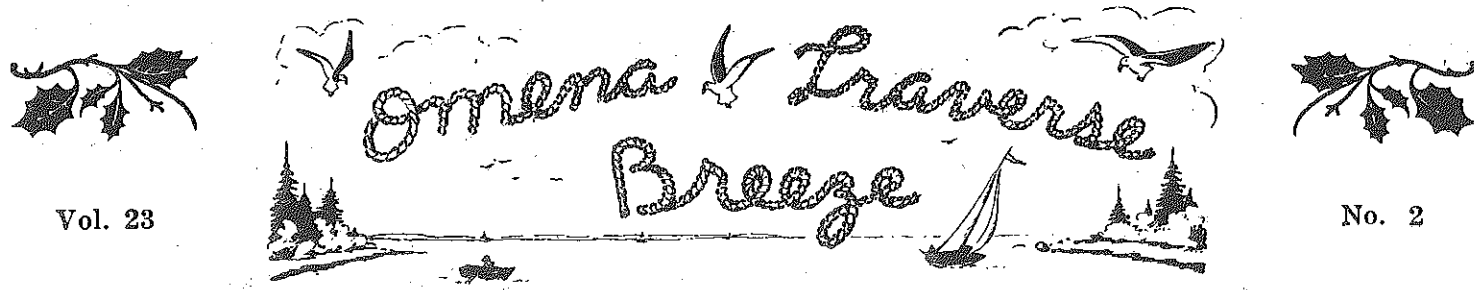


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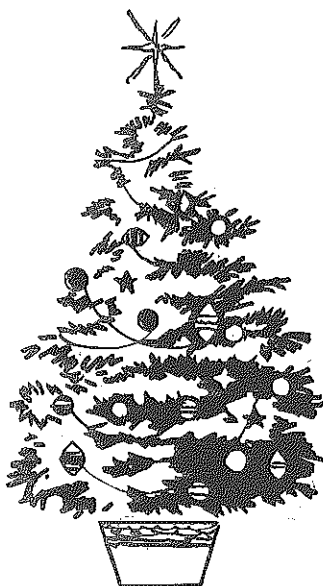
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Commodore's Message

Inasmuch as this is not the first article that I have written for the Breeze, I do find that there is quite some difference in writing the, can I say, Lead Article, rather than transcribing and, I'll admit, amplifying, the news of the Club's members. While there is a restriction, by memory on one side and space on the other, I am hoping that with the other news and reports elsewhere in this issue and with, I'm pleased to observe, the apparent growth of our members visits to Omena other than just during the Summer Season, perhaps the omissions in my message of the Club's doings and plans will be rectified to a great extent.

As most all of our previous Commodores have mentioned, here and at our various meetings, the main and continuing purpose of our club is to provide both a place and an atmosphere that will encourage and promote all of the membership in "doing things together". I think that this past season has been both a good example of our club's "doings" as well as a step forward in some fields in well planned events. I am looking forward to, along with all of you, I'm sure, to an equally good season next year.

One event, or maybe you'll call it two, that has had particular meaning to me is in the field that all of us are interested in, (since this is a Yacht Club,) and that is our sailing program. I say that it might be two things as I couple our own racing schedule and our official support of the George S. Smith Memorial Regatta together. For us, as a yacht



club, the encouragement of active participation in club related affairs by our large and growing youth group is both a present day reason, perhaps necessity, for us to occupy and entertain this group for now as well as for us to build a base for a continuing and enthusiastic future membership. I think that this year's racing program was a solid step in this direction. Under the leadership of Al Cherne we had two different classes of boats racing and made very good use of both Ingalls and Omena Bays. The fact that on some occasions there were as many as 12 boats sailing together certainly shows a good and interested turnout of the club's members both young and older. The one race that I was able to attend occupied the efforts as sailors or the interest as spectators of over 100

Van Horn Repeats in Windswept Smith Regatta

The 10th Annual George S. Smith Memorial Regatta was held this year on the week-end of August 15th-16th. Well, really, it was run on Sunday, the 16th. The wind on Saturday was such that the Race Committee thought it better to call off the races and hope for calmer weather on Sunday. It didn't turn out quite the way it was planned, but the weather is, after all, one of these little items over which we do not have too much control.

On Sunday, we had seven boats on hand to race - 3 from OTYC and 4 from GTYC. The wind was still up, rather high and the waves were running, but it was decided to try for three races - back-t-back. Six boats started the race and, as we know, five of them finished. I say "the race" as there was only the one that we were able to hold. While officially this put us out of calling it a regular regatta, still, I think, we all got our usual and full quota of the enjoyment of getting together, racing, talking and eating.

Once the race was well started, the Babel and Van Horn boats took the lead followed by the McGuffin and Lindsay boats and the Cherne and Lyon/Ehrhardt boats. The race was a clock-wise four-legged one, starting down at the Point and going across the bay to just off Foltz's, then to the Club, the Point and back to finish in front of the Club. It was on this last leg that we lost one of the boats . . . John McGuffin's . . . when it was caught in a hard gust and broke its mast. Fortunately nobody was

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people. Certainly a program that can attract a willing crowd equal to over half of the Club's membership is something that we can look upon with pride. Turn-outs like this can not but help our youth group, as well as the older members, I must say, to look to and enjoy being part of O.T.Y.C. The added attraction of our official participation with the Grand Traverse Yacht Club in the George S. Smith Memorial Regatta in exposing us to an equally friendly and enthusiastic group, who only are presently more proficient as sailors, is extra "cream on top".

The entertainment of our membership on land, rather than the sailing,

was well taken care of by our Social Committee this year. Our Pot-Lucks and Sunday events were well attended and received by the Club and the variety of acts and events revealed at the Commodore's Reception certainly shows us what talents and abilities we have in our group - particularly in planning. More of this we hope to provide next season.

Another solid start that is of equal importance to the Club, as is our sailing program, is that of the Docks and Club Improvement Movement that is underway with our Dock Feasibility Study. I shall let Norm Johanning's report of the progress to date on this Feasibility Study speak for itself. Much as it was hoped by the Committee, as well as the Board of Directors, that a more final report could be available at this time, nevertheless, I regard the progress to date as being substantial. For several, if not many, years, there have been various levels of official and private discussion on the subject of club improvements and especially that of our docks. However, it was only during the past two years under Commodore Root's guidance that we have gotten to the needed and basic point of acquiring professional opinions on the possibilities and probabilities of expansion and financing of a suitable program. With the many thoughts and desires for improvement that are in the minds of all of our members, I think that the setting down of ground rules from this Feasibility Study is the only sure way of finding out what can be done with the space and money that the Club can make available.

And now, as one of my souvenir cups puts it, "HAPPY WISHES" to all of you for the Holiday Season and the 1971 OTYC Season.

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Sailors: Sign In Now For 1971

Plans for sail racing — 1971.

A request for addresses and arrival and departure dates is being made so that we can come up with an equitable sailing calendar for the season 1971. Would all sailboat owners and prospective owner please send the following information to Al Cherne, N80 W15239 Hilltop Drive, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051.

Type of boat
Arrival date in Omena
Departure date from Omena

In the Sunfish Class we are considering having a split season — a July series and an August series.

I am in the process of writing an easily read and diagrammed booklet for sail racing and would like to send it to all sailboat owners and prospective owners before next summer. This way we will have a head start on the 1971 season. If it is the wish of all sailboat owners to have rules interpretation meetings in the club house, I would appreciate hearing about it. We can set the meetings up very easily.

Thank you,
Al Cherne



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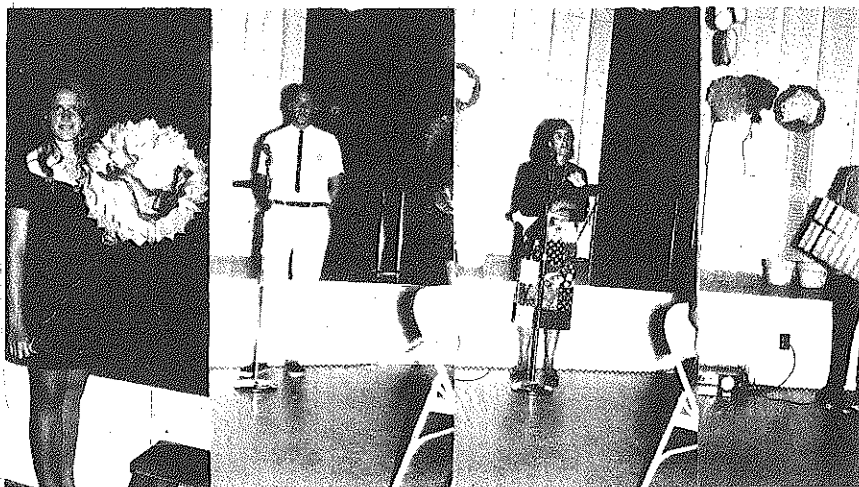
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A Gala Evening



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"The above photograph shows Robert L. Morse receiving a plaque by which he was awarded an honorary life membership in the Omena Traverse Yacht Club for long and distinguished service to the Club. The award is being presented to Mr. Morse on behalf of the Club by the Treasurer, Mr. John H. Ray, at the Commodore's Reception on August 22, 1970.

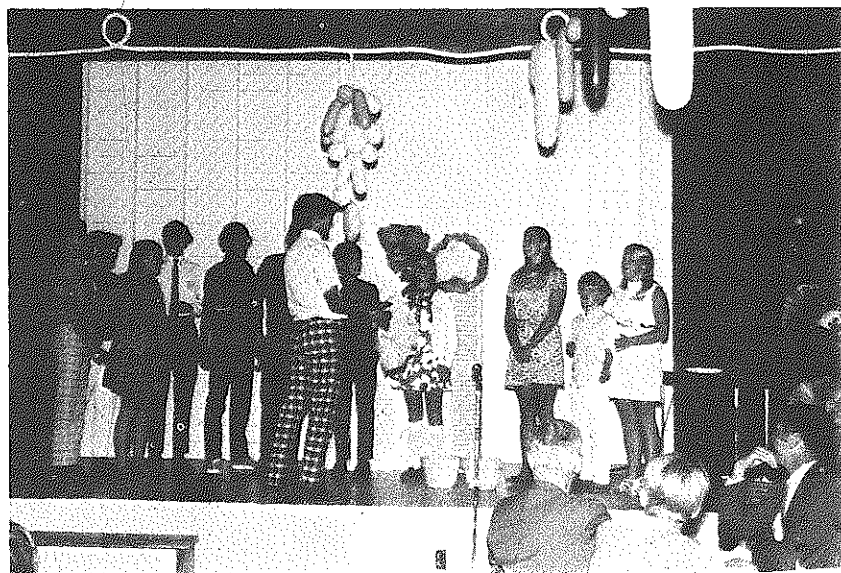
Bob Morse served officially as Commodore and as Treasurer of the Club, holding the latter office for a period of 9 years. Over the past two decades, however, he has been involved extensively in every phase of the Club's activity, unselfishly contributing his time, talent and energy to the betterment and enrichment of our Club. Indeed, the Club may well owe its very survival to his involvement in it.

It is difficult to overstate the contribution which this man has made to the Omena Traverse Yacht Club, and we are pleased to present him with this plaque as representative of an honor which he so richly deserves."

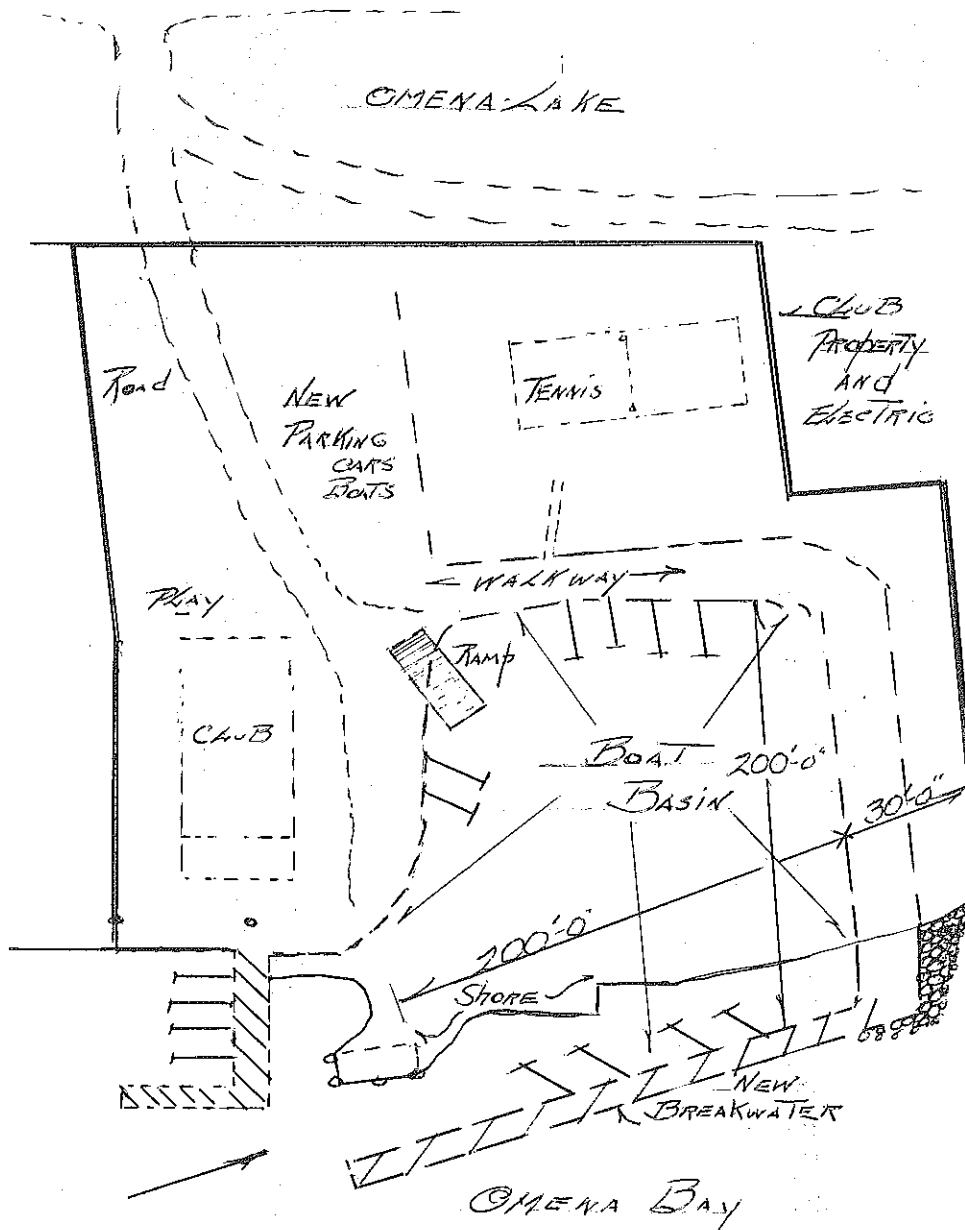


The accompanying pictures tell the story of the gala evening enjoyed by all who attended the Commodore's reception.

There was delightful entertainment; the awarding of trophies and an honorary plaque, and an appreciation gift to departing Commodore Harold Root and wife Mary Louise.



Proposed OTYC Boat Harbor



Proposed docking of boats O.T.Y.C.

A meeting, October 4, 1970 was held with Officers and Directors of O.T.Y.C. and Sam Walker of Professional Associates, designers of a new dock facility as agreed by the membership to draw a feasibility plan, Preston Smith, Al Cherne, Ernest Clark, William Fleming and Norman Johanning attending.

Copies of the planned area were presented and all agreed they had good design and flexibility. Many questions were answered by Mr. Walker.

Definitely, feasibility, usage of our present property lends itself to a breakwater and dockage area for the first segment of 30 boats with ultimate 38 boat basin. Principally, the breakwater and docking area would be made of existing rock, boulders, and ballast material dredged or bulldozed from the old crib and the parking lot, with new parking lot created elsewhere.

Some pilings would be placed in the basin for 20 boats as "tie up" moorings with refinements of more pilings and catwalks to boats coming later. The existing launching ramp would be used in the new concept. The engineer has designed the breakwater to leave an entrance into the basin next to the old tired dock.

The Commodore appointed William Fleming and Ernest Clark, feasible financing; Ernest Clark to obtain a current abstract of titles; Consumers Power Company change of power lines, N. Johanning.

So far, three "Test holes were dug by a local contractor to determine aggregate to be excavated. Plans were distributed to contractor's with specifications, and at this Breeze Issue we have not received bids.

If any conclusions are reached by your officers and board of directors, we will send to you individually any new information. (Our Friend and Director Fred Gorham agreed to facsimile anything worth duplicating.)

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News About Members

Jane and Humphrey Jackson write that they are in the process of building their new retirement home in Deltona, Florida, instead of trying to winterize their Omena cottage for year-around living, as they had previously planned.

They are at present comfortably housed in a duplex apartment on Lake Beresford just three miles west of Deland. Their new home is tentatively scheduled for completion in April.

It's good to have them "State-side" again after their years in Thailand, and they'll be part-time Omena residents at their cottage each summer season.

Mildred and Paul Smith will be staying up in the Northport area until after the Holidays, but, then, they will be taking off for Hawaii. After, like, three months, they will return on April 1st . . . are you both sure that that will be after (?) the snows of winter have left? We'll hope so.

The Milroys, Leona and Bill, have already started their annual move towards the West. Not Hawaii, but California . . . warm enough. How come I didn't get my usual postcard from you that shows ol' Sunny California? Well, as long as it was Christmas shopping in Chicago, o.k.

Three small (?) changes for Ruth and Bill Fleming. (One of these nobody will believe!) Michael and Shelia Fleming are now living in Okemas, Michigan; The front porch on the Fleming house has now been finished (It looks beautiful!); Miss Julie Fleming is now Mrs. Leonard Starrel of St. Clair Shores. This last event took place on August 7th of this year. Congratulations to all.

Short note from Kitty Smith in Florida. Having a good time and anxious to hear about the members and the Club through The Breeze. Thank you, Mam!

The Gardner's house seems to have been occupied a little bit more this year . . . not as much as Stephenson's and Buell's, but then hardly anyone could beat them at Omena Visits. Bea and Walter have the best little dining room in the area for friends and guests, I'm just sorry, Walter, that I wasn't able to provide a deer or two to go on the table.

Peg and Bob Morse plan to spend the Christmas holidays in Mexico with the Saxton family - daughter Jane, Doctor Bob and the grandchildren Clark, Stuart and Suzy. As they have for the past five years, they will be spending February and March at the Gulf & Bay Club in Siesta Key, Sarasota, Florida.

From Bradenton, Florida, we hear from Emily and Thearl Smith that things now are going along fine, but that Emily just finished having quite a bit of necessary surgery. She is slowly, but we hope steadily, mending. Best wishes!

For the first time in "many years" the Moores stayed on in Omena, almost 'til the end of October, to view and enjoy the Fall Color. Good for them! Their son Vincent spent a week with them, also enjoying the color. Earl and Blanche are now off to San Diego, California, until next Spring.

Liz and Ernie Clark are playing it smart and have truthfully told your Editor that they will let him know what they did after they have made their winter trip. This should be good for at least one good fat paragraph in the spring issue. Well, they did admit that they were going to be in Rockford, Illinois, for Thanksgiving with their daughter Peggy and her family.

Lestra Saxton is getting along all right in Richmond. No, Lestra, you don't owe us anything more, yet. By the time I got to your card, instead of saying "news is due", I found myself saying "dues - new". Sorry about that!

Hospitalization was in the cards for the Wheeler's, but after five weeks out of the running, Flo' and Ho' report themselves back in circulation and happy to be home again, and wish to take this opportunity in thanking each one of their good friends who were so kind to them during their hospital stay.

The Fred Grolls came back in October to enjoy the Autumn color and a ten day vacation at their new home on Omena Point. They will perhaps return during the Christmas Season for a brief taste of Omena winter - wonderland.

Grace and Bill Mack have just returned from a 4 weeks trip to Vienna, Budapest, Israel and Switzerland. Since the danger signals were down during the cease-fire period, they picked a good time for Israel where "life seems to go on with less apparent danger than walk-

ing Cincinnati's downtown streets at night". They went from swimming in the Dead Sea (where you can only float) to freezing at the top of Mt. Rigi in Switzerland. I knew that Switzerland had a Navy, but I didn't know that they had a railroad too. But Bill tells me that their's is even better than old "Maude" on the M. & N.E. that used to come up from Traverse City. Or was that the comparison that you wanted to make, Bill? Oh, . . . better than the Riley out of Cincinnati, O.K. Still no snow . . . yet . . . so maybe you could come up here later this winter.

The Finns, Marion and Crammy, have stuck around to enjoy the wonderful Fall weather in Leelanau County, but they are expecting to spend Thanksgiving in Maumee with their daughter Cynthia and her family and the Christmas holidays with their son Crammy, Jr. and his family in Palos Verdes, Calif. January and February are going to be devoted to reading about the snow and ice of the Michigan Winter in the Honolulu papers. All right for you!! Your return and the last big snow of the year both are going to come on the first of April!

Ruth and Fred Gorham had "programmed" a late visit back to Omena, but . . . in the mean time, they took a trip down to San Angelo, Texas for a visit with their son, Fred, and his family. The younger Fred got back recently from some two and a half years in Bangkok, Thailand, with the Army. (Humphrey Jackson, you never told me that Fred's boy was over there with you!). Ruth's sister lives in Marshall, Texas, so a short jaunt was made over there too. Michael is off on his college career at St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota. I wonder how the Winters up there compare with Leelanau Co?

The Stretch's; Jack and Shilroy (Marilee), made a trip to Northport to see her folks, Leona and Bill Milroy, going via Toronto, Canada and Detroit. A "gerontological society meeting" for Jack in Toronto and relatives in Detroit. Somewhere along in here, Jack was off to New Orleans and Ft. Smith, Arkansas. "Back at the Ranch" Marilee was putting together a lecture series, getting things in hand for Christmas, sending all of the other kids off to schools, classes of all sorts and . . . to make it all really worth while . . . preparing for the arrival of a new BABY around the 1st of December. We are expecting that by the time you read this that congratulations will be in order for Baby and mother . . . good health and long lives.

In Memoriam

Kenneth Hagemann

Private memorial services were held in Kansas City, Missouri, for Kenneth Hagemann, whose sudden death occurred August 9th in Banff, Canada, while he and Mrs. Hagemann were on a vacation trip.

He had been associated with G. H. Walker (stocks and bonds) of St. Louis, Mo., until his retirement to make Omena his year-around residence.

OTYC will greatly miss him as a valued member and a genial friend who enthusiastically co-operated in efforts to keep the Club moving forward progressively.

He is survived by his wife Irma; two daughters, Mrs. Irma Thexton of Bethesda, Maryland; Mrs. John (Nancy) Smith of Des Moines, Iowa, and eight grandchildren.

Mark L. Sloniker

Mark L. Sloniker of Cincinnati, and long-time summer resident of Omena, died in Cincinnati last June.

He loved Omena and was a long-time member of O.T.Y.C. and was interested in all of the Club's activities and projects. He had retired last year from the lumber business in Cincinnati.

His wife Judith and a daughter, Miss Janet Sloniker of Texas, survive him.

Robert Smiley

News of the death of Robert Smiley of Lakewood, Ohio on June 7, was received with deep regret by members of O.T.Y.C. Mr. Smiley had been a member of the Club for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanore and his sister, Mrs. Dan Bradley and brother James F. Smiley.

Dr. Dan F. Bradley

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer, November 14, 1970.

Dr. Dan F. Bradley, 41, son of Dan T. Bradley, retired vice-president of Harris division of Clevite Corp., died Oct. 31 of a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He has been professor of polymer chemistry at Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y., since 1968. His home was at 32 Livingston Street, Brooklyn.

Services were Nov. 2 in the Brooklyn First Unitarian Church.

Dr. Bradley, a former resident of Shaker Heights, was graduated from Shaker Heights, junior and senior high schools, from Oberlin College magna cum laude in 1951 and received his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1953.

From 1953 to 1968, Dr. Bradley was chief of the physical section at the National Institute of Mental Health, Washington, D.C.

He was a leading specialist in biopolymer research and worked with the development and application of polymers in various areas, including pollution control and artificial organs for the body.

His grandfather, the Rev. Dan F. Bradley was pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 W. 14th Street, for 30 years and later president of Grinnell (Iowa) College.

Dr. Bradley is survived also by his mother, his wife Raya, and three children, Dan, Jeremy and Debra.

Sincere sympathies to Dan and Eloise Bradley and Dr. Bradley's wife and children in this sorrowful loss.

Let's Play Fair!

November 11, 1970

"I believe that some comments are in order concerning the use of the telephone at OTYC.

During the summer there is, of course, increased use of our phone. Most of these calls are within the immediate vicinity-Omena, Suttons Bay, Northport, Traverse City, etc. Although many of these are long-distance calls, the charges generally are quite modest and, unless done to excess, easily supportable by the Club.

Occasionally, however, I notice calls to more remote locations which I strongly suspect are personal in nature and which, as indicated by the charges, are sometimes quite lengthy. In some instances, the originator of the call has very kindly notified me and offered to reimburse the Club, for which I am most appreciative. It is my hope that all of you will follow this practice.

Actually, I probably would not have brought up this matter were it not for a call that someone made to Plymouth, Michigan last Aug. 17 which rather activated my adrenalin. The charge for this one call was \$23.40 and, upon checking with Michigan Bell, I discovered that the conversation lasted an unbelievable 117 minutes!! With a bit of checking, I was able to determine to whom the call was made, but the originator remains a mystery. Fortunately, I was able to have the charge dropped from our bill after several long distance phone calls to Michigan Bell.

I think we all would agree that the telephone at the Club is a nice convenience to have in facilitating communication within the immediate area. In fact, some form of phone contact there is absolutely essential from an emergency standpoint. Please keep me advised, however, about long-distance communication. After all, \$23.40 might even buy a plank or two for the new dock!"

John Ray

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Treasurer's Report - Annual Meeting - Committee Report

TREASURER'S REPORT General Operating Account

October 31, 1969 to October 31, 1970
Cash Balance as of
October 31, 1969: (adjusted) ..\$ 738.97

Cash Receipts:

Membership Dues and Breeze Subscriptions	\$2,093.50
Breeze Ads	125.00
Dockage Fees	220.00
Souvenirs and Snack Bar	237.52
Parties and Dinners ..	431.22
Youth Program	222.50
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	125.00
Miscellaneous	87.84
	\$3,542.58
	\$4,281.55

Cash Disbursements:

Telephone and Electricity	\$ 194.97
Postage and Stationery	45.92
Maintenance and Operation ..	625.77
Insurance	654.40
Taxes	393.54
Bookkeeping Services	23.80
Yacht Club Dues	47.50
Breeze Printing	273.87
Souvenirs and Snack Bar	74.77
Parties and Dinners	443.62
Youth Program	531.53
Miscellaneous	164.90
	\$3,474.59

Cash Balance as of Oct. 31, 1970 \$ 806.96
Certificates of Deposit 2,500.00

Total Balance as of Oct. 31, 1970 \$3,306.96

IMPROVEMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Cash Balance as of Oct. 31, 1969 \$ 119.24

Cash Receipts:

Interest on Certificates on Deposit	\$ 45.00
Donations (Afghan sale)	267.00
	312.00
	\$ 431.24

Cash Disbursements:

None -0-

Cash Balance as of Oct. 31, 1970 \$ 431.24
Certificates of Deposit 900.00

Total Balance as of
October 31, 1970\$1,331.24

Prepared from the books and records
of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club by:

John H. Ray, Jr.
Treasurer

Minutes of the Annual Meeting August 6, 1970

The 23rd annual meeting of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club was called to order by the Commodore, Harold Root at 8:15. There were 30 members present.

It was moved by Jane Saxton and seconded by Sandy Buell that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting. The motion carried.

In the absence of Mr. Ray, the Treasurer, Mr. Morse read the Treasurer's report.

Mrs. Roth wondered about the small turnout at an Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Hodgson reported for the Social Committee and spoke of misuse of the clubhouse by non-members.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor asked that the membership send in as much news as possible to the Breeze.

Margie Lyon reported on the sale of sweatshirts. She will check with the Board about reordering.

Mr. Bradley reported for Mrs. Bradley on the sale of stationery. They have made \$1.65.

Mrs. Buell moved that the poison ivy on the Club grounds be sprayed. Mrs. Taylor seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Bradley gave the Membership report: There are 201 dues paying members including wives and juniors, up 3 from last year. There are 97 family units, up 2 from last year.

We lost 4 members through the deaths of Mark Sloniker and Robert Smiley and the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. David DeVore.

New members are: Helen Tange-mann, William and Grace Mack, Richard and Eve Marsh. Returned to Active Status: Humphrey and Jane Jackson.

New Membership rates: Initiation Fee - \$50 per family; Regular Membership - \$15 per person; Junior Membership (over 14 - \$5; Guest membership - \$5; Breeze subscription - \$2.

Mr. Finn moved that the By-Laws be brought up to date by the Board of Directors and published in the next Breeze. Dr. Renz seconded. The motion carried. Mr. Bradley suggested that the Articles of Incorporation be included.

Mr. Bradley gave the Nominating Report:

The slate of Officers for a one year term: Commodore, Preston Smith; Vice-Commodore, Al Cherne; Rear Commodore, Drew Erhardt; Treasurer, John Ray, Jr.; Secretary, Ellie Stephenson; Assistant Secretary, Jonnie Hodgson; Editor of the Breeze, Preston Smith; Assistant Editor, Lillian Taylor.

The Slate of Directors for a two year term starting Sept. 15, 1970, Holly Smith, Bill Graf.

Mrs. Roth moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as read. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion. It was carried.

Mrs. Root wondered about keeping the Youth Director for an additional week. Since the additional salary was within the budget it did not need to be voted upon. Discussion followed about the Youth Program and the need to teach sailing and water related sports.

Mr. Finn moved that the new Commodore appoint a committee of interested members to report to the Board of Directors on program. Mr. Morse seconded and the motion carried.

Mrs. Roth thanked the Editors of the Breeze for an excellent job.

Mr. Root gave the Commodores Report.

Mrs. Smith reminded everyone of the George Smith Regatta and asked for support. Bill Graf moved that the Commodore appoint a Chairman of the Regatta and that expenses be taken from the Treasury. Mrs. Erhardt seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. William Graf suggested that some serious work on future planning and budgeting for the Club be undertaken.

Mr. Morse moved that we approve the actions of the officers and directors for the past year. Mrs. Renz seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Renz thanked the Commodore for his efforts on behalf of the club over the past two years.

Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Bradley seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Ellie Stephenson

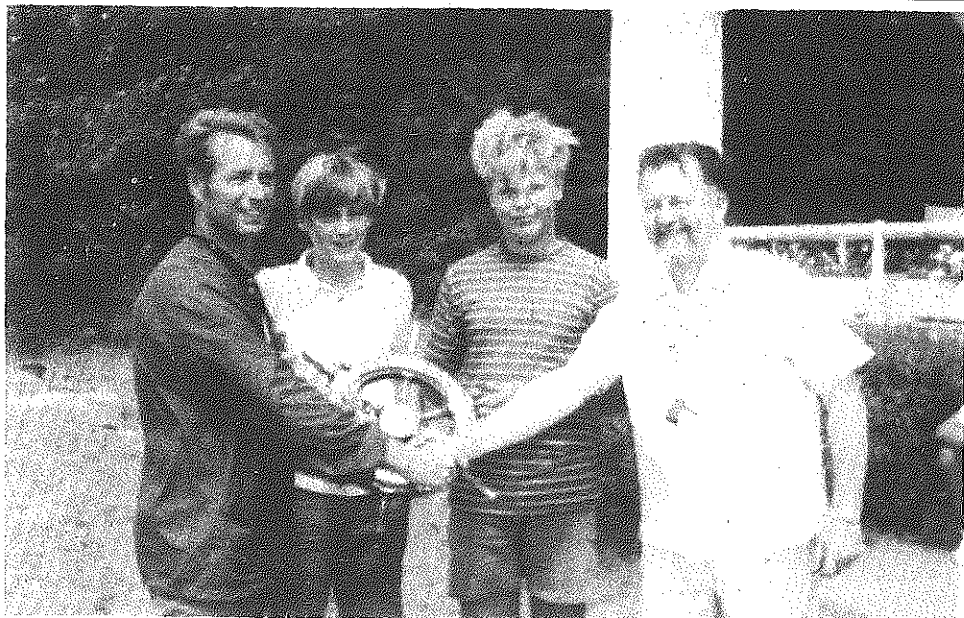
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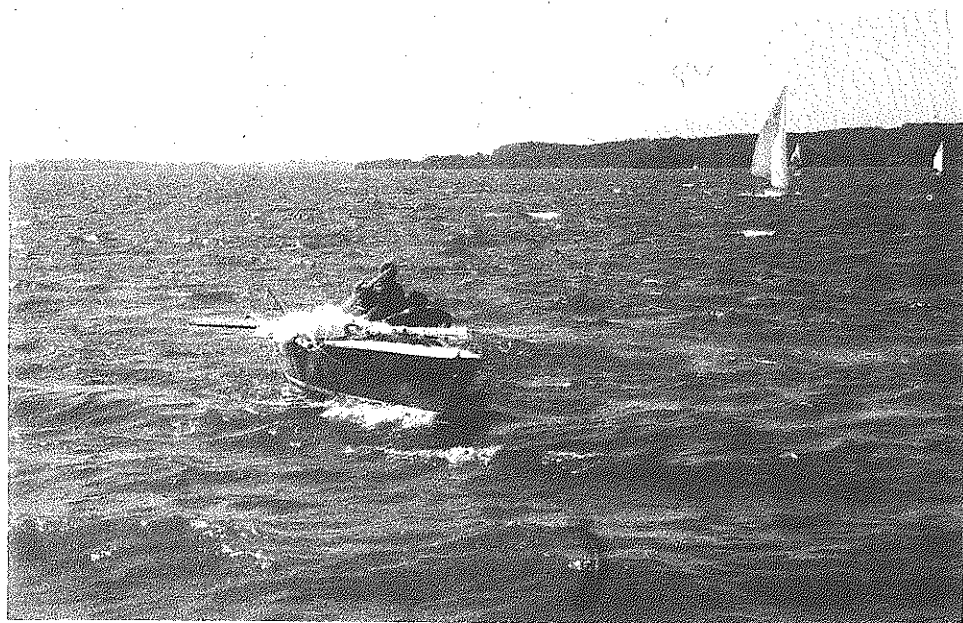
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Banshee winds took their toll (below) in the 1970 George Smith Memorial race as former trophy winner John McGuffin lost his mast. Chuck Van Horn (above) receives the trophy from Preston Smith with crew members looking on.



Regatta

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injured when the mast broke and a committee boat was along side quickly to help right them and tow them back to the dock.

The results, of this one and only race, were: 1st - Van Horn; 2nd - Babel; 3rd - Lindsey; 4th - Lyon/Ehrhardt; 5th - Cherne.

Coffee and coffee-cake were served to all while the boats were coming in and a decision was being made by the Race Committee as to whether there should be any more races. With regrets, it was thought that one race was enough, as the wind didn't appear to have much chance of slacking off. It did, a little bit, but not very much.

A very nice spaghetti dinner was then served to all of the crews and watchers. Martha Smith and family and the Ben Taylors were the workers and servers on the dinner.

Following the dinner and much conversation, between visitors and members, the trophy was presented to Chuck Van Horn and his family/crew.

The sailors, the food and the social-bility we can't improve on, but we are going to look forward to next year's Regatta with maybe a few more boats and, hopefully, a little less wind.

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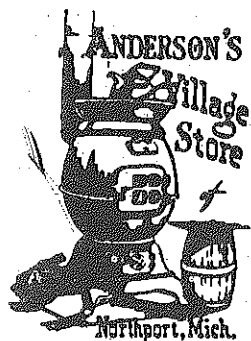
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