

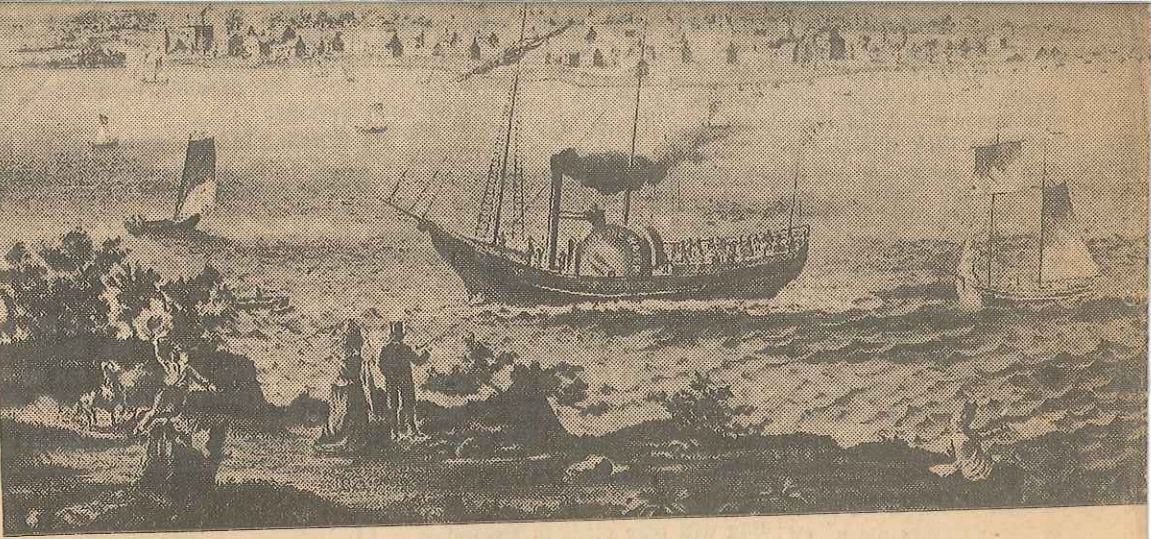
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"DETROIT IN 1820"

The Chicago Historical society at the south end of Lincoln park has a splendid collection of early prints of which this is one of the most interesting. No pleasanter way of tracing the rise of America can be devised than thru study of these actual scenes, which, in the rush of contemporary life, take on an almost dreamlike quality. Is this Detroit? One hundred and twenty years have changed the infant city beyond all recognition.

Crooked Shores of Beulah Lake Restful Place

Weary motoring pilgrims from Chicago, upon finding the cool deep blue waters of Lake Beulah set in softly rounded wooded hills, after a hundred miles of hot pavement, feel they have indeed come to the "land of Beulah," described in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" as the land of rest where pilgrims abide forever. They agree that the lake was appropriately renamed Beulah after being known by the highly descriptive if not picturesque name of Crooked lake for nearly half a century.

But it is still truly a "crooked" lake with a shore line so irregular and with so many indentations of bay and cove and so many juttings of points and peninsulas that the Chicagoans and Milwaukeeans who have summer homes at Lake Beulah find it much simpler to go calling on each other by boat than by walking or driving. Altho it is only one lake, the many islands, including two floating islands, and the narrows give the impression of several connected lakes and at one time these various sections were called Mill lake, Middle lake, Long lake, and Round lake.



WEDS SEPT. 16

Miss Rolinda Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph of Pittsburgh, Pa., who will be married on Sept. 16 to Harry B. Gaines, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Gaines of Lake Shore drive. Miss Joseph is a junior at Cornell university. Mr. Gaines attended the universities of Michigan and Chicago.

The Frank A. Mitchells of La Grange also have a cottage at Beulah. Among the largest estates owned by Chicagoans is the 90 acre farm of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dunbar. Other Chicagoans who have attractive cottages around the lake are Dr. George de

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the "Chicago Shore," as it used to be called and which is now known as South Shore drive, is Ke-Nen-Ista, country home of Mr. and Mrs. August Kochs, who have been summer residents of Lake Beulah for more than 35 years. They rented a cottage for several years before they built the large three story year round structure of cream colored stone which they now occupy, a charming modern house overflowing with hospitality and guest rooms. The former Elsa Kochs, Mrs. Frank B. Voris of Miami Beach, Fla., is there with her two small daughters, Melodee Ather-ton and Scarlett. The Kochs' son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kochs of Kenilworth, and their three children also will spend some time at Beulah, as will Mrs. Walter Kochs, another daughter-in-law, and her two daughters of Beverly Hills, Cal. Ke-Nen-Ista, which is said to be Pottawatomi for eagle's eye, is located near one of the many Indian mounds for which Lake Beulah is famous.

Following the tortuous winding shore from the Kochs' docks past the velvety lawns of the home of Mrs. W. Victor Young, the charming flower gardens of the John M. J. Volkhardt place, and the ancient white oak grove surrounding the summer cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Grau, Gillette's point comes next in view. The native guide points with pride to the giant linden tree, well out on the peninsula where this summer the picturesque wedding of Helen Gillette and Charles Chapin took place.

Narasaki, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Gillette, is an interesting example of real Japanese architecture. The house was built about 1906 and much of the furnishings and decorations were brought from Japan by Mr. Gillette. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Hallie Hyde Irwin, is a guest at Narasaki, also Mrs. Howard A. Will, the former Marietta Gillette of Chicago, and her children, Hallie Hyde and Howard A. Jr., and Mrs. Hyde Gillette of Barrington and her small daughter, Marie. Narasaki also is the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Jenks. Mrs. Jenks is Mr. Gillette's sister.

The Shea Smith estate is said to be the oldest summer home built by Chicagoans at Lake Beulah and dates back to 1888. The architecture of the lovely old white house is a variation of early American with a two story living room and balcony that extends almost all around the room, and from which the upper rooms open. Two daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Shea Smith, Mrs. Euna Jennings and Mrs. George H. Johnstone, also two sons, Lester Shea and Arthur Clarke, now occupy the estate.

Another old place of interest to Chicagoans is that of the late George W. Chamberlin, whose big gray house topped with a "captain's walk," was built about the same year as that of the Shea Smiths. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Chamberlin Brown now own the estate, which is on a peninsula called Chamberlin point. Mr. Brown is a grandson of Mr. Chamberlin.

The pleasant white cottage of the George W. O'Briens of La Grange is close by. Mrs. O'Brien's parents, the Gore Mitchells, were among the early summer residents at Lake Beulah.

On the upper part of the lake, across from Jesuit Island where 200 black robed "scholastics," newly ordained priests, from the Jesuit Missouri province, spend six weeks' vacation before starting on their life work, stands probably the most interesting house at Beulah, the Villa Mauscar, country residence of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar de Bretteville of San Francisco. Set on a steep, densely wooded hillside, the house with its brown stained log exterior looks like a hunting lodge, an impression that is lost immediately upon stepping into the luxurious interior with its oriental rugs, wall tapestries, fine pieces of old mahogany and rosewood, and innumerable objects of art, old silver, books in fine bindings, etc. While the De Brettevilles spend part of each year in California, they regard Villa Mauscar as their permanent home.

Mrs. de Bretteville, very handsome, tall and majestic, was formerly Maud Lillian Berry of concert stage fame, daughter of the late Fulton G. Berry, one of the pioneers of Fresno, Cal., where he still is referred to as "the mother" of Fresno. While Mr. Berry's home was at Fresno, he did acquire considerable renown as a yachtsman at San Francisco, and his many splendid trophies now adorn the living room at Villa Mauscar. Mrs. de Bretteville "discovered" Lake Beulah more than 30 years ago when, while filling a theatrical engagement in Chicago, she came with friends on a picnic to the lake and fell in love with the spot on which her home is now located. This is one of the most historical places at Beulah, as it is the site of the old Red Mill, the first mill in the region, built in 1837 by the first white settler on the lake, Dr. James W. Tripp, a retired army surgeon from the state of New York. During the few years that he resided on the spot and for many years after the lake was called Tripp's lake. Mr. de Bretteville's sister, Mrs. Alma de Bretteville Awl, was formerly the wife of the late Adolph Spreckles. Among the interesting souvenirs at Villa Mauscar are many photographs made several years ago when Mrs. de Bretteville accompanied her sister-in-law to Europe seeking art and historical treasures for the museum which the Spreckles had presented to San Francisco.

The museum is a copy of the Palace of the Legion of Honor in Paris, where a number of the pictures were taken with the late Marshal Foch and Gen. Petain at a reception given the Spreckles and De Brettevilles by the French people. The photographs were autographed by Foch and Petain, as was one of the late Queen Marie of Rumania, a personal friend of the families, and whom they visited while in Europe at that time.

Jane Loewenstein to Be Bride of Herbert Falender

The marriage of Miss Jane Loewenstein to Herbert Falender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Falender of Indianapolis, is to take place today on the lawn of the Highland Park home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Blaine Loewenstein

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Lake Beulah Jottings

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The publication of the Hotel Beulah article by the East Troy Bank has created quite an interest and many questions have been asked pertaining to the early history of Lake Beulah. A frequent question asked is "when was the name changed from "Crooked Lake" to Lake Beulah? According to records the change occurred some time between 1890 and 1899. As to who gave it the name still remains a blank. In the Bible (Isaiah 62 v. 4) we find reference to the name Beulah. "Thou shalt no more be termed forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed desolate; but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah; for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married."

In checking with Shea Smith, Past Commodore of the Lake Beulah Yacht Club, we came upon the following interesting information: Prior to the erection of the Hotel Beulah there existed a rather primitive country hotel on that site. It was a wooden structure resting on wood posts. People came to the hotel via the Wisconsin Central Soo Line. In the fall of 1891 the hotel had remained open for the convenience of hunters as well as fishermen. On a bright fall day as employees were raking and burning leaves the wind blew the leaves against the wood posts and the building caught fire and burned to the ground.

When Hotel Beulah (the large hotel pictured in the East Troy Bank's publication) was about 10 years old, a refurbishing project was underway. According to Shea Smith, as workmen were busily cleaning up inside the building one of the men accidentally kicked over a blow torch and a huge fire ensued, resulting in the total destruction of the lovely building.

Shea Smith, at the time, was attending school in the east and his parents wrote and told him of the second tragic fire. In fact, I think if we give Shea a bit more time he will come up with additional information. At a later date, after interviewing two more local historians, we shall attempt to elaborate on a few more interesting facts relating to the early history of Lake Beulah.

In the meantime you are invited to join the ranks of those of us who are preserving this historical information.