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

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## The Centenary of a Remarkable MANXMAN

On March 19th, 1862 William Kennish, a Manxman, died in New York. During his lifetime he had been poet, engineer, inventor and explorer and in each of these fields his remarkable achievements deserve to be remembered.

He was born in a cottage at the Coronny in 1799 and went to school in the home of a Yorkshire woman where he found that writing and spelling were "Greek to my poor brain". As a young lad he helped his father farm Cornaa farm until he went to the Ramsey Shipyard to train as a ship's carpenter and at the age of 22 left the Island to join the Royal Navy. It was whilst he was in the Navy that he was taught reading, writing and arithmetic by his messmates and that he learned to speak English instead of his native Manx. Such was his great natural ability that he rose in 7 years to the rank of Warrant Officer.

In 1844 he was retired from the Navy on a small pension and returned to the Isle of Man, where, in an effort to supplement his meagre income, he opened a school at Ballasalla and accepted an appointment from the Government to survey the Island. His ventures were not, however, successful and in 1849 he sailed with his family for America where his only son had already settled. Here he was employed by the Hope Association of New York to prospect for gold in New Granada, now Colombia, and he journeyed to many places where white men had never been. It was as a result of his travels there and later to the Panama Isthmus with its unhealthy climate, that his health broke down and he died in New York at the age of 63.

His achievements were as varied as his experiences during this comparatively short lifetime for they range from the publication of a book of poetry to the invention of machines and the discovery of the route used for the Panama Canal.

His book of poems, *Mona's Isle*, written whilst he was in the Navy and

published after his retirement, is the only record by a Manxman of life in the Island 150 years ago. His poems are vivid word-pictures of the work, customs, beliefs and folklore of the Island, all based on his own knowledge and experience. In his own words:

"The Muse came forward with a scroll,

And said: "I here thy name enrol  
With those of yore

Who sung of Mona's fertile vales,  
Her mountains, rivers, hills and dales,

And wave-lashed shore;

Then go and strike the tuneful string,

And of thy Mona's customs sing  
In homely style:

Let not obscurity of name

Retard thy course to raise to fame  
Thy native Isle."

His inventions are perhaps more remarkable than his poetry when one remembers that he was a man of very little education. His career as an inventor began when he was in the Navy and, being dissatisfied with the method of firing a broadside which exposed the side of the ship to the enemy, he worked out the principal of training the guns on the target—a method still in use today. To do this he had, first of all, to invent a theodolite to calculate the distance and angle of fire and he then devised a system of wooden wedges to move the guns to the required angle. His pamphlet "A Method for Concentrating the fire of a Broadside of a Ship of War" was used as a training manual by the Admiralty.

He was the first to use an artificial horizon to offset local deviations of the compass when navigating. This consisted of a trough of mercury in which the stars were reflected and is still used by astronomers for the study of the stars. He designed the first screw propeller and his model can be seen in the Naval Museum in London.

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## N.A.M.A. HOMECOMING FLIGHT

As at March 21 we had received deposits from 42 passengers, an insufficient number to justify the financial risk of chartering our own N.A.M.A. aircraft. Therefore, we have withdrawn our provisional aircraft booking, and are proceeding instead with an N.A.M.A. Homecoming as a group, at group fare rates.

We had some difficulty in obtaining seats on a flight at dates similar to the vacation dates the prospective charter passengers have no doubt already arranged, and the new schedule is as follows:

### B.O.A.C.

#### Brittania Economy Class

B.O.A.C. *Brittania Economy Class*  
Depart TORONTO: Monday ~~July~~ *JUNE*  
11th, 2 p.m. flight 644.  
Depart Montreal: Monday July 11th,  
4 p.m., flight 644.  
Arrive Manchester: Tuesday July  
12th, 7 a.m. flight 644.  
Depart Manchester: Sunday July 1st,  
11 p.m., flight 645.  
Arrive Montreal: Monday July 2nd,  
5.25 a.m., flight 645.  
Arrive TORONTO: Monday July 2nd,  
7.45 a.m., flight 645.

The times quoted are local in all cases.

The fare will be \$294.00; being Economy Class there will not be free flight bags, first class bar, or N.A.M.A. souvenir menus. Children up to the age of 2 travel for 10% fare: \$29.40 each. Children from 2 to 12 years old are half fare, \$147.00. The airlines consider anyone older than 12 years as an adult, and charge full fare accordingly. The baggage allowance is now 44 pounds, NOT the 55 pounds permitted on a chartered plane.

Arrangements will still be made with B.E.A. for seats on their Isle of Man flight at \$14.60 round trip. There is no compulsion to go from Manchester to the Isle of Man, although naturally, most of us will be going there.

The World Manx Association on the island are very interested in this Homecoming, and will quite possibly

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extend us as warm a welcome on arrival, consistent with our limited vacation, as they have done in the past for Homecomers by sea.

Our recent enquiries show that almost all who were intending to go on the charter will accept the change in plans, enabling us to meet the minimum requirement of 25 passengers and qualify for the group fare reduction.

The full fare is refundable up to May 11, on which date we have to turn the total fares over to B.O.A.C. and advise them exactly how many are going. We have provisionally booked seats for a party of 50, without any financial risk. I.A.T.A. regulations permit substitutions up to June 6th. For example, between May 11 and June 6, if you have paid your fare and then find you are unable to go, we can return your fare providing another passenger takes your place.

This is an opportunity for all the Toronto people who have written to us asking for a Toronto departure. As the same plane lands at Montreal, I personally will probably board the plane here, (for the same price), and save the fare to Toronto.

Many thanks to everyone who has written to wish us a good trip. It hasn't been possible lately to reply to everyone immediately; I hope to send at least a post card eventually.

**Events in the Isle of Man during the homecoming trip  
June 9th to June 30th**

Isle of Man Hockey Festival	June 9th. - 12th.
Isle of Man International Motor Scooter Rally	June 9th. - 16th.
Round the Island Yacht Race	June 10th.
Manx '400' Motor Scooter Regularity Test — T.T. Course	June 11th./12th.
Marathon Race around T.T. Course	June 11th.
Drama Festival of Full Length Plays	June 11th. - 16th.
Open Bowling Festival	June 11th. - 16th.
Bicycle Race Week	June 16th. - 23rd.
Manx International T.T. Bicycle Races	June 18th. - 22nd.
Manx International Professional Bicycle Road Race	June 19th.
Manx International Bicycle Track Meeting	June 20th.
Ladies Massed Start Road Race	June 21st.
The "Manx" Modern Dance Festival	June 23rd. - 30th.

Anyone interested should send me the fare, (or the balance to make up \$294.00), as soon as you can, certainly before May 11th. Don't forget your valid passport and smallpox certificate should be attended to soon.

Those travelling to Toronto by plane may book passage with: Voyages Bel-Air Travel Inc., 2155, Mountain, Montreal 25, P.Q. Otherwise let me know later how and when you will arrive in Toronto.

P. E. Gregson,  
Chairman, Homecoming Committee.

**PATH OF NATIONS**

The Isle of Man Local Government Board has sent a block of Manx granite to the U.S.A. at the request of Mrs. E. Rhodes who says she is building a house on Long Island symbolising "the brotherhood of nations throughout the world" and wants to have all the countries represented. The granite will form part of a "Path of Nations" which will be bounded by the flags of the countries who contribute.

**A Remarkable Manxman**

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Perhaps the most useful of all his inventions was the pneumatic tube which is in use everywhere today. This idea was taken up by the Americans after having been refused by the English Post Office.

His many inventions brought him little monetary reward and it seems ironical that after his death a hydraulic, hydrostatic engine which he designed should have been patented and manufactured by a firm in Yorkshire.

His explorations, carried out at the age of over 50 and several years after having been discharged from the British Navy as unfit, led to his discovery of the route for the Panama Canal.

When his gold prospecting in Colombia for the Hope Association was discontinued he set out with a small party of white men and one negro to look for a valley which he believed would afford an easy route across the

Panama Isthmus. Suffering from the terrible climate, the white men returned home but Kennish and the negro continued their explorations, crossing the Isthmus eleven times in all. During their travels Kennish did not find the valley but he did discover that the Atlantic and Pacific oceans were on the same level and that the River Atrato which rises in Colombia had a mouth flowing into each ocean. His plan for widening and deepening the river and for tunnelling three miles through a mountain to connect the two branches was sent to the United States Government who were sufficiently impressed to grant \$25,000.00 for Kennish to take a party of experts, including the great German geologist, Baron Friedrich von Humboldt, to report on his scheme. The experts confirmed his report and the canal is today much as he had visualized it. At a dinner in New York in 1880 in honour of de Lesseps, the discoverer of the Suez Canal route, tribute was paid to Kennish as "the discoverer of the first and only feasible route without locks, gates or dams, for a ship-canal, 200 feet wide, 30 feet deep, including a tunnel three miles long through the Cordilleras" from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Here was indeed a remarkable man of great natural ability and skill and one wonders what his achievements would have been had he received more education. One wonders, too, why nothing has as yet been done to commemorate his memory. The Isle of Man has produced few scientists and here is one who surely deserves the tribute of his fellow countrymen and whose achievements as poet, engineer, inventor and explorer deserve to be better known.

*The material for this article came from the Presidential Address given by Mrs. G. E. Quayle to the Isle of Man Natural History and Antiquarian Society, reprinted from the Proceedings of the Society.*

# INTRODUCING YOUR NEW OFFICERS

## **NORMAN CLUCAS** 1st Vice-President

Norman Clucas was born in Chicago in 1922 and is the son of William H. Clucas, who was born in Douglas and came to the United States in 1910, and of Anne Kneen Clucas. His maternal grandfather was William Kneen of Ballaugh and his paternal grandfather, John Frederick Clucas of Douglas. John Frederick Clucas will probably be known to many of the Manx here as he was for many years affiliated with the Mona's Herald.

Norman graduated from Bensenville Community High School and, during the war, served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946. Since his demobilisation he has been employed as Traffic Manager for the Republic Coal and Coke Company in Chicago. During the early years after the war he resumed his studies at the College of Advanced Traffic and completed a course in Interstate Commerce Law and Practice.

Norman now lives in Itasca, Illinois, with his wife, Helen, and two sons, Douglas aged 14 and James aged 11. He takes a great interest in community affairs and is presently Captain of the Itasca Volunteer Fire Department of which he has been a member



for sixteen years. He is also Past President of the Coal Commerce Council of Chicago and a member of the Northern DuPage Lodge 1147 A.F. and A.M. and of Lions International. His main hobby is golf.

As well as being 1st Vice-President of the N.A.M.A. Norman is President of the Chicago Manx Society and can probably expect to have a busy year ahead of him preparing for the N.A.M.A. Convention which is to be held in Chicago in August, 1963.

With his family, Norman is planning to go on the homecoming trip in June and while in the Island he will be visiting his only remaining relative there, Mr. Charles Corrin of Onchan, a great-uncle.

## **3rd Vice-President —** **The Rev. Alexander M. Cock**

The Reverend Alexander M. Cock was born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1892. He received his early education in Aberdeen Academy and was an assistant in Aberdeen Public Library for six years prior to emigrating with his family to Canada in 1913.

He entered the service of the Canadian Post Office at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and it was in that little city on the North Saskatchewan River that he came under the spell of the Manx when he met and courted Miss Muriel E. M. Davey from Port St. Mary. They were married in 1916. Muriel's paternal grandparents were Captain Stephen Davey and Elinor Clucas of Foxdale, and on her mother's side John Moore and Christian Boyd of Peel.

Upon his discharge from the Canadian Forces in 1917, they moved to

the U.S.A. and settled in River Rouge — a suburb of Detroit, Michigan. He retired in 1957 after 35 years service with the Detroit Edison Company.

For several years prior to retirement he began preparations to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church and on December 3rd, 1958 "Alec" as he is familiarly known by a host of friends in the Detroit area, was ordained by the Right Reverend Archie Crowley, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan. Since ordination he has served as assistant in his home parish of St. Hilda's, River Rouge.

He is a life member of the Masonic fraternity and has been secretary of the River Rouge Lodge since its inception in 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Cock are familiar figures at many of our N.A.M.A. conventions. They have two sons, Richard and Donald, and are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

## **2nd Vice-President —** **Mr. SAM PENRICE**

Mr. Sam Penrice was born in Yorkshire, England, but left for the Isle of Man with his parents at about three years of age. He lived in various parts of the Island including St. Johns and Peel, where he attended the Cloth-worker's School before becoming an apprentice at Moore's Mills, St. Johns. He later became a supervisor at the mill.

Previous to the second world war he was well known at sports meetings and cycle races in the Isle of Man, winning various local championships and competing in the International Bicycle T. T. Races.

In 1939 he married Hilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bridson of Ramsey, and, after serving overseas with the R.A.F. during the war, came to Canada with her and their two children, Jean and John, in 1947. On arriving in Canada Mr. Penrice and his family went to Moncton, New Brunswick, where he joined a textile firm. In 1949 he moved to Georgetown, Ontario, to be manager of the Beaumont Knitting Mills of which he became the owner four years ago.

He now resides at 36 Princess Anne Drive, Georgetown, with his wife and two children, Jean now 22, and Douglas, aged 11, who was born in Georgetown. It was a sad loss for Mr. and Mrs. Penrice when their eldest son, John, passed away in 1955 at the age of seven.

Sam and his wife are both active in community and church affairs and he is Past Warden of St. George's Anglican Church, Director of Georgetown Hospital, Officer in Masonic lodge and Past Principal of Royal Arch Masons Chapter besides being President of Toronto Manx Society and 2nd Vice-President of the N.A.M.A.

He has made two trips back to the Isle of Man since being in Canada and his daughter, Jean, recently made an extensive tour of Europe and spent some time with her grandfather in the Island. He still has two sisters in the Isle of Man; (Cathie) Mrs. W. Duke of Douglas and (Ivy) Mrs. E. Wade of Lonan; and two brothers in England: Harry, the youngest, being President of Huddersfield Manx Society.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society held their November meeting at the home of Florence Kneale Prendergast, twenty-four adults and six children being present. It was a pleasure to welcome Dr. J. J. Moore. The time and place for the 1963 N.A.M.A. Convention was discussed and some convention committee chairmen were chosen.

Mrs. Auty of Lake Forest was the only member to attend the meeting scheduled for February 2nd at the home of Jean Rea, M.B.E., Editor of the British News in Chicago, as she had already left her home 45 miles away when the meeting was cancelled owing to a very bad ice storm.

Plans are being considered for the 89th Anniversary Dinner of the Chicago Society and details will be published later.

Mrs. Emily Kelly,  
Secretary.

Password for the N.A.M.A.  
"Chicago 1963"

## LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx Society held their annual Christmas party on December 9th with about 40 members present. The tables were attractively decorated in the Christmas tradition and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The members were pleased to welcome a newcomer to California, Miss Eileen Corlett of Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—

President: Mr. Jack Cannell,  
Burbank.  
Vice-President: Mr. Raymond  
Marrion,  
Monterey Park.  
Secretary: Mr. Eric Curphey,  
Huntington Park.  
Treasurer: Mr. Joe Rodger,  
Long Beach.

A meeting was held in February when the members were entertained to lunch by the new President and his wife. It was a beautiful day and lunch was served on the patio overlooking the garden. The members would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Cannell for their hospitality and for their hard work.

Lillian Marrion Tipper.

## VANCOUVER

On December 14th a children's Christmas Party was held at which there were 38 children and 52 adults. This was very gratifying to the Officers and Committee as it was their first effort of this kind for six years. Everyone seemed to enjoy the party especially the youngsters whose games were organized very successfully by Mrs. Belfie and John Cannel. A generous cheque from the Manx Ladies was very helpful.

On New Year's Day the annual dinner and entertainment was held in the Cambrian Hall with over 100 people present. After an excellent dinner served by the ladies assisted by John Cannel and Angus Gillon, there was a short cooish followed by entertainment. This was furnished by local talent led by Mrs. Bryant, two of the members, Norma Halsall and Donna Fowler, taking part. The entertainment was followed by a dance and everyone went home feeling that it had been a good day.

Ernie Costain was warmly welcomed at this the first social event he had attended since his return from the Isle of Man. John Douglas of Enumclaw, was a welcome guest accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Brown, her husband and two sons, from Dockton, Washington.

There was a good attendance at the meeting on February 9th when the election of officers was held. All officers were re-elected.

President: Mr. A. Balfie  
Vice-President: Mr. John Cannell  
Recording Sec'y: Mr. W. Lawson  
Corres. Sec'y: Mr. L. McDonnell  
Treasurer: Mr. A. Gillon

### Committee

Mesdames I. Lawson, R. Motion, M. Belfie, K. Cannell, Miss J. McMeiken, Messrs. A. Fulton, T. Watterson, J. Witsten.

It was decided at this meeting and confirmed at a committee meeting on February 16th that this Society should hold an informal Manx Gathering on August 2nd to which all Manx are invited. This will just be a good get together and should be of interest to any members who are planning to attend the World's Fair at Seattle this summer. There are many details to be decided still and further information will be sent to all Manx Societies later.

## SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. Julia Lewin, assisted by her son, Henry, welcomed the San Francisco Manx Society to their home for the November, 1961 meeting when a happy time was spent by the attending members.

The Christmas party held at the Wawona Hall was a great success, the hall being filled to full capacity. After a warm welcome by the President, Mr. H. Corlett, the members were treated to a wonderful one hour programme put on by the Burlingame School of Dancing. This was a great treat and enjoyed by all members. After some carol singing, good old Santa, played by the popular and genial Ridge Craine, appeared on the scene with gifts for everyone. George Chatfield, with his willing band of helpers, was in charge of the decorations and the hall looked most attractive. As is usual at all Manx meetings the food was plentiful and the evening came to a close all too soon.

The January meeting was held at the home of Katie and Jim Cringle and this was a happy occasion as the President had the pleasure of extending congratulations to George Chatfield—who was mentioned in the Queen's New Year's Honours List as an M.B.E. He and Mrs. Chatfield were also wished Bon Voyage for their journey to England on February 25th. They are including a trip to the Isle of Man where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lucas.

In February the members were again welcomed to the home of Mrs. Julia Lewin and her son, Henry. The table centrepiece was a beautifully decorated cake complete with the Three Legs of Man made by Henry Lewin. A presentation of a pen and pencil set was made to the treasurer, Mr. Tom Cottier, originally from Peel, who has since left to reside in Garden Grove, California. He will be greatly missed as he was an interested and willing worker for the Society.

Mrs. K. Cringle,  
Secretary.

A welcome guest at the February meeting was Mr. Sam Penrice, 2nd Vice-President of the N.A.M.A., who was in Vancouver on a business trip. The members were very glad to meet him and hope that he will come again.

Leslie McDonnell, Secretary.

# OUR OWN PEOPLE

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Mrs. Katherine Belford, formerly of Galva, Illinois, and more recently of the Isle of Man has returned to the States to make her home. She is presently visiting her son, Mylroie Belford, and family in McHenry, Illinois. S/Major and Mrs. Wm. H. Kelly of Evansville, Indiana, were honoured in a special retirement service in that city in July. The Kellys had served the Salvation Army for a combined total of 89 years as officers and retired for health reasons. They had recently assisted in the erection and equipping of a new Social Service Centre in Evansville.

Major Kelly was born into a Salvation Army family in the Isle of Man and came to Superior, Wisconsin, with his parents in 1910. Mrs. Kelly also was born into a Salvation Army family in England. She came to Canada with her parents in 1909. They have served the Army together in many capacities since their marriage in May, 1922. Their service has taken them into many states of the midwest including Missouri, Minnesota, South Dakota, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Mrs. Nellie Cottier of Burbank, California, would like to thank all her old friends who signed the cards sent to her by the Ladies Auxiliary at convention time.

Mr. Calderbank who has been visiting his daughter in Brockville, Ontario, has now returned to the Isle of Man. Mr. Calderbank is the brother-in-law of Mrs. J. Cope of Montreal, Mrs. G. Meredith of Ottawa and Mr. F. Caveen of Toronto.

## THE LIL PEOPLE

BORN — on February 9th, 1962, a daughter, Michelle, to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Foster of Toronto. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen and Mr. and Mrs. George Foster.

BORN — on January 3rd, 1962, a son, Robert Ian, to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Cope. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Cope of Baie d'Urfe, Quebec.

BORN — on December 10th, 1961, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Podmore of 1641 Gerrard Street East, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Laney Sr. (nee Margaret Cubbon) of Seattle, Washington, had a wonderful visit in the Isle of Man last May. They were on a European tour and spent the last two weeks visiting relatives in the Isle of Man. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gell, Port Erin, who gave a tea in the Villa Marina for them. They met about 50 cousins. Margaret is the sister of Ruth, Nelson and Edith Cubbon of Seattle.

Sam Penrice, President of the Toronto Manx Society and 2nd Vice-President of the N.A.M.A., has just completed a business trip across Canada which included visits to Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver and Montreal.

Mr. Penrice arrived in Vancouver the evening before the regular monthly meeting of the Manx Society and within a few minutes of arrival he was on the phone to the secretary Leslie McDonnell who extended a cordial invitation to attend their meeting. Mr. Penrice assures us that he was thrilled with the opportunity of meeting the Vancouver Manx. During his stay in Vancouver he met Mr. Arthur McMeiken, formerly of Peel, who was also an old scholar of the Clothworker's School.

In Winnipeg, Mr. W. Mylrea, President of the Winnipeg Manx, and Mrs. Mylrea entertained at a house party. About fifteen members were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Penrice conveyed greetings from the Toronto Society and also from the N.A.M.A. and invited all those present to make early plans to attend the 1963 Convention in Chicago. Mr. Mylrea drove Mr. Penrice to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Cregeen, both of whom were confined to the house.

When he made a short stop over in Edmonton Mr. Penrice did not have time to contact any Manx folks.

While in Montreal, Mr. Penrice spent a pleasant hour with Mr. Joughin, the N.A.M.A. President, at the Panorama Room of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel overlooking the City of Montreal, on February 22nd. Various items relating to the N.A.M.A. were discussed. Owing to business commitments, Mr. Penrice was unable to attend the Montreal Society meeting on February 23rd; but he telephoned Mr. Paul Gregson before leaving the great city for his home in Georgetown, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian C. Wattleworth of Saint Helena, California, are visiting this month with their daughter, Mrs. Jack Brown, Seattle, Washington. Mr. Wattleworth is a native of Peel.

Miss Muriel Gill returned to the United States early in January and is back with a very well known American family as governess-nurse.

Mr. J. H. Cleator of St. Louis, Missouri, is sailing on the Queen Mary on April 4th, for a holiday in England and the Isle of Man where he hopes to meet those who are going on the charter flight.

The James Cringles were delighted to have a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quane of Vancouver, B.C. They also spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. James Kissack of Palo Alto.

The Reverend and Mrs. Tom Kelly, Seattle, Washington, were visitors in the Isle of Man during August, 1961. While there the Reverend Kelly had the pleasure of preaching in his father's church, the Peel Methodist Church. He visited his aunts, Mrs. Anna Moore, Dalby; Mrs. Fred. Cottier, Douglas; Mrs. Edith Faragher, Glen Wyllin, Kirk Michael. Mrs. Mary Caine entertained a cousin party in honour of the visiting cousins. Mrs. Essie Quayle was one of Bill's congregation in Peel. His parents were Captain and Mrs. Richard Kelly (both deceased) of Kirkland, Washington and formerly of Kirk Michael.

## MANX FARE

Why not include some old time Manx fare in the refreshments at your next meeting?

## SLIM CAKE

1 lb. flour  
Pinch of salt  
2 teaspoonsful baking powder  
About ¼ pint of milk  
4 ozs. lard  
2 ozs. currants  
2 to 3 ozs. sugar

Method rub fat into flour, add salt and baking powder, currants and sugar. Mix to a stiff dough with milk, roll out very thinly and cook on a griddle. Each round should be cut into 4 whilst hot.

Serve buttered.

## NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES (continued)

### TORONTO

The Toronto Manx held their regular monthly meeting at 34 Eastwood Road on November 28th with a good crowd present. At this meeting the president, Mr. Stanley Bateman, re-Mr. Sam Penrice, 2nd vice-president of the N.A.M.A., was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

There was a good attendance at the February meeting at which a penny sale was held and enjoyed by everyone. At this meeting plans were made to hold a turkey dinner on April 6th. The Toronto Manx are an active group and they would like to appeal to all the Manx in the Toronto area to support them. It was announced that an attempt might be made to send a Manx choir out to entertain at the Chicago Convention and the members were of the opinion that this was a good idea but would require a lot of organizing.

Fred J Caveen,  
Secretary.

### EDMONTON

The Edmonton Manx Society held a children's Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Cannell on December 15th. The gathering was well attended and it was pleasant to see so many of the younger folk present. The film "Isle of Bays" was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Officers for the year have been elected as follows:

President: Mr. C. H. Quilliam  
Vice-President: Mr. B. Casement  
Secretary/ Treasurer: Mrs. A. Cannell,  
12259 Dovercourt  
Crescent,  
Edmonton.  
Mrs. A. A. Cannell,  
Secretary/Treasurer.

### ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx held their annual fall picnic at the home of Mrs. Charles Sundlof in Dansville, New York. They enjoyed a delightful drive to Dansville and a delicious meal prepared by Phoebe. Everyone was anxious to hear about the convention and the delegates gave a glowing report of a grand convention. It was early evening before they left for Rochester after having that cup of tea for the road.

No meetings have been held as yet this winter but it is hoped to hold a get-together before long.

Alice Garrett,  
Regional Director.

### WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Sam Penrice during his visit to their city in February when he was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Mylrea. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed with most of the talk naturally being about the Isle of Man. The members are looking forward to seeing Mr. Penrice again when he visits Winnipeg.

A dinner and dance is being planned for April to wind up the winter activities.

Miss Eileen Killen,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

The spring of 1962 finds the Mona's Relief Society in Cleveland off to a good start. Officers elected are:

President: Mrs. Mabel  
Burhenne,  
Vice-President: Mr. Cecil  
Moughton,  
Financial Sec'y: Mrs. Cecil  
Moughton,  
Corres. Sec'y: Mrs. Fairy Lyon  
Treasurer: Miss Mildred  
Corris

This is an outstanding year for the Society which has, for the first time in its one hundred years of existence, elected a lady president. Mrs. Burhenne was born in the Isle of Man and came to this country when a little girl in 1904 with her parents (the late Mr. and Mrs. James Crellin) and her family. She feels it a great honour to be the first lady president.

Some very interesting meetings have been held this winter and new flags are being obtained to brighten up the meeting place. Two new members were added in January, Mrs. Minnie Nichols and Mrs. Gladys A. Butts.

A number of Cleveland folk are going to the "homecoming" and are anxiously awaiting the take-off time. The new president is one of those going and she will be making her first trip back to the land of her birth.

In March the Society is to have a real treat when Mr. Henry Christian will show his pictures of Bermuda and the 1961 Manx convention in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly spent part of their vacation in St. Petersburg, Florida at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crellin.

Mrs. Fairy Lyon,  
Secretary.

### BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx held their Christmas party at the home of Mr. Fred Corrin where they sang carols, played games and exchanged Christmas gifts before winding up the evening with "potluck" refreshments which on this occasion were extra special. It's hard to beat a good Manx or English cook. It has been the custom for many years for the Bisbee Manx to donate to the Salvation Army at Christmas time and to make up a good Christmas basket for a needy family. This year for the first time they are the happy recipients of a "Certificate of Appreciation" for "eminent and memorable service to this community by helping the Salvation Army to give a Happy Christmas".

The January meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Harry Rothery who had planned a grand evening. Many novel games were enjoyed and nice gifts awarded to the winners. A letter was received from the Vancouver Society in January suggesting the organization of a junior sized convention in conjunction with the Seattle World's Fair.

In February the meeting was held at the home of Mr. Arnold Corrin where the members were pleased to welcome Mrs. Nellie Kelly back after her extended vacation to England and California.

Mrs. Ivy Dillon,  
Secretary.

### MONTREAL

On December 14th, the Montreal Manx entered into the spirit of Christmas with a turkey dinner at the Queen's Hotel. An excellent dinner was enjoyed and the remainder of the evening was spent in games and singing, ending with Auld Lang Syne and good wishes all round for Christmas and the New Year.

On January 13th, a very successful bowling night was held. After the bowling the members adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Corlett for refreshments and the usual "cooish". Prizes were presented to the winners by the President, Mr. Paul Gregson.

The February meeting was held on the 23rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gregson when the members listened to a tape recording of a radio interview made by Mr. Paul Gregson on the subject of the Isle of Man. This interesting tape was followed by games and the evening closed with the serving of refreshments provided as usual by the ladies.

J. Victor Joughin,  
Secretary.



**A LETTER TO THE EDITOR  
FROM  
MR. RICHARD CAIN, O.B.E.**

February 12, 1962.

I wish to convey through the medium of your Bulletin how highly I appreciate the kind thoughts which prompted so many dear friends to send me lovely Christmas cards and letters of affection and goodwill for Christmas and the New Year and if not too late to reciprocate all their good wishes and may every blessing attend them and to say I am greatly blessed in my old age of 99½ today.

Yours sincerely,  
Richard Cain,  
President W.M.A.

**THE JOURNAL OF THE  
MANX MUSEUM**

A copy of the Journal of the Manx Museum for 1961-1962 has been received and among the many interesting articles are two which would seem to be of particular to Manx people in North America.

One is the publication for the first time of letters written by William Corlett of Newburgh, Ohio, to his brother, Thomas, in Orrisdale, Isle of Man. William Corlett came to Newburgh in 1827 and his letters, with those of his son, Thomas, which will be published in the next issue of the Journal, cover a period of 45 years. The original letters can be seen in the Manx Museum library.

The second article tells the story of The Remarkable Career of the "Douglas". The "Douglas", originally built for the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, was a blockade runner during the American civil war and was eventually captured and commissioned in the American navy as the U.S.S. Gettysburg.

The annual subscription for this interesting Journal is just six shillings (less than \$1.00) and should be sent to The Editor, The Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Extra copies of the bulletin can be obtained from the Editor, 4436 Wilson Avenue, Montreal 28, P.Q., at a cost of 25 cents Post free.

**Old Gaelic Blessing**

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the Wind be always at your  
back,  
May the sun shine warm upon  
your face,  
And the rains fall soft upon your  
fields,  
And until we meet again.  
May God hold you in the palm  
of His hand.

**ANSWER TO AN  
ENQUIRY**

Mr. Quirk of Ottawa asked in the last Bulletin for information about the meaning of the word "Boodlen" and the answer has been sent in by Mrs. W. R. Serjeant, Assistant Librarian at the Manx Museum, Douglas.

*Boodlen* is the Manx dialect corruption of an English dialect word used as a general mining term in England. The English Dialect Dictionary gives the following:—

*Buddle* to wash ore.

*Buddler* a man employed in washing the ore: one who cuts into old workings in search of ore.

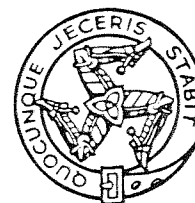
*Boodlen* therefore is equivalent to *Buddler*.

**MANX WEDDIN'S**

Miss Linda Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hartman of Galva and Robert Behnke of Kewanee, Illinois were married in Grace Methodist Church in Galva on October 29th, 1961. Linda is the granddaughter of the late John Brew of Galva and is a grand-niece of Mrs. Esther Whaley of Galva and Mrs. Dan Fargher of Kewanee.

Miss Patricia Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Garrison and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cowley, all of Galva, was married to Mr. Don Nelson of Galva in Galva First Methodist Church on Sunday, December 3rd, 1961.

Miss Elaine Johnson of Galva and Dwain Warner of Kewanee, Illinois, were married in Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva on Sunday, January 21st, 1962. Elaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernet Johnson and a grand-daughter of the late Mrs. Eleanor Kennaugh of Galva.



**For Special News Items  
Always Look Under This Sign**

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

Don't forget that juniors under 18 can be members of the N.A.M.A. for a fee of 25¢ per year. Fees should be sent in the usual way to Mr. Henry C. Christian, 861 Orchard Park Drive, Rocky River 16, Ohio.

**OFFER OF A MANX FLAG**

Mrs. Florence Gill of New York has kindly offered to give a Manx flag and banner which she has to any Manx Society which would like to have them. The flag, which has the three legs insignia on it, and the banner, both have section poles and are in good condition. Mrs. Gill would prefer that someone should collect these in New York but if that is not possible she will endeavour to pack them. Would any society wishing to take advantage of this offer please contact the Editor, Miss M. M. Joughin, 4436 Wilson Avenue, N.D.G., Montreal.

**THE SEATTLE  
WORLD'S FAIR**

Two invitations have been extended to Manx people who may be visiting the World's Fair in Seattle this summer. Ruth, Nelson and Edith Cubbon of 8643 — 21st. N.W., Seattle 7, Washington, while they cannot promise to house anyone, would be very pleased to see any of the Manx who will be there this summer and would like to contact them.

The other invitation comes from the Vancouver Manx Society to attend a Junior Convention which they are hoping to hold around August 2nd. There will be further details of this in the next Bulletin but anyone going west this summer should keep it in mind.

## OBITUARIES

**ANNETT**, Ida (née Kerruish) of Salt Prairie, Alberta, died in February, aged 70 years. She leaves her husband, three daughters and two sons. Mrs. Annett spent her early years in Maughold, Isle of Man, and came to Canada with her mother in 1913.

**BATEMAN**, Margaret Ann, died on January 1st, 1962 in Seattle. Mrs. Bateman was born in the Isle of Man and came to this country as a girl. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. H. E. Bateman, with whom she lived; two sons, James and Edward; a sister, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**CAVEEN**, Arthur, died very suddenly at his home at Queen's Drive, Ramsey, Isle of Man. He is survived by two brothers, Fred in Toronto and Tom at Baldrine, Isle of Man; also by four sisters, Mrs. George Meredith, Ottawa, Mrs. James Cope, Baie d'Urfe, Quebec, Mrs. Calderbank, Douglas and Mrs. Harold Quayle, Garwick, Isle of Man.

**CLUCAS**, Willie died in the Isle of Man on November 1st, aged 81. Mr. Clucas was a brother of Mr. Joe Clucas of Laramie, Wyoming.

**FARAGHER**, Philip A. of Lakewood, Ohio, died on December 6th, 1961. He is survived by his wife, Daisy; a son, James; and brothers Harry, Robert and James. Mr. Faragher, a printer, came to Lakewood from the Isle of Man at the age of 14. He was an active member of the Forest Hill Masonic Lodge.

**HOWE**, Margaret Emma, died suddenly at West Palm Beach, Florida on January 24th. Mrs. Howe leaves two daughters, a sister and a brother. She was a sister of the late Tom Moore, former President of the N.A.M.A.

**JERVIS**, R. of Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, died suddenly on December 24th. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth.

**KELLY**, Douglas of Astoria, New York, passed away on January 6th, 1962. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Thomas Christian of Astoria.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kelly who came to this country about 50 years ago. Mr. Louis Kelly was a well known builder in Douglas where he built the Central Hotel, Broadway.

**KELLY**, John James of Queen's Road, Onchan, Isle of Man, died suddenly on December 12th, 1961. He is survived by his wife, Katie Isobel, three sons and two daughters. Mr. Kelly was the brother of Mrs. T. L. Edwards, Seattle, Washington, Mrs. W. Gill and Mrs. A. Quilleash of Lonan, Isle of Man and Mr. W. Harry Kelly of Cleveland.

**KNEEN**, Carrie Frances, widow of the late Frank P. Kneen, of Cleveland Heights, died on January 22nd. Although Mrs. Kneen was not Manx she and her husband who was descended from early Manx settlers, were loyal and interested members of the Mona's Relief Society and were well known and popular among the Manx community in Cleveland. Mrs. Kneen was particularly active in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society in former years.

**LOONEY**, Alfred E., of Rochester died on December 29th, 1961 after a brief illness. Mr. Looney was born in the Isle of Man and came to Rochester as a young man. He leaves three sons, two sisters and four grandchildren.

**MARRION**, George John of California, died on December 11th, 1961 aged 83 years. He leaves his wife, Essie, three sons, a daughter, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren, also a sister, Lillian, in Hollywood, and a brother and sister in England. Mr. Marrion and his wife came to California from the Isle of Man shortly after their marriage in 1905 and have lived there ever since. The Los Angeles Manx Society was founded by Mr. and Mrs. Marrion in 1923. He was a well loved man who will ever be remembered by the people who knew him.

**MEFFIN**, James, died at Toronto on January 23rd, 1962. Mr. Meffin was the father of Mrs. James Davidson who was formerly Mrs. Tom Moore.

**CAIN**, Thomas Henry (Harry) of 49 Detroit Street, Akron, Ohio, passed

away on Sunday, March 11th. He is survived by his daughter, Mona (Mrs. Norman Smith); a brother, John R., of Cleveland, Ohio; a sister, Emily (Mrs. Robert Speedie) of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada; a sister, Annie (Mrs. Williams Osborne) of Liverpool, England and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Cain was an interested member of the N.A.M.A. since its formation and attended many of its conventions.

**COWELL**, Thomas Edward died at his home, 8 Peveril Terrace, Peel, aged 83 years. He was the son of the late Thomas and Lena Cowell of Cleveland, Ohio and formerly of Peel. Mr. Cowell was for many years a teacher at St. Margaret's School in Manchester until, on retiring, he returned to Peel.

**JOHNSON**, Frank C. of Seattle, Washington died on January 1st, 1962, aged 61. He is survived by his wife, Bertha; two sons, Richard and William, of Seattle; two brothers; a sister and two grandchildren. Mr. Johnson was born in Foxdale, Isle of Man and came to the United States as a child.

**CLINTON**, William passed away on March 11th, 1962 in Mobile, Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Jennie; a son, Robert; a daughter, Mrs. Wentworth and three grandchildren. Mr. Clinton migrated from Peel many years ago.

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

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### MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR N.A.M.A. AND LADIES AUXILIARY

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christian will be very pleased to receive your dues for the year 1961-1962 if you have not already paid them.

The N.A.M.A. dues of \$2.00 should be sent to Mr. Henry C. Christian, 861 Orchard Park Drive, Rocky River 16, Ohio, and the 25 cents dues for the Ladies Auxiliary should be sent to Mrs. Christian at the same address.