MacRae Park

Did you know

March 26, 2013
MacRae Park, the park

- S.W. 9th and Davis
- Historic Name, South Park
- Acquired 1897
- 62.7 acres
- Open Air Shelter
- Enclosed Shelter
- Tennis Courts
- Lagoon
View from MacRae Park
MacRae Park, the park

- native vegetation within the park was predominantly oak-hickory forest/woodland and oak hickory savanna
- By 1930, tree density increased
MacRae Park History

- Memorial seat and Fountain 1932
- Renamed MacRae Park in 1919
MacRae, the person

- Donald MacRae (1895-1918)
- North High School
- Drake University
- Chase & West Department Store
- Edward Fleur
MacRae, the person

- National Guard 68th Infantry, France
- March 5, 1918 killed by shell fragment
- May 26, Fleur wrote letter to MacRae’s parents
Somewhere in France
May 16, 1918

Mrs. Nettie L. M. Rae:

My dear Mrs. M. Rae:

I fear that the 7 letters I sent you about the 6th and the 15th of March have never reached you. Mrs. Fleer has told me in his letters that you had never received a letter from me. Will the mail come at times or very bad

The boys of the M.C.G. has done some work and do along their duty cheerfully and are brave among the others. A fine lot of young men from the Moncton area were gathered in one company. I am certainly proud of the men and I don them all.
Fish Day

- Annual Event 1919
- Lagoon stocked with fish
- Des Moines Register, August 10, 1919

"According to reports last evening, Albert Coe with a 10-1/2 inch fish caught in MacRae park, was the prize winner."
Thank You