

The Season's Greetings

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

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A Christmas Message From Our President

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward Men."



Although we are at peace, nominally at least, it is a fact that unrest and strife are rampant all over the world. Hunger and want exist in many lands. In some countries men are seeking power, and more power, which can only lead to fear, oppression and hardship for thousands. Yet in spite of this, Christmas strikes a note in the hearts of all mankind, and it is in the hearts of men that we must lay the foundation for World Peace.

We should forget our petty differences regarding race, color and creed, and believe in the universal brotherhood of Man. At Christmas we display more charity and neighborliness than at any other season. If this spirit persisted the whole year round, it would go far to bring peace and happiness to mankind. Let us think of these things as we exchange gifts and cards, remembering that these are just symbolic of the true meaning of Christmas. The Great Giver has set the supreme example, for "He gave His only-begotten Son," who was heralded by the Angels' song of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

This is a season of remembrance, and

naturally our thoughts go back to childhood. Christmas has the same meaning for us all—carols, Christmas trees,

season for all of us down through the years.

We are fortunate to live in lands where we can enjoy Christmas, where we have freedom to do as we please. As our families are united and exchange gifts, as we sit around the table for Christmas dinner—may we pause and give thanks, and think of the many who are not as fortunate as we are—of the little children who have no toys or roast turkey or plum pudding. May our prayer be that the day will come when peoples of all the world will enjoy Christmas as we do, and know and understand its full meaning of "Peace and Good Will."

To all Manx people, at home and in every country in the world, the North American Manx Association wishes a Very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.



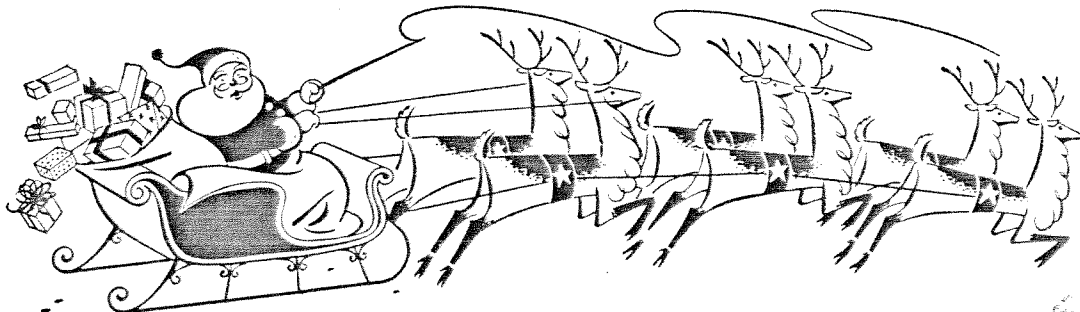
"The joy of Christmas meetings—
Of a home that's bright with cheer—
The joy of looking forward
To a new and pleasant year—
May these be yours at Christmas
In the very fullest measure,
And leave you happy memories
That you will always treasure."

W. HARRY KELLY,
President



W. HARRY KELLY
President, N.A.M.A.

holly, mistletoe, hanging stockings, the story we all believed of Santa Claus coming down the chimney, good things to eat. Christmas has been a joyous



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

I wish it were possible for me to call upon all my Manx friends everywhere at this glad anniversary of our Saviour's birth and express my sincere wish that everyone may have the Season's greatest satisfactions. But as this is impossible, I can just as truly and sincerely give my message to you in these words of greeting...

"May the radiance of the Infant King
Shine brightly in your heart this
Christmas Day,

And may the love of Him Who loves us
all

Bless you and guide you on your
joyous way."

The past year has had its problems, its burdens and its disappointments for all. For some, it has had its heartaches and its sorrows. But to each one, the Child of Christmas has spoken in most assuring words — "I will never leave you nor forsake you." We find forgiveness, peace, strength and hope in Him. Let us live joyously throughout the coming year — assured because God cared enough to come to us in Christ. "He is Lord of lords, and King of Kings."

"Go down the road to Bethlehem.

It's quiet there, except for Angel
songs in lofty key

Outsinging for the shepherds' jubilee.

It's wondrous there, where Wise
Men kneel, their endless journey
through,

And rise, how changed! The Heavens
and earth are new!

It's holy there, as Mary whispers,
rapt in prayer, in fear.

'The riddle of the world lies answered
here.'

Go down the road to Bethlehem,

It's God who's there."

Joseph Partridge

First Vice President
and Chaplain



Once again it is indeed a pleasure for me to have the opportunity of wishing all my friends on the North American continent "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." May the spirit of Christmas live in your hearts always, and may the New Year bring Prosperity.

Let us all work for a larger and better N.A.M.A. in 1961.

Fred J. Caveen
Past President

At Christmas time we enjoy sending greetings to remind our friends that they are in our thoughts. I extend kindly wishes of good cheer to Manx folk everywhere.

"May Happiness and Peace abide

With Love and Friendship at your
side,

And may the Light of Christmas shed
its radiance on the year ahead."

Mildred Corris

Corres. and Record-
ing Secretary



In August, 1960, I attended my first N.A.M.A. Convention. What a wonderful four days! The warmth of the reception my daughter and I received will long be remembered.

The honor conferred upon me of being elected Second Vice President grants me the privilege of extending to officers and members of the N.A.M.A. and to our kinsfolk in all parts of the world (not forgetting Eilan Vannin!) my sincere wish that all enjoy a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May Peace on earth, Good Will to all men be the ruling theme in our lives so that the world may eventually live in a state of universal brotherhood.

"Our old Island Kingdom enthroned on
the deep,

Our Celtic inheritance long may we
keep;

With customs and laws that our fore-
fathers gave,

Unsoftened, unblemished, and free as
the wave."

May we see you ALL in Montreal in
August, 1961.

J. Victor Joughin

2nd Vice President



The Christmas spirit again fills the air, and kindles within our hearts the warmth and cheer of the Season. It is a pleasure to greet Manx friends through the Bulletin, and to wish to one and all, a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Mildred Corris

Rep. N.A.M.A.
Ladies' Auxilliary



Once again it is time to extend Greetings and Best Wishes to all of you for a Very Merry Christmas. May you and yours enjoy Health and Happiness during the coming year.

Henry C. Christian
Fin. Sec'y-Treas.

"There is a land of every land the
best,

A dearer, sweeter spot than all the
rest,

So shalt thou find where'er thy foot-
steps roam

That land — thy country, and that
spot — thy Home."

At the Christmas Season, Manx folk in all parts of the world turn their thoughts to that "wee spot of earth" in the middle of the Irish Sea — the Isle of Man.

The N.A.M.A. Convention in Cleveland last August was a rich and rewarding experience for the many Manx folk who attended it. We are deeply indebted to those who worked so hard to make the Convention such a brilliant success, and also to those who loyally supported it with their financial assistance. The continued support of all Manx folk will help toward another successful Convention in Montreal in 1961, and also keep alive the spirit of the N.A.M.A. for many years to come. Please keep up your membership and invite others to join — and thus preserve "whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." Truly we have a goodly heritage.

It is my very great pleasure to extend to Manx folk everywhere. Warmest Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year. May 1961 bring Good Health, Peace and Happiness.

"Ollick ghennd as blien vic noa" —
"A Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year."

Walter J. Stevenson
3rd Vice President



"I have often thought," says an old writer, "that it happens very well that Christmas should fall in the middle of Winter." Isn't it true that the frosty stars and soft and beautiful snow, the unspoken welcome of a bright and glowing fireside, the lighted Tree, the good cheer and the company of family and friends tried and true, make up an atmosphere more lovely than at any other time of year?

It is fitting that in this most blessed Season we think more than ever of absent friends and dear ones, and renew communion with them in spirit in the social warmth of the Christmas fireside.

To all Manx people, here and in Eilan Vannin, and in far-off places of the earth, my sincere wishes for a Very Happy Christmas, and in the New Year, "the Peace that passeth understanding."

Gertrude Connell
Bulletin Editor

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Miss Isabel Teare of Cleveland spent the past summer in Richmond, Calif. visiting (for the first time) her nephew, Mark Teare Shaw, eight months old, also his mother and daddy, Kitty and Harlan Shaw. While spending a day in Berkeley, Calif., Kitty and Isabel visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Callow.

Congratulations to Mrs. Thomas Quayle of Cleveland on her 90th birthday, which was celebrated on October 25 with a very happy party at the home of her daughter Marian (Mrs. Fred C. Fulton), 2644 Darimoor Road, Cleveland Heights. Another daughter, Helen, (Mrs. Ross Preston) from Quebec came to Cleveland for the occasion, and other members of the family included six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. There were also a great many friends, including old neighbors from Mrs. Quayle's former home on Idlewood Ave., friends and associates from her church, Manx people and others. Best wishes, Mrs. Quayle, for continued health and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gawne and daughter, Elvera, from Peel, Isle of Man, are visiting Mrs. Gawne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karran of Geneva, Ohio. They arrived by plane on October 18th and Mr. Gawne returned on November 20th. Eleanor and their daughter are staying over the Christmas holidays and will return early in January.

Mrs. Elsie Broadbent, 27 Warren Ave., Oshawa, Ont. writes that she had to miss the Convention this year on account of spending a three-months holiday overseas. They were in the Isle of Man about the end of August, arriving at Ronaldsway, thence by taxi over the hills to Ramsey — a beautiful drive, which took them right past the place where they used to live. In Ramsey they spent a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Christian, formerly of California, who retired to the Island a few years ago. The Christians wish to be remembered to all old friends in the N.A.M.A. Mrs. Broadbent also enjoyed meeting old school friends—and didn't forget to say "Good day" to the fairies. No wonder she had such a lovely visit!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Corrin of Chicago, who attended their first N.A.M.A. Convention this summer, are very proud of their granddaughter, Susan Corrin Radcliffe of Lexington, Ky., who was crowned Princess of T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the State of Kentucky, at the T.O.P.S. Convention in Lexington on October 29. Susan's sister, Debra Jane, was runner-up.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fick of Toronto, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 22. Mr. Fick, Vice President of the Toronto Manx Society, and his wife — the former Harriett Gelling of Douglas — were married at Kirk Braddan Church by the Rev. Moore. They had 13 children (six living), 24 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Past President Fred Caveen and Mrs. Caveen of Toronto are planning a trip to Florida after the New Year.

Donald Bain of Los Angeles visited the Fred Caveens in Toronto about the first of November. With them he went to see Mrs. Gordon Downward in Newmarket, and Frank (Pop) Williamson in Willowdale. "Pop" showed his pictures taken at the Cleveland Convention.

Recent visitors from the Isle of Man to the Caveens of Toronto were Mrs. McHale of Grosvenor House, Central Promenade, Douglas, and Mrs. Lees.

A party and reception for Mrs. Harriett Hughes of Cleveland was planned by her family, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. and Mrs. Del Jones, and was held on November 16 at the Euclid Club House, with an open invitation to all Cleveland Manx people. The occasion was Mrs. Hughes' 75th birthday (which actually falls on November 23). Happy Birthday Wishes from all the Manx! Mrs. Hughes was born in Laxey, and is a well-loved, active and loyal member of the Cleve-

land Manx community and of the N.A.M.A. She has attended most of our Conventions.

Mrs. Gertrude Miller of the San Francisco manx has returned from an extended visit to the Orient and a short stay in Sydney, Australia, where she was welcomed by the Manx Society, including the President, Mr. E. Kneate and his charming wife, also Mr. and Mrs. Millward Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly is the former Cressy Dodd of Peel, and a former Secretary of the Sydney Society. With her daughter Joan, she took Mrs. Miller to the famous Blue Mountains, and Mrs. Miller also was special guest at a picnic at the Botanical Gardens. All Cressy's friends from Peel will be glad to hear that she and her family are well. Mrs. Miller was loud in her praise of the Kneates and the Kellys.

Mrs. Judith (Cross) Scott was welcomed in San Francisco by the James Cringles and Essie Quayle, when returning to Sydney, Australia. Judith is Vice President of the Sydney Manx Society, is an interested worker and hails from Peel. She spent the summer in Vancouver, B.C. with her sister Emily and family, also visited her brother Harry and family in New Jersey, and had a wonderful time. Both Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Scott carried many messages of good will between the Sydney and the San Francisco Manx Societies, and many personal ones to Essie Quayle.

Coming and goings in Arizona — Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Secretary of the Bisbee Society, visited her children in Phoenix, accompanying them to Pacific Beach, Calif. and then to Oak Creek, Ariz. . . The Rothery family spent two weeks at Almodorfo, New Mex. . . Mrs. Gerlie Quill and son Jim went to Fresno, Calif. . . Irene Arndt visited her cousin, Bill and Mae Steiert in Oakland, Calif., and while there called on Arnold Corin's daughter, Margaret Ann and family . . . Maud Hastie spent her vacation with her sister in El Paso Texas . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood spent theirs with their daughter, Rosemary Walton and family in Yuma, Ariz. . . Mrs. Nellie Kelly was expecting her daughter Freda and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Alexander, in mid-September . . . Mrs. Bessie Vandivier, sister of the Corris, returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Webb of Torrance, Calif. after spending six months with the Corris.

Mrs. Ida Annett of Salt Prairie, Alberta, writing some time ago to our Treasurer, Henry Christian, sent best wishes to all N.A.M.A. members in words which are very appropriate at this Christmas Season: "A greeting from one Manx to another — 'Shoh Shaynt to you' — Here's your health!"

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News and Christmas G

MONTREAL

On August 25 a group of Montreal Manx met at the home of the Secretary, J. Victor Joughin and his daughter, to meet Mr. Harold Cain on his return trip from the Cleveland Convention. Unfortunately, Mr. Cain had to change his plans due to the shipping strike, and was unable to visit Montreal. Mr. and Miss Joughin took advantage of the meeting, however, to describe their visit to the Convention, and to convey the wish of the N.A.M.A. members that the 1961 Convention be held in Montreal. After discussion, it was decided to call a meeting of the Society in September, by which time further information could be obtained from N.A.M.A. President Harry Kelly.

At the September meeting, after lengthy discussion and on the understanding that help would be given by the other Manx Societies, it was voted unanimously that Montreal act as host for the 1961 N.A.M.A. Convention. The following officials were appointed:

General ChairmanPaul Gregson
4410 Wilson Avenue
Notre Dame de Grace
Montreal, Quebec

TreasurerDouglas Corlett
1884 O'Brien Blvd.
Montreal, Quebec

SecretaryJ. Victor Joughin
4436 Wilson Avenue
Notre Dame de Grace
Montreal, Quebec

Corres. Sec'y...Miss Margaret Joughin
4436 Wilson Avenue
Notre Dame de Grace
Montreal, Quebec

These officials were asked to nominate additional people for the various committees, and the required names were submitted and agreed upon at a meeting held on October 28. Mr. R. K. Leighton, who was in the chair, confirmed that the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel had been booked for August 13, 14, 15 and 16. Tentative ideas and suggestions put forward made it plain that Montreal does not intend to be second to Cleveland!

After a show of slides of the Cleveland Convention, the ladies served refreshments and the meeting closed with the feeling that things were definitely on the way for the 1961 Convention. We want to assume that all N.A.M.A. members and Manx Societies will think about it, work for it, and make Montreal a "must" for 1961.

The officers and members of the Montreal Manx Society send Season's Greetings to all Manx people and friends.

Paul Gregson, President
J. Victor Joughin, Sec'y.

SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Manx planned their Christmas party for November 26 at the hall in Sigmund Stern Grove, with Christmas Tree, gifts, carol singing and refreshments. The committee promised some good old-fashioned Christmas decorations, along with some modern touches.

Once again it is the pleasure of the San Francisco Manx to extend Christmas Greetings to all friends, far and near. For those who had the joy of renewing old friendships at the Convention, there is added depth to the message. The bond seems to strengthen as the years roll by. Thoughts of many of us return to our old Island home across the sea — not so far distant nowadays, when air mail and modern transportation keep us in close contact. When Christmas arrives, and with it the N.A.M.A. Bulletin with messages from friendly Societies and personal greetings, we are indeed like one big family, and can enjoy the true spirit of the Season. Manx people throughout the world are greatly blessed by these contacts. May the Christmas bells ring loud and clear for all of us, with tidings of great joy, and bring to each one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H. S. Corlett, President
Mrs. Essie Quayle, Hon. Sec'y.
1414 Santiago St.,
San Francisco 16, Calif.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

On December 16, the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland, will celebrate its 61st birthday in a Christmas atmosphere.

At a recent meeting, two important changes were made on account of the passing of two of the officers. Mrs. Eleanor Miller was elected Vice President, replacing the late Mrs. Harrison Crellin who died on August 23. The Secretary, Mrs. Roy Bertsch, was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, the Treasurer's office having been left vacant by the death of Miss Alice Corlett on October 3.

The officers and members are happy to extend the Season's Greetings to Manx folk, with the wish that the New Year will be a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful one.

Mrs. Fred T. Gorry, President
Mrs. Roy Bertsch, Sec'y-Treas.
1668 Lee Road, Cleveland Hts. 18, O.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Once again, Christmas! The wonderful, happy Season of kindly remembrance, when our thoughts turn naturally toward our dear friends scattered throughout the wide world. We know that our kinsfolk overseas will be thinking of their relatives and friends here in our dear Eilan Vannin, with happy memories of old times and old customs.

The Committee of the World Manx Association takes pleasure in extending to kinsfolk in the U.S.A. and Canada the very sincere seasonal greeting — "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthful New Year" — and Success to your great North American Manx Association.

Richard Cain, O.B.E., President
Harold Cain, M.H.K., Chairman
Charles Craine, Hon. Secretary

TORONTO

In place of the regular meeting, the Toronto Manx held a corn roast on September 10 at Mr. Arthur Loriman's summer home near Georgetown. All enjoyed a wonderful time.

On Sunday, November 6, a half-hour program about the Isle of Man was aired over the Canadian Broadcasting network. Among the highlights were a lengthy discourse on the world's oldest Parliament — Tynwald — and an amusing story of how the Manx cat lost its tail.

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society extend best wishes to all fellow-Manx people for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

S. Bateman, President
Mrs. Dorothy Foster
(acting for Secretary G. Foster)
34 Eastwood Road
Toronto 8, Ont.

EDMONTON

The officers and members of the Edmonton Manx Society send greetings to all members of Manx Societies on the North American continent in the old Manx way—

"Yn Ollick ghenal as blien vie nou"
A Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

Charles Quilliam, President
Mrs. Frank K. Hull, Sec'y-Treas.
10516 - 78th Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta.

ings From Manx Societies

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The Manx of Northeastern Ohio held their October meeting as usual in the First Federal Savings & Loan Building in Mentor. Among the 32 members present were N.A.M.A. President Harry Kelly and Mrs. Kelly; also Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cowle of Rock Creek, Ohio. Mr. Kelly addressed the group and thanked the Society for the donation to the Cleveland Convention fund. Mr. Cowle also spoke briefly, saying what a pleasure it was to his wife and himself to be present. Miss Helen Murray of Chardon gave a book review—"John's Lucy"—describing the work of John Audubon, the famous ornithologist, who was the first to band migratory birds. He painted more than 1000 pictures of American birds.

President.....Miss Bertha Clark
44 Casement Ave.
Vice President.....Mrs. Emma Kermode
778 E. Erie St.
Sec'y-Treas.Mr. Sereno Pomeroy
S. R. 86, R.D. #2
(all of Painesville, Ohio)

The officers and members all join in wishing a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year to Manx people all over the world.

Bertha Clark, President
Sereno Pomeroy, Sec'y-Treas.



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

There is no time like Christmas for remembering the friendships we cherish, and for sending our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Very Merry Christmas, and a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Amy Satterlee, President
Mrs. Ethel S. Christian, Sec'y.
861 Orchard Park Drive
Rocky River 16, Ohio



LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx were planning to hold their election of officers on December 10.

The officers and members wish to Manx people all over the world, a most Happy, Healthy and Wonderful Christmas, with many a thought to the Homeland and all friends and relatives on that — to Manx people — most lovely of all islands.

Edwin C. Killip, President
Mrs. Lillian Marrion-Tipper, Sec'y.
2801 Griffith Park Blvd.,
Los Angeles 27, Calif.

GALVA

Galva sends warm greetings

To our Manx friends so dear,
A Very Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

The Galva Manx had tentative plans for a meeting late in November, which will be reported later.

The officers and members extend heartiest wishes to all Manx people everywhere for a Very Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year. May all be blest with Good Health and Prosperity.

Rev. John Clarke, President
Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Sec'y-Treas.
R. R. #2, Box 154, Galva, Ill.



VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

The Vancouver Manx Ladies have had a very active and successful year. Meetings are held each fourth Wednesday of the month in members' homes. The October meeting was advanced a week to finish preparations for the Bazaar, which was held on October 29 in the Horticultural Hall.

The Ladies extend Christmas Greetings to Manx friends everywhere. May the New Year bring Peace and Prosperity to all.

Mrs. John Crossan, President
Mrs. Alice Halsall, Secretary
2834 Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B. C.



WINNIPEG

The Manx of Winnipeg had their first meeting of the season on November 17, with a game of bingo, followed by a dance. Arrangements are under way for a Christmas party with Tree for the children, to be held about December 21.

The officers and members of the Winnipeg Manx Society send to all Manx Societies everywhere, heartiest wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

R. Kelso, President
W. Mylrea, Vice Pres.
Miss Eileen Killen, Sec'y.
811 Winnipeg Ave.
Winnipeg 3, Man.

CHICAGO

"Merry Christmas, everywhere... Up the chimney, on the stair; Listen to the joyful sound — Merry Christmas all around... Here it comes and there it goes, In the house and out of doors — Such a boisterous hullabaloo, What in the world can a person do, But join in the jolly Christmas crew, Made up of folks like me and you, And holler — Merry Christmas!"

The Chicago Manx had their fall meeting on November 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Johnson (Myrra Stevenson). Despite bad weather, the get-together was much enjoyed, especially as some of the members came from quite a distance. Some of the group were guests of the Orkney and Shetland Society on November 19, on invitation from their president, Mr. William Simpson.

The Chicago Manx Society extends to Manx friends everywhere, the Compliments of the Season.

Norman Clucas, President
Mrs. R. C. Kelly, Secretary
7825 S. Oglesby Avenue
Chicago 49, Ill.



ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx folk are happy to be able, once again, to contact Manx friends scattered over distant territories through the medium of the Bulletin. How could we possibly keep in touch otherwise, and send our good wishes?

"As trees are gay with tinsel
And Christmas again appears,
May all the joy of friendship
Be yours throughout the years."

Alice Garrett, Regional Director
976 Monroe Ave., Apt. 10
Rochester 20, N. Y.



MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The members of the Mona's Relief Society held their October meeting on the West Side, at the Detroit Avenue Methodist Church, Lakewood. After the business meeting, Henry Christian showed colored slides of views he had taken in Florida and Nassau, as well as some interesting groups taken during

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

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Mr. Ed Collister, who has spent the summer in the Isle of Man, returned to his home in Galva, Ill. on November 6, and was warmly welcomed by his many friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nicholl, 12942 Phillips Ave., East Cleveland, celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, with a family dinner at the home of their son, Henry, in South Euclid. They also have another son, Frank, of Lyndhurst; a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Mathes of Lakewood, and nine grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholl are very well known and popular among the Cleveland Manx, who are happy to join in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes on this Golden Anniversary.

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A new member is Mr. James B. Tier, R.R. #5, St. Mary's, Ontario. He is a second-generation Manxman, born in Canada.

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Miss Mary Clague Hodgson of 227 East Vernon Ave., Ferguson Falls, Minn., who has attended nearly all our Conventions, was very sorry that a conflict of dates prevented her coming to Cleveland last August. The big Hodgson-Clague family clan had a three-day reunion at a delightful place in Northern Wisconsin during August 7, 8 and 9, same time as the Convention. Her thoughts were with the Manx gathered in Cleveland, and she sends warmest greetings to one and all.

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A new member of the N.A.M.A. is Norman G. Qualtrough, 190.66 - 111 Road, St. Albans 12, N. Y. His son, also a new member, is an Army lieutenant stationed in Oklahoma. Mr. Qualtrough is making plans to attend the Montreal Convention next year, and we shall look forward with pleasure to meeting him. The following year, Mr. and Mrs. Qualtrough probably will retire to the Isle of Man, and live in Port St. Mary.

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There were Manx kippers for tea in Toronto when Mrs. Alice Foster flew back to her home there after spending a three-month holiday in the Island visiting her parents. With her were her two children. Her husband, Peter, was with them for the early part of the stay. Mrs. Foster is the former Alice Moore, and the kippers were cured by her father, Percy J. Moore. They were to be a special treat for her husband and friends on the day after her return to Toronto. A neighbor of Mrs. Foster in Toronto is Mrs. Vivienne Golding, daughter of the late Bertie Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, formerly of Albany Road, Peel. (From a recent Manx Newspaper).

Visiting in San Francisco — Mrs. Edith Craine of Butte, Mont., who spent the summer there. Mrs. Ostick of Peel, Isle of Man, and her sister Mrs. J. Hornall of Vancouver were guests of the Cringles and Essie Quayle during a short visit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shimmin of LaGrange, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davies of Chicago were guests of the Henry Christians in Rocky River, Ohio the week end of July 10.

MANX WEDDINGS

Married — on September 24, Jean Rea, M.B.E., editor of the British News in Chicago, to William Robert Keck. Both are members of the Chicago Manx Society.

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Married — in August, 1960, Thomas Christian, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Percy Christian of Santa Rosa, Calif. (formerly of Cleveland), to Kathy Schoen.

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A summer candlelight service was the setting for the wedding of M. Jean Teare, daughter of Mrs. G. H. Teare of Cleveland, to Mont Jackson Bright, Jr. on June 18. The bride wore a floor-length gown of lace, and a crown of seed pearls held her fingertip veil. She was attended by her sister Isabel. The newlyweds are living at 417 Adams St., Denver, Colo. where Jack is employed as a geologist, and Jean is teaching.

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Married — on September 3, in the Bedford Methodist Church, Judith Ann Snow and Jay Thomas Carrigan, both of Bedford, Ohio. Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Snow, and Jay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Carrigan — Mrs. Carrigan being the former Kathleen Skillicorn. While still a youngster, Jay was a member of the 1951 Homecoming, and is now a senior at Columbia University, New York. Judy is a senior at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

Montreal Convention 1961

You will learn from Mr. Joughin's report on the activities of the Montreal Manx Society, appearing on another page of this Bulletin, that Convention Time and Place have been decided on.

TIME — August 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1961.

PLACE — Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal.

You will soon be thinking of your 1961 vacation, so start making plans to visit the wonderful, interesting city of Montreal, and attend the Manx Convention. There will be a rousing, warm Manx welcome for you from our friends there, and they are determined that Montreal will be second to nobody in putting on a fine show.

Make up your mind to go, and send in your name to our Secretary, Miss Mildred Corris, 1335 Cove Ave., Lakewood 7, Ohio, so that we can publish it in the March Bulletin, when there will be more information about the Convention.

Manx Folk Tales

The book "How the Manx Cat Lost Its Tail," a collection of Manx folk tales for children, age 8 to 12, may be ordered from The Bookery, Winter Park, Florida; price \$2.75 plus 12 cents postage. Copies will be autographed according to the wishes of the buyer, by the author, Blanche Cowley Young of Winter Park.

During the Cleveland Convention, copies of this very attractive, illustrated book were available at Higbee's store in Cleveland, and were autographed for purchasers by Miss Young.

"We'll Hunt the Wren" . . .

How many verses do you think there are to that well-remembered "Hunt the Wren" song that we used to hear in the Isle of Man the day after Christmas? About all the words we could make out when the boys sang at the front door were "Robin the Bobbin" and "says avery wan." Possibly some of us could remember two or three complete verses if we tried hard. However, according to A. W. Moore's "Folk Lore of the Isle of Man" there are 35 verses. He gives them all, but we will not try to list them here!

"Always keep your head up, but be careful to keep your nose on a friendly level."

"This world might be better if we had more vision and less television."

"It's so easy to be beautiful the way those television commercials tell it."

"It takes more than an eraser to correct some mistakes."

"It takes only a little jack to lift a car, but a lot to keep it up."

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the Convention at the Smorgasbord at Clague Park.

A card party was held at the meeting held on November 1 at St. Stephen's Church Hall, the proceeds going toward the Christmas party planned for December 6.

Starting with the New Year, the Mona's Relief Society will meet on a different day and in new quarters — namely, on the third Friday evening of the month at the East Cleveland Women's Club, 1747 Lakefront Ave., East Cleveland.

The officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society extend to Manx friends everywhere, the Season's Greetings, a wish for Health and Prosperity in the coming year — and the wish that friendships enjoyed in the past may continue.

Alan C. Fricke, President
Mrs. Mona DeWerth, Secretary
3106 Library Avenue
Cleveland 9, Ohio

Remember the Gollywog?

Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Secretary of the Bisbee Manx Society, wrote some time ago of receiving "a jolly reminder of our youth in the Isle of Man." A friend from the Island who visited them a couple of years ago sent to Mrs. Dillon's brother, Fred Corrin, a small metal "Gollywog" advertising Robertson's Golden Shred Marmalade — these fascinating little bracelet charms are a childhood memory for many of us. The "Gollywog" is the Golden Shred trademark.

"How many happy hours we spent," says Mrs. Dillon, "playing with Gollywogs my mother made us from black stockings! They always had a blue jacket and red pants, and shoe buttons sewn over underwear buttons for eyes." She also has affectionate memories of the wooden dolls popular in those days, the Christmas Clubs at the toy shops, and the lovely, hand-dressed dolls that were displayed and given away at Villa Marina every Christmas. "People don't have time nowadays to dress dolls like that," sighs Mrs. Dillon.

Writer tells of Manx Legends

In the May 8, 1960 issue of an Anglican Church magazine for young people, published in Toronto, and sent to us by Past President Fred Caveen, is an article by Yvonne St. Claire en-

titled "Mysteries of Mona." The article touches on the history and geography of the Isle of Man, but is devoted chiefly to the strange and mysterious legends which have been handed down from earliest times. The author tells of Mannanan and the mantle of purple mist (only she calls it "a strange white fog"); the legend of St. Maughold; of the terrible Tarroo-ushtey or legendary water bull, which was supposed to haunt deep and hidden pools; the tale of the Moddey Doo of Peel Castle—and, of course, all about the Manx cat. She has a new version of the tailless cat story—that a large and savage Manx cat once tried to strangle King Orry by twisting its long tail round his neck. King Orry promptly cut off the tail with his sword—and Manx cats have been tailless ever since! The article is illustrated by a picture of a Manx cat, and of Castle Rushen.

The Baby Boy Carol

Do you know "The Baby Boy Carol," by the beloved Manx poetess "Cushag" (the late Miss Josephine Kermode)? Here it is—

Child Jesus was the Baby Boy

Low in a manger laid,
While holy Angels waiting round
His tender limbs arrayed.
No broidered robes or silken lace
Enwrapped this Baby Boy,
But clad in His pure Innocence
He lay, His Mother's joy.

Child Jesus in the garden played

Close by His Mother's arm;
And watching Angels hovered round
To shield Him from all harm.
No gilded toys this Baby had—
No jewels bright and fair;

The little flowerets in the grass

His only playthings were.

Child Jesus learned His daily task,

His simple childish prayer;
The Angels knelt beside Him, while
He asked His Father's care.
No pictures had this Baby Boy,
No books to make Him wise,
He learned of Love and Charity
From His sweet Mother's eyes.

Child Jesus sang Himself to sleep

Low laid upon the ground,
While Angels brought Him heavenly
dreams
And kept their watch around.

Oh may such dreams be ours again,

Nor leave us when we rise,
To brighten all the lingering years
With memories of the skies.

Letters to the Isle of Man

From U. S. Postmasters

The Mona's Herald of recent date tells that to mark International Letter Writing Week, observed annually in the U. S. A., each U. S. Postmaster undertook to send a card to a Postmaster in some other country. The National Association of Postmasters (U. S.) had a special greeting card printed for the purpose. No fewer than five of these cards reached the Isle of Man—three for the Head Postmaster of Douglas, one for the Postmistress of Ramsey, and one for the Postmaster of Peel.

The one received at Peel was from J. Shirley Cole, Postmaster of Kenyon, Minn., who said he had read about Peel in The Kenyon Leader in articles by the Editor, Frank Callister, whose parents came from Glen Maye. Editor Callister also sent greetings to all Manxmen, and mentioned his cousin in the Island, A. W. Teare. He also mentioned that an exchange farm student, Noel Cringle from the Isle of Man, visited them last year when in the States.

Another message was from John H. Watterson, Postmaster of Blaine, Maine, who was born at Greeba and went to Arizona with his parents when three years old. He said the names of Douglas, Ramsey, Peel and Laxey were very familiar to him.

Lawrence Sandquist, Postmaster of Rosemead, Calif. wrote that his maternal grandfather was Thomas Quirk, whose brother William was a former Mayor of Douglas. Mr. Sandquist's daughter and son-in-law visited the Island last year.

Other Postmasters who sent greetings were R. R. Simmons of Ashland, Kansas, and Miss Eleanor M. Johnston of New Alexandria, Pa.

Manx Proverbs

Be one of God's clean windows, that His glory may shine through.

Peace is the well from which the stream of joy runs.

A sunny evening may follow a cloudy morning.

Change of work is rest.

Every man knows where the shoe hurts him.

'Tis not the man who has little that's poor, but he that desires more.

If the sun is red when he rises, you may expect rain.

The smaller the company, the bigger the share.

The larger the company, the better the sport.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTIAN, Benjamin, of Rochester, N. Y., died on October 22. He was a brother of the late Dan Christian, long-time Secretary of the Rochester Manx Society. He leaves his wife, Mae; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Anschutz; a sister, Mrs. Molly Stanbridge; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

GAWNE, Anna Maria, of 645 East 21st Ave., Vancouver, B. C. died on October 5 in her 92nd year. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Hunt, 2235 East Broadway, Vancouver 12, B. C. Mrs. Gawne was born in the Isle of Man, and was a charter member of the Vancouver Manx Society and the Vancouver Manx Ladies' Club. Despite her years, she was one of the most active members, and will be greatly missed.

HARRISON, Aura, of Chardon, Ohio, died on November 1 aged 67. She was the wife of the late Ben Harrison, a descendant of one of Chardon's Manx pioneer families. As a war nurse, she was the only woman member of the American Legion from Geauga County.

HOWE, Mrs. R. J. (nee Robena Corrin) formerly of 116 Park Ave., Medina, N. Y., died in 1960, exact date unknown. No other information is available at this time. Mrs. Howe had been an N.A.M.A. member for many years.

HUNT, Lionel Anders (Mike), of Vancouver, B.C., aged 64, died on November 5 after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Gladys May; two daughters, Evelyn of Vancouver and Blanche of Meldrum Creek, B.C.; two sons, Leslie and Douglas of Vancouver; 12 grandchildren and five brothers. Mr. Hunt was son-in-law of Mrs. Emma M. Gawne whose death is reported in this column. He was born in Hull, England; was well known as a softball manager and coach, and, until his health failed, was active in the Vancouver Manx Society.

KERMODE, Emma, of Palmerton, Florida, died on September 11. She was the widow of Fred Kermode, and daughter of the late James and Catherine Meade of Peel.

SHIMMIN, Annie E., of Saginaw, Mich., died on November 28, 1959, aged 83.

SHIMMIN, Archibald, of Saginaw, Mich., husband of the late Annie E. Shimmin, reported above, died on October 11, 1960. Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin came to Saginaw from the Isle of Man in 1907, and have lived there ever since. They are survived by two sons, Frank E. Shimmin of 130 Snow Ave., Saginaw, and George A. Shimmin of Royal Oak, Mich., and five grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin were greatly interested in the N.A.M.A., and attended many of our Conventions.

STAFFORD, Bertha, of 240 King St., Chardon, Ohio, died on October 30, aged 86. She was the wife of the late Fred Stafford, and leaves two sons and a daughter. She was a member of the Northeast Ohio Manx Society.

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

Those Pink Slips!

We are very pleased with the response to our appeal for memberships contained in the October Bulletin. The "pink slips" have been rolling in, but if you receive one in this Bulletin, it will remind you that you have not sent in YOUR membership as yet. Please fill it in now, and return it with your \$2.00 to our Financial Secretary, Henry C. Christian, 861 Orchard Park Drive, Rocky River 16, Ohio.

Also remember this is "Manx Youth Year," when we wish to interest our young Manx people in becoming members of the N.A.M.A. If they are young people in your family, or among your Manx friends, please send their names and addresses to Mr. Christian. Many of you have already done so.

We are very proud of our Regional Directors, some of whom are getting fine results in the way of new memberships from Manx people in their territory.

And — seeing it's Christmas time, how about a membership (which comes a Bulletin subscription) as a Christmas gift for a Manx friend?

"OLLICK GHENNAL!"

A Tribute To An Old Friend

A member of the N.A.M.A., Walter Bateman of 645 Manchester Road, Sheffield 10, England, wrote some time ago to our Secretary, Miss Mildred Corris, telling of his lifelong friendship with our late Treasurer, Robert William Skillicom. They were brought up together in Laxey, and shared, in Mr. Bateman's words, "days of freedom in the hills and streams, and sea and sands" while in their teens. "In the summer Bill occupied a little wooden hut, known as the Shepherd's Hut, high on the slopes of Snaefell Mountain—he operated the gates to keep the curly-horned sheep off the tram lines . . . I can live again the charm of the sun, the wind and the rains, the mists, the crows and the sheep—the Shepherd's Hut—and Bill Skillicom, whose charm was as fresh and free as all of them . . . and have been inspired to write this little poem:"

THE SHEPHERD'S HUT

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Inspired by its connection with
Bill Skillicom.

Oh! Shepherd's Hut!

How humble in thy setting;

How modest in thy mode;

How kindly in thy purpose;

Lowliest house of His abode!

The sun splits wide thy timbers;

The rain birds up the wounds;

The mountain mists befog thy view;

The moon dispels the gloom.

Sheep-tracks web around thy door;

Crows splay on thy roof;

The trooped turf around thy walls,

Cleaved with wild goats' hoof.

Oh! Shepherd's Hut!

God bless you!

Guardian of herd and flock;

High up in thy mountain cradle,

Hid from a world that mocks.

Thanks! for thy warmth and succour,
To the moulds of erag and fell;

And for thy precious message—

"The sheep-wards—All is well!"

Walter Bateman
Sheffield, England

