



FROM OUR FILES: Boat Builders



In the early 1900's, as logging started to wane, the waterways opened up, and pleasure boating became popular. Boat builders followed. Pine City had two boat builders for a time. Ed Kendall had been in Pine City for a number of years, earning a living as a carpenter. As the interest in boating increased so did the demand for Ed's boat building skills.

Edward Kendall, our local boat builder, has acquired quite a reputation. He has just finished a handsome flat bottomed hunting boat for Louis H. Rambo, a cashier in a bank at Montgomery, Alabama. The boat is fourteen feet long by four feet wide and is pointed at both ends. It is built of red cedar and is a beauty. He will ship it to its destination in a few days.

Pine County Pioneer
April 7, 1905

Ed. Kendall, our popular boat builder, has been quite busily employed during the past two months building boats for our citizens. He has finished a sail boat for I. H. Claggett, a row boat for the Lones boys, and Geo. Russell and is now at work on a twenty-one foot torpedo launch for Rob. Harte, which he expects to have finished in about two weeks.

Pine County Pioneer
April 13, 1906

The new launch which Ed Kendall built for Robt. Harte is completed, and is a dandy. Robert had it launched Wednesday.

Pine County Pioneer
May 11, 1906

J. J. Folsom is having a twenty-foot launch built and it will be a dandy because Ed Kendall is doing the work, which is a guarantee of goodness in crafts.

Pine County Pioneer
May 25, 1906

Ed Kendall has just completed a new 18-foot launch. He has put into the same a two-horse engine made by the Detroit Engine Co. It looks like a dandy. The boat is a different model from anything on these waters, and has every appearance of being a gtd one. Ed will launch the boat tomorrow or Sunday.

Pine County Pioneer
September 20, 1907



ED KENDALL AND HIS SON HERB, ON CROSS LAKE, TESTING ONE OF THEIR BOATS.



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NEW INDUSTRY FOR PINE CITY

Local Mechanics to Form a Co-Partnership and Establish a Plant for Manufacturing Gasoline Launches.

Ed Kendall has just about finished building one of the best boats on the river, or in this part of the state, for the Smith Hardware company. The boat is 24 feet and 4 inches in length, by 4 feet and 8 inches beam, and will carry 12 people comfortably. It is built on speed lines, and will sit on the water like a duck. The material used in its construction is of the very best, and the workmanship is such that the builder need not feel ashamed of, and Pine City should feel proud that there is a boat builder of Mr Kendall's ability as one of her citizens, and the Commercial club should put forth every effort to secure the establishment of a boat building establishment here.

The boat will be furnished with a double cylinder Gray 8 horse-power motor, and the boat is expected to have a speed of 15 miles an hour. Mr. Kendall is working hard to have the boat ready for the Fourth. The engine arrived Monday evening, and has already been installed, and the boat, when ready for commission will be one of the fastest and by far the prettiest on the water.

Mr. Kendall informed a reporter of this paper Tuesday morning that E. W. Splittzozer had made him a proposition to join him in erecting and operating a boat building plant, and offered him room at the rear of his machine shop to put up a structure for boat building.

If our citizens would take the matter in hand, in a short time Pine City would be noted for the manufacture of boats of all descriptions, and have a reputation equal to if not better than the noted boat building plant at Red Wing. We have the natural facilities, and the Messrs. Kendall and Splittzozer have each proved themselves equal to do as good work as the best.

Let the Commercial club and the citizens see to it that the gentlemen get all the encouragement and financial backing they need, and we will not miss the saw mill when it is taken away, be it this year, or in ten years.

Pine County Pioneer
July 3, 1908

By 1908 there was talk of 'A New Industry for Pine City'. In 1909 with the support of local entrepreneur, P.W. McAllen, Ed Kendall had opened a boat building shop.

Ed Kendall is building a fine new hull for a launch. Ed intends to build two or three during the winter so as to be prepared for the boating season next spring. All of the hulls Ed has built for these waters have given excellent satisfaction.

Pine County Pioneer
November 20, 1908

Ed Kendall and P. W. McAllen have opened up a boat building shop in the McAllen building north of the Steinfeld saloon. Ed is a good boat builder, and with McAllen to back him should do well.

Pine County Pioneer
January 15, 1909

1909 also brought a second boat builder to town, Capt. F.A. Ingleson and his son, F.C. Ingleson.

Both of our boat building shops are running in full swing. Capt. F. A. Ingleson having commenced the building of boats in the Glasgow building on Tuesday, and Ed. Kendall, in the McAllen building has several in course of construction.

Pine County Pioneer
January 15, 1909

Capt. F. A. Ingleson and son, of Beulah, Mich., were in town between trains Wednesday, and informed the Commercial Club that they had shipped their car of boat building machinery, and wanted them to have their building ready so they can unload at once and commence work. The Club has secured the Glasgow building between Poole's photographic studio and the Glasgow store, which Mr. Ingleson will use for a shop until spring.

Pine County Pioneer
January 15, 1909

Capt. F. A. Ingleson and son arrived on Monday from Beulah, Mich., with two carloads of household furniture and boat building material. The household goods were taken to the Mrs. Wm. Connor residence in the western part of town, recently occupied by Steve Bardeaux, where they are now nicely settled. The boat building material and the two launches which they also brought with them were put into the Glasgow building rented for them by the Commercial Club.

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January 22, 1909

The Ingleson clan arrived with a bit of fanfare but there is very little written about the boats they made.



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In addition to building boats the Inglestons made arrangements to rent boats.

F. A. Ingleston and son Fred wh will run a boat livery in this place during the summer are building a dock for row boats and stalls for four launches, the stalls for launches are twenty four feet long by about four feet wide, and in front of each stall will be an electric light and a six foot walk will extend the whole length of the building. This is something that Pine City has been in need of for some time, and we wish Messrs. Ingleston much success. Messrs. Ingleston informs us that by the 15th they expect to be ready to accomodate all that wish to patronize them. Their boat livery is situated at the foot of Main Street where they will be glad to see all those who wish to rent row boats, launches, bait and fishing tackle.

Pine County Pioneer
May 7, 1909

The Ingleston Boat Livery was on the Snake River, south of the fairgrounds.

F. A. Ingleston and E. W. Splitts toser took a launch to Rash lake last Sunday that was purchased of Mr. Ingleston last week.

Pine County Pioneer
July 9, 1909

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