

NEWSPAPERS PROVIDE INVALUABLE HISTORICAL RECORD

Newspapers have always been vitally important for between their yellowed pages can be found historical information that cannot be gathered from any other source.

Not only do they contain current news items, the advertising, human interest stories, and ordinary "doings" of the local community provide a composite picture of any particular era.

When the early settlers received their newspaper all work stopped. Mother or father usually sat down and read aloud to the entire family. It was their way of keeping in touch with the outside world.

The first newspaper in Pine City was published on May 3, 1873. It was called the Pine County News and Hial P. Robie was Editor and Publisher.

The Pine County Record published by H.P. Robie followed in 1881 followed by a publication called "Bede's Budget", a two page magazine type paper that contained political advertising, poems, jokes, etc. It was published by J. Adam Bede and Minnie Neubauer who is now in her 90's, set the type for ~~Bede's~~ the early publication.

EddGottery published the Pine County Pioneer beginning in 1884 and it was managed for many years by Walter Gottry and Sons who later became owners of the publication.

A.R. W. Olsen became editor of the paper in 1911 and changed the name to the Pine Poker and Howard Folsom, editor and manager in 1914 retained that name. Many people in the area still refer to the local newspaper as the "Pine Poker".

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By 1927 the local newspaper was again published and edited by the Gottry family.

The newspapers merged under the ownership of W.S. McEachern and D. R. Wilcox as the Pine Poker-Pioneer on March 10, 1932. It became known as the Pine Poker-Pioneer and Wilcox was President and editor.

In 1958 the Pine Poker-Pioneer was sold to Russell C. Mills of Cambridge and David G. Mills became publisher and editor. The name was changed to the Pine City Pioneer, ~~the name~~ and that name stuck.

In 1974 the newspaper was purchased by the present owners, Gene Johnson of ~~the~~ White Bear Lake and Dennis Winskowski, publisher. Numerous news and sports editors have worked under the current ownership, the most current being Wade Webber, Steve Lang and the current editor, Cindy Rolain.

The prize winning publication has grown and expanded to include a weekly shopper called the TV Weekly which is distributed free to the entire area in addition to the full weekly newspaper which comes out on Wednesday evening.

Changes in format have evolved throughout the years and the local newspaper continues to strive to provide its readers with the best overall coverage of local news and happenings possible. People make the news and often, through special feature stories, sports coverage, and advertising, the news makes people.

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