

Today in Columbus History: On Thursday morning, May 22, 1890, the *Columbus Enquirer-Sun* ran an ad for musical entertainment at the newly created Wildwood Park (which had opened in 1888). The park was created by John Flournoy, whose streetcars provided service to the area – promoting recreation for Columbus citizens and encouraging real estate development in the area. The shallow lake supported swimming, boating, and fishing and provided a great setting for courting. The park was sold to the city in 1924, and the lake was drained a couple of years later, giving the park one of its other names: Lakebottom. It's also known as Weracoba Park, since Weracoba Creek runs through it. For this occasion, in 1890, Prof. George W. Chase and his orchestra played. Chase later established Chase's Conservatory; his son George continued his father's work there after the elder Chase died in 1910.

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**Wildwood Park!**

**THIS AFTERNOON AND NIGHT,**

**MUSIC**

**By Prof. Chase's Orchestra,**

**FROM 3:00 TO 11:00 P. M.**

**DOUBLE SERVICE ALL THE WAY AROUND!**

A train every twenty-five minutes from Broad street, commencing at 3:50 p. m.

Last train will leave the Park for the city via Wynnton College and Tenth street route at 9:30 p. m.

Last train via cemetery route to the city at 10:40 p. m. J. H. HENDERSON, Supt.

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Wildwood Park; postcard from the collections of the Columbus Museum, dated May, 1911.