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REVISIT TORONTO AUGUST 7-11 ... AND SEE HOW WE'VE GROWN

On behalf of the officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society, I extend a hearty invitation to all the North American Manx folk to make the convention trip to Toronto in August.

If you have never been to a Manx convention before, I assure you that Toronto is a great spot to come to for a holiday, and the convention committee, backed by the Toronto Society, will be going all out to make your inaugural visit a memorable one. To those of you who attended the recent conventions when Toronto was privileged to entertain the N.A.M.A., I would like to say, "Renew old friendships in '56 and see how we've grown!"

The Queen City played host in 1929, 1947 and 1951 but, believe it or not, it is a very different city today. The past five or six years have seen a building boom which, by facts and figures, shows an expansion unrivalled even by Los Angeles, hitherto the fastest-growing city in America. Convention-goers in 1951 will remember the "big hole" in Yonge Street and the boarded sidewalks. This has now been transformed into the subway—the first in Canada. The Seaway Hotel on the Lakeshore has also mushroomed since 1951 and two other big hotels are now well under way. The Lord Simcoe (eighteen stories, nine hundred rooms) and a rival, as yet unnamed, will challenge the mighty Royal York, which is determined to keep its reputation as the largest hotel in the British Commonwealth by building an extension. Factories and private dwellings, shopping plazas and apartment buildings have gone up at a rate so fast that the average Torontonian

has become quite used to the idea of being hopelessly lost within the borders of his own city. The thunder of the hoofs of the thoroughbreds no longer will echo at Thorncliffe and Woodbine Racetracks—they are slated to become new sub-divisions in the spring of 1956. An increase from a population of approximately 900,000 in 1949 to 1,300,000 in 1956 reflects as much as anything else Toronto's popularity with the present-day emigrant to Canada.

Along with everything else in Toronto, the Toronto Manx Society has grown. I am happy to say that most of the old familiar Toronto Manx members are still with us and taking part in all society activities, but there are a whole grand bunch of new members who will be out in force to meet you and welcome you too.

Do you want to hear the latest word from Douglas, or Peel, or Ramsey, or Ballakilpheric? We've got a member not long out who'll be delighted to tell you all about it.

Several of the new members are working with great gusto on the convention committee and they all realize that they must work hard to maintain the high standards set in the past few years. From the way things are progressing, I think this is going to be one of the best conventions yet and feel safe in suggesting that you could not do better than to plan your vacation for the N.A.M.A. Convention in Toronto—August 7, 8, 9 and 10.

I'll see you here!

STAN BATEMAN,
President
Toronto Manx Society

TORONTO ...

Canada's Convention City

Toronto is the capital city of the Province of Ontario and the great gateway to the vast lake-land and forest playground of that Province. The interesting business and commercial districts of the downtown and midtown sections, and the more recently erected "drive-in" plazas of the suburbs, offer a shopper's mecca. Visitors from the United States will be particularly delighted with the quality and prices of the English china and woollens offered for sale.

A city of great wealth, Toronto is the center of some of the most important phases of Canada's post-war development. A city of beautiful homes and gardens, clean streets, fine parks, interesting architecture and friendly hospitality, Toronto also boasts: Canada's first and only subway rapid transit system, featuring the latest developments in subway train travel; the British Empire's largest university; the British Empire's largest hotel—the Royal York; the British Empire's tallest building and a stock exchange which handles the largest daily volume of shares in the world.

The city makes a wonderful base from which to set out to enjoy the pleasures of holidaying in Southern Ontario. It is close to mighty Niagara Falls and historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, a pleasurable day's trip to Kingston and old Fort Henry, near Stratford and the famous Shakespearean Festival; and next door to the swimming, fishing and boating paradise of Ontario's Lake Country. "Industrial Toronto"—yet in summer, it presents all of the attractions of a summer resort.

Described as "The Largest American city outside the United States and the most British city in the Commonwealth," Toronto—the year-round vacation and convention city—will welcome the North American Manx in August 1956.

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The President's Message

During November of last year, Mrs. Gregg and I visited the Vancouver Manx Society. They are a very hospitable and enthusiastic group of people, and wanted to know when they could play hosts to an N.A.M.A. convention.

The small, enthusiastic San Francisco Manx Society has proved to all of us what is needed to put over a successful convention. A few enthusiastic members in any section, with the assistance of the experienced national officers in Cleveland, and sufficient time to prepare for the project are about all that is necessary.

We also visited with Manx families in Seattle, and on my trip east I contacted members in Chicago, Detroit and New York. On the return trip I stayed over a few days in Cleveland and had meetings with the local officers of N.A.M.A., also with an appointed committee to review the by-laws of the Association.

It is essential that all members make a determined effort to attend the coming convention in Toronto and take an active part in the business transactions of the Association.

The National Officers at all times welcome constructive suggestions that would benefit all members of the N.A.M.A.

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"MANANNAN'S ISLE"

Valuable New Book

A new book of Manx historical essays is "Manannan's Isle," by David Craine, M.A., C.P. Mr. Craine is a Manx scholar who is thoroughly familiar with original manuscripts relating to the Isle of Man or found in the Island, and thus has been able to present his information in a fresh, lively and realistic manner. Titles of some of the essays are: Sorcery and Witchcraft, Early Manx Doctors, The Dungeon of St. German's, and others equally interesting. There are eight illustrations and a map, and the book is indexed. Foreword is by Ramsey B. Moore, O.B.E., Chairman of the Manx Museum and National Trust.

Mr. Craine is an officer in several antiquarian groups in the Island, and for several years was president of the Celtic Congress, so his essays are authoritative as well as highly interesting. He belongs to the north of the Island, where his family has been established for generations, and probably is known to many of our members.

Price of the book is \$2.50, post free, and orders may be sent to the Secretary of the Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man. All the proceeds are returned to the F. M. Cubbon Publication Fund to finance further publication of Manx interest.

It is interesting to note that "Manannan's Isle" was reviewed by Mrs. Blanche Killey at a recent meeting of the Northeast Ohio Manx Society.

Mr. T. R. Radcliffe writes that the "Examiner" has a limited supply of W. H. Gill's "Manx Song Book," which can be had at a cost of two dollars each, including postage. If you would like a copy, send your order and money to Mr. T. R. Radcliffe, Editor-in-Chief, Isle of Man Examiner, Douglas, Isle of Man. This fine collection of Manx songs is almost out of print, so those wanting a copy should take advantage of this opportunity.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS 1955-1956

The following have been appointed to serve as Regional Directors for the North American Manx Association until August, 1956:

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NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

VANCOUVER

"Children's Night" in December was a great success, with 80 Vancouver Manx children present, accompanied by their parents, grandparents and friends. After a short program presided over by 9½-year-old Barbara Henry, "Santa" (Art Jenkins) distributed gaily wrapped packages from the Christmas tree. Supper consisted of sandwiches, cookies, ice cream, orangeade and a paper hat for each child. Eighty happy children went home afterward, and the hard-working committee felt well rewarded for their efforts. The committee members were: Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Mildred Christian, Mrs. Isabel Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Art Jenkins, Mrs. Vera Henry and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Watterson and Mr Sam Cain.

A splendid crowd turned out for the New Year's Banquet on January 2, with many out-of-town guests present. While the late-comers were finishing dinner, Mr. Sam Cain entertained the crowd by showing colored travel pictures. President William Lawson welcomed everyone and presided over the fine concert program. Greetings were read from N.A.M.A. President Robert Gregg, the Transvaal Manx Ass'n and many others. The program consisted of vocal solos by Mrs. Karl Norman, Mrs. Joe Kilborn, Mr. Yandle and Mr. Mudie; piano numbers by Lois Halsall; saxophone and violin solos by Frank Kewley, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Frank Kewley, Sr., dance numbers by Noreen Christian and an accordion solo by Bruce Cranston. Added interest was given by the reading of a clipping from a Manx newspaper describing the Vancouver New Year's Banquet of the year 1909, sent in by Walter Stevenson of Chicago. J. E. Costain, who read the article, asked whether any in the audience had been present at the 1909 Banquet. Four people responded—Mrs. Gawne and her daughter, Mrs. L. Hunt; Fred Wood and J. E. Costain. Dancing followed the concert.

A meeting—not yet reported—was planned for February 11 in the Cambrian Hall, with games of whist and bingo—and—a big surprise, catering by the menfolk, who promised they had some real surprises in store.

President Lawson of the Vancouver Manx sends out every month to all the members a newsy, chatty letter, in which he includes notice of date and place of the next meeting and other announcements of interest. This monthly letter is proving very popular and is looked forward to eagerly.

GALVA

At their Christmas get-together, the Galva Manx enjoyed a fine pot-luck dinner, followed by a program arranged by Mrs. Guy Mugrage and Mrs. Eliza Nesagen. Carols were sung, with Leon Lewin as leader, and Miss Nelrose Corkill as pianist. Others who participated were J. A. Hall, Mrs. Tirus Kelly, Mrs. Arthur R. Johnson, Mrs. Anton Lawson, and Mrs. Thomas Monier who gave a reading on Christmas customs in many lands. President Ed Collister appointed Mrs. Merrill Nystrom and Mrs. Ada Cubbon to make plans for the spring gathering.

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx held a Christmas party at the Corrin home, with exchange of gifts, including a baby gift for the newest member, Mrs. Thomas Lindner's son, born on November 17. Carols were sung, with Fred Corrin as accompanist, and as a tape recording was made (unknown to the performers) there was much laughter when this was played back. The recording also gave proof that it is hard to beat Manx singing.

The January meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Quill. There was a good attendance and everyone had a grand time. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin were hosts for the February meeting.

ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx planned to meet on February 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clark. They were looking forward to a jolly evening, which no doubt will be reported on later.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx held their Christmas meeting on December 11 at 5745 Franklin Ave., Lincoln, the home of the Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Kelley and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Paben. Icy and snow-bound roads reduced the attendance, nevertheless fourteen members braved the weather and had a very fine time. The next meeting is planned for May 20 at Pioneers Park, Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Crellin and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Humphrey will be hosts. Should the weather be bad, the meeting will be at Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey's home, 2750 Arlington St., Lincoln. The members will extend a most cordial welcome to any Manx people who may be passing through, or may happen to be staying in the vicinity at that time, and would like to attend this meeting.

NORTHEAST OHIO

The Misses Bertha and Hazel Clark were hostesses at the December meeting of the Northeast Ohio Manx, held at Grady's Inn on Johnny Cake Ridge Road. A well-served picnic dinner and a short business meeting preceded the Christmas program, which included vocal solos by Kenna Quine and Jackie Sterling, piano solo by Carolyn Quine, singing of carols by the members, led by Miss Hazel Clark and accompanied by Mrs. Helena Hefelfinger. Mrs. Carl Crellin read stories about Christmas in other lands. Gifts were exchanged, with Barton Crellin as Santa Claus, assisted by Kenna and Carolyn Quine. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crellin furnished the Tree and decorations, and the floral centerpiece for the dining table.

The January meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Franko in Painesville, with about 28 present. After a good supper, President Maud McCarthy called the meeting to order, for a short business session, after which Mrs. Blanche Killey reviewed the book "Manannan's Isle," which she had received from Eleanor Karan Gawne in the Isle of Man. The book will be placed in the Morley Library in Painesville with other Manx works already donated, for which the Library has thanked the Society. In referring to some of the old Manx superstitions described in the book, Mrs. Killey was able to tell of similar beliefs brought by her grandparents from the Isle of Man.

The next meeting was to be held in the newly acquired home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Quine, 52 Chatfield Drive, Painesville, Ohio.

LOS ANGELES

More than 70 members and friends of the Los Angeles Manx turned out for a very enjoyable Valentine party held on February 4. Tom Pilkington, assisted by several others, put on a good entertainment, with Ed Kelly singing several Manx songs and leading the community singing. Refreshments were in the hands of Mrs. Robert Gregg, Mrs. Jack Christian and Mrs. P. Tipper. Welcome guests were Miss Margaret Dean of Ramsey, Isle of Man, who is spending four months in California visiting her mother, Mrs. Jack Christian; and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce of Vancouver, who are spending the winter at Laguna Beach. New members welcomed were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowley, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man and now making their home in Whittier, Calif.

Plans were made for a picnic to be held at Bixby Park, Long Beach on Sunday, April 8.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

When returning from last summer's Convention in San Francisco, Dora Hampton of Lake Worth, Fla stopped over at Denver, Colo. to see Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Killey. She went on from there to visit relatives at Plainville, Kansas, and during her stay Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corkhill of Topeka drove over to meet her and hear the Convention news.

Alice Garrett of Rochester, N. Y. has been elected secretary to the 25-Year Club of employees of the Eastman Kodak Company.

Thomas Lindner, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin, Lowell, Arizona, came home on leave recently from Navy duty in Japan to join his wife, Margaret Ann, and new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kelly, Bisbee, Ariz., enjoyed a visit from their son Ralph and his wife during the Holidays.

Diana La Prade, granddaughter of Mrs. Gladys Corrin Rogers of Washington, D.C., was one of the Orange Bowl princesses at New Year's—she appeared on television on the King Orange Jamboree and during the New Year's game. Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Corrin family of Arizona. A daughter-in-law of another of the Corrin sisters, Mrs. Bessie Vandivier, appeared on the program "Queen for a Day" on behalf of her little 5-year-old blind daughter, Erin Kelly, and won many wonderful gifts.

Friends of Mrs. Archibald Shimmin, 3512 Fulton St., Saginaw, Mich. arranged a surprise party in celebration of her 80th birthday on December 29. The group, consisting of members of the Tuesday Study Club, paid tribute to Mrs. Shimmin with a "This Is Your Life" program, which described her life from the time she left the Isle of Man up to the present. Mrs. Shimmin was formerly Annie Elizabeth Kermeen, and she and her husband have lived in Saginaw since 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey B. Moore of Douglas, Isle of Man, celebrated their golden wedding on December 20. Mrs. Moore was formerly Miss Agnes Clague. Manx people on this side of the Atlantic are happy to offer their congratulations on the happy event, and there are many who met Mr. Moore personally during his visit over here in 1936 when he attended the Winnipeg Convention. He is an Honorary Vice President of the N.A.M.A. For his long and outstanding service to the Island, which includes 25 years as Attorney General, the Order of the British Empire was conferred on Mr. Moore last year.

Enroute to California to visit her mother Mrs. Jack Christian of Alhambra, Miss Margaret Dean of Ramsey, Isle of Man was entertained in Chicago by the Cecil Kellys and by Ethel Shimmin and her father, John Shimmin.

A former Peel boy, Tom Wood of New Zealand, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Wood in Vancouver, B.C. before returning after a year's leave of absence from his post in the Revenue Department. His tour included a trip to Spain, visits to relatives and friends in England, Scotland and the Isle of Man, returning by way of the States and Canada where he visited relatives in Cleveland, Chicago, Edmonton, Sylvan Lake (where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Speedie), and Winnipeg—staying in the last-named place with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corkan. After two weeks in Vancouver where he met many Manx people, he sailed December 6 on the Australian passenger steamer "Oronsay," stopping en route at San Francisco, Honolulu and Suva in the Fiji Islands and arriving at Napier, New Zealand where he visited Mr. and Mrs. Alf Quane, a brother of Louis Quane of Peel. He intends to make his home in Napier. Tom Wood's father was well known in Peel as skipper of the "Mabel."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shipman (Belle Corkan, formerly of Peel), Victoria, B. C., spent Christmas in Winnipeg visiting their daughter Beatrice and members of Mrs. Shipman's family. On their return they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Witsten in Vancouver, and stopped in to say "Hello" to Fred Quane.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bateman, 14317 Bardwell Ave., East Cleveland, on their 35th wedding anniversary February 24. Friends helped them celebrate the happy occasion with a surprise party on February 21.

Mrs. Andrew Kelso of Douglas, Isle of Man, arrived in Winnipeg last October with her three little girls to join her husband, who has been establishing a home for them there. Accompanying them was a bride-to-be, Miss Phyllis Corrin from Douglas, who was married to Roy Kelso, a cousin of Andrew Kelso, on November 12.

Our Regional Director, Robert G. Anderson, and his Three-Quarter Century Chorus are still active and apparently "going strong" in St. Petersburg, Florida. Bob has sent us copies of programs for some interesting concerts they have given during the past winter under his direction. Keep up the good work, Bob!

Regional Director Bob Anderson of St. Petersburg, Florida tells us that Champion Olin's Snow Baby, a blue-eyed white female Manx cat, was acclaimed winner of best champion of opposite sex ribbon at the Florida State Cat Show held in St. Petersburg early in February. She is owned by Mrs. Frances Olin of Brooklyn, New York and is said to be the only one of her kind in the United States and England. In fact, a clipping from the St. Petersburg Times, showing a picture of the cat surrounded with her trophy ribbons, states that Snow Baby is so rare that they have not been able to find a suitable mate. Is that good, or what do you think?

Captain Richard Kelly, who formerly lived in Kirkland, Washington and whose wife, Emily Mylchreest Kelly, passed away several months ago, now is residing in a home for retired people at 7100-47th St., S.W., Seattle. He would appreciate receiving letters from Manx friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buswell (nee Eleanor Gawne) of Seattle, Washington left on January 2 for a winter ski tour in Switzerland and Austria. They travelled by train through Canada and visited relatives in Boston before flying to Zurich. They planned to attend the Ski Circus at Kitzbuehel and then were going on to other points, including Paris, before returning to Seattle. Mrs. Buswell is the daughter of Robert Gawne of Seattle, formerly of Peel.

Congratulations to James L. Cannell of Arlington, Va., who has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Air Force. He is a son of Mrs. J. S. Cannell, 3915 East 154th St., Cleveland. Jim enlisted shortly before Pearl Harbor, in 1941, after his graduation from Wooster College. His present assignment is at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

When the Ben Greggor family of 14500 Orinoco Ave., Cleveland, received a letter from Mobile, Ala. telling that the temperature down there was in the 80's and the magnolia in full bloom, Edith and Peggy Greggor decided to take a trip South to see the sights and attend the Mobile Mardi Gras. They stayed with Mr. and Mrs. W. Clinton, 510 Charleston St., Mobile—"Auntie Jennie and Uncle Willie" to their many friends.

Friends of Mrs. R. W. (Ethel) Skillicorn, 4912 East 96th St., Cleveland, will be pleased to hear that she was elected to the Board of Directors, of the Cleveland Messiah Chorus for a term of three years. When she sang with the Chorus in December at the Music Hall, it was her 34th year as a member of this choir.

Formerly a resident of Medicine Hat, Alberta, T. H. Leece moved recently to 2743 Morley Trail, Calgary, Alberta. He is an inspector with the Board of Industrial Relations. Mr. Leece was born at Kerrowkeil, Isle of Man, lived there and at Ballamoda during the first 25 years of his life; went out to Victoria, Australia in 1926, left there in 1928 and came to Medicine Hat, Alberta. He took a trip home in 1936. Mr. Leece watches the Bulletin for names familiar to him, and we are sure he would like to hear from Manx people who remember him. His address again — 2743 Morley Trail, Calgary, Alberta.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

A daughter, Susan Ann, was born on February 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephen, 731 Furness St., Elyria, Ohio. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stephen of Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose, 1435 East 133rd St., East Cleveland, have adopted a baby son, Michael Joseph, born on July 30 and adopted when one week old. Mrs. Rose is the former Mona Clucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clucas, 13504 Milan Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio.

A daughter, Lee Ann, was born on January 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jule Bateman, 430 East 271st St., Euclid, Ohio. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bateman, 14317 Bardwell Ave., East Cleveland.

A son, Thomas Edward, was born on November 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lindner (Margaret Ann Corrin), Bisbee, Arizona. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin.

A daughter, Deborah Jean, was born on December 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Duly (Louise Corrin), of Arizona—making another grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin.

A son, Kenneth Franklyn, was born on November 19 (his mother's birthday) to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cowin, 19961 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio.

Born recently to Mr. and Mrs. John Witsten (Mona Killey) of Vancouver, B.C., a daughter Jo-Anne Janice, a sister for three-year-old George. Mrs. Witsten is a former secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society.

A son, Richard Alan, was born on January 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kahm (Jeanette Humphrey), Lincoln, Nebr. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Humphrey of Lincoln are the grandparents.

Born, a son, to Lieut. and Mrs. William Bryan Laney, Jr. on August 11, 1955, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bryan Laney Sr. of Seattle, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morgan, DeLand, Fla. Lieut. Laney, father of the new baby, is a nephew of our Regional Director, Miss Edith Cubbon of Seattle.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Salmon, who were married on December 31. The bride is the former Miss Florence Ballem, but better known in the Island as Dolly Dick. She is a life member of the N.A.M.A. Mr. Salmon came from London, England. The happy couple reside at 286 Chapel St., Ottawa, Ont., Canada.

Married on December 23 in the Church of the Good Shepherd at Churchill, Manitoba, Mabel Caveen Cope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cope of Montreal, to Stephen Hulowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hulowski of Foxford, Saskatchewan.

Married in Winnipeg on November 12, Miss Phyllis Corrin to Roy Kelso, both recently from Douglas, Isle of Man. They are making their home in Portage-La Prairie, Manitoba.

July 10, 1955, Elizabeth Jane Reed, formerly of Seattle, Wash., and Bradford Francis Merrill, Jr. were married in the First Methodist Church of Olympia, Wash. The couple are residing in Whittier, Calif. The bride is a niece of our Regional Director in Seattle, Miss Edith Cubbon.

Visiting in the States since last November, Mrs. Emily Graham, former financial secretary of the Manchester Manx Society, returned to England late in March. She is the former Emmy Roach of Douglas, Isle of Man, and many will remember her family's grocery store on Windsor Road. Mrs. Graham spent the winter with her brother Louis Roach who lives near Tampa, Fla., later going out to Long Beach, Calif. to visit her niece, Mrs. J. M. Steven, who accompanied her on the return journey as far as Cleveland, where they stayed with Mrs. Steven's brother, Charles Cubbon, in Lakewood. Mrs. Graham thoroughly enjoyed her long vacation, and renewed acquaintance with numerous relatives in America. In Cleveland she telephoned some of the N.A.M.A. officers, and extended greetings from the Manchester Manx Society. In the course of her tour, Mrs. Graham believes she set foot in every state in the Union, and of all the places she visited, the one she liked best was — Cleveland!

Two young boys of Manx descent recently travelled with their mother from their home in Berkeley, Calif. to Quincy, Mass., on invitation of the U. S. Navy, to take part in the christening of a U. S. destroyer. The boys are Patrick Ilan Davis, aged 11, and George Rupert Hemmings Davis, 13, and they are great-grandsons of Mrs. Hemmings Hunt from the Isle of Man, founder of the original San Francisco Manx Society. Their mother, Mrs. Shelagh Davis, christened the destroyer, the "USS Davis—DD-937," named in honor of her late husband,

Cmdr. George Fleming Davis, who met a hero's death in the Philippines on January 6, 1945. Enveloped in flames when his ship, USS Walke, was being bombarded by enemy aircraft, Cmdr. Davis remained on the bridge giving order for 11 minutes before being carried off. He died aboard his ship and was buried at sea. Mrs. Viola Rankin of Berkeley, Calif., a daughter of Mrs. Hemmings Hunt, sent us this interesting story.

An Invitation to Cleveland Manx

The Shaker Heights Historical Society has invited the Mona's Relief Society to come to their meeting in the Shaker High School Auditorium on Sunday, May 6, at 3:00 P.M., and provide the entertainment. The committee members in charge of the program are W. Harry Kelly, John R. Cain, Alan Fricke and Fred T. Gorry. Mr. Kelly will show colored pictures of the Isle of Man and Mr. Cain will give a talk about the Island and its traditions. Refreshments will be provided by the Shaker Heights Historical Society. There is no charge for admission, and it is hoped that a good crowd of Manx people will take advantage of this gracious invitation and come and spend a pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

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

Some of our women who did not attend the San Francisco Convention may have forgotten all about their dues to the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary, which they usually pay at Convention time. This year it is important that everyone send in her 50 cents to the Treasurer, so that we can send our check to the Toronto Convention Committee when the time comes to do so. Won't you please give this your attention soon?

Time is passing rapidly, the days are getting longer. Summer will follow the beautiful spring months. And, summer will bring another fine Toronto Convention for us to enjoy. We hope all of you are making plans to be there.

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An article in the Rochester Times-Union by Ernie Hill, sent in by Alice Garrett, describes an interview with Dr. Alexander Cannon, well-known psychiatrist residing in the Isle of Man. Dr. Cannon is a firm believer in reincarnation, and the journalist says that the much-discussed book "The Search for Bridey Murphy," pales in comparison with some of his experiments.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

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SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Manx paid tribute to the memory of the Manx poet, T. E. Brown at their November meeting, held at Mrs. Viola Rankin's home in Berkeley. Mrs. Rankin's daughter, Sheila, officiated as hostess as her mother was suffering from an attack of flu. Selections from the poet's verses were read, and a brief review given of his life and work.

In an appropriate speech, President Corlett expressed appreciation of the services of Mrs. Rankin during last year's convention, and for the privilege of meeting in her home at various times; also to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Callow of Berkeley for their long years of faithful service, remarking that they were the bond that held together the Manx people on their side of the Bay. He presented Mrs. Rankin with a handbag, accepted on her behalf by her daughter. Essie Quayle was asked to make presentation of a utility table to the Callows.

Election was held at this meeting, with the existing slate of officers unanimously re-elected.

The Christmas party provided a splendid evening, when more than a hundred people enjoyed a gay and happy time, with the real Christmas spirit. The decorations were voted "the nicest ever," including the glittering tree surrounded with gifts and bright parcels, which Santa delivered after an excellent program arranged by Cummings Reid and Ken Hoard, who carried the evening's music with his melodeon. Artists were Mrs. Bob Daniels, Mrs. Ida Reid and daughter Shirley, with items by "Cummy" and Ken. Jack Vincent was "Santa." After the fun of opening the gifts, everyone sat down to the gaily decorated tables, where the candleglow reminded them of happy Christmastimes of long ago, in the Island home. A collection was made of food and money for distribution by the British Benevolent Fund.

For the meeting held on January 20, John Morgan was host at his home in Berkeley. Visitors welcomed were Mrs. Pegram of Mexico City, formerly Lily Radcliffe, and son Stanley. Mrs. Pegram will return home shortly, but the Society hopes to enroll Stanley as a member. Another welcome visitor was Miss Kathleen Rogan from Liverpool, England, a young cousin of the Callows of El Cerrito. Also present were Leonard Austin and a photographer friend, who took some informal "shots" with the object of getting one for insertion in an article "The Manx in America," which Mr. Austin is preparing. Mr. Austin is most interested in the Manx and has taught Manx dances to High School groups in the States.

During the evening, President Corlett made a speech in honor of the Secretary, Mrs. Essie Quayle on the eve of her departure on a trip which will take her round the world. In wishing her Godspeed, he assured her that she carried with her the love of each and every member of the Society . . . in which sentiment we know that each and every member of the N.A.M.A. will join wholeheartedly.

MONTREAL

At a meeting held last November, the Montreal Manx re-elected their previous officers, as follows:

Hon. President.....Mrs. S. Sloan
Hon. Vice President.....T. Corlett
Hon. Secretary.....Mrs. T. Corlett
PresidentJames Cope
Vice President.....H. Hornsby
Sec'y-Treasurer...Miss M. M. Joughin,
3050 Westmount Blvd., Apt. 4
Montreal, Que.

The Society is increasing its membership, and very pleasant social evenings have been enjoyed at the meetings during the winter.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

For the meeting held in St. Stephen's Hall on December 6, the hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens, candles and seasonable trimmings, and as the center of attraction, an illuminated Christmas Tree. This formed the background for a fine Christmas program, which included a magician, a ventriloquist, solos, and carol singing by the members under the leadership of R. W. Skillicorn. Fred T. Gorry was "tops" again this year as Santa Claus, and distributed boxes of candy and gifts in his genial manner. William C. Kissack brought bright and shiny sleighbells to help Santa on his way. The party was arranged and carried through by Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, Mrs. L. K. Abell, Miss Mildred Corris and Miss Claire Mylecraine who was chairman of entertainment. During the business meeting which preceded the entertainment, the following officers were elected for 1956:

PresidentAlan Fricke
Vice President.....J. Niverth
Financial Secretary.....W. C. Kissack
Corres. & Rec.
Sec.....Mrs. Henry Mylchreest
13501 Marston Ave.
Cleveland 5, Ohio
Treasurer.....Miss Mildred Corris
Relief [Fred Brew
Committee... Thomas Keig
[Mrs. W. Harry Kelly
[R. R. Gell
Trustees..... Ben Gregor
[John H. Skillicorn
Historian.....W. H. Collister
Reception.....Stephen H. Quinney

The meeting held January 10 was well attended. Business was followed by entertainment provided by Miss Katherine Teare, who showed lovely colored slides of San Francisco and "points West," making a most interesting and enjoyable evening. On February 7 the business session was followed by an illustrated talk by the Rev. David A. Buckey of the Church of the Saviour, who showed excellent colored slides of Nevada, where he and his family vacationed. A colored film of the San Francisco Convention, loaned by N.A.M.A. President Robert Gregg, was also shown, reviving many happy memories. A welcome guest at the meeting was Miss Thelma Palmer of Peel, Isle of Man, who is planning to make Cleveland her home.

VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

The Manx Ladies' Club met at the home of the Secretary, Mrs. T. L. Killip, 2373 Sussex Ave., South Burnaby, on January 25, with a very good attendance. Vice-President Mrs. A. E. Halsall conducted the meeting in the absence of the President, Mrs. Crossan. Members discussed various ways of raising money, and in the end it was decided to have a Bazaar again this fall, as in previous years.

The meeting planned for late February, to be held at the home of Mrs. Art Jenkins, 3792 Lanark St., marked the 20th anniversary of the Vancouver Manx Ladies. It also afforded an opportunity to wish "Bon Voyage" and a safe return to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Halsall, who leave for a trip to the Isle of Man on March 15.

TORONTO

At the meeting held last November, the Toronto Manx elected the following officers:

PresidentStan Bateman
Vice President.....John Hudson
SecretaryDorothy Caveen
34 Eastwood Road,
Toronto 8, Ont.
TreasurerKen Doidge
Financial Sec'y.....Phyllis Watterson
Entertainment Committee.Jean Lees,
Bill Lees, Tony Easthope,
Bob Watterson

In December, instead of the regular meeting, a dance was held at the Tam o'Shanter Club in Agincourt. At the January meeting a presentation was made to Fred Caveen for his many years of splendid service.

Frank Williamson, the former Secretary, was also to be honored with a presentation, but due to the illness of Mrs. Williamson he was not able to be at the meeting.

OBITUARIES

- EVERY, Lulu** (nee Weaver) of Robin Hill, Palos Park, Ill., died on February 5. She was a member of the Chicago Manx Society and of the N.A.M.A. Her grandfather came from the Isle of Man, and with her husband, the late F. T. Avery, M. D., she visited the Island many years ago.
- CAINE, Margaret Elizabeth Leadbetter**, of 1122 West 37th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., died on January 18, aged 56. She leaves her husband; two daughters, Connie and Nan; a brother, Thomas Steele, and five sisters. Her husband, William Kenneth Caine, was born in Peel, a son of the late Tom Caine the draper.
- CAINE, Philip Wilby**, died suddenly on January 23 at his home, "Far End," Westminster Drive, Douglas, Isle of Man. He leaves two brothers, Charles Caine and John H. Caine, J. P., and four sisters, the Misses Nellie, Alice and A. I. Caine, and Mrs. Faragher. His wife, Isabel, died a number of years ago. Mr. Caine, who was 69, had a distinguished career of over 50 years in Manx journalism, during which he had served the "Examiner" and also the "Times"; was deeply versed in Manx history and language and was a poet and writer of great charm. In 1947 he attended the N.A.M.A. Convention in Toronto and visited parts of Canada and the States, winning the affection and respect of all who met him. As a patriotic and much-loved Manxman, he will be greatly missed.
- CALLOW, Arthur L.**, of Elma, Wash., passed away on November 8. He was a member of the N.A.M.A. for a number of years.
- CARR, Martha J. (Mattie)**, of 3550 Woodridge Road, Cleveland, died at an advanced age on January 31. Surviving is her son, Howard C. Mrs. Carr was the last surviving daughter of the Manx centenarian, Robert Carran, once well known as Cleveland's oldest citizen.
- KELLY, Bertha Stowell**, aged 87, passed away at her home in Galva Ill., on December 15. She is survived by her husband, Forest E. Kelly; a daughter, Loris (Mrs. Neil Johnson); two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
- CAVEEN, James**, died in Garwick, Isle of Man on December 4, aged 96. Surviving are three sons, Fred Caveen of Toronto (First Vice-President of the N.A.M.A.), T. E. Caveen of Garwick, and Arthur Caveen of Ramsey; also four daughters, Mrs. Winifred Meredith of Ottawa, Ont., Mrs. Mabel Cope of Montreal, Mrs. Dorothy Calderbank and Mrs. Ada Quayle of Douglas. Mr. Caveen was a native of Castletown, but during most of his life had farmed in Onchan and Lonan.
- CHRISTIAN, Herbert Hugh**, of 754 East 59th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., died suddenly on December 9 in his 55th year. He leaves his wife, Marion; a son, Rupert; eight brothers and one sister. He was a son of the late Charles and Margaret Jane Christian, formerly of St. Germain's Place, Peel, and came to Canada with his family at the age of nine. They farmed in Alberta for many years before moving to Vancouver. Mr. Christian was a helpful member of the Vancouver Manx Society.
- COSTAIN, James Arthur Donald**, died suddenly on December 30 at his home in Port Erin, Isle of Man, aged 60. Surviving are his wife, Hilda; two daughters, Mrs. Audrey Harrigan in England, and Miss Edna Costain of Port Erin; two brothers, Geoffrey of Port Erin and Harold in Wales; three sisters, Mrs. Elsie (W.J.) Corris of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Annie Corlett of Belmont, Australia and Miss Lucy Costain of Port Erin.
- COWELL, Florence B. (nee Radcliffe)**, passed away on December 8 at her home, 2183 Eldred Ave., Lakewood, Ohio. She leaves two daughters, Miss Beatrice Cowell and Mrs. Catherine Scharkey. Her husband was the late William H. Cowell. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cowell came from Peel, Isle of Man, and were well known and popular personalities among the Cleveland Manx.
- HAMPTON, Matilda**, wife of the late Ridgeway Hampton of Douglas, Isle of Man, died on October 28 at Lower Pulrose, Braddan, aged 88. She leaves several sons and daughters, including Mrs. H. Blackburn (Madeline) of Chicago, Miss Dora Hampton of Lake Worth, Fla.; and Miss Olive Hampton of Lower Pulrose, who lived in Cleveland and Lake Worth a few years ago.
- HORNALL, Jane**, of 1701 Semlin Drive, Vancouver, B. C., died on December 30 in her 97th year. She leaves four daughters, Mrs. Jane Sebire, Mrs. Annie Campbell, Mrs. Nettie Clazie and Mrs. Mona Fulton, all of Vancouver; a son, Joseph, of Arbuckle, Calif.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Hornall was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and after her marriage moved to Ramsey, Isle of Man, where her husband was a driver on the Manx Railway. At his death she went out to Vancouver with two of her daughters. The family are interested members of the N.A.M.A. and the Vancouver Manx.
- HUDGEON, John**, of 317 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio, died on February 4. Surviving are his son, John B. (Jack), and grandchildren; a brother Murry and sister Nellie Hudgeon, all of Cleveland. Mr. Hudgeon came from Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, and for many years had a jewelry business in downtown Cleveland's Colonial Arcade.
- KELLY, Robert Henry**, aged 53, died at his home in Douglas, Isle of Man on December 17. He leaves his wife, Irene Elizabeth; two daughters, Irene and Marjorie, and his mother, Mrs. Robena J. Kelly. A native of Peel, Mr. Kelly was on the staff of the Isle of Man Bank since 1917 and was promoted to the managership in August, 1955. He was well known in musical circles and in recent years was choirmaster at St. George's Church, Douglas. Only a year ago he visited the States with his wife, staying in Cleveland with Mrs. Kelly's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Gell of Monticello Boulevard.
- TAGGART, Elizabeth Ellen**, of McBride, B. C., died on January 22 in her 71st year. She leaves two sons, Edward Fraser Taggart of Prince George and Douglas Henry Taggart of McBride; two daughters, Mrs. Muriel Kayler of Kelowna and Mrs. Carl Norman of Vancouver; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. E. Brentnell of Edmonton, Alberta and Mrs. Frances Anderson of Dundas, Minn.; two brothers, Edward Connor of Kamloops, B. C. and Sidney Connor in the Isle of Man. Mrs. Taggart, an early settler in McBride, B. C., went there from the Isle of Man in 1914.

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KNEEN, Elizabeth (nee Oakes), of 2326 Walnut Blvd., Ashtabula, Ohio, died on January 30 at the age of 70. She is survived by two sons, John O. of Ashtabula and Charles H. of Cleveland; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Newton of Cleveland, and nine grandchildren. Her husband, Arthur Kneen, died in 1938. Mrs. Kneen was born in Northwich, England, and was an interested member of the N.A.M.A.

O'HARA, Thomas Richard, 16125 Prevoist Ave., Detroit, Mich., died on December 30, aged 78. He leaves two sons, Richard and James of California, and two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Sweat of Detroit, and Mrs. Al Short of Florida; also a sister, Mrs. T. Moore, Douglas, Isle of Man. Mr. O'Hara was born in Douglas, and was a brother of the late Fire Chief Officer there, Alf O'Hara. He was a regular attendant at Manx Conventions for many years.

QUINE, Delia S. (nee Shanks), of 4476 West 157th St., Cleveland, died on March 13 in Lake Worth, Fla., where she and her husband were wintering. Surviving are her husband, William; a daughter, Mrs. Alice Faust; a son, Clarence J. Quine; eight grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Vina Kermode; two brothers, Arthur E. and Ferris Shanks. Mrs. Quine was well known and popular among the Manx, and attended last year's Convention in San Francisco.

ROBERTS, Arthur Richard, of Cheteh, Wisconsin, died on December 21 in his 75th year. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and three daughters. Mr. Roberts was born in Sulby, Isle of Man, came to Superior, Wis. as a youth and worked as a fitter in various shipyards along the Great Lakes. He had planned to visit the homeland upon his retirement last year, but was prevented by illness.

RICHARDS, Margaret Ann (nee Corlett) died on November 6 at her home, 29 Ferndale Road, Liverpool, England, aged 78. She leaves a son, Fred, and daughter, Nell. Mrs. Richards, a member of the N.A.-M.A. for some years, was a daughter of the late Matt Corlett of Lhergy Grawe, Laxey.

SOUTHERN, Lee, passed away in January at 1021 Cook St., Victoria, B. C. He leaves his wife, the former Catherine May Fargher of Laxey, Isle of Man.

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

Manx people learned with regret of the death last November 4 of Miss Dora Brown, at the age of 84. She was the last surviving daughter of the Manx poet, T. E. Brown, and was the subject of some of his loveliest poems.

A True Story

Our old friend, Donald Bain of Los Angeles, sent us the story of an experience which he felt would interest Manx people. Here it is:

"During the Second World War my daughter, Elva, and I were travelling south from San Francisco to our home in Los Angeles. We had stopped for luncheon in the city of Burlingame, home city of our friend, Will Callow. Bill, as we affectionately called him, was recuperating from a serious illness. We had learned to love Bill during his many years as president of the San Francisco Manx Society. The many visits he had made in our home and our travels together over the highways and byways of California had cemented us together in a very precious bond of brotherly love. When Elva and I arrived at Bill's charming home, he greeted us with a warmth of welcome we shall never forget. As we passed the grand piano, Elva noticed an open song book on the rack and asked whether she might play a favorite song for Bill. After his affirmative reply he told this story:

"Just after the turn of the century he (Bill Callow) was employed as a civil engineer by one of the oldest insurance brokerage firms in North America. His job was to travel all over the U. S., Canada and Mexico, making personal surveys on property so that the correct insurance ratings could be established. He had been traveling by train in one of our New England States, stopping at each town to make a survey of some particular manufacturing plant. One Sunday morning, Bill found himself in a town where he planned to check over a plant, hoping to catch the afternoon train for the next stop. He went at once to the plant owner's home, introduced himself and inquired whether the owner would be willing to open his plant for about two hours so that the survey could be made.

"The manufacturing plant owner very graciously said, 'Mr. Callow, I am very sorry I cannot comply with

your request. It is our custom in this New England state to go to church on Sunday.' Bill, with all the enthusiasm of youth, suggested he would enjoy going to church if Mr. Brown would open the plant in the afternoon and he still could catch his train. Mr. Brown, the owner, was firm; the answer was still, 'No.' Then Bill said, 'Mr. Brown, I happen to be a soloist in the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City, and if you will let me make the survey I will be glad to sing for the congregation.'

"And so it was that Bill sang a beautiful old hymn on that Sunday morning more than fifty years ago, the hymn at which the song book was open.

"As we gathered around the piano, the first bars of the hymn were played and Bill in his weakened condition sang the first verse of the hymn that has been such a comfort to so many people down through the years, I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Come unto me and rest,
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
Thy head upon my breast,
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad,
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

"After the service on that Sunday so many years ago the organist was waiting at the church door to thank him, and to ask him to sing the same hymn at another church where she was playing that evening. Bill told us that as he stood before the evening congregation he recognized many people who were present at the morning service. To a crowded church he again sang this wonderful old hymn and several others, finishing with Jerusalem the Golden.

"As we sat talking, Bill told us that this favorite song of his had meant so much to him during his long life away from home when he was often tired and weary at the end of the day. Elva and I had stopped just for a few minutes' visit, but instead we later visited Mrs. Callow, who was a hospital patient. Reluctantly, we took our leave of these two friends, and as the evening shadows fell we were again on our way trying to reach the city of San Jose where we were to spend the night.

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Callow have long since gone to their heavenly home, but very precious are the memories we have of an unforgettable Manxman who, when he was called, put first things first."

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