

"If Only The Walls Could Talk"



He Is Risen, He Is Risen, Indeed!

Easter has always been the beginning of Spring for me. The sun always seems to be shining. Warm breezes out of the southwest wafted the fragrance of the multi-flora rose hedge at the south edge of our lawn through open windows. A tour around the house shows flowers popping through the mulch in the flower beds.

More importantly, a sense of a new season, a new *beginning* always began at Easter. Hope for a better year than the last provides a feeling of well-being and contentment that has the prospect of carrying through until *next* spring.

The current situation in our country may dampen this feeling. We need to trust in something larger, grander than the seemingly miniscule effect one individual has in a population of 331.9 million.

But we all carry within us the capacity to call upon our Creator, asking for His power and guidance to sustain us through these times. After all, He made everything that exists with just a thought.

Keep thinking on what could be and not on what has been.

Paul Schuette, editor



Our Founding Families - The Gettel's

From the Pigeon Diamond Jubilee Book, 1978

"Farming" and "Gettel" have been almost synonymous in the Thumb of Michigan for nearly 130 years. The changes that have come about in farming and in the family in that period would be impossible to comprehend by the father of the Michigan Gettel clan.

When John Gettel arrived in New York from war-impooverished Wuerttemberg, Germany, he and his four brothers had several options. The others chose to go to Canada, but John -- intent to see farming possibilities in the Midwest, opted to go to Michigan, and so hired out as a tanner to earn money for passage. Saving every cent he could, John came up the Hudson River by steamboat, past Albany, across Lake Erie, to Detroit, where he became a dock hand to earn money for the trip to Saginaw. At the Saginaw fort he found only a trading post and post office, so he again worked on the docks, always questioning travelers about what lay beyond. One day he heard that German immigrants were heading toward a new-sounding name, "Sebewaing", and soon he joined a group bound get that outpost. At Hampton - now Bay City - John met the family of Leonhard Albert, who arrived in 1853 from John's home town, Wuerttemberg, and he noted they had an attractive 16-year-old daughter, Catherine. John finally reached the community with the queer-sounding name, and procured the first Gettel acreage, the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 2, Sebewaing Township. That farm is now occupied by Mrs. Emma Gettel, widow of the 13th child of the John Gettel family.

In the months John was clearing trees for his farm, he often thought of young Catherine. In 1855, when she was 18 and he was 35, John and Catherine were married. It took years for the huge

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Where's The View?



Do you remember where this monument is now? Do you know where it was originally located? It had to do with the roads in the area.

See page 6 for the answer.

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Gettel Reunion - July 4th, 1938



John Gettel

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stumps to dry enough to burn, so much farming was done between stumps and piles of logs. The couple's log cabin was lighted by candles and heated with fireplace and iron stove. Bear, rabbits, squirrels, turkeys, ducks, geese and pigeons abounded in the forest, and giant sturgeon, whitefish, pike, perch and herring were thick in the streams and bays.

As the couple's farm increased, so did their family. Eventually there were 13 children -- eight boys and five girls -- born between 1856 and 1880. The fifth child was John Jacob Gettel, born October 13, 1862, and he became one of the "Pigeon branches" of the family.

When John Jacob was a boy, he walked from Sebewaing to Pigeon daily through



Catherine Gettel

the fall and winter to help clear trees and to build barns. Across the road from the Gettel home farm lived the Brady family, and it was their daughter, Louise, whom John Jacob married on January 31, 1889.

Later that year the family patriarch, then 69, was riding with his wife in a wagon when the horses became frightened, so they bolted and ran, throwing husband and wife from the wagon. Catherine escaped injury, but John, mortally injured, died three days later.

As with all the boys in the family, John Jacob was provided with a farm for his new family, receiving 80 acres - 20 cleared - north of Kilmanagh. He led an active, busy life of service as Winsor Township treasurer and justice of the peace, and

as Snell School director and treasurer. In 1908 John Jacob lost his left arm in a corn shredder accident, but it was said of him that even after this, with only one arm, he could build a straw stack and tend the threshing machine blower at the same time. John Jacob and Louise became parents of nine children - four sons and five daughters. Herbert Jacob, third child of the family, was born July 6, 1893, and became a pioneer in advanced farming practices. He recognized the value of certified seed, sound rotations, tilled land, scientific fertilizing and latest methods of livestock feeding, increasing his family's farm yields, production and acreage.

Herbert was married to Dora Louise Schubach on September 24, 1918, and they became parents of four sons and a daughter, Clarence G., Herbert J., Loren O., Dorothy and Douglas E. The father, Herbert Jacob, died May 21, 1957, at the age of 63, just three months before his father, John Jacob, succumbed at the age of 95.

Clarence and Phyllis Leipprandt have two daughters and a son; Herbert and Doris Ann Stoll have three sons and two daughters, and one grandchild; Loren and Mary Joan Watt have one daughter and two sons; Dorothy and her husband, Charles Parks, have two sons and two daughters, and Douglas and Judith L. Walsh have two sons and one daughter.

The family has expanded its farming operations, so that today they own and operate 1,200 acres, which produce beans, sugar beets, corn and wheat. Family enterprises have been diversified so that the family owns John Deere agencies in Pigeon, Sebewaing and Bad Axe, and they also own and operate the four-line General Motors agency in Sebewaing, which handles Chevrolet, Pontiac,



Olds(mobile) and Buick. Joining in these family operations is the fifth generation of Gettel's.

The first entrance into the implement business was in Pigeon, in the spring of 1950, beginning a long association with John Deere and "the long green line". Five years later a similar company was started in Sebawaing and in 1968 the Gettel's purchased the Bad Axe John Deere dealership. Additions and improvements have been made through the years, so that in the 27 years that the Clarence, Herbert and Loren Gettel families have operated John Deere and GM agencies, more than 100,000 square feet of new facilities have been constructed.

The family is also involved in a new company, SKC, Inc., which builds and markets self-propelled tile drainage plows, in company with Steiger and Kraft, Inc.

The Parks family owns and operates Lakeside Motel in Port Austin. Dorothy Gettel Parks is home economics instructor in Port Austin Schools, and her hus-



From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred eight years ago, April 3, 1914: Robert Wallace, 77, founder of Grindstone City and a Thumb pioneer, died at the home of a daughter in Florida. He is survived by nine children, including W.H. Wallace, general manager of Michigan Sugar Co. Mr. Wallace had manufactured grindstones, quarried building stone and engaged in extensive lumbering operations.

band, Charles, is involved in real estate selling. Douglas Gettel, who "left the farm for the city," is engaged with McDonald Restaurants, and now owns or operates a number of them in the Detroit area.

Thus, from the sturdy stock of Gettel's that first left its poor and struggling circumstances across the Atlantic a century and a quarter ago, it is apparent that the desire to work, the daring, and the willingness to grasp the opportunity, still beats strong in the family heart.

Starting in 1911, descendants of old John and Catherine meet annually to recall their roots and to count their numbers. One of the first group pictures was taken in 1938. When they met in 1963 there were 692 living descendants from that original pair who came to America in the 1830's.

How many there are today isn't known - but one thing is certain - there are few longtime families in the Western Thumb that do not have at least one strain of Gettel blood coursing in its veins.

From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred fifteen years ago, April 5, 1907: At the Winsor Twp. Annual meeting, it was voted to build a town hall in Pigeon.

JUST THINKS

The question has been raised many times: "Do traveling salesmen make good husbands?" We think it all depends upon how far away from home they travel.

The Pigeon Progress, April 18, 1947

RECOLLECTIONS OF BY-GONE DAYS

by George Keim



This time of the year all the farmers are getting their machinery ready to get in the fields. I asked one what he was doing and he said [working] as fast as he can to get the pens. He's got lots to do.

In my fanning experience I always liked to get my oats out as soon as I could. In all my farming I got my oats out twice in March, once on the 19th of March.

I heard that there were some farmers who already had some oats out so I went out and looked my field over and saw that it was ready to get at it. So, I went home and got my stuff together and at seven o'clock in the morning, I was out in the field with my four horses and three section harrow. It usually took half a day to harrow over 10 acres. Well, til evening I had it harrowed over 2 1/2 times and in the morning, I got it done by ten o'clock.

The elevator had delivered the oats and fertilizer so I got at it with my 11-hole superior drill and by seven o'clock at night I had it sowed. It was a Saturday night so I slept in good on Sunday, then it rained and we had some snow. I never had a better yield of oats. It went 105 bushels per acre.

There was something about oats, you had to trade seed with somebody every once in a while. I traded seed oats lots of times and I always had a good oat crop.

Of course, we needed oats to feed to our horses and it was good to feed to the brood sows whole. They used to eat it and spit the hulls out.

We used to make a good living on 120 acres of land and could raise a family and even send them to college and by the time we were 65 and had an 80- or 120-acre farm paid for, we had done our share.

In Luke 9:62, it says, "no man putting his hand to the plow isn't fit for the Kingdom of God." I plowed many acres by hand but if you read the whole chapter of Luke 9, I am sure it didn't mean me!



The newer a man's watch the oftener he has to consult it.

From The Progress Advance, December 3, 1897

The Pigeon Progress

100 Years Ago

The Pigeon Progress, April 14, 1922

PIGEON SCHOOL NEWS

Baseball talk now.

We did not play Bad Axe Friday because of rule 6, three men were ineligible and as a result Bad Axe wouldn't play.

We expect to have a baseball team this year. We have Leipprandt behind the plate; Lennie McElmurray as pitcher with Mike as sub; Klinger and Miller trying for first; Sturm at second; Morrison for short; Wagester for third; Doepker trying for an infield position, Baur, Hoppe, Lee McElmurray (Captain) and Clabuesch trying for field. Of course, a new man may get any one of these positions and will have to work to get on the squad.

Local Farmer Returns From Visit With Relatives In Germany

August Koehler returned home Monday evening after spending about seven weeks with relatives and friends in Germany. He made the trip by plane both ways. He left Bremer, Germany, Sunday about 10 o'clock, then went to Hamburg and Copenhagen, Denmark. Left Denmark Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, then flew to Scotland and then due to weather conditions went to Shannon, Ireland. On account of the fog, they were unable to land at Newfoundland or Boston, but went directly to New York and arrived there at 11 a.m. Monday. He left New York at 2:55 p.m. and arrived at Willow Run at 5:45 p.m. This is the first trip Mr. Koehler has made to Germany since his arrival in the United States 27 years ago. It is very interesting to hear him tell about the conditions in Germany.

From the *The Pigeon Progress* - March 2, 1951

Attention Farmers!

To Remind You That Everyone Is Invited To
The Wallace & Morley Co. Fertilizer Meeting

Veterans Memorial Home - Pigeon

Tuesday, March 6th, 7:30 P.M.

Our Friend and Widely Known Midwest Agronomist, Mr. Howard R. Luthrope From Allied Chemical Corporation Will Be Our Speaker. He Will Talk About: "More Profit Per Acre In 1962." "Are There More Profits In Your Farm Than You Are Now Harvesting?" "Benefits From Using Nitrogen."

See You Tuesday Evening, Vets Memorial Hall, Pigeon 7:30 P. M.

Pigeon Elevator Company

Pigeon, Mich. Division of Wallace & Morley Phone 453-2521
"The Friendly Elevator" Bill Smith, Manager

From *The Pigeon Progress*, March 2, 1951

The Pigeon Progress - 75 Years Ago - April 18, 1947

The Pigeon Progress's 50th Year

INVEST IN OUR HOME COMMUNITY!

One of the greatest assets a community can have is a school band. We have that! Pardon our saying it, but we're proud of that band. But there's one thing lacking—namely—Uniforms!

At P. T. A. last Monday evening, a motion was made and approved that the organization would sponsor a drive to achieve this goal. Various local organizations and individuals in the area served by the Pigeon Rural Ag. School will be asked to get behind this drive. It will be impossible to see each family in this area personally. You can make this task easy by volunteering the price of a uniform or a part thereof. Be among the first to respond and be listed among those who appreciate a well uniformed band.

R. J. DeGrow, Com. Chairman

Anderson Farm Named Centennial Farm

The farm owned by Mrs. Lottie Anderson, Pigeon, has recently been designated as a centennial farm by the Michigan Historical Commission. This farm, located in Caseville township, has been in the possession of the family since 1861, when it was originally purchased by William Anderson. Uncle of the present owner, from the Government.

The Michigan Historical Commission established its centennial farm recognition program in 1948, and since that year has awarded certificates and metal markers to some 1,600 Michigan farms. The program is administered by the State Historical Museum, Lansing, and the markers have been provided through the courtesy of the Detroit Edison Company and the Consumers Power Company.

From *The Progress Advance*, April 10, 1962



A Steam Engine and Steel Separator for \$880

6 H. P. Engine (18 Brake H. P.), \$500.

18 x 36 in. Steel Separator with Hand Feed Attach. and Folding Stacker, \$380.

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Lloyd Morrison Post Card donated by Murie Morrison

A Brief History Of The Winsor Lodge Number 420

Free and Accepted Masons

Many of us pass by the Winsor Lodge building on Main Street without knowing a great deal about its beginning or who were its founding members.

The following is an article from the Pigeon Progress dated January 22, 1904:

MASONIC TEMPLE Probabilities are That One Will be Erected Soon

'During the past week considerable hustling has been done by the members of the Masonic fraternity of Pigeon aimed at raising stock among its members to build a fine home. Up to the time we go to press the prospects look flattering and it can be figured that the venture is almost a certainty. The building is to be a handsome two-story structure. The upper floor is to be used as a lodge room and the lower floor as an opera house. Although the plans have not as yet been finalized it is expected that the exterior will be one of the handsomest in the Thumb. The cost to build the home is expected to be approximately \$6,000.00.'

The charter members of the lodge in 1897 were William O. Smith, Mathias R. Steel, John B. Harder, Edwin C. Leipprandt, Paul Woodworth, George Gardner, John W. Leipprandt, John A. McLean, Joseph Schluchter, J. Wesley Wilson, Otto Frenzel, Frank W. Merrick, George Hillyard, John Hahn, and William J. Orr.

Completed and ready for use the lodge was dedicated by the Grand Lodge officers on Friday, September 7, 1908. A large number of members and visitors were on hand for the dedication. The officers present were Herbert Montague, GM; Arthur M. Hume, DGM; G. Rosso Swift, S.G.W. James E. Dillen, JDW; Francis D. Clark, JGD; William H. Gallagher GC; James McGregor, GT; Frank O. Gilbert, GL; Seeley R. Birchard, acting GS; Harry Simpson, acting G. Treasurer.

That day, First Degree work was given by the Caseville lodge. Winsor Lodge gave the Third-Degree work. The gathering was closed by a banquet at the Hotel Heasty. Winsor Lodge now has one of the finest lodge quarters to be found in any town.

No man is a hopeless fool until he has made a fool of himself twice in the same way.

From The Progress Advance, December 3, 1897

The Progress Advance - 50 Years Ago - April 13, 1972

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Priced Below A Year Ago

PILLSBURY OR

Gold Medal Flour 5 **49^c** LB. BAG

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Cut Beets 1-LB. CAN **10^c**

ISLAND SUN CRUSHED

Pineapple 8-OZ. CAN **10^c**

LYKES

Beef Stew 1-LB. 8-OZ. CAN **49^c**

**Fried
Chicken Thighs**

**BANQUET
BRAND
FROZEN** **49^c** 1-LB. 2-OZ. PKG.

RHODE'S FROZEN

**Bread
Dough** 5 **89^c** 1-LB. LOAVES IN PKG.

EIGHT O'CLOCK

**INSTANT
COFFEE . .** 10-OZ. JAR **99^c**

Priced Below
A Year Ago

"Super-Right"

STEAKS

SIRLOIN **1 35^c** lb

T-BONE **1 45^c** lb

ROUND STEAK **1 15^c** lb

PORTERHOUSE **1 55^c** lb

CUBE STEAK **1 59^c** lb

Cut from
Mature,
Corn-fed
Beef

CUT FROM BOSTON STYLE BUTTS

Pork Steaks lb **79^c**

NO BACKS ATTACHED

Fresh Fryer Legs lb **49^c**

NO BACKS ATTACHED

Fresh Fryer Breasts lb **69^c**

"SUPER-RIGHT" BEEF

Boneless Rump Roast lb **1 29^c**

4 to 6-LB. SIZE

Roasting Chickens USDA GRADE "A" lb **59^c**

ECKRICH

Smok-y-Links 10-OZ. PKG. **79^c**

Thick-Sliced Bacon "Super-Right" **2 1 59^c** LB. PKG.

CAMPBELL'S

VEGETABLE SOUP

10 1/2-OZ. CAN **14^c**

Priced Below A Year Ago

EIGHT O'CLOCK

COFFEE

1-LB. BAG 3-LB. BAG

69^c 1 99^c

LIPTON'S

TEA BAGS

100 **99^c** CT. PKG.

Our Own Tea Bags 100-CT. PKG. **89^c**

Bayer

Aspirin 50 **49^c** CT. BTL.

Jane Parker Enriched

WHITE BREAD

4 **89^c** 1-LB. 4-OZ. LOAVES

Priced Below A Year Ago!

IMPERIAL

MARGARINE

1-LB. CTN. **39^c**

Priced Below A Year Ago

BETTY CROCKER—2 VARIETIES

Snackin' Cake Mix 14 1/2-OZ. PKG. **44^c**

HEAVY DUTY

Sail Detergent 3-LB. 1-OZ. PKG. **59^c**

SPRAY TYPE

Lysol Disinfectant 21-OZ. CAN **1 49^c**

PACQUIN

Extra Dry Lotion 16-OZ. JAR **69^c**

JELL-O

Pudding Treat

FOUR PACK **39^c** 5-OZ. CANS

Roman

Bleach GAL. BTL. **49^c**

A&P Bleach GAL. BTL. **39^c**

ON COR

Frozen **Entrees** **2 1 09^c** FOUR VARIETIES LB. PKG.

Priced Below
A Year Ago

50^c BELOW A YEAR AGO

Maine Potatoes **20 89^c** LB. BAG

NEW

CABBAGE **10^c** lb

WHITE SEEDLESS

Grapefruit 6 **59^c** 40 SIZE

CALIF. NAVEL

ORANGES 6 **79^c** 56-SIZE FOR

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Pigeon, Michigan

From The Progress Advance, April 14, 1955

SHOCKING ACCIDENT

August Schledjewski

Struck By Train

Dies Wednesday Evening

August Schledjewski, while walking on the Pere Marquette railroad track near the home of Henry Schuette about eight o'clock Sunday evening, was struck by a freight train. One of his legs was cut off between the knee and ankle and the other was smashed below the knee. The train crew did not see him and he laid beside the track for nearly an hour when discovered by Mr. Schuette who heard his cries for help. An automobile and a doctor were hurried to the scene of the accident and he was taken to the home of William Trost. It was thought at first he would live but Wednesday there was a sudden change for the worse and Wednesday evening he passed away.

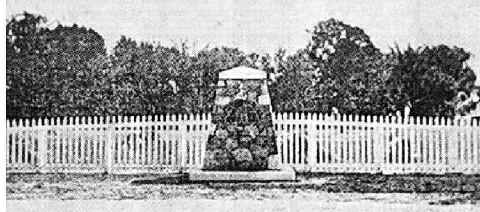
Mr. Schledjewski had been visiting the home of his sister Mrs. William Trost and was returning to the Bay Port Quarry where he was employed when the accident occurred. Being deaf he could not hear the train approaching but stated after the accident that he had repeatedly turned around but did not see the train coming.

August Schledjewski was born in Germany on October 16, 1864. When about eight years of age he came to this country and has resided in this area since. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. William Trost and one brother, Fred, both of this vicinity.

The funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 P.M. at the home of William Trost.

The deceased was well known in this area and had a large number of friends who were shocked at the news of the accident and his death.

From the Pigeon Progress April 25, 1913



WORK HAS BEEN STARTED ON CAMPBELL MEMORIAL

Work on the erection of the stone pyramid as a memorial to the late John J. Campbell, first chairman of the Huron County Road Commission from 1919 to 1931 was commenced Monday.

The monument is being erected one mile south of Pigeon on M-83 (now M-142).

The concrete base of the monument, six and one-half feet square, has already been completed. The pyramid, to be built of stones from every township in the county, will bear a brass plate with an outline map of the county and a suitable inscription.

When the work is completed in about two weeks, dedication ceremonies are being planned by Clarke Mumford, chairman of the memorial committee. Funds for the memorial were contributed by friends of Mr. Campbell from all parts of Huron county.



THE LATE JOHN J CAMPBELL

John J. Campbell was born in Ridgetown, Ontario on April 12, 1871. After schooling in pharmacy and employment in drug stores in Port Huron and Imlay City, he established a drug store in Pigeon in 1897. Throughout his business career in Pigeon, he was involved in several and varied enterprises. At different times he was engaged in a mercantile business, an automobile dealership, a real estate agency, a farm implement firm and others. In 1908 he established the Pigeon Telephone Co. which he continued to expand until he sold it to James Spence in 1921.

Mr. Campbell became associated with and supported almost every civic affair in the village. He was a member of several Masonic orders and was very active in Democratic circles.

John Campbell was the chairman of the first Huron County Road Commission; a position he held from 1919 to 1931. In his honor and memory, the Road Commission erected a monument constructed from stones from each Huron County township, village and city. The monument now rests in the park along West Michigan Avenue in the Village of Pigeon.

John J. Campbell was one of the most prominent citizens that ever took residency in Pigeon.



THIS MONUMENT ERECTED AS A MEMORIAL TO JOHN J. CAMPBELL BY HIS MANY FRIENDS IN APPRECIATION OF HIS FARSIGHTEDNESS IN PLANNING AND IMPROVING THE ROAD SYSTEM OF HURON COUNTY WHILE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FROM 1919 TO 1931.

From The Progress Advance, September 3, 1937

From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred thirteen years ago, April 9, 1909: The high school will give the play, "Little Buckshot" at Diebel's Hall. The cast includes Bert Hartley, Charles Kleinschmidt, Norman Walker, Oscar Thiel, Arthur Jersey, Bert Hamill, Roy Schluchter, Flora Richmond, Daisy Horlacher, Luella Paul and Pearl Sheppard.

Tasty Meats For Easter Treats



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Sirloin Steak lb. 89c

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From The Progress Advance, April 10, 1970

From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Ninety years ago, April 5, 1929: At Gem Theater, Pigeon, Norma Shearer in *Lady of Chance*; Hoot Gibson in *Burn-ing the Wind*.

WANTED -

The Pigeon Historical Society would like to have a complete set of Laker High School yearbooks. These yearbooks are available for research at the Woelke Center.

We are missing the following years: 1986, 1987, 1993, 1996, and 2014-2015.

We would greatly appreciate anyone who would be willing to donate a yearbook to help us complete our yearbook set!

Thank you for your consideration!



Huron County Chess League Proposed

Persons of any age in Huron County who play chess or would like to learn the game are invited to attend an open-meeting in Bad Axe at the Supervisors Room Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Adolph Schuette, Pigeon and Jim Henderson, Bad Axe, are calling the meeting to plan possible formation of a Huron County Chess League. Schuette, who is a state rated player, has discovered a surprising number of players of the ancient game and feels that contests between representatives of Huron county towns is a distinct possibility for inception next autumn.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for instruction classes and organization for regular play in the area. Delegations from Harbor Beach, Pigeon, Caseville, Bad Axe and Port Austin have already indicated intent to share in the program.

From The Progress Advance April 14, 1960



Club 59

A forensic program marked the April 6 meeting of Club 59 in the home of Mrs. Earl Krohn, Monday evening, April 6. Mrs. James Krohn was co-hostess.

Program chairman Mrs. Gary Nesbitt introduced Howard Kelm who gave a humorous reading; Diane Schulz presented a serious reading. Multiple reading participants were Laura Shetler, Mary Isaacs and Anne Taylor. Mrs. L. Moss was a guest.

Roll call response was a news item.

Mrs. Earl Krohn was named president for the 1970-71 club year to succeed Mrs. Ronald Fritch, who plans to move from the area.

From The Progress Advance, April 10, 1970

Announces Candidacy For District Commissioner



Warren J. Krohn announces today that he is a candidate for Huron County Commissioner for the sixth district which includes the townships of Caseville, Chandler, Lake, Lincoln, McKinley and Meade.

Mr. Krohn was born in Oliver township in 1932, and attended Elkton Community Schools, graduating in 1951. He and the former Grace Jean Braun were married in 1953 and have three children, Linda Jo, 14, Jan Lynn, 10, and John Glenn, 5. They have been farming in Meade township for the last 17 years.

Mr. Krohn is currently a member of the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School Board of Education, Huron County Republican Finance Chairman, and a member of the Huron County Social Service Commission.

From The Progress Advance, April 10, 1970

From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Ninety years ago, April 1, 1932: Michigan farmers may each get a maximum loan of \$400 this spring from \$50 million in funds of the Re-construction Finance Corporation. The farmer must prove his need of funds to purchase.



Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Leon D. Motz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Motz, Pigeon has deployed for his second tour of Vietnam with U.S. Navy Sea Bee Team 0517.

The 13-man team will do civic action work for the South Vietnamese government and train technicians in the skill of construction. The team will camp at Ben Tre, 50 miles southeast of Saigon for eight months.

Sea Bee teams are sometimes called the Navy's Peace Corps. His Address:

CM2 Leon D. Motz B534206
Sea Bee Team 0517
% Advisory Team 88
APO San Francisco, 96359

From The Progress Advance April 10, 1970

Some women get all exited about nothing, then end up marrying him.

The quickest way to get to sleep that I have found is to pretend it's time to get up.

When someone asked my wife "How is your husband?", good old girl that she is, she said, "Better than nothing . . ."

What most single girls are looking for is a husband with a slim stomach and a fat wallet.

From The Progress advance, April 10, 1960

Wrecked Jet Found at Caseville

An air-sea hunt for two missing pilots from Wurtsmith Air Force Base who crashed in Saginaw Bay late Monday afternoon resulted in the discovery of the plane wreckage and parts of bodies Tuesday forenoon by skin divers.

The plane, a F101 Voodoo jet, was found in about 15 feet of water northwest of Caseville, where it was seen to crash by Robert Gillingham of Caseville.

The pilots were Capt. Howard D. Wandel, 34, of Hudson, Indiana, and Capt. Hilson Sewell, 31, of Thaxton, Mississippi.

Four State Police divers from Flint, Trooper Larry Miller of Bad Axe and Deputy Bob Quinn of the Huron County Sheriff's Department took part in the diving.

A second aircraft, on a routine training flight with the one that crashed, reported that it lost radio contact at about 18,000 feet altitude over Port Austin, headed west.

An oil slick, a wing tank and a helmet were spotted Monday night before darkness and high winds halted the search.

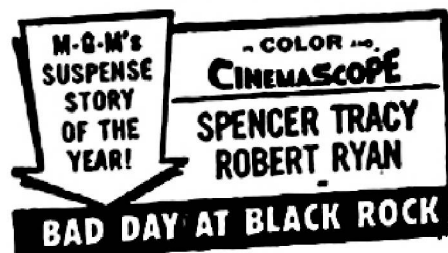
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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred eighteen years ago, August 12, 1904: John and Henry Diebel have the machinery set up for their new cement block plant at Pigeon.

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