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

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**ARE YOU GOING TO JOIN
OUR HAPPY FAMILY
IN CHICAGO
AUGUST 18, 19, 20 and 21?**

The Story of Our Manx SOCIETIES — No. 2 TORONTO — PART 1 1913-1945

Almost everyone of the hundreds of people who read the Bulletin have attended more than one N.A.M.A. Convention, and I'm sure they have found that each gathering seems to be better than the last. With this thought in mind, we in Chicago are certainly going to do our best to keep this tradition intact.

Your convention committees have been formed and although everyone seems busier than ever with their personal activities, I feel that we have the people in Chicago who will give "their all" and when you come to our city in August, you will find that everything possible has been done to see that you have a wonderful time. We hope to make it an experience that you will never forget and to make each and every one feel that they have been on another "Home-coming".

Through the kind assistance of the Bulletin, we have already begun to get assistance from all directions, both financial and otherwise. Although we are far from our goal, we must say "thank you" to those individuals and groups who have already come forward. I'm sure that this wonderful co-operation will continue, and as a result of this, the N.A.M.A. will meet in Chicago as one big happy family.

We know that no-one will want to miss this wonderful opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones, so start planning now to attend the 1962 Convention of the North American Manx Association to be held at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel — August 18-19-20-21.

Our plans include activities for people of all ages, so be sure your plans include the WHOLE family.

Norman D. Clucas,
Chairman.

The history of the Toronto Manx Society goes back to 1913 when four Manxmen, Messrs. Arthur Callow, W. Fick, E. Corlett and Joe Gaugherty, met in Mr. Callow's office and discussed forming a Toronto Manx Society. Mr. Fick is now the only living member of that group. Afterwards they met at Mr. Callow's house and from then on with some publicity and hard work the society grew to a good size. Then the first world war started in 1914 and many of the members joined the armed forces — some of them were in the battle of Vimy Ridge — and in 1916 the society disbanded.

In 1927 some of the original members decided that they would go ahead again and formed the present society. Mr. Arthur Callow was elected President, Mr. W. Costain, Vice-President, Mr. J. Corkill, Treasurer and Mr. C. McMeeken, Secretary. In a very short time the membership grew to over 200 so that when the first N.A.M.A. convention was held in Cleveland in 1928 two bus loads of the Toronto Manx Society attended. Mr. Arthur Callow the President made a bid to hold the next N.A.M.A. convention in Toronto in 1929. Over 700 delegates attended that convention, amongst them some prominent men for the Island — Mr. Crookall, Mr. Hugo Teare, M.H.K., and Mr. Quirk, Mayor of Douglas.

The majority of delegates stayed at the Ford Hotel and others with friends. The meetings and banquet and dance were held at the Palais Royal, Sunnyside, on the shores of Lake Ontario. The registration fee was \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

The Toronto members were very enthusiastic and worked hard preparing for the convention by holding card parties, raffles etc. Mr. Enos Christian was responsible for raising nearly \$500 by collecting and selling old gold and Mrs. W. Beddow made a considerable amount by collecting old papers and magazines. Mention should be made here that there was quite a strong Junior Society with Mr. Harry Moore as Chairman and they gave considerable help in raising funds for the convention.

The convention was a great success and was able to turn over \$900 to the N.A.M.A.

According to the minutes of the Toronto Manx Society dues were paid to the N.A.M.A. for 113 members in 1929 and for 75 members in 1930. Then along came the depression and the numbers gradually diminished, so many of the members were out of work.

When the second world war broke out in 1939 again many of our members joined the armed forces and eleven of them were fighting overseas. Mr. W. Fick had four sons overseas and the eldest, Douglas, was killed in an explosion in England. Charlie Christian was killed and Harry Greene was taken prisoner in the Dieppe raid. Alan Downward was brought down and killed while flying over Germany and W. Beddow Jr. was killed accidentally in England. Gordon Downward was wounded in France.

During the war the Toronto Manx Society sent each of their members overseas 300 cigarettes each month, over 500,000 in all, besides parcels from friends and relatives.

The story of the Toronto Manx Society after the end of the last war will be told in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Frank Williamson,
Secretary.

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**MANX FARE
WALNUT BREAD**

2½ cups self-raising Flour
(if plain Flour is used add 1 tea-
spoonful baking powder)

½ cup Sugar

½ cup Sultanas

1 cup Milk

1 Egg

½ cup Walnuts

Pinch of Salt

Method: Mix flour, salt and sugar together, add egg (beaten) and the sultanas and milk. Add chopped walnuts last. Bake in loaf pan for approximately 1 hour at 400°.

**RAMSEY PLAQUE
PRESENTED TO BOROUGH**

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor who visited the Island recently and hunted up connections between her own home town of Ramsey, New Jersey, U.S.A., and Ramsey, Isle of Man, has sent a copy of the Journal, the local newspaper, to the Ramsey Courier.

She is pictured on the front page presenting the Mayor of Ramsey (Mr. Paul R. Huot) with a plaque which was given to her by Mrs. D. M. Quayle, J. P., Chairman of Ramsey Commissioners.

The report quotes extensively from the September 21st. issue of the "Courier", in which Mrs. O'Connor's visit was described.

The Journal concludes: "The plaque bearing the town crest will join other Ramsey mementoes in the Municipal Building".

**THE PRESIDENT'S
"COOISH" WITH THE
MEMBERS**

I have received a letter from Toronto Branch asking if we are contemplating any memorial for the founder of the W.M.A., Richard Cain. This is a question to which we shall have to give consideration and on which we shall have to consult the officials of the W.M.A. but in the meantime I shall be glad to have expressions of opinion from members. These could then be tabulated and placed before the convention in August.

One way in which Richard Cain's memory will be kept alive is for us to see that the societies, the W.M.A., the N.A.M.A. and kindred societies, to which he gave so much support and encouragement go on from strength to strength, growing in size and influence throughout the world.

We of the N.A.M.A. have a splendid opportunity to do this by making sure that we have a bumper convention in Chicago this summer. Fix your vacation now and bring the children along. You will have no worries as our Chicago friends are arranging for them to be taken care of and there is a special committee planning children's entertainment.

How about our members and their friends on the Island? Are any of them planning to cross the briny to join us in Chicago? We hope they are and we can assure them that they will be among friends and will have the time of their lives.

If you have any friends who are not yet members now would be a good time to persuade them to join

the N.A.M.A. and to come along to the convention with you. They would be sure to have a good time and might meet old friends and acquaintances. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in August.

I don't know the source of these lines but I thought they might be of interest and if anyone does know where they come from I should be glad to know.

*Take time to think, it is the source of
[power;
Take time to think, it is the source of
[perpetual youth;
Take time to read, it is the fountain
[of wisdom;
Take time to love and be loved, it is
[a God-given privilege;
Take time to be friendly, it is the
[road to happiness;
Take time to laugh, it is the music of
[the soul;
Take time to give, it is too short a
[day to be selfish;
Take time to work, it is the price of
[success.*

J. Victor Joughin,
President.

**INFORMATION
WANTED**

A member of the N.A.M.A., Mr. George E. Mylroie, would like to know if anyone could give him some information concerning a relation of his, Mr. Fred Milroy or Mylroy, who died some time ago. Mr. Milroy was a member of the Court of Pride of Ishpemming, No. 6788, A.O.F. and wrote an article requesting the members to be present at their next general meeting on May 19th, 1886. This Court was meeting regularly until it disbanded in 1946. Mr. Milroy was married and had a family and at one time worked in the mines.

If anyone has any information Mr. George E. Mylroie, Box 263, Oakley, Idaho, would be very glad to receive it. He would also like to know if anyone has any copies of the N.A.M.A. Bulletin prior to 1941 which they do not want as he would be very pleased to have them.

Mr. William S. Fargher of 12566 S. E. Stevens Road, Portland 66, Oregon, U.S.A., as reported in the Mona's Herald recently, is anxious to establish contact with relatives in the Isle of Man. Mr. Fargher's great-grandfather, Thomas C. Fargher, came to America and then returned to the Isle of Man where he died about 1894. Thomas Fargher's wife, Susan Christian was also a native of the Island. Mr. William Fargher would be very pleased to hear from either the Christian or Fargher families.

THE JOURNAL OF THE MANX MUSEUM

The 1962-63 volume of the Journal has recently been published and there are two articles which will be of great interest to the Manx of North America.

One is Part 2 of Letters from America, 1831-1876, and consists of letters written by Thomas Corlett who with his father, William Corlett whose letters were published in the last edition of the Journal, had emigrated to Ohio. Thomas was ordained in the Episcopal Church and his letters are written from a number of towns in Ohio and Wisconsin. He mentions many of the Manx people he knew and refers to meetings of the Mona's Relief Society and the Mona's Benefit Society in Cleveland.

The second article of interest is "The Mystery of Arthur Caley, the Manx Giant". Most Manx people will have heard of Arthur Caley but few will know that he was also Col. Ruth Goshen, the Palestine Giant, who travelled with Barnum and Bailey's circus in America. Mrs. Ruth Serjeant's account of her search for information in which she was helped by Miss Edith Cowin of Rutherford, New Jersey, makes most interesting reading.

The Journal is published annually and can be obtained from The Editor, The Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man. The annual subscription is six shillings.

CLEVELAND HELPS CHICAGO CONVENTION FUND

The Manx Society in Cleveland are planning a card party for the benefit of the Chicago Convention Fund and they hope to realize a substantial sum to be able to forward to the Chicago Committee. They hope too that many of the Societies elsewhere may be able to plan some sort of an affair in order to raise some funds to contribute to the Convention Fund. The Chicago Committee is working very hard and is doing everything to put on a very fine convention so let's all get behind them and do our part to help them.

Mildred Corris,
Secretary

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD CAIN

One of the outstanding Manxmen of the past century, Mr. Richard Cain, died on January 2nd., 1963 in his 101st year. He was a most human and understanding man and one of the most vigorous, enterprising and kindly figures in the Isle of Man. A true patriot, he loved his native Isle with fervour and intensity, and he believed there was no place like it on earth.

His enduring achievement, for those Manxmen who live abroad, was the founding and consolidation of the World Manx Association. His tremendous efforts in this sphere gained him the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours eight years ago.

It was he who, years ago, was a founder of the Manx Reform Movement and was in the forefront of the fight for Home Rule and for greater responsibility for the Manx Government. It was his foresight as a Parliamentarian which led the Isle of Man to join the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. His whole legislative career was one long drive for the betterment of his fellows and he used to the full his diversity of gifts and talents.

Richard Cain was a good friend to many people and served his native Island wonderfully well. The death of this great Manxman will be greatly regretted and his name will long be remembered in his beloved Ellan Vannin as it will be by Manxmen and women all over the world.

He leaves three sons, James M. Cain, M.H.K., O.B.E., J.P.; Harold Cain, M.H.K. and Wilfred Cain.



JOHN H. CLEATOR

A Manxman with a deep love of his homeland, who wrote poems and plays about it, was a Manx linguist and was known to many in the Island and also in America, Mr. John H. Cleator died on January 2nd, 1963 at the age of 85.

Mr. Cleator wrote many splendid poems and stories under the name of 'Juan Noa' and one, "Manx Fairies", appeared in the Christmas 1961 edition of the Bulletin. He and his wife (Hilda Vondy) were prominent in musical circles and local entertainments in the north of the Island. He was also a pioneer of amateur theatricals and will be remembered by many for his performances in Manx dialect plays.

Mr. Cleator who was in business in Ramsey for many years, had spent much of his time latterly with relatives in the U.S.A. and it was there that he was taken ill. His daughter, Mrs. Joy Barton, flew out to take him home to the Island.

Mr. Cleator's passing severs another link with the days when the Manx language was spoken.

I.O.M. ON T.V.?

Mrs. Lillian Marrion-Tipper reports that after three years hard work she has at last found someone interested enough to put the Isle of Man on the American television.

She received a telephone call from "Hal Linker with his Wonders of the World" and he has all his plans made. He will be filming Tynwald, the Queen Mother's visit and the Peel Festival and anything else he can find time to fit in. He asked for all Manx people to pray to the Good Fairies for fine weather for him during his stay and he in turn promises to tip his hat to them.

Mr. Linker's wife comes from Iceland so that they will have an added interest in seeing the Isle of Man.

INFORMATION RECEIVED

Thanks are due to those who answered the enquiry as to the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan. The information has been passed on to the enquirer.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx have been much encouraged by the increase in membership and the brighter and more interesting meetings which they have had since they started meeting in a hall last September. They start the meeting by singing Ellan Vannin followed by a short business meeting and the programme for the evening.

At the September meeting Mr. F. Williamson showed pictures of his trip to the Island last summer and the homegoers gave a report of their trip. The October meeting was "Hop Tu Naa" night specially for the juniors and many of the old familiar games were played. In November the members were asked to donate articles for an auction sale which was a great financial success and on December 28th there was a family party with a turkey dinner. Mrs. Holt, her daughter Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Cleator and Mrs. Downward supervised the catering and decorated the tables beautifully with flowers, candles and flags.

On January 25th the Toronto Manx had the pleasure of hearing a talk by Mr. Wilson of the C.N.R. Communications staff on Communications from the time of the cave man up to the present time of microwave. This was followed by dancing which included the Palais Glide, the Lancers and square dancing which ended a very happy evening.

Frank Williamson,
Secretary.

BISBEE

The Christmas meeting was held in the home of Fred Corrin and was as usual a gala affair with all the sweetmeats of Christmas time, a rousing singsong of Christmas carols, the exchange of Christmas presents and the exchange of good fellowship.

The January meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wood both of whom are from England originally but who enjoy the traditions of the Manx Society. A most enjoyable time was spent playing bingo and many lovely gifts were provided by the host and hostess.

The Society are sorry to lose Mr. Fred Corrin who has been transferred as Assistant Manager of the First National Bank at Sun City, Arizona.

The February meeting which will be held at the home of Mr. Arnold Corrin will be an election meeting.

Mrs. Ivy Dillon,
Secretary.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society were invited to a Christmas party on December 7th, 1962 at the home of Alexander and Dorothy Mylrea Ebin. and forty members and friends were present. Christmas greetings were read from Charles Craine, Secretary, World Manx Association and Mr. Harold Callister brought along his own specially designed Christmas card 12" x 18" with greetings to all and featuring a view of Glen Helen surrounded by a holly wreath. Emily Kelly read a chapter on old Manx customs from "The Isle of Man" by Agnes Herbert, giving highlights of the "mummers" going from house to house, dramatising the "Quite" Boys (White Boys) on Christmas Eve and also the custom of "Hunt the Wren" on St. Stephen's Day, December 26th. To add interest to the story, Walter J. Stevenson led the group in singing Hunt the Wren. The programme concluded with the reading of "Oieil Voirrey" by Cushag. A beautiful painting of a Manx cottage by Dorothy Mylrea Ebin, donated for a convention project, was drawn for and won by Elsie J. Petersen, a former Chicago member now living in Florida. Other gifts were also donated to help convention funds. Walter Stevenson led the group in the singing of traditional carols and "Ellan Vannin" and "O, Land of Our Birth." A social hour with delicious party refreshments followed.

The Chicago Manx Society will celebrate its ninetieth anniversary this spring.

All roads lead to Chicago this summer and a very warm welcome is awaiting you all from your Chicago friends who hope you will plan to spend four wonderful days with them at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, August 18th to 21st inclusive. Besides a fine programme of events which is being planned, there will be plenty of time to indulge in that long anticipated "cooish" with dear old friends. Many have been heard to remark in the past that a convention was the next best thing to a trip to the Homeland and for every effort you put forward you will feel well repaid in the pleasure you will receive in having been one of the party. Apart from your own pleasure, your attendance at the convention will express your confidence in your N.A.M.A. officers so please remember the dates.

GALVA

Galva Manx Society had a very delightful afternoon in November when the Rev. John Clarke presented his informative illustrated talk on the Isle of Man. Guests were present from Lafayette, Toulon, Kewanu, Altona, Knoxville and Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clucas and family of Itasca and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brew and family of Antioch were also present and brought greetings from Chicago and told of the convention plans.

The group have tentative plans for gatherings in the spring when weather conditions moderate. They plan to be well represented in Chicago in August.

"See you in Chicago!"

Mrs. Hilda Collinson,
Secretary.

OTTAWA

The newly formed Ottawa Manx Society had a very successful meeting in January at the home of Mr. Quirk, the president, and his wife. They had plenty of good music as Mrs. Quirk was a professional opera singer and also plays the piano. Two of Montreal Society's former members, Mrs. Agnew and her daughter Mrs. Rooney who have recently moved to Ottawa, added to the group.

Mr. Quirk is working hard to gather all he can to the Society.

Mrs. Isolen Ketchum.

WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx held a social evening and turkey dinner on January 29th and in spite of a bad blizzard had one of the most successful evenings of the winter.

Earlier this winter the Winnipeg Manx had the pleasure of meeting Miss Kathleen Christian of Douglas who has been visiting her sister Nancy in Winnipeg.

A very hearty invitation is extended to any visitors to Winnipeg to join the Manx at their social, usually held on the third Saturday of each month.

Miss Eileen Killen,
Secretary.

The Chicago Manx were deeply grieved to hear of the passing of two very wonderful Manx gentlemen, Richard Cain and John Cleator. Their loss will be keenly felt among Manx people the world over.

Emily Kelly,
Secretary.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fick are spending the winter months in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. Doug. Cowley and his brother George are planning a trip to the Isle of Man next April. They hail from Laxey but are visiting their mother in Ramsey.

Miss Claire Bateman, daughter of Stan and Rita Bateman, has made some appearances on T.V. on the Tiny Talent programme on Channell 11 from Hamilton, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins have moved to Toronto from Edmonton. Mrs. Collins has been Vice-President of the Edmonton Manx Society.

Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester, New York, joined the leisured class on December 29th last after 44 years with Kodak and is thoroughly enjoying it. On January 9th a cocktail party and reception was given for her with over 100 friends attending.

Pauline and Charlie Corrin of Chicago are rejoicing in the arrival of a new granddaughter.

Bob and Jean Kelly, president and assistant president of the Couple's Club, St. John's Methodist Church, Chicago, were sponsoring a Hobby Show, February 15th and 16th. Bob was to display his collection of Manx coins and stamps and the booth was being set up with an atmosphere of interesting Manx items.

Miss Kathleen Christian of Douglas who has been spending a holiday with her sister, Miss Nancy Christian of Winnipeg, visited Victor Joughin and family in Montreal. Nancy travelled to Halifax to see her sister off on the return trip and was then returning via Montreal and Ottawa to Winnipeg.

Miss Freda Moore of Peel, Isle of Man, spent several days in Seattle last August attending the World's Fair and visiting relatives. Mr. William Moore;

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore; Mrs. Frank Moore and Mrs. Annie Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brian Wattleworth of St. Helena, California, were flying to the Isle of Man on December 4th to spend the Christmas holidays with Brian's sister, Miss Mary Wattleworth of Peel, I.O.M.

Mrs. Doug. Cowley of Douglas, Isle of Man, enjoyed a wonderful two months holiday in Cleveland, Ohio, visiting her sisters, Mrs. William Brown and Mrs. Ralph Cowin, and renewing old friendships. Mr. and Mrs. Cowley and their daughter Evelyn lived in Cleveland for many years before taking up residence in the Isle of Man in 1932. Mrs. Cowley was to return home on the Sylvania on December 7th.

Mr. Thomas Sobottka received his B.S. Degree from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, last June; also his commission as 2nd. Lieutenant in the Air Corps. and is now stationed at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sobottka and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maddrell of Seattle. Mr. Maddrell is from Colby, Isle of Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speedie of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada, visited their son, F/L Norman D. Speedie and his family in Ottawa, Ontario, last September. Before returning home they spent some time in Akron, Ohio, with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith. Mrs. Smith (Mona) is the daughter of the late T. Harry Cain, Mrs. Speedie's brother. They also were several days in Cleveland, Ohio, with Mrs. Speedie's twin brother, John R. Cain, and his family and while there attended the October Meeting of the Mona's Relief Society.

The president and bulletin editor had the pleasure recently of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Penrice and the Montreal members of the N.A.M.A. An enjoyable evening was spent in having a 'cooish' about many things including the convention in Chicago and the proposed restoration of St. Germain's Cathedral in Peel.

Edith, Ruth and Nelson Cubbon had a very busy summer last year entertaining some of the many visitors to the Seattle Worlds Fair. Their first guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell of Vancouver in May. They went to the fair together, on sight seeing trips and a special trip to the beautiful Snoqualmie Falls where the Cubbons entertained at dinner.

In July, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quilliam from Edmonton, Canada, arrived and on the same weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gell of Port Erin, Isle of Man, cousins of the Cubbons, also arrived so on the following Sunday a Manx Tea was held for them. Other guests at the tea were Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. Kathleen Moore of Seattle and Mrs. Ann Hall of Riverside, California. The Cubbons held several family gatherings while their cousins were there and also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Stone from Spokane, Washington, who are cousins of Martha Gell.

In August, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brian Wattleworth of St. Helena, California, were dinner guests and in September Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costain of Helena, Montana, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Holsapple of Tacoma, Washington, were visitors.

The Cubbons are sorry if any of the Manx visiting Seattle were not able to contact them. They consider that the fair was a great success and are feeling rather lost now that it is over.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Married — on December 1st., 1962, Robert J. Cannell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Cannell of 14227 Glenfield Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, to Laura Marbrey, also of Detroit. The happy couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Florida and are now residing at 17168 Ontario Avenue, Detroit.

JOUGHIN-RICHARDS. On December 31st. 1962 at Salem Chapel, Portmadoc, North Wales, Ramsey Victor, son of Mr. J. V. Joughin of Ramsey and Montreal, and the late Mrs. Joughin, to Glenys Mary, daughter of Mrs. G. Richards of Portmadoc and the late Mr. R. I. Richards.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES (continued)

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx held their children's Christmas party in the Horticultural Hall with 35 children and between 50 and 60 adults. Games were played and both the girls and boys gave exhibitions of the Twist. Tempting refreshments were served by the ladies to both children and adults and the party concluded at 9 p.m. when the tired but happy children went home. The officers and committee were very pleased that the party had been such a success.

A very enjoyable New Year's Day dinner and dance was held in the Cambrian Hall. Among the entertainment was the showing of some films of Isle of Man taken by Mr. William Douglas of Douglas, I.O.M., who with Mrs. Douglas has been visiting his brother John at Enumclaw, Washington, after travelling around the U.S.A. A sing along with Bill (Mudie) was very well received as were two solos by Bill who has been singing at Vancouver Manx entertainments for over 40 years. It was encouraging for the officers and committee to see quite a few teenagers present and they are hoping to plan more events which will be of interest to young folk.

The election of officers was held on February 8th, at the Horticultural Hall and the following were elected:-

- President
Mr. John Cannell
- Vice-President
Mr. A. Belfie
- Recording Secretary
Mr. W. Lawson
- Corresponding Secretary
Mr. L. McDonnell
- Treasurer
Mr. A. Gillon
- Committee
Mrs. John Cannell,
Mrs. A. Belfie,
Mrs. W. Lawson,
Mrs. R. Motion,
Miss J. McMeiken,
Mr. Eden Costain,
Mr. Tom Watterson
and Mr. John Wilsten.
- Head of the Sunshine Club
Mrs. John Kneale

L. McDonnell,
Corres. Sect'y.

EDMONTON

The children's Christmas party was held in the Forest Heights Community Hall on December 14th with Mr. J. D. Caine performing the duties of Santa and on January 10th a banquet and dance was held at the Mandarin Gardens. Mrs. Dorothy Casement and her daughter Christine of Douglas, I.O.M., who are visiting other members of the family in Edmonton were the guests of honour. All agreed it was a memorable evening.

On February 19th the annual general meeting was held and the following officers elected for the coming years:-

- President
Mr. Charles Quilliam
- Vice-President
Mr. Charles Callow
- Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Catherine Quilliam
11335 - 75th Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta

Mrs. Catherine Quilliam,
Secretary-Treasurer.

MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society held their annual Christmas Dinner on December 15th in the Queen's Hotel. A very enjoyable evening was spent with games, competitions and singing. Miss Lindsay Penman entertained the group with her singing of Scottish songs and ballads and also gave selections on the harmonica. She was accompanied by Miss L. Choiniere. The party ended with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the expression of best wishes for the season.

The Society met for an open house at 4436 Wilson Avenue on Sunday, January 20th, and among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kermod of Douglas, I.O.M., who have been spending a long vacation in Canada with their daughter and son-in-law, Sgt. and Mrs. Dale.

The February meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hornsby and Mrs. Sloan and some very interesting films taken by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell on their trip to the Island last summer were shown.

J. Victor Joughin,
Secretary.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx Society had their Christmas party on December 7th and had a gay time with very good eating, a very good "cooish" and some wonderful coloured slides shown by Mr. and Mrs. Winters who had spent their holidays over home last summer. Their pictures were most interesting and some of them most unusual and were thoroughly enjoyed.

Lillian Marrion-Tipper.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Mr. A. Gillon and Miss Judith McMeiken, both of Vancouver, and the wedding is expected to take place during the summer. Mr. Gillon is the Treasurer of the Vancouver Manx Society.

L'IL PEOPLE

BORN — to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McLean of Prince Rupert, B.C., a son, Joel, on February 13th, 1963. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Caine of Edmonton, Alberta.

BORN — to Mr. and Mrs. Pattison (née June Dunbar) a girl, Alice Louise.

BORN — to Mr. and Mrs. John Cannell a son, Donald Edward, on Christmas Day, 1962. Mr. Cannell is the Vice-President of the Vancouver Manx Society.

BORN — to Charline and John Radcliffe of Lexington, Kentucky, a daughter, Janet Charline, in December. The proud grandparents are Charles and Pauline Corrin of Chicago.

BORN — to Mr. and Mrs. Clark B. Elster of Seattle on September 15th, a son. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley B. Moore and great grandfather Mr. William Moore.

BORN — to Mac and Connie (née Kelly) Baker, a son, Michael Leonard, 8 lbs. 4 ozs. at the Lachine General Hospital, Friday, March 8th, 1963 — a brother for Cathy, John and the late Cindy. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Kelly, Verdun, Quebec.

BORN — on December 21st., 1962, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Angelescu, Jr. (Barbara Cannell) of 1632 Hampton Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, a daughter, Carol Jean. This is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Cannell of Detroit.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

(Continued)

Miss Edith Cubbon spent the month of June visiting many cousins in the Isle of Man and England. She flew via the polar route from Seattle to London. While in the Isle of Man she attended the tea at the Villa Marina, Douglas, given for the Home-comers and was disappointed in not seeing them arrive at Ronaldsway owing to the fog which made them a day late. Miss Cubbon's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gell of Port Erin entertained at a tea for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guernsey of Cleveland, Mrs. Emily Forester of Onchan, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Costain of Port Erin, Mrs. Gertrude Clark Walker of Kinostota, Canada, and Miss Cubbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winters of Cleveland have been travelling in Mexico and were hoping to visit Bisbee at the beginning of March.

Mrs. Christine Rothery of the Bisbee Manx Society has been named a deacon of the Presbyterian Covenant Church in Bisbee.

The Bisbee Manx Society report that they are always happy to receive the unusual Christmas cards which they get each year from the Transvaal Manx Association.

Mrs. Isolen Ketchum of Ottawa reports that she asked Senator McCutcheon the reason for his house north of Toronto being named Ellan Vannin and was told that his grandfather married a Miss Teare from the Isle of Man and called his farm in County Clare Ellan Vannin.

CHICAGO CONVENTION

It is hoped that as many as possible are planning to go to Chicago this summer to attend the convention. The Chicago committee are working hard and you will soon be receiving hotel brochures and reservation cards giving the prices for rooms etc. These prices will probably range from \$9.50 up for double and \$15.50 up for twin bedded rooms.

Don't forget the dates — August 18, 19, 20 and 21 — and make sure you book your holidays now and make your plans to be there.

MANX CAT PLATES

Dorothy Mylrea Ebin wishes to express her sincere thanks for the wonderful response she has received for her Manx Cat Souvenir Plate (a convention project) following the item in the Christmas Bulletin. For information please contact her at 900 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois, as mailing and handling poses a problem.

You will be pleased to know that there will be plenty of Souvenir Plates on sale at the convention. If you plan to attend the convention you may want to send Dorothy a note to reserve your plate or plates. If you have a friend who is interested, perhaps you can take an order for them and bring it back from the convention.

The cost of the plates is \$2.50 each, plus handling and postage.

CALF OF MAN STAMPS

Stamp collectors will be interested to learn that special stamps are being issued for the transport of mail between the Calf of Man and the Isle of Man. The service operated for only a few weeks last autumn, before the termination of the seasonal wardenship there, and will be resumed in the spring.

The "Murrey" has been adopted as a unit of value for the stamps (24 Murreys being equivalent to one shilling sterling) having in mind the "Murrey pence" of 1668, the first private coinage to be issued in the Isle of Man, produced by John Murrey and later adopted as legal currency.

The Calf set consists of 4 stamps in the denominations 5, 6, 22 and 24 Murreys and the design is based on that of the "Europa" series, issued by the European Post and Telegraph Conference.

The stamps are available from the seasonal Warden of the Calf or from the Manx Museum.

I.O.M. ON RADIO

The president would like to hear from any of our members in the New York area who may have heard a broadcast on the Isle of Man on the W.R.V.L. radio channel on either February 20th or 24th. It was sponsored and arranged by the Manx Neosocialist Society in Manchester, England.

CONISTER

Upon a rock in Douglas Bay
There stands a Tower
that is old and grey —
It stands sedate,
It stands serene;
At its feet there is sea moss
with splashes of green.
It braves the weather,
It braves the storm
and comes up smiling every morn
and as you look
it seems to say —
"Ycs, I'm still here
and here to stay."
When to alien lands
you choose to roam
and get quite lonely
for your old home
and come back sailing
to Douglas Bay —
There it stands
on a rock that's huge —
Our wonderful sentinel,
Our Tower of Refuge!
With open arms as if to say,
"Welcome Home —
We wish you would stay."

Lillian Marrion Tipper

CAN YOU BALANCE OUR BUDGET?

Our association is rapidly approaching the position which Mr. Micawber in Dicken's David Copperfield called "misery" and like him we are anxiously "waiting for something to turn up". In Mr. Micawber's own words: —

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery."

Our position arises from the fact that a number of members have not as yet renewed their membership and we appeal to them to do so NOW so that we can get out of the red and present a balanced budget to our convention in August.

With our present membership the cost of producing the bulletin plus administrative expenses is approximately \$2.50 per member so that obviously there is going to be a deficit unless something can be done about it. The more bulletins we can print the less will be the cost per copy so that the solution to our problem rests with all our readers.

What Mr. Christian and I would like to "turn up" would be lots of new members and all those two dollars which have not yet been paid so PLEASE do your best to help us to change from our present state of "misery" to one of "happiness".

J. Victor Joughin, President.

OBITUARIES

BENSON, Charles died on January 15th, at Quebec. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Gray) a sister, Jessie, and a brother Tom. Mr. Benson and his wife used to attend N.A.M.A. conventions but have not been able to do so recently.

BRUCE, Robert W. of White Rock, British Columbia, died on November 17th, 1962 at the age of 79. Mr. Bruce who was born in the Isle of Man, came to Canada in 1907 and lived in Vancouver and New Westminster, B.C., before settling in Seattle where he became the owner of the N. & S. Foundry until 1957 when he went to White Rock. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a son, Robert W. Bruce, Odessa, Lincoln County, and two daughters, Mrs. Harold Jacobsen and Mrs. Franklin Welch, both of Seattle. His only surviving relative in the Isle of Man is a sister, Mrs. Jack Quinn, Douglas.

COOIL, Robert H. of Cleveland died on February 5th., 1963 aged 87. he is survived by his wife and his son, Commander Robert W. Cooil, who flew from Valparaiso, Chile, to attend his father's funeral.

HALSALL, Albert died on November 25th, 1962 after a short illness. Mr. Halsall who was born in Barrow in Furness went to the Isle of Man at an early age and attended the old St. Thomas school there. He came to San Francisco soon after the fire and earthquake and moved to Vancouver in 1909 and in 1911 he and Miss Alice Kelly who had come from the Isle of Man to join him were married in Christ Church Cathedral. Mr. Halsall was a founder member of the Vancouver Manx Society. He is survived by his wife, Alice; a son Arthur; two daughters, Dorothy (Mrs. Tom Towler) and Marjory (Mrs. John Lum); a brother and sister in the Isle of Man and a sister in Sydney, Australia.

HARDING, Melvin died recently. He came from Douglas and leaves a wife and three children.

HUGHES, Daniel G. passed away on January 17th., 1963. He was born

in Douglas, Isle of Man, and is survived by his wife Esther (Essie); a son T. S. Hughes; a daughter Mrs. T. R. Sullivan (Joyce) and three grandchildren. Mr. Hughes was formerly a member of the N.A.M.A.

KELLY, Theo W., died on February 15 at his home, 1471 Southland Road, Mount Dora, Fla., after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Annie May (nee Mamie Quaggin); a brother, Captain Wilfred K. Kelly of Clearwater Beach, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Jessie May Collister of Port St. Mary, Isle of Man; a nephew, Daniel W. Kelly of Tampa, Fla. and a niece, Mrs. Kathy Stuart of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Kelly was born in Peel but the family moved to Douglas when he was a year old. He served as a marine engineer on ocean-going ships of the Harrison Line sailing out of Liverpool, and in 1913 came to Cleveland and served as Chief Engineer on Great Lakes vessels for a number of years. While visiting the Isle of Man in 1924 he married Mamie Quaggin, whose father owned a well-known bakery in Douglas. During World War II Mr. Kelly joined the U.S. Merchant Marine and served in some of the combat areas as Chief Engineer on ships of the Weyerhaeuser Line. Since retirement several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have lived in Florida. Both were well known and popular among the Cleveland Manx community.

KINRADE, Donald Q. of Toronto died on January 12th., 1963. Mr. Kinrade was prominent in Manx Society activities and he and his wife loved to entertain Manx folk in the area or those on a visit to Canada. He is survived by his wife, Effie Sharpe, and two nieces, Dorothy and Laura Kinrade.

PARTINGTON, Eva May aged 67 of Sacramento. Mrs. Partington who was a native of Wales spent her early years in the U.S. in Bisbee, Arizona, and was married there. Her husband, Charles, who died several years ago was Manx and Mrs. Partington took a great interest in the N.A.M.A. She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Coleman, Sacramento, and Mrs. Edna Sansel of San Jose; a son, Thomas of Sacramento; a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Burns, and her father, Heber R. Taylor; and eight grandchildren.

SKILLICORN, Philip W. of Ramsey, Isle of Man, died on January 5th., 1963. Mr. Skillicorn, who was an overseas member of the N.A.M.A., was a familiar figure in Ramsey where he owned Callow's, the jewelers, on Market Hill.

TILSY, Isabel Jane, of Orland township, Ohio, died November 5th, 1962 aged 80. Mrs. Tilsy was born at Union Mills, Isle of Man, and came to Chicago at the age of nine. She is survived by a daughter and two sons, Dorothy and Ralph, Orland township, and James who farms east of Mokena.

VARLEY, Philip died on January 9th, 1963. Mr. Varley was for many years a member of the Vancouver Manx Society and was a nephew of the late William Cain, the Grand Old Man of the Vancouver Manx. He is survived by his wife Bessie (Costain) and daughter Mrs. G. (Edith) Rodgers of Seattle, Washington.

WATSON, Henry (Harry), beloved husband of the late Kate Teare Watson, passed away on January 21st, 1963, at Peel, Isle of Man, at the age of 80. Mr. Watson lived for many years in Montana and Cleveland, Ohio, before retiring to the Island. He is survived by his first cousins, Mrs. Henry Corrin of Douglas, I.O.M., and Mrs. John R. Cain of Cleveland, Ohio.

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

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 1962-63 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 50 cents dues for the Ladies Auxiliary should be sent to Mrs. Christian at the same address.