

Lake Manawa--Omaha's Unexcelled And Most Popular Summer Resort

Have you been to Lake Manawa this season? If not you have missed a treat. But it is not yet too late to avail yourself of this rare opportunity for spending a day every now and then among the trees and the flowers and the cheerful, care-beguiling scenes of this popular resort.

The place abounds with grand old shade trees. There is a first-class restaurant, vaudeville, boating unexcelled, an ideal bathing beach, cages of wild animals and rare birds, swings and a merry-go-round for the children and everything calculated to make one forget the worries of every-day life.

You are within thirty minutes ride of



"ALL OFF FOR MANAWA."

one of the most delightful breathing spots in the west. Here the air is as pure, the water as fresh and sparkling, the grass as green, the sky as blue as can be found at boasted Minnetonka. A day spent here, in communion with nature in her varying moods, is good for the body and the soul. A man cannot do better than go, take his family and let the babies roll upon the grass.

The park proper is beautifully located upon the north side of a lake three miles long by one mile wide, and as a retreat from the heat, dust and noise of the city, is unparalleled in this section of the country. And the ride by which this attractive spot



AT LAKE MANAWA--FUN ON THE MERRY-GO-ROUND.

is reached is by no means the least of its advantages.

Beauties of the Ride.

The swift ride over the big bridge and down to the lake is delightfully refreshing and cooling these warm days. First you cross the Big Muddy on a magnificent bridge. Then pass through the historical old city of Council Bluffs, with its many points of interest, among them Bayliss park and the Grand hotel. Thence out into the



AT LAKE MANAWA--A TRIO OF WATER NYMPHS--Photo by Louis R. Bostwick.

country, between great fields of waving corn, beside meadows and green pastures. From this point can be obtained a magnificent view of the bluffs skirting the Iowa metropolis, from which the city took its name.

Thus ends the ride to Manawa, for the car rounds a curve, plunges into a grove and stops within sound of the music and merrymaking. All this over smooth rails, first-class cars and through varied scenery makes a trip long to be remembered.

Daily Band Concerts.

The attractions at the park are in three grand divisions, known as Manhattan beach, Manawa park and Shady grove. The first is situated on the south side of the lake.



AT LAKE MANAWA--FREE BAND CONCERTS EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

A more delightful bathing beach cannot be found in the west. The second is Manawa park proper. Here is to be found music every day and evening by an excellent concert band.

The daily concerts, afternoon and evening, by the band in the bandstand, form one of the most attractive features of Manawa and in this respect place it on an equal footing with the older summer resorts. The people of Omaha and vicinity became so accustomed to popular music during the recent expositions that they must appreciate these concerts, which are a delightful reminder of the exposition music. While the band does not pretend to be up to the standard of Innes or Bellstedt, it is a strictly first class organization of thirty odd pieces, carrying out programs constructed on the best lines and playing with ability derived from good leadership and constant practice.

During a supper at the restaurant or a stroll on the grounds, or more attentive listening from the seats and benches, an

entertainment is provided both wholesome and restful. This can be had at Manawa at any time and people should not neglect the opportunity so near at hand if they would listen to good music.

In this part of the park also are found shooting and bowling alleys, benches, hammocks, swings and a merry-go-round, a first-class restaurant under the management of Balduff, magnificent shade trees, grounds beautifully laid out in flower beds, walks and terraces by skillful landscape gardeners, and last, but by no means least, a summer theater that will seat from 2,000 to 3,000 people. Here every afternoon and evening is given a bill of vaudeville, with a change of program and actors every week.

The third grand division is Shady grove, which, while separated from the main park by a roadway, is an ideal spot for club outings, Sunday school picnics, family reunions and the like. Just at present the families of two well known Omaha professional men are camping out there and the company frequently has orders to reserve it for private picnicking parties. It is supplied with a dancing pavilion large enough to accommodate a hundred dancers. Here the Omaha



AT LAKE MANAWA--WATCHING THE MONKEY CAGES.

Winter club is holding its popular summer dances.

The Place for Picnics.

That the popularity of Lake Manawa is growing is manifesting itself from day to day and it is being patronized particularly as the objective point for picnic parties promoted by the different societies and clubs which make social good-fellowship a feature of their programs. Hardly a day passes but what some such event is scheduled for Manawa and the inquiries are coming thick and fast for engagements for the near future. The last big picnic was that of the Clan Gordon, whose annual outing was given there a week ago, being the most picturesque crowd of visitors of the season with their bright Scotch costumes in evidence, while the grounds re-echoed sounds of the bagpipe and other merrymaking.

In this way the place is becoming familiar to a host of the best people of the two cities and always improves on acquaintance.

What is contributing largely to this result, particularly with reference to excursion parties from Omaha, is the recent consolidation of the traffic arrangements of the street railways, by which the trip may be made from Omaha without change of cars. In previous years the necessity of taking two different car lines, with the consequent delays and interruptions, militated against Manawa, but this has all been changed,

shortening the time enroute and making it safe even for an unaccompanied child to make the journey. Nothing stands in the way of liberal patronage on both sides of the river.

The beach is patronized more liberally this year than ever before. Men, women and children, boys and girls, persons of all ages, go there afternoons and evenings to take an invigorating plunge. It is perfectly safe, as the bank slopes gradually into the water and no danger of a bather getting in beyond his depth. There are seventy-two temporary bath houses and suits enough to accommodate 500 bathers. Of course, many of the patrons have suits of their own, some of which are very chic.

The Council Bluffs Boating club, with a membership of 1,200, has its club house at Manawa lake and, besides this private

club, has this to say of boats and boating on Lake Manawa: "There are six cat-rigged yachts now on the lake and four sailing canoes. The swiftest and best known of the yachts are the 'Iolanthe,' owned by Frank Potter, Louis Clark and Alfred Dickerson; the 'Psyche,' owned by Arthur Shiverick, and the 'Dean C.' soon to be renamed the 'Roxane,' which is my property. Another boat belonging to A. J. Cooley, newer in make and pattern than any of the others, promises to be a gratifying success. It is of the pattern known as the 'Lark,' but has no name as yet.

"Many of these yacht owners are developing considerable skill in handling their craft and there is talk of pulling off a handicap race in the near future over a prescribed course according to the rules of the New York Yacht club. Thus far, however, there



AT LAKE MANAWA--"OH, WHAT SPORT!"

"flotilla," there are scores of excellent boats at the disposal of the public. A row on the lake in the cool of the evening is an ideal recreation, the music on shore being clearly audible in its most remote coves, and the lights along the Omaha bank of the river presenting an enchanting picture.

Boating Carnivals in Prospect.

The plans are to hold boat carnivals on the lake as soon as its equipment of water craft is sufficiently increased.

George Purvis, who is a member of the

Golf Links Come Next.

Another improvement in store for Manawa is a magnificent golf links, which will be located on a 640-acre tract of land on the south side of the lake, where, local experts say, the topographical conditions are peculiarly fitted for this noble sport.

Ample protection by uniformed police is provided and no rough or undesirable element will be tolerated on the grounds by the company.

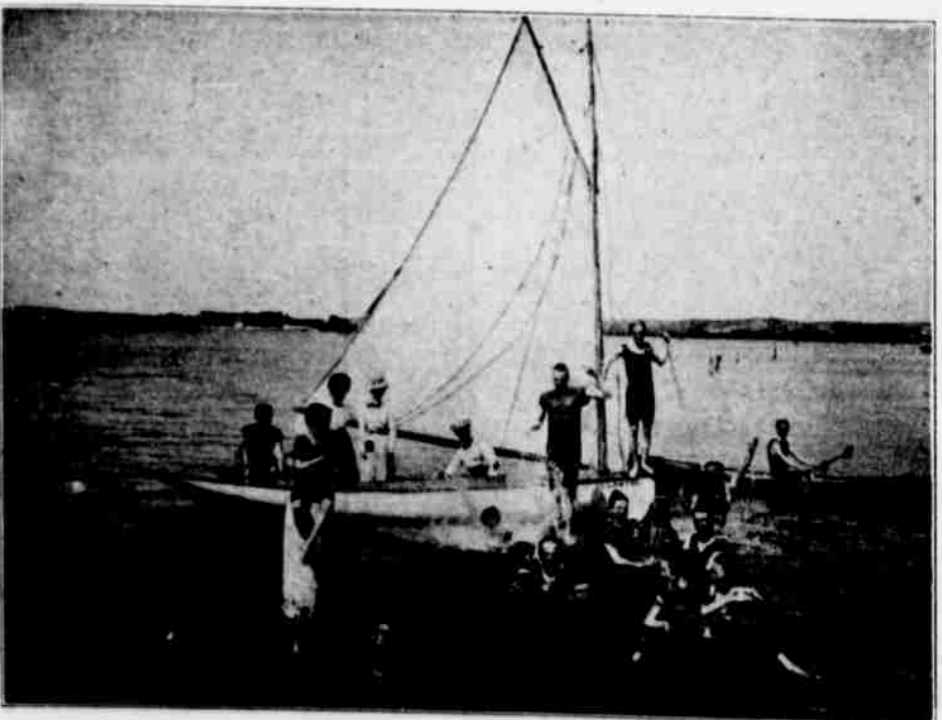
The present enterprising management is determined to spare no effort to make Lake Manawa popular in every sense of the word to all classes of the people--the place to take a day or afternoon and evening off, knowing that the fullest measure of recreation and entertainment will be provided at a merely nominal expense.

Everybody goes to Lake Manawa these days. Join in with the throng and see what you have been missing.

One on Pope.

Alexander Pope, finding himself shut up in church with a "painful preacher," wrote on the fly leaf of a prayer book:

I whisper, gracious God,
That have I done to merit such a rod;
That all this shot of dullness now should be
From this, thy blunderbuss, discharged on me?



AT LAKE MANAWA--PART OF THE FLOTILLA.



AT LAKE MANAWA--VAUDEVILLE IN THE THEATER.