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

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YES . . .

WE'LL HAVE A CONVENTION IN 1960

The executive officers of the North American Manx Association held a very enthusiastic meeting at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland on August 20. The meeting was called by your president for the purpose of fixing the place for our next Convention. As no bids had been received from any of the Manx Societies, it was unanimously decided to hold a Convention in Cleveland in August, 1960, to be sponsored by the North American Manx Association. We had to take drastic steps to insure a convention next year, hence the decision that the national organization sponsor this gathering. We rely on our annual conventions to help keep our Association alive, and are sorry that it was not possible to have one this year.

We shall need the help of all our Manx friends in the United States and Canada to make a success of our reunion next year. Right now is the time to pay annual dues to the N.A.M.A., and we urge everyone to join up for 1959-60 at once. Perhaps the thing which has bound our people

together more than anything else is the Bulletin—this little Manx newspaper published by the N.A.M.A. and mailed to all our members. The Bulletin reaches hundreds of Manx people on this continent who are unable to attend all our conventions.

Start saving your pennies and do make up your mind to come to the N.A.M.A. Convention in Cleveland next August. Cleveland is the birthplace of our Association—Cleveland has always been noted for good Manx conventions. It is our host city next year because we look to the large Manx community there to help us. It has been said that there are more people of Manx birth and descent in Cleveland than there are in the Isle of Man, and I believe this is true. The N.A.M.A. was founded in Cleveland in 1928, with more than 500 people present at the organization meeting, when John E. Christian of Cleveland was elected our first President. Since 1928 we have held a convention practically every year in cities in the United States and Canada, ex-

cept during the Second World War.

To those Manx people who have contributed to the success of our Association through countless hours of hard work — to those who have sent in news for our Bulletin — to our hard-working secretary, Bulletin editor and financial secretary — and to those who have kept up their membership through the years, we owe a debt of sincere gratitude. I urge all our regional directors to try to contact all the Manx people in their respective districts, and sign them up as members of the N.A.M.A. The dues, which are only two dollars a year, also include subscription to the Bulletin, which members receive regularly.

If you have never visited Cleveland, do plan to come next August and mingle with your Manx friends. You will be glad you came! We want to make our 1960 convention the best yet, and with the help of loyal Manx friends it can be done!

COME TO CLEVELAND IN 1960!

FRED J. CAVEEN, President

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

I am writing this during the month of August—a month which brings back happy memories for members of the North American Manx Association and their friends scattered over this continent. This is the month when the N.A.M.A. usually holds its annual convention, and while we have been unable to arrange one this year, you will have read in the Bulletin that we are to have a grand get-together in Cleveland in 1960.

We have been without a convention for two years in a row, and some

people feel that the Homecomings are killing off the conventions, but I do not wholly agree. We must admit that the Homecomings are exciting, and the Manx people love them—especially, of course, those who have experienced these great thrills. It is true that not many of the younger Manx people have been able to join the Homecomings, as they are too busy getting settled and bringing up a family. Though most of them make good money, they find that living expenses are high. Most of them buy their own homes. I believe that if the N.A.M.A. keeps going, these

young folk will become interested members, and in future years our Association will be stronger than ever.

I hope that all of you have had a wonderful vacation this summer—it is good to travel and explore this great continent of ours. And now—let's start looking forward and planning for our next great Manx Convention—Cleveland in 1960!

And remember—we need new members more than ever. Let's all do our bit toward getting more of our Manx friends to join.

FRED J. CAVEEN, President

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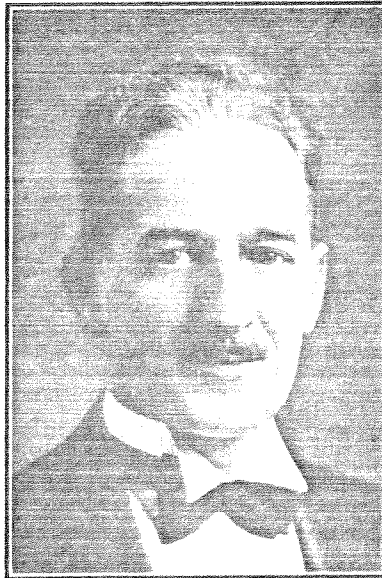
WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

From an interesting account of the annual meeting of the World Manx Association in Douglas on Tynwald Day, reprinted from the Ramsey Courier, we learn that the following North American Manx were present: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell, Vancouver; Archie Kerruish, Chicago; Jim Mann, George Cregeen and daughter Mrs. Olive Almrud, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fick, Winnipeg; Mrs. E. Anderson, New Hartford; Mrs. Genier, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morrison, Miami, Fla.; Mr. Comish, Mobile, Ala.; Mr. Bridson, Windsor, Ont.; Mrs. J. Cope and daughter, Montreal; Miss Phyllis Costain, Toronto. Other overseas visitors were J. C. Cannell, Auckland, New Zealand; Phillip Moore and Mrs. Carine, Johannesburg, South Africa; Mr. and Mrs. A. Ford, Western Australia. It was stated that on Tynwald Day the Manx flag would be flown from the Town Hall at Sydney, Australia, and from the Free Press Building, Winnipeg.

Inspiring talks were given by Richard Cain, O.B.E., 96-year-old President of the W.M.A.; Charles Craine, Secretary; Phillip Moore, legislator from Johannesburg, and the Governor, Sir Ambrose Flux Dundas—a farewell message on the conclusion of his seven-year term of office. Several of the overseas Manx also addressed the gathering, and messages of goodwill from many parts of the world were read. Soloist at the meeting was Miss Ethel Brookes, winner of this year's Cleveland Gold Medal—Miss Emily Christian, L.R.A.M., accompanist.

Robert William Skillicorn 1899 - 1959

We have to announce, with deep regret that our Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Robert William Skillicorn, died on August 26 in Cleveland Clinic Hospital, where he had been a patient for about a month. Mr. Skillicorn underwent an emergency operation for a brain tumor on July 28 and remained in a coma, with only occasional moments of consciousness, until his death. His health had not been good for some months. He leaves his wife, Ethel (nee Williams); a brother James of Laxey, and a sister, Mrs. R. H. Cleator of Douglas, Isle of Man.



ROBERT W. SKILLICORN

Financial Secretary-Treasurer, N. A. M. A.
1947 - 1959

A nephew, William Skillicorn, lives in Orillia, Ontario

Mr. Skillicorn, who was "Bill" to Manx people all over this continent, was born in Laxey, attended school in Laxey and Douglas, enlisted in the British Army at the age of 16 and served for four years during World War I. He came to Cleveland in 1920. He saw war service again when he joined the U. S. Army in 1934 for World War II. For the past 15 years he was employed at the tank plant of the Cadillac Motor Division of General Motors Corp. in Cleveland.

He married Ethel G. Williams (of Welsh parentage) in 1927. They shared a love of music, and up to the time of his illness Bill was music di-

rector and trustee of the Jones Road Congregational Church. He was a director of the Cleveland Manx Choral Society, (disbanded many years ago), and for a long time was a member of the famous Orpheus Male Choir. He was fond of instrumental music and played the cornet and the trumpet. In the Masonic Order he was very active, and has held several important offices over the years. He was financial secretary for the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society of Cleveland.

Bill has rendered splendid service to the North American Manx Association during his twelve years in office. Despite his many pressing activities, he was always a keen Manxman, and maintained unflagging interest in people and things Manx. His great desire was to be helpful, and he gave generously of his time and abilities. With little time for himself, he was nevertheless, an ardent hockey fan, and seldom missed seeing a game at the Cleveland Arena. His last trip to the Island was with the Homecoming in 1952.

We shall miss Bill Skillicorn very much. He will always be remembered with affection and respect as one who contributed greatly to the cause of Manx fellowship through the North American Manx Association.

Henry C. Christian Appointed N.A.M.A. Treasurer

At an executive meeting of the North American Manx Association held in Cleveland on August 20, President Fred Caveen asked Henry C. Christian to take the office of Financial Secretary-Treasurer pro tem., in place of the late Robert W. Skillicorn. Mr. Christian kindly accepted the appointment and is now carrying on with the work. As most of our members know, Henry is the only son of the late J. E. Christian, first President of the North American Manx Association, and Mrs. Christian. His wife is the former Ethel Shimmin, former Secretary of the Chicago Manx Society. Henry has inherited his father's organizing ability and interest in all things Manx.

As we have started a new financial year, we urge everyone to renew membership now by sending two dollars dues to:

Henry C. Christian
861 Orchard Park Drive
Rocky River 16, Ohio.

Your kind cooperation in sending dues very promptly will be of great help to the Association at this time.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

Members of the Mona's Relief Society held their first meeting of the fall-winter season on September 1 at St. Stephen's Church Hall. During the short business meeting, President Alan Fricke told the members that the North American Manx Association had decided to hold its 1960 Convention in Cleveland, and enlisted their help in the undertaking. Mr. Harry Kelly and his son-in-law, Bill Roseman, showed colored slides they had taken in Florida and other parts of the south, which the audience found very interesting. An additional Florida touch was given by Mrs. John Lewin from Lake Worth, who was paying her annual visit to Cleveland, her former home.

PEORIA

Members of the Peoria Manx Society met at Glen Oak Park on Sunday, July 26, for a potluck dinner, business meeting and election of officers. After enjoying the excellent meal, all joined in singing "Ellan Vannin" and "Ramsey Town," led by the Rev. John Clarke of Knoxville, Ill. The president, Mrs. Robert Shimmin, called the meeting to order, and the secretary-treasurer's annual report was read by Mrs. Bertha Archibald. Mr. Frank Shimmin, chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced names of the following, who were elected to serve the Society for the following twelve months:

President

Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Shimmin

Sec'y-Treasurer

Mrs. William (Bertha) Archibald
Box 16, Brimfield, Ill.

Kitchen Hostess

Mrs. Eva Ashman

The meeting was adjourned, and the rest of the afternoon passed very pleasantly in chatting and visiting.

EDMONTON

The Edmonton Manx had a picnic in one of the local parks on July 29, and both children and adults enjoyed a grand time. After the picnic, quite a number of the group went on to the home of the President Mr. C. Quilliam, to spend the remainder of the evening.

No meeting was held in August, as most of the members were away on vacation. Meetings will be resumed at the end of September, and members are looking forward to many pleasant evenings during the coming winter.

MONTREAL

On Saturday, July 11, members and friends of the Montreal Manx Society held their annual picnic on Lac Renaud in the Laurentian Mountains, at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Corlett. Mr. Corlett is treasurer of the Society. Through the kindness of those with cars, transport was provided for all who could go. An early start was made, and all enjoyed the lovely drive through the hills from Montreal. The host and hostess were awaiting the guests with a real Manx welcome, and no time was lost before starting swimming, rowing, sun bathing and other summer enjoyments, the children particularly relishing the sport of catching tadpoles and bullfrogs. The Manx flag was blowing in the breeze, and several of the latest Manx posters were displayed on the verandah.

Mrs. Jack Agnew, a member of long standing, brought photographs of bygone picnics, including one of the first ever held. These provided a lot of interest, especially in comparing the fashions of those days and the present. A friend of the Society sent bags of Manx humbugs and bars of Isle of Man rock, which were much appreciated. During the day, several members took movies as well as still photographs, so all are looking forward to an enjoyable evening in the winter session when these will be shown.

A thunderstorm and downpour in the evening fortunately came too late to spoil this wonderful day. It cleared in a half-hour. President Paul Gregson thanked the Corletts for their hospitality and the journey home started, with many wishing that another such picnic could be arranged.

The Society has taken the "Triquet" Room in the Canadian Legion Memorial Building for meetings scheduled for October 23, November 27, January 22, February 26, March 25 and April 22. The December meeting is yet to be arranged. Secretary J. V. Joughin says—"The Society extends a hearty invitation to any Manx newcomers to Montreal, or visiting friends to join us 'where'er we be, to keep alive the interest in what we all hold dear.'"

ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx were planning an August picnic at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sundlof's home in Dansville, N. Y., and were praying that the weatherman would be kind. It seems it has always poured cats and dogs when the Manx visited the Sundlofs!

CHICAGO

On Sunday, July 12, members of the Chicago Manx Society and their friends were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Auty of Lake Forest, Ill. on the beautiful shore of Lake Michigan. Present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christian and John T. Shimmin of Rocky River, Ohio. Arthur Shimmin brought a guest, a young man from Wellington, England—member of the crew of one of the escort ships for the royal yacht "Britannia" during Queen Elizabeth's and Prince Philip's recent tour.

Highlights of the picnic were Mrs. Auty's Manx scones and bonnag, and the playing of the new Manx records, sent to Mrs. Auty as a gift from her friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin of Douglas, Isle of Man. Mrs. Ella Boyde donated a beautiful cushion top embroidered with the Manx emblem as a door prize; it was won by Ann Shimmin.

Speaking of the Queen's visit, the British Societies of Chicago (the Chicago Manx Society included) contributed towards the gift to the Queen of a fine painting of the Chicago waterfront, with Buckingham Fountain (where the royal party came ashore) predominating. The painting was the work of a Chicago artist. The royal couple also were presented with a book containing names of the presidents and vice presidents of the British Societies of Chicago. The Cecil Kellys saw the Queen and Prince Philip at such close quarters that it seemed as though they were waving to them personally. When visiting the Museum of Science and Industry they could almost have touched them.

WINNIPEG

The Manx flag was flying at Kildonan Park when the members of the Winnipeg Manx Society gathered there for their Picnic on Tynwald Day, July 5. There was a good turnout — the weather was perfect — and there were games and races for both children and adults. Although the park was crowded, the Manx flag (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Kelso of Douglas, Isle of Man) enabled the Manx to find their meeting place very easily. Absent this year were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fick, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quirk, Jim Mann and George Cregeen and daughter Olive (Mrs. Almrud), all of whom were vacationing in the Isle of Man. Members of the Society who have relatives in the Island are grateful to Mr. Cregeen and his daughter for taking the time to look up these people, who on their part were very pleased to see them and hear all the news.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

A thoughtful and appropriate tribute has been paid to a Manxman of Galva, Ill.—John Brew, recently retired greenskeeper at the Midland Country Club. Members of the Club, grateful to Mr. Brew for his 38 years of faithful service which gave them a beautiful green and well-kept golf course, honored him at a testimonial dinner on June 9, and offered him a ticket for a trip to the Isle of Man, stay as long as he wished, entire expenses to be paid by the members. Overcome by the generous offer, Mr. Brew did not know whether his age (72) and health would permit him to take the trip. If he does not go, he will receive the equivalent of the trip in cash. Mr. Brew came to the States in 1910 and worked for the Hayes Pump & Planter Company in Galva. During World War I he was with the infantry, and in 1921 went to work for the Midland Country Club. He credits his success as greenskeeper to "good seed and fertilizer," but club members say that "John had a touch all his own in applying them." On his retirement in June, he left Galva with his dog Trixie to make his home with his son and family in Antioch, Ill.

Mrs. Mary Caine Ward, present at the Los Angeles Manx Picnic, was looking wonderful after a vacation in Hawaii, where she stayed at the Royal Hawaii Hotel. She says she wants to return to learn to dance the Hula!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregg of San Marino, Calif. are planning a trip to Hawaii in October.

Mr and Mrs. George Lacey of Los Angeles are taking a three-month holiday in Pennsylvania this summer. Mr. Lacey is Past President of the Los Angeles Manx Society.

The new corresponding secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society, Mrs. Lillian Marrion Tipper, looks back on her trip with the Homecomers last summer as a glorious adventure and feels ready to start off again—despite the fact that she suffered a coronary thrombosis on the return voyage last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Norden and Miss Mildred Costain of Vancouver, B.C. spent an enjoyable vacation touring the Okanagan and Cariboo Districts.

Mrs. Mildred Christian and family of Vancouver spent their vacation at Merito Mines, B.C., visiting her niece, Mrs. Mona Bohemier.

Mr and Mrs. Archie Fulton of Vancouver have returned from a very enjoyable vacation in Los Angeles and other places in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mudie of Vancouver have been vacationing in California, returning refreshed and happy.

Dr. and Mrs. Gell and family of Vancouver spent their vacation touring Quesnel and other districts.

During their vacation, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Varley of Vancouver visited Alberni and Victoria on Vancouver Island, then went to Seattle to visit their daughter, Ethel.

E. Q. Costain, secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society, recently returned from a trip to Vancouver Island, where he visited his daughter and family.

Mrs. Percy Kelly, daughter-in-law of the late Herbie Kelly, has returned to Vancouver after a visit to her son and daughter-in-law in California.

Ron McClure, new secretary of the Toronto Manx Society, would like to hear from N.A.M.A. members, particularly any named McClure. He has heard that there are one or two Manx families by that name. His address—137 Kingsmount Park, Toronto 8, Ontario.

Several of the Toronto Manx are reported as being off on vacation. Ron McClure had an enjoyable time at Godfrey, Ont., and Mrs. Minnie Oakley left in mid-August for Port Carling in the Muskoka District. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen visited Ottawa, and Frank Williamson and daughter spent a few days in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Corkill of Detroit and the Rev. Joseph Partridge of East Moline, Ill. visited Toronto in mid-July and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kirk—daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Minnie Oakley. All enjoyed a very pleasant time.

Visiting California during the summer, the Rev. Joseph Partridge, N.A.M.A. First Vice President, was entertained in Oakland at the home of Mrs. Janie Jones—co-hostess Mrs. Amy Satterlee. Mrs. Kathleen Kneale from Peel also was an honored guest on this occasion. Officers and several members of the San Francisco Manx were present, and the Rev. Mr. Partridge broached the subject of holding another Convention in San Francisco at some future time. The matter was to be taken under consideration.

Kathy Wood, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood of Bisbee, Ariz., recently became engaged to John Hofstetter, who is attending the University at Tucson. The wedding will be in late fall.

Early in July, Mrs. Kathleen Kneale from Peel, Isle of Man, visiting in California, went with her sister-in-law Mrs. James Cringle to see Mrs. Nellie Cottier and Noreen at their home in Burbank. They also met Dr. Tom Quine and Mrs. Alice Schmidt, and all had a wonderful time re-living old days in Peel, and only regretting that time did not permit meeting more Manx friends.

During August, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Eccles of Reno, Nevada were planning to entertain Mr. and Mrs. James Cringle and their sisters, Mrs. Kathleen Kneale and Mrs. Essie Quayle of San Francisco, at their summer home at Lake Tahoe. Mrs. Kneale has had a wonderful time, and has visited Yosemite National Park and other famous California scenes, and everywhere has been widely entertained by Manx friends. On her return journey in September she will stop over in Akron, Ohio to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corris and family (her cousins), and also hopes to see old Peel friends in Cleveland.

Mrs. Amy Satterlee of San Francisco visited Los Angeles in August, and spent a day with Mrs. Lillian Marrion-Tipper, secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society. The two ladies were room-mates on the Homecoming trip last year, so had plenty to talk about.

Members of the Arizona Manx community who visited the Isle of Man this summer—Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skillicorn—are back again, and report a truly wonderful time. Mrs. Gladys Rogers, of Arlington, Va., a sister of the Corrins, also took the trip with her family, returning the latter part of June. They also thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

Mrs. Irene Arndt of Bisbee, Ariz. spent her vacation in San Francisco and Oakland, visiting her cousin, Mrs. Mae Steiert.

Mrs. Bill Caley of Costa Mesa, Calif. made a trip to the Isle of Man in April. Mr. Caley joined her there in July. On the return trip they planned to stop over in Canada to attend the wedding of Mrs. Caley's daughter. While in the Island, Mrs. Caley had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin of Bisbee, Arizona.

Mrs. Bessie Vandivier, a sister of the Corrins of Arizona, is in Long Beach, Calif. with her son, Jack Kelly, after spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. Jim Webb and family of Torrance, Calif.

In July the Cecil Kellys of Chicago took an interesting and relaxing vacation trip, in which they covered many miles, mostly by water. At the head of Lake Michigan they crossed the "Mighty Mac," largest suspension bridge in the world. It has a span of 1080 feet, and when illuminated is a wonder to behold. They went through the locks at the Soo, then crossed into Canada and went to Manitoulin Island in Georgian Bay. In this area they took boat trips to the Bruce Peninsula and Flower Pot Island, and enjoyed a seven-hour sail among the Thirty Thousand Islands in Georgian Bay. This completed their travels by water, but they went on to the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford, Ont., passing through Guelph on the way. Here they stopped to inquire for two young men they met last year on the return trip from the Homecoming, who were being sent out from England to set up a new screw factory in Guelph. Surprisingly enough, they found the two men, who now have their families with them in Canada. The Kellys made their final stop in Detroit, where they visited some of Mrs. Kelly's relatives before returning to Chicago.

Mrs. Cecil Kelly, secretary of the Chicago Manx Society, received a letter some time ago from a Mrs. Lois Colquitt Farnham of Mount Lebanon, Pa. who was trying to trace her Manx ancestry. Mrs. Kelly sent her some Manx Bulletins and also referred her to the Bill Colquitts who retired to Douglas, Isle of Man several years ago. Mrs. Kelly understands that since then they have claimed relationship! Mrs. Farnham is trying to get others in her family to join the N.A. M.A.

Bob and Jean Kelly (Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly) left Chicago on August 1 for a vacation in Colorado and points west.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Corris, 3126 Ashwood Road, Cleveland 20, Ohio, enjoyed an interesting visit lately from an old school mate of Mrs. Corris. The lady's name is Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, maiden name Elizabeth Gale, and she came out from Port Erin in 1902 to a relative in Boston, where she has lived ever since. Two of her schoolmates at the Four Roads, Port St. Mary Girls' School were Hilda Taylor and Elsie Costain—now well known to Cleveland Manx people as Mrs. Albert Nichol and Mrs. Bill Corris. Although getting on in years and quite blind, Mrs. Wilson was on her way from Boston to Uhrichsville, Ohio to see her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turney, when she stopped off in Cleveland to visit the Corris family. As long as she has someone to put her on the bus and meet her at destination, Mrs. Wilson is a good traveler, and enjoys excellent health. Her husband died many years ago.

From Mrs. L. L. Auty, Lake Forest, Ill. we learn that an old and faithful member, Charles Kelly, formerly of Lake Villa, Ill., would like to hear from Manx friends. Mr. Kelly is now blind, and is in the Luther Home, Pine Beach Road, Marinette, Wisconsin. He was born in Crosby, Isle of Man and worked in Braddan and Laxey before coming to the States. Mrs. Kelly died several years ago. We are sure that many will remember Mr. Kelly. It will give him great pleasure to hear from old Manx friends.

A motor trip to Canada was enjoyed during July by Mrs. Amy Abell, her daughter, Carol and granddaughter Barbara, and Miss Mildred Corris, all of Lakewood, Ohio. They went by way of Buffalo and Niagara Falls to London, Ont. where they stayed with the Tom Browns, who entertained them with a Smorgasbord dinner, and on another evening invited several friends to meet them—on which occasion Mildred showed her colored slides of the Isle of Man. While in London they called on Tom Crinnin, the Fred Stantons and Mrs. Fan Knowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Woosey, 174 Stanley Ave., Hamilton, Ont. have been kept at home a good deal this summer by the unpleasantly hot and humid weather. However, they went to the annual picnic of the Toronto Manx Society at Terra Cotta Park, and enjoyed a long chat with Fred Caveen and other members of the group.

Mrs. Amy Abell, 14200 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio and her daughter and granddaughter have had several guests this summer. Among them were Mrs. Philip Kelly of Confluence, Pa.; Amy's daughter, Lois Baughman and two children of Warrenville, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown of London, Ontario. Lois brought along a newly arrived family of Welsh terrier pups, which provided plenty of interest.

Mrs. Nell Joughin Kelly, 1415 E. Salem Ave., Albany, Oregon, writes that the Manx folk out there are still talking about forming a Society. There are not many of them in the immediate vicinity, but it has been suggested that they might get together with the Seattle Manx, and invite others in the area to come in. At present this is all in the "talking" stage, but with the enthusiasm and interest already existing, it won't be surprising if another West Coast Manx Society is born one of these days.

A new member, Mrs. Pearl Allison of Portland, Oregon, was one of the judges at a cat show held in Albany, Ore. in September. Manx cats are Mrs. Allison's own specialty.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly of Bedford, Ohio entertained several interesting guests during July and August. Frank Williamson of Toronto, his daughter and a friend visited them in July, and about that time Miss E. Ellison of Ramsey, Isle of Man, who had been with them for three months, returned to the Island. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Corkill from Detroit came to Cleveland for the Picnic and stayed several days at the Kellys.

The last week in August, Mr. and Mrs. W. Perrotte and two children spent a couple of days with the Kellys while en route from Vermont to New Mexico, where Mr. Perrotte will spend a year at the University to attain his Master's degree in science. Mrs. Perrotte is a daughter of Sir Joseph and Lady Qualtrough of the Isle of Man, Sir Joseph as we all know being Speaker of the House of Keys.

Mr. Alf Looney and Mr. Ernest Briars have lived within two miles of each other in Rochester, N. Y. for about 40 years. However, it was not until Ernest Briars visited Ramsey, Isle of Man in June, 1957 that he heard of Brother Looney—through Mr. Fred Callow, Cambridge House, Waterloo Road, Ramsey, who has been treasurer of the Ramsey branch of the National Children's Home since about 1927. "Ernie and Alf" have since become good friends—so it seems that sometimes one has to go to the Isle of Man to find neighbors in America. During Mr. Briars' visit, Mr. Callow took him all over the Island, including a trip to the top of Snaefell. On the same trip, Mr. Briars met William H. Collister, Secretary of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society on the eastbound Queen Elizabeth, and later Mr. Collister called on him at the Hotel Snaefell in Ramsey. Mr. Briars, now 73, was brought up in Ramsey, and attended the Wesleyan Day School there under Headmaster Lang. He lives at 1163 Jay St., Rochester 11, N. Y.

When two British frigates docked at Cleveland during the Labor Day week end, it made a new Seaway thrill, and marked the first time British warships had been seen on the Great Lakes since the War of 1812. The present visit was a goodwill mission, and bearded British tars with their bell-bottomed trousers were warmly welcomed in Cleveland during their brief stay. Our member, Thomas McKissack, 3392 West 130th St., went down to the pier to look for any Manxmen who might be on these ships, and crew members, eager to help, quickly put him in touch with William Charmer, LSEP, of HMS Tenby, whose home is No. 2 The Parade, Castletown, Isle of Man. Seaman Charmer was making a television appearance on Station WEWS at the time, but made contact with the McKissacks later. They entertained him at their home, and also took him to see their daughter and

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husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Burns, at whose home a clambake was in progress. Mr. McKissack returned Bill Charmer to his ship safely at 2 A.M., with everyone delighted over what had been a most enjoyable visit. No Manxmen were found on the other frigate, HMS Salisbury. Leading Seaman Charmer is 35 years old, has a wife and seven children (three of them adopted), and has been in the Navy 15 years. Mr. McKissack described him as an exceptionally fine, likeable young fellow.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Married—in Vancouver on July 31, Norman Gell and Paula Spreight. Mr. Gell is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Gell, who were devoted members of the Vancouver Manx Society.

Rosemary Quill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Quill of Bisbee, Ariz. was married during the summer to James Carpenter. Decorations were carried out in white and blue, and the beautiful ceremony was the highlight of the season for the Manx community. The couple spent the summer in Pomona, Calif., and will attend college in the fall.

L'IL PEOPLE

Born—on June 6, a son, Michael Hugh, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Kermode of Peoria, Ill. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kermode of Galva, Ill.

Born—on August 10, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norden of Vancouver, B. C. Bob is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costain, who now have six great-grandchildren.

Born—On August 2, a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bradshaw of Vancouver. Mrs. Bradshaw is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Christian of Ladner, B.C.

Born—on June 24, a son, Fraser Juan, to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Kinley of Vancouver. Mr. Kinley is vice president of the Vancouver Manx Society.

Born—on June 27, a son, Ross Ian, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hornall of Vancouver. Mr. Hornall is a son of the late James Hornall of Ramsey, and Mrs. Hornall is a daughter of Alex Gellon of Douglas, Isle of Man.

Born—on July 14, a son, David Duncan, to Mr. and Mrs. Walton of Yuma, Ariz. Mrs. Walton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood of Bisbee, Ariz.

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LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx held their first picnic of 1959 at Bixby Park, Long Beach, on June 21. About 50 turned out, all busy talking, eating and greeting until it was time to get down to business. The following officers were elected for the coming twelve months—

PresidentEdwin Killip
 Vice President William Mullen
 Sec'y and Ass't Sec'y
 Mr. and Mrs. Eric Curphey
 Treasurer Joseph Rodger
 Corres. Secretary
 Mrs. Lillian Marrion Tipper
 2801 Griffith Park Blvd.
 Los Angeles 27, Calif.

A vote of thanks was extended the outgoing president and secretary, Mr. George Lace and Mrs. Robert Gregg, for their fine work during the past year. The new officers intend to do their best for the Society, and it may be mentioned that Joseph Rodger has capably held the office of Treasurer for 20 years or more.

Among visitors at the picnic were Mr. J. W. Spencer of Fort Worth, Texas (father of Mrs. Robert Gregg); Mrs. Ruby Cruger of San Pedro, Calif. and Mr. and Mrs. R. Zinn of Wichenburg, Ariz. Mrs. Zinn is a daughter of Mr. William Caley of Costa Mesa, Calif.

The Los Angeles Manx Society was formed about 1923 by Mr. and Mrs. George Marrion, who were present at the picnic. They, with Mrs. Lillian Marrion Tipper, are all the members that are left of the original 13 who attended that first meeting, although there are still several charter members who attended the second meeting, when the Society was officially set up.

Mrs. Lillian Marrion Tipper, the new corresponding secretary, recognizes that "we are all getting older," and the younger members are not too interested—but instead of bewailing the fact, she says that instead of letting the Society lapse, they are just refusing to get any older! As more people turn out for picnics they will have more picnics rather than hiring a hall for indoor affairs.

They had a most enjoyable picnic on August 16 at Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Killip's home, 305 La Rambla, San Clemente — a wonderful spot, high on a bluff overlooking the bay and seal rocks, which with a little imagination reminds a Manxman of Conister at Douglas. Out-of-town guests were Mr. Kelly from Carlsbad, New Mexico, Miss Lily Harrison and Miss Iris Corkhill from San Diego. The hosts supplied the complete luncheon, which included cold turkey and ham, salads, decorated cakes and many other good things . . . and in such generous

quantity that there was enough for a second meal before the guests departed. About 30 were present.

Another picnic is planned, to be held at Costa Mesa in October.

N.A.M.A. LADIES' AUXILIARY

The President and the Secretary of the N.A.M.A. Ladies would like to remind members that dues are now payable for the year 1959-60. It would help a great deal if secretaries of local Manx Societies would collect dues (50 cents) from the ladies in their group and forward the total amount to Mrs. Ethel S. Christian, 861 Orchard Park Drive, Rocky River 16, Ohio. It will be deeply appreciated if everyone will cooperate by sending in dues as soon as possible.

The officers hope that all members have enjoyed happy holidays this summer—and that everyone will now start making plans to be in Cleveland for our Convention next August!

Miss Mildred Corris, President
 Mrs. Ethel S. Christian, Sec-Tr.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The April meeting of the Northeastern Ohio Manx was held in the Community Room in the First Federal Savings & Loan Bank Building in Mentor. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crellin and Mr. and Mrs. Sereno Pomeroy. About 36 members and friends sat down to a good repast, after which a short business meeting was held. Mrs. Albert Killey reported on the histories of Manx pioneer families, and said that the project was coming along well, but more histories are expected. Entertainment chairman Miss Bertha Clark introduced Mrs. Lynn Fuller, who gave an interesting lecture on a tour of Ontario, Canada, relating its progress and its places of historic interest.

For the May meeting, held in the same Community Room, the hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pomeroy of Concord, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrison, Mrs. Stafford and Miss Mary Crellin, all of Chardon. About 40 members and friends partook of the picnic supper, after which there was the usual short business meeting. Mrs. Edith Klee introduced Dr. Tweedale, who gave an illustrated talk on cancer, assisted by his daughter, who operated the projector. Following this, Mrs. Helena Hefelfinger sang a couple of old-time songs. A vote of thanks was extended to all who had taken part in the successful evening.

A meeting was held on June 28, again in the Community Room, hosts being Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crellin and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gridley. About 30 members and friends were present from Chardon, Concord, Leroy and Painesville. Following the picnic supper, Mrs. Albert Killey reported good progress on compilation of the history of early Manx settlers. Leo Crellin

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OBITUARIES

CALLOW, E. Glenn, formerly of Leroy, Ohio, died on July 14 at New Smyrna, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Rose M., and a brother, Stanley, of East Cleveland. Mr. Callow, who was 75, retired from the Diamond Alkali Company Patrol six years ago and moved to Florida. He was a former member of the Northeast Ohio Manx Society. Burial was in Painesville, Ohio.

CLUCAS, Hayden, of Peel, Isle of Man, died on June 20 after a long illness. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Clucas, and a brother of Donald Clucas and Mrs. Myrtle Nicholson of Peel; also of Percy Clucas of Toronto, Canada, a tenor singer who has entertained at many Manx Conventions.

CORKILL, George Albert, of Bradan, Isle of Man, lost his life in an accident at Douglas Head Quarries on July 17. He leaves his wife, Lottie, and brothers and sisters, one of whom is Richard H. Corkill of Detroit, a Past President of the N.A.M.A.

CORLETT, Matilda M. (nee Kers) died on August 16 at her home, Hotel Alcazar, Cleveland, aged 80. She leaves her husband, Alva R. Corlett, formerly a Common Pleas Court judge in Cleveland; a son, Alva R. Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy M. Burkholder; three grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Algie Kers. Mrs. Corlett was a vice president of the N.A.M.A. for two terms, 1935-1937, and with her husband attended Manx Conventions in those years.

CORLETTE, Tom N., of 1651 Crest Road, Cleveland, died suddenly on August 7 while on vacation in Bacaville, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Ann; three sons, Hugh B. and Tom N. Jr. of Bacaville, Calif., and Justin H. of Iowa City, Iowa; a brother and five sisters. Mr. Corlette was head of the psychiatric division of Probate Court in Cleveland, with which he had been associated for 25 years. He was a former member of the N.A.M.A.

HOLMES, William Wilson, of Gibson's Landing, B. C. died on June 6, aged 68. He leaves his wife, Mary Jane; two sons, Thomas and Raymond of Vancouver; a daughter, Mrs. J. R. Butchart of Edmonds, Wash.; seven grandchildren; also three brothers and two sisters in the Isle of Man.

CRETNEY, Jack H., of Schumacher, Ont., died on June 3 at the age of 75. He leaves his wife, Annie; two daughters and seven grandchildren, also three sisters in the Isle of Man. Mr. Cretney was born in Foxdale and came out to settle in Northern Ontario in 1909. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cretney were staunch members of the N.A.M.A. and attended all the Conventions. They visited the Island last year with the Homecoming party.

CRENNELL, Albert Percival, of 4053 Venables St., Vancouver, B. C., died on June 23, aged 72. Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; a cousin, Mrs. Nellie Smith of Peel, Isle of Man, and two cousins in the U. S. A.

HORNALL, Marianne, of Vancouver, B. C., passed away on June 20. She leaves her husband, Joseph Hornall, who is a son of the late James Hornall of Ramsey, Isle of Man.

KILLEY, Robert S., died on May 14 at Santa Monica, Calif., aged 71. He leaves his wife, Edith; three sisters, Miss Rebecca Killey and Mrs. J. R. Kowell of Denver and Mrs. Margaret K Hopkins of Greenwood Springs, Colo.; three brothers, John J., William H. and Thomas E. Killey, all of Denver. Mr. Killey was born in Laxey, Isle of Man and was two years old when he came with his parents to Aspen, Colo. He lived there for 56 years, during many of which he was treasurer of Pitkin County. A pharmacist by profession, he moved to Denver in 1946 and operated a drug store for several years before retiring to California for health reasons. Many will remember his brother, Mr. William H. Killey of 2381 Clermont St., Denver 7, Colo. who attended our Conventions in earlier years.

KNEALE, Ella, of Douglas, Isle of Man, died on June 26 after a lingering illness. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. May Kneale Wils, and three aunts, Mrs. Ella Boyde, Mrs. Bessie Auty and Mrs. Lou Britton, all of Chicago. Also surviving are two brothers in Douglas and a sister in Port St. Mary, Isle of Man. A resident of Chicago for many years, Miss Kneale returned to the Island shortly after the close of World War II.

QUAYLE, Louisa, of Ishpeming, Mich. died on October 27, 1958, aged 84. She leaves a son, William

Quayle, and another son by a previous marriage, Sandy Callin of Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

QUAYLE, Beatrice, of Cleveland, died on July 8 in Kewanee, Ill., where she was visiting relatives. She was the widow of the late Robert Quayle who came from Ramsey, Isle of Man and at one time was well known among the Cleveland Manx as a bass singer. Surviving are two nephews, James C. Quayle and Robert Quayle, both of Kewanee, Ill. Both Mr. and Mrs. Quayle were members of the First Manx Homecoming party in 1927.

QUINE, Mabel (nee McNutt), died at her home, 338 Willow Drive, Painesville, Ohio on August 22, aged 81. She leaves her husband, Lynn Quine; a son, Kenneth D., and two granddaughters. Mrs. Quine was connected with several patriotic, civic and church groups, and with her husband, has always been very active in the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society.

SHIMMIN, Margaret (nee Cregeen), of Monmouth, Ill., died on July 29 at the age of 74. Surviving are a brother, James Cregeen in the Isle of Man; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Cregeen of Liverpool, England; three stepsons, J. Everett Shimmin of Flint, Mich., J. Arthur Shimmin of Detroit, Mich. and Glenn Shimmin of Ruskin, Fla.; and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Esther Ross of Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Shimmin was born in the Isle of Man, moved to Liverpool, England at the age of 14, and came out to Monmouth, Ill. with her family in 1904. She was the widow of John Shimmin whom she married in 1908.

SKILLICORN, Robert William, of 4912 East 96th St., Cleveland, died in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital on August 26. (See special article on page 2.)

STEPHEN, Gwendolyn, of 4149 East 136th St., Cleveland, died on August 3 at the age of 59. She is survived by her husband, Wilbur D. Stephen, a veteran police officer; three sons, Donald T., Phillip A. and James; a daughter, Miss Marilyn Stephen; six grandchildren, and two brothers, Lewis and Harry Bennett. Mrs. Stephen's husband is a son of the late Mrs. Alice Stephen, in former years a well known and popular member of the Cleveland Manx group.

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