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Commodore's Message

Although this letter is for the Christ mas issue of the Breeze, it is being written just a few days before Thanksgiving, which helps me to remember how thankful our family is for the many pleasures of Omena, particularly the friendships we have found there, and the warmth and hospitality shown us by all whom we have met. In a world which appears to be growing rapidly more uncertain, the stability and sense of renewal which Omena provides are surely to be cherished and preserved, whatever the effort required.

During the past summer, your Board met on several occassions to plan for the OTYC program in 1975 and to consider the financial needs of the Club for some time ahead. Upon the recommendation of the Youth Committee, the Board voted unanimously to invite Jed Mooney to serve again in 1975 as Director of the Youth Program. We feel that the Club has been especially fortunate in having Jed's services, and I am most pleased, indeed, to be able to report to you that he has accepted the Club's offer and will serve as Director for the coming summer. In this capacity, he will be working closely with the Youth Committee, which will be composed of Susan Yetter (Chairman), Kathy Bosco, and Phyllis Schneebeck. We are grateful for the fine efforts of the Youth Committee and of Jed in past years, and know that the present committee and Jed will be working hard to make the 1975 program as productive and enjoyable as possible for all the Club's children. During the winter, the Board will complete the designation of each of the other committees for 1975, and the roster of those committees will be published in the May Breeze.

With respect to budget planning for 1975, it was the Board's judgement that repairs to the clubhouse and repair or replacement of the dock were both high priority needs. The sum of \$1500 was allocated for clubhouse repair, particularly of the porch floor and the electrical wiring, and \$6,000 toward the costs of dock improvement, with the expectation that a modest amount of additional financing would probably be required, hopefully through some form of assistance by Club members.

The allocation for clubhouse repairs was regarded as the first stage of a continuing program of maintenance and improvement, with additional improvements to be planned for each of the next several years. The condition of the dock, it was felt, presented a more difficult strategic problem, in that it did not seem feasible to attempt a "piecemeal" solution by which the work, and Club expenditures, could be spread over several years. Following considerable consultation with potential contractors, it was judged that the condition of the dock is sufficiently deteriorated that repair would be excessively costly, if possible at all, as compared with the cost of new construction. Accordingly, it was the Board's decision to explore the possibility of simply replacing the present dock, i.e., removing it and building a new one in the same location. Of particular interest was the possibility of steel construction, which would be expected to result in significantly lower annual maintenance costs-

There are two main reasons why dock construction early in 1975 appears highly advantageous if it can be arranged. First, the dock is badly undermined, even at the entrance to it at the edge of the lawn, so that it represents a considerable safety hazard and at the same time is highly vulnerable to serious damage by storms; the temporary repairs which might be considered as "holding actions" would themselves be quite costly and could only delay somewhat the point at which construction would have to be undertaken. Second. while it is indeed possible to make different economic predictions, it appears that continued rapid inflation of construction costs, particularly of steel, is a very serious risk. Failure to deal with the dock problem expeditiously could result in the loss of several thousand dollars in increased construction costs at a later time. For these reasons, the Board hopes very much that the arrangements can be worked out to permit this project to be completed next spring; this will be a major topic of Board discussion during the next few months and all members will be informed of our progress, or lack of it, as we go along.

Arizona is a good deal warmer than Michigan in December, but I must confess to feeling envious of those of you who will be lucky enough to enjoy Christmas in Omena. Marion joins me in sending you our best wishes for a Merry Chistmas and a joyous New Year—with an especially Merry Christmas for Preston Smith, Reeve of Omena and Editor of the Breeze, and Assistant Editor Lillian Taylor—who give us this news of OTYC twice each year.

Sincerely, Austin Jones

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It has been interesting to watch the progress that our fleet has made since we began racing. Most of us began with little or no racing experience and with scant knowledge of the technique and rules of racing. However, with constant practice and persistence, we have developed some outstanding sailors. Omena used to be the "patsy", for example, of the George S. Smith Regatta. The results of that regatta and the Leland regatta this year, however, have demonstrated that we now can compete very effectively with other clubs in this area. Small boat racing can be done at a very young age, and our Club has turned out some fine young sailors.

Our season is divided into separate July and August segments and our scoring system is designed so that a person who is here for a relatively short vacation can compete effectively for prizes. Within each month we conduct an adult series, in which anyone can compete, and a junior series for skippers 16 years of age and younger. We strongly encourage any of you who are contemplating the purchase of a small sailboat to consider the Sunfish and join us in our racing program; it's a great deal of fun and we are always looking for new people.

My thanks to all of you in the program for your help this past summer. Special mention must be made to Jed Mooney for his help in setting marks and handling the committee boat; to the Melville; Bosco and Buell families for the use of their boats at various times during the season and to Joe Buell for his general guidance in setting up courses and his help on the protest committee.

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Adult Series

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Junior Series

1st Buell, 2nd Buell, 3rd Bosco, 4th Ray, 5th Cherne.

AUGUST

Adult Series

1st Buell, 2nd Buell, 3rd Mulligan, 4th Bosco, 5th Bishop, Ray (tie).

Junior Series

1st Buell, 2nd Bosco, 3rd Buell, 4th Ray, 5th Bishop.

Overall summer champion: Buell.

Sportsmanship award: Austin Jones. There was a considerable degree of dignified reaction by members of the fleet as they faced adversity during the course of the season, and it was difficult to select the reciepient of this award. However, it was felt that Austin best exemplified the essence of this honor as he reacted with great coolness and poise during several extremely trying situations while racing.

Sincerely, John Ray - Fleet Captain

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REPORTS . . .

The report of the 1974 Annual Meeting was not available at press time for the Breeze.

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Every year I have the problem of "Whose News goes in first?". By this time, I should have figured out some usable method, but I haven't. The alphabet is all right for filling, but this is present and future news, not past, so that is out. I can't go by age, because I don't know some of them and, anyway, most of you are getting younger every year. Since I am, of course, merely of "voting age and holding", that won't work either. So, we will fall back on the old Army method of picking out volunteers by reaching into the stack and grabbing one. (If you really want to be the first in the next issue, write to me on a large piece of purple paper with deckle edges. It might work.)

Ye Editor

Clemewell Lay and Anne Wellington send Greetings to all of us. Clemewell is still enjoying the pleasure of her two weeks visit with the Keyes and the association with family and friends. She is back now in their retirement compound and leading a "fairly busy" life all the while. "Fairly", I would say, is probably spelled "VERY".

Bill and Leona Milroy are now living at 66192 Cohiulla Ave., Desert Hot Springs, Calif., 92240. Besides this new address, which is really only just across the street from the motel where they used to spend their winters, they also have the title of "First Prize Winners" for the Senior Citizens masquerade party. They went as the Desert Hot Springs Twins and were judged to be the best looking blonde-headed GIRLS in town!!! And Bill, mind you, almost won the prize for the best looking legs. I don't know how he's going to live that one down. The weather there is still beautiful - what else in California? - and they are hoping that it continues through December as Mary Foltz is planning to stop by for a visit the first part of the month.

Mary Foltz is traveling out to Arizona and California, while she is on her way to Florida. Yes, I said Florida! That isn't quite the way that I would first think of going there, but it certainly is a wonderful idea and one that we should keep in mind. Mary will be visiting or staying with relatives when she finally gets to Florida, but will be back up here around about March or so ... after the real cold weather is over.

Peg and Bob Morse weren't able to spend their usual long summer at their cottage on Ingalls Bay this year. By the time they got up here, they only had a long month and then were off home again to Cleveland to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Very good! And, we hope, the 60th will be even a better occasion. The date, in case some of you are keeping book on such items, is September 6th of 1984. Jane and Bob and the kids were all up from Waco, so that the main party had a guest for every year. In October, Peg went up or over to New York to join with Jane and Stuart who were there for Stuart to inspect colleges. They must have done something else, but this was the reason given for publication. In December, they plan to meet, not with 50 guests, but with 46 feet of sailing ketch that the younger Bob is going to bring up from its home in Antigua. Then they all are going to go about "inspecting" the islands. February will find Bob and Peg (you will note the transposition) at Siesta Key in Florida for their eleventh year at the Gulf and Bay Club.

Rat Renz is busy now, (she didn't say happy and contented), but busy as the Chairman of the Princeton School P.T.A. Council, Andy, who is now in the 8th Grade, is helping the school in other ways. Football, that is. He has put in oodles of hours of practice and gotten back a like amount of fun . . . and a broken thumb. Billy ("Yum") is fighting the battle of the trombone. His mother thinks he is winning. Cynnie is a big bad Senior now and is poring over college catalogs. She is also in a pilot program of her high school sociology department. Her first project was a survey on having a smoking area in the high school. The vote seems to be "yes", but we're not sure at this time whether the Board of Education agrees. Billy, as with most fathers, is putting in his usual eight day week trying to earn enough to support all of these activities

> MOREY'S FOOD MARKET and LOCKER PLANT SUTTONS BAY, MICHIGAN

The Lewis's, Trudy and Bob, have made a happy arrangement (I love that adjective) for all concerned. That is, Al and Linda Cherne and "the boys" are going to be occupying the Lewis cottage here at Omena for the cold (?) winter months, while the Lewis's get to go south for a while. Guessing at its size from the name, they are going to be about one foot short of the Saxton/Morse boat, when they sail a Pearson 35 from Miami down to Key West. Looking up from our perch on Rat's Sun-or-Sail Fish, I don't really think that one foot is coing to make much difference. Who knows, one of these years, we may have several of these boats sailing about Omena Bay . . . dodging all of our S(un)(ail) Fish.

Now the Chernes are not in the Lewis cottage just because they are away sailing. Al has, if you don't already know it, taken a position with the Northport Public Schools and he and Linda and family have become residents, rather than resorters, of the area. By next summer, when the Lewis tribe comes up again, the Chernes are planning to be into their new house which is going to be built just a little bit north of the Detwiler house, where they used to spend their summers. Their building program started with or at the Point Road and goes in towards the Bay. So far they have finished, as far as I can see, the biggest one-car garage in the whole area. Actually, they had in mind putting more than one car in it, like a pick-up and several boats and such. Weather and all permitting, their house will start up some time this late Fall and be finished and livable by late Spring.

Horace and Florence Wheeler have hopes of being, if not by Christmas, at least shortly thereafter, into their new one story house down on Omena Bay. It is located just past the Schneidewind cottage, right on the shore, and has a beautiful view all the way from the OTYC dock around to Omena itself. "House Warming" plans are not settled at this time.

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The Rule cottage was well used this Fall, what with Landon and Alis Robinson and their guests being up here in October and Blanche Huss along with Toni Fisher and several guests coming in November. The Robinson group was up, supposedly, for fishing and relaxation. Well, they relaxed all right, but so did the fish. They did run into what we all thought was going to be the start of that "hard winter", namely, a snow fall. But it melted away and, except for the first day of deer season, hasn't been seen since.

Blanche, et al, arrived to find there was no water in the house. A little mixup between the phrase of "turn off water by" and "don't turn off water until". Well, they lived, and quite well too. You don't really have to take a bath every day and what an excellent excuse for going out to dinner. A slight, mere, little mix-up on packing the car when they left. It turns out that you should put the suit-cases on top of the car and your pocket-book inside, not the reverse. However, Herb Carlson, who takes care of Walter Gardner's "estate", found said purse and, with a modified "Tinkers to Evers to Chance", or who ever those guys were, namely me and Rink and the Graf family, it got back home safe and sound.

Another date to put down on your list. This one is December 5th, which, I'm afraid is past now, but is the 90th Birthday for Margo Rule. Nevertheless, you can still send her a card . . . she has the "quickest magnifying glass in the West" and in between soap-operas, she will probably answer some of them. Blanche and Wes plan to be in Nashville for Thanksgiving this year . . while your Editor is planning to be in Cincinnati. Did I get to see you?

Good news and bad comes in from John Melville. On the one side, he has spent quite some time in the hospital because of his heart and gone through a fair amount of surgery in the process. While he did say that he got rather "cut up" and that his Pacemaker gives him an "off-center bulge in my abdomen", he is now up to writing to the Breeze about his situation and is looking forward to being up here with us next summer. We will look forward to seeing him, whether he actually does go waltzing about in his bathing trunks to show off his scars or not. He did not say that he was going to go sailing . . . this year, anyway. Further with good news, He and Jane now have their sixth grandchild. Their daughter, Mary Pratt, and her little girl, Marguerite Keesler Pratt. are doing well.

Mary Louise and Dutch spent the month of September lapping up the sunshine in England and Portugal . . . in England??? That's impossible. Well, no, I guess it isn't, cause that's was what happened. They drove about in England and, I trust, were driven about in London. I never even tried it as it looked to be worse than Chicago in the "rush hour". In Portugal, it was somewhat different. Besides driving, with a chauffer, they also got stopped. Seems they were there just at the time of the flareups and change in government and there were all sorts of bunches and groups out stopping cars and searching them for guns and such. There was no rough stuff and little discomfort for them. However, their driver, who had driven them about on their earlier triv. was chagrined that anything should break up what was otherwise a perfect trip. "Basking on the beaches of the Algarye" is another lovely expression almost as good as "on the beaches of Omena".

Emily and Thearl Smith are snugged in at their winter home down in Florida. Thearl is improving all the while and Emily is working all the while. This year her big project is getting her painting together and arranged so that they can be shipped out, after the first of the year, to Paris, France. Emily is going to have a "one man show" over there at La Mouffe Gallery, 67 Rue Mouffetard, Paris, I don't think that she is going "with", but you never can tell. Their kids. Bud and Joan Van Pelt, left just the other week to spend the winter down there too. That's another sign that winter should be upon us soon.

The Renz, Marjoric and Andy, appear to be doing a "Mary Foltz" routine, as their letter starts off with them going to Washington, D.C. and ends up with them visiting Hong Kong, Okinawa and Bangkok. I may be off a little bit on which comes first, but it would seem that a visit to Marjorie's sister in Wash. ington started it all, followed by a medical meeting in, where else?, Florida. Then they had a happy little trip by train almost all of the way back to Cincinnati. Almost, but not quite. There was a little time out for a bus journey to Louisville and staying in a motel due to a 26 hour stoppage of the train. Next came or comes a little jaunt to Portland, Oregon for a week and then on to Hawaii, the Mariana Islands, where Andy was stationed during the war, and then all them other places with particular emphasis on Okinawa where Craig and Holly Smith and family will be their guests. They will be back when they get here.

In Memoriant

James Smiley

It is with sadness that we record in our paper the death of James Smiley, a long time member of our Club and one of our oldest summer time visitors. Jim passed away at his home in Tuckahoe, N.Y., after a short illness, on July 17, 1974.

Starting with the Summer of 1927, Jim and his family have been coming up to join the Bradley-Fordham-Smiley group almost every year. He was born on July 4, 1898, in Cleveland, Ohio, and spent over 43 years working in the Sales Division of Republic Steel. He had been retired several years at the time of his death.

He was one with many of us in enjoying and loving the Omena area and its many people and his yearly arrival up here seemed, as his sister, Eloise, put it, "too renew his vigor for the coming year". We shall certainly miss having him with us.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, his son, James B. at home, his daughter, Charlotte (Mrs. Alan Read and one grandson, Nathan, of Alexandria, Va.) his sister, Eloise Bradley, of Bay Village, Ohio, other relatives and many friends.

Mildred N. Smith

Funeral services were held November 9, at Northport Trinity Church for Mrs. Paul E. Smith, whose death occurred at her home on November 6, 1974.

The former Mildred Fern Nelson was married to Paul E. Smith in Northport in 1919. A graduate of Oliver College she had been an art instructor in St. John's Public School until her marriage.

Mildred had been active in church and community affairs in Northport and she and Paul had been long time members and supporters of O.T.Y.C. She will be missed by her many friends.

Surviving are her husband, Paul of Northport; a daughter, Patricia Ann Frederick of DeKalb, Ill; a son Bruce of Northport; three grandchildren; a sister, Miss Nettie Nelson and brother, Bruce Nelson of Northport.



OTHER OMENA COMMUNITY DEATHS

Besides the death of two of our club's long-time members, the Omena community also regrets the passing of Edward Egeler, Sr. and Oscar Anderson.

Ed Egeler passed away on Nov. 19. 1974, at the age of 90 years and one week. Many of us remember him as the RFD mailman, when Omena had a mail route, and for being in attendance every Sunday at the Omena Presbyterian Church. His widow, Emma, was the organist there for many years. Lately, most all of us knew him as the person who had a most pleasant and friendly personality and the best looking and most-often cut lawn in the county. He is survived by his widow, Emma, two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Bader and Mrs. Pauline Collett, and two sons, George of Detroit and Edward, Jr. of Suttons Bay. Mrs. Egeler has been, for several months, a patient in the Long Term Unit at the hospital at Northport.

Oscar Anderson, who was the last of the "Anderson Boys" and the son of A. F. Anderson, who started the store in Omena, died Nov. 30, 1974, in the hospital at Saginaw, Michigan. Oscar and his wife, Florence, had lived in Bay City, Michigan, since the early 1920's. They most always spent their summers at Omena on the Anderson farm. He is survived by his widow, Florence, his daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Deibel, his son, Andrew F. Anderson, and seven grand-children. Among his other relatives are his niece, Mrs. Halcyon Nelson, of Omena, and his nephew, George Anderson of Northport.

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Breeze for December, 1974.

14th Annual

George S. Smith Regatta

Somehow, the Racing Committee or the great "Manitou" seems to pick out a week-end with reasonably good, if not very good, weather for our major regatta of the year. This year was no exception . . . who would want to sail on a flat piece of glass, anyway?

The 14th Annual "George S. Smith" Memorial Regatta was held this year on the week-end of July 27-28 and the sunshine and winds seemed just right. O.T.Y.C, boaters turned out in force and we launched 12 boats against the 7 from Leland. There were two divisions again this year with twelve boats sailing in the doubles or two-man crews and seven boats in the singles. Four races were held on Saturday and two on Sunday.

The winners in the Doubles races were: 1st Place - David Workum and Mike Pendergast (Leland); 2nd Place - Brian Sichler and Dan McNeese (Leland); 3rd Place - Pearson Buell and Curt Cherne (Omena); and 4th Place - Mark Bosco and Jeff Bosco (Omena). For the Singles races, the winners were: 1st Place - Al Grogan (Leland); 2nd Place - Jed Mooney (Omena); 3rd Place - Jay Buell (Omena); and 4th Place - Bill Strietmann (Leland). Distinctive colored pennants were given to the Skippers of the above boats.

This was the second year in a row that Dave Workum and Al Grogan won first place in their respective classes. I think that we are not only holding our own, but coming closer. Maybe next year will be "IT".

There were times when the wind was rather gusty, so Kevin Ray and his crew got a chance to check the bottom of their boat right in the middle of the race. Neither of them "shipped any water", but it did rather put them out of the running. The Committee Boat came to the rescue and all was well for the rest of that race.

On the other hand, Austin Jones did seem to want to sail part of the race with one foot still on the shore. This just doesn't work - even at Omena. So he and Marion ended up in the drink.

GOOD SAILING — ALWAYS.

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Twenty feet from shore and right, almost, in front of the club. "Good Grief, Charlie Brown", you should have seen the up-roar. I'm not sure that anybody watched the rest of the boats, they all chased off to help or view the Jones'. Just goes to show, Kevin, it's not what you do that counts, part of it is where you do it.

John Ray was the Fleet Captain and J. Lawrence Buell was in charge of the Committee Boat and that lovable group called "Rules". Marion Jones and Rat Renz took good care to have plenty of refreshments on hand for all the boaters and all the guests.

Plans are in the mill for next year's Regatta and other possible races with Leland, both here and over there.

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A "Different" Way

Last year I wrote to you about how to walk around the Point and how to go "gathering nuts in October". After what happened to me, Lillian thought that it might be of some interest to you all, if this year I wrote about how NOT to drive from Cincinnati to Omena. This is a trip that most of the Club's members make at least once a year, and, while Route 127 has its definite charms, for myself, I-75 seems to be the logical path for the trip.

Now, back in the pre-55 MPH days, I used to make this trip in about 8 hours. (I may have gotten tired, but I never got any tickets.) Some people took most of the day, others took part of two days. This year, coming back from having had Thanksgiving with the Smith and Renz families, I took just about ALL of THREE DAYS!! And, mind you, this is without stopping to visit friends, relatives or historic points of interest.

I took off before lunch on Sunday and went whirling up the road in my little green pick-up, flew over Dayton, ran around Lima and Findlay and thought ahead to Sylvania and into Michigan. Hurray!

Well, no. I made a little mistake in shifting gears as I swung back into the left lane, killed my motor, couldn't start it at all, and there I was in the middle of I-75, snow and ice, wind and traffic all about me. That was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Before the wrecker got there, I talked to 2 State Troopers and 5 or 6 interested folks who stopped to talk and offer assistance. The wrecker (read carefully now) got to me at 10:30 P.M.!!! The men on the wrecker were surprized that I wasn't frozen to death or just this side of cutting out paper-dolls. For some reason, I was neither.

They took me into Bowling Green, it was their "home port" and the nearest town, anyway. I asked about a motel and they told me that every one in town was filled and that my best bet was to check at the Court House and see what they might suggest. And that, dear people, is where it really all started...

I went over to the Court House and it was a typical one, large, dreary and, worst of all, full. I sat around, smoked, talked with one of the janitors and watched the lucky ones going back and forth to the bath room and the un-lucky ones trying to make phone calls home. The phone finally broke down from exhaustion and the word came that no more cots were available.

Then, one of the gentlemen in charge announced that there was room over at one of the apartment complexes on the east side of town and if we would hop into the awaiting van, we would be driven over there. I hopped; I rode; I arrived. And what was I given? Not too much. JUST a mattress, a blanket, a pillow with pillow case, a bath towel and soap, hot coffee or tea, several kinds of sweet rolls, crackers and "stuff", a ping-pong table, a soft-drink machine, the use of some solid tables and chairs and playing cards and, on the honor system, the use of a telephone! How about that! The announced cost of all of this was ZERO, like for free!

In the morning, they added cold cereal and milk to what they had had the night before. And then they said that the van-truck was available to take us down-tonw to which ever restaurant we wanted to go to for our other meals. We had to buy those meals, but the Red Cross and a couple of the churches tossed some free lunches and dinners for those that wanted to eat with them.

Oh, yes, the rest-rooms had shower facilities and to while away our evening hours, we could watch programs and the news on a very large COLOR TV set and toast our little toes in front of a raised-hearth wood-burning fire place. Most of the kids, and some of the adults, took advantage of the clean warm in-door swimming pool that went with the establishment. And How Do You Like That, Charlie Brown??

Talk about being strangers in a foreign land, we didn't even know the words, much less the meaning. To top it off, if you asked anybody about the weather or the crops or the local University, you got real nice answers. But if you asked them about charges and payments, all you got was a blank stare and talk about weather, crops and the local University. What a charming bunch of people they were and are. Even on Tuesday, when I had hopes of being able to depart the area, I was told that I could stay on for another night under the same arrangements.

Fortunately, my truck was back in shape by then and I did take off for home. By the time I got to Flint, the roads were clean and bare and by Clare, even the road-side fields had no snow at all. The storm belt apparently went from Greenville, Ohio, up to Ann Arbor

and that was all. The Bert Wheelers came back from Chicago on Sunday afternoon and all that they got were light snow flurries.

I don't recommend that any of us try this trip on purpose, but if any of you have to do it, just make sure you are near to Bowling Green, Ohio, and relax and enjoy yourself. In a howling snow storm, no better place can be found. I know.

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