



# the Tell-tale

CRYSTAL LAKE YACHT CLUB NEWS LETTER

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Dear Members:

As I sit here looking out at Lake Michigan, we are having the first real snowfall of the season--Crystal Lake and sailing seem so far away. I can't help telling you all about what a glorious Fall we had. It was the most beautiful season ever! I just wish you all could have stayed on--especially after the "damp" Summer. Several members can verify this, as Pez and Wally spent a few days of their honeymoon at the cottage. I know they were there, altho it was always dark. The Transues, Browns, Seaburvs and Hughes were also October visitors. Our very efficient secretary, Dick Headley and Margaret, stopped in to see us, and got me started off on the right foot.

The big news I have to tell is that the Tennis Court Project is definitely assured. To date, 32 members have made their contribution pledges, with 9 paid in. The response has been very good, but let's try to make it a 100% club effort. The grounds have been cleared and leveled, and will be ready for the cement work in the early Spring. The ramp will be put in at the same time. It will make a grand addition to our overall program, and merits everyone's support.

Dick Headley reports that the John Reids have ordered a new Wood-pussy. Anyone else that is considering the purchase of a new boat is urged to get their order in. There has to be at least three orders to qualify for the club discount. Also, anyone wanting new sails should contact him soon.

The Beachev's buoy area is enjoying a marked building boom. The Webbs have their situation well in hand, and the roofs are on the Dow and Myrtle Huck cottages. The McClures have been frequent visitors this Fall, and their place is rapidly rearing its head. Gerry can sit on her own patio next Summer and watch Harold tip over. The Balds spent Thanksgiving at their new cottage on Crystal Sands.

Here's a note to the Juniors from their peppy secretary:

"Ahoy there, Mates!

Well, I suppose by now everyone is back in the routine of a land lubber's life, but I'll bet the wonderful memories of last Summer are still fresh in your mind.

This is just a gentle reminder to be thinking of some great ideas for parties next Summer. I am going to edit our social calendar for next Summer some time in the Spring, then it can be published in the next Tell-tale. So send all your suggestions to: Tammie Transue, 1647 Elwood, Flint, Michigan.

I'll be waiting for them, and that means you guys too! After all, we pals can't think of everything!

I know that with your help in suggesting parties and giving me all those "brilliant" ideas, we will have the best social season the Junior Fleet has ever had!

I must close now because my homework is waiting, so, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

See you all next Summer,

Tammie

Social Chairman, Junior Fleet

As the Christmas season approaches, our thoughts go out to friends who are Summer residents of this area, and especially to members of the Crystal Lake Yacht Club and the Junior Fleet.

We at the Pate home, wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

At this season when we often speak more with our hearts than at other times of the year, may we offer sincere congratulations to each of you. You have more than shown that the Christmas Spirit is with you throughout the year, in your spirit of comradeship, and help with all club projects and activities.

Best of all gifts around the Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family, all wrapped up in each other and gathered together in a spirit of love. When the Christmas season comes to an end, our thoughts look ahead to the presence of families gathered together at the Yacht Club.

Again a Merry Christmas to all of you and like all Americans, we give our thanks for one of the finest of all gifts--Freedom--and, in spite of all our merry making, we are sorry that so little of the world can share this great gift.

Sincerely,

Paul, Eileen, John and Martha