

"If Only The Walls Could Talk"

"Summer time, and the livin' is easy . . ."

So far, it's been a beautiful summer; a few hot days, but not enough to really complain about. In most cases the rains have been timely, everything is green-green, reminds me of pictures of Ireland (except no rolling hills). Everything is planted and poking through the ground.

We can be walking the beaches, nature trails, or old pathways in the woods looking for interesting finds that could be interesting shells and smooth stones, wild flowers in full blossom and strange plants that only grow under a cool, damp forest canopy, or Indian (native American) arrow heads and rotted log foundations of old pioneer cabins.

Looking closely and carefully, history can be found almost anywhere. It is, literally, all around us. Maybe it is finding an old, rusty horseshoe while walking a field, a hundred-year-old wedding dress in an attic, or an old, unidentifiable tool lying in a corner of the machine shed (we have people for that kind of problem!).

So don't look at an object as a piece of old junk to be disposed of, but rather as a piece of history. It has, or had, a lot of memories for someone, hopefully still living, that has a story to tell that can be recorded and shared with the world.

So, next time you make that find, think about its' history, who used it, and its' story. That is the interesting part.

C.F. Leipprandt Family

From the Good Life In A Small Town



Carl Frederick Leipprandt was born in Meimsheim Wurttemberg, southern Germany, May 5, 1836. He was the son of John F. and Dora (Hennes) Leipprandt. He attended Heidelberg University to prepare for a Latin Professorship and studied music. C.F. was offered a position on the office staff of the King of Wurttemberg. But he would not be dissuaded from his plans to come to America for larger opportunities.

He came to America in 1853 and went to Cincinnati, Ohio where he was employed in a furniture factory for three years. He went on to New Bremen, Ohio where he was engaged as a millwright. His trades of millwright and cabinet-maker were learned from his father, thus, rendering it easy for him to secure employment. Afterward, he bought a flouring mill at La Crescent, Houston Co., Minn., which he managed for two years. While he was there, he was converted into Christianity, and became a circuit rider.

In 1856, C.F. Leipprandt married E.M. Dora Hoffschmidt and they had five children: John William born September 11, See **Leipprandt**, page 2

THE LAST INDIAN RAID IN HURON COUNTY

From the Huron County Tribune - February 10, 1933

What is believed to be the last Indian raid to occur in Huron County, took place less than a century ago in Sebewaing. A few years after the Civil War the Indians on the reservation, between Verona and Harbor Beach, migrated to Canada. A few of these families came back a few years later to settle near Bay Port, where they hunted, fished and made baskets for a living.

A party of these Indians journeyed to Sebewaing to trade some of their baskets for supplies, and do a little celebrating on the side. The Redskins were on the "Indian list" but through perseverance they succeeded in finding a saloon keeper who gave white men's fire water in exchange for some of their baskets.

After the warriors had absorbed considerable amount of the fiery stuff, they began to look for battle grounds. Nose paint became war paint and the sidewalks of Sebewaing became war paths. After several squabbles that came near serious the Indians filed past the John Stuetzer jewelry store.

Due to the absence of her husband, Mrs. Stuetzer was in charge of the store. A woman alone in charge of all this finery, the temptation proved too much for the savages; they turned back and filed into the store.

One Redskin over six feet tall pointed to a gold watch and said "him mine" and started to take the watch from the showcase.

Mrs. Stuetzer with pioneer courage determined to defend her property. She picked up an iron statue and facing the Indian said, "Put back that watch, you have no watch here to be fixed". The Indian, however, paid little attention to her; other members of the party helped themselves to jewelry which they claimed as their own.

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1857, Edwin Caleb was born September 14, 1859, Charles Wesley born November 1, 1861, Lydia Christine Fredericka was born April 2, 1864 and Violet Dorothea born February 3, 1879.

Wanting to find roots for his family, C.F. searched for land. Previously, the Ora Labora Colony near Bay Port, had written and asked him to come and be their manager and director. He had taken two trips to the colony but he did not see a future in it. However, he liked the forests, the rivers and the opportunities that presented themselves to anyone who was willing to work.

Starting from Milwaukee, they crossed Lake Michigan by steamer. Lydia recalls in her writings that the roads were bad and rough and it was a wilderness. When they arrived at Saginaw, they transferred to a river boat and then took a small steamer into Caseville harbor. Previous arrangements had been made so that the C.F. family could stay at the log school until a house was built. The road was just a trail from Caseville. The house was put up so quickly that people living in the back woods passing by for a trip to Caseville to do their trading, were amazed that it was built so rapidly.

Just across the line of the high river banks south of the house, were 32 teepees. Some of these Indians had come to that first log school for learning. The Indian chief came because he wanted to learn to read the Bible. C.F. was a remarkable man who used the resources at hand and developed that which was necessary. He saw the need for a post office and a store for these backwoods' folk.

Until 1873, there were only two stores in Caseville, the nearest town. So, C.F., having bought groceries wholesale for his own staff's use, decided he would buy a few extra and offer them for sale. This pleased the settlers and they urged Mr. Leipprandt to establish a post office also, so they wouldn't have to go into Caseville at all. Thus, originated the Leipprandt store and the post office.

This was the first inland post office and President Rutherford Hayes commissioned C.F. Leipprandt as its postmaster. C.F. admired President Hayes to the extent that he named this little post office after him. And when the church was built down the road, it too was named Hayes. The school, and soon, the entire community carried the same name.

In 1890, E.M. Dora Hoffschmidt Leip-



The 'Hayes center' where neighbors came and got their mail, the latest news and buy needles or buggies or a threshing machine.



C.F. Leipprandt's first wife, E.M. Dora Hoffschmidt deceased October 12, 1890.



C.F. Leipprandt's second wife, Emilie Heuppchen, deceased March 8, 1942.

prandt died, C.F. later married Emilie Heuppchen. To them were born two sons, Eugene Theophilios on May 17, 1892 (deceased December 27, 1976) and Hugo F. born March 30, 1896.

Hugo F. Leipprandt and Ethel Ackerman were married on October 31, 1921.

Ethel Ackerman was born March 11, 1897 to John and Harriet (Wade) Ackerman. Ethel attended Ypsilanti Teacher's Normal College and taught for five years at Little Turner and Mast Schools. (Mast school was located between Sebewaing and Kilmanagh). She died on February 1, 1950. To them were born three children, John Carl on May 13, 1925, Paul G., October 18, 1926 and Alyce August 30, 1930.

They continued to live in the home place.



The Hayes Post Office named after President Rutherford B. Hayes
March 4, 1877 – March 4, 1881



Hugo F. Leipprandt
1896 - 1993



Ethel (Ackerman) Leipprandt
1897 - 1950

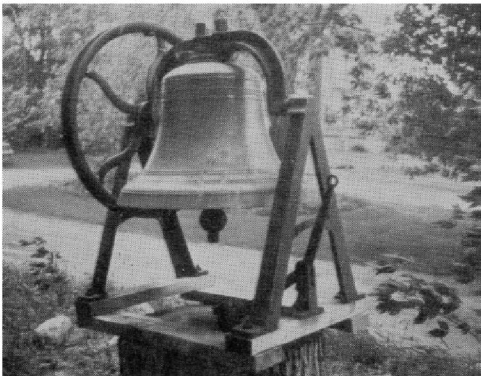
Forest Fire Raging

From The Pigeon Progress, May 13, 1904

Extensive damage is being done in the upper peninsula by forest fires. If rain does not come in a day or two the losses will be enormous. Loggers are out day and night trying to save the product of their winter's labor. The air is smoke-laden and almost unbearable. The month of April just passed was the driest in the history of the upper peninsula.

Sportsmen are mourning the loss of partridge eggs, which will surely be burned, and the game practically destroyed if the fires are not stopped. Many homesteaders have been burned out of their homes with loss of all their possessions.

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The Hayes community could tell the time of day by the ringing of the Leipprandt bell.



The second and third generation of Leipprandt's to live in the home place. John C. and Paul with their father, Hugo checking the corn.



Kenneth and Victor Leipprandt (standing) both from Detroit. They are the sons of Edwin Leipprandt. Seated are E.T. and Hugo Leipprandt, sons of C.F.. Hugo and E.T. are half uncles to Ken and Vic. They talk of such things as the bell that used to be on the roof of the brick home. It was rung twice daily when C.F. was alive. Neighbors would set their clocks by it and horses would stop dead in their tracks in the fields--it was time to eat.



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Mrs. Stuetzer with her heavy weapon then took her station near the door. No Indian with stolen jewelry would pass her. One of the savages drew a long knife and began slowly walking toward her when Lawyer Pingree appeared on the scene. Mr. Pingree, who was a good lawyer, proved that the power of the tongue is greater than that of the sword or knife. He talked the Redskins into giving up the stolen jewelry, and started them back toward their homes.

It is claimed that Mr. Stuetzer and his wife hold the record for number of years of business in Sebewaing. Both are in good health and take active part in the jewelry and optometrist business which they conduct. They are real pioneers in every sense of the word, possessing that pioneer quality which has made the past and is the hope of the future.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF BY GONE DAYS

By George Keim

I've been around for quite a while and I saw a lot of changes. I was around when a lot of people didn't have cars and nobody ever had a radio, and TV was unheard of.

A lot of farmers had windmills to pump their water and I remember one farmer had a windmill on his farm to do his feed grinding.

A lot of fanners had little gasoline engines to pump water and some women had a gas engine to run their wash machines.

One man I knew had a shaft in his cellar and had a butter churn and wash machine on it and had his grindstone hooked on it to sharpen his mower and binder sickles on it. How well I remember when I had to turn the grind stone to sharpen the mower and binder sickles and it got so tiring.

Another job that I hated when I was a young boy was to pump water. We didn't have a very big water tank and when you had to pump water for 4 hours for about 15 cows and heifers on a hot day, that



fresh water was good because I had to pump for a couple hours every day.

Once I thought I'd pumped the tank full and here the neighbor's cows broke out and came to our yard and drank the tank empty! It made me a little mad because the neighbors had a windmill. But our cows still needed water so I had to pump another tank full!

Another thing we had to do was thin sugar beets. My Dad owed the neighbor some money and the neighbor came to my Dad and said "George is pretty good in school and got the highest average in his class, so he can stay at home a couple of days and help us with the beets."

Of course, my Dad made me go over and help. He had a boy about my age and we got into an argument. He told me if I wasn't careful, I'd go home with two black eyes and a bloody nose.

Well, the man didn't let me do it my way and after doing a couple of rows 40 rods long, I stood up and straightened up my back and he yelled at me and told me I'd better get back to work because he couldn't pay me to stand at the end stretching myself.

Then one spring I worked for a farmer. It had been very wet that spring and the boss told me to hitch up three horses and plow. I tried to plow but it was too wet and the plow just didn't turn the ground over. Then he tried it and it just didn't work.

So, we quit till it got dry enough and all summer those three rounds we made were hard and nothing grew on them.

In Luke 10:7 it says a laborer is worthy of his hire. That means if you have a good hired man or woman and they do good work, they're supposed to get their fair wages.

Well, some of the people I worked for didn't always want to give me what they agreed on. During the depression, you were lucky to get a job and I did a lot of work without getting paid for it.



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From The Progress-Advance, June 2, 1950

Hereford Breeders Plan First Annual Sale

The newly organized Water Wonderland Polled Hereford Breeders association will hold their first annual breeding stock sale June 4.

Twenty-one Polled bulls and thirty-four polled females will sell at the William J. McCarty farm, one mile north and five miles west of Bad Axe on M142.

The sale will be held in the sales barn with lunch available. Free delivery will be made to buyers in Michigan.

The breeding group formed for the improvement of Polled Hereford cattle in Michigan consigning top quality animals from their respective herds.

President, William J. McCarty, Bad Axe, states many years of breeding experience will be available for herd improvement seed stock.

From The Progress-Advance, June 2, 1950

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred twelve years ago, June 3, 1910: Students of Pigeon High School will give their play, The Fruit of His Folly, next Wednesday evening. Taking part in the play are Bert Hartley, B. Hamill, Dora Leipprandt, Daisy Horlacher, Goldie Grant, Oscar Thiel, Luella Paul, Robert Brown and Bert Morse.

Six Huron Youths Slated For M.S.C. Graduation



Ted Leipprandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Leipprandt, Pigeon, among candidates for undergraduate degrees from Michigan State College at their spring graduation exercises Sunday, June 5. He is slated to receive a bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the U.S. Joint chiefs of Staff, will be the speaker heard by 1,828 spring graduates at the 4:00 p.m. Commencement exercises are in Macklin Stadium.

Others from Huron county to receive degrees will be John English and Ernest Miller, Bad Axe; Arlene Gwisdalla, Ruth; Rosalie Fealko, Harbor Beach; Stanley Gettel, Sebewaing.

Leading up to the June graduation will be a number of traditional senior events which will take added significance during Michigan State's 100th anniversary year.

The 1955 seniors also will be the first graduates of Michigan State University, the class having voted to receive diplomas by mail after July 1, the effective date of the name change.

Events scheduled for May and early June include Senior Lantern Night, May 22; Senior Swingout and Meeting, May 24; President John A. Hannah's reception for seniors, May 25; Awarding of ROTC commissions, May 31; Water Carnival, June 2-4 and Alumni Day, June 4.

Admiral Radford, the centennial commencement speaker, became head of the Joint Chief of Staff on August 15, 1953, following a distinguished Navy career beginning with active sea duty in World War I. He succeeded General Omar Bradley as chief of the military policy-making group.

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Eighty-seven years ago, June 7, 1935: Frank Yax, 85, one of the younger of the 42 Civil War veterans in the Thumb, died at his home in Lake Twp. He is survived by 12 children. He was 15 when he marched in Gen. William T. Sherman's army across Georgia and he was present at the surrender of Savannah and Charleston. He served in Co. A. 30th Michigan Infantry.

From the pages of The Progress-Advance, Fifty years ago, April 13, 1972: Models at the fashion show sponsored by the Pigeon Worth While Club and Junior Woman's Club will include Mrs. Eleanora Eicher, Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann, Mrs. E.T. Leipprandt, Wendy Shetler, Mrs. Kenneth Voelker, and Mrs. Robert Haist. Proceeds will go to Scheurer Hospital building fund.

Pigeon Events Calendar

June 3-10-17-24 Farmers Market Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Downtown Pavilion
June 4.....Scheurer Auxiliary Health Exercise Fundraiser

June 9 BBQ Fundraiser at Bay Port State Bank, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

June 13-28 ... Summer Youth Rec. Program, (Grades 1-6) 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

June 16 Rock On Dueling Pianos (Two charismatic, hilarious entertainers behind the keys, sure to entertain!)

June 23 The Flashbacks (Local legends of oldies rock 'n' roll going strong for nearly 40 years!)

July 1-8-15-22-29 Farmers Market

Fridays, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Downtown Pavilion

July 7.....Jon Haglund (Family-friendly comedian, juggler, and magician. Fun for the entire family!)

July 13 Lion's Safari and Dinner, 6 p.m., Pigeon Event Center

July 14 Tribute Quartet (A breath of fresh air to gospel music from an award-winning quartet!)

July 16 Youth for Christ Auction, Online Only www.bluewaterthumbbyfc.org

July 21-24 ... Farmers' Summerfest - Downtown and Recreation Park - Food Trucks in Recreation Park

July 21-23 Town Wide GARAGE SALES

July 21 Ladies' SummerFest Golf Outing, Scenic Golf Course

July 22-23... Craft Show at Farmers Market

July 22 Men's SummerFest Golf Outing, Scenic Golf Course

July 23 Farmers' SummerFest Parade Saturday, 11:00 a.m.

July 24 Car Show Downtown 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 24 Chicken BBQ & Ice Cream Social at Depot Museum 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Aug 1 Back to School Supply Drive in Retail Businesses

Aug 4 50 Amp Fuse (A high-energy American rock band that you won't want to miss!)

Aug. 5-12-19-26 Farmers Market Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Downtown Pavilion

Aug. 18 BBQ Benefit Winsor Fire Dept. and Scheurer Hospital Ambulance 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bay Port State Bank

Aug. 1-20 Back-To-School Supply Drive In Retail Businesses

Aug. 26 Scheurer Hospital Aux. Golf Outing, Scenic Golf Course

Sept. 2-9-16-23-30 Farmers Market Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Downtown Pavilion

Sept. TBD Ladies Night Out

Oct. 7-14-21-28 Farmers Market Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Downtown Pavilion

Oct. 3-31 Fall Business Decoration Contest

Oct. 7 Fall Harvest Celebration, Retailer's Sale & Bake Sale, Serving Bean Soup 11 a.m.

Oct. 9 Scheurer Auxiliary Fall Fashion Show

Oct. 31 Trunk-or-Treat, and Windsor Fire Dept. Hot Dog Roast, Downtown Parking Lot, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 6 Kickoff To Christmas Downtown Businesses

Nov. Laker Giving Tree

Nov. 25 Christmas Town Lighting with Santa, Children & Adult Drawings and Hayrides by Thumb Bank & Trust

Dec. 7 GFWC - Pigeon Area Women's Club Gingerbread Brunch

Dec. 10-25 Residential Town Lighting Contest

Dec. TBD Scheurer Health Auxiliary Light of Love Scheurer.org/light

Dec. Toys for Tots

Dec. 17 Holiday Market Place, Pigeon Event Center

* Events are tentative. We will use CDC guidelines for health and safety of our community for all events.

* Band Shell performances are Thursdays at 7 p.m. (*lawn seating, bring blankets or lawn chairs*)



From the pages of *The Pigeon Progress*, Ninety-seven years ago, June 26, 1925: J.W. Leipprandt has purchased all the interests of his brother, E.C. Leipprandt, in the firm of Leipprandt Bros., Pigeon. The firm was established in Berne in 1884 and moved to Pigeon in 1895. It is one of the oldest businesses in the county.

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From the pages of *The Progress-Advance*, Forty one years ago, August 6, 1981: Chuck Leipprandt has been named Lion of the Year for 1980-81. Four local charter members of the Pigeon Lions Club received Life Membership Plaques. They are Leo Luedtke, Harry Klinger, Dr. E.A. LaMere and Roy Lawrence.

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FOR SALE—1948 - 1/2 ton Dodge Pick-Up. Low mileage, 2 new snow tires on rear. A-1 condition. William McLean, Caseville. Phone 68F12. 44p

FOR SALE—Dwelling located on Paul St., Pigeon. Contact Werner Clabuesch, Real Estate Broker, Phone Pigeon 181. 42-44c

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KELVINATOR - Brand new unit and evaporator with factory guarantee. \$125.00 at J. R. Quinn Sales & Service, Elkton. 43c

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Pigeon Farmer's Market

The Pigeon Farmers' Market features a variety of vendors and handmade crafts.

Located in beautiful downtown Pigeon on the grounds of the Pigeon Depot Museum and Village Parking Lot. There is space for 30+ vendors and we are sure you will find exactly what you are looking for including baked goods, produce, snacks, crafts, artwork, etc.

Every week will be an exciting variety of food, craft, and merchant vendors, with special events planned. **FRIDAYS ARE ALWAYS SPECIAL IN PIGEON!**

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Pigeon Church Schedules Concert Sunday Night



Lieut. Wilburn Legrce, "Flint's Singing Cop," will visit Salem E. U. B. Church, Pigeon, Sunday evening, June 5, at 7:45 p.m., presenting a sacred concert.

Included in the concert will be an object lesson with a regular police revolver, something of interest for adults, young people, and children.

Lieut. Legrce is bringing with him a fine Christian musician who plays the accordion as well as the piano. He will accompany Lieut. Legrce, and play for the congregational singing and do solo work.

The Youth Fellowship of the local church is sponsoring this concert.

The West Huron County Singpiration will be held at the church at 9:30 p.m. Lieut. Legrce and his musician have been engaged to remain over and direct the program.

From The Progress Advance, June 2, 1955

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred eighteen years ago, April 8, 1904: There will be a majestic range cooking school at Leipprandt Bros. store, Pigeon, all next week.

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Seventy-seven years ago, June 15, 1945: The State Farmer's degree has been awarded five Pigeon F.F.A. boys. They are Wayne Anderson, Loren Gettel, Charles Leipprandt, Paul Leipprandt and Wayne Sturm.



NATURE'S ENORMOUS RESERVOIR

Despite the fact that most of us in Michigan recognize the fact, that we do a lot of hunting and fishing as proven by license sales topping the million mark, we pause for more than a slight gasp when confronted with figures on the annual "kill," particularly in the game department. The number of fish taken from Michigan waters each year is just about impossible to calculate - but we know it runs into astronomical figures.

Hunting, however, can be pretty well tabulated with the help of report cards, road checks, and field reports from officers, so that we can come up with figures sure to be fairly accurate. And those figures border on the unbelievable!

180,000 Squirrel Hunters!

Hunting squirrels in Michigan is a sport which seemingly is of minor interest. Yet the fact remains that there are almost as many sportsmen hunting squirrels as there are fishing for trout! The statistics on the number of squirrels killed annually - more than 600,000 - is still further proof of nature's own enormous restocking capacity.

Few sportsmen realize that our pheasant population yields more than a million birds per year to hunters' guns - and some might say it spells doom to our pheasants' future - yet the new crop far more than replaces the bag of the previous fall.

Better than 400,000 hunters pursue the wily ringnecks every year.

Rabbit Hunters Plentiful

The cottontail is a hotly pursued target, too - with 352,000 hunters on the trail every year. They yield the biggest bag of all when the count is in - with more than one and a half million bunnies winding up in a frying pan or rabbit stew annually!

Duck hunters have the least competition, turning out a squad of around 100,000 each fall, to wind up their season with something a bit less than a half million ducks to show for this rugged brand of gunning.

And while we're mentioning waterfowl you might be surprised to know that 17,000 Canada Geese fall from Michigan skies during an average season.

Deer and Pheasant Biggest Attractions

It's about a tie between the deer and pheasant when it comes to the turnout of hunters for this game. Both tallies at seasons end shows better than 400,000 gunners in the field for each species. With no antlerless season for deer it can be expected that pheasant hunters would reign supreme by weight of sheer numbers, but any way you look at it these figures provide dramatic reason why Michigan is one of the nation's greatest in the realm of hunting year after year!

From The Progress-Advance, June 6, 1955

We'd love to see you on our Team!

An individual or business can become a member by contracting any active member or by sending your tax deductible cash or check to Pigeon Historical Society, 59 S. Main St. / P. O. Box 523, Pigeon, MI 48755. Dues are renewed at the annual meeting each year.

Individual Membership: \$20.00 (active member with voting privileges)

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Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. Be our guest and become a member!



From The Progress-Advance, June 9, 1955

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G. V. BLACK IN TROUBLE Charged With Having Opened His Wife's Letters Against Her Will

G. V. Black, Berne's general merchant, has got into a little trouble with his wife who has left his bed and board. She had him arrested and he appeared before the United States court of Bay City Wednesday of last week, on the charge of opening her letters against her wish.

The letters in question came from his mother-in-law and this, it seems, is causing him his domestic troubles. To a Bay City Tribune reporter, Black stated, "My mother-in-law told my wife I looked more like a pig than anything she could think of. That was a fling at my being pretty heavy."

George being well known, the court allowed him to go on his personal recognizance in the sum of \$200 to appear for the trial at the next term next April.

From The Pigeon Progress, October 16, 1903

From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Eighty-eight years ago, December 14, 1934: J.W. Leipprandt & Son have purchased the Brueck building in Pigeon from the Second National Bank of Saginaw. The building will be remodeled and the three sections to the south will be occupied by the Leipprandt Store. The meat market will remain where it is and the restaurant will be moved to the next door south of the market.

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred twenty two years ago, December 28, 1900: The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on Leipprandt Bros.

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From The Pigeon Progress, JUST THINKS, April 18, 1947: There is one nice thing about our barber, he always gets the underbrush even if he does take along some of the landscape.

MAN TRIES TO KILL A WOMAN Morris Goff Shoots Twice at Former Wife

Goff Now Staying at County Jail
From Pigeon Progress August 2, 1907

An exciting affair occurred on the excursion train from Saginaw to Bay Port Sunday when the train reached Weale, the flag station between Sebewaing and Bay Port. If the intentions of Morris Goff had been carried out, his former wife would have met death at his hands.

An eye witness of the scene says the following: "As the train came to a stop at Weale Goff commanded the woman not to leave the train but to continue on with him. Goff drew his revolver and issued his ultimatum by saying he would give her three minutes to decide to remain with him. The woman, who did not appear alarmed, got off the train anyway. Two shots followed, one grazing her forehead. Goff then sprang from the train and a hand-to-hand combat ensued."

Several passengers and the conductor then to a hand in the scuffle and Goff was overpowered and placed back on the train. He was then taken to Bay Port and turned over to officers who took him to the county jail in Bad Axe.

Previous to a year ago, Goff and his wife resided at Sebewaing where Goff practiced the veterinary business. They then moved to Saginaw and shortly after a divorce followed.

It is thought that it was the intention of Goff to shoot the woman and then end his own life.

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred seven years ago, December 31, 1915: Annual banquet of the Pigeon High School alumni was held at Hotel Heasty Wednesday evening with 28 present. Frank Davis was toastmaster and new officers elected were Ralph Heasty, Beatrice Schluchter, Sam Mitchener and Dora Leipprandt.

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DON'T FORGET PIGEON FARMER'S SUMMERFEST!

Thursday, July 21 -
Sunday, July 24

Food Trucks - Garage Sales - Craft Show at Farmer's Market Farmer's Summerfest Parade Downtown Car Show Chicken BBQ & Ice Cream Social at Depot Museum Farmer's Market Open!