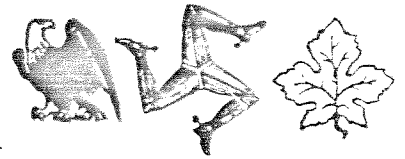


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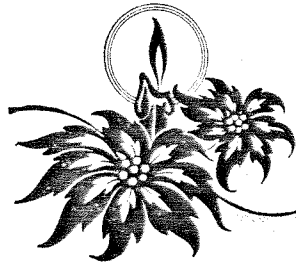


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"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"

December, 1956

A Merry Christmas



A Happy New Year

A Christmas Message From Our President

"With Christmas lights around,
With hearts and hearths aglow,
It's good to send Best Wishes
To friends we are glad to know."

Christmas is a season we all love. It brings back many happy memories of dear old Ellan Vannin, and of the festivities associated with Manx Christmas. Do you remember the choirs singing carols outside our homes? Do you remember the "White Boys"—and the youngsters who used to celebrate St. Stephen's Day with their chants of "Hunt the Wren"? If you lived in Douglas, you will remember how we liked to stroll along Strand Street about a week before Christmas to "see the shops." What happy memories we have of those days!

Christmas is the time when our hearts and thoughts are closer than ever to old friends all over the world. We think of friends in the Isle of Man as well as those in Canada and the United States. Some of us wonder when it will be possible for us to visit the Island again and renew our old friendships. Let us make a wish this Christmas to go on the Homecoming in 1958! What a lovely experience to look forward to!

At the time of writing, the Middle East is in turmoil, so let us emphasize the thought of Peace this Christmas. Let us all pray to the Prince of Peace to draw all nations together in friendship. May the Christian message of "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men" endure all over the world. We Manx are a peaceful race—let us "rub off" some of our contentment and good feeling on other nationalities—trying always to understand

the difficulties encountered by people less fortunate than we are.

The North American Manx Association has scheduled its 1957 Convention to be held in the beautiful city of Vancouver, British Columbia. I do hope that a great many will be there, and that there will be a good representation from the East. Make up your mind to attend—I know that you will have a wonderful time—and, as all Convention-goers know, you will meet many old friends, and some new ones.

In the New Year, let us get behind our Association with renewed vigor. Let us aim toward interesting all the Manx people in the United States and Canada in becoming members. We need your help to do this. Our organization is now 28 years old, and should be stronger than it is, so let's get behind it and push!

It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity of extending to Manx people and those of Manx descent on this continent—to friends in the Isle of Man and to Manx people throughout the world—my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace, Happiness and Good Health. Wherever you are, I hope you have a real Manx Christmas—a happy time, a time of happy memories of Ellan Vannin.

"May Happiness and Peace abide
With Love and Friendship at your side,
And may the light of Christmas shed
Its radiance on the year ahead."

FRED J. CAVEEN,
President

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

Once again our busy world finds itself under the spell of Christmas, the season that touches us with memories. The home becomes a hallowed place, the simple delights of children are refreshing, the angels and shepherds and the Christ Child become living realities in our lives.

It should mean much to us that the good news of the Savior's birth was proclaimed first to ordinary men—the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night. This is a source of joy to all the humble, toiling people of the world.

A lack of faith may blind our eyes to the light of the Christmas Star. Let us listen to the song of the angels, as did the shepherds of old on the Judean hills; let us follow the Star to the manger at Bethlehem, there to behold and pay homage to the newborn Messiah, that the spell of Christmas may capture our hearts.

May every one of you have a Merry Christmas, and may the New Year bring you Joy and Happiness.

Joseph Partridge,
First Vice President.



Again we have the pleasure of sending greetings to all Manx people, wherever dispersed. Christmas awakens our strongest and most cherished associations, and we derive much pleasure from their recollection. We wish our Manx friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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



"Christmas means so many things: The warmth of a glowing fireplace; children's eyes wide with wonder — gaily wrapped packages and brightly lighted windows — the old beloved carols. Oh, could name a hundred joys of the Christmas season—may they all be yours."

Mrs. Henry Myldreest,
Rep. N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary.

"NOLLICK GHENNAL ERRIU AS BLEIN NOA SONNYSSAGH"—or, in other words, "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR" to officers and members of the N.A.M.A. and Manx folk everywhere. I am happy and grateful for the opportunity of extending these greetings through the Bulletin to Manx people near and far.

May 1957 be a very successful year for the N.A.M.A.

Walter J. Stevenson,
3rd Vice President.



In these very troublesome times it is sometimes difficult to get enthusiastic about Christmas holidays. However, the teachings of Jesus Christ, and the observance of the anniversary of His Birth, cannot be crushed by the evil forces which threaten the cause of "Peace on Earth" for all nations.

The charm of Christmas lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends.

Robert Gregg,
Past President.



This happy season brings to most of us an avalanche of Christmas cards—colorful, hearty, tender or merry. Afterwards it is with regret that we try to dispose of them, because it isn't possible to keep them all. But always there are some that impress us so deeply that we keep them to look at again and again in later years. Such was one I received in 1932 from the late Mr. and Mrs. William Cubben (Manx Museum), Douglas, Isle of Man, giving the words of "An Ancient Celtic Prayer:"

"Be Thou a bright flame before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path below me,
And a kindly shepherd behind me
Today, tonight and for ever!"

May Christmas bring to all of you this spirit of trustfulness and peace.

Gertrude Cannell,
Bulletin Editor.

At this season of the year, we all think of Home and look back on the Christmases of our young days and the friends we took for granted — realizing, now that we are older, that there is nothing like the friendship of our fellow-man.

So at this time I am happy, through the medium of the Bulletin, to extend the hand of friendship to the officers and members of the N.A.M.A. and to Manx folk wherever they are.

And, "from our house to your house," best wishes for Peace, Happiness and Good Health for the festive season, and may the New Year be the best ever.

Samuel Cain,
2nd Vice President.



Here I am again — knocking on your door to wish you a Very Merry Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. It is my sincere hope that old Santa will be good to you and that 1957 will bring with it Peace, Health and Prosperity.

I am taking this opportunity to thank all of my good Manx friends who sent messages and cards while I was ill during the past summer. They were sincerely appreciated and brought sunshine to otherwise dull days.

Again—my thanks to all of you, and my very best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Claire M. Mylecraime,
Corresponding and
Recording Secretary.



An Old Manx Greeting

A Merry Christmas on ye and a very good year.

Long life and health and the best of cheer;

Your life and mirth living together
Peace and love and sweet balmy weather.

Goods and wealth, stock and store,
Potatoes in plenty, herrings galore.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

An outstanding baseball player who has won many medals and trophies is Gary Moore, a freshman at Oregon State College. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Moore of Gig Harbor, Wash., his father coming from Kirk Michael, Isle of Man as a lad. Gary's grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Moore of Gig Harbor, visited the Isle of Man in 1952 with her daughter, Beatrice, staying with Mrs. Anna Norton and family in Kirk Michael. Gary's picture and writeups about his baseball performance have appeared in the sporting columns of Seattle and other Western newspapers.

Mrs. Mildred Christian of Vancouver, her daughter Mrs. Vera Henry and granddaughter Barbara spent an enjoyable week in August visiting Mr. and Mrs. Josh Gorry of Homby Island, B. C.

Mrs. Edward Clark of Rochester, N.Y. recently traveled to Great Falls, Mont., to meet and return with her son, Lt. Howard Bridson Clark, who has been stationed for some time at the Malstrom Air Force Base, and is now returning to civilian life. They visited the Glacier National Park, Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons.

Vancouver must have a marvelous climate. Mrs. T. L. Killip, writing on November 13, says that her husband brought in from their garden that morning a beautiful bunch of raspberries!

Mrs. Thomas Kelley of Lincoln, Nebr., had a nice visit recently in Colorado Springs, Colo., with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Crellin and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fargher. She also renewed acquaintance with Miss Edith Quayle, a niece of Mr. Crellin and a nurse at Ramsey Hospital, who is staying with the Crellins at present. Mrs. Kelley also had a nice visit with Mrs. Caleb Kenneough and her daughter, Mrs. Mona Hull while in Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kermodie of Ouchan, Isle of Man visited Mrs. Mahal Andrews of San Gabriel, Calif., in October, and had a goodish with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mulhan, and Mrs. Nellie Cottier and daughter, Noreen.

Miss Mary Clague Hodgson of Ferris Falls, Minn., who attends most of our Conventions, regretted missing Toronto, but hopes to get out to Vancouver next year. This past August she was in Winnipeg, and spent a very pleasant evening with Tom and Bess Corkum.

October 14 was a memorable date for Mr. and Mrs. George A. Clague of LaFayette, Ill. It was their 62nd wedding anniversary, celebrated with a family dinner in Hotel Kewanee, arranged by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John S. McKinley of Arlington, Va. The gathering was presided over by an admirable master of ceremonies—Tirus T. Kelly of Galva, who is a cousin of the Clagues. The color scheme of silver, gold and white was beautifully carried out in the table decorations, and the happy couple received many attractive gifts, flowers and cards. Beside Mrs. McKinley, they have another daughter, Mrs. Edith L. Skinner of Peoria, and a son, Harry W. Clague of LaFayette, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clague on attaining 62 years of happiness together.

At the East Cleveland Lawn Bowling Green banquet on October 27, Ben Greggor, 14500 Orinoco Ave., East Cleveland, was presented with the coveted President's trophy. This is a "first" for this trophy for Ben, but he has many others in his collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greggor of East Cleveland had a pleasant surprise on November 11 when Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clinton of Jackson, Miss., in town for the American Bottlers Convention, visited them. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clinton of Mobile, Alabama.

A Hallowe'en party in Toronto on October 27 took Peg and Edith Greggor and Louis Mylchreest of Cleveland up there for the week end. The girls stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen, and Lou stayed with the Wattersons in Willowdale, Ont.

Among items about Manx Americans and Canadians in recent Isle of Man newspapers, we read that Flight Cadet E. H. (Teddy) Woodford, formerly of Douglas, has joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and is stationed at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. . . Mr. and Mrs. John Corkish of Boissevain, Man., are spending a six-month holiday on the Island. Mr. Corkish said that their local newspaper, the Boissevain Recorder, until recently was edited by William Villiers Udall, from Douglas, now retired and living in Winnipeg. . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collister from London, Ont., had a holiday in the Island, returning on the Ivernia October 3. They stayed in

Port Erin with Mr. Collister's sister, Mrs. Jack Wilkinson. They took back a "Three Legs" emblem to place over the door of their summer cottage on Lake Huron—which should attract some Manx callers. . . Vernon L. Cottier, Hested Store Company, Alamosa, Colorado, would like to correspond with anyone by the name of Cottier. His father was born in the Isle of Man.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore have been to Cuba recently, where Dr. Moore attended a conference of the World Medical Ass'n. The day after Thanksgiving the Doctor was to fly to Seattle to attend a conference of the American Medical Association, proceeding from there to Los Angeles.

Dick and Stella Corkill, 13160 Sorrento Ave., Detroit 27, Mich., visited Cleveland in mid-October, spending a week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, 21009 Clare Ave., Maple Heights.

A new Manx arrival making her home in Toronto is Brenda Creer, from Douglas.

Phil Harrison, Montreal Manxman, paid a visit to friends in Toronto in mid-November.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cregeen, 215 Washington Ave., East Kildonan, Winnipeg, who get around to most of our Conventions, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on October 13. Born in Glen Rushen, Patrick, Isle of Man, Mr. Cregeen came to Canada in 1902. Mrs. Cregeen, then Sarah Joughin, followed in 1906—she was born at Knockaloe, Patrick. Their son, William George and a grandson came from Doner's Grove, Ill., for the anniversary; their daughter, Olive (Mrs. H. Almrud), lives in Winnipeg. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cregeen on this happy occasion.

Braving the stormy Thanksgiving weather, Mildred Corris, 1835 Cove Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, took a trip to London, Ontario to spend the long week end with Tom and Ethel Brown, 447 Salisbury St., London. Highlight of the visit was a farewell dinner at the Browns' for Tom Crippin of London, on the eve of his departure to spend Christmas in the Isle of Man. Tom sailed on November 29 and will return some time in February.

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Arms and Greetings from Manx Societies

VANCOUVER

At the Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Manx Society, held on October 13, the following were elected to office:

Hon. President.....T. Killip

Hon. Vice Presidents—

Mrs. T. Killip, Mrs. W. Gawne,
Mrs. A. Halsall, W. Cain,

President.....William Lawson

Vice President.....Leslie McDonnell

Secretary.....Mrs. Albert Wood,
4181 Southwood St.,
So. Burnaby, B.C.

Treasurer.....Archie Fulton

Hon. Auditors.....A. Halsall, E. Costain

Committee..... Mrs. Mildred Christian,
Mrs. A. Fulton, Mrs. Wm. Lawson,
Albert Wood, Mr. Watterson, Mr.
and Mrs. Art Jenkins, Sam Cain,
and the above-mentioned officers.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the outgoing Treasurer, Ernie Costain. Refreshments and a game of bingo rounded out the evening.

For the meeting scheduled for November 10 a whist drive was planned, also showing of colored slides of the Isle of Man taken by W. Harry Kelly of Cleveland and loaned by him.

The October meeting of the Executive Board was held at Mrs. Mildred Christian's home. The Secretary read a letter from Captain Stevens Crowe of Peel, thanking the Vancouver Manx for their hospitality during his recent visit. The Children's Christmas Party was set for December 8, and the age limit of 12 years agreed upon. The Secretary was asked to thank the Manx Ladies' Club for their donation of \$20.00 towards the party, and for their offer to buy gifts for the 12-year-olds. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. McMeekin and their two daughters recently arrived from Peel; Mr. and Mrs. Art Belfire and Miss Joan Hornall. Refreshments and good singing of Manx songs and hymns concluded the evening.

At the November executive meeting, President and Mrs. Lawson were to entertain in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain.

Christmas Greetings from the Manx in the Convention City for 1957—

Shreeer y Thalloo Aiguey Miegys
Deleby.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will toward
Men."

William Lawson, President
Leslie McDonnell, Vice Pres.
Mrs. Albert Wood, Sec'y.
Archie Fulton, Treasurer.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx and friends got together on September 28 for a pleasant evening, following a cafeteria dinner in the Austin Y.M.C.A. where the meeting was held. After the singing of "Ellan Vannin" and the usual procedure of business, the audience was taken on an "armchair tour" of the Isle of Man by Myrra Stevenson, Florence Watterson and Helen Nickelson, who spent a holiday there this summer. The girls have enough pictures for another complete evening's entertainment. Mr. Walter Nickelson supplied and operated the projector. About 40 were present—the largest attendance in years.

"From your last year, select the love
and kindly deeds,

Throw out the disappointments and
the burrs and tangleweeds,

And only keep the best that grew
for next year's garden seeds."

Dr. J. J. Moore, President

Walter J. Stevenson, 1st Vice Pres.

Mrs. Percy Ristow, 2nd Vice Pres.

Mrs. R. Cecil Kelly, Sec'y-Treas.

7825 S. Oglesby Ave.

Chicago 49, Ill.



MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

Now more than a hundred years old, the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society is proud of its long history of service to Cleveland Manxmen. The officers and members are glad to have this opportunity of extending to all Manx people, Season's Greetings and best wishes for a very Happy Christmas, and the best of Health and Good Fortune in the New Year.

Herbert A. Quayle, President

Fred T. Garry, Rec. Sec'y.

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

4912 East 96th Street,

Cleveland 25, Ohio



ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx folk, one and all, are happy to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to friends everywhere.

Alicc Garratt, Regional Director
976 Monroe Ave.,
Rochester 20, N.Y.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY,

CLEVELAND

A very pleasant evening was joyed on October 9 when the Mona Relief Society meeting was held at Detroit Avenue Methodist Church Lakewood. The members were happy to greet Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kern of Onchan, Isle of Man, who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farag of 1264 Arlington Road, Lakewood and they in turn were delighted to find many old friends among the group. After the business meeting, Orton Reed, always a favorite, gave several baritone solos, and Dr. Cowin, a promising young clarinet soloist, played both classical "rock 'n roll" numbers. Robert Faragher showed his beautiful color pictures of Quebec, New England and Florida.

On November 13 a card party, St. Stephen's Church Hall, took place of the regular business meeting. There were table prizes, door prizes, other prizes, which, with the excellent refreshments, helped to create a happy and successful evening. In charge of the card party were Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, Mrs. K. Abell, Miss Mildred Corrie and Miss Helen Kewley.

To you and yours, "A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May the Season bring you joy, hours, happy memories, thoughts, old friends, and a contented heart."

Alan Fricke, President

Mrs. Henry Mylehreest, Corr. Sec.

13501 Maxton Ave.,

Cleveland 5, Ohio.



LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY—CLEVELAND

With the Christmas season close hand, the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society are planning their annual Christmas party a gift exchange, to take place on December 21.

In the true Christmas spirit, the officers and members of this Society extend to Manx friends everywhere, Season's Greetings and every good wish for the coming year.

Mrs. Fred T. Garry, President

Mrs. Roy Bensch, Sec'y.

1668 Lee Road

Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

SAN FRANCISCO

On September 29 the San Francisco Manx were guests of Mrs. Pat Knight for a basket lunch in her lovely patio in Berkeley. It was a delightful day, and quite a number were there to enjoy the good eats and beautiful surroundings. All were happy to greet Miss Hilda Kelly from Reno, Nevada; also Mr. and Mrs. James Kissack, formerly of Mentor, Ohio, now residing at 735 Coastland Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.

After a short business meeting, Miss Evelyn Corlett gave a most interesting talk on the Toronto Convention, which made everyone want to do his utmost to get to Vancouver next year.

A pot-luck supper was the feature of the October meeting, with Miss Evelyn Corlett, Miss Cecilia Morris and Mrs. Amy Satterlee as hostesses. Table decorations were in keeping with the Halloween spirit, and everyone did justice to the bountiful spread. After supper the members enjoyed colored movies of the Toronto and San Francisco Conventions, loaned by N.A.M.A. Past President Robert Gregg, Cummings Reid acted as M.C. in the absence of President Herb Corlett.

The San Francisco Manx extend Hearty Christmas Greetings to everyone, with the fervent hope that the coming year will be Joyful and Peaceful.

Mrs. James Cringle, Acting Sec'y
1537 - 20th Ave.,
San Francisco 22, Calif.



LOS ANGELES

The Annual Business Meeting and election of officers of the Los Angeles Manx Society was planned for November 30, and will be reported in the next Bulletin.

All members extend hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and the best of Health and Happiness for 1957.

Noreen Cottier, Sec'y.
619 N. Michigan Ave.,
Pasadena, Calif.



MANX LADIES' CLUB
VANCOUVER

Let us hope that the differences now existing between the Powers in the Middle East will be settled before Christmas, and may there be a lasting peace.

Mrs. T. L. Killip, Sec'y.
2373 Sussex Ave.,
So. Burnaby, B.C.

MONTREAL

Members of the Montreal Manx Society got together one fine day in September for a bus trip to Burlington, Vermont. Although beautifully sunny, the day was cold, so the group ate a picnic lunch beside a big bonfire on the beach, and then wasted no time in getting into the town to look at the shops.

The Secretary is glad to report that the Society has gained five new members recently, and hopes that anyone who hears of Manx people going to Montreal will put them in touch with her.

The Montreal Manx Society sends warmest Christmas greetings to Manx people everywhere.

Margaret M. Joughin, Sec'y.
1830 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 8,
Montreal, P.Q.



GREATER NEW YORK

The small but faithful group of New York Manx turned out on Sunday, November 18, to attend the Annual Service of the Patriotic Societies of New York in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. The Manx were one of 54 patriotic societies of the United States, Great Britain and a few European countries who participated in the beautiful service. The magnificent singing of the Cathedral choir and the ceremony of the "Massing of the Colors" were most impressive.

A Very Happy Christmas to everyone.

Florence M. Gill, Regional Director
39 St. Paul's Place
Brooklyn 26, N.Y.



TORONTO

A dance held at the Baron Byng Hall on November 9 was well attended, and needless to say, everyone had a good time.

The Toronto Manx extend best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

'Mid Christmas joy and songs of mirth
Our thoughts will cross the foam
To that far Island of our birth,
The Isle of Man, our Home.

Dorothy Caveen, Sec'y.
34 Eastwood Road,
Toronto 8, Ont.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The October meeting of this Society was held at the Grange Hall, Painesville. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crellin, Mr. and Mrs. Sereno Pomeroy and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pomeroy. The bountiful picnic supper was followed by business meeting and election of officers, as follows:

President.....Mrs. Maud McCarthy
Vice Pres.....Leo Crellin
Sec'y-Treas.....W. H. Collister

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harrison, who were leaving for Florida the following week, prematurely celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at this meeting—the actual date would have been November 10. They were serenaded by an orchestra playing old-time melodies, the performers being Luther Battles, dulcimer; Art Grootegood, bass violin; Mr. Peters, violin; Lucetta Ingersoll, piano. Irish songs by Mrs. Grootegood and readings by Mrs. Kenneth Quine, Lloyd Pomeroy, Hazel Gridley and Mrs. Carl Crellin completed a very good program.

The "Painesville Telegraph," celebrating its 100 years in the publishing field, has asked local industries, granges and societies to send in their histories, so the Northeastern Ohio Manx have submitted theirs.

The Northeastern Ohio Manx Society sends greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Manx folk the world over. May we have Peace and Prosperity in the months to come.

Mrs. Maud McCarthy, President
Leo Crellin, Vice President
W. H. Collister, Sec'y-Treasurer
45 Orchard Grove
Painesville, Ohio



WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

We of the World Manx Association, here in the dear Homeland, take great pleasure in sending Heartiest Good Wishes to our kinsfolk in the North American Manx Association. Once again we send the time-honored and most sincere greeting, "A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year."

At this sacred Season we remember our friends scattered throughout the world, and pray that the great message of Christmas—Peace on earth and Goodwill to all—may be instilled in our minds at this time.

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

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

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In an interview with the editor of the Isle of Man Examiner's women's column, Mrs. Richard Karran of Geneva, Ohio paid tribute to Manx children—their good behavior and healthy, bonny appearance. Mr. and Mrs. Karran had been staying for six months with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gawne of Peel, returning in October. It was Mrs. Karran and the late Mrs. George Smith of Painesville (both "Manx by marriage"), who were the moving spirits in starting the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society—now a flourishing organization with a reputation for magnificent suppers and interesting entertainment.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Mrs. Alice Crellin and Senator Glenn Cramer of Nebraska were married on October 15 and will live in Albion, Nebr. Mrs. Crellin is the widow of Ray Crellin, Ewing, Nebr., who published the "Nebraska Manx-man" for several years.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clarke, 1129 "F" St., Lincoln, Nebr., announce the birth of a son, Terry Rex, on November 12. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Clarke of Exeter, Nebr., and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Noller, Esbon, Kansas.

Born on September 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stowell (Evelyn Cowley), Douglas, Isle of Man, a daughter, Janet May. This is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cowley, Douglas (formerly of Cleveland).

The "Isle of Man Examiner" tells that when the "Cunard News," house organ of the Cunard Steam Ship Company, mentioned that Sir Joseph Qualtrough was a passenger on the Franconia recently, it added that he was Speaker of the oldest parliament in the world. Someone disputed the "oldest parliament" statement, there being an impression that the Icelandic parliament is older. The "Examiner" took the question to B.R.S. Megaw, Director of the Manx Museum, who gave the information that the Norsemen colonized the Isle of Man before they settled in Iceland, namely, about 850 A.D. The Icelandic parliament was founded in 930 A.D. It may reasonably be assumed, therefore, that the Manx Tynwald was in existence for a number of years before that of Iceland.

Sign in a supermarket window—"Three-Legged Chickens for Sale." Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly saw this when out riding, but didn't stop to inquire if the poultry were Manx. They assumed a free leg was being given away with each chicken.

Vancouver to Toronto

Just a Jaunt!

President Bill Lawson of the Vancouver Manx Society, with Mrs. Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain made the trip to Toronto Convention and back by car. Here is Mr. Lawson's timetable of the journey:

"We left Vancouver at 7:30 PM of the Friday night prior to the Convention, drove all night and all day Saturday until 6:00 PM by which time we had reached Bozeman, Montana. We left there at 6:00 AM Sunday and drove all day and night, arriving at Mackinaw Ferry at 11:00 PM, Monday night. Arrived in Toronto at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

"On the return trip we left Toronto on Sunday morning and arrived back in Vancouver the following Saturday at 2:30 P.M., having visited Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago, Yellowstone Park, Stevens Pass—and Home!—altogether, 6400 miles, and we touched or passed through the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming—15 in all—and the province of Ontario. A beautiful trip.

"Now of course we are all getting down to the serious business of next year's Convention—but more of that later.

Bill and Isabel Lawson

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain."

Captain Crowe From Peel

Visits West Coast Manx

When the Albert Woods of Vancouver learned from their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore of Peel, that Captain Stevens Crowe would be calling on them, they decided to hold open house and give many of the Vancouver Manx an opportunity to meet a Peel boy.

The day was Sunday, August 16, and the Manx came "from the Nors and the Sons and the Ais" and the West" to meet Captain Crowe. The afternoon was spent out of doors enjoying the abundance of pears and plums in the orchard, and taking pictures. A potluck supper was served, with Mrs. Mildred Christian pouring tea, and the other ladies serving. At the request of the landlubbers, Captain Crowe gave an informal talk, in which he told that his ship was a freighter, the "Geelong Star" of the Blue Star Line, carrying 12 passengers and a crew of 42. They had left Glasgow, Scotland in rain and fog, but ran into good weather; later they received hurricane warnings and had to detour 200 miles. They went through the Panama Canal and on to Los Angeles where the cargo was discharged. In San Francisco, the next

port of call, Captain Crowe was met and entertained by old friends, the James Cringles and the H. P. Callisters, and was able to tell them of meeting Essie Quayle, Secretary of the San Francisco Manx Society, in Sydney, Australia when his ship was in port there. Harry Callister and the Captain were old school chums, and as this was their first time together since 1935, there was much to talk about. From San Francisco the Captain had come on up the coast to Vancouver, and his ship was then loading lumber and zinc at New Westminster. He added that in his travels all over the world he had met many Manx men and women.

Before leaving, the group joined in the old hymns and songs, with Mrs. Mona Hornall Fulton at the piano. After "Ellan Vannin" and "Auld Lang Syne" the goodbyes and God speeds closed an enjoyable day.

Captain Crowe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crowe of Peel. His home is in Derby Road, and he and his wife, Marian, have two sons, the elder a senior in King Williams College.

Out-of-town guests at the Vancouver party were Mrs. R. Bohemier of Minto, B.C., Tom Corkan of Winnipeg and his brother Cecil of Douglas, Isle of Man, and Miss Joan Hornall who has just returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Katie Hornall of the Peel Castle Hotel.

"Kaighin" Through The Ages

The secretary of the Peoria Manx Ass'n, Mrs. Chas. W. Keighin, writes that she is "just Manx by marriage, but enjoying the association with other folks, Manx by birth and by adoption—and the stories of the Isle of Man are so very interesting." Mrs. Keighin reads whatever she can find about the Island. Her reading has been to good purpose, as she has been able to trace the evolution of her own name through the centuries, as follows: 1418—Mac Haughan; 1422—Mac Caighen; 1511—Mac Caghien; 1611—Kaighin; 1643—Gaighan; 1667—Kaighin; 1682-1703—Kaighin; 1708—Kaighing; 1745—Caighin; 1779-1823—Caghin; 1779—Keaghyn; 1826—Keaghin; present spelling, Keighin. The original Manx form was Mac Eacban—"son of Eacban"—meaning a horseman.

The Douglas horsecars, beloved by natives and visitors alike, this year celebrated their 80th anniversary. Although there have been attempts to supplant them with more modern transportation, the public did not look with favor on any changes. So the well-known "hoast-racks" continue to delight thousands of riders every year, and are a major attraction of Douglas Promenade.

The Isle of Man—

‘Lovely as Ever’

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, 2373 Sussex Ave., South Burnaby, B.C., had a wonderful time this year visiting the Isle of Man, England and Scotland. Mrs. Killip has sent us an account of the trip, which we are sure our readers will enjoy:

“We sailed on the Saxonia, leaving Montreal June 1, and returned on the Carinthia leaving Liverpool September 19. On arrival, we went to Eccles, Lancashire, before going to the Isle of Man, and foolishly crossed on a Saturday, when the crowd at the Liverpool landing stage was tremendous. We had to stand in a queue for four hours!

“We had a good reception from relatives and friends at Douglas pier, and stayed first at Eastfield, Douglas, afterwards visiting in Union Mills and later at Ballabeg Farm, Lonan. We found our nephews and nieces, who were small when we last saw them, now quite grown up, but they found we had changed very little. The tours arranged for Homecomers were well attended, and we joined some of them, revisiting places we had nearly forgotten.

“Going back to Liverpool, and to Preston, we spent a week end with an old friend and correspondent of fifty years. What old memories we revived! Glasgow and Edinburgh were next visited, then Birmingham, where we met some Vancouver friends. Then to Plymouth, where we spent an enjoyable week and saw some of the shops built since the last war; also saw some of the ruin of the war, which will be cleared to make way for further expansion. Plymouth Hoe, with its memories of Sir Francis Drake was very interesting. Then we went back to the Isle of Man for more visiting, tea-drinking and revival of old associations.

“One thing we missed—Laxey Glen Gardens, once so famous, are no longer used as pleasure grounds, but there is wrestling there once a week. There are no longer the conveyances which used to carry Sunday School parties there, and the electric tram station is quiet. But—the Island is as lovely as ever!

“On the Saturday evening before we left for Canada we spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cain at their beautiful home, ‘Eyreton,’ Douglas, where we met Mr. W. K. Caley from California and his daughter, as well as others. And, as a climax to our holiday, on our return trip we spent a short time in Winnipeg with my sister and her two daughters and their families, and met a number of old friends.”

News of the Manx Societies

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

The officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. are happy to extend Best Wishes for the Holiday Season to members and Manx friends everywhere.

At the time of writing, it is hard to realize that the Christmas Season will soon be here. However, when you read this, the snow will be snowing and the Christmas Spirit will have arrived. Kitchens will be filled with the aroma of puddings, cookies and cakes; and the odor of pine boughs will permeate our homes. Steps will be quickened with the Spirit of Christmas in our hearts. During this busy and active season, let us not forget what Christmas really means. Let us pause to think of those less fortunate and bring sunshine into spots where it is seldom seen. Remember, the true spirit of early Christmas was giving in appreciation.

We hope that the Peace and Good Will which we possess so abundantly will be shared by all over the world in the near future.

Mildred Corris, President
Alice Garrett, Sec'y-Treas.
976 Monroe Ave.,
Rochester 29, N.Y.

PEORIA

The Peoria Manx held their fall meeting at the Union Church in Brimfield, with about 30 members and friends present. After an excellent covered dish supper, the Rev. John H. Clarke of Cambridge, Ill. gave a most entertaining account of his experiences during his recent visit to the Isle of Man. Virgilus Chase showed his wonderful collection of stamps and gave a most interesting talk. A brief program followed, and the evening was voted a great success—the weather was ideal, the fall colors gorgeous, the meal bounteous and the fellowship delightful.

The Peoria Manx Association sends sincere good wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season to fellow-Manxmen and women everywhere.

Mrs. Chas. W. Keighin, Sec'y
355 Illinois St.
Morton, Ill.

GALVA

“May the joy and cheer of Christmas Thrill your heart anew today,
And the Giver of ‘life's good things’ Bless you in His own kind way.”

Mrs. James Kormeen, President
Mrs. Arthur R. Johnson, V. Pres.
Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Sec'y-Treas.
R.F.D. 2, Box 154,
Galva, Ill.

NEBRASKA

A meeting was held October 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Big-nell, 125 North 33rd St., Lincoln, with 24 present. The covered dish luncheon was followed by a business meeting, and Robert Humphrey showed pictures taken at the home of President James Robison. The members were happy to welcome two new families, both of Lincoln, whose grandparents came from the Isle of Man. They were—Mr. and Mrs. Philip Corkill and children, Mary Susan and Philip Allan; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Col-lister and sons, Paul and David.

The Nebraska Manx Association officers and members are happy to wish to Manx people and their loved ones everywhere—

“A Merry Christmas, Happy New Year,
Old in words, but new in cheer,
For happy wishes are like Friendship,
Meaning more from year to year.”

James Robison, President
Glenn L. Paben, Vice Pres.
Mrs. Thomas Kelley, Sec'y-Treas.
2325 “E” St.,
Lincoln 10, Nebr.

“Book of Remembrance”

During the 87 years since Grace Episcopal Church, Cleveland, was first organized, many gifts in the form of Memorials have been given, to preserve the memory of deceased relatives or friends; others to commemorate happy events in the lives of various families of the church, while other gifts and bequests express thankfulness of the donors for God's great goodness to them and their loved ones. So that these memorials could be suitably recorded, a “Book of Remembrance” was presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. W. Stanley Collister. The book is beautifully bound in red leather with gold lettering, and contains a great many pages. It will serve for recording past memorials, and those which may be given in the future.

The book itself has been given in memory of Mr. Collister's mother and Mrs. Collister's father. The church is very grateful for this memorial.

Stanley Collister is a son of W. H. Collister, Secretary of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society, and was a member of Grace Church while living in Cleveland.

A picture of Douglas Promenade appeared in the Travel section of the Cleveland Plain Dealer of Sunday, October 14, with the caption—“The largest town in the Isle of Man is Douglas. The graceful curve of the bay and the carpet of sand make it one of Britain's most popular resorts. It has many fine hotels. In the foreground is one of the famous horse trams.”

OBITUARIES

ALMRUD, Haakon, of Winnipeg, Man., passed away on July 29. He leaves his wife, Olive (nee Cregeen), and two little daughters, Judy and Jay. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. George Cregeen of East Kildonan, Winnipeg.

CALMES, Frances, of 340 N. Garland, Memphis, Tenn., died recently after a long illness. She was 70. She leaves two sons, Stanley G. Burleigh and Robert C. Burleigh; a sister, Miss Lillian F. Creer, and five grandchildren; all of Memphis. Her husband was the late Dr. Hamilton P. Calmes. Mrs. Calmes was the former Miss Fanny Creer of Onchan, Isle of Man, and came to Memphis in 1909.

MONIER, Lester S., 56, of Peoria, Ill., died on November 8 after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Leatha; two daughters, Eleanor and Virginia; a brother, Harold W. Monier of Wilmette, Ill., and his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Monier of Galva, Ill.

STOKES, Catherine Ann (Kinread), of 1260 - 15th Ave., San Francisco, died on November 2 after a long illness. She leaves her husband, Ivor J. Stokes; a son, Thomas Kinread; two sisters, Annie Rhodes and Martha Wade; and a brother in Scotland, Thomas Cubbon. Mrs. Stokes was Treasurer of the San Francisco Manx Society for many years.

TAGGART, James Henry, 69, died on June 2 at his home, 415 Walker St., Wenatchee, Wash., after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (nee Skillicorn); four daughters, Mrs. Sam Harrison and Mrs. N. G. Claxton of Wenatchee, Mrs. George Severson of Cashmere and Mrs. Martin Mansfield of Seattle; six grandchildren; a brother and four sisters in the Isle of Man. Mr. Taggart was born in Douglas and was employed in the Post Office there, also in Conibear's fruit store. He came to Vancouver, B.C. in 1911 with his wife and family, later moving to Wenatchee, Wash. where he worked for the State Highway Department from 1923 until his retirement this year.

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

"If I could do what'er I want to do
To make complete your gladsome
Christmas Day,

I would not bring a single thing to
you,

But I would come and take some
things away;

I'd take away all trouble from your
heart;

Each pain and sorrow I would have
relieved;

And every word that caused a single
smart,

And every hour through which you
sadly grieved;

I'd have them all begone — forever
gone—

Forgotten, like the things that can
not be;

And then each hour would be a joy-
ful one,

For only good things would be left,
you see.

Now, that is really what I'd like to
do—

If I could do the things I wish for
you."

Author unknown.

Contributed to the Christmas Bulletin
by Mrs. R. Cecil Kelly, Chicago.

"We'll Hunt The Wren"

It has been a pastime in the Isle of Man from time immemorial to "hunt the wren" on St. Stephen's Day, the day after Christmas.

This custom is founded on a tradition that in olden times a fairy of uncommon beauty exerted such influence over the male population, that she seduced numbers of them into following her, until by degrees she led them into the sea, where they perished.

This exercise of power continued for so long that it was feared the Island would eventually be robbed of its defenders. At last a knight errant appeared, who not only found a means of making himself proof against the charms of the siren, but laid a plot for her destruction. She only escaped at the last moment by taking the form of a wren.

Although for the time being she evaded her fate, a spell was cast upon her by which she was condemned, on every succeeding St. Stephen's Day, to reanimate the form of a wren, with a definite sentence that she must ultimately perish by a human hand.

So goes the legend and it is very possible, also, that this stoning of the wren on St. Stephen's Day has a connection with the Church festival com-

memorating the stoning of St. Stephen.

The wren when killed is suspended from a stick decorated with ribbons, flowers and evergreens, which is carried at the head of a procession going from house to house. At each door the group sings the traditional air "Hunt the Wren" and asks for contributions, giving a feather for luck. The wren's feathers are considered an effectual preservative against witchcraft and also against shipwreck. Some Manx fishermen even yet will not go to sea without a feather from the wren.

—Compiled by the late William H. Gorry for the 1935 Convention in Cleveland.

Impressions Of Christmas

In Douglas

Many Years Ago

A few nights before Christmas, turning over in your sleep you thought you heard voices. You would doze off again—this time to be awakened by a heavy tuneful voice calling:

"Good morning Mr. Coole; good morning Mrs. Coole, and all thy family; just struck two o'clock; fine frosty morning."

This call was repeated at every house; the houses of the prominent tradesmen were not missed for financial reasons.

On Christmas Eve the callers with a sealed cigar box would visit all those whose names they had been calling, and wish them a "Merry Christmas", holding out the box for a donation.

Christmas Day we went to Church and sang "Christians Awake" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". Coming out of Church we were greeted with such an appetizing smell that it made the "wather run urrev yer mouth". Women and children were hurrying home with Christmas Hot Pots which were given away to the needy.

Returning home, we had goose and plum pudding, after which we would take a walk around Braddan and Troad, returning home to spend the evening looking at pictures and books.

Written by the late Joseph Council for the 1925 Convention.

