

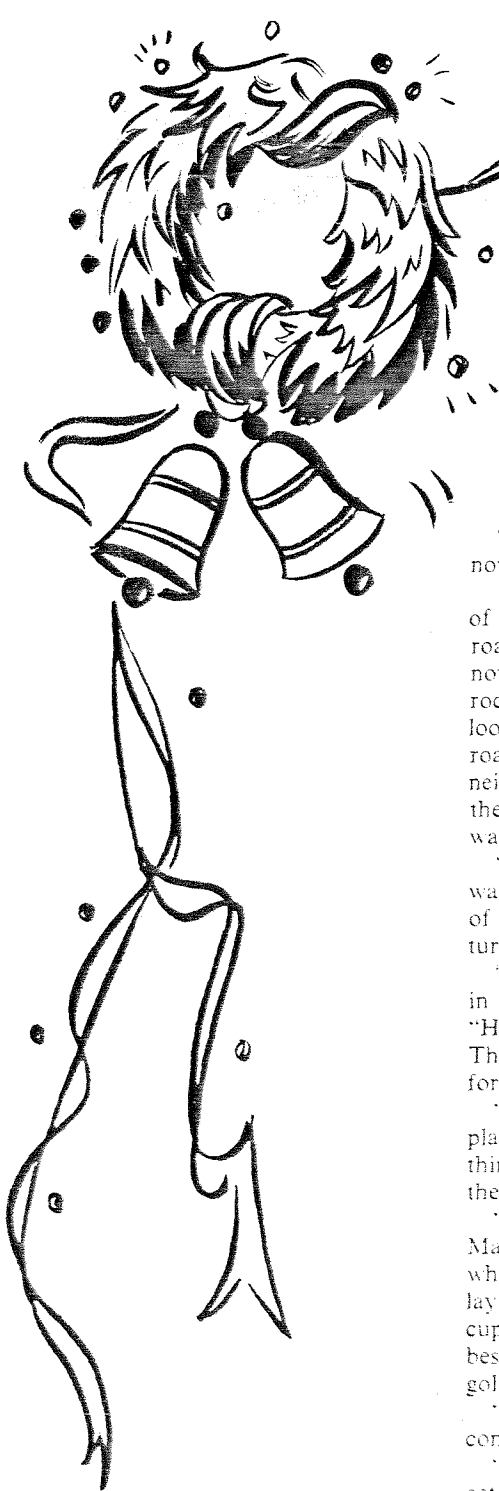
# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

December, 1965



## *Saint Bridget's Night*

*by  
Kathleen  
Killip*

"Margaid, Margaid, comme you in, now."

Margaid's mother stood at the door of the farmhouse and looked down the road to the beach, but Margaid was not with the children playing on the rocks at the edge of the tide. Then she looked in the other direction where the road turned by a cluster of whitewashed neighbours' houses to disappear over the shoulder of the hills. But Margaid was not there either.

"Where in the world is the child wandering and stravaghing at this hour of the night?" she grumbled as she turned to go indoors.

"Did you want me, mother?" a voice in the distance called at that moment. "Here I am. It's not bedtime yet, surely. There's light enough to play outside for another hour yet."

"Oh, you and your play, child! Play, play, play. There's nothing else you think of, and leaving me here with all the work in the world!"

"What work then, mother?" and Margaid looked at the kitchen table where a linen cloth, whiter than snow, lay ready for use. By its side a jug and cup and plate and saucer from the best china set gleamed with blue and gold.

"You're not expecting any person to come to the house, are you?"

"I am that, and me in all hurries to get the place ready. The bedroom is not swept out yet, and there's a thou-

sand other things waiting to be done. Here now, go you and get the sweeping brush and shovel and the grey goose wing and see you sweep out the bedroom. Use the goose wing to get all the dust out of the corners, now. Then take that pail of water and scrub out the floor. I'll be here in the kitchen tidying the fire and setting the table for supper. When that's done I'll be ready to make the bed. Hurry now, for there's no time to lose."

"But who is there coming, mother?"

"Wait now and you'll see. Away off with you and do what I'm telling you."

Greatly wondering Margaid went into the little bedroom and started sweeping. In the middle of her work she heard a knock at the door. She ran into the kitchen quite sure that the visitor had come. But no, it was only Mistress Kewley from one of the whitewashed cottages down the road, who spent much of her time visiting her neighbours.

"The Good Man deliver us, woman! The preparation you've got. It might be the Governor himself coming to have supper with you."

"It's greater than him that'll be coming tonight maybe."

"Aye, it is indeed. For isn't it Bridget herself you're expecting tonight?"

"Who is Bridget, Mistress Kewley?"

"Oh! bless the child now, Fancy not knowing who Bridget is. And isn't she

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one of the holy saints themselves that used to be living in the Isle of Man in the days of long ago. On this one night of all the year she's walking the roads without a roof to her head and looking for some place to pass the night. Any house that will give her shelter will be sure of a blessing from her and be lucky from that time onwards."

"Well, the dear knows," Margaid's mother cried, "it's in great need of good luck this house is. What with a poor harvest and a bad summer at the fishing, the luck is clean gone from us."

"Oh well, maybe you'll have luck tonight," Mrs. Kewley comforted her. "Are you sure you know what to do, now, for many's the time I've seen Saint Bridget's night kept. See that the room is swept clean and the bed made with the best hand spun linen sheets

and the finest Manx wool blankets. Then when the table is laid with all the best that you have in the house, you'll go to the door and invite Bridget to come in. You'll open the door and you'll say, "Bridget, Bridget, if you visit any house, visit my house tonight." Then you'll go to bed leaving the door open for Bridget to come in. In the morning, if the bed has been slept in and the food eaten, you'll know Bridget has been to visit you, and you'll have good luck. Oh, and you must have rushes to spread on the floor for her. Have you gathered any rushes?"

"No, I clean forgot about that."

"Well, I'm going now. But as soon as your work is done take a step down the road. There'll be enough light yet to cut a bundle in the field behind our house. Good luck on you now!"

When Mistress Kewley had gone Margaid tried to persuade her mother to tell her more about Bridget.

"Oh, I hope she'll come, mother. I wonder what will she look like?"

"I've heard tell she would be dressed in blue. Bridget Blue Mantle people used to call her. But if she comes we won't be seeing her anyway. Get you some turf now and put it on the fire. Then sit down and do a spell at knitting your sock until I'll be back from Mistress Kewley's with the rushes."

"Yes, mother."

It was very quiet after her mother had gone. Her only company was the ticking of the clock and the purring of the old cat who sat blinking in front of the fire. Margaid suddenly grew tired of sitting knitting and made up her mind that she herself would invite Bridget to the house. If she got two invitations she would be sure to come. So she opened the door and stood there very quietly listening in the dusk. The sea was murmuring faintly on the rocks below, the gulls were crying now and then with little frightened cries to each other, and there was no one about to hear her. So she said every softly looking up the road to the village. "Bridget, Bridget, if you visit any house, visit our house tonight."

All at once the sea grew quiet, the seagulls stopped calling to each other; and Margaid grew so frightened at what she had done that she rushed back into the house, picked up her knitting and sat down by the fire as though pretending nothing had happened. Even the cat seemed to have stopped blinking at the fire and gazed at her instead, his eyes wide open with astonishment.

Then suddenly the door was pushed open and a voice said, "Is there any

Hedda Hopper's column in the Chicago Tribune of September 20th., 1965, reported that somebody should make a film about the Isle of Man. This island makes its own laws. One is the use of the lash for people who don't know how to behave. The maximum is 24 lashes on the bare bottom. When they were troubled by drunken, rowdy teenagers annoying visitors, they put the lash to work. Police say it works wonders.

person in?" When Margaid plucked up courage to look she found it was only an old woman asking for shelter from the shower that had just come on.

"Come in and welcome," said Margaid, making room for her in the seat by the hearth. "Give me your coat now and I'll be drying it for you," and she spread the old woman's tattered and faded garment on a chair before the fire.

"Take your shoes off and dry them too."

"I'll be glad enough to do that, child. I came over the mountain track and the heather is wet and the bog holes full of water at this time of the year."

"You'll be hungry then. There's no houses on the mountain for you to call at."

"Well, if you've a bite of bread to spare I would do well enough with it."

"Yes, we've plenty of bread tonight. We're expecting a visitor. There now. Take this," and she cut her a slice off the newly baked loaf on the table.

After she had eaten the old woman sat warming her hands at the red turf glow and she grew drowsy and her head nodded in the heat. Her face looked old and wrinkled and Margaid felt sorry she should be wandering on the roads.

"Would you like a little rest now before you go out again? There's a bed ready for a visitor. Bridget it is that's coming. But she's a woman of the roads herself tonight, and I don't suppose she'd be minding if you had a bit of a sleep on her bed until the rain was gone."

"I'll do that then, child, but mind now and don't let me sleep too long for I've a long way to travel before morning."

Margaid promised and left her. The house felt friendly and happy now and she did not mind being alone in the kitchen. Bye and bye she heard her mother's step on the road outside.

"It's a fierce night now, child," she said. "I don't know would there be any chance at all of Bridget being out

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# OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin had a surprise visit at the end of October from their eldest daughter and her family. She is Mrs. Duley of Riverside, California.

Mrs. Bill Franks, a member of the Bisbee Manx Society, has been elected to the high office of President of the Rebeckah Lodge for the State of Arizona. Congratulations!

Frank Williamson of Toronto visited his youngest daughter, Eilleen, and her husband at the R.C.A.F. station at Greenwood, Nova Scotia, recently.

Fred and Dolly Caveen took a trip to Rimouski, Quebec, in October to visit their son, Donald, and his family. They will be spending Christmas in Scarborough.

Mrs. Ethel Christian reports that she heard from a friend, Mrs. G. Cringle, in Douglas that Peel Manx Kippers made by Moore's are now being shipped to all Eaton's stores in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. William Prendergast of Chicago gave a dinner party in honour of Mrs. Prendergast's father, Mr. J. Alfred Kneale's eightieth birthday which was the 27th. of October. Mr. Kneale is an honorary member of the Chicago Manx Society to which he has belonged for over 50 years.

Dr. Richard Tobias, Associate Professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh, is writing a book on the Manx poet, T. E. Brown. While doing research work in Douglas this summer he discovered that much has been cut out of T. E. Brown's poems and letters by editors and he now has so much material that his book will not be ready until the end of next year instead of

## TO MANX FRIENDS EVERYWHERE...

... Warmest wishes for a very happy Holiday Season and may 1966 bring to you life's richest blessings — good health and good fortune. I deeply appreciate being elected honorary president at Toronto and will, as ever, strive to keep our N.A.M.A. an organization of which we can always be very proud.

Very sincerely,  
John R. Cain  
Cleveland, Ohio

this year. In a letter to Mrs. Margaret Krach, Dr. Tobias says that after five weeks on the Island he feels like a genuine Manxman and would enjoy coming to Cleveland to talk to other Manxmen about Brown.

Mr. Stanley Shimmin, 3rd. Vice President of the N.A.M.A., has been appointed Chief of Police of Vaughan Township, Ontario, and will take up his duties on December 1st. He will have a twenty man force and will have his headquarters at Maple near Toronto. Congratulations!

Edith, Ruth and Nelson Cubbon of Seattle, Washington, had a wonderful holiday this summer travelling through eastern Washington and up through the Okanagan country into Canada. They stayed at Kelowna and visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Callaghan who own and operate O'Callaghan's Sandy Shore resort. Mrs. O'Callaghan was born in Douglas. They also had tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gawne, Sr., in Naramata, and while there met Mrs. James Onley of Penticton with her daughter and two granddaughters. Mr. Gawne comes from Soderick and Mrs. Onley from Douglas. Mrs. Onley's son Toni is a painter and instructor at the University of British Columbia and had four paintings in a Canadian Artists Exhibition which the Cubbons visited in Seattle after their return home. They are looking forward to visiting this vacation area again as they were very impressed with the beautiful beaches, particularly at Penticton which looked like the Riviera. They next visited Banff and Lake Louise taking the spectacular trip over Rogers pass. Then travelling west through Revelstoke and Spencers Bridge they arrived at Vancouver where they spent four days. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell and spent a day at Horseshoe Bay with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kneale.

In a letter written from the Isle of Man just before his return to Canada Mr. Eden Q. Costain writes: "I attended the convention of the World Manx Association on July 5th. and also 5 coach outings with the members of the W.M.A. This has been the fifth year in succession that I have visited the I.O.M. My previous visit prior to 1961 was the end of the first war in 1919.

On my first visit the folk said they were glad to see me, the second trip they were glad to see me again, the third trip "What, you again". In 1964 my sister and I came on the charter flight sponsored by the Vancouver Manx Society. The comment that trip was that I had been over so many times I was almost a resident, and I shudder to think what they may say this time.

The Isle of Man looks more beautiful each time I see it. The landscape with the many shaped fields and the numerous colors is so restful to the eyes and nerves, and when travelling on the double decker buses, it is simply marvelous as at every turn of the road the scene changes and the turns are too numerous to count or mention."

Douglas, the eldest son of Norman and Helen Clucas of Itasca, Illinois, is attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Mr. Paul M. Maddrell of Ridott, Illinois, reports that he and his wife spent an interesting 11 days on the Island early in August. They visited many cairns and keels and can truly recommend anyone especially interested in ancient monuments to visit the Island.

They visited the Balla-Beg farm in Lonan owned by Mr. Herbert Corlett of South Cape, Laxey and operated by his son and also the Grave Farm at Laxey which is on the Lhergy Grave overlooking Glen Roy. There is an old Manx fairy tale in the book called "Manx Fairy Tales" written by Mr. Maddrell's cousin, Sophia Morrison, in 1911 which tells of the night man on the Lhergy who warned the fishermen of approaching storms at old Laxey. He also was known as the Dooiney-Oie and blew his horn at night to warn the sheepmen of Glen Roy and Laxey Glen to drive their flock to shelter.

The older barns on the Grave Farm were built in 1839 by the grandparents (Tom and Catherine Faragher) of Mr. Leslie Faragher, 88, of Illinois.

Mr. Maddrell was sad to see only one Peel nicky, there as he understands there were about 300 boats at the time his uncle, Jim Morrison, was harbour master at Peel, but he found that the way to find out the history of Peel and its harbour was to go to the Sailors' Shelter and talk to the old timers.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddrell are hoping to go back some day for another enjoyable trip.

# News and Christmas Greetings from the Manx Societies

## GALVA

Galva Manx Society enjoyed a bounteous dinner on Sunday, October 10th., in Galva. A popular delicacy on the bill of fare was "flour cake" or "soda bread" and orange marmalade, which was enjoyed by young and old alike.

James Kewish, programme chairman, introduced Everett Quinney who sang two solos "Home" and "Isle of Mona". The programme was completed by the showing of coloured slides by Mrs. Harold Kermode. Pictures of the Isle of Man and scenic Illinois were much enjoyed.

The election of officers was as follows: -

*President:* Mrs. Merrill Nystrom (Janet Wade) — Altona, Ill.

*Vice President:* John H. Clarke — Knoxville, Ill.

*Secretary-Treasurer:* Mrs. Clyde Collinson — Galva, Ill.

Several members acquired copies of Barbara Cowley's book "Poems of Man" at this meeting.

Group singing of Manx songs with Mrs. Clarke at the piano completed the afternoon with time and place of next meeting to be announced later. Members were present from Knoxville, Altona, Alexis and Galva.

Galva is proud to salute Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clucas and Robert Kelly of the Chicago Manx Society as representatives of the State of Illinois to serve as N.A.M.A. officers for the coming year.

The Galva Manx extend their best wishes for a happy and blessed holiday season.

"It isn't far to Bethlehem Town!  
It's anywhere that Christ comes down  
And finds in people's friendly face  
A welcome and abiding place.  
The road to Bethlehem runs right  
through

The homes of folks like me and  
you."

Galva Manx Society

Mrs. Merrill Bystrom, Pres.

John H. Clarke, V-Pres.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson,

Sec.-Treas.

## NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

*"Shee as maynays de ny Marinee trooidnagh yn Seihil"*

*"Peace and Happiness to Manx People throughout the World"*

The Executive Committee of the N.A.M.A. join in wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*"May the Prince of Peace abide with you and yours at the Christmas Season and all through the New Year."*

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Amy Satterlee  
Rev. Alexander Cock  
Stanley Shimmin  
Margaret M. Joughin

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The World Manx Association here in Ellan Vannin send best wishes to all our Manx friends of the North American Manx Association for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

*Hon. Treasurer:* W. Waid.

*Hon. Secretary:* C. Craine.

## SAN FRANCISCO

Now that the Christmas Season is drawing nigh, our looking back on summer activities shows that members who spent their in vacation in Hawaii were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewin and their daughters, Cynthia and Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. Ridge Craine and Miss Moreen Cottier. The West Indies and New York's Fair were visited by Miss Mona Desmond, and Europe by Mrs. Jane Cottier Bare. Joe Craine, Ridge's brother from Butte, Montana, visited us, so did Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent from Mountain View who seldom do.

Apart from a day's outing in Mill Valley at Mrs. Arta Hutching's the rest of us kept the home fires burning.

H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon were visiting San Francisco from November 4th. to 7th. and, as was to be expected, the city was interested.

The Christmas party will be held at Wawona Hall on December 11th.

San Francisco Manx Society extends the season's greetings to every member of our societies and their well-wishers.

Stanley A. Johnson,  
Secretary.

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

At their meeting held during the Convention in Toronto, the Ladies' Auxiliary elected the following officers: -

*Honorary President*

Mr. J. R. Cain, Cleveland, Ohio

*President*

Mrs. Minnie Oakley, Toronto, Canada

*1st. Vice President*

Mrs. G. Salmon, Ottawa, Canada

*2nd. Vice President*

Mrs. Annie Jackson, Lake Worth, Florida

*N.A.M.A. Representative*

Mrs. Amy Satterlee, San Francisco, California

*Secretary-Treasurer*

Mrs. H. C. Christian, Rocky River, Ohio

On behalf of the members, the Ladies Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. send greetings for Christmas and New Year to Manx friends everywhere.

Minnie Oakley

President

Ethel Christian,

Secretary-Treasurer.

## LOS ANGELES

The Society has not had a meeting recently but hopes to do so in the near future.

In the meantime the Los Angeles Manx Society sends love and greetings to all their friends, relations and all of the living Manx race, wherever they may be in this good, but sometimes worrying, old world of ours.

Lillian Marrison Tipper.

## WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx held their first meeting of the season on November 13th. at the home of Mrs. Ernie Fick. and intend to continue holding meetings at member's homes. Mr. Wm. Mylrea will continue in his office of President for the coming year and Mr. Harry Caley as Secretary, with the members forming the committee.

On October 16th. the members had a wonderful evening at the home of Mrs. Cregeen and her daughter Olive. It was Mrs. Cregeen's 85th. birthday.

The President, Secretary and members of the Winnipeg Manx Society wish one and all, wherever they may be, all the best for Christmas and the coming year.

Harry Caley, Secretary,

## TORONTO

The first meeting of the season was held on September 24th. at 1010 Gerard Street East. It was a pleasant evening meeting with the introduction of four new members, bingo and refreshments, and plenty of time for a good old talk of summer activities and a great feeling to see friends again.

The newly elected officers for the Society were:

*President:* Mrs. Minnie Oakley  
*Vice President:* Mr. Willie Fick  
*Secretary:* Mrs. Dot Hall  
*Treasurer:* Mrs. Shirley Homer  
*Executive:* Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Frank Williamson

In October the meeting opened with the singing of the anthem "O Land of our Birth" with Mrs. Bateman at the piano and the president then greeted the distinguished guest, a past president of the North American Manx Association, Mr. Victor Joughin of Montreal, and his sister, Mrs. Broadbent of Oshawa. The evening of entertainment was planned for the children, being Halloween, and the junior choir thought it would be an honour to sing Ellan Vannin and Ramsey Town for their two guests, which they did very well.

The children paraded round the room in their costumes led by the president, Mrs. Oakley, dressed as Diamond Lil. Mr. Joughin was the judge and prizes were given for the most original dresses. Games, including the bobbing for apples, were played and the floor was then cleared for a jive and jazz session for the teenagers. Refreshments were served early as Mr. Joughin and Mrs. Broadbent had to leave to get a bus to Oshawa. A wonderful evening was had by everyone.

On November 20th. a Hollantide Party was being held at Lorrیمان's English pub at "Ye Olde Log Cabin".

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society send greetings and good wishes to all Manx people and friends for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Minnie Oakley, President.  
Dot Hall, Secretary.

## ROCHESTER

Rochester has had more Manx visitors. Mrs. Cavendish and her brother, John Christian, from Douglas have been visiting their sister in Toronto. Then they all came to Rochester to see their uncle, Mr. David Little, and his family. All enjoyed Rochester.

The calendar tells us that the Christmas season is approaching. A time to reflect the happenings of the year. A time for festivities and remembering friends old and new everywhere. It is so nice to have our Bulletin to carry our good wishes to many we might not contact.

The Rochester Manx folks are happy to send their wishes for a real Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health and happiness to all, wherever you may be.

Alice Garrett,  
Regional Director.

## CLEVELAND MANX MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

At the September meeting Mrs. R. Cowin brought a tape recording of the song which won the Cleveland medal for Mrs. Eleanor Shimmin, accompanied by Miss Emily Christian L.R.A.M. There was a good crowd that evening and they were happy to hear this recording and several other numbers which Mrs. Shimmin had taped for the society. The president, Mrs. Margaret Krach, gave a report of the convention and Mrs. Minnie Nickol gave a day to day report of her visit to the Isle of Man.

In October, as the president was vacationing in the Isle of Man and England, Mrs. Lily McKibbon presided. Mrs. Amy Abel showed the pictures taken in the Isle of Man on a recent visit this past summer. Everyone was glad to welcome back Mrs. Harriet Hughes from her visit to the Island.

Visitors to Cleveland from the Isle of Man were Mr. Bill Clague and Mr. Herbert Hughes visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gorry and Miss Elizabeth Clucas visiting her cousins Miss Peggy Greggor and Mrs. Edith MacWilliams.

At the November meeting Mrs. Margaret Krach as an officer in the N.A. M.A. asked to be relieved of the presidency of the Mona's Relief Society. Mr. John Hughes, another Manx

American, was elected in her stead and we wish him the best of luck and hope that he can continue to increase the membership of the society.

The officers elected at this meeting were: -

*President:* Mr. John Hughes  
*Vice President:* Mrs. Lily McKibbon  
*Secretary:* Mrs. Margaret Krach  
*Treasurer:* Mrs. Edna Cowin

The Mona's Relief Society extends to all Manx people, Heartiest Yuletide Greetings and best wishes for a very Happy and Healthy 1966.

Edith C. Gurney.

## BISBEE

Bisbee Manx Society always have a good old fashioned "cooish" at their meetings, and sing some of the old Manx songs, and there is always an abundance of delicious food.

In September a very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Charles Cole and in October at the home of Mrs. Nellie Kelly. Mrs. Kelly is 80 years old and had made many novelty prizes which she gave for Bingo. She is a very active person and still walks to town and church if a ride is not available. The November meeting was to be held at the home of Mr. Bill Wood with Mrs. Bill Franks as hostess. In December the meeting will be held at the Fred Corrin house.

The Bisbee Manx wish to send this Christmas greeting to all Manxmen:

A greeting at Christmas, with wishes tucked in, for happiness always, year out and year in.

Ivy L. Dillon,  
Secretary.

## MONTREAL

Montreal Manx Society held a Halloween Party on October 29th. at the home of the Joughin's. All enjoyed the games and competitions associated with such an occasion and the supper which included such unusual items as Witches Brew, Fried Butterflies and Satan's Delight on the menu.

Arrangements were made to hold a Christmas party on December 10th.

The officers and members of the Montreal Manx Society send best wishes to Manx friends everywhere for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

May we really capture this year the true spirit of Christmas - its joy, its beauty, its hope and abiding faith - and so become able to live in harmony and sympathy with others and then plan for the future with confidence.

Douglas Corlet, Treasurer  
J. Victor Joughin, Secretary.

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News from the Manx Societies

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CHICAGO

The only thing of importance which the Chicago Manx have to report on since the Toronto Convention is their participation in the Sixth Annual Folk Fair, October 16th. and 17th., at Navy Pier and this was most gratifying to all who had part in it. Like the re-enactment of the Viking Invasion in Peel, which grows more glamorous each year. The Folk Fair in Chicago has exceeded all expectation of the Mayor's Committee which sponsored the event. The weather was ideal; a perfect Indian summer weekend which brought the public out in droves. There was a large attendance on Saturday, but on Sunday there was an attendance of 319,000. Forty-one countries exhibited and there were cultural booths exhibiting the crafts of their countries, the world markets and the food of the world.

Once again thanks are due to Ruth and Ellen Carlson of the Glen Orry Manx Cattery for once again providing the Isle of Man booth with the only live exhibit in the Fair.

"Roses" to Harold and Helen Cal- lister, chairman and co-chairman, for a most attractive booth and to the Manx friends who gave their loyal support. Harold and Helen designed a "Toast rack" and horse showing the Villa Marina in the background. The backdrop showed boats in the har- bour, complete with seagulls which even had fish in their mouths.

The Manx cats draw the crowds. They are prize winners and so beauti- ful, and the crowds really jostled each other to get near enough to see the kittens in their cages. There were also beautiful Manx woollens on display and a choice selection of Manx items in- cluding rare coins and stamps.

This year it was Chicago's own Ka- thie Brew who was chosen as Princess to represent Britain in the Queen's es- cort. This is the first year that the Manx have had someone to qualify as the Princess must be over 18 and under 23 years of age. Kathie made a beauti- ful princess and was much photographed during the weekend of the Fair. She is the daughter of John Robert Brew, a member of the Chicago Manx Society.

Jean Davie, the Manx exchange teacher from Onchan who is spending a year in Chicago, visited the Fair and enjoyed it very much.

There is a lot of work attached to such an event, but the workers get the most out of it and also have a means of forming life-long friendships.

Mr. J. T. SHIMMIN'S BIRTHDAY

It was my privilege to be in the home of Ethel Christian during the week of September 20th. to be company for her father while she was otherwise en- gaged during the day.

This was the week of his birthday.

On Monday, Mr. W. Quine and Mrs. Jackson called to see him. In the even- ing Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. R. Cowin called and brought a birthday cake. Mr. Shimmin had especially requested not to have a crowd.

Tuesday, the day of his birthday, he received 48 cards from all corners of the world, some containing letters. Then he had long distance calls from his two sons, Arthur and Harry in Chi- cago, and from his niece, Mrs. Mildred Johnson in Florida. Many neighbours stopped in to see him; my daughter, Mona Halderman, came with her three children, and there were many phone calls from friends. He had so many packages of cookies and candies that his sweet tooth will not be undernour- ished for a whole year.

In the evening a former employee and fraternal brother of Henry's who has the same birthday came to spend the evening with him.

Then on Wednesday night, the British Varieties Programme announced on the radio that Mr. J. I. Shimmin had celebrated his 89th. birthday. All in all a wonderful birthday.

Mr. Shimmin is a splendid man, and fairly well, though his eyesight is fail- ing. He has a very keen mind and always has a welcome hand for any one coming to his home. What a blessing it is at this age, to have a healthy body and a healthy mind.

Edith C. Gurney.

On Sunday, October 24th., Mr. and Mrs. R. Cecil Kelly presented their Manx travelogue in pictures and story at the Church of the Redeemer Metho- dist Church, at Bridgeview, a Chicago suburb, and it was very well received.

The officers and members of the Chicago Manx Society extend Season's Greetings to Manx friends everywhere in the words of an old Gaelic rune:

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the watching shep- herds to you.

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Emily Kelly,  
Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

N. A. M. A.

August 1, 1964 to July 17, 1965  
(With earlier convention date)

Receipts

July 31, 1964 checking acct. balances :		
Cleveland	\$ 250.57	
Montreal	100.00	\$ 350.57
Dues, donations, extra bul- letins sold, etc.:		
Cleveland	1250.58	
Montreal	1238.96	2489.50
* Savings account balance 7/31/65	7,31,65	1643.20
		<u>\$4483.27</u>
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* Cleveland Savings Account :		
7/31/64 passbook balance		\$2012.75
Int. earned last qtr. 1963		15.72
Total interest earned 1964		87.59
Int. earned to July 1, 1965		32.29
Gift from Mr. Fred Callow, Ramsey, 10M - memory of late sister, Mrs. Alice Crockall		99.35
		<u>\$2247.70</u>
Less transfer to Montreal Ckg. Account 3 8/65		
(\$650 Can. funds)		604.50
Actual savings account book balance as of 7/1/65 - per passbook)		\$1643.20*
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Disbursements

Bank Service Charges:		
Cleveland Ckg. Account	\$ 6.52	
Montreal Ckg. Account	0.00	6.52
Salaries:		
Cleveland - M. Corris, Cor. Sec.	150.00	
M. Krach-Fin. Sec. Tr.	150.00	
Montreal - M. Joughin, Bul. Edtr.	150.00	450.00
Postage:		
Cleveland	62.00	
Montreal (Bulletins)	90.26	152.26
Printing & Mimeographing:		
Cleveland - (Mbrshp. cards, envelopes, mimeo, letters, etc.)	105.37	
Montreal - (Bulletins & add. labels)	1034.52	1139.89
Transfer funds to Montreal Ckg. Acct. from Cleveland Savings Acct. (\$500 Can. funds)		467.75
Toronto Convention Advance - (from Cleve. Ckg. Account - \$100 Can. funds)		93.75
Miscellaneous:		
Cleveland - Flowers	15.45	
Telegrams	13.86	
Can. Exchange (loss)	3.00	
Fwd. Ladies' Aux. dues	.50	32.81
Total (above disbursements)		<u>2342.98</u>
Checking Accts. Balances 7/17 65:		
Cleveland (Cleve. Trust)	432.91	
Montreal (Bank of Montreal)	64.18	497.09
Savings Acct. balance 7 1 65: (Cleveland - Second Fed. Savings & Loan Assoc.)	1643.20	1643.20
		<u>\$ 4483.27</u>

Membership

		Paid dues	
		in current yr.	
1964-65 Adult Members:	592	(546)	
1964-65 Junior	29	(27)	
1964-65 Societies	14	(14)	
Honorary	1		
Life	14		
1965-66 Adult Members - Pd. in adv.		39	
1966-67 Adult Member - Pd. in adv.		1	
1965-66 Jr. Members - Pd. in adv.		2	
AUDITED, July 21 1965			
Ethel S. Christian Mrs. Edna Cowin			
Respectfully submitted,			
(Mrs.) Margaret I. Krach, Jr. Fin. Sec.-Treas.			

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on a night like this." She was just picking up the bundle of rushes to scatter them over the flag floor of the kitchen when suddenly she caught sight of the tracks of muddy shoes.

"Who was there walking here with dirty shoes all over the clean kitchen floor?" she cried angrily. Then she caught sight of the ragged garment drying on a chair before the fire. "What in the name of the earthly powers is this? What are you doing at all, child?"

"They're belonging to an old woman that come in to shelter from the rain."

"An old woman to shelter indeed. And where is she now?"

"I'm here, mistress. I was having a rest on the bed, but I'll not be troubling you any more now."

"Lying on the bed indeed! It's not for the like of yourself I was making that bed with the lovely white linen sheets and the best quilts in the house."

"I've done no harm, you'll see. Hand me the shoes, child, and I'll be away off in minutes. There now," as she picked up her ragged garment from the chair. "just let me be getting this on, and I'm ready."

"But it's dark now and there's still heavy rain," Margaid cried. "Let me go a piece of the road with you or maybe you'll lose your way."

"No, child, I know the roads well and no harm will come to me at all. Maybe you would just be giving me a piece of bread in case I wouldn't be coming across another house for a good while."

At once Margaid picked up the loaf from the table.

"Who was cutting that loaf?" asked her mother.

"I asked the child for a piece when I came in."

"The best white loaf, indeed! That's the loaf I had baked ready for Bridget. Here, you can have some of this," and she handed her a piece of barley bread that was growing hard in the crock.

"Now be off with you, the way I'll get all this mud cleared up and the house made respectable for a person to see." And she pushed the old woman out of the house and shut the door behind her with a loud bang.

When she had gone it seemed to Margaid that the rain beat louder on the window and the sea began crying angrily on the rocks below. Suddenly with a gust of the rising wind, the door burst open again. When Margaid went to shut it she found an old piece of rag lying on the floor.

"The old woman's coat must have caught in the door," she said, showing it to her mother.

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
33rd. CONVENTION, TORONTO, ONT.  
JULY 35 - 28, 1965.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

<b>INCOME</b>	
Working Fund from NAMA .....	\$ 100.00
Society Donations .....	372.50
Individual Donations .....	177.00
Prize Distribution .....	508.93
Souvenir Book .....	509.00
Ways & Means .....	397.55
Registrations .....	2,395.00
U. S. Premiums .....	132.32
Bank Interest .....	1.40
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	\$4,593.70

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Postage .....	121.33
Bank Charges .....	20.27
Telephone & Telegram .....	10.16
Ways & Means .....	101.05
Flowers .....	25.75
Entertainment .....	1,531.75
Printing .....	133.45
Souvenir Book .....	399.81
King Edward Hotel .....	1,266.23
Flag & Stand .....	14.66
Stenographer .....	60.93
Miscellaneous .....	32.43
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	\$ 3,718.32

Balance forwarded to NAMA .....

\$	875.38
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Respectfully Submitted :  
Fred J. Caveen  
Convention Treasurer.  
Audited and Found Correct. September 11, 1965.  
G. H. Foster  
Auditor.

"I declare there's no getting rid of her! Throw it in the fire."

But Margaid looked at it carefully, turning it over and over in her hand. "What did you say she would be dressed in, mother? Bridget, I mean."

"I said she was always wearing a blue cloak. Bridget Blue Mantle the people were calling her."

"Bridget Blue Mantle! Mother, this is blue. See, here in the folds where it hasn't faded. I've never seen blue as deep as this before."

"Blue! Yes, so it is. A blue that is deeper than any earthly dye. The cloak of Bridget herself! How was I so stupid? She was here and I never knew, but turned her out of the door."

"Mother!" Margaid cried, "I'm going to find her and bring her back", and before her mother could stop her she had disappeared in the darkness.

Her mother began to prepare the room once more to receive Bridget, but when Margaid had been away for a

long time she began to grow anxious and to wonder if she had fallen into any danger.

"Margaid, Margaid, where are you?" she called and peered into the night.

"I'm here, mother. Bridget is bringing me back."

"It's no night for a child to be out, mistress. Take her in and keep her safe."

"Won't you be coming in too?"

"No, mistress. I'll go on my way now. But wait now, Margaid. I'll put good luck on you."

"Peace of God be on this house:  
On every window and every door,  
On every hole and chink for moonlight.

Peace of God be on yourselves."

When Margaid and her mother looked up a moment later, there was no one there. But the darkness of the storm had vanished and slowly the whole earth grew bright with moonlight.

## OBITUARIES

**BELL, John,** of Montreal, died on September 28th. after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Lillian (White); a son, Dennis, and a daughter, Joan. Mr. Bell was a native of the Isle of Man and had been for many years a member of the Montreal Manx Society.

**CADMAN, Mildred** died recently in hospital in Calgary, Alberta. Mrs. Cadman had lived in Canada for over 50 years and was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cubbon of Eilerslie, Marown. She is survived by her husband, Henry, one son and two daughters - Mrs. W. K. Cain of Ballahott, Mallew, and Mrs. H. S. Cain of Glen Dhoo Farm.

**CASHIN, Charles E.** died unexpectedly at his home 20644 Stratford Avenue, Rocky River, Ohio, on October 5th. He was born in the Isle of Man and came to Cleveland as a teen-ager. He is survived by his wife, Loreen; a daughter, Mrs. Karen Snyder; two sisters, Winifred and Mrs. Alice Jockers, and a brother, John.

**CLUCAS, Mrs Anne J. (née Kneen)** of Roselle, Illinois, died on November 27th., after a fall at her home. She was the wife of the late William H. Clucas and the mother of William, Frank and Norman; the grandmother of eight; great-grand-mother of three, and the sister of Edith Ristow, Elizabeth Hanson, Charles and William Kneen. Mrs. Clucas was a well known member of the Chicago Manx Society and of the N.A.M.A. Her son, Norman, is at present President of the N.A.M.A.

**CORKHILL, Bessie,** died on October 20, 1965. She is survived by her cousin, Mrs. Herbert F. Davidson of Canandaigua.

**CORKISH, Wilfred,** of 4040 - 79th. Street, Jackson Heights, New York, Mr. Corkish was a member of the N.A.M.A.

### ISLE OF MAN WINS TOP NATIONAL AWARD

The Isle of Man Harbour Board was awarded the "Come to Britain" trophy this year for its new Sea Terminal at Douglas. The trophy in the form of a statuette of St. Christopher the Patron Saint of Travellers by the London sculptress Ethelwin Baker, was presented to Mr. A. S. Kelly, Chairman of the Harbour Board, by Lord Geddes, Chairman of the British Travel Association. The announcement states: "The award of this trophy is a significant achievement in face of competition from all parts of the British Isles."

**COSTAIN, Harry Harvey,** died in South Porcupine Hospital, Ont., Canada, on September 19th., 1965. He was the beloved husband of Eleanor Gelling; dear father of Nora, Dunellen, New Jersey; Orry, Ottawa; Marjorie, South Porcupine, and George of Bound Brook, New Jersey. Brother of Mrs. B. Frisby (Essie), Kemptville; and Alan, London, Ont. Interment was in Tisdale Cemetery, South Porcupine.

**CRELLIN, Joseph S.** aged 77, of Akron, Ohio, died on October 23rd. He was the father of Mrs. William Jahant, Claremont, Calif.; grandfather of six, and brother of Selene, Anne and Florence Crellin, all of Akron, and Mrs. Henry Mylchreest of Cleveland.

**FARQUHAR, John,** of Ipswich, Boston, died in June, 1965. Mr. Farquhar is survived by his wife formerly Miss Cecily Teare of Foxdale and Peel, Isle of Man; a son, Douglas, and daughter, Barbara. He spent most of last summer at home on the Island, staying with his wife's sisters, the Misses Teare, of Patrick Street, Peel.

**JOUGHIN, Mrs. R. J. (Catherine),** aged 83, died after a long illness in a nursing home in Seattle, Washington, on August 31, 1965. She was born in Laxey, Isle of Man, (Catherine Radcliffe) and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Chas. A. (Gwenn) Wicker, of 7901, 20th. S. W. Seattle.

**LOGAN, Jean** died in Liverpool, England, on November 20th. She was the daughter of Janie Logan and a niece of Harold Callister of Chicago. She was quite well known to the Chicago Manx Society as she and her mother made a trip to the U.S.A. about 2 years ago.

**MADDRELL, Edwin H.,** of Rural Alliance, Ohio, died on October 24th., 1965, at Freeport Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Illinois, at the age of 62. He was born in Cleveland, the son of John C. Maddrell of Grenaby and Casteltown, and Bertha (née Morrison) of Peel, both deceased, and was the brother of Paul Maddrell of Rural Freeport, Ill. He was a bachelor, living with his parents on a farm at Turinsburg, Ohio, and remained there after their deaths until 1956 when he moved to his present farm near Alliance. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army Force as corporal. He is survived by his brother, two nephews, Dr. John A. and Stanley M. Maddrell, four grand-nieces and one grand-nephew. He visited the Island when a child and continued to be

intensely interested in it, especially in the proposed restoration of St. Germain's Cathedral.

**MALEK, George J.,** of Berwyn, Illinois, died on November 6th., 1965. He is survived by his wife Edith Ann (née Comish); a daughter Vivian (Lyle) Bethke; a son, George J.; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Edward, Fred and Vincent, and two sisters, Mae Alexa, and Mildred Woods. Mrs. Malek is one of Chicago Manx Society's old time members.

**OLDHAM, Blanche Young,** of Winter Park, Florida, died suddenly in August, 1965. Mrs. Oldham will be remembered as the author of the book of Manx stories "How The Manx Cat Lost its Tail". She is survived by her husband, Jack Oldham.

**RATHWELL, Mrs. Muriel,** died in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, on August 28th., in her 72nd. year. She was the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Teare, formerly of Auburn Cottage and Cloughbane, Ramsey, Mr. Teare having been a draper in Parliament Street, Ramsey until he took up farming and came to Canada. Surviving are her husband, Herbert; two daughters Margaret and Joyce, both married and living in Canada, and a brother Kenneth, of Calgary.

### THE LIL PEOPLE

Born - on August 16, Alixia Ann, first daughter and second child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Cannell, 4441 West 185th. Street, Country Club Hills, Ill., formerly of Detroit. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cannell, 14227 Glenfield Ave., Detroit, formerly of Cleveland.

Born - on July 27, a daughter, Susan Maddrell, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sabotka, Seattle, Washington. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Bloxom, Yakima, Washington and paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Sabotka of Seattle. Paternal great-grandparent is Mrs. Thomas Maddrell, Seattle.

Born - on October 7, a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth to Jackie and George Callister, Chicago. The proud grandparents are Helen and Harold Callister of the Chicago Manx Society.

Born - on June 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clucas, LaFayette, Illinois, a son, Mr. Clucas is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clucas, Wataga, Illinois, and great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Cowin, Ballachrink, Onchan, Isle of Man, and Dr. and Mrs. Ed. Clucas, Strang House, Union Mills, Isle of Man.