

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

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## Message from the President:

In the last issue of the Bulletin, there was a report on the meeting of your Executive Committee which was held in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, November 19, 1966.

In this report, you were advised of the assignment of special duties for each of our Vice-Presidents. These obligations were readily accepted by your officers who have shown time and again that they stand ready and willing to do whatever is necessary to keep our fine organization moving ahead.

It was also decided that we should have a convention in 1967 and your President was requested to make an appeal for a host city. A letter was sent to all societies and Manx groups

of record explaining that the Executive Committee of the North American Manx Association would take on the burden of mailing out publicity, literature, registration cards, fund-raising, etc.

All of our groups have now replied to this request and it is with deep regret that I inform you of the fact that no one has offered to host our next convention — at least in 1967. We do have one or two good suggestions for 1968 and as soon as we have had the opportunity to develop these ideas further, you will all be advised.

This throws a whole new light on the next convention. Therefore, your Executive Committee has agreed that 1967 will be a fund-raising year. Time is now too short to make the necessary plans for a successful convention this year.

As you all know, it requires a substantial amount of money to keep our organization functioning. If everyone would be up to the minute with their dues, we would still fall short of having enough to operate on from one convention to another. Therefore, we are going to have some activities between now and next year which should be of interest to all our members. You will be hearing further on this from Vice-President Shimmie.

It is my sincere wish that each and every member and society will get behind their Executive Committee with every kind of assistance possible and begin right now to work towards a happy and successful get-together in 1968.

*Norman D. Chucas*  
President

## Mr. Montgomery was interesting

by  
Stanley A. Johnson

Mr. Montgomery called in answer to the "Room for Rent" sign in the window. As he came near the front steps of the house, two teen-aged boys quietly moved aside to let him pass. He looked about, as though to reassure himself, then pressed the pushbutton.

"Hi Mister! My 'ma' will be back in a minute if you want to wait," said one of the boys.

"I'll wait."

Mr. Montgomery was of medium height and broad-shouldered: about fifty, with a ruddy face and a moustache beginning to turn grey. His clothes were of good quality. His hat and shoes clearly had come from expensive shops. Thoughtfully he eyed his wristwatch. lit a cigarette and again turned to look at the name above the pushbutton.

"I am Mrs. Cottier, if you are looking for me," the woman who had just climbed the steps informed him.

Mr. Montgomery, quickly coming to attention, took a step forward.

"Here! Let me help," he said and took her shopping bag. "Yes, I was waiting for you. This seems heavy.

Did you have to walk far?"

"No, not far, just three blocks. I went to the 'Park and shop'. Know where that is, don't you?"

He smiled but didn't reply.

"I guess you came to look at the room. Am I right?"

"Yes."

She opened the door. "Come in. Put the bag on the table will you? I'll show you the place. I think you'll like it." She glanced at him. "Do you know this neighborhood?"

"No," he said a trifle defensively.

"Well, I can say that at least we have good transportation — four different busses besides the 'N' car — all within easy reach," she commented and again looked at him.

Mrs. Clara Cottier had been pretty once; but now, thickened by middle age, her radiant friendliness and piercing good humor attracted more than any beauty of feature. She was essentially an energetic woman. Still, on meeting her for the first time, her slow movements tended to hide this from all but the most observant. Her eyes, deep set and alert, bespoke an honest, understanding nature.

For some reason which she couldn't explain even to herself, or probably because it was her first experience in renting, she forgot to ask for reference or payment in advance.

"The room is satisfactory," said Mr. Montgomery. "I'll bring my things this evening.

Mr. Montgomery fitted easily into their midst. True, he didn't seem to have regular working hours, but he always spoke pleasantly to the children and whenever he passed Clara Cottier he bowed gallantly. Her husband Peter liked him too. Montgomery had visited the Isle of Man and he talked about the wonderful fishing there. Only Dorothy, Clara's sister, who had a boarding house of her own, disapproved.

"When," she asked pointedly, "is he going to pay his rent?"

"It's hard to ask," Clara answered awkwardly. "He will pay soon."

Dorothy only 'humphed'. "I have seen his kind before," she told her sister. "You needn't think you'll be able to buy any new coat with the rent from 'that one'."

Clara only smiled. "Such talk," she scolded and made tea for her sister to stop her grumbling.

When the weather grew cold, Clara worried that Montgomery, alone in his room in the evenings, might be lonely. So, she asked her husband to invite him into the living-room to sit with the family.

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**Mr. Montgomery**

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The house would remind you of an elderly lady presentably dressed in keeping with her age. It was built during the early part of the century — in fact just after the earthquake — but, unlike many others in that part of San Francisco's Sunset District, the front wasn't remodelled. Peter Cottier had been firm in his opinion that an old house with a modernized front is rather like an old woman's trying to look like a teen-ager. It was painted both inside and out a year ago. The floors were sanded and varnished and plans were considered for a new furnace and a new hotwater heater. Both would have been installed if Clara hadn't decided — after talking to her brother-in-law, a plumber — that what they had would do for another year at least.

She had had a little difficulty bringing Peter around to her point of view. However, she had always enjoyed helping him to see things in what she believed was the 'sensible' way.

The children, James and Thomas, did their homework while Montgome-

**GLEN ORRY  
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**MANX ONLY since 1933  
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As we look back over the past year, we recall another eventful and memorable year with our Glen Orry Manx cats. Several fine Manx kittens have gone to lovely and appreciative homes as neutered and spayed pets, and we are delighted with the young stock that has been added — from our own breeding, that is. After thirty-three years of selective breeding as we have pioneered with registered and pedigreed Manx which stem mainly from the world-famous red tabby Manx cat, "Imported International Champion Ginger of Manx of Glen Orry", who was born on the Isle of Man, it is gratifying to find our strain strong and excellent by standards based on our own exhaustive research, and quite frequently by opinions of outstanding judges at various cat shows.

We have attended only a few judging shows the past year, these in the Chicago, Milwaukee, and Rockford areas. Several judges of nation-wide experience have judged our entries as Best of Breed, and some have placed them in the show finals, commenting that they had never seen so fine a Manx. We were pleased to have Dorothy Mylrea, Chicago Manx

artist, who was attending a Chicago show, hear one of these official compliments to a Glen Orry winner.

The Chicago Folk Festival at Navy Pier in Chicago was a memorable occasion, as it has been each year, for it affords probably the largest number of visitors at any single event to see Manx cats at the Chicago Manx Society Exhibit. The cats hold a special kind of spotlight as they draw attention to the island homeland with which they are identified.

Another highlight for our kitties during the year was the honor of being special guests upon invitation of President Janet Wade Bystrom at the Bishop Hill Old Colony School on the occasion of the Galva Manx Society's Fiftieth Anniversary dinner and program. Grand Champion Glen Orry's Olof of Manx and a spay champion granddaughter of his, Glen Orry's Comish, drew many townspeople who were invited to see them along with the Manx folk attending the dinner and program.

The 1966 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica included a color photo of Olof to illustrate the Manx cat in the article on "Cats".

Probably more than most people, we can appreciate the increased recognition Manx cats are receiving today — from owners who prize them as pets, from visitors coming to

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ry and her husband smoked and talked.

One night, he began to read Dickens to the family. Soon, it became the custom that after the boys' homework was done, he would bring down one of his books and read aloud. After "David Copperfield" and "Old Curiosity Shop", he gave them Longfellow. He had a fine voice and sounded, they imagined, as a great actor would sound.

Clara Cottier was glad.

Montgomery advised James on his high school courses and sometimes helped him with his homework. James became interested. His grades improved and he stopped asking his father to let him quit school and go to work. Montgomery, sometimes, would tell of his travels and adventures. Oh! He knew many things. He had been to college and had sailed around the world several times.

Montgomery had taken them into "Pickwick Papers" when he got the letter.

"I must go now," he told Mrs. Cottier. "I shall leave the books for James and Thomas. Here is my check for all I owe you, Madam, and my profound thanks for your hospitality."

They were sorry to see Montgomery leave, but with great excitement they brought the books down to the living-room.

"So much we can learn," said Clara. "James," she added, "could read to us each evening just as Mr. Montgomery has done."

Clara Cottier showed Montgomery's check to her sister Dorothy. "You see?" she said. "I'll have that warm coat after all."

It was too bad that Dorothy was still there when Mr. Christopholos came. Christopholos owned the bakery and restaurant in the next block and he was angry.

"That Mr. Montgomery is a crook!" he shouted. "Look at this check he gave me. It's no good! The bank people tell me he cashed them all over the neighborhood."

Dorothy's triumphant nod said as plainly as words. "I told you so." "I'll bet he owes you folks plenty, too, eh?"

Clara Cottier looked around at all of them. Her eyes rested longest on James. Then she walked over to the stove and put the check into the fire.

"No," she answered Christopholos. "No. He owes us nothing."

# THE JOURNAL OF THE MANX MUSEUM

We would like once again to bring to the attention of readers of the Bulletin, The Journal of the Manx Museum which is published annually by the Manx Museum and National Trust. As always The Journal is full of articles of interest to Manx people. These are summarized by Miss Ann Harrison, Librarian-Archivist, in her letter in which she also mentions that the annual subscription rate is \$1.00 U.S. This should be sent to: The Manx Museum and National Trust, The Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Miss Harrison writes:

This year we are happy to record the gift of another cottage at Cregneash, which will be a very welcome addition to our open-air Folk Museum holdings there. The cottage with its unimpeded view to the Calf and the Sound, (pictured on the Journal cover) is particularly welcome as it was formerly the home of the Manx writer-poet, **Ned Beg Hom Ruy** (Edward Faragher) who died in 1909. Miss Margaret Killip, our Folk Life collector, has written a sympathetic account of his life and talents to mark this occasion.

Miss Killip has also discussed a very interesting character of Manx folklore, the **phynodderee**, delving into the origins of the tales surrounding him which are still being recorded today.

1966 was of course our Manx election year for the House of Keys. An article on the first elections for the House of Keys takes us back exactly one hundred years to 1867 when the first candidates started their campaign in town and country. The excitement, the controversies, the bitter and humorous confrontations in the constituencies, the method of election and the subsequent celebrations are all vividly brought to life by Mr. R. E. C. Forster.

1966 has also seen the publication of four important works on Manx archaeology which will be of first rate importance to students. Mr. Cubbon, the Director of the Manx Museum, discusses these in a brief article, *New Sources for Manx Archaeology*. The research monograph, **Three Viking Graves in the Isle of Man**, is particularly interesting as it is the published account of the excavations of the late Dr. Bersu, who did so much for Manx archaeological studies during and after the second world war.

The Journal also contains an authoritative article on the coastal de-

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## Isle of Man: independent dependency

By John Parrott

*Staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.*

Douglas, Isle of Man

**T**HE GALE THUNDERS ALONG the promenade. The tide sweeps in and the waves rush the seawall. People scurry for cover. Sea gulls are blown off their perches. The rows of gaunt, Victorian houses fronting the sea are deserted; brown paper covers the windows.

Occasionally the sun breaks through and glistens on the acres of deserted tarmac.

This is the sea front at Douglas, Isle of Man, today. It looks like any English sea-front resort during the off season — cold, bleak and unwelcoming. But in the summertime it is transformed — sharp, bright sunlight, sparkling sea and swarms of noisy, happy people let loose on vacation.

The island rates high in the seaside resorts list of the British Isles.

The Isle of Man lies midway between England and Ireland in the Irish Sea. It is a dependency of Britain — but is independent of Westminster as possible and is not part of the United Kingdom. The island has its own government. It also boasts its own radio station — the only commercial station operating officially in the British Isles — Radio Manx. And it has its own breed of cat — the Manx cat — which is tailless.

It also has empty roads, low taxes, business opportunities, magnificent scenery, clean fresh air, and plenty of open spaces.

The Isle of Man could, for all intents and purposes, be a part of England — but it most definitely is not. For the Manx know that they have one of the oldest, most continuous governments in the world — now more than 1,000 years old.

"If Parliament at Westminster does not leave us alone completely, Prime Minister Harold Wilson could well find himself with another unilateral declaration of independence on his hands — and this time it will be on his very doorstep."

### Air of independence

This is one extremist view from a native Manxman — but the same thought also lurks in the minds of many other islanders. It is this air of independence that makes the island so fascinating to the first-time visitor — even in the off season.

The island has just held its general election for its 24-seat House of Keys (Isle of Man's House of Commons).

The question of independence has come to the fore along with other crucial problems. Asked what he thought the basic issue really was, the Speaker (equivalent to prime minister) of the House of Keys, Charles Ker-ruish, replied: "Survival."

For a minute economy based on 221.7 square miles of island lying adjacent to mammoth economies it is indeed survival that faces the new government during its five years of office.

There are five major items on its agenda that have to be handled: tourism, light industry, emigration, immigration, and agriculture.

Tourism and light industry are the two kingpins of the island's economy. Both have to be expanded to keep

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## DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Joe) Connor of Gibson's Landing, members of the Vancouver Manx Society, celebrated their 60th. Wedding Anniversary in January, 1967. A family dinner was held in the Legion Hall at Gibson's Landing in their honour and there was open house from 7 to 9 for their many friends to congratulate them.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor were married in Douglas, Isle of Man, on January 12th., 1907, and came to Vancouver in 1911. Mr. Connor was a B.C. Electric Railway conductor for 35 years until his retirement in 1946 when he and his wife moved to Gibson's Landing. They have one son, J. E. Connor of Gibsons; two daughters, Mrs. E. D. Davies, Gibsons, and Mrs. J. R. Oliver, Lake Cowichan; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Telegrams of congratulation on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary were received from the Queen; the Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada; Lieutenant-Governor Parkes of British Columbia; the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, Premier of British Columbia; Mayor Tom Campbell of Vancouver; and Chairman W. Hodgson of Gibsons.

The dinner was attended by 22 of the 28 members of the family and Dr. G. J. Mitchell, the eldest grandson, was the M.C. and read the telegrams and cards after which the numerous gifts were opened. The open house held later was attended by 60 friends.

E. Q. Costain,  
Secretary,  
Vancouver Manx Society.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## BISBEE

The Christmas meeting was held on December 18th, with 17 members attending at the Corrin home. The usual business of the meeting was dispensed with apart from collecting birthday money which is done each month. Birthdays were celebrated in December by Cecil Corrin, Wilna Wood, Jimmy Quill, Mrs. Rothery and Maude and Bill Franks. A vote was passed to send the usual \$5.00 to the Salvation Army and to make up a \$10.00 food basket for a needy family. After the exchange of Christmas gifts and the raffling of a door prize the balance of the evening was spent in singing good old Christmas carols and as usual a sumptuous repast was enjoyed. All were happy to have Mrs. Quill back in their midst.

In January the meeting was held at the Jimmy Quill home with 16 members present. Mrs. Rothery and Donnie Rothery and a friend, both of whom were home during semester breaks from college, were welcomed to the meeting. Games were played and a sing song held.

Mrs. Wilna Wood is busy making official visits for Eastern Star in many places over the State. Miss Peggy Cupiss was installed as Worthy Matron of Eastern Star on Saturday, January 28th., and her brother as Worthy Patron on the same night.

Mrs. Nellie Kelly has returned recently from California where she went to spend the Christmas holidays with her grandson Tom Alexander, and family. She also visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Alexander, and her son and family, the Ralph Kellys, at Visalia, California.  
Ivy Dillon,  
Secretary.

## SAN FRANCISCO

With members in a holiday mood. Manx Society of San Francisco celebrated its Christmas party on December 10, in Stern Grove Club House.

Headed by President Noreen Cotter, the Reception Committee — for all the world like fond sisters showing affection for their relatives — provided an enjoyable evening.

Later, while we sat about the cozy fireplace, presents were distributed amid laughter, banter and well-wishes. Thus, the pleasant hours all too quickly passed. Finally, as a fitting memento, a picture of the gathering was taken.

Stanley A. Johnson,  
Secretary.

## VANCOUVER

The 58th. Annual Banquet of the Vancouver Manx Society was held in the Cambrian Hall on Monday, January 2nd., 1967. Between 60 and 70 guests, including children, sat down to a sumptuous dinner. Grace was sung with Mrs. Kitty Hornall at the piano. During the Banquet good wishes for a continued happy life were given to Mr. and Mrs. Bell on the occasion of their 52nd. Wedding Anniversary. The balance of the evening was spent in games for the children, dancing for those so inclined, and the usual "li'l cooish" so dear to the hearts of all those of Manx origin.

On February 10th., 1967, the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers was held in the Horticultural Hall, 20th. Avenue and Clark Drive. The results of the election were as follows: -

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## CLEVELAND

### MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

December 13 was our Christmas meeting. The Tucker School of Expression brought us entertainment for the evening, after which we had a gift exchange.

In January, we discussed and changed a few of our by-laws, bringing them up-to-date. Some were made when our society was organized over one hundred years ago.

We have been very fortunate this year to have had a clear winter and we have not had to sacrifice any meetings.

At our February 14 meeting, Lenora and Edith Cox showed their pictures of Nova Scotia, which they had taken on their vacation this past summer. We were very happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carran from Geneva, but we missed Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly, who are vacationing in Florida.

Edith C. Gurney,

## CHICAGO

Apart from the weather, we have very little news for the current Bulletin.

The secretary recently received the accompanying item from a friend in Oconomouroe, Wisconsin. She received it with the Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company News and we decided to send it to the Bulletin for the enjoyment of our readers.

*A little bit of the Isle of Man landed in Wisconsin one day... Laxey is a charming old lead miners' village on the Irish Sea Coast of the Isle of Man. ("Laxey, veg-veen, thou art a Queen," said the poet. "A gem in the Island's bright crown"). But Laxey Church was thousands of homesick miles from there, in the rolling, lead-rich hills of Wisconsin. It was built in 1855 by the men of Man who brought Laxey's lead-mining skill to the New World in 1853, and it is said to have been the earliest organized Manx church in the U.S. All that remains now is a marker and the little graveyard where the first Cowleys, Kewleys, and Skillicorns lie. Near Lisdin, Wisconsin, it's on Iowa County Trunk B about a half mile west of County Trunk Q.  
(From the Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company News)*

Mrs. John (Nancy) MacDougall, daughter of Mrs. Lloyd Auty, both members of the Chicago Manx Society, returned from the Philippines with her infant son, John, six months old, born in the Philippines, and her daughter, Lindsay, following a two year sojourn there. Nancy returned from the warm climate of the Philippines right in the teeth of the worst blizzard in Chicago's history. Traffic was snarled up, hotels, motels and all other accommodations filled to capacity and her mother, Bessie Auty, very much incapacitated with a broken ankle and her leg in a cast. Nancy's husband, John, will follow his family soon, pending his retirement from the United States Navy.

The Chicago Manx Society will hold its 94th. Anniversary Dinner on Friday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m., in the Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Illinois. Pauline Corrin and Edith Ristow are in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

Emily Kelly, Secretary  
Robert Kally, President

## TORONTO

The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Manx Society was held in October at 1010 Gerrard Street East. The meeting opened with the singing of Ellan Vannin with Mrs. Bateman at the piano. The president welcomed friends and a visitor from the Island, Mrs. Kelly, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Goulding. Three films had been sent over from the Island; Round Trip, The Pussycat and The Isle of Man, and Mr. Stan Shimmin provided the screen and projector. It was a full house and it was good to see so many people.

The November meeting was an auction sale with Mr. Fred Caveen as auctioneer. This is one way to bring in the money.

The Christmas meeting was a most successful party which was catered for this year with excellent results. Everyone sat round the room and had a songsong. Mr. Fred Caveen sang "Kelly from the Isle of Man" and Mr. Frank Williamson sang "Kelly the Tailor". There is still plenty of song in these two gentlemen. Mrs. Cretney of Schumacher was staying with her daughter in Resedale and took the opportunity of spending the Christmas party with the Toronto Manx. The evening ended with the singing of "O Land of Our Birth" and "Ellan Vannin".

The January meeting was cancelled owing to bad weather.

The Toronto Manx still have some books for sale. "Conversational Manx" by John Gell and "A Short School Dictionary of Manx Gaelic" by William Wood. The cost for both books is \$1.64.

### Glen Orry Manx Cattery —

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our cattery, from the general public attending shows, and from our correspondence. Of course, we continue to advertise by the year in the national cat journal, and in other media from time to time.

To further attest to the growing popular interest in Manx cats, we can cite an increasing number of new Manx breeders in all parts of the country, and an impressively long list of Manx winners in all sections.

Our little friends in the cattery daily reward us for our loving care by purring their affection and flattering us with their matchless companionable winsomeness — this from the oldest ones, Laxey and Kierroo, to the youngest, Mona-Veen, Gennel, and Fenella-Veen.

Ruth and Ellen Carlson.

Irish International Airlines have been advertising charter flights to the old county on the programme "Calling all Britain" which is heard on the radio each Saturday. The flights are from April 1st. to October 31st. and only 50 members are needed in the group. The fare is \$269 from Toronto to Shannon with children under 12 years half price.

Dot Hall,  
Secretary.

## MONTREAL

The Christmas party, postponed from December, was held on January 6th. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kelly in Verdun. A delicious barbecue supper was followed by the distribution of presents, and by games and community singing.

During the evening the Hon. President, Mrs. Sloan, presented a going away gift to Paul and Madeleine Gregson on behalf of the members of the Society. Paul moved to San Francisco in December and Madeleine and the children were expecting to follow him early in the new year.

The very enjoyable party ended with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and with a hearty vote of thanks to the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, for their hospitality and to Miss Choinière for playing the piano.

Films of the Isle of Man are to be shown at the February 24th. meeting which is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Corlett.

J. Victor Joughin,  
Secretary.

### Isle of Man —

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the frail economy afloat. Emigration, especially of the young, has to be checked. Numbers of new residents must increase. Agriculture must see more specialization.

### Tourism leads way

Tourism is the major industry of the island — and it needs to be expanded.

At present the season runs only three months. Late June, July, August and early September see the now-deserted hotels, boarding houses and service flats bursting with activity. The island handles an average of 500,000 visitors a year.

"We live on tourism," commented the chairman of the Tourist Board and member of the House of Keys, Bill Quayle. "We lost 100,000 visitors last summer during the British seamen's strike. But we did manage to pull back an extra 25,000 visitors in September."

The attraction was the world-famous Manx Grand Prix motorcycle race. It is the most exciting event

## INFORMATION WANTED

Mr. Edwin V. Keig, 1 Woodfield Road, Orrell Park, Liverpool 9, England, would like to know if anyone can give him information as to the whereabouts of his uncle, Edward Keig, who is believed to have settled in the State of Ohio just before the twenties. Mr. Keig's father made enquiries through newspapers in the mid 30's to try to find his brother but without success and enquiries made in England by Mr. Keig to try and find members of his family there have also been unsuccessful. Mr. Keig's grandfather came from just outside Ramsey and the missing uncle from Walton, Liverpool.

## MANX WEDDIN'S

On September 3rd., 1966 at 7:00 o'clock in Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, B.C., Miss Noella Angelina Rilling was united in marriage to Lloyd Richard Cubbon by the resident bishop.

The bride was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rilling of South Burnaby, and the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cubbon of Vancouver. Lloyd is the grandson of the former Mr. Richard Cubbon of Port St. Mary and Liverpool.

of the season. Roads are closed as the world's leading riders hurtle over the mountains and through the glens of the "round-the-island" track.

Once the Grand Prix is past, the momentum fizzles out of the season. "But it shouldn't," say many islanders.

Autumn and spring are rich with color and have their own special beauty

But tourism is not enough — especially with the present three-month season.

Light industry is the other cornerstone of the economy — including production of engineering tools, furniture, fancy goods, and shoes. "The two must develop together" urge many members of the House of Keys. (Key is the Norse word for wise one) More light industry must be attracted to the island from the United Kingdom and elsewhere. This is the task of the Industrial Office in Douglas. It can offer some tempting benefits to prompt industrialists to look more closely at the island.

No profits tax; no selective employment tax; low income tax (half England's standard rate); hardly any industrial disputes; a supply of factory sites; loans or grants for purchase of plant and machinery; loans of up to

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# OUR OWN PEOPLE

When Mrs. Albert Wood (Annie Moore) visited the Toronto Convention she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Foster (Alice Moore), a niece of Mrs. Wood's and daughter of the Percy Moores of Peel. Mrs. Bob Cranston of Arbroath, Scotland, a friend of Mrs. Wood's, was also a guest at the Foster home. During Mrs. Wood's stay in Toronto she had the opportunity to have a visit with her cousin, Mrs. Alex Cock of River Rouge, Michigan, who, with her husband, was attending the Convention.

Mrs. Cock's grandfather, Robert Moore, and Mrs. Wood's grandfather, Thomas Moore, were brothers and were cousins of Dr. Higgins who is still remembered in Peel where the Moore family have lived for many years. Their father was drowned at sea, leaving nine children, and when their mother died soon afterwards, they were adopted by relatives in different parts of the Island. Thomas was adopted by Dr. Higgins, who hoped that he would follow in his footsteps but instead he ran away to sea. Thomas's daughter, Miss Alice Moore of West View, Peel, taught for many years in the Christian School in Peel and is well remembered.

During Mrs. Wood's visit, Mrs. Ethel Christian and her cousins, Miss Watterson and Mrs. Cubbon from Peel, and the Misses Crellin of Akron Ohio, were guests for afternoon tea at the Foster home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown are spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida. They came over in October from the Isle of Man where they now live in Onchan, and after a visit in Cleveland they drove down to Florida with a friend. They will be returning to the Island in April, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Craine of Butte, Montana, who came to Montana from the Island over 50 years ago are very proud of their grandson, John Duykers. A student at the University of Washington, John has a good voice and is interested in music. He took part in the opera season in the new Seattle Opera House last fall and received many good write-ups.

Mrs. Bessie Varley of Vancouver, B.C., visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, Seattle, in September. While there she visited the Cubbons and had a very lovely cooish.

Ellan Vannin is one of the selections featured on a record entitled "Greensleeves and Other Songs of the British Isles" sung by Kenneth McKellar on London Records International series. Mono. #TW91389, Stereo #SW99389. Ellan Vannin and all the other selections are excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lloyd of Sammish Lake, near Seattle, Washington, flew to the British Isles last August and while there they visited Mrs. Lloyd's (Frances Moore) relatives in the Isle of Man. A sister, Mrs. J. Crebbin, Port Erin, and a brother, Thos. Corkhill, Castletown, are relatives of her mother, the former Catherine (Corkhill) Moore of Castletown. Frances's father's brothers are Fred and Percy Moore of Peel and his sister, Mrs. Marjorie Cringle of Douglas. Her father was Mr. Frank Moore of Peel. The Lloyds spent two months travelling on the continent and stopped in Stuttgart, Germany, where they purchased a new Mercedes. They returned to the U.S. via boat from Spain.

In September Mr. and Mrs. James Moore tried out the new ferry system from Kelsey Bay, Vancouver Island, to Prince Rupert, Alaska. From there they drove to Lake Louise and Banff, then back to the States, reporting a lovely trip.

Miss Susan Barron, formerly of Douglas, now living in San Francisco recently met the members of the Manx Society of that city.

Among the top rated group of faculty members of the University of Washington as listed in the Seattle Times was Keith Holsapple of Tacoma, Washington, assistant professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Holsapple of Tacoma, Wash., and his maternal grandparents, both now deceased, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore of Boulder, Montana, who came from the Isle of Man over 50 years ago.

Hilda and Sam Penrice and their son, Douglas, are leaving for the Isle of Man on March 20th. to spend Easter with Hilda's father, Mr. Sidney Bridson, in Ramsey. From there they will go to England to attend a niece's wedding on April 1st.

The Rev. William Kelly, director of the Westminster Foundation at the University of Washington, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Washington and Alaska at the synod's 77th. annual session at Whitworth College, Spokane, last June. He first served in Ohio after completing his training in the east and then was transferred back to Seattle a few years ago. His parents, Capt. Richard and Mrs. Kelly, came to Seattle about sixty years ago but are now deceased.

Ronald Cubbon Reed is currently assigned as Naval Surgeon in Naval Air Force with the Helicopter Division at Camp El Toro, Marine Base, California. He is expecting to leave for Viet Nam after the New Year. Ronald is the son of Mrs. Bessie Reed of Escondido, California, and the nephew of Edith, Ruth and Nelson Cubbon of Seattle, Washington.

Last September Ruth, Edith and Nelson Cubbon attended the wedding of their cousin's son, Lloyd Cubbon, in Vancouver and while there were the guests of Mrs. Leslie McDonnell. Mrs. McDonnell had returned to Vancouver in August after visiting relatives and friends in Michigan and Florida. Her eldest son, Mr. Ray McDonnell, with his wife and daughter, returned with her and are planning to make their permanent home in Vancouver.

Mr. Will Cowley of Douglas, is on tour with the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company in the United States. While in Los Angeles, he enjoyed a reunion with Eric Curphey and Leo Quayle, former classmates at Douglas High School. When the Company was in San Francisco, Will had some good yarns with Paul Gregson about their days in the Isle of Man. Paul recently moved from Montreal and is now making his home in San Francisco.

Mrs. Eileen Mansell and Mrs. Winifred Dale of Douglas, who are touring the U.S., were entertained by Mrs. Dorothy Quayle while in San Francisco. They plan to visit Mexico and the Caribbean before returning to the Isle of Man.

Dale, grandson of Harold Callister, Chicago, was to receive confirmation on February 26th., 1967.

In 1967 Canadians will be enjoying the biggest national birthday celebrations the world has ever seen and visitors are warmly invited to come along and join them. A nation-wide programme of special events, pageants, exhibits and performing arts has been planned to mark the Centennial of Canadian Confederation in 1867 and visitors to any part of the country will find something to see, take part in and enjoy. It will be a very exciting year for Canadians and for the Manx in Canada who will be taking part in all the festivities.

Two Confederation trains and eight caravans which will tour the country will portray Canada's history from its beginning in the 15th Century to now. In many communities, the Canadian Armed Forces Tattoo, involving 1400 men in period uniforms, will present a stirring historical spectacle. In many towns and cities there will be an unparalleled opportunity to see the world's and Canada's best musical and theatrical companies which will be giving performances at subsidized prices

throughout Canada as part of "Festival Canada".

Many international sports championships are being held in Canada throughout the year and from July 22nd. to August 7th., 1967, the Pan-American Games will be held in Winnipeg. This will be the largest sporting event ever staged in the Western Hemisphere with 2,500 competitors from 33 countries of North, Central and South America taking part in competitions in 20 different sports.

The biggest event of the year is Expo 67 which will be held in Montreal from April 28th. to October 27th. This will be the first Universal and International Exposition to be held in the Western Hemisphere and will also be the biggest ever held with seventy countries taking part. As a site, a new island was created and an existing one enlarged in the middle of the St. Lawrence River. The theme of Expo 67 is "Man and His World" and in addition to the national pavilions there will be four theme pavilions: "Man the Explorer", "Man the Producer", "Man the Creator" and "Man in the Community".

In addition to all the exhibits there

will be fun galore at Expo. You can visit the huge amusement area and try some of the new rides, glide around the lakes on a sampan or a gondola, or try a new experience by riding in the hovercraft. Eating too will be an adventure as each of the national pavilions will have one or more restaurants where you can try the national food and drink. If you enjoy shopping in foreign countries you can go to the International Shopping Centre where each country will have its own boutique.

Another event taking place in Montreal which may be of interest to Manx folk is the Celtic Congress from September 1st. to 4th. All six of the Celtic nations, the Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Manx, Cornish and Breton, are taking part and it is hoped that this first Congress to be held will be a big success. Plans have not been finalized as yet but it is hoped that they will be ready in time for the next Bulletin.

Information on any of these events can be obtained from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, 680 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10019, or Ottawa, Canada. They also have offices in most of the large cities in the U.S.A.

### MANX PROVERBS

Ta chengey ny host ny share na olk y ghra

A SILENT TONGUE IS BETTER THAN EVIL SPEAKING.

S'tiark keayrt ta dooinney siyragh ass seaghyn.

SELDOM IS A HASTY MAN OUT OF TROUBLE.

Ta dooinney creeney mennick janno carrey jeh e noid.

A WISE MAN OFTEN MAKES A FRIEND OF HIS ENEMY.

Ta fys ec dy chooilley ghoooinney c'raad ta'n vraag gortagh eh.

EVERY MAN KNOWS WHERE THE SHOE HURTS HIM.

### THE LI'L PEOPLE

Born — to Donnie and Teresa Caveen in Quebec, a daughter. Another granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen.

Born — to Karl and Barbara (née Homer) Keslick, a daughter.

Born — to Richard and Isabel Lamerdin (née Teare) of San Francisco, California, a son, John Allan, on September 3rd. The fifth grandchild for Mrs. Bertha J. Teare of Cleveland, Ohio.

Born — to Bob and Jean Wils in September, 1966, a daughter, Sheryl Jean. The proud grandma is May Kneale Wils, a member of the Chicago Manx Society.

As this is the first Bulletin of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends and fine Manx Societies all over the world for the many wonderful greetings that were received at Christmas time.

*The officers of the N.A.M.A.*

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95 percent on the cost of homes for industrialists and their staffs; and all this within easy reach of the United Kingdom.

### Other advantages, too

And there are other advantages as well, say officials of firms already settled on the island.

"You can see things happen here," said one director. "If you want something quickly you can get the government official concerned on the telephone with no trouble at all — quite a change from across [England]."

But there is a labor shortage here which highlights the emigration problem.

In 1951 the island's population was 55,253. In 1961 this dropped to 48,150. Since then it has risen to near the 50,000 mark.

"There is no opportunity here — unless you have a job. That's why the

young ones leave — I did," says retired fisherman William Shimmin.

Says Speaker Kerruish: "We must get more jobs at home and this will encourage people to return to the island. I would like to see the present population increased to 75,000. Consultants say that this figure will produce a worthwhile home market.

"The question is whether to go forward with the expansion of the island's economy, or stay as we are and go on to penal taxation and then eventual complete annexation to England.

### Newcomers settle in

"There is no doubt," he continues, "that the people want to survive and retain the unique characteristics of the island."

Just how, then, do the new residents feel about the island that should attract others.

"I have difficulty remembering who are new residents," said Bill Kermod of the Tourist Board.

"They settle in so fast."

Two such people were visited near the port of Ramsey, up the coast from Douglas.

Wilfred Wright and Air Marshal Sir Patterson Fraser came for different reasons but are now working together in Mr. Wright's rapidly expanding construction company.

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Mr. Wright arrived determined to get into the construction business. "I came here because I can do what I want to do," he says. In England he couldn't start up in the business. He wanted to go to Africa — but there were complications.

### No rat race

Sir Patterson Fraser, after a full career in the Royal Air Force, retired to the island. He became restive. Then he met Mr. Wright and joined his construction firm. He took a correspondence course on concrete design to add to his engineering degree and now is in charge of a factory producing 360 tons of concrete a week.

"There is no rat race over here," commented the air marshal. "We like the island for what it is."

The leading qualities of the island for these two new residents are its beauty, peace, wildlife, and many social clubs.

The beauty of the island is inherent in its predominantly rural and agricultural life. Past the towns — which are left behind in minutes — the is-

land is covered with farms or rough pastures.

There are 900 land holdings of over one acre, few larger than 250 acres. The rare 500-acre farm is regarded as large.

### Farmers tested

The farmer is facing a testing time. Techniques are changing, so are markets — the Isle of Man's farmers must now look to Europe and its market demands.

"Agriculture is becoming a critical problem," commented one government official. "Many of the farmers are facing extremely hard financial times."

The farms are highly mechanized, but there is no true specialization. Dairy cattle, beef, grass, and oats are the main crops — with a small export crop of seed potatoes.

Looming on the horizon is the prospect of entering the Common Market. If Britain goes in, the islanders say they will have to follow. This will call for specialization in crops at which the island excels.

These are notably grass for fodder and oil-rich oats.

"Specialization could well come in the future," says the chairman. "There is a slow breaking away from tra-

ditional crop rotations — and there is room for improvement."

The Isle of Man is by no means in the doldrums. In fact, it provides larger countries with considerable food for thought over the viability of smaller regional governments. But the next five years — the duration of the new government — will be among the most vital in the island's long history.

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## OBITUARIES

HOWARTH, Jack of 5 Esplanade, Douglas, Isle of Man, died in January, 1967. He was a nephew of Harold Callister of the Chicago Manx Society.

KINRADE, the Rev. Charles J. of Kankakee, Illinois, died recently in his 82nd year. Mr. Kinrade was a native of Ramsey where he attended the Ramsey Grammar-School and later worked for the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co. until leaving in 1910 to become a Methodist Minister in Wisconsin, U.S.A. He has been in the Ministry since then in various parts of the States. During his last visit to Ramsey in 1960 he preached at a morning service held in Waterloo Road Church and also celebrated his 75th birthday during his visit. He leaves a widow and one married daughter, and a brother in Ramsey.

MADDRELL, Alan Harold, of 21 Douglas Street, Peel, Isle of Man, died on October 22nd., 1966, aged 72, after being in ill health for some years. Mr. Maddrell was a member of a family who have lived in Peel for generations and was a veteran of the first World War. He was attached to the Liverpool Scottish Regiment and endured great suffering after being taken prisoner. During his latter years he was in the employ of the Isle of Man Railway. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, June, and a sister, Mrs. T. E. Sloan, of Montreal, Quebec.

PATTISON — the father of June Dunbar (née Pattison) died recently in the Isle of Man.

QUILLEASH, T. Alfred of "Nourse Bank", Croit-e-Quill, Lonan, I.O.M., died on January 2nd., 1967. He is survived by his wife, Ada, youngest sister of Mr. Harry Kelly of Cleveland; and two daughters, Margaret and Joan.

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

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fences of the Island up to the Revestment period. The author has made an intensive study of the ordnance of the period, and has traced all the batteries which formerly existed around the coast, through extensive research in the Manx archives in the Museum Library, field work and excavation. The result, fully illustrated with photographs and maps, is a most satisfying account of the complicated questions of defence of the Island that exercised the Lords of Man in their efforts to repel the invaders and indeed pirates, that threatened from time to time.

One of the old schools of Castle-town, the Catherine Halsall school for Girls, founded in 1758, is the subject of another study. Some of the work of the girls who were taught embroidery and useful crafts there at the beginning of the nineteenth century has survived in the Museum collections, and this too is illustrated and described, together with the history of the school and its teachers.

Also at the turn of the eighteenth century the 2nd Corps of Royal Manx

Fencibles were in the Northern counties on active service in the period of the French revolutionary wars. A record of their life has been preserved in the Court Martial Book of their Regiment which has been presented to the Museum with other Fencible records by the Friends of the Manx Museum. This book is the basis of a short study which reveals the life of the Fencible as it really was, harsh and brutal sometimes but with humanity and humour also triumphing in many cases. Old soldiers will I am sure feel a sense of recognition.

There are several other features, including the earliest description and illustration of a Manx cat and the recollections of an early visitor to the Island in 1687. I am sure that all people with an interest in the Island and things Manx will find something to enjoy in it and I should be very grateful if once more you would bring it to the attention of your readers. We aim to be self-supporting and would be pleased to enrol subscribers at the annual rate of 1 dollar (U.S.)

With thanks once more for your kindness in publicising the Journal and our very best wishes to you and the Association for the New Year.