Spring Lake

1. Opened for business in 1926. It cost 10 cents to enter the park.

2. The Dance Hall called the Crystal Ball Dance Palace opened in 1926. Big names such as Lawrence Welk, Guy Lombardo, Count Basie, Wayne King, Russ Logan and Ina Ray Hutton with her 21 all girl band played for dances.

3. A large bandstand gazebo sat on an island on the lake. Band concerts were presented on Sunday afternoon.

4. A petition with a 1,000 signatures persuaded the Iowa Park Commission to keep the skating rink open in 1949. It is still open to this very day.

5. Woolen swimsuits cold be rented with baskets to store your clothes and shoes in 1926.

6. There was a diving tower west of the bathhouse in deep water, there were two slides as well as the Giant Water Toboggan. The Giant Water Toboggan was 30 feet high and had 100 feet of metal track zipping towards the water!

7. During the time of ice houses, Spring Lake ice was very sought after because it was much cleaner than ice from streams and ponds. Cakes of ice were cut, packed in sawdust and shipped by train to ice houses in Clinton, Boone, Carroll, Missouri Valley and as far away as Council Bluffs.

8. When the park opened there was a concession stand that sold pop and ice cream in cardboard cups. The lid of each cup had the photo of a movie star and at the time were sought after by boys and girls of all ages trying to collect their favorite star!