

# BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association

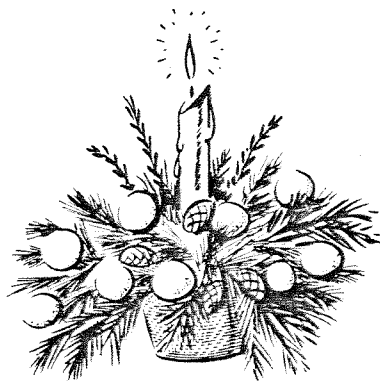


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*"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"*

December, 1955

**A Merry  
Christmas**



**A Happy  
New Year**

## **A Christmas Message From Our President**

Christmas Greetings to all members and friends of the North American Manx Association!

This is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, who was born in a stable to a humble lady, reared in humble circumstances, worked as a carpenter until he was thirty years of age, and for the next three years went out among his people to teach them a better way of life. From these teachings a great religion known to us as Christianity has developed, and from Christianity has come "The Golden Rule." The Manx people have followed the teachings of Christianity, and are thankful for the Saviour's blessings.

The Divine Man has done more for the happiness and comfort of the human race than any other person in history. We are fortunate that in North America we have the privilege of interpreting the birth and life of Christ according to our own conscience.

It is now almost fifty years since I spent a Christmas in the Isle of Man; however, memories of the old Christmas customs are fresh in my mind. There were the young folk who put on the plays of "The White Boys," and the children who "Hunted the Wren" on St. Stephens Day. The early morning "callers" were men who made the rounds of the town, telling us at four or five in

the morning that it was a beautiful night. Usually it was blowing a gale, but the "calling" was tolerated as an ancient Manx custom.

Then there was the carol singers, some from local clubs, who set out weeks ahead of Christmas to sing at the larger country homes, to remind the people that Christmas was just around the corner. And on Christmas and New Year's Eve and morning, church choirs and club choirs would stroll about the town singing carols. We miss these old customs very much indeed. The North American Manx Association is the only link many of us have with the land of our birth, and the Christmas Season gives us an opportunity to get together, in spirit if not in person, and recall the customs of Ellan Vannin.

This Christmas, in some homes a loved one may be missing, or perhaps a new child may appear to gladden the family—but the changeless Christmas spirit abides. The Christ of Christmas is the same today, yesterday and forever.

I wish you, most sincerely, all the blessings of the Saviour, Jesus Christ, on the anniversary of His birth, and hope that you may enjoy a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Affectionately,

ROBERT GREGG,

President.

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

Christmas time is here again, and I am very happy to wish all my good Manx friends everywhere A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our thoughts turn back at this time to our Convention at San Francisco where we met so many new friends, and renewed acquaintance with old ones.

May the spirit of this festive season live with us always, and may Good Health and Prosperity follow Manx people everywhere. God be with you all.

Fred J. Caveen,  
1st Vice President.



To Manx friends the world over, and to my fellow-officers—

"A kindly thought, a wish sincere,  
The best of luck, and Christmas cheer."

J. O. Christian,  
2nd Vice President.



At this time of year, when we all think of home and kinfolk, it is with the greatest pleasure that I send greetings to officers of the N.A.M.A., and to fellow-Manx people wherever they are. I wish one and all a Merry Christmas, and Good Health and Happiness throughout the coming year.

Samuel Cain,  
Third Vice President.



It is a pleasure to send Hearty Yuletide Greetings to Manx people the world over. Sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

R. W. Skillicorn,  
Fin. Sec'y-Treas.



As the Christmas season draws near, it gives me great pleasure to extend my very best wishes to those whose friendship we treasure. May your Christmas be happy, and your New Year prosperous.

Mrs. L. K. (Amy) Abell,  
Rep. Ladies' Auxiliary to N. A. M. A.

There are many nice things about Christmas. It is a period of good cheer, when greetings have an extra warmth; strangers are less distant; the bonds of friendship are stronger; the ties of love and comradeship between dear ones are closer. Christmas Day is the gayest of the season, when voices 'round the family hearth sing the tender and solemn old carols which acquire added meaning in the singer's heart each year: it is a day of giving and receiving, when the most modest gift becomes a treasure. More than monetary value is the sentiment concealed beneath bright wrappings and ribbons at Christmas.

It is good to remember with gladness the Nativity; to reaffirm our faith in the Saviour's teachings; to be humbly grateful that in a dark and troubled world a light was lit that has given warmth and courage to mankind along the shaded corridors of time.

And one of the nicest things about Christmas is to be able to extend again to you and yours, best wishes for the Holy Season. May all the blessings of Providence enrich your lives.

Henry Mylchreest,  
Past President.



Once again it is my privilege to greet all Manx friends in the age-old manner—"A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

"May Christmas time like holly,  
Encircle you with cheer.

And every hour surround you  
With joys you held most dear,  
And may the year to follow,  
Just like a book that's new,  
Unfold a lovely story  
Of happiness for you."

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



Having greeted Manx people through the Bulletin for many past Christmases, there is nothing new for me to say. I send warmest wishes to all the Manx, with the thought—

"The Christmas spirit of goodwill  
Will always live, and so  
These greetings are as hearty still  
As those of long ago."

Gertrude Cannell,  
Bulletin Editor.

It's Christmas again and we are on the threshold of another year. The one closing has been an important year for the North American Manx Association. It will go down in our history as the one in which we held our first West Coast Convention. The experience of meeting in San Francisco with our West Coast members will be cherished over the years to come. To me, it has seemed to shorten the miles which lie between.

And now—to them, and to all the many friends it has been my privilege to make during the two decades in which I have been your secretary. I send warmest wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all of the things which promote Happiness.

Claire M. Mylcreaine,  
Corresponding and Recording  
Secretary.



### Manx Settlement in the U.S.A.

When R. H. Kinvig, M.A., Professor of Geography at Birmingham University in England, visited the United States in 1952, he spent a considerable amount of time checking into the emigration of Manx people to this part of the world. He talked to the older Manx people wherever he could find them and did much research at libraries and with historical organizations, many times going miles out of his way when he heard of a Manx settlement in a certain district.

He was able to amass quite a bit of data and, since then, has prepared and published a very illuminating booklet on this subject. The North American Manx Association ordered a supply of them and sold many at the recent convention in San Francisco. We still have a fair-sized stock on hand and would be glad to sell them to interested Manx people for the small sum of 25c each.

The 20-page booklet is extremely interesting and contains facts concerning Manx settlements in the various areas from the East Coast to the West Coast, and from Florida to the State of Washington, not forgetting the largest settlement in the vicinity of the Great Lakes.

If you want one or more copies, please send your remittance (25c each) to the secretary at 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland 2, Ohio, and your request will receive immediate attention.

# OUR OWN PEOPLE

David Cowin, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cowin of Strongsville, Ohio (near Cleveland), is making good use of his musical talent in connection with his YMCA activities. His instrument is the clarinet. On September 15 he played at the dedication of the Pearl Road YMCA in Cleveland. In August he spent two weeks at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus with the All-Ohio Boys' Band (300 boys), this being his second year with them. Earlier in August he was counsellor for two weeks at the Centerville YMCA camp. Good work, David—Keep it up!

Now entering his last year in industrial engineering at Ohio State University, Columbus, Alfred Mough-ton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mough-ton, 3240 West 210th St., Cleveland, with his wife, Ruth, spent the summer in Cleveland with his parents. This was no vacation, however—Alfred worked at the National Carbon Company, and Ruth was a nurse at Fairview Park Hospital.

A young man named Robert Christian has been playing a leading part in Victor Herbert's operetta "Sweet-hearts," produced recently by the Geauga Theatre Guild and given in Chardon (Ohio) Auditorium. Robert is a son of the late Ben and Annie Christian of Iron River, Mich., formerly of Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wood of South Burnaby, B. C. have had as visitors Mrs. Laura Edwinston and Mrs. Katie Walker of Tacoma, Wash. Mrs. Edwinston's grandfather came from Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, to the States and settled on a farm near Custer Park, Ill. Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Boyde, came out from Douglas, Isle of Man in 1891 and lived for a time in Chicago. Previously, Mr. Boyde had learned the painting trade in Peel from a Mr. Fayle whose shop was behind Hannah the butcher's. He worked for a time in Barrow-in-Furness, England, and was chosen to work on the cabin of the famous ship "Empress of India," the figurehead of which is mounted in Stanley Park, Vancouver. Mrs. Walker was thrilled to see it. She remembers vividly the late Christopher Shimmin, M.H.K. who boarded with her parents in Chicago, later returning to Peel. Wilfred Faragher, eldest son of the late Mr. Faragher the miller, of Glenfaba also boarded with them in Chicago, and came west with them when they moved to Seattle.

Galva Manx people in the teaching profession are Myrtle Belford, who is science teacher in Wauconda High School; and Mrs. Frank Hocker, who is home economics teacher in Colchester High School. Mrs. Hocker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collinson, the latter being secretary of the Galva Manx Society.

After a wonderful holiday in the Isle of Man, Mrs. Mary Kelly, wife of W. Harry Kelly of Cleveland arrived back in early September and was met in New York by Mr. Kelly and their daughter, Mrs. Florence Roseman. During her stay in the Island, Mrs. Kelly was a guest at the 93rd birthday party of Richard Cain, President of the World Manx Association, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cain. Part of the program was the showing of a number of colored slides taken by Mr. Kelly during visits to the Island, Mrs. Kelly explaining the views when necessary. These beautiful slides have been shown many times in the States and Canada, the Kellys being very generous in lending them to local Manx Societies for their entertainment.

Congratulations to Robert H. Kelly of Douglas on his appointment as manager and secretary of the Isle of Man Bank last July. This is a promotion from his former post as assistant manager. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly paid a short visit to Cleveland last spring, staying with Mrs. Kelly's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gell, Monticello Boulevard.

Among many Homecomers to the Isle of Man the past summer were Mr. and Mrs. Amos Moore of Victoria, B. C., who stayed in Peel; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richards of Vancouver, B. C., who stayed in Castletown, home town of Mrs. Richards (nee Minnie Kinvig). Harry Quiggin of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Cleveland where he was in the heating and refrigeration business stayed in Douglas with his sister, Mrs. Scarffe. Several Homecomers attended a meeting of the Peel Town Commissioners on July 17, when Miss Flo Crellin of Akron, Ohio was thanked for her many gifts of books to the town library.

Leonard McCombe, ace photographer of "Life" magazine, and a native of Port Erin, Isle of Man, has been named Magazine Photographer of the Year in the 12th annual "News Pictures of the Year" competition. He is the first photographer in the world to win the top award twice in this oldest and largest of all news photography competitions. Mr. McCombe, who lives in New York, had an assignment recently in Moscow, and on his way back from behind the Iron Curtain paid a short visit to his parents in Port Erin.

A friend of the Corrin family of Bisbee has just returned from the British Isles, but without getting to the Isle of Man as planned. Tourist travel was so heavy she was unable to get passage. She had intended to call on the Corrins' relatives in Peel, Mrs. Katie Clucas and Mrs. Thos. Clucas, the last named also being mother of Percy Clucas of Toronto.

Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labor Statistics for the U. S. Government, with his wife and son, visited relatives in the Isle of Man in mid-August. He is a son of the late John and Eleanor Cooper Clague of Castletown, who pioneered out West about the turn of the century. His post is probably the most important held by any living Manxman, and on this occasion he was en route to Austria to give a series of lectures. This was Mr. Clague's third visit to the Island, in which he takes a great interest, having heard so much about it from his parents. He has a number of relatives there.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Lindner, daughter of Arnold Corrin of Bisbee, Arizona, has returned home from Martinez, Calif. to await the return of her husband from Japan. He expects to be out of the Navy early next year.

Mrs. Minnie Oakley and the Misses Dorothy and Barbara Caveen, all of Toronto, had a brush with Hurricane Hilda while sailing for a two-week vacation in Bermuda this summer. They had a wonderful time in the island, nevertheless.

Among summer visitors to Toronto were Tom Radcliffe, Editor of the Isle of Man Examiner, en route to the Convention; Harry Kelly of Cleveland, returning by way of Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Detroit after seeing his wife off to the Isle of Man; Mrs. Basil Griffith (nee Alana Roney), returning to Douglas after visiting her daughter and son-in-law in Edmonton, Alberta; Miss Quine, a teacher from Murray's Road School, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett A. Gates of Chardon, Ohio, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 26 with a reception for their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are members of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society and are well known in the educational field, both having been teachers. Mrs. Gates is the former Margaret A. Radcliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Radcliffe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richardson of Vancouver, B. C., observed their Diamond Wedding on September 25 with a quiet celebration at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lowe, 2304 Kings Ave., West Vancouver. The Richardsons were married in St. Barnabas' Church, Douglas, Isle of Man, on September 22, 1895; came to Canada in 1920, settling in Calgary, and moved to Vancouver in 1923. They have three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

# News and Greetings from Manx Societies

## BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx held their October meeting at Mrs. Harry Rothery's home, with a good crowd present. There were so many interesting games, with wonderful prizes for the winners, that there was no time for the usual sing-song.

The November meeting, planned as a Harvest Home party, was to be held near Thanksgiving at the Corrin home, where they have piano, organ and accordion. As Fred Corrin can play all three instruments, it was expected there would be some fine singing.

The Corrin brothers and their sister, Mrs. Ivy Dillon, will cherish for the rest of their days the memory of their first Convention. Their door is open to any Manx who might get out to Bisbee.

Season's Greetings from the Great Southwest—

Greetings from a country

Where there's lots of space to fill,  
And lots of time for living;

It's the place where time stands still,  
A land of peace and sunshine

Where the natural thing to do  
Is to want to share its beauty

With loyal friends like you.

Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Sec'y.  
Box 1522, Bisbee, Ariz.



## SAN FRANCISCO

A big crowd turned out for the first post-convention meeting of the San Francisco Manx, held in September. President Corlett greeted many new guests and members, including Mrs. Alice Schmidt of El Monte and her cousin, Mrs. Kitty Savary of Cleveland, who were visiting Alice's sister, Mrs. Jane Banc of San Mateo; Mrs. Dorothy Quayle, who brought her sister, Iris Corkhill of San Diego; Miss Ingiehart, a friend of Evelyn Corlett's, and new members Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin of Mill Valley and Horace Vick of San Anselmo. Everyone was pleased with the review of the Convention given by President Corlett, and with the balance sheet which he submitted.

Essie Quayle, the Secretary, made a short speech of appreciation for the work done by President Corlett and his interest in making the Convention such a success, after which a V.I.P. case was presented to him by Mrs. Max Arcuds. A corsage was pinned on Mrs. Corlett by Mrs. Jamie Jones. The Secretary also spoke of the grand work done by Mrs. Finette Hall, Convention treasurer, and Mrs. James Cringle presented Finette with a double string of pearls and a corsage. All expressed thanks for these

lovely gifts, including Essie, who referred to the gift and ovation given her during the Convention banquet.

The October meeting was held in President and Mrs. Corlett's home. Welcome arrivals were the Bellamys from Concord, who brought their daughter Ruth and husband, Allan Zenger, and baby son; also the Whitakers of Sausalito and new members, Miss Mona Desmond and her mother from Corda Madera County. A beautiful repast followed the business meeting.

The November meeting was to be at the home of Mrs. Viola Rankin in Berkeley. For December, the usual party, open to all British Societies, was planned.

The San Francisco Manx wish to all a most Happy and Joyous Christmas and New Year. Their thoughts will be with friends, old and new, and in cherishing happy memories of the recent Convention, they enjoy the anticipation of meeting again at Toronto. And—Essie would like to remind us of the lines quoted by Herb Corlett at the Convention banquet:

"When the summer day is over,  
And its busy cares have flown  
And you're sitting by the fireside  
In a home you call your own,  
There will rise in memory's vision  
All that you're enjoying now,  
You'll remember San Francisco  
As 'The City That Knows How!'"

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



## GALVA

The Galva Manx Society met on September 25 for election of officers, and to spend a social evening. Mrs. Tyrus Kelly had arranged a program of entertainment, one item of which was a delightful report on the San Francisco Convention by Mrs. Ada Cubbon. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shimmin from Peoria, Mrs. Shimmin being President of that Society. The following officers were elected:

President ..... Ed Collister  
Vice Pres. .... Mrs. James Karmoon  
Sec'y-Treas. .... Mrs. Clyde Collinson  
R. F. D. 2, Box 154,  
Galva, Ill.

"One of the joys of Christmas  
Is greeting folks like you,  
So Merry, Merry Christmas,  
And Happy Near Year too!  
As Christmas carols fill the air  
With heavenly peace and cheer,  
May each note bring a blessing  
That will last throughout the  
year!"

Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Sec'y.

## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The Mona's Relief Society held its second "West Side" meeting of the year in Lakewood on October 4. Orton Reed, baritone, sang several fine solos, accompanied by Miss Eleanor Crebbin.

At the November meeting a card party was held in St. Stephen's Church Hall. Table and door prizes added to the interest, and several attractive articles were drawn for. Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn and her committee—Mrs. L. K. Abell, Miss Claire Mylecraine, Miss Mildred Corris and Miss Gertrude Cannell. Mrs. Phil Quane of Delevan, Wis., (formerly Emma Cain of Peel), who was a guest at the meeting, presented the prizes.

The officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society wish you a Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year.

May the spirit of Christmas dwell  
with you,

Be in your home, in all you do,  
Not only on this special day  
When cares take wing and hearts  
are gay,

But may it shed its joyful light  
And make your future pathway  
bright.

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



## NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The Manx of Northeastern Ohio had a meeting on November 20 at Mr. and Mrs. Albert Killey's home in Painesville, with about 40 present. The turkey supper was followed by a short business meeting, and a very interesting talk by Mrs. Leo Crellin entitled "Boys Growing Tall," dealing with the early lives of some of Ohio's famous men.

Officers elected for 1956 are:

President ..... Mrs. Maud McCarthy  
Vice President. .... Miss Hazel Clark  
Sec'y-Treas. .... W. H. Collister  
65 Orchard Grove,  
Painesville, Ohio.

The Christmas meeting will be held on December 16 at Grady's Inn; hostesses, the Misses Bertha and Hazel Clark.

Greetings from the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society to all Manx friends everywhere.

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

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

The officers and members of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary hope that all of you will make—and keep—a New Year's resolution to be in Toronto for the 1956 Convention. You will not regret it. Many have been there on former occasions, and know what a fine job the Toronto Manx always do toward providing a most enjoyable time.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are happy to extend sincere good wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to good friends everywhere.

"May none of all you folks complain  
The Turkey bird has died in vain,  
So eat and drink but little more  
Than you decided on before.  
May ties of friendship be renewed  
And precious memories reviewed,  
With song and laughter and with  
chat."

Mrs. Henry Mylchreest, President  
Miss Alice Garrett, Sec'y. & Treas.  
976 Monroe Ave,  
Rochester 20, N. Y.



## MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx held their first fall meeting in October, when they had a pleasant time chatting over their summer holidays. Their Secretary, Miss M. Joughin, has received an inquiry for the whereabouts of a Mr. Raisher Sayle, who came to this continent from Ballaugh, Isle of Man, about 40 years ago. She will be grateful if anyone who can supply information will write to her—Miss Margaret Joughin, 3050 Westmount Blvd., Apt. 4, Montreal, P. Q.

The Montreal Manx Society sends Very Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Manx people.

Margaret M. Joughin,  
Hon. Sec'y.



## LOS ANGELES

On November 5 the Los Angeles Manx elected—or rather, re-elected—their officers for the coming year:

President ..... William Caley  
Vice Pres. .... Robert Gregg  
Sec'y. .... Miss Noreen Cottier  
309 N. Buena Vista St., Burbank Calif.  
Treas. .... Joe Rodger

Part of the evening's business was to plan a Valentine Party, to be held on February 4 at the Odd Fellows' Hall, after which Robert Gregg showed his movies taken at the Convention, which brought back many happy memories.

All the Los Angeles Manx extend hearty good wishes for the coming Yuletide Season to Manx folk near and far, and for the best of Health and Happiness in the coming year.

## VANCOUVER

The annual meeting of the Vancouver Manx Society was held on October 8 in Cambrian Hall. The secretary, Mrs. A. T. Wood, read her report on the activities of the past year. Mrs. Wood's comprehensive report covered the Society's many interesting meetings and festivities, and included the highlight of the year—the N.A.M.A. Convention at San Francisco, attended by 34 members of the Vancouver Manx, who will never forget the joy of meeting old friends there. They felt honored by the election of their President, Sam Cain, to the office of Third Vice President of the N.A.M.A. Mr. Cain said that enough praise could not be given to the San Francisco Manx, and added that although it was his first Convention, he felt thoroughly at home. Election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary President. .... T. L. Killip  
Honorary V. P. .... Mrs. T. L. Killip  
Honorary 2nd V. P. .... Albert Halsall  
President ..... Bill Lawson  
Vice President ..... Leslie McDonnell  
Treasurer ..... E. Costain  
Mrs. Wood, the Secretary, wished to resign but was asked to continue until someone could take her place.

Auditors were: H. Smith and Mrs. Halsall. Committee members: Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Art Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wood.

History was made on November 12, as it was the first time that a president of the N.A.M.A. had attended a meeting of the Vancouver Manx. A splendid group turned out to meet Mr. and Mrs. Robt Gregg, and one of the first to greet the N.A.M.A. president was Theo Kermode, who went to school with him in Douglas, Isle of Man, where Mr. Gregg learned his trade of ironmolder. President Bill Lawson introduced Mr. Gregg, who then spoke admiringly of the beauties and opportunities of Vancouver, which had impressed him that day when Sam Cain took him on a trip through the city in his car. Mr. Gregg then showed his pictures of the Isle of Man and of the San Francisco Convention. As it was "Tom Brown Night," refreshments included Manx flour cake, and Ernie Costain recited "The Pazon" and "When Childher Plays."

To Manx men and women the world over, the Vancouver Manx send Christmas Greetings. May Peace and Plenty abide in your hearts and lives this coming New Year.

Bill Lawson, Pres.  
Annie Wood, Sec'y.  
4181 Southwood, So. Burnaby, B. C.



## WINNIPEG

To Manx people the world over, the Manx of Winnipeg extend the old familiar greeting—A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

James Y. Mann

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Christmas! The sacred season of happy remembrances when our thoughts turn naturally to our Manx friends everywhere.

The World Manx Association here in Ellan Vannin takes pleasure in sending heartiest greetings and every kind wish to all members of the North American Manx Association and their friends scattered throughout your great continent.

The officers are to be complimented on their work in behalf of Manx folk in North America, and on keeping the old traditions alive. May God bless all your efforts. We send to each and all—

"The old, old wish, yet most sincere,  
A Merry Christmas and a Bright  
New Year."

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



## NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx planned a Christmas get-together for December 4, at the home of Mrs. Thomas Kelley and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Paben. A covered dish luncheon, followed by business meeting, gift exchange and a good old Manx cooish were the order of events.

Members and friends of the Nebraska Manx Ass'n. send warmest greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all Manx folk at home and abroad.

Mrs. Harry R. Crellin, Pres.  
Mrs. Gladys Watts, Vice-Pres.  
Mrs. Thomas Kelley, Sec'y-Treas.  
5745 Franklin Ave.,  
Lincoln, 6. Nebr.



## VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

The Vancouver Manx Ladies' Club resumed their meetings in September, and held a sale of work on November 5. Lovely aprons, hand-knit sweaters, socks and children's underwear, attractive miscellaneous articles and 10-cent "dips" were sold. There were tables also for home-baked goods, and afternoon tea.

And now, as Christmas approaches, the Vancouver Manx Ladies extend to every member of the N.A.M.A. heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Alice M. M. Killip, Sec'y.  
2373 Sussex Ave.,  
South Burnaby, B. C.

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## OUR OWN PEOPLE

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Harry Moore of Peel, Isle of Man, has been visiting his nephews and their families in Calgary, Alberta. With them he motored to Vancouver to visit his sister, Mrs. Tom Cain, formerly of Peel. Mrs. Mildred Christian, widow of Mr. Moore's nephew, the late Willie Christian, invited a group of Vancouver Manx to her house to meet him. All had a most enjoyable evening and a good chat about the Isle of Man.

Eric Culphey from Douglas, Isle of Man, who came out to Toronto some time ago, is now in Los Angeles and has joined the Manx Society there.

The Nebraska Manx have enjoyed visits from several Manx people. Sidney Corkish from near Buffalo, N. Y., stopped off at Lincoln on his way home from the Convention; he was followed by Joe Clucas from Laramie, Wyoming, and the Convention was lived all over again. Another visitor was Mrs. E. S. Corlett from Sacramento, Calif., who came to see her son Harold and wife, stationed at the Lincoln Air Base. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crellin, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Humphrey, Mrs. Thomas Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Paben were happy to entertain these people, and hope they will come again.

Barbara Knock, 9-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Abell, 14200 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, is rightly proud of a message she received from President and Mrs. Eisenhower recently. She sent a get-well card to the President while he was in the hospital in Denver, and received a gracious acknowledgment. Barbara's mother is the Abell's second daughter, Carol.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cannell, 1306 Summit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, who celebrate their Silver Wedding on December 24. They have three daughters Sandra, Natalie and Elizabeth. Both Doug and Mildred have taken part in Manx musical programs in Cleveland.

Mrs. Jennie H. Ede of So. 2103 Havana, Spokane, Wash., has been to the Isle of Man recently and visited "Bellekirky," home of the Quilliams for over 400 years. Her grandmother was Margaret Quilliam. Mrs. Ede is proud of her Manx ancestry. She found the Island "a marvel of beauty," and the people very kind and friendly.

"It was the first Manx Convention I attended, and I met so many lovely people," wrote Mrs. George Jenkinson, 1420 Cannell Ave., Grand Junction, Colo. "If I continue as well as now, I hope to get to another one." Mrs. Jenkinson was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, in 1875, and attended the Convention in San Francisco with her daughter.

Shortly after the San Francisco Convention, the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Partridge visited their married daughter and family in Michigan. While there they called to see Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Shimmin of Mitchell Drive, Flint, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Collister, formerly of Cleveland, and their three children, Randall, Denis and Elizabeth, are now residing at 1436 S. Highland, Berwyn, Ill. Stanley is Mid-West sales representative for the Lith-Kem-Ko Chemical Corp. of Chicago. He is the son of W. H. (Bill) Collister, Secretary of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Clague of La Fayette, Ill., who observed their 61st wedding anniversary on October 14. Their children are Mrs. Edith Skinner, Peoria, Ill., Mrs. J. S. (Mildred) McKinley of Arlington, Va., and Harry of La Fayette. They have seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Humphrey of Lincoln, Nebr., spent their vacation at Los Angeles and vicinity. They met many Manx people, including Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bain, Miss Lily Callow and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shimmin—Mrs. Shimmin being the former Lucy Skillicorn from Douglas, Isle of Man. The Humphreys also visited their niece, Lily Harrison, in San Diego.

Miss Vera Humphrey and her brother Gerald, formerly of Lincoln, Nebr., are now living in California. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Humphrey, would be pleased if Manx people in their district would call on them. Their address is: 2306 Carnegie Lane, #D, Redondo Beach, Calif.

Guests at a recent Executive Committee meeting of the Vancouver Manx Society, held at Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain's home, were Mrs. Cecily Hope and her daughter, Kathleen, of Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, who are spending the winter at Vancouver as guests of the Leslie McDonnells. Another visitor was Miss Ruth Palmer of Tacoma, Wash., a guest of the A. T. Woods. Miss Palmer showed some interesting pictures during the evening.

Don Sinclair, 323 Lonsdale Road, Toronto, well known among the Manx as a talented actor, was severely burned in a fire which broke out at his place of employment. Latest reports are that he is progressing satisfactorily.

Mrs. Edith Craine, 1839 Phillips Ave., Butte, Mont., was thrilled on meeting people at the San Francisco Convention who remembered her father and mother, back in the 1890's. Her father, Sidney Kelly, was a school master at Cronk-y-Voddy. At one of the Convention entertainments Mrs. Craine recited two poems by Miss Faragher—"Land of My Birth," and "One Tynwald Fair Day."

A former Peel boy who hasn't forgotten what Christmas means to the children, is Josh Gorry of Hornby Island, B. C. Mr. and Mrs. Gorry donated four sacks of apples to the Vancouver Manx Society, to be sold to help raise funds for the children's Christmas party, slated for December 10.

Presentation of a gold medal with enameled badge in color, and a life membership in the National Referees' Ass'n., was made on September 10 to a veteran Manx football referee, Jack Scarff, 11 Malvern Road, Douglas, Isle of Man. Mr. Scarff, now president of the Isle of Man Referees' Society, had been its secretary for 35 years. The presentation, said to be without parallel in the history of Manx football, was made after the annual meeting of Manx Referees, with officers of the national organization present. Mr. Scarff, a member of the N.A.M.A. is uncle of Robert McCaa, of the Sherwin-Williams sales office in Milwaukee, Wis.

### MANN WEDDIN'S

Married in Windsor, Ont., on October 22, L.A.W. Wilma Walker Annett, R.C.A.F., Rockliffe Station, Ottawa, to Mr. Les Sioussi, Detroit, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sioussi, Quebec, P. Q. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Annett of Salt Prairie, Alberta—Mrs. Annett being the former Ida Kerruish from Maughold, Isle of Man. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. James Kerruish, born respectively, in Maughold and in Castletown.

Married in Kingsville, Ont., on September 5, Eleanor Jane Kiel, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kiel of Grand Haven, Mich., to Mr. Elgin G. Wright. They are living at 15621 Woodland Drive, Dearborn, Mich. The bride is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Kermod of Lynague, Peel, Isle of Man, and is a sister of Miss Bertha Kiel of South Bend, Ind. Eleanor and Bertha have been teaching, since graduation, from the University of Michigan. They are cousins of the Wade family of Lakewood, Ohio.

Miss Lorraine Tiemann of Kewanee, Ill., and Frank Clucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clucas of Galva, were married in Kewanee on November 5. Many readers will remember Frank's grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clucas of Galva.

Married recently in Vancouver, B. C., Margaret Ruth Joughin to Charles Henry Gairns. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Douglas Joughin and the late Mr. Joughin. Her father was born in Peel and was a grandson of the owner of the Joughin net factory at the foot of Stanley Road. Her mother's father, Robert C. Gairns, also came from Peel, and was the first president of the Vancouver Manx Society.

Married in the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury (Anglican), Toronto, on July 9, Shirley June Bateman, daughter of Mrs. E. Bateman, to William J. Homer of Guelph, Ont. The bride's father, the late Mr. D. H. Bateman, came from Douglas, Isle of Man.

**THE L'IL PEOPLE**

Born on August 9 to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Frandsen of Naperville, Ill., twin boys, Gary and Glen. They have a sister Linda, aged two. The mother is the former June Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wm. Wade of Chicago (formerly of Lakewood, Ohio), and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wade of Lakewood. June was a member of the Junior Manx Society of Cleveland, which functioned some years ago.

Born on September 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wall of Vancouver, B. C., (Thelma Kneale), a daughter, Jo-Anne.

**Reports of W.M.A. Delegates**

Miss Florence Crellin of Akron, Ohio was appointed to act as official delegate for the North American Manx Association and its Ladies' Auxiliary at the annual gathering of the World Manx Association, held in the Palais de Danse, Douglas, on July 5, 1955.

She has submitted an excellent detailed report of the meeting, which lack of space prevents printing in its entirety. In her own remarks, when her turn came to report, she extended warm greetings from all of us and outlined the purpose of the N.A.M.A., as covered in our Constitution and By-Laws, and told something of the joy derived by all who attend our Annual Conventions. Miss Crellin also extended greetings from the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. and wished the World Manx Association every success in its future endeavors.

The Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland and its Ladies' Auxiliary were represented by Miss Anne Crellin, also of Akron. She too extended greetings and reported that the Mona's Relief Society now is 104 years old, having been formed in 1851 "for the mutual improvement of its members and charitable relief of fellow-countrymen."

President Richard Cain of the W.M.A. presented the Governor of the Island with a new Bible in recognition of his interest in the W.M.A. and the Governor, in turn, congratulated Mr. Cain for his fine work in the W.M.A. and praised Manx people the world over for their love of the land of their birth. Secretary Charles Craine read greetings from all parts of the world and Chairman Harold Cain reported progress with a new-type badge. He appealed to Manx Associations everywhere to be active, and to the Manx to be loyal to their local Manx organizations.

**News of the Manx Societies**

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**TORONTO**

The Toronto Manx Society celebrated Hollentide Night by holding a dance and buffet supper at the Royal Canadian Curling Club. Election of officers was scheduled for November 25.

The officers and members join in wishing all Manx folk a Happy and Joyous Christmas.

- Fred Caveen, Pres.
- F. Williamson, Sec'y,
- 59 Steeles Ave., E.,
- Willowdale, Ont.

**LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY**

As the Christmas Season draws near, the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland, are busy getting ready for their Christmas party and gift exchange, planned for December 16.

In the spirit of the Holiday Season, the officers and members wish Manx friends everywhere, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

- Mrs. Fred T. Gorry, Pres.
- Mrs. Roy Bertsch, Sec'y,
- 1668 Lee Road,
- Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio.

**MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT CLEVELAND**

This year the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society reached its centenary—100 years of useful service to Manxmen in Cleveland. The Society pays sick and death benefits, and has also provided social contact for Manxmen. The officers and members extend heartiest greetings to Manx people, with best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Herbert A. Quayle, Pres.
- Fred T. Gorry, Rec. Sec'y,
- R. W. Skillicorn, Fin. Sec'y,
- 4912 East 96th St., Cleveland 25, O.

**ROCHESTER**

The Rochester Manx celebrated Canadian Thanksgiving Day with several Toronto Manx who were visiting in Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore were guests of Alice Garrett; Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Kee were guests of Mona Cannon, and Mrs. W. Beddow was the guest of the Charles Sundlofs in Dansville. On Saturday night the Rochester Manx and the Toronto visitors were invited to Mona Cannon's, where all enjoyed a nice visit. Alice Garrett showed colored slides of her California trip, which were highly appreciated. Mona served one of her famous lunches, and reluctant goodbyes were finally said.

The Christmas spirit again fills the air and kindles warmth and cheer within our hearts. The Rochester Manx wish to all Manx friends everywhere the happiness which belongs to this season, and hope that it will remain throughout the year.

**PEORIA**

The Peoria Manx had a good meeting on November 13, with several present from Galva. Mrs. Ada Cubbon gave a splendid report on the Convention in San Francisco, after which travel pictures were shown, including views in Austria, Germany, Italy and other European countries. Names of officers elected last July were incorrectly listed in the October Bulletin—revision is as follows:

- President.....Mrs. Robt. H. Shimmmin,
- 330 Frances St., Peoria 4, Ill.
- Vice Pres.....Mrs. (Gladys)
- E. B. Hawley, Elmwood, Ill.
- Sec'y. and Treas.....Mrs. Le Veda Bliss,
- 521 Columbia Terrace, Peoria, Ill.

**DETROIT AND WINDSOR**

This Society has not been active of late, but as its former president I wish all a blessed Christmas Holiday. Make 1956 a happy year by renewing your membership in the North American Manx Association.

- Richard H. Corkill,
- 13160 Sorrento Ave.,
- Detroit 27, Mich.

**A Manx-Australian Traveler**

Miss Winsome Lucas of Dandenong, near Melbourne, Australia was in Cleveland during July, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gregor, 14500 Orinoco Avenue, Mrs. Gregor being her father's cousin. The young lady is a seasoned traveler, and has given an interesting account of her journeys during the past few years. She says:

"I left Australia in February, 1952 and traveled through the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean to England; visited France, Switzerland and Italy, and toured England, Wales, Scotland and the Isle of Man. Then I sailed to Canada, and visited in the States before returning home in January, 1953.

"I spent one year working at home in Australia, then emigrated to Canada and worked in Vancouver. In the summer of 1954, two Australian girls and I bought a car and toured the States. Starting from Toronto, we went via Niagara Falls to New York City, then to Atlantic City and Washington and down to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and through the southern states to Florida. We flew to Nassau in the Bahamas, returned to Florida and visited Tallahassee, Mobile, New Orleans, El Paso and across to Juarez in Mexico. We saw the Painted Desert, the Petrified Forest, the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, and Las Vegas, then to Los Angeles and San Francisco. Afterwards we went to Yosemite National Park, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies. Our journey ended in Vancouver.

"In 1955 I traveled by bus from Vancouver, down the coast to San Francisco, where I visited Essie Quayle and Katie Oringale. Then I went east to Cleveland; afterwards to Detroit and several Canadian cities including Niagara Falls, where I helped at the World Scout Jamboree.

before returning to Vancouver to sail for home on September 15.

"I wish my parents could see these places, and visit the Manx friends and relatives in Canada and the States. My grandfather, Charles Stephen Clucas, born in Dalby, Isle of Man, is 86 years of age and is very much interested in things Manx."

In a letter to the Greggors, Winsome tells about her return voyage to Australia. There was a stopover at Honolulu and she went swimming at Waikiki Beach with an American girl from the ship; also had an interesting time at Suva, Fiji Islands, where she was met by friends. More friends welcomed her in Auckland, New Zealand, and while there she went to see the famous hot springs at Rotorua. From Wellington she crossed over to the South Island and visited Christchurch, a very English type of city, she says, with the Cathedral in the square and the River Avon running by; beautiful gardens with trees and flowers in bloom. Winsome says that New Zealand is a very productive country but she considered the cost of living quite high.

She left New Zealand by plane in bright sunshine, and the mountains were lovely as they flew over them. "We saw the lights of Melbourne 6 1/2 hours later," she said, "and Mum and Dad and some friends were at the airport to welcome me."

Winsome was glad to get back to her Mum's cooking. She says the hotels and restaurants in North America provide food far above what she had elsewhere on her return journey.

### A Canadian Looks at the Three Legs

Several Toronto members, Fred Caveen, Mrs. Sybil Pritchard and Percy Clucas, kindly sent us an article from the Toronto Globe and Mail of July 30, entitled "Manx Flag Hang-over from Pagan Past," by Evelyn S. Tufts, a former member of the Press Gallery in the House of Commons, Ottawa. While on tour, Mrs. Tufts crossed to the Isle of Man and became greatly interested in the Manx flag, which she took for the house flag of the steamship company until enlightened by the purser. Other information gleaned by Mrs. Tufts during her stay in the Island makes an extremely interesting article. But why, oh why, does she describe the Manx steamer as a "white and blue ferryboat"? And why does she tell us that the Three Legs is "probably the ugliest of all national emblems to date"? It seems to us that an emblem which has inspired such a plucky national slogan as "Whichever way you throw me, I stand," can hardly be called ugly. And another motto, less known but an apt description of Mankind's situation, says:

"Turn me whichever way you will,  
I stand between three kingdoms still;  
Scotland my friend, Ireland my  
brother,  
And England is my foster-mother."

## OBITUARIES

**BARBER, Samantha J.** (nee Moses), died at her home, 21400 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland, on October 13. She leaves her husband, Albert P.; two sons, Paul M. and Ahman P.; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Young and Miss Alta M. Barber; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Clara Minor, Mrs. William Sayle and Mrs. Jennie McVeigh, and a brother, Frank Moses. Mrs. Barber and her sisters have been closely associated with the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society.

**COWLEY, Herman**, of 13707 Maple-row Ave., Cleveland, died on October 5. He leaves a son, Robert, and grandchildren; a brother, Clarence; sisters, Mrs. Clara Price and Mrs. John (Mildred) Corris.

**GELL, Ruth**, of 15 Victoria Road, Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, died in mid-November after a long illness. She leaves her husband, John, and daughter, Edith. Mr. Gell, a Manx language authority and teacher in the Castletown High School, will be remembered by many who met him at the Detroit-Windsor Convention in 1950.

**KEWLEY, Joseph**, of 806 Monroe Ave., South Milwaukee, Wis., died on October 29, aged 76. He leaves a son, Kneale Kewley; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Jones, Miss Annette Kewley and Mrs. Jessie Schlesinger; eight grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Nan Fletcher of Liverpool, England. Mr. Kewley was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, and came to the States in 1902. He lived in Cleveland, Toledo, Ohio, and Evanville, Ind., before going to Milwaukee in 1914.

**KNEALE, Henry**, 71, died on November 18 at his home, 4940 East 141st St., Cleveland, after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Effie S. He came to Cleveland from Douglas, Isle of Man, in 1923 and was a manager in Fisher Bros. grocery stores for many years. From 1941 until his retirement last March he was a maintenance engineer with Brush Electronics Co. Mr. Kneale was keenly interested in Cleveland Manx affairs and in the N.A.M.A.

**LOWEY, John R.**, of 745 E. Lincoln Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., died on April 17. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. David Wajerski, of the above address.

**MORSE, Murray B.**, of Painesville, Ohio, died on July 5. He was born on April 7, 1888, and was a descendant of Manx pioneer Thomas Kelley. He was a former president of the Northwestern Ohio Manx Society.

**NICHOLS, May F.** (nee Faragher), of 89 Columbus Road, Bedford, Ohio, died on October 10. She leaves three daughters, Miss Eunice Nichols, Mrs. Norinne Clark and Mrs. Alda Becker, and grandchildren. Her husband, the late George Nichols, a former mayor of Bedford, died in September, 1954. Mrs. Nichols was a daughter of Manx pioneer James Faragher, who came to Warrensville, Ohio, from Ramsey, Isle of Man.

**PIDGEON, Tom**, passed away recently in Liverpool, England. He is survived by his wife, Meg; two sons, Tom and Alec; a brother, James of Liverpool; two sisters, Mrs. John Watterson and Mrs. Tom Keig of Cleveland.

**QUIRK, Daniel L., Jr.**, of 206 North Huron St., Ypsilanti, Mich., died on October 14 at the age of 84. He is survived by two sons, Daniel T. and Alexander Buel, both of Ypsilanti; two daughters, Mrs. G. Mennen Williams, Lansing, Mich., (wife of Governor Williams of Michigan), and Mrs. W. Bruce Krag of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Edward C. Cornell of Ypsilanti, and ten grandchildren. Mr. Quirk was a prominent business and civic leader in Ypsilanti, and at the age of 81 received the Board of Commerce Community Award, jointly with his son, Daniel T. Quirk. During World War I he was director of military relief for the American Red Cross, and was commissioned a major in the U. S. Army. He was a son of the famous Manx pioneer, Daniel Lacey Quirk from Ballachrink, near Peel, Isle of Man, who came to America in 1827.

**RADCLIFFE, Margaret**, wife of Thomas R. Radcliffe, editor-in-chief of the Isle of Man Examiner, passed away on November 20. Mrs. Radcliffe attended the first Convention of the N.A.M.A. at Cleveland in 1928.

**SUMNER, Irene J.** (nee Knight), of 83 Chestnut St., Milltown, N. J., died on September 16. She leaves two sons, Howard W. and Edward C. Sumner; a daughter, Mrs. Irene S. Seaman; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Sumner was a daughter of John T. Knight, who was born in the Isle of Man.

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

"We go this way but once, O Friend of Mine,

So why not make the journey worth while,

Giving to those who travel with us  
A helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile."

