



Winner of the race, Fran Byrne, and crew member, Marian Johnson, are carried in boat up Rush St., to restaurant owned by Ric Riccardo Jr., (wearing stocking cap) for trophy presentation.

Hardy sailors maneuver their dinghies on the Chicago River during the Frostbite Regatta, annual race that marks close of the sailing season. Race is sponsored by the Columbia Yacht Club.

HEART ATTACK FATAL TO O. T. Y. C. MEMBER.

Dr. William J. Graf, widely known Cincinnati physician, died of a heart attack March 27, 1955, in his automobile. Dr. Graf was a member of the Bethesda Hospital staff and had served as chief of staff there in 1945-47. A native Cincinnatian, he was graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1903, and from the U C College of Medicine in 1910. He began his practice in 1912. Dr. Graf was a member of the American Medical Association, Ohio Medical Association, Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, Cincinnati Obstetrical Society and Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity.

Surviving Dr. Graf are his widow, Mrs. Christine Porter Graf; two sons, Dr. William R. Graf and Dr. Douglas P. Graf; a daughter, Mrs. Janet Reid Tate, and seven grandchildren.

His friends at Omena will miss him as he and his family have for many years spent summer vacations at their cottage on Ingalls Bay.

PENGUIN CHATTER.

The Club's fleet of Penguins has been the backbone of yachting at the O. T. Y. C. for the past few years. However, the summer of 1954 found our Lightnings returning for several races, adding immeasurably to the enjoyment of boating on the Bay.

The O. T. Y. C. is a member of the Great Lakes Yachting Association and has sent representatives to annual meetings regularly. Penguin owners having their boats measured and checked are listed in the Penguin Year Book. Our Pengumena Fleet — No. 73, has an annual report of its activities printed in the yearbook together with a picture of the fleet.

When the fleet was organized officers chosen were Jim Jackson, Fleet Captain, and Carolin Smith, Fleet Secretary. This 1955 season will be the fourth season of organized sailing for the Pengumena Fleet.

Of interest to our Fleet members are the Sixth Regional Penguin doings which started April 3rd when the Columbia Yacht Club hosted the annual April Fools Regatta.

The annual Frostbite Regatta in Chicago sponsored by the Columbia Yacht Club has long been attended by members of the O. T. Y. C., including the George Smiths and the Stewart Ayars. Last fall pictures of the race and the winners arrived too late from Mr. Riccardo to be included in the BREEZE. The accompanying pictures show the winners and the Penguins in the river striving for victory.

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE.

While in Omena this April your Commodore spent some time looking around the Club House. In addition to making arrangements for the Club to be open to members at all times, the following items should be taken care of at once: (1) Install an electric range with proper wiring before the opening on July 1. (2) Install a strong wire fencing around upper porch to make it safe for children to play there. (3) Repair lower porch floor and floors in snack bar and entry. (4) New coat of paint for dock. (5) Provide additional mooring for boats of members and guests. (6) Install lockers in Club for skippers to keep equipment.

Things to be done in the near future, when means are provided are: (1) Install picture windows in the walls of the auditorium in the corners where we now have no windows. (2) Purchase sufficient tables

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THE O. T. Y. C. TRAVELER.

Two weeks with Joe and Millie Alcorn in Dallas with a side trip Yto Santa Fe, New Mexico, gave Marjorie Hill and Jack an enjoyable trip this winter.

Returning from Germany, Carol Pike Allsweed and Wayne, in May. New Year's spent in Paris visiting the Moulin Rouge and Folies Bergere will always bring fond memories.

Miami Beach welcomed Melvin and Gwen Pike early in January. Melvin attended a mid-winter Eye and Ear Clinic sponsored by the University of Florida. The Pikes picked up a good sun tan sojourning at the Sea Isle Hotel. Many week ends in Omena starting their garden this spring has made the year an eventful one.

The day after Thanksgiving found the Weisses Florida bound. First stop Miami's Hotel Kenilworth, then on to Daytona Beach, where they apartmented on the beach. Places of interest visited included the Bok Tower, Cypress Gardens, and then on to Sarasota, Tampa, Venice and most of the west coast. Homeward bound to Cincinnati about the middle of February.

Three weeks in Honolulu, flying both ways, made the winter interestingly different for the Waldo Abbotts. The mountains were more spectacular, the water saltier and the costs higher, but Omena is more fun, says Waldo. Emily and Waldo will week-end in Omena, May 12, inasmuch as radio music festivals will be held in the Grand Traverse area at that time. The Earl Moores will accompany them to Omena.

Bound for New York City for a few days during spring vacation, Clemewell Lay.

A month with an old friend in Larchmont, N. Y., was most enjoyable for Penny Heidrich. Joining Agnes Barker in Ft. Lauderdale, she and Agnes flew home to Cincinnati for Christmas. Eben, Agnes and Penny returned to Ft. Lauderdale where Agnes is hostess at her Ocean Spray Apartments.

Texas bound, Penny will visit with Charles and Bob in Beaumont and Austin in April.

Bringing several friends, Sue Barker will spring vacation with her mother in Ft. Lauderdale.

An extensive tour of the West including the National Parks early last fall, climaxed by five weeks with her sister in Arcadia, Eva Bauer and her sister Vida Bennett found California most enjoyable. Vida stayed on for the winter but Eva returned to her Florida home in Sarasota in January.

Attending a medical convention early in March, Andy and Marjorie Renz were in Chicago where they had dinner with the Smiths and the Ayars.

Flying to Boston April 13, Jane and Humphrey Jackson. Humphrey will attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and meet with Dr. C. Newton Stokes, co-author of his Seventh Grade Mathematics Text together with the Editor John L. Potter of Allyn and Bacon. A

day in New York City on the way home will high-light their trip.

Bound for Europe next summer, Peg and Bob Morse expect to fly some time in September.

Houston, Texas, found Verónica and Jim Farrell visiting daughter Mary and her four children. A new grandchild, Mary Chris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farrell has now been added to the Farrell family.

Wintering in La Jolla, Ruth and Dave DeVore, with son Leonard and his wife. Visits with Lillian White Canatsy and Maretta Fisher Klitgaard has made the winter most enjoyable. The DeVore's are looking forward to the summer in Omena.

Five weeks in Florida with John's parents, the D. J. Donohues, at Venice, gave Marianne Schaefer Donohue an exciting vacation. A tour of the East Coast on the way down was included.

California bound in August, the Humphrey Jacksons plan to visit many national parks and visit friends in L. A., Labor Day week-end will find the Jacksons at Echwood.

Puerto Rico found Mary Lou and Janey Basler among its winter visitors over the holidays. Their visit with Betty is an annual event.

FORMER COMMODORE HONORED.

On his 75th birthday, Dave DeVore was given a very pleasant surprise. Many of Dave's friends gathered at the home of John and Joan DeVore Roth in Cincinnati where the Dave DeVores (Jr.) and the Roths co-hosted the occasion.

Although the weather was nasty, one of those icy-cold slippery nights, it did not seem to prevent any of the guests from attending.

Among the guests were the following O. T. Y. C. members: Marilyn and Bill Graf, Betty and Doug. Graf, Christine and William Graf, Marjorie and Andy Renz, Alice Rule Robinson, Marguerite and Coulter Rule, Martha and Tom Smith, and Grace and Ray Flett.

The gracious hospitality of the hosts in their charming friendly home made it an occasion long to be remembered. Ruth DeVore contributed much pleasure to the party in her thoughtful pleasant way. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Merkel presented Dave with a very unique and beautiful gift — 75 new pennies pasted on a wide dark ribbon. Dave wore it as a scarf for nearly the whole evening. Other gifts included a piece of sheet music, "Happy Birthday to You", which during the evening, was autographed by everyone present.

Helen and George Smith telephoned their congratulations, and Millie and Joe Alcorn telegraphed Dave. Many others phoned and wired to help make this a very memorable occasion.

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BREEZE to be BOUND.

Two complete sets of the BREEZE are to be bound in loose leaf form in which each sheet will be cellophane protected. Ray Flett has volunteered to do this for the Club. Several copies of the Leelanau Yacht Club News of October, 1947, are needed to complete these. It is Ray's idea to make four files, one for the Club House, one for the Secretary, one for the Editor, and one for the Commodore. The files for secretary, editor and commodore are to be passed on to each successor.

TROPHY CASE.

One of the projects proposed last summer which will be carried to completion early this spring, was the building of a suitable Trophy Case in the entry of the Clubhouse. This case will enclose the present bulletin board and display a Club map as well as afford space for housing the Club trophies. Under the able direction of Ray Flett, assisted by Norm Johanning, Club members may look forward to seeing in 1955 the results of their planning. How fortunate the Club is to have members talented along this line. Neither Ray nor Norm will disclose details of their plans, but we all know they will surpass our wildest dreams.

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SUMMER 1955**

Day	Date	Event
Saturday	July 2	Opening Turkey Dinner
Sunday	July 3	Open House — Sailing
Monday	July 4	Open House — Sailing
Wednesday	July 6	First Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday	July 9	Racing — Leelanau Flower and Art Show
Sunday	July 10	Open House
Wednesday	July 13	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday	July 16	Racing — Special Party
Sunday	July 17	Open House
Wednesday	July 20	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday	July 23	Racing — Bingo Party and Food Sale
Sunday	July 24	Open House
Wednesday	July 27	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday	July 30	Racing — Hobby Show
Sunday	July 31	Open House
Wednesday	August 3	Chili Dinner
Saturday	August 6	Racing — Special Events Party
Sunday	August 7	Open House
Wednesday	August 10	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday	August 13	Racing — Venetian Night
Sunday	August 14	Open House
Wednesday	August 17	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday	August 20	Racing — Card Party
Sunday	August 21	Open House
Wednesday	August 24	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday	August 27	Racing — Commodore's Ball
Sunday	August 28	Open House
Wednesday	August 31	Ham Dinner
Saturday	September 3	Racing
Sunday	September 4	Open House — Sailing
Monday	September 5	Labor Day — Closing of Club

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REPORT OF TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954.

(Detailed report appeared in Dec.
1954, issue of Breeze).

Jan. 1, 1954, Cash on hand	543.48
Dock Reserve	1,000.00
Receipts	2,372.65
	3,916.13
Expenditures	2,551.45
Dec. 31, 1954, Cash on hand	1,152.57
Electric Wiring Reserve	212.11
	3,916.13

Stewart V. Ayars, Treasurer.



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so that we do not need to borrow them.
(3) Give the flag pole a new coat of paint and replace the ropes.

One thing seems apparent, namely that our dues are not large enough to take care of the needed items. One way to increase our dues would be to have both husband and wife take out separate memberships. How do you feel about this?

Your Commodore is going all-out to have things just right, so won't you get behind him and lend the support that will make the Omena Traverse Yacht Club the greatest?

George S. Smith, Commodore.

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Spring-vacationing in Omena were Bill Renz, Mary Helen Ayars, Rat Smith and Sherry Milroy. It was really great to be in Omena. There was quite a bit of snow around when we arrived, but several days of warm weather made it disappear. We raked leaves and cleaned up around the cottage. Painted the Driplet bright yellow — everyone will need sun glasses to look at it. We all wished we could start summer right now instead of having to face another nine weeks of school.

Sherry has been quite busy doing a lot of theatre work at school. She lives at the dorm and goes home week-ends.

Rat was pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma at De Pauw and has been active in dorm council meetings.

Bill has been pledged to Phi Kappa Sigma at Alabama.

Holly is planning to attend Alabama next fall. Bill and Holly plan to spend the entire summer in Omena.

Linda Johanning has transferred to the University of Michigan and hopes to take a counselor Education course this summer at Interlochen.

Margy Lyon enjoyed having her parents with her at Easter. Betsy stayed with her at the dorm and had lots of fun. The Lyons are planning to be in Michigan shortly after school is out.

Patricia Anne Hill graduates from High School this June.

Jack Hill receives his DVM degree at Oklahoma A. & M. in June.

David Jackson is now proud owner of a Cheve convertible.

Jim Jackson and Jane Lilly Jackson entertained their parents and former dorm roommates with a buffet dinner on Easter.

Jeannie McLean writes that subjects are hard, but the professors are quite willing to help. Jeannie has joined the Michigan State Sailing Club which she has found most interesting and helpful. They have Penguins and Snipes at their disposal at any time on Lake Lansing. Jeannie also belongs to the Ski Club and Mason Hall Glee Club, and is an officer in the Mason Hall dorm for girls.

Betsy Hill is planning to enter William Woods College next fall, and after attending brother Jack's graduating ceremonies, will spend all summer in Michigan.

Mary Helen Ayars and Sue Barker were delighted and amazed to meet at a picnic about 12 miles from Dennison one Saturday in April.

Mona Johanning drove to Ann Arbor with a friend to pick up Linda during spring vacation, and saw Waldo and Emily Abbot.



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Holly Renz is in the Senior play, "Ten Little Indians", and her picture will be in May's Seventeen because she is on the Cincinnati Safety Council. Holly received the highest grade given in both the regional and state music conferences for her voice.

Sue Barker visited Michigan State with two friends between semesters. Saw Jeannie McLean a number of times. Jeannie visited Sue during spring vacation. Sue expects to go to Michigan University with the O. W. W. Sailing Club this spring. Sue is looking forward to seeing everyone in Omena this summer.



MEMBREEZE.

Jane Morse Saxton presented her husband, Bob, with a baby boy, Clark Day Saxton, April 1st. This is also the birthday of the baby's maternal grandmother, Peg Morse. Bob graduates from Western Reserve Medical School in June and on July 1 starts his internship at Duke University Hospital, Durham, N. C. After spending July in Omena, Jane and baby Clark will join Bob in Durham.

It's the fourth for Martha Rule and Tom Smith.

Married December 29, 1954, Jane Lilly and H. James Jackson. Jim is a freshman at Michigan State in Electrical Engineering. At home in 912 Burcham, Apt. 1, East Lansing, Michigan.

A grandson in December for Christy McDonald.

A couple of broken ribs for Jessie Carmichael, falling on ice. Recovery complete as she was seen riding in a jeep to Finns for a Saturday night party.

A new house for Kitty Smith in Plantation with an acre of ground, plenty of room for the cats and dogs. Has lots of citrus trees, oranges, grapefruit and lemons.

Missed the annual Emily and Waldo Abbot's visit say Bill and Martha Feely. Were disappointed not to be able to visit Kitty Smith and see her new home. Looking forward to summer in Omena.

Spending most of the mornings painting, Eva Bauer has enjoyed Mrs. Thearl Smiths company at Sarasota, Florida, since January.

Received from Clemewell Lay, a check for \$25 towards the purchase of a steel file which will lock. The need for this type file has become apparent since there is no place to keep historical records of the Club. The file will be welcomed by the Club secretary, treasurer and editor of the Breeze. Additional contributions will be appreciated, so that we may make this dream become a reality.

Clemewell writes that summer at Ingalls Bay seems too far off but that she can scarcely wait for July to rool around.

The Waldo Abbots are having a gas furnace placed in the Abbey. Waldo Jr. has booked the cottage for his family for the middle two weeks in July. Marie, Mrs. H. C. Jackson, (a common name in Omena. will be up with her four children (not eleven puppies this year I hope) the last

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of July so her doctor husband can attend the Traverse Medical meeting. The doctor and his wife were in Ft. Lauderdale in March. Priscilla now lives in Indianapolis in a new home. Advanced booking has not been received, allowing two weeks in August for the senior Abbots in Omena. Waldo Sr., has made airplane reservations for every second week so he may visit his wife who will spend most of the summer on the Point.

In October Ernie Barth set out a hundred pansy plants around the Abbey. It will be interesting to see how they have survived the Leelanau winter.

Christmas for the Ayars was a happy occasion with both girls and granddaughter for several days.

The Elliott Pogue's of Cincinnati will again occupy the Morse cottage on Ingalls Bay during August.

Moved, to Mt. Washington, the Weisses.

The Ayars prolonged their early Omena stay until April 23. K. Gus Smarey reported chatting with Stewart and enjoyed his visit. Ruth had a virus infection with a high fever, but is rapidly recovering at the cottage in Omena. Stewart reported that the temperature in Traverse City was 78 degrees on Sunday, April 10th.

Marge Renz will be in charge of social events this season. Ruth DeVore will have charge of the pot-luck summers. The annual Turkey Dinner opening the Club will be held on Saturday, July 2nd.

Members are urged to bring costumes of some sort as there are rumors of parties to be dreamed up that will require such attire, says Helen Smith.

Paul Hill is having the sloop "Happy Turtle" converted to a ketch this season — work is now mostly completed. It will have a new motor-driven bilge pump running off the auxiliary power take-off, to relieve the skipper of work and unnecessary effort. "Being a retired commodore will have its advantages; there will be more time to enjoy my boating", writes Paul.

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BREEZE from OMENA.

Strawberry Hill reports that at this writing (March 16) even though spring is just around the corner, the old fireplace with the blazing birch logs still has its appeal. Outside the March winds are howling at 20° F., with a touch of snow in the air to boot. And, we are looking forward to Saturday night when the clan (the Wheelers, Foltz's, Finns, Jessie Carmichael and the Hendryx's) get together as usual for dinner and a lively game of dollar poker (for free), this time at our house. The Finns strawberries are awaiting some serious attention in the not too distant future from yours truly as soon as some warm breezes let me know that the calendar is not far from right again. Before you know it we will be greeting you all up here again at O. T. Y. C., that place you can't forget. We have a bit of good news about one of the charter members — Crammy Jr. is marrying Patricia Bermuth on next August 27th, and the undersigned will thereby acquire a lovely daughter-in-law. Best to all.

Marion and Crampton Finn.

While sitting at my desk, looking toward the Yacht Club, in its rather chilly winter dignity, tall white columns against dark green of majestic pines, white spots of snow banked along shore, dock of grey, in a blue grey water; I am reminded that in a few weeks, there will be spots of broght color moving about, gay laughter wafted across the Bay along with noise of motors and best of all, the graceful motion of lady Penguins in their ever-changing mood. Can't come too soon to suit me.

According to what I read of winter in other places, it hasn't been too bad here; plenty of snow and ice. The Bay didn't freeze over, but a night or two of that zero weather without wind would have finished the job. North wind took it out a week or ten days ago.

No signs of robins as yet; our crows are back in full force however, and each night a little owl favors me with his low mating song, just outside my window in the tree top.

Last week Florence and Horace Wheeler and I were dining with the Cramptons at Strawberry Hill one evening. We watched a beautiful sunset from the living room window, then later the full moon rise over the Bay from the dining room window. All agreed, nothing could be more beautiful.

Jessie M. Carmichael.

April has ushered in some beautiful weather here in Omena, which sparks us all for the summer joys soon ahead when our old friends will return. Last night (Sunday evening) while admiring the beautiful twilight colors on the Bay from Jessie Carmichael's picture window, we heard a knock at the door. We were all happily surprised to greet Ruth and Stewart Ayars and Mary Helen, who are spending their pre-Easter week at their cottage. MerriLee Milroy has also arrived for Easter vacation, staying with the Foltz's, and now we look forward to welcoming Helen and George Smith and Ca-

rolyn tomorrow. Almost every week-end find Melvin Pike, and sometimes Gwendolyn, at their cottage with their friendly light shining out to greet us.

The O. T. Y. C. docks have stood the winter well, however, we find a sort of sand beach cove added on the south, where once was moored a boat.

Word from Nancy Jo is that she and John are spending a week at Panama Beach before moving from Glencoe, Ill., May 1st to the Detroit area.

With all best wishes,

Florence and Horace Wheeler.

To anyone who might be intersted in the weather here at Omena, this last of March, we had one of the worst blizzards in the history of this section, just a few days ago, following a warm spell that took off most all of the snow. Just a reminder that a few warm days at this time does not mean that spring is here. However, a warm April is predicted, and for the third consecutive year the Omena Bay has not been frozen over. There has been very little ice in Grand Traverse Bay. Some shore ice, which was heavy, only in spots. So I believe the damage to docks has been negligible, and the Dock Committee of the O. T. Y. C. will probably have nothing to worry about.

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