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Pine City



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COLLEENS GRAB LADS

The Junior Class is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Dance in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18. This year the dance will be for the senior high exclusively.

DECLAMERS DIG IN

For the past weeks you have probably seen people walking around as if in a daze talking to themselves and carrying folded papers or small books. As you passed classrooms, you heard peals of laughter. It's declam season.

There are the following classifications and the students who participated in them:

ORATORY--Louis Shumway

Esther Bell

Chuck Schriefels

The winner was Louis Shumway.

DRAMATIC--Pat Shuey

Albert Harvey

Pat Gebert

Karen Otto

Jeannette Franzen

Betty Odendahl

Janet Rypkema

Jon Challeen

The winners were Pat Gebert and Karen Otto.

HUMOROUS--Ann Swenson

Ronald Hanson

Myrna Johnson

Mavis Olson

Karin Challeen

Jo Ann Vosika

Sharon Roubinek

Areatha Rike

Gary Rohweder

The winners were Karin Challeen and Sharon Roubinek.

There are two more classifications that have not been judged, pantomime and extemporaneous reading. The following people are in these:

PANTOMINE--Nancy Beeman

EXTEMPORANEOUS--Cleo Clem

Janice Rypkema

There will be an assembly given on Friday, March 18, at which time you will hear some of the selections.

Easter Vacation Begins April 1!

Tickets are being sold in the home rooms and at the door. The price is the same for couples and singles--25 cents.

The school's phonograph will supply the music for the dance, and refreshments will be sold.

Two restrictions have been placed on the dance--no one outside of our own senior high school may attend (grades 10, 11, and 12 only) and the dance is to end at 11:30.

The Juniors have announced that this is a Sadie Hawkins type affair, which gives the girls their long-awaited chance!

The profits from the dance will go into the Prom Fund, which the Juniors hope will be able to cover their future expenses. The prom's success is determined to a large extent by the support of the senior high on Friday night.

LETTERMEN'S CLUB ORGANIZED

Something new has been added in the form of a Lettermen's Club, with the letter winners of all of Pine City's major sports participating.

The purpose of this group is to further the development and interest in athletics in the high school and community. The new club will have three classes of members: active members of the high school, graduate members, and honorary members which include all coaches. The first officers elected in the club are: President--Andy Edin, Vice President--Dennis Bowers and Secretary-Treasurer--Alan Thiry.

In recent years, there has been a definite lag of interest herein sports. This year, many of the letter winners have ordered letter sweaters, a practice which hasn't

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GUEST EDITORIAL

by
Miss Ditty

Have you ever heard this remark made? "If I had it to do over again, I would not make the same mistake." Maybe you have never heard it among your own group, but chances are you have heard it at least once from an adult. They have realized, through time and experience, that preparing for the future is a necessity in this day and age.

Your school curriculum has been planned to give you variety and suggestions as to your road of life. At times you can see little or no value in certain subjects, but think about these subjects, and how they will involve you.

Most important of all are those subjects absolutely essential to enter college. At the present time, college may be the furthest thing from your mind, but, if, when the time comes, you decide to enter, will you have the necessary credits and qualifications?

Too many students go through high school with no purpose, thinking only of today. What happens when today is gone and there is a tomorrow facing you? Prepare for this tomorrow, today.

NOISE! NOISE! NOISE!

"What did you think of the speaker we heard in the assembly this afternoon?"

"Well, he was easy to look at, but I didn't hear a thing he said."

Ever heard a comment like that? It's typical of the attitude of too many students; going to the assembly to see, rather than to hear, our guest speakers. What's more annoying than trying to listen to someone with a dull roar grinding all over? Probably nothing, except trying to talk above such confusion.

We'd all appreciate a liberal sprinkling of silence along with a generous supply of consideration shown in the assemblies.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

To the Editors:

In your issues last year, you included a not-too-serious personal column. I think I share the opinion of many students when I say that I enjoyed that column to the utmost. May I ask you you discontinued it?

Last year when everyone received his paper, he quickly turned to the personal column and read the latest gossip which wasn't always true, but invariably provided a good chuckle for everyone who read it. At that time, I would say it was one of your best features.

Although sales have increased somewhat due to the quality of articles, I think they would really soar if you would retain your informal personal column. Why don't you take a poll among your readers and gain their reaction to the idea?

Sincerely,
A gossip fan

Eds. Answer: For lack of suitable material, the personal column about which you are inquiring, was suspended. We agree that it was one of our best features, and for that reason we have included a touch of gossip to our regular March issue. Many of our readers have registered sentiments similar to yours.

These suggestions, by the way, are always appreciated and criticism is considered as a help in putting out the paper.

(Editorial--continued)

Other schools have solved this same problem in a simple way. Each student is assigned a seat in the auditorium, and attendance is taken at each and every assembly. As you know, this plan is far from foreign to us. It seems that our high school had better practice All Silent in Assemblies, or it could be Assigned Seats in Assemblies!.

NAMES IN THE "NEWS"

Which Gerald has Marlys T.?
Has Collete O. switched from Dale
to Jack?
Another heart throb for Oscar--
Darlene G.
Joanne V. on a merry-go-round: Jack,
Dale, and Art.
Tall, blonde, and handsome, eh,
Muffy? (and we mean Denny!)
Yvonne Mans and Richie Buckley--
oh, boy!
Louie's loose--and lookin'!!
Quick work, Nancy!
Who's in Buffalo, Deanna?
She's got brown hair this time,
huh, Jim B.?
Seen at the "Family"--James C. and
Linda M.
Seen on the bus--Sharon DeBoer and
Gary Sickler.
Carl Anderson and Arlys Skalicky!
Elva Janke and Dick Skalicky!
Steadies--Barty and Janet; Sharon
F. and Kenny H.
What Bell quit ringing in Ronnie's
ear.
Is Fran N. "Boo-ing?"
Jane's singing about the "Windy
City."
Hey, Juniors--gonna use any food
coloring this year?

WHAT IF:

Elaine didn't have freckles?
Karin C. got an Italian haircut.
Miss Lawler knew where she put
things.
Ronnie B. lost his voice in chor-
us.
Hank didn't wait for Karen.
Mr. Hanson took off his glasses.
The Streamliner closed on Friday
night.
Deanne strolled slowly into study
hall.
The teachers couldn't eat at the
bakery.
Mr. Huber didn't comb his hair.
Walt Weis had perfect attendance.
Alf didn't stack Nancy's locker
at noon.
Rich Kosik got a crew cut.
Wanda forgot to say "more or less."
Bev came on time to fifth hour.

Sign over the school drinking
fountain: "Old Face Full."

--COMMENTS--

Wonder if anyone's tried plank-
ton yet?

Mr. Baker, the chemist, gave us
a little salestalk on Chemistry as
a career, and pointed out a few
chemical achievements--longer last-
ing shoe soles, fabrics with a mem-
ory, and curly hair--all out of a
test tube! What a world!

Or maybe you've decided to lead
a life of adventure and mystery--
like Colonel Fergusson-Warren, with
a radio around your waist, "Mickey
Flynn" tablets in your pocket, the
collar of your "Foreign Intrigue"
trenchcoat turned up, and give a
Sherlock a little competition. What
a life!

But to get back to the routine
of a plain, ordinary, dull little
student--

There's nothing like a square
dance (like on Feb. 19th) to pep
things up--think we'll have another
one?

Wonder what the senior class play
will be.

Wonder what the theme of the
Junior-Senior Prom is, and if
Lindy's Combo is going to play.

Wonder what the annual will be
like.

Wonder what the band will play
for the Spring Festival at Barnum.

Wonder where the Seniors will
skip to on Senior Skip Day.

For the answer to these and other
important questions, watch for fu-
ture issues of the CHENGWATANA.

NOTE ON THE PROM

It has been brought to the atten-
tion of the editors that the stag
tables at the prom last year were
a damper on the festivities. The
Juniors and Seniors can see that
this doesn't happen again. The
big night is May 6. Details are
under cover, but one fact is out--
this will be the most unforget-
table prom yet. The girls are on
the prowl--watch it, boys!

Dieting: penalty for exceeding
the feed limit!

PARAGRAPHS FROM PAPERS

A kiss is a noun because it's common and proper.
It's a pronoun because "She" stands for it
It's a verb because it's active and passive.
It's an adverb because it makes an explanation
It's a conjunction because it brings together and connects
It's an interjection because it shows strong and sudden feeling.
It's a preposition because it has an object
It's great, if you don't mind saying so.

Found a wabbit
Called him Jim
Twenty more--
Weren't no him.

THE SMOKE SIGNAL
Pipestone, Minn.

The MHS boys want their coeds to be lady-like was one fact proved from the results of a recent Student Council questionnaire. Out of 204 boys, 85 approved of girls wearing slacks to school, 106 said no, and 13 were indifferent.

THE SPUD
Moorhead, Minn.

Principal Hemes of Shelton, Washington, has ordered teenagers not to wear pink clothes to school. He has banned any garb "which detracts from school work."

THE SKYLIGHTER
Asheville, N.C.

DAFFY-NITIONS

Hug: Energy gone to waist.
Will: Dead give-away.
Eavesdropper: An icicle.
Bigamist: Heavy fog.
Career Girl: One who prefers plots and plans to pots and pans.

THE DEL HI CRIER
Delano, Minn.

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:

The editors have turned over a new leaf in an attempt to reconstruct the CHENGWATANA. Several changes have been made which we believe will please our readers. Your comments and criticisms are welcomed.

SCOUTING THE SENIORS

Who's that girl with big blue eyes and a cute laugh? Must be Donna Mae Erickson--and you know what? Her favorite food is roast beef (with mashed potatoes).

She likes to listen to records; especially those of Perry Como, Joni James, and that new song, "Davy Crockett." Crazy color combinations and careless drivers are Donna's pet peeves.

After high school? Business school and a secretarial career for Donna--we know she'll be a success!

Due to circumstances beyond our control (Mr. Hanson put the nix on the reporter getting the facts) this interview is rather short.

Now for details: Bill Roubinek, a husky senior, has a particular liking for sandwiches. In his spare time, he is usually found designing aircraft. When asked about his favorite actor and actress, Bill--who is quite a connoisseur of such things--decided Percy Kilbride and Marjorie Main rated tops with him.

Bill likes football, and dislikes English and people who talk and blow smoke out of their mouths at the same time.

Mission accomplished--Goodluck, Bill!

In 207

I sat beneath a fluorescent light
I strained my eyes with all my might
First it was dark; then it was bright

The end
(because I lost my sight!)

GROWING PAINS -- HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

Sue Prairie	19
Marlene Bell	19
Jim Gillespie	26
Donna Erickson	29
Lois Finger	30
Nancy Beeman	31
Joanne Chalupnik	31
Henry Cornelius	31
Fred Hodge	31

DRAGONS BEAT POLAR BEARS 55-41

The Dragons broke a 38 game losing streak by beating the Hinckley Polar Bears 55-41. It was the first victory for the Dragons since the 1952-1953 season.

The score was tied at the end of the first quarter 10 to 10. Then, in the second quarter the Dragons put in 17 points to lead 22-17 at halftime. During the third quarter the Dragons put in 13 points and let the rest of the game.

Only six fouls were called on the Dragons the entire game while 23 were called on Hinckley. The Dragons sank 16 field goals and 23 free throws for their total.

Doug Blomberg led the Dragons in scoring by netting 14 points. Andy Edin was right behind him with 13.

TAYLORS FALLS ELIMINATES PINE

The Dragons took the court playing Taylors Falls in the sub-district tournament at Forest Lake by a score of 61-28. Pine took the lead early with a score of 4-2, but at the half were behind 31-14. The Dragons were eliminated from further tournament play by this defeat. Jack Swedlund was high for the Dragons with 12 points.

It was the last game for the Senior co-captains, Andy Edin and Jon Stratte, and also Jim Gillespie, who will all be missed by the team next year.

M O R E ?

The PTA sponsored a square dance at the Armory for the students, teachers, and parents on Saturday, February 19. In spite of the weather, the attendance was far better than had been expected. The Annual Staff ran a concession, selling hot dogs, pop, coffee, and popcorn.

The expression "a good time was had by all" doesn't quite do justice to this evening of old time dancing.

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LANDING A PASSENGER

Ruth rode in my new cycle car,
In the seat in back of me.
I took a bump at 75
And rode on Ruthlessly!

I had a little dog and his name
was Pat,
He covered little territory where
he sat.
His ears were black and his body
white,
He never slept but barked all
night.
Now this little dog, he ain't no
more,
Because one night he made me sore.
Listen my children and I shall
tell
How I knocked that dog all to----
on, well.
One night when I came home at two.
This dog let out a long "Whoooo."
Now if anything goes against me
bad
Is to hear a dog that howls so
sad.
Well, what does I do, I does, does
I.
But I went and shot 'em right in
the eye!

If all the students who sleep in
class were laid end to end, they
would be more comfortable!

A teacher, annoyed by his clock-
watching students, covered the face
of the clock with this sign: Time
Will Pass--Will You?

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been followed for quite some time.
The lettermen hope that, with the
help of the sweaters, and the Let-
termen's Club, the interest in
sports will skyrocket to its former
position.

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In fact, the PTA has assigned a
committee to take charge of another
square dance after Lent--if enough
interest is shown. How about it?