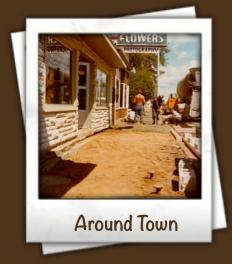
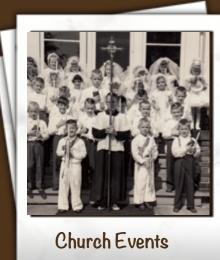
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Compiled in 2015 by Judy Scholin as a local history project for Pine City Area History Association

Robert George Thiry was born February 9, 1925. He was the third child of nine born to Lydia and Leo Thiry.



The Leo & Lydia Thiry Family Back row: Robert, Leo, Harold, Dick, Gerry, Allen. Front row: Bernice, Eleanor, Leo, Lydia, Alice Jean.

He grew up on the family farm south of Pine City.

In 1945 Bob entered the Navy and while stationed at Sampson Naval Base in New York, Bob met Ruth Felker. They were married on Thanksgiving Day, 1946.

After Bob's time in the Navy ended, he moved his young family back to the Pine City area.



In 1949 after attending Tommy Bright's school of Floral Design Bob opened the

Flower Box.

Bob Thiry arrived here Saturday of last week from Chicago, where he completed a course at the Brights School of Floral design. He is opening a floral shop here Saturday.

From the Pine Pioneer Poker April 7, 1949



Flower Box delivery van, early 1950s.



From the Pine Pioneer Poker April 14, 1949 The Flower Box grew and so did Bob's family.



From the 1953 phone book.



Pine Pioneer Poker April 6, 1950

From the

LASTIER

* Potted Plants

Michael, David, Rob, and Ruth Thiry



As Bob's family grew he sought additional ways to grow his income. Photography was a natural fit with the florist business.

Encouraged by Don Tatting of Hinckley, Bob invested in some photography equipment and started taking photos. By 1955 photos were part of The Flower Box listing in the phone book.

ower Box The Floral & Photography-----



Photography became an important part of the business.

Another parade entry

1956 Pine County Parade

FLOWER BOX THE

YOUR FTD FLORIST
Complete Wedding Service
FLOWERS & PHOTOS

Funeral Arrangements - Cemetery Boxes
Photography Services
BOB THIRY - OWNER

241-6 St Pine City------629-2045

From the the 1963 phone book.









Bob took pictures of milestone events at local churches.



















Civic events were recorded.





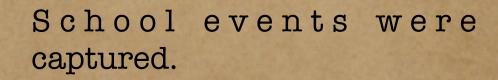
Sporting events were documented.





Changes around town were noted.







The Minneapolis Star paid Bob to photograph events like accidents.



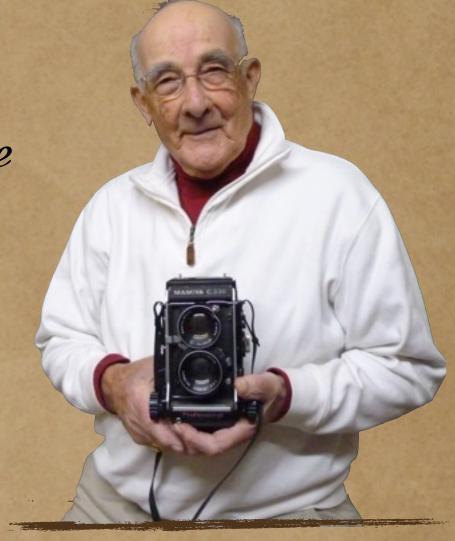




Bob took thousands of photographs during his career. We are grateful for the unique view of Pine City history they present.

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