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# DIMES MARCH ON

On Wednesday evening, January 26, 1955, students of Pine City High School put on a performance for the benefit of the March of Dimes. A matinee was given, much to the delight of many enthusiastic students.

## ALL-STARS SHINE

On Monday evening, January 24, the All-Star Band and Chorus concert was presented in the Hinckley High School Auditorium.

A near capacity crowd enjoyed the program which began with the Star Spangled Banner.

The Chorus, accompanied by Miss Ditty, performed for the first half of the program, and the band, the second.

The Hinckley Music Department is to be commended for the fine time which was planned for everyone.

After the second rehearsal, a meal was served--prepared by the Hinckley Band Mothers for all those taking part in the program.

The Hinckley Band Council took care of the recreation, which started with all the schools of the district presenting some sort of entertainment.

Following the impromptu program, a dance was held in the cafeteria. Music was supplied by some of the music directors of the district.

Of course, the most important event was the concert, which was climaxed when Sousa's stirring "Stars and Stripes Forever" was played by the mass band, under the leadership of Mr. Halling.

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The Chengwatana is going to attempt to finance a free copy of the spring edition this year.

In order to arrange for this, and to meet our old postage debts, we are mimeographing this issue.

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The CHENGWATANA went on sale one year ago this issue.

IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY!

The first act was a riot! Eight gorgeous, dainty chorus "girls" high-hipped their way through "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey." Give them a few years and they may take the place of the June Taylor dancers. This number was followed by the Girls' Quartette's version of "Mr. Sandman." A bit of the old West was brought in by Alf Grandt and Ray Stevens, when they crooned their way through "On Top of Old Smokey."

A pantomime was executed by Richard Kosik, John Bauer, Alfred Grandt, Ardis White and narrated by Sandy Barnes.

The story of Sinbad the Sailor was told by Andy Edin, with sound effects by the Band. Ardis White then took over and, along with the band, read the story of The Three Bears--with slight alterations.

Following this, Ricky Nordstrom and Mary Ann Janssen performed a March of Dimes Tap Dance.

The next act represented the feelings of many men. It was called "If Men Played Cards as Women Do." Danny Boo, Ronny Hawkins, Andy Edin, and Jim Gillespie did an imitation of how men would look if they acted as women do at a card party. It was a scream!

The Roarin' Twenties were revived by a few of the senior girls as they stomped through a Charleston.

Cleo Clem, Gege Gillespie, and Kay Nelson then sang "Good Night, Sweetheart," which sounded suspiciously like the McGuire sisters' record.

Dance numbers by Karen Otto and Pat Gebert, Mary Ann Janssen, and the Senior High Stoppers followed this.

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By

Mr. Huber

Self-analysis is one of the most important human qualities. Yet, the high school students of today seem to lack this important quality.

The student, upon entering high school, should ask himself four basic questions:

1. Why am I in school?
2. What do I want in life?
3. Am I equipped physically and mentally, from my point of view, to achieve my ambitions?
4. Do I have the ability to take an honest inventory of my capabilities, good and bad?

To arrive at the answer to these questions, one thing is necessary--honesty.

Honesty, now-a-days, seems to be a lost virtue. So few of us really want to know our faults and deficiencies. It's so easy to blame the other guy. Even if we honestly try to evaluate our personalities and physical makeup, do we have the moral and physical stamina to correct these blemishes?

We all have good and bad points but it takes courage to make the scale tilt in our favor.

Many of my English students will remember this quote from Julius Caesar:

"The evil men do lives after them

The good is oft interred with their bones."

Our lives need not follow the pattern laid out by Shakespeare. From our analysis, good example should serve as a light for all of us to follow. Only this honest evaluation of ourselves is the means to attain the necessary remedy for our flaws, small as they may be. We must eradicate the smallest defects first in order to arrive with the whole person.

You all know about the magazine drive; what are you going to do about it?

The answer to a question like that usually is a selfish one; what's in it for me?

Plenty--that's my answer! You go to our school; you share its troubles and also its benefits. The band is one of the biggest benefits in a school. The whole school pushes athletics, thinks athletics and pays for athletics.

This time it's the band's turn to have a little support--financially! No one thinks anything of paying to go to a game. What if the band should charge admission to everything it plays for?

You are supporting the school by supporting the band. The band represents the school--it stands for Pine City itself.

Last year the sixth grade beat the high school--that can't happen again.

Whether you're selling magazines or buying them; don't forget--It's good business!

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(Guest Editorial continued)

To few of us look for the little things; we are always looking for the haystack, not the needle. This fallacy is far too prevalent. It is only by eliminating the small and minor faults in our personality that we emerge a complete and educated person.

Self-analysis following the four basic rules outlined here aid all of us immeasurably in attaining a happier and healthier outlook on life. Remember, this analysis aids you primarily in your associations with people, your attitude toward school, and eventually the community in which you live. You are giving a gift from yourself to yourself. A gift of which you can be truly proud. One we all admire in anyone who takes a little time in our hectic existence to say, "Who am I?" "What do I want to make my life and the lives of my friends richer and fuller?" If honesty prevails, you will arrive at the correct answers.



## MUSIC NOTES

"Have you seen the new band-room?" It's the big topic of conversation among all the band members--and everyone else.

The band is moving into the new addition as soon as the painters are through--and there won't be any excuse for sour notes with those individual practice rooms, you know!

The new school addition was introduced to the parents at a PTA Open House on Monday, Jan. 31. Music had a part in the program--a snare drum duet by Art Smith and Jimmy Carlson was a new experience for the audience; Nancy Selleck, John Bauer, Judy Nell, and Ted Larsen--the cornet quartet, played two numbers, too.

January was a musical month. The All-Star rehearsal and concert were the biggest events.

The Talent Show before the concert (on the 24th) was a lot of fun for everyone--those watching and those performing. Ardis White told the story of "Sinbad the Sailor" and "The Three Bears" with instrumental sound effects, and Janet and Janice Rypkema and Pat Shuey sang "Surrey with the Fringe on Top." Cleo Clem, Gege Gillespie, and Kay Nelson pantomimed the McGuire Sisters' "Goodnight, Sweetheart." An original melodrama, a quartet singing "Dry Bones", two monologues, and other acts added to the fun.

The All-Star Concert was one of the best--the 100 voice chorus sang as one; the finale of the program was "Stars and Stripes Forever," by the 140 piece band.

We're looking forward to the next All-Star.

January meant basketball games and pep bands to play at them.

The Band is divided into two pep bands--each under a student director--Dan Boo and Mike Sellock--that alternate playing. The "B" band, directed by John Bauer, made the music for the Jan. 18 game with Sandstone--and did a good job.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

I know it's hard to believe, but snow isn't just something to shovel--it has poetic qualities too,

### FLAKELETS

by  
Janet Rypkema

I gazed out the window  
One morning, so bright  
The snow 'twas falling  
So pure and so white.

Just think! Every flakelet  
So different are they  
With no two alike,  
Each made many ways.

These all join together  
A blanket they make  
For sliding and skiing  
We sure do rate--

Snow has its beauty,  
It comes from above  
Clear up in blue yonder  
From One filled with love.

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### AN UNOFFICIAL PEEK--

shows Miss Rogstad's Home Room is highest in the High School March of Dimes, with the Seniors second, and Mr. Doyle's Home Room third.

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(Music Notes -- Continued)

February is buzzing already--the nine days of the magazine drive are going fast--and since the band gets the benefit, band members are working hard to raise their \$400 of the \$1,000 goal.

The chorus--located in a new room that Miss Ditty likes, is looking toward the Spring Festival at Barnum.

A Girls' Glee Club has been started--its members are 9th and 10th grade girls in neither band nor chorus--gaining experience for next year.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS ANONYMOUS

If you have been hearing strange voices in the classrooms for the past few weeks, don't think anything is wrong with you or your hearing. A new loudspeaker system has been installed and sometimes has not been properly adjusted, which accounts for the strange voices.

Because of the speakers, which were placed in the grades' addition, a new control panel had to be installed in the office. This panel permits speaking to all the rooms simultaneously or one at a time.

Eventually you will be able to sit in class and hear normal voices instead of a booming bass or a light whisper calling you to the office.

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HURRAH!

The Juniors have ordered their classrings---traditional style, traditional color, traditional size, traditional cost, etc. Can't wait to see them!

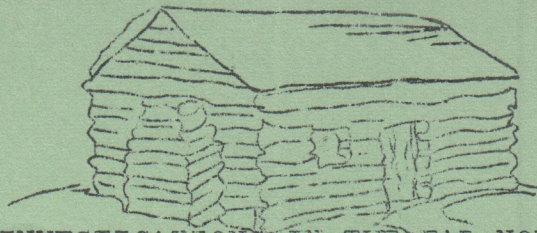
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When the announcement "Will each teacher please dust and straighten up his room for tonight's open house." came over, it brought forth such comments as "Who do they think I am?" and "I'm not a janitor." But when the parents arrived that night for the P.T.A. meeting everything was in tip-top condition.

First on the evening's schedule was a regular business meeting of the P.T.A. and after this some of the band students entertained the members with a few musical numbers.

Then the townspeople were on their own and they wandered through the new addition gazing at the terraced band room, the pastel grade rooms, and talking with the teachers about the problems of their little "Johnny" or "Susie."

Later a lunch was served for all who wished to stay.



## INVESTIGATIONS IN THE FAR NORTH

By

Jim Gillespie

Boys, I'm telling you it was cold that winter. I was up north of Hudson Bay on a secret government investigation. Things went fine till the fourth day around three o'clock, then it turned colder and the wind started to blow. Now just a little cold snap or a breeze doesn't bother me, but I figured I had better find a trapper's shack so I could watch T.V. Now I know that area well, so I didn't have to look very far until I found a good shack. It belonged to an old trapper named Squint Pearleye.

Once inside the shack I built a fire and settled down to a meal of government issue beans. It was getting colder and colder and the wind was blowing walruses around like popcorn, but as I have said, this doesn't ever bother me.

Now around 10:30 or so I glanced at the fire and saw that while it was burning brightly it wasn't putting out much heat. This didn't take me long to figure out, you have to be a thinker to get on a government investigation committee, the fire was freezing. Seeing this, I decided I'd better sack out till it warmed up, so I went to sleep.

The next thing I knew, I heard birds singing and smelled smoke. I woke with a start and jumped out of bed right on some ashes. Boys, I'll tell you what had happened, I'd slept clear through to Spring. When the weather warmed up the doggoned fire thawed out and burned the cabin right to the ground.

Well, now you ask how did I live through it? Simple enough for a government investigator, I was wearing asbestos underwear.

Yes, boys, I'm telling you it was cold that winter!



DRAGONS LOSE TO SANDSTONE  
IN OVERTIME

The Dragons lost the most thrilling game of the season, so far to Sandstone on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Dragons led by 9 points in the first quarter, and at the half were ahead by 3 points, 26-23.

The second half was much closer, with the score tied seven times. The score was tied at 47 when the Dragons stalled for 46 seconds. Andy Edin's shot was wide in the last few seconds, and forced the game into a three-minute overtime, with the Panthers coming out on top.

The Dragons finished the game with four players, because Stratte, Swedlund, and Yost fouled out. Doug Blomberg was high man for the Dragons with 13 points.

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ATTENTION--

The Annual needs some pictures of the March of Dimes Show. Bring them in to Miss Lawler.

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DRAGONS BEAT BY NORTH BRANCH  
57-44

The Dragons played their best ball, but still were out-played by North Branch. The difference in the score was mainly at the free throw line--the Dragons making only 8 out of 38. They took 63 shots from the floor and made 18 of them.

Doug Blomberg was high point man with 14 points. Stratte, Edin and Swedlund did some nice rebounding.

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After a tear-jerking soap opera, the Girls' Trio sang "Surrey With the Fringe" and "Big Brown Bear."

The audience was delighted with the appearance of Johnnie Ray--nee Gary Rohweder!

To top off an eventful evening, the Cutie Chorus Line returned and tripped through "Toot, Toot, Tootsie!"

TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE --  
Wednesday, February 2, was a day of decision. Would winter end? Or will there be six more weeks of cold and snow awaiting us?

The authority on this subject was Mr. Groundhog. (Well, who did you expect--the weatherman?)

A legend that started with the Pennsylvania Germans, says that Mr. Groundhog, on the 2nd of February, rubs his eyes, pokes his head out of his hole in the ground, and decides the weather forecast.

Now Mr. Groundhog is a shy guy, in fact, he's afraid of his own shadow--and if he sees it, back into his refuge from Old Man Winter. On the other hand, no shadow--no more winter.

But don't put away your ear muffs, as you've heard, "Spring is at least 6 weeks away." You're in Minnesota, brother!

HI, NANCY!

New girl? Huh uh. She used to go to school here. Remember, way back in the third grade?

Yes, she's new to most of you. Her name is Nancy Beeman. She has dark brown hair, green eyes, and is 5 ft. 4 in. tall.

Nancy says she's getting along fine with all the students but her pet peeves are mean high school males and school.

When asked what her favorite food was she said "Anything edible."

Nancy has some favorite movie stars--Jane Wyman and Rory Calhoun.

Welcome back, Nancy.

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Do you know why the three ink spots were crying?

Because their mother was in the pen, and they didn't know when the sentence would be over!

When the speaker was presented \$5 for his appearance at a meeting, he refused the fee, saying he was glad to be of service. The program chairman, in appreciation, said they would save the \$5 to get a better speaker the next time!