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Publisher

I HAVE WANTED to get old copies of the Pioneer on microfilm for a long time, but until recently the prospects of that happening looked dim.

Then, this past Legislative session, the Minnesota Historical Society was given funds to microfilm all back issues of Minnesota papers. It has been state law that the Historical society retain a copy of each issue of every paper in the state, but like us, they didn't have them all on microfilm.

I believe the actual funding for the project came from a Minnesota foundation grant, and it seems to me the cost of microfilming all the state's publications, dating back to the 1800s, was in excess of \$300,000.

In the meantime, the Pine City Library got its first and only microfilm reader, and we learned that to purchase microfilm copies of old Pioneers from the Historical Society would cost \$1,000-1,500.

Librarian Sue Sharp and local historian Ann Vach got going and asked the Pokegama Lake Association for \$1,000 to purchase the microfilm copies. The lake association and its gambling committee approved the expenditure, and now the library can begin to buy the microfilmed back copies.

Having the Pioneer files at the library will make Pine City and the area's history accessible to more people. Our thanks to Ann, Sue and the Pokegama Lake Association

for its donation.

THIS IS Pine County Fair weekend, and this year's lineup looks bigger and better than ever. The fair starts Thursday, and Thursday evening at the grandstand the Miss Pine City Pageant will be held, followed by the "The Memories," the evening entertainment. Both events are free.

There is a full slate of events each day of the fair. Check this week's Pioneer for details.

I look forward to the fair for several reasons, not the least of which is the food. When you're already a junk food nut, the fair is like a dream come true. My favorite are the American Dairy Association's malts and shakes. They are scrumptious.

THE PIONEER is getting in

the fair spirit with a fair week subscription special this week only. Whether you are a new subscriber or want to renew, we will give you 14 months for the price of 12, in other words, two months free. In addition, with every new subscription or renewal, we will give you a coupon sheet worth over \$30 in savings on items at the Pioneer, including free classified ads, photo copies, etc.

You can come in this week or see us at our fair booth. If the subscription special isn't enough to make you stop, we are also giving away a 12x12 screen house, one of those high tech water inner tubes and tickets to Mission Creek Theme Park in Hinckley. We hope to see you there.



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Association

gives \$1,000

The Pokegama Lake Association recently approved \$1,000 to spend toward microfilming the Pine City Pioneer. The donation was made to the Pine City Library, where the microfilmed copies will be available.

The library will purchase the copies from the Minnesota Historical society, the only agency in the state which already has microfilmed copies of the Pioneer. The Pioneer has original copies of old papers but nothing on microfilm.

"We are very grateful for the generosity of the lake association," Publisher Steve Prinsen said.

"We have several people coming in a week to do research. This will make it much easier because people will just be able to go to the library. In addition, many of our older copies are getting very worn."

The Historical Society recently received funds to microfilm all copies of Minnesota newspapers.

"It has been a goal of ours to get the Pioneer on microfilm, but up until the state got the funding it didn't look like a reality. Now, with the help of the association, microfilmed copies can be purchased from the Historical Society."

The microfilmed copies should be available at the library in a couple of months. The Pioneer dates back to the late 1800s.



Booya picnic set

THE SOKOL CAMP BOOYA PICNIC on Sunday, Aug. 12 will feature a performance by the St. Paul Czechoslovakian Folk Dancers. The annual picnic begins at noon at Sokol Camp on

purchased by the bowl or in jars to take home. The Czechoslovakian dancers, a 20-30 member group, have been performing for over 30 years at festivals throughout Minnesota. The public is invited to attend the booya picnic.



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