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Sirs:

I note that governor Benson has appointed a State Geographical Board to rename such lakes in Minnesota which have repeats in name. In this, Clearwater County, there are two named Long Lake, and many more in the state and I am submitting a choice of names to give to the one of these on which I settled in 1903 and erected buildings the nearest of any to the shore. This lake is 4 miles north and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Bagley, county seat of Clearwater County and in extent is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile long and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide and covers parts of the 4 townships of Copley, Popple, Holst and Eddy.

Following is the choice of names to be given this lake, preference of name in the order given

Alpine Lake
Lake Nympha
Fairycove Lake
Fairydale Lake
Azure Lake
Sylvan Lake
Lake Columbine
Lake Serena
Lake St. Vivian
Lake St. Severin
Lake St. Isidor
Lake Sinsabaquet
Lake Wauabta
Lake Waukegon

Most respectfully
Fred Krolop

Krolap, Fred

February 18, 1938

Mr. Fred Krolap
Bagley, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Krolap:

This is to acknowledge your letter to the State Geographic Board regarding the renaming of a lake in the townships of Copley, Popple, Holst, and Eddy in Clearwater County.

Although the State Geographic Board has the power to initiate proceedings leading to the changing of names of lakes, it seems to me that greater satisfaction will result if local wishes are consulted and if the initial action comes from the communities in which the lake or stream is located. Chapters 35 and 63 of the Session Laws of 1937 lay down a procedure to be followed, which we suggest that you follow. I am enclosing a set of instructions to guide you. If any questions arise, you probably can get additional information from the chairman of the board of county commissioners of Clearwater County or from the county auditor. If they are unable to answer your questions, please do not hesitate to write to us.

I should like to suggest that, in choosing a name for a lake or stream, you adopt a name which is appropriate. A name may be appropriate because of its location, or the nature of the surrounding country. In many states, names have been selected which are based on the history of the lake or the surrounding country. It usually is not advisable to select a name simply because it is fine sounding. A homely name which has a reason for its selection is better. Furthermore, no name should be submitted which is repeated elsewhere in the state. For that reason, it probably will be advisable for you to communicate with us again before presenting your petition to the county board for action.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Blegen, Secretary
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