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

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## NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES EDMONTON SOCIETY REBORN

### EDMONTON

Manx people will be glad to know that the Edmonton Manx Society has been reborn, due to the enthusiasm of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffiths from Douglas, Isle of Man, who were visiting their daughters in Edmonton last February. The Griffiths felt there were enough Manx people in Edmonton to form a Society, and on reading in the Edmonton Journal that a Mr. Colby Quilliam had passed his accountancy examination with honors, they telephoned him and he said he would be glad to see them. Mr. Griffiths enlisted the cooperation of the local television and radio stations, and of the Edmonton Journal, and so much publicity was directed to Manx people in the area that on February 27, twenty-six persons met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quilliam (parents of Colby Quilliam), and held a fine meeting. Membership has since risen to 30. The following officers were elected at the first meeting:

President ..... Charles Quilliam  
11335 75th Avenue  
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Vice President ..... J. D. Caine

Publicity Secretary  
Mrs. Bryan Stoodley

Secretary-Treas. .... Mrs. N. McAllister  
8762 Strathearn Drive  
Edmonton, Alberta

It was decided to hold meetings on the last Wednesday of each month. Mr. and Mrs. F. Shorrock kindly offered their home for future meetings. Two very pleasant meetings have been held since the inauguration, and on Sunday, May 17, a picnic was held in one of the parks with about 41 present. Games and races were run for the children — who also enjoyed the races run for their parents.

New members in the Edmonton area will be heartily welcomed. They should get in touch with the Secretary or the President, addresses given above. We congratulate the Edmonton Manx Society and those who sparked its reformation, and echo their own hopes for steady growth throughout the coming years.

### CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society held its 86th annual reunion and dinner in the Community Room of the Austin Y.M.C.A. on April 4, with about 40 members and their friends present. President Walter Stevenson welcomed the guests and introduced the toastmaster, Dr. J. J. Moore. Guest speaker was Alex G. Shennan, O.B.E., Past President of the Illinois St. Andrew's Society. His subject was "What I Know about the Isle of Man." Musical numbers were given by Walter J. Stevenson and his daughter, Mrs. Randall W. Johnson. Travelogue pictures "Beauty Spots of the Isle of Man" were shown by R. Cecil Kelly, with Mrs. Kelly as narrator. The pictures, taken last year by the Kellys, brought many fond memories. An interesting talk was given by Mr. Lal, an exchange student from India, at present a house guest of Dr. J. J. Moore—he spoke on "Getting Along Together," pointing out that many differences are settled when people become acquainted.

Out-of-town guests were John T. Shimmin and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christian of Rocky River, Ohio; Mrs. Cubbon of Galva, Ill. and her sister Mrs. Holt from Canada—and very recently from the Isle of Man; the Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson of West Chicago with their prize-winning Manx kitten "Olaf of Glen Orry"; Miss Jean Rea, editor of the "British News," a Chicago monthly periodical. All were glad to welcome Archie Keruish on his first appearance since his serious auto accident more than a year ago.

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

The N.A.M.A. Ladies are sorry there is no Convention this year, and will miss the joy of getting together to renew "auld acquaintance" and enjoy a good old-fashioned Manx cooish. However, it is hoped that a Convention can be arranged for next year. In the meantime, the officers of the N.A.M.A. Ladies hope that all the members will enjoy a fine vacation this summer with their families, and see some new and interesting places.

### MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

Members and friends of the Mona's Relief Society met on March 3 in St. Stephen's Church Hall. A short business meeting was followed by a card party, with table and door prizes and the usual delicious refreshments.

The meeting of April 7 was held on the West Side, in the Detroit Avenue Methodist Church rooms, Lakewood. A very pleasant innovation was a pot-luck supper, served at 6:30, with a superabundance of food, furnished by those who attended, which was thoroughly enjoyed. After the business meeting, Elizabeth Cannell, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cannell, played several violin solos, and Orton Reed sang some fine baritone solos. Mrs. Douglas Cannell accompanied both. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christian showed colored slides they had taken in Vancouver, Lake Louise, Banff and the Isle of Man. The program was much enjoyed. Hostesses were: Miss Mildred Corris, Miss Mona Cowell, Miss Betty Cowell, Mrs. H. Christian and Mrs. R. DeWerth.

For the May 5 meeting the group returned to St. Stephen's Church Hall on the East Side. The members were saddened by the loss of several of their number during the last few months, and a moment of silence was observed in tribute to their memory. A visitor from Ramsey was welcomed—Miss Eva Ellison, who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly. Greetings were extended to Walter Quilliam, recently returned from the Isle of Man—and Mrs. W. Bell, sailing for the Island on May 12, received hearty "Bon Voyage" wishes.

An enjoyable feature of the meeting was the showing of sound movies borrowed from the Cleveland Public Library—one of Alaska, and the other, entitled "Wings over Ireland," reminded the audience very much of the Isle of Man. These excellent pictures were shown by a member of Forest Hill Masonic Lodge.

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## NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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### The President's Message

My dear Friends:

By the time this Bulletin reaches you, summer will be with us. I don't think it is possible to find a more beautiful climate than that which we enjoy in North America during the long days of summer. We who live in Canada experienced extremely cold weather last winter, and it has been a real pleasure to greet the spring once more. Many of you will be making plans now to spend a vacation in other parts of this great continent of ours. I sincerely hope you all enjoy your holiday to the full.

I have been giving much thought to the future of the N.A.M.A. We are sorry we cannot hold a Convention this year, for the simple reason that not one Manx Society has offered to sponsor one. Our last meeting, in Vancouver, was a huge success. People ask me where the 1960 Convention will be held. I would like to answer that question, but am afraid I cannot. As Canada played host to the last two Conventions, the next should be held in the United States, preferably in the Midwest. We have been to Chicago, Peoria, Lincoln and Detroit-Windsor, but so long ago that we would welcome an invitation from any of these cities. What about Galva? Perhaps we shall have to ask our good friend, Joe Clucas, to invite us to Laramie, Wyoming.

My friends, this Association MUST NOT DIE! I appeal to all Manx groups in all areas of the United States and Canada to talk this over. Let us get together at a big Convention in 1960 and renew our old friendships.

You will see an announcement in this Bulletin of the resignation of

## News of the Manx Societies

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### WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

We were privileged to receive a copy of the 1958 Annual Report of the World Manx Association, prepared by Mr. Charles Craine, Hon. Secretary. The W.M.A. is especially pleased with the success of last summer's Homecoming, as shown by the numerous tributes received from overseas Manx people and societies. Mr. Craine expressed thanks to officials of the Island towns and villages, and to the Lieut. Governor, the Lord Bishop and others for hospitality and entertainment extended to the visitors; also to the press, the Harbour Board and the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company for their cooperation. The Annual Manx Gathering on Tynwald Day was an exceptional occasion, with Manx people present from many parts of the world, including Manx Societies in England and Wales. President Fred Caveen of the North American Manx Association paid high tribute to the World Manx Association for the wonderful program arranged, and on behalf of the visitors he made presentations to the Chairman, Mr. Harold Cain, M.H.K., and to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Charles Craine. Several Homecomers addressed the assembly, and messages from various parts of the world were read by the Hon. Secretary. The Lieut.-Governor and Mr. Richard Cain each gave a fine, inspiring address. Special soloist was Mrs. Ena Gelling, Cleveland Medal winner, who sang delightfully, accompanied by Mrs. A. Kermode, L.R.A.M.

In November the W.M.A. held its Annual T. E. Brown Memorial night at Villa Marina, in the form of a dinner followed by an impressive talk on "The Immortal Memory of our Great Manx Poet," by Canon E. H. Stenning, Archdeacon of Mann. Manx recitations were given by Miss Kathleen Faragher and Miss Doris Clague, and Manx solos and duets by Mr. and Mrs. J. Gelling, accompanied by Miss Emily Christian, L.R.A.M. Mr. Harold Cain, Chairman, gave an interesting talk on the activities of the W.M.A.

During the year the W.M.A. was active in many ways, including giving

Miss Claire Mylecraine, who has been our very efficient Corresponding and Recording Secretary for nearly 25 years. Claire has been a good friend, and one of the strongest supporters of the N.A.M.A., and her work as secretary left nothing to be desired. Her knowledge and leadership will be greatly missed. Our thanks go out to Claire for a job well done.

Miss Mildred Corris of Cleveland has kindly agreed to act as Corresponding and Recording Secretary in the place of Miss Mylecraine.

FRED J. CAVEEN, President

advice and information to Manx people emigrating to other lands. Sincere appreciation is expressed to Manx Societies overseas for helping these newcomers; likewise to Manx Societies in Britain for arranging visitations to people from the Island who are patients in local hospitals. A new Manx Society formed in Yorkshire during the year was heartily welcomed.

The officials are proud that there never was a time when the World Manx Association was held in such high esteem by Manx people throughout the world. Relationships with all Manx Societies are well maintained and cordial, and the W.M.A. compliments them all on the work they are doing. Mr. Craine concludes his excellent report with an appeal to all who love "Dear Eilan Vannin" to become members of the W.M.A.

This item necessarily is only a summary of Mr. Craine's report. We add our congratulations, and thanks for the splendid work the W.M.A. is doing in keeping in touch with Manx people throughout the world.

### TORONTO

The Toronto Manx have been mixing a little pleasure with business during the past two months, and the card parties they held recently have helped to bring out a lot of members who were snowbound this past winter. A membership drive was held in May, with a reduction in annual dues. It is hoped that many new members will be signed up.

Election of officers was slated for the June meeting and will be reported later, as will the Annual Picnic, to be held on July 4 at Terra Cotta Park, near Brampton, Ontario. It is hoped that a good crowd will turn out for the Picnic, and enjoy a really grand time.

### NORTHEAST OHIO

The March meeting of the Northeast Ohio Manx was held in the Community Room in the First Federal Savings & Loan Bank Building in Mentor. Hosts were: Mrs. Hefelfinger, Mrs. Moser and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collister. About 28 members were present and enjoyed a very good picnic supper. Entertainment was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Purtell of Painesville, who showed pictures of a trip they had taken to Alaska, and narrated the story. Regular business was dispensed with at this meeting.

### ROCHESTER

Aif Looney entertained the Rochester Manx on May 23. A full quota turned out, and enjoyed chatting, a game of cards, and the usual good lunch.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The April meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cringle and Mrs. Essie Quayle, the Secretary. About 54 were present, including some members of the R.A.F. Club in San Francisco, among whom were Commander Jackson and his wife, and Mr. Holmes, the Secretary. These guests were people who had become well acquainted with the Isle of Man during World War II. Mr. Holmes spoke about the Battle of Britain, and invited all to attend a Memorial Service which will be held in Grace Cathedral in October. Mrs. W. H. Kneale, Jim Cringle's sister, played some piano solos and Shirley Daniels sang, after which refreshments were served. It was a most pleasant evening.

A very large number of San Francisco Manx turned out for the Picnic held on May 17 at John Morgan's home in the Berkeley Hills. It was a delightful day, and John Morgan and his friend Frank Johanson were charming hosts. The next picnic was scheduled to be held at Stern's Grove, where there would be the opportunity of hearing a good concert put on by the City.

## VANCOUVER

At the first meeting of the 1958 Committee for the Vancouver Manx, a plan was effected whereby each committee member made a monthly donation to go toward the expense of a celebration dinner. The plan came to a successful climax when, on March 2, 1959, the committee met for dinner at the Pancho Cafe, each member having his choice of the menu. On the center of the table was a cake inscribed "Happy Birthday, Mona," honoring Mrs. Mona Fulton. After dinner the party adjourned to the home of the Fultons to play whist. A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Les McDonnell, who were leaving on a trip to the Homeland. Mrs. McDonnell received a silver Maple Leaf brooch and ear rings, Mr. McDonnell a Maple Leaf lapel pin. Refreshments served by Mrs. Fulton concluded an evening that will live long in the memories of the 1958 Committee — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Etbells, W. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Les McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fulton, Mrs. Shimmin, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Christian, T. Watterson and E. Q. Costain.

The Vancouver Manx Society brought its 50th year to an appropriate conclusion by attending, in a body, the Morning Service at St. Andrews Wesleyan Church on Sunday, April 19, 1959. More than 60 members and friends attended. The Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Cunningham welcomed the Society to the Service, remarking that

no doubt many of the congregation had pleasant memories of the Isle of Man.

The Society's Spring Concert was held April 27 in the Victoria Drive Community Hall. Program was presented by the Dairyland Glee Club, whose members have been singing together for 25 years. The quality of their fine voices blended to make the concert one to be remembered. During the interval a short address was given by Fred Sharp, M.L.A. for Vancouver East, and a drawing was made for door and other prizes. An outstanding item was the singing of "Ramsey Town" by a Glee Club member, with the audience invited to join in the chorus. The conductor then remarked — "We have entertained with one of your songs, now you entertain us" — to which the audience responded by singing "Ellan Vannin." Besides the Glee Club numbers, the program included several vocal and accordion solos. Refreshments served by the ladies of the Committee brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

## MONTREAL

Members of the Montreal Manx Society had a taste of "home" when they met on the evening of April 24 to partake of a Manx Tea. The ladies had provided typical Manx fare—soda cake, slim cake, bonnag and so on, and needless to say, all these good things were thoroughly enjoyed. To revive Island memories still further, literature sent by the Isle of Man Tourist Board was distributed to the members. A "Treasure Hunt" on a map of the Isle of Man was won by Mr. Hornsby (first) and Mr. Leighton (second). President Paul Gregson made a presentation on behalf of the Society to Mrs. J. Cope, who was about to leave on a visit Home.

This thoroughly enjoyable Manx evening was rounded out by a cooish, interspersed with music performed by President Gregson on his accordion, the members joining in community singing.

Thus finished the 1958-59 season of the Montreal Manx. Arrangements will be made for a picnic, to be held as near July 5 as possible, at the summer home of Treasurer Douglas Corlett in the Laurentians.

## WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx held a meeting on April 28 in the Deer Lodge Veterans' Hall. Entertainment consisted of games, followed by refreshments. James Y. Mann, the Corresponding Secretary, remarks that although this past winter has been long and severe, there has been a good response from members and friends to the efforts made to re-establish the Society. Thanks and appreciation are extended to all who have contributed their efforts to the cause.

## PEORIA

Members of the Peoria Manx Society enjoyed a bounteous Sunday dinner together on April 26. There was a short program, including humorous readings, after which all enjoyed a pleasant chat.

The Annual Picnic will be held in Peoria on July 26, and election of officers will take place at that time. The Society has suffered the loss of its secretary, Mrs. Charles W. Keighin, who died on February 5. She is greatly missed by the members. This report was sent in by the President, Mrs. Robert Shimmin.

## LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx will hold their Annual Picnic on June 21 at Bixby Park, Long Beach. They look forward to a good attendance.

## BISBEE, ARIZONA

The Bisbee Manx held their January meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Skillicorn, with 22 present, including some guests. Election of officers resulted as follows:

President .....Ida Corrin  
Vice President .....Maud Hastie  
Treasurer .....Margaret Skillicorn  
Secretary .....Ivy Dillon,  
207 Hazzard St.,  
Warren, Ariz.  
Sick Committee: .....Irene Arndt and  
Maud Hastie

The February meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin. About 17 were present, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The Manx records — O Land of Our Birth, Manx Fishermen's Hymn, Ellan Vannin and The Manx Weddin' were played, and needless to say had a very appreciative audience.

Meetings were held in April and May in Mrs. Maggie Kelly's home and Mrs. Alfred Kelly's, which the Secretary, Mrs. Dillon, was unable to attend. However, she says that members who were present reported a most enjoyable time at both meetings.

## Cleveland Manx Picnic

The Annual Picnic of the Cleveland Manx Societies will be held at Euclid Beach Park on August 22. Keep this date in mind and plan to be at "The Beach" to meet your Manx friends and enjoy a jolly afternoon and evening. Out-of-town Manx who may be visiting in Cleveland at that time will be heartily welcomed.

"It takes thirty-four muscles to frown and only thirteen to smile. Why make the extra effort?"

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Walter J. Stevenson of Chicago, with his daughter Myrra and husband (Mr. and Mrs. Randall Johnson) and their baby daughter, took a trip to Florida in early May. They stayed at Clearwater for several days, then went on to Winter Park. They visited Mrs. Jack Oldham (formerly Blanche Young), who has been wintering in Florida, returning to her home in Indianapolis this spring. The Stevenson family planned to be back in Chicago about May 17, traveling by way of Daytona Beach, St. Augustine and Jacksonville. As we all know, Walter is President of the Chicago Manx Society and 3rd Vice President of the N.A.M.A.

Mrs. A. Gawne, oldest member of the Vancouver Manx Society, celebrated her 90th birthday on February 28. The Society marked the occasion by sending her a gift.

At a whist drive held by the Vancouver Manx Society on March 14, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain were presented with gifts in appreciation of their valuable and willing services to the Society.

Miss Bertha M. Kiel, 124 N. Eddy St., South Bend 17, Indiana, writes that she spent last summer traveling in Europe, finishing up in the Isle of Man, where she visited her aunts, Mrs. George Gawne and Miss Elizabeth Kermod, Derby Road, Peel. Miss Kiel also met several new cousins who were not in the family at the time of her last visit, which was in 1936.

Mrs. Thomas Kelley, who moved from Nebraska to Oregon some time ago, is reminded of the Isle of Man by the primroses and hawthorn which have been blooming there this spring. Mrs. Kelley has a pet project — to establish a Manx Society in Oregon. Any Oregon Manx who would like to join such a society should write to Mrs. Thomas Kelley, 1415 East Salem Ave., Albany, Oregon.

Visitors in San Francisco during the spring were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffiths of Douglas, Isle of Man and their little daughter, June, who were guests of President and Mrs. Herbert Corlett of the San Francisco Manx Society. Miss Mona Holmes, also from Douglas, was the guest of Essie Quayle and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cringle.

"It was a great time for all of us," writes Essie, "as we all got around together." The visitors were entertained also by Mr. and Mrs. Max Arends, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cottier and Mrs. Amy Satterlee.

Mrs. W. H. Kneale of Peel, Isle of Man is in San Francisco to spend a few months with her brother and wife, Jim and Katie Cringle, and Katie's sister, Essie Quayle. They all left on May 19 to spend a vacation in Yosemite and the Redwoods.

Mrs. Annie Moore Wood of Seattle, Wash., former Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society, visited San Francisco recently as the guest of Essie Quayle and Jim and Katie Cringle. She went with them to the Manx Picnic held at John Morgan's home on May 17.

Mrs. Gordon J. Killip, 1403 Henning Drive, Cleveland, won a two-door 1959 Rambler American car in a Free Prize Contest conducted as part of the grand opening celebration of the newest store of a local grocery chain. Naturally the Killips are really thrilled.

Another lucky Clevelander is Mrs. Harriet Hughes, 1383 Lynn Park Drive, who won almost \$600 for correctly answering a question on a local television quiz show. She made an appearance on TV to receive the award. Mrs. Hughes is from Laxey.

Some of the Arizona Manx are visiting the Isle of Man this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin were planning to leave Tucson by plane on June 17, going by way of Chicago and Newfoundland to London, thence to the Island. On their return trip, about August 6, they plan to spend a few days in New York. . . The Robert Skillicorns also are planning to leave in June by boat for England, and will spend some time in London and Whitehaven, where both have relatives. They expect to get to the Isle of Man while the Corrins are there, and hope to see the Tynwald ceremonies.

Mrs. Nellie Kelly of Bisbee returned recently from Phoenix, Ariz., where she spent Easter with her son Ralph and family.

Fred Corrin, of Warren, Ariz., has acquired a Steinway grand piano and a Hammond organ. "We are enjoying some wonderful musical evenings," writes his sister, Mrs. Ivy Dillon.

Mrs. Ivy Dillon of Warren, Ariz. mentions a letter received from Miss Beatrice Prime, who visited her cousin, Mrs. Nellie Kelly in Arizona last fall. Miss Prime was greatly impressed by the Arizona climate, and Mrs. Dillon agrees that they are greatly favored when many places are enduring bitter winter weather. "We don't need heat on in the afternoons," says Mrs. Dillon. "and when we do have occasional cold weather it never lasts more than a couple of days at the most."

Mrs. Gladys Rogers of Arlington, Va., sister of the Corrins of Arizona, with her daughter Mrs. Paul La Prade and son Roger of Miami Springs, Fla., also are taking a trip to the Isle of Man this year. They were to fly from New York on May 31, and meet the Arizona homecomers when they arrived.

Alf Looney of Rochester, N.Y. has given up his old home and has moved into an apartment with his stepson, Bruce, who recently purchased a large apartment house.

Edward Clark of Rochester, N.Y. retired in May from the Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. where he has been employed for 32 years. The Clarks will be able to devote some of their leisure to travel — which they both enjoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sundlof of Dansville, N.Y., have returned from the Southland where they had, as always, a grand time. They enjoyed the sunshine, and meeting many of the Florida Manx.

Another who enjoyed a spot of southern warmth toward the end of our bitter northern winter was Alice Garrett of Rochester, who left there in a snowstorm in early spring and arrived in Raleigh, North Carolina to find people coatless and wearing summer clothes. Alice spent several days with a niece in Raleigh and afterwards went on to Charleston, South Carolina. She enjoyed the beautiful gardens, the flowers and the cypress trees heavily hung with Spanish moss, and came back with wonderful impressions of the picturesque Old South.

Mrs. Christine Rothery of Warren, Ariz., was installed recently as Worthy Matron of the local chapter of the Eastern Star.

Miss Phyllis Costain of 234 Lytton Blvd., Toronto, is sailing home to Port Erin in June for a three-month holiday. Miss Costain is a teacher in Havergal College — one of Toronto's best Girls' Schools.

A niece of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen, Dylis (nee Calderbank) with her husband Tom, and baby, arrived recently in Ottawa, Ont., from Douglas, Isle of Man.

Mrs. Isabel Shimmin of Arcadia, Calif., planned a New York vacation in June, to visit her niece.

Winnipeg friends visiting the Isle of Man this summer were mentioned in the last Bulletin — Mr. and Mrs. John Fick, George Cregeen and daughter Olive — to whom is now added the name of James Y. Mann.

The visit of Miss Mona Holmes of Douglas, Isle of Man, was described in part in the March Bulletin, when she was on the Pacific Coast. Early in May she visited Cleveland, where she stayed with Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly and was entertained by their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roseman. She went on to Washington, D.C., where she had a painful fall on an excursion boat, breaking her left wrist. This unfortunate accident spoiled her enjoyment of New York, where she stayed with Miss Florence Gill — and of Boston, whence she departed for Home, via Nova Scotia.

Charles Quilliam, President of the Edmonton Manx Society, went out to Canada about 40 years ago and became a successful dairy farmer. His farm is still called "Manxland," and his cattle were known as "Manx Cat Brand." He has two sons, Colby and Crosby, and a daughter, Helen.

After spending the winter in Laguna, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruce returned to Seattle, Wash. on March 4.

Miss Eva Ellison of Ramsey, Isle of Man is enjoying a three-month visit in Cleveland, staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly. They took her to Detroit during the Decoration Day week end, where she was to spend several days with the Dick Corkills.

Mr. and Mrs. William Caley of Costa Mesa, Calif., are vacationing in the Isle of Man this summer.

Frank Williamson, President of the Toronto Manx Society, visited his daughter Eileen in Ottawa during the Festival of the Tulips and Daffodils the latter part of May. This is a similar event to Lilac Time in Rochester, Cherryblossom Time in Washington, D.C., and other flower festivals held in different localities to greet the spring. One of the outstanding features of Ottawa, besides its parks and magnificent Parliament Buildings, is the Rideau Canal which passes through the city. It is bordered by the Drive-way and scenic route, more than 20 miles long and planted with thousands of tulips of every color and variety — the gift of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands in appreciation of her stay in Ottawa during World War II. Frank Williamson renewed acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Meredith, who are going to the Isle of Man this summer to visit Mrs. T. Calderbank of Douglas, Mrs. Meredith's sister. He also met Mrs. Dolly Salmon (Dolly Dick), and Mrs. Ketchum, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caine and Mr. Peter Dixon and daughter. A pleasant evening was spent at Mrs. L. Pyke's home, viewing slides of Frank's pictures of the Isle of Man taken last summer, and views of Florida taken during the past winter.

Robert C. Ranney, recently appointed resident planner of Geauga County, Ohio, is of Manx descent, his grandparents being Mr. and Mrs. George Crellin. He is a nephew of Harrison Crellin of Cleveland.

#### MANX WEDDING'S

Mrs. George H. Teare of 4224 East 110th St., Cleveland, announces the marriage of her daughter, Katherine Ann Teare, to Harlan C. Shaw of Chicago, on January 31 at the Miles Park Presbyterian Church, Cleveland. The bride, who wore a chapel train length gown of white silk taffeta, was attended by her sisters, Jean and Isabel Teare. The happy couple left for a five-week honeymoon, spending some time in New Orleans, then driving across the Southwest to San Francisco, where Harlan has taken a new position as a research physicist. Harlan and Kitty extend a cordial welcome to Manx friends visiting San Francisco. They are at home at — 2395 35th Ave., Apt. 7, San Francisco 16, California.

Married on May 23 in the Lake Forest Presbyterian Church, Nancy Valavanis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Auty of Lake Forest, Ill., to David Kent Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller of Indianapolis, Ind.

#### L'IL PEOPLE

Born — on March 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Birrell of Vancouver, a daughter, Sandra Helen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kneale, Horseshoe Bay, B.C.

Born — on March 13 to Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunbar of Chesterland, Ohio, a daughter, Kathleen Frances. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nelson of Lake Worth, Fla., formerly of Cleveland.

Born — on April 22, a son, Neil Glenn, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Paben, 615 Main St., Albany, Oregon. The baby has two brothers, Gary and Scott, and a sister, Cheryl. Grandmothers are Mrs. Alberta Paben, Florence, Arizona, and Mrs. Thomas Kelley (Nell Joughin) of Albany, Oregon, formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Born — on April 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lindner of Oakland, Calif., a son, Timothy Allen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin, Lowell, Ariz. This makes three boys for the Lindners.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McClure, Leitchfield, Ky., have adopted their second baby, Nancy Willis McClure, who was born on March 16 and adopted on March 24. Mrs. McClure is the former Betty Auty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Auty of Lake Forest, Ill.

#### Information Wanted

We have an inquiry from the firm of Dickinson, Cruickshank & Co., advocates, of Ramsey, Isle of Man, for the present whereabouts of Mr. Donald Maxwell, son of Mrs. Charlotte Hannah Maxwell (nee Cowley), or of his wife or family.

The advocates explain that Mr. Maxwell's mother, who was Manx and a native of Ramsey, has been dead many years. They understand that Donald Maxwell emigrated to America and is supposed to have been in Chicago about 20 years ago. He visited England about that time, returning to America. Apparently he was married and had one son, Robert (Bobby). The advocates also say that Mr. Maxwell may have been known at one time as "Dundonald Maxwell," as he has been so referred to by a relative with whom they have corresponded.

If any reader knows where Mr. Donald Maxwell is, or has information that would aid the advocates in tracing him, please write direct to:

Messrs. Dickinson, Cruickshank & Co.  
P. O. Box No 4  
Water St.  
Ramsey, Isle of Man, British Isles.

## Resignation of Miss Claire Mylecraine

With great regret, we have to announce the resignation of Miss Claire Mylecraine, who has been Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the N.A.M.A. since the latter part of 1935. As you all know, Miss Mylecraine suffered a severe heart attack three years ago, and as a result has been compelled to give up all activities, and retire from business on a disability basis. During all these years, Claire has given generously to the N.A.M.A. of her ability, time and experience. Her interest in the members has been warm and personal, and her enthusiasm has been a dominant factor in the successful history of the Association.

Claire does not enjoy inaction, but has to obey "doctor's orders." Her interest in the N.A.M.A. is undiminished, even though she will no longer take an active part as secretary.

Miss Mildred Corris, 1335 Cove Avenue, Lakewood 7, Ohio, has been appointed to act as Secretary of the N.A.M.A. Mildred is well known to a great many of you, and has been a loyal worker for the N.A.M.A. for a number of years. We wish her every success.

## Manx Music Festival Cleveland Gold Medal

At the Manx Music Festival held in the Palace, Douglas, in early May, Miss Ethel Brookes (mezzo-soprano) of Douglas, won the Cleveland Gold Medal. This was the climax of the program of finals held on Wednesday evening, May 6. Miss Brookes sang "The Tryst" by Sibelius (the test piece), and for the song of her own choice gave "Wind's Way," by Arthur Benjamin. The adjudicator, Sir Stewart Wilson, M. A., F.T.C.L., said in his remarks that Miss Brookes' performance in the second song was "magnificent" — "extraordinarily well done." The adjudicator praised all of the six finalists — the winners of special solo classes earlier in the week who thus qualified to compete for the Cleveland Medal. Mrs. Fred T. Gorry is Chairman and Secretary of the Cleveland Gold Medal Committee.

Trophies were presented at the Festival Concert, evening of May 7, by the Governor, Sir Ambrose Flux Dundas — the last time he will perform this function as his term of office is completed this year. He said in his remarks that he and Lady Dundas will carry away very happy memories of "The Guild."

## Visit of Mr. and Mrs.

### Jack Griffiths

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffiths of 20 Hawarden Ave., Douglas, Isle of Man, who initiated the reawakening of the Edmonton Manx Society, left the Island for their North American tour, accompanied by their little daughter June, last September. In Edmonton they visited their married daughters, Mrs. Tom Cannell and Mrs. Bryan Stoodley and their families. They toured the Rocky Mountains, returning to Edmonton for Christmas, and during this visit the Edmonton Manx Society was reorganized. They had a thrill in being introduced to the members of the Alberta Provincial Legislature from the public gallery as visitors from the Isle of Man who were hoping to form a local Manx Society. Mrs. Griffiths told the members of the oldest Parliament in the world, and several said they had heard of Tynwald. The Griffiths were presented with a pictorial souvenir of their visit, signed by all the members of the Legislature including Premier Ernest C. Manning.

The Griffiths visited Manx people in Calgary, Alberta — Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Callister. They went on to Vancouver, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. John Callister of Alberni, and met a great many Manx people. In San Francisco they were welcomed by Mrs. Essie Quayle, who at the time was entertaining Miss Mona Holmes, also from Douglas. On the street, the Griffiths were recognized by Miss Evelyn Corlett, who showed them the sights and introduced them to her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Corlett, with whom they stayed and attended a Manx meeting. In Los Angeles they met several Manx people, including Miss Lillian Callow, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mullen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregg, who entertained them. They left sunshine behind and rediscovered winter in Chicago, which was under ten inches of snow. In Cleveland they met Miss Gertrude Cannell, editor of N.A.M.A. Bulletin, W. Harry Kelly, N.A.M.A. Past President, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sperling (formerly Joan Aspel of Douglas) who drove from their home in Toledo to see them — and they spent the evening of Good Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gorry, where they were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christian (Mrs. Christian is the former Ethel Shimmin of Chicago). On Easter Sunday they were in New York, and met Mrs. Alice Kinnish; then took the plane for Home.

Mr. Griffiths took many colored pictures during the 14,000-mile tour. Some appeared in the Isle of Man Times of April 17.

## Manx Student

### Wins Honors

The Montreal Society is rightly proud of the success of Brian Kaneen, a young Manxman specializing in foreign languages at McGill University, Montreal, which he entered under a Beaverbrook Foundation scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kaneen, formerly of Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, who came out to Montreal a year ago. Brian has been awarded a Fellowship at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and also won a diploma for "outstanding work in Spanish," awarded by the Institute of Spanish Culture. With the diploma he received a handsome "History of the Spanish People," presentation being made by the Spanish Consul in Montreal. Brian takes his B. A. at McGill in June, and after a summer holiday in the Isle of Man will enter Cornell in the fall to work for his M. A. degree. He has won several other scholarships, including one at Toronto University. This brilliant young linguist (he speaks German, Spanish, French and Russian and has studied other languages beside) received his earlier education at Douglas High School and King William's College. As remarked by Mr. J. V. Joughin, Secretary of the Montreal Manx Society, his success can be considered a feather in the cap of the Manx educational system, which was singled out recently by a professor lecturing in Montreal as one of the best in modern systems. Article describing Brian's scholastic career appears in the Isle of Man Times of May 1.

## Birthplace of Bishop Wilson

Thomas Wilson, famous Bishop of Sodor and Man whose life is well known to students of Manx history, was born in a thatched stone cottage at Burton, Wirral (Cheshire) in the year 1663. According to an article in a Liverpool newspaper, the cottage was bought recently by a Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bostock, who are having it rethatched and repaired and will make it their home. Knowing the historic interest of the place, the couple feel they have a responsibility to preserve it unchanged as far as possible. Some alterations are necessary in the interior, but the exterior will simply be repaired.

The cottage is believed to be about 400 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Bostock believe it has two secret rooms — probably sealed off many years ago — and hope eventually to investigate.

Dr. Thomas Wilson, who was born

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## OBITUARIES

**ALBERTSEN, Peter**, of 17202 Holly Hill Drive, Cleveland, died on March 29. He leaves his wife, Catherine (nee Kermod); four sons, Willard, Harold, Kenneth and Alvin; and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Marlini; eight grandchildren.

**BREW, James Alfred**, of 15315 Glencoe Road, Cleveland, died on April 7. He leaves his wife, Mildred (nee Withycomb); a son, Alfred; and daughter, Dorothy Stellmah; six grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. A. Q. Teare of Douglas, Isle of Man. His brothers, the late Tom and Fred, were well-known butchers in Douglas. Mr. Brew, who followed the same trade, came to the States at the age of 21.

**CORLETT, Emma E.**, of Shaker Heights, Cleveland, died on May 31 at the age of 84. She leaves a son, John A. Corlett, municipal judge in Shaker Heights; a daughter, Mrs. Donald C. Duncan of Cincinnati, Ohio; two grandchildren; and a brother, William F. Maag of Canton, Ohio. Her husband was the late Charles Bert Corlett, for many years Chief of the Cuyahoga County Bureau of Domestic Relations, who died in 1937.

**CORMODE, Georgina**, of 68 Lloyd Ave., Norwood, Winnipeg, Man., died on May 7 at the age of 80. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, she had lived in Winnipeg for the past 50 years. She leaves four sons, James of Toronto; Campbell of Edmonton; Edward and Douglas of Norwood; a daughter, Mrs. John Watson of St. Vital, Man.; and a sister, Mrs. Mina Stewart in California. Mrs. Cormode was the widow of the late William Cormode, superintendent of the Arctic Ice & Coal Co., Winnipeg, who was born at Regaby, Isle of Man, and at one time was a stonemason with Kissack Bros. of Marown. He died in 1946. The couple were active members of the old Winnipeg Manx Society.

**CRETNEY, Mona** (nee Redfern), of 14511 Elm Ave., Cleveland, died on March 28. She leaves her husband, Thomas A. Cretney (a Past President of the Mona's Relief Society) and a sister, Mrs. Pearl Whittaker.

**FRANCE, Louise** (nee Maddrell), of 2114 Gehring Ave., Cleveland, died suddenly on May 31. She was the widow of the late Charles France, and leaves a brother, William E. Maddrell. Mrs. France came to Cleveland from Douglas, Isle of Man many years ago, and was well known among the Manx. She was a loyal supporter of the N.A.M.A.

**GASKELL, Catherine A.**, of 6908 Root Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio, died on March 28. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Clara Wendorf, and a nephew, James Gaskell. Miss Gaskell was born in Peel, Isle of Man, a daughter of James and Alice Gaskell, and was the sister of Alice, Ethel, James and Percy, all deceased.

**HARRISON, Dessie**, of Leroy, Ohio, died on May 3. She was the widow of the late John H. Harrison, and leaves one son, Harold. Mrs. Harrison was a member of the Northeast Ohio Manx Society, and a charter member of the Leroy Grange.

**KEIGHIN, Lillian**, of Morton, Ill., died on February 5, aged 63. She leaves her husband, Charles W.; a son, William at the University of Colorado; two daughters, Mrs. Allie Lou Strunk, Peoria, Ill. and Mrs. Phyllis DuPree, Miami, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Iliff and Mrs. J. B. Driscoll, and six grandchildren. Mrs. Keighin was secretary-treasurer of the Peoria Manx Society for the past three years, and is greatly missed.

**KELLY, Eleanor (Ella)**, of Upper Rencell, Laxey, Isle of Man, died on March 18 in Noble's Hospital. Miss Kelly was a former resident of Cleveland, returning to the Island on her retirement a number of years ago. She was well known among the Cleveland Manx and a loyal member of the N.A.M.A.

**LEWIN, Forrest W.**, life-time resident of Galva, Ill., died on May 17, aged 65. Surviving are his wife, nee Ada Gibbs, and two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Nesgen of Galva, and Mrs. Allan Gould, Oak Park, Ill.

**KNEEN, Eleanor J.**, of 3618 Townley Road, Cleveland, died on April 10, aged 92. She leaves her sister, Mrs. Walter K. Wood, with whom she lived; another sister, Esther and two brothers, William H. and Evan H. in the Isle of Man. Miss Kneen came to Cleveland in 1893, and with her sister Mrs. Wood engaged in the dressmaking and designing business for many years.

**KNEEN, George O.**, formerly of 3232 Tullamore Road, Cleveland, died on April 16. He was a son of the late Philip and Esther Kneen, and a brother of Mrs. Ella Cannell, Katherine, Mrs. Frances E. Caine, Anna, William, Hattie, Edward and Frank, all deceased.

**MANN, Edith** (nee Mayor), of Manchester, England, died in May at the age of 79. She was the widow of the late H. H. Mann, eldest brother of James Y. Mann of Winnipeg. Surviving are a son, Percy A. Mann, and two granddaughters, of 63 Beckersdike Ave., Longsight, Manchester.

**MOORE, Agnes**, (nee Cannell), of Douglas, Isle of Man, died on April 28. She leaves her husband, Ramsey B. Moore, former Attorney-General of the Isle of Man, and an honorary vice president of the N.A.M.A.; two sons, George E. Moore, present Attorney-General, and Dr. Gordon Moore.

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

The Centenary Methodist Church in Warrensville, Ohio, setting for the Annual Church Service of the Cleveland Manx, held its annual church supper on May 20. While not a Manx affair, there were Manx people present, and Steve Quinney tells us many reservations had to be refused for lack of capacity. Only 125 could be seated, but the committee could have served 200 if they had had the room. As has been often mentioned in the Bulletin, Centenary Methodist Church has a number of Manx members, and is the church of the Manx pioneers — remodeled of course in recent years. The Annual Service of the Cleveland Manx will be held in this church some time in the fall.

## Birthplace of Bishop Wilson

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in this house in 1663, was the fifth son of eight children of Nathaniel and Alice Wilson. He was educated at King's School, Chester, and Trinity College, Dublin. After his ordination he was curate in an English parish, and in 1692 became Chaplain to the ninth Earl of Derby, who appointed him Bishop of Sodor and Man in 1697. He was the most famous of the Manx Bishops, and his character may be judged from a description which has been handed down — "the last survivor of the saints of the English Church." During his long life he accomplished many things for the welfare and education of the Manx people, who were devoted to him. He died in 1755 at the age of 93.

The newspaper article describing Bishop Wilson's birthplace was sent us by J. H. Kewley of Liverpool, England.

## Captain Hugh Crow

An article in the series "Strange Stories of Merseyside," by Arnold Edmundson, appearing in the Liverpool Echo, tells of Captain Hugh Crow, Manx sea dog of indomitable courage, who commanded the last slave-trading ship to sail from Liverpool. A description of him from a Liverpool history says — "He was one of the bravest, shrewdest, quaintest and most humorous old sea dogs that ever breathed. He lost his right eye when very young, but as one of the employers said, 'the other was a piercer,' and he was known far and wide as 'Mind your eye, Crow.'"

Much as we all deplore the slave trade of the 18th century, it is consoling to us as Manx people to know that Captain Crow seems to have treated his living cargo with all the humanity possible, and twice was awarded a bounty by the English Government for bringing these unwilling passengers to destination in healthy condition. On one voyage he actually trained some of the slaves to join the crew in manning the guns and using small arms in case of an attack by French cruisers. The black men were quite proud of the preference and joined in the exercises eagerly.

Once Captain Crow was chased by two vessels which he took in the dusk to be French cruisers, and fought them all night until daylight revealed all three ships as English — Captain Crow had been fighting two sloops of the Royal Navy! He was wounded and much disconcerted, but the Navy officers consoled him and gave him a

document to take back, explaining the mistake and attesting his gallantry.

Captain Crow retired from the sea at 43, and lived for a while in Ramsey, Isle of Man. In 1817 he returned to Liverpool to look up old friends, and settled in rooms in Preston, where he wrote his memoirs and died in 1829. He was buried with his forefathers in Maughold, Isle of Man. The writer of the article feels that in spite of his atrocious trade, which was not generally condemned in his day, Captain Crow was "a good sort . . . a fine seaman, indomitably brave."

## The "Ellan Vannin" Mystery

The Liverpool Echo has been publishing a series of articles entitled "Strange Stories of Merseyside," by Arnold Edmundson. In the one which appeared on April 16 he wrote of the loss of the Ellan Vannin, which went down with all on board one wild December night in 1909. The actual, immediate cause of the tragedy is still a mystery, says the writer.

Although very small (375 tons), the Ellan Vannin was considered one of the safest vessels afloat. When she left Ramsey for Liverpool on December 3, 1909 on her fatal voyage, she was commanded by Captain J. Teare "a most capable officer," and had on board 11 passengers, a crew of 21, light general cargo and eight sheep. The light wind which favored them at the start of the trip quickly developed into a violent gale — described, in fact, as a "perfect hurricane." On shore anxiety mounted as the Ellan Vannin's arrival in Liverpool became hours overdue. Fears were confirmed when wreckage was seen in the Mersey River — lifebelts, dead sheep, a mailbag from the missing ship. The little vessel was located on December 5 at the bottom of the Mersey, near the red-flashing buoy on the Bar. The irony of it was that the ship and its courageous crew had weathered the storm and was almost in port when tragedy struck.

What actually happened has never been determined. Whether she collided with the buoy, with another ship, was engulfed by a heavy sea, or destroyed by some other possibility can never be known, as all hands and passengers went down with the ship. The loss of the Ellan Vannin was the only peacetime disaster involving loss of life, ever to befall the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, and the name "Ellan Vannin" has never been repeated for another of their steamers.

The Ellan Vannin article was sent us by J. H. Kewley of Liverpool, uncle of our Bulletin Editor.

A photo with Manx associations was published on February 18 in the Edmonton (Alberta) Journal, as reported by the Isle of Man Times on March 31. It was a picture of "Melodee Anne Mitchell" in her christening robe, with her mother. The christening robe has been worn by five generations of her father's family, and was brought to Canada from the Isle of Man by her great-grandfather, J. H. Connor of Gibson's Landing, B. C. Mr. E. Q. Costain, secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society who reported this item, adds that Mr. and Mrs. Connor are valued members of the Society and have held many offices in it during the years.

On May 12, Mrs. Robert Gregg of San Marino, Calif., gave a going-away party for Mrs. Desiree Ball (mother of Lucille Ball) and her friend, Mrs. Marie Ephraim, who were about to leave by plane for a holiday in Hawaii. Twenty ladies were present for the luncheon and card party. The decorative motif was Hawaiian, and Hawaiian music was played when the guests arrived and during the luncheon. Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Ephraim each were presented with a "lei" when they entered, and also received a going-away gift. The party was a big surprise to the guests of honor, and the colored slides which were taken will form a reminder of a happy occasion.

It is a tribute to the reorganized Edmonton Manx Society that their first meeting was held, with boundless enthusiasm, on a bitter February night with temperature far below zero. This past winter has become a memorable one for inhabitants of the northern United States and of Canada for its length and severity. Many of our Manx Societies have commented on its adverse effect on their meetings.

## Cleveland Manx Church Service

The Annual Church Service of the Cleveland Manx Societies, usually held in June, will be held this year some time in the fall. Date and other details will be announced later.

From Mrs. R. C. Kelly, Chicago—

"The world is so full of a number of things

I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings!"

(Robert Louis Stevenson)