

Looking Back at The Pine County Fair



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From 1872 through 1888 Pine County and Chisago county held a joint fair. The first Pine County Fair took place in 1889 and has taken place every year since with the following exceptions:

- 1894 - Hinckley Fire
- 1942 - World War II
- 1943 - World War II
- 1944 - World War II
- 1945 - World War II

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The Pine County Fairgrounds in the early 1900's.



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The Pine County Fair - 1908

Pine County Fair

Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday,
Sept. 28, 29, 30

An unparalleled list of attractions will be offered. Farmers from all over the Big Red Clover County will be present with Exhibits. Every one come and help make our County Fair a Big Success. Following

Don't Forget
The Pine Co. Fair
To be Held at Pine City,
Sept. 28, 29, 30

Premium lists are being mailed this week. Select your entry's for premiums and have them ready on September 28th.

Supt. A. J. McGuire of the Northeast Experiment Farm will judge the dairy stock on Monday, September 28th, and will give a very interesting talk on dairy topics. All interested in advancing dairy work should not fail to be on hand.

Prominent speakers will be heard on the 29th and 30th.

The management have engaged actors to give two amusing performances each day.

The racing features will be very interesting, as purses are more liberal, and the track has been put in better condition than ever before.

Those who like base ball will have an opportunity to see good games on Wednesday and Thursday.

Program.

Monday, Sept. 28

12:30 m. m.—Address of welcome and opening of the 21st Annual Fair, by Henry J. Rath, President of the society.

1:30 p. m.—Judging of dairy cattle—Address and demonstration of dairy cattle, with the different breeds of cattle suitable for dairy work. By Hon. A. J. McGuire Superintendent of the Northeast Experiment Farm, at Grand Rapids, Minn.

3:00 p. m.—Pony Running Race—Half-Mile Dash—Best 2 in 3—Purse \$10.00

PLATFORM SHOW. \$10.00

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Pine City Day

All school children in Pine County admitted free this day.

12:30 p. m.—Ball Game—Pine City vs. Rock Lake Purse \$25.00

2:00 p. m.—Address by Prof. C. P. Bull, Minnesota State Agricultural College.

2:30 p. m.—Speech by a Representative of the Farmer's Equity Society

2:45 p. m.—Speech by Hon. John A. Johnson, Governor of Minnesota.

3:00 p. m.—Trotting Race—3 minute class—3 out of 5—Half-mile heats, Trot or pace, purse, \$30.00

Farmers' Running Race—Ponies barred, half-mile, 2 out of 3, Purse, \$15.00

Platform show—Music.

Farmers bringing largest load of people to Fair grounds. Register rate of grounds. \$1.00 worth of Coffee

Farmers' free for all running race, 6 months subscription to Pine Poker, prize; 2d, 1 Shirt.

Tug of War between Towns, to be determined on fair ground, \$5.00

Farmers' Foot Race—100 yard dash—1st prize, 6 months' subscription to Pine County Pioneer, 2d prize, pair of suspenders.

Running Broad Jump, Six-Tined Manure Fork

Low Horse Race—1st prize, 4 packages stock food, 2d, 2 packages of stock food; 3d, 1 package of stock food.

Wednesday, Sept. 30th

m.—Ball Game—Pine City vs. Finlayson—Purse, \$50.00

m.—Address by a prominent Republican.

n.—Pine County Bicycle Race—3 to enter and start; 1 mile purse.

race, boys under 15 years, \$10.00

race, Pine County Horses, half-mile, 2 in 3 Purse 7.00

Purse, 15.00

The Pine County Fair - 1911

In 1911 Iver Stumne exhibited some Indian relics he had found on his farm, Governor E. O. Eberhart spoke for more than an hour and a wedding was part of the fair entertainment. The Boy Scouts accompanied the bride and groom into the grandstand area. Mr. Arthur Wood of Willow River married Miss Gertrude May Eaton, also of Willow River.

Following the wedding the crowd was entertained by a troupe of trained dogs, cats, monkeys, apes and rats.



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The Pine County Fair - 1914

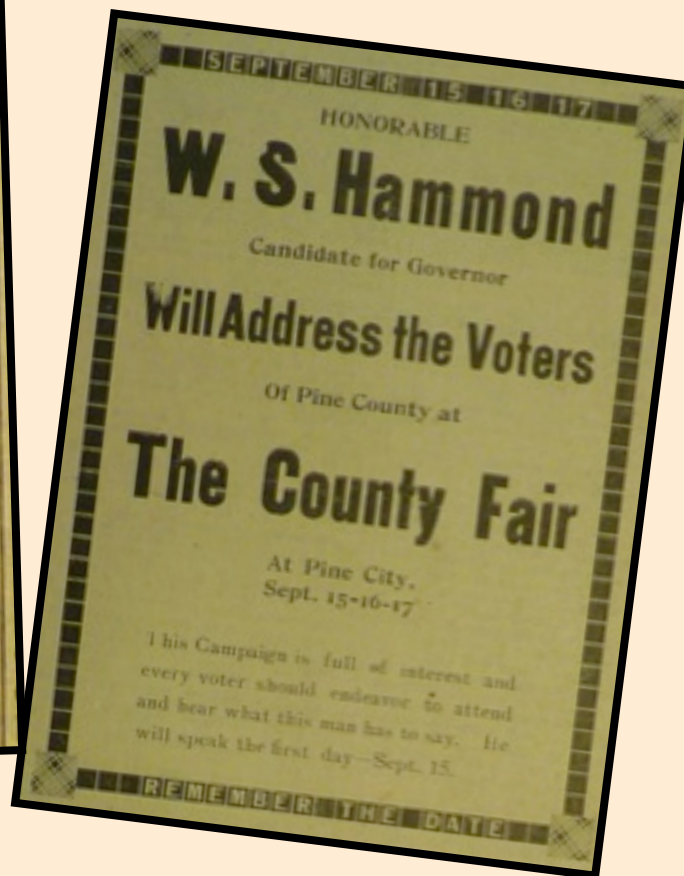
The first day of the 1914 fair featured addresses by political candidates, a dog and pony show and races. The horse racing track was ready and a new horse barn had been constructed.

The officers of the Fair society are making every effort to put things in the very best shape for the opening of what will be Pine county's biggest fair.

The race track is receiving every attention and will be fit for the fast races that are to be put on—especially the first and second days when the fast free-for-all pacing and trotting races will go, in which some of the best horses in the state are already entered.

P. W. McAllen has his string working out on the track and John Runquist sent over three fast ones from Grasston, Tuesday, while others are expected next week and some will come up from Hamlin after the state fair.

The new horse barn is nearly completed and is a dandy. It stands at the west end of the grounds, in line with the fine big live stock exhibit building put up a couple of years ago and the sheep and hog pens will be wheeled around into line with the two, cleaning out the space between them and the poultry exhibit building and improving the convenience and appearance of that part of the grounds greatly.



Tuesday, Sept. 15

Children accompanied by parents this day free.

7:00 a. m. Gates Open

1:00 p. m. Addresses by Hon. W. S. Hammond, Democratic Candidate for Governor and Harry S. Swenson, Democratic Candidate for Congress.

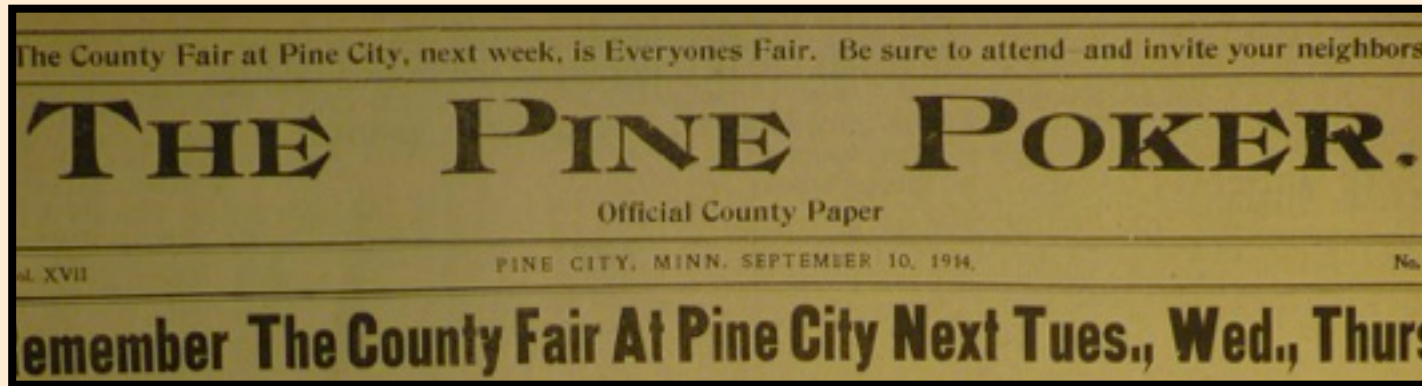
2:00 "The Maldens" Dog and Pony Show—two distinct acts, furnishing one half hour of clean, wholesome entertainment.

2:30 p. m. The Free for all Trot or Pace. Purse \$500.00. Don't miss it. You'll be sorry if you do.

3:30 p. m. Farmers Running Race Purse \$50.00

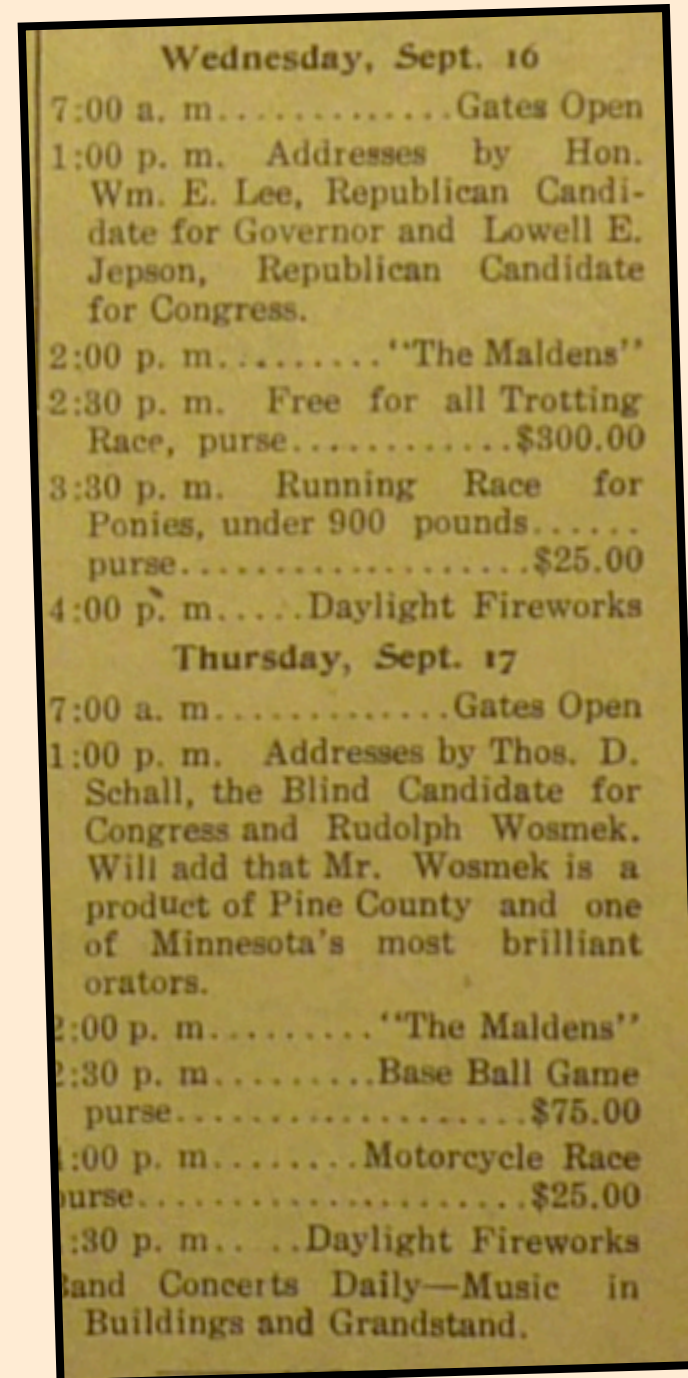
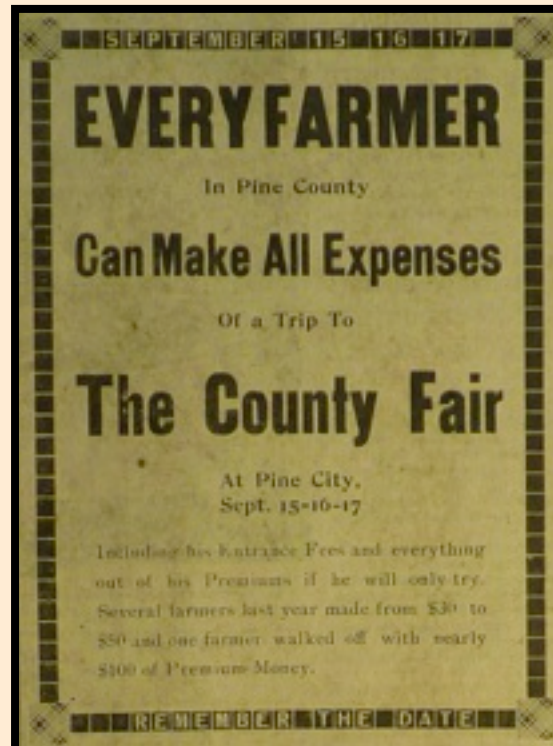
4:00 p. m. Daylight Fireworks, by the Pain's Daylight Fireworks Display Co., of New York. A feature attraction on any bill.

The Pine County Fair - 1914



The second and third day of the 1914 fair brought more political candidates, horse races, a baseball game and motorcycle races.

Daylight fireworks closed each day at the fairgrounds and there was a dance at the armory each night..

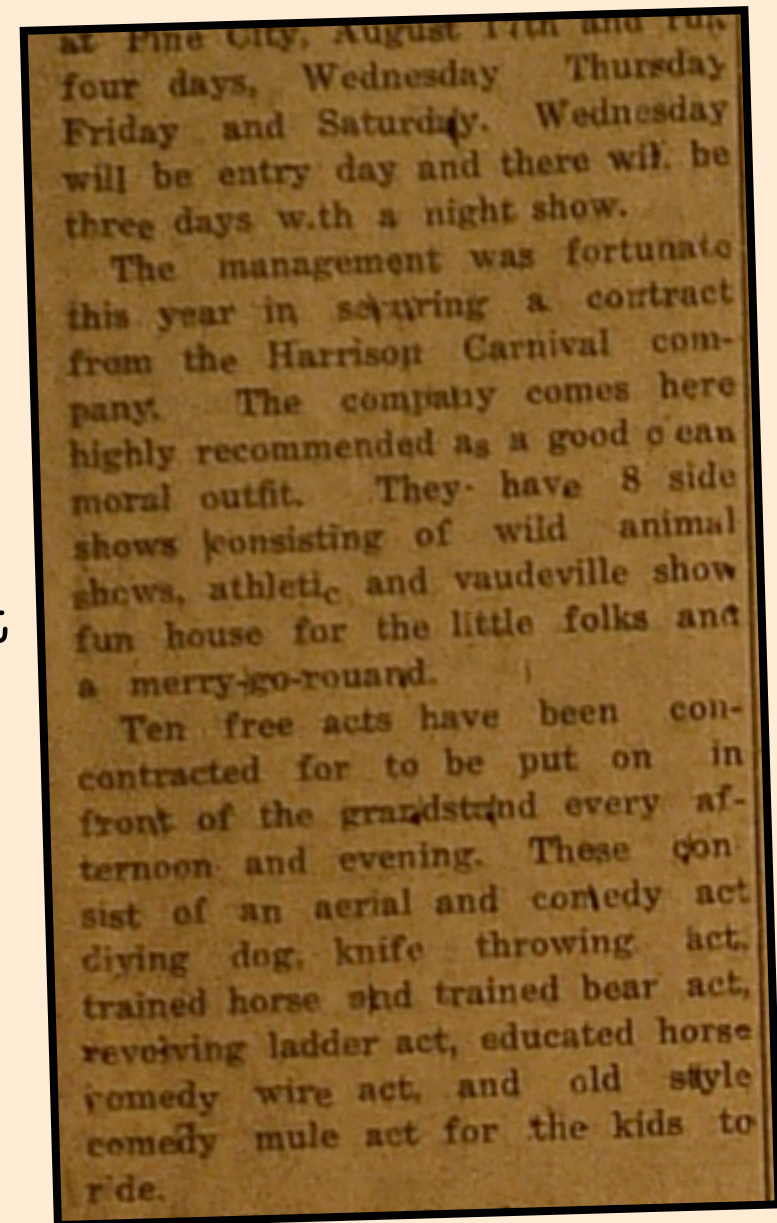


The Pine County Fair - 1921



The grandstand acts that year included:

knife throwing
a trained bear
a diving dog
an educated horse
a comedy mule act



By 1921 night shows were part of the fair.

The Pine County Fair - 1921

PROGRAM
Pine County Fair
August 17 to 20

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
Entry Day

Entries received from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. All entries must be in place by 9 A. M. Aug. 18th.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18
All-County Day

Judging of Exhibits in the morning

11:00 A. M.—Midway Opens
Ball Game. Purse \$25. Winner takes all.
Beroun vs. N. P. team, Pine City.

1:30 P. M.—Band Concert at Midway.

2:00 —Free Attractions before Grand Stand.

2:15 —Farmers' Trot or Pace; 3 heats, 1-2 mile each; Purse \$40. Divided \$20, \$12 and \$8.

2:30 —Farmers' Running Race. Purse \$75. Divided \$40, \$25, \$10; (3 to enter); 3 heats.

2:45 —Ball Game. Winner takes all. Purse \$100. North Branch vs. Pine City.

7:00 —Band Concert in Midway.

8:00 —Free Attractions Before Grand Stand.

10:00 —Dance at Armory—Hinckley Orchestra.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18
Sandstone Day

11:00 A. M.—Midway Opens.

1:30 P. M.—Band Concert in Midway.

2:00 —Free Attractions before Grand Stand.

2:15 —Ford Race—5 miles. Purse \$40, divided \$25 and \$15.

2:45 —Stock Car Race—4-cylinder, other than Ford. Purse \$25. Winner takes all.

3:00 —Ball Game. Purse \$60; divided \$40 and \$20. Sandstone vs. Pine City.

7:00 —Band Concert in Midway.

8:00 —Free Attractions Before Grand Stand.

10:00 —Dance in Armory—Sandstone Orchestra.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20
Hinckley Day

11:00 A. M.—Midway Opens.

1:30 P. M.—Band Concert in Midway.

2:00 —Free Attractions Before Grand Stand.

2:15 —SPORTS PROGRAM—Free for All.

50 yard dash,	\$6	\$3	\$1
100 yard dash,	\$6	\$3	\$1
220 yard dash,	\$6	\$3	\$1
Relay Race	\$8	\$4	
Tug-o'-War	\$10		

3:00 —Ball Game. Purse \$100. Winner takes all.
Hinckley vs. Pine City. †

7:00 —Band Concert in Midway.

8:00 —Free Attractions Before Grand Stand.

10:00 —Dance in Armory—Pine City Band.

Auto races were also featured

Businesses in Pine City closed from 1 to 5 o'clock two days of the fair.

The Pine County Fair - 1927

The big feature of the night show, the artillery battle to be staged by a Battery E of the 125th Field Artillery is a novel feature such as is rarely ever seen, and something entirely new for a county fair. Four big 3-inch guns, the French 75s, will be used in the battle and close to 100 rounds of blank ammunition will be fired by the guns each night. The fair management has engaged the services of a fireworks man who has worked out a program for the battle with Capt. Jorgensen, commander of the battery, and special bombs are being made to represent the exploding of shells and to be used to the finish of the battle, for the laying over of the barrage.

In 1926 an artillery battle staged by the Battery E guard group was featured as part of the grandstand entertainment. It had gone over well so in 1927 Battery E was back with a bigger and better artillery battle.

Capt. Jorgensen will try to reproduce an actual scene in warfare, using the entire battery with all the equipment, including the horses with the men mounted. The battery will enter the infield in front of the grandstand and go into position for firing just as they would on a battle front. The battery will also perform in the afternoon in mounted maneuvers and fancy mounted drill and also stage a military harnessing and firing contest.

Fireworks Program

There will be a gorgeous fireworks display, both Friday and Saturday nights, following the artillery battle. A number of exceptionally good free acts will also be given in front of the grandstand, both afternoon and evenings, including a casting act by the Three Harpers, a regular state fair attraction seldom seen at county fairs.

Fireworks finished the evening.

The Pine County Fair - 1927

Harness races, the Pine City Girls Uke Club and two platform acts by Dixon Riggs Company rounded out the entertainment. There was a dance each night at the Fairway Pavilion.



Dixon Riggs Company

Pine Co. Fair!
PINE CITY
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Sept. 15 to 17

THURSDAY--ENTRY DAY
Exhibits received to 6 P. M.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON
Fast Harness Races both days. Purser for each race, \$200.00, with added money
Running Races: Friday (County) Purse \$50.00
Saturday, Free-for-All. Purse \$65.00
Battery E, 125th F. A., Military Harnessing and Firing Contest, Mounted Manouevres and Fancy Mounted Drill.
Big High-Priced Free Acts--Regular State Fair Attractions
Music Friday by Cloverton Concert Band
Music Saturday by Jay Gould Band

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING
Artillery Battle
Battery E, using the big 3-in., 75-M guns. More Elaborate than last year.
Gorgeous Display of Fireworks. Seven Set Pieces; Rockets, Shells and Specialties
Free Acts--Pine City Girls' Uke Club
DANCE EACH EVENING in FAIRWAY PAVILION
Music by Harry Swalin and his Entertainers, of Minneapolis

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY ONLY
The Gould Family
11 People in Singing, Dancing and Musical Numbers--A Merry Musical Melange from Grand Opera to Jazz

ADMISSION
General admissions to grounds, day show, adults 50 cts. Children 10 to 15 years, 25cts; Night show, adults 25 cts. Children, 15 cts.
Grandstand admission, afternoons and evenings, adults 5 cts., children 15 cts.

AUTOMOBILES FREE

The Pine County Fair - 1930

The forty first Pine County Fair billed itself as having the best program ever given.

**PINE COUNTY FAIR OPENS TODAY
WITH BEST PROGRAM EVER GIVEN**

Pine County Fair!
Pine City, Minn.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

AUGUST 14, 15 and 16

Thursday, Aug. 14---Entry Day
All Exhibits Must be in Place by 6 P. M.

Two Big Days of Entertainment
Friday and Saturday, Aug. 15-16
DAY AND NIGHT SHOWS

Grand Stand Program
RAY AND LEROY--Two Acts
Horizontal Bar Funsters
Comedy Ladder Novelty Act
LA VINE AND MAE--Two Acts
Comedy Acrobatic Act
Wire Act—Juggling—Rope Spinning
AERIAL LAZELLAS TROUPE--Two Acts
Double Trapeze Act in Mid Air
High Perch Balancing Act
(Direct from R. K. O. Circuit)
"MILLERS JEWELS OF 1930"
Girls Revue with Eddie Russel, famous comedian
In an hours program of dancing, singing, musical numbers, comedy, etc. This revue carries its own feature band.
Change of Program Afternoon and Night

Georgeous Fireworks Display
The most beautiful fireworks display ever shown at the Pine County Fair on both Friday and Saturday evenings

Horse Races and Baseball
Baseball Game Friday Afternoon
Fast Horse Races Saturday Afternoon

Public Wedding
Richard Thieman and Miss Mabel Peil will be married at a public wadding on Saturday evening, August 16th. The ceremony will take place on the platform in front of the grandstand. The wedding will be formal and dignified and will be a very pretty affair, similar to the wedding held last year.

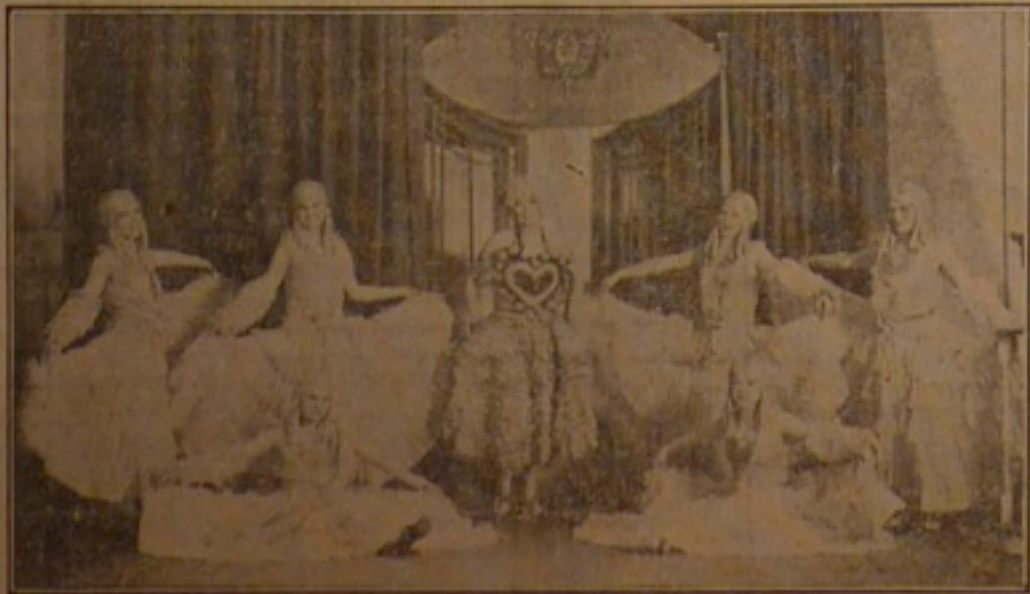
Midway Attractions
Big Eli Ferris Wheel—Chair-o-Plan e—Jumping Horse
Merry-go-round—Kiddie Ride—Sideshows

Horse races, baseball and fireworks were expected events.

The Pine County Fair - 1930

acts. "Miller's Jewels of 1930," a girls revue, has been engaged and will perform at all performances, with a different program afternoon and evening. This revue has its own band and Eddie Russell, well known comedian, will be master of ceremonies in addition to his comedy part and dancing with the revue. The revue is composed of seven beautiful young ladies who are professional dancers and entertainers with Miss Hazel Mack, the Prima Donna of the company. Her singing has been the hit of many a Chicago show and she was featured in one of the Twin city theatres for three consecutive months. Every one of the girls is a clever specialty dancer. They have a variety of beautiful costumes that add greatly to the appearance of their performance.

The Miller's Jewels of 1930 was the headline grandstand attraction. It featured seven dancing women led by Miss Hazel Mack.



"Miller's Jewels of 1930" at Pine County Fair Aug. 15-16

MANY PRESENTS TO FAIR WEDDING COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thiemann, who were united in marriage at the Pine County Fair, last Saturday evening, received many beautiful wedding presents from businessmen. Following is the list:

Klein's Department Store—Wedding Dress
Lahodney Millinery Store—Wedding Veil
Staacke's Gift Shop—Wedding Ring
Court House Officials and Employees—Wedding Bouquet for Bride
A. W. Gunn—Marriage license
Pine County Fair—\$25 in cash
Pine City Mercantile—Bedspread
Rite Way Grocery—box of groceries
Lambert Grocery—box of groceries
City Meat Market—\$2 in trade
Milgrom Clothing Store—Silk Shirt
Prochaska Pharmacy—Toilet articles
W. A. Sauser—tea kettle

The Pine County Fair -
1930

The wedding as
g r a n d s t a n d
entertainment was
back in 1930.

The wedding couple
received a long list
of donated gifts.

The Fair Store—box of groceries
Fred Jordan—carton cigarettes
Agnes Hotel—tablecloth and towel set
Pine City Cafe—box candy
Pine City Motor Co.—tire
Gray Studio—frame and tinted enlargement of wedding picture
Hohn's Pharmacy—Nut cracker set
Challeen's Store—blanket
Gehl Oil Co.—10 gallons gas
Family Theatre—\$5 coupon book of tickets
McNeal Meat Market—\$2 in trade
Pine City Tire & Battery Shop—\$2 in trade
Power Corp.—Electric cooker
Petschel's Cafe—box candy
Pine City Hdw. and Parrish Co Lbr. Co.—mirror
Brownies Chicken Shack—5 gals. gas
Holetz Bros.—2 gals motor oil
Goodrich Furniture Store—rescent Gold Seal Rug, 9x12
Engel Meat Market—\$2 in trade
Pine City Bottling Works—3 ses pop
Senator A. S. Larson—picture

The Pine County Fair - 1931



1931 brought The Flying Beckmans and Bassett & Bailey to town. The Flying Beckmans had been featured with many large circuses including Barnum -

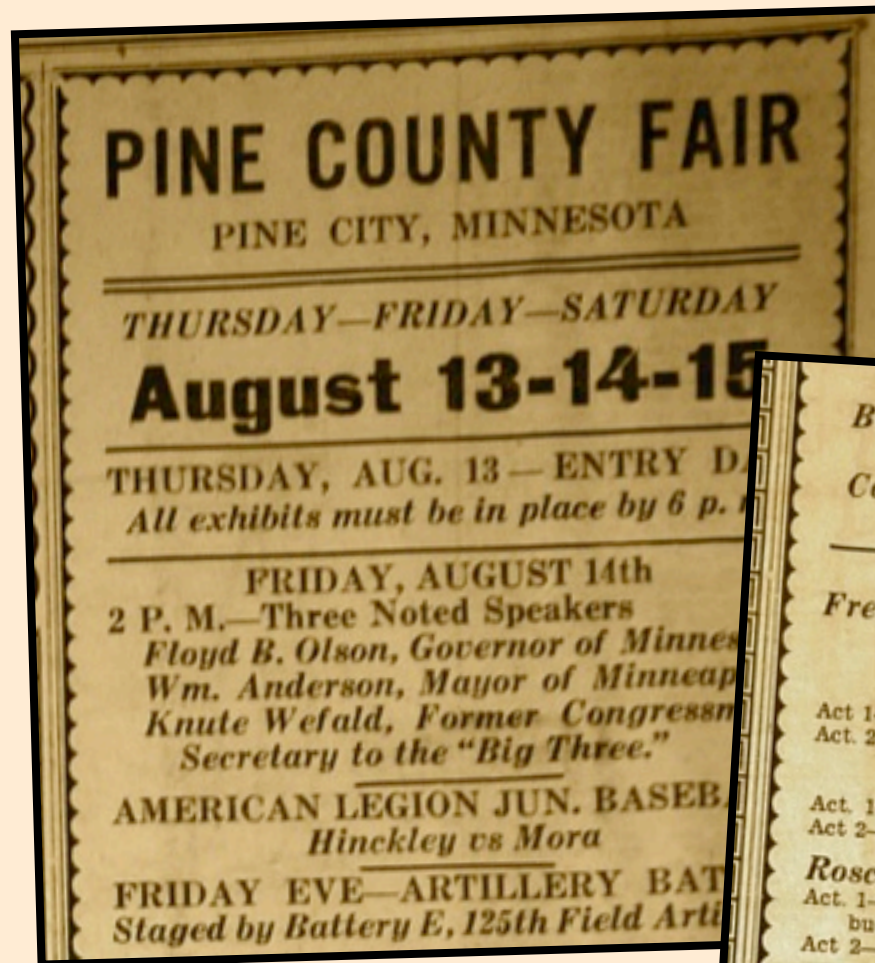
Bailey. The paper noted in particular that they traveled with baggage weighing 4,000 pounds. Bassett & Bailey hailed from London, England.



The Pine County Fair - 1931

Baseball and politicians were on the schedule.

Battery E was back with an artillery battle and Saturday's big event was a carnival dance and Mardi Gras..



PINE COUNTY FAIR
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

THURSDAY—FRIDAY—SATURDAY
August 13-14-15

THURSDAY, AUG. 13—ENTRY DAY
All exhibits must be in place by 6 p. m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th
2 P. M.—Three Noted Speakers
*Floyd B. Olson, Governor of Minnesota
Wm. Anderson, Mayor of Minneapolis
Knute Wefald, Former Congressman
Secretary to the "Big Three."*

AMERICAN LEGION JUN. BASEBALL
Hinckley vs Mora

FRIDAY EVE—ARTILLERY BATTLE
Staged by Battery E, 125th Field Artillery



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th
*Base Ball—Pine City vs Sturgeon Lake
Saturday Evening
Carnival Dance and Mardi Gras in the
Big Exhibit Building*

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
Free Attractions Afternoon and Evening
SEVEN HIGH CLASS ACTS

Flying Beckmans in 2 Acts
Act 1—Sensational Flying Return Casting Act.
Act 2—Novelty Spanish Web Act.

Bassett & Bailey in 2 Acts
Act 1—Acrobatic Act.
Act 2—Novelty Table and Chair Balancing Act.

Roscoe Armstrong & Company in 3 Acts
Act 1—Armstrong's Leaping "Straight Four"—a skidding
bucking, exploding trick automobile.
Act 2—Trapeze
Act 3—Slack Wire

MIDWAY ATTRACTIONS
Big Eli Ferris Wheel—Chair-o-Plane—
Jumping Horse Merry-go-round—Kiddie
Ride—Sideshowes

\$1700 IN CASH PREMIUMS

*For information write or see
W. S. McEachern, Secretary, Pine City*

The Pine County Fair - 1931

The 1931 fair showed a profit and was deemed a success. Rain on Saturday cut the attendance but Friday's attendance had been greater than expected.

The sham battle staged by Battery E was a roaring success. Dynamite had been used to represent exploding shells. The sounds of battle were heard as far as Markville and North Branch. Officials from other county fairs inquired if Battery E could be available to stage a battle their fairs.

Otto Wiedemann took first place in Holsteins, Ernest Hinze second. One hundred and thirty five members of 4-H clubs had exhibits at the fair.

The Pine County Fair - 1932

FREE FAIR
NO ADMISSION TO THE
PINE COUNTY FAIR
PINE CITY
Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.-Aug. 18-19-20
25c Charge for Parking Cars
Thursday, Aug. 18th is Entry Day
\$1700 IN CASH PREMIUMS
Entries Must Be in Place by 6 P. M.
Two Big Days of Entertainment
Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20
DAY AND NIGHT SHOWS
DANCING BOTH EVENINGS
*(A dance floor has been laid in the big
exhibit building for the dances)*
6 High Class Grandstand Acts
Public Wedding, Saturday Eve at 8:30
Midway Attractions—Ferris Wheel,
Jumping Horse Merry-go-round, chair-o-
plane swing, side shows, concessions.

The big news in 1932 was this was Pine County's first "free gate." There was no admission to the grounds. There was a charge of 25¢ to park on the fairgrounds.

A wedding was the big attraction on Saturday night. Miss Grace Giese of Pine Lake married George Petry of Hinckley.

The Pine County Fair - 1933

1933 was the peak of an organization called the Farmers' Holiday Association that developed as a response to the depression. Milo Reno, the national president of the organization spoke at the fair.

Once again a wedding was the big attraction on Saturday night. Miss Evangeline Wahlberg of Sandstone married Joseph Houska of Hinckley.

FREE ADMISSION TO THE
PINE COUNTY FAIR
Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. August 17-18-19
25c Charge for Parking Cars

Thursday, August 17th is Entry Day
\$1360 IN CASH PREMIUMS
Entries Must be in Place by 6 P. M.

MILO RENO
of Des Moines, Iowa
National President of Farmers' Holiday Association
WILL SPEAK AT FAIR
FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 3 O'CLOCK

Two Big Days of Entertainment
Friday and Saturday August 18 and 19
DAY AND NIGHT SHOWS
DANCE SAT. EVENING
In the Big Exhibit Building

GIBSON RADIO REVUE
30 TALENTED ARTISTS
Tap dances, opera ballet, beauty chorus, comedies, including Al Rote, famous magician; Joe Bognar, fastest tap dancer in Northwest; the Smiling Cowboy, well known radio singer; and numerous others.
COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAM EACH SHOW
Also

MILLERMON'S ENTERTAINERS
Featuring the World's Most Sensational
BUCKING FORD ACT

BASEBALL GAME SATURDAY
At 3 p. m. Teams announced next week.

Public Wedding Saturday at 8:30 P. M.
Wedding Couple will lead grand march at the dance following the ceremony.

Midway Attractions—Ferris Wheel, Jumping Horse Mer-
cure, and Chair-o-plane Swing, Side Shows, and

PINE COUNTY FAIR!

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
AUG. 19, 20 and 21
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

Thursday Is Entry Day
\$1500.00 In CASH PREMIUMS
All Exhibits Must Be in Place by 6:00 P. M. Thursday

TWO BIG SHOW DAYS
Friday and Saturday
Grandstand Show Both Afternoon and Evenings
Program of High Class Circus Acts

WRESTLING SHOW SAT. NIGHT
Featuring OTTO "PAT" KUSS
VS. One of the Leading Wrestlers of the Country in the
Main Go. The Wrestling Show will be held on the
Platform in Front of the Grandstand at
9 P. M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st

LOTS OF FUN ON THE MIDWAY
Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Glider, Shows and
Concessions of All Kinds

ADMISSION: Afternoon and Evening; Gate 25c; Children
under 16 years, Free. Automobiles admitted to grounds
free. Grandstand, Adults 25c; Children 15c

The Pine County Fair - 1937

In 1937 instead of a wedding a wrestling show starring Pine City's own Pat Kuss was the headline event on Saturday evening.

Friday evening after the grandstand program a free motion picture on the stockyards and packing plants of the state was offered as entertainment.

The Pure Oil girl's kittenball team played a game.

A gate admission of 25\$ was being charged. Children under 16 were admitted free.

The Pine County Fair - 1938

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PINE CITY, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 18, 1938
No. 50
FIFTIETH ANNUAL PINE COUNTY FAIR OPENS HERE TODAY

1938 was billed as the Golden Jubilee fair.



DIXIE FOUR Will lead the musical program at the County Fair Jubilee Friday evening.

50th ANNUAL
PINE CO. FAIR
Thurs., Fri. and Sat.
August 18-19-20

— ENTRY DAY THURSDAY —
\$1,500.00 in Cash Premiums

— TWO BIG SHOW DAYS —
Friday and Saturday— Grandstand
Programs at 2:30 and 8 P. M.
High Class Circus & Vaudeville Acts
4-H Club Program Friday Afternoon
4-H Stock Parade Saturday at 1 P. M.

Golden Jubilee & Pioneer Day Friday
GOLDEN WEDDING FRIDAY EVE.
All Couples in Pine County, married 50 years or more
this year are invited as the guests of the Fair Assn. Friday.
Send your names, date and place of marriage and length
of residence in Pine County to W. S. McEachern, Secretary,
Pine City.

J. ADAM BEDE
Nationally-known humorist and lecturer, will be Master
of Ceremonies for the Golden Jubilee.

PUBLIC WEDDING SAT. at 9:00 P. M.
A beautiful, formal wedding ceremony will be performed in
front of the grand stand. This will be the 8th Public Wed-
ding at the Pine County Fair.

Admission: Afternoons and Evenings: Gate, 25c; Children
under 16 free, cars free. Grandstand: adults 25c, children 15c

The Pine County Fair - 1938

In 1938 while a wedding was once again the big event on Saturday evening, the Pine County Fair added a twist to the idea and had a golden wedding event on Friday. Twenty Pine County couples who had been married 50 years or more were honored with a badge and a banquet. They were entertained at the fair and watched one couple renew their vows. The Mpls Star covered the event and carried a front page article with photos.



The Pine County Fair - 1939

1939 brought radio personalities, Cedric Adams and Clellan Card to town to act as Master of Ceremonies at the grandstand.

51st ANNUAL
PINE CO. FAIR
Thurs., Fri. and Sat,
August 17-18-19

— ENTRY DAY THURSDAY —
\$1,500.00 in Cash Premiums

Premium Lists can be secured from Max McMillin, County Agent, at Sandstone, or W. S. McEachern, Fair Secretary, at Pine City.

— TWO BIG SHOW DAYS —
Friday and Saturday—Grandstand
Programs at 2:30 and 8 p.m.
Entirely Different Show Each Day

Cedric Adams
Minneapolis Star Columnist and Radio Commentator
Master of Ceremonies on Friday

Clellan Card
WCCO Radio Entertainer
Master of Ceremonies on Saturday

WCCO ARTIST'S BUREAU WILL FURNISH THE GRAND-
STAND SHOWS, WHICH WILL FEATURE
MANY RADIO STARS

Admission: Afternoons and Evenings: Gate, 25c, Children
under 16 free, cars free; Grandstand, adults 25c, children 15c



The Pine County Fair - 1939



The grandstand program also included a number of acts that had appeared on WCCO radio.



Plehal Brothers; harmonica team, featured Friday nights on WCCO, are on program at Pine County Fair



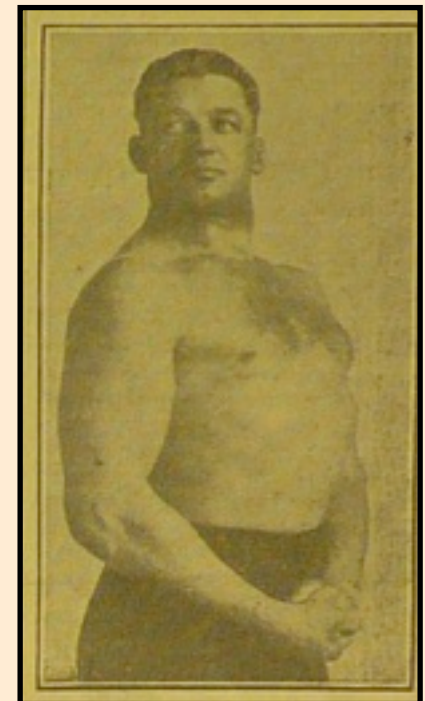
Harry Habata; C.B.S. Radio Star. Only man in northwest with a \$1500 accordion, will be featured at the Pine County Fair.



The Pine County Fair - 1940

In 1941 the grandstand program contained an assortment of fair and circus acts. The LeRoys, a acrobatic act had appeared at the San Francisco World's Fair. The Three St. Clairs played musical bells, Swiss bells and glass bells. Also on the program was "The Great Harvey" a contortionist who was also known as "the Human Pretzel."

Alf Johnson was in town to wrestle Pine City's Pat Kuss.



52nd ANNUAL

PINE CO. FAIR

Thurs., Fri. and Sat.
August 22-23-24

— ENTRY DAY THURSDAY —
\$1500.00 in Cash Premiums

Premium Lists can be secured from Max McMillin, County Agent, at Sandstone or W. S. McEachern, Fair Secretary, at Pine City.

— TWO BIG SHOW DAYS —

Friday and Saturday, August 23-24
Grandstand Program, 2:30 & 8:00 p.m.
World's Fair and Orpheum Circuit Acts—Dog and Pony Revue—Aerial Performers—Musical Troupes

SATURDAY IS THRILL DAY

Car Roll Over; Spiral Driving; Half Moon Bridge Jump; Broad Jump Thru a Flaming Board Wall; Dynamite Drive; Drive Over Ties

Admission: Afternoons and Evenings: Gate 25c, Children under 16 free, cars free; Grandstand: adults 25c, children 15c

The Pine County Fair - 1940

The real excitement in 1940 was billed as “Thrill Day” and involved stunts with cars.

Unfortunately the weather was terrible and ruined fair attendance. It was so wet and cold

In addition to the regular grandstand attractions, Saturday will bring a Thrill Day program that is bound to please. This feature attraction brings a group of drivers to Pine County's Fair who will “do things” with automobiles such as rolling a car over, crashing through a board wall and doing a spiral drive and perhaps a grand crack-up.

on Friday the grandstand performers stayed in their trailer houses and the crowd had to be given refunds.

The weather cleared some on Saturday and the car stunts took place as scheduled.



photo courtesy of Michael Sauser

The Pine County Fair - 1941

In 1941 the grandstand program included jugglers, roller skaters and two hill billy characters.



Glamorous follies girls will present fascinating and colorful ensembles. Pictured above are three of the popular Rhythm Girls. They are one of the features of a large cast of girls who will entertain with the Nations on Parade revue during the Pine County Fair at Pine City Aug. 14th to 16th.

53rd ANNUAL
PINE CO. FAIR
Thurs., Fri. and Sat.
August 14-15-16
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

ENTRY DAY THURSDAY
\$1500.00 in Cash Premiums
Premium lists may be secured from Max Mc-Millin, county agent at Sandstone, or from F. P. Gottry, fair secretary at Pine City.

3 NIGHTS and TWO DAYS of PROGRAM
—Kiddie Revue, Thursday evening, Aug. 14th—
Complete Change of Stage Show on Friday
and again on Saturday.

The stage show features such performers as Erhardt Brothers, The Juggling Lees, The Debutants, The Rhythm Trio and the Whirlwinds, sensational roller skating artists. These acts are all headliners and come to us from the various theatrical circuits.

Admission: afternoon and evenings. Gate 25c, children under ten accompanied by parents, free. Children 10 to 16, 15c
Grandstand: Adults 25c and Children 15c

The Pine County Fair - 1941

Again in 1941 the fair was affected by poor weather.



Internationally famous "hill-billy" characters and sensational dancing stars, The Erhardt Brothers are a part of the elaborate stage show to appear at the Pine County Fair, to be held at Pine City on August 14, 15, 16. These artists are enroute from large theatrical circuits and will appear in person with a host of surprises and laughs for everyone.

**STORES TO CLOSE
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUG. 15
FOR PINE COUNTY FAIR**

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Pine City Business Places will close on Friday, August 15th at one o'clock, and the boss and his helpers will take in the Pine County Fair. See You There!

The Pine County fair did not occur again until 1946.

Pine City Remembers

The Pine County Fair

Thank you to all the people who contributed photos and information.

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Do you have something we could add to this exhibit?
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