



# The Pinery

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## FINALLY -- THE FIRST ISSUE!

After many problems and delays our news letter has finally reached its first printing.

The Board of Directors hope that by this medium a close contact may be maintained with the membership of the Society. Our Quarterly meeting leaves a gap between them that is not desirable.

## THE INSIGNIA?

You will perhaps recognize it as the editorial masthead of the old "Wisconsin Pinery", our first newspaper. The copy we used came from the issue of Nov. 23, 1857. The Wisconsin Pinery's close association with our pioneer times and early history was the reason for its adoption. The masthead shows the light of knowledge silhouetting the printing press and a seated figure of liberty.

## THE TITLE?

After reviewing many suggestions the Board of Directors selected "The Pinery" Stevens Point was the portal of entry to the vast northern pine forests and acquired a reputation as a lumbering and milling center as well as a point for outfitting the lumbering industry. The pine has now gone but our early history was made by the northern pineries.

The society owes thanks to Had Manske, Jim Rogers, Miss Edna Carlsten and Henry Runke for night work on the art and layout entailed in making the masthead for

the newsletter.

Miss Marie Swallow is chairman of our newsletter committee and editor of "The Pinery". Miss Swallow can be reached at 1049 $\frac{1}{2}$  Main Street or at the Campus Laboratory School Office, Wisconsin State College.

So therefore from a small beginning but with high hopes and enthusiasm we embark on this new aspect of historical activity.

## REMEMBER THESE DATES!

April 25th  
May 9th  
June 7 - 8 - 9th

## APRIL 25th - CIRCUIT MEETING

This is the date of our next "circuit" meeting. Our host this time will be the village of Polonia. The meeting will be called at 8:00 P. M. in the basement hall of the Sacred Heart Church in Polonia.

Rev. Schulist is giving the program over all guidance.

We will hear a paper read about the history of Polonia which is naturally a history of the Poles in Portage County.

There will be discussions on lumbering, hop growing, wool spinning, etc.

Several old time Polish dances will be produced by dancers in costume. These dances have long been forgotten - at least by the present generation. The dances will be the KRAKOWIAK - MAZUREK - JORDANIAK and CZAPNIK. The dancers will also put on an old time bridal dance. An orchestra will provide old time music.

In view of the extensive effort being put forth by the people of Polonia all society members should be present to show our appreciation. The meeting is open to the public - so come and bring a friend.

#### MAY 9th - BUSINESS MEETING

This date is the date of our annual business meeting required by our by-laws for election of members to the Board of Directors. The meeting will be held in the Theater of the Wisconsin State College Library at 8:00 P. M.

#### JUNE 7 - 8 - 9th - DATES OF THE STATE CONVENTION

We have saved the biggest bit of news till the last. The State Historical Society has accepted the invitation of our Board of Directors to hold its 1956 Convention in Stevens Point!

This will be an occasion no member should miss. The State Society tells us that all members of our society are invited whether or not they are members of the State Society.

The agenda is now in the process of being made up but we know that our local society will put on a good share of the program.

We know at this time that we will give papers on the following subjects: The Polish in Portage County - The Scandinavians in Portage County - The Polish Press - and a paper on our own local history.

We expect to produce some entertainment also.

Our historical photograph contest has ended and the winners ~~will~~ be announced at the convention and the pictures exhibited in the Theater of the Wisconsin State College Library.

The entire three days of activity will be centered on the campus of the Wisconsin State College. Out of town members will be housed in the dormitories and meals will be served in Nelson Hall. All meetings of the State Convention will be in the auditorium of the College.

This is just a sketch of our plans - you will be given details later when the final agenda is agreed upon. But mark the dates - June 7 - 8 - 9 - so you will be sure to attend. We want a big local representation.

#### HISTORY MOBILE

The history mobile of the State Society is again touring the state! This year's subject - "The Circus" - a form of entertainment that is a real Wisconsin product. The State Society has gathered much interesting material on the subject. The history mobile will be in Stevens Point Friday, June 8th from 9:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. . You will be advised later as to its exact parking location.

#### PILGRIMAGE

Start thinking now about where you would like to go on our next pilgrimage. You recall the success of our trip to Green Bay last summer. Many of those who went on that trip expressed a desire for another one this year. Where would you like to go? Some comment has already indicated that a two day trip should be made so that we could cover Villa Louis at Prairie du Chien, Stonefield and the Nelson Dewey home and museum at Cassville with a stop at the State Historical Society Building in Madison and a visit to Aztalan. We will discuss this item at our May 9th meeting.

#### DUES!

Annual membership dues are due on or before that May 9th meeting. Why not get a friend to join too. Let's make our Portage County Historical Society grow in numbers.

#### THEN and NOW -

That is the name of a very interesting leaflet put out by our State Historical Society each month. It contains bits of history - some of them not so short - of the past and present of our State. If you are not familiar with it a \$1.00 State Membership will bring it in your mail once each month of the year.

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