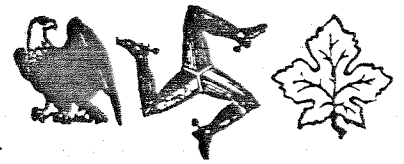


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"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"

July, 1957

Vancouver Is Waiting Just For YOU! AUGUST 5-8

Vancouver is happy, and honoured at having the opportunity of being host to the 29th Anniversary Convention of the North American Manx Association, and everyone here is looking forward to meeting YOU in Vancouver.

We are not going to be so smug as to say this will be the Best Convention ever, but what we do say, and say sincerely, is that this Convention will maintain the high standards of the many past Conventions. Our program has been planned with the idea of making your visit enjoyable and interesting, and at the same time relaxing. We do not want to tire you out, but at the same time we do want to show you as much as we can.

To those of you who have not visited Vancouver before, you do not know what you are missing. I could fill all this Bulletin and the next, if the powers that be would let me, but they won't, in telling you of the wonders to be found, not only in Vancouver, but in the whole of British Columbia. It is God's Country, without a doubt, surpassed only in beauty by Ellan Vannin with its green hills by the sea. Our Green Hills sweep down to the sea also, but they are not the kind found back there.

A study of the reports of the various Committees will reveal that a full program is lined up for you, but there still will be plenty of time for your little Cooishes. Anyway, why just read about it? Get that reservation in, the bag packed, and be off to Vancouver full speed ahead. We are all looking for YOU, SO DON'T DELAY. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AND GET OUT HERE, BUT FAST.

Bill Lawson
General Chairman

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee has made all arrangements for your trips in and around Vancouver and feels sure you will enjoy every minute of the time. So be sure to pack up and come to this beautiful city. We are looking forward to seeing and welcoming you at the convention.

Sam Cain, Chairman
Transportation Committee

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Have YOU put in your reservation yet? There is still time but you must do it NOW; don't wait another day; tomorrow may be too late, and we would hate to have you disappointed. Vancouver is a tourist city and hotel accommodations are hard to get in the height of the Season—rather like Douglas in that respect. So hurry along, before it's too late.

(Clip convenient form on page two.)

Isabel Lawson, Chairman
Hotel Reservations
13560 Bently Road
No. Surrey, B. C.

ENTERTAINMENT

I am pleased to outline the convention entertainment program for you. It will start on Monday night with Vancouver Night. This will consist of a showing of the film "Isle of Bays," and a colorful program by that distinguished artist and Manxman, Walter Stevenson of Chicago, whose theme will be really Manx. The evening will be rounded out with the usual singing, and permission has been obtained to "raise the roof."

For Tuesday, we have arranged a bus tour of the city and surrounding area. This will be a conducted tour by qualified guides.

On Wednesday, we shall have our boat trip. This will be a five to six-hour sail through the inlet and sound—a paradise for color photographers. So, don't forget your camera. This will be rounded off with dinner.

Thursday evening will bring the official convention activities to a close with a banquet and ball in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Norman will entertain by singing, and during the intermission at the ball, we have arranged for a demonstration of Square Dancing by the Championship Team.

On Friday, there is to be a picnic in Stanley Park for all those who will be staying over, and we hope that will be just about all of you. So don't disappoint us, will you? Come along and join in the fun.

Chris O'Callaghan, Chairman
Entertainment Committee

REGISTRATION

We are doing our utmost to see that the first convention in Vancouver is one to be remembered by all. This committee plans to make registration a pleasure by having a well-staffed desk. It is suggested that you take advantage of the Full Registration and enjoy all the wonderful events planned for you.

J. C. O'Callaghan, Chairman
Registration Committee

REFRESHMENTS

The committee in charge of the catering reports that plans are well in hand. We are confident that you will leave Vancouver well satisfied that the "inner man" was uppermost in the convention program.

Alice Killey, Chairman
Refreshment Committee

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Did you send me your money for the Book of tickets I sent you last month? You DIDN'T. Will you do it now, before you go on reading your Bulletin? NOW, not later. Thank you. If you would like to have more Tickets you can obtain them from our General Secretary, Miss Claire M. Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland, or you can buy them at the desk when you get to the Convention.

Ann Crossan, Chairman
Prize Distribution

RECEPTION

It is a pleasure to write these few lines to assure you that we of the Reception Committee will be on hand at all times to greet you, to help you with your registrations, introductions, and to see that you enjoy yourselves.

All the other Committees have planned a good program for you, and it only remains for us to see that you have fun. So come along! We will be at the Station, and the Georgia, to meet you, and see that you are settled as quickly as possible.

Les McDonnell, Chairman
Reception Committee

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The President's Message

Our good friends in Vancouver are working hard to make our 29th Anniversary Convention the best yet, and I hope that everyone who possibly can will be there. Vancouver people are proud of their beautiful city, and the Manx are looking forward to our visit. They want to renew old acquaintance and to show us the magnificent scenery amid which they live. A good Convention program has been arranged, and while en route to and from British Columbia you will see the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains and enjoy the splendor of the Far West.

We all value the friends we make through the N.A.M.A., so let's work for our Association by bringing in new members. We want to keep this organization alive and growing.

I have met many fine people from the Isle of Man who have come to Toronto in the last two months. Everyone up to now has landed a job. Let us all do what we can to help newcomers in our midst, wherever we may be.

In this last Bulletin before the Convention I extend sincere thanks to the officers and members for their support. I wish to mention by name the working officers, Miss Claire Mylecraine, Secretary; R. W. Skillicorn, Financial Secretary-Treasurer; and Miss Gertrude Cannell, Bulletin Editor. You will join me in thanking these people for a job well done.

I look forward to seeing YOU in Vancouver.

FRED J. CAVEEN,
President

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Dear Mrs. Lawson:

Please see that the following room reservation is made for the N.A. M.A. Convention at the Hotel Georgia, August 5-8, 1957.

Name

Address

City and State (or Province)

Arrival Date

Arrival Time

Via Departure Date

Check type of accommodations preferred:

Room with double bed and bath—\$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00 and \$15.00.
(The \$15.00 rooms are large bed-sitting rooms.)

Rooms with twin beds — \$11.50, \$13.50 and \$15.00.

Note: Rooms will be held until 6:00 p.m. on date of arrival. Anyone who expects to arrive after that hour should forward \$10.00 deposit.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

29th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

VANCOUVER, B. C.

AUGUST 5-8, 1957

MONDAY—Reception and Registration Committees will be on hand all day to receive guests.

MONDAY EVENING—Vancouver Night. Informal get-together and entertainment at Hotel Georgia.

TUESDAY A. M.—Official opening of Convention — addresses of welcome, business session.

TUESDAY P. M.—Luncheon, Hotel Georgia. Ladies' Auxiliary meeting in afternoon. Bus tour of Vancouver and surrounding area in evening.

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

WEDNESDAY P. M.—Boat trip to Bowen Island at 3:00 p.m. Dinner on Island.

THURSDAY A. M.—Business session and election of officers.

THURSDAY EVENING—Banquet and Ball at Hotel Georgia.

REGISTRATION FEE — \$15.00

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

We, of your Souvenir Program Committee, take this opportunity of thanking one and all for the support given by taking advertising space and sending in patrons' listings for the book. Now that we have your names and addresses, we are looking forward to seeing you in person. It was only through your support that the program book was possible.

So, until we all meet at the convention, and to those of you who will be with us only in spirit, we say—Good Luck and Thanks a million!

Arthur Belfie

Arthur Halsall, co-Chairmen

Souvenir Program Book Committee

About The Auckland Manx Society

Mrs. Ledger, a visitor to these shores from New Zealand, arrived by plane in Vancouver on April 29 as mentioned in the May Bulletin. She was met and entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell, and next day was taken on a sightseeing tour by President and Mrs. Bill Lawson of the Vancouver Manx Society. Afterwards, 14 of the Vancouver Manx gathered at the Albert T. Wood home to meet Mrs. Ledger, and all spent a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Ledger brought a message from T. C. Southward, President of the Auckland Manx, from which we quote the following brief description of their Society:

"The Auckland Society was founded in April, 1939, by Mrs. George Gatfield, who hails from Ramsey. Its members live throughout the Auckland Province, which comprises an area of approximately 200 miles by 30 miles. About half of the members reside in Auckland City and the remainder in the Province. At present the financial members number 85, but there are quite a large number in this area who have not associated themselves with the Society.

"There has been a large influx of immigrants from the Isle of Man, but few, so far, have seemed to want to associate themselves with us. We hold about six social meetings during the year — from March to November — and have an annual rally at Hamilton which is more central for all members. Robert Gatfield, from Castletown, was President of the Society from its inception until 1955.

"We meet all Manx persons coming out to reside in Auckland, or who are passing through on holiday, when we have prior information of their arrival. New Zealand has not had as many Manx arrivals as the larger countries nearer to England. At present there are approximately 400 Manx-born persons in New Zealand, and approximately 1100 adults with pure Manx names. Many of these are of the second and third generation, and generally speaking their interest in our societies is only casual."

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

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

We hope that every Manxwoman attending the Vancouver Convention will find time to attend the short meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Some of you may have excellent ideas for projects to make our organization grow. Let's have your ideas. We are planning a tea for the ladies attending the meeting, so will you please notify our President, Miss Mildred Corris, immediately upon arrival in Vancouver if you plan to be with us, so that reservations can be made.

Some have been asking what the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. really is, and we believe the question was answered in a fairly recent Bulletin. Briefly, it all started at the London, Ont. Convention in 1932, when a group of ladies met for lunch and listened to a short talk by Dr. J. J. Moore of Chicago. The group decided to make it an annual event, and in 1933, at Windsor, they organized as an Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. to give financial assistance to Convention committees. This was done through contributions from the women, and enabled the Auxiliary to pay for a full page greeting in the Souvenir Book as well as give help to Convention committees.

As the Auxiliary was growing in number, dues were set at 25 cents a year. In 1954, because of rising costs, dues were raised to 50 cents, enabling us to continue to support the Souvenir Book and give each Convention committee \$50.00 to \$100.00 as our treasury allowed.

That is a very brief outline of our activity, but may serve to explain its aims.

Miss Mildred Corris, President

Miss Alice Garrett, Sec'y and Treas.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx have not met since the annual dinner in April. They are invited to a July picnic at the home of Mrs. Lloyd L. Auty (nee Bessie Leece) in beautiful Lake Forest on the shores of Lake Michigan.

The officers and members send best wishes to Manx friends everywhere, and while it is not yet certain how many will attend the Convention, it is a sure thing that Walter Stevenson, N.A.M.A. Third V.P., will be there.

BISBEE, ARIZONA

The March meeting of the Bisbee Manx was held at Mr. and Mrs. Bob Skillicorn's home, the April meeting at the Rothery home and the May meeting at Fred Corrin's. As always, everyone enjoyed a wonderful time at these gatherings. For the June meeting a picnic potluck dinner was planned, and it was hoped that everyone would attend this outdoor event.

VANCOUVER

The May meeting of the Vancouver Society's Executive Board was held at Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wood's home. Mrs. Wood read a letter she received from Mrs. Essie Quayle of San Francisco, now holidaying in the Isle of Man, in which she extended good wishes for the Convention and regretted that she would not be there. Arrangements were made for "Vancouver Night" at the Convention, and a collection taken toward expenses. It was decided to hold regular meetings in June and July this year, profits after expenses are paid to go into the Convention fund instead of the general fund.

A splendid crowd turned out for the June 8 meeting at the Horticultural Hall. Guest of honor was Mrs. G. H. Meredith of Ottawa, sister of N.A.M.A. President Fred Caveen, who is visiting her daughter in West Vancouver. The evening was spent enjoyably at bridge, followed by refreshments, and a "Three Legs" pillow top donated by Joe Rodger of Los Angeles, was drawn for.

VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

The Manx Ladies have been holding luncheons and teas to help the Convention fund, and these have been well attended and greatly enjoyed. The Annual Luncheon in Stanley Park will be held as usual this summer — the ladies have always enjoyed these outings, and in beautiful Stanley Park there are not only flowers, but monkeys and penguins to provide amusement.

TORONTO

The annual Spring Dance given by the Toronto Manx Society was highly successful, socially and financially. A record crowd attended and had a happy time. Another interesting event was the annual Bowling Banquet, held in the Dieppe Room of the Baron Byng Hall. Many of the Manx were proud owners of trophies.

The annual Picnic was held at Port Dalhousie on June 8, everyone enjoying the boat trip over aboard the SS Lady Hamilton. Visitors from the States were Edith and Peggy Greggor and Lou Mylchreest of Cleveland, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towle of Buffalo. Friends from Hamilton also were present. It was a very pleasant outing.

A group of Toronto Manx Members have formed a separate group which, although not under the auspices of the Toronto Manx Society, is known as the Toronto Manx Society Building Fund. The purpose is to raise funds to buy or build a clubhouse for the Toronto Manx Society.

Quite a number of the members are preparing to attend the Convention in Vancouver.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

A talented young singer, a member of the Vancouver Manx Society, is Thelma Kneale Wall. On April 29 she took part in an evening of music presented by the A.R.C.T. Music Teachers' Ass'n at the Vancouver Arts Gallery, singing in two groups of duets. The Gallery was filled to capacity and proceeds went to a scholarship fund.

Mrs. S. Sloan, one of the first members of the Montreal Manx Society, is having a summer holiday in the Isle of Man, visiting friends and relatives in Peel. Before leaving, she received a parting gift from the Montreal Manx.

New member is Albert Killip, 42-22 Ketcham St., Elmhurst 73, N. Y. He is connected with the Grace Steamship Line and has recently returned from a wonderful visit with relatives in the Isle of Man.

Miss Florence Gill of 39 St. Paul's Place, Brooklyn 26, N. Y. was pleased to greet Mrs. C. E. Cottier and her daughter, Noreen, from Pasadena, Calif. when they arrived at the Airline Terminal in Newark, N. J. en route to the Isle of Man. Miss Gill and Mrs. May Crellin were able to wish the travelers Bon Voyage when they sailed for Liverpool on the Britanic May 15.

Douglas Robison, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Robison, Elk Creek, Nebr. graduated from Elk Creek High School in May. His grandfather, Archie Kerruish of Chicago, was there for the ceremony—also to attend a meeting of the Nebraska Manx.

Captain John E. Clague, veteran skipper on the Great Lakes, retired at the end of the 1956 season, and with Mrs. Clague has left his home in Lorain, Ohio to reside in Florida. Captain Clague began his sailing career in 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Humphrey, 2750 Arlington St., Lincoln, Nebr. recently enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Vera, and her husband — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hatz of Encino, Calif.

Dr. J. J. Moore, President of the Chicago Manx Society, attended the recent Convention of the American Medical Association, where he was re-elected to the office of Treasurer.

Henry and Ethel Christian of Rocky River, Ohio, and Ethel's father, John T. Shimmmin, were in Chicago the week end of May 23, at which time Ethel and Mrs. R. C. (Emily) Kelly attended a banquet in the Beverly Hills Country Club in observance of the 42nd anniversary of their Sunday School class.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gregg of San Marino, Calif. have been traveling this summer. In May they went to see the Kentucky Derby, and on the way stopped at Laramie, Wyoming and saw Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clucas. Mrs. Clucas was preparing to leave in a few days on a trip to the Isle of Man. The Greggs went on to Cincinnati where they spent a week, then Mr. Gregg went back to California and Mrs. Gregg went to Texas to spend a month visiting relatives in Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston, arriving home on June 8. In Dallas she telephoned Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Boyd (Mr. Boyd is the son of a former Postmaster in Douglas) and learned they sailed for the Isle of Man on May 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christian of Alhambra, Calif. are retiring to the Isle of Man and will sail from Montreal about August 10. They will be greatly missed by the Los Angeles Manx as they are popular and loyal workers.

Mrs. Nellie Kelly of Bisbee, Arizona has been to the West Coast attending the graduation of her grandson, Thomas Alexander.

Through the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts, Frank Williamson of Toronto recently spent a pleasant holiday at their home in Tavares, Fla., situated among beautiful orange groves and lakes. They took him sightseeing to Cypress Gardens, Bok Tower, Silver Springs, St. Petersburg, Winter Haven, Daytona Beach, Orlando and other interesting places. Later, Mr. Williamson took off on another trip, this time to Ottawa.

Visiting the United States and Canada is Mrs. W. J. Osborne (nee Annie Cain) of Crosby, Liverpool, England. During her visit she is being entertained by her brothers Harry Cain and family in Akron, the John R. Cain family of Cleveland and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speedie (nee Emily Cain) and family of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada.

A group of the Toronto Manx were pleased to greet Miss Amy Keene of Indianapolis when she passed through Toronto recently on her way to England and the Isle of Man. Miss Keene will spend a few weeks in London and some time in the Island, where she will gather information concerning her ancestors, who came to America more than 100 years ago. The name originally was Kaneen.

Jay T. Carrigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Carrigan, 117 Cowles Ave., Bedford, Ohio, was awarded a four-year scholarship to Columbia University, New York City. Jay was among the Homecomers who made the trip to the Isle of Man in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Skillicorn, 42 Avalon Ave., Bedford, Ohio celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Monday, July 8, at a family dinner with their sons, their daughter (Mrs. Thomas J. Carrigan) and 14 grandchildren present.

Mrs. Walter Moran (Gladys Lewin) of Lake Worth, Fla. was in Cleveland for a few days in June visiting friends and relatives. She was the guest of Miss Mildred Corris, 1835 Cove Avenue, Lakewood.

Recently arrived in Toronto from Douglas, Isle of Man, are—Harry Hampton, Roy Davies, Betty Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cowley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Atherton (first settled in Winnipeg), Ruth Harrison, Dennis Gale, Ronnie McClure, Jim Lindsay, Ray Whittaker — also the following from Peel — Mr. and Mrs. W. Quirk, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelly and family.

Mrs. Blanche Young Oldham of Indianapolis has a wooden box of slides of the Isle of Man and a small movie reel which she would send to anyone who would use them. They are the large glass English slides that take a special slide holder. She may not be able to supply the holder as she is not sure where it is. Anyone interested should write direct to Mrs. Blanche Young Oldham, 625 N. Ritter Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Alice Garrett of Rochester, N. Y. spent the Decoration Day week end visiting Manx friends in Toronto. She enjoyed a day with the Frank Williamson family, and a trip to Vi Moore's summer cottage on Lake Simcoe.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Betty Coe and Gerald Staley of Vancouver were married on May 24 at a very pretty wedding in Marpole Baptist Church. The bride is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Byron (Mrs. Byron was Emma Fayle from Ballig, West Baldwin, Isle of Man), and has sung many times at the Manx Society's concerts. The bridegroom is attending British Columbia University, preparing for the ministry.

Mary Grisedale, another granddaughter of Mrs. Byron, will be married in Vancouver on July 13.

L'IL PEOPLE

Born, at Alberni, B. C., May 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Al Brown a son, Robert Allan. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Eden Q. Costain, a long-time member of the Vancouver Manx Society.

Born, a son, Danny Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. Duley of Arizona. Mrs. Duley is the former Louise Corrin, daughter of Arnold Corrin of Lowell, Arizona.

A son, William Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Mylchreest of 2906 Seneca Ave., Niagara Falls, New York on March 19, 1957.

A clipping from the Ramsey Courier of March 29, 1934 (23 years ago!), sent us by Walter J. Stevenson of Chicago, tells of the passing of John Callister, a native of Ballaugh, Isle of Man, who went to Vancouver in 1885 after having previously located for a time in Chicago and San Francisco. Vancouver was a "city-to-be" in 1885, and it was Mr. Callister who built its first three-story building. This Manx pioneer died, a wealthy man, in March 1934 at the age of 92, cared for during his last years by his devoted niece, Mrs. Ada M. Stevenson—who was the wife of Walter Stevenson's brother, Alfred, once a president of the Vancouver Manx Society.

The name of Mr. Callister is perpetuated in Vancouver in Callister Park, a piece of property donated to the city by Mrs. Stevenson several years ago, with the sole condition that the park should be named in memory of pioneer John Callister. So Callister Park is another Manx place name to add to the list of many to be found on the North American continent.

A colorful personality who has given talks at meetings of the Peoria Manx Society is Dr. Virginius H. Chase of Peoria, a self-educated scientist whose name is known to botanists throughout the world. Recently he sold his herbarium of nearly 40,000 botanical specimens to the University of Illinois. He is credited with discovering at least ten new species of plants. Now retired and 80 years old, Dr. Chase looks back on a lifetime of research, having started collecting insect specimens at the age of five!

Cleveland Medal Goes To England

For the first time, the Cleveland Medal, awarded to the top soloist in the annual Manx Music Festival, has left the Island. This year's winner is Robert Kendrick of Birmingham, bass, who tried hard for the medal last year. Presentation was made very gracefully at the Guild concert by Mrs. William Roseman (formerly Florence Kelly) of Bedford, Ohio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly. Florence performed the same pleasant duty exactly ten years ago. Mrs. Fred Gorry, chairman of the Cleveland Medal Committee, received a letter from Mr. Kendrick expressing his thanks, pride and delight in capturing the "supreme prize." The judge said "He sang in rather a magic manner."

How The Manx Helped One Another In Early Pioneer Days

Here is an experience which happened to one of the early Manx settlers in the Warrensville district, a man named Watterson.

He built a log cabin near what is now Miles Avenue and Lee Road, at about the same time as the Manx built their little church, which they called the Beehive Church, on the opposite corner.

Three sons of Mr. Watterson were born in this log cabin—John, Moses and William, all of whom became successful business men. I met them in Cleveland in the summer of the year 1890, and this is the story they told me about an experience in those early days of the first Warrensville settlers.

Watterson's log cabin took fire on a Sunday night while the church services were going on. The preacher was facing the cabin, and on seeing the blaze he called out so that everyone turned around and saw the cabin blazing.

All ran to the cabin and got the three boys out of bed; some of the furniture also was carried out. Everyone helped to put out the blaze, and so quickly was it done that the out-houses were not even harmed, and it was not necessary to loose the cow and chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Watterson and the boys slept in the church that Sunday night. Monday morning at break of day all the neighbors got their horses, their mud boots and axes, went to the woods and cut timbers. Monday night the family again slept in the church, but on Tuesday night they slept in their new cabin!

This happened more than a hundred years ago, as the Wattersons came to America in 1827. I have been told that John, the eldest of these three sons, was the first child born of Manx parents in Cuyahoga County.

Written by the late James Kewley
for the 1935 Cleveland Convention

A Night In A Fishing Boat

We stand in imagination in the 'seventies.

A young American girl is visiting her cousin in the Isle of Man.

I see the two girls watching with keen interest the fishing boats as they prepare to go out from the quaint City of Peel.

A word of Scripture is read, and then all fall upon their knees and offer prayer that the Lord of all might be with them and protect them.

"Oh, wouldn't it be wonderful to go out with them? I think I can get a chance", said the Manx cousin—and she did.

The night arrives and the girls are full of excitement. The fishermen with their sou'westers, their nets and tackle; the dark sky and heavy black clouds make a picturesque scene.

Just as the girls begin to enter into the spirit of the experience, down comes the rain in torrents. Very reluctantly they go under cover; the quarters below are small and far from pleasant.

The American girl never forgot that night and often relates incidents that amused and interested her. She was Ella Gill (the late Mrs. E. G. Beebe of Cleveland). Her companion was Eleanor Morrison, sister of Sophia Morrison, whom many knew as the one who aroused enthusiasm for reviving the Manx language. She and her little cousin visiting from America went to England at that time to school.

Miss Morrison even then showed ability that years afterwards did so much for the Island, its people and language.

Her death, January 1917, was deeply felt by all, not only on the Island but in all parts of the world where Manxmen reside.

Someone has said: "All her work was with the object of keeping the Manx people truly Manx".

To that end she did all she could to preserve intact the Manx language and literature, folk songs and folk lore, current customs and ties of kinship.

Written by Miss Anna E. Cubbon
for the 1935

Cleveland Convention

Hints to Vacationers—(sent in by Mrs. R. C. Kelly, Chicago:—

At 45 miles per hour, sing: "Highways are Happy Ways"

At 55 miles per hour, sing: "I'm but a stranger here; Heaven is my Home"

At 65 miles, sing: "Nearer My God to Thee"

At 75 miles, sing: "When the Roll is called up Yonder, I'll be there."

At 85 miles, sing: "Lord, I'm Coming Home."

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

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MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The meeting held on Tuesday, May 7, in St. Stephen's Church Hall was well attended. After business was disposed of, Mrs. Richard Karran of Geneva, Ohio gave an interesting talk about her visit to the Isle of Man last year. She spoke of the beauties of the Island, the kindness of its people, the rosy-checked babies and well-behaved children. Her talk was thoroughly enjoyed.

The last meeting before the summer recess was held on June 4 in St. Stephen's Church Hall. A card party followed the business meeting, and the useful table prizes and the delicious lunch served by the hostesses added to the enjoyment. President Alan Fricke wished everyone a pleasant summer and is looking forward to resuming meetings in September, when a fine fall program will get under way.

The annual Manx Church Service took place on the afternoon of Sunday, June 9, in the Centenary Methodist Church, where the Cleveland Manx have attended annually on a June Sunday for many years, to worship in a place made doubly sacred as being the church of the Manx pioneers. The service was conducted by the Rev. L. Cunningham; special soloist, Joseph Clucas; music by the choir of the Church of the Epiphany—Miss Edith Cox, accompanist. A picnic supper followed by community hymn-singing completed a pleasant Sunday.

MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx met on April 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hornsby. Business included the discussion of a design for a die suitable for printing membership cards; also the matter of a wedding present for Miss Nancy Agnew, daughter of Mrs. Jack Agnew — who was to be married on May 18.

On May 31 a meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell. Plans for the annual picnic were the chief item of business. Mrs. Jack Agnew kindly offered the use of her cottage at Choisy, but as it would not be available as early as June 22, the date desired by most of the members, it was decided to hold the picnic at Ile aux Noix. The members were happy to welcome some visitors from the Isle of Man at this May meeting — Mr. and Mrs. Hislop of Port St. Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. Corlett of Ramsey. Mrs. Hislop is a sister of John Bell, and mother of J. Hislop of Montreal. They were to return to the Island on June 4. Mr. and Mrs. Corlett are visiting their daughter, Mrs. M. West, and will be staying until September.

SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Manx held their April meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Chatfield, 608 Arballo Drive, East Merced. A good crowd attended. After the business meeting, everyone enjoyed a coolish over a cup of tea, and the usual sing-song rounded out a most pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Callow of El Cerito were hosts for the May meeting. The group always enjoy meetings held across the Bay Bridge, as it is an opportunity to meet many friends who find it difficult to attend the San Francisco meetings. For entertainment, the members were fortunate in having Carl Keppa, a student of ancient history, who gave an interesting talk on the Isle of Man. A recording of "Ellian Vannin" by the Lhon Dhoo Male Voice Choir of Douglas, Isle of Man brought a tear to many an eye. Tom Kelley, brother of Mrs. Callow, the hostess, gave several solos, and Mrs. Katie Callow helped serve the supper. At the close of the evening the members said goodbye until they meet in June to have a picnic at John Morgan's home in Berkeley.

A parting shot from Acting Secretary Katie Cringle — "Don't forget to board the 'Manx Express' for Vancouver — we will see you there."

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx had a very successful picnic at Long Beach on May 26. About 60 signed the register, and all enjoyed an interesting reunion. Several of the members are planning to attend the Convention. President W. K. Caley and family have suggested a fish fry for the next picnic, to be held at Costa Mesa after the Convention.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx met at the home of President and Mrs. James Robison, Elk Creek, on May 19. The weather was ideal, so a large number were able to attend. After a good dinner at noon, a short business session was held. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crellin invited the group to their home in Lincoln for the fall meeting, tentative date October 13.

During the social period which followed the meeting, Archie Kerruish told about last year's Convention in Toronto. Everyone extended best wishes to Mrs. Gladys Watts for a fine flight to the "fairy shore" of the Isle of Man. She leaves for the Island July 3, to return in September.

Here's another cheery bit from Mrs. R. C. Kelly, secretary of the Chicago Manx Society: "A smile is like a little wedge that often keeps us from the edge of getting sad, or feeling blue. I love to see a smile, don't you?"

Do You Know Of These

"Old Boys" Of King William's College?

Harold S. Cain, Chairman of the World Manx Association, writes that Mr. Ralph Thomson of King William's College, Castletown, Isle of Man is anxious to find information about "Old Boys" who emigrated many years ago. Some of them were born more than 100 years ago. Mr. Thomson is hopeful that some of their descendants may be able to give him information about them, and if any Bulletin readers can help, please write direct to Mr. Thomson. Here are the names:

U. S. A.

Dickenson, Clementson, born October 19, 1851, from Ballasalla—Ranching

Moore, Henry Evadus, born January 28, 1850—lived at Augusta, La. Qualtrough, Richard Goddard, born December 22, 1854, from Arbory—lived at Houston, Texas

Haines, William, born September 21, 1853, from Douglas—Ranching

Robatham, Edward Wyndham, born May 12, 1859—lived in Ohio

Christian, Horatio, born November 12, 1860, from Bride—in business in Denver, Colo.

Penketh, Richard Edward, born May 13, 1860, from Braddan—civil engineer at Unionville, Lake Co., Ohio

Orr, Charles Edward, born November 21, 1866—fruit farmer at Pasadena, Calif.

Fletcher, Thomas Bonsor Crompton, born August 10, 1860

Fletcher, Hantenville, born August 10, 1860

Fletcher, Matthew Reginald, born September 8, 1862

All three Fletchers ranching at Macdonald, Bexar Co., Texas

Handyside, Arthur, born November 2, 1868—ranching in California

Kermode, Griffith Theodore, born February 16, 1866, son of Rev. W. K. Kermode, Ballaugh—ranching at Walden P. O., North Park, Colo.

Tripp, George Henry Howard, born November 7, 1867

Tripp, Francis Henry, born January 25, 1869

Both Tripps from Castletown—farming in Virginia

Bellhouse, Tom Wynyard, born January 8, 1867—Green Hills Orchard, Alto, Ga.

Joynson, Harry Bromilaw, born December 14, 1864—Doctor, at Granville, Putnam Co., Ill.

Edmondson, Richard Laurence, born August 5, 1868—ranching at Montrose, Colo.

CANADA

Jeffcott, John Edward, born August 4, 1856, son of High Bailiff, Castletown. Supt. Engineer to Canadian Government, Esquimalt, B. C. Last address, 1912, Monteith St., Oak Bay, U. I., B. C.

Ready, John Alexander, born December 5, 1859, Douglas. Assistant

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OBITUARIES

ABELL, Laurel K., of 14200 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, died on June 1 after a short illness. He leaves his wife, Amy (nee Kelly, from Laxey, Isle of Man); three daughters, Mrs. Lois Baughman of Warrenville, Ill., Mrs. Carol Grigsby and Mrs. Kay Hogg, both of Lakewood, and grandchildren; a brother, Ted, and sister, Beth. Mr. Abell has participated in many Manx activities, his wife being a former President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A., and a very active worker among the Cleveland Manx.

CANNELL, Ada Margaret, (nee Kewley), died at her home, 1492 Robinwood Ave., Lakewood, Ohio on June 20. She leaves a daughter, Gertrude, editor of the N.A.M.A. Bulletin; two sons, Douglas of Lakewood and Robert Alexander of Detroit; five grandchildren and a brother, James Herbert Kewley of Liverpool, England. Her husband was Joseph Cannell, former jeweler of Douglas, Isle of Man, who died in Lakewood in 1942. Mrs. Cannell was born of Manx parents in Liverpool, but lived chiefly in Douglas where she married in 1889. She came to reside in Lakewood with her husband and family in 1911. For many years she was active in the Ladies' Auxiliary to Mona's Relief Society; has attended some N.A.M.A. conventions, and as an accompanist took part in many Manx concerts a number of years ago.

CAVEEN, Frank, of Toronto, Ontario, son of N.A.M.A. President and Mrs. Fred J. Caveen, drowned on July 1 as the result of a boating accident. He is survived by his wife and three daughters; two brothers, Gordon and Donald and two sisters, Dorothy and Barbara (Mrs. R. Easthope).

COJEEN, John, aged 68, died on June 20 in Flint, Mich. He leaves his wife, Lily; two sons, Dr. Robert H. Cojeen of Flint and John of Lansing, Mich.; five daughters, Miss Eleanor Cojeen and Mrs. Kenneth Agan of Chicago; Mrs. Lester Smith of Monroe, Mich.; Mrs. Wm. Wessel, Evansville, Ind., and Miss Harriet Cojeen, Detroit; nine grandchildren; and a brother, Robert, in the Isle of Man. Mr. Cojeen was born in the Isle of Man and had lived in Flint for the last 36 years. In the employ of Buick Motor Company for 35 years, he was also an active Salvation Army worker. Three of his daughters are Salvation Army captains.

CHRISTIAN, Robert W., of 1637 Himrod Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, died on March 26 at the age of 69. He leaves his wife, Josephine (nee Quirk); a son, William, of Youngstown; two stepsons, Robert K. Bailey of Akron, Ohio and George J. Bailey of Venice, Fla.; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and four sisters in England. Mr. Christian was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, and came to Youngstown in 1913. His wife, whom he married in 1921, also came from the Island.

COLLISTER, Frances J., of 1306 Wolcott, Flint, Mich. died on April 15, aged 79. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Starwas of Flint; two sons, Kelly Collister of Flint and Fred Collister of Warren, Mich.; 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Collister was born in Laxey, Isle of Man, and was the widow of the late Rev. Thomas Collister whose death was recorded in the Bulletin of October, 1956.

CORLETT, Elmer John, of 3389 Dorchester Road, Cleveland, died on June 11 at the age of 69. Surviving are his wife, Stella; a son, Elmer Everett Corlett; two brothers, John and Everett Teare; a sister, Mrs. Frances Bock, and two grandchildren. Mr. Corlett was a descendant of Manx pioneers, and had been mayor of Beachwood Village from 1916 to 1928.

CORLETT, Milton A., aged 57, died on June 3 at his home, 1690 Maywood Road, Cleveland. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Milton, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ann Brady. Mr. Corlett was active in church work and in the Masonic order, and was a long-time member of the N.A.M.A.

HOLCOMB, Florence S., (nee Keller), of 14920 Lanning Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, died on June 22. She leaves two sons, Lawrence K. and Theodore R., and a brother, Harry E. Keller. For many years Mrs. Holcomb was an active worker in the Ladies' Auxiliary to Mona's Relief Society.

MARTIN, Frances M. of 1668 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, died on June 25th. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Elsie M. Young and Mrs. Mona Bertsch, secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society.

MERCER, Mary Amelia, of 1544 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ont., died on April 21 at the age of 60. She leaves two sons, Clifford and Jack Cretney. Mrs. Mercer was formerly Mrs. Edward Cretney; and her second husband, Richard Mercer, a Vice President of the N.A.M.A., died a few years ago. She was a sister of the late Mrs. George Bridson of Windsor. The family were very active in connection with N.A.M.A. Conventions held in Windsor.

ROACH, Louis, formerly of Cleveland and recently of Tampa, Fla., died on May 10. He leaves two sons, Thomas and Charles; three daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Kekic, Mrs. Louise Moore and Mrs. Constance Shuster; and a sister, Mrs. Emmie Graham in England. His wife, Evelyn (nee Moir) died some years ago, as did a sister, Mrs. Isabell Taylor. Mr. Roach came to Cleveland many years ago from Douglas, Isle of Man, where his parents were in the grocery business in Windsor Road.

SUGDEN, Hannah, passed away in Vancouver, B.C. in early June. She was the widow of the late Abraham Sugden of the Palace View Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man, and went to Vancouver in 1946 to live with her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Buckley of So. Burnaby. Mrs. Sugden would have been 92 on July 12. She was born in Oldham, England but spent most of her life in the Isle of Man.

QUILL, John J., of Bisbee, Arizona, died on June 8 after a long illness. He was a much-loved member of the Bisbee Manx Society.

QUIRK, Margaret E., of Sacramento, Calif. passed away on May 3. Mrs. Quirk was born on October 9, 1877.

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

The Chicago Tribune again ran a Manx photograph, on June 2. It is a view of Douglas Promenade with the description—"Largest town on this British island is Douglas. The graceful curve of the bay and carpet of yellow sand make it one of Britain's popular holiday spots."

FAREWELL TO ST. BARNABAS

Readers of Manx newspapers, particularly former Douglas residents, would learn with more than passing regret that old St. Barnabas has closed its doors. St. Barnabas has suffered the fate of many downtown churches—its congregation has moved away from the neighborhood. This was true even when I was a child. There was only a sparse attendance at morning service, although the evening service brought a fair number, swelled by the young men of the Bible Class who attended in a body and sat in the top gallery.

Built about 1832 in the heart of what was Old Douglas, St. Barnabas numbered some fine old families among its parishioners at one time. I remember people speaking—with a sort of awe—of “the Miss Croghans,” who lived in Harold Tower on Douglas Head, and drove to church in their carriage. I do not remember them. The front entrance of the church was on Hanover Street, I believe, but in my time we went in at the chancel end, on Fort Street, as being more accessible. After the houses of Old Douglas were pulled down some years ago, the front entrance came into use again.

St. Barnabas was a large church—dim, austere, lofty, with its two tiers of galleries, and its organ loft. The choir stalls were not in the chancel, but immediately in front of the congregation. The back pews were furnished with green curtains—probably a survival from an earlier generation. St. Barnabas was not a beautiful church, but has implanted more happy memories than many handsomer buildings. Anywhere you go, you are likely to run into former Douglasites who will tell you, with pride and affection, that they “belonged to St. Barnabas.”

When I went there as a child, many Douglas tradespeople were members of the church. There were Clarke the butcher, Corlett the baker, Roach the grocer, Johnson the printer, Quinney the fruiterer, Kelly the sweetshop (famous for Manx knobs), and many others—not forgetting Cannell the jeweler. I remember the Greens of Derby Square in their front pew in the first gallery—a fine family, all in the teaching profession. I was taught by four of them.

Sunday after Sunday, sitting in the corner of Pew. No. 26, I came to know the church service by heart, had a working knowledge of the Psalms and knew all the hymns words and music. I must have day-dreamed through the sermons as I do not remember one of them—only the rousing to attention at the concluding words—“And now to God the Father”. Details are fresh in my memory—old Mr. Joughin, the verger, rustling up and down the aisles in his black robe, the choir members slipping into their seats (we

were “low church” at St. Barnabas, no processional, no vested choir)—and the feeling of expectancy at service time when the bells stopped ringing and the organ took up the strain.

St. Barnabas, though plain architecturally, blossomed into beauty on festive occasions. At Easter we children went to afternoon service taking little baskets lined with moss and primroses and containing eggs to be given to institutions. At Harvest Festival the church was the picture of peace and plenty, with wheat sheaves, and heaps of vegetables, big eight-pound loaves, and bunches of purple grapes festooned round the pulpit. At Christmas it was a thrill to sing “Christians, Awake,” looking up at the red and white scrolls over the high narrow windows—“Unto us a Child is Born, unto us a Son is Given.”

On stormy Sunday nights in winter we always sang “Eternal Father, strong to save” — with the waves pounding the Promenade wall, only a few feet away. St. Barnabas had its popular hymns, as most churches do, and through later years, when we heard “Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us,” or “At even when the sun was set” — and many others — we would say “That was an old favorite at St. Barnabas.”

My father sang in St. Barnabas choir most of his life until he came to Cleveland. With my mother, he took an active part in the church's musical life, and there were good concerts given in the Sunday School hall in those days under the direction of Mr. Nicholson, the organist. With my father in the choir, I remember his friend Stanley Cannell, the registrar — there were other men but I do not remember them — and among the ladies were Alice and Mabel Garrett, the Quinney girls, Amy Kelly and her cousin, Lena Elliot, Bella Cain, Lily Johnson (now Mrs. R. W. Russell of Toronto) and others whose names escape me. I remember once being taken along with my father and mother on a choir picnic. Mr. Lansdell was Vicar at the time. We went in char-a-bancs to Tynwald Fair, then to Foxdale and the Round Table to South Barrule, had lunch sitting on the springy turf and afterwards climbed the mountain. I was very young but struggled to the top with the rest — and shall never forget the roaring gale that was blowing round and round the summit of old South Barrule.

Those were happy days, and seemingly permanent. But most of those who worked for St. Barnabas and worshipped in it at that time are gone, and now the church itself is to close, the parish to merge with St. George's and St. Matthew's. But, even though the bells of St. Barnabas are stilled, those who were boys and girls there forty years ago have carried fragrant memories of the old days with them wherever they have journeyed through the years.

Gertrude Cannell

“OLD BOYS”

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General Manager of Crown Bank of Canada, 1902-07. Lived at 357 Bay St., Toronto

Quirk, James John, born February 21, 1858 at Knockaloe—farming, Bedford Park, Ont.

Ralfe, Thomas Pilcher, born February 10, 1864—last address, Box 251, Fort Erie, Ont.

Richards, Thomas Herbert, born January 1, 1868, Douglas—veterinary surgeon, Ontario

Prestwich, Percy, born March 9, 1864—farming, Gleichen, Alberta

Adams, William John, born July 6, 1871, Ballasalla—1927 address, Fort M'Leod, Alberta

Cool, William Ambrose, born July 9, 1872, Ballagawne, Arbury—Mining, Ladysmith, B. C.

Trafford, Harold George, born May 7, 1878—farming, Hamilton, Ontario

Kewley, George, born December 4, 1882, Castletown—business in Nova Scotia

Moysey, Leonard Astley, born June 29, 1880, Ramsey—farming, Canada

Spicer, Morris Penn, born October 15, 1881, Malew—clerk at American Consulate, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

When addressing the fortnightly meeting of Aeglah Vannin in Douglas, Isle of Man last February, Charles Craine, Secretary of the World Manx Association, dwelt on the proud record of the overseas Manx, many of whom, he said, have held important positions throughout the world. They have made good citizens everywhere, and at the same time have continued passionately to love their own little country. Mr. Craine said there are today 50 Manx Societies in Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and many parts of England. During World War II there was a Manx Society in enemy territory (Germany), and another in Malta.

“Kelly is not an Irish name,” says columnist E. V. Durling in an article in the Painesville (Ohio) Telegraph “It is a Manx name. Take the here of that immortal song titled ‘Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?’ Was Kelly an Irishman? Certainly not. You will recall that he was described in the original version of the song as ‘Kelly from the Isle of Man.’”

Yes, the original song certainly is “Kelly from the Isle of Man.” The words were changed when it was imported to America, probably because the Irish Kellys outnumbered the Manx Kellys. Nevertheless, the Manx Kellys can muster quite a showing. Remember the Cleveland Convention in 1949—when the orchestra played “Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly” at the banquet, quite a fine representation of the clan rose to their feet.