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## Ottawa Personals

Miss Anne Idema of Grand Rapids entertained with a dinner party Saturday evening in honor of her house guest, Miss Frances Dodge of Detroit. After the dinner at the Cottage Tea Room on Spring lake the party attended the Commodore's ball. Miss Idema's guests were the Misses Jeanne DeLamarter, Mary Louise Idema, Virginia Wanty, Honey Whitney, Bonny Idema, Betty Jane Stander, Florence Martendale, Betty Snow, Betty Dalrymple, Betty Vandenberg, Frederica Pantlind, Evelyn Thomson and Anne Watkins; Boyd Pantlind, Edward Wells, John Watkins, Edward Heath, Campbell Steketee, George Wanty, Walter D. Idema, Chester F. Idema, Malcolm Curtis, Bonnie O'Brien, Tom Thoits, Jr., Carl Montgela, Ray Whitney, Lloyd Johnson, Hollis S. Baker, Jr., Robert Heath, Abbot Widdicomb, William Strehl, John Allen, Richard Fairchild and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson.

# Anne Idema Gives Dinner At Cottage

Entertains Large Group  
of Friends at Ottawa  
Beach; Mr. and Mrs.  
Chester Idema Host to  
Friends

By JESSIE LOCKWOOD

OTTAWA BEACH, July 14 — Families, friends and admirers are watching with interest the progress of the Ottawa Beach Midget baseball team. Mgr. Bob Thoits has planned a busy season for his ball club, and is calling practice nearly every day. Several members of last year's team were lost to the Midgets because of their age, but their places have been ably filled. Erbin Richards is now in the pitcher's box, and Birney Baker is behind the plate. Don Waterman is covering first, and Dave Idema is the veteran third baseman. Manager Thoits catches the balls that come to second and Tommy Wanty backs him up at short stop. The first game of the season, played last Thursday against Macatawa, was very unsuccessful for Ottawa Beach, but Manager Thoits is not discouraged and expects his team to do better in their next encounter.

A dinner, given by Miss Anne Idema last evening, was the main event at the Beach this week-end. Many resorters have house guests so the number in attendance was large. Mary Griswold is the guest of Virginia Wanty, and Don Poundstone of George Wanty. June Dolan of Detroit is visiting Evelyn Thomson; Betty Holden is spending the week-end at the Fairchild cottage, and Lawrence Smith, Jeanne DeLamarter and Frederica Pantlind are visiting Mrs. J. Boyd Pantlind. Besides the above guests Miss Idema entertained the Misses Dorothy Anne Thomson, Mary Louise Idema, Bettie Lamb, Jessie Lockwood and Chester Idema, Jr., Lloyd Johnson, Raymond Johnston, Wal-

ter Idema, Jr., Hollis Baker, Jr., Tom Thoits, Jr., Robert Gamble, Frank Clark, Jr., Edward Wells, Boyd Pantlind, Bill Idema, and R. Harrison Fairchild.

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## Ottawa Beach Younger Set Plans Dinner

The younger set at Ottawa Beach is planning a potluck dinner for Saturday evening at the cottage of Miss Jane and Miss Barbara Kusterer. After dinner they are planning to drive to the Barn at Grand Haven for an open house. Miss Dorothy Anne Thomson, Miss Evelyn Thomson, Miss Jessie Lockwood, Miss Fredricka Pantlind, Miss Jane Heath, Miss Virginia Wanty, Boyd Pantlind, Chester Idema, Robert Gamble, Thomas Thoits, jr., Edward Heath, Samuel McMullen, George Wanty, Richard Fairchild, Edward Wells, Raymond Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, Hiram Collins and Marcus B. Hall, jr.

Miss Anne Idema has been spending the week as the guest of Miss Betty Dalrymple at the cottage of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Dalrymple, at Portage Point, Onnekema, and will return to the beach Saturday.

Mrs. Ralph Conger and her family, who have opened their cottage at Ottawa Beach, have been spending the last week at Ann Arbor, where Mr. Conger is attending summer school.

Dr. and Mrs. John T. Hodgen, who have been spending week-ends at their cottage at Ottawa Beach since early spring, are vacationing there for a month.

Miss Anna Staples of Cadillac, who has been visiting Mrs. George Thomson, left for her home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson with their daughters, Dorothy Anne and Evelyn, drove to Chicago Tuesday afternoon to spend a few days at A Century of Progress exposition. They returned to their cottage at Ottawa Beach Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirchen of Holland are expecting as their house guests Mrs. Kirchen's sister, Mrs. William A. Bertles of Glen Cove, L. I., and Bermuda, and her two daughters, Betty and Mary Anne. Mrs. Bertles and her family are planning on spending a few days in Chicago to visit A Century of Progress exposition before their return east. Mr. Bertles expects to join his family a little later.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wanty of Cambridge-blvd., who have rented a cottage for the summer at Ottawa Beach, expect as their house guest for a few weeks their nephew, Alfred M. Knapp of Baltimore, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Wanty will entertain for the week-end Mr. and Mrs. William B. Steele of Plymouth-rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Idema will entertain with a dinner at their cottage Saturday evening. Guests expected are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Idema, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Idema, Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Bissell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirchen, Mr. and Mrs. William Bertles, Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis S. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Wanty and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thoits, Dr. John H. McRae, Ralph Bulkeley and Caldwell Feland.

New members of the Ottawa Beach colony are Mr. and Mrs. Hollis S. Baker, whose cottage on the old Blake memorial site has just been completed. Mr. and Mrs. Baker and their son, Hollis, jr., moved into their bungalow Friday to remain for the rest of the summer.

Mrs. Alfred Nelson Post and her son, Rudolph Angelas, will spend a few days with Mrs. Walter Idema at her cottage. Mrs. Post is motoring west and is stopping with her sister, Mrs. Charles Pynchon of Winnetka, Ill. Mrs. Post will spend a few days at A Century of Progress and then motor on to Charlevoix, where she and her son will be the guests of Mrs. Douglas at her summer home there.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Whinery have been spending the month of July in the Pantlind cottage. They will return to their home on Washington-st. this Monday. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lockwood will occupy the cottage for the month of August. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood have resided in Washington, D. C., the last year and will return there in the fall.

Mrs. James A. Blackwood of Rochester, one of the finest horsewomen and best known breeder of horses in Michigan, recently sold a 4-year-old hunter to Mr. Kirchen for his daughter Peggy. Mr. and Mrs. Kirchen entertained Mr. and Mrs. Carter Brown of Castle Park and Mrs. Blackwood for dinner Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Bissell entertained Dr. and Mrs. Leon Devel as their house guests from Thursday until Saturday.

There were several afternoon bridge parties at the beach this week. Mrs. Tom Thoits entertained a group of friends Monday afternoon. Mrs. Chester Idema entertained the same group Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. Walter Idema asked several for bridge and tea Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Drach of Chicago were the week-end guests of Norton Siegel at his cottage.



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Miss Dorothy Ann Thomson, left; Miss Fredericka Pantlind, Miss Barbara Kusterer and Miss Betty Dalrymple



## MISS PANTLIND IS HONORED AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Complimenting Miss Fredrica Pantlind on her birthday, Mrs. Marguerite Kirchen entertained with a dinner party Friday evening.

Guests honoring Miss Pantlind included Misses Anne Idema, Mary Louise Idema, Juno Wanty, Jane Heath, Barbart Kusterer, Jane Kusterer, Betty Jane Stander, Jessie Lockwood, Evelyn Thompson, Dorothy Ann Thompson; George Wanty, Louis Heath, R. Harrison Fairchild, Edward Wells, Edward Heath, Samuel McMullen, Thomas Thoits, Chester Idema, Lloyd Johnson, Bob Gamble and Raymond Johnston.

The Ottawa Beach Beach Combbers in the past week of play have scored two victories and one defeat. In a game staged against Waukazoo the Beach Combbers struck a win scoring 4 against the Waukazoo 3. Bob Bos of Grand Rapids pitched a fine game, fanning 15. In a double header with Macatawa the Ottawas sacrificed the first to Macatawa by a 7 to 3 score, but won the second to the tune of 3 to 1.

The first sailboat race of the season for the Ottawa resorters was staged between the "Betelgeuse" owner by Chester Idema, George Wanty and Tom Thoits, skippered by Chester Idema, and the "Jolly Rover," owned and skippered by Edward Wells. The race, which ended in a tie, was one of the most thrilling staged on the lake in some time as the two boats were "neck and neck" throughout the three-mile course.



**East Student Council  
Plans Mixer Wednesday**

Student council of East Grand Rapids High school has announced that its third annual student mixer will be presented on Wednesday in the school gymnasium. Party will be in a cabaret atmosphere and a local orchestra will provide music.

Chairmen of committees are: Decorations, Kenneth Welch; orchestra, John Hammer; refreshments, Miss Helen Dean; specialties, Miss Fredrica Pantlind; publicity, Herman Hanink; tickets, Frank Newman.

Those participating in the floor show are William DeYoung, Miss Mary Helen Berger, Miss Virginia Blakeslee, Miss Ruth Longfield, Miss Alice Jane Dows, Miss Betty Jean Pedigo and R. Wallace Hook, jr.

Francis Gepford is master of ceremonies and William E. Vivian is general chairman for the party.

**Ottawa Beach Younger Set  
Plans Supper Club Party**

Members of the younger set who passed the summer at Ottawa Beach have planned a party at the Pantlind Supper club on Saturday evening. Those to attend will include Miss Dorothy Ann Thompson, Miss Betty Dalrymple, Miss Mary Bennett, Miss Betty Jane Stander, Miss Virginia Warty, Miss Fredrica Pantlind, Miss Betty Pyle, Lloyd Johnson, Edward Wells, Chester F. Itzma, jr., Malcolm Curtis, Richard Fairchild, Tom Thoits, jr., and Robert Gamble.

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**Betty Dalrymple Is  
Named Chairman Of  
Forty Girls Party**

Miss Betty Dalrymple has been named general chairman of the annual formal dancing party to be given by the Forty Girls Dec. 26 in Kent Country club. Each year this group of sub-debs sponsors a dance, which is one of the most popular among the young set during the holiday season.

Miss Lillian Hall and Miss Helen Keeler are to have charge of finance and Misses Betty Bloomer, Edith Irwin, Mary Griswold and Mary O'Brien will arrange the entertainment. Invitations were mailed this week.

Plans for the dance were made at a meeting of the group held Wednesday afternoon in the home of Miss Kathleen Larned, College ave., SE.



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## The Aldrich House

When Moses Aldrich decided to build his new house in 1869, people wondered why he wanted to live "in the country." The house was located at 150 College Avenue, S.E., where the Hillmount now stands.

Moses Vail Aldrich was born in New York in 1829 and came to Michigan with his family in 1836. Using his talents as salesman as well as administrator, he eventually went into business with his father-in-law, William Ledyard, manufacturing grain separators and milk safes and distributing them in Michigan and Wisconsin. He later entered banking and his descendants have continued involvement in the same bank, at the corner of Monroe and Ottawa, to this day.

The Aldrich House was built in the Italianate style and had a carriage house of similar design, considered to be one of the largest private stables in the city. The architecture of this elaborate mansion, crowned with an ornate belvedere, was influenced by the Palazzo style of Renaissance Italy. The construction was of white brick (later painted red), and the 14 room interior was white pine. At the time it was razed, in 1939, the company doing the work indicated there was "much to be salvaged." One can just imagine!

Some years after the house was constructed, probably in the late 1880's, a large veranda was added. It is said to have been built to provide a place for Fred Aldrich, Moses' unmarried son, to watch the women go by. To the north of the house was a tennis court where, later, the oldest Aldrich daughter had a home. The garage and brick steps still remain.

The great granddaughter of Moses Aldrich lived in this newer house at 134 College, S.E., and is a wonderful source of information concerning these homes and people. Mrs. Kay Whinery says that from the time her great great grandfather, William Ledyard, owned the land in this block between Union and College, six generations of her family have lived on the property. The Ledyard home stood amongst many beautiful trees, where Oakwood Manor is now.

The Moses Aldrich home stayed in the family until the death of his daughter, Kate, in 1932. It then changed hands four times in seven years. In June of 1939, Right Rev. Joseph Pinten purchased it as a residence for Catholic working women. He had planned to remodel it but decided a new building would be more suitable. It was razed in July 1939.

It is unclear what happened to the plans for this residence and who owned the property in the following years, but in 1953, Hillmount Apartments first appeared in the City Directory.

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