



# Omena & Traverse Breeze



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"Welcome ever smiles,  
And farewell goes out sighing"



— MENDING NETS, by Nancy Jo Wheeler, 1949.

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### THE COMMODORE'S COLUMN.

You are doubtless thinking about another summer in Omena, planning to drive through Michigan to reach the "Land of Delight" — Leelanau County, wondering how the cottage weathered the winter season, whether mice and squirrels have found your summer home their answer to winter quarters, or perchance you are speculating about other visitors, skunk, deer, or possibly even a duck or two.

Anticipation reaches a peak as you turn off the road which leads to your summer place, your dog whimpers his recognition of the wildwood, you glimpse the Bay through the woods of evergreen trees and note the lapping of the waves on the beach and the deep clear blue water which makes Michigan the "Water Wonderland".

Everything seems the same, wildflowers are pushing up towards the sun, and after the first exploratory walk around everyone pitches in to help unpack and carry things inside.

Soon shutters are taken off, food appears on the table, a fire is built in the fireplace and the crackling flames dance merrily giving off a warm glow of welcome and cheer.

Conversation turns to wondering who has arrived on the Bay. Smoke is seen rising above the tree tops down the beach, a dog barks, a child shouts — isn't that a boat beached down the way? Yes, others have already arrived. Tomorrow perhaps we'll meet them when we go into Omena for our mail. That reminds you, you must rent a box at the Post Office again for the summer.

You'll have to take a drive over to the Yacht Club to see how things are.

At this point your Commodore wonders if the Committees have started to carry out the program of improvements suggested in correspondence during the winter. Things should start off easier this year for the ladies who are responsible for preparing food for the Wednesday evening pot-luck dinners and refreshments for the other events, since under Commodore Smith's term of office the new stove and refrigerator were installed.

It is hoped that steps have been taken to save the other dock and to improve the beach between the docks. This year should bring improvements in the facilities for handling boats of members and visitors.

If you will study the calendar of Club events proposed for the summer you will find that Gwen Pike, as Chairman of the Social Committee has suggested a number of interesting and intriguing parties, including Beach Parties, Picture Parties, Casino or Millionaires Party, Country Fair, at which displays of hobbies, art work, handicraft, etc., as well as booths for baked goods, a fish pond, candy booth, etc., will provide a variety of interesting displays and wares — and then there is the Old Settlers Party to which costumed members will portray the garb of yester-

year when Omena and the New Mission was established in pioneer days of over 100 years ago. So bring along your special costume for this gala event in August.

Of course, the Wednesday evening pot-luck dinners promise to be one of the popular weekly events of theseason. Under the able direction of Emily Smith and her Committee, we all look forward to these with much pleasure.

The 3rd part of the summer program will comprise the racing events which should prove interesting and colorful, as usual. However, the enthusiasm of the skippers and crew will determine how active this group will be. Those who do not have sail boats enjoy the sport of the weekly races as much as the participants, and we all hope and look forward to see a really competitive season on the water.

Refreshments will be available in the snack bar under the supervision of Betsy and Ed Lyon. Your co-operation in keeping the snack bar operating with a profit will be appreciated. Children should understand that deposits of 10¢ are to be made when taking a bottle of Coke from the cold box.

George Smith will have the grounds in good condition when you arrive, you may be sure. The Club is indeed fortunate to have many local members who take pride in working for the best interests of the Club.

Mary Foltz will doubtless be busy making improvements on the interior of the Club. It is hoped that we will be able to have the floors refinished and put in more attractive condition. The employment of help to keep the Club in better order will facilitate the Wednesday evening Chairmen.

The Officers and Board of Directors will meet each Wednesday after the dinner to take care of current problems and plan for continued improvements.

Be sure to plan to attend the opening Turkey Dinner on July 4th. I'll be looking forward to seeing each of you this summer, and hope that you will stay in Omena just as long as possible, and plan to attend as many Yacht Club functions as you can.

Sincerely,

Humphrey Jackson.



### SOME GO WEST.

Ruth DeVore writes from Cincinnati that she and Dave had their usual delightful winter months in California. They stayed at La Jolla, near their son Leonard and his family.

"There might be an item of interest for the BREEZE in the fact that when in Southern California, I saw four children there, Martha Fisher Klitgaard, Holly Renz Smith, Lillian White Canatsy and Leonard DeVore. The interesting thing to me was that all four were brought up as children on Ingalls Bay! They love San Diego, and if they have any nostalgic qualms, it is for Omena and the life there. We are gone two months and had our usu-

al happy time.

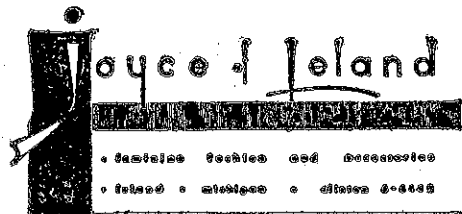
Marg and Andy Renz have gone to Dallas (date line March 25) for a Dr's. meeting, then to see Holly (in San Diego)".

Blanche Moore and Earl left Ann Arbor to spend the (Christmas) holidays in California.

"We were gone less than a month as Earl had business in San Francisco on the trip out (by the lovely California Zephyr train route) and a meeting in Tucson for nearly a week in Early January. We did have the holidays with the boys' families, tho in La Mesa (where Vin is in private practice in surgery) and in La Jolla where Stan and Nancy live. Stan has just one son and Vin has four children — two boys and two girls. And one of the things Vin looks forward to, he says, is to have a couple of them big enough to put on a plane for Omena to be with us there for a nice long visit".

### AND SOME GO TO MONTE CARLO.

Helen and Bob Reed spent their vacation from duties at the Hague, basking in the bright sun — sur les bords de la Meditteranee. They have furnished no details of their activities on the Riviera.



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## CARIBBEAN CRUISES.

Winter holidays cruises to the Caribbean isles have been the most popular with our members, judging from reports, but not all smooth sailing for some:

Gwen Pike reports from Midland, Michigan, that the trip she and Melvin took to San Juan, P. R., the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and Nassau was "very pleasant, except for three days of VERY rough weather out of New York. Neither of us was seasick, but I tired of being tossed around! Found shopping VERY profitable in the Kingston and Nassau parts.

Kitty Smith writes from Florida: "Now, my trip!!! It was really a rock and roll affair. The ship "Monarch Queen", is really a smaller Queen Mary, but much too small for sailing the Atlantic. We all took Dramamine three times a day. There were many doctors (aboard) and they were practicing hypnotism, as it was a seminar. Two tried it on me, but nothing doing! Harriet White was to room with me, but she could not sail at that time".

Harriet White of Kansas City also took the Caribbean cruise with her friend, Frankie Grant, who will be remembered as a guest at Idle Crest last summer. Frankie describes their cruise in detail:

We arrived in New York by plane in a bad storm the afternoon of January 17, with winds so fierce we were helped to shelter by attendants who came out — put arms around us to keep us on our feet. A taxi was available immediately and soon we were on our way to the Junior League floor of the Waldorf-Astoria, where Esther had made reservations for us.

The next morning we enjoyed an interesting tour of United Nations — shown around by an Arab friend of Harriet's and former resident of Kansas City. Went to Music Hall — always my first errand in New York as I never tire of beautiful Rockettes, all thru the years.

That night we had a very good dinner at the White Turkey Restaurant, where Tom liked to dine. We were joined by Esther and Doug, Harriet and Dale Underwood (White's youngest daughter). They brought their two young charmers, Carol and Julie, Olive Kline, cousin of Harriet and former Grand Opera singer, also Addison White and wife, nephew of Halbert and Professor of English at Yale University. It was a delightful evening — ending with the entire group accompanying us to our quarters on the Norwegian Steamship "OSLOFJORD".

We found telegrams and many notes for both of us, candy, orchids, a lovely and thrilling send-off to two grandmas, who deeply and truly appreciated their gifts from families and loving friends. I made a resolve I would never, never forget any of my friends in the future, who are leaving to go abroad, as it truly means so much.

Our first stop — and a day plus some seasick hours. Later we reached St. Thomas, a beautiful tropical Island bought from the Danes. It is a welcome sight indeed, and green shrubbery, trees, grass and

bright flowers in greatest abundance. This Island has proved to be an exceptionally valuable Mid-Ocean stopping place and was of immense value during the last war. My son, Bill, often made this Port while on a Destroyer.

The "Del-Sud" which carried the group of Kansas Citians to South America of which Tom and I were members, also made that Port and we spent a pleasant few hours driving around and resting on the veranda of a place called "Blue Beard's Castle", if I remember correctly.

The next stop was Fort De France, Martinique. It is birthplace of Josephine, Napoleon's wife, and a historic statue to her memory is in the market place. Martinique, once visited, is not recalled with many fond memories, yet it is an interesting and vivid spot in French history. It is very tropical and has the usual quota of swarming natives, and literally hundreds of small children in their birthday suits. I often wondered just why so many wore a ragged shirt, unbuttoned, and that was all. But why the shirt? To show, I suppose that they did own some clothing. This appalling situation is the same on all the Islands, and after seeing a few hundred we felt it was part of the scenery and it made no further impression.

The morning tour on Trinidad Island took us to beautiful Maracas beach, where quite a number went swimming in the quiet sea waters. We sat on the clean white sands and ate our lunch, furnished by the ship to each traveler, and the swarming city streets we both had known seemed far away indeed.

Again on our way and we landed next at the Port of Willemstad, Curacao, built and governed most successfully by the Dutch. Every building and edifice of any size showed Dutch influence. It is strictly their style, which is very pleasing and different. We walked over the famous pontoon bridge, which swings open to allow big ships enter the harbor. Its 95% colored inhabitants, look well fed, prosperous and happy.

Cristobal was interesting and fascinating, and is the city on the Atlantic side of Panama Canal. A trip by train, boat or motor was offered, to Panama City, a bustling and modern city. A famous hotel built by Hilton and called "El Panama" is luxurious and beautiful, overlooking the Pacific, with 15 acres of tropical gardens surrounding a swimming pool. All this I did not see, tho, as the day long trip seemed too much for me, since Tom and I made it many years ago.

Every American should see this remarkable engineering accomplishment of their countrymen. Harriet saw a sign more than once, announcing "El Canal es Neustro", which is "The Canal is ours" — meaning the Panamanians. They haven't the money or skill to maintain it, tho, so we need not worry. It was probably a Communist sign, but that it was not torn down indicates something.

What a vast difference in our next stopping place, which was the San Blas Is-

lands, adjoining the West Coast of Panama. Now this was really the most exotic sight of all, to view the real Indians living in their ancient style of thatched huts, dirt floors, so remote from civilization. Yet they had very modern methods of salesmanship, pushing their very small children forward to promote business — that of selling their handiwork, none of which I cared to buy. It worried the practical Harriet that we saw no signs of any food anywhere, except a few coconuts, a little sugar cane, and certainly no place for cooking. Whatever they eat must give them great energy, tho, for they certainly possessed it in their selling methods.

Another day's sailing and we approached Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. We found it by far the most prosperous and good looking city of all. We enjoyed a long ride around the town and Island. Shops were plentiful, also the out-door markets of pottery, baskets, mahogany bowls and bags in great abundance. We came back to the ship, rested, and went out again that night on a tour of the night clubs with some friends. This tour was conducted by Cooks. The dancing was beautifully done by young native women, their dark skins shining like satin — quite an improvement over their young men friends, with an equal amount of skin showing. I thought often of Frank Grant and what wonderful pictures he could have taken of these dancers, for they were really very beautiful in their grace, wild abandon and high color. Watching these natives put on their dances, which we have seen several times, had indeed been a great pleasure. This was our last stop.

Landing in New York where Esther met us at dock. It took a very little time to go thru customs, and as I sit at my desk

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tonight — a day and half later — in Kansas City, it seems unreal that such a few hours ago I was watching these West Indian girls dance so beautifully amid their native surroundings.

Such is life today in 1958 — so easy to get about and see so much. And you'll never regret going, as I have done, not only once but twice or more, to visit these enchanting places.

Frankie Grant.

Agnes Barker, in January, had an opportunity to sail on a 100 foot schooner, "The Caribbee" with friends who were delivering the schooner to its owners in the Virgin Islands.

"Believe it or not", writes Agnes from Florida, "I was signed on as crew! We sailed from Miami and took nine days to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, about 1,500 miles.

We spent a week in St. Thomas, a most unusual place with exotic atmosphere, though an U. S. A. possession. There is no race discrimination there, whites and blacks mix socially. They have calypso bands that play at the big hotels and night spots, and all dance together. One meets many interesting people who have cruised all over the world in their boats anchored at the Yacht basin. The harbor of St. Thomas is beautiful. The water is blue like Glen Lake. The surrounding mountains are of volcanic origin. The island was settled in 1620, mostly Dutch and French and English. (Originally inhabited by Caribs and Arawaks and discovered by Columbus on his 2nd voyage. First unsuccessful attempts at colonization made by Dutch in 1657 and Danes in 1666. Danes settled there permanently in 1672. English held it 1801-2 and 1807-15. Slavery was abolished in 1848. It became a U. S. possession in 1917, when the Danish West Indies were purchased for \$25,000,000. Ed.).

My fellow crew members, eight in all including two boys from Michigan, were as inexperienced as I. During two days of bad weather when even the first mate and the mess boy were seasick, to my surprise I was not sick and helped in the galley. I had planned to stay on the boat until we reached St. Lucie, British West Indies, but because I had been on the voyage for three weeks, as long as I felt I should be away from home during the Florida season, I returned home from St. Thomas. Sue was to have joined me at St. Thomas but she was laid up with the chicken pox contracted from my grand daughter Ann. She later spent several days in Cuba with friends from Ft. Lauderdale. At home, Penny and Eben had carried on quite well without me".

#### WHY OMENA?

For some time Harriette White has thought it might be an interesting series for the BREEZE if members would write how and why they first came to Omena. Harriette and Blanche Clark offer the first two numbers. If other members feel

inclined to tell us why they first came, please do.

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#### HOW I FIRST CAME TO OMENA.

By Harriette White

When I had contracted hay fever on a trip to Minnesota, a long time ago, a specialist told me that the two best places to avoid it were Omena and Leland, Michigan. So I wrote the Postmaster at Omena asking what accommodations might be had there, but received no answer. Having friends at Crystal Lake, I rented a cottage there.

After planning for a second summer at Crystal Lake, my friend Blanche Clark of the Causerie Francaise of Kansas City, said: "You will be only 50 miles from our place at Omena; do come and spend a week-end with us".

I engaged the grocer's boy in Frankfort to drive Lillian, Carol and me in his Ford Sedan, up hill and down dale, thru sand and the smoking stumps of a recent forest fire over the primitive roads of 1921. About three o'clock in the afternoon, as we were admiring a beautiful Bay, the young man said: "We should be there by now. I'll stop at this white house and ask". Imagine our surprise when he said: "We just came thru Omena".

We enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Clark family; thought Ingalls Bay one of the most delightful places we had ever seen. We signed up for the "Pioneer" for the next summer, and for the seven next summers the White young folks thought it next to Paradise. Their children still do.

After Halbert retired in 1947, we bought Idlecrest for other generations to enjoy.

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#### WHY WE CAME TO OMENA.

By Blanche E. Clark.

We had all decided to go to the World's Fair in San Francisco the summer of 1915. But when I had the family ready to go, I was so tired, that my husband and I decided to let the children go without us and stay home for a good rest ourselves. Hazel was attending K. U. at the time and had a Professor there, Clarence Dykstra, who told us of the cottage he and his father-in-law, Dr. Hartley, were building near a place in Michigan, called Omena. Mrs. Hartley's sister and brother-in-law, a Dr. Hadley, were building a small cottage near them, in fact they had finished most of it and it would be for rent for the summer. We decided to rent it for our good rest.

The Dykstras and the Hartleys made us feel very welcome. They met us at the Pullman which used to come to Omena, and had us for breakfast. We were delighted with the place, and with our neighbors, besides the Dykstras and Hartleys, the Lays, the Kimbeles, the Morses, Mrs. Watson, the Slocums, and farther on, Dr. Bradleys.

By the next year, Dr. Hadley had been transferred too far away to make it practicable for them to come to Omena, and we bought his cottage. Later, the Dykstras

and the Hartleys moved to California and we bought their holdings on Ingalls Bay-side. We have been coming ever since.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

CHRISTINE GRAF (Mrs. William) passed away before Christmas, 1957, ending a life of unselfish devotion to her family and friends. She and her husband, the late Wm. Graf of Cincinnati, bought the Wm. Kimball cotage on Ingalls Bay some 30 years ago, and occupied it with their three children, Douglas, William and Janet, throughout the years. Three years ago, Christine built a second cottage in order to make more room for her grandchildren, the children of Drs. Doug and Bill of Cincinnati, and of Janet, Mrs. S. Shepherd Tate of Memphis.

Marian Fisher, a friend of many years, has written the following poem in Memory of Christine:

#### IN MEMORY.

Her mind so clear, her soul of magnitude,  
Beyond us now, in loss too deep for tears,  
Will live for all her friends; our gratitude  
For knowing her endures thru the years.  
Remembering her way, her smile, her will  
To bear whatever came in fortitude,  
We'll carry on as she would have us, still,  
To find, again, our joy, by faith renewed.

FRED HEITZMAN, a brother of Miss Ida Heitzman, died Jan. 3, quite suddenly. It will be remembered that her sister, our fellow member, Miss Matilda, passed away last summer.

F. PRESTON FORBES, brother of Helen Smith and Genevieve Herrick, died suddenly in February of this year while serving as Commercial Attache at the U. S. A. Embassy in Bonn, Germany. His burial services were held in St. Luke's, (Episcopal), Chicago. The Rev. Walter C. Cline, Asst. Dean of Seabury Western Theological Seminary, (a guest for two weeks on Ingalls Bay in the House-By-The-Side-Of-The-Road, and officiating at the Omena Mission, St. Christopher's while here), pronounced the Requiem. The Saturday Night Supper Club of Omena have given the Omena Mission Chapel, St. Christopher's, an altar cross in memory of Mr. Forbes.

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## SHE WENT TO THE CHURCH TO SEE THE QUEENS!

Helen, Helen, where have you been?  
I been up to church to see the queens!  
Helen, Helen, what did you there?  
I just stood there gazing,  
and they didn't care!

Helen Reed in a letter to her mother, Blanche Clark, reports her sight of Queen Elizabeth of England and Queen Juliana of the Netherlands upon the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's recent visit to the Netherlands when both queens paid a visit to the little Episcopal Church at the Hague. Helen with about 40 other persons, members of church committees, the Rector and the Bishop were at the church to receive the royal party. A part of her letter follows:

"Queen Elizabeth visited Holland and the Dutch Queen Juliana for three days. There was much excitement and festivity. Our Rector called me and said that the royal party would stop by and see our little church on the way to an official reception. All members of committees, council, vestry, etc., were given invitations to come to the church to receive their Highnesses. I am on the maintenance committee.

We arrived at the church early on this special Wednesday afternoon and were assigned certain places in the pews. There were only about 40 of us, so we could be placed along the aisles and have a perfect view of all who entered the church. Father Austin, the Rector and the Bishop, resplendent in his purple robes and red livery, were stationed at the entrance. Many children and their parents stood outside the church waving British flags.

As we stood inside waiting, we knew when the royal party arrived by the lusty cheering from the crowd outside. Then we could hear Queen Elizabeth talking to Father Austin on the church porch. We all stood facing the back of the church when the Queen entered. Besides the Queens, there were Prince Philip, two of the Dutch princesses, the British and the Canadian Ambassadors. The party stood in the aisle at the entrance to the nave and conversed informally with Father Austin and the Bishop. We were free to just stand there and stare for all we were worth for about 20 minutes and yet be quite proper. Queen Elizabeth was so pretty and petite and so charming. She wore a beautiful peach-colored coat with a cloche of rose petals in the same shade. The color was lovely against her dark hair. Prince Philip was quite handsome, too.

After the Royal party had signed a large sheep-skin scroll placed on a desk for that purpose, they took their leave. As Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip were about to go, they turned, bowed to us still standing there, and said "good-bye". That word of farewell was their first acknowledgement of our presence in the church. We had been quite invisible, it would seem, before their leave taking! But though unseen, we had seen the royal party informally and intimately close,

far better and longer than we could have done at a huge formal reception, and the experience was quite a thrill".



## THE YOUNGER SET.

MARY HELEN AYARS and her father spent the first two weeks of April in Florida. They saw the Waldo Abbots, the Barkers and Kitty Smith. Mary Helen spent her Easter vacation having job interviews and is now "hounding the mailbox for job offers". She will have a teaching certificate, but is not sure she wants to teach. Summer plans for the Ayars are indefinite. Mary Helen and her father plan on being in Omena on week-ends at least, and Alice and John Linn and their family will spend their vacation here.

SUE BARKER was home in Lauderdale-by-the-sea, Florida, this winter. She has completed her college course and receives her degree majoring in Spanish. Her hopes are to be in South America, but at present she is planning to go to Arizona where her college roommate lives. She also took a business course in Florida this winter.

CAROLINE GLEASON took a trip to New York the first of February with her mother. While her mother attended meetings of the National League of Nursing, Caroline spent her time having fun. Caroline has a camp job in July. The Gleasons have thought of renting their cottage for July but,

DAVID GLEASON does not want to miss the best month in Omena, so we may see him and his mother at any time now.

MONA and DONALD GORDON are to live in Richmond, Ind., where Donald will be employed by the Oil Products Co., after his graduation from Indiana University in June.

LINDA JOHANNING, an instructor in the Wauwatosa, Wis., public schools, spent her Spring vacation in Sarasota, Florida. She plans to spend the summer with her parents in Omena.

BETSY and MARGY LYON will attend the Chi Omega National Convention at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Va., during the last week in June. After their Spring vacation, they drove back to Northwestern University from Cincinnati in Margy's graduation present, a new Chevrolet. The whole Lyon family will attend Margy's graduation on June 16. Betsy and Margy will be in Omena later in the summer and will entertain some of their friends as house guests.

ED LYON has been asked to play in the All City High School Band that ends its season with a May Music Festival. As a member of the Walnut Hills High School Band he has been helping to raise money for new uniforms. He may be included in that part of the Lyon family arriving in Omena by the end of June.

MARY and BILL HUFF will be in Omena with the Moores again this summer, Bill for a part of the time, Mary and 7 month old Nancy for July and August.

CHARLOTTE SMILEY, a Freshman at

Skidmore College, had as her guest for her Spring vacation at home in Tuckahoe, N. Y., one of her classmates, Jerry Conley, of Honolulu.



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**OMENA WEATHER.**

Everyone who writes asks about the weather in Omena during the winter. Weather here, is not a matter of opinion, because Robert Barth has recorded the high and low temperatures, the direction of the wind, sunshine and cloud, snow, rain and hail each day for some 20 years in a fat little book. We have borrowed his book and report his findings for January, February, March, and the first two weeks of April, 1958. After the date he has written the high and low temperatures, then the wind direction N, S, E, and W, then the kind of day, sunny, cloudy, overcast, snow or rain:

**JANUARY:**

- 1, 20 - 15, N, cloudy, sun, some snow
- 2, 19 - 14, N, snow squall all day, some sun
- 3, 22 - 13, N - SE, snow squalls, 8in. on ground
- 4, 30 - 15, S, cloudy, sunshine
- 5, 37 - 14, S, cloudy, sun
- 6, 36 - 28, S - NW, snow, clearing, sun, cloudy
- 7, 18 - 9, NE, blizzard, clearing, sun
- 8, 25 - 9, S, sunshine
- 9, 37 - 17, S, sun
- 10, 37 - 27, S-SW, cloudy, sun, snow flakes
- 11, 27 - 17, N, sunshine
- 12, 27 - 18, N, sunshine
- 13, 36 - 12, S, cloudy, sun, cloudy
- 14, 36 - 27, E, cloudy, sun, cloudy
- 15, 27 - 23, NE, overcast
- 16, 31 - 20, NE, overcast, sun to cloudy
- 17, 27 - 22, N, overcast, sun, cloudy
- 18, 24 - 15, N, sunshine
- 19, 23 - 14, SE, snowing
- 20, 33 - 22, N, cloudy, sun, fine snow
- 21, 32 - 05, NE, sun, overcast
- 22, 34 - 20, NW, overcast, sun, cloudy
- 23, 33 - 23, S-E, overcast, sun, cloudy
- 24, 37 - 25, S-E, overcast, little snow
- 25, 38 - 29, SE, snow, drizzle
- 26, 38 - 30, SE, very calm, overcast
- 27, 38 - 32, N, overcast, fine snow and mist
- 28, 38 - 29, SW, overcast
- 29, 34 - 29, SW, snow flakes
- 30, 34 - 26, NW, snowing
- 31, 32 - 22, N, sun and snow squalls all day long

**FEBRUARY:**

- 1, 32 - 22, N by E-N, some sun some snow
- 2, 32 - 19, N, overcast, some sun some snow
- 3, 28 - 19, N, sun most of the time
- 4, 35 - 20, NW-SW, sun
- 5, 33 - 17, NE, cloudy, fine snow
- 6, 32 - 15, SW-NW, cloudy, snow, Bay skimmed and breaking
- 7, 24 - 16, NW, snow, squalls, and sun
- 8, 17 - 9, NW, snowing, some sun
- 9, 12 - 8, NW, snow squalls
- 10, 14 - 7, NW, snow squalls
- 11, 11 - -1, SE-NW, sun, snowing Bay frozen over
- 12, 15 - -2, NE, fine snow, sunshine
- 13, 20 - -5, S-N, sun fine snow
- 14, 27 - 4, S-NE, sun, fine snow (shanty on)
- 15, 17 - 8, NE, sun, snow, clear and cold
- 16, 4 - -2, NE, sun and fine snow squalls
- 17, 8 - -5, N, snow squalls and sun
- 18, 18 - 0, N by W, overcast, little sun

- 19, 36 - 16, NW, sunshine
- 20, 34 - 13, S, sunshine
- 21, 36 - 24, SW, overcast, mist
- 22, 36 - 17, NE-SW, sun, little fine snow last night
- 23, 46 - 26, S, sunshine
- 24, 37 - 24, S-NW, fog, overcast, drizzle
- 25, 45 - 30, S, cloudy, sunshine
- 26, 50 - 28, S, cloudy, sunshine
- 27, 43 - 34, E-NE, overcast, hazy
- 28, 35 - 30, N, overcast, wet snow

**MARCH:**

28 days with sunshine!

- 1, 42 - 29, N by E, overcast, wet snow
- 2, 40 - 30, S by W, wet snow all day,
- 3, 42 - 22, N, sun, overcast sun, squall
- 4, 40 - 30, S, overcast (oil boat going to Traverse City, needed ice-breaker)
- 5, 39 - 28, S-N, overcast, fine wet snow
- 6, 39 - 29, S-NW, cloudy, sun,
- 7, 37 - 24, N, sunshine snow last night
- 8, 35 - 23, N, sunshine
- 9, 33 - 16, N, sunshine
- 10, 38 - 23, N, sunshine
- 11, 37 - 22, N, overcast, sun
- 12, 39 - 24, sunshine
- 13, 40 - 20, S-NE, overcast, sun peeked
- 14, 39 - 28, S-N, overcast, little sun
- 15, 42 - 28, N, sunshine
- 16, 40 - 24, NW-SW, sun, cloudy, snow
- 17, 44 - 30, NW-NE, fine wet snow, overc.
- 18, 48 - 30, SW, fog, sun, cloudy, snow last night
- 19, 46 - 30, S-NE, fog, sunshine
- 20, 42 - 27, NE, overcast, sunshine
- 21, 43 - 29, N, sunshine
- 22, 44 - 27, N, sunshine
- 23, 45 - 24, N, sunshine
- 24, 39 - 22, N, sunshine
- 25, 46 - 25, NE, sunshine
- 26, 49 - 26, NE, sunshine
- 27, 47 - 26, NE, sunshine
- 28, 50 - 26, NW-NE, sunshine
- 29, 52 - 24, NE, sunshine (raked yard)
- 30, 54 - 24, NE, sunshine, robins-killdears
- 31, 56 - 23, NE, sunshine

**APRIL:**

- 1, 58 - 23, SW-NE, sun, ice leaving
- 2, 56 - 29, S-NE, sun, Bay skimmed, left
- 3, 54 - 28, SE-NE, sun, Bay skimmed, left
- 4, 63 - 34, NE, sun (Good Friday), ice left Lime Lake
- 5, 53 - 35, NE, cloudy, sun, overcast
- 6, 48 - 33, NE, Easter Sunday snowing, ground white
- 7, 49 - 27, NW, sunshine, cloudy
- 8, 59 - 28, N, overcast, some sun
- 9, 47 - 20, N, sunshine
- 10, 50 - 25, N, sun
- 11, 53 - 33, N, sunshine
- 12, 60 - 28, N, sunshine
- 13, 68 - 27, SW, sun, (Hepaticas blooming)
- 14, 74 - 36, SW, sunshine
- 15, 76 - 40, SW, sun, (Dog-toothed Violets in bloom - Dutchman's Britches). Trilliums in bud.

**BUSINESS, GAIETY AND FUN ASHORE**

JOE ALCORN is running the White Rock Aviation School at Eastwood Airport, College Station, Texas, and in Dallas the Dallas-Garland Airport.

AGNES BARKER writes from Flor'da

that at Christmas they had a family reunion in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Tom and his family, her brother Charles, his wife Bonnie and daughter Penny the 2nd, also Mrs. Henry Landry, Bonnies sister, were with them. Her brother Bob and his wife couldn't come because they were expecting a baby in January. They now have a little girl named Ellen. Penny (He'drick) plans to visit in Texas in April.

KITTY SMITH had fun celebrating her birthday in Fort Lauderdale, and going out to dinner, etc., with Waldo, Emily, Priscilla and Peter (Abbot).

HUMPHREY JACKSON, our COMMODORE describes the grand surprise dinner given him and Jane on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Careful planning by their daughter-in-law Jane, sons James and David, and their mother Nettie Jackson gave them a festive occasion with 25 guests, a special wedding cake baked by the J. L. Hudson Co., games and more fun and a beautiful mantel clock as a gift. The next week they celebrated again with more presents and a dinner at the new Stoffer Restaurant, white orchids from son James, drinks on the house, and a show. In April Humphrey was especially busy with professional speeches, meetings, and the like. Mixing business and pleasure, he and Jane were able, on some of his jaunts, to visit an aunt in Ohio, and Jane's bridesmaid. His mathematics text, in which some of us are named in the examples, is on sale at Solle's and may be autographed.

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**SUMMER PLANS.**

**HUMPHREY and JANE** and as many of their family as can will open their cottage on the Memorial Day week-end. Humphrey's birthday is May 30 and he likes most to celebrate the occasion in Omena.

**AGNES BARKER and EBEN** will probably be in Omena in August. Eben has sold his store and will not have to remain in Florida. They are toying with a plan to take a trip west and up to British Columbia, where a friend in Victoria has invited them to be her guest and visit the Victoria Centennial Celebration.

**CLEMEWELL LAY** is going abroad on June 25. She wishes she were to be in Omena. "Something there is about blue water and pine woods that seems infinitely peaceful". She plans to spend May 18 with Hazel Taylor and hopes to see the cherry trees a'bloom.

**THE LYONS, ED** and others, will be here the last of June.

**HUMPHREY JACKSONS** will open their cottage on Memorial Day week-end.

**THE OTTERMANS** have rented Penny Heidrick's cottage on Ingalls Bay for July.

**KITTY SMITH** will arrive in Omena the last of May.

**THE HAGEMANNS** it is said, no direct communication, will open their cottage on May 24.

**GENO HERRICK** will occupy Jessie's little cottage by the shore in Omena. She will arrive in May.

**EVA BAUER** gives us no direct report, but her niece Gwen Pike reports that Eva is to go abroad with friends interested in research concerning folk dancing. She and her friends will be in Omena in August.

**EMILY SHITH** is planning to teach Art classes in Omena this summer. Several persons of Leland and Northport are signing up. If members of the OTYC are interested they had best get busy. Emily studied water color last winter with Robert Chase, also experimental painting. She continued her studies of portraiture and still life with Maryln Bendell of Chicago.

**THE JOHANNINGS** will be here early and Linda will use the new sail boat.

Mae Griffin has notified the BREEZE that she and Stella will be in Omena about June 10.

**COMMITTEES REPORT.**

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE.** Gwen Pike, Chairman, reports the following names of members who have accepted a place on her Committee: Martha Feeley, Mary Louise Gleason, Grace Fleit, Hazel Taylor, Horace Wheeler.

Gwen will welcome suggestions from any and all members. She suggests that members include in their summer wardrobes apparel for a Costume Party of sorts.

**SUPPER COMMITTEE.** Emily Smith, Chairman, reports the following members of her Committee: Emily Abbot, Vida Bennett, Frances Lyon, Jane Jackson. Hel-

en Smith and Ruth DeVore will serve in an advisory capacity.

**HARBOR AND DOCKS.** Fred Schaefer, Chairman, reports the following members: Joe Alcorn, Norm Johanning.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE.** Mary Foltz, Chairman: Harriette White, Horace Wheeler, Jessie Carmichael, members.

**RACING COMMITTEE.** Norman Johanning, Chairman.

**SNACK BAR COMMITTEE.** Betsy and Ed Lyon, Co-Chairmen.

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.** Hazel Taylor, Editor of the Breeze; Horace Wheeler, Omena Reporter. All Members, Reporters-at-large.

The Editor of the BREEZE wishes to thank all who responded so generously to her call for news. Without their co-operation this May number would have been one of those saddest things that might have been!

**GROUNDS COMMITTEE.** George Smith, Chairman, Marion Finn, Norman Johanning and Preston Smith members. Marion is arranging to have petunias and other flowers in the seven porch boxes. They will probably be in bloom before many members arrive in Omena. Preston got a spreader from George Anderson and applied two sacks of commercial fertilizer to our lawn, and is having new privet hedge bushes replace those destroyed during the winter, around the flag pole. George has arranged to have a new flagstone walk from the front steps to the dock to correspond with that around the flag pole. The Consumers Power Company have put in two new poles to carry the high voltage line which now runs back of the Club House.

**SPECIAL HONORS.**

**CRAMMY FINN**, James C. Jr., Ph. D., has just received his Doctorate from the University of California at Los Angeles. He and Pat and young James C. III have just left for Stoneville, Miss., where Dr. Finn will have a position in Plant Physiology with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

**PATRICIA KULICK** has been appointed Chief of the Section, Specifications for Guided Missiles, Goodyear Aircraft Corp.

**MARY LOUISE GLEASON** has been elected Vice President of the National League for Nursing. In her official capacity she was sent to New York the first part of February for a series of meetings. Hospitals are her principal interest at this time because on January first of this year, the six member Cuyahoga Hospital Board of Trustees, of which she is a member, took over Cleveland City Hospital. Now the Board has two 700 bed hospitals as an engrossing responsibility.

**ROBERT LYON**, M. D., has been elected President of the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Heart Association. He has also been elected President of the Staff of Children's Hospital, Cincinnati.

**MARGUERITE RULE**, realtor of Cincinnati has realized a dream that now stands in objective three dimensions over

looking the Ohio River — the first co-operative owned apartment building of Cincinnati, Ohio River Vista Apartments, Inc. The accomplishment had a four page spread in the Cincinnati Pictorial Enquirer of Sunday, Jan. 12, 1958. Each apartment of the eight family unit is planned to suit its owners and is valued at \$37,500.

**GEORGE SMITH** has been appointed for the second consecutive year as Chairman for the educational and fund-raising campaign of the Leelanau unit of the American Cancer Society. He was also elected as a Deputy to the National Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which meets this October in Miami. Also, George has been named a Michigan Director of the Cherry Producers Marketing Co-Operative.

**EMILY SMITH** won several awards in Art this winter: At Long Beach Art Center she won Third Place in the Show and First Place in Portraiture. There were 200 entries. At the juried show in Sarasota Art Association she had two showings.

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### FROM OMENA, MICHIGAN.

(Horace P. Wheeler)

Sparkling our Fall activities, we Saturday Nighters were happily surprised at Hazel Taylor's Cocktail Party before a dinner at Wheelers, to find Helen Clark Reed. Helen was visiting her mother, Mrs. Blanche Clark, and sister Hazel, before returning to join her husband, Bob, at the Hague, Netherlands. It is always so much fun to have old friends drop in on us. Another very nice party and pleasant surprise was enjoyed by our group at the George Smith's in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

With the break-up of the Bay ice it was discovered that some of the piles at our Club dock had raised. The necessary work to correct the condition has now been done. One day, Ernie Barh reports having seen 10 eagles above Omena and the Bay. It is hoped some of them may stay around. When the snow was most gone, logging and lumbering operations got under way on the Smith property bordering the south side of road near "Singing Sands". The same operations have also begun in the old Spicer woods next to the Charles Kalchik farm.

We were happy to welcome Mary and Fred Weiss on St. Patrick's Day, and along with them came some real nice weather, as a forerunner of Spring. The first five weeks they lived at the Park Place in Traverse City., while looking after improvements at their Omena home on the Point. Bea and Walter Gardner also arrived early and have been busy prettying things up, especially so with the addition of a new dock. So, we might say we have two new "Native" families added to Omena. Mary and Ben Foltz have added a beautiful large room and porch on the north end of their home. Fred Schaefer has installed an ingenious electric lift to serve the fireplace with wood from the basement; just push the button for wood. Jessie Carmichael is doing an excellent job of preparing her dock-side cottage for Geno Herrick, who is expected early in June. We will envy Geno in her "exclusive" quarters. Word has come that Pat and Crammy Finn II and Crammy III

have moved from California to Leland, Mississippi. Crammy comes back with his "Doctorate" from U.C.L.A. Nancy Jo and John Kohlberg have moved to 22849 Lake Shore Dr., St. Clair Shores. John opened up his trout season in Omena by bringing in four speckles from Belanger's Pond, April 25th.

Of course the best news from Omena you are waiting for is the black-topping of the Point Road as far as the east line of the Ayar property. This work should be completed by June. Believe it or not, Omena now has a spanking new Post Office located in the old Ice Cream Parlor Building. If you have a Lock Box you can pick up your mail daily any time from 8:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M., except on Sundays. (Bring on your camera now, Stewart). Last, but not least, I wish to announce that the old Presbyterian Church will celebrate her Centennial here this year.

With our Best Wishes from Omena to each of you.

Horace P. Wheeler.

### AND SO THEY WERE MARRIED.

When Holly Renz wrote to the BREEZE last November that her plans for this summer were "indefinite", she was then Mrs. Craig Smith. No one of the OTYC members knew except Grandma Blanche Clark, and she didn't tell. Besides, she was a bit uncertain which one of "those Smith boys" bore the name Craig — "Just which one of our boys did Craig go with?" But married Craig and Holly were at Smit-tie's home, that of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Smith II, near Chicago and not far from Northwestern where Holly was enrolled in the Liberal Arts College, on October 4, 1957.

On Dec. 27, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Renz announced the marriage of their daughter Holly to Lieut. Craig S. Smith of the U. S. Marine Corps. Soon after, Craig became Captain Smith. After the end of the school semester at Northwestern, Holly and Craig were given a big reception by Andy and Marjie at their home in Wyoming, Ohio, and many of the OTYC members of Cincinnati and therabouts attended. George, Helen and Preston drove down from Omena. Then with the good wishes of all, and with many wedding presents, the bride and groom were off to San Diego. (We are sorry that some one "who was there" did not record the romantic tale for the BREEZE before this May number was "put to bed". Ed.)

### OTYC APPOINTMENTS.

Commodore Jackson has made the following appointments for listing in the Lake Michigan Yachting Association Year Book, in addition to the present Officers and Board of Directors: L. M. Y. A. — Delegates — Sail, Norman Johanning, Dr. Robert Newland, Fred Schaefer; L. M. Y. A. Delegates — Power, William Renz, E. J. Alcorn, Walter J. Gardner.

### ABOUT THE COVER.

MENDING NETS was painted by Nancy Jo Wheeler (now Mrs. John Kohlberg) in 1949, when she was in College of Art and Architecture of the University of Michigan. The painting in oil was sent by the University on several national tours and was instrumental in winning a scholarship for her with the Cranbrook School of Art, graduate study she did not accept. Instead she entered positions in commercial art and is now editor for the art work in the advertising of the J. L. Hudson Company of Detroit. Models for the painting **Mending Nets** may be recognized as Omena Bay and our fishermen John Bowser and his companion. The fore arm of the fisherman bothered Nancy's mother until she learned that in modern art its over-size symbolized strength.

### GIFTS TO OTYC

Two hand dryers, one for each of the Club House wash-rooms have been given the Club by Wm. Renz.

A Scrap-book and a Guest-book have been donated by Humphrey Jackson.

### LOVELIEST OF TREES.

By A. E. Houseman

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,  
Twenty will not come again,  
And take from seventy springs a score,  
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty Springs are still room,  
About the woodlands I will go  
To see the cherry ~~tree~~ hung with snow.

Ignatz sez: Alimony is a poor  
substitute for cold feet at nite.

A race track is the only place  
to find windows that clean people.

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