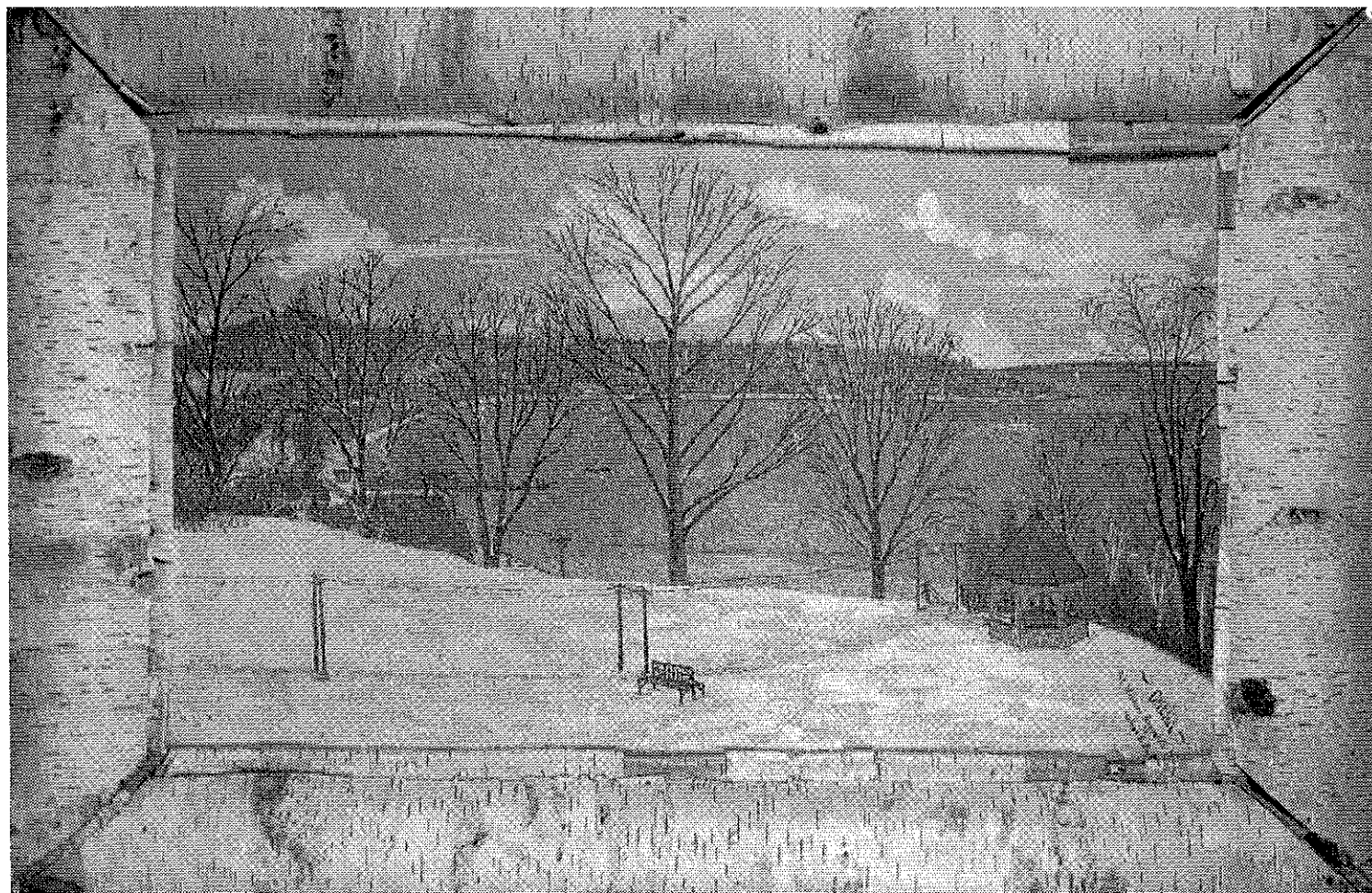
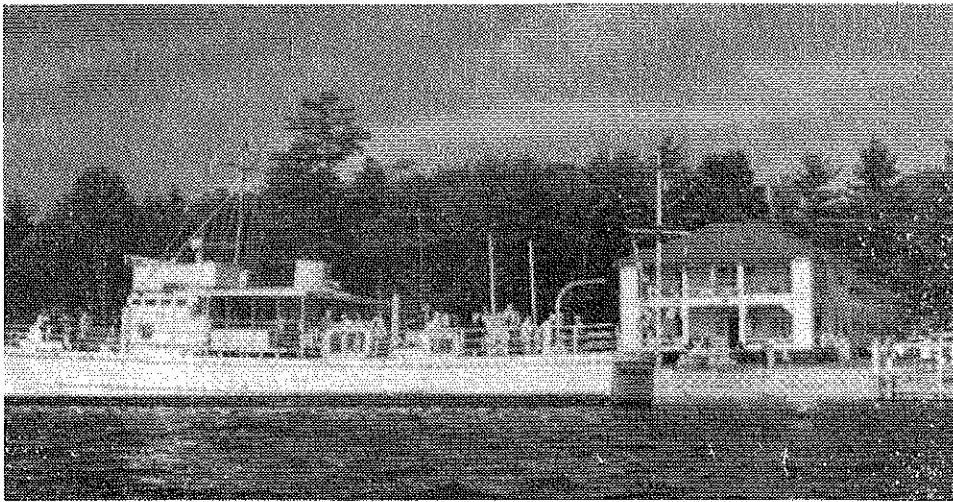


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on earth be peace, good will to men"



Omena Bay from Sunset Lodge

Oil By Homer B. Fouts - 1934



"Manatra" at the OTYC Dock

### THE MANATRA MAKES PORT AT OTYC DOCK

On July 16, 1961, the *Manatra* with Skipper Beverly Smith and officers and crew numbering 26, tied up at our new OTYC dock in acceptance of an invitation issued to Mr. Smith the previous year by our late George Smith, his fraternity brother and old friend. Skipper Smith's acceptance of the invitation to stop and have dinner for himself and all hands aboard arrived after George's death. But Helen renewed the invitation and carried through with George's plans.

Many OTYC members were on hand to meet the *Manatra*, to greet all on board and inspect the 110 foot cruiser drawing 6 feet. Afterwards, officers and crew of the *Manatra* and some 30 club members were entertained at a buffet supper at the Smiths. Then all went back to the clubhouse to see the *Manatra* pull away amid shouted good wishes for a happy voyage.

A copy of Mr. Beverly Smith's letter to George and one to Commodore Morse in appreciation of OTYC follow.  
June 2nd, 1961.

Dear George,

I have delayed answering your letter of March 10 because I could get no decision about our trip. Last night the committee met at my house but had some difficulty agreeing on an itinerary. However they all agreed they would like to accept your invitation to spend one night at Omena. I'm not so sure that you will enjoy us as much as we will enjoy you. However here is the situation.

We leave Chicago with the Chicago-Mackinac sail boat race on Saturday afternoon, July 15. We convoy the fleet, or hang around among them Saturday afternoon and Sunday. By then the fleet is widely scattered. Sunday night we usually anchor in a sheltered place or enter some harbor and Monday we run through the fleet, logging each ship as we pass, and then run on to Mackinac Island and report to the Committee and all the wives, friends, and sweethearts who are there waiting for

their men. We are usually the first source of positive information as to the progress of the boats. Of course sailing weather may vary everything. After two nights at the Island we usually go north or down Lake Huron for a few days and return to Chicago the following Sunday.

Now the Committee would like to accept your invitation and spend Sunday night, July 16th with you if Sunday is convenient. We would probably come in about 4:00 P.M. and leave about 11:00 Monday morning. The other chance would be to spend two nights at Mackinac and come see you Wednesday afternoon and then return to Chicago with short hops down the east shore.

We are a clean crew; not wealthy men but mostly hard working fellows who take their vacation this way. Be sure you want us before you decide. I will certainly enjoy seeing you.

Yours in the Bonds of Delta Pi,  
"BEV"

Aboard M. V. *Manatra*  
17 July, 1961

From: H. K. Stenstrom, C.O.

Subject: Visit of M. V. *Manatra* to Omena  
Traverse Yacht Club.

1. Our sincere gratitude to the Omena Traverse Yacht Club for the excellent hospitality and facilities extended to the ship, and the ship's company, by both you and the club.

2. We were much impressed with the physical facilities of the Club, it's picturesque location, and with the excellence of the youth program you are pursuing.

3. We regret that time did not permit us to take you for a ride on the *Manatra*, but perhaps on the occasion of another visit to your Club we will have the pleasure of so doing.

4. Our best wishes to you for the successful completion of your proposed Club improvements. Certainly if they are as fine as those you now have they will be very beneficial to the entire boating fraternity.

Gratefully yours,  
M. R. Myerson, Exec.

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### OTYC OFFICERS FOR 1962

The following officers for the coming year were elected at the Annual Meeting on July 20, 1961:

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## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Another summer is well behind us, and despite our lives now being filled with Community Fund Drives, football games, and storm windows, we think every so often nostalgically of our enjoyable time at Omena. We know Omena is a wonderful place, and it is pleasant to see our feelings reenforced by the ever increasing number of summer neighbors in their new cottages.

To most of the Omena vacationers the Yacht Club contributed much to the summer enjoyment of themselves and their families, and they enthusiastically supported the events which we had. The Opening Turkey Dinner was attended by 148 people — probably a record number. The Wednesday Night Suppers never had less than 65 and usually over 100 attending. The Club House was filled for each of the two Bingo nights. Practically everyone in Omena at the time watched the fireworks on July 4th.

However, I am aware that many members were disappointed in our not having more Social Events. They feel, and I think rightfully, that the Club should offer more than Pot Luck Suppers, Bingo, and Fireworks. We did schedule a number of social affairs last summer, but circumstances arose which caused their cancellation. One of the factors influencing this action was the poor support given to parties in the last couple of years. Another was the sentiment against more parties indicated by the majority of those attending the Annual Meeting.

I still am not convinced that there is not an important group of members who want and would support more Social Events. So, we are going to give it another whirl next summer, and try to find out the true desires of all our members toward such activities. An Old Pro in OTYC social affairs, Gwen Pike, has agreed to head the Entertainment Committee, aided by another veteran of successful parties, Humphrey Jackson, and others. Social Events of the kind this group are capable of putting on should draw enthusiastic support.

Regarding other Club activities, the several articles appearing elsewhere in this Breeze cover them so well I will not further discuss them here. However, I want to particularly draw your attention to the discussion on sailing. As a supposed-to-be Yacht Club, we are woefully deficient in what should be one of our important and enjoyable activities.

All I can say is that we are trying to do as much as possible to make your Club an important and enjoyable part of your summer life in Omena. You members have supported the Club generously, and the Club should produce for you.

Robert L. Morse, Commodore

## FALL WANDERINGS

Jessie Carmichael made a motor trip to Jackson in October for a visit with her sister.

Dr. Jerry and Irma Bolán spent a gay fall vacation in New York City.

Myrtle Fouts made her yearly flight to the west coast and to Alaska.

Florence and Horace Wheeler spent their fall vacation in Chicago.

Ben and Mary Foltz, Bill and Leona Milroy also motored to Chicago.

Lillian and Ben Taylor drove to the Soo and continued on the new Lake Superior highway, during October.

Helen and Bob Reed, after getting settled in their home in Swarthmore, Pa., motored to Ill., Nebraska and Kansas. They plan to return to Swarthmore after Thanksgiving.

Irma and Ken Hagemann spent September and a part of October traveling extensively in Europe. They started out with a World Bank party and then continued travel on their own. We hope to have an account of their trip for the May BREEZE.

Preston Smith spent his fall vacation motoring to Virginia, Washington, D.C. and North Carolina. Preston has two driving interests that take him near and far with Volkswagen and, or, ball-point pen, — one, Michigan's Civil War Veterans, a part of his general research on the Civil War, the other, his own family genealogy. His success in locating the graves of Michigan's Civil War Veterans has earned him both local and state recognition. His comprehensive genealogical records have inspired the envy of all who see them, who wish they could and would rival him in detection, tenacity and perseverance, — but don't.

## HOLIDAY PLANS (As of November 15)

Helen Smith plans to spend Thanksgiving with Geno Herrick at La Posadam, Santa Fe, New Mexico. En route, she will stop in Chicago and see Smitty and Elsa with whom Preston will have Thanksgiving.

Marion and Crampton Finn will drive to Maumee, Ohio, for Thanksgiving dinner at the Galbraiths who live at 526 W. Broadway. Christmas will find Marion and Crampton with Crammy, Pat and the boys at 4820 Blackthorne Ave., Long Beach 8, California. Crammy a science Ph.D. has received public recognition for his studies pertinent to life in outer space.

Leona and Bill Milroy will go to St. Louis in December to be with Marilee and John Stech and baby son. The Stetchs now live at 1901 Mallinckrodt, Apt. D, St. Louis 7, Missouri.

Hazel Taylor leaves Omena the first part of December to travel toward California, stopping on the way to visit with friends and relatives. She will spend Christmas with the Bob Kulicks, and after Christmas, visit a cousin in Los Angeles.

Nancy and John Kohlberg are to spend Thanksgiving at Sunset Lodge.

## HOME IN PUERTO RICO

Dr. Bob and Jane Newland with son and daughter have left Traverse City to make their permanent home in Puerto Rico. Bob will open an office there.

Marie Louise Basler and Mr. Jordan are leaving Cincinnati to make their home in Puerto Rico, also. The Basler cottage on Ingalls Bay has been much enlarged to allow for the return of the families in the summer, along with Marie Louise and Mr. Jordan, the Newlands and the Fairbanks who have made their home in Puerto Rico since Jim and Betty (Basler) were married.

## LA CAUSERIE FRANCAISE

A small group of OTYC members, so far all feminine, have formed in order to practice French conversation. Harriette White, with 30 years study of French, and Leona Milroy, of French parentage and conversant in the language, are the inspiration for the group. Included in the first season membership are: Jane Jackson, Mary Louise Root, Marilee Stetch, Harriette Underwood and Hazel Taylor. The group meets at the homes of members for an informal luncheon, study and conversation (for most, bravely attempted) in French. Other interested OTYC members are invited to join La Causerie in 1962.

## DIGEST STORY BY OTYC MEMBER

Robert H. Reed is the author of an article "WE CAN SELL OUR WAY OUT OF THE FARM PROBLEM", carried in the Readers' Digest October 1961 issue and copied, in digest form, from the Farm Journal of the same month.

Mr. Reed, upon request, made an impromptu talk at one of the late Wednesday night suppers, concerning his five year tour of duty as U.S. Agricultural attache at the Hague, the Netherlands. He retired from the service last May.

## 94 AND GOING STRONG

Halbert White our senior OTYC member, on the eve of becoming 94, celebrated as many another dashing blade! He joined with some 300 other guests at a benefit dinner for Kansas City's musical season, and afterward attended the opening of the Philharmonic concerts. The *Kansas City Star* in its November 1 issue published a picture of Halbert and Harriette among friends at the banquet table. In September 1958 Halbert and Harriette celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at Idlecrest their cottage on Omena Point, as many OTYC members remember with pleasure. All OTYC members would wish to congratulate Halbert upon his staunch seniority, we feel sure, with the cherished hope that congratulations could be repeated for many a year.



Standing, left to right: Waldo III, Marie Jackson, Emily Jackson, Waldo II, Neva Abbot. Seated: Waldo I, Brenda Abbot, Emily Abbot, Richardson Jackson, Priscilla Straub, Maurie Straub, Peter Straub, John Jackson and Howard Jackson could not be present.

### GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

About forty friends of Waldo Sr. and Emily Abbot were invited by Waldo II and Ping Abbot and Marie (Abbot) Jackson to join them on Saturday, August 26, from four to seven at the Abbot cottage, in celebration of "Mom and Dad's" Golden Wedding.

Guests arriving in their party best filled the spacious veranda and flower bedecked cottage. For three and more gay hours, they proffered congratulations to their gracious hosts and to each other, and from the flowing punch bowls, repeated their toasts to the bride and groom, to whom they presented a brass bowl (from the Carmichael's former yacht the *Mignon*) heaped with fifty, shining silver dollars. Then energies were replenished at the abundant board, for full enjoyment of a finale of ice cream and tall wedding cake whose traditional first piece was cut by the bride.

A wonderful celebration after a happy fifty years!

### SERVES WITH FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN

From The Leelanau Enterprise-Tribune, Thursday, November 9, 1961

Marine Capt. Craig S. Smith, son of Mrs. George S. Smith of Omena, is serving as a member of the landing force of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The unit joined the fleet in early October and is expected to return to its home base at Camp Lajeune, N. C., in late February.

### FALL WEDDING

Gary Canatsey, grandson of the Halbert Whites, and son of Lillian and Kary Canatsey, was one of the principals in a wedding at Geneva, Ill., on September 2. Nanette Anderson was the beautiful, brunette bride. The couple met while Nanette attended William Woods College, and Gary, Westminster. Both colleges are in Fulton, Missouri. (Winston Churchill made one of his famous speeches at Westminster, when the term Iron Curtain was coined.) Kenneth Canatsey was his brother's best man. Gary and Nanette will live at 309 State St., Fulton, Mo. until Gary graduates next June.

Mr. and Mrs. Halbert White, accompanied by Harriette White Underwood who had flown from New Hampshire the previous week for a visit at Idelcrest, drove to Ill. to attend the wedding.



### ABOUT THE COVER

The original picture reproduced on our cover, was painted with ordinary house paint in 1934, by the late Homer B. Fouts, former Omena Post Master, local philosopher, prose writer and rhymster. The winter scene is that of Omena Bay from the grounds of Sunset Lodge. Homer made the frame himself from a handy birch bough. The framed picture, 32 by 21 inches, was presented to Horace and Florence (Fouts) Wheeler, who were then living in Chicago, as a Christmas present. We pass it on to you. For Homer B. Fouts, our

cover is really his posthumous recognition as a painter. Receiving such public recognition, so long overdue, should place him in a class with men of even greater fame, — a fact only he could put into fitting doggerel!

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## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S MISSION

Many OTYC members were grateful for St. Christopher's Mission services resumed this summer. The services were initiated by the late George Smith, a former OTYC Commodore, the summer of 1958, and have been conducted in the Smith's living room. St. Christopher's recognized as a mission by the Episcopal Church, is under the administration of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The mission services began later this year and terminated sooner. There were 14 services in all with a total attendance of 392 persons, — more persons per service than in former years. In 1960 there were 16 services with an attendance of 323, in 1958, an attendance of 420 for 19 services.

The Reverend Gardner MacWharter, a personal friend of the Smith family, came from Chicago in order to conduct the last service as a memorial service for George. Because St. Christopher Mission was so dear to George's heart, many of his friends wish to express their appreciation for his work in the mission, by providing St. Christopher's with its own utensils for the celebration of Holy Communion, — pater, ciborium and chalice, if not candle sticks, to replace a service now borrowed from the diocesan deanery. A George Smith Memorial Fund has been established with a special account in the Suttons Bay Branch of the Traverse City Bank. Many generous contributions have already been received. It is hoped that the new service pieces for the St. Christopher Mission may be consecrated at the opening service, May, 1962.

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## GUEST NAMES AND PROPER NOUNS

Throughout the season most OTYC members entertain interesting house guests who participate in club activities and often contribute a great deal to the general enjoyment of club members. The Breeze would like to have their names, preferably spelled out in block printing, both first and last. The Breeze would like to record the names of all guests. It seems ungracious to name a few and not give a comprehensive list. The Breeze editors also request that proper names in reports sent in, be printed. In reading even good penmanship it is often difficult to distinguish between n and u, r and s, m and w, i and e, s and r, etc. in unfamiliar proper nouns.

As examples of our difficulties, Harriette White always cooperative in furnishing news, has given me the names of her house guests, Dr. Wilson, head of the Lecture and Concert Dept., Michigan State, who conducts world tours and who showed his pictures after one of the Wednesday night suppers. No first name given, and the Breeze editor has a short memory. Neither was there a first name for Mrs. Paul who was graduated in music from M.U. and studied under our Dr. Earl Moore. For Mrs. Althes Thibadeau of Grand Rapids, there was a first name. Then in typing a proper name like the Meudenhall (?) glacier, the editor checked through the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the New International Encyclopaedia (both old), Hammond's Complete World Atlas, Rand McNally World Guide, the geographical name section of two large dictionaries, became informed of all phases of Alaska, physical and social, but did not find the glacier sought!

This request for printed names and nouns does not imply that we do not want hand written accounts. More than anything else we want news and accounts from all members, however written! We are willing to keep on guessing!

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## SPRING TRAVEL ENROUTE TO OMENA

by Harriette White

The Halbert Whites flew to La Jolle, May 2, for a delightful visit with Lillian and Kary Canatesy. They saw Pat Taylor Kulick and her boys. The Robert Kulicks live in San Diego.

From California, the Whites flew to Medford, Oregon, for a short visit with a cousin who had moved there from Muskegon, Michigan. Then they went on to Seattle, to Victoria, British Columbia, to Vancouver where they visited the renowned beautiful Bouchart Gardens. From Vancouver they cruised on the Prince George for ten days in the Island Passage where green slopes of the snow capped mountains rise from the water, sometimes on both sides of the ship, and seemingly only a few feet away. Once their ship passed an Indian village whose neat, painted, red roofed dwellings were more becoming to the landscape than are the houses of Peshawbestown.

The Whites visited a paper factory at Ocean Falls, stopped at Ketchikan and at Juneau Capital of Alaska. From Juneau they motored to the immense Meudenhall Glacier rising high above an icy lake and exquisite in multi colors. They followed the Yukon Gold Trail on a narrow gauge railway from Skagway to Carcross. When visiting Jasper National Park, Lake Louise and Banff and the marvelous Columbia Icefields, they saw wild buffaloes, mountain goats, black bears, elk, moose and reindeer. But in spite of magnificent mountain scenery and colorful lakes, the Whites were happy to settle down at last for the rest of the summer in beloved Omena.

Mrs. White made the parenthetical remark that five of the second generation who had summered in the Omena locale during their younger days, later, made their homes in Southern California. There are, however, 10. In addition to Pat (Taylor) Kulick there are Martha (Fisher) Klittgard, now in Florida, Dorothy (Manning) Ruston, Helen (Reed) Gregory, Jack Kimbel (Ph.D.), E. Vincent and Stanley Moore (M.D.s), Emery Milroy, Crammy Finn (Ph.D.) and Lenord DeVore, before her marriage, Marilee (Milroy) Stetch began her newspaper career in California.

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## OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB TREASURER'S CASH REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1961

Cash Balance at January 1, 1961 .....	\$ 377.79
Cash Receipts - January - October 1961 .....	
Membership Dues Received .....	\$1,565.00
Subscriptions & Ads - BREEZE .....	306.50
Dockage .....	233.00
Boat Storage .....	30.00
Parties, Dinners, etc. ....	436.47
Snack Bar .....	103.50
Taxes and Initiation .....	90.00
Youth Program .....	258.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	20.00
Total Cash Receipts .....	\$3,042.47
Cash Disbursements - January - October 1961 .....	
Telephone and Electricity .....	102.08
Postage and Supplies .....	49.72
Maintenance and Operation .....	696.84
Bookkeeping Services .....	76.90
Insurance .....	452.32
Taxes .....	31.20
Miscellaneous Expense .....	86.09
Yacht Club Dues .....	30.00
Breeze Printing, Postage, etc. ....	169.66
Snack Bar .....	133.96
Parties and Dinners .....	
Youth Program .....	448.35
Total Cash Disbursements .....	\$2,277.12
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements .....	\$ 765.35
CASH BALANCE at October 31, 1961 .....	\$1,143.14

Robert L. Morse, Treasurer

### THEY LINGER AND RETURN

OTYC members stayed longer than ever this fall of 1961, loath to go back to the hurried life of cities. They lingered waiting for the autumn "blend" of riotous color to replace the green of hardwood bush. Some members only arrived at the end of the season. Some after leaving, returned. Bernice Johanning chose October for surgery in the Northport Memorial Hospital, with a short convalescence in Omena, afterwards.

The Wednesday night pot-luck suppers continued at the clubhouse until after Mr. Beuerle had turned off the plumbing and the building was too chill for summer wraps. Then, the lingerers and the all-year-rounders met for the Wed. night feasts at the homes of members: the Thearle Smiths, the George Smiths, the Ben Foltz, the Bill Milroys, through November 8.

The Barkers and guests, joining Penny at Penny Point, were among the late arrivals to Omena, but arrived in time to allow Eben to lead group singing at the clubhouse on two Wednesday nights, accompanied by his faithful guitar. Lestra Saxton and Mary (Saxton) Wilson (Mrs. Wasson) en route to Cleveland, late in the season, were week-end guests of the Johanning. Friends were especially happy to see Lestra after her absence of two years, and to welcome her back.

The Drs. Doug and Bill Graf, Betty and Marilyn, Jack and Ellie Stephenson returned in October for another week. Jack and Ellie with Cathy and Janet came for an

additional week-end. Humphrey Jackson and Jane also came for a week-end, as did the Roots who came to check on the progress of their fine, new cottage being built next to the Jacksons. The Pikes were also here in October, and they are frequent visitors during the winter. Ernest and Liz Clark returned in October to remain until November 12. Marguerite Rule returned with house guests, Mrs. Bert Rogers Lyon of Ithaca, N.Y., Mrs. Robert A. Taylor of Cincinnati, and family members Sissy and Casper Wickemeyer and Jim. Lorraine Flett returned for another ten days with Ray and Grace. Late in October Dr. Andy and Majorie Renz spent a few days in their Ingalls Bay cottage, now cozy with electric heat.

The Shepherd and Janet Tate cottage was occupied for two weeks of October by Shepherd's mother Mrs. Simpson Tate of Memphis and her guests Mrs. W. D. Fisher of Dundee, Miss., Mrs. Jefferson White Messick and Miss Mary Bodie West, both of Memphis. On the afternoon after their arrival, Mrs. Tate entertained at tea all OTYC ladies still in residence, who in return had many parties honoring Mrs. Tate and her guests.

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### THE FESTIVE ROUND

Since the development of the professionally supervised Youth Program, the old time square dances and costumed parties have ceased to exist. Except for the Wednesday night suppers at the clubhouse and the opening Fourth of July dinner, private patio cook-outs, cocktail parties, buffets and dinners have come to fill the need of OTYC adult members for conviviality and good cheer.

Early in the season Commodore Bob and Peg gave a sumptuous party for the "older" group, and later, one for the younger group of OTYCs. Throughout the vacation season there are next-door-neighbor parties, small table-sit-down dinners to candle light, morning "coffees" like those Helen Smith has frequently, and larger family group parties when the host broils the hamburgers over charcoal, like those given by Ben and Mary Foltz. But the most festive occasions start in August when the end of the season and the parting with friends is in sight. To these gala affairs women wear dresses, even brocades from Hong Kong, some dresses topped with a mink stole; and men don coats! Hostess and host "go all out" in offering gracious hospitality. These affairs last until the cold winds begin to blow. The Fletts had to cover their screened veranda with sheets of plastic in order to shelter the forty or more privileged guests who had lingered in the Land-of-Delight.

Among other notable end of the season parties, were those given by Fred and Mary Weiss, by Marion and Crampton Finn, by Dr. Andy and Marjorie Renz, by Liz and Ernie Clark; Florence and Horace Wheeler; Emily and Thearl Smith; Eben and Mary Agnes Barker; by the Abbots (see special account); and by Kitty Smith for her guests of honor the Tunis Johnsons of Ft. Lauderdale. At each of these affairs, each guest radiates an air of grateful satisfaction for being included among the selected VIPS asked.

Thus it is that each end-of-the-season is brightened with the projected glow of similar affairs, "next year."

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE 1961 REPORT

Any report of this past summer must begin and end with the warm appreciation of the Youth Activities Committee for the fine job which Pam DeBoer rendered as counselor from July 10 to August 25. In the two years the instructional program for children and guests of Club members has been in progress, we have been exceptionally fortunate to have two counselors who have both given so much of themselves to the improvement of the program.

Swimming, tennis and sailing were offered as regular instruction. One "Field Day" was held at the Club House on Friday, July 28th, when prizes were awarded for a variety of swimming and running race events. On July 31st, our Club sent 32 children to Northport for a Play Day as guests of the Northport village recreation program. Swimming, group games, tennis matches and many activities made it a full day complete with picnic lunches (and soda pop provided by our Commodore!). The Northport Tennis class visited Omena one morning for a singles and doubles "short" match tournament.

We added a play school for pre-school children. This was held at the Club House on Thursday mornings and was well attended.

A slight raise in weekly fees was instituted to help defray the cost of needed equipment. Thanks to Bob Morse, we began the season with a fine dinghy for use on the waterfront. This was a necessity for distance swimming as were several additions to the swimming equipment box. Bill Graf helped to secure the use of a canoe so that some training could be given in boating as a part of swimming instruction.

The swimming, though perhaps the least "popular" of the instruction offered, was the most successful. We were particularly pleased that three girls passed their Junior Life Saving, which was given for



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the first time in 1961 at the Club. Our facilities for teaching swimming are improving due to increased equipment available and the help of nature in putting some sand down in the cove.

Our tennis program was again held at the George Smith court in the absence of an acceptable court at the Club. We anticipate changes in the tennis class, there being a necessity for smaller classes when only one court is available for play. A ladder tournament was held and Bob Trautmann was again the winner.

Sailing classes, the most popular activity with the ten year olds and older set, suffered again from lack of a Club sailboat, and we sorely missed the Chernes who gave so much time to sailing in 1960. There were 23 boys and girls who passed their swimming tests to take sailing. One ground school session was held with Commodore Morse on basic sailing techniques and four in-boat sailing classes were held. The Morse and Johanning boats were used for these lessons. Jane Saxton, Bob Morse, Mary Helen Ray and Linda Cherne, to mention just a few, gave of their time to take groups of children out in the Lightnings. Marilyn Flett, Norm Johanning and others volunteered their power boats and time to be available in case of emergency during the sailing instructions.

Ellie Stephenson is already formulating plans with her new committee for next summer's Youth Activities Program. She will welcome any suggestions from the membership, and I know you will all be generous in your support of the activities next season.

On behalf of co-chairman Ainee Paterson and the 1961 Committee consisting of Bob and Jane Newland, Pody and Bob Trautmann and Linda and Al Cherne, the Chairman thanks Commodore Morse for his untiring efforts to improve the children's

program, and thanks the Board of Directors and the OTYC membership for making this program possible.

Mary Moore Huff



## SWIMMING AWARDS - 1961

It is with great pleasure that the Youth Activities Committee announces the following Red Cross Swimming awards which were earned last summer. We especially want to thank Pam DeBoer for the extra hours she gave to complete the Junior Life Saving course. Three girls passed the Junior Life Saving exams; Sarah Graf, Christi Graf and Barbie Roth. The whole class worked hard and we hope another year there will be sufficient interest to merit offering Life Saving again.

Beginner Swimming awards went to: Janet Stephenson, Susan Reed and Jan Tate.

Advanced Beginner awards: Cathy Stephenson and Bill Reed.

Intermediate Swimmer awards: Scotty Scott and Shep Tate.

Swimmers award: Ellen Graf.

The following children participated in the program: Sarah Graf, Ellen Graf, Bill Graf, Christi Graf, Josie Graf, Tina Patterson, Ellen Patterson, Pam Sayle, Cathy Stephenson, Janet Stephenson.

Jan Tate, Shep Tate, Adele Tate, Scotty Scott, Bill Reed, Susan Reed, Clark Saxton, Stuart Saxton, Martha Feely, Lee Feely, Mike Feely.

Phillip Taylor, Bob Huff, Howdy Huff, Bob Trautmann, Ann Trautmann, Jay Trautmann, Eileen Trautmann, Sue Brockman, Ned Brockman, Mike Reed.

Amy Shepherd, Tebbe Farrell, Pody Farrell, Kathy Price, Martha Beard, Jo Smith, Debbie Smith, Rink Smith, Barbie Roth, Ted Price, Georgie Price.

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## WHAT NEXT FOR SAILING?

About ten years ago eight of our Club members bought Penguin sailboats as a Junior sailing class for their children. For many years thereafter Penguins were seen on Omena Bay almost every day with young people having fun learning to sail and race. This was a wonderful experience that brought these young people together in a summer activity both worthwhile and enjoyable.

Now these former Penguin sailors have grown older, have married, moved away, or gone on to other interests, so last summer a Penguin was practically never seen out sailing. Some boats have been sold outside the Club, some are in bad physical condition, and most of the rest are not available for use by our present group of young people. There is no Junior Sailing Fleet at OTYC any more.

The Lightning Fleet has had a similar experience of dwindling numbers. Some years ago we usually had five to seven Lightnings racing every week. Last summer it was almost August 1st before we could get even four boats racing. All efforts to persuade more Club members to buy Lightnings have failed.

What next, then, for sailing at OTYC?

I believe that there are many Club members who would like to have a sailboat, at least for their children, and perhaps to enjoy themselves. Therefore, I am making a search among available sailboats for one that will fit our needs and be reasonable in price. Such a boat could be either one of the following:

1. A boat about the same size (about 11' long) as the Penguin, with fiber glass hull, aluminum mast and boom, having both mainsail and jib, and possibly a spinnaker. Such a boat would teach sailing as it is done in larger boats. Maintenance would be very little, as all that is necessary is to wash off the hull each Spring, and there would be no varnishing of spars. It would weigh about the same as a Penguin so could be beached as the Penguins are now, and carried into the Club House for Winter storage. Such a boat should be available for around \$550. It should be noted that the present price on plywood Penguins is from \$475 to \$630.

Such a boat would be primarily for use by Junior sailors, as the average adult would find it too cramped and difficult to get around in to really enjoy sailing it.

2. A boat of similar specifications to the above but about 2½' longer. It would have mainsail, jib and spinnaker. This boat would be considerably roomier so it would appeal to adults, as well as still being a boat Juniors could handle. It would weigh about 225# so it could be easily taken into the Club House for Winter storage. Two adults could beach such a boat, and possibly three or four Juniors could. Such a boat



Flying Dutchman, Jr. — Possible New Sailboat For OTYC?

should be available for about \$750.

I strongly recommend the boat in No. 2 above. By combining the interests of the Juniors and the adults we should have the possibility of enough boats to make a sizeable fleet that could be raced by Juniors at one time and adults another, in separate divisions. Pleasure sailing could be enjoyed by all.

Such a boat would probably kill further interest in the Lightning fleet, but that does not exist now. It would be much better to have a large, active fleet of somewhat smaller boats than our present decaying situation in the Lightnings.

An example of the type of boat available in class No. 2 above, is the Flying Dutchman, Jr., shown in the accompanying illustration. This is only one of a number of such boats available.

In connection with the purchase of sailboats there is the possibility of arranging financing over several years. Financing of boats has become a common practice.

I will continue to pursue the matter of what boats are available to fit the above two requirements, their price, and possible financing. In that connection I have already visited one boat manufacturer, and inspected boats at three Yacht Clubs.

In January I will send out to those members I hope are interested a questionnaire, accompanied by literature, pictures, data, etc., on recommended boats, with the hope that we can get something started next summer on a new class of boats. I feel strongly that sailing at OTYC is ripe for a new and successful start.

Robert L. Morse, Commodore.

## SAIL RACING

Sail racing at OTYC last summer was disappointing. Some Lightning skippers did not arrive until the summer was well along, and at no time were there the number of boats racing there should be at a Yacht Club. It is too bad more members do not own boats in which to enjoy sailing and racing on water that is ideal for it.

In the Lightning fleet what racing there was produced lots of fun and excitement. In the absence of Al and Linda Johanning Cherne, the Johanning boat was usually skippered by Jane Morse Saxton, who brought it in to First Overall in the summer series, and incidentally consistently whipped her father, the Commodore.

### LIGHTNING FINAL SEASON RESULTS

- 1st. Johanning - No. 6244
- 2nd. Ed Lyon - No. 3008
- 3rd. Bob Morse - No. 2723
- 4th. Carl Koch, Jr. - No. 1602

An outstanding racing event of the summer was the Lightning Regatta held by the Traverse City Yacht Club, who have graciously named it "The George Smith Memorial Trophy Race" in memory of our late Past Commodore. Three races were sailed on Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26. OTYC was represented by the Johanning and Koch boats, among about thirty boats from all over Michigan. On the first day extremely high winds and waves resulted in casualties to many boats. Both OTYC boats suffered rigging failures, as did many others. Although our boats did not finish as high as they would have liked, they did better than others.

Our once very active Penguin Fleet has diminished badly in number and activity. It is time to try to reactivate the fleet with additional boats, or consider replacing it with a fleet of newer type boats. However, the remaining Penguins did get together for three races, enough to hold their charter. Mary Helen Ayars Ray showed that she had not lost the touch that brought her many victories in the past by taking the three race series.

### PENGUIN FINAL SEASON RESULTS

- 1st. Mary Helen Ayars Ray - No. 2992
- 2nd. Ed Lyon - No. 2995
- 3rd. Margie Lyon - No. 2994
- 4th. Carl Koch, Jr. - No. 2991

Norman Johanning, Chairman  
Racing Committee



## PROPERTY BOUGHT AND SOLD

Fremont and Toni Fisher have bought several lots from Jessie Carmichael. They are Pointward next the OTYC property. Toni and Fremont plan to build in the near future.

Horace and Florence Wheeler have also bought a lot from Jessie Carmichael next to her own residence.

There is rumor that other properties have changed hands, but to date no confirmation from persons concerned.

## OTYC IMPROVEMENTS

The five items of improvements authorized by the Directors in 1959 have been completed except the permanent hard surface of the tennis court, for which funds were not available. The Club was therefore forced to again avail itself of the kind offer of Helen Smith to use her court for the Youth Program last summer.

At the Annual Meeting on July 20th, the members authorized the Directors to proceed with plans for a hard surfaced court. Bob Lyon was appointed by the Commodore to carry on the matter. After personally inspecting many courts around Leelanau County, and discussing them with Ben Foltz who has much experience with many types of courts, he recommended a concrete surface. Several contractors were called in to make bids and Frank Kalchik emerged as low bidder at \$2500.

One of the problems in letting a contract for a court was that the Club did not have sufficient funds in 1961 to cover the total cost. The Directors agreed, that when funds amounting to one-half the cost were on hand a contract be let to a contractor who would wait until the Fall of 1962 for the balance of his payment. Frank Kalchik was willing, so when \$1264 was in hand a contract was given him for a concrete court to be completed in time for the 1962 Summer season.

When staking out the court, Pierre O'Non, Surveyor, was called in to make sure the court was properly located. He found that a court in the present cleared area would be five feet over our property

line. Therefore, an additional cost was authorized to Kalchik for clearing ten feet more on the North end and moving the present backstops. This amounts to about \$100 extra. A further cost will be for installing nets on each side to prevent balls from going into the steep sloped woods and being lost. This is estimated at \$100.

Completion of the tennis court will concentrate all Youth Program activities at the Club. It is also hoped and urged that other members of the Club of all ages make use of the court for their pleasure.

It should be noted that the final payment has been made to Jessie Carmichael for the four lots purchased from her in 1959. A Deed has been executed and an Abstract of Title is in process. The larger part of the tennis court is on these lots.



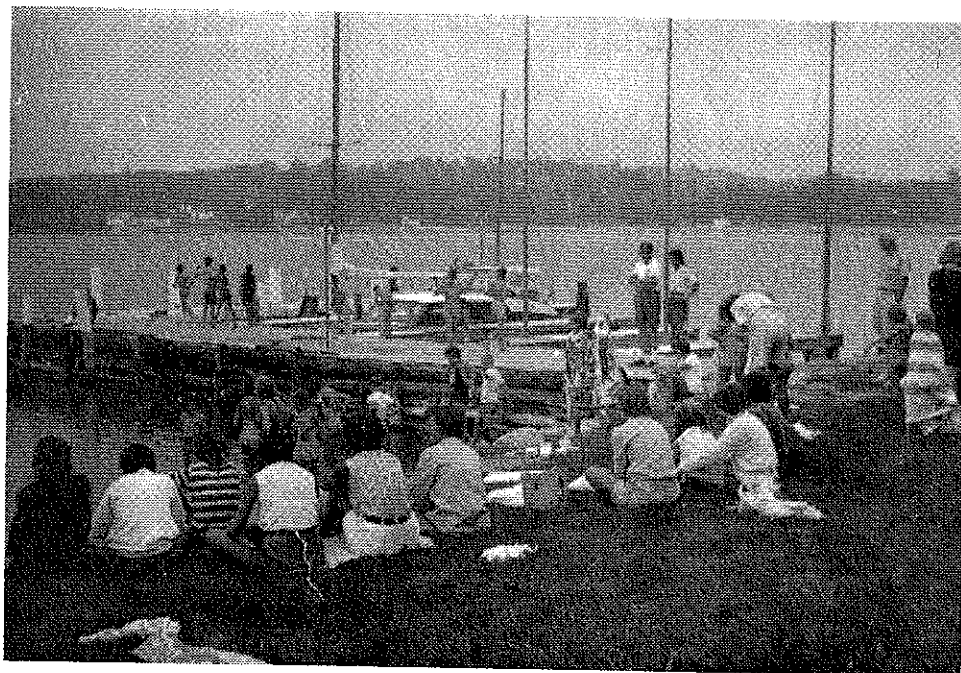
## OTYC IMPROVEMENT FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 1, 1961

Bank Balance - Nov. 1, 1960 .....	\$ 92.08
Donations Received - 11/1/60	
to 11/1/61 .....	1,632.00
Disbursements - Final	
Land Payment .....	460.00
Excess - Receipts over	
Disbursements .....	1,172.00
Bank Balance - Nov. 1, 1961 .....	\$1,264.08

Note: \$1200 of this balance is in a Certificate of Deposit at interest.

Robert L. Morse, Treasurer



Youth Program in Progress

## OTYC ANNUAL MEETING JULY 20, 1961

With 48 members, a quorum, present the meeting was called to order by the Commodore, Robert L. Morse. He expressed his appreciation for the enthusiastic help and support of the members which has meant so much to the successful operation of the Club.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Bob Morse gave the Treasurer's Report as of July 20. A final Report as of November 1, 1961 is printed elsewhere in this issue. The current report was approved on motion of Mr. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and is on file.

The meeting was informed that the account books of the Club are now being handled by Mrs. James Moe of Suttons Bay who is Township Clerk-Treasurer. She maintains the books, prepares tax returns, sends out dues invoices, etc. Employment of such an accountant insures continuity of knowledge and proper handling of the Club's financial records.

Donald Patterson, Chairman of the Improvement Fund campaign gave his report which is filed with these minutes.

The Commodore paid high tribute to Don Patterson and his committee who have done a tremendous job in soliciting funds.

The Commodore then discussed improvements, emphasizing three items —

1. The Club House floor has been badly in need of refinishing. This was corrected by Bill Graf and Don Patterson who put on two coats of paint to give us a fine looking floor.

2. The outside of the Club building has not been painted since 1948 and needs it badly. If the surplus in the Operating Fund now indicated still exists next Spring we may be able to paint the building then.

3. The tennis court which was started two years ago should be completed. A considerable sum has already been invested in this project. Interest in this sport is growing, and opinion is very strong that the court on which our young people have lessons and play should be located with the other Club facilities. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Helen Smith who permitted the Youth Program to use her court the past two years.

It was felt that current Improvement Funds on hand plus further donations received in 1961 would be sufficient to warrant trying to get a contractor who will do the work now and accept part payment in 1961, part in 1962. (See current report on the tennis court elsewhere in this issue). Dr. Lyon was asked by the Commodore to study the matter and report at the next Director's Meeting.

After a general discussion, Shepherd Tate moved, seconded by Douglas Graf, that the Board be authorized to proceed with contracts for construction of the tennis court. Motion carried.

Mary Huff, Chairman of the Youth Program Committee, reported that the Program, now in its second year, seemed to be running smoothly under the direction of Pam DeBoer. Some new equipment was purchased including paddle boards for beginning swimming classes, and a second hand dinghy for water safety. She called attention to the lack of sufficient boats for teaching sailing, requiring a cut from 21 to 17 in the sailing class with those under ten years of age eliminated. There is a total of forty children currently in the Youth Program, including 17 in tennis and 19 in swimming.

There is some question whether one person can handle teaching all sports next summer, and we might have to consider using the County Instructor for swimming. Such plans depend on the availability of sailing equipment. The Commodore commented on the importance of the Youth Program, as in the next two years we will have fifty children in the 12-15 age group, with an additional twenty-five or more a little older or younger. It seems most desirable to have some supervised activities.

The Commodore spoke on the desirability of looking for a new class of sailboat due to the deterioration of the Penguin fleet and failure of the Lightning fleet to increase. Such a boat should have a mainsail and jib, be built of fiber glass, light to handle, and require little upkeep. He also mentioned the possibility of having a club owned boat. (See separate discussion of this situation elsewhere in this issue).

The House Committee report, in the absence of Chairman Mary Foltz, was given by the Commodore. Additions are new curtains and cushions in the balcony, painting of the floor, and a water heater planned for the kitchen. Mrs. Foltz has suggested a ventilating system for the auditorium and Bill Feeley, Jr. is looking into costs.

The Commodore reported three new member families — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Root, Cincinnati and Omena; Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Holle, Cincinnati and Northport; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rockwood, Jr., Northport.

The Commodore expressed great appreciation to Helen and Preston Smith for carrying the work of the Grounds Committee since the loss of George Smith who was the long time Chairman of that committee.

Mrs. Renz suggested that an outside telephone bell be installed, and the Commodore will check into it.

In considering this summer's social program the Commodore said that last February he had proposed two catered dinners thinking that those who had asked for them would plan and carry them out. Since no one seems willing to do this he questioned the desirability of having them. The consensus of the meeting was that such dinners are not wanted, so we will have none.

In past years a number of parties were held each summer. Recently, however, attendance at parties has been increasingly small, which has been discouraging to the Social-Committees after putting much time and effort on them. Therefore, for this

summer only two parties, plus two Bingo Nights, were scheduled. The July Bingo Night was a great success, and it was voted enthusiastically to have the August Bingo Night, including young people instead of adults only as originally scheduled.

Regarding the two parties, there seemed considerable sentiment that they were not wanted. The Commodore asked how many wanted parties and only two voted for them. He then asked if parties were held how many would attend, and very few hands were raised. Therefore, the parties will be cancelled for the summer of 1962.

The Commodore brought up the matter of Fire Insurance on the Club House. We have a coverage of \$14,500 which costs \$402. This is one fourth of our income from dues. To replace our Club House would cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000 at least. Full insurance coverage for such an amount would be great because of the fire hazard to a building unoccupied much of the time and inadequate protection. The Directors decided that we could not afford higher insurance costs and we would continue present coverage and consider it a calculated risk. This was brought up to inform the members of the situation.

Mr. DeVore moved, Mr. Stephenson seconded, approval of all actions of the Officers and Directors during the past year. Motion carried.

Mr. Tate called for a rising vote of thanks to the Commodore, which was done.

Mr. Tate then proposed that everyone stand a moment in memory of George Smith, which was done.

Mr. DeVore, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the report of that committee, which is attached. Upon motion by Mr. Flett, seconded by Mr. Tate, the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for 1961-62 was unanimously elected. The list of Officers and Directors is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Louise Gleason  
Acting Secretary



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