

**A** FEW WEEKS AGO we (editorially!) gave the news that Mr. Derek Gill, a former Editor of the Rep. and now News Editor of the Pretoria Daily News, had flown over to America to attend the World Conference of MRA — held during this month at the organisation's permanent headquarters — on the heavenly island paradise of Mackinaw, on Lake Michigan.

I had a letter from Mr. Gill a few days ago in which he described this island as being out of this world for sheer beauty. It was a wonderful conference, too, with 1,200 delegates, coming from all four corners of the earth!

### MRA Film

**M**ANY of you may remember the MRA film, "The Crowning Glory," which a team of enthusiastic members (including Derek!) brought to Queenstown a couple of years back. It was shown at the Savoy. The melodious number "Sweet Pumpkin Pie" was sung and later we were all treated to a piece of the same pie in the Town Hall Supper Room. Do you remember?

In the film there were several shots of Mackinaw and finally a shot of the huge "heterogeneous" crowd at one of these conferences.

No cars at all are allowed on the island — only bicycles and horse-drawn vehicles and oh! the peace and tranquillity that reigns — so conducive to thinking well of one's fellow men and of promoting peace in this unsettled world . . . .

### Happy Meeting

**O**NE hour before Derek wrote his letter he had said good-bye to a former Queenstonian, Jeremy Green who, with his young son Mark, had travelled 260 miles to see him! Derek and Jeremy had talked over the phone from Green Bay, Wisconsin (where the latter has settled), and they thought they were about 120 miles apart. But it was much more. Jeremy motored for five hours, spent a night in a motel (U.S. simply abounds in these!) and next morning went across by ferry to Mackinaw—and what an exciting reunion there was! He was taken on a tour of the MRA headquarters — quite fantastic — and he himself says the island could be set in the Mediterranean and he's determined to spend a holiday there soon with his family!

While Derek and Jeremy listened to talks at the conference, young Mark was watched over by a charming MRA full-timer, Miss Audrey Rubidge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rubidge of Graaff-Reinet, who are themselves staunch supporters of the movement. I had barely finished reading my interesting letter when who should walk into the Rep. Office but Mr. Rubidge! I naturally thought he must have had a letter too . . . . but, no, we'd not heard from his daughter for some weeks and was very glad of my news of her! Strange things do happen, don't they?

Derek has been able to visit his sister, Doreen and her family in Canada and is now on his way back to South Africa.