



The Walled Lake Gazette

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MEMORIES OF THE 1920's . . .

Walled Lake became the playground of Detroit in the 1920's for some very good reasons:

The 625-acre sparkling lake was an attainable distance from the first automobile factories of Detroit that were spilling out these new contraptions. Also, the early tires required frequent repairs. Roadways, which were mostly gravel, could become muddy mires after a sudden rain.

The first waves of cottagers hammered out flimsy structures. Water was carried from a common subdivision hand pump. Electricity was available for lighting purposes. "Outhouses" were the general norm. Later, when flush toilets were installed the "septic tank system" very probably only consisted in dropping a 55-gallon metal drum, with holes in it, into the ground. A present day building inspector would certainly have had conniption fits over the laid-back manner in which construction was performed then. Some building lots, especially those near the waterfront by the amusement park, were only 32 feet wide!

And yet, despite all the foregoing, Walled Lake had already emerged to its golden happy days of popularity that it would never again match.

A ballroom had appeared at the amusement park. The top name bands of the country took turns playing there. The music wafted through the radio waves all over America. Tiny Walled Lake had come into the limelight. The Walled Lake Amusement Park was a glowing wonderland of lights and activity.

A nearly forgotten aspect of the 1920's were the open grill barbeques. Most often they appeared in the front window of a tavern or resort restaurant. A string-tied roll of meat turned on a spit until it became a rich brown-red creation of mouth-watering delight! The pork roasts or beef twirled gradually in front of a hungry-eyed public. No other contraption of food enticement since those days can surpass those wonderful juice-dripping barbeques!

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article appears immediately
below :

Q & A

TO THE EDITOR:

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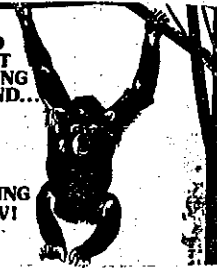
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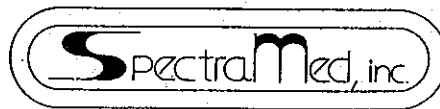
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