Sokol & Pine City





Sokol

The word Sokol comes from the Slavic word for falcon. The Sokol movement is an all-age gymnastics organization first founded in Prague in the Czech region of Austria-Hungary in 1862 by Miroslav Tyrš and Jindřich Fügner. It was based upon the principle of "a strong mind in a sound body." The Sokol, through lectures, discussions, and group outings provided what Tyrš viewed as physical, moral, and intellectual training for the nation. This training extended to men of all ages and classes, and eventually to women. The Sokol movement spread to the United States. The first American Sokol unit was founded on February 14, 1865, in St. Louis, Missouri. Today the American Sokol offer physical training in gymnastics and other athletics, as well as providing cultural awareness and family oriented activities. There are currently 35 American Sokol units, or clubs, operating in North America.



Miroslav Tyrš
founder of the Sokol movement

PINE CITY AND BEROUN TO HAVE SOKOL CLUB

Sunday September 21st all the Boheman people from Pine City and He roun, Minnesota, gathered if the Pine City Town Hall in a mass meeting where a representative of the Sokol Gymnastic Organization of Minnesota was present and explained in detail the purpose of the Sokol organizations. It is planned by the Minnesota officials to bring to Pine City the system of physical training which is now being recognized throughout the United States school system their work through an exhibition which is planned at Pine City sometime in November. The arrangements committee for this occasion is composed of fifteen members of the Pine City residents where Mr. Joseph Oliverius is the Secretary. The exhibition and a big Sokol festival planned for Pine City will be composed of various phases of work now done by the Sokols. A crack team from the St. Paul organization will several numbers on the apparatus which will be moved to Pine City The young letties teams of Minneap ells and St. Paul will also put on an exhibition in aesthetic dancing and various drills.

The Sokol Society of Denham, Minnesota, will also have several numbers on the program as well as the New Prague society who will be also represented. The Bohemian people of Pine City and vicinity have fraternal organizations but there is no organization of a purely educational character as the Sokol organization will be. Sokol came to Pine City in 1924.

In September of 1924 all the Bohemian people of Pine City and Beroun, Minnesota were invited to a meeting held at the village hall. A representative of the Minnesota Sokol organization spoke and a group of fifteen local citizens formed a committee to plan a Sokol festival.

Pine Poker, October 2, 1924

SOKOL SOCIETY WILL STAGE BIG PROGRAM

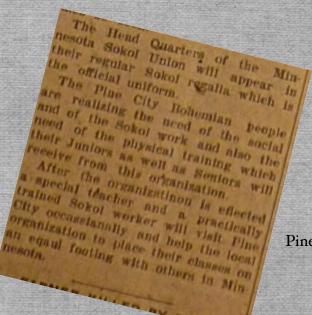
The Sokol District of Minnesota will gather their members at Pine City, November 16th, at 2 o'clock in the Pine, City Aromory Building where a large gymnastic and atheletic and exhibition is planned.

Over 100 members from St. Paul will attend this big festival. The new Sokol organization in Pine City will be effected at that time. The Minneapolis Sokol Society will also send a large delegation of active and nonactive members. The New Prague organization will have some classes on the program as well as the Hutchmaon organization. These far off organizations will surely attend this festival if the weather partly permits, but it is sure that the S. Paul, Minneapolis and Deham and New Prague organizations will be represented. The officers of the Foley, Minnesota, Sokols will attend:

There will be an elaborte programconsisting of the collowing:

- 1. Mass free arm exercise by
- 2. Exhibition callsthenics drill by
- 3. Aesthetic dancing by Junior girls.
- 4. Pyrmid building by Senior men.
- Parallel bar and hosizontal bar exercise and stunts by young men, actives.
- 6. Dumbell exercise by combined men and women classes.
- 7. Grand marches and National folk dances in National costumes will also be seen.

A large Sokol exhibit was planned to introduce the Sokol movement to the area. It was scheduled to take place in the Pine City Armory on November 16, 1924.



Pine Poker, October 23, 1924

The exhibit was a success and 65 people joined the local Sokol organization.

SOKOLS GIVE FINE PROGRAM

The Sokol demonstration, in the armory last Sunday afternoon, was a revelation to most of the large audience present as few folks realized just what the work of this organization consisted of.

There was an exceptionally large attendance and the program put on by the St. Paul and Denham Sokol Unions was extremely interesting. There were close to 150 visitors here from these two places, most of whom took part in the program. The visitors were the guests of the local Union at dinner and supper served in the armory.

The afternoon's program opened with a concert by the Pine City band. Short talks were made by representatives of the St. Paul and Denham Unions, the speakers explaining the objects of this organization which is to promote physical and moral training for its members. The state leader was scheduled to make an address in English, but owing to a severe cold he was unable to talk.

The program consisted of a number of athletic drills and calisthenics given by the men and women, both junior and senior classes. These included a hoop drill by the girls, fencing drill by the boys, dumb bell drill and exercises and horizontal bar exercises, and a drill by the boys and girls together.

Officers of the local organization were:

A large number of members were taken into the local organization, following the program, and the Pine City Sokol Union now numbers 65 members. The officers of the local Union are Jos. Oliverius president, Jos. Basta vice president, Louis Volenec, secretary, Frankie Motycka financial secretary, and Christine Basta treasurer. An executive emmittee will be elected at the next meeting Mr. Oliverius presided at the gathering last Sunday.

The Union will hold a business meeting once a month and plan on a drill one night a week. The drilling will be done by classes, both juniors and seniors. Starting next Sunday, there will be a week's school of instruction in St. Paul and the local union will send one man and one woman to attend the school who will be the local instructors.

Members of the local organization wish to take this opportunity to thank the local band and members for their concert Sunday and it was greatly appreciated by the visitors and the large audience.

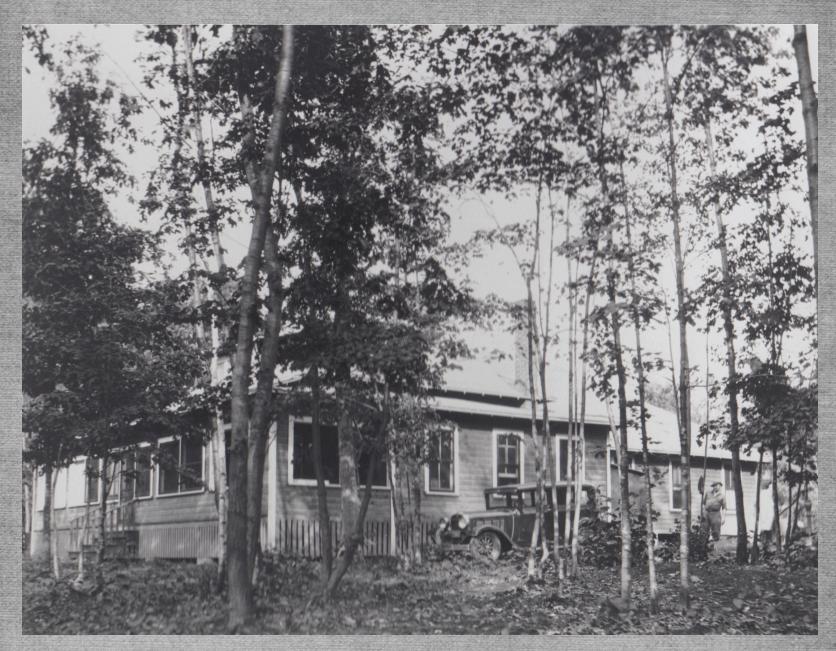
There is a wonderful field for such an organization as the Sokols. Health means happiness, and there is no question but what their work will mean better health to those who take part in it. Not alone will it mean better health, but it will be very entertaining to both the participants, as well as those who are priviledged to see them drill

President - Jos. Oliverius Vice President - Jos.Basta Secretary - Louis Volnec Financial Secretary - Frankie Motycka Treasurer - Christine Basta



Courtesy of Roger Plessel

An official document issued to the Pine City Sokol organization in 1925.



Shortly after the Sokol organization was formed in Pine City a camp was built on the east side of Cross Lake and an annual celebration was established.

BIG TIME PLANNED AT THE SOKOL CAMP

The successful Sokol Queen candidate will be crowned at the Sokol Camp Sunday afternoon, August 5th. Preparations are being made to make this an outing worth while to attend and Pine City people are invited to visit the Sokol Camp on this occasion.

Several numbers will be put on by a class of children from the Twin cities who will spend a week at the camp prior to August 5th. Pine City Sokols are going to have numbers of their own and they have requested the district director to send the crack team to put on exhibition numbers.

There will be refreshments sold and as there is plenty of room for parking, a large crowd is expected from Pine City and surrounding territory.

In case of unfavorable weather the entire program will be postponed until the next Sunday.

PUBLIC INVITED TO SOKOL CELEBRATION

The public is invited to visit the Pine City Sokol Camp, next Sunday, and enjoy the celebration to be held there. A picnic lunch will be held at noon and there will be a program of entertainment in the afternoon which will include several numbers to be given by a class of children from the Twin cities and special features by the local organization.

The celebration Sunday will bring to a close the contest for the selection of a Sokol Queen and the coronation of the successful candidate will take place in the afternoon.

The Sokol Society is especially anxious to have the general public attend and everyone will receive a cordial welcome.

Pine Poker August 2, 1928

MANY ATTEND THE SOKOL CELEBRATION

Miss Chrystine Vojta won first place and was crowned queen at the Sokol celebration, held at the Sokol camp, last Sunday afternoon, having won first place in the queen contest, conducted by the Pine City Sokol Soceity. Miss Clara Korbel was second and Miss Mary Mach third. Flower girls, who took part in the coronation ceremony, were Francis Oliverius and Lorraine Plessel.

There was a good attendance at the celebration, which started with a picnic dinner at roon. The program included drills by various classes and a talk by Mr. Trojan of St. Paul.

Pine Poker August 9, 1928

By 1930 the summer picnic had evolved into an event that closely resembles the event that still occurs each summer. Note the use of the term "Bouillon".

Don't Fail to Attend the PUBLIC PICNIC

AT THE SOKOL CAMP

Five Miles from Pine City, on the Northeast side of Cross Lake

Sunday, Aug. 17

Some of the Attractions

Land and Water Sports and Games
Novel and Entertaining Races and Contests
Music by Old-Fashioned Czech Orchestra
Genuine "Bouillon"

DON'T MISS IT!

You will have the Best Time of your life! Meet visitors from all over the State.

Everybody Welcome!

Pine Poker, August 1930

Pine Poker-Pioneer, July 18, 1940

Attend Public Picnic

At The

Sokol Camp

Located on the Breezy Shores of Cross Lake, five miles northeast of Pine City

Sunday, July 21

ATTRACTIONS:—Program will start at 1:00 p.m. and will consist of Czechoslovak Folk scenes with dances and songs; Sokol Exhibition drills, sports; Community singing, Peppy music by a Real Old Time Orchestra

REFRESHMENTS

ICE CREAM - POP - CANDY - SANDWICHES

Delicious Chicken Boo-ya

WILL BE READY BY 11:15 A. M.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

By 1940 the term "Boo-ya" was in use.

The Pine City Sokol Society sponsored many dances at many venues.

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This is one of the best concertina orchestras in the Northwest playing old and new-time dance music. Over 30 years experience in dance music. This orchestra has broadcasted over Station WCCO.

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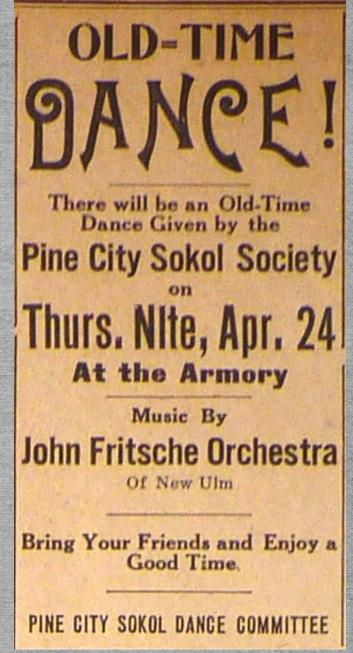
At the

FAIR=WAY Pavilion
Pine City, Minn.

Wednesday, July 18

Be Sure and Come!

Pine Poker, July 12, 1928



Pine Poker, April 17, 1930

SOKOL DANCE!

PINE CITY ARMORY SAT. EVE., MAY 23rd

Music by Paully's Concertina Orchestra

TICKETS 75c

Both Old and New Dances

Pine Poker, May 14, 1931

SOKOL DANGE!

WED. AUGUST 19th

Music by
THE COMMUNITY
BRASS BAND

Sponsored by the
PINE CITY
SOKOL SOCIETY
Tickets 75c

Pine Poker, August 13, 1931

SOKOL DANCE

MONDAY, SEPT. 21st Pine Camp Pavilion

Music by

PAULLY'S CONCERTIN A
ORCHESTRA OF ST PAUL
Playing both old and new time
dances.

Given by the Pine City Sokol Society

Pine Poker, September 17, 1931

DSOKOLE!

Pine Camp Pavilion MONDAY, NOV. 23rd

Music by
PAULLY'S
Ooncertina Orchestra
of St. Paul

Sponsored by
Pine City Sokol Society
Last Sokol Dance of the
Season

Pine Poker, November 19, 1931

OLD-TIME DANCE

Given by the
PINE CITY SOKOL
SOCIETY
PINE CAMP PAVIL'N
WEDNES., MAY 11th
Music by
WALDO'S
CONCERTINA ORCH.
Everybody Invited

Pine Poker, April 28, 1932

LAST DANCE BEFORE LENT

Given by the Sokol Society
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th
Crystal Palace
Good Orchestra — Popular Admission
Everybody Welcome for a Good Time

Pine Poker-Pioneer, February 1, 1940

DANCE

- GIVEN BY SOKOL SOCIETY
- Crystal Palace WEDNES., MAY 14
Adm. 15c - 25c

Pine Poker-Pioneer, May 8, 1941

SOKOL CELEBRATION PROGRAM COMPLETED

The Sokol Camp, built by Czech people as an educational and recreational center six years ago, on the northeast shore of Cross lake, five miles from Pine City, is busy making preparation for a public celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the founder of our country, George Washington, and the originator of the Sokol idea now spread in all corners of the world. Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, born in 1832, to be held there Sunday, June 26th, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Children encamped there this week are doing their bit in preparation for the memorable occasion by rehearsing several program numbers that will be put on together with those of Pine City and visiting Sokol teams. Recently organized Sokol unit in Haugen, Wis., is arranging to come out in large number, as well as the other Sokol Societies all over the Northwest.

Pine trees, the original trees gracing the beautiful shores of Cross lake, will be planted for Northwest Sokol Societies and Czech lodges in honor of George Washington and a basswood tree, a symbolic panslavic tree will be dedicated to the memory of the Sokol Founder, Dr. Miroslav Tyrs.

In 1932 plans were made for an extra special celebration.

ATTEND

GEORGE WASHINGTON

TREE PLANTING CELEBRATION

And commemoration of the 100 years birth anniversary of the Sokol Founder

DR. MIROSLAV TYRS

SOKOL CAMP

Located on the northeast shore of Cross Lake five miles from Pine City Under the auspices of Northwest Sokol Societies.

Sunday, June 26

At 1:30 P. M.

The principal address in honor of the day will be delivered by

MILTON ROSEN

Commissioner of Finance, of the City of St. Paul.

Other speakers will be

S. G. L. Roberts of Pine City, Minn.

A. B. Smolik, President of the Sokol Camp Association.

There will be a varied program of gymnastic drills presented by local and visiting Sokol Societies.

ENTERTAINMENT AFTER PROGRAM

Boullion and other refreshments will be served.

Admission Free

Everybody Welcome

Pine Poker, June 1932

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM AT SOKOL CAMP

The week of June 19 to 26th will be crowded with activities at the Sokol Camp located on the east shore of Cross lake 5 miles north of Pine City. Sokol children from all over the state will encamp there under trained direction of Sokol instructors. They will be taught swimming, nature study and gymnastic exercises as well as various outdoor games. According to Mr. Volenec, instructor of Pine City Sokols, several local children will be also sent to the camp.

Sunday, June 26th, there will be a public celebration honoring the 200th anniversary of the birth of the father of our country, George Washington, in whose honor a pine tree—the original tree of this county—will be planted for each Sokol unit in the Northern District numbering now 14 societies.

The memory of the founder of Sokols Dr. Miroslav Tyrs born 100 years ago will be also commemorated by a dedication, a panslavic tree, the basswood tree, also known as linden tree.

Over the years the local Sokol Society continued to elect officers.

PINE CITY SOKOL SOCIETY ELECTION

Election of officers of the Pine City Sokol Society for 1932 was held at their regular meeting on December 6. The following were elected:

Mrs. Albert Houdek.

Mrs. Louise Volenec, Miss Lillian Korbel and Mrs. Frank
Swanda are educators.

The entertainment committee consists of Frank Poferl, John Karas, William Houdek, Mrs. F. Poferl, Mrs. A. Korbel, Mrs. A. Houdek, Mrs. E. Hinze, Delegates to the convention are Louis Volence and Mrs. Jos. Holetz, Camp committee is Frank Poferl, Louis Volence, Jim Skluzacek.

Drill night every Tuesday at the Pine City high school gym.

PINE CITY SOKOL SOCIETY ELECTION

The annual election of officers of the Pine City Sokol Society was held at the regular meeting, December 4th, when the following were elected:

Technical chief instructors are Louis Volenec, Mrs. Jos. Holetz and Wm. Houdek. Mrs. Louis Volenec, Miss Lillian Korbel and Mrs. Frank Swanda are educators. The entertainment committee consists of Mike Vojta, Jos. Holetz, Ted Bazil, Mrs. Frank Mudra, Mrs. John Kyncl, Mrs. Tom Gardner. Delegates to the convention are Louis Volenec and Mrs. Joe. Holetz.

There is drill every Monday evening in the high school gym.

Pine Poker, December 22, 1932

SOKOLS PLAN BIG MEET IN PINE CITY, SUNDAY MAY 22

At the command "Attention!—
Forward—MARCH!' several hundred Sokols, Boy and Girl Scouts
Legionaires and others will step
forward in a huge parade as the
begining of the Northern District
Sokol Gymnastic Festival to be
held at the fair grounds in Pine
City Sunday, May 22nd. The
Pine City high school band will
provide the music for the parade.

Excitement and anticipation will run high as the parade moves on toward the fair grounds. Young and old will march. There will be boys and girls and men and women gymnastics, all dressed in trim drilling uniforms. These will be followed by men and women wearing the gay, beautifully colored costumes of old Bohemia. Moravis and Slovakia and Legionaires and Boy Scouts dressed in their uniforms. Martial air will be added to the parade by the BatteryE, 125th Field Artillery.

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As one number will follow another in the afternoon program, spectators will thrill more and more to the special drills, the lively Beseda dance performed in native costumes, and breath taking giant swings and other difficult feats on the apparatus.

As a magnificent climax to the program there will be performed a mass drill consisting of over one hundred men and women. This will be the finest example for showing what can be accomplished by cooperation and discipline.

Several of the gymnasts will leave within a few days after the Pine City Sokol Festival for Praha, Czechoslovakia, to attend the International Sokol Festival. Among them will be Louis Volenec, president of the Pine City Sokol Society, Vaclav Vacinek and Frank Breska of Willow River.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT SOKOL FESTIVAL HERE SUNDAY

St. Paul Group to Participate in Sokol Festival Here



are: Henry Jansen, Anna Delas-trana, Georgiana Smolik, Emily the S. S. Aquitania to attend the Cikanek and Mildred Posavad, tenth International Sokol Festi- ciety, and Vaclay Vacinek, also all of St. Paul, who, after ap- val at Praha, Czechoslovakia, to- of Pine City.

Pictured above, left to right, pearing in the Pine City Sokol gether with 15 other Sokol mem-

FRANK VERNER



Chief Physical Instructor of Northern District American Sokol Union

Mr. Verner, whose home is in St. Paul, will be in charge of the Sokol Festival program here.

LOUIS VOLENEC



President Pine City Sokol Society

Louis Volenec, president of the Pine City Sokol Society, is a charter member and has taken an active part in the organization, since it was organized in 1923. He served as secretary 12 or 13 years, until being elected president. He was also instructor of the men's class until it was discontinued about three years

Mr. Volenec is a native of Czechoslovakia and has been a resident of Pine City since 1910, coming here from Cleveland, O. where he resided about 3 years. He is the proprietor of the Pine City Fuel and Ice Company.

Parade at 1:00 P. M. From School Along Highway to Fair Grounds

City Sokol Ladies will perform 75 men and women in colorful dies dressed in snappy satin Beseda. outfits, present a pleasing picture as with quick, graceful p.m., Sunday, May 22, with a dancing steps, they go into dif- patriotic parade beginning at the ferent formations.

rhythmic movements.

Paul Sokol Ladies will present Sokols will march in their unithe "Parade of the Wooden Sol- forms and colorful national diers." War would be far more Czech costumes. Music for the pleasurable if soldiers such as these young ladies took part in it. In gay uniforms and with their pleasant smiles they would smite the toughest enemy

All of these drills are truly symbolic of the teachings of the Sokol organization. The ladies' drills embody the light, graceful ticipants at attention. movements so properly essential for women. The men's drills depicts the beauty of controlled strength, and carries out the idea that a true athlete has knowledge of all sports, calisthenics and games.

In a whirl of bright color with gay ribbons flying and the dancers laughing and breathless, the Beseda will be performed as the concluding number of the Sokol Festival. The Beseda is the national dance of Czechoslovakia and its particular charm lies in the variety of its dance steps and

Spectators at the Sokol Gym- interesting formations. The musnastic Exhibition to be held at ic to which it is danced has a the Fair Grounds in Pine City, quick lively tempo and is com-Minnesota, May 22, will have a posed of old folk songs. The unique treat in store for them dance was organized in 1860 by in the form of several feature a Czech patriot to reawaken the national spirit which was at its The group composed of Pine lowest ebb at that time. At least a dancing drill to music that is costumes of old Bohemia, Moralively and interesting. These la- via and Slovakia will dance the

The program will start at 1:00 high school grounds and contin-Judging from previous per- uing over U. S. Highway No. 61 formances, the drill to be put on to the county fair grounds. The by six St. Paul young men will parade will be led by the flag win loud acclaim from all those bearers, followed by the members who witness it. As one sequence of Battery E of the 125th Field follows another, there is unfold- Artillery, the American Legion, ed a portrayal of various classic the Boy Scouts and other organsports and games in smooth izations. A large Czech delegation from Willow River will also In a special number, the St participate in the parade. The parade will be furnished by the Pine City High School Band.

The gymnastic program itself will start promptly at 2:00 with the playing of the national anthem and the raising of the "Stars and Stripes" by a local Boy Scout troop with other par-

Refreshment will be sold at the fair grounds before, during and after the program.

In case of adverse weather conditions, arrangements have been made to hold the program at the high school auditorium Announcements to that effect will be made on the streets by means of loud speakers.

In the evening there will be dancing and special entertainment at the Crystal Palace where opportunity will be given everyone to meet the Sokols from the entire Northwest

The festival included a parade along with an elaborate program.

Pine Poker May 19, 1938

Program Grand Entree and Review Anthems-Flag Raising Greetings, Representatives of Pine City, Minnesota. Welcoming Address-Edw. J. Cincera, Sokol Festival Chair: Special Drill Children of Pine City Schools Calisthenic Drill Sokol Children Rythmic Waltz Drill Pine City Sokol Ladies Class Exhibition of Horizontal and Parallel Bars Sokol Ladies and Men Sailor Dance Hopkins Sokol Children Mass Calisthenic Drill ...All Classes Exhibition Drill Meadowlands Sokol Juniors Games and Tumbling Sokol Men Drill of Wooden Soldiers St. Paul Sokol Ladies 'Mazurka" Rythmic Dance Pine City Sokol Ladies 'Special Six" Exhibition Drill St. Paul Sokol Men Handkerchief Rythmic Drill Minneapolis Sokol Ladies 'Beseda" Czech National Dance in Native Peasant Costumes. Following are members of the festival committee and officers of the Northern District and Pine City Sokol Society Honorary Chairmen Jas. Sullivan, Mayor, Pine City W. S. McEachern, Captain Battery E, 125th Field Artillery Art Nelson, President Com. Club V. W. Ziebarth, Supt. of Schools Edward J. Cincera Gen. Chair. Northern District Jos. Pavlicek Secretary Frank Verner Technical Dir. Bessie Smolik . Ladies Tech. Dir. Jos. F. Zajicek Ed. Director Pine City Sokol Society Vice President Tony Volenec Financial Secy Marie Vojta ... Ladies Tech. Dir. Josephine Volenec

A lengthy program was published as part of the event.

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Sokol Gymnastic Festival

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We express the desire that you find in our program something more than entertainment. May we hope that you will carry away with you a better understanding of the Sokol physical culture system which:

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What By Bodily Training You Have Gained by Moral Living Try to Preserve.

In closing, the executive committee wishes to thank all sub-committees for their wholehearted co-operation. May we also express our appreciation to the many individuals who are not members but have befriended the Sokol organization and co-operated with us in many ways.

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MAY 22, 1938

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History of the Sokol

"Not a glorious past but an active, energetic present is a guarantee of the nation's future."

The word Sokol is filled with deep significance to the students of history. Sokol, in the Czech language means a falcon, a bird noted for its swiftness of flight, and symbolic of activity and freedom. It was, therefore, a fitting name and emblem for an organization whose motives are to develop physically and mentally each one of its members.

Over seventy-five years ago a new national consciousness began to arouse patriotic leaders of the Ancient Kingdom of Bohemia. It was then that Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, professor of Esthetics at the University of Praha was inspired with the idea, that the future of the nation depended upon its being physically and morally fit to survive. A carefully planned gymnastic organization if it could include a majority of the population would result in a strong and courageous nation. The Gymnastic Union of Praha founded in 1862 was the forerunner of the Sokol Union of Czechoslovakia which has reached out into the western world and founded Sokol societies in every country where there are enough Czechs to take up the leadership. In seventy-four years it has grown from sixty-eight members to almost one million.

The present Sokol organization in America was founded in 1865 in St. Louis, Missouri, with sixty-five members. The Chicago Sokol Society was established in 1866 with fifty-nine members; New York in 1867; Cleveland in 1870; Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Detroit, Michigan in 1875. The Sokol idea was growing and in August 1878, the foundation was laid for the National Sokol

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and

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During the stormy days of the world war, all Sokols responded to the call to arms. Long before the United States entered in the war, many had enlisted in Canada; others joined the United States army in 1917.

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During the year 1928 Lankin, North Dakota, Sokol Society was organized and in 1930 the Cadott, Wisconsin, Sokol Society was taken in the American Sokol Union, followed one year later, in 1931, by the Haugen, Wisconsin, Sokol Society.

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- 5. SAILOR DANCE—Hopkins Sokol Children
- 6. MASS CALISTHENIC DRILL—All Classes
- 7. EXHIBITION DRILL-Meadowlands Sokol Juniors
- 8. GAMES AND TUMBLING-Sokol Men
- 9. DRILL OF WOODEN SOLDIERS—St. Paul Sokol Ladies
- 10. "MAZURKA" RYTHMIC DANCE-Pine City Sokol Ladies
- 1 "SPECIAL SIX" EXHIBITION DRILL—St. Paul Sokol Men
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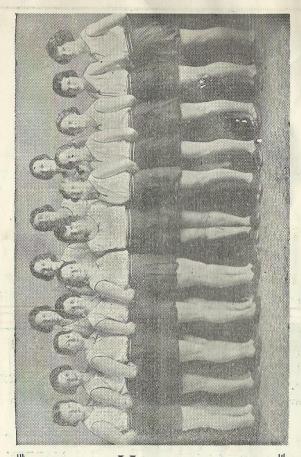
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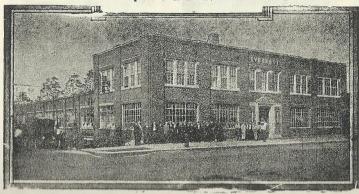
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Sokol Society Annual Election

The following officers were reelected at the annual meeting of the Pine City Sokol Society last Sunday evening, December 1st.

Louis Volenec President
Vac Vacinek Vice President
Tony Volenec Rec Secy.
Mike Vojta, Financial Secy.
Ted Bazil Treasurer

Louis Volenec is technical chief instructor with Mrs. Mike Vojta as chief instructor for women's classes, Mrs. Louis Volenec, Mrs. Joe Plessel, Mrs. Rudy Vojta are members of the educator's department.

Joe Holetz, Mike Vojta, Tony Volenec, Mrs. Joe Holetz, Mrs. Albina Vacinek, Mrs. Ted Bazil are on the entertainment committee, and the drilling classes are every Tuesday evening at the Crystal Palace Pavllion

Pine Poker-Pioneer, December 5, 1940

SOKOL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Pine City Sokol Society last Sunday, December 7.

Louis Volenec, president; Vac Vacinek, vice president; Jose phine Volenec, Rec. secretary: Mike Votja, financial secretary: Ted Bazil, treasurer.

Mrs. Louis Volenec, Mrs. Joc Plessel, Jr., Mrs. Rudy Voita were elected as members of the educators department.

Entertainment committee Mike Voita, Joe Holetz, John Franta, Mrs. Joe Holetz, Mrs. Albina Vacinek, Mrs. Ted Bazil,

Pine Poker-Pioneer, December 11, 1941

Sokol Society Elects Officers

The following officers were reelected at the annual meeting of the Pine City Sokol Society, held last Sunday evening, Dec. 5th.

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Educator's department: Mrs. Louis Volenec, Mrs. V. Vacinek, Mrs. Anna Korbel.

Bick committee: Mrs. Frank Poferi, Mrs. John P. Franta and Mrs. Joe Piessei Br.

Sokol Camp Committee: Louis Voience and Albert Smollk of St. Paul,

Meetings are held every first Sunday evening of the month at the Masonic Hall at 8 p.m.

Pine Poker-Pioneer, December 9, 1948

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