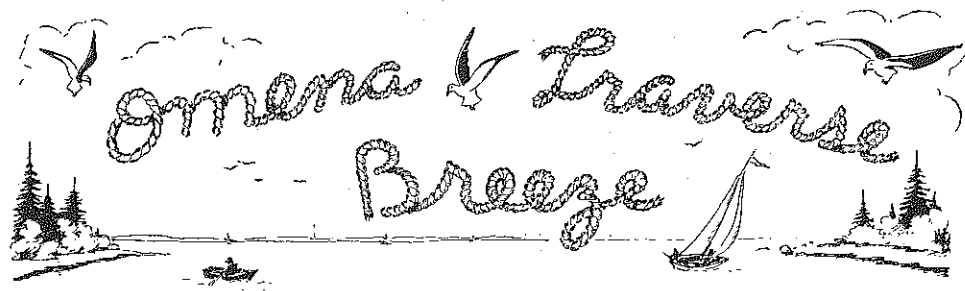


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Commodore's Message

That great prize which we are privileged to share, another Omena summer, will soon be ours. My own anticipation is no doubt enhanced by the fact that it is now 110° F. here in Phoenix—but however cool and beautiful Omena can be, it is certain that the pleasures of friendships renewed are even more persuasive in bringing us together.

In order for O.T.Y.C. to do its part to make the summer as enjoyable as possible, we shall need the help of all our members, so don't be surprised when you are contacted by one of the Club's committees to give a hand; and please let me or any other board member know if there is a particular activity you would like to help with. Trudy Lewis is chairing the Entertainment Committee this year and will undoubtedly be calling on many of us for assistance in carrying out the summer's entertainment program. The members of her committee will be announced at the beginning of the summer. The Youth Committee is chaired this year by Wayne Deal, with Phyllis Schneebeck and Linda Melville members. Wayne is presently on the verge of concluding negotiations for both tennis and sailing instructors, but I will probably get in trouble with him were I to announce their names before the contracts are signed. I feel confident in saying that they are unusually qualified and experienced people, however, and know that they will contribute greatly to the continuation of our fine youth program.

Bill Goodspeed, our much appreciated tennis instructor of last year, will be in Europe this summer and for that reason is not available this year to O.T.Y.C. As you know, our good friend Jed Mooney had decided to make 1975 his last season as Youth Director and sailing instructor. I am delighted to be

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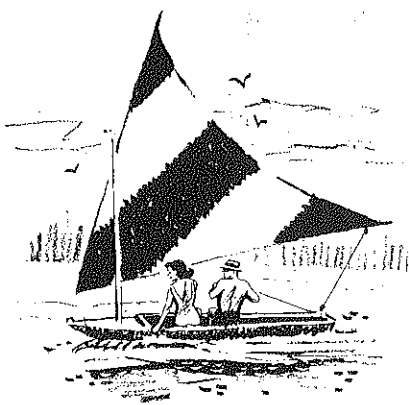
able to tell you that while we have lost Jed as Youth Director, we have gained him as our most recent member of O.T.Y.C.

Recent conversations with our clever and resourceful treasurer, Vernon Keye, remind me of those jokes which begin, "I have some good news and some bad news..." The good news is that the new dock and the repairs to the clubhouse have stood the winter well, so that our major capital expenditures of 1975 should prove to be good investments in the Club's future. The bad news is that the Club's budget is very delicately balanced for 1976, and we shall end the year with a deficit unless all memberships are paid to date. So if you haven't anted up your O.T.Y.C. dues for our glorious Bicentennial summer, please do so when you have finished reading the Breeze. It would make Vernon very happy, and we

surely want him to enjoy his summer, too.

If you had not heard the sad news earlier, you have probably already read in this issue of the Breeze of the death of that lovely and courageous lady, Marguerite Rule. So many of you have known Mrs. Rule for so many more years than I that I hesitate to speak of what her life meant and of how losing her affects us. The Joneses have a special selfish love for Mrs. Rule because it was she who made it possible for us to join the Omena community and, with her family, made us feel so warmly welcomed as she introduced us to you. Our sadness at our loss of her is very great, but tempered by the sure knowledge that her presence in Omena will never be lost, nor the friendships she bestowed.

The "Olde Tyme" pictures reproduced in this issue are part of a collection of early Omena photographs loaned to the BREEZE by Fred Gorham.



About Youth Program

The schedule for the Youth Program is being prepared and will be available July 1. The program will run for six weeks, from July 5 (Monday) to August 13 (Friday). Separate lessons will be arranged for different age and ability levels in both sailing and tennis.

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Have You Paid Your Dues

There has been good response to the request for early payment of 1976 dues with 78 members paid and 84 due. Financial obligations to date have been paid, but we do have an insurance premium of \$1350 due in August and our cash balance is 238.

The future and very existence of O.T.Y.C. will be dependent on the capacity of members to maintain and support current programs and costs, find innovative ways to raise money, and give more freely of personal service and time. The financial situation is critical and the membership must join with the Board in finding immediate and long range solutions. The payment of dues outstanding by July 1 is essential if the club is to remain solvent.

For those of us who feel a personal loyalty to this club a way will be found to preserve its heritage in these difficult times.

Vernon E. Keye
Treasurer



REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the Nominating Committee—

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Summer Music Program

Karon (Mrs. Rink) Smith is organizing a summer "music playshop" for children. Music will be presented through games, rhythm activities, singing and dancing. Highlight of the program will be American Folk music and an introduction to the piano. The children will be encouraged to create their own music through these activities and through experimentation with simple instruments.

Karon received her Bachelor of Music degree from Michigan State University where she majored in education and voice. She has had two years of experience in the public schools and is now teaching private piano and guitar lessons. Her main interest is in small group instruction where participation and creativity can be encouraged.

The music playshops will begin shortly after July 4th. Scheduling is, at this point, flexible to meet the needs of the vacationing families. There will be a questionnaire sent out to parents in the yacht club to find out their needs and interests and the program will be organized accordingly.

She is also interested in organizing music activities for teens and adults. She will be offering a guitar workshop and a piano class

If you are interested, write to her at Box 16, Omena, Michigan, 49674.

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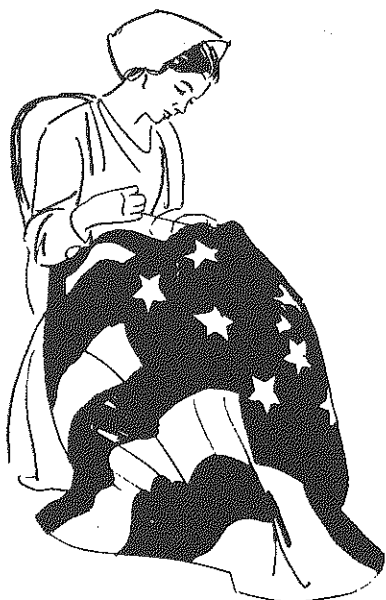
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News About Members

Writing the NEWS is just like writing a letter. You know exactly what you want to say, but there is always that problem of the opening sentence. So, just to be different, we'll open with some thoughts on the weather . . . but not very much.

No matter where we live, somebody always comes up with the remark that "if you don't like the weather, just wait a minute and it will change". Michigan, New York, Georgia and California are all alike in this, welllll . . . maybe not California.

Anyway, there it was the middle of February, most of the snow was gone, soft breezes were blowing, etc., etc., and there I was outside waxing my new little red car. (Aha! I worked that little bit in rather well. I could probably give you a half a page on the red bug, but I won't. I'll just tell you about it when you come up.)

The weather did not stay this way for long and, since then, we've had almost every other kind of weather that you could imagine. But, then, didn't you too? This part of the State didn't suffer quite the problems that some places did, but we did have enough. (So have you, so on to the real news about all of us.)

Our "Far West" correspondent is or are the Finns way out there in Hawaii. Their weather was beautiful all Winter long. I think that there was one day when it rained seven and a half minutes or was it that the temperature dropped down into the 60's? I lost Marion's letter and I can't remember just which happened. She did mention that with the arrival of Miss Geske Galbraith on Feb. 27th, she and Crammy are now Great-Grand parents. Geske is still in Copenhagen, at her age she still wants to be with her parents, Michael and Benedikta, but, if the diapers hold out, she is hoping to be up here this summer to see us all.

Sid and Dorothy Griffiths along with Beverly and Bob, were out there for a visit and the Finns got together with them for an evening of chat and stuff.

Thearl and Emily Smith, are now back to Florida, both had their eyes taken care of this Winter and with the cataracts gone they are almost back to the old days of 20/20 vision. On the 29th of this month, May, Emily will be having a "One Man Show" at Ed Gray's new art gallery in Traverse City.

The Stretch family came through the Winter in fine shape. Paul did particularly well as he got the Gold Medal in his All-Conference wrestling meet. By Summer time, two of the girls will have also won "the good fight" . . . that is, Sharonalice will have fought her way out of Nursery School and be ready to face Kindergarten in the Fall and Sylvan will have become a genuine TEENAGER and be ready to face most anything. Shilroy (Marilee) will have her Master's Degree in Communications by then too and Leon will know whether he can stand riding the highest and fastest Roller Coaster in the World. Jack is, of course, doing his usual and either gaining or losing weight all the while.

The Glen Ellyn (Illinois) Elementary School Board now has Heidi Biederman as one of its members and, although the campaign was something more than hectic, she is looking forward to the challenge of trying to run a good school. Indian Guides, baseball, tennis and golf and a little bit of work are occupying Bill's time. I think that Heidi is doing a little bit more than "going to school" too.



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A little bit of sad news here, we've got to report that the Buells may not be with us this Summer. They are going to be moving to Atlanta, Georgia, some time this Summer, and it looks as though trips up to Omena will be out for them. Sandy did say that in joining the annual Spring Clean-up in Hinsdale plus having to clean out the house before they moved, they found that they had the best "Stuff and Junk" in the whole neighborhood and that "just everybody" wanted to look through their garbage cans for goodies. Well, you've got to be good at something. At the moment, their house here on Singing Sands is also up for sale. We both wish it weren't happening, but also wish them well in their move.

MaryLouise and Dutch Vail did not take their usual trip around the world, but, instead spent quite some time in Florida and in Puerto Rico. From something that I saw in the Chicago Tribune, I think that somebody sold "their boat", so they had to do something different. David and his family were also in Puerto Rico while they were there . . . or have they moved back? Back in Cleveland, MaryLouise is still working in and for the hospitals. Other things equal, they will be up here in July.

Williamsville, N.Y., seems to have been one of those places that got its share of "weather" this year. Gerd reports that while the winter started out all right and she got in quite a bit of skiing, in early March they all got "bombed" with such a storm of ice and snow that she and Jack decided to seek a better climate for a while. So, they are going to spend the month of May in Norway! I just hope that they mean Southern Norway! In August, they will be up here to try and thaw out.

Elizabeth writes that "May 1, 1976 is a Red Letter day on the Keye calendar since it marks the beginning of Vernon's retirement". They have been coming up here so often this last year that I almost thought that he had retired a year ago. Congratulations! They will be taking a trip out to Denver in May and then to sell their house and make the final move to their home in Omena. They hope to be "settled in" for sure by fall. From then on, eight months of the year will be spent up here and the other four or five will be devoted to fund-frolic-and-travel.

More About Members

MORSE DOINGS

Bob had a short session in Lakeside Hospital in November for treatment of acute anemia, with such good results that Peg and Bob flew down to Sarasota on January 16 to spend the winter for the twelfth year at the Gulf and Bay Club on Siesta Key.

Peg continued her painting and had several paintings in the annual Gulf and Bay Club Art Show. They enjoyed the Club activities, including movies each week, and Bingo Saturday nights at which Peg was quite lucky. Their apartment led right out onto the beach 25' away where they had a cabana with chairs to soak up the sun.

Their car having been driven down for them in January, they decided to drive home to Cleveland. They stopped at Atlanta to see grandson Clark Saxton who attends Oglethorpe University. April 1 was Clark's 21st birthday, also Peg's birthday, so a proper birthday celebration was in order.

Grandaughter, Stuart Saxton has a job at Timber Shores this summer and will be staying at the Morse's cottage on Ingall's Bay, so the Morses will be up early in June to open the cottage for Stuart.

Between several letters, we have it for sure that Clemewell Lay and Anne Wellington will be making the trip from Claremont, California, in to Omena some time in July. They will be staying with the Keyes while they are here. That will give the Keyes not only pleasant guests, but, also some extra willing(?) hands to help with the "settling in".

While Leona Milroy will be coming East to be in on Marilee's getting her Master's Degree, it doesn't look as though she and Bill will be coming up for the summer. Bill's condition, at the present time, is not quite up to making such a long trip. We hope that this will change for the better and that they can make the trip after all. They like it up here in the summer and we like having them.

Jonnie Hodgson, Sara and Kathie Yetter were able to drive up here for the Easter Holiday. Surprise! The weather was very good! We were able to stay out side long enough to find all of the eggs that the Easter Bunny left around the lawn. We not only found them all, but we didn't even step on any of them in the process. Geoffrey was not able to join in this little hunt as he is still out in Utah building up his strength so that he can paint houses, cut grass and be available for all sorts of other chores that we might have for him to do. Oh, goodness, YES, he does expect to get paid for doing all of this type of work, but, he also promises to do good work! He will probably have a helper, so "no job is too big or too small". (Did I spell your name correctly this time, Kathie/y?)

Irma and Whit Laming are looking forward to coming up here, but the timing will depend on what the doctor says as to Whit's condition. He had open heart surgery this January and, while he is coming along very well, he is being smart, not a smartie, in doing just like the doctor says. Good for you. August would be a fine month to arrive and we hope that we see you both here.

Tom and Mary Smith are hoping (what is the correct spelling for this? Hope becomes Hoping(?) and hop becomes Hopping(?). Or is it the other way around?) to come up some time in May to check out the orchard and also to check out the remodeling in their house. It isn't going to be winterize, but, big deal, they will now be able to take baths in their house again. I'm going to miss having them come over to my house to use the bath tub.

In Memoriam

Marguerite S. Rule

By now, most of us know that in March of this year we lost one of the older and best known members of our Club and summer group, when Margo "Grannie" Rule died. After a very long, (some 91 years) and very interesting life, Grannie died at the Woodside Manor Nursing Home in Cincinnati.

Besides her many activities with us here at Omena, she was engaged for many years in the Real Estate business both in Cincinnati and in Leelanau County. She had been both the first woman member of the Cincinnati Real Estate Board as well as the president of their women's council for several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Colter, and her daughter, Mrs. Martha Smith. She is survived by her six daughters, Mrs. Blanche Huss and Mrs. Alis Robinson of Cincinnati, Mrs. Marguerite ("Sis") Wickemeyer of Ryland, Kentucky, Mrs. Marian Hessel of Eugene, Ore., Mrs. Josephine Cromartie of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Mrs. Jeannette Hodgson of Chappaqua, N.Y., and one son, Dr. Colter Rule of New York City. Also surviving is her sister, Mrs. Marian Fisher, 29 grand-children and 15 great-grand children.

We will miss having Grannie around with us, but, I'm sure, we will all have pleasant memories to remember her by.

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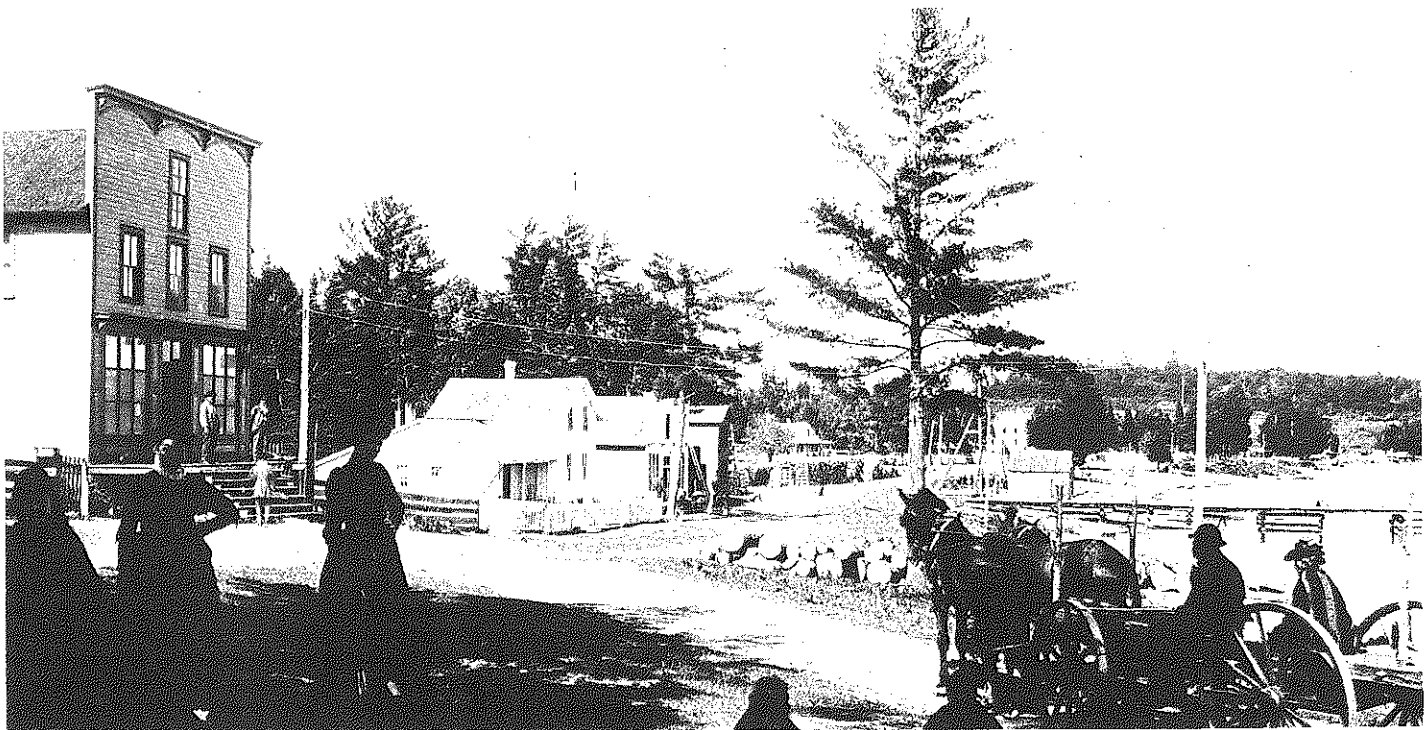
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Calendar of Events 1976

July 3, Saturday - Meeting of Sunfish Captains and 1st Races
 July 4, Sunday - ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER
 July 7, Wednesday - ANNUAL MEETING following Pot Luck Dinner
 July 14, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner - Bingo
 July 17, Saturday - Youth Dance
 July 21, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 July 24, Saturday - 1st Annual Any-Thing-That-Sails Handicap Race (*)
 Club Dance in the evening
 July 28, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 August 4, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner - Bingo
 August 7, Saturday - Commodore's Reception/Founders Fund Benefit
 (Held at the Commodore's House)
 August 11, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 August 14, Saturday - Handicap Race for All - 2nd Section (*)
 Youth Dance
 August 18, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner (Youth Play?)
 August 21 - 22, Saturday - Sunday - O.T.Y.C. Regatta
 August 25, Wednesday - Pot Luck Dinner
 August 28, Saturday - Club Party
 September 1, Wednesday - Last Pot Luck Dinner of the season

(*) All Sailors and Sail Boats regardless of Class, Shape, Size, Sex, Age, Creed or Color. Singles or Doubles. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Last Place Prizes.

Announcement of the rest of the Sunfish Racing Schedule will be made at the Annual Meeting.

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