

Notes From Omena

by Hazel Taylor

The willows are flaunting saffron branches, a faint blush crowns the beeches, though they stand in a foot of snow. The calendar says that it is spring; the official weather report predicts that today's nor'-wester will give place tomorrow, to southern breezes. But winter has been loath to leave.

As in most places, this past winter was "unusual" for an Omena Winter. Oldtimers called it an "open" winter, meaning that there was not the usual fall of snow. In order to be a usual winter with or without snow, in early December the temperature drops to 20-28, and stays more or less constant, except for a brief "February thaw," until April, when properly the snow should melt into unfrozen earth, revealing the blue and white stars of the hepatica twinkling above the brown of last fall's leaves.

But this past winter was unusually erratic,—first cold, very cold, down to 10 degrees at times, and then warmer, 30 to 40 degrees, changing as much as 20 degrees in one day. Several week-ends, "outlanders" including some OTYC members, returned in order to try out the runs on our county's new Sugar Loaf slopes, only to find the temperature too high even for the operation of snow machines.

It must have been an open winter in Canada, too, because the Evening Grosbeaks did not migrate here. We missed them, but their absence brought the price of sunflower seeds down from \$7 to \$4.47 for a 50 pound sack. We did have beview of Purple Finch, Bay-Breasted Warblers in their fall and winter plumage, Eastern Cardinals, Black-Capped Chickadees, Song Sparrows, Cedar Waxwings, both Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Red-Breasted and White-Breasted Nuthatches, Blue Jays and Black Birds, only a few Ruffed Grouse, but many Eastern Robins remained this winter in orchards having unpicked cherries for their diet. One lone Ruffed Grouse roosted for a while in one of our pine trees, but in former years it was common to see the cock Grouse out for a walk with his harem, the hens in a single file behind him. The cycle of the grouse population must be at ebb. The Snowy Owl has spent his winter here when his main stay of diet the artic

lemmings have made their suicide march into the sea. We did not see him this year.

Mice and red squirrels were in abundance. We have an albino squirrel with white body and redish-yellow tail. The chipmonks did not hibernate. They and the squirrels took more than their share of the bird seed. One morning, I discovered a Pigmy Shrew picking up fallen seeds. We have foxes and deer, (but these we do not mention in the hearing of hunters,) raccoons, skunks, and after dark, weasels and flying squirrels. All these creatures make interesting tracks in the snow.

Soon the gulls and the terns will be coming back to Bellows Island, because the ice-breaker has opened a channel down Grand Traverse Bay. The east wind has piled up the broken ice of the channel into blue-hued hummocks along the Clark's waterfront. Perhaps even Mute Swans, some of whom stayed all winter in the open water of the river in Leland and the narrows of Lake Leelanau, will venture as far as Omena and Ingalls Bay as they did last year.

As for activities of the OTYC members in Omena vicinity; the Saturday Nighters have had their weekly dinners as usual; Liz and Earnie Clark spent Christmas in Rockford, Ill. with the Deals. They will be there also, for Easter. Marion and Commodore Crampton Finn spent two months after Christmas with the Crammy Finns in Long Beach, California. Leona and Bill Milroy also went to California after Christmas to be with their son and his family; they have not as yet returned. They have a new granddaughter, latest member of the Stretches in New Orleans. Helen and Preston Smith have made several week-end trips to Cincinnati. The Tom Smiths were here for Christmas on Omena Heights. Nancy Jo Kohlberg has been here several times.

All winter, our new fire-engine house has doubled as an Omena Community Center. On many Saturday nights, the engine is rolled out and the space given over to cards, feasting and fun. Santa Claus arrived this year on the new fire engine and brought sweets to the children awaiting his arrival at the fire-house. Children were outnumbered by grown-ups. All were served punch and cakes, and joined in carol singing.

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Commodore's Message

Letters have been flying back and forth furiously during March in preparation for the coming season at the OTYC. Your commodore has enlisted the help of a great many members asking that they assume responsibilities for carrying out the program of events to insure its success.

Jane Saxton is arranging the Youth Program, Mary Lou Root is working on the Social events and planning the calendar for the summer. Although this calendar is not complete at the present, you may look forward to additions such as the George Smith Memorial Trophy Race to be held on a Sunday to be announced later. The OTYC will host this event and guests from the Traverse City Yacht Club will be entertained at a Lawn Supper for the sailors at the George Smith residence on the hill. Arrangements are in the charge of Preston Smith.

Ellie Stephenson will be in charge of the Wednesday evening Pot Luck Suppers for July and Joan Roth will take charge in August. Jane Jackson will start the Adult Pot Luck Dinners July 13 and arrange for the July dinners after which Margaret Koch will be in charge of the August Adult dinners.

Bob Morse will be showing some of his delightful travel pictures again this year and Mary Foltz and Helen Reed will be in charge of the Opening July 4th Turkey Dinner. Lou Bowen will be in charge of the Insurance Committee.

At this writing, with solid ice as far as one can see, and a snow storm in progress, it hardly seems possible that July 4th can be so close. I would like to plan on a short Board meeting for the last week of June with those who are in Omena at that time.

So you can see, things are a cookin' and you may look forward to a busy and happy summer once again in the Land of the Sky Blue Waters in Leelanau County, Land of Delight.

Marion and I are looking forward to seeing everyone and hoping that we can all have a wonderful summer at the club.

Crammy

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At Last . . . Coming Up

The U. S. Corps of Engineers for Lake Survey report an upward trend in Lake levels beginning July 1st, writes Horace Wheeler.

Recent low lake levels have focused attention on possible ways to avoid extremes in variation of levels of the great lakes. The following notes are taken from an article appearing in the Christian Science Monitor for Saturday, March 13, 1965.

"For the past four years, abnormally low rain and snowfall have visited the lakes—all except Lake Superior. As a result, all except Lake Superior are down to their lowest water level in a hundred years. Because of this low level, navigation suffers from loss of cargo. A drop of one inch in lake levels costs carriers from 60 to 100 tons per trip, depending on the size of the ship. Industries which feel the effects of shipping are iron ore, chemical and cement companies. Power plants lose electric output. Pleasure boat owners lose launching sites and Michigan has lost about one-fourth of its Great Lakes launching ramps.

"Low levels also deprive wildlife of valuable habitat. Ducks, geese, shore birds, muskrat, and mink, to name a few, depend entirely on marches for their existence. Michigan has lost more than 200 square miles of good waterfowl resting and feeding areas and fish-spawning areas since 1955.

"Several plans are being studied to remedy this situation, among them being a study now under way by the International Joint Commission comprised of American and Canadian members. This study aims

to propose methods for control of the wild fluctuations of the water level. For the past six years, Mr. Kierans and his brother, a Canadian Army colonel, have been developing and promoting the Grand canal project. This plan proposes to divert into the Great Lakes fresh water from six rivers in Canada's sparsely peopled northland, which at the present time flow into James Bay. The amount of water flowing into James Bay is probably equivalent to two Niagaras says Mr. Kieran.

"Bold as it seems, the Grand canal project is even more than a giant waterworks. It promises a dazzling array of side benefits, especially to Canada. Among these, (1) New power stations for generating electricity, (2) A new north-south trade artery from the Great Lakes to Hudson Bay, (3) An alternate route for the St. Lawrence Seaway by way of the Ottawa River in Ontario and Quebec, (4) New public parks and recreation zones along the shoreline created by the canal, and (5) Flood control on the connecting rivers and lakes.

"Besides solving the Great Lakes levels problem for all users from shipping to wildlife, this plan would give Canada new revenues from the sale of water and power.

"The IJC study, at least initially, will only probe possible regulation of all the Great Lakes. It will not look into new sources of water. But it may later on. Many officials—Canadian and American—think it should."

The "Breeze" Keeps Alive Through Your Efforts

Sixty-eight postcard reminders about Deadline for May issue of the Breeze were sent out by your Editor. The response was gratifying, thirty-nine. However, the quality of those items have been excellent in interest and cover a wonderful variety of news and special feature articles. Thank you so much. Your cooperation has made the continued publication of the Breeze possible. You furnish the news, we only print it.



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Reflecting on 1964's program, we have some changes which we hope the members will find acceptable. We certainly do welcome any suggestions as they are your children who are involved. We are going to have a concentrated 5 week program beginning July 12. Swimming will be daily. Tennis and play school schedules remain the same. Junior and senior lifesaving will meet each day at noon for one hour. This way, those taking morning tennis and lifesaving will have the afternoon free. We hope that the proposed sailing program will be greeted with enthusiasm. Al Cherne will give lessons at least twice a week; and we'd like to promote Junior Races once a week. See the tentative schedule on calendar of events sheet.



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In Memoriam

This past year has been one of sorrow to a number of OTYC families as members have passed on. The coming season will find the following members no longer with us: Halbert White, Waldo Abbot, Dave DeVore and James Farrell. Members are deeply saddened by the passing of these faithful friends and neighbors.

The Christmas Season was one of sorrow for the family of Dave DeVore as he left them December 22.

Mr. DeVore was graduated as a civil engineer from UC and helped found the Fisher-DeVore construction company. He was a past president of the Cincinnati Rotary Club, a former chairman of the board of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, a member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity, served on the board of trustees of the Knox Presbyterian Church and was a vice president of the former Bank of Commerce and Trust.

Most of us remember Dave in his retirement years and it was under his guidance that the Club "Came of Age" in a manner of speaking. Wise decisions were made which have enabled us to continue to carry on the important activities which are so delightful to all. His leadership was important for it came at the moment when there was a need to stabilize club activities and plan for future development. We all share the family's grief and will miss his cheerful greeting at club events.

Cincinnati members found the announcement of James Farrell's passing in the April first paper. Jim was retired from real estate although active as president of the Oakley Building and Loan Association. He had been president of the Cincinnati Real Estate Board twice and of the Xavier University Alumni Association as well as serving on the Board of Education in Cincinnati.

We will miss his friendly chats and presence at club activities and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.



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With deep regret we saw the sign come down from Solle's Book Shop. The shop is no more, and the building has been sold to a family for summer residence.

This month we were saddened also by the death of the colorful, old fisherman John Bauer, who had come to Omena to be a fishing partner of William Schram in 1915. He had given up a career as a Music Hall singer to fish the Grand Traverse

waters. Schram had ended his career as a baloonist at county fairs. All will remember their names on the sign near the OTYC and we older ones remember when they came to Ingalls Bay in their boat The Eclipse, later named the Bill and John, to pull up their nets. In that day netting was good!

John was born on March 2, 1876 in Muskegon, of German parents, members of the Lutheran Church. He and His Holiness Pope Pius XII were born on the same day, under the sign of the Fish. Some years ago, he sent greetings to the Holy Father whose secretary answered, returning the pontif's greetings along with the Papal blessing. John had the letter framed and hung over his easy chair next to a picture of Schram who had died in 1952 leaving John to batch it alone.

After an accident to his feet while fishing, John was confined to his chair and his walker, but still did his cooking, fire-tending and housekeeping after his own standards. Though he could no longer fish, he took as partners two younger men to whom he gave his nets and his counseling. The Bill and John he sold to the Jesuit friars who rechristened it the Marquette. The friars gave John a document certifying that he would always be a member of the Marquette crew for as long as the boat roams the waters of Omena and Grand Traverse Bay.

These last few years, John was less and less able to care for his needs, but he refused to leave his cottage with its view of the water, boats and nets. Ed Eagler went daily to see how John was, and to bring him what he needed, building his fire, etc. On one of these visits, this month, Ed found that John had suffered a stroke. Arrangements were made for John's admission to the Northport Memorial Hospital where he died a few days later. He was nearly 90, but had often told Ed that he hoped to live to be 100, and thought that he might make it.

Before Schram died, he and John bought a plot in the Omena Cemetery. On the lot they erected a monument on which they had chiseled their names and the dates of their births. Blanks were provided for the dates of death. This month, the last blank was filled in. John's last will and testament had provided funds for this detail.



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We now have 4 FJs at OTYC and an order for a fifth boat for Jonathan Cain of Grand Rapids, grandson of Ben and Lillian Taylor. I am sure that we will have a sizeable fleet in the near future.

The Advance Sailboat Corp. has again gone along with us on a special club price to help us build up our Club fleet. This price is \$852 FOB Omena. If the Michigan Sales Tax is applicable, this would add \$30.

For those members who would find it difficult to handle a full cash purchase, arrangements can be made for financing. This involves a first year payment of \$422, with the balance payable over two years at a cost of about \$300 per year which includes interest and insurance.

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From Ferry Route To Cherry Route

A History of the Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistique Railroad

by Bob Morse

To most Omena summer residents the railroad from Traverse City through Omena to Northport is something to which they pay little attention. However, many of the older generation, hearing the train whistle, think back with nostalgia to when the railroad was important as the principal way to get to Omena. Those were the days when Pullmans ran from the hot Midwest up to Northport, bringing vacationers to cool Omena.

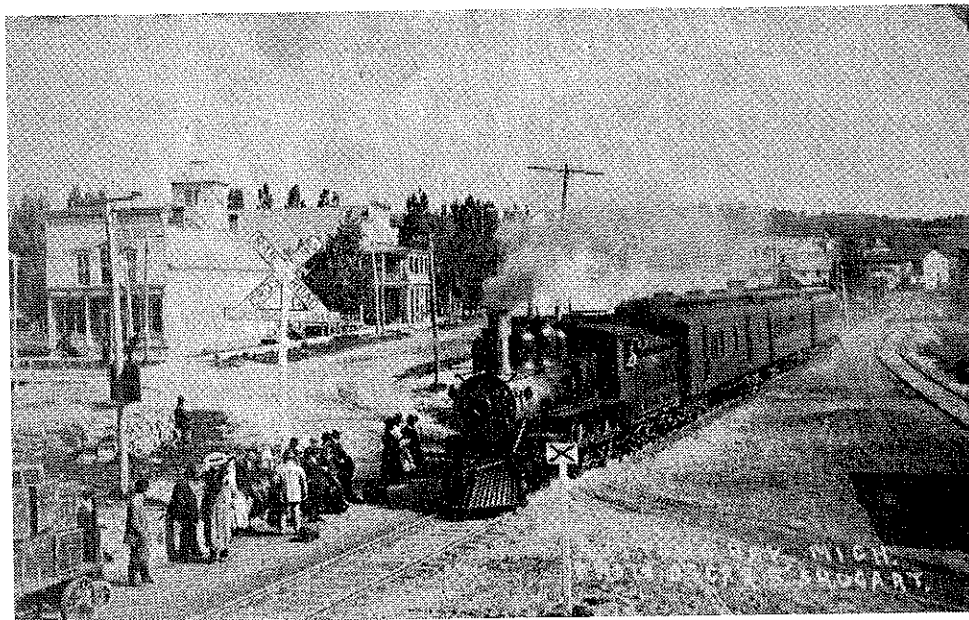
But even the oldsters probably don't know why a railroad was built up through this sparsely populated peninsula. Hence, the following account which it is hoped will be of interest to many OTYC members.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, through a subsidiary named The Grand Rapids & Indiana, ran up through western Michigan to Mackinaw City, with a branch to Traverse City. It had a one-third interest, with the New York Central and The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic, in a railroad car ferry operation across the Straits of Mackinac from Mackinaw City to St. Ignace. In 1902, The Pennsylvania decided they wanted another car ferry service across Lake Michigan.

It is hard to see why they wanted to set up another route involving a much longer ferry crossing, as well as building a railroad through the sparsely populated Leelanau Peninsula. A possible use of Traverse City as a southern terminus, thus avoiding building a railroad, was probably considered impractical because of heavy ice buildup in winter at the lower end of Grand Traverse Bay, and car ferries run all winter.

Whatever their reasons, The Pennsylvania started in 1902 by having the Secretary of The Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad set up the purchase of a bankrupt railroad in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan which they named the Manistique, Marquette & Northern. Manistique was to be the northern terminus of the new ferry service.

Simultaneously, The Grand Rapids & Indiana organized The Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistique Railroad to operate from Traverse City to Northport. It had trackage rights for 5 3/4 miles out of



Passenger Train at Suttons Bay — About 1905

Traverse City to Hatch's Crossing over the Manistee & Northeastern Railroad, but built and owned the remaining stretch to Northport. The Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistique was operated after its completion in June, 1903, by The Grand Rapids & Indiana. It is of interest that The Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistique is one of the few railroads in Northern Michigan that did not start as a logging operation.

Ferry slips for handling freight cars on and off a ferry boat were built at Manistique and Northport. When the railroad was first built it extended about five miles beyond Northport to a point on the shore of Grand Traverse Bay near Cherry Home dock, with an engine house and a wye for turning locomotives about a mile north of Northport. Apparently the first thought was to build the ferry slip near Cherry Home, but this was abandoned and a short earthen pier with a ferry slip at its end was built just north of what is now the Northport Cherry Factory. The remains of this pier are still to be seen.

A ferry boat was ordered from the

Cleveland yard of The American Ship-building Company. This ship, which was named the Manistique, Marquette & Northern 1, was a large one - 338 feet long, with extensive passenger accommodations, and with four tracks having a capacity of thirty freight cars. She was launched in December, 1902, and was usually known as the "Manistique". She had a green hull, white cabins, and two red stacks, each with a black band and a white band decorated with blue stars.

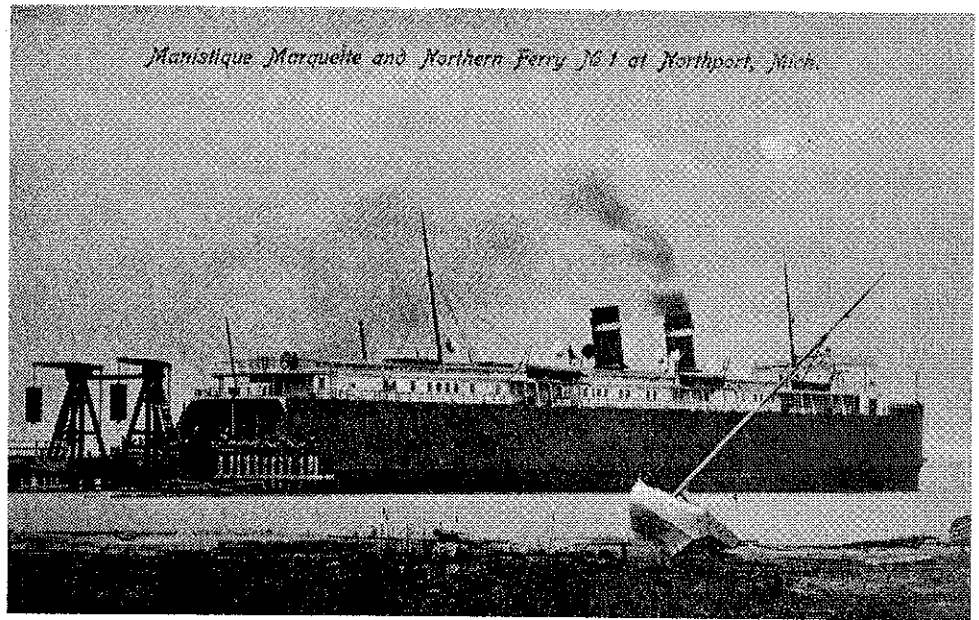
The ferry crossing was 75 miles and took 7 hours. Passengers were carried, but due to the remoteness of the Northport terminal their numbers were few. The ferry also did far less railroad car traffic than was hoped for, and in November, 1903, The Manistique, Marquette & Northern Railroad - the northern end of the rail operation - went bankrupt. The Pere Marquette Railroad then acquired control of this railroad, and in June, 1904, the "Manistique" was diverted from Northport to Ludington, the Pere Marquette's home port. The Pere Marquette itself went bankrupt in 1905,

and in July, 1906, the "Manistique" reverted to her original route out of Northport.

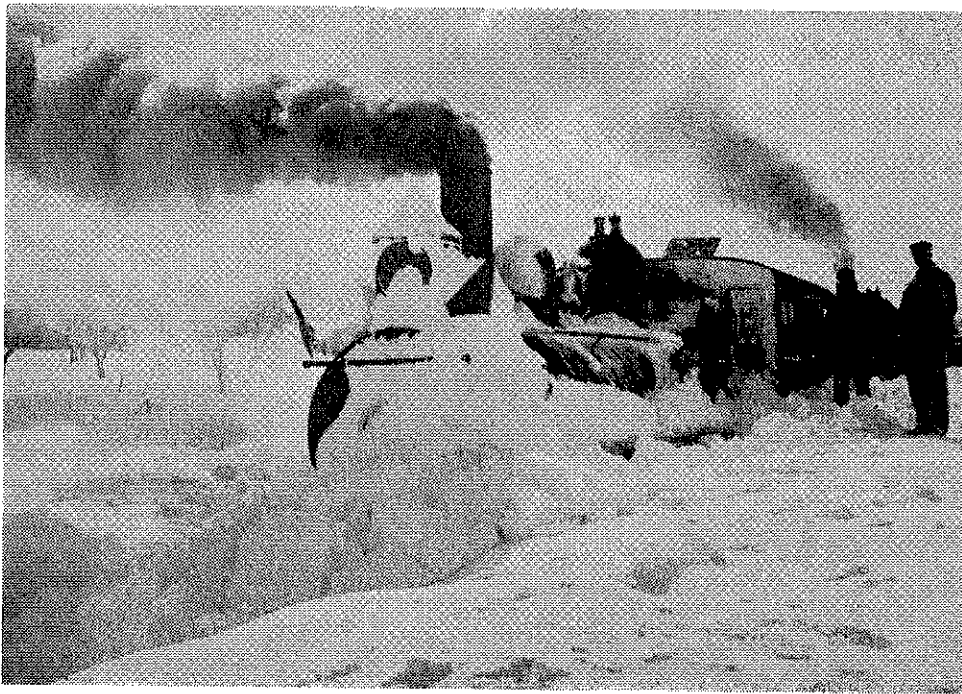
In 1908 the end came to the Northport-Manistique car ferry service - only five years after it began. The Ann Arbor Railroad had by then secured control of the Manistique, Marquette & Northern in Northern Michigan. The ferry service was now seen as hopeless, and in late 1908 the "Manistique" was sold to The Grand Trunk Railway for operation out of Grand Haven.

What has been happening to the Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistique Railroad during these five years? The small volume of freight traffic that developed over the ferry route, plus its divergence to Ludington in 1904-06, and its death in 1908, left the Northport line in very weak condition. Local traffic was insufficient to maintain it and the railroad was sold at receiver's sale in 1907. It was reorganized and continued to be operated by The Grand Rapids & Indiana. The line still proved to be unprofitable and The Grand Rapids & Indiana gave up on it in March, 1914.

The Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistique continued independently under the Presidency of Henry Russel of Traverse City until August 18, 1918. Then, the United States Government, anxious that the Fall harvest move out of the area in the



Car Ferry Manistique - at Northport - About 1907



Winter Near Suttons Bay - About 1925

interests of the War effort, operated the road for three months. It then lay idle.

On May 15, 1919, local residents and business men of Leelanau County organized The Leelanau Transit Company and purchased the railroad for \$65,000. The road was then leased to The Manistee & Northeastern Railroad who operate it to this day. During the early days of this arrangement the Leelanau Transit received occasional payments from The Manistee & Northeastern, but the principal purpose of the local owners was to preserve rail service to their communities.

Mention should be made of the Provement Branch. This ran from a connection with The Manistee & Northeastern a few miles west of Traverse City, and wound its way up to Provement - the village at the Narrows between the north and south ends of Lake Leelanau. Some years ago the name of this village was changed to Lake Leelanau, as it is now known. While the Branch was in operation the daily freight train ran to Provement in the morning and to Northport in the afternoon. About ten years ago the Branch was abandoned.

An interesting "Chain of Command" now exists on the old Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistique Railroad. It is owned by The Leelanau Transit Company, leased by them to The Manistee & Northeastern Railroad, which in turn is under the control of The Pere Marquette Railroad. The Pere Marquette in turn came under the control of The Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. Up

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to recently, one might see a freight train with either a Pere Marquette or a Chesapeake & Ohio locomotive, and either a Chesapeake & Ohio, a Pere Marquette, or a Manistee & Northeastern caboose.

During the last days of Manistee & Northeastern independent operation, the daily train was pulled by an ancient steam engine affectionately called Maud by the local and summer residents. Maud became famous. She appeared in a drawing heading up the book catalogs periodically sent out by Mr. Solle, and was referred to in newspapers and other publications. At the tail of the few freight cars behind Maud was a possibly more ancient "combine" - an elongated caboose with a few seats for passengers and a baggage compartment. Summer residents would take their children for a ride behind Maud. She has long been gone, and a modern diesel locomotive takes her place.

Some five years ago, The Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad started proceedings to abandon the Northport line. They had a three-way purpose. First - they would eliminate an unprofitable operation. Second, they could sell the scrap that would develop at a high figure. Third, they had a tentative deal with the Michigan Highway Department to sell the right-of-way from Suttons Bay to Northport for a new highway.

But the local residents and business men wanted rail service and fought the abandonment. The issue developed into a legal battle between the Michigan Public Utilities Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission. The result was an order for one year's continued operation. This order has been repeated each year to the present. How much longer this order will be renewed is in doubt, and the end may come at any time.

So, enjoy while you can the sound of the locomotive whistle coming through the woods and over the water. It sometimes sounds like The Twentieth Century Limited passing through. But we know it is our little train slowly wending its way - probably soon to oblivion.

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Some of the data in the above article is from the book "Great Lakes Car Ferries" by George W. Hilton - by the kind permission of the author. Cuts were made from original photographs borrowed from K. Gus Smarey of Suttons Bay.



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"Batten" The Breeze

John and Joan Roth took their three girls to New York over the week-end of March 28. John joined a group of friends at Pinehurst, N. C. pursuing the little white ball over a fine beautiful course - 36 holes - an ambitious undertaking but when the golf bug bites, nothing is too strenuous.

Ruth DeVore is planning to be at the cottage on Ingalls Bay this summer and will be joined by the Roths and DeVore's for most of the summer.

The Bill Feely's plan to visit the cottage at Omena around April 20 and will spend a number of weekends there until June when Martha, Lee and Mike will arrive for the summer from the South. Lee Feely is in the Florida Air Academy ranking highest in his class. Mike is living with his mother in Palm Shores, about half a block from the ocean. Martha Feely is editing a cookbook for the Women's Guild in Jackson, Georgia. Rosa is coming up this summer to take care of the house. Lee will drive them up as he is getting his driver's license this spring.

Plans for the summer are not yet clear for the Tom Smiths. Rink wants to take Drivers Education and typing at summer school. Debby will graduate in June and plans to job hunt to earn money for college. While in Omena over Christmas holidays the Smiths visited Sugar Loaf Ski Lodge and Rink skied.

Mary Louise Gleason and Herman Vail were married Thursday, February 11th at the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York. Mr. Vail is president of the Forest City Publishing Co., which publishes the Plain Dealer.

Melvin and Gwen Pike returned Feb. 16th from a Florida trip, Melvin attending the Florida Mid-winter Conference for Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, held at the Americana Hotel. They drove down and visited with friends in Nashville and a nephew in Lexington, Ky. Judy and Ralph Allswede have moved back to Eaton Rapids, Ralph accepted a position in Lansing, supervising construction of homes and subdivisions for a Realty, Construction Co. They have bought 20 acres of wooded land and are in the exciting process of building their first house. Judy is doing substitute teaching. Gwen says it is nice to have them nearer so we can get reacquainted with the two grandsons, Mike and Matt. Gwen has been busy with a large class of voice students this year and is very proud of the many superior ratings received in contests they have been entering.

Jim and Ruth Smiley plan to visit daughter Charlotte in Alexandria, Va. the first week in April, taking in Washington Cherry Blossom Festival. In June they plan to be in Oberlin for Jim's college reunion. They expect to arrive in Omena about July first and enjoy its comforts until after Labor Day. Ruth says there is a goodly supply of Club Stationery on hand and it will be offered for sale on Pot Luck Dinner nights.

Starting next fall, Gus Rogers III is planning to return to Michigan State for a three year program that hopefully will result in his PhD in Economics. He then plans to enter the field of college teaching. Esther is going to go back as well and work on her Master's degree in piano. "It's a fairly major step to take at age 36 with a wife and three children but after much thought, we have decided it is the proper course of action. I am keeping our house but have sold the farm. We plan on being at home each summer and so will no doubt see more of our Omena friends than has been the case the last five or ten years."

Blanche and Earl Moore plan to spend a few days after Easter in Mexico again as they have a brief University holiday at that time.

Bob Morse writes that FJ sailboats will be available again this year (see article in this issue).

Ben and Lillian Taylor will accompany friends on a trip to the "Smokies" after Easter. They plan to be gone until around April 30, hence the early deadline date set for receiving copy for the May issue of the Breeze this year.

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Bob Newland writes that it is always fun to get the Breeze and hear about the rest of the folks. Jim and Betty (Basler) Fairbank have just completed their lovely new house and are moved in. They still have a lot to do outside and in so I doubt if Betty will get to Omena this year. She hopes her girls Suzy and Carolyn, will be able to visit Mary Louise with the Miles Fairbanks (Jim's parents) in August. Their 53 foot cruising yawl is launched but the final work will probably not be done until the house is completely finished. Jim has just purchased 30 acres of land in Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands very near the Rockefeller resort of Little Dix Bay. With a small syndicate, he will probably develop this property into a cottage resort.

Janey and I just returned from skiing again. We spent 12 days in Gstaad, Switzerland where conditions were perfect. Janey's mother met us there the last day and we spent almost 3 weeks more visiting Paris, London, Southern England and Amsterdam. They enjoyed visiting with the Oberndorfs when they came through Puerto Rico early this year on vacation. The Newlands were sorry to miss the Stephens.

Mary Lou Basler and Mr. Jordan will arrive in Omena about June 15 as usual and Janey and I hope to arrive about the middle of July. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Andy and Marjorie Renz have been home most of the time this winter, although they did visit Holly and her family on a short trip. Marjorie is planning a trip to visit her two sisters, one in Washington D. C. and the other in New York and hopes to make it to coincide with one of the Garden tours. She hopes to get to Omena in May as usual and may plan to stay a week. Holly does not know whether she will be up this summer or not, but Marjorie says that she expects when the weather turns hot, she will be right there. She will have a report on the lapel pins and charms later.

Norm Johanning writes that he and Berenice and daughter Mona have been home this winter except for a jet trip for Berenice to California visiting a friend for two weeks. They are hoping for an early arrival in Omena as Linda and Al Cherne are planning to arrive with their children Steven and Curtis about the same time.

Late last fall, Al Cherne and Carl Koch had a fast match race with Southerly winds to 30 mph from the Mark at O.T.Y.C. to Old Mission Light and return with Al finishing first. A wet race with the lightnings sailing in rough seas and four aboard each boat.

Peg and Bob Morse spent Christmas in Waco, Texas with Jane and Bob Saxton and their children. The summer weather was in marked contrast to the usual wintry

Christmas in Cleveland. In February, the Morses went to Florida, spending a week each at Boca Grande, Pompano Beach, and Marathon before settling in for a month at the Gulf and Bay Club, Siesta Key, Sarasota. Bowling on the green is an important activity there and Bob enjoyed it very much. In May Peg and Bob go to Bob's 50th High School Class Reunion. Bob was President of the class its senior year.

Mary Woolford writes that they are not certain when they will get to Omena but may try to make it over the Memorial Day weekend to open the cottage. They plan to be at Leland for a wedding the 3rd of July. She thinks they will probably spend the usual month of August in Omena. She says they were most grateful to their many Michigan friends for their love, prayers and memorials to Bobby. He had such happy times and loved Omena so. It will be most difficult in many ways for us this summer.

Leona and Bill Milroy left Northport on January 19th arriving in California on the 25th. They expect to spend Easter in Los Angeles. Their big news item is the arrival of a new grandchild to Marilee Milroy Stretch on Mardi Gras day at New Orleans. They write that they are getting anxious to return for the summer activities at the Yacht Club and to see everyone again.

Back from a 5 week visit with a friend in Chicago, Fred Schaefer says he is seriously thinking of going on a trip around the world with a University of Michigan Alumni group.

Waldo Abbot, Jr. writes that Marie's son Howard, Jr. is attending Michigan and living with Emily in Ann Arbor. Around Feb. 1st Emily spent two weeks with Priscilla at Manhasset, Long Island and then came to Washington and Waldo flew down to Florida with her. Emily is staying in Florida until the middle of March. She visited Kitty Smith and Abbey and saw Kitty off in her stateroom on her way to South America. The Waldo Abbots (Jr.) expect to be seeing all of us this summer. Their address is 6908 Sulky Lane, Rockville, Md.

Ken and Irma Hagemann left March 19 for Los Angeles for a few days and then sailed on the S. S. Lurline for Hawaii. They planned to be home for Easter. They are hoping to get to Omena for a few days in May and at least a month next summer.

Eva Bauer writes from Sarasota saying that she has been keeping busy directing a chorus which is giving a program March 30. She is enjoying her class in sculpture, finds it hard work, but she likes it. She won third prize in the Members Show at Longboat Art Center this year. Expects to be in Michigan in May. She says the Adult dinners sound fine.

Marguerite Rule writes that the day on which she received the card reminding her that the Spring Issue of the Breeze was in the making, she was playing her Hi-Fi records, an album of "The Worlds Greatest Waltzes" of which she never tires. She plans to spend most of the summer in Omena and will spend a few days the latter part of May in Omena with some of her pals. She plans to go to Sun Valley Idaho March 17th to join daughter Marian Hessel and family who are there for a week of skiing. Blanche and Wesley Huss will go to England for six weeks in April and May. Major Robinson and family will be back in the States in June, but must return to Newfoundland for another year. Alis and the children will be in Omena during the summer. Jeannette Hodgson will return from Italy as soon as her school year in Milano Italy is over. Casper and Marguerite Wickemeyer and Jim will enjoy their vacation in Omena as usual.

Bea and Walter Gardner were in Traverse and Omena the early part of March and found everything in good order. They visited ten countries in Europe last Fall and spent a week in England. This was a combined business and pleasure trip, investigating the possibilities of expanding their business operations into Europe and England. Walter expects to return to Europe again this spring as the prospects seem favorable. Kathryn and her family live in Phoenix and they expect to return to Omena with addition No. 3 again this summer. Daughter Carolyn and four children from Detroit will also join them planning to spend two months in Omena next summer. Walter expects to have the cruiser back in the water early in May and with three outboards expects to have an enjoyable summer.

Lestra Saxton writes that Jane Saxton spent a week in Sarasota with Bob and Peg. Bob attended a Medical meeting in Houston.

Elsie Tangeman says that the cottage on Omena Bay should be habitable by June as it has been under roof since Christmas. She plans a visit sometime in April to inspect the progress.

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Youth Program Schedule

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SWIMMING - 12:00 - 1:00 Jr. and Sr. Lifesaving
 1:00 - 1:30 Beginners (Swimming)
 1:30 - 2:00 Intermediate (Swimming)
 2:00 - 2:30 Intermediate (Swimming)

TENNIS - Mon, Wed, Fri. Tues, Thurs.
 9:15 - 10:00 Beginners ; Advanced
 10:00 - 10:45 Intermediate Ladies
 10:45 - 11:30 Intermediate

PLAY SCHOOL Tues, Thurs 10:45 - 11:30 (Age 3-5)

SAILING Tues, Thurs, afternoons

SPECIAL EVENTS: To be announced.

SAILING: A basic swimming test shall be required of all participants in the program prior to entering the class. This test will be administered individually by the counselor.

LIFE SAVING: It will be necessary for those entering the life saving class to be in residence for a minimum of 5 weeks to complete the course.

BASIC BOATING: If a rowboat and canoe are available, the counselor will teach use of boats as a part of the swimming instruction.

SQUARE DANCING AND GROUP GAMES: Will be a part of the rainy day activities. The counselor will help teach volley ball, badminton, etc. as requested.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1965

All pot luck dinners begin at 6:30 p.m. All other events, parties, receptions, annual meetings, etc. begin at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday sailing races at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 4 - Turkey Dinner

Fireworks

Wednesday, July 7 - Pot Luck Supper

Bingo Party

Sunday, July 11 - Sail Racing

Open House and Refreshments

Tuesday, July 13 - Adult Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, July 14 - Pot Luck Supper

Travel Pictures by Bob Morse

Sunday, July 18 - Sail Racing

Open House and Refreshments

Tuesday, July 20 - Adult Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, July 21 - Pot Luck Supper

Bingo Party

Sunday, July 25 - Sail Racing

Picnic

Tuesday, July 27 - Adult Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, July 28 - Pot Luck Supper

Sunday, August 1 - Sail Racing

Open House and Refreshments

Tuesday, August 3 - Adult Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, August 4 - Pot Luck Supper

Bingo Party

Saturday, August 7 - Travel Party

Travel Pictures by Bob Morse

Sunday, August 8 - Sail Racing

Open House and Refreshments

Tuesday, August 10 - Adult Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, August 11 - Pot Luck Supper

Thursday, August 12 - Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 15 - Sail Racing

Picnic and Sing

Tuesday, August 17 - Adult Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, August 18 - Pot Luck Supper

Saturday, August 21 - Commodore's Reception

Tuesday, August 24 - Adult Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, August 25 - Pot Luck Supper

Tuesday, August 31 - Adult Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, September 1 - Pot Luck Supper

Season Ends

New Board Chairman

Fremont Fisher has been appointed chairman of the board of the Fisher-DeVore Construction Co. Mr. Fisher, who recently returned to Cincinnati after a 25-year absence, heads up a construction company which was founded in 1915 by his father, Frank Fisher, and David G. DeVore.

A graduate civil engineer, Mr. Fisher has spent 25 years in sales management and executive positions. He has been assistant to the president of Electric Auto Lite Co., regional manager for Howe Scale Co., national service manager for Toledo Scale Co. and vice president of sales for the Fort Worth Steel & Machinery Co.



--Still Planning Parties

Guests of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics at a luncheon Saturday, April 24th, Humphrey and Jane Jackson were invited to sit at the speakers table. Humphrey is a past president of this organization and was active in the early formative years, having served as chairman of the program committee one year and as a member of the constitution committee before being elected president.

The Michigan Council was co-host with the Detroit Mathematics Club in arranging the April convention of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Detroit April 22-25. Grosse Pointe mathematics teachers were in charge of the luncheon and banquet arrangements. Humphrey's committee planned and made 100 table decorations for the banquet and 75 for the luncheon. Car manufacturers donated model cars for the center pieces which were mounted on geometric shaped bases of styrofoam, the luncheon using the Michigan State colors green and white and the banquet the University of Michigan colors maize and blue. On each center piece was a pennant on which appeared Michigan and NTCM and the date 1965. It took months to prepare for this event.



Trophy Race at Omena

Lightning sailboats of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club fleet will be in Omena on Saturday, July 24, to compete for the George Smith Memorial Trophy.

Don Owens, present holder of the trophy, said, "I plan to defend at Omena and I know the Traverse City skippers aren't going to let me win by default."

It will be the only official meeting between the two Lightning fleets, although OTYC boats will be invited to participate in the invitational regatta at Traverse City in August.

Helen and Preston Smith have already claimed the right as hosts to the visiting crewmen.

MORE "BATTIN' THE BREEZE"

Harriette White has had a nice visit with daughter Lillian Canatsey and husband in La Jolla, paradise of sunshine and gorgeous flowers. Also visited briefly with Gary Canatsey and Nannette in Los Angeles and four nephews and their various families in Long Beach and Colorado where one teaches at the University of Boulder and another, Colonel Crocker at the Air Force Academy. They have all visited Idlecrest. Harriette expects to be in Omena soon after June first. Julie Underwood and Hal White will summer at Interlochen. Dale Underwood is enjoying his sabbatical writing and doing research. He and Harriette are enjoying their new home near the University of New Hampshire campus, 59 Edgewood Road, 03824.

Helen and Bob Reed expect to arrive at their cottage on Ingalls Bay about June 15 and plan to stay until late September. The Gregorys, of Atlanta, will be in the Pioneer, for part of July and August. Helen and her children, Laurie, Karen and Matt, will come up for a few weeks in advance and Bob will join them the last week in July and the first two weeks of August.

Dr. Robert C. Reed and his children, Bill, Mike and Susan, will spend the last week in July and the first week in August in Omena. Upon his return to Philadelphia, Dr. Reed will begin his third year as resident physician at Philadelphia General Hospital. Bob's trip to the Bahamas last summer was a great success. Although the trip along the Atlantic Coast from Chesapeake Bay to Florida was tedious at times, Bob reports that the islands themselves were wonderful and that the Te Hongi, his 42-foot schooner, proved a superb blue-water craft.

The "old" Bob Reeds and the young Dick Spears have completed their deal for the transfer of the Ingalls Bay lots adjoining the Humphrey Jacksons. Thus the community gains another fine young family.

Marge Lyon writes that their plans for the summer are not yet too definite. Ed graduates from Columbia in June and Dr. and Mrs. Lyon and she expect to go to New York for the occasion. Betsy is expecting her baby the end of May. The Ehrhardt's will all come to Michigan as soon as the baby is old enough to travel, probably some time in July. Jane Ragland and Margaret Dyer will be in Michigan as usual. Some of the family expects to arrive the middle of June and stay through most of August. Marge plans to take a short trip to New England and Canada with some friends in August.

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Abigail Mockbee writes that Kitty took a Caribbean Cruise on the Queen of Bermuda enjoying the trip very much. They are expecting Martha Feely soon. Enjoyed being with Emily Abbott, Priscilla and Peter. She expects to take her annual visit to Chattanooga this spring and they will arrive in Omena around the first of June, expecting to stay until after the first of October.

Don Patterson says the twin girls Ellen and Tina are very excited for during their spring vacation they have been invited by a school mate to jet to Palm Springs, Calif. where their friends family have a winter home. He tells about he and Ainee having fun skiing at Sugar Loaf, remarking that this is a glamorous addition to Northern Michigan. They also visited the Jack Stephensons in their newly winterized cottage. Perhaps others will plan to winterize their cottages also. Ainee and the twins plan to come to Omena late in June and stay for the entire summer and Don expects to be there whenever he can get the chance. Ainee reminds us that the sweat shirts etc. will be for sale again this year. Also, if you have any suggestions for other items in this line, please drop her a line.

Liz and Earnie celebrated his birthday and their wedding anniversary of November after visiting the Hagemanns in St. Louis and then visiting friends in Kansas City. Christmas was spent with Peg and Wayne Deal and their children (daughter and family) in Rockford, Ill.

Dan and Eloise Bradley expect to be in Omena for much longer time this year and are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Jo Ann Bishop writes that they expect to be in Omena around July 27 and will stay until Sept. 3. They also expect to make a short trip around weekend of May 14th and can hardly wait.

Elizabeth and Vernon Keye spent a glorious week at the New York Hilton at Rockefeller Center to break the winter schedule. They are planning to be in Omena all of August and off and on during July. They are also planning weekend visits in April and May.

Ellie Stephenson says they have done a good deal of commuting to Omena this past winter with the opening of the Sugar Loaf Ski Resort. It is a delightful spot and Cathy and Janet are fast becoming good skiers. They enjoyed seeing the Pattersons and the Doug. Grafts in February. They spent several days in San Juan in March and were sorry they missed seeing the Newlands and Mary Lou Bassler. In April she and Jack are taking the girls to Sarasota for their spring vacation where they hope to do some snorkeling. They are planning to be in Omena for at least one weekend in May and will start their summer stay as soon as school is out.

Jane Saxton says that she and Bob are coming July 12, Bob for two weeks and she for 4 or 5 weeks.

The Crammy Finns and Humphrey Jacksons were most amazed to find each other at Disneyland just after Christmas. Jan and Humphrey were standing in line for the sky-ride just as Marian and Crammy, their son Crammy, Jr. and wife and two grandchildren arrived from the other direction. The Jacksons were visiting old friends and enjoyed all the places of interest, Farmers Market, Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, The Rose Parade, and Hollywood and Vine to name a few. On the way out they were able to visit The Painted Desert, The Petrified Forest, and the Grand Canyon. Christmas in New Mexico was a different experience.

John and Alice Linn and children plan to drive to New York to see the Fair the last part of June. In July John and Alice will spend three weeks touring Europe.

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Mary Helen Ray writes that in January Rat Renz and Debby Smith spent a weekend with them as Debby was being interviewed at Northwestern. John is working hard to get his math and education courses completed and plans to teach high school in these areas. They plan to be in Omena from June 10 to 20th, the July 4th weekend, and then Aug. 14 to 31. She indicates that when the weather gets too hot around Chicago, she and Kevin may spend some time in July in Omena also.

Agnes Barker says that Sue and Richard Haines are moving to Florida around the first of April. Richard will be with a radio station at Bradenton. She and Penny are delighted that they will be closer. She says that she doubts if they will get to Michigan this year, but Agnes and Penny are planning to leave Ft. Lauderdale around July 1 for Omena. Bob and Mary Heidrick will be unable to come to Michigan this summer. Agnes has spent most of the winter months in her garden having 9 blooms on her Tropicana Rose bush at one time.

Mary Huff and Bill were in California and were able to attend the Rose Bowl game with the family. Blanche and Earl both enjoyed the game too and it was quite a thrill to hear the "Victors" played by the Michigan Band. She and Bill "did" San Francisco before returning. The Huff's summer plans are fairly firm. Blanche and Earl expect to be in residence in Omena for almost three months this year. Mary and the boys expect to be in Omena in July. Bob and Howdy will go to camp on Torch Lake for four weeks and be in Omena for a short time in August before heading back to Illinois. Bill's vacation will be cut short as we are taking the children to Texas to visit salt works en route, see Houston (and a ball game in the new stadium) and some of the Moores new haunts and then spend a few days in the sunshine on the Gulf Coast.

In December the Huffs enjoyed a grand visit with Caroline and Ed Oberndorf and while in Chicago, the Linns had a party for them also. Mary tells about John Linn's accident, remarking that it might have been far worse than it was. It seems he fell off a hayride rack in late February and the rear wheel of the wagon rolled over his right arm just a hair's breadth from his shoulder, chest and head. John is recovering nicely but still wrapped in Ace Bandages.

Mary Helen and John Ray are going to New Orleans (late March) for a brief vacation after John finishes his winter quarter final exams at Northwestern.

The Huffs and a number of others are planning to visit Omena over the Memorial

Weekend this year.

Lou and Ruth Bowen are home at Stoney Point, Suttons Bay after their winter's stay in Florida.

Jessie Carmichael has been dismissed from Munson Hospital and is making a satisfactory recovery at home.

Jack Farrell writes that his mother's plans for the summer and coming to Omena are 'still indefinite and at this time they do not know whether the cottage will be occupied this summer.

A painting "Wimpole Street", by Emily Nash Smith is among the 50 exhibits shown recently at the Ringling Museum of Arts and in the newly released catalog, "Exhibition of Paintings of the Charter Class" of the Fine Arts Institute of New College, Sarasota. The paintings are to form a traveling exhibition to other museums and galleries in the future and some 20 universities and museums have already spoken for the exhibit.



News of Former Members

May Newman Griffin, 1404 De la Ving St., Santa Barbara, Calif. Upham Hotel wrote at Christmas to say that she is grateful to write that Stella and I are recovering from the dreadful accident we had last January 4th. It is really a miracle all things considered.

Jan Wagner writes that Joe and brother Bob spent Christmas with she and Gretchen. Gretchen is a sophomore in a gorgeous new high school, more like a college campus. Between all her activities and now dating, it keeps Jan hopping. Hopes they can get to Michigan next summer.



Winter Was Gentle

O. T. Y. C. members living in warmer climes will be glad to know that the clubhouse property, and most summer homes near it came through the winter with little if any damage, according to a survey reported by Preston Smith of the building, dock and grounds committee.

It was a mild winter with less snow and thinner ice up until March, when a couple of old fashioned blizzards piled up yards and drives to a three-foot depth.

No damage to the clubhouse. Shrubs escaped the usual breakage. Water is rising slightly in the bay with prospects of some use of boat slips—"maybe",—says Preston.

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