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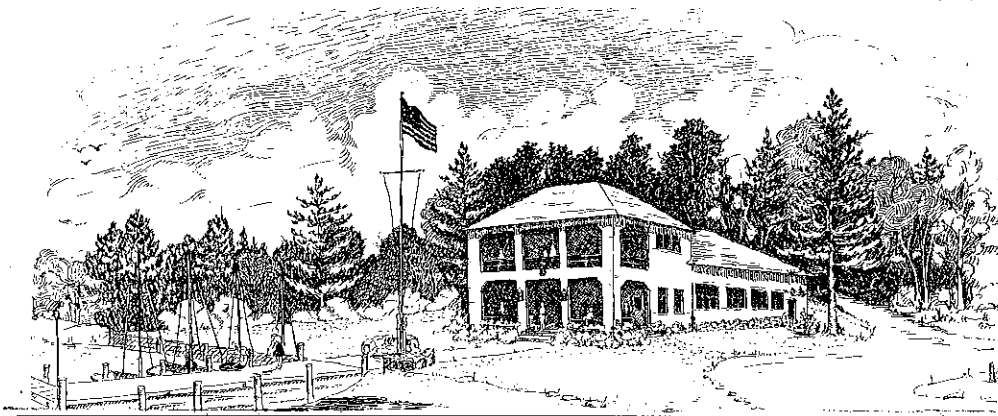
This year there wasn't much in the way of wading or slouching about to get around most all of the area.

Now, possibly, I could have talked the Buells into giving me a ride in their new boat from the Club over to Ingalls Bay, but that wouldn't have given me quite the view that I wanted of the shore line. I did find out that new boats are like new cars . . . they smell new. The shore at the Club is about like last year with, just maybe, a little more sand washed in in some places. The dock, now, no, it isn't as good as before. The Gorhams and Toni Fisher already know what their shore is this year.

Along by Kirby's, I scared up a couple of rabbits. There seem to be quite a few of them this Spring around Omena. However, during the Winter, I didn't see even one red fox . . . which might be a partial reason for all of the rabbits.

There was a nice little clump of lavender-blue hepaticas growing in the Tangeman Sisters' front yard. Some others, too, here and there in the woods. Let's say "status-quo" on the shore from Sloniker's up past Mary Weiss's. The Kaiser's looked good though. The pebbles were real nice from Manville's to the Ray/Linn plot. I saw some rather stupid looking ducks by Margo's place, but, since they were mergansers, that is the way they are supposed to look. (Yes, MaryLouise and Mary Helen, your flower yards are just fine.) Neither I nor the squirrels got all of the acorns as the ground is still covered with them.

From Melzian's past Lewis', there ain't much shore, but never was as I recall. Just a bit farther, there is a beautiful beach . . . no hardly any houses. The Grossman to Bussey stretch is still pretty much pebbles and stuff.



The Bradleys and Smileys have dutchman's breeches growing by their road, but not much sand by the water. The Buells are doing O.K., however. I forgot to check on Liz and Ernie, sorry about that.

For Ingalls Bay, well, not exactly vistas of sand, but, at the least, as much or more than last year plus the fact that the banks are not so rough and stark looking. The weather has sort of softened them down and the beach itself doesn't seem to have as much "stuff and Junk" on it. Matter of fact, it is pretty clean looking. Hazel, you better watch that first step as you go down to the shore. You do still have just one straight drop-off and there you are. You also have one great big fat owl living near your house.

The Renz, now, have a good looking pileated woodpecker . . . that's the bird with the red top-knot who is as "big as a crow". The prize for the most, if not the best beach, goes to the Roots . . . again!

Moughey's Lake is high and wide and has its pair of mute swans hatching up another clutch of eggs.

Preston

Commodore's Message

In an April which has seen snow, hail, and tornadoes here in Cincinnati, we are anxiously looking forward to a peaceful summer in Omena. We can at least be hopeful that enough gasoline and jet fuel will be available so that all the members of OTYC will again join together without delay or inconvenience. Some of the committee chairpeople are already at work on plans for the summer program.

We expect to have some work completed on the waterfront which will make the beach and waterfront facilities safer and easier to use. We also hope to have some paint-up fix-up efforts on the clubhouse well under way in June. Our tax assessment on the property has, of course, taken a big jump, as most of you are aware, I'm sure.

We expect to have several new members this year, and we hope that you will all be getting acquainted with them soon after you arrive. Here's hoping that you weathered the winter season in good health and spirits, and may we all benefit once more from a beautiful summer season in Leelanau. With warmest best wishes,

Dan Schleeff

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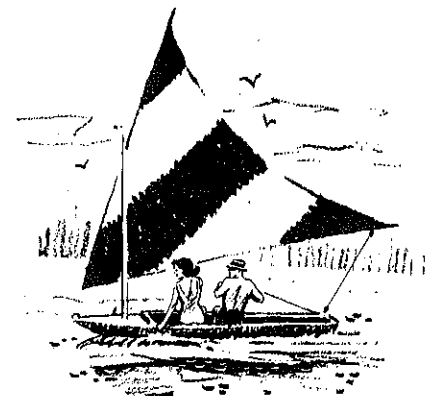
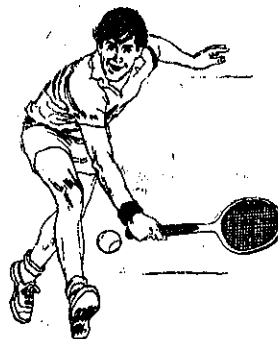
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Fun For The Youth Group

ANNOUNCING! From the yacht club that brought you Wednesday night potlucks, bingo, Lakelab, kiddie plays, Sunfish races, a leaky roof, and a razzle-dazzle Youth Program - this summer from July 1 thru August 26 - **SUPER-SUMMER '74!!!**

Yes folks, returning for an unprecedented third year as OTYC Youth Director will be that swashbuckling young sailor from Grosse Pointe, Michigan — **JED MOONEY!!** He'll be bringing you such old-time favorites as sailing, tennis, boating safety, and crafts, not to mention the 3rd annual Manitou Island camping trip! And that's not all! Last year's bicycle extravaganza-tour-supreme to Northport will make an encore appearance at the request of dozens of satisfied customers — along with other new activities we hope to sponsor this summer.

YOWZA, YOWZA, YOWZA!! In addition - at absolutely no extra cost above and beyond the price of admission - the ring leader will, under the authority of his newly acquired Water Safety Instructor certification, instruct in the fine art of swimming. And for those adults who worry that the kiddies may be getting the jump on them - a short-course in Sunfish racing basics! Now let's hear it for the older teens and young adults — **HURRAH!** — who we hope will achieve more active participation in some new activities of their own choosing.

So step right up, ladies and gentlemen, and see the greatest show on earth! See the wider use of the OTYC facilities by all ages! See the Youth Program as a focal point for a broad range of activities! See the OTYC member-resources tapped for a greater number of talents and interests than ever before! Come one, come all, and marvel at how the excitement of OTYC's **SUPER-SUMMER '74** can defy the energy crisis!!!

See you all in July.

Jed Mooney

TENTATIVE YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

(starting July 1, 1974)

MONDAY

9:30 to 12:00 13-16 age Sailing
9:30 to 10:15 8-9 yr. or beginner Tennis
10:15 to 11:00 10 yr. Tennis
1:00 to 2:30 Beginning Sailing
3:00 to 5:00 Boating Safety Course

TUESDAY

9:30 to 12:00 8-12 age Sailing
9:30 to 10:30 13-14 yr. and up
Advanced Tennis
1:30 Children's Sunfish Races

WEDNESDAY

9:30 to 10:30 Women's Exercise and
Modern Dance 1:00-2:30 girls
10:00 to 12:00 Beginning Sailing
1:00 to 3:00 Boating Safety
3:00 Softball, etc.
6:30 Potluck

THURSDAY

Sailing ditto Monday
Tennis ditto Monday
1:30 ADULT Sunfish Races

FRIDAY

Sailing ditto Tuesday
Tennis ditto Tuesday
1:30 Sports, hikes, swimming, etc.

SATURDAY

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S DAY OFF

SUNDAY

12:45 Skipper's Meeting
1:00 Sunfish Races

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News About Members

If you have started out by reading this part of the paper, please go back and read the message from Jed Mooney about the Youth Program prospects for this year and then the tentative Youth Group Schedule printed elsewhere in the paper. This, I think, is the really good news that we have for this issue. The Committee, headed by Susan Yetter, and The Instructor, namely, Jed, have been working this past winter on plans and they have come up with some good ones. Will there be any changes? Sure there will . . . for MORE and BETTER things and doings!!!

Peg and Bob Morse spent Christmas in Waco Texas with daughter Jane Saxton, husband Doctor Bob, and the three Saxton children. On February 1 Peg and Bob went down to Florida where they spent February and March, for the tenth year, at The Gulf and Bay Club on Siesta Key, Sarasota. Peg painted a lot and had some of her works in the annual Gulf and Bay Art Show.

The Morses expect to arrive at their Ingalls Bay cottage about the middle of July, and have granddaughters Stuart and Suzy Saxton with them.

The price of postage has gone up, but, at least in some cases, the mail has still gone through with its old time speed. My card went out to the Finns at the same time as the rest and even with forwarding hither and yon, I got a note back from them ON TIME from Hawaii. Those two "stay at home's" almost went around the world this year. Not quite, but almost. They started with a brief stay in Spain, checking out the Alhambra in Grenada and other spots, back to Ohio and Maumee with their daughter Cynthia's family for a while and then on to San Clemente . . . and San Diego for the holidays with their son Crammy and his family. After living it up here, they went on, of course, to their "other home" in Hawaii. They have a few more stops along the way and then they will be back in Michigan to collapse and relax.

The Flemings, Bill, Ruth and Michael, all went off to Tunis early this Spring. If they thought to get away from the wet or cold weather, by going to Africa, they didn't make it. Seems it rains over there too. Had a good time, though, and brought back many little items . . . except for that camel that Bill took a fancy to. Too bad. We understand that Michael will be setting up "house-keeping" soon, as he and Miss Sandy Kelly of Grayling are planning to get married in June.

Michael Gorham, was married this last March 23rd to the then Miss Mary Hanes of Arcadia, Wisconsin. The newlyweds were up here for a few days early in April. Fred and Ruth were up here a couple of times this Spring, although Fred kept rushing off from time to time to Toronto and London (England, that is) for little bits of paper and "all of that other stuff" that you get over there.

The Melzians, as some of already know, are a mixture of art and, shall we say, water. Harley is now retired from the design business in Warren, Michigan, and is going back into his hobbies of water color painting and photography. He does admit to doing a little "bumming around" the area, but, with his camper VW it works out very well. His wife, Phyllis, also has a definite artistic bend and has in the past done portrait painting and such. Her health these past few years has not been too good and she is presently staying in the Long Term Care Unit at the hospital in Northport. Of their two children, Steven is in the graphic design business in Ann Arbor and, with his wife, Joy, is the proud possessor of Maria and Andrea, who, according to their grandfather, Harley, are the best set of 2 year old twin girls in the State of Michigan. The other son, Brian, is now studying towards his Ph.D. at Rhode Island University in Oceanography. Brian is the sailor of the family and has sailed in one of the Mackinac races.

Just got some good news in from the Craig Smith family, who have been living these past two years out in the South Pacific. Holly and the kids have decided that they just can't get along with out spending their regular "vacation time" at Omena, so they will be coming back up here about the first of June to enjoy another summer at their house on the hill. Bish will, of course, have to stick at his desk there in Okinawa, but, it is hoped, he will be able to be up here some time next year.

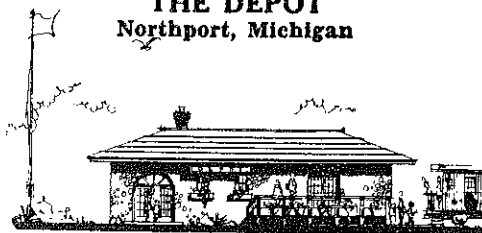
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Babies may change the vacation plans for some of the Melvilles this summer, as Jane and John's daughter, Mary Pratt, figures on making them grandparents again some time late in July. Uncles and aunts are the best thing for little kids, but grandmothers are it for babies. Charlie Manville and family should be up in July and David and his family will probably be here in late August.

Earl Moore tells me that his and Blanche's health is "reasonably Good" for the "over thirty" group and that the weather out there is the same considering that it is California rather than Omena. As a matter of fact, until the temperature in Omena gets up, up, up from around "30", he thinks that they will continue to suffer the perils of sun shine and flowers in La Jolla for a few weeks more. But, June will be a different story and they will be here for the summer!!! Their big news is the fact that their son, Stanley A. Moore, M.D., was installed this April as the President of the California Medical Association. This is the largest STATE medical association around and Stanley has his work cut out for him. However, from the articles that Earl sent me, Stanley is looking forward to his year of leading the group in promoting and improving the health situation in California.

One of these days and it will have to be a long long one, we, us or me will have to put together a listing of all of our summer cottages as to when and by whom they were built. Pat Kulick tells me that "several years ago" there was an article in the BREEZE along these lines. As far as Ingalls Bay is concerned, the "Pioneer" cottage, in between Helen's and Hazel's houses, is just what it says and is the oldest. It was built by Dykstra and Hartley back in 1912 and has been occupied by, among many many others, the Rule family and the Whites. Maybe I should try to write a "genealogy" for some of our older cottages so we would all know who was where and when. Speaking of cottages, see elsewhere about a couple that are available for rent this summer.

Bill Mack's note from down in Tarpon Springs brings to mind that your little town of Omena got some really good publicity from the Chicago Tribune early this year when they ran an article on Bert and Betty Wheeler and their Country Store. Even Newsweek had a short follow-up on them. Marie Averill (she and her husband, Dave, live in the old Solle's Bookshop building) wrote the original article. Not that it will bring a horde of people up here, perish the thought, but it certainly brought out what a nice place we all have to spend our vacationing and relaxing days in the summer.

But, back to news on us'uns. Besides the above, Bill mentioned that the insurance business was doing well down in Florida . . . I guess I am allowed to mention such things . . . and the artists and art are getting along all right too. Both Grace and Bill will become great-grand parents again this year. This "GGP" group is getting bigger every year and it is good to know that our membership spreads over so many generations.

Speaking of "GGP": — Ben and Lillian Taylor became proud new members of the club in February.

The Roths, Joan and John, toured a few places that the Finns didn't get to. Their area was Africa and mid-Europe. Ethiopia and a safari were it for Africa. They didn't say whether their safari was one with guns or cameras . . . must have been with cameras as Joan didn't say that they were presenting the Club with an elephant head or any such treasure . . . and they just did manage to be on their way before the strikes started and the air flights stopped. They didn't think that they would go back there again, but it was an experience they are glad to have had. In Europe, they went touring from Vienna to Munich through the Bavarian Alps with John as the chauffeur. There is a difference in Alps, you know. The Swiss Alps are made of rock and snow and ice. The Bavarian alps are made of Hasen Pfeffer, old pretzels and lager beer. (Honest, I read that somewhere in a book.) After all this, they got home to find that the tornadoes did NOT ruin their house as they hit on the other side of town.

Gerd Tangeman took time off from the Easter egg hunt to drop me a note about some of the doings of her family. Their son John is planning on becoming a doctor, so right now he is spending time in looking for a good pre-med school and also in working in the cancer research laboratory at Roswell Park Memorial Institute. Gerd is helping with a local group in setting up libraries in the inner city schools in the Buffalo area. (Libraries and books, I like that!) Jack, because somebody has to, is just plain working. If they can get things arranged right, they will all be up for, at least, a short time this summer.

Rat Renz writes that "the children and I all got to go to the Reds' opener and saw Hank Aaron tie Babe Ruth's homerun record with his 714th homer". I just take it that nothing else happened to any of the Renz family of real importance besides the above. They, as did several other families of the Club, did manage to get up here for a short early Spring visit. The weather was changeable but nice.

The Dickersons spent the past few months looking for "lines to get into". Their hope was that when they got to the head of the line, they would find themselves at a gas station . . . one with gas, that is. Beryl tells me that now that it is sort of over with, it really was fun, but that at the time they certainly did have their problems. I also found out that in Florida it is the Easter Turtle that brings the eggs. The bunnies won't go south of the Mason-Dixon Line or something. We will have to look into this. Now I wonder about the "Big Pumpkin" . . . maybe the "Big Avocada" does duty down there.

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Hazel Taylor spent most of the winter in the Boston area, but, with her son, Dick, doing at least some of the driving, she is starting on her way back here via Mississippi. She will be stopping off there for a few weeks with her daughter, Pat Kulick, and family.

Blanche and Wes Huss got back just in time to write me about their trip to Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti. All seems well with them and they had a most enjoyable and colorful trip. As a matter of fact, Wes added to the color by, unfortunately, falling on his head and ending up with a beautifully colored forehead, eye and cheek. No bones broken and getting along well, but Blanche says that he was a sight and she looked forward every morning to seeing what color and hue he was. I didn't get Wes's view on the subject.

Blanche also gave me news on her mother, Margo Rule. This last year has not been so good for Margo, what with having broken her hip right after Christmas and then having a stroke in March. She spent most of the last year in hospitals and, for a while, in a nursing home. Right now she is staying with Blanche, gaining strength daily and hopes to be able to spend some of the summer at her house on Omena Point. We certainly hope she does too.

Other news on other branches of the Rule family tells me that Jonnie Hodgson and Sarah were in from New York State for a visit to Cincinnati for Easter. They didn't bring Geff because he was already there since he is a freshman now at the University of Cincinnati. The Huss's little grandson, Colter Rule Merrick will be having his first birthday this July . . . no particular date, but, at that age, I don't think you really care. What with my next birthday being my 50th, I don't care either . . . as long as there is plenty of ice cream and cake.

Sis and Wick Wickemeyer are in the semi-final stages of finishing up the remodeling of their future home down in Ryland, Kentucky.

Helen Reed must have been doing something else this last winter, but all that she admits to is having spent a month or more with her daughter Helen's family down in Atlanta, Georgia. She will be coming up to Ingalls Bay some where around the 1st of June.

I think that Marian Fisher was in Connecticut this last winter. I'm never sure just where she is, except in the summer, when she comes up here. This year she expects to arrive along or about the 12th of June.

To fill us in on some of our newer members, I will report the following, without checking too close, that is, on the Rev. John Vincer and the Melzian clan. Father Vincer is the Vicar (lovely title, what?) of St. Christophers Episcopal church up in Northport and enjoying himself no end in living here year-round. Between having a boat, a Sunfish, no less, 20 years duty with the Navy and, best of all, the ability to swim, John is looking forward to the club activities and races coming up this summer. His "co-pilot" will not be giving him any more assistance than He gives the rest of us in the races.

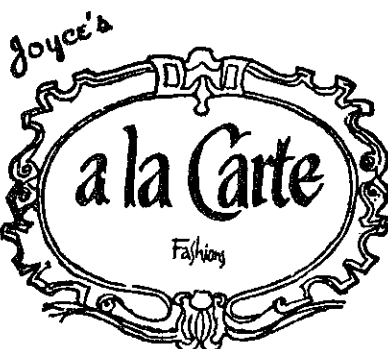


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In Memoriam

Benjamin Foltz

Benjamin "Ben" Foltz, one of our older members, died this past January 26th at his home in Omena. He is survived by his wife, Mary, his two daughters, Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Schniedwind, Mrs. Sidney (Dorothy) Griffiths, several grandchildren and many, many friends.

After graduating from Rollins College in Florida, Ben worked many years with his father, Mr. William Foltz, in managing several hotels in Florida and at Omena. We perhaps remember him best for his connection with the Clovers Lodge right here in Omena. Besides general friendship to all, he was remembered by many as a good base-ball player who pitched for many of the early day teams that were here in Leelanau County. We also know of his trophies from his days as a champion tennis player.

Ben is buried in the Omena Cemetery in the family plot along with his sister, Antoinette (Tony) Foltz. His family has requested that memorials be directed to Miss Ruth Craker, Northport, Michigan 49670, for a benevolent fund to benefit residents of Leelanau County.

It is with regret that we report the deaths of other members of the Omena community.

Mrs. Esther Barth died on April 9th at the hospital in Charlevoix following a very long and valiant illness. She and her husband, Ernest Barth, had lived in Omena for the past 32 years and were both well known to all of us as friends and as "the folks" at Barth's Cash Store. Following their retirement, they moved in 1972 to East Jordan, where Mrs. Barth was born in 1907 and where she and her husband were married in 1939. Mrs. Barth will be buried in the East Jordan Cemetery.

On March 1st, Miss Thearla Jean VanPelt died at the Leelanau Memorial Hospital in Northport. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Bud) VanPelt, Her grandfather, Mr. Charles VanPelt, Sr., her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thearl Smith of Northport and her brother, Thomas. Private services were held in Suttons Bay to be followed by cremation.

Calendar of Events for 1974

July 1, Monday - Youth Program Begins
 July 4, Thursday - Opening Banquet
 July 7, Sunday - Annual Meeting
 July 10, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 July 17, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner - - Bingo afterwards
 July 24, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 July 31, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 August 7, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 August 14, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner - - Bingo afterwards
 August 17, Saturday - Commodore's Reception
 August 21, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 August 28, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner - last regular one

Sunfish racing schedule is shown in Youth Group listing.

Annual Regatta and Special Events will be announced at Annual Meeting.

Opening Banquet and Pot Luck Dinners at 6:30 p.m. Other evening meetings at 7:30.

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