

Pictured above is an old map of Minnesota, dated 1899, taken from the attic of the Milburn school. The old map, along with many other items, will be placed in the old country school which the Rural School Restoration association will be moving into Pine City as soon as enough money can be raised.

About five pickup truck loads of miscellaneous items have been donated for use in the school project. Items range from desks, maps, a bell and school records to other school items. The Minnesota map, shown here, has no roads on it at all, only railroads. The railroad going through Pine City is called the St. Paul and Duluth railroad. The railroad track, which now runs through Henriette, did not exist then.

Also found in the Milburn school attic were complete school board and teachers records dating from October of 1898 to the present time. Included in the teachers records are the grades each child received and also what days of school they missed. The records are so complete, that it even tells if they missed a morning or an afternoon of school.

The very first teacher in the Milburn school was Alice Brandes (Miss or Mrs., it doesn't say). Her pay was \$25 per month and the school year was six months long. A school term was usually September, October and November and then again April, May and June. The reason for this was because of the large number of wolves which roamed the heavily wooded areas, according to a local historian.

The Milburn school will be placed on the auction block along with the Hustletown school, on Saturday, Sept. 19. These were the last two operating rural schools in Pine County.

The rural school, which the Rural School Restoration association will be moving to town, and place on village property along the freeway access road, is the former District 69 school (not 15 as was previously reported) and it was also called the Chengwatana school (not Carlson school).

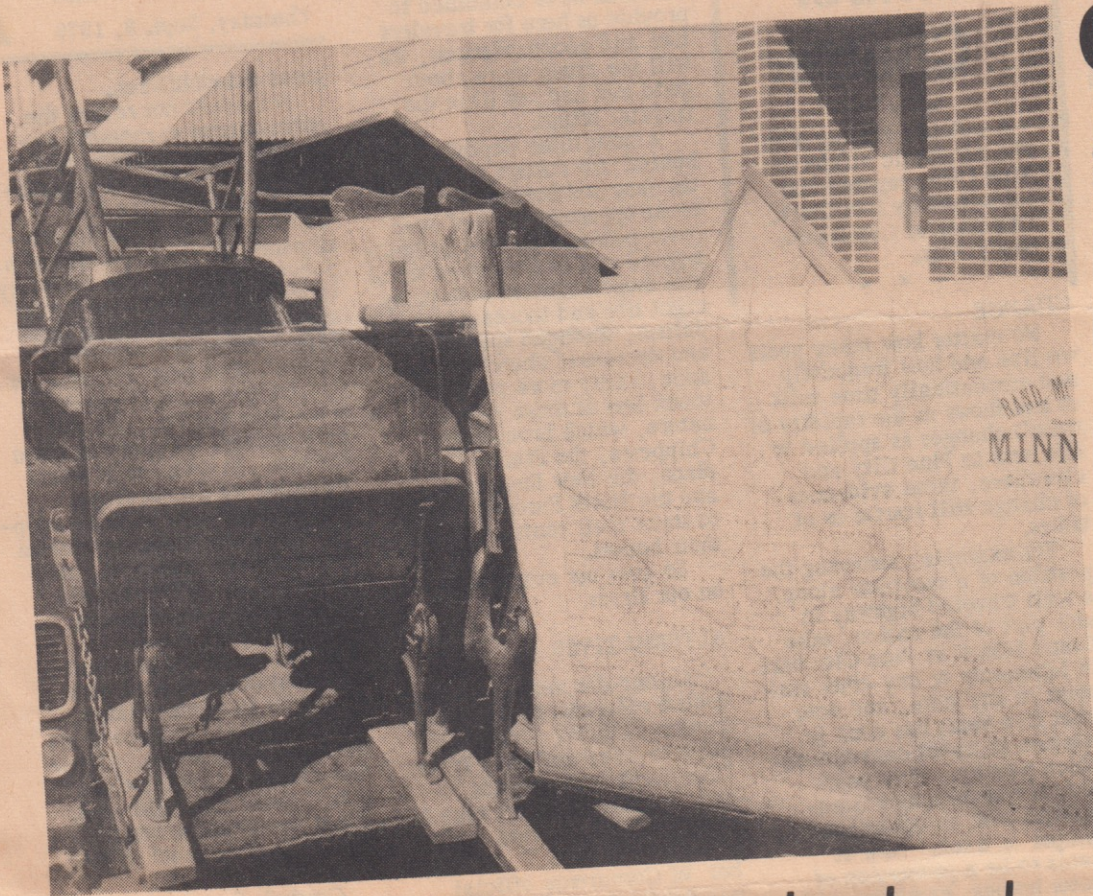
\$130 added to the rural school fund

The Rural School Restoration association added another \$130 to the fund this past week. This, with past collections, should make a total of \$580 collected toward the goal of \$2,500 to \$3,000 needed to make the project a success.

Those donating this week included George and Stu Clem, Christiansons Bakery, Hank Larson, William Korbel, Coast to Coast, First National Bank, Doran's Jack and Jill; Olson's Shoe Store, Sauser's, Chic Shoppe, Pine City Drug, Frances Ann Shop, Ace Hardware, Pine City Mercantile, Pine City Builders Supply, Fedders Eat Shop, Mark Eliason, Ruth Ludwig, Mike Baron, Mr. and Mrs. Les Nell and Viola Baum.

Anyone wishing to donate money to be used for the buying, moving and restoring of the old Chengwatana school (district 69) should send their donations to Mrs. Steve Vach, Mrs. Viola Baum or to Mrs. Al Erhart, association treasurer.

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Items given for restored school