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"To preserve whatever is left us of ancient heritage"

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MANX INVOLVED IN MUTINY

by *Walter Stevenson*

Following the Mutiny, Fletcher Christian and his crew of 25 men took charge of the "Bounty" and returned to Tahiti. Seventeen of the 26 mutineers elected to remain at Tahiti, while 8 remained with Christian on the "Bounty".

Fletcher Christian made a request of his companions that they allow him to have the "Bounty". He knew full well that if the "Bounty" remained at Tahiti it would eventually lead to their discovery and ultimate capture.

To his companions Christian said — "Gentlemen, I will carry you and land you wherever you please. I desire none to stay with me, but I have one favor to request, — That you grant me the "Bounty", tie the foresail, give me a few gallons of water and leave me to run before the wind and I shall land on the first Island that I shall drive to. **"I have done such an act that I cannot stay at Tahiti. I will never live where I may be carried home to be a disgrace to my family."**

(Quotation from a letter written by Peter Heywood to his mother from Tahiti)

On September 21st. 1789, 5 months after the Mutiny, Fletcher Christian bid farewell to the seventeen companions who elected to stay at Tahiti. He returned briefly to friends on another part of the Island, during which time he married a Tahitian wife, the daughter of a leading chief. Her name was Mi'Mitti or Mainmast (Mai Mast) as Christian called her. She was tall and beautiful with qualities of leadership and proved to be a real helpmate to Christian.

Others of the number also married Tahitian wives. They took into the "Bounty" a variety of fruit trees, also a number of chickens, goats, pigs etc.

Before leaving Tahiti, Fletcher Christian and his close friend Peter Heywood, spent a few hours together in conversation, probably talking about their relatives and friends in the Homeland, **THE ISLE OF MAN.**

It was a sad and memorable farewell for the two young Manxmen, for they never again saw each other. Within 4

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years Fletcher Christian was dead and Peter Heywood was back in England to face a court martial trial. He related the parting scene during the trial.

Next morning the "Bounty" set sail for an unknown destination and for 18 years (Sept. 21st 1789 to Feb. 1808) nothing was known of Christian and his companions.

THE BOUNTY REACHES PITCAIRN ISLAND.—January 23rd, 1790

Four months after leaving Tahiti, The "Bounty" dropped anchor in a cove off the Island of Pitcairn, now called Bounty Bay. Fletcher Christian and another man climbed a steep cliff to explore the Island. They found it had water, wood, good soil and fruit, and appeared a safe place to hide from any searchers. Signs indicated that the Island had been previously inhabited and at first they were apprehensive for fear natives might be hiding in the heavily timbered portion of the Island, who might suddenly attack them.

When they felt they were safe from attack or capture, preparations were made to transfer everything moveable from the "Bounty" to shore.

THE BOUNTY SCUTTLED

The "Bounty" was completely stripped, even the planks from the sides. They then set fire to the hull, which later sank in 35 feet of water. On a clear calm day the hull can still be seen resting on the sea bed. Until houses were built on Pitcairn, the sails were used as tents.

PITCAIRN ISLAND

Pitcairn Island lies in the Pacific Ocean on the fringe of the Tuamotu Archipelago. It is two miles long and one mile wide, with mountains rising over 1,000 feet... It has 1,200 acres, 600 of which are under cultivation. In the valleys the soil is very fertile and oranges, bananas, grapes, yams etc. grow plentifully.

The Island was first discovered on July 2nd. 1767 by a man named Pit-

cairn, a midshipman on the ship "Swallow" — Capt. Philip Cartaret, on his trip around the world. First it was called Pitcairn's Island, but today it is called Pitcairn Island.

Pitcairn Island is administered by the Governor of Fiji thru the South Pacific Office. This office was once held by Sir Ronald Garvey who later became Governor of The Isle of Man. Mr. T. Reid Cowell, son of T. H. C. Cowell of Castletown, Isle of Man — a Manxman — was sent to Pitcairn to study its social and economic problems.

THE PITCAIRN COLONY

Those who left Tahiti with Fletcher Christian on the "Bounty" Sept. 21st. 1789 and landed at Pitcairn Island 4 months later on January 1790 were as follows:

Fletcher Christian and his 8 companions (The Mutineers) William Brown, Isaac Martin, William McCoy, John Mills, Matthew Quintal, Alexander Smith — who changed his name to John Adams — John Williams and Edward Young ... Total white men: 9.
Tahitian men : Hu, Miranii, Nihau, Talalau, Te Moa, & Tetahiti 6.
Tahitian Women. (Wives of Mutineers) Balhadi, Fasto, Jennv, Mi'Mitti, Mary, Sarah, Susannah, Prudence, and Taurau, 9
Tahitian Women (Married to Tahitian Men) Moeuta, Hutia, Nanai 3.
Tahitian Men (Without wives.) Hu, Nihau, Te moa 7.
Total 27.

There were 15 men and only 12 women. Three men had no wives. This was the cause of serious trouble in the colony.

Nearly all the men were in their mid-twenties.

The nine white men decided by a vote of 5 to 4 to divide the Island into 9 parts, to include the white men only. Fletcher Christian was in favor of sharing the Island with the Tahitian men, but he was in the minority vote. This action caused serious dissention among the Tahitian men with the result that they set out to kill the white men.

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**I.O.M. GETS PUBLICITY IN
CLEVELAND ATHLETIC CLUB
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Of special interest to senior members was former CAC'er W. T. Hughes recent month-long visit to Cleveland. Mr. Hughes is spending his long-awaited retirement in what he claims to be a virtual "Shangri-La" — the Isle of Man — and he should know, having traveled throughout the world and to 48 of 50 states.

Although a citizen of the United States, Mr. Hughes was born in Liverpool, England, on September 13, 1891. He came to the U.S. in 1922 and has resided in Cleveland most of his life. Before his retirement in 1963, the long-time member and resident of the Cleveland Athletic Club was senior auditor at Sherwin Williams Company where he was employed for 37 years.

Eager to expound on his "discovery," Mr. Hughes explained that the Island of Man, located on the Irish Sea, offers everything the heart could desire, an ideal climate; a sea resort area; movies; television; a library; legalized gambling; excellent fishing and, with six courses, is a utopia for golfers. Just imagine, as a member of the Pulrose Golf Club, where he plays at least twice a week,

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Two of the white men, William McCoy and Matthew Quintal, discovered a way to make moonshine liquor from a tree found on the Island and this had a very demoralizing effect on the Colony. Wm. McCoy had worked in a distillery in Ireland, and it was Matthew Quintal that suggested the idea of mutiny to Fletcher Christian.

In the course of the struggle between the Whites and Tahitians, Fletcher Christian while working in his garden was caught unawares and shot by a Tahitian named Minarii. A few days later he died. On the day he was shot, his wife gave birth to their third child, Mary.

Christian had three children, Thursday October, who was the first child born on the Island and was so named because he was born on a Thursday in October; Charles and Mary.

All but two of the 9 white men and 6 Tahitian men who landed on Pitcairn in 1790 died violent deaths. Edward Young died of asthma, and John Adams died March 5th 1829 age 65, the last male adult survivor.

After ten years (1800) John Adams was the only male adult remaining on Pitcairn, together with 11 women and 23 children sons and daughters of his companions. Adams was the spiritual leader of the Pitcairn Colony, and because of the good work he had done in governing it, he was never brought to trial for his part in the Mutiny.

FLETCHER CHRISTIAN'S BIBLE

Soon after arriving at Pitcairn, Christian was going through his sea chest and he came across the Bible that had been given to him by his mother back in England; an evidence of religious training he no doubt received in his early life.

Not having much to read, Christian would take his Bible and go down on the sea shore, or perhaps sit in a quiet cave to ponder over its truths. Often his

Mr. Hughes pays yearly dues of \$16.80 for golf privileges and \$1.15 a year for locker fees.

From the third hole on the golf course, Mr. Hughes claims that, on a clear day, one can see the Mountains of Mourne in Ireland, the Mull of Galloway in Scotland, the Westmoreland Hills in England and the Hills of Wales.

The cost of living is very low and there are no inheritance taxes on this 14-mile-wide by 3½-mile-long island and more than half of its 41,000 population lives in the capital, Douglas, where Mr. Hughes resides at the Falcon Hotel, P. O. Box 15, Loch Promenade Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles.

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close friend and companion John Adams would accompany him and he listened to Christian while he read aloud from the Bible.

During these hours spent together reading the Bible, Christian planted in the heart of John Adams the seed of Bible truth. This influence for good on the life of John Adams was the means in later years of changing the whole course of life for the people of Pitcairn, for it fell to the lot of John Adams to become the spiritual leader of the Colony and he organized a church and religious services for the group.

John Adams had received very little, if any, schooling as a boy in England, but he was the means in God's hands of saving the Colony at Pitcairn. In later years several missionaries visited the Island many of them belonged to the Seventh Day Adventist denomination, to which faith they now belong. Saturday is observed as their Sabbath. Some of their members have spread out to adjacent Islands.

Decendents of the original group are now in the sixth generation. The last survivor of the generation that immediately succeeded the Mutineers, Elizabeth Young, died in 1883 at the age of 93. Susanna Martin, wife of Isaac Martin, was the last of those that came in the Bounty. She died in 1850. Mi'Mitti wife of Fletcher Christian died in 1841 at an advanced age.

On February 6th. 1808 the American sailing ship Topaz, Capt. Mathew Folger, stopped at Pitcairn Island which he believed to be uninhabited. Capt. Folger spent the night on Pitcairn and John Adams told him the story of the people, thus revealing for the first time the story of the mutineers.

Six years later, on September 17th. 1814, two British frigates, The Briton and The Targus, Capt. Sir Thomas Staines and Capt. Pipon, by mere accident stopped at Pitcairn Island. They were in search of an American ship The Essex which had been seizing some English whalers. According to their reckoning — Pitcairn was still 200 miles away and they thought they had discovered a new island.

Two husky young men 17 years old, Thursday October Christian and George Young rowed out to Capt. Staine's boat. The Capt. was much impressed with the appearance of the two young men and the fact that they spoke good English.

Thursday October told Capt. Staines that he was the son of Fletcher Christian the mutineer by a Tahitian mother and the first child born on the Island. Capt. Staines ordered refreshments for the two young men. Before partaking of the food, much to the surprise of

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LOOKING THROUGH MY LOOKING GLASS

*I sat one night on the Douglas Prom: and gazed far out, to see
a long long lane of Silver light that took me right across the Sea
to lands unknown, that beckoned me with promises of things,
just things I would like to see.*

*It was on such a lovely night when that glorious moon was shining bright
that I thought, one day I would make my way to those far off places
that called to me, and get myself away from the Isle
that seemed as dull as dull can be.*

*In those for away winters there was nothing to do, nowhere to go or see,
the bus was unknown and the winters long, but we walked, walked, walked
with a song in our hearts of the things that soon may be.*

*On Sunday night right after Church, the Promenade was free
for all who cared to brave the cold, and that seemed like all Douglas to me.
A nod for the elders, a smile for the boys, and a smirk for the queer ones
for you see Youth can be cruel and there was no place in our hearts
for those less fortunate than we.*

*Fat Jack, Auntie Mary, and Jack Straw, Kelly the Bellman, Jacob the
Cornet player*

*Bob Tripe and many more who still live in the hearts of those who remember
those long ago days of yore.*

*Oh yes, we remember, and deep in our hearts we are sorry for those
unkind thoughts*

when we were young, much too young to worry.

*Youth grew up as youth will do, but that silver pathway stayed with me
until one day, with a stumble on my way, I trod the silver pathway
and arrived in California, U.S.A.*

7,000 miles away from that bench on the Prom, overlooking Douglas Bay.

Lillian Marrion Tipper.

MUSIC STUDENT'S SUCCESS

John Duykers, Butte High School graduate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Duykers and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Craine, is establishing a reputation as a music student of exceptional ability at the University of Washington.

He was one of six in the school of music selected to share in scholarships totalling \$10,800. provided by a Seattle couple.

When the University of Washington Festival Opera recently presented the first performance in the U.S.A. of Monteverdi's opera, "The Coronation of Poppea," John sang one of the lead roles, appearing as Emperor Nero. The Festival Opera is made up of music students and outstanding singers from throughout the Seattle area.

John graduated from Butte High in 1962. He was a member of the school's outstanding chorus, the Top Sixteen. He spent two years at Oberlin College in Ohio, where he studied flute. Experienced in church singing and work before various groups in Butte, he turned to study of voice at the University of Washington. A baritone, he plans to become a performer in classical music. He is a student of Leon Lishner.

He was featured in a student recital on May 22nd., in which he sang selections from Schumann's "Liederkreis," Op. 39, and Barber's "Hermit Songs," Op. 29.

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the Captain, the two young men bowed their heads and asked God's blessing on the food.

When asked about the custom, they said it had been taught them by John Adams. It seemed strange indeed to find such refinement in a place where they would expect to find uncivilized people.

When John Adams saw the British flag flying from the ships, he was very much concerned, for he knew it could lead to his capture, and eventual court-martial for the part he played in the Bounty Mutiny. He had decided to give himself up should he be required to, for he wanted to once again see the land of his birth, England.

His wife, family and all the members of the Colony pleaded that he be permitted to remain with them.

Capt. Pipon wrote — "To have taken him from a circle of such friends would have ill become a feeling heart. To have forced him away in opposition to their joint and earnest entreaties would have been an outrage on humanity." At this time there were 46 members in the Colony and the greatest harmony prevailed among the group.

About 1830-31 a long drought hit the Island of Pitcairn and water became so scarce that plans had to be made for the whole population which then numbered 87 to return to Tahiti, and on March 7th. 1831 all the people on Pitcairn sailed on the "Lucy Ann" for the port of Papeete, Tahiti. Tragedy soon struck the group, when a

malignant fever broke out among them and 14 of them died within a few days, including their leader Thursday October Christian.

Within 3 weeks after their arrival, several decided to return to their beloved Homeland, Pitcairn. The remaining members soon followed and within 5 months of their leaving Pitcairn, all had returned.

By this time the drought was over. Nature had provided an ample supply of water.

Their brief contact with the Tahitians had a demoralizing influence upon their moral conduct. Home made brew was again made and immorality increased.

On May 2nd. 1856, — 187 persons with all their possessions left Pitcairn for Norfolk Island which had once been a penal colony, and on December 2nd. 1858, 16 of the Colony, 4 adults and 12 children, left Norfolk Island and returned to their former home in Pitcairn. The journey took 46 days—arriving January 17th. 1859.

About 1864 a second group of about 26 persons headed by Thursday October Christian 2nd. returned to Tahiti from Norfolk Island.

The Island became a British possession in 1838, with the Governor of Fiji serving as its Governor. The population at that time was about 100.

Fiji became a colony of the British Empire, with a governor appointed from the Colonial Office of Great Britain. About this time an action of the Colonial Office elected Pitcairn Island to be a colony.

With a population of 150 at the time, it was not practical to send a Governor all the way from Great Britain, so an arrangement was made with Fiji for their Governor to serve also as Governor of Pitcairn. It was the smallest colony of the British Empire.

Several organizations are interested in studying the racial problems involving the people of Pitcairn, and it has been suggested by some that the Island be used as a testing ground for the "H" bomb, but Great Britain has refused permission.

The untold sufferings and hardships endured by so many innocent people can be traced directly to the cruel and tyrannical conduct of one man — **CAPTAIN WILLIAM BLIGH** and quoting the words of the great Scottish poet — Robert Burns — "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless numbers mourn."

WALTER J. STEVENSON
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Chicago, Illinois.

January 1st. 1966

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CLEVELAND

The regular monthly meeting was held on March 8, with a good crowd in attendance. A group of young people, "The Torch Bearers", from the Salvation Army, entertained us with tambourine drills and singing.

Our April meeting was held on the West Side, April 12. Mr. George Wagstaff, of the Cleveland Society for the Blind, showed a film, "Room for Recovery", and talked on how the blind are taught to help themselves.

Fifty members were present at the meeting on May 10. We were happy to have Mrs. Joe Clucas and Mrs. Alan Frick at the meeting. We were also glad to welcome Mrs. John Cain. Miss Peggy Greggor showed beautiful slides of her trip to Europe and the Isle of Man last August. This meeting presented the opportunity for all of us to bid farewell and bon voyage to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Moughton, and Mrs. Gladys Butts who are planning vacations in the Isle of Man this summer.

Looking to the future, there will be the annual Manx Picnic at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, August 13. Anyone visiting Cleveland at this time will be most welcome.

Edith C. Gurney.

VANCOUVER

The Annual Banquet postponed from January 1st on account of inclement weather, was held in the Cambrian Hall on Saturday, March 12th., 1966. About 75 sat down and enjoyed the good eats provided after the usual custom of the singing of grace with Mrs. Motion at the piano. The entertainment that followed consisted of remarks by the President, a welcome to all visitors especially Mr. and Mrs. Yourston recent arrivals from Castletown, community singing led by the old maestro, Billy Mudie, the presentation of Life Membership cards to all those who had been in the Society 25 years and over. A dance followed and for those who did not care to dance, a li'l cooish with their neighbours.

The last regular meeting of the season will be held on May 13th. At the meeting the where and when of the summer picnic will be discussed. It is usually held at Stanley Park some time in August and if there should be any visitors in Vancouver around that time they can get information re the picnic by phoning either the President, Mr. J. D. Cannell, at 433-6853, or the Secretary, Mr. E. Q. Costain, at 431-1352.

E. Q. Costain,
Secretary.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society observed its 93rd. Anniversary Dinner on March 18th., 1966, at the Oak Park Arms Hotel with 40 members and guests present. Following the dinner, the president, Robert Kelly, welcomed the guests, then called for a moment of silent prayer, followed by a prayer offered by Mr. Kenith Slocum, in loving memory of two members who had been called "Home" since the previous meeting.

The entertainment began with the singing of Ellan Vannin, led by Walter J. Stevenson with his daughter Myrra Johnson at the piano. The guests were introduced; Mona Kerruish Frank and her daughter Kathleen received a very warm welcome, also Mona's sister, Ann Kerruish Robison from Elk Creek, Nebraska. Mona and Ann are the daughters of our late beloved Archie Kerruish. Mrs. Robison responded, saying how pleased she was to be visiting Chicago at the time of our dinner. She reminisced about the days when she lived in Chicago and was a member of the Society. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Cowell from Ramsey, Isle of Man, now residing in Calumet City, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Cowell joined the membership during the evening. The president introduced Mr. Stanley Breen, president of the Northern Ireland Social Club. Stanley lived for two years in Onchan and Port St. Mary during World War II, serving in the medical department there. He responded to his introduction with some fond memories of his sojourn on the Isle of Man. Special guest of the evening was Jean Davie from Onchan, Isle of Man, the first Manx exchange teacher to come to Chicago direct from the Isle of Man. Jean is teaching art at Morgan Park High School while her counterpart is teaching at Ballakermeen High School in Douglas, Isle of Man. Jean responded to her introduction with greetings from the Isle of Man and gave a few impressions of her life in Chicago. Her memories here are all pleasant ones and we think Jean would like to stay on a little longer than her allotted time to become more acquainted with life in our big city.

As always we were delighted with the special music provided by Walter J. Stevenson and Myrra Johnson. They were superb and most generous of their talents.

Following a short business meeting, greetings were read from absent members. The secretary received a telegram from Cissie Gardner, Grand'Mère, Quebec, Canada, with best wishes for a suc-

cessful evening and regretting that she was not able to attend. She was a guest at the 92nd Anniversary. Norman Clucas, president of the N.A.M.A., brought greetings from the N.A.M.A. Robert Kelly conducted a quiz with pertinent facts on the Isle of Man. It was very entertaining and most enjoyable. The prize drawing of a Manx tartan auto robe was won by Emily Kelly. A second drawing of a Manx cat plate designed by Dorothy Mylrea was won by Lindsay Valavanis who is at present in the Phillipines with her parents. Robert Kelly showed colour slides "Memories of Toronto".

The Society received an invitation from Ruth and Ellan Carlson to hold an early summer picnic at their Glen Orry Manx Cattery.

Thanks are due to Pauline Corrin and Edith Ristow, chairman and co-chairman, for preparing such a successful evening. With the singing of the Manx Fisherman's Evening Hymn and God be With You Till We Meet Again, the evening's activities came to a close.

Emily Kelly,
Secretary.

GALVA

More than one hundred members and friends of the Galva Manx Society gathered in Bishop Hill, Illinois, to honor the 55th anniversary of the Society on Sunday, May 29th.

The tables were decorated with bouquets of garden flowers and place mats featuring a map of the Isle of Man, Manx proverbs, Laxey wheel, a Manx cottage, a Viking picture, Manx cat and Three Legs o'Man, all of which were conversation pieces. After a bounteous pot-luck dinner the afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. Merrill Bystrom, president of the group. Two of the charter members who were present were recognized and presented with boutonnieres of heather (ling). They were the Rev. John Clarke of Knoxville and Mr. Ed. Collister of Galva. Both had a part in the first program in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. James Kewish who were present had also attended the first tea party.

The afternoon was made very enjoyable by a program of Manx music under the leadership of Miss Nelrose Corkill. A chorus of young people, first and second generation "Manxmen" assisted the native Manx in a rousing songfest which included the Manx National Anthem, Fishermen's Evening Hymn, Ramsey Town, Ellan Vannin, Hunt the Wren (complete with wren), the Manx Wedding and many others. The program opened with the Star-

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Spangled Banner and closed with God Bless America.

Mrs. Donnamae Collinson Hocker of Alexis traced the influence of the Vikings and quoted many names which we know as typically Manx are an inheritance from the Norsemen. A Viling plaque was on Display. Manx cats from the Glen Orry Cattery of West Chicago were a favored attraction. The owner, Miss Ellen Carlson, was accompanied to Galva by her sister Mrs. F. T. Greaves of Evanston.

Guests were present from 16 towns in North Central Illinois. Former Galvans present were Leonard Kneen of Geneseo and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Callister of Chicago. N.A.M.A. president Norman Clucas and family were present and brought greetings from the parent organization. Peoria president, Wm. Archibald, brought greetings and an invitation to attend their picnic Sunday, July 24th., at Glen Oak Park.

Galva's next meeting is scheduled for November 13, when election of officers is on the agenda. Hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. Carl Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cubbon and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Binge. Place to be announced.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson,
Secretary

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx held their April meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin and missed several of their members who were away, Nellie Kelly attending the Pythian Sisters Grand Lodge, Maude Franks attending Rebecca Grand Lodge at Prescott, Arizona, and Irene Arndt on vacation in Texas.

The May meeting was to be held at Mrs. Nellie Kelly's home.

The Bisbee Manx are proud to report that Mrs. Wilna Wood has been appointed Grand Organist of the Order of Eastern Star in Arizona and is busy making official visits with the Worthy Grand Matron to various chapters in the State. Her granddaughter, Nancy Walton of Yuma, will be installed as Queen of Job's Daughters on May 21st.

Ivy Dillon,
Secretary.

MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society held its last meeting of the 1965-66 season at the home of Mrs. Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. H. Hornsby in Pierrefonds, on Friday April 22nd. A Court Whist Drive was held and much enjoyed by all. The prize winners were: Miss Choiniere, Mrs. T. E. Kelly, Mr. D. Creese and Mr. J. V. Joughin.

After some discussion it was decided to hold the annual summer picnic on July 9th. at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Douglas Corlett at Lac Renaud. The details were to be settled later.

Refreshments were then served by the ladies and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the host and hostesses.

A hearty welcome awaits any N.A. M.A. members who happen to be in Montreal this summer and would like to join the Montreal Manx at their picnic. The secretary will gladly answer any enquiries.

J. V. Joughin,
Secretary.

TORONTO

The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Manx Society was held on March 25th. and opened with the singing of "O Land of Our Birth" with Mrs. E. Bateman at the piano. Those attending had a good business meeting and a few hands of euchre.

The April meeting film show was a roaring success and the members turned out in large numbers. The first film was the Island 30 years ago — looking rather dull but giving the audience some hearty laughs at the styles of clothing. The second film showed a decided difference being taken after the war when everything had changed a great deal. The third film which was on loan from Mr. Joughin of Montreal, was the one seen at the Toronto Convention and brought the Island up to date so that the past and the present was seen. The showing of the films was in the capable hands of Mr. Stan Shimmin who did a fine job. Thank you Stan. After the show, refreshments were served by Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Mitchell. A really wonderful evening.

Dot Hall,
Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO

Now that summer is almost here. San Francisco Manx folk consider the season as good as any in which to meet other Manx people, or their well-wishers, who may visit this city. While here, if you will get in touch with Noreen Cottier, you may choose your tea — weak or strong.

Incidentally, Mrs. Dorothy Quayle left for a visit to Mona on April 27th., and Mrs. Gertrude Miller for a several week's stay in Hawaii sometime earlier. Mr. Joe Craine is down from Butte, Montana, on a visit with his brother, Ridge.

Our meetings were well attended and the next will be held at the Albert Johnsons in San Carlos. Our summer activities are tentative.

San Francisco Manx Society joins in wishing all members and their well-wishers an enjoyable summer.

Stanley A. Johnson,
Secretary.

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965

Dear Members & Friends,

It is my special privilege and pleasure to present the Annual Report of our WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION for the year ended 31st December, 1965. It has been a most interesting, useful and successful year. Our relationship with all our Manx Societies and friends throughout the world has been most cordial and hospitable. We have tried to be of service to our kinsfolk everywhere.

We especially thank our British Manx Societies for their kind visitations to Manxfolk in hospitals, a task which is very much appreciated.

We offer our sincere congratulations to our Ramsey, Isle of Man, Branch of the W.M.A. for their sincere interest and help.

During the past year we had quite a large number of Overseas Manx visitors to their dear Isle of Man.

The crowning event of our World Manx Association is naturally the Annual Gathering on Tynwald Day, 5th July. This year it took place in the afternoon at the Viller's Hotel, Douglas, and was well attended by Manx friends from all parts of the World. Many of them addressed this large audience. The Blackpool Manx Society brought a chartered plane for this great occasion and many members of other British Manx Societies also attended. Our special guest was the late Mayor of Douglas, Mr. Joseph Moore, accompanied by his wife. Our President, Mr. Harold Cain, M.H.K. gave a very warm welcome to this large and enthusiastic audience. Our special soloist for this occasion was Mrs. Shimmin, this year's winner of the CLEVELAND GOLD MEDAL. She delighted by rendering a number of Manx songs accompanied by Miss E. Christian. L.R.A.M.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Press of the Isle of Man for their splendid help throughout the past year. Our Manx friends very much appreciate their contributions.

The Blackpool Manx Society were the hosts, under the Chairmanship of their President, Mrs. Clague, at the Annual British Manx Societies Convention at Southport in October. It was a most successful event and was well attended.

Our President, Mr. H. Cain and Mrs. Cain, and Mr. C. Craine attended as representatives of the W.M.A. The honoured guest was Mr. Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys, who gave a most interesting address.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. Frank Williamson has just returned from spending two weeks in Florida and is now preparing for his visit to the Isle of Man.

Mrs. Ivy Dillon and her brothers had a very pleasant surprise a short time ago when Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gell of Cleveland visited them. They had not known each other before but the Gells had checked at the Chamber of Commerce to track down the "Manxies". They had a very enjoyable visit although the Gells would not stay for the traditional cup of "tay" as they were in a hurry to get on their way to North Carolina to visit Mr. Gell's brother.

While on a shopping tour in downtown Chicago recently, the Cecil Kelly's spotted a poster outside the Today Theater, a cinema house with a one hour continuous showing of short films on world events, where people pop in to relax in the middle of their busy day. This sign caught their eye "The Isle and the Pussy Cat" with a caption advertising "A colour film on the Isle of Man". It was just a 15 minute film but the pictures were beautiful and the narration excellent. The Kelly's were all set to go home and pass the word around to their Manx friends but when they talked to the manager they were disappointed to find that the film was leaving the theater by 11 a.m. the next morning. The film was a County Pride series.

Six members of the Chicago Manx Society received invitations to greet Prince Philip with the British delegation in the Mayor's Council Chambers. Norman and Helen Clucas represented the N.A.M.A., Harold and Helen Callister represented the Chicago Manx Society and the R. Cecil Kelly's the British News and the British Federation.

Mr. Robert Kelly, who has been employed by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company for some years, has accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer and Business Manager of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois, and will be moving to Naperville to take up his new post at the beginning of June.

Mrs. Hugh Corteen of Buffalo is now on a 2 months visit with relatives in Castletown, Isle of Man.

Mr. George Mylroie's son, Leon, who has been stationed in Scotland at an air force base has just returned to the United States and is now stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is in the medical section.

Mrs. Lillian Marrion-Tipper sends best wishes to all who remember her.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kelly of Rochester are in the Isle of Man after rather a rough crossing on the Sylvania. They are staying with Mr. Kelly's brother, John, in Peel this time.

The Crellins boarded the Sylvania at Boston for their first trip back to the Homeland in many years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Craine, 1839 Phillips Avenue, Butte, Montana, celebrated their 50th. wedding anniversary on May 11th. and were honoured at a reception given for them by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Duykers. They were married in Butte on May 11th., 1916 by the Rev. Jacob Hiatt, pastor of St. Paul Episcopal Church.

Mr. Stanley Shimmin, 3rd. vice-president of the N.A.M.A., has recently been appointed Chief of the Vaughan Township Police Department in Ontario.

The Chicago Manx were hoping to have a delegation present to help the Galva Manx Society celebrate their 55th. anniversary on May 29th.

Mrs. Emily Kelly of Chicago has recently been appointed associate editor of the British News, a small monthly publication giving news of the British Societies in the Chicago area.

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tion Convention took place in Toronto during last summer and was a great success. Quite a number of Manx friends from the Isle of Man attended and all enjoyed this wonderful gathering of kinsfolk.

Our Annual T. E. Brown Memorial Night was held at the Villier's Hotel, Douglas. It took the form of a splendid tea followed by a special T. E. Brown Commemoration programme. The soloists were Miss Joan Kelly, Soprano, and Mr. Wall. Curphey, Baritone, Miss Doris Clague and Mr. Charles Craine, Elocutionists. The accompanist was Miss Emily Christian, L.R.A.M. The Chairman was Mr. Harold Cain, M.H. K., who spoke on the Immortal Memory of our Great Manx Poet.

In conclusion it is my great privilege to pay a special tribute to all our Manx Societies throughout the world for the excellent work they are doing on behalf of their fellow Manx people, thus showing their deep love for their "DEAR ELLAN VANNIN".

With every kind wish,

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES CRAINE,
Hon. Secretary.

THE FEY ISLE OF MAN By ELIZABETH KIMBALL

COLD FOG enveloped Douglas Airport the September afternoon I descended from the aircraft which had carried me from London, but the warmth of my reception on the Isle of Man soon dissipated its discomfort.

I was driven through twilight streets to Port St. Mary, on the southern end of the island, where I got out before a tall, Edwardian-looking house, one of a half-moon of similar residences which lined the Promenade. My hostess, Miss Qualtrough, showed me up to an enormous but comfortable room overlooking the sea.

Miss Qualtrough's table displayed the same homey hospitality. The next day began with a breakfast of porridge, bacon and eggs, home-made preserves, muffins, and tea kept piping hot beneath a crocheted tea-cosy, and ended with a dinner of roast pork, lima beans, pan-roasted potatoes, and a creamy trifle such as I had not tasted since long-ago summers at my grandmother's house. A substantial tea was also served in between.

My room and breakfast cost me less than \$2.75 a day. Throughout the island hotel and restaurant prices are comparatively low, and I met with the same unstinting hospitality wherever I went.

One of Man's most delightful attributes is its small size.

Thirteen National Glens make the island a paradise for nature-lovers, who may discover the country-side by hired car, bus, electric train, or by pony-trek, a very popular activity with the British 'regulars' among Man's visitors.

In the evening there are restaurants that range from homey to elegant; several dance-halls; and the brightly-lighted Casino, at Douglas. Here, in Great Britain's only licensed public gaming house, nostalgically Edwardian in decor one can indulge in such divers games as roulette and Bingo. This is also the only place in Britain where it is legal to play the 200-year-old game of Crown and Anchor.

Well worth visiting, also, are Peel Castle, a medieval garrison head-quarters, and the Museum of Witchcraft. The latter points up an intriguing facet of the Manx personality... its fey quality. Speeding along the evening road, the young man from the local tourist bureau who was my guide suddenly braked the car as we approached a little glen. "You must say 'Hello' to the fairies," he advised me, and "Hello, fairies" he called out of the window as we passed a wooded dip in the road.

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Man has been successively under the domination of the Norse, Celts, Danes and Scots. It is now a possession of the

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A REMINDER

A few weeks ago President Norman Clucas sent out almost 300 letters to members who had not paid their dues for the year 1965/66. The response to these letters has been most gratifying and in most cases dues had not been paid because they had been forgotten or overlooked.

This being the case, it seemed a good idea to print a reminder now that dues for the year 1966/67 should be paid on August 1st. as our year runs from August 1st. to July 31st. The resolution passed at the 1965 Convention in Toronto also goes into effect so that dues becoming payable on August 1st., 1966 will be \$3.00 per person per year.

Our treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Krach, 3356 West 95th. Street, Cleveland 2, Ohio, will be very pleased to receive your \$3.00 membership any time you like to send it — you need not wait for August 1st.

BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The Isle of Man intends to be represented as a Commonwealth country in the 1966 British Empire and Commonwealth Games to be held at Kingston, Jamaica in August. They took part in the 6th Games at which one member of the Isle of Man team won a Bronze Medal, and in the 7th Games when the team gained a quarter final and two sixth places.

The sports in which the Isle of Man will consider representation are athletics (including race walking), rifle shooting, cycling, swimming, fencing and badminton.

This of course will only be made possible through sympathetic and generous support from the public. Any contributions, which should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Manx British Empire & Commonwealth Games Association, Kensington House, Bucks Road, Douglas, will be very much appreciated by Manx sportsmen.

Fey I.O.M. *Continued from page 6* British Crown. It has its own Parliament, the Tynwald, and a form of Home Rule. Its emblem is the trinacria, or three legs kicking, and its motto is 'It will stand wherever you throw it'.

I must not close without mentioning the one phenomenon which is the one fragment of Manx lore that most readers possess . . . the famous tailless cats. They are not easy to find, but my guide took me to his home and introduced me to his pet . . . a magnificent calico-coated specimen who astounded me by hopping across the floor, like a rabbit.

Unlike the latter (with whom, it is claimed, the Manx cat's ancestors mated), Pussy had not the vestige of a tail. *Reprinted from the Toronto Telegram*

Visitors to I.O.M this summer

As a result of his request in the March Bulletin, N.A.M.A. President Norman Clucas has received notice of quite a number of N.A.M.A. members who will be visiting the Island this summer.

They are: Mr. and Mrs. Ewan Crellin, Needham Heights, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Ivy Dillon and her daughter, Peggy VanCamp, sister Mrs. Gladys Rogers and her daughter, Mrs. LaPrade, from Miami, Florida, her two brothers, Fred and Cecil Corrin; Mrs. Jackson and Wm. Quine, Florida; Mrs. Gladys Butts; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moughtin; Mrs. Lu Britton and Mrs. May Wils of Chicago, Illinois.

WANTED !

Mr. William R. Kelly, First National Bank Building, Greeley, Colorado, is anxious to obtain a copy of Radcliffe's "Guide to the Isle of Man" which is now out of print. If anyone has a copy which they do not want or knows where one could be obtained, perhaps they would get in touch with Mr. Kelly.

Mr. George E. Mylroie, Box 263, Oakley, Idaho 83346, would like to obtain some old copies of the Bulletin. He has all the copies from No. 1 of Volume 4, December 1931, and would like to get copies of those printed prior to that date. If anyone has copies of these or knows where they might be obtained, would they please get in touch with Mr. Mylroie.

OBITUARIES

AUTY, Lloyd, L. of Lake Forest, Illinois, died on March 3rd., 1966 aged 77. after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, Elizabeth McClure, Cleveland, Ohio, and Ella Louise Mac Dougall, Subic Point, The Phillipines, and three grandchildren. Mr. Auty will be sadly missed by the Chicago Manx Society of which he was a member.

CALLOW, Mrs. Caroline, died on January 24th., 1966 at Virginia, Minnesota. She was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, on December 2nd., 1896, the daughter of Moses Thomas Shimmin, and came to the United States in 1922. She is survived by her husband, Robert W. An only son, Douglas, was killed on active service in the South Pacific during World War II. A brother, Bill Shimmin still resides in Virginia, Minn., and a nephew, Stanley Shimmin, in Downsview, Ontario.

CANNELL, R.A. (Alec). Services were held on Tuesday, April 19, in St. Columba Episcopal Church, Detroit, for R.A. (Alec) Cannell, 65, retired assistant district manager for the Cunard Steam-Ship Co., Ltd. Mr. Cannell died in Cottage Hospital, Detroit, on April 16.

Mr. Cannell came to Cleveland with his family as a child, from Douglas, Isle of Man. He was with the Cunard Company for 40 years before his retirement in 1961 and was well known in Cleveland travel and shipping circles. He served the company in Cleveland, Dayton and New York, and more recently in Detroit. He was one of the First Manx Homecoming Party in 1927 and was a member of the North American Manx Association.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie; a daughter, Mrs. Stephen Angelescu, Jr., of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; a son, Robert,

of Chicago; three grandchildren; a sister and brother, Gertrude Cannell and Douglas Cannell, of Lakewood, Ohio. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cannell, formerly in the jewellery business in Victoria Street, Douglas.

CARRAN, Nelson H., died on April 18th., 1966 in Lakewood, Ohio, at the age of 66. Mr. Carran was a widely known lawyer and member of the Cuyahoga, Cleveland and Florida bar associations and had been associated with Probate Court for 31 years. He was a brother of the late Charles A. Carran who was city manager of East Cleveland for many years. Surviving are his wife, Henrietta L., and three sisters, Mrs. Hugh G. Selby, Mrs. Eli Yale and Miss Harriet Carran.

CLUCAS, Tom and Helen. Tom Clucas of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, passed away in his sleep at the age of 84. His wife, Helen Shimmin of St. Marks, I.O.M., died a month before him aged 83. Both were in a nursing home in Medicine Hat at the time of death. They were members of the N.A.M.A.

CORTEEN, Hugh Moore, died on November 11th., 1965 at Buffalo, New York. Mr. Corteen was born at Laxey, Isle of Man, and lived in Douglas and Castletown before emigrating to Buffalo in 1927. He was a member of the Buffalo Manx Society and attended various N.A.M.A. conventions. He is survived by his wife, Letitia (Leece).

COSTAIN, James Ernest of Vancouver, died on May 1st., 1966 at the age of 84. He was predeceased by his wife, Catherine, 1961, and a daughter, Kathleen in 1958. Surviving are two daughters, Mildred and Madge (Mrs. D. Nordin), of Vancouver; one son, Ernest J., Victoria; 7 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 5 brothers, Eden, Wilby, Ben, Vancouver; Richard and Edward in the

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British Isles; 1 sister, Mrs. P. (Bessie) Varley, Vancouver.

In the passing of Mr. James Ernest Costain the Vancouver Manx Society has lost its last charter member. 'Ernie' as he was popularly known, came to Vancouver in 1907 and immediately interested himself in the Manx Society. During his membership he had held practically every office including 6 years as president. During the war years it is readily conceded that but for the loyalty of Ernie along with a few stalwarts, the Society could very easily have become more or less a has-been. The esteem in which he was held was made manifest by the large attendance of members of the Manx community and friends at the service at Mount Pleasant Funeral Parlors on May 4th. The service was conducted by Mr. W. Wain and interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

COWLEY, Mrs. Lillie M., died on October 16th., 1965 at the age of 83, in Portland, Oregon. She was born in Douglas, Isle of Man. Her Father was William Goldsmith who served many years in the House of Keys. She came to Portland in 1907 as the bride of Thomas Henry Cowley, also of Douglas. She is survived by two daughters, Phylles Cooper and Violet Couse, and two sons, Clifford and Gilbert Cowley, all of Portland. She is also survived by six grandchildren. She had attended two N.A.M.A. conventions, one in San Francisco and one in Vancouver.

FARNSWORTH, Annie died on April 23rd., 1966 at Landstuhl, Germany. She was the wife of the late Harry Farnsworth, and is survived by her daughter, Major Elizabeth I. Kewley, A.N.C., and a brother, Albert Davies, of Bolton, England. Mrs. Farnsworth was formerly a member of the Cleveland Manx.

GICK, William Henry died at his daughter's home in Derby, Kansas, on June 10th., 1964. He is survived by his daughter Mrs. R. L. (Imogene) Fleming; two grandsons, Gick Richard and Brent Douglas, and a sister, Emily Gick O'Brien. A wonderful person, doing so much good in the world, he is very sadly missed.

KEIG, Thomas, of Cleveland, Ohio, died on April 11th., 1966. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Elizabeth; sons, Thomas Jr., of Phoenix, Ariz., Norman G., of Gainesville, Fla., and Edward J.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

KELLY, Edwin Thomas, of Vancouver, B.C., died on January 24., 1966 aged

73. Mr. Kelly was born in Vancouver, his father, a painter by trade, having come to Canada from Laxey, Isle of Man. Mr. Kelly had been retired from his watchmaking business for a number of years. He was a talented musician and was for many years connected with the Lee Cooper orchestra. He is survived by two brothers, Clyde in Victoria, B.C.; Wilbert in U.S.A., and one sister Miss Bertha Kelly in Vancouver. His wife predeceased him in 1962.

KELLY, Mrs. Jemina Ann, 78, of Confluence, Pennsylvania, died on April 10th., 1966. Mrs. Kelly and her husband, Phillip Edward Kelly, left Belle Vernon about 20 years ago to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Mona Burnworth. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were born in Laxey, Isle of Man, she being the daughter of the late John and Jemina (Corkill) Lewin. Surviving besides her husband and daughter, is one grandson. A daughter, Margaret, died in infancy. Mrs. Kelly had been a member of the N.A.M.A. for many years.

KENNISH, Alfred Bert of Cleveland, Ohio, died suddenly on April 2nd., 1966 aged 59. He had been employed in Cleveland Public School system for 35 years and was Chief Custodian of John Marshall High School at the time of his death. He had been active for many years in the Ohio Association of Public School Employees and the State Employees Retirement System — currently serving as president of the latter. He was a son of Mrs. Margaret E. Abell and the late Bert Kennish. He was a member of the N.A.M.A. and of the Mona's Relief Society. Surviving are his wife, Lucille; his mother, Mrs. Margaret E. Abell; and sisters, Mrs. S. T. (Florence) Burrows, and Mrs. Michael (Margaret) Krach.

LITTLE, Anna Shannon, of Rochester, New York, died on May 3rd., 1966. She is survived by her husband, David W., one daughter, Mrs. Russell (Alice) Hayden of Calif.; two sons, Robert G. and James D., both of Rochester; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

MCDONNELL, Leslie of North Vancouver, died on March 4th., 1966, in his 77th year. With the passing of Leslie McDonnell the Vancouver Manx Society has lost a valuable member whose whole life has been tied up with everything that tended to the building up of the motto "The holding of our Heritage". He seldom missed a meeting and was always on hand when there was a helping hand

needed. His cheery presence will be missed by all who came into contact with him, and we feel sure they felt the world a better place to live in after knowing him. The sympathy of the Vancouver Manx Society and all his friends will go to his sorrowing wife and family. Mr. McDonnell was until recently secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society. He is survived by his wife, Jennie; sons, William R., Birmingham, Mich.; Eric A. and Donald L., Royal Oak, Mich., and Douglas M., Freemont, Calif.; daughters, Mrs. H. A. Craig, Ojai, Calif., and Mrs. L. N. Drom, Santa Maria, Calif., 23 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

PILKINGTON, C. Margaret of Hawthorne, California, died on February 25th., 1966 aged 69. Mrs. Pilkington, whose maiden name was Kelly, was born in Manchester, England, of Manx parentage, her father being from Douglas and her mother from Kirk Michael. She will be greatly missed by her fellow members of the Los Angeles Manx Society.

WADE, John E. of Rocky River, Ohio, died on March 27th., 1966 aged 75. For most of his working life Mr. Wade was associated with Brown Brothers Coal Co. of which he became president. When it was sold he became president of Regal Supply & Sales Co. A native of the Isle of Man, he was a member of the N.A.M.A. and the Mona's Relief Society. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; three brothers, William of Chicago, Cecil of Kansas City, Mo., and Robert A., and three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Patterson, Mrs. Ruth Gerber and Mrs. Evelyn Cass.

WERNER, Mrs. Emilie of Sandusky, Ohio, died on March 9th., 1966 aged 92. Mrs. Werner, whose maiden name was Daws, was born in the Isle of Man and came to the United States at the age of 20. She was for many years a member of the N.A.M.A. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Lillian Raymond.

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

The Li'l People

Born — on April 30th., 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Kelly of Galva, Ill., a daughter, Denise Ann. Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Kelly of Galva are the proud grandparents.

Born — on April 17th., 1966 to Peter and June Pattison (née Dunbar) of Toronto, Ont., a son, Graham, a brother for Louise.