

~~INDUSTRY PROSPERS AND EMPLOYMENT~~

PINE CITY PROSPERS THROUGH INDUSTRIAL PAYROLLS

Industry provides jobs, and jobs provide the cash flow that makes a community prosper.

Pine City officials have made a concentrated effort to woo industry to locate here. A special committee contacts at least one major company per month in an attempt to convince them that they should relocate or open a branch in/^atown that would welcome them with open arms.

The city owns several parcels of land both north and south of town that are suitable for industrial plants. The Development Association has 20 acres north of town. There are other parcels owned by private individuals that would be available for development.

Anticipating more industry in the future, the city made preparations several years ago to accommodate growth. The new water tower is one example. Holding 500,000 gallons of water, pressure will be maintained when lines are extended to industrial parks.

ATSCOTT MFG. has been one of the major industrial assets to Pine City since 1963. The company employs between 55-60 people in their plant where precision machine parts and mechanical assemblies are produced.

Manly Norris, President of Atscott, has received numerous awards and plaques in recognition of the quality of the precision work produced in the Pine City plant. Pine City gave the company special recognition in October of 1966 for their contribution to the economic well being of the community.

Industry #2

3-M PLANT came to Pine City in 1968 and since that time has undergone two major expansions. The 24,000 square foot plant provides employment for approximately 75 employees. Micro-film products manufactured here are shipped worldwide.

COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY located in Pine City in 1926. The Coca Cola franchise was picked up in 1935. In addition to Coca Cola, the plant bottles 7-Up, Dr. Pepper, a variety of diet drinks and "Ol Smoothie" root beer, a product that was developed right at the Pine City plant by the Nelson family.

Over 40 people are employed at the Bottling plant and 20 delivery trucks cover the surrounding territory.

GENERAL FABRICATION came to Pine City in 1965. The company was founded by Allen Haglund and Joel Shaw in 1962 and they set up their operation in the old general store in Wyoming, Mn.

Haglund and Shaw figured there was a future in the computer sub-contracting field, fabricating and assembling component, integral parts.

As a "job shop", General Fabrication assembles a wide variety of products from hearing aid circuits to energy management systems. They do a good deal of prototype work and often do not really know that the part they are assembling will do for the contracting company.

General Fab employs approximately 40 persons in the Pine City plant, most of them women. Plant management is proud of the fact that both the quality and quantity of the work produced here is outstanding.

Industry #3.

LAND-O-LAKES, another major employer has been in Pine City since 1946. This stable company has been able to keep pace with the times through production of what is marketable at any given time.

Today they run 14 bulk trucks in a 70 mile radius of Pine City picking up milk from farmers.

The milk is separated at the plant where the skim milk is dried and the cream hauled to other plants to be made into butter. They also provide fluid plants with cream, milk and ice cream products to go to branch plants.

Approximately 90 employees produce products that are sold to consumers all over the United States, abroad, and the surplus is bought by the government.

DAKA CORP., owned by Kevin Anderson is the most recent industry to locate in Pine City. The plant that manufactures wood burning furnaces in numerous styles including one that can be added on to existing home furnaces as supplemental heat, opened in 1977.

Daka Mfg. employs approximately 20 people/^{and} recently added another product to their line. Portable dock components to build roll-out docks are being built here to be sold by hardware stores throughout the nation.

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