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MATERIAL for recreation is something of which the visitor will find a bewildering variety at Lake Minnetonka. Yachting, golfing, swimming, tennis and fishing are but few of the pastimes from an assortment to suit everybody's liking. The matter of getting out to the lake has been so simplified, that it is merely a ride of forty minutes or so, from the heart of the city to the most charming spots on Minnetonka.

For the mariners, Minnetonka's splendid sheet of water and its convenient sailing courses are a constant joy. Two well-organized yachting clubs—the Minnetonka Yacht club and the Minnetonka Boat club—are supported by several hundred of the yachtsmen. The Minnetonka Yacht clubhouse is located in Bay St. Louis, and is within easy reach of the Minneapolis & St. Louis depot at Deephaven or of the end of the trolley line, which will soon run over the Milwaukee tracks. The club members keep open house at their little island club home. They have at their disposal a handsome launch which meets all trains and trolley cars, and which runs along the shore for the accommodation of the members of the club and their families.

Regular Races Held.

Under the auspices of the Minnetonka Yacht club regular races are scheduled for the summer season, for the club is an ambitious competitor in the races of the Interlake Yachting association, which includes owners of the fastest boats on White Bear lake, Lake Winnebago, Lake Minnetonka, etc.

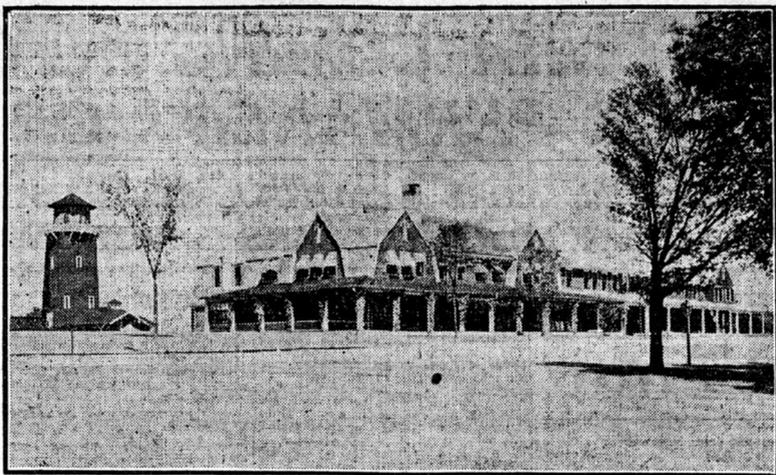
This season the club has ordered three new class B boats, which will be sailed in competition to the other boats in the coming races, and one of which it is hoped will carry off the honors at the Interlake regatta.

The tendency of the club to further and support anything in the line of healthy sport and recreation is expressed by the interest which the club takes in tennis and in golf. The tournaments of the Northwestern Tennis association are held under the auspices of the club on the Burton links at Deephaven, and the Twin City High Schools' tournament is another event which comes off on the courts every summer. For these reasons much of the gaiety at the lake centers around Deephaven and Cottagewood, a fact which has given these places the prestige of being known as the "most popular lake resorts." In connection with its sporting features, the club supports a spirit of sociability which is the means of bringing into closer contact all those who share the membership privileges. Dancing parties, luncheons, dinners and other formal and informal functions are arranged at intervals by the house committee, and whoever wishes to be drawn into the midst of this delightful circle of entertainers is always sure of a cordial welcome, which does not lack the ring of true hospitality.

The M. Y. C.'s Friendly Rival.

A spirit of pleasing and friendly rivalry existing between the Minnetonka Yacht club and the Minnetonka Boat club has acted as an impetus in

reviving the sporting instincts, which, after the burning of the beautiful Ice Yacht club home were dulled to an alarming degree. Each club has a good membership list. The yacht club has over seventy members, while the boat club has a membership of over 150. Competition for the honors on Lake Minnetonka has also been responsible for a number of new boats which the Minnetonka Boat club has ordered this season. On the list are a new class A boat which is being built in St. Paul at Johnson's yards, and two new class B boats, which are being built for individual members. Several of the White Bear flyers will sail on Lake Minnetonka this summer, and the regatta feels that the sailing season will be well inaugurated on Decoration Day. The renewed interest which is shown in the sport is evidenced in many other ways. Docks are being built along the shores for the exclusive use of sailboat owners. At Excelsior the boat yards and houses have been removed and whatever available shore can be used will be turned over to the use of the mariners.



LAFAYETTE CLUB AND GOLF LINKS, MINNETONKA BEACH. —Photo by Sweet.

Yachting, Golf and Tennis Are Supported by Strong Clubs, While Bathing and Fishing Are Both Excellent.

extent under protection, so that the wholesale slaughter of fish of a few years ago has been stopped. The bathing beach at Spring Park is an additional attraction for the tourists and visitors, as it has every possible facility for swimming and diving. At Excelsior, which undoubtedly has the finest bathing beach on the lake, the swimmers congregate from morning until late in the evening, and the roar and thunder of the sleds traveling down the toboggan can be heard far over the lake. The chute has been rebuilt this year, and is far higher and better than it has been.

Golf and Tennis Popular.

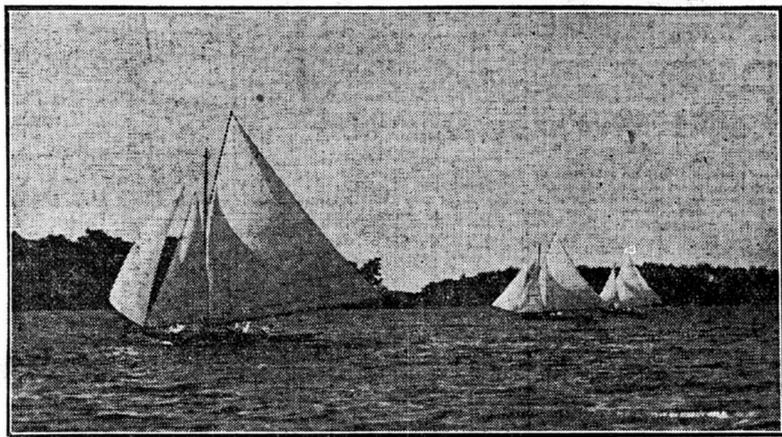
Golfing and tennis are features of which the Minnetonka colony is very fond, and particularly the links come in for their share of patronage. They are hardly ever deserted. Many of the Lafayette club members are also members of the Minikahda club, and inter-club contests are features of the season. Competition for recognition on the links is great, and the games which

and healthful sport to their hearts' content.

Tennis is popular on the south-shore for the very reason that the annual northwestern tournament is held every summer on the Burton links at Deephaven. It really is one of the leading sports in which the south shore coterie indulges. Some of the best women and men players have their regular games mornings and afternoons, and their interest comes to a culmination during tennis week, which usually falls during the last week of July.

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SAILING THE LONG COURSE, THE BIG LAKE. —Photo by Sweet.



A MINNETONKA STRIP OF BIG 'UNS.

At Big Island amusement park, the yacht owners will have a 100-foot "Y" landing for their exclusive use. The dock will face the triangular course, which runs from the Yacht club house in Bay St. Louis north to Point Look-out, Brown's Bay and then towards Swift's Point. The annual interlake races between White Bear and the Minnetonka clubs will be sailed July 25, 26 and 27, and will, of course, be the yachting events on Minnetonka waters.

Good Fishing, Too.

When it comes to looking for good sport in the line of fishing, the men

who know how to throw the line and catch the gamey bass and pickerel and the sturdy crappies look wise and make for the upper lake. Around Spring Park, Mound City and other upper lake bays, where the tourist traffic is less than in the lower lake, some of the best catches have been made, and it is no wonder that the experienced angler scolds at the man or woman who asserts that there is no good fishing in the lake. The upper lake hotels could not exist without good fishing grounds, for it is one of the very first considerations of their patrons that there must be fish to be caught, no matter how and where.

At Chapman's, at del Otero, at Dewey's, at Bartlett's at the Buena Vista, the fishermen are conspicuous in their numbers. The Great Northern train on its way to the lake touches at all these points, and it is asserted that of the 800 and more people who went out to the lake last Sunday, fully one-half were armed with reel and rod. All day fishing parties are popular pastimes, and the Sampson House fishing fleet has come to be known as one of the sights of the lake; once or twice a week the fleet sets out headed by "old man Sampson," and a few good guides, for some far-off upper lake point. Pickerel and crappies predominate in the catch-

es, while many good bass are landed in strings, not without a good deal of coaxing at times, however, for bass is wily and up to the tricks of the Minnetonka fishermen. Anglers galore visit at Lake Minnetonka every season, and those who have lived around the shores of the lake for many summers, have never yet failed to satisfy their pleasure with fine catches, and one might well be inclined to doubt many a fish story, had it not been for the truthfulness of the camera, which in many instances has verified what might have been laughed at as a yarn. Thanks to recent fishing laws, Minnetonka fish have been put to a certain

source of much entertainment and recreation to the devotees of the sport. Connections to the city from the Lafayette club are conveniently arranged and trips to and from Minneapolis can be made over the Great Northern railroad almost every hour. Many of the club members are also members of the Minikahda club and competition for recognition on the links with the Minikahda members is a spur which adds to the enthusiasm of the players. The tennis courts at the club are favorite recreation grounds for the younger people, and particularly the college sets indulge in that delightful game played off Saturday afternoons are

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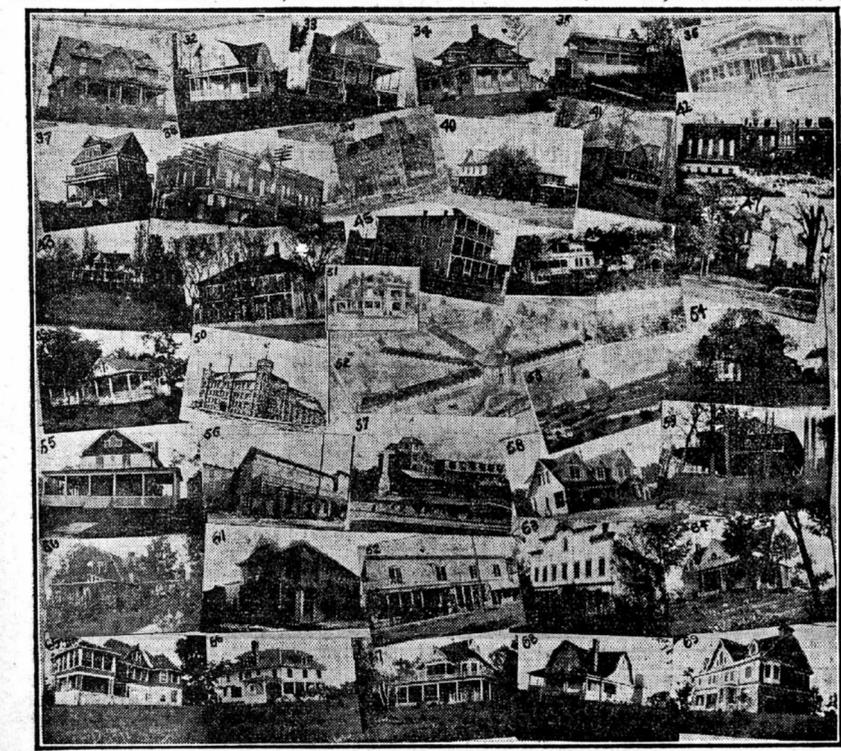
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