

PINE CITY HAD REPUTATION AMONG TRAVELING SALESMAN AS A GOOD
PLACE TO SPEND THE NIGHT

"You can always find a nice, clean room and a good meal in Pine City," traveling salesmen would tell one another.

In the days when they made their rounds by train, they agreed to meet in certain towns and Pine City was one of their favorites.

The old Agnes Hotel was demolished in 1976 and the landmark which had deteriorated beyond repair throughout the years was gone forever.

According to old-timers it was the site of many social events in the old days. The dining room was staffed by waiters who carried white towels, European style, over their arms and the food was the very best.

The Hotel Agnes was opened under new management in 1908. The grand opening party was a gala event and the owner, Mr. Bryant, engaged an orchestra from Minneapolis to play. Carnations were given to all of the guests and an excellent supper was served.

The new proprietor gave a brief address of welcome and L.H. McKusick made a few remarks touching on the life of Washington.

Miss Bessie Lambert contributed a couple of vocal numbers which were roundly applauded. The hotel and lobby were beautifully decorated with national colors and flowers and a large picture of Washington had a prominent position in the dining room.

According to early records in the Registrar of Deeds office the property for the Agnes Hotel was bought from the government on August 6, 1858 by Carl C.P. Meyer and later platted into lots.

Hotels #2.

Through the estate of James S. Petrie the land was purchased by Western Land Assn. and later transferred into the names of Adolph Munch and P.R. Metler and Joseph Couture.

The Agnes was built at a cost of \$6,000. by James Hurley.

~~Other~~

~~Gradually the old hotel deteriorated~~

Other hotels in the early years were the Brackett House, Pioneer House, and the Pine City House which was built by James Dudder had 37 rooms and a ballroom.

The Englenook Inn, ~~was~~ was located on the present site of the Ryan property on Cross Lake and was built by J. Adam Bede.

Ad's for the Englenook Inn read, "Get your Sunday Dinner at the Inglenook Inn. Boats will meet at dock at lower Main Street about 12:15 P.M. Dinner and trip both ways 50¢".

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