

At the June meeting, the Rev. J.

C. Blackman, pastor of the Jones Road Congregational Church, gave an interesting talk on his early ministry in the missionary field. Miss Joan Morgan sang several lovely solos.

An interesting Fall program has been planned for the Mona's Relief Society.

Church Service

The combined Cleveland Manx Societies held their annual Sunday afternoon church service on June 5 at the "Little Manx Church" in Warrensville—the Centenary Methodist Church. The Rev. Claude Wood, pastor, spoke on "The Magnificent Succession," emphasizing the obligation to carry on in the spirit of the pioneer settlers of America. Soloist was Mrs. Willard Young, and R. W. Skillicorn conducted the congregational singing. After the service, the majority stayed for a picnic supper, followed by singing of hymns in the church, under Mr. Skillicorn's leadership. The tradition of the Annual Manx Service dates back more than a quarter of a century.

Present at the service were some welcome visitors—Miss Lily Callow of Los Angeles, and the Misses Elsie and Edith Halsall of Douglas, Isle of Man.

Picnic

An event of interest to all Manx people in Cleveland and vicinity is the Annual Picnic of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies, to be held this year at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, August 27. Pack a basket—bring your family. There will be fun for young and old. Keep this date in mind—you won't want to miss it.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The Cleveland Manx Ladies concluded another pleasant year of work and fellowship with their meeting of June 17. They are looking forward to September 16, when they will start their fall-winter season of 1955-56. The ladies meet on the first and third Fridays of each month, September through June, and are happy to welcome any Cleveland Manx ladies to their meetings. Mrs. Fred T. Gorry is President; Mrs. Roy Bertsch, 1668 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights 18, is Secretary.

A group of Manx people of Cleveland, their families and friends who are interested in the San Francisco Convention, attended a card party held Friday evening, June 17th, in

St. Stephen's Church Hall, the proceeds going to help swell the treasury of the Convention. Attractive prizes were obtained by Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, delicious refreshments were served, and a pleasant evening enjoyed by everyone. The committee, Mrs. L. K. Abell, Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, Mrs. A. T. Quine, Mrs. Paul T. Long, Mrs. Henry Mylchreest and Miss Mildred Corris, wish to thank everyone who helped in any way toward the success of the party by donating cakes, cookies and door prizes. A check of \$115.00 was forwarded to Mrs. Wilfred C. Quayle, secretary of the Convention Committee.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The April meeting of this Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Quine, 50 E. South St., Painesville, Ohio, with about 37 present. Supper was followed by a program of music, and the Quine family told about their recent trip to Florida. The Society now has three books for the Manx collection they plan to place in the Morley Library—one from Mrs. Eleanor Gawne of Peel, Isle of Man, one from Karrans, and "Island Heritage," by the late William Cubbon, M. A., from W. H. Collier.

The May 15 meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crellin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pomeroy and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gridley, all of Leroy, as hosts. About 56 sat down to a hearty picnic supper, followed by an interesting program arranged by Mrs. Carl Crellin and presented by the Leroy members. Nancy Lee Jacobs sang, accompanied by Irene Macur; Mrs. Howard Lee gave a humorous reading, Mrs. S. Pomeroy and Mrs. Hazel Gridley gave a humorous skit, R. B. Gridley portrayed "The Lazy Farmer," Luther Battles with the violin, accompanied by Lucetta Baker Ingersoll, played favorite old songs with the group joining in. Members attending were from Leroy, Painesville, Geneva, Mentor and Cleveland. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Callow, former members who moved to Florida some time ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harrison, who had spent the winter in Florida.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx held a picnic at Long Beach on May 22, with a turnout of about 40, including Tom Howland and Miss Iris Corkhill from San Diego, and William Vondy Kelly from Carlsbad, Calif., who were welcomed heartily. Many of the members were making plans for attending the Convention in August. President William Caley invited the group to a Fish Fry at Costa Mesa Park on Sunday, July 17.

VANCOUVER

The annual Spring Concert of the Vancouver Manx was held in the Cambrian Hall on May 14. The little tots' class of the Phyllis Murray School of Dancing brought down the house with their performance, which was followed by several musical numbers, and a medley of Manx songs with piano, violin and dancing, given by the Yandle family and their friends. Gifts from Miss Florence Gill of New York, and a cake made by Mrs. P. Watterson were drawn for and realized \$50.00 for the San Francisco Convention fund. A social hour followed, and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood represented the Vancouver Manx at the Annual Banquet of the Channel Islands Society on May 10. Mr. Wood was one of the speakers. Mrs. Wood writes that this annual affair is most enjoyable, "and we come away with a great sense of fellowship with our fellow-Islanders."

The Woods planned to have the Vancouver Manx celebrate Tynwald Day with a pot-luck picnic in their cherry orchard, and were hoping that lots of cherries would be ripe for the large crowd expected. A group of the Vancouver people are busy making plans to attend the Convention.

The Vancouver Manx are proud of Gordon Wilfred Gell, B.A., who proudly wore his Three Legs of Man pin as he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of British Columbia on May 17. He received his B.A. in 1950. Gordon is the youngest son of Mrs. Nellie Gell, 545 East 22nd Ave., Vancouver, and the late Caesar Gell, formerly of Glenmoye, Isle of Man. His mother is the former Nellie Cregeen of Arracey Farm, Glen Rushen. During World War II, Gordon was overseas with the R.C.A.M.C., married a nurse, Isabel Solverson from Winnipeg, in 1945, spending the honeymoon in the Isle of Man. Among those present at the graduation were Gordon's wife and little son, his wife's parents, his sister, Mrs. R. Bohemier, his aunt, Mrs. Mildred Christian—Mrs. Dick Corrin and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood.

N.A.M.A. LADIES' AUXILIARY

We have looked forward with eager anticipation to our Western Convention, and soon we will be on the train, heading into beautiful scenic territory with many interesting things to see all along the route. We sincerely hope there will be a good delegation on that happy train. The meeting in San Francisco will be a grand reunion of Manx folk from East and West, and Oh! what a chatter there will be at the Hotel Whitcomb.

The annual meeting of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary will be

held on the Thursday afternoon, August 11, and we are looking forward to seeing a large representation there. Plans are under way to have a tea following our meeting if it can be arranged. So, make it a "must" to attend the Ladies' Auxiliary meeting while in San Francisco, and enjoy a good cooish over a cup of tea.

The Convention will be an event we cannot afford to miss, so—see you at the Hotel Whitcomb, August 9-12.

Mrs. Henry Mylchreest, President
Miss Alice Garrett, Sec't-Treasurer.

GALVA

The Galva Manx are planning a picnic for Sunday, July 31, but details are incomplete at this time.

From Regional Directors

Our Regional Director in Seattle, Wash., Miss Edith A. Cubbon, 13703 Second Ave., N. W. is planning to attend the San Francisco Convention with her sister, Ruth and brother, Nelson. They are looking forward to meeting Manx friends there.

Bob Anderson, our Regional Director in St. Petersburg, Fla., was pleasantly surprised last March by a telephone call from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts, formerly of Willow Grove, Pa., near Philadelphia. Bob and Minnie invited them to their home, and called in a neighbor, a Mr. Creer from Douglas, Isle of Man, who turned out to be an old schoolfellow of Harry's. Later they heard of another Manx couple in the vicinity, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curphey from Winnipeg. They called on them—and again Harry Roberts found an old schoolfellow in Tom Curphey! So there was a great deal of chat about early days in the Isle of Man.

Others who called on the Andersons during the winter were Mr. and Mrs. Will Kissack of Cleveland, Mrs. Tom Quayle of St. Petersburg, and Mrs. Cashin of Chicago. Some of the Manx people also attended a concert of the Three-Quarter-Century Chorus, of which Bob Anderson is Director.

Another Regional Director, Robert K. Corkhill, 1283 Collins Ave., Topeka, Kansas, writes an interesting account—not about the Kansas Manx, but the Florida Manx! While passing through Palmetto, Fla. last March, Mr. and Mrs. Corkhill called on Mrs. Fred Kermode (nee Miss Moore of Peel) and enjoyed a cup of tea and a nice visit. In Lake Worth they got in touch with Dora Hampton, who rounded up the Manx to meet them. This resulted in a succession of happy meetings and parties, so that the Corkhills' visit became a four-day stay, and the highlight of a very pleasant trip. Details of this small-scale Manx Convention were given by Dora Hampton in the May Bulletin.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Roberts, who lived at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, now are residents of Tavares, Florida, located in Lake County about three miles from Eustis. Harry, who has been a member of the N.A.M.A. for many years, has retired from his position with TVA and now is a gentleman of leisure. For the benefit of those who might wish to keep in touch, the new address is: General Delivery, Tavares, Lake County, Florida.

Miss June Dunbar, of Douglas, Isle of Man, who has spent the past year visiting in Toronto, is returning to the Island in August. She was employed in the office of W. H. Chapman, travel agent in Douglas. She saw a lot of Toronto and surrounding area during her stay, and hopes to return some day.

Mrs. Elsie Broadbent, 27 Warren Ave., Oshawa, Ont., sails on the Saxonia, July 20, to spend two months in England, Scotland and the Isle of Man. She looks forward to seeing her five brothers and sisters over there.

Formerly a resident of Port Hope, Ont., Robert W. Kewley has returned to the Isle of Man to live. His address is "Cairbrie," Cronkbourn Ave., Douglas.

Off to the Isle of Man, England, France and Switzerland, Mrs. Sophia Brown and her daughter Vera, of 1392 Elbur Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, flew from New York late in May for a month's holiday.

Also visiting the Isle of Man and England this summer are the Misses Anne and Florence Q. Crellin, of 627 West Market St., Akron, Ohio. They started their flying trip on July 2, from Akron Airport.

Among "Homecomers" who joined the World Manx Association's first picnic of the 1955 season were—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cottier from Alaska, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morrison of Miami, Florida. Others in the Island during May were Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bellamy of San Francisco; Mrs. Harry Kelly, Stephen Quinney and Earl Skillicorn, all of Cleveland; and Hugh Guy from Michigan, who is a nephew of Charlie Craine, Secretary of the World Manx Association.

Visiting the Isle of Man in mid-May, in the course of a European tour, Theodore Andrica, nationalities editor and staff writer for the Cleveland Press had many nice things to say about the Island. In several Press articles, eagerly read by Manx Clevelanders, he told about the beauty of the Isle and described visits paid to relatives of Manx folk in Cleveland. His visit coincided with that of Miss Ethel Kissack and Mrs. Marion Kissack Hockaday, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kissack of Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland; and their friend Mrs. Frances Carr. All four were taken on a motor tour of the Island, and were entertained also by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cain of the World Manx Association, and Mr. T. R. Radcliffe of the Isle of Man Examiner.

New arrivals in Winnipeg are Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fargher and two children, and Mr. Leaming, all from Douglas. Mr. Fargher was with the Manx Telephone System and is now working for the T. Eaton Company. Mr. Leaming is an auto mechanic and was successful in obtaining employment. Other newcomers are Andy and Roy Kelso, from Douglas, who started work as plumbers a couple of days after arrival in Winnipeg. They are staying with Jim Mann at 64 Donald Street.

More news from Winnipeg — Mr. and Mrs. George Cregeen and Jim Mann are planning on being at the San Francisco Convention . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Qualtrough have become great-grandparents.

Captain and Mrs. Wilfred K. Kelly have moved from Lakewood, Ohio to Florida. They bought a home there—438 East Davis Blvd., Tampa, Fla. Wilfred is in command of a Great Lakes freighter during the season, so will enjoy the Florida home only during the winter months. Myra, however, will enjoy the Florida climate the year round.

Visiting in Cleveland during the month of May and June, after an absence of 25 years, and getting a thrill renewing acquaintances with many old friends and former classmates, was Miss Lily Callow of Los Angeles, California. Miss Callow who came to the U. S. A. in 1920 from Laxey, Isle of Man, lived in Cleveland several years, where she made a host of friends, who were all delighted to see her again. While here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Abell and family, 14200 Detroit Ave. Lakewood, Ohio.

En route for the San Francisco Convention are the Misses Elsie and Edith Halsall, from Douglas, Isle of Man. They are also making an extensive tour of the States and Canada, visiting friends and relatives. Arriving in Cleveland in late May, they spent several days with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain of 488 East 126th Street, whom they plan to revisit on the return trip. Elsie and Edith are daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Halsall, whose men's clothing establishment on Victoria Street, Douglas, will be well remembered.

Congratulations to former Common Pleas Judge Alva R. Corlett and Mrs. Corlett of Cleveland on their Golden Wedding anniversary, which they celebrated June 20 with a family dinner at Hotel Alcazar, where they have been living for some years. Present were their son and daughter, with their families. Alva Corlett, who retired in 1949, served on the Cleveland bench for 27 years—nine years as municipal judge and 18 as common pleas judge. He is a life member of the N.A.M.A., and Mrs. Corlett was a vice president a number of years ago.

MANX WEDDIN'S

On May 26 at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Alvin E. Young, youngest son of Mrs. L. H. Young, 17511 Miles Ave., Cleveland, was married to Sabine Kurk. The happy couple are residing in an apartment at 12307 Miles Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barber of Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland, are grandparents of the bridegroom.

DeRollo T. Kelly, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. "Ty" Kelly of Galva, Ill., was married to Miss Marilyn Bartz of Kewanee, Ill. on April 17 at St. Peter's Evangelical Church in Kewanee. They are residing in their new home in Galva.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Burton (Jane Kissack), 1838 Colonnade Ave., Cleveland, on the arrival of a son, Mitchell John, on March 11. They already have a little girl, Debbie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kissack, 13315 Gainsboro Ave., East Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Earel M. Belford of McHenry, Ill. are parents of a son, "Earel Mylroie, Jr.", who arrived on April 9. He is their third child. Mrs. Katherine Mylroie Belford is the grandmother.

A visitor to the Isle of Man during May was George Primrose Taubman, Jr., of Long Beach, Calif. He hoped to meet someone who could remember his grandparents, Thomas Taubman and Ann Qualtrough, who emigrated from Port St. Mary to Cleveland many years ago.

Miss Cecily Qualtrough, daughter of Sir Joseph Qualtrough, Speaker of the House of Keys, and Lady Qualtrough, is at present in America, fulfilling a year's engagement with a hospital in Vermont. She crossed in the *Brittanic*, on the same voyage as the Misses Halsall of Douglas, who are here for an extended stay.

"A Guy Named Harry"

"A Guy Named Harry" is the title of the following tribute offered to Harry Kneale of Cleveland when he retired recently from his job at the Brush Electronics Company. He also received a sum of money and a beautiful clock from officers and employees of the Company.

Harry, who resides with his wife at 4949 East 141st St., Cleveland was born in the Isle of Man in 1885. He has been to Australia and India, and has sailed the seas as fireman and oiler. He fought in the Boer War, and in World War I with the Australian Forces. In 1919, while on a voyage around the world, he was shipwrecked in the Galapagos Islands; was stranded for five weeks on a prison isle, eventually making his way to Panama where he signed on his first American ship.

Harry came to Cleveland in 1923. He was a manager at a Fisher Foods store for 18 years before joining Brush Electronics. Here is the tribute from his fellow-employees:

'Twas in the year of '40,
Or was it '41 or '2,
We hired a strapping Englishman
With eyes of shining blue.

An "Englishman" you'd call him—
And his hair would stand on end—
"No, I'm not," he'd say to you,
"For I come from the Isle of Man."

A fellow-worker such as he
Is something hard to find.
No job too large or one too small—
He never seemed to mind.

But all mankind must have a rest,
It says so in the "Book,"
A time to call your very own,
The "time" you never took.

So Hank, ol' Boy, a toast to you!
Sincerest wishes from us all.
Plant your garden—Take your rest—
Remember us—GoodLuck—The Best!

OBITUARIES

BRIDSON, Christian (Isabelle), of 808 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ont., died on May 20 at the age of 59. She leaves her husband, George; a son, Reginald; daughters, Mrs. John Boucher (Mona), and Grace Bridson all of Windsor, and another daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Wilson (Elsie), of Ingersoll, Ont.; five grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Richard Mercer; brothers, Douglas and William Lamberton of Windsor, and Erie Lamberton of Fruitland, Ont.

CALLOW, Charles Kewley, of 1530 West 58th Place, Los Angeles, Calif., died on June 22nd. There are no surviving relatives. Mr. Callow was born in Peel.

CALLOW, Eleanor, of 112 S. Angeline St., Ishpeming, Mich., died on May 5 after a long illness. She leaves a brother, Henry Callow, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, both of Ishpeming. Miss Callow was born in Laxey, Isle of Man in 1882, and went out to Ishpeming more than 50 years ago.

COSTAIN, Ruby Lillian, of Vancouver, B. C., passed away in May in her 63rd year. She leaves her husband, E. Q. Costain; a daughter, Mrs. Peggy Brown of Alberni, B. C.; also brothers and sisters in England and the Isle of Man.

GICK, John, of Plainville, Kansas, passed away on May 8. He leaves his wife, Lorena, a daughter, and a sister, Mrs. Emily O'Brien, also of Plainville. He was a nephew of the late William Gick of Cleveland, and a cousin of Miss Dora Hampton, Lake Worth, Fla. The family originally came from Santon, Isle of Man.

HALSALL, Dean, aged 37, of the Galva, Ill. community, son of the late Walter and Annie Kelly Halsall, died on May 6 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, the former Evelyn Knapp; six children; a sister, Mrs. Ronald Helt of Galva; and a twin brother, Dale, of Sacramento, Calif.

HUDGEON, William, aged 88, died in San Francisco on May 26. He leaves his wife, Catherine; a son, Raymond; two daughters, Mrs. Violet Miller and Mrs. Gladys Hogan, and four grandchildren. Mr. Hudgeon was born in the Isle of Man and was a former member of the San Francisco Manx Society.

HOLCOMB, George C., of 1411 Roycroft Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, died on May 1. He leaves his wife, Florence; two sons, Theodore and Lawrence; a brother, Albert, and sister, Mrs. Edith Rider.

KELLY, Bessie (nee Roberts) died at her home in Kenmore, N. Y., on February 25th. Surviving are her husband, Robert H. Kelly, (from Peel, Isle of Man), a daughter, Mrs. Norma Peters and a grandson. Mrs. Kelly was born in London, England.

KELLY, Emily J., nee Mylchreest, of Kirkland, Wash., died suddenly on May 1 at the age of 72. She leaves her husband, Captain Richard F. Kelly; two sons, Rev. William M. Kelly of 604 N. Euclid Ave., Princeton, Ill., and Richard G. Kelly of Kirkland; three grandchildren; also a brother and two sisters in the Isle of Man—James Mylchreest of Onchan, Mrs. Nellie Cottier of Peel Road, Douglas, and Mrs. Anna Moore of Dalby.

KELLY, John H., of 64 Hallam St., Toronto, died on June 21. He was an enthusiastic Manxman, who, with his wife, had attended many Manx Conventions. He was born in Laxey, Isle of Man, where he worked in the mines until coming to Canada, where he worked in the Northern Ontario mines, and in later years was in the employ of the Ontario Government. Surviving is his wife, Edith (nee Martin).

KELLY, Thomas Cowen, of 226 N. Lincoln St., Hinsdale, Ill., died on June 2 after a brief illness. He leaves his wife, Bertha; two sons, Raymond C. of Palo Alto, Calif. and Crosby of Los Angeles; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Johnson of Los Angeles, and a brother, Joseph, of Glen Ellyn, Ill. Mr. Kelly, who was 79, was born at Antioch, Ill. of Manx parents. He was president of the N.A.M.A. for the year 1934-5, and at the time of his death was president of the Chicago Manx Society, which office he had held for many years. He was interested in the history of Manx settlement in the States and Canada and had engaged in considerable research on the subject.

STAFFORD, Fred L., of 240 King St., Chardon, Ohio, died on April 15, aged 83. He was a member of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society.

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KELLY, Lottie E., aged 81, died in San Francisco on April 19. She was the wife of the late Robert E. Kelly, and mother of Mrs. Lois Abegglen of Sacramento, Mrs. Jean Packard of Livermore, Calif., Sulby Kelly and Mrs. Betty Kolb of San Francisco. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Almeh Paim; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Kelly was a former member of the San Francisco Manx Society.

MERCER, Richard Kneale, of 1544 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ont., died on May 14 after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Mildred (nee Lamberton); two sons, Richard of Los Angeles and Harold of Windsor; four daughters, Mrs. R. MacMillan, Windsor; Mrs. L. Champeau, Allan Park, Mich.; Mrs. A. Foulger, Brantford, Ont. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Windsor; also two stepsons, Clifford and Jack Cretney of Windsor. He also leaves two brothers, Haydn of Douglas, Isle of Man, and George of Vancouver, B. C., and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Emore of Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Mercer was General Chairman of the Windsor Convention in 1950, and was 2nd Vice President of the N. A.M.A. for the year 1952-53. He was born in Ramsey in 1886, and was an earnest and popular worker in Manx activities.

QUINE, Mrs. Thomas E., of 206 W. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton, Calif., died on May 16. She leaves her husband, Dr. Thomas E. Quine of Fullerton; two sisters, Miss Katherine Wiggins of Chicago and Mrs. Frances Jacoby of Philadelphia; two brothers, L. W. Wiggins of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Frank F. Kelley of Lafayette, Calif. Mrs. Quine was born in Marietta, Ga., and was married to Dr. Quine about seven years ago.

STEVENSON, Doris, (nee Sale), died on May 7 at her home, 321 N. Lotus Ave., Chicago. She leaves her husband, Walter J., and daughter, Myrra. She was born in Castletown, Isle of Man; was a graduate (L.R.A.M.) of the Royal College of Music, and for several years was organist and choir director of Rose Mount Methodist Church, Douglas. She married Walter J. Stevenson of Chicago in 1928, and continued her career in Chicago as church organist, in recitals with her husband, and as teacher of piano and organ. Mrs. Stevenson has attended several Manx conventions and delighted Manx audiences with her talent.

STEPHENS, John W., of 9743 Sani-lac Ave., Detroit 24, Mich., died on April 17 after a long illness. He is survived by two sons, William A. and Douglas L. Stephens. His wife died several years ago. Mr. Stephens came from Ballaugh, Isle of Man, and was one of the first members of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society; was general chairman of the first Detroit-Windsor Convention (1934), and for the last few years was the Society's Honorary President.

STRONG, Agnes J., (nee Cannell), died on May 14 in a nursing home in Lakewood, Ohio. Surviving relatives are a son, who lives in Florida; and a sister, Mrs. T. Skillicorn of Laxey, Isle of Man. A brother, James Arthur Cannell, died recently in Colorado. Mrs. Strong, who was probably the oldest Manxwoman on the continent, would have been 98 on June 8. She was born in Baldwin, Isle of Man, came to the States at 20 years of age, lived in Cleveland and later in Denver, Colo., where she married William J. Strong. Afterwards she moved to Santa Monica, Calif., and was a charter member of the Los Angeles Manx Society. Mrs. Strong had revisited the Island several times, and was a member of the N.A.M.A. for many years.

WADE, John James, aged 92, died on March 25 at West Chester, Pa. Survivors are three children, Edwin D. Wade of Maywood, Ill., Myra I. Wade of West Chester, Pa., and Mrs. Esther Miller of Short Hills, N. J., grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, Malcolm Wade of Chicago; and a sister, Mrs. Mona MacKay of Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Wade was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man in 1862, and resided in Oak Park, Ill. for 53 years.

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

From Overseas

Congratulations are due Stephen Quinney, visiting Home recently from the U.S.A., on the excellent broadcast he made in the course of the special Manx program which was included in the Light Program of the B.B.C. on June 10.

He spoke of the work of the North American Manx Association, "which links the Manx people from coast to coast of North America. It was founded in 1928, and still going strong."

Manx Societies abounded in the States and Canada and were kept in touch with one another through the N.A.M.A. Bulletin, explained Mr. Quinney. Conventions are organized

each year, and Homecoming trips to the Island every few years.

He added that he was a "Home-comer" in 1952, when the party had a wonderful trip in the "Ascania," which anchored in Douglas Bay. The Manx passengers were ferried to the pier in one of the familiar steamers of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company. Bands played as they landed, flags were flying, relatives and friends awaited them, cheering and laughing.

This year there is to be a Convention of the North American Manx Association in San Francisco, where members would gather in hundreds, and those who attended would have a wonderful time meeting old friends.

Women, he said, played a great part in the N.A.M.A., mentioning particularly Miss Gertrude Cannell, who edits the Bulletin, and Miss Claire Mylecraine, Secretary of the Association.

The Manx Societies affiliated with the North American Manx Association do more than just keep the Manx together in a social sense. They help emigrants from the Island to find jobs, and to find homes. Whenever possible they meet and welcome the stranger on arrival in the new land. In Cleveland, through the work of the Mona's Relief Society (which is more than a hundred years old) no Manxman has ever fallen on public relief, nor been buried in a pauper's grave. In Toronto, Fred Caveen, President of the Society there, had done magnificent work in helping Manx emigrants to find their feet in a new land. Manxmen and women did remarkably well in the States and Canada.

Mr. Quinney mentioned that accompanying him on this year's trip home was Mrs. Mary Kelly, wife of N.A.M.A. Past President W. Harry Kelly of Cleveland, who was also a Homecomer in 1952, and who, along with her daughter, Florence, was among the survivors of the ill-fated "Athenia" in 1939.

"This," concluded Mr. Quinney, "is my third trip Home in 25 years. I have learned to admire anew the land of Mona which I love so well, with its golden gorse, its fuchsia, its vivid blue hyacinths, the purple shade of its mountains and the azure blue of its sea. When I go back I shall take with me renewed memories of Ellan Vannin, with its green hills by the sea."

"Trees of Mystery" is the name given to a grove of redwood trees on the famous Redwood Highway in California. Some of the trees have grown into fantastic shapes and the place is now a shrine for tourists to visit. Mrs. R. W. Thompson, wife of the proprietor, is a former member of the San Francisco Manx Society.

