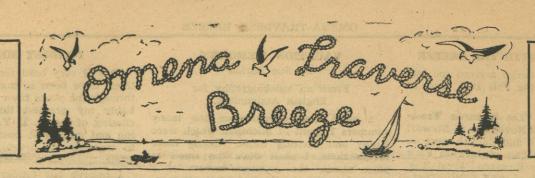
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# FROM DAVE DE VORE THE COMMODORE.

The time is at hand once more when our thoughts are centered on Omena. Doubtless all or at least most of us are now making our commitments contingent on when we leave for our summer homes.

There is speculation in the minds of many of us as to how we will find conditions when we get there. Judging from reports that have come through from time to time, we must be prepared to find an entirely different kind of shore line from the past. The high level of the Lake, together with the terrific storms, it seems, has done considerable damage to shore property. The Club's docks, I understand, are intact. If the Government Engineers' prediction of a 9 to 26 inch increase in the level of the Lake in 1952 over that of 1951 comes to pass, it is difficult to picture just what the result will be. However, enough of unpleasant speculation.

I doubt if any summer colony anywhere had more interesting and delightful affairs at their headquarters than we enjoyed all summer long at our Club house last year. We can safely expect to begin right where we left off and continue throughout the summer at an increased tempo. This is assured as Helen Smith again heads our Social Committee, The Club house and grounds will be in tip-top shape awaiting us, for Mary Foltz heads that committee. Then our fleet of new Penguins will be ready and standing by awaiting orders from Vice-Commodore Paul Hill who, no doubt, has plans completed for a number of interesting events designed for our entertainment and pleasure throughout the season. It will not be long now until Rat and Mary Helen, our faithful couriers, will be making the rounds of the cottages with information about coming events.

Everyone prepare now to come aboard.

We are indeed grateful for the BREEZE as a means of keeping in touch with each other during the off season. The staff and contributors are to be congratulated for doing such a fine job.

I sincerely trust everyone has enjoyed a pleasant and interesting time since we adjourned last Fall.

Again I want to express my appreciation of your confidence in me by having me continue as your Commodore for another year.

Your officers and directors and committee chairmen are most grateful for your loyal and enthusiastic support of their efforts in trying to make the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club the kind of Club you, the members, want it to be.

Hope to see you early in the summer.

### FROM OMENA TO CINCINNATI

According to Dave De Vore the distance between Omena and Cincinnati is 3700 miles. Yes, that's what we said, 3700 miles. And this is the explanation.

"Ruth and I left on the 6th of September, and drove out to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. We visited the Erkins family who were our next door neighbors for many years. They have a ranch, a gem of a place, in Jackson Hole about 50 miles south of the south entrance to Yellowstone Park. It was an interesting and delightful :rip. On account of a strike which interrupted sieamer service across the like, we went via the Straits and across the Northern Peninsula. We were glad to do this as it took us through a part of Michigan we had never seen. We saw the Ead Lands and the Black Hills region of South Dakots and, of course, Mt. Rushmore which is thrilling. Our host, who has spent many summers in Jackson Hole, was able to take us to the interesting places in Jackson Hole and Yellowstone Park without loss of time and effort in seeking them out. The Teton Mountains, which forms the western boundary of Jackson Hole are the most beautiful I ever saw. The trip back home through Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana was less interesting than the trip out. It was quite a detour to take to get from Omena to Cincinnati".

And so you see it can be 3700 miles from Omena to Cincinnati, believe it or not. The quoted part of the above is from a letter from Dave to the editor.

# DID YOU KNOW? . . .

-That Tom Smith and Martha's daughter is the 19th grandchild for the Colter Rules?

—That the Waldo Abbots stopped at Venice, Florida, to spend the night with Lestra Saxton — Called on Kitty Smith in Ft. Laudredale the next night?

-That Ketty Smith is going abroad in Jnue?

—That the Abbots visited Biloxi early in November where Waldo attended the National Association of Educational Broadcasters?

—That Humphrey Jackson was a discussion leader at Des Moines, April 20, where he attended the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics?

-That Waldo Abbott is running a radio singing festival in Traverse City on May 15?

-That Priscilla Abbot Straub now has a baby boy Peter?

That Waldo Jr. has 2 kids and 2 dogs?
 That Marie Abbot Jackson and 4 children are setting up their schedule for occupying the Abbot (where the Abbots

live) at Omena?

THE RAINBOW FLEET

Now that owners of the Penguins have been notified that hulls are completed, that Spring is here and trips to Omena planned for Memorial week-end or earlier, the problem of naming the boats has finally been solved.

Some of the names were given in the Fall issue of the Breeze, but we are now able to report the complete list of fleet numbers, owners, colors of hulls and the names. Here it is:

No. 2990, owner Carolin Smith, Green Hull, to be christened "Smitty".

No. 2991, owner Edith Heidrich, Blue Hull, to be called the "Blue Heron".

No. 2992, owner Stewart Ayars, Yellow Hull, to be named "Driplet".

No. 2993, owner Humphrey Jackson, Red Hull, to be known as "Whiffenpoof".

No. 2994, owner Robert Lyon, Orange Hull, to be called the "Cub".

No. 2995, owner Andrew Renz, Purple Hull, to be named "Little Sheik".

No. 2996, owner Melvin Pike, White Hull, to be dubbed "Squalus Acanthus".

All Penguin owners have been enrolled in the Penguin Dinghy Association, have received membership cards and the Year Book. Everyone is anxious to start their training period, to learn the rules of racing, to demonstrate their ability to handle their boats, and to experience the thrill of winning a race.

Following is suggested as a Fleet Song, to the tune of "The Yellow and Blue" University of Michigan song.



Here's to our Penguins

so graceful and sleek,

Pride of the O. T. Y. C.

Here's to their skippers

so valiant they seek

The Regatta winner to be.

Hail to the heroes who speed

o'er the waves

And glide on to vict'ry as

time-honored braves.

Hail!

Hail to our Penguins

so graceful and sleek,

### CATCHING UP WITH THE BREEZE

The following material arrived too late to be included in the Fall 1951 issue of the BREEZE.

Members attend "The Riccardo Frost-Bite' Regatta" - On November 17 Stewart Ayars, George Smith and Carolin were on hand to see Al Morgan of Jackson Park Yacht Club win the Riccardo "Frost-Bite" Regatta in a Penguin named KIWI. There were some forty boats entered in this regatta which is for Dinghies only. The course was from the Coast Guard Station down the Chicago River to the Michigan Boulevard Bridge. After the race Mr. Riccardo entertained guests at his famous restaurant. Hot spiced wine was served on the walk in front of the restaurant, followed by a buffet-style meal which included roast beef, turkey, pork, ham and all the trimmings, along with pumpkin ple and coffee. "It was really a grand party", says George, "and I believe we will bring our Penguin down and enter it in next years regatta".

Replies to the questionnaire sent out last Fall that arrived too late to be included in the December BREEZE follow:

Joe Harrison, Sigma Chi House, West Lafayette, Indiana, who is a student at Purdue University in his Sophomore year studying mechanical engineering, hobby sports.

Craig Smith, 1314 Ashbury Ave., Evanston, Ill., student at Northwestern University, Sophomore year in Business Administration, also in Officers' Training School, U. S. Marine Corps.

Robert Dressel, 227 Crest Ave., an Industrial Engineer — hobby sailing, music, research in professional field. Bob reports that Ed. Gillespie, now a jet fighter pilot with the Navy, was married last month in Jacksonville, Fla. Gus Rogers will remember Ed as one of the "stalwart four" on our great cruise to Milwaukee aboard the Shamash a few summers back. Ed tells me that he thinks a jet is safer than a leaking sailboat in the middle of Lake Michigan during a very stormy night. What do you think, Gus?

Bob continues, "I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you, Mr. Jackson, but I would like to pick up some back news about the O. T. Y. C. Because I started working on a full time job last summer after my graduation from the U. of M last June, I was unable to assume an active participation in the Club's affairs. However, I did see a few of the members, my friends, on one or two week ends that I was able to travel north. Any information that the BREEZE will supply will be greatly appreciated. And let me know if there is anything I can do".

The fourth questionnaire which arrived too late for the Dec. BREEZE came from Jack Hill who is a Junior at Purdue University where he is majoring in Pre-Veterinary training. His hobby, of course, is sailing.

Thanks for replying to the questionnaire fellows, and I hope you understand about their not being included in the December BREEZE.

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Hints to drivers: Hi life, hi powered car, hi ball, hi way crossing, — Hi St. Peter.

### **VACATION MEMORIES**

By Sue Barker

From an autobiography for English Assignment.

"I shall always remember the many summers I spent in Michigan which were happy and exciting times. Among these recollections, I shall dove the smell of piny woods, the glowing embers of a beach fire, the sound of my father's guitar playing softly, the taste of toasted marshmallows, the long walks at twilight through the cherry orchards, the splashing of waves of Lake Michigan against the sandy shore, and swimming through the clear waters. The most striking of these remembrances is the sound of the canoe paddle as it strikes the calm water and as the last rays of sunlight make a magical fairyland of the sky and water".

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### MOST PLEASANT EXPERIENCES

From the Questionnaire - February 1952

The Opening Dinner at the Club on July 4. —Dave De Vore

Announcement Party of Bob's engagement to Jane Morse in Cleveland.

-Listra Saxton

Seeing my husband recovering.

—Jessie M, Carmichael

Trip to Mexico for three weeks during mid-winter. Warm weather and cloudless skies.

—Melvin Pike

My most pleasant experience last year was when I drove up to our cottage and found that instead of it being a muddy brown, Mrs. Rule had arranged to have it painted white adn green which was a most pleasant contrast, and I knew nothing about it until I drove down the road, and at first thought I was in the wrong place.

—Colter Rule

Our lovely trip out West. First we went to Denver and Colorado Springs. From there we went to Boulder and took the Peak to Peak Highway to Estes Park, Scenery was beautiful. Then we drove through Cheyenne, Laramie and over the Snowy Mountain Pass to Rawlins, then to Lander and Moran. Stayed at Jenny Lake Ranch in Jackson Hole while Holly was finishing her camp stay. After we picked her up we returned home via Yellowstone, Cody and Sheridan, Wyoming.

-Marjorie Renz

The Paper Party at the Club.

-Ruth De Vore

The day we spent at the Big Bear Sand Dune and picnicked at Day State Park where we went swimming in Lake Michigan. —Jane Jackson

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#### FONDEST MEMORIES.

This is very hard for me to answer as there have been so many fond memories through the years from 1913 to 1951. Probably my greatest thrill was the purchasing of the O. T. Y. C. present building and making it possible for the Club to organize and develop as a community affair.

—May Neuman Griffin

I believe our fondest memories of O-mena are when we occupied the Clark's pioneer cottage on Ingall's Bay and had all of our youngsters with us. Almost every afternoon the beach was a bee-hive of activity, everyone having a wonderful time; and today most of them are married and have families of their own.

-Marguerite and Coulter Rule

The guests and friends we have entertained in our new home.

-Melvin H. Pike

"There have been many, from the thrill of coming into Omena in the Spring after a winter on the desert or some other wintering spot. Think the one that stands out most in memory is the day our little 41 foot cabin cruiser Restless docked at Old Potato Dock at the village and our small boy Charles, with his friends and their parents, as well as ourselves, realized that at last we would be able to visit the various islands at which we had so longingly gazed from Lake Michigan's shore. Our trips were many, varied, and most enjoyable.

-Jessie M. Carmichael

Our Saturday evenings and Wednesday dinners at the Club. —Lestra Saxton

When I bought the Carmichael's cottage and getting acquainted with all my nice friends.

—Kitty Smith

The decision to acquire a site on Ingall's Bay and build a cottage and thus be sure of a place where all the family loved it so much.

—Dave De Vore

When our children were young and the cottage was so filled with young people from up and down the beach and from Omena Point that there was no room left for me, so I would leave, go to one of our neighbors, so the dancing and games could proceed without my being in the way.

-Ruth De Vore

The summer we decided to invest in the property which we later called "Echowood".

—Humphrey C. Jackson

# SECRET AMBITIONS.

To spend my remaining summers, which I hope will be many, on Ingalls Bay.

-Dave De Vore

Always to go to Omena.

-Lestra Saxton

Just to be able to sit down and relax.

—Jessie M. Carmichael

Win a Penguin race this summer.

-Dr. Melvin H. Pike

Spend as much time as possible at Omena where my favorite form of relaxation is a little boating and fishing and taking a good rest. —Colter Rule

This is it; you asked for it. Being feminine and a product of the month of May, have always wanted to own an emerald ring. I adore them and am not a worldly person.

—May Neuman Griffin

# THE OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB BREEZE OMENA, MICHIGAN

Editor Humphrey C, Jackson
Reporters Horace Wheeler
Mary Helen Ayars

Other articles are signed by the contributing members.

# MARY HELEN "AYARS" THE NEWS

Mary Moore, one of our Charter Members, became the wife of Bill Huff on March 8th, One of the four bridesmaids was Alice Ayars. Nancy Jo Wheeler assisted at the wedding. For their wedding trip Mary and Bill went to Mexico. Now they are living in Des Moines, Iowa, where Bill is with the Morton Salt Company.

Bob Saxton and Jane Morse's engagement party was held on December 23rd. On the door was a huge circle with silver balls, to resemble diamonds. Mrs. Lestra Saxton, Mrs. Dorothy Saxton and Sabra all went down for the party.

January 22 marks the date of Cynthia Bronston's engagement to Craig Smith. They are now both Juniors at Northwestern. A spring wedding in '53 is planned.

Lita Hagen, the sister-in-law of our Honorary Commodore, and John H. Oltman, 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, plan an August wedding. Lita is now working in Chicago.

While the four Ayars were spending vacation in Gulfport, Mississippi, Alice became engaged to John Linn. John is stationed in Houston, Texas, at Ellington Air Force Base and flew to Gulfport on the week-end of March 29th for the occasion. His home is in Chicago, and he was graduated from Northwestern last year.

Dick Taylor and his wife Julie announced in January the arrival of a baby girl, Linda.

By telling the name of a certain song on the radio this winter, Pat Verdery was lucky enough to win three lessons at Arthur Marray's.

The Hills hope to be up Michigan way about the 30th of May, where Bitsy is excitedly waiting the time when she can put her Snipe in the water. When the Attica Band visited Indianapolis, it found Bitsy an energetic Drum Majorette.

Holly Renz enjoyed her camping experience in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. last summer so much that she is returning there again this summer for the month of August.

Frank Huss earned his football letter this year, and now he is working on the BROOK, the Cranbrook year-book, of which he is assaciate editor.

Janey Basler claims that skiing is almost as much fun as sailing. She discovered this while on a sick leave out in Sun Valley.

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By Vice-Commodore Paul G. Hill.

With the Spring flowers now in bloom and the Jays nesting in our apple tree outside the studio window, there creeps into my Winter-numbed mind visions of Omena and Northport dear to my heart, the Yacht Club activity and the sailing are, of course, foremost among these.

I trust that to some extent that the same or similar thoughts are creeping in the fertile minds of some of our readers, both young and old.

Well, if we are to have sailing and lots of water activity this year it will take more than just the new fleet of boats to do nt. It will take genuine effort on the part of the enitre membership of the Club to further it.

One man, nor even two, can scratch the surface no matter how hard they work. We need the co-operation of all to have a successful season. Money must be made available for essential needs, and a spirit of participation not hereto for apparent on the part of everyone, must be the investment made for the benefit of all.

Those of the younger active sailors will have to take a new hand in race management, in the details of scheduling and planning sailing activities.

New sailors will need assistance in coaching and fundamentals of sailing, which must be carried out in justice to them by the more experienced of the young people. This may call for some sacrifice of time from some other pleasure, but this help is needed and in the spirit of good sportsmanship I am certain will be enthusiastically forthcoming. Some day we shall have a paid sailing instructor, I hope.

The Vice Commodore will help out wherever possible with a more limited amount of time available, and will wherever his knowlege permits it, advise on the finer points and questions arising. If everyone remembers that it is the participation in Yachting activities that will bring the pleasures, I feel sure that more good results will be forthcoming.

We, as a Club, are now past the weaning stage and the membership can approach the problems facing us with more understanding than in the past, when a few have had to carry on for the many.

The Michigan Yachting Assn., has asked our organization to affiliate with them. Thru Commodore Wm. J. Hover of the South Haven Yacht Club, there has been a deal of correspondence on this matter. The organization is a new one dedicated to the work of establishing closer cooperation and association between member clubs, sponsoring local events, interchange of membership for compliance with Liquor Control Commission rulings. Possible uniformity of guest regulations, etc. Suggested to be of a non-profit, tax-free membership basis. This matter can be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

So with a new season in the offing, let us all resolve to do our share towards having a real active sea-going good time. Come with your ideas and suggestions on any point that will assist us to achieve a much better season than any thus far for the OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB.



Mary Helen "Ayars" The News, Contd.

Jim Jackson and three other boys made up a band for a Y dance in March after a basketball game. Jim is also out for the swimming team.

In January a fifth member was edded to the family of Martha and Tom Smith. She is a darling little girl by the name of Jo.

February was the Halbert White's date for setting sail on a marvelous Mediterranean Cruise. They get back into home port some time in May.

George Anderson is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The week-end of January 4th he came to Chicago to visit his sister, who is working at Carsons.

The Ben Foltz' spent a couple of months in Chicago, this winter.

Leonard Devore arrived in this country in March after a year and a half of being in Korea and Japan.

Mrs. Lestra Saxton, Mrs. Christy Mc-Donald, and the Waldo Abbots, all cacationed down Florida way this winter. The Renz also drank up Florida sun during Christmas vacation.

Mrs. May Griffin and Miss Stella Newman spent the winter in Santa Barbara, California, in the same hotel that the Devores were in last year.

Bill Renz went to visit Tom Morse at Wabash College one week-end in March.

The Gleasons are planning to occupy the Earl Moore's cottage during the month of July. The first of August will find the Moores and their family in their own cottage for the whole month.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Carolin spent Carolin's spring vacation in Cincinnati visiting Martha and Tom Smith.

On April 8th, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Renz moved to: 115 Linden Drive, Wyoming, Ohio.

While collecting the news and answers gleaned from the questionnaire we found the following things: Several of the lasting memories that were mentioned were the burning of the Omena Point Lodge, a treasure hunt which ended by finding an invitation to a party instead of gold, and also when the Barkers' relatives from Texas came and taught us more about square dancing. More boating activities and dock facilities were suggested for the Yacht Club to accomplish this next summer. Favorite relaxations ranged from reading books, walking, sleeping, and sun bathing, to knitting argyle socks. Quite a few of our Junior members expressed their desire to either go round the world or write a book on people in foreign lands, as a secret ambition.

HOYTS
DRUGS AND SUNDRIES
SUTTONS BAY

# Breeze from Omena

By Horace Wheeler

Omena's winter came early and stayed late - even now there is skim ice on the Bay. However, the breath of Spring is upon us with the song birds returning. Omena's beach properties have suffered some Winter damage, notably the Carmichael boat house which is a total loss, including contents. The Club dock stood fairly well but will need some repairs. The water level is estimated at about one foot higher than last year, which submerges our dock.

We "Natives" were happily surprised with a short visit by Betty and Janey Basler last January. I received word from the Dr. Renz's to check up on some fold-ing tables (48" sq.) advertised in North-port. The net results are that the Club will be enriched by 4 or possibly 5 of said tables as a gift from the Renz's.

Mr. Carmichael is still confined to his bed at home, where his gracious wife is ever faithful to his care. He appears and is beginning to feel his same good self again, and hopes soon to be able to get around with the aid of a "Walker" and a Wheel Chair. The process, though, is a slow one. He is able to sit up 2 or 3 hours each day now. As he is always anxious for any news from the outside, I know a little cheery word from some of our members would be most welcome.

The Foltz's have kept busy thin Winter and have made substantial improvements to their home. In keeping the Old Omena spirit alive the Foltz's, Finn's and the Wheeler's alternate each Saturday with a "Saturday Night Supper Club".

Mike Kimmerly has face lifted his store with some new equipment, and John Putnam has added a two-stall garage building on the south of his tavern. Ernie Barth has made extensive improvements to his property.

### - 4 -**FUNNIEST EXPERIENCE!**

This incident happened at the Yacht Club pier summer before last, call it what you may, funny or otherwise. It was Saturday morning, the sun was spining brightly and there was a nice breeze on the Bay, a fine day for taking pictures, and also for sailing. Gus, Alice and I were out in our Lightning, learning some of the fundamentals of sailing, and Mrs. Ayars was on the pier with a movie camera, to take pictures as we landed.

The wind was a little tricky so in landing Gus jumped onto the pier, leaving Alice sitting forward on the deck. Suddenly the boat started to pull away, so Gus, quick as a wink, straddled the boat and the pier and grabbed Alice's hand to hold the boat, but Alice failed to hold onto anything on the boat, so in a flash she slid off the deck and both of them went into the water, fully clothed. This left me in the rear of the boat with sails still up, and headed for the rocks. I thought for the moment, I was about to make my initial solo sail, but Gus quickly swam after the boat and rescued us, me and the boat. All of this was excellent action for the movie camera, but after we were all safely back on land we discover-

### GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1951, to December 31, 1951.

January 1, 1951 - Cash on hand .. 294.35 INCOME

Dues and Initiation Fees	705.00
Special Benefit Parties	
Contributions	
Snack Bar (net)	
Breeze Subscriptions	109.50
Advertising	23.00
Maps	
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Lake Mich. Yachting Assn.,	. 15.00
Ribbon Badges	. 27.72
Anchor Chain	. 25.00
Cooler	. 72.10
Painting	446.13
Maintenance and Repairs	. 71.20
Electricity	. 20.09
Taxes	4.02
Insurance	
Breeze-Printing and Postage	109.68
Maps	181.48

1,334.05 .. 983,28 December 31, 1951, Cash on hand 2.317.33

Contract for Rebuilding and Repairing Docks #1 and #2 last Fall, Bill not rendered before Dec. 31, 1951,

(now paid) ..... Stewart V. Ayars,

Treasurer, O. T. Y. C.

### A REMINDER FOR DUES FOR 1952

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# -4-FUNNIEST EXPERIENCES.

ed that Mrs. Ayars was so excited with what was happening on the landing, that she forgot to take the picture.

Stewart V. Ayars.

When Abby and I picked up a poor little starved kitten at Northport Point and called her Omena. We decided it would be too hard to call her Northport.

-Kitty Smith

Hit a cow in Alabama-sorry for cow. Had to get a new door for the Cadillac. -Waldo Abbot

The episode of "Donald Duck". He was won in a raffle by one of the Rule family and brought to Omena as a young pet. Like "Topsy", he grew and was housed in an open crate on the shore. There he remained, sufficient unto himself or herself (?). It (he or she) was there when I left for home. One of our neighbors was commissioned to take it home to her farm, for the winter. Whether or not she succeeded in doing so, I cannot tell you. Maybe he reverted to type and went south, with the wild variety. He must have liked Omena with or without people.

-May Neuman Griffin

What Members would like to see the U. T. Y. C. accomplish this summer:

-Regular square dancing on Saturday

-All holes in roof made weather proof.

-Keep up the good times at the Club on Saturday and Wednesday as in the

-Boat races.

-More convenient facilities for preparation of food, a large coffee urn, etc.

-A continuation of the interest, fine spirit, and interesting gatherings of last year at an increased tempo.

-More members out for clean-up day before opening dinner at Club.

# - 4 NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Now that the new Penguin Fleet is becoming a reality and since many of the members of the fleet are novcies at sailing, it would seem fitting for veteran members of the art to lend a hand in helping train these new boat enthusiasts so that they will be a credit to the club. Mr. Livingston has offered to come down to Omena and give instruction but it seems that there will be need for more than one veteran available for instruction. Therefore, let us hope that whenever possible and convenient, a definite time be set aside each week for a training period. On these days let us meet at the club and carry out the practice and instruction which are necessary for developing the best possible crews.

4 "Tom Smith, son of George Smith, has a new daughter, born just a few days ago, third child, wife Martha Rule Smith and daughter doing fine".

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March 14, 1052, from Stewart V. Ayars "Alice was in Ann Arbor last weekend attending the wedding of Mary Moore as a bridesmaid. Nancy Jo Wheeler was there also. The Abbots were in Florida and the Newmans in California".

March 14, 1952, from Mary Helen Ayars.

"Since the last issue of the Breeze whenever I've heard any little tid-bits of news I've jotted them down, but after looking them over today find them a little stale. However, I'll type up and send what I have around the first week of April. Last week-end was Mary Moore's wedding in which Alice was a bridesmaid. It really must have been beautiful from the pictures in the paper. We heard from Mary and Bill the next day . . . they had left their keys to the suitcases, an overcoat, and Bill's tux pants in Ann Arbor. That's a rattled bride and groom for you!"

March 17, 1952, from Dave De Vore.

"I regret very much the delay in answering your letter of Feb. 24. However, it reached me just as I was beginning a siege with the "Flu". Leonard returned to the States the first of March after completing a seven months tour of duty in Japanese and Korean waters. He was made a full lieutenant and a member of the staff of the Commander of the Pacific Amphibious Forces before leaving the States. He is Communications Officer of the Staff. He was granted a short leave on his return and was home for a few days. Left with his wife last Saturday to drive back to San Diego where he will be stationed. He is hoping to be released from service around the first of November. We have heard from the Sid Morses that they expect to be on Ingalls Bay this summer. We will certainly be happy to have them back with us. I understand Mrs. Heidrich is planning a European tour with friends leaving some time in the late Spring or early Summer".

March 19, 1952, from Stewart Ayars.

"The enclosed "Compass' was sent to
O. T. Y. C., at Omena and was forwarded
to me. Thought you also might like to
see it to see what other Clubs do. It
looks expensive and I still think the
"Breeze" compares very well with it and
I'm sure costs a lot less".

March 24, 1952, from Dave De Vore.

"I am enclosing for your approval a little something, such as it is, I have written for the coming issue of the Breeze. I do hope the members of the Club will continue throughout the coming season the enthusiastic interest they displayed last year in everything done at the Club.

The fleet of new Penguins should add a lot of interest, and bring the Club activities to a well rounded out program. We will probably arrive on Ingalls Bay around mid-June and hope we will see the Jackson emblem flying as we look across the Bay".

March 26, 1952, from Ben Foltz.

"Hello. This is to acknowledge your letter which we received here at Omena about three weeks ago. We were very glad to hear from you and expect to see you next Summer. Maybe throw another game of horseshoes. Don't expect me to toss any more of those ringers though. That just could not happen again".

April 3, 1952 - The Halbert Whites write from Spain that they are bringing a wide variety of experiences to Omena in June - picking wild flowers near the Sea of Gallilee, the snow topped mountains of North Africa, a night club in Damascus, strange foods, marvelous mosques and cathedrals, millions of olive trees. At the costume party on shipboard, they took a first prize as Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty. Harriette was also acclaimed the hit of the evening on the stunt nite in her impersonation of Harry Truman after flying from Paris to New York on May 15, they will visit the Dale Underwoods in New Haven and stay a short time in Kansas City. They hope to arrive in their beloved Omena about June 10th.

April 10, 1952, from Carolin Smith.

"I'm down in Cincinnati for two weeks visiting my brother Tom and Mart and their new baby girl . . . Did you know that Craig and Cynthia Bronston are engaged? Their announcement party was February 2nd . . . We expect to arrive in Omena around June 7th".

#### BATTY BREEZE

Winter's past and Spring has came
Thoughts turn to Omena again.
Summer sports includin' sailing
Bring a bucket and start bailing.
Square dansin' and potluck dinners
Lotsa fun for you beginners.
Bingo, Bridge, and then Canasta
Commodore's Ball, but you don't hasta.
Labor Day, fall colors blend
The BREEZE begins and never end.
By Eddy Tore

Ray and Grace Flett paid a short visit to Omena in April, as did George and Helen Smith. Nancy Jo Wheeler was home for Easter week. The Club dock is under 8" of water with planking gone. Ingalls Bay beach completely covered by water. The water level is 4" higher than last Fall.

#### BITING THE BREEZE

November 16, 1951, from Marjorie Renz. "We are back at Omena the first week end in October, and saw part of the storm. There was a lot of damage done to our beach and terrace. The waves were the highest I had ever seen there, and the wind really howled. We stayed at the cottage and kept fairly warm".

December 3, 1951, from Sid Marse.

"We were very sorry to miss the second summer in a row in Michigan, but but our new house followed by a new paby kept us fully occupied here again last summer. Our "new" addition is Deborah, born January 24, 1951. A very fine young lady in all respects, who is a great comfort to her old parents — most of the time".

December 22, 1951, from K. Gus Sma-

rey, printer of the Breeze.

"It was nice working with you — you understand the importance of copy, etc. Don't know if you know this or not, but I was responsible for naming the Breeze as Gus didn't know what to call it — see I named it myself — and I see the name stuck. Well, happy landings, old top. Here's wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Toodle-ee doo".

December 30, 1951, from Stewart Ayars. "Ever since the Breeze arrived I have been intending to write and tell you how much we all enjoyed it. I hope this issue will inspire greater participation for news items from our members in the Spring issue".

January 2, 1952, from Dave De Vore.

"We all enjoyed the December Breeze and I am wondering whether you would mail me another copy as I sent my copy to son Leonard who is somewhere around the shores of Korea. I know he will be very happy to get it. Except for the times he has been in the service he spent every summer in Omena since he was two years old".

January 8, 1952, from Bill Livingston. "This is to advise you that your Penguin hull is completed. George Smith was here last Saturday and we went down to the shop and looked at the Penguins. Four hulls are now completed and the frames and transoms for the others are done. He was pleased at the looks of the boats and told me about the Chicago Penguin fleet that he and Carolin had seen at the Frost-Bite Regatta. He and Carolin have picked up a lot of valuable information about Penguins".

January 12, 1952, from Dave De Vore.

"Frank Kalchik called me the other day when he was passing through town on his way home from Florida... We are hoping that Leonard may be returning to the States in March and that he may be assigned to shore duty at Coronada, Caifornia. If so we will go to the West Coast at that time. However, everything is so uncertain and if this does not work out we are all going to be very disappointed".

January 31, 1952, from Agnes Barker.

"Enjoyed your card and the Breeze and have been wanting to write to tell you. Heard from Hazel Taylor. She said Mary Foltz had been to see them in Akron, Ohio. We had a wonderful Christmas. We all went to Atlanta to be with the new granddaughter. She is a doll and I had a lot of fun helping to take care of her".

February 23, 1952, from Stewart Ayars. "The Renz were in Chicago at the time of the Boat Show and came out to our house for dinner. We are planning on going down to Edgewater Gulf in March and expect to look at the Penguin Fleet at Biloxi. May have some news to bring back to you. Mary and Ben Foltz have been in Chicago and we had a visit with them one evening shortly before they returned to Omena in January".

February 29, 1952, from May Neuman Griffin.

"How like you to stir up something in Mid-Winter. I sat right down and did just what you requested. Who could refuse you? Hope all goes well with you, and will be seeing you when summer comes". (In answer to request for filling in questionnaire).

March 1, 1952, from Jessie M. Carmichael.

"We appreciate your kind interest in wanting to know about Hector's condition. He is progressing slowly, can't walk yet, much to his disgust. During the past several weeks at hospital all I heard was "I'm going home next week". Now it's, "I'm going to walk next week". He accomplished the first and I'm quite sure will the latter, but it may take longer. He's a good patient, is quite content, eats all that I give him and sleeps like a baby, so I feel he is definitely on the gain. Weather here has been so sunny and beautiful during February, with March coming in like a lamb, as she most certainly did, expect we can look for some real March weather. We will be glad for summer once more, the return of friends and all that Omena means to most of us".