

FROM OUR FILES:

July 4, 1919

In 1917, Pine County citizens left for World War I with elaborate send offs. On July 4, 1919, a celebration was held in Pine City, to welcome home all those citizens who had served in World War I. An extensive program was planned.

Welcome
 "The Boys"
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 All Parts of the Co. Preparing
 to Come to Pine City for
 "Home Coming"

Pine Poker
 June 26, 1919

Soldiers, Sailors and Marines

and their folks and friends from all over Pine County will attend the big

Home Coming Celebration

to be given by the People of the County

PINE CITY JULY 4, 1919

In honor of the return of "The Boys" who are back after fighting our fight "over there." You were interested in giving them a boost when they left the County for the training camps; show your colors by being at Pine City for the bigger celebration in honor of their return.

Long Day of Grand and Glorious Pleasure

Oration by Rev. John Tallmadge Bergen, D. D., of Minneapolis, who served in both States and Federal Service—was First Lieutenant in Air Service, Aircraft Production.

Two excellent free outdoor attractions, including L. Schueeman, the Talkative Trickster, in Clean Clever Comedy, Prof. Willis, the Slack Wire Wizard. These acts are without a peer.

An exciting base ball game between the Rock Creek and Finlayson teams.

Big boxing bout of ten rounds, by Charles McCarthy and Sammy Terrin, two of the most clever boxers obtainable, will follow a preliminary bout of four rounds. Charles McCarthy won in a contest with Buddy Logan recently in St. Paul. Pine County Soldiers, Sailors and Marines admitted FREE.

Water sports. Bowery dance all day. Music by Askov and Brook Park bands, Sandstone Quartet and Crescent Orchestra.

Something doing every minute all day. Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, you are requested to appear in uniform if possible, and as many as possible to be on hand at 10 a. m. to take part in the Parade.

Dinner will be served at 11 a. m. by Hotels, Restaurants and Church Organizations.

Visitors bringing their own lunches, who are unacquainted, should make application at the Information Booth for the location of suitable picnic grounds.

The Committee has endeavored to secure the names of all Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Red Cross Nurses and members of other auxiliary organizations in Pine county, to which an invitation has been sent. In event you have been overlooked, call at the Information Booth for your FREE tickets to Dinner and Military ball, and Boxing Exhibition.

Pine County did not fail "The Boys" in the Liberty Loan, Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A., and Salvation Army drives. They were given a rousing send-off when they left for the front. This is your opportunity to show your appreciation for the services and sacrifices of these "boys;" your opportunity to bow in reverence to the memory of the thirty-six "Boys" who gave their all in this struggle for freedom.

You remember the exalted feeling you had when the "Boys" first began to arrive. Make that feeling the spirit of the day. Take your family; bring your lunch; come prepared to stay the entire day and join with these your "Boys" in the greatest jollification of the period.

Pine City offers excellent opportunities for picnics, boating, fishing and bathing. The program is arranged to give pleasure to young and old. A large sum has been raised to defray this expense. It is your opportunity to participate. It will be a long day of enjoyment.

Come Early, Prepare to Stay Late. Pine City, July 4th, '19

Program

- 10 a. m. Parade
- 11 a. m. Dinner
- 1 p. m. Robinson Park
- Short band concert—Askov and Brook Park bands
- Community singing
- Invocation—Rev. John Tallmadge Bergen, D. D., of Minneapolis
- Slack wire exhibition—Prof. Willis
- Magic exhibition—L. Schueeman
- 3 p. m. Fair Grounds, Sports—

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100 yd. running race, open	\$5	\$3	\$2
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100 yd. girls running race	3	2	1
Potato race	2	1	50c
Water race	3	2	1
Sack race, 50 yds.	3	2	1
3 legged race, 100 yds.	3	2	1
440 yd. free for all	5	3	2
Pony race, 1/4 mile, 3 heats	10	5	
Log rolling contest, open	7	4	
Canoe race, 1-2 mile	5	3	2
Tug-of-war, Sailors-Soldiers	10		
Swimming race 150 yds.	5	3	2
- 4:30 p. m. Base ball—Rock Creek vs Finlayson
- 6 p. m. Supper
- 7 p. m. Robinson Park
- Slack wire exhibition—Prof. Willis
- Magic Exhibition—L. Schueeman
- 7:30 p. m. Fair Grounds
- 4 rounds preliminary boxing exhibition
- 8 p. m. 10 rounds boxing—McCarthy-Terrin
- 9 p. m. Armory. Military ball
- 10:30 p. m. Fire Works.

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EARL STANDS RIGHT UNDER THE R IN THE BRECKENRIDGE SIGN.

Photo courtesy of Mavis Olson Hotchkiss

Earl Gray served in the aviation corps in World War I. He was back in Pine City for the homecoming celebration. This photo comes from his scrapbook.

Our second image of the event is a postcard by C. A. Neil. Neil worked as a photographer in Pine City from approximately 1916 to 1920. This photo is taken on 5th street SE just a few stores south of the photo above. A corner of the Sause's Hardware sign is visible in the upper left.



Photo courtesy of Jim Foster

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The event also sought to honor the dwindling number of Civil War veterans. Our third image of the event is another postcard by Neil. The men in the car are Civil War veterans, while the World War I veterans walk behind the car.



Photo courtesy of Jim Foster

**Big Crowd at
Celebration**

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Co. Home Coming Welcome
for "The Boys" was a Suc-
cess in Every Way

The July 10, 1919, edition of the Pine Poker detailed the success of the event.

The Home Coming Celebration in honor of Pine county's returned soldiers, sailors and marines, at Pine City on July 4th—last Friday—was the biggest, most successful and best arranged and carried out celebration of any kind ever held in this part of the state.