

Omena & Traverse Breeze

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PENGUIN PATTTER.

Fleet members will be delighted to learn that invitations have been received to enter your boats in the following Regattas:

(1) Third Hawaiian Invitational Regatta to be held at Honolulu, Hawaii, October 28 — November 3, 1956. If you can arrange to attend you will want to spend the week of October 21 - 27, which is Aloha Week, to be followed by the Invitational, both topped off by the justly famous hospitality of the islands. "If there is a trip to Hawaii in your hopes for the future, plan to include this invitational in your itinerary", says Lee Marshall of the Kaneohe Yacht Club. The Club's address is P. O. Box 2501, Honolulu, Hawaii. Lee's address is LCDR L. E. Marshall, 400 Third Street, Honolulu 18, Hawaii. Brochures and entry blanks will be posted on the Club bulletin board.

Attention all Fleet Captains: To date the following races of general interest have been scheduled:

August 16, 17 & 18 — International Championships, Biloxi Yacht Club, Biloxi, Mississippi.

August 26 — Daily News Regatta, Monroe Street Harbor, Chicago, Illinois.

September 23 & 24 — Sixth Regional Championships, Columbia Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois.

October 21 — Burnham Park Invitational, Burnham Park Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois.

October 26 — Fred Weston Regatta — L. M. Y. A. Dinghy Championship, all classes (LMYA Clubs only), Columbia Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois.

I hope that other Invitational Regattas will be scheduled in the Sixth Region, and that the Fleet Captains so doing will let me know. These dates will be announced to all fleets. I am particularly to hear from fleets in the Detroit, Kentucky and Peoria areas.

As there have been changes in Fleet Officers, it would be appreciated if those receiving this letter would pass it on to the current Fleet Captain —PDQ.

The Sixth Regional Championship is always held by the Fleet of the past winner, so how about some of you people out of Chicago planning to come up here this Fall and take it somewhere else?

Robert P. Smith Jr.,
Sixth Regional Vice President,
6070 Sheridan Road,
Chicago 40, Illinois.
March 19, 1956.



"The above snap attests to some of the heavy weather we have had — although still cool here today (April 25) the snow is all gone and the lawns are greening up. Last week 15 of us answered the gong to a beautiful supper party at the Geo. Smith's. Nancy Jo' and John from St. Clair Shores rounded out our party.

Although Omena Bay level is down a good 2 feet, the shore line is enhanced and seems to beckon all of its Summer guests as do we so-called natives, so-o hurry back".

Horace Wheeler.

The weather was again the subject of much concern as Tuesday, April 3rd, a tornado struck the Leelanau Peninsula, traveling northeast through Thompsonville and Solon, blowing itself out over Suttons Bay and the Grand Traverse Bay. High winds caused considerable damage in nearby areas.

Dec. 21, '55. "Just a word to let you know that the BREEZE was received by the Ayars family. When I came home the day it arrived, I found Ruth and Mary Helen pouring over it and Ruth's exclamation that she thought the front page was the cleverest thing she had ever seen. I heartily agreed with her and we all had fun picking out all the significant items even down to the smallest details".

Stewart Ayars.

The members of the OTYC extend their deepest sympathy to Mark and Judith Sloniker and their family for the loss of their son Mark Jr., in April.

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE.

Your Commodore had planned to have a picture to send along with his letter showing you what Omena looked like on Easter Sunday. But bellows on the camera let in some light and the pictures were no good.

This is now the second Sunday after Easter according to the prayer book, for you who are Episcopalians, and the fifteenth of April or the Ides of April, to you who waited until the last day to file your return for the Bureau of Internal Revenue. It is also the deadline for items for the Breeze, so here goes.

To refer back to those Easter Sunday pictures, that didn't materialize, they would have shown from one to two feet of snow on the ground with absolutely no signs of Spring. The week following Easter, we had some warm days and rain and between here and Traverse City, a good size tornado, and we saw the bare earth for the first time since last November. This week end, while not warm or springlike, has brought out the early spring flowers. The Wheelers asked us up for cocktails between church and lunch and the Commodore brought Florence Wheeler a small bunch of Hepatica from the woods on the north side of the Ayars home and they were the first of the season.

The water in the Bay has gone down quite a little since you left last fall and this, of course, has changed the water front at the Yacht Club. So that you may get some idea of how things look, I might tell you that the dock in front of the Clubhouse, which is seventy feet long, has only twenty five feet that is in the Bay and this means that there is no water back of our south dock. In other words, our beach extends right out to a line from the south dock to a place on the big dock just twenty five feet from the end.

This shallow water means that we are faced with an immediate problem of moorings for the members boats. Your Commodore will have some figures and plans as to what we can do about moorings, so that your Directors can take action on this matter at their first meeting.

So that you may all make your plans accordingly, the committee appointments for 1956 are listed elsewhere in this Breeze. No big changes from last year because your Commodore was more than well pleased with his 1955 committees.

Your Commodore and his Lady must steal some of the wind from the sails of the publicity committee, and are very happy to announce our daughter's engagement to Billy Renz. They plan to be married in the church at Omena this fall.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1956:

HOUSE: Chairman — Mary Foltz
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Janet Sloniker

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Andy Renz

HARBORS AND DOCKS AND FLAGS:
Chairman — Paul Hill
Walter Gardner Andy Renz
Joe Alcorn Fred Schaefer
Bob Morse

AN EXCITING EVENT.

The Milroys have had a gay time this winter. One of the outstanding events enjoyed was the opening night of the Cafe Bonaparte in the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel.

The dishes were authentic creations of the greatest chef of the Napoleonic period, Marie-Antoine Careme; and selected French wines accompanied every course.

For the perfect enjoyment of this Banquet, no smoking was allowed until the end of the meal, no bread and water was served and no salt and pepper shakers were on the table.

The Prince Napoleon Murat from France came for the occasion. Among the guests were Perle Mesta, Cobina Wright and several Hollywood celebrities.

It was a royal feast and lasted until mornig.

The room is magnificent and a **MUST** for anyone visiting Chicago.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS SUMMER 1956

Wednesday, July 4 — Opening Turkey Dinner

Saturday, July 7 — Social Evening

Sunday, July 8 — Open House

Wednesday, July 11 — Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, July 14 — Social Evening

Sunday, July 15 — Open House

Wednesday, July 18 — Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, July 21 — Racing — Special Party

Sunday, July 22 — Open House

Wednesday, July 25 — Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, July 28 — Racing — Ringo Party

Sunday, July 29 — Open House

Wednesday, Aug. 1 — Chili Dinner

Saturday, Aug. 4 — Racing — Special Events Party

Sunday, Aug. 5 — Open House

Wednesday, Aug. 8 — Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, Aug. 11 — Racing — Card Party

Sunday, Aug. 12 — Open House

Wednesday, Aug. 15 — Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, Aug. 18 — Racing — Venetian Night

Sunday, Aug. 19 — Open House

Wednesday, Aug. 22 — Pot Luck Dinner

— Annual Meeting

Saturday, Aug. 25 — Racing — Commodores Ball

Sunday, Aug. 26 — Open House

Wednesday, Aug. 29 — Ham Dinner

Saturday, Sept. 1 — Handicap Races

Sunday, Sept. 2 — Open House

Monday, Sept. 3 — Labor Day — Club Closes.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Commodore and Mrs. Smith announce the engagement of their daughter Carolin to Mr. William Renz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Renz of Wyoming, Ohio. The marriage will take place in the Methodist Church at Omena some time this Fall.

BARTH'S CASH STORE OMENA, MICHIGAN

HOW TO KILL YOUR YACHT CLUB ASSOCIATION.

1. Don't come to the meetings.
 2. If you do come, come late.
 3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
 4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other membrs.
 5. Never accept office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
 6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend the committee meetings.
 7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everyone how things ought to be done.
 8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly, use their ability to help matters along, howl that the association is run by a clique.
 9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
- Submitted by Ray Flett.

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 Omena News Horace Wheeler

COLLEGE CAPERS.

By Mary Helen Ayars.

After spending ten days in Ft. Lauderdale, it certainly is hard to settle down to work here at school.

I was happily surprised the week-end before vacation to have Mrs. Renz, Rat and Bill stop in to see me. They both had their spring vacation and Bill was looking over prospective jobs. Rat has transferred to Northwestern Michigan College at Traverse City.

Jean McClean is also going to Northwestern Michigan College. She spent spring vacation in Aspen, Colorado.

While we were in Florida we stopped in on both Kitty Smith and the Barkers. Sue's plans were indefinite for this summer, but she was contemplating summer school, perhaps in Michigan State in East Lansing.

Margy and Betsy Lyon plan to spend the entire summer in Omena except for a short time when Margy will go to Chi Omega convention.

Real exciting things are in store for Holly Renz this summer. She plans to sail for Europe in June and will return about August 17th in time to spend a real short time in Omena. Holly is now wearing a Delta Zeta pledge pin at the University of Alabama.

Alice and John Linn have now moved to Northbrook, Illinois, where they hope to remain indefinitely. We are hoping that they will be able to spend some time in Omena with us.

Rat plans to spend the entire summer in Omena.

I'm going to Banff to our sorority's convention but will be up there either going to summer school or working after the 3rd of July.

Jane and Jim Jackson now live at 13904 Mack Avenue, Detroit. Jim is attending the Radio and Television Electronics School in Detroit.

Linda Johanning spent spring vacation in Florida and is planning a European trip for the early summer.

Dave Jackson spent spring vacation replacing the clutch and some broken springs in his Cheve.

Marilee Milroy is assistant director of a play by James Barrie called "Quality Street" which will be given at Mundelein College early in May. Marilee is looking forward to her summer in Michigan.

DID YOU KNOW

— that Bob and Jane Saxton are back in Durham, N. C., after a two weeks' visit with the Morses in Pampano, Florida.

— that Pamela Denise Jackson arrived December 1st. Proud parents Jim and Jane will display their chubby one when they visit grandma and grandpa on Ingalls Bay.

— that Melvin and Gwen Pike were in Miami in January where Mel attended the U. of Florida Mid-Winter E. E. N. T. course. Gwen amused herself with swimming lessons and Cha-Cha lessons with hubby.

— that the Whites are planning to arrive in Omena June 3rd. Halbert will fly and Harriette will drive.

— that Chris Verdery has a new baby brother. Hazel Taylor left Saturday, March 10, for Akron to stay with Chris while Pat was in the hospital.

— that Andy and Marjorie Renz spent a week-end with Holly and Bill in Tuscaloosa early in February. Daffodils were in bloom and many flowering shrubs like forsythia, japonica and camellias.

— that the Jacksons had to postpone their trip to Omena during Spring vacation because the snow drifts had not melted sufficiently to enter the road off Ingalls Bay road and Bob Barth wrote that the entire road was covered with snow of varying depths.

— that Leelanau County had the winter's worst blizzard the week-end of March 10th. The Omena crowd were at Hazel Taylors on Saturday night for their usual get-together and left in a blinding snow storm. All reached home safely except the James Hendryx, who stayed in Suttons Bay with friends rather than attempt their woods road onto Lees Point. The Finns made it but not without much difficulty.

— that the Moores have just returned (March 15) from the West Coast where they visited their two sons and families. They called on the Newmans at Santa Barbara.

— that the Feely's of Jackson, Ga., were surprised by a visit of Waldo Abbot Srs., stopping on their way to Florida. With them were daughter Priscilla and Peter.

— that the Pikes are planning a trip to Washington the first week in June. Judy will be with them.

— that Dale and Harriette and the little Underwoods will arrive soon after school closes. Dale will return to New Haven for summer work and the family will remain until he comes to drive them home.

— that Andy and Marjorie Renz visited Tuscaloosa in March for the annual Spring Concert in which both Bill and Holly sing. After the concert they visited Washington, D. C., to attend a medical meeting.

— that Humphrey Jackson flew to Milwaukee in April to attend the annual conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

— that Marie Louise Basler just return-

ed from a six weeks visit with her daughter Betty (Mrs. James Fairbanks) who lives in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

— that Sue Barker has completely recovered her health and entered school in February.

— that Eben and Agnes Barker plan to be in Omena during July and perhaps part of August.

— that Bob Heidrick and his family plan to be in Omena during August.

— Stewart and Ruth Ayars drove to Florida in April for the Spring vacation, where they met daughter Mary Helen in Ft. Lauderdale.

— that Alice (Ayars) and 2-year old Nancy spent some time with Ruth and Stewart while looking for a home. John is locating in business in Chicago.

— that Carol (Pike) and Hutch Allswede are living in Midland. Hutch is attending Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant, commuting daily. Carol is working at Dow Chemical Co. They have a nice little home and have unpacked all their wedding gifts, souvenirs from Germany, etc., and are settled for a while.

— that Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Bauer have just returned (March 14) to Sarasota from a six week trip to Mexico.

— that young Gary Canatsey will visit from La Jolla for six weeks with the Whites. He is interested in crewing for one of the boats. Also, will be available for odd jobs to help earn a little money.

— that Carol White Stine and Al have just returned from a trip to the Southwest in their new Cessna four passenger plane.

— that the George Smiths and Jessie Carmichael were snowbound Sunday, March 11th.

— that the Renz are planning an early June Canadian vacation including Montreal, Quebec, and then back to Omena.

— that May Griffin and Stella Newman plan to arrive in Omena in June.

— that Harriette Underwood's jewelry enamelled on copper, exhibited in the East has won ribbons for her. Staff photographers came to her studio and took pictures of her in the various stages of the process.

— that the George Smiths have not been able to drive to their hilltop home since the March 15th blizzard?

— that Ruth and David DeVore arrived back in "Cinci" in the latter part of March, returning from their annual visit in La Jolla, Calif.

— that the DeVores were welcomed in La Jolla this year by a new granddaughter, Patricia, who was 5 weeks old when they arrived. Dave says that "I suppose grandfathers are inclined to be a bit prejudiced, but Pat is the most beautiful baby I ever saw".

— that Leonard and Carol DeVore, Doug and Pat are enjoying their own new home in the Point Lorna area of San Diego.

— that Ruth and Dave DeVore visited Lillian White Cannatsy and family, also Martha Fisher Klitgaard and family, both of whom live in La Jolla.

DID YOU KNOW

— that Marie Louise Basler and her father, Mr. Jordan, expect to come north late in May or early June and will spend a couple of weeks with Janey (Mrs. Dr. Robert Newland) in Traverse City before going on to their cottage on Ingalls Bay.

— that May Griffin and Stella Newman plan to open their home on Omena Point early in June.

— that Fred Schaefer spent a few weeks with daughter Marianne and husband Ward Donohue in Florida at Ward's folk's place in Venice, just south of Sarasota. There was a gathering of the Donohue clan as Ward's brother's family, the Donald J. Donohue Jr.'s, and Mrs. Donohue's niece and husband and two daughters were also visiting.

— that Leona Milroy has been very active in Chicago this winter with the French Society, Alliance Francais.

— that the Keyes will occupy the Lay cottage on Ingalls Bay for the entire summer.

— that Clemewell Lay will spend the summer touring Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Austria, but expects to be in Omena in 1957.

— that the Farrells are spending some time with their two daughters in Texas, Pody in Laredo and Mary in Houston. They proudly announce the birth of a 9 pound girl to son Tom and Bea.

— that the Frank Fisher's are spending about a month in California.

— that Alice and Landin Robinson visited the Rules in Cincinnati.

— that Johnny Rule arrived by plane as the Robinson's were leaving.

— that the Slonikers tentatively plan to spend a week in their cottage in May. They expect to be in Omena most of the summer.

— that the Bob Weiss was married last fall.

— that Fred Weiss suffered a heart attack while on a trip through Florida and was hospitalized for about four weeks.

— that the Basler home in Cincinnati is for sale.

— that the Fletts hope to open their cottage as early as possible.

— that Lorraine Flett will be in Omena for July and August.

— that Kitty Smith will be bound Northbound early in May.

— that Sid Morse sent the editor of the BREEZE copies of the February 1949, April 1949 and April 1950 BREEZE to help complete our file of all copies.

— that Helen Smith will be in charge of the Turkey dinner Wednesday, July 4.

— that Leona Milroy was in charge of a program called "April in Paris" for a club in Chicago. She says it was exciting to do, because last year she was in Paris in April.

— that Joe Alcorn had an interesting trip this winter helping a friend take his 42 ft. Matthews from Houston to Miami. "It took us ten days", said Joe, "all of which I enjoyed as I had had no experience in the intracoastal canals or the Gulf. Took lots of colored movies which turned out gretty good".

— that Joe and Millie also tried the horses at Hot Springs, Ark., for a week but did not noticeably increase their assets there.

— that Joe and Millie expect to hit Northport around the end of April if all goes well.

— that Waldo Abbot suffered a mild stroke after arriving in Florida this winter which prevented his enjoying the vacation that he usually takes.

— that on the way down the Abbots stopped to see the Feeley's and also visited Kitty Smith in Ft. Lauderdale.

— that Dr. Howard Jackson, son-in-law of the Abbots passed on while the Abbots were in Florida.

— that Marie Abbot Jackson and 4 children will visit the Abbey this summer, as will Priscilla and Maury Straub and their child Peter. Waldo Jr., and his two children and Ping will be up for the first two weeks in July.

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THEATRE IN THE ROUND.

The Cherry County Playhouse, which occupied the colorful tent theatre opposite the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, now has a full season of productions behind it: It was started in 1955 by a group of long term summer residents of Northport Point and Neatawantah who are interested in theatre and feel that a professional company, supplemented by well known stars, will contribute to the enjoyment of both permanent and vacation residents of the area during the summer months. Ruth Bailey Swigart, one of the backers who has charge of operations as the producer, has a long background in professional Radio, Television and Theatre, including several seasons of summer stock as an actress in Chicago tent theatres.

Plans for the coming summer are well advanced. Most of the resident company has been selected in New York and is under contract. Barnett Owen, last season's director, will be back as well as Helen Dayton, the stage manager and David Jones, the leading character actor. The balance of the resident company have all had long professional experience on the New York stage and the coming summer's productions should be outstanding.

While it is still too early to be definitive about stars and plays, negotiations are now in progress with a number of nationally known actors and actresses, including Ruth Chatterton, Kay Francis, Ann Harding, Rudy Vallee and Zazu Pitts to star in productions this summer. By the early part of June at least the first five productions should be under contract.

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