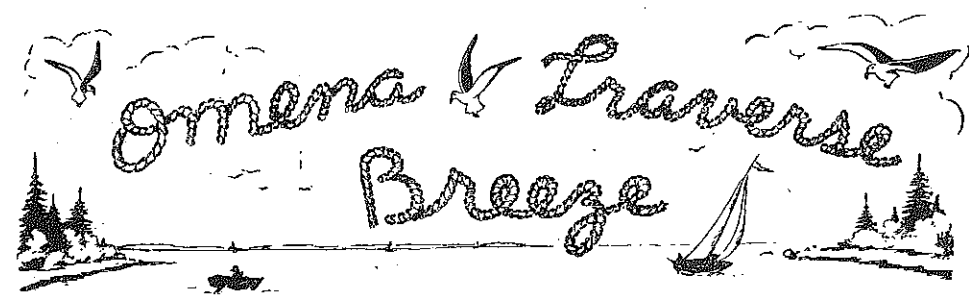


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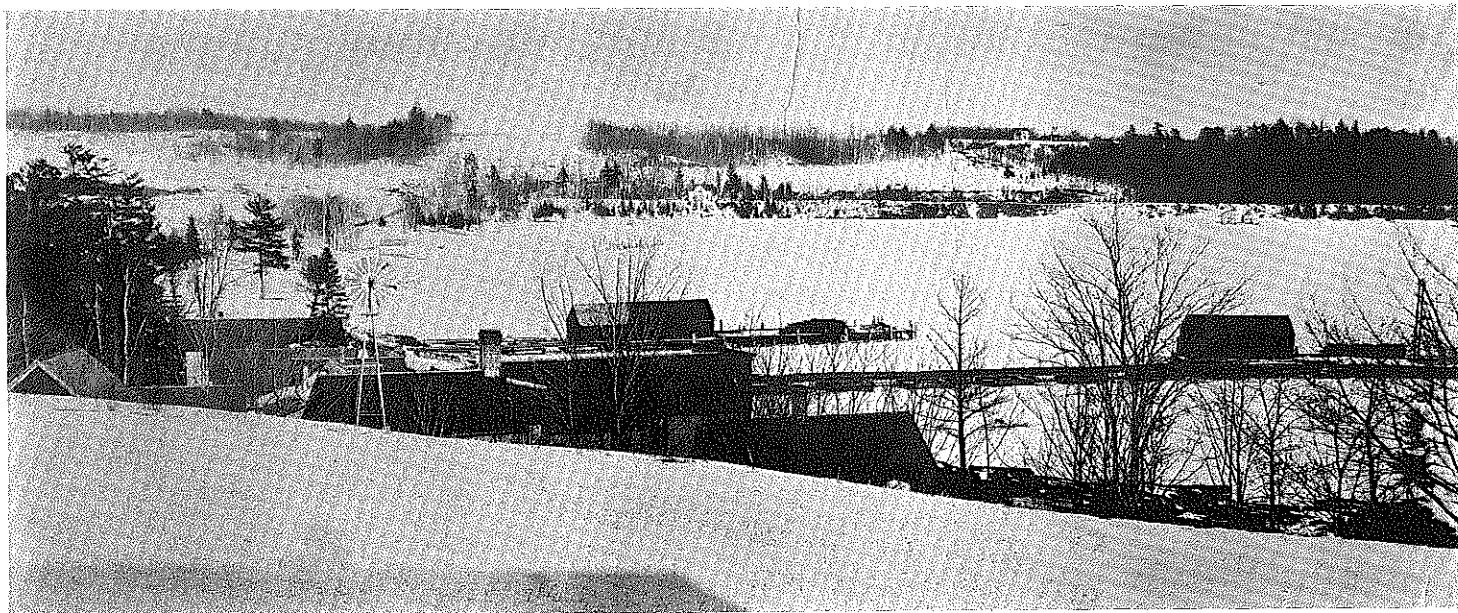


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Commodore's Message

Greetings from the helm,

As commodore, I wish to report that the good ship OTYC has successfully completed another voyage in 1971. Boats and clubs have many things in common, a few of which are, a complimentary crew and a realistic destination. As members of OTYC we all feel a sense of belonging, a sense of pride in our accomplishments. Whether we achieve our appointed goals or not, is largely dependent upon how closely we work together.

This past season we established our club as a center for social activities that interested the members by providing a variety of activities for everyone. Through concerted efforts by many individuals the programs offered were well planned and very interesting. Attendance at these programs was excellent.

We are in the process of bringing sailing back to the membership through a new class of boats - - - the Sunfish. Our fleet is growing larger each year and enthusiasm for sailing is on the rise. Much of the success in the sailing program lies in the structure that allows the entire family to participate, whether participation is on the adult level, youngsters level or even including the family level.

Our youth program was not as comprehensive as we would have liked it to be however, with the hiring of a youth director for next year (1972), I believe that we will be able to improve on the program that we have.

As we look to the future of the club, we have to look at the number of young members that we have. These are the people who will be carrying on the traditions that we now have, or new ones that we establish at this time. We must pass on to the young people the same legacy that was passed on to us. We need young members to give our club a fresh vitality.

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Commodore

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The board of directors has approved of the proposal for the construction of a harbor facility in accordance with the basic premise of the gift of the club. At the annual meeting in August 1971, the membership through absentee ballots and ballots of those present, gave the officers and the board of directors the feeling that we ought to build a harbor facility, however, a stipulation that we collect 15,000 dollars in contributions and pledges prior to entering into a contract was proposed and voted on (it passed).

At the time of this writing, the amount of 11,235 dollars has been contributed and pledged, and the future is looking bright. The one disturbing factor that clouds the picture is, that only 37 per cent of the membership has contributed.

I am looking forward to the day when I can manuever my craft into the harbor at OTYC and think that this

facility is a monument to all of the members past and present, who hold a belief in the future of the club.

I thank all of the members who have worked hard to make the 1971 season a success. I thank the board of directors and my fellow officers for their guidance and assistance this past season. I also wish to thank all of the members who have taken the time to write me a little note. Your suggestions are valuable and I appreciate them.

Thank you,
AL CHERNE

George S. Smith Regatta Racing

The 11th Annual George S. Smith Memorial Regatta was held this year on the week-end of August 14-15, here on Omena Bay. The weather was not the best that we have had, but, as usual, it was good sailing and we were able to get in five races.

By Saturday evening, after three races, it was Ken Lindsey with 2 firsts and 1 second, followed by Chuck Van Horn with 2 seconds and 1 first. On Sunday, the Van Horn boat came through with 2 more firsts, each time with the Lindsey boat right behind them. This gave the first place in the Regatta to the Van Horns with Chuck and his two sons, Skip and Ron, as the winning skipper and crew. Ken Lindsey's boat was, naturally, in second place. At the start of this year's races, the Van Horn boat and the Lindsey boat had been tied over the past years with three wins each. Now we will have to see if next year, the Lindsey boat can even it up again.

The Fisher-Schroeder boat and the Mulcahy boat tied for third/fourth place. Both boats received a third place pennant. The Ehrhardt boat was in fifth place, the Schaefer boat sixth and the Griffiths boat, which was only in the last two races, came in seventh.

Lillian Taylor took good and complete charge of the Saturday evening buffet that was provided for the crews and spectators. On Sunday morning, Caroline Oberndorf and Carolin Smith saw to the morning brunch.

The O.T.Y.C. Racing Committee, as well as all of the boat crews, were very pleased with the good sized turn-out of members and guests to watch the races. It is hoped that next year there will be other regattas to participate in, either here or at other clubs, to add to the growing sailing spirit that is being shown by so many of our members.

Junior Theatre Group

The 12th and 13th of August were the big days for the first major production of OTYC's Junior Theatre Group.

The play this year was "THE TOM-BOY AND THE DRAGON" - The cast was almost everybody between the ages of eight and eighteen. Both the play and the cast were excellent. While, of course, natural talent for playing or acting (you can take your pick there) is very strong with the younger group, credit must be given to their Producer and Director, Sandy Buell, and the Assistant Director, Bill Kulick. Between them all, the club was given a darn good show and the players were given a real good time. We don't have their names, but there were quite a few mothers, and some fathers, I guess, who put in more than just a few hours of work on costumes, etc. to fill out the needs of the players. The Tom Boy, herself, was played by Ann Newland and the Dragon, itself or his self, was portrayed by Andy Renz. The scenery was put, cut, nailed and pasted together by Jeff Hodgson . . . and Sandy B. Our only excuse for not listing all of the characters in the play is that we don't want anybody to confuse it with the regular membership listing that is elsewhere in this issue. There were roses in order for the Producer at the time.

I think that "Many Thanks" are in order for all of the cast and helpers for their well spent time and work. We have been promised more of the same for next year and we are going to look forward to that with pleasant anticipation.

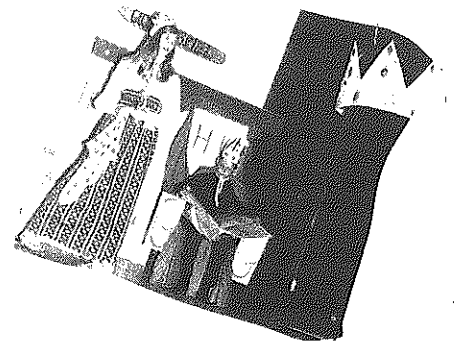
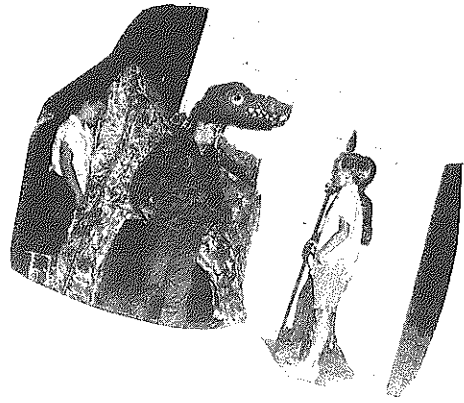
O.T.Y.C. Performers

The "Three Stretch Sisters" in a dance presentation and Geoffrey Hodgson and Bill Kulick with musical numbers were part of the entertainment at the Commodore's reception.

In the cast of the play of "The Tom-Boy and the Dragon" were Susan Fairbanks, Carolyn Fairbanks, Ann Newland, John Newland, Tommy Newland, Steven Cherne, Curt Cherne, John Yetter, Preston Smith, Timmy Smith, Bobby Ehrhardt, Pearson Buell, Burr Beull, Andy Renz, Kevin Ray, Missy Boscoe, Jay Buell.

PAST ISSUES

If any of you have any copies of back issues of "The Breeze", your editor would like to know of them. Old ones, yes, but even rather recent ones would be nice.



1971 Youth Activities

I fervently hope that 1972 will find us with a professional Youth Director. Meanwhile, thanks to the talent found in our ranks, the 1971 youth program shaped up thus:

(1.) Under the tutelage of Barbara Roth, 21 children gleaned some tennis know-how. Classes were divided into 3 age groups, and each group met 2 hours a week (The Club made a profit of approximately \$45.00) (Pupils were charged a dollar an hour.) I hope that money will go into the youth program fund.

(2.) Al and Linda gathered children one morning for a lively field day - complete with super star awards.

(3.) 17 future stars performed "The Tomboy and The Dragon" August 11th and 12th. While there were 17 children behind the footlights, there were 3 times that many people working behind the scenes. (Billy Kulich and Jeff Hodgson are semi-pros.) They deserve kudos and my undying gratitude.

(Ticket sales reached \$97.00.) The children have voted to apply these proceeds to the upgrading of the tennis court and the purchase of backboards.

(4.) Last - the sailing program. Once a week Al Chérne held a 1 hour session on the art of sailing, racing, protesting, and loving care of the Sunfish.

The children's races were held on Thursdays, and anyone who missed seeing them missed the highlight of the year.

I have discovered this summer that there is really a large number of children in the area. They ought to be a vital part of the Yacht Club, and deserve the best possible program in '72.

Respectfully submitted
Sandy Buell



Our Commodore
and His Lady

Reception Hi-lites

The Commodore's reception which was held at the club house the evening of August 21, was a delightful and gala affair.

Members were entertained by several groups of talented young people in their presentations of dance and musical performances. The Junior Theatre Group under the direction of Sandy Buell and her able assistants gave a repeat showing of "The Tom Boy and The Dragon".

The new Commodore, Alvo Chérne and his wife Linda, were given the Club welcome (picture left) and Dr. Andrew Renz (picture opposite page) was presented a certificate of Distinguished Service Award for his many years of devoted service to the Club. Humphrey Jackson, who was not present for the evening, was also awarded a similar certificate.

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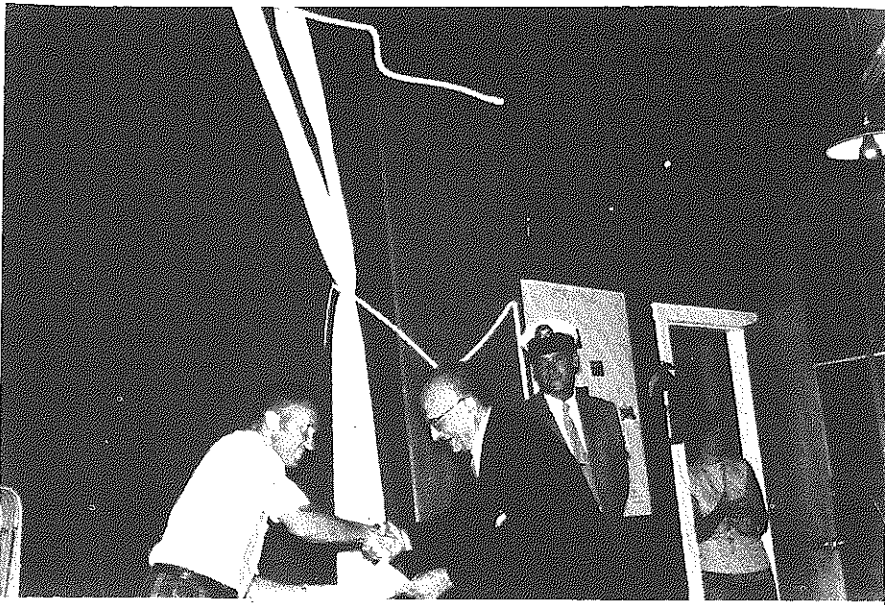
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News about Members

Marjorie and Andy Renz have and will be spending some time "down South". In November, it will be a short visit to New Orleans, while Andy attends a medical convention, and then, in January, for a good long vacation, like a couple of months, it will be Naples, Florida.

The weather this Fall has certainly been lovely. Well, you could almost say this Fall and early Winter . . . with temperatures up to the 70's and no snow, right up to the 20th of November, I think that must include "early Winter". What comes to mind is the story of the couple that went to Florida in February and the first morning that they were there, they found a half an inch of ice on the swimming pool. The wife said "Well, we came to Florida for the Winter and we found it".

Bish and Holly Smith and family will be up to Cincinnati to be with the Renzs for Thanksgiving. (I guess that's "coming North" for the Winter.)

Florence and Horace Wheeler have taken a couple of jaunts about the mid-west this Fall, but the new car that Horace is now driving (Don't ask me what kind it is . . . it's new and it's green, that's all I know.) makes me think that some more trips are in the offing.

Marian and Crammy Finn are going to combine, as usual, their visits to their children and the Holidays, by being with their daughter, Cynthia, in Maumee, Ohio, for Thanksgiving, and then with Crammy, Jr., and his family, in Pales Verdes Estates, California, for Christmas and New Year's. They will be dropping in on other friends in both areas too. Now, Crammy didn't exactly say that they were absolutely going to go on to Hawaii, but he did spend a paragraph or two extolling the Trade Winds of the East and he signed off with a great big "Aloha!". We hope you have a good time on that surf-board, Crammy.

Hazel Taylor and Helen Reed have both left for their Winter abodes. Hazel has gone west to be with her daughter, Pat Kulick, in California and Helen has gone east to her home in Swarthmore, Penn. Both of them left some beautiful flowering plants with Geneva Smith at the Omena Post Office. They are growing just fine and they certainly do add a nice touch to the lobby.

Mary and Ben Foltz are well and happy. As a matter of fact, as long as the fuel oil and snow-tires hold out, they are planning to stick around Omena until after the Holiday Season. However, in January they rather think that Florida might be a good place to relax in.

Peg and Bob Morse will be spending Christmas with their daughter Jane and Bob Saxton and, of course, the Saxton children, at their home in Waco, Texas. Also planning to be there, is Bob's sister, Martha Morse, from Wellington, Ohio. It is hoped that Tom Morse can be down for the occasion, but his plans aren't settled as yet. February and March should find Peg and Bob enjoying their usual stay at The Gulf and Bay Club on Siesta Key, Sarasota, Florida. Spring vacations permitting, some of the Saxtons will be returning the visit by coming over to see the Morses at the Club.

Here's a switch, the Chernes, Linda and Al, apparently are going to spend the Holidays right at home. But . . . the day after Christmas, they will be on their way up here to Omena. By that time, we should have, at least, some snow on the ground. Bill Fleming has already offered to loan them a shovel, in case they want to dig their way into the club building.

Dorothy and Syd Griffiths are already down in Florida and, after relaxing a bit and marshaling their strength, they are going to have all of the kids down there for Thanksgiving.

Leona Milroy confirms the fact that the Stretches were up to Northport this Fall. As a matter of fact, they drove them to Milwaukee, with a little help from the car ferry at Ludington, and then on to Elmhurst, Illinois, where the Stretches dropped them off before going on to St. Louis. Jack did most of the driving and Bill did most of the smoking . . . or something like that. Bill and Leona are now out in Desert Hot Springs, California, at their "second" home and enjoying themselves.

Bill and Ruth Fleming are having the family group up for Thanksgiving, but they haven't as yet decided where they will be for Christmas. It would be nice if they were here, as Santa would certainly like to have an assistant to help him with the gifts for the local kids. (Maybe he could drive Santa into town on his nice red snow-blower?)

We certainly hope you can stay longer this year, John. A month at Omena is certainly better than just three days. A real good start on a vacation, even though two months is even nicer. (In this case we are speaking of John Kemble.)

More about Members

Fred and Kay Groll came back to Omena in mid-October where they spent a busy few days moving furniture from their former summer home at the head of Omena Bay. They had recently sold their property there to the Schleef family of Cincinnati. Mr. Schleef is a Professor of Engineering at the University in Cincinnati and he and his wife and two young daughters will be future summer residents of Omena. The Grolls also were in Omena enjoying Thanksgiving week at their new home here on the Point. They plan to spend Christmas in Williamsburg, Va.

Fred and Ruth Gorham were down in Tryon, North Carolina, this Fall to celebrate a 90th birthday. Not Fred's, his aunt's. The weather down there was still almost Summer - beautiful "dry" weather and the leaves were still green. Mike Gorham has successfully completed his first quarter at St. Mary's College at Winona, Minn., but is looking forward to vacations, etc. Fred, Jr., is back in service again and Richard and Georgia are occupying their time with this 'n that and their gift shop in Evanston. The Senior Gorhams are still enjoying the trip they took earlier this year to England and Wales. Besides the drives through the beautiful countryside, Fred thought that studying the operations of Lloyd's of London was "most fascinating" . . . visiting firemen are all alike.

A "hand-write" note from St. Louis tells us that between Marilee, Jack and little Sharonalice, somebody grew five teeth, continued playing around with paste pots and paint and finally got a work area bigger than a phone booth. We're not too sure just which did what, but everybody is reasonably healthy and happy what with teaching, PTA and home-work(?). The above mentioned members of the Stretch family made a quick trip in October up to Northport and then over to Milwaukee, visiting family and friends.

After getting through a very successful summer of art teaching and cherry-crop-worrying (all growers do this), Emily and Thearl Smith have gone back down to Bradenton, Florida, to continue with the art work, but not the worrying.

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Dan and Eloise Bradley were out West for two weeks in October. They spent some time in Santa Fe, but not in Flagstaff. It seems as if Flagstaff got the 10 inches of snow and 6° temperature that we had thought was coming up here. While they were running just ahead of snow, rain and tornados, they were able to stop for the week-end in Kansas City with their daughter Barbara and her family. Somewhere along the line, Sandy Buell should have seen their car, as she flew out to Colorado and over to Oklahoma.

If things go as planned, Tom Smith and Rink, Josie, David and Electa will be spending the Thanksgiving holiday up here with your Editor. They will be with me as I'm the one that has a furnace in my house. But this will mean that now I will have to wash all of those dishes that are piled up there in the sink. Well, once a year isn't bad.

Mary Louise and Dutch Vail took their usual "morning constitutional" with a trip on the Kungsholm to Scandinavia, parts of Europe, the Mediterranean and, oh, yes, London for a week. And then in the afternoon . . . ! I thought I was doing well to get as far as Peshawbestown . . . that last word is spelled E-N-V-Y. (I have really taken some nice trips in reading over these notes from the members.) Back in Cleveland, now, they are working away on the County hospital building program and looking forward to having David and Gladys Gleason in from Puerto Rico for Thanksgiving.

We learn, through special messenger, her mother, that Kathy Stephenson is having a fine time in the East at Smith College (with a name like that, how could she miss?). Kathy or Cathy, as the case may be, was over to West Whately visiting friends and had a real nice visit with Houby Hroch, who was there for a dog show. Houby has pretty well recovered from his wounds that he got in Viet Nam and thinks this going to college is a real "gig". Ellie and Jack are going to be up in Omena for Thanksgiving and, plus or minus a little snow, also for Christmas.

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Thanksgiving dinner for Ainee and Don Patterson will be held in Winter Park, Florida, this year. The Walter Tutties, who have visited up here, are going to be their guests then. Don will be coming back to keep the company-fires burning, but early next year, he will be going back to be with Ainee in Florida until time for the whole family to come up to Omena.

Ah-Ha (that's Thanksgiving . . . Ho-Ho is Christmas), the Buells will also be up in The Area (that's Omena!) for Thanksgiving. While at this writing, there is no snow at all around here, we can hope, for the sake of the Stephenson-Buell clan . . . and the herd of deer hunters . . . that we will have some soon. My goodness, here it is the 15th of November and all we have had is one frost and a bare smidge of snow. It is nice weather for painting houses, though. Sandy mentioned, as we have on another page, that the Junior Theatre Group is looking forward to next year's play and players. Who do we have that is good on costumes?

The Bishops, Jo-Ann and John and many little ones, are now living in Rochester, N.Y. At the moment, they are living in the Rectory of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, but, after the first of the year, they will be in their very own house. Vacation time for them will be next August . . . for Omena, that is.

Debby (Smith) Disch has her picture and description on a nice looking "wanted" poster suitable for hanging in the Post Office. However, this one was to announce her promotion to a new job and was put out by "Mother Bell".

(In the May issue of 1972, we are going to have a special column of news items by those of us . . . that's you! . . . who have never written in before. If you really can't write, just let me know what color shoes you have on and I'll write you up . . . ?)

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Treasurer's Report - Annual Meeting - Committee Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31, 1970 - October 31, 1971

General Operating Account

Cash Bal. as of Oct. 31, 1970 ...\$ 806.96

Cash Receipts:

Membership Dues and Breeze Subscriptions	\$3,074.50
Breeze Ads	125.00
Souvenirs and Snack Bar	292.25
Parties and Dinners	671.04
Dockage	30.00
Youth Program	143.50
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	75.00
*Miscellaneous	1,515.05
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	\$5,926.34
Total	<hr/>
	\$6,733.30

Cash Disbursements:

Telephone and Electricity	\$ 279.80
Postage and Stationery	49.92
Maintenance and Operation	293.81
Insurance	208.39
Taxes	412.74
Bookkeeping Services	10.00
Yacht Club Dues	47.50
Breeze Printing	287.00
Souvenirs and Snack Bar	419.05
Parties and Dinners	406.65
Dock Survey	1,835.00
Box Rental	10.40
*Miscellaneous	1,570.01
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	\$5,830.27

Total (Cash Balance as of October 31, 1971)\$ 903.03

Certificates of Deposit 2,500.00

Total Bal. as Oct. 31, 1971 ...\$3,403.03

*\$1,500.00 of miscellaneous represents liquidation and subsequent purchase of certificates of deposit.

IMPROVEMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Cash Balance as of October 31, 1970\$ 438.24

Cash Receipts:

Interest of Certificates of Deposit	\$ 45.00
Bake Sale Proceeds	51.00
Dock Improvement Donations	10.00
Emily Nash Smith Picture Raffle	444.00
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	550.00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 988.24

Cash Disbursements:

Purchase of Certificate of Deposit\$ 988.24

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Total (Cash Balance as of October 31, 1971) - 0 -

Certificates of Deposit\$1,900.00

Total Balance as of October 31, 1971\$1,900.00

As of November 20, 1971 donations in the form of cash and pledges totaling \$10,460.00 have been received for the harbor improvement drive. This total is not reflected in the foregoing totals.

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

John H. Ray, Jr.
Treasurer



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The 24th annual meeting of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club was called to order by Commodore Cherne at 8:15. There were 51 members present.

A motion by Bob Morse, seconded by Ainee Patterson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by John Ray.

Harbor and Docks committee report by Drew Ehrhardt reviewed the work which was done on the dock study. This report was later incorporated in a letter to all members.

Membership Committee report given by John Ray listed five new family memberships and three family resignations, leaving a total of 224 members — 186 adults and 38 juniors.

Sandy Buell reported on the Youth Activities and recommended that a Youth Director be hired for next year.

The Sailing Committee report was given by Drew Ehrhardt.

Preston Smith reported on the Building and Grounds and the BREEZE.

Following a thorough discussion it was moved by Robert Morse and seconded by Dr. Renz that the raising of the membership dues to \$30.00 be referred to the Board for affirmative action. The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion of the dock proposal and a By-law change regarding alcohol on the premises was followed by a written vote. Both proposals were approved.

A unanimous ballot was cast for the slate presented by Nominating Committee member, Dan Bradley.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

"Thank you" to . . .

Bob Morse and his able assistants for again presenting a super fire-works display for the Club opening.

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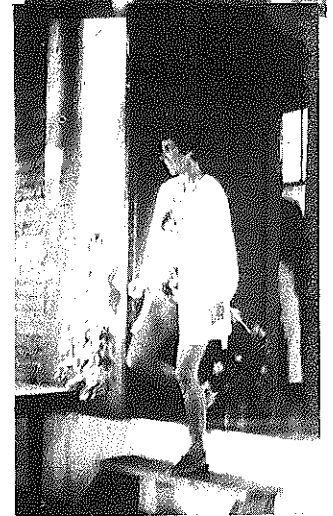
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A Fashion Show by Maindeck & Limited, Ltd. of Leland at O.T.Y.C. July 14, 1971 at 7:30 - .25 (under 12 free)

On Wednesday, July 14th, following our usual Pot-Luck supper, the O.T.Y.C. membership was treated to a delightful fashion show given by the "Maindeck" and "Limited, Ltd." of Leland. Jonnie Hodgson was the promoter and prime-mover behind this show. The models, chosen from our own ranks, were real "pros" and had great fun and confusion in the process! (Those "pros" particularly appreciated the score-card that showed who went when - whether they looked at it all the time or not.) Among the many seen "on stage" were Martha Smith, Joan Roth & daughters, Mary Lou Root, Kathy Stephenson, Josie Graf, Timmy Smith, Kevin Ray, Libby Ehrhardt, Jan Tate and guest and Sarah Hodgson. And, yes, Tommy Melville - with some special encouragement from "Mom" in the wings. Somewhere along the line, Perc Smith appeared wearing Indian Mocs, sun-glasses and somethin' else.

Amy and Bill Chatfield and Susan Craig, owners of the two shops, brought along many other wares and items from their establishments and the stage at the club was transformed into a miniature Boutique. As far as we could count, while still keeping our eye on the stage, there were close to 125 members and guests at this show. The appropriate background music was rendered, with great exuberance, by Maestro John Ray.



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