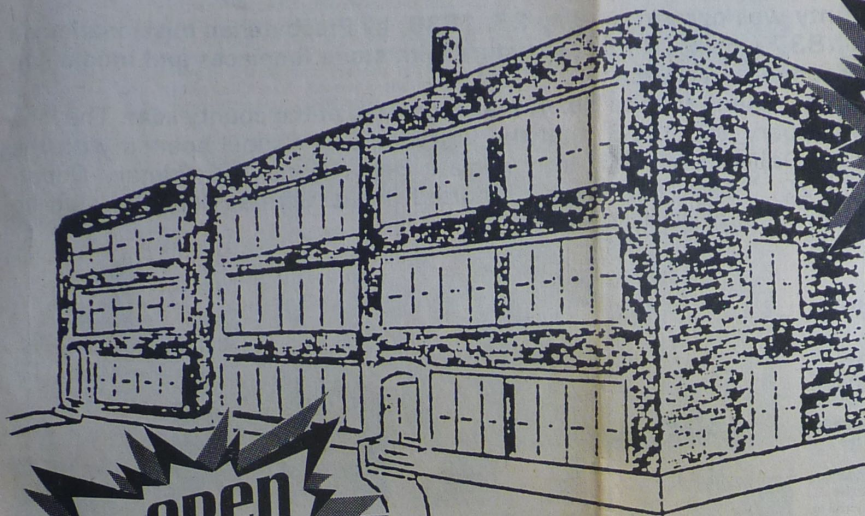


Through These Halls...

memories of Pine City Schools



open house
Saturday, May 11
2 to 5 p.m.

Pine City
High School
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On May 26, 1985, Pine City High School will be sealed in preparation for the demolition of the oldest section of the building. In the fall secondary students will enroll in the Pine City High School at the south site, and elementary students will have classes in the newly remodeled building in town. Although the old plaster and broken down stairs will be gone, fond memories of PCHS will linger on. To give some form to these recollections, a committee of Pine City educators and friends of education has met over the past several

weeks to plan this momento paper and a Farewell Open House for the high school. Because of the public school tradition is so much a part of our heritage and an experience that unites most Americans whatever their other differences might be, we have decided to focus on education in our area in general. This edition is dedicated to the memory of the many who have already passed through the halls of PCHS as well as to the future generations of youth who will climb the steps of the new school.

School

Today we stood beside Corot
And saw the sunlight on the trees;
In high-built Spanish galleons
We sailed across the western seas,
Past strange and lonely islands whose
Inhabitants were cockatoos;

We walked through Hiawatha's land
And helped him build his birch canoe;
We peeped into a robin's nest
To see the eggs all smooth and blue;
Yet there are some folks who think
That school is only books and ink!

Blythe Cleave



Citizens participate

The Curriculum Committee has held its last meeting in the old high school library. This group, along with others such as the building advisory committees, symbolize Pine City's tradition of citizen participation in educational planning.

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Do you remember when. .

Please share your memories of Pine City High School at an Open House to be held on Saturday, May 11, 1985 from 2:00 to 5:00. There will be tables provided for display of pictures and other items people might care to bring (Make sure they're clearly identified.) Refreshments will be served in the multi-purpose room.



Lifetime Commitment

A 1911 graduate of Pine City High School, Jim Clark has had a lifetime commitment to education. He taught school in rural district No. 47 just north of Pine City in 1912 (at \$40 per month plus \$5 for janitorial services) and at Beroun in 1913. He is pictured above working with a group of sixth graders on the topic of Minnesota history. Mr. Clark noted that his brother, Noble, a member of the PCHS class of 1909, is ninety-four years old and living in Seattle. Noble was considered a world authority of agricultural economics, having been both the dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, and head of the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization.



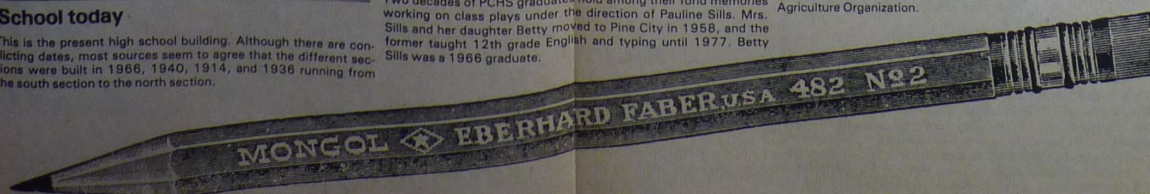
School today

This is the present high school building. Although there are conflicting dates, most sources seem to agree that the different sections were built in 1966, 1940, 1914, and 1936 running from the south section to the north section.



Class plays

Two decades of PCHS graduates hold among their fond memories working on class plays under the direction of Pauline Sills. Mrs. Sills and her daughter Betty moved to Pine City in 1958, and the former taught 12th grade English and typing until 1977. Betty Sills was a 1966 graduate.



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The early years...



The first school in Pine County was opened on May 26, 1836, by Presbyterian missionaries on the William Ausmus farm. In 1837 a new 18'x22' structure with stone fireplaces and mud chimneys was built to be used as a school and church.

In 1868 the first school district, Chengwatana No. 1, was organized at the county seat. The Pine County Pioneer recorded on January 13, 1893, that the first Pine City School opened with the following attendance: Grammar Department- 56; Intermediate Department- 45; Primary Department- 35. Then on December 22, 1899, the Pioneer reported that a German school would be opening after Christmas vacation.

Rules and regulations

Webster School, Pine City

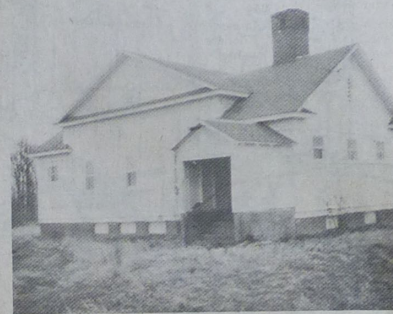
Pupils tardy more than twice within any one school month, or absent without satisfactory excuse, shall be suspended from school by the Principal, and required to secure the consent of the School Board in order to be reinstated.

No tobacco of any form is permitted to be used upon the school premises. The chewing of gum is forbidden in the school building.

Pupils are required to be prompt and regular in attendance; to conform strictly to all requirements of the school; to be diligent in their intercourse with each other; and respectful to those in authority; to avoid boisterous and unseemly conduct at intermissions and in passing to and from their homes. Disobedience to any of these requirements to be punished by dismissal from school at the discretion of the principal.

May 15, 1903

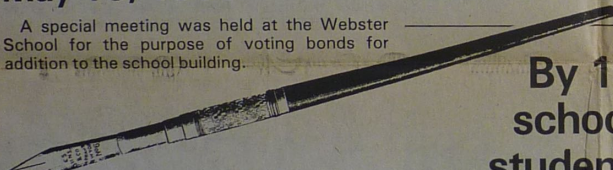
A special meeting was held at the Webster School for the purpose of voting bonds for addition to the school building.



Country schools remembered by many

Many Pine City residents remember the "good old days" at the country schools in the area. Many of these buildings have been purchased and used for other purposes, but

many, such as these two, have been left vacant. These photographs are of the Sauter school (District 53), and of the Milburn school (District 1573.)



We hold the pointer to the words,
The numbers, the alphabet.
Love for another generation.
Shelter of hope for another generation.
Life for our children.

--Tillie Olsen, "Utterance"

By 1945, a total of 32 rural schools had been closed, and students were being transported to town for school.

1930's - 1985

On January 6, 1938, the Webster School burned. Classes were held in the lunch room, in the music room, and other available space.

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TOURNAMENT SPECIALTIES

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 4
 Welcomes
 Sandstone Tap Dancers
 --GUARD--
Johnson M.B.
Bassett H.

THURSDAY NIGHT, MARCH 5
 Educated Horse
 Hincley Opera Marvel
 --FIGHT--
Carlson P.E.
Fah - D.M.
Walton H.E.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 6
 Mask and Wig Syncopators
 Style Review
 --SHOOT--

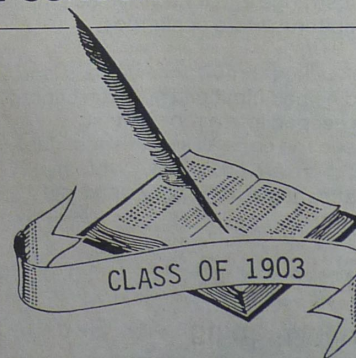
SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 7
 Acrobatic Dancing
 Miss Jeap Markert, Minneapolis
 --RAH--

This is the back page of the program for the March, 1936 District 25 Basketball Tournament, which was held in Hincley. Pine City placed second in the contest. Apparently, the basketball tournament included a wide variety of entertainment along with the basketball games! For your information, Pine City lost the championship game to North Branch by a score of 16-20!

Twenty-fifth District
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 March 9, 10 and 11, 1939

HELD AT
PINE CITY H. S. GYM
 Pine City, Minnesota

A 1939 Basketball Tournament program cover which includes a photograph of the then new Pine City High School Auditorium.



On June 1, 1903, the first class graduated from the Webster School in Pine City.

The members of this class were: Jessamine Allen, Benjamin Hurley, Martin Hurley, Marie Kibler, Mayme Pennington, and Anna Voss.



Who can forget?

Several generations of Pine City students studied science and performed lab experiments under the direction of Ray Arimond, who is pictured above. He served our district from 1946-1980. He and his wife, Win, continue to reside in Pine City.

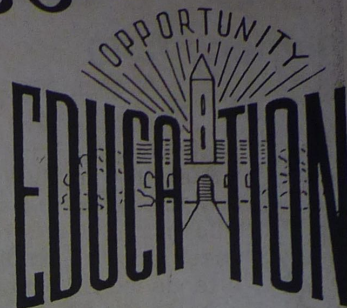
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1930's - 1985 . . .

Mr. Ziebarth served the Pine City school district for a period of 32 years. During this time, the Pine City School showed much growth and progress. At least five or six building projects were carried on, new courses were added to the curriculum; the teachers employed, especially the high school, more than doubled, and the number of superintendents increased one hundred percent. Mr. Ziebarth served as the superintendent of Rosemount before coming to Pine City. He served the district from 1932 through 1964. His successor was Clarence Espeseth, who has since been succeeded by the present superintendent, Joseph Hobson.



Mr. Ziebarth



Memories

Mrs. Lillian Olson, a sixth grade teacher in our school for many years, tells of some of the most memorable experiences of her teaching career. After teaching in the Pine City schools, my most memorable experiences are:

- 1) Having children of former students in my class. Gloria Carlson Hoffman's daughter Tessa is an example of this.
- 2) Having a former student, Steve Roubinek, on the Board of Education.
- 3) Having former students return to Pine City as teachers, such as Susan France Weber and Geri Wurm-Saunders.
- 4) Having former student Rich Novy deliver a plant from his shop when I retired.

All of these experiences are among my fondest memories. However, the greatest satisfaction is experiencing former students going into the teaching profession not only in Pine City but in other schools.

I am hopeful that their experience will give them as great a satisfaction as I feel in having chosen teaching as a profession. Working with our most valuable resource, our children, is the most gratifying contribution you can make to our great country.



Basketball Dragons

Included in this photo are: (back row, left to right) Wilson, Albert Milgram, Leonard Silesky, and Sandy McKusick, Ben Boo, Albert Kyncl, Clark John Lindquist. Front row: Jack McKusick and Foster, Tom Gardner, John Roberts, Robert coach George Saunders.

Remembering when

Below are excerpts of a recent letter received from former Pine City teacher Shirley Hamlet Benson, who now resides in the Elk River area.

Dear PCHS Alumni and Friends,

My most memorable teaching days were in Pine City. These years were four of the most enjoyable years of my life. Our faculty was like one big family - grade and high school. In fact, we were so close we now have reunions every summer which are well attended!

I was a second grade teacher in Pine City from 1946-1950. This was my first teaching job. I was just 20 years old and scared to death! In those days there was no such thing as a teacher's workshop. We just had about an hour's meeting before school started! We all gathered together, introduced ourselves, and listened to some rules and regulations from Mr. Ziebarth. We were told we were respected educators in the community and were always to set an example. There would be no smoking in public and if anyone wanted a drink we were to do so out of town! Believe me, everyone obeyed!

Our rooms had windows with shades on them and Mr. Ziebarth was very insistent that, when school was out, those shades would all be pulled alike - halfway down. I remember more than once going back to my room to make sure my shades were pulled right! We single teachers roomed in various homes in the community and were treated like family. Apartments were unheard of back then. I roomed with the Hunts and my room was \$20 a month. I ate breakfast every morning at Blanchard's Bakery for about 25 cents! We all met there, ate, and then walked to school. At noon I ate lunch at Mrs. Korb's who served a delicious meal for 25 cents! At nine in the morning we had a meal of the day at Mrs. Thompson's, who took in roomers and boarders. She had two huge tables in her dining room - one for men and one for women! She charged 75 cents for an unbelievable meal complete with dessert and lots of tender loving care.

Only a few teachers had cars. Once in awhile my parents gave me one of theirs and then we really "lived." Our favorite thing then was to drive to Hinckley to "Ma Cassidy's" for chicken or out to the dam for one of our famous wiener roasts! (Most of my pictures are of us at picnics!) We really thought we were something when we drove out of town! But mostly we were on foot and an exciting evening was a hike and a picnic, or the local cinema.

Homecoming was a big event. Everyone took part in this and each grade marched in the parade - kids and teachers! We loved every minute of it as we marched from school and all through town!

Memories

Gloria Harwig, a teacher in the Pine City Elementary School for many years, submitted the following memories of her days at Pine City Schools.

In 1961, I returned to teaching in Pine City after many years' absence. I loved my class of first graders, but one image stands out in my mind - the basement halls of the high school.

Each noon we set out in fear and trepidation to reach the lunchroom safely. We threaded our way past boisterous crowds of high school students (unwilling to give up a spare inch of their space) up and down stairs, around blind corners, and into the dark underworld.

Eventually we emerged in the north end of the basement where the lunchroom was set up. Often Mr. Ziebarth would be there purchasing a meal to take home to his wife.

These kids have grown up now, but I'm still so happy to see them, which I often do since many stayed right here in Pine City along with myself.

Reminiscing with George Saunders

Dear PCHS Alumni and Friends:

My teaching career began in the fall of 1937, at a starting salary of \$110.00 per month. Married men at that time received \$5.00 more per month. Only one teacher in the family could teach in the Pine City system. As a part of a contract, no smoking or drinking was permitted within 30 miles of Pine City. I found out, after accepting the position, that was to be the scout master, assistant coach in football and basketball, and head track coach. There was no remuneration for any of the above! Being the only single man on the faculty, I had to chaperone all parties and dances.

The faculty in 1937 numbered 21 (elementary and secondary) plus superintendent and principal. Discipline was not a problem. The students respected their teachers.

At that time we had two separate school buildings. The elementary and junior high were in one building located on the foundation, where boiler rooms

and coal bins are located today. This building burned down during the Christmas holiday in 1938. The high school was in the 1913 building (the building to be torn down). In 1936 the gymnasium and small addition, on the north end of the old building, were built, with the aid of W.P.A. After fire destroyed the old building, classes were held in the city hall, old armory, and churches. It was then that the middle addition was built (1938-39).

The football field ran north and south adjacent to the gymnasium. It was neglected from season to season. The coaches had to hack down the weeds, bushes, and willows on the south end, which ended in a pond. Goal posts were built of two by fours, at the beginning of the season.

With the addition of the first grade building, the field was moved to the west, and with the next grade addition to the area, now used for physical education, with the old track around it. This track was built and maintained by the coaches,

as was the football field.

In these early years, the first faculty meeting would be held on Labor Day. Football practice would begin, after the meeting and the first game played on the following Friday. There were no junior high programs, and most boys came out for football in their sophomore year. Coaches really had to hustle, preparing the team and getting the field ready for the first game - all in one week!

For a period of time, our gymnasium was the show place for miles around. District tournaments were held here annually. The basketball coaches swept and oil mopped the floors after every practice. No one was allowed to walk on this floor in street shoes! There was only a varsity team, and Pine City had some good ones.

So you see, many changes have taken place over the years. I hope this will add a bit to your program.

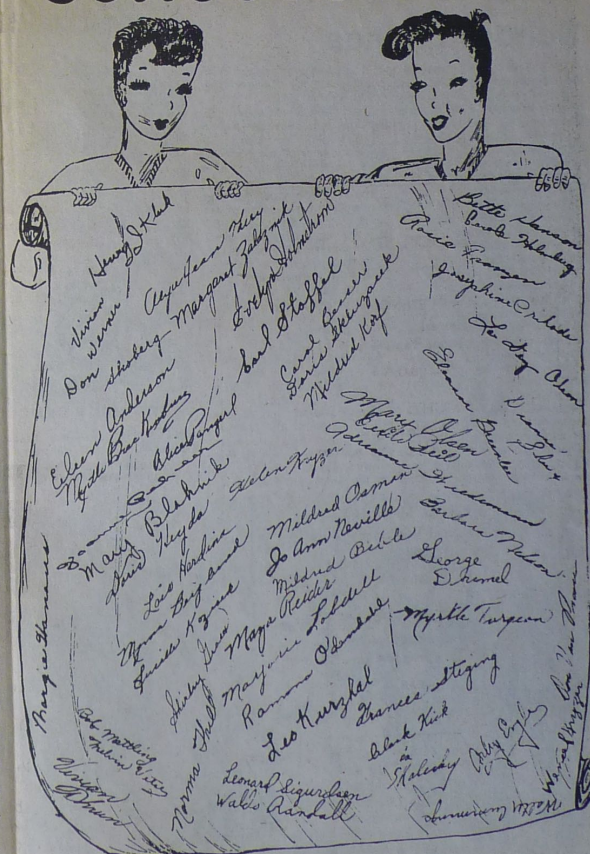
Sincerely,
George and Phyllis Saunders
(George taught in the Pine City schools from 1937-78.)

"Vast numbers of American women have spent at least part of their lives in front of a classroom. We learned our basic skills from these women, and although they knew us, we knew almost nothing about them."



Margaret Nelson, Middlebury College, Vermont

SCHOOL DAYS



The Senior Autograph Page of the 1946 Dragon Yearbook.

Through These Halls...

Homecoming

During the 1940's, homecoming celebrations included parades and afternoon football games. The junior and senior high classes spent weeks planning and building floats around the homecoming theme and slogans.

Following the early afternoon coronation, the parade led by the band wound through downtown Pine City. The queen and her attendants rode in convertibles followed by each class and its float and finally all the elementary classes led by their teachers.



We all marched

Ninth grade students are pictured marching north down Highway 61 in the homecoming parade.



Years of support

Area farmer Russ Martinson rode on the float pictured above. Mr. Martinson has continued his involvement with the school, frequently serving on committees and task forces.



Royalty

Homecoming queen Delores Schwartzwald prepares to ride in the fall afternoon parade.



Dressed for the occasion

Everyone dressed up for homecoming parades in the 1940's. The elementary youngsters as well as high school students participated.



Homecoming float

This 1950's photo was submitted, as were many of the others, by Marian Lones.



Freshmen fun

Ronnie Blanchard is pictured on the 1947 freshman float.



Proud tradition

The Pine City High School band has long been a source of pride to school and community alike.

This 'n that School lunches

The following information on the school lunch program was compiled and submitted by Yvonne Newman, Food Service Director at Pine City Schools.

The first Pine City School kitchen was located in the 1914 building. This area is now the district's duplicating center. The lunchrooms were located in the 1936 building. The present art room was for children with cold lunch and the present health room was for those children with hot school lunches.

Pine City began a feeding program sometime before 1946. Lunch was served for ten cents per plate or fifty cents per week. The early years found the cooks canning peaches, pears, and tomatoes during the summer months, which were used for school lunches. Very rarely was any fresh fruit served.

Potatoes (several pounds peeled by hand) and gravy were served every day. Canned pork, chicken, baked beans, hot dishes, soup, and sandwiches were the main entrees. About

300 children were served from one line each day. These children were in grades 1-12.

The United States passed the National School Lunch Act in 1946. During World War II, 30 percent of our nation's men who were drafted were found physically unfit.

The kitchen has come a long way since the early days of the lunch program. Spring of 1983 saw the beginning of the salad bar for high school students and staff from the north building. Grades 4-6 were also able to eat from the salad bar beginning in the fall of 1983. This also began the combo line for the high school students.

Recollections about the school lunch program over the years were shared by: Mrs. George Blumhoefer, Mrs. Elsie Anderson, Mrs. Mary Blazek, Mrs. Viola Baum, the family of Agnes Kinsel, Mrs. Ann Vach, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mrs. Irene Howard, Mrs. Delphie Montain, and the family of Mrs. Pangerl.



Community education

When the last bell rings at 3:03, a new group of learners enters the halls of PCHS. In the pictures above, community education groups learn about pottery from Janel Jacobson and Japanese culture from visiting Professor Miura and his family.

class of 1985

On May 26, 1985, the present Pine City High School building will bid its last group of seniors farewell. The graduating class includes the following students:

Mary Beth Auers, David Ausmus, Sandra Baston, Tracy Berchin, Denise Bergwick, Kelly Bible, Todd Beiderman, Kevin Bitton, James Blair, Terry Brown, Jenny Carlson, Sherri Carlson, Chris Carpenter, Julie Cash, Melissa Cavallin, Becky Doane, Chase Durate, Kendra Eggers, Mark Emerson, Charles Emslander, Leslie Fischer, Leslie Follmer, Michael J. Foster, Michael W. Foster, Jeff Fitzgerald, Mark Gallik, Debra Glasow, Dennis Haglund, Dan Hancock, Jackie Hancock, Jody Jacobson, Becky Jacot, Darlene Johnson, Lori Johnson, Brian Johnston, Stacy Klepa, Brian Kluge, Dan Koestler, Kim Koffler, Sonda Kotek, Kerrie

Krueger, Lori Kryzer, Nancy Kurzhals, Jeff Kuzel, Jacob Laonenkue, Susan Lindstrom, Jacqueline Madison, Kelly Mattson, Janet Najmon, Dares Olson, Donna Orvis.

Sue Pangerl, Polly Patzoldt, Michelle A. Peterson, Bruce Peterson, Gary Peterson, Michelle Peterson, Terry Peterson, Lisa Pixley, Ron Plasek, Cynthia Prax, Michelle Rademacher, Michelle Renwick, Paul Rootkie, Tammy Rosati, Bill Rousu, Jayne Shifsky, Jeff Schlaeger, Jay Shanahan, Jeff Shoberg, Stephanie Steele, Robyn Stromberg, Mark Teich, Kenneth Tjomsland, Ron Towle, Valerie Valodva, Carrielyn Veitch, Stephanie Wagner, Lisa Waletzko, Estelle Warner, Theresa Wierberg, Donna Wimmer and Scott Worrell.

Best wishes to the class of 1985!

Teachers' honor roll

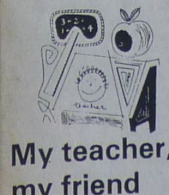
The following listing of educators includes those teachers or administrators which have served the Pine City schools for 20 years or more. We are grateful to these educators for their years of dedicated service to our school.

Sincere thanks

Appreciation is expressed to all who contributed pictures and text for this publication. Special thanks are in order for Susan Teich Pixley for editing and design. Ms. Pixley is a 1979 graduate of Pine City High School and a 1983 graduate of Hamline University.



"Little Women" Junior Class Play of 1950.



My teacher, my friend

My teacher is a special friend. She lifts a magic lantern high And lights dark corners. She holds the precious gift Of knowledge in her hands, And shares it with me. She shows me the wonder of life, The miracle of nature And the mystery of science. She opens a book, And gives me the world.

Regina Sauro