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## P. C. LOSES EXCITING GAME TO SANDSTONE

In one of the fastest basket ball games ever played on the armory floor, Sandstone H. S. defeated Pine City high school by the score of 13 to 9. Before the game, Sandstone was picked to win by a large score, but after two minutes of play it was hard to pick the winner.

Sandstone scored first on a pretty shot by Stenberg. Pine soon got their stride and the quarter ended Sandstone 4, Pine City 3. The second quarter brought all of the spectators to their feet as the dazzling speed of both teams could not help but cause excitement. The first half ended with Sandstone on the long end of a 7 to 4 score.

The second half started out at a fast clip, although rather rough, and Sandstone started to use their old tactics of winning basket ball game. After about three minutes of hard playing, Carl, Sandstone's star forward, was taken out on personal fouls.

Pine City had a stone wall defense, and it was only by long shots that Sandstone managed to do much scoring. The Pine City boys had little trouble in taking the ball down the floor but did not seem to be able to find the ring.

Stenberg, Sandstone's star guard, went out of the game in the last minute of play, but not early enough to harm Sandstone. Pine City showed that they have the stuff and will put up a good fight at the sub-district tournament, which is to be held here Feb. 29. and March 1st.

A good crowd attended the game and the pep of the rooters was the best that has been shown this season.

## Students Entertained

Mr. Arbury, a community worker, spoke to the P. C. H. S. students on Wednesday morning, Feb. 6th.

Mr. Arbury won the hearts of the students at the very beginning of his talk by promising to make his speech just as long as possible. This was met with great applause by the Shorthand I and English IV students who have class during the first period.

Every entertainment has its purpose, so with this one. After talking confidentially to the students and drawing their interest to him, he plunged into the object of his visit. He told them of the great work our War President, Wilson, had done for the purpose of creating "Peace on Earth;" of the organizations that are formed and of the money that is being spent for this purpose. He also spoke on the subject that is dearest to the hearts of students and told them how they could make the high school their high school, one of the biggest and best in the state.

No program or entertainment of any sort is complete without its humor and its music. You can be sure that Arbury did not forget

## Sub-District Tournament Teams to Vie in Annual Meet at P. C. Armory

The sub-district tournament will be held at Pine City at the Armory on Feb. 29 and March 1. The tournament is comprised of Barnum, Moose Lake, Pine City, Rush City, White Bear, Center City, Cambridge and Forest Lake. The winning team will compete at the district tournament at Forest Lake, March 8th.

A series of eight games will be played between the teams of the various competitors. Two games will be played on Feb. 29 at 4 p.m. and two will be played at 8 p.m. Saturday morning at 10 a.m. the two semi-final games will be played. At 8 p.m. the losers in the semi-final games will compete. The final games will be played at 9 p.m. Mr. Glenn Jackson, of Minneapolis, will referee the games.

## HAIR EPIDEMIC RUINS DIGNITY OF ASSEMBLY

A startling epidemic, which is sweeping the country like wildfire, invaded the assembly for a period last month. Among the chief sufferers were members of the Pinnacle staff. Had the epidemic raged with more fury the Pinnacle would not have been able to voice its "Exchanges" in its usual smooth convincing way.

The epidemic, effecting the more or less distracting heads of the more or less interesting feminine members of school, otherwise has thrust its baleful influence upon level-headed masculine Pinnacle-ers. Not long ago there was a stirring scene upon the appearance of newly bobbed hair. A deathlike whiteness came over one who had just entered the assembly. Seeing the disastrous effects of the raging epidemic he momentarily gave himself up to despair. He sank into his seat and gasped for breath, while the assembly watched with anxiety. Fortunately, possessed of a strong disposition and a plastic heart, Lorenzo recovered manfully, and the Assembly rejoiced, with the usual giggles and titters.

The epidemic seems to have little deference for strong or weak but is taking all in its path. Only 36 percent of the school remains with long, flowing, lustrous hair. The epidemic casualty list includes 65 percent. Every day finds the percentage of bobbed hair increasing. Many have made the attempt to predict the outcome of this phenomenon but even at that, statistics show that the manufacture of curling irons is increasing. Likewise many are talking of going into the barber business in order to share in the increased trade.

them. The humor came in the form of a Scandinavian translation of "Barbara Frietchie" and "William

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Season tickets are procurable at \$1.50 for adults, and \$1.00 for children. Single tickets will be sold at 50¢ for adults and 35¢ for children.

After the final game on Saturday evening, the remainder of the evening will be taken up with entertaining the visitors and those who participate in the games. A free lunch will also be served to all.

This is one of the big events of the school year and is eagerly anticipated by the student body. Pine has every chance of emerging from the meet triumphant. With the school spirit high and the team growing better it is expected that local fans will be given a genuine treat.

Pine is out to win!

## GIRLS THRILL FANS IN SERIES OF GAMES

The girls played their first public basketball game of the season on the night of January 25th. It was a preliminary before the boy's game with Hinckley. Both teams were taken from P. C. H. S. girls, the Juniors and Freshmen playing against the Seniors and Sophomores. The Senior-Sophomore team won with a 13-2 score. Miss Bender refereed the game.

The first quarter of the game was rather slow, but it was then that most of the baskets were made. After this, the Juniors and Freshmen had their own, furnishing more "fight" to the game.

The game was a success, winning just as much, if not more cheering, than the boy's game, which followed.

## Seniors-Juniors Clash With Lower Classmen

On Friday, February 1, the girls made their second public appearance on the basketball floor. This time, the Juniors and Seniors were the opponents of the Freshmen and Sophomores. The former won, with a score of 4-3. Miss Bender coach of the girls basketball refereed this game, also.

The line-up was as follows:  
Juniors- Seniors Freshmen-Sophs.  
Grace Halstrom G Marg. Sommers  
Gert. Sommers G Katherine Kain  
Florence Erickson G Muriel Heath  
Dorothy Carlson F Clara Korbel  
Alice Petschel F Mil. Blanchard  
Stazie Polivka. F Helen Carlson  
Substitutes: Laurna Sward for Florence Erickson in 3rd quarter,  
Ella Stelzner for Stazie Polivka in 2nd and 3rd quarters.

Field Baskets: Clara Korbel, 1;  
Dorothy Carlson, 1; Ella Stelzner, 1; Free throws: Clara Korbel, 1.

There was much mirth among the spectators due to the funny playing, crawling on the floor and such things as usually accompany a girls' basketball game.

## HONOR ROLL FEATURED BY MANY NEW NAMES

Each period the honor roll grows larger and larger, but, although the Sophomores have considerably lengthened their list, the Freshmen still maintain first place. By the growth of the honor roll it seems obvious that P. C. H. S. students are becoming more ambitious.

The "All High" is again headed by Royal Hoefer who tops the list with the high average of 94. The "All High" is as follows: Royal Hoefer, 94. Helen Beery, 93.75; Helen Carlson, 93.50; Galen Weinberger, 93.50; Marie Dyrland 92.50.

The Freshmen are: Royal Hoefer, 94; Helen Beery, 93.75; Helen Carlson, 93.50; Libbie Polivka, 92.25; Melba Wiley, 92.50; Geraldine Wiley, 91.25; Iva Franklin, 90.50.

The Sophomore honor students read: Joseph Engel, 91.75; William Vilde, 91.25; Margaret Lowe, 91; Beth Appleby, 90.25; Margaret Sommers, 90.25; Harold Truesdell, 90.

The Junior honor roll is: Lambert Beery, 92.25; Dorothy Carlson, 92.25; Mary Mack, 91.4.

Those of the Senior Class who eligible are: Galen Weinberger, 93.50. Marie Dyrland, 92.5; Virginia Holt, 91.5; Stazie Polivka, 91; Sture Carlson, 90.5.

There are twenty-one names on the honor roll this period—that means nearly twenty percent of the student body to "make" the honor roll at least once every year. As the end of the school year slowly approaches the students seem to take more and more interest in school work. For this reason it is thought that a still larger number of names will grace the honor roll next period.

## Cheer Leaders Chosen

Howard Buirge and Grace Halstrom were chosen as cheer leaders at a pep meeting held January 24. "Spike" Therrien, the former cheer leader, was picked to fill a position on the first team.

Mr. Grinnell suggested that in order to obtain new cheer leaders, each class should elect a candidate and from these four, one was to be chosen by the school. But, in order to eliminate possibilities of one class electing its candidate, he suggested, with his usual wise judgment (that the meeting take place in the gym).

Accordingly, Edward Woehrle, Howard Buirge, Harry Larson and Wesley Flaten, who were those elected displayed their prowess as cheer leaders. The teachers acted as judges and selected those showing greatest ability. Grace Halstrom was given a tryout; she seemed to have acquired the knack that goes to make a good leader, for she was chosen by the judges. Howard Buirge was the boy elected.

These new leaders have shown themselves energetic and capable, and their handling of the rooters at the last two games has justified the choice of the high school.

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## Just Thoughts

A certain psychologist, who ought to know a little more about people than the average person, says that one cannot get an idea of the ocean from a drop of salt-water. That is something to be remembered when we think we have human nature figured out perfectly. Don't forget the adage. Our purpose in life should be to see things steadily and see them whole. Are you constantly seeking to do this?

It is the indolent person who usually judges un-charitably, because a truly busy person does not have time to attribute wrong motives to others. The former, since he is not progressing himself, frequently becomes selfish and jealous, and in the light of his own mind thinks he is mis-treated.

The enlightened mind is not hoodwinked. It is not shut up in a prison until it thinks the walls of its own self are the limits of the universe.

The biggest thing a man can strive for, then, is a sympathetic understanding of the whole world and his relations with his fellows. He should patiently form his opinions of others. If he must judge, let his judgments be kind.

All life is immortal; eternity has begun here and now. Nothing a person gives himself is trivial and nothing is finer than a quest for high ideals. This pursuit abandoned, life need not run along any longer, the

pitcher is broken at the fountain. Shall we, then, catch a new vision of all actions and associations, and shall we begin to think twice—once for ourselves and once for our fellows?

## Deserve What You Get

Nothing worth while is easy. Nothing profitable is easy. It is the first of nature that what we get we must earn. We pay for what we get with work, skill, knowledge, and a host of other occurrences. The more we can do, the more skill we can acquire; the more knowledge we can master, the greater our earning capacity will be. It is for each of us to make the fullest use of the time given. The lesser cheats no one but himself.

## Those Exams

Semester exams were held Thursday and Friday, January 17 and 18. The morning subjects were held on Thursday and the afternoon subjects on Friday.

Judging from the varied expressions of those coming out of the assembly after each exam, what was not to one was poison to another.

State finals were given in American History, Commercial Arithmetic, and Higher Algebra.

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## STUDENT OPINION

What would you think if you were to visit a school and find the walls strikingly decorated with names and pictures? What would a stranger think if he were to visit our school and find the same things? He would be led to believe that you went to school just for pleasure's sake surely not to learn. This doesn't show skill, but it does how lack of courtesy or fineness.

If you admire your talent so much as this, there are better ways to show it. In choosing a better way, you would save your fellow students from suspicion, and yourself from an unpleasant situation, if you were to be apprehended, which would certainly happen sooner or later.

If one were to judge you by your actions in school, he would be led to believe that you were allowed to do whatever you desired at home; write on the walls, or destroy the furniture. Your mother does not allow these rough-house tactics at home, so why try them at school just because it happens to be noon and no teachers around. That monkeys throw cocoanuts at each other, is no reason why you should make monkeys of yourselves, by throwing erasers at each other. Perhaps you don't realize it but that is how you are regarded by your friends.

Perhaps you could realize the situation better if you were placed in the principal's position. What would you do? Try to stop it, or let it go on as it is? Surely, you would adopt some method to bring it to an end. If you are so active as all this, why not make use of the gymnasium? This is open to all students. There is nothing there that you can damage or destroy, and perhaps it would rid you of that uncontrollable desire to destroy.

There is an old saying, that "you are never too old to learn," neither should you be too young to learn—Are you?

—S. G. L. R.

## Saxe Roberts Receives

### Annapolis Alternative

The pupils of the High School as well as the community, have been greatly elated by the announcement that Saxe Roberts, well known in the circles of high school scholarship and diplomacy, has been appointed alternative to Annapolis.

Annapolis is the naval military training station, and men are received from all parts of the country to train as naval officers at this place. The appointments are made through Senators of each state who appoint one man, usually inclined toward marine enterprises, and two alternates. The alternates are selected in order if the first proves unfit or in any way declines the offer.

Saxe has a good chance of promotion and, in all probability, providing he wins the appointment he will distinguish himself as an officer.

The wishes of all are for his success in this enterprise and the Pinnacle expressly congratulates him.

## The January Holidays

Celebrated by Program

As a great many special days are celebrated in January the Sophomore program on February 1st gave mention to as many as possible.

The first numbers on the program commemorated the first raising of the American flag. James Pofel gave "The Flag Goes By," with such feeling as to inspire each one with his patriotic duty. Next, William Vilde read "Philip Nolan's Speech."

Benjamin Franklin's birthday being in January, Mae Miller read several of his proverbs, which had been cleverly applied to prominent persons in high school.

When Ben Franklin's advice had been heard and appreciated, Creta Larson played "Robin Red Breast." So sweetly did the robin sing that it seemed as if spring had come again.

In memory of Edgar Allan Poe, Murriel Heath recited "To Helen." She explained that this was written to Helen of Troy, who was, at her time the most beautiful woman in the world.

Lucille Biedermann read an interesting account of how gold was first discovered in California.

"Auld Lang Syne" by Robert Burns, was sung by several Sophomore girls and as an encore, a new version of "Comin' Through the Rye" pleased the audience.

Before the astonished assembly, could comprehend what the next move would be, the rattle of the piano to the tune of "Margy" that had been ingeniously changed to "Dorothy" broke the stillness. Soon the "noon scene" with all its familiarity was being shown to the delighted onlookers, only to be stopped by the mischievous tinkle of Mr. Grinnell's little bell.

As the Sophomore class has written some very thrilling short stories in times past, Beth Appleby gave a good example of Sophomore talent in "The Blue streak."

When the applause had subsided, Margaret Lowe read a rather amusing prophecy that dealt with the futures of several high school students.

Then Glylys Barnum played "Valse in E-Flat."

The concluding number was a tableau, Beth Appleby representing Liberty, Lloyd Greenly, a sailor, and Edward Woehrle, a soldier. During this number the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung, thus ending the program.

## Community Worker

### Entertains Students

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Tell," while the students joined in the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Way Down Upon the Swannee River." Mr. Arbury also sang a little song which the students so delight in calling "Oh—Splash!"

But the speaker did not promise to speak all day, and as he left the assembly the whole school declared that they would like to listen to him all day, not because their lessons weren't prepared, but because they so thoroughly enjoyed the talk.

## H. S. Mystery Yields to Sleuth Buster

A very estimable Junior had been observed of late to have undergone a mysterious change. The symptoms of his case point to heart trouble of a very common but disturbing nature. Many fellow class-men tried to find the root of the trouble, but gave up the search as hopeless.

Now among the ranks of the all wise Sophomores is an amateur Sherlock Holmes. As the case grew more and more baffling he resolved to use his hitherto untried skill.

For many days and nights he worked against nearly overwhelming odds to clear up this dark mystery, during which time he came to many conclusions, all of which were discarded.

Weeks passed, our poor detective was nearly at his wits end, because clues had become so scarce, when one happy day he noticed that the unruly locks of the worthy Junior had been subdued and transformed into a slick shining pompadour.

"Ha! A clue!" cried Sherlock, "I have always heard that a pompadour indicates a girl! There must be a girl in the case!"

It was plain that he was now hot on the right trail. The next cue was a long, dark brown hair found on one of the manly shoulders—or was it on the lapel?

By this slender hair hung all of the dark mystery. Flushed with success, the detective, who was Buster Woehrle, published the news in the touching Latin fate of "Tabula Clifford et Melbae." This was read and enjoyed by the entire school.

## 37 to 2 is Tune of Hinckley Defeat

After a week of hard drilling, the Pine City High School basketball team met the Hinckley H. S. aggregation on the armory floor January 25.

Pine got a slow start, and could not find itself. After two minutes of play Hagen scored a neat goal. This awakened the rest of the team who were soon dipping the ball through the net. At the end of the first half, the score stood 17 to 0 in Pine City's favor.

The second half started fast, and Pine soon began to play up to its regular form. Hinckley tried a number of long shots, but seemed not to be able to find the net. The third quarter ended with the score 27-0. Everyone thought that Hinckley was going to go home goose-egged. With about two minutes left to play, Spry dribbled down the side lines and made a neat basket for Hinckley; this was followed by an unsuccessful free throw. The game ended with Pine on the long end of a 37 to 2 score. Owing to the extreme cold only a small crowd witnessed the game.

The line-up was as follows:

PINE CITY	HINCKLEY	
Hagen	F	Spry
Erhart	F	Benson
Weinberger	C	Luchart
Holmberg	G	Crandal
Therrien	G	Groth

## Lincoln Medal Goes to Galen for Prize Essay

In the recent Lincoln essay contest Galen Weinberger was awarded first place and received a medal for this attainment. Stazie Polivka scored second, with Eva Blot third. The Lincoln contest is a recent attempt to give the high schools over the country, who wish to compete, a chance to show their ability in essay writing and also to more fully honor our greatest hero of the Civil War, Lincoln.

This contest was open to all seniors of every high school and was given by the well-known Illinois Watch Company, Springfield, Illinois. The medal awarded in the local contest is one of many thousands given to the high schools of America, and is as beautiful a medal as one could wish to win.

## Several High School Students Participate in Play

A number of high school students took part in a three-act comedy, "Mrs. Tubbs of Shantytown," given at the theatre, Friday January 18.

The character who, perhaps, left the deepest impression upon the minds of her audience was Mary Mack, who took the leading part, that of Mrs. Tubbs, the sunshine of Shantytown. Margaret Lowe appeared as Miss Clingie Vine, an old maid boarder; Stazie Polivka as Mrs. Hickey, a gossip; and Hazel Heath as Miss Campbell, a school teacher.

Of course, there are children in every play, so there were, in this case. Melba Wiley and Muriel Heath impersonated Queenie Sheba Tubbs and Elmira Hickey.

The number of male characters was limited, John Holmberg and Edward Woehrle being the chief ones.

## Freshmen Give Dramatic Skit from Ivanhoe

By way of a change from the usual routine, a scene from Ivanhoe was dramatized in the Freshmen English class.

They are now studying the story of Ivanhoe, and in this particular period a small skit of it was dramatized, the scene being in the hall of Cedric, the Saxon.

Helen Beery was chosen to coach the play. Although inexperienced in this art, her first trial was a success. She chose the characters as follows: Lady Rowena—Gertrude Cummings, Elgitha (her maid)—Iya Franklin, Cedric, the Saxon—Royal Hoefer, Pilgrim (Ivanhoe)—Oscar Haavisto, Prior Aymer of Jorvalux—George Wiseman, Sir Brian de Bois Gubert—Frank Vilde, Wamba—Edwin Borchers; Isaac of York (Jew) Bernard Trolten.

After more has been covered Miss Bender wishes to try the ingenuity of others.

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## Chuckles

SEMESTER EXAM  
James Poerfl; (In Caesar Semester Exam) "Here's hoping I pass, this course has been a night-mare to me."

Miss Bender: "Remarkable, James you always appear to be sleeping quite soundly in class."

Grace, (trying to study) "Gee, I wish some one would come and argue me into going to a show."

Alice Petschel (writing her history Exam) "I'm sure it happened in the year 3000, but I'll be gosh-hanged if I can remember if it was B. C. or A. D."

Mr. Grinnell, (to Eva at English Exam) "Why Eva you're half an hour late for the examination."

Eva: "Oh, I came late on purpose Mr. Grinnell, I'm always so nervous during the first half hour."

According to the interpretations of the mark V. P. (very poor) by some students to their parents means, "very prominent."

## Moose Lake Wins 2 Games

In two fast games, one played at Moose Lake and the other in Pine City the "Moose Lake Five" defeated the local players.

The loss of the games was not due to the inferior playing of our men but to a lack of decisive teamwork. There should be steps taken to eliminate this fault.

The games on the part of Moose Lake were well played both in defense and offense. Although every man took his part in helping to win, Swanson seemed to show up more than his teammates. It was partly due to his long shots that his teammates and himself were able to leave the floor with another game to their credit.

## Pine City Loses to Sandstone

When the bus in which the players and rooters of P. C. H. S. journeyed to Sandstone, Friday, Jan. 18, stopped in front of Hotel Madison of that place, the very atmosphere hung heavy with foreboding defeat. At least, that is what is current opinion now. It did not appear that way just before the game started, however. Each of the local players seemed cheerful and acted expectant of a hard contested victory.

The Quarryites got the jump on the Cone-eaters quintet and smiles faded. Again and again Sandstone took the ball through for a clean shot. The Pine City lads seemed to lose heart and become nervous in spite of the hearty support of their rooters. Sandstone had the better of the half throughout and when it ended the score showed a comfortable margin for them.

Fast, clean cut team-work on Sandstone's part characterized the entire second half. Stenberg showed a skill and speed, which made him the outstanding player of the game.

The boys from the court-house town, in their zeal to stop the scoring of the opposition, drew a number of personal fouls. Boo was forced to make a few remarks. His admonition was heeded and the game from then on was less rough. It ended

Hagen F Stenberg  
Erhart F Carl  
Weinberger C Larson  
Holmberg G Wallen  
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