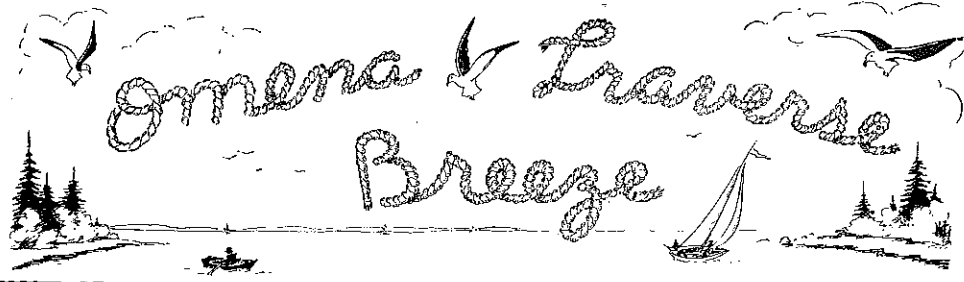


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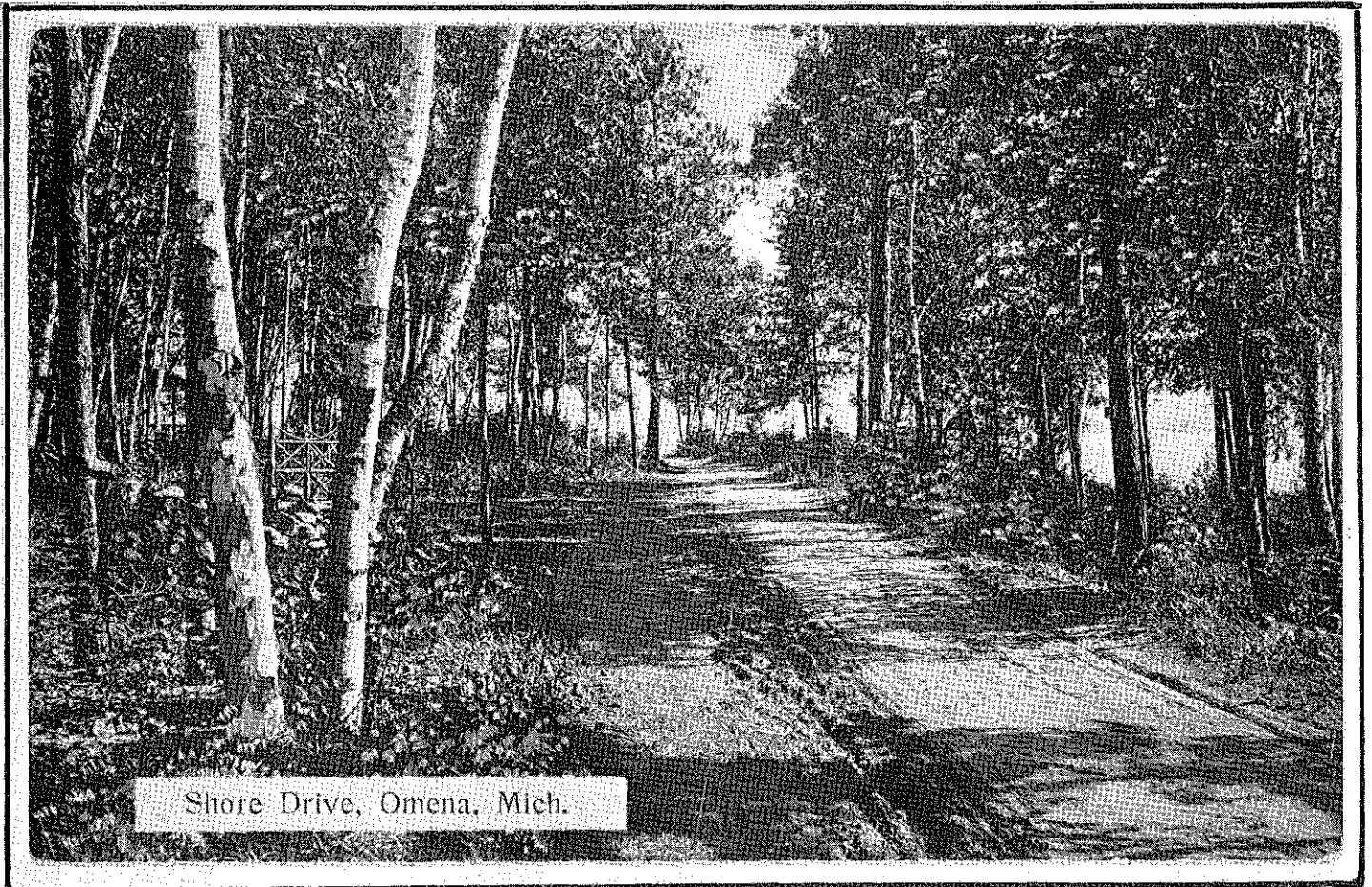
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"Omena"

Omena, you've waters blue and fragrant pines
Omena, I bless the day that made you mine
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When laughter and music go dancing o'er the silent air.
Omena, may crystal waters ever flow
Omena, may sunset colors ever glow
Far be the day when I no longer will return
Omena, I love you, I do.

Elsie Tangeman

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Because of the foot of snow and zero weather outside my window it is especially pleasant to look forward to summer in Omena. Although this Message is being composed in February because of our impending 3 months trip to the Orient, you will be reading it in May, and Omena will be just a short time away.

Included in this issue of the Breeze you will find again a Calendar of Events for the summer. In setting it up there has been considered the interest, or lack of interest, in various past Club activities, also the suggestions for new activities.

The small attendance and lack of interest in Club parties recently has caused us to reduce the number, but try to make the ones scheduled really good ones. The Commodore's Reception has been omitted for similar reasons.

In response to a number of requests we have instituted two dinners and a party for adults only. If the attendance at the first dinner indicates interest and support, perhaps we can have more than the second one now scheduled.

Note the Fireworks Display on July 4th. This should be enjoyed by both old and young.

The Annual Meeting has been set for July 20th - a month sooner than in the past. This will permit suggestions and comments from the members to be given full consideration by the Board of Directors during the weeks they are still at Omena. In the past the Directors have scattered to their homes almost immediately after the Annual Meeting.

The Youth Activities Committee is prepared to offer a program revised to not take as much of a child's time, and to give relief to mothers driving children back and forth. At this writing no Counselor has yet been found for next summer, but I am sure the Committee will come up with a capable person.

Regarding our Improvement Program, I feel strongly that we should first complete the tennis court with a concrete playing surface to make it useable. Tennis is the second most popular interest in our Youth Program, and the court would be a center of Youth Activities. We have a substantial investment in it now which would be wasted if it were not completed. Even though we older members would not play tennis, we should recognize the large number of young people growing up in our Club community.

Two imperative projects that should next get our attention are repainting the exterior of the Club house, and refinishing the Club house floor. Some members might say they should come ahead of the tennis court, but we have a Club house and we don't yet have a useable tennis court.

Best wishes for a happy summer in Omena.

Robert L. Morse, Commodore

TRAVEL TALK

Peg and Bob Morse left Cleveland February 14th via Chicago arriving in San Francisco to stay at the Mark Hopkins Hotel from the 17th to the 20th. After this brief stay they flew to Honolulu where the Surfrider Hotel accommodated them for a week or so during which they took a trip to the outer islands on which they stayed at the Hana-Maui Hotel on Maui. March 13th found them flying to Hong Kong and then on to Bangkok, Thailand, and Angkor Wat, Cambodia and on to Tokyo where the Imperial Hotel was their destination.

On the trip around Japan they visited Nagoya, and Kyoto and hence back to the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo.

May 3rd they flew to Seattle and spent a night at the Olympic Hotel leaving next day on the Empire Builder (Great Northern RR) for Chicago and hence to Cleveland by plane.

The Ken Hagemanns are planning an early fall trip to Europe.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Melvin and Gwen Pike visited the Ralph Allswedes (Judy) in New York and while there enjoyed plays, shows, and the highlight "Rigoletta" at the Met. In January they drove to Florida thru bad sleet storms in N. Carolina. Enjoyed Miami and visited with mother Bennett in Sarasota. Melvin spent the week of April 1st in Roanoke, Va. at a Medical Clinic. Gwen keeps busy with Community Concert Drive in Midland, Symphony campaign, Lent and Easter music preparations, etc. Judy expects to finish her masters degree in August majoring in Guidance and Counseling. Ralph will be out of the army and they are planning for college for him while Judy teaches. Carol Allswede received a very nice writeup in the Dow "Brinewell" a paper published for its employees. The Pikes have acquired another French poodle, Gean by name, to keep the 14 mo. Beau company.

Chicago bound April 5 by "jet" were Humphrey and Jane Jackson. Humphrey attended the annual conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The March issue of *The Arithmetic Teacher* includes Humphrey's latest article entitled "Creative Thinking and Discovery."

Mary Huff writes that she just returned from a lovely trip to southern California (March 17). "We expect the Moores next week for a brief visit. They will be in Omena for about three months, returning in September to the University of Houston. I plan to be in Omena about a month this summer. Ainee Patterson will be "on deck" to assist Pam (DeBoer) and be "the mother's complaint department" in my absence, writes Mary.

Note: Miss Pam DeBoer of Suttons Bay has been secured as Counselor for the young peoples "Youth Activities" to replace Miss Judy Selby (Mrs. Maynard Evans, III).

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OTYC OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1961

The following officers for the coming year were elected at the Annual Meeting on August 19, 1960:

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It has been one of the aims of your editor for some years to use the theme "Old Omena" for an issue of the BREEZE. The problem of calling upon many early residents of the summer colony to cooperate finally materialized when Bob Morse turned in his fine historical piece about the cottages on Ingalls Bay. Not wishing to confine the material in this issue to Ingalls Bay solely, your editor began intensive correspondence with a large number of residents on the Omena Bay side of the Point.

One cannot foresee the many interesting and sometimes elusive, humorous and interesting facts that came to light. Without the cooperation of a great many members this issue would not have been possible. Since we did not have access to the records on file in the Leelanau County offices of Deeds and Records, we have not been able to verify some of the dates. However, to all intent and purposes we feel that most of the dates are substantially correct for our purpose.

As one reads the accounts as reproduced in this issue, one sees a more leisurely life in the days of half a century ago. One in which the walk to the postoffice and store was possibly the highlight of the day. Strolls through the wooded areas along picturesque pathways; fun in and on the water and on the beaches; complicated transportation to and from Omena; horse-drawn station wagons and delivery wagons; horse and buggy rides in the surrounding countryside; boat trips in Grand Traverse Bay; — these are incidents of a past era, one which seems more in keeping with the tranquility and peaceful reflection of the "Water Wonderland", particularly to the "Land of Delight" known to us as Leelanau County, and more especially our own special portion of this delightful summer-holiday resort of Omena.

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SOCIAL — August: Marilyn Flett, Chairman.

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July 5th - Mary Foltz, Chairman.

July 12 - Helen Smith, Chairman.

July 19 - Irma Hagemann, Chairman.

July 26 - Frances Lyon, Chairman.

SUPPER — August: Mary Woolford (Mrs. Robert), Chairman.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES — Mary Huff (Mrs. William) and Ainee Patterson (Mrs. Donald), Co-Chairmen. Jane and Bob Newland, Linda and Al Cherne, Pody and Bob Trautman.

NOTE: Chairmen of committees not yet selected will post the names of members on club bulletinboard after the July opening of the club.

OMISSIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP LIST PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE BREEZE

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SYMPATHY

Members of OTYC were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Sabra Saxton Havens, Tuesday, December 6, in Indianapolis and wish to extend sympathy to members of the family.

Members of the club also wish to express their sympathy to the family of Stewart V. Ayers upon learning of his sudden passing, Sunday March 19, 1961. Stewart served the club for many years in the capacity of Treasurer and was among the early enthusiastic supporters of the club.



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HISTORICAL NOTES ABOUT THE COTTAGES ON OMENA POINT

Much more intensive research would be needed to set up a chronological account of the cottages on Omena Point. Since we have had to rely upon information from present owners for the most part, much of the early data is necessarily rather vague. However, members of the OTYC will undoubtedly find the following information of interest.

The Adolph Jacobson cottage was owned by Judge and Mrs. O'Connell of Cincinnati.

The next cottage is now owned by the Episcopal Church and was formerly the Professor Porter home and sold to Dr. Bosswell who presented it to the present owners.

The Andrew cottage was built in 1915 by Thos. J. Nichol and is now owned by Charles and Edith Andrew. (See Edith's letter which appears on another page of the Breeze.)

The Groll cottage, formerly the Heitzman cottage was purchased by Miss Ida Heitzman from Judge John O'Connell in 1926. It was formerly owned and occupied by the fisherman Bill Schram.

On the other side of the Clubhouse is the "Queenie Smith" cottage. It was formerly owned by F. V. Legg and his mother. Versey Legg was Mr. Santos nephew. This was the cottage where Martha Feely came as a baby with her maternal grandmother Mrs. Frank Graves. (Frank Graves was the second husband and not Martha's grandfather.)

The cottage owned and occupied by the Rogans was built and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Niel, friends of the Santos. Later it was sold to the James Rogans.

"Shorewood", the Mark Sloniker cottage was the first cottage built by Mr. John Santo and was known as "The House that Jack built."

"Homewood," the Ray Flett cottage was one of the Santo cottages and has been modernized and landscaped by Ray and Grace into one of the showplaces on the bay. The old tennis court which has been turned into a Patio and play area is surrounded by lovely flowers which Grace cultivates with professional skill.

"Idlecrest," the Halbert White cottage and "Idlewild" now owned by Kitty Smith are delightful summer cottages which were among the John Santos cottages purchased by Hector and Jessie Carmichael and later sold to the present owners.

The Fisher cottage was owned by Miss Richmond of Grand Rapids who sold it to the Gorhams. Later it was sold to Paul Comstock who sold it to the Fishers.

"Bonny Banks" is still owned by Miss Edna Spillard.

Lestra Saxton's "Wigwam" was built by Mrs. Witte of Grand Rapids about 1895. This cottage was owned by her daughter, a Mrs. Willard. Mrs. Saxton's father purchased it from Mrs. Willard and presented it to her in 1906.

The "Log Cabin" now owned by the Johannings was owned and occupied by Mrs. Mary Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. Bent. Mrs.



Bent was Mrs. Parson's sister, both aunts of Mary Louise Gleason. Mrs. Parsons and her sister Elizabeth occupied the cottage with the Bent's sons George and Henry.

"Birchwood Terrace" is now owned by the Weisses who have done extensive remodeling and landscaping. The lovely trees and shaded lawn make this one of the inviting bay homes.

The Feely cottage was built by Mrs. Feely's grandmother, Mrs. Graves and later owned and occupied by Martha's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Pound. This cottage was built at the time of the Omena Hotel and they took their meals there. (Note, the Omena Hotel referred to was adjoining the Weisses and a picture of this hotel is shown on next page.)

"Southwind" now owned by Bea and Walter Gardner was formerly owned by the Harrison King family of Jacksonville, Ill. The Kings sold to Mr. Conrad Lathen and Borgeson who in turn sold it to the Carmichaels.

"Casa El Captain", the Gardner cottage was built by the Omena Hotel Association limited in June 1892 and sold to Frank H. Graves and wife Francis R. In 1893 it was sold to Wilder D. Stevens, in 1902 to Mary and Cornelia Bevier, in 1926 to Norman E. Borgeson and wife, in 1936 to George M. Petrie, in 1937 to Hector M. Carmichael who in turn sold to Walter Gardner. Walter has done extensive rebuilding and his cottage is one of the show places on the bay.

Omena Point Lodge, formerly "The Oaks" (See picture above) was first built as a residence by Dr. Dan Bradley. It burned a few years ago.

"Sunnyside" was purchased by John and Mary English the present owners about 1945.

The Rule cottage was built by a Col. Grierson and then owned and occupied for many years by E. E. Crabtree (Edgar and Anna) with son Farrell and Mrs. Crabtree's niece Mary Wadsworth.

The James Farrell cottage was formerly owned and occupied by Donald Palmer family.

The Moore cottage was owned by a Russell family from Jacksonville from whom Dr. Earl Moore's father bought it around 1920.

The Abbot's "Abbey," next to the Moore's was owned by the Persons and occupied by a Mrs. Spears and daughter Miss Ring in 1920.

"Pencroft", now owned by Mary Louise Gleason was built by Mrs. John Pierson and was built from royalties as a writer.

The Woolford cottage was built by a Mr. Dittman and was bought by Mrs. Newman in 1921 and occupied by the Newmans until sold to the Woolfords. (See letters from Stella and May on another page.)

The Ayars cottage was formerly occupied by a family by the name of Chichester. In 1920 it was owned by a Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Sr. Their son Donald Palmer owned and lived in the cottage now owned by the James Farrells.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

Dear Humphrey: I first went to Omena in 1901. My husband was bidding on some asphalt paving work in Traverse City and one Sunday morning we hired a man to take us to Omena in a small motorboat. We were going to call on the Curriers of Oberlin, Ohio, friends of my husband's mother who owned the house the Moore's now own.

It took us several hours to get to Omena and we landed at a small dock in front of the hotel (the one formerly near the Weiss cottage.) We liked Omena and decided to go there and I stayed at the hotel in 1902. That same year it was burned to the ground.

The following year Mrs. Comstock and I rented the log cabin built by Martha Feely's grandmother, Mrs. Graves.

Next year I rented Martha Feely's cottage and the following year rented my present house.

Lestra Saxton



"OMENA HOTEL"

NOSTALGIC THOUGHTS OF OMENA

The following anecdotes have been selected from a letter to the editor from Edith Andrew, February 1961.

Prior to 1890 there existed a row of cottages on what is now known as Omena Heights. The Leelanau Hotel occupied part of this property. Families by the names of Kerchner, O'Connell, Porter, and Mack owned cottages in this vicinity.

The house now owned by George Smith was purchased from a Mr. Kerchner in 1890 by Professor Porter who was then head of the Astronomy Department at the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Kerchner had built a new and larger cottage of stone (probably the Geo. Smith home) at the west end of the row.

A man from Cincinnati by the name of Mack purchased the old cottage on the hill.

A family by the name of Barnes lived in the O'Connell place next door to the new cottage. The O'Connell cottage is now Jacobson's.

In 1900 father Porter built the cottage on Omena Bay (now Boswells). He thinks a man by the name of Van Dyke was the builder.

Judge John G. O'Connell from whom Adolph Jacobson bought the cottage was a Cincinnati Judge.

Omena Inn was bought for a summer home by Mougey's of Cincinnati when it was sold by the Church. Mougey's Lake was named after this family. Mrs. Biddleman added the wings.

The Andrew cottage was built in 1915 by Thos. J. Nichol, father of Edith Nichol Andrew. Charlie and Edith Andrew spent their honeymoon at the cottage in 1916 and have spent every summer in Omena since. They have two married sons and four grandchildren who visit them in the summer.

In 1931 on the death of father Nichol, Charlie and Edith Andrew bought the cottage from his estate.

The Leelanau Hotel and all the property including Omena Bay lots down to the fisherman's belonged to Kerchner of Price Hill, Cincinnati in the early days.

Pullman cars from Cincinnati and Chicago came from Traverse City to Northport. We used to get on the train at Cincinnati and our pullman was transferred many times before we finally arrived at the Omena station.

We would drive across the bay in a horse-drawn station wagon belonging to the Leelanau Hotel. I well remember it for I fell out of it. This horse-drawn wagon could be hired for picnics.

Boats from Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland used to dock at the pier in front of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club, formerly a dance pavillion and also at the dock in Omena. Frank Anderson helped to build the pavillion and played in an orchestra which provided music at that time at the pavillion where ice-cream and drinks were sold.

The first summer residents to own an automobile were Dr. and Mrs. Weaver who built a cottage on the West side of Omena Bay. It is still there and belongs now to Villa Marquette, across the road from the main buildings.

The Woolford cottage was built by the Dittmans of Cincinnati and later bought by the Newman's. Ada, Stella and May occupied the cottage until 1958 when Stella and May sold it to the Woolfords.

In this early period, the only road around the point was along the edge of the bay. There was a sidewalk all the way to the present Ayar's cottage. Recently the Ivy League, Poison Ivy that is, cleared and cleaned up this sidewalk so that it is again possible to enjoy a walk along the bay. The road has disappeared in places as it has been washed out at high water and is no longer used as access to the cottages.

FROM LETTERS OF MEMBERS, ETC.

Dear Humphrey: Have been buried in papers for the past week trying to find information on property useful to you in your proposed article for the Breeze. Am mailing pictures and descriptions and hope that some at least will be helpful and that you may have them in plenty of time. Sincerely, Jessie Carmichael. (March 29, 1961)

Dear Humphrey: In reply to your post-card of March 4, I shall be glad to do my part in helping with data, anecdotes, about my experiences when we first came to Omena.

The years go back so far, and are filled with so much that I am sure I could write a saga that would fill a volume or two, writes May Griffin. We spent two summers, (1913-14) in "Idlewild," now Kitty Smith's cottage. The war year (1917) we did not leave Chicago, but in 1920 and 21 we rented the George Anderson cottage now owned by Ed. Egler.

In the fall of 1921 my mother purchased the Dittman house on the point. My mother was so impressed with the view of Grand Traverse Bay, the opposite shoreline and Old Mission Point from the front terrace of our property, that she did not wait to even see the inside of the house but purchased it sight unseen.

The summer of 1922 I saw it for the first time in all its devastating beauty. Catherine Forbes, my older daughter was a small child of 4 then and I am sure she thought it some enchanted place.

When talking with Catherine recently she helped me recall an incident which evidently impressed her very much at the time. This was the service held at the present clubhouse for President Harding at the time of his death, the summer of 1922. All the local men who had served our country in World War I were present in their uniforms. It was a solemn and impressive occasion, the flag borne by the standard bearer, the moving words spoken by the speakers, and the guns firing a farewell salute.

We also recalled "Aimos" the faithful Indian who delivered ice on the Point in a horse-drawn wagon, said ice being covered with sawdust.

Our dog, Texaco by name because he got away to a quick start, used to bark furiously at our neighbors the Piersons who were, I am sure, much relieved when we departed with our pesky little canine.

While living in Kenwood in Chicago, I had a very interesting neighbor, Mrs. Catherine Conlin Johnson, and when she heard that we were going to Omena one summer, she was so taken by surprise because she had never heard anyone speak of Omena since she was a young girl. It seems that she lived in Grand Rapids and was brought up there and was invited to go as a guest of a friend whose father owned a summer hotel at Omena Point. She studied the violin and her friend played the piano. They played together and furnished the music for the guests - thus they had good times and a summer outing. The old hotel was located to the right of the Feely cottage and long ago burned to the ground.

Katherine Johnson told me about people we never saw or knew. There was an interesting family in the Ayars cottage, a Dr. Chichester who was a learned man, hospitable and gracious to all. Katherine also had the unusual experience of going to the opening dance at Cedar Lodge "Northport Point." Her escort was none other than Dwight Bradley, of Ingalls Bay. They drove up to the dance in a one-horse buggy. It was quite a jaunt along the rough and

primitive road and they started early and returned late. No black-topped road or swept-wing Dodges in those days. Katherine is no longer living and I miss her very much.

I shall always feel that the most lasting memory will always be the colorful and ever-changing expansive water, and for sheer beauty there's nothing like the scenery in Leelanau County. I hope the new owners of our home will have all of the pleasure and joy I had while summering in that lovely spot. May Newman Griffin.

The following letter is from Stella Newman:

Dear Humphrey: As the rest of the family had returned to Chicago in September of the fall when my mother purchased our home on Omena Bay, I can probably tell you of this purchase as I remained in Omena that fall with my mother. We had spent the season of 1921 in the cottage now owned by the Whites and just before we left, the cottage (later to be ours) was shown to mother who made up her mind to purchase it in 15 minutes. This cottage was built in 1908 and had been closed for two years before mother bought it. Consequently the rodents, and squirrel, and general lack of care resulted in a need for much repair work. Mother decided to make several architectural changes also, so we stayed until a blizzard during the last of October drove us out, but we came back for 36 summers after this.

Strange to say, on our side of the point there have been only two new houses built (Carmichael's and Andrews) since ours was purchased. When we were first here there were only 3 cottages belonging to Hartley's of Grand Rapids on the Ingalls Bay side of the Point. Lester Saxton and Martha Feeley are the only people who have been here longer than we.

It was not the same then, no cars, and everyone walked through the woods every day. There were many young men, five in the Palmer house (now the Ayars) and few girls. Lots of boats and life on the water. We had a 35 foot cruiser. All groceries, milk, ice, meats, etc. were delivered to our house.

The OTYC Clubhouse was owned by Louis Anderson then who ran it as a private club. All cottage owners paid yearly membership dues and no outsiders were allowed. Dances and parties were held there. After a change in young people, many leaving, it was run as a public dance hall and it began to lose its prestige. This was the era of prohibition and drink and bootleggers closed it down.

Andersons Store was the meeting place at mail-time as everyone walked for their mail.

There were several small hotels where people stayed all summer, — "The Oaks" on the Point, Clover Lodge, and Wheeler's Sunset Lodge as well as the Leelanau Hotel on the hill where George Smith's orchard is now located. This hotel has been torn down now, but many years ago it was used as a Mission School for Indians.

I miss old Omena and all of you, so much . . . Stella.

Dear Humphrey: I don't know how much I can help you with the Early Omena story. Mother, Melvin and I joined the Ralph Bauers in buying the Green Brothers farm in 1932, I believe. My parents on both sides, the Bennetts and Rossers were Traverse City people and so were the Ralph Bauers, so it was natural to look for a home in the beautiful country where they had grown up. Ralph Bauer, the architect, designed our lovely home. Recently Eva Bauer sold the farmhouse to Gordon Solle. Mother (Mrs. Bennett) built the cottage between our home and the Farmhouse and the Taverners (Mrs. Bauers daughter and family) built on the other side of us. Eva Bauer now owns the Taverner home which is for sale as she expects to build in Leland to be near the Taverners. The wonderful view of the bay and Old Mission point is a feature of the hill-top homes of the Pike, Bennett, Bauer clan. The Pikes have completed a lovely guest house just recently which is a delight to those fortunate to occupy it.

Dear Humphrey:

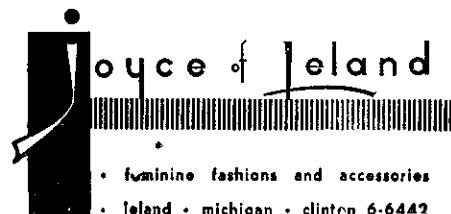
My uncle, Mr. Leonard H. Wheeler closed the Boston office of the Wheeler "Eclipse Windmill Pump & Engine Mfg. Co.," of Beloit, Wis. in 1894 and traveled extensively throughout the west looking for a place of retirement. When he came upon Omena in 1896 he was impressed and two years later he chose the hill prominence and built his home. In his enthusiasm he invited many of his Eastern and mid-western friends to visit. They accepted his hospitality and the Omena setting with much the same enthusiasm. So, Mr. Wheeler found himself in the resort business. The name Sunset Lodge seemed to fit his retirement time in life. Among his friends were the Thomas Shedd's of Chicago.

Soon after the steamship dock was built. The Wheeler dock and the Barth dock served the Omena community well. Later the Omena Association was formed. It was this group which built the Club House or pavilion as it was called in those days. I believe Versey Legg was its last president when the

property including the resort dock was sold to Louis Anderson. Later Mr. Anderson sold it to Mr. Hector C. Carmichael.

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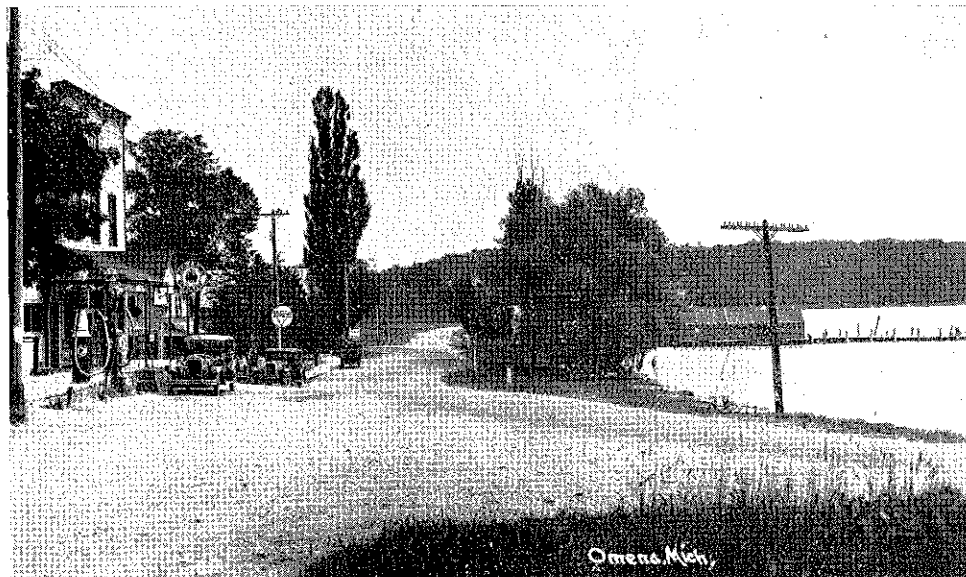
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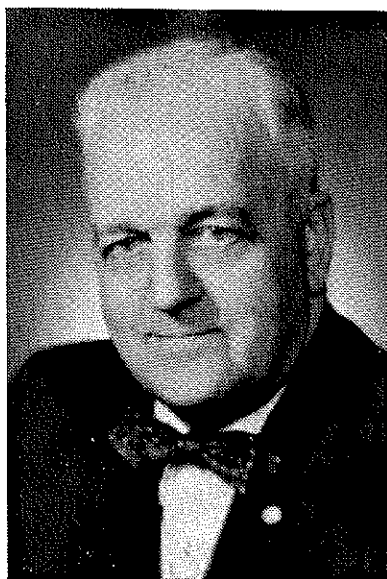
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GEORGE S. SMITH TAKEN BY DEATH



Leelanau County, and the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club, lost a true friend and

tireless worker when George S. Smith died unexpectedly in Munson hospital on Sunday, April 23, following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered earlier in the day. He was 66.

Club members will always remember his tireless efforts on behalf of the club, during the years he served as commodore and as member of the board of directors, his duties as host or committeeman for special events, and his determined work to keep the club a place for wholesome recreation for the youth of the Omena community.

He was untiring in civic matters and church affairs. The establishment of St. Christophers missions in his own home was only one of his numerous activities in county and state affairs.

Funeral rites were held on Wednesday in Grace Episcopal Church Traverse City, of which Mr. Smith was a vestryman, with Fr. Francis Foley officiating. Interment was in Omena cemetery.

ran the well-known "The Bluffs" restaurant on the Lake Michigan bluffs west of Northport. The Dining Hall ceased as such in 1921 and later was owned by Carl Basler. It is now owned by John and Joan DeVore Roth.

About 1917, Professor Slocum of Cincinnati built a cottage on what was then called Slocum's Point. When he moved to Ardmore, Pa., about 1925 the cottage was sold to the Newtons who now occupy it.

Mention should be made of the large boat-house which Ira Kemble had on his beach. There was a marine railway up into it over which he took in his large power cruiser, The Mahaska, for winter storage. There was also a large pier out into Ingalls Bay between the Richard Lays and the Pioneer cottage. Both have long ago disappeared.

In 1935-36 Frank Fisher and David DeVore, partners in the Fisher-DeVore Construction Co. of Cincinnati, each built cottages. The DeVores still occupy their cottage.

Frank Fisher sold his cottage to Dr. Andrew Renz in 1939, and the Renz family now occupy it and have enlarged and modernized it recently.

In 1941, Edith (Mrs. Charles) Heidrick, purchased the point of land from Mrs. Morse and built the cottage now occupied by her and her daughter and son-in-law, the Eben Barkers. The name Penny Point after the owner and because the lot comes to a point.

In 1939-40 Miss Taylor and Mrs. Bailey built the cottage now occupied and owned by Dr. Robert Lyon of Cincinnati. They have added a tennis court and Guest cottage and boathouse.

In 1946-47 Humphrey Jackson of Grosse Pointe built a small cottage now used as a guest cottage at the western end of Ingalls Bay. In the intervening years a larger cottage has been built by Humphrey and his sons. A carport, pumphouse and extra guest room was added later. "Echowood" was given its name because when bathing off shore the contour of the land and hill beyond seems just right to give a clear echo of words spoken loudly by those in the water.

In 1947, William Mack of Cincinnati built a cottage between Miss Dyer's and Humphrey Jackson's. Much of the material came from a cottage formerly occupied by the Macks on Omena Heights near the George Smiths and was used with skill in constructing the present cottage.

In 1954, Christine Graf, widow of Dr. William Graf, Sr., built a cottage between the Ren's and the older William Graf, Sr. cottage. Upon her death in 1957 this cottage passed to her son, Dr. Douglas Graf, who now occupies it with his family.

In 1957, Miss Margaret Dyer, sister

CHRONOLOGY OF COTTAGES ON INGALLS BAY

"It was fun to do this article about Ingall's Bay cottages," said Bob Morse, Commodore. "However, without the help of Clemewell Lay and many others, it would not have been an easy task. As the Lay cottage was the second one to be built on Ingalls Bay, Clemewell is the longest in residence of the early cottagers."

The first cottage built on Ingalls Bay was the "Pioneer" which was built in 1910 by Dr. Hartley and his son-in-law, Clarence Dykstra (who became President of the University of Wisconsin, and later Chancellor of U.C.L.A.). Several years later it was sold to the Clarks who had already bought another cottage nearby (see Hadley below). The Pioneer cottage is now owned by Bob and Helen Clark Reed, who remodelled it for use by the families of their two children.

The second cottage was built in 1911 by Richard Lay of Marshalltown, Iowa, and now is owned by his daughter, Clemewell Lay.

In 1912, two Iowa friends of Mr. Lay built cottages, Ira Kemble of Marshalltown, and William Kemble of Oskaloosa.

The Ira Kembles moved to California in 1921, and in 1922 sold their cottage to Louis Anderson of Omena who rented it to the Grafs and the Fishers among others. Mr. Anderson sold it to the Carl Baslers about 1930 who remodelled it and still occupy it.

The William Kemble cottage was sold to Dr. William Graf, Sr. about 1925. It is now owned by Dr. Graf's daughter and husband,

Shepherd and Janet Graf Tate. They completely rebuilt it in 1959-60.

In 1914-15 Dr. Hadley, brother-in-law of Dr. Hartley, built what is now owned by Hazel Clark Taylor, The Hemlocks. Almost immediately Dr. Hadley sold it to the Harry Clarks, and the Clark family have owned it since.

In 1915, the present Morse cottage was built by Hiram T. Lay, a brother of Richard Lay. On his death it passed to his daughter and husband, the Robert C. Morses. On Mrs. Morse's death in 1947 it passed to her son, Robert L. Morse, whose family still occupy it. It has been considerably enlarged and modernized in recent years.

In 1916, Mr. Hiram Lay built immediately adjacent to the west of his cottage a small cottage for his two sisters, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Pierce. On the death of Mrs. Watson about 1927, the cottage passed to Mrs. Watson's daughter, Mrs. Emma Manning. She soon sold it to the Emil Heermans of Cincinnati. After Mr. Heermans' death in 1957, the cottage was sold to the Don Pattersons who are now extensively enlarging and remodeling it.

In 1916, The House-By-The-Side-Of-The-Road was built cooperatively by Richard Lay, Ira Kemble and Will Kemble as a community Dining Hall. The Morses, Hiram Lay, and the Clarks also came in for meals. The wives of the owners each took a weeks turn at directing operations. The kitchen was run by the Garthe sisters, who later

of Mrs. Robert Lyon built the cottage just west of the Lyon cottage.

In 1958-59 the Jack Stephensons of Detroit built a cottage east of Hazel Clark Taylors toward Newton's Point. Jack's family are the oldest renters on Ingalls Bay, having occupied the Newton cottage for 17 summers. Mrs. Stephenson, Jack's mother, assisted Mrs. Bailey in planning the Lyon cottage and helped to furnish it. The Stephenson's then rented the Bailey cottage for two years just prior to the war.

Also in 1958-59, Dr. William Graf, Jr., built a cottage just east of the Dr. Graf, Sr. cottage and now occupies it with his family.

Bob and Helen Clark Reed are now building a cottage between the Pioneer and Clemewell Lay's cottage. This cottage will be completed by the summer of 1961.

Two cottages, not on Ingalls Bay, but adjacent, located just on the other side of Newton's Point are reached by the Ingalls Bay road. One is the cottage built by the Ken Hagemanns of St. Louis in 1954 and the other just now being completed for occupancy by the summer of 1961 is being built by Ernie and Liz Clark.

On the other side of Singing Sands is the cottage built by Rev. Dan Bradley of Cleveland in 1914. This cottage is of brick and Rev. Bradley and his three sons, Dwight, Dan and Bob, made all the thousands of brick by hand on the site and built the cottage themselves. It is now occupied by Dan and Eloise Bradley. Next door is the cottage of the Fordhams, relatives of the Bradleys, which was built in 1928. Rev. Bradley's cottage was actually started in 1910.

During the summer of 1961 a new cottage will be built by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Root of Cincinnati. This cottage will be located between the Jackson and Mack cottages.



NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Bob and Jane and their three children, Clark, Stuart, and Suzie were in Richmond for Easter visiting Lestra Saxton. Bob is very busy with electronics in Cleveland in connection with his neurosurgery.

Andy Renz was hospitalized for several weeks and then was home several more as the result of a spider bite. The Renz's visited Holly in February and are planning a quick trip to Miami Beach Florida where Andy will attend a medical meeting. While in Florida, the Renz's hope to see the Barker's and Penny Heidrich.

Marjorie hopes to get to Omena some time in May which is her favorite time of the year.

A card from Bob Morse says, "This place is everything it is supposed to be, and the most fascinating city (Hong Kong)

we have ever visited. The Orient has a character more colorful than Europe. We spent a day with a missionary friend, among the refugees upon building roofs where they live like rabbits in shacks."

Mrs. Lillian Taylor says, "My proof-reading job was really a fascinating one and I very much enjoyed reading the history of the ownerships of the various summer homes and the nostalgic interesting comments along with the reports. We're sure that your considerable effort in rounding up the information will be appreciated and enjoyed by all of the members."



LAST MINUTE NEWS

The Halbert Whites are planning extensive travel in May, visiting daughter Lillian and family in La Jolla, California after which they will see Mr. White's brother and then fly to Medford Oregon, visiting a cousin not seen for many years.

Seattle and Vancouver will follow with a trip up the inside passage to Skagway, Alaska, then back to Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper National Park. Arriving in Calgary around June 18 they will fly to Kansas City for a few days before motoring to Omena, via Minneapolis and Mackinac.

Harriette, Dale and the girls plan to spend some time with the Whites in August.

Mrs. White has bought a lovely brass Patio Bell for the club to sound a musical note when announcing the serving of meals.

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