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"Ollick ghennal as blien vie noa"
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The entire Executive Committee of the N.A.M.A. wishes all Manx people and friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's keep the spirit of goodwill and friendship of Christmastime all through the coming year and make 1967 the most wonderful our Association has ever known.

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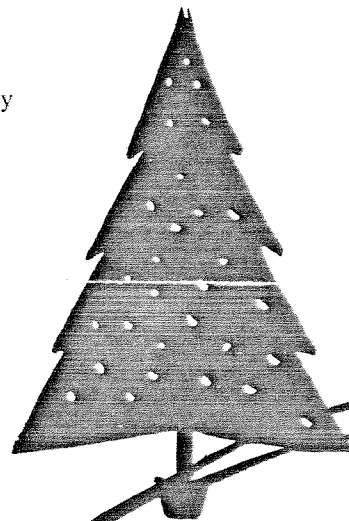
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World Manx Association

The officers and committee of the World Manx Association, here in the Isle of Man, take pleasure in wishing All our Manx Friends in Canada and the United States "A Very Merry Christmas and a truly Happy and Contented New Year."

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CAT WEEK CELEBRATED

The week ending November 5th., 1966 was observed as "Cat Week" in the United States, a salute to America's most popular pets. The annual Chicago Cat Show was held October 29th. and 30th. and our own Ruth and Ellen Carlson exhibited two of their prize winning kittens. The majority of the cats' pictures were printed in the magazine section of the Daily News, November 5th. Quoting from the same, the caption under Manx cats reads — "Manx — it is easy to spot a Manx cat — it has no tail. This breed has extremely high hindquarters and short forequarters which cause it to waddle slightly. Nevertheless, the Manx is easily the fastest of all domestic cats. However, it is not a good climber and, as a result, Manx cats do not usually show too much interest in birds or birds' nests. But they will take on any dog who happens along and as a general rule will not allow strange dogs on their property."

**WORLD MANX GATHERING
MANX SOCIETIES WELL REPRESENTED**

Feature of the World Manx Association annual Tynwald Day Gathering in the Fort Anne Hotel was the stirring speeches made by leading members of Manx Societies.

At the outset a warm welcome was extended to the company by Mr. Harold Cain, M.H.K., President, who said how delighted he was that the event was so well attended.

He was followed by Mr. W. Harry Kelly, of Cleveland, U.S.A., one of the best known figures among Manx Americans.

In an eloquent speech full of good humour, he spoke of the links which had been forged through the years between the Manx folk overseas at home and he praised the work of the World Manx Association in fostering this.

FORMED IN 1851

He told his hearers, too, of the work of the Mona Relief Society in Cleveland which was the oldest Manx Society in the world having been formed in 1851.

Meetings had been held continuously since that time and though there were now many national groups and societies in Cleveland the Manx organisation was the oldest and they were the only society of the kind to have such an old established relief organisation. It was of course founded to help Manxmen and their widows and children who were in need. There was a committee of three — Mrs. Kelly had been a member for "umpteens years" and their work was carried out quietly and the payments and beneficiaries were not disclosed.

To-day the fund stood at about 20,000 dollars, or in the region of £7,000.

Mr. Kelly also referred to the burial ground in the Highland Park cemetery where they had 160 graves now and 77 Manx people were buried there.

It was sometimes said there were as many Manx people in Cleveland as there were in the Isle of Man and whether that was true or not he could say there were "an awful lot" of Manx men and women in Cleveland.

They were all immensely proud of their Manx heritage and of the fact that the Cleveland medal was so highly regarded at the Music Guild.

Finally, he hoped that grand organisation, the W.M.A. would continue its work for many years to come.

Mr. J.D. Kelly, a Past President of the Transvaal Manx Society and a very active member, brought greetings from his Society and a message was also sent to the meeting from the Society's President.

Mr. Kelly said it was a "most wonderful homecoming" for him. He went out to South Africa in 1913 and he remembered in the early days a Manx picnic out there attended by as many as 225 people. The numbers dwindled to 12 or 14 but lately there had been a revival and now they had about 60 and the membership was still on the upgrade. He hoped they would go on from strength to strength. He described Mr. Marshall Kelly, of Johannesburg, the secretary, as a very bright light in the Society and he was noted for translating everything from English into Manx.

He thanked those who had shown him round the Island during his visit and for all the kindness he had received.

Mr. Philip Moore, a Member of the South African Parliament, was the next speaker. He, too, paid tribute to the work of the W.M.A. and acknow-

Mr. Harold Cain announced that efforts are being made to encourage the formation of societies of young Manx men and women. He revealed that he had lately been talking to two Manxmen from East Cleveland, one of whom is a nephew of Mrs. Gawne, of Peel, and said they are going to pioneer an organisation of this kind. The pair came over for the T.T. Races and were disappointed with the cancellation but the President had entertained them and shown them films of the races. They were very keen to start a society of younger Manx folk in Cleveland.

Mr. Cain spoke of the possibility of another Homecoming — maybe by air — and he said the W.M.A. had also hoped to have a delegation of Manx folk at the last N.A.M. Convention but August was a time of the year when people found it difficult to get away and the project fell through. He expressed gratitude for the work of the Manx Societies in visiting those in hospital.

He thanked the warm welcome Manxmen and women always received on their return home.

He always regretted, he said, that he had never learned the Manx language when he was a boy in Peel.

Both his parents were Manx speaking and he appealed for a revival of interest and more efforts to inoculate a love of the Island and its heroes among the younger generation.

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LOOKING THROUGH MY LOOKING-GLASS ONCE AGAIN

Long years ago when I was very young, memories started to store away in my brain attic. Now, in the declining years of my life I think I will start dragging a few of those memories out of that attic and see how many more Manx people remember some of those things I stored away.

My very first memory is of my sister taking me away from Douglas to visit some relations in England, and the terrifying experience of seeing the pier, with my parents standing there waving to us, all of a sudden start going away from us. We must have all had that strange feeling some time or another — the boat seemingly standing still and the pier moving away. I can still see myself howling for my mother. I was three years old.

My next memory is being promised a trip to Bellevue to see the bears in the cave or I should say the bear pit. My father did take me but a great disappointment awaited us. The bears had gone back to a circus in England. Of course I had to let out another howl, so to compensate me, my Dad took me into the Victory to see the death of Nelson. Well, you can imagine what that did for me. That awful wax figure with men bending over it and a bowl of water with red colouring in to make believe blood. I was petrified and no one could convince me that it was not a dead man I was looking at. It certainly appears that day was a very sorry day for me, so up into the attic that memory went to be dragged out so many years later.

Then come a very few, very vague memories of standing on the front door step watching the lighthouse turn on the revolving light for the first time and the wonder of it all. And memories also very vague of the pier going out from the bottom of Broadway. The joy of going to the shore, of taking our shoes off, putting our stockings inside them and tying the laces together to hang them round our necks and then tucking up our dresses and paddling all day long, usually to be brought home by my father who used to read me the riot act for not coming home to dinner. Then the donkey rides. I was never satisfied with the trot along the shore. No, I had to come home on the donkey and I used to feel I was a queen, but my Dad did not think so. He used to have to pay sixpence to go home up Broadway to Hutchison Square and it was only threepence along the shore.

These memories are very sweet to me and I expect some of the exact things

are the same to dozens more who went through the same years that I did. Oh, mine was a happy childhood, although I was born into a family the last child of nine and my mother and Dad were fifty years old by that time. My eldest sister was 27 years when I was born and my nephews and nieces were not very much younger than myself.

Now come my early school days. Hanover Street was my first school. Oh! That first long and never ending day. I can see that classroom yet and the teacher, Florrie Sayle I am sure her name was. At the age of six years I remember sewing on a little holland apron in school and the very great joy of winning a prize when it was entered in the Fine Arts and Industrial Guild held at the Palace. The joy was somewhat overshadowed by my almost losing my life with diphtheria. That of course was before the anti-toxin was discovered. At least I had the money prize and the illuminated certificate and our doctor, who was at that time Dr. Hoops, doubled my prize money. Of course I was still in the infants.

Then, horror of horrors, I was old enough to go upstairs. I really was petrified at that. The Headmistress unfortunately was a very cross person and the tales I had heard about her scared me to death. Poor soul, I wonder if we all thought of her in the wrong way. In any case she had a very bad habit of flying off the handle at the least thing. One instance — there was a grocery store in Strand Street called Johnsons and several times, before Christmas, they had the idea of advertising by issuing to all the schools, tickets that allowed the children to have a piece of the fruit cakes that they cut up. As we gave up our tickets at the entrance door we were given the cake and a little book and sometimes an orange as well and then we walked through and out the back door. This particular day happened to be one of the Headmistress's bad ones, so instead of getting our tickets, we sat there and saw her tear them all up and throw them into the waste paper basket. We were all very scared and I expect very mad at her. Some of the mothers reported it to Johnson's store and they paid her a visit with the result that we got our cake another day.

Somewhere about then came the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and all the excitement of learning the songs we were to sing at the huge concert held at the Palace. How many still remember the words of that song? I do and here is the chorus, dragged out of that dark recess of the attic.

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MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A most successful meeting of the Executive Committee of the N.A.M.A. was held on Saturday, November 19th., in Detroit, Michigan, the following members being present: Messrs. Norman D. Clucas, Sam Penrice, Bob Kelly, Stan Shimmin, Rev. Alexander Cock, Mrs. Helen Clucas, Mrs. Margaret Krach and Miss Margaret Joughin.

It was felt that specific duties and responsibilities should be assigned to the Vice-Presidents and these were allocated as follows: —

- 1st Vice-President — Finance
- 2nd Vice-President — Membership and Regional Directors
- 3rd Vice-President — Publicity

It was decided that a convention will be held in either the first or second week of August, 1967. Details will be published later.

Smugglers Joy

"Smugglers Joy" is a recently published book about the smuggling trade in the Isle of Man of the 18th. Century and would make very interesting reading for anyone familiar with the Isle of Man and its people.

It is written by Diana Valk, widow of Frederick Valk the famous actor, and a descendent of Patrick Quirk of Santon, whose son left the Island in 1809 to find work in Liverpool. She is a regular visitor to the Island.

The book costs 25/- (Post 1/3) and can be ordered from the publishers: William MacLellan, 240 Hope Street, Glasgow C. 2, Scotland, or from the Norris Modern Press, Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.

To My Manx Friends in Cleveland, Ohio.

A memorable visit!
At which I saw the lovely views
Of my dear old "Ellan Vannin"
And a chance to hear the news.

A memorable visit!!
In more ways than just one —
To meet some new Manx friends
And to speak of those long gone.

A memorable visit !!!
And one I hold most dear —
Which brought my own Manx homeland
Across the seas — to HERE!

Effie C. Cooke-Stevens,
formerly from
Eureka House
12 Mount Havelock,
Douglas, Isle of Man.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SAN FRANCISCO

We held our first meeting since May — in Wawona Hall — on September 24th. and to an onlooker, it could appear as either a large family reunion or a local dental convention. Yes, we were pleased to see each other.

Mrs. Dorothy Quayle has returned from a five-months visit in the British Isles and Mrs. Eleanor Rushby — Mrs. Flora Craine's sister from England — will spend as many months here. This is Mrs. Rushby's second visit in two years and flying to San Francisco, Mmes Quayle and Rushby were planemates. The Donald Whitakers are still "over there".

We shall hold our Christmas Party on December 10th. And, to each member of our society and their families everywhere, your San Francisco branch joins me in this double wish:

A Merry Christmas
A Happy New Year

Stanley A. Johnson,
Secretary.

ROCHESTER

Around this time of the year an enchantment seems to be in the air. It is a delightfully contagious enchantment for both young and old. It fills all hearts with peace, good will and mirth.

The Rochester Manx Folk hope that this enchantment will be with all our good friends everywhere. And when the New Year rolls around, may good health and fortune call on all of you and stay from the beginning to the end.

Alice Garrett,
Regional Director.

MONTREAL

We have had no meetings this fall but arrangements have been made to hold our Christmas Party on Friday, December 9th., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly in Verdun.

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.

Strong hands to weak, old hands to young, around the Christmas Board, touch hands.

The false forget, the foe forgive, for every guest will go and every fire burn low and cabin empty stand.

Forget, forgive, for who may say that

Christmas day may ever come to host or guest again.
Touch hands!

Douglas Corlett, Treasurer.
J. Victor Joughin, Secretary.

BISBEE

The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Rothery who had planned a very interesting evening with novel games and prizes and a very happy time was enjoyed by all. In September the meeting was at the home of Mr. Fred Corrin who, with his brother Cecil and sister Ivy Dillon, showed pictures of their trip to the Isle of Man and Europe this summer. The October meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Maddern and November at Mr. Arnold Corrin's home.

The Bisbee Manx send best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year to all.

Ivy Dillon.

CLEVELAND

We had a second picnic this year, on Sunday, September 11, at Lakewood Park. As there are no concessions in this park, the afternoon was spent in friendly visiting. Mrs. Alice Cottier Schmidt from California and Mrs. Sophia Brown from Texas were our out-of-town guests.

On September 13, we had our first meeting of the fall season at our east-side hall. We had a speaker from the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, whose subject was "Beyond the Barriers", assuring us that any place in the world can be reached by phone. He illustrated this with a film.

Our October 11 meeting was held in a church on the west side, where we had a very good attendance. Another film from Ohio Bell, illustrative of the life of Mr. Alexander G. Bell, was shown.

Despite a very severe electrical storm, a large crowd attended the November 8 meeting to see the pictures Mr. Harry Kelly had taken on his vacation in the Isle of Man this past summer. He had time to show only half of his slides, so we can look forward to another evening of beautiful pictures in the new year. Since the Island was blessed with good weather this past summer, the flowers were in profusion. Everyone was interested in seeing the changes on the Island, the many new modern homes and the familiar faces of relatives and friends on the screen.

The Cleveland Manx Society wishes

to extend to all Manx persons wishing for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

GALVA

Sixty "Manxmen" in the Galva responded to the invitation to a "four o'clock Manx Tea" which was to feature foods with a "Manx Flare" on Sunday November 13. A lovely table decorated with fall fruits and vegetables symbolic of fall harvest and centered by the "Mheillia" made a lovely background for the serving table, which, in addition to cold meats, salads and cakes was over-flowing with English plum pudding, mince pies, "maid of honor" tarts, scones, soda bread, blackberry jam and herring. Generous supplies of tea, coffee and lemonade were available.

The committee who made the arrangements for the tea, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cubbon and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Binge also arranged a timely program, paying tribute to poet T. E. Brown and the harvest season. Mrs. Palmer related the story of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Antor Lawson and Mrs. Arthur Johnson each read one of his poems in Manx dialect. John H. Clarke related the stories of the Harvest Home festival and the Mheillia. The committee crowned Mrs. Clarke as queen of the Mheillia. Bringing in the Sheaves was sung by the group and Rev. Clarke sang a solo. Matthew and John Clucas of Kewanee and Raymond Binge provided instrumental music. The program closed with a Manx songfest with Nelrose Corkill at the piano.

Mrs. Merrill presided at the business session when officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Leon Lewin, President; Everett Quinney, Vice-President; and Mrs. Clyde Collinson, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Lewin's grandfather came to Galva from I.O.M. 110 years ago. The group will place bound copies of the Journal of the Manx Museum in the Galva Public library in memory of deceased members.

Miss Cathy Prime, of England, Galva's A.F.S. student was among the guests. Towns represented were Altona, Cambridge, Elmwood, Kewanee, Pekin, Knoxville, Brimfield and Peoria, and Galva.

May your hearts be greatly warmed and filled with the Spirit of Christmas in the wish of the Manx folk in the Galva area.

Leon Lewin — President
Everett Quinney — Vice-president
Mrs. Clyde Collinson — Secretary-treas.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society Exhibits Manx Culture

The Chicago Manx Society had an exhibit of Manx culture at the Seventh Annual International Folk Fair, Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16, 1966 at Navy Pier in Chicago. For the past six years they have been a part of the British exhibit. This year, they represented the Isle of Man as a country on its own, at the same time recognizing the North American Manx Association. There was an attendance of over 300,000 each day; with exhibits from forty-one national groups displaying crafts from their homeland. There were glass blowers, lace makers, silversmiths, wood carvers, etc. Through the courtesy of our own Ruth and Ellen Carlson, proprietors of the Glen Orry Manx Cattery, West Chicago, Illinois, the Manx booths had the only live exhibit at the Folk Fair. The Manx cat exhibit seems to draw huge crowds each year. The booth was most attractive, with woolens from both Moore's Mills and St. George's Mills, linens, bric-a-brac and rare Manx coins. We are indebted once more to Harold Callister for his beautiful posters. There was a large scroll on display of the Lord's Prayer in Manx Gaelic, with English translations under each line, made by Harold Callister. Also on display, was a shadow box, in three dimensions, of a Manx thatched cottage, made by Cecil Kelly, which was a conversation piece. Mr. Kelly was responsible for furnishing the main attractions at the booth.

When Jean Davie of Onchan, Isle of Man, exchange art teacher to one of Chicago's high schools, visited Chicago and saw some of the sketches Cecil was playing around with, she told him he must go on and finish them. He accepted the challenge and had his picture finished for the Folk Fair. Jean Davis visited the Folk Fair in 1965. When her school year in Chicago came to an end, she brought the Manx posters she had had on display at the school to the Chicago Manx Society. They helped to make a fine back drop for the booth.

We are also indebted to the British Travel Information Bureau in Chicago for their beautiful posters and travel folders on the Island.

The Chicago Manx Society is proud to have this opportunity to publicize the Isle of Man. It is really amazing how little people know about the Island. Everyone seems extremely interested in hearing what we have to tell them. The Chairman and Co-Chairman of the booth were Robert Kelly, President, and Charles T. Corrin, Vice-President

of the Chicago Manx Society. They wish to thank each one who helped in any way to make the effort worthwhile.

To our Manx friends everywhere, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, with the best of good wishes and this Christmas prayer; May the Peace of God be everywhere.

Robert Kelly, President
Charles T. Corrin, 1st Vice-President
Clarence E. Creer, 2nd Vice-President
Emily I. Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer.

TORONTO

The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Manx Society was held on September 23rd. at 1010 Gerrard St. East and opened with the singing of Ellen Vannin with Mrs. Hilda Penrice at the piano. The President, Mrs. Oakley, welcomed friends and visitors and hoped everyone had a good summer. Mrs. Teare and her daughter Dorothy, visitors from the Isle of Man, attended the meeting as did Mrs. Pauline Sugars, a new member of the Toronto Society.

The new officers elected were:

President — Mrs. Minnie Oakley
Vice-President — Mr. Stan Shimmin
Secretary — Mrs. Dot Hall
Treasurer — Mrs. Shirley Homer
Refreshments — Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Mitchell
Entertainment — Mr. Frank Williamson and Mr. Ed. Fick.

Mr. Jack Nivison, J. P., M. L. C., Chairman of the Gaming Board of Control and of the Social Security Board and member of the Isle of Man Tourist Board, and Mr. Cregeen, Clerk of Tynwald, who had been touring Canada with the Ottawa Parliamentary Conference group had made arrangements to attend the opening meeting of the Toronto Society. Mrs. Mona English, a long time friend of Mr. Nivison, introduced him. He spoke of his tour of Canada and the different way of life to that of the Island and was given a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Fred Caveen. Mr. Nivison's brother, Alex., who lives in Trenton was introduced to the Society. Mr. Nivison and Mr. Cregeen were wonderful ambassadors for the Island and met each individual person to take back messages to relations and friends.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Mitchell and the meeting ended with the singing of Ellen Vannin and O Land of Our Birth.

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

Dot Hall,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER

On behalf of the members and committee of the Vancouver Manx Society I would like to send Season's Greetings to the North American Manx, and our thanks for the Bulletin which we all enjoy receiving.

All the very best for the coming year,
John D. Cannell,
President.

LOS ANGELES

Three men set out to follow a Star,
A star that was bright and clear,
At the end of their journey
They found a stable which sheltered
a baby so dear
At his feet they laid gifts, Gold, Frank-
insence and Myrrh,
To give thanks for the gift of a child
so rare
Ans so began the custom held to this
day
To give presents to our loved ones
To celebrate Christmas day.

Greetings to Manxmen all. It is a real pleasure to take this opportunity to show genuine appreciation for the pleasant relations of the past years. The Holiday season is always the time for the expression of good will, and in the spirit of friendship, these hearty wishes are extended to all relations, friends, and pen pals, with the hope that a Bright and Happy New Year will bring an overflowing measure of good health and happiness to you all.

Lillian Marion-Tipper.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, Mona's Relief Society

The Ladies' Auxiliary, Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland, Ohio, extend Season's Greetings to Manx friends everywhere. A Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Florence Gell,
Secretary.

THE STAR OF INDIA

The Star of India Auxiliary were presented, earlier this year, with a flag from the Isle of Man by Mrs. Ivan Finn who was born in the Island and is a member of N.A.M.A.. The Star is an iron sailing ship built in the Isle of Man and now used as a maritime museum in San Diego, California. During the last two years the auxiliary has presented to the ship a galley stove from a sailing ship of the same era, six display cases, main hatch cover, upholstery in the main saloon, and lamps and lanterns from England for the main saloon and chart room.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mr. J. T. Shimmin celebrated his 90th birthday on September 21. It was a quiet day for him, although he was remembered by many, many friends who sent birthday greetings. He enjoyed some good Peel kippers sent out to him from Moores.

Mrs. Percy Kelly (Mona) of Rochester took advantage of being closer to the continent while visiting the Isle of Man for the summer and had a delightful tour, visiting Austria, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

The Kelly's reported that the weather was beautiful all summer on the Island and they were reluctant to leave and return to Rochester in September.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Hocker and Mr. & Mrs. Dale Collinson and family entertained over 200 friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collinson of Galva at an "open house" honoring their 40th wedding anniversary, on Sunday October 23. Mrs. Collinson (Hilda Kennaugh) and her husband have resided on a farm near Galva all of their married life. The party was held in Epworth Hall in First Methodist Church, Galva.

Flo and Fred Gorry of Cleveland, Ohio, had the pleasure of entertaining Flo's sister and husband, Kitty and John Morris of Peel, Isle of Man, during the month of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris enjoyed their visit to America and meeting all their Manx friends. A trip to Niagara was the highlight of their stay.

There was a mistake in the address given in the last Bulletin for Mrs. Ivy (Colquitt) Christian. It should be 902 (not 909) Beckley Manor, 548 Dallas Road, Victoria, B.C.

Mr. T. A. (Arthur) Shimmin retired in September from the Edison Company in Chicago and he and his wife have moved to Florida to live. Before they left for Florida they spent several days visiting Arthur's father and sister (Mrs. Ethel Christian) in Cleveland.

In the September issue of the American magazine "Trains" there was a wonderful tribute to the Manx transportation system (three pages to be exact) showing the steam trains, the

electric trains, the toast racks and the Manx boats, with a running commentary. The Chicago Manx Society sent a copy of this issue of "Trains" to the Manx Museum and the Secretary has received a letter from the Museum Trustees gratefully acknowledging it.

Mrs. Ethel Christian and her father enjoyed a visit this summer from Margaret and John Lowe, formerly of Chicago and old neighbours of theirs. They were en route to their home at Fort Pierce, Florida, from a summer in Chicago and Canada. John is from Kirk Michael, I.O.M., and since his retirement has wintered at Fort Pierce.

They were also delighted to have a visit from Mona, Clarence and Judy Creer from Orland Park, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner of Grand Mère, Québec, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October.

Bill Shimmin, who is retiring after 27 years of testing drivers on the Isle of Man, issued a plea to girls not to turn up for their tests in miniskirts. Examiners are only human, he said and "an attractive pair of legs reaching down for the foot controls from a miniskirt is liable to take an examiner's eyes off the road."

LONDON HELD KIPPER PARTY

The Isle of Man is gaining valuable publicity as a result of the Tourist Board's stand at the big Cycle and Motor-Cycle Show at Earl's Court, we are informed by Mr. W. S. Rosee, press secretary to the London Manx Society.

Quite a number of Manx folk on the stand managed to attend Saturday night's "kipper party" organised by the Society, at the Regent Square Hall, which opened with a successful bring-and-buy sale. All were warmly welcomed by President, Mr. R. E. Woods and Mrs. Woods.

Then came the meal, with genuine Manx kippers direct from the Island, with bonnagos, soda cakes, potato cakes, and pastries supplied by the enthusiastic ladies.

Two films of the Island were shown and Mr. Peter Cain gave several excellent readings in Manx dialect of some of the works of T. E. Brown and Charles Craine.

Reprinted from the Mona's Herald

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

On Saturday evening September 17, Barth Hall of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit was the scene of a testimonial dinner honoring the Rev. Alexander M. Cock, Assistant Minister of St. Hilda's Church in River Rouge, and Chaplain of the N.A.M.A.

Originally planned by the people of his church, the project soon spread among his many associates in the Masonic Fraternity and finally became a community wide affair.

The dinner was preceded by a service of Holy Communion in the Cathedral. The Rt. Rev. Richard Emrich, Bishop of Michigan was the celebrant and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Cock and Mr. Byrne. The dinner which followed was attended by a representative gathering of Mr. and Mrs. Cock's many friends and neighbors, in church, fraternal and business circles. Bishop Emrich was the principal speaker and presented Mr. & Mrs. Cock with a plaque of the Seal of the Diocese of Michigan. Mrs. Cock was presented with a beautiful white orchid by the ladies of the church, and Mr. Cock was presented with a "purse" to provide for a trip for Mrs. Cock and himself to the Isle of Man, Scotland and England.

A LOOK AT AN OLD MANX BARN

A typical Manx barn of the old days has been reconstructed in the Manx Museum and a wide range of implements just as one might have found them looking around a building of this kind maybe the best part of a century ago

The main impression one carries away after an inspection of the barn is of the self-sufficiency of the Manx farmer of the old days.

The farm equipment is laid out in a natural setting and of exceptional interest are the large implements and vehicles which are now rapidly disappearing from the scene because of the introduction of mechanised farming.

In fact some of the items have not been used for many years locally.

But the men of the soil in bygone days were very much dependent for their survival on implements which had to be made locally — these formed part of the life of the people of the countryside.

This collection has been assembled from different parts of the Island.

The barn itself is typical of the North where the absence of natural rock led to a skilful method of building using rounded boulders and stones from the beach.

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A look at an old Manx Barn

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The replica of a Manx barn was in fact built with cobbler stones from the beach at the Pointe of Ayre.

Horsehair was mixed with the mortar — the object was to bind it together more effectively.

"MANKILLER RAKE"

Looking at the array of implements one finds a "mankiller rake" — strongly spiked which the women as well as men used to rake the hay.

There is a horse drawn hay tumbler and the old fashioned milk float bears the name "Ballacreggan" and came from Mr. J. C. Cooil and is marked "No. 1 Rushen."

The seed drill nearby came from the Tyson's when they farmed in Glen Auldyn.

The hand turned winnowing machine to separate the grain from the chaff, a smithy made turnip slicer and a barrow-type water butt are of special interest. The latter was used to cart water from the river to a cottage in the country — long before the days of a piped water supply. A wheel which has been incorporated into the vehicle has obviously been the wheel of a mangle with the handle knocked off!

This sort of improvisation is evident in several instances. The heather blooms, the shepherd's crook, chain lankets for the sheep and a fiddle for sowing corn (this kind of implement is still in use) and a hay bogey are also on view.

The hay bogey is a particularly fine example and was picked up from J. T. Kinrade's. Kilbregga, Sulby Glen.

In another corner of the barn one sees the stone weights which were used for the cheese press. These are heavy and cumbersome.

There is too a shell crusher. The need to provide grit for the poultry was of course the reason for this process. It was the custom to use tanrogan shells for the purpose.

A long box-type affair generally in use are the harrows — a toothed implement drawn over ploughed land to level it or break the clods, or cover the seed when sown.

GORSE BUSH ARROW

But in earlier times, I was told at the Museum, it was also customary to use a gorse bush harrow.

This was dragged round the field — sometimes with children standing on it to apply pressure to dig into the ground. The last instance of this use occurred in Maughold.

To itemise the contents of the barn such as the horse harness, binder twine,

etc., would take up too much space here. But enough has been written to indicate that the barn in the Manx "treasure-house" (the Museum) is a feature which is well worth presenting.

A DAIRY

Moving a few steps away from the barn you will find a dairy, typical of the small dairy which was commonly a part of the farm house.

The slate slab or "bink" was found at Ballacreggan, and the cheese press, operated by a stone weight, was from Ballacarnane, Michael.

The staff churn, now rarely used, has a place in the setup, there is the familiar round table for the butter, a hot water "bithag" to start warming up the cheese, and again completely in character there is a scrupulously clean slate slab floor.

The window came from the Garey and scratched on it with a diamond ring is the name "Thomas Curphey."

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World Manx Gathering

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From Sydney, New South Wales, Mrs. Craig brought greetings and good wishes and she was followed later by Mrs. Ivy Dillon, of Arizona, U.S.A., who said what a great happiness it was to be back in the Island they left in 1919.

"This is our first visit home since then," she said, "and we think the Island is as beautiful as ever."

Referring to the Tynwald ceremony Mr. Cecil Corrin suggested that for the benefit of the onlookers who wanted to see the top figures in the ceremony the canopy at the top of the hill should be raised.

At present the Governor and the principals were concealed.

Back after 44 years.

Mrs. Killey, of Capetown, South Africa, briefly said: "It is a great pleasure to come back here after 44 years and see the old Island where I was born and all my people."

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kelly, of Rochester, were over again on a visit and Mr. Kelly reminded the audience that if any Manx people were passing through Rochester or New York they would be warmly welcomed.

A Manx Song

The Misses Flo and Ann Crellin of Akron, Ohio, who have made many gifts of books to the Peel Library were given a great reception when they sang, unaccompanied, a song in Manx. This was one of the highlights of the gathering.

Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Wills, from Chicago, U.S.A., gave a message of good wishes as did Mr. Quine, of Florida, U.S.A., who said of the W.M.A.: "We are thankful for your work."

His sister, Mrs. Jackson, also said a few words of appreciation and added: "Each time we come the Isle of Man is prettier."

Another overseas visitor was Mrs. Dorothy Quayle of San Francisco.

The representatives from Manx societies in England included Mrs. Clarke, who advised Manx people in London to get in touch with the Society's secretary, Mrs. Mary Weller, formerly of Bride (Mrs. Clarke is the wife of Mr. Philip Clarke of Peel).

Leading the Manx contingent from Blackpool was Mrs. V. Clague, President, who expressed greetings.

Two representatives of the Manx Social Society and Choir addressed the meeting and one of these, Mr. Palin, President for many years, recalled his association with this Society over a period of over 40 years when the first glee party was formed with Mr. Chas. Craine, W.M.A. secretary as conductor. He took over the baton from Mr. Stephen Kelly. The other speaker for the Society was Mrs. Greenhalgh.

Mr. Caley of the Manchester Manx Society, brought good wishes and a representative of the Wirral Manx Society told of visits to Manx patients in Clatterbridge Hospital, and finally Miss E. Simmonds spoke of the activities of the Manx Society of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The Mayor of Douglas, Councillor Alex. Moore, gave an official welcome to the guests to Douglas, and a bouquet was presented to the Mayoress, also to Mrs. Craine, wife of the W.M.A. Secretary.

The Rev. Fred M. Cubbon described his visit to Australia and New Zealand and the contacts he had made with Manx folk "Down Under."

There was loud applause when Mr. Craine announced that among the telegrams of good wishes he had received was one from Jim and Dora Norton-Kelly in Czechoslovakia.

Other messages came from Mr. Norman Clucas, President of the N.A.M.A. Mr. John R. Cain of the Cleveland Manx, Mr. T. C. Southward, Auckland, New Zealand, Mr. J. E. Kneale, New South Wales, Mrs. Newell of Perth, Australia, who has formed a new Manx Society out there, Mr. F. Williamson, Secretary of the Toronto Manx, who had been on a visit to the Island just recently and from Mr. Karran, Liverpool Manx Society

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Looking through my looking glass once again

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Let us shout Hurrah, and give three ringing cheers.

For a grand and noble Queen with a reign of sixty years.

Events like this don't often come, And seldom do you see.

A King or Queen with such a reign and a Diamond Jubilee.

The Boer war came in somewhere about that time too, with the relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking and all the excitement of the parades the school children walked in carrying flags. I was one of the embarrassed ones for when my mother went to buy my flag there was a shortage and they started cutting the flags in four pieces. I was one of the children who was waving a quarter of a flag, much to my dismay and, I may add, disgust. There were many more in the same boat, but it did not lessen my dislike for the idea. I must have been a miniature snob at that early time for all I could think of was that people would think we could not afford a whole flag. It was only when I saw so many more children with the quarter flags that I was a little more easy on the subject. The war ended and very soon after the Queen passed on I remember Mr. Fielding, the Headmaster of Murray's Road School, putting on an operetta called The British Empire. I was one of the 8 little angels, Ahem, who sang over the soldiers on the battle field.

I am sure there must be some people left who remember all the excitement of Bugler Dunn coming home. I stood along with hundreds more in Victoria Street as he marched from the boat. There was the awful black day when Dumbell's bank failed and so many Manx people lost all their savings and the trial of Mr. Bruce who live almost at the back of our house. The memory of the Laxey mine disaster is very vivid and the parade they held in Douglas to gather money for the families of those who lost their lives.

There is always some particular thing that keeps the memory alive and my particular thing was seeing a few of the lads who drove along in a carriage dressed up in women's clothes and had the fun of their lives pretending it was a Manx wedding. So many years ago but it seems like yesterday.

Then came the big event in my life: my sister Louie's wedding, a big one for those days with four bridesmaids, a big breakfast and a much larger event at night with all the trimmings and supper. Albert Rowel was best man and as the Island knows he became a big business man in Douglas. Before

he married he used to board with my mother's friend and as a little girl I used to pound out on the piano with one finger "The Absent-minded Beggar" which we sang together

The wedding was a big disappointment to me as they would not let me be a bridesmaid. Too young they said. I was thirteen years. They consoled me by letting me have a new dress and be on the wedding picture. I still have that picture. I never really got over my disappointment for I never again had the chance to be a bridesmaid.

Who remembers Maggie and George Bent or Brent who used to sell buttonholes at the bottom of Broadway. I thought they were very handsome. I can hear them now saying — ROSES, penny the cornflowers; the roses always in a louder voice and the cornflowers very low. Good business for them I expect.

I could go on for ages but I expect by now you are all fed up with my memories and are saying to yourselves, Who cares? Well, I would like to say that this article is just my thoughts put on paper and to give a few of the older members a chance to compare and see if they still have many of my own memories. So with this I will end my reminiscences and wish all Manx members both old and young.

Very good health with love,

Lillian Marrion Tipper.

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There was enthusiastic applause when the Secretary announced that a special greeting had been sent by the Speaker of the House of Keys who were that day celebrating their centenary.

During the proceedings Mr. Philip Gelling, Cleveland Medal winner, rendered songs, accompanied by Miss Emily Christian, L.R.A.M., at the piano.

Well deserved tributes were paid during the speeches to the President, Mr. Harold Cain and to the Secretary, Mr. Chas. Craine.

Presentation to Secretary

But the highlights of the proceedings came when Mr. Cain presented Mr. Craine with a cheque in a leather wallet. This gift had been subscribed to by members of the Manx Societies and was in fitting recognition of his services over the past thirty-three years.

Mr. Craine was very touched by the presentation and expressed his thanks. There was a word of praise, too, for Mrs. Craine who had helped her husband so much.

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OBITUARIES

CANNEL, Stanley died in New Zealand in October. He was born in Kirk Michael and was a resident of the North Island of New Zealand for many years.

JAMES, Gregory Edward of North Vancouver died on September 25th., 1966 aged 8. Gregory was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted James who have two other sons, Bruce and Trevor. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. James, Douglas, Isle of Man, and Mrs. M. Morgan, West Vancouver

KELLY, Mrs. Jennie, of 1335 Cumberland Avenue, San Leandro, formerly of Lomita died on September 15th., 1966 aged 86. Mrs. Kelly was from Peel, Isle of Man, and is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Eileen and Joseph Richard Langlois of San Leandro, California, and a sister Margaret Hudgeon of Ohio.

PINNEY, Mrs. Elinor K. of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, died on October 25th., 1966 at the age of 62. She was the beloved wife of T. M. Pinney.

SMITH, Viola A. (née Peake) of 3011 Schoolview Road, Eden, N.Y., died suddenly on June 19th., 1966. Viola attended several conventions over the years and assisted at the Buffalo one and her passing will be regretted by her many old friends. She was the beloved wife of Arthur E. Smith.

To relatives and friends of the above we extend heartfelt sympathy.