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

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## THE OLD CHRISTMAS

by KATHLEEN KILLIP

I first heard about the old Christmas one day in summer when I was a child in the Isle of Man. It was the sort of summer day that comes only in childhood — bright sunshine, an unclouded blue sky, a glittering sea. I was sitting with my grandmother on a hillside that was dark purple with heather and she was making me a doll out of some rushes to show me the sort of toy she used to play with when she was a girl. I suppose that reminded her of other things that she'd done when she was young and she began to tell me about the Old Christmas.

I fancy I hear her still.

"In the old times we would be keeping two Christmas days — the new Christmas on December 25th and the old Christmas on January 5th. On old Christmas eve the neighbours would be coming in and if you had the myrrh growing in your garden, at midnight

you would all be going out to see what it was in flower. If it wasn't in flower you would be picking a spray and putting it in water and all Christmas day you would be waiting to see the white flower. The myrrh would be the big wonder of the old Christmas and we were always saying the old Christmas was the real Christmas. But people are not growing the myrrh in their gardens now and they're not able to keep the old Christmas."

A short time afterwards we moved to a new house and when my grandmother came to visit us she found there was myrrh growing in our garden.

"We can keep the Old Christmas this year, child," she said.

And keep it we did. On old Christmas Eve she came to visit us and when the rest of the house had gone to bed we went out to look for the myrrh.

It was a darkish night so we lit the

storm lantern. There was an east wind blowing and the sea was filling the whole night with the melancholy sound it always makes when the winds in the east. Great flashes of light passed over the sky from time to time. Of course I knew it was really Maughold lighthouse but in the darkness of midnight I couldn't help thinking it was one of the bugganes my grandmother had so often told me about flashing his great lamp to see what we were up to.

But my grandmother opened the garden gate, went straight to the corner where the myrrh was growing, put down the lantern, and held the green feathery plant in her hand to look for the flower. I looked over her shoulder in excitement. Would we be lucky or not? Would we see the wonder of the myrrh in flower, as I knew many had done.

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But she shook her head. "There's no sign of a flower, child," she said. "But we'll pick a spray and put it in water. Maybe there'll be better luck on us tomorrow."

I didn't see the myrrh bloom next day, nor have I seen it since, but I thought that night and I still think that my grandmother and the old Manx people were right. The old Christmas is the real Christmas.

It's got nothing to do with dates. It's just that they had a secret that we who keep the new Christmas have never known. In a way known only to themselves they'd spanned the centuries and when they went out into the dark of the winter's night hoping to find the myrrh in bloom, they were at one with the shepherds who following the star walked through the night to Bethlehem.

And those lucky ones who saw the myrrh in flower must have been happy as the shepherds were happy when they found the child lying in the stable, just as the angels had promised them.

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## HAPPY MEMORIES

By Hilda Penrice (Née Bridson)

It is just about two months since my husband Sam, son Doug, and myself arrived back home to Georgetown, Ontario, Canada, after a wonderful vacation on the Isle of Man and England.

While all the interesting events are fresh in my mind, I am going to try and share my experiences with all those Manx folk who are far away from the "lil Isle".

Doug and I left Montreal on the "Empress of England" on June 20th, and right here I would like to thank all our friends of the Chicago Manx Society for their Bon Voyage card and good wishes.

The passage across the Atlantic was most enjoyable, as calm as the proverbial mill pond, we met many interesting people from all parts of North America. The six days passed pleasantly and we reached Liverpool on June 26th.

My sister and her husband met us at the landing stage. We drove to their home at Little Sutton, that evening we enjoyed a get together family reunion party with my two brothers and their wives and families, my last visit to the old country was in 1960, so we all had a lot to talk about.

The next day back to Liverpool again where we caught the "Manx Maid" for the journey to Douglas. The weather was perfect, sunny and warm. It is always difficult to describe one's feelings as one catches the first glimpse of Eilan Vannin, its a mixture of pride, love and the inevitable lump in one's throat. Its always hard to realize that all the miles of separation are bridged for a little while at least.

As Doug, and I stepped onto the pier we were welcomed by my father Cecil Bridson of Ramsey, looking not one day older than when I saw him last in 1960, he is a young 82 years old. Mrs. Stan Nicholson of Laurel Bank was also there and presented me with a lovely bouquet of sweet William. The "Examiner" photographer was also on hand to welcome us, and our picture duly appeared in the local paper.

Knowing we would return to Douglas, we journied on to Ramsey my home town, to ride past the Keppel Gate, the Bungalow, Windy Corner, Gooseneck, past the Tower farm, with Lhergy Frizzle on our left, round the Hairpin corner, and right into Ramsey. The scenery was beautiful, the heather and ling all in bloom, with the sea shining and silvery always within sight of us.

The next ten days were busy and hectic, meeting old friends and renewing acquaintances, actually it became

a kind of game as to who would recognize each other first, the Manx still have that "just-the shy" trait and usually I took the initiative.

The day of Tynwald Fair dawned bright and sunny, so off we went by Crennell's Coach, the quaint and traditional ceremony was as colourful as always, crowds of holidaymakers lined the green, and the fair stalls did a brisk trade. I had arranged for three seats in the grandstand, so we had an excellent view of the proceedings.

After lunch we travelled on to Pt. Erin where the World Manx Assoc. were meeting at the Falcon's nest. We were welcomed by Mr. & Mrs Harold Cain and Mr. Charles Craine. The dining room was packed with Manx folk, I believe 150 were present. Greetings were given by various members of the different Manx Societies. I had the honour of bearing good wishes from the Toronto Manx Society.

The perfect weather continued while we explored Royal Ramsey, quite a few changes have taken place in the past few years, a great deal of building, new houses etc, have been erected. Land behind the Round Tower opposite the Cottage Hospital, has been built upon, quite a number of new homes now enhance this property. Out the Bride Rd. quite a number of new houses have gone up, this is progress, as towns can not stand still.

As usual the Mooragh Park was beautiful, ablaze with colour and well tended, truly an asset to the town. The boats on the lake were a constant source of delight to Doug, he spent many happy hours there, altho he sometimes complained of the expense, but he could always have a good time on the swings and see-saws for nothing. We wandered along the Quay, up the South Prom, down Waterloo Rd, past the Court House, (a great improvement with the iron railings torn down). We walked and walked, our feet were foot-sore and weary, but we were determined to see and accomplish as much as we could in the ten days which was all the time we had at this time.

All too soon we returned to England to meet Sam who arrived by air on July 10th. We travelled to London and enjoyed a sight seeing tour of this great city. We hired a car an Austin 11.00, unfortunately all our luggage wouldn't fit into the trunk, so I had to ride in the back seat with a large suit case for company. However, we managed fine and after leaving London we travelled on to Leicester, also visiting Coventry, as we wanted to view the new Cathedral.

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## MANX RECIPES OAT CAKES

- 4 ozs Oatmeal  
1 desertspoonful melted  
dripping or bacon fat  
¼ teaspoonful Salt  
Pinch of Bi-carbonate of Soda  
Boiling Water

*Method.* Mix the oatmeal, soda and salt, add the melted fat and enough boiling water to make a soft mixture. Dust the pastry board with plenty of oatmeal, turn the mixture out on to the board and form into a ball — knead slightly and roll out very thinly and cut across in 8 pieces. Bake on a short girdle or in the oven till the edges just curl and the oatcakes are slightly brown.

## THE LI'L PEOPLE

Born — a first son, John Robert, to Victor Mylroie and his wife Gloria, on October 3rd., 1964. Victor who is the son of George E. Mylroie is at present attending Brigham Young University.

Born — on October 6th., 1964 a daughter, Lesley Joan, to Mr. and Mrs. Angus Gillon of Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Gillon is treasurer of the Vancouver Manx Society. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McMeiken of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Gillon of Douglas, Isle of Man.

Born — on June 25th., 1964 a son, Steven Arthur, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kleine (Pat McDonnell) of La Porte, Indiana, U.S.A.

Born — on August 31st., 1964 twin girls, Kathleen and Colleen, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stuart (Johelen McDonnell) of Royal Oak, Michigan, U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell of Vancouver are the great-grandparents.

Born — on October 14th., 1964 a son, Robert John, to Alyce and Bob Kowal of Park Forest, Illinois. The proud grandparents are Folmer and Elsie Cashin Petersen of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Born — on October 10th., 1964 a daughter, Kelly Sue, a third child, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKissack of Peninsula, Ohio. Mrs. Myrtle McKissack is the grandmother.

## TORONTO SOCIETY MAKES READY FOR 1965 CONVENTION

Your editor had the opportunity of receiving first hand information of the convention preparations on the evening of November 10th. when Convention Chairman, Sam Penrice, discussed committee plans while in Montreal on a business trip.

According to Sam there is great enthusiasm and wonderful co-operation between all the members of the Toronto Society. The various committee chairmen are tackling the task with vigour and are enlarging their committees so that every member of the society will have a job to do.

Publicity Chairman, Carl Letteau, has completed the first part of his publicity plan by mailing invitations to all N.A.M.A. members to come to Toronto when a wonderful welcome awaits them. The Manx press and radio are also being contacted and further letters will be going out to Association members at a later date when plans are more advanced.

Funds will be necessary to promote and sponsor the convention and Mrs. Dot Hall, Ways and Means Chairman, is exploring all areas. Members of the Society have already had a bake sale, corn roast and dance; these were convened by Bobby Watterson with the assistance of relatives and friends in the Thornhill district. A successful card party was also held at the home of Mrs. Downward, Newmarket. The next Manx Society meeting will be in the form of a bazaar promoted by Dot Hall. Plans are also being made by

Frank Williamson and daughter Marion for a social evening at the country home of Mr. Aurhur Lorrیمان. Hilda and Sam Penrice also are planning a spring tea at their home in Georgetown, with perhaps a conducted tour of their textile mill.

However, the most important fund raising event will be the Draw. All association members can help by sending donations or prizes to Mrs. Dot Hall, 176 Curzon Street, Toronto. If too many prizes are donated these will be sold on the souvenir table at the convention. Perhaps members would prefer to donate their gifts for the purpose.

To date all committees are not fully formed, however, Entertainment Chairman, Bobby Watterson, will require lots of help to carry out the ambitious programme planned. Eileen Mitchell who heads the "Li'l People" Committee will have lots of surprises in store; the juniors will certainly remember the 1965 Convention in Toronto.

As in past conventions everyone likes to be remembered and have a souvenir to keep. Once again there will be a programme with a patron's list and memoriums, greetings etc. Mrs. Rita Bateman will be in charge of this committee and will be soliciting names early in the New Year.

The expert knowledge and past experience of executive advisory members, Frank Williamson and Fred Caven, will be used to steer the convention to a successful conclusion.

More convention information in the next bulletin, in the meantime make your plans to be in Toronto July 25 - 26 - 27 - 28, 1965.

## MANX WEDDIN'S

On March 21st., 1964 Isabel Jane Teare, daughter of Mrs. George H. Teare, Cleveland, Ohio, became the bride of Richard Lamerdin, San Francisco, California. The candlelight wedding was performed at the First Presbyterian Church of Sausalito, California. Isabel was attended by her sister (Kitty) Mrs. H. C. Shaw of California.

After a Hawaiian honeymoon, the Lamerdins reside in San Francisco where Isabel is teaching and Dick is an engineer in the Lockheed Aerospace Program.

Mrs. George Teare had a lovely time after the wedding with her grandchildren Mark and Anne Shaw.

## CORRECTIONS

Mr. Stevenson would like to correct an error which appeared in his article "Manx Aboard the Mayflower" in the June Bulletin. Referring to the article beginning with the second column — page one — it reads "Thomas Standish is said to have had *three sons*". This should read "Thomas Standish had ONE SON — Hugh — who died without issue in 1606". John de Insular de Maine and Huan were brothers of Thomas Standish and not sons, as might be inferred from the article.

In the last issue of the Bulletin in Our Own People it was stated that Donald Bain's daughter "Thelma and husband had a trip to Scotland whereas it should have read Elva and husband Bob.



# GREETINGS FROM

## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY (Cleveland Manx)

All Cleveland Manx members and officers would like to send greetings to Manxmen everywhere. We wish for all a merry holiday season and a truly good year in 1965!

An invitation is extended to all who live in our area — and any Manx folk who may be "visiting" — to come to our meetings. Weather permitting, we'll have a meeting and party on December 8th at our regular meeting place, East Cleveland Woman's Club, 1747 Lakefront Avenue, East Cleveland.

Newly elected officers and committee members for the Mona's Relief Society (Cleveland Manx) for 1965 are:

President — Mrs. Margaret I. Krach  
Vice-President —

Mrs. Lily McKibbin

Secretary — Mrs. Fairy Lyon

Treasurer — Mrs. Edna Cowin

Relief Committee: Mrs. Mary Kelly,  
Alan Fricke, Thos. Keig

Trustees: Fred Gory, Albert Nicholl,  
Robert Cowin  
Margaret I. Krach,  
President.

## SAN FRANCISCO

At the September meeting, held at Mrs. Dorothy Quayle's, we enjoyed visiting with several members who hadn't been with us for some time. They were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Callow, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent and Mr. Joe Hornall.

The October meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ridge Craine and the members again welcomed Mrs. Eleanor Rushby from Mansfield, England, who is Mrs. Craine's sister and plans to spend the winter in San Francisco.

The November meeting will be on November 21st, at Mrs. Julia Lewin's home and the Christmas party will be held at the Wawona Hall on December 19th. We are hoping to make a tape recording of Christmas greetings and send it to "Manx Radio" for broadcast to friends in the Isle of Man.

To all the readers of the N.A.M.A. Bulletin, the San Francisco Manx take this opportunity to extend warmest greetings of the holiday season to Manx folks both near and far.

Noreen Cottier,  
Secretary.

## NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

*"Shee as maynays de ny*

*Maninee trooidnagh yn Seihil"*

*"Peace and Happiness to Manx People*

*throughout the World"*

*The Executive Committee of the N.A.M.A. join in the wish that your's may be a Merry Christmas and that the New Year will bring health, happiness and prosperity. And to quote Tiny Tim —*

*God Bless us Everyone.*

### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Minnie Oakley

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## VANCOUVER

The first meeting of the season was held on October 9th., as usual in the Horticultural Hall. At a committee meeting on October 23rd, it was decided to hold the annual Children's Christmas Party on December 11th, also in the Horticultural Hall, and the New Year's Day Dinner and Dance will be held in the Cambrian Hall. There will be an orchestra in attendance. The next monthly meeting will be held on November 13th, when moving pictures and slides will be shown.

With best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year,

Leslie McDonnell,  
Secretary.

## MONTREAL

Montreal held their first meeting of the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Corlett and one of the main topics was a cooish on what could be done to assist Toronto with their convention. Many ideas were suggested and it is hoped that some of them will bear fruit. Victor Joughin then showed the photos he had taken on his recent visit to his son and family in Rio de Janeiro.

The next meeting is to be held at the Joughin's on November 20th, and final arrangements will then be made for the Christmas party to be held in December.

With best wishes to Manx friends everywhere for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Paul Gregson, President  
Douglas Corlett, Treasurer  
J. Victor Joughin, Secretary.

## GALVA

To Our Manx Friends Everywhere:  
May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its faith stronger, and its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.

John H. Clarke, President  
Mrs. Tirus Kelly, Vice President  
Mrs. Clyde Collinson,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx Society will not be holding a meeting until the middle of January when they hope they can all get together for a lovely time.

The officers and members of the Society send cheery greetings to all Manx people, in whatever part of the world they happen to be.

There are seasons to be happy,  
there are seasons to be gay,  
But of all the seasons I love best  
I would choose Christmas Day.  
Tis then the thoughts crowd around  
[you

of all the friends you knew  
and hope that they are giving you  
a kindly thought or two.  
There is happiness in spending  
that day with kith and kin  
and wish that all the friends you love  
could all come crowding in  
We think of all the happiness  
also the good cheer  
that goes when we say to one and all  
Merry Christmas and a Bright New  
[Year.

God be with you all.

Lillian Marrion-Tipper,  
Secretary.

# THE MANX SOCIETIES



## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

*Once again it is the special privilege of the World Manx Association here in Ellan Vannin, to send our most sincere and kindest wishes to all our Manx friends of the North American Manx Association for a Real Manx Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

*Harold Cain, M.H.K., President*

*Wilfred Waid, Hon. Treasurer*

*Charles Craine, Hon. Secretary.*

## FLORIDA

The Manx are now back in Florida after their vacations in cooler parts of the country and are busy getting things back under control after the hurricanes. They have been enjoying a visit from Mrs. May Wils of Chicago who stayed with the Yemans and Mrs. Jackson.

All the Manx in Florida send their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Willie Quine.

## TORONTO

Now that it is a fact that the 1965 Convention will be held in Toronto July 25 - 26 - 27 - 28th., our members are going all out to make this a successful convention. Although the convention is some months away we realize there is much ground work to be done and already the results are very encouraging. The first few meetings have been well attended and steadily increasing. The October meeting was a Hollantide Night, mostly given over to the young folks. Fifteen of the children were present and played the usual games, after which refreshments an a li'l cooish.

A series of euchre and social evenings are planned at different homes during the winter, the first of which was held at the home of Mrs. Mona Downward, 99 Pleasant View, Newmarket, and what with donations, a raffle and sale of cookies proved a very profitable evening. (A vote of thanks to Mrs. D.)

125 Manx and their friends attended a dance and buffet supper at the Tam O'Shanter Golf and Country Club. A disc jockey provided the dance music and Violet Murry, an old time Vaudeville artist, sang many of the old-time songs. There were prizes galore. Much credit should be given to Bobbie Waterson, our entertainment committee chairman, who organized the dance and who was well rewarded by a very successful evening.

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society send greetings and good wishes to all Manx folks and friends for A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Sam Penrice, President.

Frank Williamson, Secretary.

## WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx held their first meeting of the season on November 7th. with a cold turkey and ham supper followed by bingo. There were about twenty members present.

The next meeting is to be held on December 5th. and the Kiddies Xmas Tree will be on December 19th.

The Society is anxious to get some Manx films for showing at meetings but has not been able to find out how to get them. The "Road to the Isle" is one which they would particularly like to see. Would anyone having any information please write to the secretary, 947 Sherburn Street, Winnipeg.

Wishing to all Manx at home and wherever they are, all the best for Xmas and the New Year from all the Manx in Winnipeg.

Wm. Mylrea, President,

Harry Caley, Secretary.

## ROCHESTER

Once again we are approaching the Christmas Season, when each of us pause a bit longer to remember good old friends. It is always a happy time and a busy time, but we find the time to renew friendships and let happy memories take over.

When the mailman leaves us the Bulletin, it is like welcoming good friends to our home as we read their good wishes and learn what has been happening among the Manx.

The Rochester Manx folk hope that your Christmas will be a gay and festive time and that your New Year will be blessed with Good Health, a priceless treasure, and that all good times will come your way.

Alice Garrett,

Regional Director

## CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society once again sponsored a cultural exhibit at the Annual International Folk Fair at Navy Pier on October 17th. and 18th., with forty-two national groups participating. The Society is most grateful to all who helped in any way to make the exhibit so attractive by donating either time, work or valuable possessions. As a background the exhibit had a most attractive poster of a Manx cottage in the north of the Island sketched by Harold and Hellen Callister and a backdrop draped in bluebells. As usual the Manx cat display from the Glen Orry Manx Cattery was the only live exhibit and seemed to draw the biggest crowds. Dorothy Mylrea Ebin had painted a Manx landscape on pale blue velvet for the sides and back of the cages which added to the beauty of the Manx kittens. Mr. Corbett, the British Consul, and Mrs. Corbett were interested spectators of the British Exhibits.

The Chicago Manx met on October 23rd. to observe their 91st. Anniversary Dinner at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel. There were thirty members and guests present. The guests were Mrs. Robert R. Wagner, Glen Ellyn, and her sister Miss Teare of Chicago, and Miss Teape, a guest of Mrs. Rose Manlay. Following a superb chicken dinner, arranged by Mrs. Edith Ristow, the president, Norman D. Clucas, welcomed everyone present and called for a short business meeting. He thanked the dinner committee for a job well done; Mrs. Ristow as chairman and Helen Clucas and Pauline Corrin for the table decorations and favours. Plans were made for a December social evening. It was unanimously agreed to send a donation to the Toronto Manx Society towards a working fund for the 1965 convention. A prize drawing was held and the winners were Helen Callister, Percy Ristow and Dorothy Mylrea Ebin.

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## HAPPY MEMORIES

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It is a most impressive building, very modern with its beautiful stained glass windows, the tablets of stone upon the walls, the crown of thorns, all these stand as a symbol to the courage and determination of the people of Britain, who withstood the bombings in the second world war.

On again then to Yorkshire, to visit Sam's brother. The highlight of our stay here was the family reunion dinner which was held at Barnsley, when 45 members of the Penrice family gathered together, for the first time in 25 to 30 years. We enjoyed this very much, something we shall remember.

On the move again through the lovely Yorkshire Dales, truly England's green and pleasant land, we reached County Durham and into Scotland where we finally reached Edinburgh. It is said that Princes Street is the most beautiful in the world and I can well believe this, with the flowers and gardens on one side, the open air theatre, and the stores on the other side of the street. The flowers were beautiful, particularly the roses of every colour and size. We again took a sight seeing tour, this I believe is the best way to see and hear all about new places, than wandering about on ones own. We also made a stop at the famous Gretna Green where runaway marriages still take place. Scotland was very beautiful, the scenery wild and rugged. As our time was so limited, we reluctantly had to say goodbye to Scotland and on again this time to the Lake District in Cumberland.

I can't possibly describe how beautiful and inspiring this part of England is, the mountains and lakes were a delight to behold, one felt very close to Nature, and God here. We made our way down Honniston pass gradient 1 in 4, fortunately the weather was perfect, clear and fresh, and we were able to take pictures. Keswick, which is one of the bigger towns, was packed with tourists, hikers and campers.

We were sorry when our stay ended, but on again to Liverpool. The following day we boarded the "Lady of Mann" and reached Douglas that same evening. I shouldn't confess this but I was sea-sick on this small strip of 80 miles!! across the Irish sea. We had left ourselves 12 days to spend on the Island before returning home and we were determined to make the most of every minute.

The weather was perfect and in our little hire and drive Austin we travelled many miles snapping pictures left and right. Peel was a favourite spot, as we had lived there previous to coming to

Canada, and we had old friends to visit. My father has happy memories of Glen Helen and Cronkevoddy so we passed through here many times. We attended the Sunday School Anniversary at Lambfell Chapel one fine Sunday evening, the good old hymns were heartily sung, some fine tenor voices could be heard in the pews behind, and the sermon was loud but sincere. Glen Wyllin was another well remembered spot. As a child attending St. Olave's Sunday School we usually had our annual picnic here, plenty of swings and see-saws, tennis, putting, and now the added attraction of small motor boats. Doug. had brought along his swim suit, but I'm afraid the water around the I.O.M. was much too cold, but we never tired of looking at the sea, and smelling the lovely fresh air of our native land. Every day we re-visited all the beautiful places we knew so well, up Tholt-e-will and Sulby Glen, Andreas, Bride, Pt. of Ayre, then on to Maughold Church, looking again as if for the first time at the very old Manx crosses and headstones, Pt. Moor with its rugged beach, through the narrow winding roads to Ballaglass and Cornaa, with only enough room for one car. The hedges were ablaze with honeysuckle and fuchsia; as far as I know only Ireland and the Isle of Man have hedgerows of wild fuchsia, but it was a beautiful sight. The whole countryside was lush and green, the ferns growing as high as one's self, truly a land of peace and contentment.

On again to Laxey, with the Big Wheel as a tourist attraction, Sam and Doug, climbing to the top to get a better picture of Laxey down below.

We visited Douglas many times, this is where the life of the Island throbs under the influx of visitors, the old Punch and Judy show on the beach, the crowds thronging the Villa Marina, the "clip clop" of the horse trams, the crowd Strand Street, at times it was almost impassable, plenty of excitement here for the younger crowd.

The journey up the Mountain Rd. down through Ingebreck and Baldwin, visiting the very old St. Runians Church, with its oil lamps and the windows set in only one side of the Church wall. Visiting the Niarbyl, Glen Maye, round Cronk-ny-Irrey-Lhaa, Pt. St. Mary, Pt. Erin, Langness, Derbyhaven, Castletown. We spent a very lovely day at Derbyhaven, it was so peaceful, the sky so blue, the sea so calm, we felt at peace with the whole world.

So many simple things gave us so much pleasure, visiting and having tea with our relatives and friends, tasting good Manx bonag and home made jam, listening to the soft Manx voices, envying them their leisurely way of life,

but also knowing that all things change, people and places.

Before we left we were entertained to dinner by Canon and Mrs. Dixon at the Vicarage St. Johns. Later we attended an open air service at St. Germain's Cathedral at Peel and Sam was honoured to be asked to read the lesson. The Lord Bishop preached the sermon, it was a most inspiring service.

You will notice we didn't visit the Casino, to be quite honest we didn't have time, but we heard a lot about the place.

I could go on and on; the little things like Doug. and his Dad enjoying an afternoon's fishing in Ramsey Bay and Maughold Head, and catching six mackerel for tea; trying to find a real Manx cat so that we could take a picture. We finally saw one at Pt. Erin, but it was so timid, that Doug. had to chase it with his camera at the ready. Unfortunately the cat sat down at the crucial moment, and I don't expect anyone will ever believe it hasn't got a tail.

Well all good things come to an end, and once again it was time to pack and start our long journey back to Canada, but we were taking back with us many precious and happy memories, which will stay with us for many years to come.

## GREETINGS FROM MANX SOCIETIES

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The following were elected officers for the coming year:—

President: Norman D. Clucas

1st. Vice President: Charles T. Corrin

2nd. Vice President: Robert Kelly

Secretary & Treasurer: Emily Kelly

At the close of the business meeting there was group singing led by Bob Kelly with Ann Clucas and Edith Ristow at the piano. Emily Kelly read a brief review of "Folk Doctor's Island" and this was followed by pictures of the Isle of Man by Norman Clucas and convention pictures and pictures of the Folk Fairs of past years by Norman Clucas and Cecil Kelly.

To Manx friends everywhere —

"Lots of joy at Christmas,

Throughout the New Year too;

For that's just how it should be

For Folks as nice as you."

Norman D. Clucas, President  
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Robert Kelly, 2nd. Vice President  
Emily Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer.

# OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mrs. Amy Satterlee returned from a three week vacation in October that included the opportunity to see "Hello Dolly" in New York City, then by jet plane to Bermuda where she spent several days before joining a P. & O. liner that cruised through the Panama Canal and later stopped at Acapulco and Long Beach then home to San Francisco.

Robert and Jean Kelly recently returned from a vacation to Rice Lake, Wisc., and Duluth, Minnesota.

Fred Tallitsch, grandson of Mrs. Ella Boyde of Chicago, appeared on television on November 1st. representing Austin Y.M.C.A. in a discussion on teenage problems.

F. Williamson visited his daughter in Nova Scotia and on his way passed through that wonderful scenic view of autumn leaves in the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Emily Kelly was in charge of a most colourful booth for her lodge in the British Exhibit section at the International Folk Fair in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Kee (better known as Jimmie) will be celebrating their 50th. wedding anniversary on February 3rd., 1965. Jimmie is one of the old originals who formed the first Toronto Manx Society in 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen spent two weeks in Montreal recently visiting Fred's sister, Mrs. Cope whose new address is 3475 Ridgewood, Apt. 203, Montreal.

The Arthur McMeikens originally from Peel and now of Vancouver, B.C., recently celebrated their 25th. wedding anniversary at the Capilano Gardens Restaurant in West Vancouver. Their two daughters, Judy (Mrs. Angus Gillon) and Elizabeth who is a student at Victoria University, and their son, Ian, were in attendance with some friends.

Kitty Clark (Mrs. Edward) had a delightful helicopter ride over Niagara Falls during a recent visit there.

Mona Kelly and Phoebe Sundlof visited Toronto and Buffalo recently. While in Toronto, they visited the J. Scott Kees' and spent an evening with Maggie Beddow.

Alice Garrett had a nice trip to Montreal, Ottawa and 1000 Islands. While in Montreal, she spent a nice evening with Margaret Joughin and had

a nice visit with Paul Gregson and his good wife over the phone. She also had a visit with Dolly Salmon on the phone while in Ottawa. Dolly was looking forward to the Toronto convention and hoping to see many friends there.

Betty Christian spent two weeks visiting a niece in Connecticut.

Mrs. Janetta Lewin of Lake Worth, Florida, celebrated her 88th birthday on November 4. On Nov. 3, she was entertained by her daughter Gladys Moran, joined by other friends and a visitor from Canada, at one of the large hotels. On her birthday night, she was entertained by her son Fred and his wife Thelma at their home and all enjoyed a very lovely dinner. She received a beautiful floral piece along with numerous cards and gifts.

Bert and Essie Frisby of Kempville, Ontario, returned recently from one of their three yearly trips to the Isle of Man. They left home in June for Holland, Belgium, France, England and the Isle of Man where they stayed in Castletown, Mrs. Frisby's home town.

They hired a car and drove carefully on the "wrong" side for a few days before exploring all the places in the Island that they and many of their friends, who are elderly, had never seen. It was quite a joke when Mr. Frisby said he would drive 10 miles to Douglas to get his hair cut.

While in Castletown they met Jimmy Radcliffe from South Porcupine and also Dan Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. George Bridson from Toronto. A cousin of Essie's from Australia was also over so they had a good cooish.

They went up the mountains several times and saw the peat being staked and some cut in blocks ready to be taken home. They also picked blackberries at Silverdale and had a suet pudding, a pie and home-made jam, and wondered why there weren't more pickers now that you don't have to walk or cycle to get the berries.

Bert and Essie found the Island full of visitors ready to spend their money but they thought that the serve yourself stores take away the Manx look. They went to furniture auctions where they found beautiful mahogany furniture 'going for a song'.

Their return trip was made from London to Montreal where their son met them.

Mr. Robert H. Looney and his wife, Katherine (Scarffe) have been married 61 years this November. They were married on November 7th., 1903 in Galva, Illinois. Before that time both

of them came from the Isle of Man: Robert from Eyreton in Marown, and Katherine from Baldrine. At the present time they are retired and live in Cody, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell of Vancouver, B.C., are leaving shortly on their long delayed trip to New Zealand and Australia. They hope to see Mr. J. Kneale, formerly of Ramsey, while in Sidney.

It was reported recently in a Manx paper that Mr. Norman C. Kinnish, retired Custom's Officer and now accountant for Crennell's Garage, Ramsey, and Mrs. Kinnish are bound for Pennsylvania for a reunion with his brother, Douglas Kinnish, who emigrated in 1923 and whom he has not seen since. Does any reader know the address of Mr. Douglas Kinnish?

John and Cicely Farquhar spent a delightful four months in the Isle of Man this summer, staying with the Misses Teare, Patrick Street, Peel, and also visiting relatives and friends. The Island looked more beautiful than ever.

## THIS IS IMPORTANT!

The Treasurer has asked that all readers of the Bulletin be reminded that in accordance with a resolution passed at the Chicago Convention the names of all who have not paid their dues for the current year will be removed from the mailing list on December 31st. of each year.

Will anyone who has not paid their dues for the year (August 1st., 1964 to July 31st., 1965) please not delay in sending their \$2.00 to Mrs. M. I. Krach, 3356 West 95th. Street, Cleveland 2, Ohio, so that they can continue to receive the Bulletin.

## MANX RADIO

The Isle of Man Broadcasting Company Limited are anxious to set in motion a service whereby the activities of Manxmen abroad can be made known to Islanders through the voice of the Island — Manx Radio.

They would like to receive occasional bulletins on the activities of Manxmen and the information will be broadcast over Manx Radio soon after it is received.

Information should be sent to:

Mr. J. R. Grierson,  
General Manager,  
Manx Radio,  
Victory House,  
Prospect Hill,  
Douglas.



## OBITUARIES

**BECK, Thomas Edward (Teddy)** passed away on September 18th. Teddy came from Rushen, Isle of Man. He leaves his wife; one daughter in Bellingham, Washington; one son, a resident of Victoria, B.C.; five grandchildren and relatives in the Isle of Man.

**BRIDSON, Alfred Clinton**, passed away on October 7th. He is survived by his wife, Louise; four daughters; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two brothers, William and Sid, both of whom reside in Nanaimo, B.C.

**CLAGUE, Thomas Henry of Billings, Montana** died recently. Mr. Clague was a retired grocery store owner who was born in Peel, Isle of Man and came to the United States in 1906. He is survived by his widow, Susan; two sons, Thomas and James; two brothers, Charles and Walter, both of Peel; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**COSSABOOM, Patricia Ann** died suddenly at Chicoutimi, Quebec, on November 7th., 1964. Patricia Howe, formerly of Toronto, was the wife of Liege Cossaboom, mother of Lorie Ann, Cameron and Jeffrey, daughter of Ross and the late Margaret Howe, and the sister of Shirley (Mrs. P. Nixon) of Scarboro, Ont. Her mother, Mrs. Margaret Howe was a sister of the late Tom Moore, past president of the N.A.M.A.

**EDWARDS, T.** of Seattle, Washington, passed away on July 17th., 1964. The interment was in Lake View Cemetery, Seattle after services in Adams Forkner Chapel. He leaves his wife, Mabel, and stepson, Bill Booth. Mr. Edwards was born in Wales. His wife is a sister of Harry Kelly of Cleveland, Ohio.

**GARRETT, George B. (Bert)**, born in Foxdale, I.O.M. April 1884, passed away October 27, 1964 at his residence 1467 Rosewood Ave., Lakewood, Ohio. Services conducted at Daniels Funeral Home, Lakewood, Ohio on October 30th., Interment Lakewood Park Cemetery. Surviving Mr. Garrett, are his wife Margaret (nee Moughton), son George B. Garrett, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, and daughter Mrs. Wm. R. Towne (Marjorie) of New York City. Mr. Garrett has been a member of the various Manx Societies in Cleveland, as well as the Borrowed Time Club of Lakewood, for many years.

**KELLY, Edwin** of Alhambra, died on October 1st. Mr. Kelly was a native

of Kirkmichael, Isle of Man. He was a member of Masonic Lodges in Cleveland, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Edith; one daughter, Phyllis (Wimberly) of Alhambra; three sisters, Annie (Christian) of Racine, Wisc., Eleanor (Christian) of Iron River, Mich., and Emma (Peters) and one brother, Ernest, both of the Isle of Man, and three grandchildren.

**JOUGHIN, Orry** passed away on Oct. 31th., 1964, in Vancouver General Hospital, after a brief illness.

Mr. Orry Joughin was born in Peel, Isle of Man, March 23rd., 1889. He was the son of William John Clucas Joughin and Catherine Jane Joughin, nee Shimmin.

He immigrated to Calgary, Alberta in 1911. He joined the famed Royal Canadian North West Mounted Police. When the first world war broke out he left the force to serve his country in the Canadian Army. For several years he was a cattle inspector in the province of Alberta.

He married Agnes Anne Greggor of Vancouver, B.C. and in 1931 they took up residence in Langley, where they resided until 1954, when they moved to Chemainus, V.I. After his wife's death in June, 1961, (who was for many years choir leader of the Vancouver Manx Choir), Mr. Joughin moved to Richmond, B.C., with his daughter.

Though of a quiet nature, with a gentle and reposing manner, he nevertheless, enjoyed a hearty sense of humour and held the Isle of Man, its life and way very close to his heart. He was always very alert to proclaim that he was a true and proud Manxman. He was a long time member of the Vancouver Manx Association and a member of the N.A.M.A.

Mr. Orry Joughin is survived by a daughter, Catherine, at home, and two sons, Cecil at Hudson Hope, and Robert at Chemainus; five granddaughters, two sisters, Daisy Joughin at Edmonton, Alta., and Mrs. May Bury of England.

Services were held at Richmond Chapel where a beautiful poem, written by his late sister, Maud Joughin, was read by the officiating minister, Rev. N. D. McInnes.

Mr. Joughin was laid to rest at Duncan, Vancouver Island.

**McCUE, Lillian, nee Collister**, of 3343 Broadview Road, Cleveland, died on October 6, aged 76. She was a talented contralto soloist and public speaker, had visited the Isle of Man and at one time was interested in the N.A.M.A. She was the widow of the late William Franklin McCue, and is survived by a son, Dr. William C. McCue. Both of her parents were of old Manx families, the father, Caesar Collister, being marshal of old

South Brooklyn village many years ago. His two brothers, Crellin and William B. Collister, were officials of the old Cleveland Railway Company. Mrs. McCue's brother, the late Larry Collister, well known to the Manx, was a former state senator and county treasurer.

**SAYER, Leonard** of North Surrey, B.C., died in October leaving his wife and three children. He was the son-in-law of Archie Fulton, one of the Vancouver Manx Society's best known members.

**SHARP, Josephine (Jessie) J. nee Corlett**, passed away on October 28th., at the Eastern Star Home on Noble Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Surviving Mrs. Sharp are her daughters Mrs. Claire Campbell, of Shaker Heights, Ohio and Mrs. Josephine Holt of Nyack, N.Y. and grandmother of two — great-grandmother of four. Sister of Ethel Corlett.

**GURNEY, Cyril S.** aged 76 died at his home in Cleveland on November 12th., 1964. Mr. Gurney was associated for many years with his late brothers, Herbert and Ernest, in their printing and binding business which was one of the oldest firms of its kind in Cleveland. He was a member of Forest City Masonic Lodge and Al Sirat Grotto. As a member of the N.A.M.A. he joined the homecoming by air in 1962 and was one of the judges in selecting Miss Fenella. He is survived by his wife, Edith; a daughter, Mrs. Mona Haldeman, and three grandchildren. He was the uncle of Henry C. Christian, president of the N.A.M.A.

**QUIRK, Blanche** of Ottawa, Ontario, died on November 12th., 1964. She is survived by her husband who is president of the Ottawa Manx Society. Mrs. Quirk was born in McFarland, Kansas, and the interment was to be in Newtown, Indiana.

**KELLY, Edwin A.**, a former resident of Cleveland, died in Alhambra, Calif. on October 1. As a singer, he was well known and popular among the Cleveland Manx for many years. Surviving are his widow, Edith M. (nee Williams), sister of Mrs. Ethel Skillicorn, widow of our late Financial Secretary and Treasurer, R. W. Skillicorn; daughter Mrs. Phyllis Wimberley of Alhambra, Calif.; sisters the late Mrs. John Christian of Michigan, and Mrs. Anne Christian of Wisconsin; also sister Mrs. Emma Peters and brother Ernest Kelly of the Isle of Man, and grandchildren.

To relations and friends of the above, we extend heart-felt sympathy.