



FROM OUR FILES: Gambles # 1



FERGUS FALLS MAN TO OPEN GAMBLE STORE

Karl M. Branvold of Fergus Falls will open a Gamble Store in Pine City and expects to be ready for business about May 19th. The new store will be located in the Neubauer building, the former bakery building where the liquor store had temporary quarters. Mr. Branvold will carry a line of general hardware, auto accessories, washing machines, radios and radio parts, paints, lubricating oils, etc. Lynn Buirge will be employed at the store, after it opens for business.

Pine Poker
May 10, 1934

In 1934 Karl Branvold was getting ready to open a Gamble store at approximately 655 3rd Avenue. That would be the building on the left in the photo below. We did a piece on this photo which you can read [here](#).



About 1929



The June 1934 Phone Book lists a Gamble Store with the phone number 259. It appears the store didn't last long as it does not appear again.

Gabrielson Herbert227
Galek Andrew farm.	... 17-F-12
Gamble Store259



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FROM OUR FILES: Gambles # 2



NEW STORE

Photo courtesy of Art Johnson family

NEW GAMBLE STORE OPENS THIS WEEK

A privately owned Gamble Store opened for business in Pine City this week, with a full line of light hardware, automobile accessories, radios, etc. The new store is located in the former Staacke building.

The owners of the new store are A. F. Jabusch of Minneapolis and Wm. Wingard of St. Paul. Mr. Jabusch, who has been a resident of Minneapolis the past 10 years, will be the manager. Mr. Wingard, who is employed by the Minnesota Milk Company at St. Paul, will continue with that company and will spend only a part of his time here. Mr. and Mrs. Jabusch will reside in the apartment, upstairs over the store.

The public is cordially invited to attend the grand opening, which will be held next Saturday, November 6th. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Pine Poker

November 4, 1937

This photo shows a Gamble store located at 209 5th Street SE. It appears in the phone book from 1938 thru 1944.

GAMBLE STORE		PHONE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto Equipment • Sporting Goods • Tires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessories • Radios • Batteries 	231
AUTO REPAIRING		PINE CITY
EDDIE JACKSON, Owner		

This ad from 1940 names Eddie Jackson as the owner but from a series of 1940 & 1941 ads it appears Marvin Hinze was the manager.

Spring Necessities

Electric Washer\$62.95
Liberal Allowance for
Old Washer

Electric Radio\$34.50
(Trade in your old Radio)

Garden Rakes59c up
Chick Waterers5c up
Piston Ring Sets89c up
Paints, Wall Paper, Polish

- Authorized Dealer -

GAMBLE STORES

MARVIN HINZE, Mgr. Ph. 231

VIC OVICK, Auto Repairing

Pine Poker Pioneer
April 25, 1940

Be Prepared

FOR COLD WEATHER

Building Papers

BLUE, RED ROSIN, TAR PAPERS

Heating Stoves

FOR WOOD, COAL AND OIL

Anti Freeze

ALCOHOL - BONDED - ZEREX

Glass & Glass Cloth

Enjoy the winter with a "CORONADO" RADIO

Authorized Dealer

Gamble Stores

Marvin Hinze, Mgr.

Phone 231

Pine Poker Pioneer
November 4, 1937

Come In

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

FREE COFFEE and COOKIES

See Our Newest Toys

The 1941 Models Are Here

<p>Blocks 23c 11" wood truck with 10 picture blocks</p> <p>Dart Board 69c Target game complete with 2 metal up darts</p> <p>Tinker Toy 49c Jigsaw sets. A popular construction toy</p> <p>Turn Over Tom 29c A wind-up toy. Lark calls every minute forward motion</p> <p>Swinging Target 98c Spring motor gun. Complete with rubber ammunition darts, gun</p> <p>Make Gamble's Year Headquarters for Toys and Gifts Everything for the whole family at big savings</p>	<p>Sparkling FREIGHT TRAIN 98c All has lots a train. Strong long running. 4 1/2" spring motor. 3 cars and locomotive with 4 sections of track</p> <p>Picture and Story Books 10c Popular Stories, Cox, Oats, and Peter Rabbit. Each</p> <p>Head Band Children's Books, including many children's top stories 25c</p> <p>Manhattan Story Book, Hard Cover. 3 books in one. Over 500 pages. 39c</p> <p>PINE SKIS 98c Hiawatha Sled 98c 34 inch long. Covered steel runners. Scaled hardwood top. 4 Ft. Size 1.50 6 Ft. Size 2.29</p>
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Authorized Dealer
GAMBLE STORES
INDIVIDUALLY OWNED AND OPERATED

Marvin Hinze, Mgr. Phone 231 Pine City, Minn.
USE OUR "LAY-BY PLAN" We'll Hold What You Select!

Pine Poker Pioneer
November 27, 1941



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FROM OUR FILES: Gambles # 3



Construction Starts on New Mel Kutzke Store Building

Mel Kutzke started work last week on the excavation of the basement of his new store building, which is to be erected just south of his present service station.

The new building will be 75x120, one story, with full basement and will be used for the new home of a One-Stop Gamble Store, which Mr. Kutzke plans on opening at the completion of the building, the forepart of next summer.

Plans call for show windows across the front, facing Highway 61, cement block construction, with black glass facing on the front, and stucco finish on the sides. The floors will be of asphalt tile and there will be rest rooms for both men and women. The latest in store fixtures and lighting will be installed to make it one of the finest store buildings in this section of the state.

Mr. Kutzke has purchased the old Miller home, now occupied by N. P. Larson, and plans on moving it off early in the spring to make room for car parking space for customers of the store. When completed, it will give Pine City another fine business establishment, which tends to make Pine City the shopping center of Eastern Minnesota.

Pine Poker Pioneer
December 6, 1945



The interior of Mel Kutzke's Gamble Store



In 1945 Mel Kutzke started work on a building at approximately 534 6th Street S. It was to become a one stop Gamble store that included groceries.

This new Gamble Store opened in April 1947.

COUPON SPECIALS

CRISCO 1 lb. can \$1.29

PURE LARD Best for Baking 1 lb. 29c

CHEESE Swiss Brand 2 lb. box 75c

CANDY BARS & GUM 3 for 10c

Grocery Special

Coffee Hills Folgers Mash Ballerup Cham-Sunborn **43c** Per Pound

Meat Special

Smoked PICNICS 45c Per Pound

Produce Special

Texas Marshseedless Grapefruit Doz. 29c

Gambles AUTHORIZED DEALER PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

Grand Opening

LOOK! Boys' and Girls' **Hiawatha Bicycles \$38.65**

Coronado 7 cu. ft. REFRIGERATOR \$177.50

New, Improved CORONADO ELECTRIC WASHERS \$89.95

Pleasant Listening... with Coronado MANTEL RADIOS \$32.95

OPEN UNTIL 9:00 P.M. EACH EVENING

Thursday, April 3
Friday, April 4
Sat., April 5

ALL STEEL COASTER WAGONS \$8.95

DELUXE SCOOTERS \$5.39

HANDSOME POCKET WATCHES \$3.50

Visit Our Luncheonette

HAM SANDWICH 15c

American Cheese Sandwich 12c

Liver Sausage Sandwich 12c

Grocery Special

SPAGHETTI MACARONI 5 lb. box 45c

Quaker Oats Large Pkg. 25c

Dairy Special

FRESH PASTEURIZED Butter 1 lb. Carton 64c

Grocery Special

Grapefruit Juice 46 oz. Can 15c

Evaporated Milk 2 tall cans 23c

***** Specials! *****

TEASPOONS... 2 for 7c

TABLESPOONS... 2 for 15c

DINNER FORKS... 2 for 15c

BREAD PANS... 11c

Royal Honey DINNERWARE

53-PIECE DINNER SET **\$18.95**

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Pine Poker Pioneer
April 1947



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The 1948 phonebook entry for the Kutzke Gamble store

Gamble Authorized Dealer	
Food Dept	79-W
Hardware & Soft Lines	79-J

Kutzke-Whalen Sell Interest In Gamble Store

C. M. Young of Cross Lake, Minnesota, completed a business deal this week wherein he becomes owner of the Gamble Store formerly operated by Mel Kutzke and K. C. Whalen.

A. G. Lidbom and Edward A. ... of Gamble-Skogmo, Minneapolis, are here this week taking inventory under the supervision of Erling O. Grimley, wholesale regional manager for dealer stores in Minnesota, North Dakota and parts of Wisconsin, so that Mr. Young may take possession of the store April 1st.

The store was opened just two years ago, with Kutzke and Whalen taking over the hardware and soft lines, and Gamble-Skogmo the grocery department. Mr. Kutzke will continue to operate his gas and oil business and Studer agency, while plans of Mr. Whalen are indefinite, except that he is planning a vacation trip to California.

The new owner is married and has three children, one, a married daughter living in Minneapolis, and a son and daughter of school age. They have rented the Kutzke house just south of the store and will move in at once.

We join with other businessmen and the people of this community in extending a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Young and family, and trust that their new business venture will be a success.

In the spring of 1949 Clair & Mabel Young bought Mel Kutzke and K.C. Whalen's interest in the Gamble store. The grocery section was separated from the hardware and soft goods.



Clair & Mabel Young
April 1949

Pine Poker Pioneer
April 7, 1949

We Are Glad
We chose Pine City for our new home and business. Watch for our Grand Opening and Celebration in the near future. YOUR NEW GAMBLE DEALER The C. M. Youngs

Gambles
Frosty 'n Fresh
SMART SHANTUNGS

SO COOL...
SO CRISP...
SO SMART...

OUR COLLECTION OF
New Summer Dresses

A grand and glorious collection of dresses in many flattering styles, (beautifully detailed to look twice their budget price)—refreshing new colors—luscious new fabrics including the ever-so-popular Shantung! There are sizes for everyone... so why not come in today while this superb selection is at its peak!

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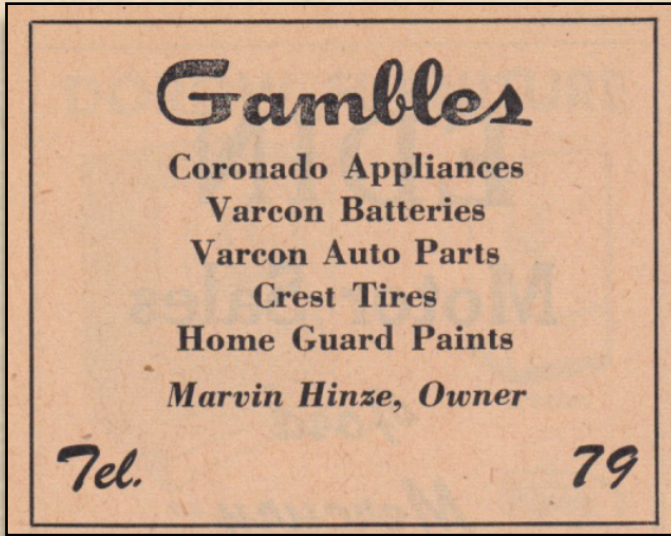
Gambles
The Friendly Store

C. M. YOUNG, owner
OPEN SAT. NITES 'TIL 9 P.M.

Pine Poker Pioneer
April 14, 1949



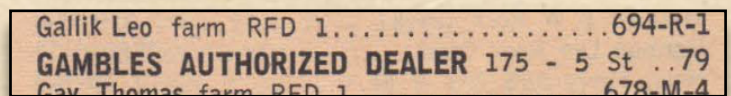
FROM OUR FILES: Gambles # 4



1952 Phone Book

The 1952 phone book lists Marvin Hinze as the owner.

The 1959 phone book shows the Gambles is now located at 175 5th Street.



1959 Phone Book

The 175 5th Street location in the Miller Block is where most people remember the Gamble store being located. It might be that Marvin Hinze moved the Gambles to this location earlier than 1959. We can't tell from the phone book because they did not start listing street addresses until the late 50s. 1959 is the first phone book in our collection that lists addresses.

The Gamble store ceased to exist in the mid-seventies in Pine City. It is listed in the 1974 phone book but not in 1977, which is the next one in our collection.



A coffee scoop, given as a gift to customers.

Date unknown