

# PINE CITY'S HISTORIC SCHOOL BUILDING BEING MOVED

The old village hall, Pine City's first school house, is on its way to its new home at the Pine county fair grounds this week. The two wings of the building were sawed apart in order to move it, and the south wing was moved to the fair grounds Monday. The other wing is now being jacked up and put onto dollies and will probably be moved tomorrow. After the buildings are gotten onto the highway, they are easily towed by two trucks but it takes time to pass under light and phone wires, which cross the highway. However, few wires have to be cut as most of them can be loosened at the poles and raised high enough to clear the buildings. Power and telephone company crews accompany the buildings and take care of the wires. It was necessary to shut off the electric power a short time Monday as some of the wires carry 2300 volts. Electricity will also be off a short time when the second wing is moved.

It was also necessary to remove the cupola. In order to clear the wires, it was quite a job to take it down without tearing it to pieces. Al Blomberg and his crew did the work. They used one of the shovels and fastened a long light pole to the boom. The cupola was sawed at its base, anchored to the top of the boom, swung clear of the building and lowered to the ground. It will be replaced on the building at the fair grounds.

The fair association went to considerable additional expense to remove the cupola and to replace it intact as the building will be rejoined and maintained as it formerly was on account of its historic value.

The building is being moved by George Landgraver, Forest Lake housemover. It will be located northeast of the school building, toward the highway, with one wing facing west and the main entrance facing south. It will be left on blocks during the winter and placed on a foundation in the spring. Moving of the building was made possible thru donations from Pine City businessmen.

### Built in Seventies

The building was built for a schoolhouse in the Seventies—as near as we can determine. Mrs. L. E. Breckenridge, one of the early teachers there, came here in 1879 and she says the building had been built several years before. It was a two-room school, each wing being a room. The room facing east was the grammar room and the other

a 4-room school was built, which is part of the present grade building, and the old school was vacated. In a few years, the new school was too small and the first grade was moved to the large room of the old building and shortly after, it was necessary to also use the other room. The grade school was enlarged to its present size in 1910 or '12 and the high school building was constructed in 1914. The latest addition to our school system is the school room addition and the new school auditorium.

Many plays and programs were given in the old schoolhouse over half a century ago. It's a long cry from the accommodations in the old schoolhouse of those early days to the beautiful school auditorium here today, one of the finest of its kind in the state. The gradual growth of our school system from the little two-room schoolhouse where they taught "readin' ritin' and 'rithmetic", to the fine educational institution it is today, with its modern buildings and excellent facilities, is an indication of the progress that has been made in Pine City during the past 60 years.

Many of the old timers have told us they are mighty pleased the old school building is going to be preserved. Some of these folks received their entire education in the building and they have many fond memories of the good times they had when they were kids attending school there.

The village council is to be commended for turning the building over to the fair association. Not only will it be of real value to the fair to be used for exhibits but it is fine to keep it as it is for its historical value.

### "PAY ATTENTION TO FLASH WARNINGS", ASKS SAFETY HEAD

A flashing red highway signal light, whether on rural roads or city streets means "stop."

The public is reminded of this by W. F. Rosenwald, safety engineer of the Minnesota Highway department, who points out that under the Uniform Traffic Act, persons who ignore such warnings are subject to arrest.

A flashing yellow light means "slow down."

In some Minnesota cities after certain hours, traffic control signals are switched to flashing signals, some red, some yellow. These, Mr. Rosenwald said, mean the same as similar flashing signals lights on the highway.

Wherever trunk highways cross railroad tracks on the same

## Commercial Club Will Meet Tonite

There will be a meeting of the Pine City Commercial Club in the Coca Cola club room this—Thursday—evening. All members are urged to attend as plans will be made for the annual Community Christmas Party, winter carnival and other events of importance.

### Prizes for Decorations

In connection with the Community Christmas Party, the club will undoubtedly sponsor an exterior Christmas residence lighting contest. Such a plan will be submitted to the club at this evening's meeting. A number of cash prizes will be awarded for the best outdoor holiday decorations at residences in the village. In the past few years, Pine City has had many beautiful outdoor home decorations and the object of the contest will be to encourage more folks to decorate so that Pine City will have a real Yuletide appearance.

### Guess How Old?

John Biedermann, the other day, found an old village election ballot. There has been considerable speculation as to how old it is. Frank Pofel, who served as village recorder years ago, opines it is a ballot for 1907. Maybe August Larson, Adolph Kaim or Math Prochaska can tell us. In those days there were five councilmen and they were all elected every year.

Following is a copy of the ballot:

### VILLAGE TICKET

- For President  
Julius Dosey
- For Councilmen  
J. M. Collins  
Math. Prochaska  
Hugo Wicks:rom  
August Larson  
A. Kaim
- For Treasurer  
J. D. Boyle
- For Recorder  
E. H. Dosey
- For Assessor  
Charles I. Heywood
- For Justice of the Peace  
(One Year)  
A. H. Lambert
- For Justice of the Peace  
(Two Years)  
John Atkinson
- For Street Commissioner  
Chris. Kolezji

## To Organize

### A Rifle Club

A meeting for the organization of a rifle club will be held at the armory on Friday evening, December 2. Anyone interested in joining should be there on that evening.

The town basketball team is shaping up quite well and coach Herman will have a strong team to put on the floor when the

## Get Fines For Illegal

John Salvador of district game warden and five game wardens and six men, east of Sandstone, were fined for illegal possession of deer. The men were Einar Benson of Albin Bjork of Mar Workman of Sands and Edward Proffit and Wm. Ludwig. All except Ed Proffit guilty before Justice have at Sandstone for 90 days in Jail. Ed Proffit not guilty and his set for December 2nd changes his plea in time. We understand have all paid, or are arrangements to pay. The men were arrested in Duxbury region following chase of deer from game wardens, who successful hunters. says the price runs small ones to \$20 ones. Ten deer were by agents of the ga

## Let Contractors Village H

## Seal Workers Busy Th

The business plan City are being solicited for the 1938 Christmas Posters are in the so all may see what looks like.

For the past Mantoux testing have formed an of the Christmas in Pine county. been conducted by cians with the co Dr. F. F. Callahan.

During 1938 \$50 appropriated for the ing service. This on posture has be the Pine county so

Health education sent to the Pine o has included health diaries, thermometers, first aid kits and cabinets and equipment.

Please buy general seals so this education may go on.

Next Monday they ren under the direction of Dorothy Larson with the seals.

## A Word About