



FROM OUR FILES:



Wedding at Pine County Fair

In 1911, in an attempt to boost fair attendance, the Fair Association decided to offer a complete wedding to one lucky couple willing to get married at the fair. They began advertising a month before the fair. A list of gifts the couple would receive was published on the front page.

YOUR CHANCE BOYS.

The Fair Association offers a complete wedding outfit for any couple who will be married in the big tent on Sept. 20 th. on the Fair Grounds. See the Pres. or Sec. at once and don't miss this chance. President of the Fair, J. Y. Breckenridge will give a Solid Gold Wedding Ring; Smith Hdwe. Co. will give a \$60:00 Steel Range; Pine City Merc. Co., 100 piece set of dishes; A. W. Piper one Rocker \$8:50; R. P. Allen, one barrel Flour; Asplund & Olson, one lamp, \$5:00 and one water set, \$2:00; A. M. Challeen, Roger Bros. Knives and Forks, \$5:00, Spoons \$2:00; Folsom, lot of tinware; W. A. Sauser, Clock, \$12:00. W. P. Gottry will give three years subscription to the Pine County Pioneer.

Now young people here is a chance to have the Fair Association give you a good start. Talk it over and agree to this Sept. date and be happy.

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wedding ring
steel range
set of dishes
a rocking chair
a barrel of flour
a lamp
silverware
a clock
subscription to the
paper

A week later an
updated list added:
shoes
wool blankets
\$5 gold piece
minister

Up to date the following articles have been contributed to the couple that will be married in the large tent on the fair grounds the second day of the fair at Pine City September 20th.

Now you young people if you have been contemplating getting married, now is your chance to get a good outfit free. The following have been contributed:

Smith Hardware Co., steel range \$60
Pine City Mer. Co. set of dishes \$20
A. M. Challeen silver knives, forks and spoons \$7
Asplund & Olson lamp and water set \$7
A. W. Piper rocking chair \$8.50
R. P. Allen barrel of flour
W. A. Sauser mantel clock \$12
J. Y. Breckenridge wedding ring \$10
H. Borchers pair shoes for bride \$4
F. J. Rybak pair wool blankets \$6
R. G. Harte, Hinckley pair of shoes for groom \$4
Pine City State Bank five dollar gold piece.

W. P. Gottry three years subscription to the Pine County Pioneer
And last but by no mean least Rev. H. H. Parish, of the M. E. church, offers to tie the knot free.

Look the list over carerully boys and see if you can afford to let this opportunity go by. Talk it over with her and be married at the Fair.

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By September 15 the wedding had been moved to the first day of the fair. The gift list was updated to include:

a boat ride
&
photos of the couple

LIST STILL GROWING.

Up to date the following articles have been contributed to the couple that will be married on the platform on the fair grounds the first day of the fair at Pine City September 19th.

- Smith Hardware Co., steel range \$60
- Pine City Mer. Co. set of dishes \$20
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- Asplund & Olson lamp and water set \$7
- A. W. Piper rocking chair \$8.50
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Richardson Gray, one dozen cabinet pictures of the bridal pair.

F. C. Ingleston of the boat livery, will give the bridal couple and their immediate relatives a launch ride on Cross Lake.

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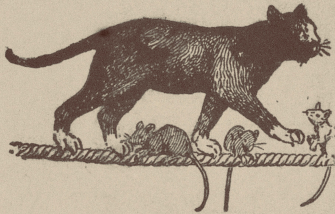
PINE COUNTY FAIR NOTES

The program for the first day, Tuesday, Sept. 19th, will be as follows:

The Fair will be formally opened by the President J. Y. Breckenridge, at 12 o'clock noon.

Music by the Southland Orchestra Band at 1 o'clock.

Address by Governor Eberhart at 1:30.



Mons Dubec and his wonderful trained actors, dogs, cats, monkeys, rats and apes free exhibition at 2 p. m.

At 3 p. m. wedding in front of the grandstand. The bridal couple with two flower girls bearing armsful of roses will be taken from Hotel Agnes in an automobile and will be married on a platform in front of the grandstand, ceremony to be performed by Rev. H. H. Parish, of Pine City. There will be a number of prominent ladies and gentlemen upon the platform and the bride will be given away by Gov. Eberhart.



At 3 p. m. Mons Dubec will give an exhibition with his wonderfully trained animals. Don't fail to see

this wonderful performance.

At 4 o'clock the strong base ball team of Hinckley and the Pine City team will play a game of ball. These are both good strong teams, and a hot game can be expected.

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The schedule was posted in the paper. The fair would open with a welcome by Fair Association President J. Y. Breckenridge at noon. Music would be provided. The governor would address the crowd and then stay on through the warm up act of trained dogs, cats, monkeys, rats and apes before giving the bride away at the scheduled wedding.



Photo courtesy of Jim Foster

The plans were a success and a large crowd was on hand for the festivities. In fact the crowds were so thick the Boy Scouts had to use their staffs to hold people back so the wedding couple could get through.



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The lucky young couple was from Willow River. The paper gave a detailed written account of the wedding.



Photo courtesy of Jim Foster

**Miss Gertrude May Eaton
& Mr. Arthur Elroy Wood**

FAIR A SUCCESS

**The Twenty-fourth Annual
Fair A Grand Success in Every
Department.**

The part of the program that drew the crowd the first day, which was the largest of the three, was the next on the program, that being the marriage on the platform in front of the grandstand. At about three o'clock the Boy Scouts marched to the entrance of the grounds and accompanied the two automobiles containing the bridal party clearing the road for them when near the grandstand as the people were packed around the platform in a solid mass and the boys had to use their staffs in order to clear a road. The party in the autos were Rev. H. H. Parish and wife and the bridal pair, who were Mr. Arthur Elroy Wood and Miss Gertrude May Eaton, both of Willow River, were in the first, the second contained the ring bearer two flower girls and Mrs. H. W. Harte.

The ceremony was performed according to the ritual of the M. E. church, the bride being given away by Governor, E. O. Eberhart, the pair looked very nicely and after the ceremony they received the congratulations of those on the platform. The couple took in the fair the balance of the afternoon and departed on the night train for Hinckley where they remained until morning, when they departed for St. Cloud to visit relatives and friends after which they will return to Willow River where they will make their future home.

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