



Omena & Traverse Breeze



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OMENA, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 1957.

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A Merry Christmas



and A Happy New Year to all!



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE.

After an extremely busy year, serving as President of Region 2 of the Michigan Education Association, attendance at summer school in Oneonta, New York, and the completion of my arithmetic text, I am looking forward to a summer in Omena where I can relax and devote some time to serving as Commodore of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club. It is with deep humility that I accept this responsibility, and with the hope that I can live up to your expectations.

A position of service in an organization of any kind, will only be successful to the extent that all members are willing to co-operate and share in responsibilities. Being Commodore is not just a one man job, but rather a group teamwork in which all members participate and contribute their best abilities for the Club's greater service. Each member of the Club accepting an appointment to serve on a committee should be fully aware of the duties and responsibilities of the position he accepts. This is particularly true in the case of the chairman of a committee. Knowing his duties and responsibilities, he is in a position to share them with the members of his committee.

I recommend that each committee chairman accept the responsibility of selecting the members of his own committee. This selection should be done either by written communication or by personal contact. No committee member should find himself placed on a committee without his knowledge and consent. In the December 1952 BREEZE, the committees were named and their duties and responsibilities for the current Club year outlined. On succeeding pages of this issue, I follow a like procedure, naming committee chairmen and outlining a suggested committee agenda. A list of committee members will be published in the May issue of the BREEZE. It is sincerely hoped that each committee will effect top priority objectives as well as develop long range plans for the Club's potential service.

(signed) Humphrey Jackson,
(Commodore 1957-1958).

OPENING AND CLOSING EVENTS.

Omena-Traverse Yacht Club opened its season as usual with a turkey dinner at the Club House. This year marked the Club's tenth season. Dinner arrangements were in charge of Helen (Mrs. George) Smith, wife of our Commodore. Commodore George made a welcoming address and outlined a program of events for the season, as planned by the Racing Committee Chairman Robert Newland, and the Social Committee Chairman Mary Louise Basler. What improvements had been accomplished and were being done by the House Committee under the Chairmanship of Mary Foltz, were also pointed out. Over 100 persons attended the dinner. Credit should go to Betsy Lyon for selling tickets.

As the last official event of the season, a Reception, instead of the traditional Ball, was given on Saturday, Aug. 31, in honor of our retiring Commodore George Smith and his lady, Helen. It was a brilliant success because all members present in the vicinity attended. George was presented with a Paul Revere type silver bowl in recognition of his three successful years of service. Yachting trophies were also presented: to Holly Renz, winner in the Penguin races, of which there were six, and to Preston Smith, for "good sportsmanship". Jane Newland and Ben Taylor tied in the Lightning race, and they were unable, during the summer, to sail a run-off in order to determine to which one the Fred Schaefer trophy should be awarded.

Mary Louise Basler, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, had as her assistants in managing the affair, Martha Feely, Rhody Feely, Mary Louise Gleason, Lestra Saxton, Ruth DeVore and Humphrey Jackson, who arranged the decorations.

Even though activities at the Club House ended on Labor Day, so many members continued in residence, and the weather was so favorable that the potluck suppers continued under the direction of Marion and Crampton Finn. They were held three Wednesdays in the Club House, once at Bee and Walter Gardner's, once at the Thearl Smith's, and on Oct. 9 at Hazel Taylor's, when Blanche Clark was given special honor in recognition of her being 91 years old on Oct. 8, and lastly at the George Smith's on Oct. 16.

The Supper Committee for the season deserve a great deal of credit for the continued popularity of the potluck suppers. Members of the Committee were: Emily Abbot, Edith Andrew, Janet Wagner, Ruth DeVore (who was Chairman for two preceeding years), Marian Fisher, Emily Smith, Eva Bauer, Margret Lyon, Veronica Farrel and Nettie Fordham, with Hazel Taylor as Chairman, and Betsy Lyon, Robin and Johnny Fisher as Committee co-ordinators, who faithfully each week found out for each Wednesday's hostesses, what dishes of the menu each member would bring. And not to be forgotten are the faithful members who collected the cover charge. The Wednesday night potluck suppers fully demonstrated what co-operation and 100% participation can do. At no scheduled supper were there fewer than 85 members present, and the largest number was 109. Attendance at the after season suppers was as many as 35. Profit for the year of \$120.45 was added to the Refrigerator Fund.

PAST COMMODORE'S REPORT.

Your immediate Past Commodore wants to take this opportunity to thank you all, individuals, committees and the Board of Directors, for the wonderful co-operation you have given him these past three years.

Your co-operation has effected many improvements. You have put new windows in the Club House; improving our main assembly room no end. You have paid for a lot of new wiring, new switches and new lights in the auditorium. You have donated eleven new Formica top tables and four dozen new folding chairs, making our Wednesday night dinners more enjoyable. And the new kitchen you put in this year means a great deal to those in charge of the dinners. The new croquet set donated this year gave us something to do with our land north of the Club House. When the horseshoe equipment is set up there will be an added asset.

We have one good mooring in the Bay in front of the dock. But except for three afternoons of racing, this is all that we have done this year for yachting. We need, I believe, facilities at the moment for four or five buoys. I say four or five, because only four members have said they wanted space for their boats at the Club, in reply to a questionnaire sent out this summer. All the other boat owners said that they had their own facilities. This problem of mooring and docking facilities, I am sure, will be solved better by your new Commodore for next season. All I ask for your new Commodore is that you back him up as well as you did yours truly.

(s) George S. Smith.


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College Reporter Holly Renz
Reporters-at large All Members

EDITORIALS.

After reading the December BREEZE, you will agree that OTYC members have used their Club House and its facilities for a fine lot of social events well attended — dinners, receptions, weekly suppers, croquet and pingpong tournaments, card parties, costume parties, bake sales, "family parties", and other joyful events, but not many yachting events. Why?

The Editor would like to have the written comment of members, on the present and future status of yachting for the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club. Your Editor is not a yachter, herself. She has read the sea stories of C. S. Forester, the sea poems of John Masefield, tales of the Clipper Ships, of the Spanish Armada, of Privateers and Pirates; she has risen before sun-up to watch the return of the fishing fleets in the Far East, their sails dyed in ox blood, yet gleaming white against the dawn; she has watched winged craft glide by in western seas; she has traveled by out-rigger canoes, dug-outs, side-wheelers and various sorts of motor boats and ships, but except for a moonlight circling of Biscayne Bay in a motor powered boat rigged up with sails for the delight of tourists, she has never set foot on a sailing craft. Nor have her children, nor her grandchildren. We are a land-lubbering lot!

How many other Yacht Club members are also landlubbers? How many children and grandchildren of members, our Junior and future members, are doomed to lack the "tall ship", if not the "star to steer her by"? And if any, why? The Editor's opinion as a landlubber may not be worth much, but she offers it in the hope of stimulating your several opinions. It is her opinion that if the Club owned a sailing boat, or rented one for the season, and could offer sailing instructions by a competent instructor for a reasonable fee, that the ranks of landlubbers would diminish with alacrity, and our Yacht Club would have yachting aplenty!

The situation with most of our young marrieds, it would seem to us, is that the husband comes to Omena for only a two weeks' vacation. He can't afford to spend hundreds of dollars for a sail boat he can't sail, nor teach his wife, sons or daughters to sail. But he would be enthusiastic about paying for sailing lessons for himself

and his family, on a Yacht Club sail boat. As a member he would have part ownership in a OTYC boat. Later, buying his own boat would be a family enterprise, or one for several family units, and the white sails would multiply into several fleets on Omena-Traverse Bay. Or so the Editor imagines. Please send in your comments for the April Breeze. (And then we can write more editorials. There's no fun in being an editor if one doesn't write an editorial. Ed.).

There is additional information the Editor and the program planning committees would like to have: How many would sign up for Art lessons if Emily Smith consents to teach a class in oils, say once or twice a week at the Club House? Please write in if you are interested, so that tentative plans may be arranged.

ABOUT THE COVER.

The original painting from which the cut for our cover was made, was painted by our talented member Emily Burkhart Smith. It was one of her first paintings and hangs over the mantle of her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Charles Van Pelt, where many of you have seen it. You will be pleased to note that the picture contains the full scene of Omena, and includes Grandpa Craker, as he used to come from his home over the hill, with his basket of eggs. He no longer walks the mile and a half to Omena; his frail 94 year old body has rested in the little cemetery on the Hill under a blanket of snow, since Nov. 9. His death occurred Nov. 7.

IN MEMORIAM.

Members of the Club, and her many other friends in Omena, were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Ruth Marshall Ayars, in the Evanston (Illinois) hospital last September 11.

For the first time in many years Ruth had not spent the summer at the Ayars cottage on the Bay. She, her husband, Stewart, and their daughter, Mary Helen, had spent the summer touring Europe, including visits to some of her relatives in Brussell and France.

Although suffering for years from a heart condition, Ruth returned feeling very well and reporting a glorious holiday. A few days later, September 9, while calling on friends, she was seized with a stroke and died two days later. Besides Stewart and Mary Helen, she is survived by another daughter, Alice Ayars Linn and two grand-children.

Ruth was a Northwestern University class-mate of Helen Smith and it was when the Ayars were guests of the Smith's many years ago, that they fell under the spell of Omena, and later bought a home here. She soon became a beloved member of the community and Club, where she took an active, but always quiet, part.

She will be long and lovingly missed.

George C. Anderson of Leland and Coral Gables, Florida, was killed in an automobile accident when enroute to Florida. He was a friend of many OTYC members as brother of Frank Anderson and an uncle of George Anderson, members of Northport. The Club extends its sympathy to his family and friends.

Mathilda Heitzman passed away at her home in Cincinnati on August 18, 1957. Miss Heitzman was a summer resident in Omena for many years. She dearly loved Omena and the people who live there. Her love can only be equaled by the deep affection in which she was held.

Mathilda was a great lover of nature, especially the wild flowers and the birds abounding around Omena, so much so, that she was an inspiration to her friends. Though as friends we mourn her passing, we shall always remember with tenderness and joy her gracious being.

Edith C. Heidrick.

CARD PARTY.

The Annual Card Party this year under the direction of Mary Louise Bassler and Marty Feely included as a prologue, a preview of fashions presented by "Joyce of Leland". Among the stunning models was a house guest of the Flett's, Ganet Ghory. The party was well attended and netted \$68.00 for the Club's Treasury.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

Annual Meeting, Aug. 28, 1957.

The Annual Meeting of the O T Y C was called to order by the Commodore. The Secretary's Report was read and approved. Perc Smith, Acting Treasurer, then gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the Balance On Hand was \$1,893.05. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Commodore Smith then gave his Report on the year's accomplishments, with special emphasis on

1. Mrs. Saxton's Bingo Party,
2. Mrs. Feely's Card Party
3. Mr. Jackson's "I've Got A Secret

Show, and the new tables, chairs and kitchen, along with the improvements to the grounds, and electrical work, and the added insurance which was taken out. The Commodore also mentioned that we might put in two or three more moorings and five slips for the sail boats.

We then voted on the Proposals which had been brought up at last year's meeting.

1. That we limit the Membership. Mrs. Renz moved that we do not limit the Membership. Seconded by Mrs. DeVore, and carried.

Mrs. Feeley then moved to amend the motion to read: "If you are in residence for one month, you should take out a Membership. This was seconded by Mrs. Abbott, and defeated.

2. That we make Junior Memberships a must at the age of 14, if a resident in Omena for one month. Mrs. Feely moved that we accept the Proposal. Seconded by Mrs. Moore, and carried.

3. That we raise the Dues. Mrs. Gleason moved that we keep the Dues at their present rate. Seconded by Mrs. White, and carried.

Mrs. Gleason then suggested that there be more than one General Meeting a year. It was pointed out that the Constitution states that any three members, or the Commodore may request a meeting at any time.

Kitty Smith then reported that she had collected \$133.00 for the Ice Box.

Dr. Renz gave the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

Commodore, Humphrey Jackson
Vice Commodore, Joe Alcorn
Rear Commodore, Norm Johanning
Treasurer, Perc Smith
Secretary, Mary Jane Feely

Directors at Large, Jess'e Carmichael
Crampton Finn, Horace Wheeler,
Mary Foltz, and Marjorie Renz.

Mr. DeVore moved that we accept the Nominations. Seconded by Dr. Moore, and carried.

Dr. Moore then moved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Commodore, which was unanimously given.

Dr. Renz moved that the Commodore appoint two Alternate Board Members to

sit at meetings without voting power except when needed. Seconded by Mr. DeVore, and carried.

An acceptance speech was given by Mr. Jackson, giving praise to Mr. Smith for his work of the past, and hope for a successful future.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Flett, Secretary.

"I'VE GOT A SECRET" PARTY.

By Humphrey Jackson.

One of the amusing and most surprising parties of the season was planned and executed within 48 hours. Announced at the Wednesday evening pot luck supper, as a secret, the party turned out to be the Omena version of that cigarette TV program, "I've Got A Secret".

Playing the part of Gary Moore, your Vice Commodore acted as Master of Ceremonies. The audience declared his performance hilarious! A non-smoker, Humphrey nevertheless indulged in a variety of commercials, poking fun at the fantastic claims of the advertisers, and even included a singing commercial.

The panel was comprised of one of our favorite Past Commodores, Dave DeVore; the animated, erudite conversationalist and soul of wit, Harriet White; the experienced radio director, critic and technical advisor, Waldo Abbot; and our alert, forthright and well-informed member of the summer colony, Mary Louise Gleason.

Contestants included Genevieve Herick, who was introduced as our gregarious, scintillating and effervescent cosmopolite whose secret was: "I like Bill Feeley".

The second guest was Horace Wheeler, whose secret was that he "had a Birthday yesterday".

The third contestant was May Griffin, whose secret involved getting her trunk to Omena. (For details see story "Impedimenta", in this issue. Ed.).

The final contestant was Joe Alcorn, whose secret was that at one time he had owned three beauty parlors.

Each contestant was given a free carton of cigarettes, and each member of the audience, a free package. The younger set were provided with candy cigarettes. Doughnuts and coffee were the refreshments served from our new kitchen under the direction of Marie Louise Basler and Helen Smith.

Credit and appreciation should be given to Betsy and Ed Lyon, who assisted in the presentation, and to Holly Renz, who acted as Usher in the studio. Flowers were furnished and arranged by Emily Smith and Eva Bauer.

After the prepared program, an impromptu contest was held in which each member of the audience was asked to submit a secret. Among those receiving prizes were Emily Smith, whose secret was, "I once flunked an Art course", and Ray Flett, whose secret was, "My wife,

wren 11, taught Gertrude Ederle how to swim". Judges were: Mary Foltz, Gwen Pike and George Smith.

THE TACKY PARTY.

By Harriet White.

July 6th opened the season's Saturday night events with a hastily arranged TACKY PARTY with WHITE ELEPHANT Exchange.

TACKY was demonstrated in several ways. Rhodie Feely's clever shabbiness gained many laughs; Gary and Ken Canatsay were tattered urchins. But others displayed a more elegant mein: Emily Abbot was uproarious in a huge evening cape and drooping flowered hat that were once the property of the late Mr. Crabtree; Abbie Mockbee was elegant in long draped chiffon; Kitty Smith recalled the lush twenties with a long-waisted, knee-length, chiffon frock flaunting many pointed ruffles; Lillian Canatsay was in bright green crepe of the same era, with a yellow and black hat; Mary Lou Basler was radiant in a hat and dress from her discard box; Hatty White, the Hostess, wore an ancient, long dinner gown of gay print, and a tin-foil hat; she carried a beaded bag and the shabby grandeur of a single peacock feather as a fan.

After the Grand March, packaged gifts were selected by number, and opened with the usual surprises: Waldo Abbot got a maternity dress; Ricky Keye, a cocktail shaker; Halbert White a book entitled "The Motheaten Mink Coat"; Holly Renz, a sailor's hat; Gary and Ken, cream and sugar sets.

Do you want another such party next summer? Your Entertainment Committee would like to know.

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SCHEDULE OF SMALL CRAFT LAUNCHINGS.

Sept. 24, SUSAN, port: San Juan, Puerto Rico, by Betty (Basler) and Jim Fairbank.

Oct. 16, JAMES CRAMPTON III, port Santa Monica, California, by Pat. and Cramm yFinn.

Oct. 19, CYNTHIA ANN, port: Cincinnati, Ohio, by Caroline (Smith) and Bill Renz.

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

By George Smith.

The Yacht Club has been put to bed — the water drained; the telephone disconnected; the light and power switches off; the porch furniture, the committee boat, and five Penguins dry docked within the Club House; flowers from the porch boxes given away.

The owners of the Penguins will receive a bill of \$5.00 each for the handling of their boats, in and out. So far, the buoys are still in the Bay, but other than their beaching, everything is under lock and key.

Incidentally, speaking of lock and key, the Club House was never locked from the 4th of July until Labor Day, and nothing was taken. (Several things previously taken, have been returned. Ed.).

CROQUET AND PING PONG TOURNAMENTS.

By Harriet White.

Tournaments on August tenth with a box supper afterwards, marked the end of croquet and pingpong at the Omena- Traverse Yacht Club. The successful season for both sports promises even greater participation for next season.

This was the first season for croquet. It began by a purchase of a croquet set, donated by the Halbert Whites.

"Get the very best set you can find", ordered the Commodore; and they did!

Preston Smith had made possible a fine court on the north side of the Club House and Helen and George Smith improved the layout with extra heavy white wickets and flood lights for evening playing. The Commodore and his wife Helen are expert players, and well Helen should be with the beautiful mallet of fragrant purple. Amaranth wood, from South America, that he had made for her.

Ping pong tables have been set up in the Club House each season, ready for member to play at any time. The last season marked greater interest and has brought out some excellent players.

At the tournaments, Commodore Smith acted as umpire; a mighty competent one at that; seemingly all over the field at once in the most approved manner. Marilyn Flett in charge of the events, was unable to be there, and Hattie White substituted for her. Gary Canatsay won first place in croquet; the trophy, an en-

graved copper bowl. Joan Roth won a similar trophy for second place. Stella Newman, Ruth DeVore and Helen Smith received "Honorable Mention". In ping pong, Johnny Fisher walked off with first place trophy, a brass plaque. Emily Jackson won the second place trophy. Howard Jackson and Ken Canatsey won honorable mention. Ken made the publicity posters. All players are looking forward to next season's games.

OMENA NEWS.

By H. P. Wheeler.

The Fall Stayovers' were so enthusiastic about continuing our Wednesday Night Potlucks even after the closing of a cold Club House, that several meetings were held in the warm comfort of some of the members' homes. Now this spirit of fellowship is carried on, we "Natives", who are left never say "die", with our regular weekly "Saturday Supper Club" meetings, and of course, the latch string is always out for any of our friends who happen to drop in during the enchantment of our Winter season . . . The last to leave the Point were Mary and Fred Weiss; Grace and Ray Flett and the Gardners' . . . Now Omena has quieted under her first light mantle of snow, but business as usual still goes on. Hazel Taylor has been doing a number of outstanding "write-ups" notably of which was one of Barth's store featuring Ernie Barth's picture in the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald Sunday supplement. George Smith has been busy bringing our Club membership current, address list up to date. Mary and Ben Foltz are having extensive remodeling done to their home. Yours truly has received the first trickle of new equipment and trust more will come soon to make possible a more up to date Post Office in Omena after these many, many years, so bear with me. On Nov. 7 Omena laid to rest her oldest and distinguished citizen, Mr. W. A. "Del" Craker, who had long been associated with and nurtured the "New Mission" Presbyterian Church here in Omena . . . The coming of Winter finds Eva Bauer and the Thearl Smiths in Florida. Speaking of far away places, word comes from Geno (Mrs. John) Herrick, who is now in Germany, that although she is enjoying a grand experience over there, she misses Omena and her friends here. Before I forget it I give you here some Fall grandparents, and justly proud ones too: Marie Louise Basler; Marion and Crampton Finn; Helen and George Smith; Marjory and Andy Renz; Gwen and Frank Anderson; Blanche and Earl Moore, and Bea and Walter Gardner. With best wishes to each one of you from all of us in Omena.

Horace P. Wheeler.

IMPEDIMENTA.

Stella Newman and May Griffin, known to the natives as the Newman Sisters, usually travel by car and carry their baggage with them. The winter of 1957, however, they left their car with a brother

in Wisconsin, and traveled by train, checking their trunks on their railway tickets, to California, and back again to their brother's in Wisconsin. From Wisconsin they drove their car to Omena, after expressing their trunks by Railway Express and expecting the trunks to arrive in Omena, first. But by the time the trunks had reached Chicago, the express workers were on a strike and the trunks were stored away in a warehouse. Long delay; no trunks; no clothes; or hardly any; and visions of having to wear their "all together". Two worried, flurried sisters! Finally the trunks were located in the warehouse, but the strike was still on. The trunks had to have first class railway tickets in order to arrive in Omena! All is well that ends well, or so says the old proverb. And to insure a good ending, it is wondered if in the future Stella and May will continue to travel with trunks.

— Harriette White.

THE IVY LEAGUE.

The Omena Point Ivy Leaguers made a valiant effort again last summer to rid the Bayside along the old walk, of noxious weeds. With the continued teamwork of additional volunteers, the objective of being able to walk the old shore walk from the Point to the Club House, and to sit on the bank when resting, without fear of being poisoned, will be a permanent accomplishment.

A RULE OF THREE

Three things to govern: temper, tongue, and conduct.

Three things to cultivate: willingness, industry and promptness.

Three things to despise: cruelty, intolerance, and ingratitude.

Three things to wish for: health, friends, and contentment.

Three things to admire: dignity, gracefulness, and intellectual power.

Three things to give: help the needy, comfort the old, and appreciation to the worthy.

GUEST MEMBERSHIP, 1957.

Mrs. John Herrick
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(George Smith has worked dog-gone hard for two months to perfect this list. Ed.).

We had planned a list of the houseguests of members, other than members of their immediate family, who visited the Club during the summer, but we find our list so incomplete that we have postponed the item. Perhaps someone will find it convenient to furnish the Club a Guest Book and/or a Scrap Book.

A FIRST RECORD FOR THE WOMAN CHAUFFEUR.

Many stories have been written about the woman chauffeur. This is the first we believe, about one who got to her destination on time, and never disturbed her passenger with one solicitous womanly word, BUT left the manly distraught passenger behind!

Melvin Pike was scheduled to perform an important operation at the hospital in Midland on a Monday morning. It was decided that he and Gwen could spend all of Sunday at their home overlooking Omena Bay if Gwen would drive him to Midland early Monday morning. They planned to start before daybreak. Melvin could sleep on the back seat, and undisturbed by any chatter from the front seat, would have extra sleep thereby, and arrive in Midland fresh and rested.

The big car stood packed and waiting, when they tip-toed out of the house on Monday, still in the shadows before dawn. Melvin gallantly helped Gwen into the driver's seat, glanced at the tiers, and went around the front of the car to the rear on the other side. Gwen heard the rear door slam shut, turned the switch and stepped on the gas. The car glided almost noiselessly out of the driveway and headed on M-22. They were on their way, or so she thought. But it so happened that when Melvin was about to step into the rear door of the car, he noticed that a light was on in the green-house. He decided to turn it off, and as he stepped away from the car the door he had opened, slammed shut. Before he reached the green-house, the corner of his eye saw Gwen flash by. He called, he waved, only a cloud of dust and the fleeting view of a tail fin answered.

He stood perplexed, then noticed the car of his house guest parked by the drive. He would jump into it and overtake Gwen. The guest's car was not the same make as the Pike's car, besides, the Pike's car with Gwen had the hear start, and finally after a desperate chase, the guest's car needed gas! At the same time, Gwen feeling wifely noble in allowing her husband extra rest for his operation, was speeding toward Midland. Just a few miles this side of the city limits, she stopped and boosted her five foot self up in the front seat, in order to lean over the back of the seat and tell Melvin that it was time to wake up. Imagine her consternation when scrutiny of the back seat revealed the pillows, extra suits and dresses dangling from hangers at the sides, etc., etc., but no Melvin! Could he have jumped out the window without even a fond adieu, and have escaped into the dawn?

What words were exchanged by Melvin and Gwen when he finally arrived in the guest's car, has never been revealed. It would seem that they prefer to forget that part of the ending. Melvin did arrive in time for the operation, whether fresh and rested, he will not say. Gwen has given us only one verbal hint, "It

seems funny now; but believe me, it was anything but funny then!" And anyway, why press the point? They are now vacationing in Honolulu!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1957 to Oct. 31, 1957

Jan. 1, 1957, Cash On Hand \$ 2,074.44

Income:

Initiation Fees	\$-75.00
Regular Dues	895.00
Junior Dues	55.00
Guest Fees	20.00
Ice Box Contributions	151.00
Pot-Luck Dinners	120.45
Special Parties	188.82
Snack Bar	43.41
BREEZE Subscriptions	168.00
Advertising	12.00
Miscellaneous	44.96
	1,773.64
	3,848.08

Expenses:

Lake Michigan Yachting Assn.	30.00
New Chairs	358.24
Porch Flowers and Boxes	26.92
Maintenance — Grounds	89.51
— Building	781.38
— Equipment	58.57
New Equipment — Refrigerator	250.00
— Other	35.00
Postage and Supplies	21.25
BREEZE	37.81
Telephone and Electricity	90.31
Insurance	399.83
Excise Tax	5.00
Party Supplies and Trophies	103.38
Miscellaneous	76.05
	2,363.25

Oct. 31, 1957, Cash On Hand **1,484.83**
3,848.08

Respectfully submitted,

Preston M. Smith, Treasurer.



SHE LIVES WHERE ONCE A QUEEN SLEPT.

Genevieve Herrick, a guest member of the Club last summer, which she spent with her brother-in-law and sister, Past Commodore and Mrs. George S. Smith, writes from Germany that it is exciting to watch the barges float past her window, down the Rhine, but not nearly as thrilling as watching a Penguin race at the Club.

Genevieve went to Germany to visit her brother, Preston Forbes, Commercial Attache at the American Embassy in Bonn; then went to live in a small, shabby, historic inn, where Queen Victoria once stayed. It is in Bad-Godesberg, a suburb of Bonn, and tammy, her Scotty, walks every day right by the Rhine.

She writes, too, that it's a small world. One of the first persons she met, William Bell, Press Attache, had just been transferred from The Hague, where he was an admiring friend of Hazel Taylor's brother-in-law, Robert Reed. As soon as she can speak enough German to travel, she plans a visit to The Hague to see Bob and

Helen Reed.

And this true tale — she tried to cash a check at the American Express Company. The girl had to call the Manager — He looked at the check — and said, enthusiastically, "Are you from Omena?" as he quickly endorsed the check. The man was George Ball, of Muncie, Indiana, whose family have a summer home at Leland.

Genevieve sends warm greetings to all Club members, but "especially to Bill Feely".



COLLEGE NEWS.

Holly Renz, our Reporter for College members says that not much news is to be had for this issue, first, because the college group has "shrunk" to four or five members, and second, because getting news from these few is "like getting blood from a turnip". Her efforts, however, have produced a few drops of news in the way of future plans: Mary Helen Ayars is indefinite about her next summer's plans, but expects to be a "school marm" a year from now. Betsy Lyon and Marge Lyon expect to be in Omena next summer, but Holly, herself, is not sure. David Jackson's college address is 418 Carlisle Hall, Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan.



FAMILY NIGHT PARTY.

The Annual "Family Night" Party with prizes is an established tradition with the Club, under the able direction of Lestra Saxton. The Bake Sale, the usual adjunct to the party, was in charge of Mary Louise Gleason. Many individual prizes of pen and pencil sets were awarded contestants at the party. The Bake Sale disposing of member-baked bread, cakes and pies enriched the Treasury by \$98.32.

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GENO.

Most OTYC members were fortunate to know and enjoy the vibrant personality of our old friend and colleague Genevieve Herrick during her recent visits to Omena. But few know, perhaps, that we are indebted to her for a fine job of public relations for the OTYC during the summer. The several dozen news items written and sent to local newspapers during the summer, clipped when printed, and labeled in professional manner, have made checking on the summer's activities a breeze for the BREEZE. The clippings, too, form a fine nucleus for a Club Scrap Book. Few guests have donated so much of their energy and professional skill. Before leaving for Germany, her last release to the "Leelanau Enterprise" was a note of appreciation to OTYC members and others in Omena as her hosts. Although the figure of hyperbole must have been used in one example in her account, to emphasize her sincerity, we are none the less deeply grateful. All OTYC members join us, we feel sure, in wishing her successful writing while in Europe, and a safe journey back to Omena with Tammy, in the Spring.

OMENA REGATTA "EVEN STEVEN"

By Genevieve Herrick.

(A copy of the news item appearing in the "Leelanau Enterprise-Tribune of Aug. 22).

The first leg of a regatta for "Lightnings", sponsored by Dr. Robert Newland, Chairman of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club's Racing Committee was run on Sunday, (Aug. 18), from Omena.

Crampton Finn of Suttons Bay, a former Commodore of one of Detroit's leading yacht clubs was in charge of the event.

The afternoon regatta ended "even-Steven" as follows: Mrs. Newland's boat, crewed by her husband of Omena, and Bob Ruffi of Suttons Bay, was winner of the first race. Ben Taylor Jr. of Suttons Bay (his crew were his wife and Glen Arai), was second. In the second race, first and second places were reversed.

A run-off is planned by Dr. Newland over Labor Day week-end. (The run-off did not take place. Ed.). (The Traverse City Record-Eagle account adds: "Other contestants who made good showing in the events were: Al Belfour, Suttons Bay, Fred Schaefer and Norman Johanning, both of Omena.").

SCORES SIX WINS IN PENGUIN RACES.

By Genevieve Herrick.

(Copy of account in "Leelanau Enterprise" dated Aug. 29).

In the Penguin sail boat races on Sunday, (Aug. 25), sponsored by the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club, Holly Renz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Renz of Omena and Cincinnati, established a new

record at the Club.

Her wins in the two races gave her an unbroken series of six victories in the Penguin races run this summer. She has skippered her boat in all the races. Her crew on Sunday was Rhody Feely.

Second place in both heats went to Edward Lyon and his sister Betsy. Other winners were Caroline Gleason and Preston Smith.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

By Mae Griffin.

(Americans, even OTYC members, are often so zealous in their cherished prerogative of "gripping" that they fail at times, to voice a word of praise and appreciation. Mae Griffin's words of commendation therefore spoken at one of the Wednesday night suppers, should be placed on record with the hope that they may inspire emulation. Ed.).

Last Wednesday evening when we gathered here for our weekly supper, I failed to hear any reference made to our new flower boxes on the front veranda. If you think that they were dropped by the sea gulls or just grew there like Topsy, you take too much for granted.

Some one conceived the idea, and set about in all the hot weather to carry out the idea — various trips to different lumber concerns in order to get the estimates and best price, agreement when they were to be finished, and then consulting with the florist who could give the best price for geraniums, all of which activity took time, patience and energy. Then the boxes were called for and brought home, painted, filled, and set up on the Club House porch.

When you have a Commodore who acts with efficiency in every conceivable role, from nautically heaving the anchor, installing plumbing, landscaping, and what not, to keeping peace and harmony among us members, you have not only a Commodore, but a "super-man", who at least should have a rising vote of thanks from us. So let's do it now. George S. Smith, believe me, should have our genaniums now, and not later!

ANNUAL ELECTION.

At the Annual Election on Aug. 28, after the potluck supper, Andy Renz, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the Committee's slate. All persons named were unanimously elected as follows: Humphrey C. Jackson, Commodore; Joe Alcorn, Vice Commodore; Norman Johanning, Rear Commodore; Preston Smith, Treasurer; Mary Jane (Rhodie) Feely, Secretary. The newly elected Board of Directors are: Jessie Carmichael, Mary Foltz, Marjorie Renz, Crampton Finn, Horace Wheeler and George Smith.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS.

HUMPHREY C. JACKSON is the author of an arithmetic for Grade 7 in a se-

ries called "Arithmetic in My World". Our Commodore is Teacher of Mathematics and Counselor at the Parcels Junior High School in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Humphrey is also Chairman of Region Two, Michigan Education Association.

WALDO ABBOT recently retired as head of the radio department at the University of Michigan, was awarded a Life Membership in the Michigan Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters. The ceremony honoring Dr. Abbot took place in Hidden Valley, a resort near Gaylord, during the summer.

HENRY E. CRAMPTON has been promoted to a position with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., in New York. He will be general financial supervisor in A T & T's Treasury Department. Lately he was Assistant Vice President in Michigan Bell Telephone Co's business research and treasury department.

POWER LINE REMOVAL.

By George Smith.

The 7,200 volt power line at the front of our Club House, is in a position similar to that at the Leland Yacht Club, which, as you know, caused a fatal accident this Fall. In order to eliminate some of this hazard, your Club has arranged with the Consumers Power Co., to remove the power line from in front of the Club House by deeding them an easement to run their line behind the Club House. The Board of Directors hope that you approve of this action, because the papers are already signed.

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**LIST OF COMMITTEES,
Chairmen, and Duties, as Outlined
by the Commodore:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE 1957 - 58

Chairman, Mrs. Ben Foltz.

Suggested Committee Agenda:

1. Investigate the possibility of decorating the stage back wall in some attractive and inexpensive manner.
2. Consider the possibility of securing new curtains to be mounted on a traverse rod, or in such away that they may be parted and pulled to each side of the proscenium arch.
3. Investigate feasibility of building a two or three foot extension to the stage in front of proscenium arch.
4. Install teasers and trometer with Club insignia.
5. Install permanent spot lights and overhead lights for stage.
6. Provide speaker's lectern equipped with light.
7. Install adequate screen which may be lowered to show motion pictures.
8. Refinish auditorium floor.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE 1957 - 58.

Chairman, George S. Smith.

Suggested Committee Agenda:

1. Consider grading roadway approaching Club House and using excess fill along the sides.
2. Improve drive within the Club grounds and parking lot.
3. Grade and improve property from parking lot to shore.
4. Lay cement walk from porch to main dock and between docks.
5. Inform Editor of the Breeze with progress in improvements.

**HARBOR, DOCKS AND MOORING
COMMITTEE 1957 - 1958**

Chairman, Frederick R. Schaefer

Suggested Committee Agenda:

1. Remove sand from space between docks to allow for mooring of boats in this area.
2. Cement top of "L" shaped dock.
3. Install spiles for mooring.
4. Install ramp for beaching small boats, Penguins, etc.
5. Inform Editor of Breeze with information concerning Committee activities.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1957 - 1958

Chairman, Mrs. Gwen Pike.

Suggested Committee Agenda:

1. Prepare a calendar of Social Events in co-operation with the Pot-Luck Dinner Chairman and Racing Committee Chairman.
2. Co-operate with House Committee in planning improvements of auditorium stage.
3. Publicize Special Events and Parties ahead of time in order that members may make preparation.
4. Supply Editor of Breeze with calendar of events.

RACING COMMITTEE 1957 - 1958

Chairman, Norman Johanning.

Suggested Committee Agenda:

1. Prepare a calendar of racing events scheduled on a regular weekly basis between July 4 and Labor Day.
2. Provide awards and develop a point system for deciding boat standings.
3. Consider sale of present Committee Boat.
4. Investigate possibility of securing a new Committee Boat.
5. Seek co-operation of boat owners in using facilities of Club.
6. Provide Editor of Breeze with racing calendar and Committee activities.

POT LUCK DINNER COMMITTEE

1957 - 1958

Chairman, Mrs. Emily Smith

TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Prepare menus and inform Club members of same for Wednesday night suppers.
2. Collect cover charge from each member present. (All members present and their guests are subject to payment of cover charge whether or not they choose to eat all or a part of the menus provided. The cover charge pays expenses of suppers not provided for in member donations of food, eg.: coffee, cream, sugar, napkins, milk, etc. Next summer, hired assistance has been provided to facilitate the committee in setting up tables and chairs, keeping them in condition for serving, making coffee, necessary dishwashing, etc. This expense is also met by the cover charge. Next summer, also, the cover charge will pay for disposable plates, forks and spoons so that members need not bring their own unless they choose to do so. Ed.).
3. Act as Hostesses at Wednesday night suppers.

SNACK BAR COMMITTEE.

1957 - 1958

Co-Chairmen: Betsy and Ed Lyon.

TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES.

Other suggestions to be made later.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

Editor of Breeze Hazel Taylor
Omena Reporter Horace Wheeler
College Reporter Rolly Renz
Reporters-at-large All Club Members

TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES

And Responsibilities:

1. Prepare at least two issues of the BREEZE to be mailed early in December and in May to all members of the Club.
2. Solicit advertising for the Breeze.
3. Work with the Officers of the Club, the Committee Chairmen and Reporters, in collecting and editing news items.
4. Arrange with printer the publication requirements.
5. Check Membership List with Treasurer in order that correct alphabetical list of members may appear in December issue of Breeze.

6. Publish Minutes of Annual Meeting including Treasurer's Report.

7. Publish list of Club Officers.

8. Report past season's events.

9. Publish calendar of coming events.

10. Publish Commodore's Message, including list of Committee Chairmen. Also, Committee Members with responsibilities and duties of respective Committees.

11. Report news of special events as furnished by Committee Chairmen and Officers.

12. Report news items about activities of individual members as furnished by special reporters and reporters-at-large. All members are responsible for news. The BREEZE belongs to the members and only their full participation can make it a fair Breeze.



FALL AND WINTER SAILINGS.

Oct. 8, 1957, Genevieve Herrick sailed to Europe. Her destination was Schaumberger-Hof, Bad-Godesberg, Germany, the residence of her brother, Mr. Preston Forbes and his family. Mr. Forbes is the U. S. Commercial Attache' at Bonn, Germany. Genevieve plans to return in the Spring.

Nov. Melvin and Gwen Pike sailed to Honolulu from San Francisco.

Jan. 4, 1958, Kitty Smith will sail on the "Oslofjord" for a two weeks' Caribbean cruise.

Jan. 17, 1958, Harriet White will sail on the "Oslofjord" for a Caribbean cruise also, but including Haiti and the Panama Canal.

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