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

May, 1956

Toronto Prepares For Your Visit . . .

Royal York Chosen As Headquarters

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Manx Convention goers are quite familiar with the beautiful Royal York Hotel, where the Toronto Conventions of 1947 and 1951 were held, and will be glad to know that we are returning there again this year.

Rates at the Royal York are: \$6.25, \$6.50, \$6.75 and \$7.00 per person, two to a room.

Please be sure to make your reservation early. Write, mentioning the room rate you prefer, to the Chairman of the Hotel Reservations Committee:

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SOUVENIR BOOK

Work on the Convention Souvenir Book is already under way. It will be published, as usual, to serve as a program and guide to Convention events and highlights, and as a memento of yet another grand North American Manx gathering to keep for years to come.

Enclosed with this Bulletin is a letter and accompanying form to make it convenient for you to subscribe to the Convention Patrons' List, or to take larger space if you desire. This is a great way to say "Hello" to old friends who may be scattered all

over the continent. To those of you who, for one reason or another, just can't be present at the Convention, this is the best way possible to show everyone that you're still alive and kicking.

Simply fill out the form and return it to the address indicated. Please be as prompt as possible as the deadline is July 1. Rates are the same as in pre-

vious years, and are itemized in the letter.

Subscriptions help to make not only the book, but the Convention itself, a big success. So—let's hear from you!

Stan Bateman, Chairman,
Souvenir Book Committee,
30-A Victoria Park Ave.
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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Twenty-eighth Anniversary Convention
Toronto, Ontario — August 7-10, 1956

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

TUESDAY EVENING—Toronto Night. Informal get-together and sing-song.

WEDNESDAY A. M.—Official opening of convention. Addresses of welcome. Business session.

WEDNESDAY P. M.—Bus tour, terminating at the beautiful Guild Inn where dinner will be served, followed by entertainment in the evening. Return by buses to the Royal York Hotel about 9:30.

THURSDAY A. M.—Business session and Memorial Service.

THURSDAY P. M.—Luncheon in Roof Gardens at Royal York Hotel. Committee meetings and annual meeting of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxilliary.

THURSDAY EVENING—Sail across Lake Ontario and down Niagara River to Queenston and return.

FRIDAY A. M.—Business session, reports of committees and election of officers.

FRIDAY P. M.—Free afternoon for shopping.

FRIDAY EVENING—Banquet and Ball at Royal York Hotel.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$15.00

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President's Message

Organizing Is a Beginning
Meeting Together is Progress
Working Together In Harmony
Means Success

TIME MARCHES ON, and we are fast approaching the N.A.M.A. convention date, August 7 to 11, Toronto, Canada.

On March 24, I met with the President of the Toronto Manx Society, Stan Bateman, and his very gracious lady, Rita, as well as Fred Caveen, First Vice President of the N.A.M.A., and Tom Moore, General Convention Chairman. They informed me that the Toronto Manx have the ambition to make this convention the most enjoyable and successful one of all time. As the City of Toronto is located within easy travel distance of the greatest number of Manx homes on the American continent, it is reasonable to expect a very large attendance.

The following day, March 25, I enjoyed a flight on a "Viscount" plane to Cleveland, where I met with the local officers of N.A.M.A. at the Cleveland Hotel. Many interesting subjects were discussed which can be decided at Convention business meetings only. It is therefore essential that members take an active part in these meetings.

Miss Claire Mylecraine, Secretary, was asked to send a letter of invitation to officials of the Manx Government, World Manx Association and others, with the hope that a large delegation from Ellan Vannin will come over to attend the Convention.

ROBERT GREGG, President.

MEET YOUR PRESIDENT . . .

. . . By GERTRUDE CANNELL

When Robert Gregg of San Marino, California went to the San Francisco Convention last August, he did not expect to be elected President of the North American Manx Association. He was, however, and thereby became the second Californian Manxman to hold that office, the first being the late Dan Teare of Los Angeles, who was President in 1930. Mr. Gregg is also Vice President of the Los Angeles Manx Society.

Bob, as we all call him, is a thoroughgoing Manxman, born in Douglas, Isle of Man in 1886. "I was christened," he says, "by a grand gentleman with a long beard, Parson Taggart, in Old St. Matthew's Church located in the old Market Place." Parson Taggart's memory lives on, even among Douglas people who barely knew him, as one of the great names among the Manx clergy.



ROBERT GREGG
President, N.A.M.A.

Bob, with childhood memories of Old St. Matthew's, the Market Place, and Parson Taggart, had a taste of that vanished Douglas which had a charm and atmosphere all its own. He attended Hanover Street School until thirteen years of age, then went to work in Gelling's Foundry on the South Quay (where many and many a Manx boy learned the trade), and finished his apprenticeship in Joe Lewin's Iron Works on Douglas Bridge. He was an enthusiastic football player, and in 1905 and 1906 played with the Douglas Rugby Team.

In the spring of 1907 Bob emigrated to Canada, arriving in Mont-

real. He did not stay long in the east, however, but started westward in the fall of the same year. California appealed to him, evidently—most of his 49 years in America have been lived on the Pacific Coast.

Following up the trade to which he had been apprenticed in the Isle of Man, Bob became a foundryman. He has gone a long way in that industry and today is one of the leaders in it. In 1947 he was elected International Director of The American Foundrymen's Society, and represented that Society at the International Congress of the British Foundry Institute in 1948 in London. While in the British Isles on this occasion he visited the Isle of Man for the first time in forty-one years.

Since then he has revisited it, and among other things found an opportunity there of indulging his hobby of photography. He brought back a number of fine colored slides showing Manx views of unusual interest, which many of us have had the privilege of seeing. Some of these pictures made it evident that Bob has not lost his relish for things Manx—for instance, in one of them he is seen picking blackberries in the hedges and eating them with great enjoyment.

Bob is a great traveler and has been pretty well all over the United States and Canada, and many parts of Europe in the interest of apprentice training systems. On these tours he lectures on Foundry Engineering and Metallurgy in high schools, colleges and universities. His pet subject is the advantage of a technical education added to practical experience. He advocates that all boys and girls learn to be skillful with their hands and acquire a technical knowledge of some trade during high school years. In his own words, he feels that we owe the younger generation the privilege of benefiting by the experience of the oldsters, and this training of the young to take their place effectively and efficiently in the world is a subject very close to his heart.

Bob Gregg has a merry eye, a fresh complexion, a genial and kindly manner. He loves to make contact with Manx people while on his travels. Twice since his election he has been in Cleveland; has also visited the Toronto and Vancouver Manx.

In all his activities he has a wonderful partner in that charming and lovely lady, his wife, Vivian, who comes from Texas, as he is proud to tell us. If you haven't met Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gregg of San Marino, you should do so—and a very good place to meet them will be—at the Toronto Convention next August!

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

TORONTO

At a "Manx Tay and Social," featured at their February meeting, the Toronto Manx were entertained by a group of the younger members with an extraordinary exhibition of the fine art of "balley." Wearing ballerina skirts, Bob Watterson as the "prima donna," supported by four knobby-kneed male members of the executive committee, gave a ballet performance which excited much laughter.

In keeping with the Society's new policy of placing more emphasis on entertainment at the monthly meetings, a new game called "Moneybug" was introduced at the March meeting. This not only proved most entertaining, but left a small profit for the Convention fund.

For the April meeting a basketball game was scheduled, of which we will hear the details later. Arrangements are being made for the Annual Spring Dance, to be held June 1 in Baron Byng Hall—proceeds for the Convention fund.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Charles Craine, Hon. Secretary of the World Manx Association, has sent us a copy of the Annual Report for the year 1955. In it he covers many interesting events—the conferring of the Order of the British Empire on Richard Cain, President of the W.M.A.; entertainment of overseas Manx visitors during the summer; annual gathering on Tynwald Day, July 5, when large numbers of Manx people from England and overseas were present; the annual T.E. Brown Night in November, which was celebrated with a Manx Concert and Tea Party. On the last-named occasion, the chairman was Harold Cain, who is keenly interested in the works of the Manx poet and has revived an interest in Manx Societies everywhere in observing an annual T.E. Brown Night. Mr. Craine also referred to the activity of the World Manx Association in giving advice to Manx people going abroad, and furnishing them with introductions to Manx Societies and friends overseas. He also praised the Manx Societies who are helping these newcomers in their midst.

The report was read at the annual meeting of the World Manx Association, at which time all officers were re-elected to serve during 1956. Special tribute was paid to Charlie Craine on his completion of 21 years service

as Hon. Secretary. The Manx of North America enthusiastically add their congratulations to Charlie on his wonderful record, and extend hearty thanks for his many kindnesses and tireless interest on behalf of those visiting the Homeland each year.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx held their first picnic of the season at Bixby Park, Long Beach, on April 8, with about 50 present. New members welcomed were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lace of El Monte, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. George Lace and Mrs. Ernestine Anderson. A substantial amount of money was collected from the members in aid of the Ramsey Boat Disaster Fund. The next picnic was to be at Costa Mesa Park, featuring "fish and chips"—provided through the generosity of President Wm. Caley.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The February meeting of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society was held at Grady's Inn, Johnny Cake Ridge—hostesses, Mrs. E. C. Hefelfinger and Mrs. Esther Moser. Members were present from Leroy, Concord, Geneva, Mentor, Cleveland and Painesville. Following a good picnic supper, meetings for the 1956 season were outlined as follows: March, at Grady's Inn, hosts Mr. and Mrs. H. Crellin and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collister; April at Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Quine's, 52 Chatfield Drive, Painesville; May at Grady's Inn, hosts Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crellin and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gridley; June at Mrs. Maud McCarthy's, 665 Bank St., Painesville. Meetings will be omitted in July and August, to resume in September at Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pomeroy's, Concord; October at Grady's Inn, hostesses the Clark Sisters; November at Mr. and Mrs. A. Killey's, 59 Hartshorn Drive, Painesville; December, a Christmas party at Grady's Inn. At this February meeting, Eldon King of Painesville showed about 200 colored slides, taking the members on an imaginary tour through the Yukon and Alaska.

At the March meeting at Grady's Inn, Miss Hazel Clark, Vice-President, was in the chair. After the usual business meeting, Miss Clark introduced the guest speaker, Roy Foster of Willoughby, who gave an interesting talk on "The Changing Times, and Planning for the Future."

About 36 members attended the April meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Quine. Supper and busi-

ness meeting were followed by a very good musical program, participated in by Nancy and Becky Ingely and their father, Helena Hefelfinger and Lucetta Ingersoll. Phonograph records brought from the Isle of Man by W. H. Collister also were played, and Mr. Ingeley accompanied Manx songs on the piano. Everyone enjoyed this fine program.

VANCOUVER

At their March meeting in the Cambrian Hall, the Vancouver Manx honored several members who are taking a trip Home this spring. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Halsall, leaving March 15 for the Isle of Man; Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown (Mr. Brown is Mrs. Sam Cain's brother), going to England; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, sailing early in June to visit relatives in Laxey and elsewhere in the Island; and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kneale of Horseshoe Bay, B.C., who will visit relatives in Castletown, including Mrs. Kneale's 90-year-old father, Mr. McHarrie. A beautiful cake inscribed "Bon Voyage" and with a picture of a ship, was cut by the four ladies of the "traveling" group. After the refreshments, the ladies were presented with lapel pins featuring the dogwood (the British Columbia official flower), while the men received tiny Maple Leaf pins. A game of whist concluded a very successful evening.

There was a splendid turnout for the April 14 meeting, when whist and bingo were played. President and Mrs. Lawson had donated a bath towel set and a large fruit cake to be drawn for, while Mrs. Albert Wood had charge of a bake sale, proceeds from both efforts to go towards sending a delegate to the Toronto Convention. As the men had done a fine catering job at the previous meeting, they were allowed to do it again, those in charge being—Bill Lawson, T. P. Watterson, Archie Fulton, Albert Wood, Leslie McDonnell, B. Costain, Art Jenkins and John Witsten. Highlights of the wonderful lunch were oatcake made by Mrs. J. E. Costain, and scones made by Archie Fulton.

VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

Despite snow and bad weather, the Vancouver Manx Ladies met every month during the winter. Their April meeting was at the home of Mrs. J. Witsten (daughter of Mrs. Killey, formerly of Winnipeg). Mrs. T. L. Killip, the Secretary, is happy to tell us that she and Mr. Killip will be paying a visit to the Homeland this summer, sailing from Montreal on June 1.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Sam Cain, Past President of the Vancouver Manx Society, has been teaching first aid in the lumber camps on Vancouver Island during the past two months. He is an instructor in the St. John's Ambulance Association. The Vancouver Manx were looking forward to a talk by Mr. Cain on his work and travels, scheduled for the May meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hudson of New Westminster, B.C. are paying a six-month visit to their son and daughter in Toronto, and plan to attend the Convention there in August. Mr. Hudson was born in Ballakillowery, Rushen, Isle of Man, and Mrs. Hudson in Bern, Switzerland. They met in Port St. Mary, where at one time Mrs. Hudson was governess in an English family. Both emigrated to Toronto, where they later married, and where they resided for many years. Before departing on their trip, Mr. Hudson presented the Vancouver Manx Society with a beautiful hand-carved mahogany plaque of the Three Legs and motto—his own work.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Halsall of Vancouver, B.C., who sailed for the Isle of Man on March 15, joined a group of more than 100 former employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway, making a two-week tour of England and Scotland with them before going to the Isle of Man. They are visiting relatives in Douglas and expect to return on August 1. On the way home they will attend the Convention in Toronto.

Southern Californians vacationing in the Isle of Man this summer are George Lace and Mrs. Ernestine Anderson of El Monte, who are cousins of W. J. Quirk of Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Storey of Glendale; Dr. Tom Quine of Fullerton, who will join his brother in Washington, D.C. to sail for the Island on July 6.

Several of the Galva Manx attended services in Cambridge, Ill. on April 15 when the new Methodist Church was consecrated by Bishop McGee. Our friend the Rev. John Clarke is pastor of this church. Among the congregation were the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Partridge of East Moline, Ill.

Mrs. Finette Hall and Miss Evelyn Corlett of San Francisco are looking forward to attending the Toronto Convention.

After many years as plumbing inspector for the City of Burbank, Calif., Ed Killip has retired and is now living at San Clemente in his lovely home facing the blue Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cringle of San Francisco entertained Miss Jean Flanagan, a teacher from Fruitvale, B.C. during the Easter vacation.

Visiting San Francisco recently were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kissack of Mentor, Ohio. The San Francisco Manx are looking forward to having them as members of their Society, as Jim and Peg intend to make their home in California.

Essie Quayle, Secretary of the San Francisco Manx Society, is meeting lots of friends from Peel in the course of her round-the-world tour. In Sydney, Australia, the President of the Manx Society got the gang together to meet her. "She lost her voice for two or three days—can you wonder?"—writes her sister, Katie Cringle. No, we don't wonder at all. During Essie's absence, Katie is batting for her and is sending us all the San Francisco news for the Bulletin.

Members of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society extended good wishes recently to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karan of Geneva, Ohio, who are off on an extended visit to the Isle of Man.

Mrs. Frank L. Shimmin of Peoria, Ill. will be honored at a tea to be given on June 6 in the First Federated Church, Peoria, by officers and members of local chapters of the PEO Sisterhood. Mrs. Shimmin was elected President of the Illinois State Chapter of the organization at a meeting held in Chicago on April 21.

There was a pleasant dinner party on April 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Humphrey, 2750 Arlington St., Lincoln, Nebr., when "The Man from Laramie," Joe Clucas, Regional Director in Wyoming, stopped over to visit the Humphreys and Mrs. Thomas Kelley while en route to the Isle of Man. Later in the day they visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crellin. Joe sailed on the Franconia May 3, and plans to attend the Convention in Toronto on his way home.

Stanley Collister and family, who moved recently to Chicago paid a visit to their old home town of Cleveland not long ago, and of course spent time with Stanley's father, W. H. Collister of 65 Orchard Grove, Painesville, Secretary of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society.

Here's news from New Zealand. Our friend Stanley Cannell has sold his farm at Whakatane, and on October 27 will sail with his wife, Hilda, for the Isle of Man and Scotland on the "Rangetane," due Southampton November 26. While in the Isle of Man, Stanley and Hilda's address will be c/o Miss Cannell, Rheyn Cullyn, Kirk Michael. It is almost 30 years since Stan was home, so he expects to see great changes. They will return to New Zealand in July or August of 1957, stopping over in Sydney, Australia to visit Hilda's sisters. Then they will look for a house near some good trout streams, for Stan likes fishing.

A letter was received by our Secretary from Mrs. A. Briggs, 50 Prince's St., Douglas, Isle of Man, inquiring about the Rev. Harold Sayle who emigrated from Ballaugh to Canada 40 or 50 years ago. She has heard that he died a year or two ago in the State of Maine. The Rev. Sayle was her father's youngest brother; was born at St. Jude's and baptized in 1877 in Andreas Parish; was known by the nickname of "Rashier." If anyone knows the Rev. Sayle's last place of residence and anything about his connections, please write direct to Mrs. Briggs, 50 Prince's St., Douglas, Isle of Man.

On her return journey to the Isle of Man, Miss Margaret Dean of Ramsey, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. John Christian of Alhambra, Calif., stopped over in Cleveland for about ten days to stay with Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, 21009 Clare Ave, Bedford, Ohio. While there, Bill and Florence (Kelly) Roseman took her for a week-end trip to Niagara Falls. Margaret left on April 23, to be met in New York by Miss Florence Gill, who writes—"I had the pleasure of showing Margaret Dean some of the interesting spots in New York during her very brief stay before sailing on the 'Queen Mary' April 25."

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bogg and two daughters recently arrived from England to make their home in Southern California. Mrs. Bogg is a niece of the late Rev. Harry Kelly of Chicago.

The Toronto Manx were glad to welcome June Dunbar back to their ranks after an absence of nearly a year. June returned to the Island for an extended visit with her parents, and is now going to settle in Canada.

Visiting the Fred Callows of Berkeley, Calif., recently, were Fred's niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Teare of Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Alf Looney of 15 Gladstone St., Rochester, N. Y., is sailing for Home in July, to visit his two sisters in the Isle of Man.

Eva Cartmell, 219 Kipp Ave., Chilliwack, B.C., flew to the Isle of Man on April 23, and on her return in June will visit her uncle, Walter J. Stevenson, 229 N. Central Ave., Chicago 44, Ill. and his daughter, Myrra. Myrra herself is hoping to visit the Isle of Man in August if possible. Other Chicagoans planning the trip are Florence Watterson, 305 N. Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, Ill. and her niece, Helen Nickelson. Florence is the daughter of the late Peter Watterson, for many years President of the Chicago Manx Society.

Bob Anderson, formerly of Cleveland, is still busy directing the world-famous Three-Quarter-Century Chorus in St. Petersburg, Fla. He says that the concert they gave on March 23 in Christ Methodist Church was the best yet. Featured on the program was a fine bass soloist, George Wagner, 91 years old, who was twice honored. Both Minnie and Bob are enjoying Florida and like to see old friends from Cleveland and elsewhere who drop in to see them.

Like everyone else, the Manx have been interested in the romance of Grace Kelly and the Prince of Monaco. It was heartwarming to read in the Mona's Herald that "the Kellys of the Isle of Man" cabled their good wishes from Douglas to Miss Kelly on the happy occasion of her wedding.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Married on April 7—Miss Barbara Caveen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen, 34 Eastwood Road, Toronto, to Tony Easthope. The bride's father is First Vice-President of the N.A.M.A.; the bridegroom is a member of the Toronto Manx Society's entertainment committee.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Humphrey, 2750 Arlington St., Lincoln, Nebr., announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Vera Frances of Los Angeles, to Donald J. Hatz of Van Nuys, Calif. The wedding will take place on June 30 in Lincoln, Nebr. Donald is a chemical engineer with American Aviation, and Vera is with Remington Rand.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

Born on April 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hornall, Vancouver, B.C., a son, David James.

Born on Christmas Day to Mr. and Mrs. R. Nordin of Vancouver, B.C., a son, Allan. Also, on February 13, a son, Glen, to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rapin of Calgary, Alberta. Both babies are great-grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costain, Vancouver, B.C.

Mrs. Jack Agnew (Mary) of 1443 William David Ave., Montreal, is proud to report births of her three latest grandchildren. They are—Mary Elizabeth, born in May, 1955, to John D. Agnew and wife Corinne. They have two other daughters, Suzanne and Judith. . . Beverly Anne was born in February, 1955 to Arthur Agnew and wife Edna. . . Frederick T., born November 29, 1955, is the firstborn of Frederick B. Agnew and wife Isobel, who were married in September, 1954. Mrs. Agnew tells us that her husband, the late J. P. Agnew, came from Douglas, Isle of Man and they were married in 1915. He joined the Montreal Manx Society with W. D. Moore in 1911 or 1912.

Born on February 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Paben (Mona Morris) of Lincoln, Nebr., a son, Scott Henry. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paben of Florence, Ariz. and Mrs. Thos. Kelley of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Born on Easter Sunday, April 1, a daughter, Barbara Jo, to Alfred and Ruth (Vandemark) Moughton. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moughton, 3240 West 210th St., Cleveland 26, Ohio.

Born—on December 20, 1955, a son, John William (Billy) to Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Lefter, 19418 Meadowlark Lane, Warrensville Heights, Cleveland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gell, 1516 East 133rd St., Cleveland.

Illness of Our Secretary

Members will be very sorry to learn of the illness of our beloved Secretary, Miss Claire Mylecraigne, who suffered a heart attack on April 15. She made good progress during a three-week stay in the hospital, and will probably undergo heart surgery in the near future.

Our warmest thoughts and prayers are with Claire at this time for a rapid and complete recovery.

Cleveland Manx Entertain Shaker Historical Society

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by about 200 Manx of Cleveland and district on Sunday, May 6, when they were the guests of the Shaker Historical Society at the Shaker Heights High School.

Mr. Cary R. Alburn welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Shaker Historical Society and introduced Alan Fricke, president of the Mona's Relief Society, who presided over the meeting.

The program furnished by the Manx included Manx solos by Joseph Clucas, colored slides of the Isle of Man by W. Harry Kelly and community singing of the Manx National Anthem and "Harvest of the Sea." Accompanist was Miss Edith Cox.

The speaker was John R. Cain who gave a talk about the Isle of Man and the Manx in Cleveland from their earliest arrivals, and the history of the Manx Societies.

Those who have seen Mr. Kelly's Manx views know how very beautiful they are. Mr. Cain is well known for his thorough knowledge of the Island, as well as of Manx settlement in Cleveland, and for his ability to talk eloquently about them. The pictures and the address were received with enthusiastic interest. Mr. Clucas' Manx songs added the right touch of sentiment.

Mr. Fred Brew exhibited his fine collection of Manx coins and tokens, dating from 1709 to 1839, from which date the Isle of Man has been using English currency. Included in his display were old brooches from the Isle of Man made of agate stones cut and polished. These have the Manx emblem in bronze. Mr. Brew also brought three Manx kittens which enlivened the proceedings.

Refreshments were served during a social hour following the meeting. Assisting the hostesses in pouring tea were Mrs. F. T. Gorry and Mrs. J. R. Cain.

The meeting was sponsored by the Mona's Relief Society. The committee in charge: John R. Cain, Alan Fricke, Fred T. Gorry and W. Harry Kelly.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

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NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx were hoping to have a picnic in May at Pioneers' Park, where they held their first meeting 22 years ago. Their secretary, Mrs. Thomas Kelley, is also our hard-working N.A.M.A. Regional Director in that area.

MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx acquired some new members during the past winter, and while they have now "signed off" until fall, they hope to arrange a boat trip or picnic during the summer. Also, they are looking forward to the Convention in Toronto, which some of the members hope to attend.

The Secretary, Miss Margaret M. Joughin, asks that those interested please take note of her new address—1830 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 8, Montreal, P.Q.

GALVA

At their March meeting in American Legion Hall, the Galva Manx enjoyed a take-off of a TV panel show, with Russell Kelly as "Groucho Manx" and Everett Quinney as "Dr. Gorse." They were assisted by John Collister. Interviewed by "Groucho Manx" were Merrill and Wade Nystrom, Ed and Evan Collister, Mrs. A. R. Johnson, Mrs. Anton Lawson, Jon Palmer, Clyde Collinson, Mrs. C. B. Garrison and Pat, J. A. Hall, the Rev. John Clarke, and Leon Lewin. All responded with musical selections. A quiz pertaining to the Isle of Man was conducted. Mrs. Merrill Nystrom was program chairman. Awards for the contestants were provided by the Isle of Man Travel Bureau.

Out-of-town guests were the Rev. and Mrs. John H. Clarke of Cambridge, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. John Collister of Bishop Hill; Mrs. Kathryn McMynn, Dr. and Mrs. George Ashman, Miss Doris Brumbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shimmin and Robert Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shimmin, of Peoria.

Committee in charge of the pot luck supper served on this most enjoyable evening were Mrs. Ada Cubbon, Mrs. Anton Lawson, Mrs. A. R. Johnson and Mrs. Glenn Whaley.

Mrs. Robert Shimmin, President of the Peoria Manx Society, invited the group to a meeting in Brimfield on April 8, when Manx movies would be shown. Plans were discussed for a Galva picnic to be held June 24 in Wiley Park.

ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx met in Miss Alice Garrett's apartment at 976 Monroe Avenue on Saturday, April 21, and spent a most enjoyable social evening. Alice found there is an advantage in having no television set—the men could not desert the women in order to watch a fight program.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

In place of the regular March meeting, the Mona's Relief Society members turned out in full force for a card party in aid of the Cleveland Gold Medal Fund. Every table was taken, and the party was a great success. Members of the Medal Committee are: Mrs. Fred T. Gorry, Chairman; Mrs. John R. Cain, Mrs. R. R. Gell and Mrs. Ben C. Greggor.

The April meeting was held in the Detroit Avenue Methodist Church hall, Lakewood. Through courtesy of The Illuminating Company, the colored film "Land of Promise," featuring the Cleveland-Northeastern Ohio area, was shown. Miss Beatrice Cheesbrough, contralto, a great favorite, sang several solos, accompanied by Miss Edith Cox.

At the May meeting, held in St. Stephen's Church hall, James Kissack of Mentor, Ohio gave an interesting talk on his trip West last year, illustrated by excellent colored slides. At each meeting there was a short business session, and refreshments were served by the hostesses of the evening.

SAN FRANCISCO

The February meeting of the San Francisco Manx was held at the home of President and Mrs. H. S. Corlett, with a good crowd present. Welcome guest was Mrs. Callow's brother, Mr. Kelly of El Cerrito, who entertained with some fine solos. There was the usual sing-song, and plenty of good Manx fare.

The James Cringles were hosts for the March meeting, when a record crowd turned out. It being St. Patrick's Day, a slight penalty was imposed on those failing to wear a "bit o' green." Welcome guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Christian, Alhambra, Calif., and Mrs. Christian's daughter, Miss Margaret Dean of Ramsey, Isle of Man; also Mr. and Mrs. Vincent from Transcona, Man. (parents of Shirley Daniels) who are making Palo Alto their permanent home. Entertainment was provided by Cummy Reid and Ken Hoard, also Shirley Daniels, accompanied on the piano by Jack Vincent. Farewells were said to Ken Hoard, on his last Army leave before going to Texas. Bon voyage was extended to Mrs. Bouillon, who was leaving on a flying World Tour and hoped to include the Isle of Man;

and to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilson of Mill Valley who were going to the Isle of Man.

More than 50 Manx people and neighbors staged a surprise Bon Voyage party for Essie Quayle on her departure in January on a World Tour. Cummy Reid provided wonderful entertainment, assisted by Ken Hoard, Shirley Reid and Shirley Daniels. President Corlett presented Essie with a handsome traveling clock, with love and good wishes from the Society. A large contingent was at the pier the following Friday to see Essie off, and the ship sailed out to the singing of "Ellan Vannin" and the waving of the Manx flag by Mrs. Viola Rankin of Berkeley.

At Essie's farewell party, goodbyes were said also to Shirley Reid, who was about to enter the Convent of the Transfiguration at Glendale.

GREATER NEW YORK

The Manx of Greater New York followed their custom of attending the St. George's Day Church Service, held on Sunday, April 22, in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. The Manx flag, carried by John Howard, was among the banners of 43 organizations represented in the procession. "It was a sight to see the Pipe Bands playing in front of the Altar for the procession of standards and banners," writes Regional Director Florence M. Gill.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The Music Guild Committee sponsored a card party held at the March meeting of the Mona's Relief Society, with the object of raising funds for the Cleveland Gold Medal, which is sent to the Isle of Man each spring to be competed for at the Manx Music Festival. The party was a great success, netting a profit of \$106.07, and the Committee wants to say "Thanks" to the good friends who made this result possible.

Coming Events in Cleveland

The Annual Church Service of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies will be held on Sunday, June 10, at 4:00 P.M., at the Centenary Methodist Church, Fairmount Blvd. and Richmond Road, Beachwood Village. Mrs. Eleanor Miller, the Misses Edith and Linorah Cox and Stephen Quinney are arranging the program.

The Annual Picnic of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies will be at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, Aug. 25. Mrs. Alan Fricke, Miss Elinor Cain, Bill Brown, Joe Niverth and Gordon Killip are in charge of arrangements.

MANX CENTENARIANS

When some of the Vancouver Manx read in the newspaper that a Mrs. Frances I. Cooil of Ladysmith, B.C. celebrated her 100th birthday in February, the Secretary, Mrs. Albert Wood, sent her a card of greeting from the Society, assuming that she must be Manx. Mr. and Mrs. Cooil acknowledged the card, saying that they came from the Isle of Man. Mrs. Cooil was born in Ballamaddrell House, Ballabeg, Arbory—a place now farmed by her nephew, Henry Maddrell. Her husband, W. A. Cooil, who is 85 and still drives his car, came from Ballagawne, Arbory, a farm now owned by his brother Henry, who lives in Port St. Mary. The couple enjoy splendid health, and Mrs. Cooil does her own housework. The Mayor of Ladysmith called on them to congratulate Mrs. Cooil on attaining the

century mark, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood plan to visit them when on holiday in the near future.

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The oldest resident of Ford County in Central Illinois is a Manxwoman, Mrs. Isabelle Cook, who reached her 102nd birthday on March 28. Mrs. Cook, an inmate of the Gibson City Convalescent Home, enjoyed steak and potatoes and gravy, with a baked apple dessert, for her birthday dinner, and was visited during the day by her five children. She was born in the Isle of Man in 1854 and came to the United States at the age of 20, living first in Wisconsin and later in Illinois, where she married. Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Secretary of the Galva Manx Society, sent us this interesting news item.

Saskatchewan Pioneers

At the funeral of the late Mr. Richard Corrin of Vancouver, B.C., whose death is recorded in the obituary column, the minister, the Rev. Edward Smith, paid tribute to the brave hearts who, like Mr. Corrin, had pioneered 50 years ago in the development of the great Province of Saskatchewan.

He said in part—"Do you know that during the past half-century (Saskatchewan, like Alberta, was made a Province on September 1, 1905), they produced from scratch the magnificent quota of eight billion seven hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat—a great contribution to the world's bread basket.

"The immigrants passed through many indescribable and pathetic experiences to achieve their goal—the possession of a piece of land of their own. Many trainloads of buffalo bones were gathered and sold for a livelihood and to help purchase their outfits. They progressed through the ox stage, the wild broncho period, to the mechanization of their tools.

"Also, there were the elements to contend with. There was frost every month in the year during the early days. Agricultural scientists helped here by evolving earlier species of grain. There were drought periods when Russian thistle held sway. There was the grasshopper menace. There was the financial crash when prices dropped below zero.

"But they survived and built their churches, schools, high schools and the University, and laid a lasting foundation for the character of their children. It is illustrated by a story of a farm family at their noon meal—

when menacing black clouds appeared and thunder, hail and wind levelled their magnificent standing crop of wheat—the father could say to the children—"Run out and gather the hailstones, and we will have ice cream for dessert." The grace of God had made him greater than his circumstances."

Mr. Corrin was among the first Saskatchewan homesteaders. Manx friends present at his funeral sang "The Manx Fisherman's Evening Hymn" at the close of the service.

"OVERSEAS REQUESTS"

Norman G. Brown, Editor of the Isle of Man Times, writes that he is considering a special feature for the Weekly Times, to be called "Overseas Requests." We quote Mr. Brown:

"The general idea of the feature is for this paper to receive requests from Manx people overseas to photograph relatives, homes, schools or historic buildings, and at the same time, to let us have full particulars of the reasons for the request. It would have to be fully understood that the final decision for publishing the request would be that of the Editor.

"Should we feel that the request is worthy, we would then send a photographer and/or a reporter to interview the people concerned, and the results would appear in the columns of the Weekly Times."

Anyone who would like to see certain people or places in the Island featured in the Times in this interesting manner, please write to Norman G. Brown, Editor, Isle of Man Times, Douglas, Isle of Man.

"Star of India" in The News Again

The famous "Star of India," iron-hulled ship launched in the Isle of Man in 1863, is the subject of an interesting and poetic article in a recent Christian Science Monitor, written by John Bunker. The clipping was sent to us by Florence Creffin of Akron, Ohio.

The article is about "Euterpe," Greek goddess of music, represented by the ship's wooden figurehead. The writer visualizes the storms and calms, the varied crews, cargoes and ports—in fact all the sea-going experiences of 92 years that this "Lady of the sea" has felt and witnessed. Now, her wanderings over, she gazes across the waters of San Diego Harbor, where the ship is on view as a museum.

Florence doesn't know, but would like to feel that the stalwart old ship was built in Peel. Sorry to be contrary, but your Editor has a haunting impression that she was built in Ramsey. Could be mistaken, however.

An Appeal From The Buchan School

From Lady Dundas, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man, we have a letter enclosing an appeal on behalf of The Buchan School in Castletown, which is in immediate need of funds.

The Buchan School was originally the Castletown High School for Girls and was founded in 1875 by Lady Buchan at her own cost. Although fees have been raised, and the Manx Government has given generous support, there is pressing need to raise a substantial sum for repairs and re-equipment of the buildings. The Governors of the School, and Lady Dundas, are appealing to the generosity of any "old girls" of The Buchan School, and others interested, to send a donation. Please address to: J. S. Kermode, Secretary of the Buchan School, St. George's Chambers, 1 Athol St., Douglas—or to Lady Dundas, Government House, Isle of Man.

Cleveland Medal Winner

As the Bulletin was going to press, a cable was received by Mrs. Fred Gorry, Chairman of the Cleveland Gold Medal Committee, stating that Mrs. Mona Huke, mezzo-soprano, of Douglas, Isle of Man, was the winner of the Cleveland Gold Medal in this year's Manx Music Festival.

This is vacation time, and some of you will be visiting points of interest all over the United States and Canada; others are fortunate in paying a visit to that beautiful little Island across the sea. To all of you we wish a very enjoyable holiday.

OBITUARIES

BISHOP, Mrs. Len (nee Bessie Cannell), of Ramsey, Isle of Man, passed away on February 23. Surviving are her husband; four sisters, Mrs. Stanley Kewley, Elsie Cannell of Douglas, Isle of Man, Mrs. Michael Belenkin of Onchan, Isle of Man, Isabel Cannell of Deobley, England; two brothers, Robert of Benton Harbor, Mich., and John of Burbank, Calif.

CORLETT, Mary, died at her home in Montreal on April 5. She was in her 78th year. Surviving are her husband, J. Thomas Corlett; a son, Douglas, and daughter, Marjorie (Mrs. S. Hearnshaw). Mrs. Corlett was one of the original members of the Montreal Manx Society and will be greatly missed.

CORLETT, Fred, of 13512 Garden Road, Cleveland, died on January 25. He leaves his wife, Florence (nee Jackson); two sons, Donald F. and Robert J.; and grandchildren; also a sister, Theresa Gawne in England. Mr. Corlett came from Laxey, Isle of Man.

CORRIN, Richard, of 6134 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B.C., died on January 21 at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife, Lillie; a brother in Saskatchewan and a brother and a sister in the Isle of Man. Mr. Corrin was born at The Level, Rushen, lived in Dalby as a youth and emigrated to Canada in 1903. He homesteaded in Humboldt, Sask., until his retirement in 1949, when he moved to Vancouver where he was a popular member of the Vancouver Manx Society.

FAYLE, Isabel, of 1629 Comox St., Vancouver, B.C. died on March 6. Born in Castletown, Isle of Man, Miss Fayle was a daughter of Thomas and Ann Fayle, the family later moving to West Baldwin. She came to Canada in 1907, settling in Vancouver in 1920, since when she has been a member of the Vancouver Manx Society. With her sister, Mrs. E. Byron of Vancouver, she attended last year's Convention in San Francisco.

GROSE, Herbert Quailtrough, 78, of 1109 Clark Drive, Vancouver, B.C., passed away in March. He leaves a nephew, Fred Grose of Vancouver, and three nieces, Mrs. Olive Griffiths of Vancouver; and Mrs. Audrey Shimmin and Mrs. Elsie Starkey in the Isle of Man. Mr.

Grose was born at Ballagawne, Rushen; served his apprenticeship as a builder; emigrated to South Africa in 1901, later going to New Zealand and Australia, then to San Francisco in 1906, whence he went on to Vancouver where he lived for the last 50 years. He visited the Isle of Man in 1952.

HEMANN, Anne (nee Clague), of 1851 Nela Ave., Cleveland, died on January 15. She leaves her husband, Elmer; a daughter, Betty, and son William C.; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Buehler of Mentor, Ohio and Miss Ruth Clague of Cleveland. Mrs. Hemann, whose father came from the Isle of Man, took an active interest in Cleveland Manx affairs.

KNEEN, Charles E., of 7953 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill., died in late March at the age of 71. Surviving are his widow, Irma; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Mann and Mrs. Ruth Jennings. Mr. Kneen was a city building inspector for 35 years.

MCCOMBE, Mrs. Robert, of Vancouver, B.C., passed away during March. She was the widow of the late Robert McCombe, well remembered in Vancouver for his beautiful singing voice.

PATTERSON, Matthew J., of 2207 Eldred Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, died on April 5 after a long illness. Surviving are his wife, Ethel (nee Wade); two sisters, Mrs. Mabel E. Pallant of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Iva Franck. Mr. Patterson's wife, Ethel, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wade, who came to Cleveland many years ago from Peel, Isle of Man.

QUIRK, Thomas A., of 13315 Crennell Ave., Cleveland, died on March 20. He leaves a son, Douglas W. of Los Angeles, and two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Chapman and Mrs. Alice Radigan. His sister, the late Mrs. Alice Stephen, was active in Cleveland Manx affairs for many years.

ROBERTS, Florence (nee Cashin), of Elk Creek, Nebraska, died on February 26. Surviving are three children of her first marriage to John Robison—James and Thomas of Elk Creek, and Maryellen (Mrs. W. A. Hinrichs), Douglas, Wyoming; ten grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. John Kelly, Australia; Mrs. William

Quirk, Greeba, Isle of Man; Mrs. Thomas Quane, Melita, Manitoba. Mrs. Thomas Kelley of Lincoln, Nebr. is a cousin of Mr. Robison. Mrs. Roberts was born in Glen Maye, Isle of Man and came to the States about 1905 as the bride of John Robison, who died in 1950. Her second husband was Dan Roberts, whom she married in 1954, and who died the following year. She was a life member of the N.A.M.A. and the W.M.A., and a loyal member of the Nebraska Manx.

SHIMMIN, William Edward, of 48 Murray's Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, passed away suddenly on March 10th. He leaves his wife, Cissie; a daughter, Lillian and two sons, Eric and Roy. Mr. Shimmin was a brother-in-law of the late Stephen T. Kelly of Cleveland. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin lived in Bedford, Ohio.

SKILLICORN, Norman J., Sr., died on March 16 at his home, 143 Garden St., Bedford, Ohio. He leaves his wife, Helen; three sons, Norman Jr., Allen and Gary; his parents, John H. and Frances Skillicorn (from Laxey, Isle of Man); a sister, Mrs. Kathleen Carrigan, and three brothers, Earl, Lawrence and John K. Skillicorn.

WILLIAMSON, Evelyn Waugh (nee Curphey) of 59 Steeles Ave., Willowdale, Ontario, died on May 2 after a long illness. Surviving are her husband, Frank, former Secretary of the Toronto Manx Society; four daughters, Mrs. M. Meggitt (Marjorie), Mrs. G. Waring (Edna), Mrs. L. Fortune (Marion), and Mrs. L. Pyke (Eileen), and grandchildren. Mrs. Williamson was formerly Treasurer of the Toronto Manx Society and was always a very active and much-loved member.

WILSON, Bessie (nee Kelly), aged 75, of Henderson Grove, Ill., died on March 16. Surviving are two sons, A. Bentley Wilson and Harold D. of Henderson Grove; two grandchildren, and two sisters, Miss Jane Kelly and Miss Doris Kelly in the Isle of Man. Mrs. Wilson was born in the Island and came to the States to settle in the Galesburg community in 1918. She was the widow of the late Ed. C. Wilson.

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

