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## JANUARY BASKET BALL SERIES FINDS PINE CITY HIGH SCHOOL ON TOP

### SOPHS LEAD THE NEW HONOR ROLL

Largest Honor Roll of '24-'25

The Honor Roll is ever a source of excitement in the Assembly. This period, the roll is somewhat longer, nineteen names being included.

As before the Sophomores lead the list, with nine of their class represented. They are:

Royal Hoefer	.....	93.5
Helen Beery	.....	93
Helen Carlson	.....	92.25
Melba Wiley	.....	91.75
Libble Polivka	.....	91
Gertrude Cummings	.....	90.75
Geraldine Wiley	.....	90.75
Edwin Borchers	.....	90.5
Gladys Smith	.....	90.25

The Freshmen take second place. In their list we find:

Eone Sobotka	.....	94.25
Wesley Lowe	.....	93.25
Edward Benda	.....	92.25
Helen Engler	.....	91
Caroline Kick	.....	91

The Seniors are somewhat behind in the race for scholarship. Three of that worthy class "made the grade":

Lorenzo Dane	.....	91.75
Lambert Beery	.....	90.75
Dorothy Carlson	.....	90.75

The Juniors take the lowest place, as before:

Joseph Engel	.....	90.25
This increase in the honor roll is very encouraging. It is the wish of the entire and faculty that roll will be larger with every period.		

#### STUDENTS DECIDE

#### FOR DECLAMATORY

With the beginning of the new semester, thoughts turn to the end of the school year and the annual track meet and declamatory contest.

P. C. H. S. has started preparations for the latter. Fourteen students have expressed their desire to enter this contest and have designated which branch of declamation they prefer. It is the wish of Miss Huff, who will train the speakers, that more students enroll for oratory and humor. The contest is open to all, and it is urged that more students enter it. It is likely that the local contest will be given the latter part of April or the first of May. This will give the competitors a good chance of becoming familiar with their respective pieces and consequently more able to handle them successfully.

Declamatory is an event in Pine City which in the past has received much support, and generally is looked forward to with more or less enthusiasm. '25 promises to show a good contest as every phase of the art of oratory will be considered. In a later issue of The Pinnacle the names of those contending will be posted.

### HOME LIGHTING CONTEST RESULTS IN SENIOR-SOPH AS FIRSTS

DOROTHY CARLSON AND ROYAL HOEFLER TAKE HONORS

Six students of our school were pleasantly surprised upon receiving checks as a reward for their essays written for the Home Lighting Contest.

This contest closed December 15th. The prizes were awarded the following week. Three were given to the three best essays written by the girls, and three to the boys. The lucky ones are:

Girls  
Dorothy Carlson ..... \$10

Margaret Lowe ..... \$5  
Helen Beery ..... \$3  
Boys

Royal Hoefer ..... \$10  
Lambert Beery ..... \$5  
Joseph Engel ..... \$3

The students of the school consider it a great opportunity to have been able to enter this contest, which proved to be very beneficial to all. They take this opportunity to thank the local Power Company for the Home Lighting Contest.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM INSPIRED EVERYONE

#### Jazz Band is Feature

The first high school program of this term which was given Friday, Dec. 19, was a big success and highly entertaining. Helen Beery, chairman of the committee in charge, presided over the afternoon's performance. Immediately preceding the program a wandering band of jazzy minstrels found their way into the assembly. For fifteen fleeting minutes the assembly and faculty were royally entertained by this lively troupe of Jazzerinoes.

The first number on the school program was a Christmas song by the Junior and Senior girls.

With the strains of it still humming in our minds, Beth Appelby read the "Origin of Christmas."

Next followed a violin solo by Geraldine Wiley.

Albertina Tornquist then gave a most pathetically beautiful poem "Anne and Willie's Prayer."

The next number was a song to the familiar tune of "It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo" by the Freshman girls.

An appropriate poem composed by the school poetess, Pearl Shoberg was read by Gertrude Sommers.

The audience was once more greeted with the soft strains of sweet music. Gladys Barnum played "Simple Confession."

In the following number, everyone had the pleasure of listening to a comic poem given by that most dignified senior, Lorenzo Dane.

Next followed a piano duet by the high school musicians, Melba Wiley and Clifford Dorow.

Last but certainly not least were the letters to Santa Claus which were read by Howard Burge. Indeed, Santa must have had his hands full in filling the orders of some of them.

At the conclusion of the program

### PRELIMINARY A FEATURE

Loses One, Wins One in Fast Games

After seven years of fighting the old jinx, Pine City H. S. defeated the fast Sandstone H. S. team on the local floor by a score of 22 to 18. Pine City took the lead at the start of the game, and held this all thru the game. At the end of the first quarter, Pine had a lead of 6 to 3. The half ended 10 to 7 in Pine's favor.

The second half started out with a rush, both teams battling for the lead, and when the whistle blew for the third quarter the score stood at 14 all. Pine took a spurt in the last quarter and outplayed their opponents in every stage of the game. When the final whistle blew, Pine was on the end of a 22 to 18 score. The game was one of the best played here in years and breaks the old Sandstone "jinx." Pine City plays Forest Lake at Forest Lake, January 30, and it is hoped that a good bunch of fans will be there to help cheer the team to another win. The fellows are playing a good brand of basket-ball, and there is no reason why the town people and students shouldn't back them 100 percent.

Following is the lineup:

Pine City	.....	Sandstone
Erhart	RF	Carl
Woehrle	LF	Stenberg
Hoefer	C	McNeal
Therrien	RG	Fyhr
Flayten	LG	Luoma

Substitutes: Pine City; Holmberg for Flayten.

### SENIOR CLASS PLAY WILL BE "JONES"

#### Decide at Recent Meeting

At a Senior Class meeting held January 22, the play "What Happened to Jones" was chosen by the unanimous vote of all the class. A large number of plays had been suggested but "Jones," with its lively action, capricious situations, and laughing humor was considered the best. The secretary has sent for a number of plays and work upon characterization will begin immediately.

In "Jones" the public is going to have a mighty fine play and when the Seniors intend to put it across with all their efforts at stage perfection, it will no doubt conform to their record.

#### FRANK JONES IS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

P. C. H. S. will now have Frank Jones of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin to handle the affairs of Superintendent for the remainder of this term. Mr. Jones has been actively engaged with a book company for the past year and a half and previous to this was superintendent at St. Croix Falls. He held this position for three successive years and won much credit. Pine City has in Mr. Jones a very competent man and one who is capable of handling the position.

#### NEW TEACHER FOR DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Miss Ella Markham of St. Paul is filling the vacancy left by Mrs. Brown in the Domestic Science Department. The new instructor is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

the school sang "Silent Night."

After which everyone dispersed pleased with the afternoon's performance and happy in the thought of a coming vacation.

#### SUPERINTENDENT BROWN LEAVES PINE CITY

After a long and successful term as Superintendent of the Pine City Schools, Mr. T. D. Brown has decided that business offers him a larger field for his activities than school work, and accordingly has resigned as Superintendent. He will leave February 1st, for Minneapolis where he will be actively engaged in business.

Everyone is sorry that Mr. Brown did not stay longer at Pine City, at least fill out his term, but Mr. Brown feels that he must leave for his best interests.

With Mr. Brown's going the high school regrets the loss of another member of the faculty, Mrs. Brown, who has served most efficiently in the Home Economics department, and has given much of her time and attention to certain school activities.

It was largely through Mr. Brown's interest and support and also through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Brown that the Pinnacle was originated and made possible.

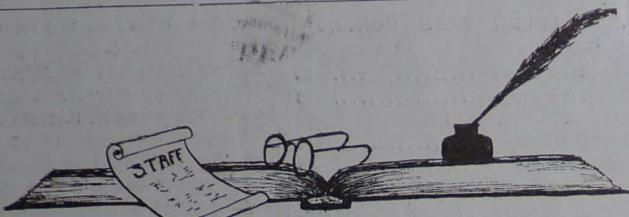
The school appreciates what Mr. (Continued on Page Four)

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## THE TURNING POINT

Semester examinations are the turning point in the year's high school work. What we have done in the past semester is indelibly reflected in our examination. If we have ranked high in all our daily work, and have been on the Honor Roll occasionally, we have entered the turning battle with faith and confidence and have come out victorious. On the other hand, if we have been letting our school work drag, getting nothing prepared in our daily assignments, coming to class without the least thought of a good recitation, nay, even not knowing what the assignment is many times, then we have entered the battle of the turning point with swords unsharpened, without confidence in ourselves, and the result—failure.

To the Seniors, especially, the semester examinations mean very much—have meant very much. It is their last year's work in high school, in fact, the year that either pushes them to better things in life or puts them back; and it is that inevitable semester examination that decides that very thing, did you ever know that? That's why semester exams are such an important affair in the year's work.

But now they are over. One half of our year's work is consummated,

whatever we have done remains done forever. Our chance was given us. The harvest that we have reaped varies directly as the amount of energy we have expended. Never again will that half year be given us to retract any mis-steps that we have made. Never again will we be permitted to study the same things in the same ways with the same fellow classmates. All those things are history and are gone forever. Have we made the best of our opportunities? Have we put the utmost energy in our work and reaped as large a harvest as possible? That is what we should ponder upon for at least a few minutes, better still, a few days. A few days spent now upon good consideration will mean very much to us in the future.

So now the argument that we should wage is what we are going to do in the future. Do you know, fellow classmates, that we all live in the future; we all work in the present with hopes and visions of the future. It is those hopes that impel us to stop now and then and ponder upon what we are doing, and the wise one is he who ponders long and thoughtfully. Let us be wise. Let us have ideals. Let us stop and consider for a moment that we get out of life just what we put into it. Let us endeavor to see the beautiful things and exclude the un-

desirable ones. And after we have decided what we are living for, above all let us live to our ideals. That bespeaks the manliness in man. The critical point is past so once more we are at work and school work flows along more easily. Let us make our resolutions for the new semester, and then above all, follow them up with an iron will.

Mr. Budzinski: (To Laurna who had been eagerly talking to Buster in American History)  
"What's the matter, Laurna? Trying to make a date?"

## Literary

Edited by Pearl Shoberg

### STUDENT OPINION

Pupils: What impression do you wish to convey to those who visit your school? And what kind of memories do you want your instructors to carry away when they leave you, perhaps forever?

You have it all in the hollow of your hand—your School's Reputation.

When an out-sider visits your school, surely the impression you wish to give him would be such that he would say to anyone he knows, "a finer bunch of pupils I've never seen!" It really isn't so difficult to accomplish this, pupils. All around you and in you are chances for improvement.

How do you treat your school surroundings, do you use the aisles as a waste paper basket? When you see chalk on the floor, do you pick it up or step on it? Then how do you treat the furniture? Do you find an amusing pastime to draw classic figures on the desk—and walls?

You're old enough to know the difference between right and wrong. If you follow your good judgment concerning the use of your school, your wish for a pleasing impression to be created, will be answered.

Then don't forget the mental pictures you give your instructors when they leave.

Youth loves fun and spirits, that accounts for the many devices that are made for the purposes of having a "good time when teacher ain't lookin'!"

"Teacher" does see you, but she doesn't say so; perhaps your report card does.

But, man to man, what do you suppose she thinks of you? Perhaps she doesn't blame you, thinking how unnatural it would be, if a body of pupils remained in perfect order every hour of the day. It cannot be found in any school, this "Perfect Order," whether high school or grade school.

But, fellow students, with your individual co-operation, we can become the "exception." We love our teachers—of course we do, but we don't realize how trying we make it for them, at times.

We lose ourselves in our own enjoyment forgetting that our teacher has a "million times a thousand and then some" papers to correct. Suppose we were in her place. Wouldn't we lose patience? So don't blame her if she upbraids you for your conduct once in a while. It really isn't very often that she does. Haven't you wondered where she gets her patience?

Mr. Budzinski: (To Laurna who had been eagerly talking to Buster in American History)  
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Oh, pupils lets prove ourselves worth of such a teacher, treat her "square" as she treats you. Endeavor to make each day a bit more pleasant so that she'll look forward to each coming day with a song in her heart. Then rejoice at the wonderful memories you have given her to carry away.

### EDUCATED OR UNEDUCATED

A delightful story is told of an elementary school girl where the children were required to define the difference between an educated man and an educated man. A little Polish girl of about ten explained that an educated man was a man "who thinks for himself" while an uneducated man gets some else to do it for him.

There are two classes of people in this world: those who think for themselves, and those who let other people do their thinking for them.

The number of people in the first class is very small. Most of us are quite content to repeat parrot-wise what others say. We are satisfied to leave our reason in the care of someone else. But the hope of the world is forever in the brain of the man "who thinks for himself."

### REVERIES OF A SENIOR

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my school days,  
When fond recollections present them to view;

The Chemistry Class of the Pine City High School,  
The English, the History, the Type classes too;

The soft whispered message oft caught by the teacher,  
The notes that went flying from morn until eve;  
When we think of those days that are now hard to feature,  
How we long for them still till our old hearts must grieve.

'Tis years since we parted, many's filled our places,  
Our class has been scattered, North South, East and West,  
While I sit by the fireside I can see their sweet faces,

Some are still laboring, others, riches have blest;  
While I gaze at the fire-light I recall their ambitions,

'Tis many have climbed the steep ladders of fame,  
Others, still struggling, are brought to my vision,

But many's the honor that rests on their name.  
Those dignified seniors, those seniors so naughty,

But to me those dear seniors shall ne'er be forgot.

Mr. Budzinski: (To Laurna who had been eagerly talking to Buster in American History)

"What's the matter, Laurna? Trying to make a date?"

A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the other one,

## What's Doing at P. C. H. S.

Edited by Margaret Lowe

### SENIOR CLASS NOTES

A meeting of the Senior Class was held on the 14th of Jan. to discuss class plays. Miss Huff has succeeded in getting a number of excellent plays which are being read by the class and will be discussed at the next meeting.

"What a relief" was uttered by all Seniors when semesters were over. But while waiting for our cards to appear, "What a suspense" is usually the words uttered by all.

Senior: I have a slight idea that I may become valedictorian of the class.

Fellow Classmate: Well, you would make a good valedictorian of the dumb.

The Chemistry Class have been progressing rapidly in their study and it is believed several may in the future become noted Chemists of the world. If they only would spare the test tubes for the next years class; but why worry, isn't the end of the world to come in 1925?

The American History Class will soon finish their study of that subject and take up the study of Civics.

The English IV class has started the reading of novels for the book reports that will soon be due. During the first semester several plays were read and reported.

Inger: I wish you would quit pestering me the way you do.

Carl H.: Wait until I run and get my lawyer, Burge, to settle the case for us.

### SOPHOMORE NOTES

The Sophomore Cooking Class served a delightful luncheon Thursday noon, January 8. It was very well carried out for the first meal served this year.

The English II Class have now completed the study of Silas Marner. Their next step will be the reading of the Sir Roger de Coverly Papers.

The Domestic Science Class, as work in the Laboratory, prepared a breakfast Thursday morning, Jan. 22. It was served at the end of the second period.

"Bookkeeping is an Art" says Royal Hoefler. If so, considering the returns of the Semester Exams, many in that class are "Artists."

If anyone has seen the Caesar students smile, he might wonder why; just look at the Honor Roll; every member of the class is on it!

### FRESHMAN NOTES

The semester exams held their full amount of terrors for the youngest class. However, they were withheld quite nobly by most of us, and in the process our teachers gained many startling, and here-to-fore unknown facts.

The classes in English I have been studying the "Merchant of Venice" during the past six weeks, and we have information on good authority, that any Freshie can quote "Portia's Mercy Speech" backwards or frontwards.

In Algebra, it seems red ink is in great demand, for it is said that the marks range from "10 to 100" in that branch of learning.

### JUNIOR NOTES

The General History class spent a few days reviewing before the Semester Exam which came Thursday afternoon.

Having covered the principles of debate the Eng. III students are having a series of debates. The first one was held on Mon. Jan. 19. The subject was "Resolved that Cross Word Puzzles are worth while." The negative team won. The debate for Tuesday "Resolved that it is better to go without a Christmas Tree than to destroy our forests." Here the affirmative side won.

The program for the rest of the week was as follows:

Wednesday: "Resolved that the custom of giving presents at Christmas should be abolished."

Thursday: "Resolved that the Child Labor Law should not be passed."

Friday: "Resolved that the United States should join the League of Nations."

The Cicero pupils have decided that the famous orator had no inkling of how easy he had made his orations or he wouldn't have passed them on to the next generations.

Type and Shorthand I are progressing slow but sure.

We, the Juniors, are very sorry to hear that due to illness, Lucille Valley is absent from our classes. We hope it is not for long and are anxious to see her with us again.

The Juniors, as well as other members of P. C. H. S. were sorry to hear that William Reichert had an attack of Brights disease and was forced to leave school for this year. He has gone to the University hospital for treatment and will remain there for some time. We all hope that William will be with us next year to resume his studies with fellow classmates.

### TEACHER TRAINING NOTES

Miss Bohrer of St. Paul is taking charge of the normal department in the place of Miss Huff, who is obliged to be at home on account of the serious illness of her mother. The girls sadly miss their former teacher, but are well satisfied with Miss Bohrer who has had much experience as a normal instructor and is eager to make the work a success.

The girls have been teaching the first grade phonics class for the past two weeks of Jan. 5th to 16th. On Jan. 19 they began teaching the 5th and 6th grades Geography classes.

The study of music has been taken up and at noon and before school, one may hear music in all its stages and do, re, mi, seem to be the favorite musical expressions.

The girls will begin the last semester's work with a complete change of subjects. It is necessary to do this so that all branches of grade school work may be covered.

The new subjects are history, grammar, civics, rural school management, room practice teaching, and lessons regarding hot lunches in a rural school.

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## Pinna-Giggles

This is the case with quite a few students at the end of the semester:

They sat together,  
Worked together,  
All semester long.  
Played together,  
Strolled together,  
Happy as a song.  
Then.....  
Crammed together,  
Flunked together,  
Wondered what was wrong.

Merrill Daniels, our star chemistry student, has discovered a new substance which resembles Hydrochloric Acid and which he calls Hydraulic Acid. He claims that this new acid is especially good for use in Hydraulic Rams.

Frosh: What made that Soph so bow-legged?

Soph: Jumping over paddles last year.

### '25 Resolutions

Since school has once more opened its gates to usher in the glad new year, many of the students have made New Year's resolutions to insure their prosperity throughout the year of 1925. We hereby take the liberty to post a few resolutions made by some of the more or less interesting members:

Resolved: That I will study my shorthand at least ten minutes every day.—Howard Buirge.

Resolved: That I will get my Cicero lesson without Gladys's help.

—Edward Woehrle

Resolved: That I will swear off the excess use of Sta-Comb—Albert Kubat.

Resolved: That I will hereafter not be tardy because of unnecessary perambulations with Jimmy.—Clara Korbel.

Resolved: That I will cease my whisperings so that I might keep my seat in the back of the room.—Dorothy Carlson.

Resolved: That I will cease attempting to mimic Paderewsky's pianistic talents on the piano at noon.—Spike Therrien.

Resolved: That beauty hath charms without lip stick and rouge.

—Violet Glasow

Resolved: That I will not stay up any later than one o'clock working cross-word puzzles.—Beth Appleby.

Resolved: That John can only come down six nights a week, hereafter, instead of seven—Katherine Kaim.

Resolved: That the Honor Roll is the surest path to success in High School life.—All the rest of us.

## SUPERINTENDENT LEAVES PINE CITY

(Continued from Page One) Brown has done to improve conditions for this institution and his influence of matters of importance to every H. S. student will not be forgotten.

### NEW BOOKS RECEIVED FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

The school has just received about 200 new books. 100 being ad-

ded to the high school library and 100 to the grade library. Among those for the high school library we find books of fiction, history, travel, chemistry, ethics, biography, home economics and American poetry. Most of the books are written by well known authors such as Clemens, Burroughs, Kipling, Van Dyke, Bacon, Cooper, Churchill and many other favorites.

This new addition makes a total of 2046 books in the Pine City High School Library. This is a large number for a school of this size and the students are urged to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to read good, clean, educating, wholesome books.

Miss Holmberg, the school librarian, has completed the work of cataloguing all the books in the library and rearranging them. All books of one class have been separated from the others and placed by themselves. The new books have been handled in the same manner and are consequently distributed throughout the library.

A new book case has been installed in another part of the library to accomodate the new increase and all magazines, journals and pamphlets have a place of their own in a magazine rack. All high school exchanges find their way to a convenient rack upon one of the library tables and anyone may easily see the influence exerted upon high school life by these.

This arrangement makes the acquiring of books very systematic and seems to be working out very satisfactorily.

Altogether the library is now a very cozy place and the high school is deeply indebted and thankful to Miss Holmberg for her perseverance and energy in making it so.

### PINE LOSES TO RUSH CITY

On Friday, January 16th, the Pine City High School basket ball team fell before High School aggregation of Rush City. Pine started out strong and at the end of the first quarter was leading 4-3. The second quarter was an example of real fast basket ball, and the fans were kept on their feet all the time. At the end of the first half, Pine had a lead of 8-4.

The second half brought both teams on the floor with a determination to win, and by the way things started, it looked as if there was to be very little scoring. As the third quarter ended, the score stood 13-11 in favor of Pine. The last quarter found both teams going at top speed, and the ball went from one end of the hall to the other. With about five minutes to play, J. Holliday began to fire the baskets on long shots and put three baskets in from mid-floor. The game ended at this point with Rush on the long end of an 18-15 score. The Rush City boys played a fine game and as a team, proved to be real sports. Pine went down fighting, but not disheartened, and they will prove it to the fans that they still have the stuff. Pine meets Rush City at Rush, Friday February 6th. This game ought to be another thriller, so let's all be there to help the boys chalk up a win.

In a preliminary game played Fri-

day night between the Rush City Freshmen and the Pine City Bear Cats, the Bear Cats proved that they are in a class by themselves. Although outweighed by about ten pounds to the man, the Bearcats fought hard and showed their superiority in team work to the Rush City fans. When the final whistle blew, the score stood: Bearcats 13, Rush City 1. These two teams also meet at Rush City again on February 6.

### P. C. H. S. GETS A

#### STUDENT BAND

And now along with such things of note as three seniors on the honor roll, we are going to have a band. It is true it is not to be compared with Sousa's but it is far better than none at all.

Our school has been in need of a band for some time and at last, it seems, our wishes are to be realized. A school band shows that a school is up and coming, besides that, it develops the lungs of the members, thus bettering their health.

At the first meeting held Jan. 21, about fifteen persons reported for admission to the new organization. The leader is Mr. Dufec, the leader of the regular Pine City Band. The school band will be a part of the town band.

One practice has been held and the members of the band say that it was a great success, but as there was no one else in the building we can't give the opinion of any disinterested listeners.

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