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OMENA, MICHIGAN

MAY, 1968



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Commodore's Message

At this time of year the Commodore begins to think about all of the actions he should have taken to carry out the dreams of last summer and begins to feel quite inadequate. However, we are making some progress.

The service wires across the front of the parking lot are now being placed underground, and a protective cable erected in front of the high tension line at the rear of the lot. With the completion of the launching ramp early in the season we will have good facilities for dry sailing Lightnings and other types of boats, as we discussed last summer. Future steps will be: clearing for more parking space on the 92 feet frontage which we own to the South of the Parking lot; the reinforcement of the shaky pier; and the rearrangement of the slips, with the addition of some new ones. Al Cherne and Crammy Flinn have this program well in hand.

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To All Members;

Subject- Michigan Marine Safety Act of 1967, effective January 1, 1968.

This new law clarifies the boating regulations and imposes some new requirements with which we should all be familiar, particularly with respect to the operation of power boats by youngsters under 16 years.

While Lake Michigan and Traverse Bay are Federal Waters, the U.S. Coast Guard, the County Sheriffs organization, and the State Patrol of Michigan all have "Concurrent Jurisdiction". Therefore the State and Federal Law both must be observed on these waters.

The major factor of importance to our members will be the rules governing operation of power boats by our younger people. We are sending this information to give you as much notice as possible so that you may prepare your own group and arrange to

have proper notification to those who may Rent or Borrow your cottages.

The Rule is as follows-applying to all Power Operated Boats of 6 HP and over -

1. Those under 12 years of age can operate such a boat ONLY when accompanied by an adult 16 years of age or older.

2. Those between the ages of 12 and 16 can operate such a boat only

a. When accompanied by an adult 16 years or older, or

b. When in possession of a Boating Safety Certificate after passing a course (5 hr.) approved by the State. In Leelanau County this course is being given by Sheriff Richard C. Steffens of Leland. He plans a course early in the summer for visitors. Details on this will be forthcoming.

Also note that all boats with Motors must be numbered according to

a. The New Marine Safety Act of 1967 of Michigan

b. Federal Law

c. A Federally approved numbering system from another State.

In the interest of Water Safety I urge all members to become familiar with this new law, by writing to;

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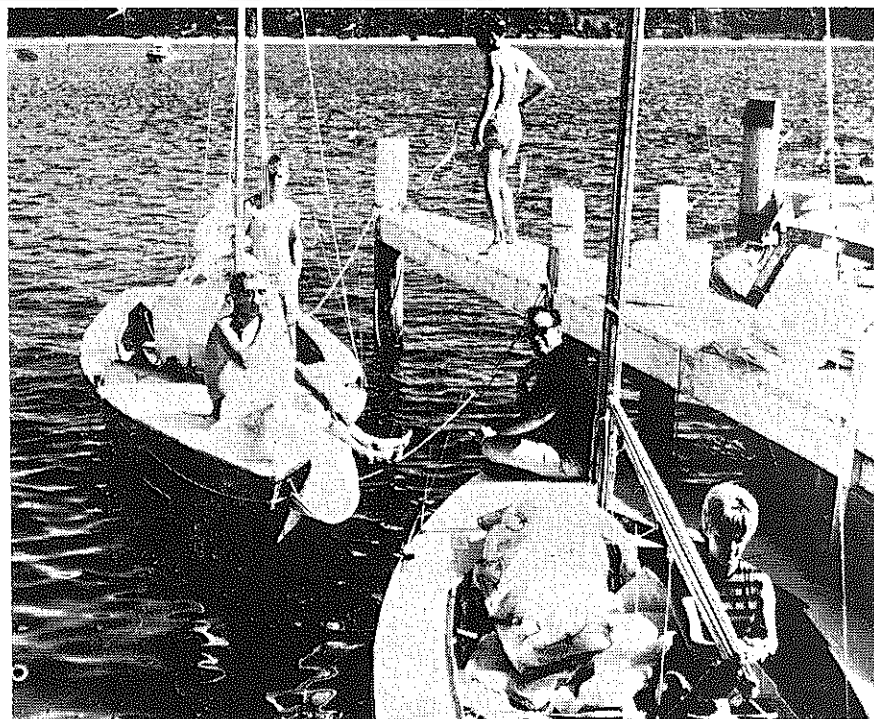
The course is largely based on these booklets.

Additional information will be posted on the Yacht Club Bulletin Board.

Sincerely,

Norman Johanning

Chairman-Committee on Water Safety



These George Smith Regatta winners hope to repeat this scene in August

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Commodore

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In accordance with the recommendation of the Youth Board last summer, we have not hired a Youth Director for this season. Instead we will operate with our own talent, carrying on a program as in the past years when we had no full time supervisor. The Chernes have graciously agreed to give lessons in tennis and sailing, and we are working with the Red Cross trying to set up swimming lessons at the Omena beach. This seems to be the best solution for this summer in view of the small number of youngsters expected for this year. At the start of last year's program some 26 enrolled for swimming and tennis, but after 4 weeks this had dropped to a handful. You may be interested to know that Doug Lake plans to attend summer school this year and would not have been available.

I would like to call attention to the new Michigan Marine Safety Act which went into effect January 1 of this year. It particularly affects the operation of motor boats of over 5 horsepower by youngsters under 16 years of age. It also contains many other regulations important to all boat operators. Norm Johanning as Chairman of our new Marine Safety Committee has been working with the Leelanau County Sheriffs Office to arrange instruction for the certi-

fications necessary for those between 12 and 16. This is a very important matter. The law is a good one and complete observance will help greatly in making boating safe in the Bay.

Eloise and I are looking forward to seeing you all at the Opening Dinner on July 4. Until then-smooth sailing in these troubled days.

Commodore Dan.



GEORGE SMITH TROPHY RACE

August 3 is the date set for the George Smith Memorial Regatta, to be held here in Omena again this year.

John McGuffin of GTYC, Traverse City, has won the Trophy for two consecutive years and is now looking forward to try for a three-time winning.

It is hoped that plans can be made to have this Regatta at Omena every year.



Dockage Rates

A notice from the Dock Committee lists the 1968 season rental rates at the Club Dock as follows:

1. The price will be the same as last year, namely \$2 per foot of over all length of the boat - for the season only.
2. Slips will be rented to Club Members only.
3. Any boat using electricity provided by the Club will pay an additional charge for this service.
4. A letter of application for the use of a dock slip describing the boat, will be appreciated so slips can be assigned.

By the time the Club opens we hope to have a ramp in to make possible "Dry Sailing" of Lightnings. And to have our interfering wires put underground to allow some boat parking for regattas etc.

Dock Committee

J. C. Finn, Chairman

Al Cherne

Norm Johanning

Ken Hageman



Calendar of Events

Listed below are the dates for some of the major club activities. A detailed program sheet of all O.T.Y.C. 1968 summer events will be available for members at the Club House.

July 4 Opening Dinner (catered)
July 10 First Potluck
August 3 George Smith Trophy Race
August 8 Annual Meeting
August 17 .. Commodore's Dinner (catered)
August 28 Last Potluck

We will continue to have Potlucks each Wednesday and Sail Races Sundays, weather permitting, with probably two picnics during the season, on Sundays after the races.

Fire Loss

Fire completely destroyed a large garage workshop on the Walter Gardner property on Omena Point Thursday, May 2.

The Omena Volunteer Fire Company responded quickly and fought the raging flames. They were assisted by two trucks from the Northport Fire Department who were called when the high southwest winds and tinder-dry condition of the leaves and trees endangered the entire area.

The firemen fought the blaze for three and one-half hours and only their efficient and effective handling of the conflagration prevented a much greater disaster.

It is believed that a faulty water heater may have been the cause of the fire in the building which housed the laundry, walk-in freezer, storage for tools and motors and a workshop as well as a garage.

The Gardners were in Detroit at the time.

FOR WANT OF A FINGER - -

The publishers of your Omena-Traverse BREEZE regret the later-than-usual appearance of the May issue of your newspaper.

Ben Taylor, Jr., one of the firm of Taylor Printing Company, and a most important "cog" in the mechanical and make-up department of putting out the paper, had the misfortune two weeks ago to catch a finger between the press rollers. The damaged finger has been a handicap in setting the type and getting the pages ready to print.

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This scene from Bangkok, Thailand is a reproduction of an oil painting by Humphrey Jackson. He describes it as follows: "This shows a typical Klong (canal) scene. It is by Wat Bangkapi - not far from the International School and our duplex. I'd never have found it alone - but accompanied the Sunday Painters Group who seem to know their way around town. The little bridge over the Klong is a common sight. The Klong taxis and boats go under on their way about."

Humphrey and Jane write: "We've decided to return here for another year but are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club next July and August."



How About That?

A recent article in the "Bangkok World" telling about a medical missionary, Dan Beach Bradley, caught the attention of Humphrey Jackson. He wrote to Dan Bradley, our Commodore, to inquire whether this might be a relative.

Upon receiving a reply, Humphrey forwarded this interesting information to your editor.

Commodore Dan's letter follows:

"Yes, Dan Beach Bradley was my grandfather; he was a medical missionary in Siam from 1835 to 1873 at the time of his death. A considerable part of his work was with the Printing Office of the then American Missionary Association. He left the former because of too liberal a theology. In 1863 the Print Shop was behind the Upper Fort, near the palace of H. R. H. Prince Krom Hivang Wongsu - Derat at the mouth of the large canal Klawng Bang Loang.

My father (Dan Freeman Bradley) was born in Bangkok. His mother was one of the early women graduates of Oberlin College 1843 and my grandfather's second wife.

Apparently Dan Beach was quite an energetic and obstinate fellow who did leave quite an impression on the country, according to some Thai (Siamese) I have met. He introduced vaccination for smallpox in 1833 and treated 200 to 300 patients a day for most of his life.

He left a diary of some 40 volumes, which is now in photo copy (microfilm) at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. and was used for the underground in World War 2."

How about that!

Gen. Custer -- Omena Summer Resident?

Many of us here in Omena have hanging in our homes a copy of the map of the Grand Traverse Area that was put out back in 1934 by Mr. Earl Young.

Among the many notations on this map is one saying: "Property owned and visited by General Custer - 1863". The land in question appears to be about at Chatham Brown's place or across the road on Frank Kalchik's property (that old dusty gravel-pit of the year before last.)

Late last summer there was a Civil War nut (excuse me, "Buff") in Traverse City making inquiries about this statement. So far as I have been able to learn, he could not find proof that Custer owned land in Leelanau County, and considering that the Battle of Gettysburg was in 1863, I can't see how Custer could have even visited up here during that year.

I asked about and, between Jim Smiley and Dan Bradley, came up with the names

of two Civil War Generals who really did summer at Omena. One of these was General Byron M. Cutcheon who lived in what is now the Farrell cottage, and General Benjamin H. Grierson who lived in the present Rule cottage. This last gentleman was a Cavalry General and made a rather famous raid through Mississippi just prior to General Grant's campaign against Vicksburg.

What do you know about this supposed visit and ownership of land at Omena? Do you know what land it was? Have you heard tell of when Custer actually visited Omena? Could Custer and Grierson have become mixed up because they were both well known Cavalry Commanders?

Your editor would appreciate hearing from anyone who might be able to add anything to this tale. Were there any other Civil War soldiers who summured here at Omena?

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News About Members

Peg and Bob Morse spent February and March at The Gulf and Bay Club, Siesta Key, Sarasota, Florida. On their way down they visited Martha Feely at her home in Jackson, Georgia. While at the Club Peg happily pursued her painting in connection with The Chase School of Art. Bob was equally happy bowling-on-the-green every morning. Marjorie and Andy Renz, enroute home after a Florida vacation, dropped in for a visit with the Morses. Peg and Bob plan to take their granddaughters, Stuart and Suzy Saxton, to New York and Washington before going to Omena in late June.

Ken and Irma Hagemann spent most all of the Winter in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. According to their near-door neighbors, the Clarks, they will be returning to Omena on or about the 27th of May. We should be through with the late Spring Snow-storms by then. The Clarks, Ernie and Liz, only went as far as Rockford, Illinois, this winter, and only for a couple of short visits to see their children and grand-children. The rest of the year was happily spent enjoying a very nice Michigan Winter.

The Johannings Norm and Jane, enjoyed their winter in Omena this year, "with a good time in the changing scenes of Fall Beauty; Snow; Ice; Animal tracks in the snow; Fox crossing the frozen Bay; Snow-shoe hikes; visits to Ski Areas; the joy of watching Christmas tree on Dock - House "up" a long time. We visited families in Detroit, Indiana and the Chernes and had a 'cool' crossing by Ferry back to Winter-Wonderland where we have finished painting the interior of our house."

The Paul Smiths of Northport recently returned from three months (how about that!) in Hawaii. To enjoy some of the possibly disappearing transportations, they made the trip by rail, plane, steamship and auto. The Hawaiian climate has two more enthusiastic boosters. Paul tells us it was interesting to read in the local papers of how worried the citizenry is over the very growing volume of tourists. One suggestion was to try and curtail it in some manner, but another thought was to tax tourist rooms this year to finance the expansion needed to take care of next year's tourists.

We don't know if "ships passed in the night" or not, but Cramie and Marion Finn were also out to see the sights in Hawaii this winter. They didn't stay as long, but they certainly talk as though they enjoyed themselves just as much.

News from Gradyville, Penn. announces the arrival of Robert Clark Reed, Jr. on March 4, 1968. The parents, Bob and Sally, are doing well.

The Gorhams, Fred and Ruth, have had some changes made on and around their house, trees out and remodeling in, and are looking forward to another summer here at Omena. They did manage to squeeze in a one-day visit up here in February and found that winter in Omena is as delightful as summer . . . different, but delightful. Their oldest son, Capt. Fred Gorham, is over in Bangkok, Thailand (to replace the Jack-sons?) for a two year tour. He was able to take his family with him. Their younger son, Richard, who was up here early last year with his family, is expected back this summer in late July.

One of our more enthusiastic sailors, Jonathan Cain, will be sailing quite a bit this summer, but not at Omena. He has a job for the summer as a paid crew member sailing on the 50 ft. ketch "CYGNUS", on charter out of Charlevoix. We wish him good luck and hope that his boat is a winner.

Dorothy and Syd Griffith have a new house and a new boat . . . the boat is going to be used at Omena, the house is in the Detroit area. Their Bob is getting along right well at college and has been asked to be a Resident Advisor for next year. They were lucky enough to be able to come up for an early Spring visit this year and arrived with many of the wild flowers in bloom—particularly the Hepatica. Very beautiful.

Clemewell Lay and Anne Wellington are journeying from California to Omena via Boston, Mass. (Now that's the way I like to see people do things. The AAA wouldn't recommend it, but it sure sounds like a nice trip.)

Desert Hot Springs, California, was the locale for at least part of the vacation that Leona and Bill Milroy had this winter. The post card that they sent has mention of "large swimming pool" and "games", but Bill reports that there were "NO bikinis". However, no place is ever perfect, is it?

Ruth and Lou Bowen have returned to their Bay-side home on Stoney Point after spending the winter months in Naples, Florida. Their neighbors for a brief time were Marjorie and Andy Renz who were vacationing in Florida.


Emily Nash Smith again demonstrated her "winning ways" when she took first place with a painting she had entered in the De Soto Arts Festival competition. The March 27, issue of the Sarasota Herald - Tribune published a picture of Emily and her prize-winning painting.

Abbie Mockbee and Kitty Smith will not be coming up here this year, but they have managed to visit with many of the other members during the winter. Mary and Fred Weiss, the Hagemann's and Martha Feely have been or will be by to see them.

Holly and Craig Smith are out looking for a house in Cincinnati where Holly and the kids will live while Craig is off in Vietnam. They all will be up here for part of the summer as Craig doesnot "ship over" until sometime in September. Craig is now a Lt. Col. in the Marine Corps and a Battalion Commander. (You know, he may make a career of The Corps, after all.)

Jack and Marilee (Milroy) Stretch were in Chicago this last March to attend the American Orthopsychiatric Association Meeting. Jack was associated with a paper delivered at this meeting entitled "Community Management of the Psychotic Child" and also responsible for getting a Grant to support a three year project in line with the ideas of the paper. As many of us know, the need of mental health services for both children and adults is one of the growing problems faced by communities throughout the nation. (Your Editor happens to be connected with the Child Guidance Clinic in Traverse City.)

This year Marilee did publicity for the opera "Carmen" given by Xavier University, as part of her work for her professional journalism fraternity. Next year it will be Vice-President Stretch and she will be doing work? Later this spring, they will be going out to San Francisco for another meeting and are hoping to see Marilee's brother, Emery, and his family. Due date for Northport is around August.



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Treasurer's Comment

Those of you who gave attention to the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report in the December BREEZE will recall that the Club had in its Operating Account a cash balance of \$4,180. With the \$947 in the Improvement Fund, the Club now has a cash balance of \$5,127.

A very important point to make is that our members should not feel smug over this balance. It should be considered as a reserve against probable heavy expenditures in the near future. For instance, our dock is barely hanging together. The cost of heavy repairs or reconstruction could put a big dent in our reserve funds. But, this reserve might eliminate the need for a crash fund solicitation such as we have had to do in the past.

Our costs of operation are increasing. Our Real Estate taxes have more than doubled last year; our Insurance cost goes up each year.

The improvement in our financial situation can only be credited to the unselfish and enthusiastic efforts of so many Club members, who gave their time and ability to the many Club activities. These are primarily for the social enjoyment of our members, but many of them add to the Club's income, and our committee members keep this in mind.

A source of gratification is the record number of new members this year. This indicates the stature OTYC has achieved in our community. Their initiation fees and dues added to our income.

I am sure we are all happy to belong to a successful and sound Yacht Club. Let's keep the ball rolling. Maybe we can soon add some desirable facilities—another tennis court, for instance.

Robert L. Morse, Treasurer

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More About Members

Pat Kulick is hoping that she can have a short visit with her mother, Hazel Taylor, and that her two younger sons, Billy and David, can make a vacation of it this summer in Omena. Chris has graduated from basic at Fort Ord and is going to Texas for Medic Training.

No matter what I said earlier, Emily and Thearl Smith spent a month this spring in Spain and Portugal. Omena is still, however, the high point of their future.

Jonnie (Rule) Hodgson and Sarah are planning to spend the summer at her Mother's house as Chief and assistant cook etc., for Margo. Jeaffrey will be up later as he plans to attend the art institute at Cranbrook during the first part of the summer.

Now Margo reports that besides Jonnie she will be having Alis and her two boys with her too. And, maybe, three or so of the Tom and Martha Smith children. (It's a big house!)

If this doesn't get into the Breeze, it's because Mel and Gwen Pike waited to write until their new granddaughter, Sara Michelle Allswede, arrived on April 23rd. Now they can get rested up for their "circle" trip of the U.S. in June. Gwen's mother, Mrs. Vida Bennett, is all established in her new apt. in a Senior Citizen complex, but will be up here for most of the summer at her cottage.

It is hoped that by the time this paper gets to you Marje Renz will be out of the hospital and back again on the road to recovery. Some more trouble with her eyes, the last, she and Andy hope.

FINNS' HAWAIIAN INTERLUDE

Dear Breeze -

The Finn's enjoyed a pleasant winter. We started out with a lovely Christmas celebration in Maumee with our Cynthia and her family.

We then flew out to Los Angeles just in time to enjoy a Happy New Year's celebration at Crammy Junior's with his family in Palos Verdes Estates. We spent about 3 lovely interesting weeks there and then took a nine day tour of Hawaii.

We flew to Hilo on the big island of Hawaii, then flew over to Maui, and then flew over to Kauai before going to Oahu where we spent four days on Waikiki Beach at the Moana.

Hawaii is a fabulous place for weather, people, and scenery and we recommend you try it out. Since the middle of February when we got back we have wished we had stayed longer.

Be seeing you all shortly.

Marion and Crammy

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In Memoriam

MRS. SIDNEY MORSE

Dean Odom Morse, wife of Dr. Sidney G. Morse who is head of the Department of Social Sciences at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, died on March 8. She was born in Bastrop, Louisiana, the daughter of Inez and Fred M. Odom, a Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, and was graduated from Centenary College and Columbia University.

After their marriage in New Orleans in 1934. Dean and Sid spent many summers at the Morse cottage on Ingalls Bay. They were active sailors in the Lightning Fleet, and Sid was one of the original incorporators of OTYC. When they acquired their own auxiliary sailboat on Lake Champlain their visits to Omena were less frequent.

Dean was very active in the Northfield High School Library which has been named after her as a memorial. The Morses have three children - Bob, John and Deborah.

The Vails, one or both, have spent time this winter in Los Angeles (business there) and in Jamaica (not business, I hope) and have had their son and daughter-in-law, David and Mary Lou Gleason, up from Ecuador for the Holidays. Those lucky people have saved the best for last - Omena in August! The Linn's son, Jeffrey, will be in Minnesota at camp the first part of the summer, so the family won't be up here until late in July.

Mary Helen and John Ray did manage to get away from school teaching long enough to have a wonderful vacation in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. With all of this traveling about, how are we ever going to know where they got their "fans"?

Alice and John Linn had such a nice time when Caroline and Ed Oberndorf stopped recently to visit them that they all decided to get together again in May . . . only this time they were going to meet in Lisbon, Portugal (well, that's what Alice's letter said, honest) . . . or almost in those words.) The Linns will be in Europe for three weeks. I don't know how long the Oberndorfs will be over there, but Mary Louise Vail and Dutch hope to be with them for two weeks in the British Isles.

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Heidi (Keye) and Bill Biederman are the proud parents of a son, William Keye Biederman, who was born on March 18, this year. The Biedermans are at home at 394 Bryant Ave., Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Rick Keye is now a Senior at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The Keye family, as plans stand now, will be up at Omena for most of July and August.

The Moore Family of Houston spent the Christmas Holidays in California visiting their children and the Spring Vacation time in Mexico just plain visiting. They enjoyed both trips. Their grand sons, Vin's boys, will be going through Omena on the way to their Camp at Torch Lake. Earl and Blanche hope to be up here some time late in June.

It would seem that the Milroys had something better to think about rather than "bikini" suits, as their later letter says that "on Tuesday, April 8, about 6 P.M. I (this is Bill writing) was in my room watching the news on TV, when suddenly the TV was pitched to the floor and the room seemed to be lifted toward the ceiling. Leona was out near the swimming pool and saw the water being thrown up from the pool. Other people were shouting that this was an earthquake. She walked into our apartment and, she says now, that I also looked like an earthquake". He didn't say whether Leona got wet or whether the TV set got broken, so we will have to wait for them to arrive up here to find out.

Ellie Stephenson reports that she and Jack and the girls will be moving this Spring to Columbus, Ohio. They hope to be settled by the middle of June so that they can come on up here for the summer. Ellie and Jack were out to Arizona for a bit this Spring, but Ellie and the girls also were able to get in a trip to Florida during Spring Vacation time.

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John C. Hallett, Sr.

On January 2, 1968, the Omena community lost another one of its members when, after a very long and tiring illness, John Chester Hallett, Sr. died at Leelanau Memorial Hospital in Northport.

Mr. Hallett was a native of Nova Scotia and came to this country in the 1920's. He is survived by his wife, Anna, who has assisted us for many years at the Club with our Pot-Lucks and other dinner gatherings. There are also eight sons and three daughters left in the family besides many grandchildren.

Mr. Hallett's son, "young" Chet, is taking over his father's position as resident Manager of the Villa Marquette properties.

Chatham Brown

All of us here at Omena were saddened by the very unexpected death of Chatham Brown, who died on March 18th at his home. Chatham was buried in the Omena Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Anna, our assistant Post Mistress, two sons and four daughters and several other close relatives including his sister, Mrs. Rose Southwell Kaapke. His oldest son, Glenn, has returned home from Mt. Pleasant to run his orchards. Along with those that we have lost recently from our Club's own group, we shall miss having Chatham with us.

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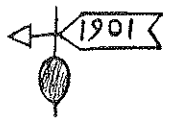
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