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OMENA, MICHIGAN DECEMBER 1963



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## GIFT FROM JESSIE

## Omena Lake Becomes O.T.Y.C. Dream for Future

At the first OTYC Director's meeting last summer Jessie Carmichael gave the Directors an unexpected and pleasant surprise when she announced that she would like to make a gift to the Club of Omena Lake and three lots connecting the lake with Omena Bay. Naturally, the Directors were extremely gratified at this offer and, after expressing their great appreciation to Jessie, voted unanimously to accept it for the Club.

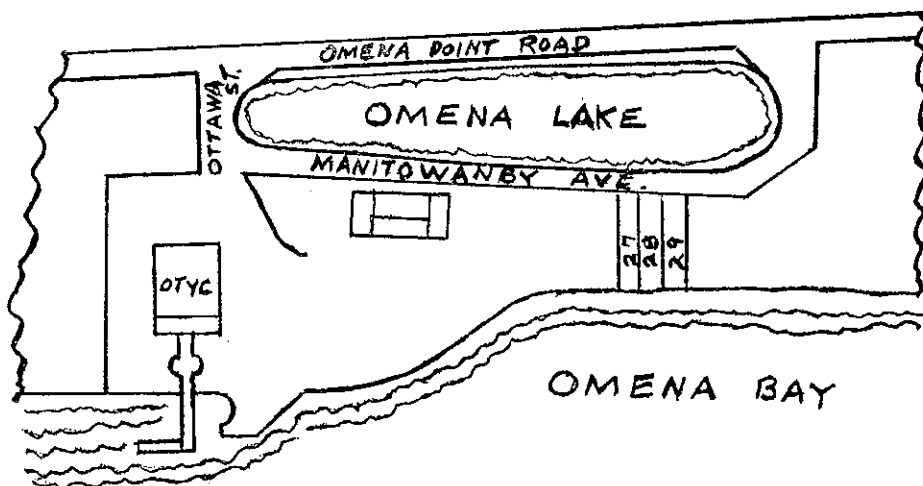
This substantial gift is one more of the many acts of great generosity toward our Club by Jessie and Hector Carmichael, without which OTYC would never have arrived at its present fine club house and surrounding property. From the beginning of OTYC the Carmichaels have been very interested in it and have contributed immeasurably to its growth and development.

Many of our members may not have been aware of Omena Lake. Some probably

have thought of it as the lake back of the Presbyterian Church on the Ingalls Bay road. That lake is officially known as Mougey's Lake, although it has been improperly named Omena Lake on some fanciful decorative maps.

Omena Lake, about one quarter mile long, has its northern end a few feet south of the entrance road to OTYC. It lies between the Omena Point road to the East and the low bluff to the West on which many of the cottages facing Omena Bay are located. The growth of reeds and bushes around the edges of the lake in recent years has made it look like a swamp. However, Dr. Bill Graf took aerial pictures last summer that show clear water in the center of the lake, even with the low water level then existing. There have been occasions in past years when clear water came practically to the OTYC entrance road.

The three lots, Nos. 27, 28, and 29, are about two thirds of the way down the lake  
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SKETCH OF LOCATION OF OMENA LAKE

Not to Scale

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting

August 21, 1963

The Annual Meeting of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club was held August 21, 1963 at the Club House, Commodore Renz presiding and 48 members present.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. DeVore seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

The roll call was made by circulating a paper for signatures of those attending. Commodore Renz gave his report on activities of the season and plans for the next. He stressed safety in boating, and stated that classes in safe boating, and artificial respiration would be given next year, with the co-operation of the Coast Guard. He announced the gift of Mrs. Carmichael of the property known as Omena Lake and additional property to provide an outlet to the Bay and asked that a resolution be made and sent to Mrs. Carmichael, showing our appreciation to her for all that she has done. His entire report has been filed for reference. On announcing Mrs. Carmichael's gift, Robert Morse showed pictures of a map showing in detail just where the property was, and also pictures taken by Dr. Bill Graf and himself of the property as it is today.

#### Committee Reports

**Harbor and Docks:** Robert Morse, Chairman. The water level is very low, and because of this one slip has not been usable. It was decided not to do anything about it this year, but if the level does not rise next year, it will have to be dredged out. A small amount was done this year, but the sand slipped back. One corner of the dock is losing the rocks and is causing settling. There are two courses of action: one is to get inside and replace the stones, or to remove the concrete on top and fill in. Frank Kalchik will be asked to advise and the proper work will have to be done.

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## Social Events



**SUSAN KOCH**

Holding Sportsmanship Trophy  
Schaeffer Trophy on Ground.

### Awards for Summer -- 1963

**Sailing - Lightning Class—** First, No. 1602 - Koch, 29 points, Blue Flag; Second, No. 6244 - Johanning, 24 points, Red Flag; Third, No. 2723 - Morse, 13 points, White Flag; Fourth, No. 3008 - Lyon, 7 points.

The jug was awarded to Norm Johanning as winner of the first race. Schaeffer trophy was awarded to Susan Koch.

**F-J Class—First Series —** First, No. 659 - Gregory, 12 points, Blue Flag; Second, No. 446 - Graf, 9 points, Red Flag; Skipper Bob Reed; Third, No. 447 - Morse, 3 points, Skipper Billy Graf; (tie) No. 448 - Roth, 3 points, Skipper Stewart Fisher.

**Sportsmanship Award —** Susan Koch

**Tennis —** Jane Saxton - Winner of the Women's Singles Tournament.

Special Award - Joel Fisher - An Ensign - for his faithfulness in keeping the Yacht Club flags flying all summer.

Next year we will have a new Tennis Trophy, the Henry Hodgson Trophy, given by Johnnie Rule Hodgson, in his memory. "Hank" loved tennis and was anxious to promote it. We appreciate this gift.

The Omena Traverse Yacht Club opened the 1963 season with the traditional July 4th Annual Turkey Dinner. A newly painted club house greeted members as they arrived providing an appropriate setting to welcome the renewal of friendships old and new. Tables set with flowers, the aroma of roast turkey, the sight of colorful and attractively prepared salads and vegetables with sauces and gravy titilating the taste buds in anticipation of gastronomic delights. Leona Milroy as chairman marshalled her committee to carry out all the details from selling of tickets to supervising the preparation of the food and selecting members to assist in carrying out the completion of this opening function. Congratulations for a most enjoyable and successful occasion.

The summer seemed to provide a succession of delightful dinners for on Saturday, July 20th the superb Cornish Hen special dinner for senior members only will be long remembered. This event was sponsored and supervised by Helen Smith and Marjorie Renz. Those who attended this affair were lavish in their praise for the food was delicious and the evening delightful and will be treasured as an outstanding event.

Sunday, August 4 was another first, for on this day the club sponsored a successful picnic supper for around 100 members and guests. Kay and Fred Groll helped make this a successful buffet. After supper, Gwen Pike, accompanied on the piano by Dr. Earl Moore, led a community sing. The full moon cooperated to make this a beautiful evening.

Climaxing the season was the Commodore's Reception on Saturday, August 24. The theme, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," was carried out with appropriate decorations prepared by Mary Lou Root, social chairman who presented Marjorie Renz with an orchid upon her arrival with the Commodore. While the corsage was being presented at the doorway, members burst into singing original lyrics written by Gwen Pike to the tune of "A Bicycle Built for Two."

#### I

Doctor Andy  
Is quite a family man  
Now he's added a fam'ly of Wrens to  
his clan  
He wants to entice these warblers  
To occupy new quarters  
We hope they stay  
At Ingall's Bay  
In the Wren House that's built by Renz.

#### II

Andy, Margy  
To-night we salute you two  
O. T. Y. C. offers its thanks to you  
As a Captain you are quite racy  
Twixt cycle, boat and 'cedes  
But at the club  
You two don't flub  
So you'll lead us another year.

"Bicycle Built for Two"

Original lyric by Gwen Pike

Following the opening song, Gwen led members in a song fest for about half an hour and then introduced John Fisher who entertained on his guitar with a group of



**John Fisher**

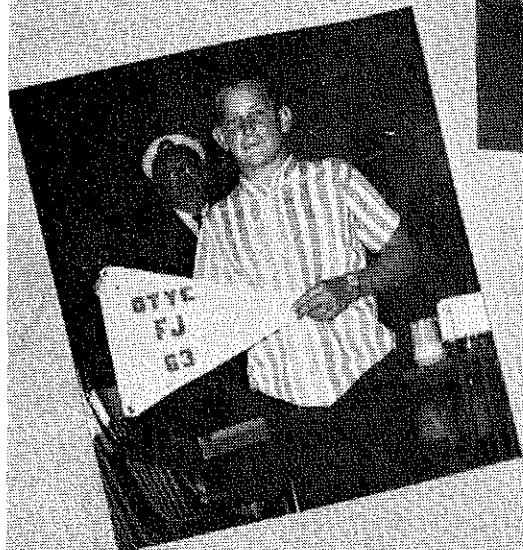
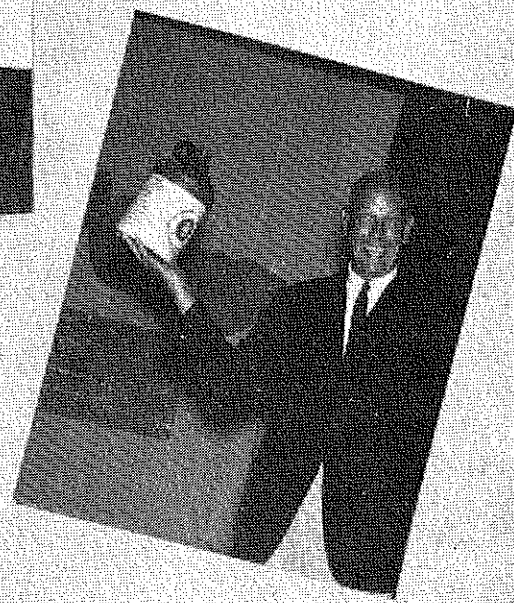
jolly songs quite appropriate to the occasion.

Racing awards and other trophies were next presented by the Commodore (See special article on same.)

Pouring when refreshments were served were Peg Morse and Jane Jackson.

Wednesday Pot-Luck Suppers were held weekly and on five occasions were followed by Bingo games. Two additional treats of the season were Bob Morse's pictures on Hong Kong and European and Asiatic travels.

Those who attended the racing on Sundays were appreciative of the hospitality of Margaret Koch and her committee. Refreshments were enjoyed by skippers, crew and spectators.



Jane Saxton  
Stewart Fisher

Commodore and Mrs. Renz — Mary Lou Root  
Pam DeBoer  
Gwen Pike

Joel Fisher  
Norm Johanning

## Report from Omena

By Horace Wheeler

This most beautiful of Octobers reminds me, says Horace Wheeler of the following poem written by my father, C. E. Wheeler at Sunset Lodge:

Where sunshine and breeze,  
the woods and the trees,  
Fill the bloodstream with health  
and the spirit with ease,  
Where deep-tinted sunsets  
lull the day to its rest,  
As nature's vesper bell  
calls the bird to its nest,  
Where the mounting moon  
flings a path of glittering glory  
across the bay,  
And nature glows in transfigured beauty  
in each pulsating ray,  
Where the stars on high seem dipped in dew  
and blaze like diamonds on a  
field of blue.

A number of members took advantage of the Indian Summer which prevailed for several weeks to visit Omena. One week-end found the Morse, Wm. Graf, Patterson, Stephenson and Jackson cottages all occupied. Seemed like "Old Home Week". Other fall visitors included the Renz', Saxtons here. Of course, the Johannings never left, having extensive building activities to occupy them. Other building activities on Ingalls Bay keep Mary Foltz supervising the construction of a two-level cottage on the lot next to the Lay cottage. John Kemble is building this and Clemewell will occupy it during the summers. John's parents built the Basler cottage many years ago. His parents and Clemewells were very close friends, and they were among the first summer residents to come to Ingalls Bay.

The Omena Fire Department now boasts new equipment. (See story in this issue). Helen Smith and the Wheelers now have new wells. And speaking of water, Omena was a focal point for a number of spectacular "water spouts" the first part of November when cold turbulent clouds came down to attract the warmer waters of the bays. Some residents were successful in getting some good pictures of the phenomena.

Now that the Saturday Nighters have taken over for the winter season, Omena has settled down for normal social life.

Horace Wheeler

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## Carmichael Gift

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and extend from the lake to the bay. They lie between the Boucher (formerly Queenie Smith) cottage and the Rogan cottage. They are located at a point where there is a low opening through the bluff so that the level of the lots is only a little higher than the normal level of the lake. Presumably, this was at one time a connecting channel to Omena Bay, and the purpose behind the gift of these particular lots was to provide a place for a possible future channel that could be built most easily.

If Omena Lake were cleaned out and developed, and a connecting channel to Omena Bay built, it would provide a wonderful landlocked harbor and site for a marina. This idea has intrigued various people in recent years, some of whom have approached Jessie about it. However, she feels that control of the development and operation of such a project should properly be in the hands of OTYC to protect the best interests of the Club and the community.

Jessie knows, as do the Club Officers and Directors, that such a development would no doubt have to wait some years, but she feels satisfied that at least it will now be in the hands of those who would handle it as she would like to have it done.

All our Club members, Officers and Directors, feel deeply grateful to Jessie Carmichael for her generosity and concern for the future of OTYC.

## "Breezing" Along

Copies of the Breeze are being mailed to the past summer's guest members including:

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Moore  
10167 Country Lane  
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Miss Mary Elnora Crane  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Lemonte Derbrow  
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Also on the Breeze Mailing List are:

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Miss Stella Newman  
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Additional copies of the Breeze are available for \$1.00 each. Perhaps you have a friend to whom you would like to send one. Notify the editor and send your dollar and it will be taken care of.

## Commodore's Message

The summer of 1963 is passed and in retrospect it seemed good. If it was so, it was due greatly to the efforts of all who helped so much, and to them I say "Thank you!" I learned from experience, and now see more ways in which we can improve our club. With your continued help I am sure we will. I hope you will send me suggestions before spring and volunteer if you are willing to work on any committee. We need new workers! But at present, just keep well, have a good winter, and plan to be with us by the Fourth of July. The "Commodore" joins me in wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas.

Andy Renz, Commodore

## BITS O'NEWS

Mary Huff writes that they enjoyed a ten day vacation including a return to Ann Arbor and football among other things. She is expecting the Moores from Houston for a series of business meetings in Chicago over Thanksgiving. Dad has made an amazing recovery from his very serious virus illness, having been confined in the hospital in Houston for over three weeks, followed by convalescence at home in front of his stereo machine.

The Moores are planning to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August and are planning a big family reunion on the west coast. Mary doubts that they will be in Omena much next summer but will plan to spend the Memorial Day weekend in the northwoods to recover from winter's salty blast.

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# What In The World Is Going On?

--if you read the BREEZE, you know

Lestra Saxton and daughter Betty drove to Omena the middle of October visiting the Johannings while checking on improvements to her cottage, new bathrooms and various other things. Lestra says she supposes the cottage is around 75 years old and that it needed a facelifting here and there. On to Cleveland to see her three grandchildren and Bob and Jane.

Dr. Bob Saxton and Jane expect to be moving to Waco, Texas in January, — a long way from Omena, but they expect to find a way to spend some time in the summers in Omena.

The Johannings (Norm and Bernice) never left the "Land of Delight" this fall, — too many projects under way, among which was the supervising of improvements on the Saxton cottage and the building of a carport on the Log Cabin. Then since the weather was so delightful Norm carried out a project designed last February of "Cabin East", a structure to tie onto the existing cabin on the side next to Weiss'. This is an extensive addition projecting 44 ft. toward shore with a Chalet type extended roof line covering the bay window. It is now all but finished and they love it. Norm says he did all the work himself. In addition to all the construction projects the Johannings have "biked" all around the point.

Bernice submits the following prayer from a contemporary in California:

"Father, thou knowest I am growing old. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to go to the point, even though my friends insist on whispering and mumbling. Seal my lips

when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains . . . teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong . . . make me thoughtful but not nosy, helpful but not bossy, and deliver me from irritating interruptions. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Amen."

Kitty Smith writes that she is looking forward to having Thanksgiving with the Weiss' whom she expects will come down to visit with her.

Fred Weiss writes that they are again located in their winter home at Ormond Beach, 403 S. Atlantic Avenue, Florida. On the way down they stopped both at Birmingham, Mich. and Cincinnati, to spend time with their families. While at the Cincinnati Club they saw Ruth and Dave DeVore and Mary Lou Basler and her father. He expects to spend Thanksgiving with Kitty and Abbie and then return to Cincinnati for Christmas where they are planning a party for the whole family. Returning to Ormond Beach for the rest of the winter after Jan. 1. They expect to be in Omena around April tenth.

Clemewell Lay sends the following schedule:

November, 1963 to May, 1964 - 894 West Harrison Avenue, Claremont, California (Permanent Residence).

May and June, 1964 - 62-1 Middlesex Road, Waltham, Massachusetts (Apartment with friends).

July and August, 1964 - Ingalls Bay, Omena, Michigan

September and October, 1964 - 62-1 Middlesex Road, Waltham, Massachusetts.

November, 1964 and thereafter - 894 West Harrison Avenue, Claremont, California.

The cottage next to the Lay cottage on Ingalls Bay, which is now under construction is being built by J. H. Kemble who is currently abroad on sabbatical leave from Pomona College.

The Ernie Clarks leave sometime in November to visit their son Charles and family in Corpus Christie, Texas where they will remain until around April first.

The Koch's have purchased the Lind property adjacent to them, consisting of 4½ acres together with a cottage thereon. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Weber of Cincinnati have purchased 1½ acres including the cottage which they expect to modernize. The Koch's were in Omena the week-end of Oct. 5 and were greatly impressed by the color display in Michigan.

The Tom Smiths write that Debby has regained her former health and is her energetic self again. Debby has become a semi-finalist in the American Field Service exchange student program. Her name has been sent to New York for final consideration. In the event that she is selected as a finalist, she will spend her senior year in high school next year abroad with a family in the country to which she is assigned.

Dave DeVore writes since their return to Cincinnati things are pretty routine. It was an interesting experience leaving Omena Sept. 14, scraping ice from the windshield and driving to Cincinnati where real summer weather prevailed and which continued for the next six weeks. They experienced the worst drought in history with temperatures in the 80's day after day.

Ruth and Dave have felt somewhat alone since Joan left early in October with 25 other Junior League members for a tour. The tours are made in connection with our Art Museum and were conducted by the head of the Art Museum and two of his assistants. They visited Egypt, Greece, Italy and will have short stops in Switzerland and Denmark.

While Joan was on her trip, David was in England and Germany on a business trip and with our only other child, Leonard living in San Diego, Calif. it is easy to understand why the DeVores felt a little alone.

Dave and Ruth plan to make their annual trip to LaJolla around the middle of January, returning the latter part of March. This will be their 15th winter in LaJolla.

David Jr's. daughter Melissa is a happy, pleased freshman at Dennison University and has been pledged Tri-Delt which also pleases her. David III is a senior at Univ. of South, Sewanee, Tenn. where he is a candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship.

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## THE OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB BREEZE

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### Commodore's Report

Our Omena Traverse Yacht Club is sixteen years old this summer, and as we look back over the years we can well be proud of all that we have accomplished. To those who have preceded me as Commodore, and to all who have worked on Committees, great credit is due, and it has been my privilege this summer to carry on what they have started.

Before our opening dinner on July fourth, committees had been at work getting things ready for the summer. Harold Root, Chairman of the House Committee saw to it that the Club House was cleaned, general repairs made, and given a bright new coat of paint. The Grounds, under Preston Smith, were kept in shape, the tennis court area reseeded and fertilized. Ladders were added to the dock area so that boats could be boarded with greater safety. Due to the low level of the water, a new diving platform and ladder were necessary and have been supplied. A water heater, the gift of the Donald Pattersons, has been installed in the kitchen, and hand dryers placed in the two wash rooms.

Our season officially opened July fourth with the traditional Turkey dinner. Under the able supervision of Leona and Bill Milroy, their committee served 104 adults and 15 children, and made a profit of \$142.66. This is our big money making project of the year. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Milroy and her committee. Our usual Pot luck suppers have been held each Wednesday night and will continue for some weeks. One dinner, for "adults only" was held in July with 63 members attending. Mary Lou Root, Chairman of the Social Committee, planned several Bingo parties, a picnic and "Sing", with more than 100 attending; an evening of pictures of Europe by our own past Commodore, Bob Morse; and of course, the Commodore's reception.

The Tennis Courts have been extremely busy, sailing has taken up the Sunday afternoons, and the Youth Program, under Pam De Boer has filled each day with some activity. It is rare to come to the Club

House and not find some activity going on.

I want, at this time, to urge more of you to come to the Club House Sunday afternoons during the racing, and stay for the refreshments served by Margaret Koch and Marian Finn, and visit with the sailing crews and other members of the Club for a social hour.

Our Club was represented at the George Smith Memorial Race at Traverse City by the boats owned by Carl Koch and Norm Johanning.

For the first time, a general meeting was held in July, the purpose being to acquaint the members of the activities of the club and receive suggestions for the future. 18 members attended.

The Board of Directors have met and wish to go on record as approving the following:

1. Mobile homes or house trailers shall not be allowed to park on Club property.
2. Those who rent their cottages tell their renters that guest memberships are available, and that notices to that effect be placed in the cottages. Guest memberships are \$5.00 per adult member, and \$2.50 for children between the ages of 14 and 21.
3. That adequate wiring be placed in the club house. At present the wires are overloaded, and as a safety measure, old wiring should be replaced and additional circuits be installed.
4. That we give the Sheriff's department of Leelanau County, Marine Safety Division, \$25.00, to be used toward the purchasing of resuscitation equipment to be used in teaching.
5. That copies of safety rules be placed on the dock and rules for regulating play on the tennis court be posted.
6. Prospective members shall be guests of the club twice before submitting applications.
7. That the Omena Traverse Yacht Club be represented in both Sail and Power Squadrons of the Lake Michigan Yachting Association.

Since our terrible tragedy this summer, we have planned a definite safety program for the remainder of the year, and for next season. A gift, offered by a friend of the Club, has been received, and will be used for the promotion of safety, as requested. We have received literature from the Coast Guard, Coast Guard auxiliary, and the

Sheriff's department of Marine Safety, on safe boating, and classes will be given next year.

This year will end the term of office of three board members who, according to our constitution, have served the maximum time. They are Don Patterson, Marie Louise Basler, and Bea Gardner. Our thanks to them for a job well done.

This past year the club has lost a loyal friend, Mrs. John Herrick. Geno, as she was known to us, had spent many summers in Omena, and had helped the club in many ways, including the writing for all our publicity. Her many friends at Omena miss her.

The outstanding news of the year was the gift of Mrs. Carmichael to the Yacht Club of the land known as "Omena Lake", and additional property to give an outlet to the Bay. For some years we have talked of this property as it could be used as a wonderful land locked harbor. This is, of course, a very long range plan, but with Mrs. Carmichael's generous gift, we can control the use of the land and look ahead to future development of club property. We are all very thankful to Mrs. Carmichael for this gift as well as for the many gifts she has made in the past. Without Mrs. Carmichael, and her husband, Hector, the Omena Traverse Yacht Club, would not be what it is today.

Serving as Commodore this past year has been a busy time, but enjoyable to me. I want to express my appreciation to the enthusiastic support of the Club members, committee chairmen and their members, the Board of Directors and other officers of the club. I hope that we can come back again next year to enjoy another wonderful season at beautiful Omena.



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## With the Whites Abroad



Pictured above are the Halbert Whites as they appeared in the Swedish Daily Aftonbladet, as they started a day's sight-seeing in Stockholm. Halbert was interviewed and honored as the oldest man (95) known to have taken the North Cape Cruise. The Whites spent six weeks with the Bergensfjord as their floating hotel, except for three nights in Germany and two in Russia. Harriette won a prize as the Statue of Liberty at the ships costume ball.

Highlights of their trip were the flaming glory of the midnight sun; the icy, windswept North Cape, six hundred feet above the Arctic Ocean; Hammerfest, the northernmost town in the world; the breathtaking beauty of Norway's fjords and mountains; the shoddy wall in Berlin with black wreaths hung where people had been killed trying to escape from the Communist Paradise; the barbaric splendor of the treasurers of the Kremlin; the ornate and highly colored magnificent churches of the Czarist era; "My Fair Lady" in German; the canal boat rides in Copenhagen and

Bruges; Rembrandts' Night watch in Amsterdam.

"From a high wooden platform we watched the armed guards at Checkpoint Charlie looking over cars in line to enter East Berlin — some were kept waiting four hours in the hot sun. All windows and doors were bricked up on the buildings facing the west. The cold war is felt here more keenly than in Moscow", said Harriette,



## The "Catered" Dinners

At long last we were able to have catered dinners at the Yacht Club this year. This has been something we have wanted to try, but never seemed to get around to. This dinner was served to adults only — it wasn't that we had anything against the younger group; they had their own "teen age" party, so the adult group had an evening all their own too. The caterers were v-e-r-y professional - Helen Smith and Marjorie Renz, and 63 members and guests were served a dinner of cornish game hens, new peas and potatoes, fruit salad, roll, lemon pie and coffee. The tables were decorated with bright red geraniums which were later sold.

On the first Wednesday in September, our regular supper evening, Marguerite Rule served a delicious ham dinner to all who were fortunate enough to be still be at Omena. This, too, was quite a success. All who attended these dinners hope that we can have similar evenings next summer. We can, if some one will volunteer to be in charge. All who will volunteer to help, please form in line on the right - or better yet, let Marjorie Renz know.



## OUR 50-MILE HIKERS

Omena contributed her share of 50-Mile Hikers to make the summer one of a variety of activities. Chris Verdery and "Rink" Smith walked from cottages at Omena to Traverse City and back a distance of around 52 miles without too much effort. Chris lost 5 pounds but had no blisters. The dinner at Traverse City sure must have tasted good before the start back.

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## Treasurer's Report

October 31, 1963

Cash Balance October 31, 1962 \$ 1,855.56

### Cash Receipts

Membership Dues .....	\$ 1,654.00
Subscriptions, BREEZE .....	180.00
Advs BREEZE .....	104.00
Dockage .....	166.00
Boat Storage .....	15.00
Souvenirs .....	405.25
Coke Machine .....	168.39
Parties and Dinners .....	433.91
Youth Program .....	219.50
Taxes and Initiation .....	30.00
Safety .....	25.00

Total Cash Receipts .....\$ 3,437.05

### Cash Disbursements

Telephone and Electricity .....	\$ 214.25
Postage and Stationery .....	40.14
Maintenance and Operation .....	498.57
" Paint for Clubhouse .....	311.39
" Labor painting clubhouse .....	859.36
Bookkeeping services .....	87.75
Insurance .....	525.09
Real Estate Taxes .....	50.45
FICA Tax & Initiation Tax .....	28.20
Safety .....	25.00
Misc. Expenses .....	96.53
Yacht Club Dues .....	40.00
Breeze Printing, Postage, etc....	285.77
Souvenirs .....	280.60
Coke Machine .....	194.38
Parties and Dinners .....	71.22
Youth Program .....	402.42

Total Cash Disbursements .....\$ 4,011.12

Excess of Disbursements over

Receipts .....\$ -574.07

CASH BALANCE Oct. 31, 1963 \$ 1,281.49

Robert L. Morse, Treasurer

### OTYC IMPROVEMENT FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 31, 1963

Bank Balance - Oct. 31, 1962 .....\$ 225.34

### Cash Receipts

Improvement Fund Donations 711.00

Total Receipts ..... 711.00

### Cash Disbursements

Seeding tennis court ..... 85.25

Total Disbursements ..... 85.25

Excess of Receipts over

Disbursements .....\$ 625.75

Bank Balance - Oct. 31, 1963 .....\$ 851.09

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## What's Going On?

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From Cleveland Fred Schaefer writes that he drove through Omena this past summer on the way back from a fishing trip. Thinks maybe he'll go down to Florida this winter to see some friends stopping in the Cheasapeak Bay area along the way. Fred visits his daughter Marianne in Ramsey New Jersey every other month.

Agnes Barker writes that they visited Dallas last summer and that she and Sue took a trip to Mexico while Penny visited Charles and his family in Dallas. Sue is considering a change and may accept a position with the Sun Oil Co. in Dallas.

May Griffin writes that California with its ocean, mountains, mild climate etc. there is still no place like Omena. She misses all the splendid people who have made Omena and the summer colony a lasting and unforgettable memory. She sends us greetings and would like to hear from us from time to time. The Breeze helps a lot, but there is nothing like a personal letter. She and Stella are at 110 Burton Dr., Santa Barbara, California, 93101.

Marjorie Renz writes that she has typed until she is blue in the face, getting material ready for the Breeze. She left Cincinnati to visit her sister in New York from where she will go on to Holly's.

Jessie Carmichael writes that it has been a quiet fall, but one of the most colorful and mild in many a year. She commented on the property of Omena Lake which she gave to the club saying that it is a natural for a land locked harbor and she hopes the Yacht Club grows and prospers so that it can be developed. She feels now that the responsibility for what happens to the property will rest in the hands of the club.

Miami Beach will find the Humphrey Jacksons on hand late in April for Humphrey has been invited to speak at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics this year. Needless to say, plans are being made to enjoy the trip.

Flo and Ho Wheeler with the C.E.W's had a grand trip around Lake Superior (Circle Tour) in October which was one of breathtaking scenery and colors.

Crammy and Marian Finn expect to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with Cynthia and family in Maumee. Following the holidays they will visit Crammy Jr. in California. Michael will accompany them but will fly home along after a short visit.

Mike Hessel, Marian Rule's oldest son, just 21, is on the Olympic Team and will ride one solo and one double in the 1964 Winter Olympic Toboggan event at Innsbruck, Austria.

Gwen and Melvin Pike left Oct. 26 for a month in Honolulu. Melvin will attend the Pan-Pacific Surgical Meeting which meets in Honolulu every 3 years.

Peg and Bob Morse spent ten days in October at their cottage on Ingalls Bay. They had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wright of Cleveland. If they had known how beautiful the weather would be they would have left their sailboat in the water after August for some pleasurable sailing.

The Ray's have just moved into their 24 year old house and are having lots of fun fixing it up. Projects are never done. John was the OTYC delegate to the division of the annual LMYA meeting. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Dr. Robert and Jane Saxton, and three children, will move on January 1 to Waco, Texas, where Bob will start practice as a Neuro-Surgeon. Their address after January 1, 1964, will be 2613 Briarcliff, Waco, Texas.

Mary Louise Gleason returned on November 13th from a six week trip around the world. She was accompanied by her Wellesley College room-mate, Mrs. Maurice T. Moore. A highlight of the trip was attending in Formosa the dedication of a chapel in memory of Mrs. Moore's father, who was a missionary to China.

David Gleason took a sabbatical from school last Spring and spent several months in Mexico and Central America. In Mexico he spent six weeks with a Mexican family which was quite rewarding, especially in his increased knowledge of the Spanish language.

The Thearl Smith's arrived at their new winter home, Oct. 25. Emily will teach at the Wells Studio. She has a number of paintings out at juried shows and galleries. New address is 413 Georgia Ave., Bayshore Gardens, Bradenton, Florida.

Mrs. Ten Eyck (whose husband and child drowned this past summer) has just given birth to a boy Nov. 11. Mrs. George Ten Eyck resides at 916 Edwards Rd., Cincinnati 8, Ohio if anyone wishes to drop her a card.

Ainee Patterson says that the sale of sweat shirts and jackets is 95% so if anyone wants one it would be well to drop her a line. 3461 Arnold, Cincinnati 26, Ohio.

The Bishops are planning to spend the month of August in Omena next year. They are hoping the month will be as pleasant as the past August.

Waldo Abbot has been enjoying the fall football games in Ann Arbor. They expect to go to Washington for Thanksgiving as Waldo Jr. has been moved there by Chrysler. After Christmas the Abbots expect to go to Florida says Emily.

Ben and Mary Foltz have spent several week-ends in Chicago this fall and Mary keeps busy with local activities including the supervising of the cottage on Ingalls Bay.

The Milroys are closing their Northport house for the winter and expect to visit Marilee and family in New Orleans after spending some time at Emery's in La Mirada, Calif. and the opening of Maxime's Restaurant in Astor Towers in Chicago, then back to Northport before old man Winter surrenders. The Milroys were surprised when the village barber at Northport took Senator Goldwater through their woods and along their beach in a jeep.



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## The Minutes

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**Racing:** Norm Johanning. We have had too few people to race their boats, and we need to arouse more interest in sailing. We need more people willing to crew.

**Ways and Means:** Jane Saxton. Reporting for Ainee Patterson, said that we have sold \$342.00 worth of jackets, and still have about \$100.00 worth of stock on hand. The cost of the jackets to us was \$284.00 including the die. It is hoped that more will purchase jackets next season, although the response this year has been very good.

**House Committee:** Harold Root: The Club house was painted, repairs made as necessary. Before next season some of the old wiring will have to be replaced and some new circuits added.

**Publication:** Hazel Taylor: Will write up any events of the club and put it in the paper. Will members please co-operate and keep her informed on activities. Humphrey Jackson, our able Editor of the Breeze also wishes cooperation in having each and every one of the members as reporters to tell him of items to publish.

**Grounds:** Preston Smith: Everything seems to be in good condition, and all necessary upkeep has been done.

**Membership:** Mary Louise Basler: One new member reported: Miss Elsie Tange-man. Although not a member until this year, she has been interested in the club and has worked with other members. We welcome her as a member.

**Tennis:** Berenice Johanning: The courts have been crowded, and used daily, weather

permitting. At present there is a ladies tournament being played.

**Youth Activity:** Jane Saxton reporting for Ellie Stephenson. The average attendance was 13 for general activities and 17 for swimming sessions. There were 12 at play school, and 12 at the overnight camp out. Pam DeBoer has been our able director of Youth activities, but will not be able to return next year. We will miss her.

**Trophy:** Holly Smith: The trophies have been brought up to date. Anyone wishing to donate any additional trophy's or awards, please contact her.

**Treasurers report:** Robert Morse: Full report will be filed for audit. Summary:

Balance on hand .....	\$1,310.00
Expected income .....	160.00
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	\$1,470.00
Bills to be paid .....	600.00
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Expected balance .....	870.00
Dues received this year so far (a little less than last year) .....	\$1,587.00
The Breeze is self supporting, with income from ads, subscriptions, etc. ....	328.00
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And Expenditures were .....	\$ 285.00

We have sold three maps at ten dollars each, collected \$15.00 at this date on cokes; we must pay \$78.00 a year on the machine, but have only one more year to pay this amount. We have received at date \$203.53 on the youth program, with expenditures of \$400.00. We have so far made \$257.00 on Bingo games; \$29.00 July Pot Luck dinners, \$25.00 catered dinner. The cost of painting the club house was \$1,137.00. We are continuing to use Mrs. Moe as bookkeeper.

**Auditor:** Fred Groll: The cash records of the club were audited and were found correct accounting for all deposits and disbursements. Necessary adjustments were made for depreciation. The following statement of net Worth of the Club as of January 1, 1963 is as follows:

Cash in Bank .....	\$1,323.62
Building .....	3,535.74
Land .....	2,305.30
Docks .....	7,633.17
Equipment .....	1,874.47
Tennis Court .....	3,263.72
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	\$19,936.02
Less depreciation taken .....	7,757.71
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Net worth January 1, 1963 .....	\$12,178.31

It was moved by Dave DeVore and seconded by Mrs. Lyon that we approve the action of the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

A discussion was held as to the feasibility of raising the initiation fees and dues, but no action was taken at this time. This was moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mrs. Gleason that we so do.

**Nominating Committee:** Dr. Carl Koch;

The following slate of officers was presented for term September 15, 1963 to September 15, 1964.

Commodore: Dr. Andrew Renz

Vice Commodore: Mr. Crampton Finn

Rear Commodore: Mr. Norman Johanning

Treasurer: Mr. Robert Morse

Secretary: Marjorie Renz

Board of Directors: For term expiring 1965

Mr Robert Reed

Dr. Robert Lyon

Mrs. Thearl Smith

It was moved by Mrs. Morse, and seconded by Mrs. Woolford that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Moved by Mrs. DeVore and seconded by Mrs. Morse that there being no nominations from the floor, the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as present. Motion carried. This was so done. The Commodore thanked all who had helped to make this a good year, and especially thanked Billy Graf and Rink Smith for their work attending to the coke machine, and Joel and Stu Fisher for keeping the flags flying.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Marjorie Renz, Secretary



## New Arrivals

Carolyn and Bill Renz now have a new addition to their family, William Edward, born Oct. 10, weight 8 lb.

Curtin Alan Cherne arrived at the home of Linda and Al on Sept. 21.

Kevin Stewart Ray arrived on Friday the 13th of September, weighing in at 8 lb. Mary Helen says that at the moment he looks very much like his daddy and already he is eager to join the "Other boys" in Omena next summer.

Timothy George Smith, son of Capt. Craig and Holly (Renz) Smith, was born November 27, 1963 at Cherry Point, N. C.

Stephen Wayne Alsweed arrived at the home of Carol and Wayne Alsweed, weight 9 lb. 5 oz. Date, August 9.

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## NEW OMENA ENGINE

*-- For Better Fire Protection*

Although Omena has had a new fire house for several years, the only fire fighting equipment in it has been a small two-wheeled trailer carrying a gasoline engine driven pump. This pump was to be towed to a fire behind Keith Brown's service truck and somehow gotten to the water's edge. This would be difficult in many places around Omena, and of no use where the fire was some distance from the water.

Recognizing the potential danger to the community, a group of summer and permanent residents organized the Citizen's Committee for the Omena Volunteer Fire Company, with Fred Weiss as Chairman, to secure voluntary contributions to a fund to purchase a fire engine with proper equipment to handle Omena's fire problems. Solicitation last summer met with enthusiastic and practically 100% support, so that the Committee now has a fund of \$3,153. Contributions came both from summer residents and from permanent residents and business men of the Omena Community. These contributions have been ruled tax



The New Fire Engine

This truck, carrying 500 gallons of water, will provide faster, more mobile fire protection than Omena has ever had before.

In selecting and finding the proper type of equipment for Omena's conditions the Committee was greatly helped by Chief Kellogg, and particularly by Mr. Gannon of The University of Michigan Fire Prevention School. The result was that in October the Committee arranged to buy a used fire engine from the Fire Department of Elsie, Michigan.

This engine has a two stage pump and carries, in addition to the usual equipment, a 500 gallon water tank. In a large percentage of fires this 500 gallons of water is sufficient to put out the fire. The present engine driven trailer pump will be taken off its trailer and carried on the fire engine. It can be carried to the water's edge to supply water to the engine pump if the 500 gallon tank is exhausted. Although used for a number of years, this fire truck has only 6000 miles on it, and Chief Kellogg says it is a better engine than the one at Northport.

The cost of this engine is such that sufficient funds will be left to buy all the additional equipment needed, including 500 feet of new hose. It is also the intention to buy a fire siren to mount on top of the fire house to quickly call members of the Fire Company.

The only rub in the situation is that the fire engine will not be available until next May, as Elsie's new engine will not be delivered until then. This situation would occur in any purchase of a used engine. Meanwhile, the Omena Community can look forward to a state of preparedness against fire that they have never before enjoyed.

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With the fund solicitation a success, the Committee met with the Leelanau Township Trustees, accompanied by Orval Kellogg, Chief of the Northport Fire Department, of which the Omena Fire Company is a branch. The Trustees expressed great appreciation for the Committee's efforts and promised full cooperation, including maintenance of the new equipment and heating of the fire house.

*-- and MORE Doings!*

Linda Cherne plans to live in Omena next July and August.

Hazel Taylor is visiting Edith Raymond at 400 S. Berendo Street, Los Angeles 5, Calif. Hazel is helping while she recovers from a severe operation, taking care of her apartment building rentals, etc. Hazel plans to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with Pat and family in San Diego. Pat says they were all so happy to be able to be in Omena last summer even though their visit was much too short. Bob is now a project engineer with Humphrey Inc. (autogyros and automatic brakes). Pat is at General Dynamics Astronautics as a reliability engineer on space boosters and ICBM's.

Marguerite Rule leaves on the 26th of Nov. to spend Thanksgiving with her son Dr. Colter Rule and daughter Jonnie Hodgson in New York. About the 19th of December she, Jonnie and Geoffrey will fly to Milwaukee to spend the Christmas Holidays with Tom and Martha Smith and family, and later visiting her daughter Mrs. Wickemeyer in Western Springs, Ill.

The Robinson family are enjoying their time in New Foundland. Landon has been doing some real hunting and fishing and is well supplied with wild game and fish for the winter.

**Robert Barth Dies**

He worked as all men must and was full of responsibilities and civic honors, but when he could, Bob Barth headed for the woods. He loved nature and the beauty of forest and stream.

"When my time comes," he said, "I hope it happens while I'm in the woods."

On Tuesday, November 26, Bob Barth was deer hunting in the woods north of Omena. He'd bagged his buck and was enjoying to the full the hunting, outdoors-life he loved so well. And his time came, just as he had hoped.

He was buried Friday, November 29, at Northport Cemetery. He had been caretaker of many Omena cottages for many years.

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