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

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Be Sure To Come Along To Vancouver For The 29th Anniversary Convention

HOTEL GEORGIA . . . AUGUST 5-6-7-8

The North American Manx Association is pleased to announce that dates and a headquarters for the 1957 N.A.M.A. Convention now have been selected. The Georgia Hotel, where we have been allotted 50 rooms for double occupancy — with double bed and bath \$10.00 and up; twin beds and bath \$11.00 and up — will be our convention headquarters. The dates are August 5—6—7—8.

You will note that the 5th falls on a Monday, instead of the usual opening day of Tuesday. This change was made for the convenience of the Eastern delegates. By leaving their homes on Friday night, they can get to Vancouver before noon on Monday; and — here is where it helps most — those who have to be back East in time for work on Monday can leave Vancouver at noon on Friday and arrive in Chicago just after noon on Sunday. Holding the banquet and ball on Thursday, instead of Friday, makes this timing possible.

Of course, we are not overlooking the fact that many of the delegates will want to visit Banff and Lake Louise. However, knowing that some will want to do this en route to Vancouver and others during the home-ward trip, the new dates make it possible to do so and still either arrive at the convention on time, or arrive home in time for work on Monday morning.

Complete details regarding a special rail party from Chicago to Vancouver and return — with stopover privileges and changeover from American to Canadian railroads for the homeward trip — at a cost of about \$100.00, will be provided with the May Bulletin. Meanwhile, if you are interested, it would be helpful if you would drop a line to the Association Secretary, Claire M. Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland 2, Ohio.

Since Vancouver is one of the most beautiful places in North America and, therefore, an extremely popular vacation spot, we urge you to decide early to "take in" this 29th Anniversary Convention of the N.A.M.A. Talk to those who usually vacation with you and try to persuade them to come

along to Vancouver. Or — talk to some of your relatives or other Manx friends and get them interested in attending with you. Vancouver is a city everyone should see, and under what more enjoyable circumstances could this be done than by attending this N.A.M.A. convention there?

We are pleased to print below an article sent to us by Bill Lawson, President of the Vancouver Manx Society. It describes perfectly that lovely country out there in the Northwest and it is hoped that through its perusal, you will be influenced to attend the wonderful convention they are planning for August 5—8, 1957.

"Vancouver and its surrounding area, charted in about 1791 by Capt. George Vancouver, was a wild and untamed land but then, as now, a beautiful and awe-inspiring sight.

"Bounded by the waters of the Pacific Ocean on the West and the rugged grandeur of the Rocky Mountains to the East, it truly lives up to the name of 'The Garden City' as it now is called.

"It is the delight of sportsmen and city lovers alike. On the one hand, Vancouver boasts of luxurious hotels, night clubs, theatres and fine residential districts that fairly take one's breath away with their beauty; while, on the other hand, within less than an hour's drive one can enjoy clear rivers and lakes for fishing, salt water swimming, skiing, boating, and hunting. Giant timber grows so tall that it would seem the tops were in the clouds.

"With all this beauty of man and nature, there is a sound and rich economy, founded on an industrial empire, so varied and versatile in scope, that only a bright and prosperous future should be its fate.

"To this great and beautiful metropolis — 'The Evergreen Playground of the Pacific' — the members of the North American Manx Association are invited. May each and every one who comes — and we hope there will be many — have a pleasant journey and a visit which will strengthen the bonds of friendship."

AN INVITATION FROM VANCOUVER

On behalf of the Vancouver Manx Society, I am inviting you to come to the 1957 N.A.M.A. Convention in Vancouver.

We have long dreamed of acting as host to the N.A.M.A. and can assure you that no stone will be left unturned to make your visit with us one which long will be remembered.

Vancouver is, in our humble opinion, the beauty spot of Canada, and in August, things are at their peak. The flowers in the gardens and Stanley Park are at their best and, whilst we have good weather, it will not be too hot. The evenings are cool and the days just right for getting around—no need for ice packs to keep cool.

The scenery in and around Vancouver has to be seen to be appreciated. We are planning, among other things, a bus tour and a boat trip. This, in itself, would be the highlight of the whole activities, culminating in a visit to beautiful Bowen Island, where peace and tranquillity prevail, there being no automobiles on the Island to choke one with fumes.

We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver August 5-8 and will do all in our power to make your visit with us a happy one.

Conventions are not just a series of business sessions, but a means of meeting friends whom we have not seen for quite some time. As there is not going to be a convention next year, I urge you to make the effort to come to Beautiful British Columbia — Canada's Evergreen Playground — this year. I know you will enjoy yourself and we are all looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,
BILL LAWSON, President
Vancouver Manx Society

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The President's Message

As winter gives way to spring, we think of the coming summer and its pleasures. Think of the Rockies and the blue Pacific, and arrange your holidays so you can be with us in August at the N.A.M.A. Convention in Vancouver. I have never visited Vancouver, but am told that the scenery is superb, and I know that our friends there will give us a warm welcome. Those of us who went to San Francisco two years ago will remember the wonderful time we had—how the California Manx went over the top in a really big way. The same warm reception is in store for us at Vancouver. Let us all endeavor to go—let us try to make it the biggest Manx get-together ever held in North America.

Tell your Manx friends who are not members that they can get lots of Manx news through the Bulletin. We all value the friendships we make through the medium of this wonderful Association. Each of us should strive to get one new member for the N.A.M.A. this year.

The men who organized the N.A.M.A. were good Americans, but they never forgot the land of their birth. And the "I'll Island," in turn, wants to keep in touch with us. They encourage us to make trips Home, and the N.A.M.A. arranges Homecomings from time to time so that we can go as a party, and land in Douglas Bay.

I can't close without paying tribute to Tom Moore, who died suddenly in Toronto on January 25. He was a great Manxman and will be sadly missed. Tom and I had been inseparable friends for more than 25 years.

LET US ALL MAKE VANCOUVER OUR HOLIDAY CITY THIS YEAR. MAKE PLANS NOW! LET'S MAKE THIS CONVENTION THE BEST YET.

I'll be seeing you in Vancouver.

FRED J. CAVEEN, President

Vancouver Convention

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The Last Manxman

When John Mylroi of Laxey went out to Kimberley, South Africa in 1912, he was happy to discover about a dozen Manxmen and their families there. Through the years they visited each other often, and of course the conversation always turned to "Home." However, Time takes its toll as the years go by, and one and another of this little Manx group left for other parts of Africa, and some passed on, until in the last few years only three were left. There were two Mr. Cains, not related—Caesar Cain from Castletown and Tom Cain from Douglas—and John Mylroi. The three visited each other every week. Caesar Cain and John went to church regularly—Caesar loved the old hymns, and if the tunes were not the real old ones, and the preacher not of the old style, he would say to John—"Oul' Tom Gorry from Peel would knock spots off the whole lot of them." Then he would bang his stick on the ground and continue "C'mon boy, we'll see what they'll sing and preach next week."

Well, Caesar passed on more than a year ago, aged 77, and John says "Oh, how I miss him." His widow, who was from Port St. Mary, has gone to another city. Tom Cain, a printer, passed away a few months ago, aged 79. John Mylroi says he misses them terribly, and remarks "Now there is not a Manx person in Kimberley but myself. There is no one I can talk to about the 'I'll Islan.' But I have memories—and Oh! what beautiful memories," he adds.

John is married, has two children and three grandchildren. He retired from dentistry two years ago. This appealing little story of his is quoted to us by his sister, Mrs. Colin Black

(Elsie), of 15624 Hilliard Road, Lakewood 7, Ohio, to whom he writes regularly. May we add that John is a member of the N.A.M.A. and has been receiving the Bulletin regularly for ten years. We hope that this contact will be doubly interesting now to the last Manxman in Kimberley. His address, in case you would like to write him, is John G. Mylroi, 30 Synagogue St., Kimberley, South Africa.

Florida News

Regional Director Bill Morrison of 10,000 N.W. 25th Ave., Miami, Fla. is keen on keeping up his Manx activities. With Mrs. Morrison and son Hilton (on vacation from Charleroi, Pa.) he journeyed to Lake Worth in early January, for a visit with the Manx there. At the home of Bill Quine, 628 Ridge St., they had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Quine's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, also Mr. and Mrs. Percy Yetman. From there they went to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nelson's home to hear of their wonderful trip, when they were well entertained by old friends in the Isle of Man, and visited some of the European countries. The next call was on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moran, who were expecting Mrs. Moran's mother, Mrs. Lewin, to return soon from the north. They returned to Bill Quine's as arranged, to find Miss Dora Hampton of Lake Worth, and Sid Corkish from Buffalo awaiting them. So after a delightful lunch and reminiscences over old times, the evening finished, naturally, with Ellan Vannin and Ramsey Town. This was not quite the end, however—the Morrisons wound up by visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cowley, whom they found enjoying good health. So ended a wonderful day.

N. A. M. A. Ladies' Auxiliary

We are sure that all our past members are anxious that the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. should extend the usual financial help to our Vancouver friends, who are planning a fine Convention for our enjoyment. This can be done if every member will pay her dues now. Never put off till tomorrow what you should do today—and today is the time to pay dues. Put 50 cents into an envelope and mail it to Alice Garrett, Treasurer, 976 Monroe Ave., Rochester 20, N.Y. Your officers will greatly appreciate your support; our Vancouver friends will appreciate our help; and you won't have to try to remember the matter until that "tomorrow" arrives. Let's all support our Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A.

Miss Mildred Corris, President

Miss Alice Garrett, Sec'y.-Treas.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

VANCOUVER

A good crowd of parents, children and friends attended the Vancouver Manx children's party on December 8 in the Cambrian Hall, although it was a very stormy night. A short program, given by the children, was presided over by 13-year-old Mary Christian, granddaughter of Mrs. Mildred Christian. Art Jenkins as Santa Claus presented gifts to 80 children. A supper of sandwiches, cookies, ice cream, pop and candy canes on gaily decorated tables delighted the children, and while they played games afterwards, refreshments were served to their elders. The committee, headed by Mrs. Mildred Christian, extend hearty thanks to those who helped with donations—Mr. and Mrs. Josh Gorry, Hornby Island, B.C., who sent several sacks of apples to sell for the fund; Eden Costain, who gave a Manx rug to be drawn for; and the Manx Ladies' Club—a cash donation.

The Executive Board of the Vancouver Manx Society were entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Art Jenkins' home when they held their December meeting. After the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins served a full-course Christmas dinner. On the menu were "potted herrings" with the real Manx flavor. Mr. and Mrs. Art Belfie were guests at this party. Mr. and Mrs. Belfie, who live in New Westminster, invited the Executive Board to their home for the January meeting, where it was decided to hold a Valentine whist drive in February, any money left over after expenses, to go to the Convention fund. Although Mr. and Mrs. Belfie are newcomers, they are working with their sleeves rolled up for the success of the Convention.

There was nearly a record turnout for the New Year's Day Banquet. After dinner, an excellent program was given by Thelma Kneale, Noreen Christian, Norma Halsall, Bill Mudie, Frank Kewley and Mrs. Kilburn. The President, William Lawson, had the honor of conferring Life memberships in the Society on certain members who had earned such recognition by length of membership and services rendered to the Society. These were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain; Mrs. Frank Kewley; Mrs. William Gawne; Mr. and Mrs. John Clucas; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Connor; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Costain. A further present of a leather wallet was made to Ernie Costain in special recognition of his untiring efforts. It contained ten dollars, which Ernie handed back as a donation to the Convention fund. Prizes donated by Mrs. Watterson and Theo Kermode were drawn for, and realized more money for the fund. The evening was rounded out with dancing to the music of Frank Kewley and his band. Manx calendars from the Isle of Man Tourist Board were on sale at this party.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx had to cancel plans for a December meeting, but are making up for the disappointment by setting the date of March 30 for a spring get-together in the form of a dinner and program in the Austin Y.M.C.A. Any Manx people living in Illinois, or visiting in Chicago at that time will be heartily welcomed at this party, and should write Mrs. R. C. Kelly, Secretary, 7825 S. Oglesby Ave., Chicago 49, Ill. if they wish to attend. Here's how Mrs. Kelly feels about it:

"We're sort o' feelin' hopeful
Now that spring is comin' long,
And we'll sing to all creation
In a Halleluia song."

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

St. Stephen's Hall in Cleveland was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens, candles and other seasonable trimmings for the December 4 meeting of the Mona's Relief Society. An illuminated Tree formed a background for a fine Christmas program which included lovely contralto solos by Miss Beatrice Cheesbrough; a magician and a ventriloquist, and carol singing by the members under the direction of R. W. Skillicorn. Fred Gorry made a handsome Santa Claus, handing out candy and gifts in his usual genial manner. Those responsible for this fine party were Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, Mrs. L. K. Abell, and Miss Mildred Corris, chairman of entertainment. During the business meeting, the following officers were elected for 1957:

President, Alan Fricke
Vice President, Stephen H. Quinney
Financial Secretary, Wm. C. Kissack
Corres. and Rec. Secretary,
Mrs. Henry Mychreest
13501 Marston Ave.
Cleveland 5, Ohio
Treasurer, Miss Mildred Corris
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W. Harry Kelly, Thomas Keig
Trustees, R. R. Gell, Ben C. Greg-
gor, Henry Mylchreest
Historian, W. H. Collister
Reception, John R. Cain

At the January 8 meeting, the business session was followed by an interesting talk by Kenyon Snyder — "Hostel-Hopping over Europe," illustrated by beautiful colored slides, which were much enjoyed. Mr. Snyder hopes to visit the Isle of Man while on his honeymoon in May.

At the meeting held on February 5, business was followed by an address, "The Goose That Laid the Golden Egg," by Ben Murphy of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. The usual excellent refreshments completed the enjoyment of all these meetings.

TORONTO

The following officers were elected by the Toronto Manx at their meeting held at Jones Ave. Hall on November 22:

President, Stanley Bateman
Vice-President, Charles Doidge
Treasurer, Ken Doidge
Secretary, Dorothy Caveen
34 Eastwood Road
Toronto 8, Ont.

Ass't. Secretary, Phyllis Watterson
Entertainment Committee,
June Dunbar, Lorraine Doidge,
John Hudson, Robert Watterson

Arrangements are being made for the annual Picnic, and while the place has not been decided on, it probably will be Lakeside Park, Port Dalhousie. Dances are being planned for the months of March, May, September and November.

The Toronto Manx were saddened by the sudden death, on January 25, of a former President and true Manxman — Tom Moore — and will miss him very much.

GALVA

The Galva Manx enjoyed one of their famous pot-luck dinners on Sunday evening, December 2, followed by an excellent Christmas program. Vocalists were Mrs. A. R. Johnson, Mrs. Tony Lawson, Mrs. Ty Kelly and Mrs. Guy Murgage, all of Galva, assisted by the Rev. and Mrs. John Clarke of Cambridge, Ill., and Miss Diana Brumbaugh of Peoria. Tom Monier conducted a general information quiz. All present joined in singing Manx songs and Christmas carols. A similar party is planned for St. Patrick's Day.

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx had a very enjoyable Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McConnell. At this party they sold the Manx calendars they had ordered from the Isle of Man, and all were delighted with the lovely Manx views which brought back happy memories to the older members, and gave the young folk an idea of what the Island is like.

The January meeting was held at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skillicorn's home, to celebrate Mr. Skillicorn's 65th birthday, with everyone enjoying a wonderful evening. Mr. Skillicorn retired February 1 after completing 45 years' service with the Phelps Dodge Corp. He was guest of honor at a retirement dinner party at the Copper Queen Hotel.

Hosts for the February meeting were to be Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin, and a report will be given in the next Bulletin.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mrs. R. C. Kelly of Chicago participated in nine Christmas programs and services during the month of December. Manx people are well aware of Mrs. Kelly's gifts as a reader, and will not be surprised that she is in such demand. One service in which she took part included music by four combined choirs. The Kelly's son, Bob and his wife, Jean were among the choristers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robson of Galva, Ill. celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 30, when more than 150 friends and relatives called at their home to offer congratulations. Mrs. Robson is the former Emily Edith Shimmin of Kewanee, Ill., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shimmin.

After two years in the Army, Bill Keighin of Morton, Ill. is now at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo. He graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio in 1954. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Keighin—Mrs. Keighin being Secretary of the Peoria Manx Society.

The Rev. William M. Kelly a graduate of the University of Washington, was appointed Director of Westminster House, Presbyterian student center at the University, last November. The Rev. Mr. Kelly was born in Kirkland, Wash., and is the son of Captain Richard Kelly, a retired ship captain well known to many Manx people.

James Radcliffe, former editor of the Isle of Man Examiner and a son of the late Tom Radcliffe, left the Isle of Man in November with his wife and two children to reside permanently in Australia.

Sir Joseph Qualtrough, Speaker of the House of Keys, was guest speaker at the Speech Day program, Conway Secondary School, Birkenhead, where Miss Eva Kneen, B. A., is headmistress. Miss Kneen and her sister Lillian will be remembered by many who met them at the 1949 Convention in Cleveland.

George Lace, new Vice President of the Los Angeles Manx Society, visited the Isle of Man last summer and had many interesting things to tell about the trip on his return.

Mrs. Charles Sundlof of Dansville, N. Y. recently visited Rochester, and mentioned to friends there that she and her husband were looking forward to seeing all their Florida Manx friends when they go there in March.

A three-month holiday in the British Isles last summer was enjoyed by William E. Kinvig and his daughter Ruth, of R. R. No. 3, Rimbey, Alberta. They spent two out of the three months in the Isle of Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell of Montreal returned home last November from a stay in Florida, to be greeted with a notice that the apartment building where they lived was to be torn down to make way for a new boulevard. They are now living at 10667 D'Auteuil Ave., Ahuntsic, Montreal 12, P.Q.

Mrs. Emma Jenkinson of 1420 Cannel Ave., Grand Junction, Colo. and her daughter, Irene, had such a grand time at the San Francisco Convention in 1955 that last year they went to Toronto to repeat the experience. They enjoyed all the Convention events and made several new friends. As for old friends—Mrs. Jenkinson met Mrs. Archie Shimmin of Saginaw, Mich. with whom she went to school in the Isle of Man—"but that's a long time ago," she adds. Mrs. Jenkinson left the Island 63 years ago.

Our very capable Regional Director, Mrs. Thomas Kelley of 2325 "E" St., Lincoln 10, Nebr. is not only active in looking for new members for the N.A. M.A., but gives Manx information to church and club members who want to know more about the Isle of Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lindner and baby (Mrs. Lindner is a daughter of Arnold Corrin of Lowell, Ariz.) have moved to Alameda, Calif. where he will be stationed with the U. S. Navy.

"The Island is more beautiful each time one visits it—the Manx people make one so welcome—and you feel proud to belong to the Isle of Man!" comments Mrs. Harriett Cameron of 1522 Woodland Ave., N.W., Canton, Ohio. Mrs. Cameron spent five months in the Island last year with her sister at Port Grenauigh, Santon. She had a wonderful time and met many other "Homecomers" from the U.S.A.

The honesty and appreciation of a Manxman was typified in a recent experience of the Vancouver Manx Society. In the "Hungry Thirties," T. H. Craige of Dollarton, B. C. had been given a small sum of money to help him in a time of great need. Recently he attended a meeting of the Vancouver Manx and returned fourfold the amount given him.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kermode of 32 Main Road, Onchan, Isle of Man, returned home last November after six weeks in the United States, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Faragher, 1264 Arlington Road, Lakewood, Ohio, Mr. Kermode being Mrs. Faragher's cousin. The Kermodes made a flying visit to California to see relatives, and met quite a few Manx friends in the Los Angeles area. Mr. Kermode realized a boyhood ambition when he saw and marvelled at Niagara Falls, and the couple also enjoyed a visit to Greenfield Village at Dearborn, Mich. Being a baker and confectioner, Mr. Kermode had to get home to prepare the traditional Manx bunloaf for Christmas, so they sailed November 23 on the Queen Elizabeth. Before embarking, they wished to telephone to their daughter in Onchan and were talking to her in five minutes after placing the call. They enjoyed a wonderful vacation and expect to come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kelly enjoy wintering in Eustis, Fla., as they have been doing for the past few seasons. They return in the spring to their home at Dover, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bain, 5019 Halldale Ave., Los Angeles 62, are hoping to do a bit of traveling in the not far distant future, as Donald plans to retire from business before long. One of the first places they want to visit is Cleveland, that they may attend a Manx meeting and meet many friends.

Mrs. Joe Kirkham of Bolton, England (formerly May Skelly of Peel), flew to Palm Beach with her daughters to enjoy a nice vacation in the sunny South. Mrs. George (Margaret) Garrett and Miss Winifred Cashin of Lakewood, Ohio spent a few days in New York with Mrs. Kirkham before she flew back to England.

Mrs. Dorothy Quayle of San Francisco spent Christmas with her sister, Miss Iris Corkhill of San Diego, Calif., then went on to enjoy New Year's with her brother Ernest and family at Phoenix, Arizona.

Home for Christmas was a real thrill for Stanley Cannell, formerly of Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, who with his wife, Hilda, arrived in the Island in early December, to stay with his family in Kirk Michael. On the journey they were met at Balboa, Panama Canal, by Mrs. Jean Hendricks, formerly Jean Beattie from Andreas, whose father used to be on the Isle of Man boats. Stanley and Hilda found the Manx weather quite mild, and made no complaints about feeling cold. Stanley enjoyed seeing old friends again and having a good yarn, and at the time of writing was looking forward to the Sunday School teaparty and Christmas Tree. He had a message for Dick Corkill (Detroit), that "old Charlie Keggan is going strong and was asking for him." Stanley and Hilda intended going on to Scotland (Hilda's birthplace) about the end of January, then to England and Northern Ireland. They sail for New Zealand again on July 9 via the P. & O. Line.

Heading South in January were Charlie and Mona Malboeuf of Rawdon, Quebec. They like to get away from the intense cold of that region in winter, but in May, when the temperature at Daytona Beach, Florida hits the nineties, they are glad to get back to Canada, says Mona.

One night recently, when Mrs. Thomas Kelley of Lincoln, Nebr. was about to turn off the TV, she heard one of the characters in the movie she had been watching say the words "Isle of Man." "Needless to say, the TV stayed on," says Mrs. Kelley. She saw the heroine of the play in various places and situations in the Isle of Man, all very interesting. The movie was "The Adventurer," and if your Editor's memory is correct, it starred Deborah Kerr. As Mrs. Kelley says, the scenes taken in the Isle of Man were fine.

"It pays to belong to the N.A.M.A.," writes Mrs. Ida Annett, Salt Prairie, Alberta. "Since I joined I've had letters and cards from many Manx friends, or rather new acquaintances yet friends in spirit." Mrs. Annett goes on to describe interesting Manx Christmas cards and pictures she received—"they brought back fond memories of Ellan Vannin and her green hills by the sea." That's what our Manx Conventions and Manx Bulletins mean—opportunities to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Manx Proverbs

- Better to go to bed supperless than to get up in debt.
- Listen with each ear, then do judgment.
- It is not the cow which lows the most will milk the most.

MEET YOUR PRESIDENT . . .

By GERTRUDE CANNELL

A real, thoroughgoing Manx Canadian is our President, Fred Caveen. A true Manxman, his 45 years of life in Canada have identified him with his adopted country, and he is a fine example of what is good in the little land and the big one.

Fred was born at Tromode, Isle of Man. If you don't know where Tromode is—well, it was once a nice Sunday evening walk out of Douglas, and anyone from Douglas has pleasant memories of the flowing river, and the little waterfall, and the beautiful Port-e-Chee meadow—now built upon.

Fred (his middle name is James) is a son of James Caveen from Castletown, and Agnes Shimmin of Douglas, who was a sister of the Rev. Mr. Isaac Shimmin and Joseph Shimmin, ironmonger in Castle Street.



FRED J. CAVEEN
President, N.A.M.A.

Fred has two brothers—Tom in Garwick, and Arthur in Ramsey, Isle of Man; four sisters, Winnie (Mrs. G. H. Meredith), Ottawa; Mabel (Mrs. J. Cope), Montreal; Dorothy (Mrs. T. H. Calderbank) and Ada (Mrs. H. Quayle), both of Douglas.

He went to school at Ballagawne and at Onchan; later to the Higher Grade (now the Douglas High School). He worked as a compositor at the Ramsey Courier and the Times, and in 1912 came to Canada. He has always lived in Toronto except for two years in Montreal and one year at the Soo, Michigan. Also, he saw 3½ years service in World War I in France and Belgium, and has visited Germany, Italy and Holland.

In June, 1921 Fred was married in Toronto to Dorothy Isabel Moore, whom we all know as "Dolly" and whose smiling face we are always happy to see. They have five children—Gordon, Frank, Donald, Dorothy and Barbara (Mrs. R. Easthope) — and ten grandchildren. Their daughter Dorothy is secretary of the Toronto Manx Society.

For 36 years of his life in Canada, Fred has been in the Civil Service (Railway Mail Service) and in that capacity has travelled about 2,500,000 miles during his term of duty. His run for his last 20 years of service was between Toronto and Fort William, a distance of 811 miles each way.

Fred is intensely loyal to the Manx people and their activities. He attended the first meeting of the Toronto Manx, when the Society was born in 1912. He has been President of the group, and has given unstinted time and effort to its well-being. Many Manx meetings have been held at the Caveen home at 34 Eastwood Road, sometimes unexpectedly, as one Sunday morning when Fred and Dolly got up to find 16 Manx people in their kitchen—just dropped in to put a sight on them!

Fred has revisited the Isle of Man three times. His favorite part of the Island is the south, around Cregneish. That is where Manx scenery is not only beautiful, but awe-inspiring, and those magnificent cliffs and headlands crowned with gorse and heather are hard to match anywhere.

Fred is proud of his adopted country; he feels that Canada and the city of Toronto in particular have been good to him, and he shows his appreciation in a very fine way. During the past several years there has been a steady stream of young Manx people coming to settle in Toronto, and Fred personally has helped about sixty of them to get established. After finding lodgings for them, he has gone to personnel or employment managers in different firms in an effort to start them at work. In only one case has he failed, and that was two years ago when there was a slight depression. Fred says he will continue to help Manx people coming to Canada and, incidentally, expects several this spring. This is truly unselfish work and speaks volumes for Fred's loyalty to his fellow-Manxmen. In his hours of relaxation he likes, above all else, fishing— is also fond of gardening and of television. But it is our opinion that the Manx are his best-loved hobby.

Fred is looking forward to seeing a good representation at Vancouver in August. Let's all do our best to cooperate with a fine Manxman and equally fine Canadian.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

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SAN FRANCISCO

At the November meeting of the San Francisco Manx held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Cringle, the order of business was election of officers for 1957. The following were elected:

President, Herbert S. Corlett
Secretary, Miss Cecilia Morris
Treasurer, Tom Lewin

After supper, the members enjoyed a good sing-song and cooish, which brought a happy evening to a close.

As usual, the Christmas Party was a great success. The hall was filled to capacity and beautifully decorated with greens and holly. The tables looked "real Manx" with brass candlesticks kindly loaned by Sally (Clague) Arends. The glow from the red candles added to the charm. President Corlett included the out-of-town guests in his speech of welcome—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rodger from Long Beach. On the program of entertainment were Shirley Daniels, Mrs. Annie Rhodes and "Cummy" Reid, with Margaret Leckey and Jack Vincent at the piano. Cummy Reid was in charge of the program. Then Santa Claus appeared in the person of Jack Vincent, and presented each member with a gift from the Tree. After a good supper, all joined in carol singing. As a Christmas project, the Society was happy to turn over to the British Benevolent Society a wonderful supply of canned goods for the needy.

Hosts for the January meeting were President and Mrs. Herb Corlett. The group discussed various ways of giving financial help for the Vancouver Convention, and it was decided to hold card parties in members' homes during the coming months, the first to be on February 9 at President and Mrs. Corlett's home with Miss Evelyn Corlett as co-hostess. After an excellent supper all enjoyed a sing-song, with Herb Corlett at the piano.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx elected the following officers at a meeting held on November 30:

President, W. K. Caley
Vice President, George Lacey
Secretary, Mrs. Robert Gregg
2345 Roanoke Road
San Marino, Calif.
Treasurer, Joe Rodger

Plans were made for a Valentine Tea and Concert to be held in the Odd Fellows Hall, Los Angeles, on Saturday, February 23. As reservations for the party started coming in during January, it promised well for a successful affair.

NEBRASKA

When the Nebraska Manx met last October, they decided against trying to have a Christmas meeting as their widely scattered members have far to travel and weather is usually unfavorable. A meeting was planned for some time in March at the home of the President, James C. Robison of Elk Creek, and will be reported later.

NORTHEAST OHIO

The Manx of Northeast Ohio had their Christmas party on December 16 at Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Quine's home, 52 Chatfield Drive, Painesville. About 47 members, from Concord, Leroy, Geneva, Cleveland and Painesville sat down to the excellent supper. At the short business meeting, called to order by the President, Mrs. Maud McCarthy, it was voted to give five dollars to the Lake County Chapter of the Polio and Infantile Paralysis Foundation, and another five dollars to the Lake County Tuberculosis and Health Ass'n. A present was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harrison on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary. Letters from former members were read—Mr. and Mrs. James Kissack, Palo Alto, Calif., Mrs. Stafford, Chardon, Ohio and Mrs. Emma Cowle Smith of Eustis, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crellin took charge of the gift exchange, and Edna Quine was in charge of the program. Those taking part were Carolyn Quine, Nancy and Becky Ingley and their father, and Mrs. Hefelfinger who played Christmas music on the organ. Nancy Jacobs led the community singing. Everyone enjoyed the evening immensely.

The Secretary, William H. Collister, had ordered Manx calendars from the Tourist Board, and is proud to say that there are 38 of them hanging in members' homes.

On January 19 the Painesville Telegraph published a special edition of 388 pages, covering the progress of the last 100 years. As all local industries and groups had been asked to participate, the Manx contributed an excellent history of their settlement in the Western Reserve in the days of the Erie Canal and the ox-carts, on to the formation of the Northeast Ohio Manx Society 100 years later, with a description of the Society's activities. This was written by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Killey and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Collister. It makes a very interesting item in this centenary edition of the Painesville Telegraph.

The Chicago Tribune's Travel section, Sunday, January 13, gave Manxland a fine boost in an article entitled "Isle of Man, Full of Legend and History." Mrs. R. C. Kelly sent us the clipping. The Island's chief attractions are described, and a picture of the horse tram on Douglas Prom is captioned—"Man! This Is Really It!"

MANX WEDDINS

Married December 19 at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Whalley, B.C., Mrs. Catharine Kinrade, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man, to Mr. Paul Lemay of Vancouver, B.C. Bridesmaids were her granddaughters, Anne and Vivien Lawson. The bride was given away by her daughter, Mrs. William Lawson. Mr. William Lawson was best man. The couple's future home will be at Capilano, North Vancouver. On January 17, Mrs. Archie Fulton entertained the Vancouver Manx at a party honoring Mrs. Lemay, who was presented with a set of dishes by the group.

Mona Cannan and Percy Kelly of Rochester, N.Y. were married at Thousand Islands last July. They are at home to all their friends in a beautiful new house at 21 Cobb Terrace in Rochester.

Diane La Prade (granddaughter of Col. and Mrs. R. G. Rogers of Arlington, Va., and grandniece of the Corrin family of Arizona) was married recently to Richard Clark of Midland, Texas.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

Born on December 5, a daughter, Claire Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bateman, 15 Deanvar Ave., Scarborough, Ont. Stanley is President of the Toronto Manx Society.

A daughter, Anne-Marie, was born on December 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caveen, Toronto. Grandparents are N.A.M.A. President Fred Caveen and Mrs. Caveen.

A daughter, Debra Anne, was born on January 9 to Mr. and Mrs. William Moore of Toronto. Bill is the son of the late Tom Moore and Mrs. Moore.

Born on October 27, a daughter, Corinne Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso of Winnipeg, Man. Mrs. Kelso is the former Phillis Corrin of Douglas, Isle of Man.

Born on January 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Killey of Hiram, Ohio, a daughter, Vanessa Eileen. Arthur is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Killey of Cleveland, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man.

Born on February 15, a son, Paul Morton, to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Skillicorn, 15 Laurelcrest Ave., Downsview, Toronto, Ont. Bill is a nephew of N.A.M.A. Financial Secretary R. W. Skillicorn of Cleveland.

A son, David Joseph, was born on December 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keig of Northfield Ave., East Cleveland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keig, 871 East 143rd St., Cleveland.

A son, Edward Rankin, was born on February 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Keig, Columbus, Ohio. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keig, Cleveland, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

THOMAS HENRY MOORE

Thomas Henry Moore, Past President of the N.A.M.A. (August 1950 to August 1952) died suddenly in Toronto on January 25 in his 49th year. His home was at 20 Mendip Crescent, Scarboro, Ont. He leaves his wife, Violet; two daughters, Betty (Mrs. Ben Prisley) and Cathy; a son William, and grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Madge Howe and Mrs. Mona Clague, and a brother, Douglas. "Tom," as he was known to the Manx on both sides of the Atlantic, was born in Douglas and came to Canada with his family when he was twelve.



TOM MOORE
Past President, N.A.M.A.

In due time he joined the staff of the Canadian General Insurance Company and was with them about 30 years. His sports were bowling and curling, and he was an officer of the Royal Canadian Curling Club in Toronto. He led the 1952 Homecoming Party. He became closely associated with the Toronto Manx Society and was its President for many years. He was General Chairman of the 1947 Toronto Convention, where he was elected First Vice President of the N.A.M.A.; was elected President at the Windsor Convention and served two terms. He was General Chairman of the 1956 Toronto Convention. A tireless worker with unflinching interest in Manx people, Tom will be sorely missed, but he will be affectionately remembered for years to come as an outstanding Manxman and keen lover of the Island. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family.

BELL, William F., aged 79, died at his home, 337 Third St., Elyria, Ohio after a long illness. Surviving are his wife, Lois, a descendant of Manx pioneers who came to Elyria 100 years ago; two daughters, Miss Dorothy Bell, president of Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Mass. and Mrs. Carroll K. Shaw of Mexico City; a son, Richard, professor of Aeronautics at U. S. Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterey, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Billings and Mrs. Mary Fishburn, both of Elyria; and seven grandchildren.

BOYD, William Charles, died in Cleveland on February 5 at the age of 92. Surviving are nephews James B. Cubbon and Otto Eastwood of Cleveland, and a niece in Liverpool, England. His wife was the late Annie Jane (nee Teare). Mr. Boyd was born at The Vaish, Cronk-y-Voddy, near Peel, and about 1890 came to Cleveland, where he became a building contractor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were active and interested members of the Mona's Relief Society for a great many years. Mr. Boyd was a Past President of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society.

CREBBIN, Lillian, of 10105 Baltic Road, Cleveland, died on December 21. Surviving are three brothers, George A. Crebbin of Flint, Mich., Ernest J. of Cleveland Heights and Frank H. of Los Angeles; also a sister, Eleanor, with whom she lived, and who is well known among the Manx as a pianist and organist.

CRYE, Catherine Elizabeth, passed away on January 2 in Pasadena, Calif. Miss Crye was born in the Isle of Man.

JOUGHIN, Edward Alfred, 61, of White Rock, B.C., died on November 10 at the home of his daughter in Spokane, Wash. He was manager of the Maxine Apartment Hotel in Vancouver for some years, retiring last October 1. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Bette Dunn and two grandchildren in Spokane; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Broadbent in Oshawa, Ont.; a sister and two brothers, Catherine, Fred and Victor, in England. His second wife died last October 14. Mr. Joughin was the third son of the late Victor Joughin of Ramsay, Isle of Man; fought 3½ years in World War I, and served 5 years in the Army in World War II. He was a member of the Vancouver Manx Society.

DeMAY, Blanche (nee Cooil), of Galva, Ill., 65, died on December 16 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maurice Berg. Her husband, Evo, and two grandchildren also survive. Born in the Isle of Man, Mrs. DeMay had lived in the Galva district for many years.

GELL, Martha Ellen, of 545 East 22nd Ave., Vancouver, B.C., died on January 26. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Bob Bohemier (Mona), Minto, B.C.; three sons, Douglas of Kamloops, B.C., Norman and Dr. Gordon Gell of Vancouver; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Christian, Vancouver; a brother, George Cregeen of Winnipeg; three sisters and a brother in the Isle of Man; five grand children, nephews and nieces. Mrs. Gell, the former Nellie Cregeen of Glen Rushen, came to Vancouver in 1911 to be the bride of the late Caesar Gell, who came in 1908. Both were devoted members of the Vancouver Manx Society.

KELLY, Forrest E., of Galva, Ill., died on January 8 at the age of 80. His wife, the former Bertha Stowell, died in December 1955. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Neil Johnson (Loris), of Galva; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Kelly was a lifelong resident of the Galva area.

KISSACK, Adelina A., of Cleveland, died on January 29. She leaves two nephews, Arthur Killely and Raymond C. Kissack; four nieces, Mrs. Grace Oldroyd, Mrs. Fred Ferdinandsen, Mrs. Ruth K. Sandy, and Mrs. Eleanor Wressnig. Her brother was the late Arthur Kissack of Cleveland. Miss Kissack was actively interested at one time in the Ladies' Auxiliary to Mona's Relief Society.

LEWTHWAITE, Samuel, aged 90, died in Vancouver, B.C. on December 15. He leaves a niece, Mrs. V. H. Leyland, Westview, B.C., and two nieces and a nephew in Douglas, Isle of Man. Mr. Lewthwaite was born at Baldwin Vale, near Douglas, the fourth son of Edward and Catherine Lewthwaite of the one-time Paper Mill at Baldwin. He came to Canada 50 years ago and lived in Wainwright and Edmonton, Alberta before moving to Vancouver. He was a loyal member of the Vancouver Manx Society and has attended some of our Conventions.

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KISSACK, William Cottier, of 23500 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland, died on February 17, aged 78. He leaves his wife, Carrie (nee Radcliffe), three daughters, Mrs. Rudolph Christman (Helen) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Miss Ethel Kissack, and Mrs. Marion Hockaday of New York City; a son, Wade R. Kissack of Columbia, S.C., and one grandchild. Mr. Kissack was born in old Newburgh, an early Cleveland settlement, a son of James and Jane Cottier Kissack, and with his parents moved to the present family address 63 years ago. With his wife, he was active among the Cleveland Manx, and at the time of his death was financial secretary of the Mona's Relief Society, an office he had held for several years. He was well-loved, and will be greatly missed.

QUINE, Thomas, of Schumacher, Ont. died on October 20, aged 68. He leaves his widow, Louise; two sons, Arthur, in the army, and Robert of Bancroft, Ont.; four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Hastie of Kirkland Lake, Ont., and another sister in the Isle of Man. A cousin is William Morrison of Miami, Fla. Mr. Quine came from Ballamodha, Isle of Man to Cobalt, Ont. about 1912, later moving to Schumacher. His wife is now living in Bancroft, Ont. with their son, Robert.

ROBINSON, Mona C. Hunt, daughter of the late Rev. William Hunt of Peel, Isle of Man and Mrs. Harriett Hemmings Hunt, founder of the original Manx Society of San Francisco, died recently in London. Surviving is a daughter, Greeba Merula Robinson of Sarisbury Green, near Southampton, England; also a sister, Mrs. Viola Rankin of Berkeley, Calif. Mrs. Robinson was responsible for the musical education of "Sammy" Orry Corjeag Robinson, who graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in London with the much-coveted Gold Medal and other distinctions. As a small boy he had studied under the late Harry Wood of Douglas.

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

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Tom Moore and family extend thanks to their Manx friends for the beautiful cards and telegrams expressing sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. These kindnesses afforded deep consolation at a time of great shock and sorrow.

The First Derby Races

The twenty-eighth of July, 1628, saw the **FIRST DERBY RACE** run at Langness, near Castletown in the Isle of Man.

Turf history was made when James, the "GREAT DERBY," seventh Earl of the line, sponsored horse racing in order to encourage the breeding of finer horses in the Island.

The races were held each year on July 28, the Earl's birthday, the prize being a plate valued at five pounds.

Thus the greatest event in the racing world—the classic of Epsom Downs—the **ENGLISH DERBY**—had its origin in the Isle of Man, and Manx bred horses were the first racers.

OHIO COTTAGE

"Ohio Cottage" is situated in the heart of Kirk Andreas in the Isle of Man, about half a mile south of the village. It stands almost at the east entrance to Ballavarrey farm. It is a two-storey cottage, thatch roofed, with whitewashed walls, and lovely garden front and back. It was built probably in the late 1700's, and was the home of the Radcliffes.

I well remember in my early school-days at Andreas going in to see old Mrs. Radcliffe. It was she who told me how the place came to be called "Ohio Cottage."

Many of the early pioneers in America were from the vicinity of Andreas, and a number of them settled in Ohio, namely, Kelly, Harrison, Wade, Teare, Corlett, Radcliffe, Kneen, Farragher, Kneale, and others. In those early days it took months for a letter from America to reach the Isle of Man, as the stagecoaches and sailing ships were very slow of travel. Sometimes there were long periods between letters, as the mail was frequently held up and looted by outlaws. A present day phrase would be "high-packed."

Another drawback in the early pioneer days was the lack of education. Some, though having the finest intellect, could neither read nor write. A good number spoke more Manx than English.

Those early Manx pioneers to America would travel twenty miles or more to the homestead of one of the better educated, who would write a letter while each family would dictate a portion of it. Then all would share a few cents towards the postage, which was high in those days.

The letter would then be mailed to Radcliffe's at Ballavarrey in Kirk Andreas, where relatives and neighbors would meet to hear it read.

Someone suggested that the place be named "Ohio Cottage," and that name has followed down through the years. To this day that little corner,

although small, is known as "Ohio," Kirk Andreas.

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The frequency of the name "Corlett" in Cleveland is often commented upon.

When visiting the Isle of Man with the Homecoming Party in 1927, I went to see an old gentleman by the name of John Caine, an old friend and neighbour and a stout Methodist. We talked about the Manx in and around Cleveland and I told him there were a good many Corletts there. He said he remembered hearing his mother tell, when he was only a small boy, of the number of people leaving for foreign shores in the early 1800's, and that **eleven families** of Corletts left on the same boat, all of whom lived within a square mile, and not any of them related to another.

Written by W. H. Collister, Painesville, Ohio, for the Museum Committee of the 1935 N.A.M.A. Convention in Cleveland.

Mrs. R. C. Kelly of Chicago sends the following, which she says always goes over big as a reading:

SPRING— by "Longfeller"

"Wal, I'll be jiggered, if that aint
A crocus, all kersplashed with paint
A-pokin' up her sassy mouth
To tempt the breezes from the South.
Such spunk deserves a poet's praise
In high-falutin' rhymin' phrase.
Guess I'll jest stir the leaves about
To help the little flapper out.
There's still some blotches lyin'
round
Of snow upon the cozy ground,
And early mornin's I can see
A frosty lace on bush and tree.
But here you are in costume gay,
Proclaimin' spring has come to stay.
I wish that I had half your pluck—
I'd change my undies—just for luck."
And another one, by Melita Irwin—
"As yellow daffodils appear
In florists' shops, this time of year,
The garden urge within me stirs,
Though I stand muffled in my furs."

The Annual Report of the Manx Museum in Douglas, submitted by B. R. S. Megaw, Director, makes interesting reading. It creates a desire to browse among this remarkably interesting collection of books, pictures and antique objects, from the "Calf of Man Crucifixion," an eighth-century stone carving acquired last year, to an eighteenth century embroidered silk panel for a fire screen. The branch museums at Cregneash and Castletown are also reviewed.

