

"If Only The Walls Could Talk"



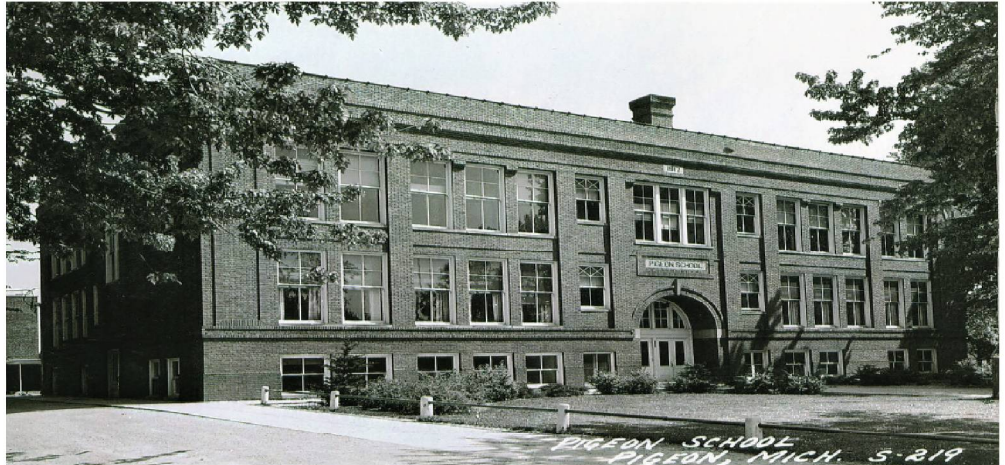
Looking back at the old Progress Advance newspaper, dated Thursday, October 16, 1980, we found a picture of the old Pigeon High School front en-

trance and a piece of Pigeon History that was saved from a wrecking ball. Being a local history buff myself, I ask, how can we be so lucky as to have the front arch of the Pigeon School saved as a Historical Monument to the students who have passed through those doors? Years ago, I did talk to Dave Vollmer about the demolition of the building and the extra work it took in saving the arch. He talked more about how well that building was built and how hard it was to demo it. In the end, we thank you Dave for saving a bit of Pigeon history.

It has been 42 years since the Pigeon School Arch took shape as a Pigeon icon on Paul Street. It would be fair to say that over the years little notice or care has been given to this historical icon other than the lawn being mowed weekly and the flag changed out when needed. Tim Bloom tells me he point-tucked the cement joints 20 years ago as maintenance needs to be done to keep moisture from getting behind the brick. Upon an inspection of the Arch from a couple members of the Historical Society, it was decided that it was time to "Save the Arch" once again and to finish the plan that was started 40 plus years ago.

A casual sidewalk leading up to the School Arch, with a bench in honor of those who have graduated from Pigeon High School, another in recognition of others who passed through those doors, a bronze plaque marking the Historical Site and the school history. Add a few perennials, grasses and ground cover to soften the walkway and arch, this new makeover of the Pigeon School Arch will

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A Brief(?) History of Pigeon

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Pigeon Diamond Jubilee Book

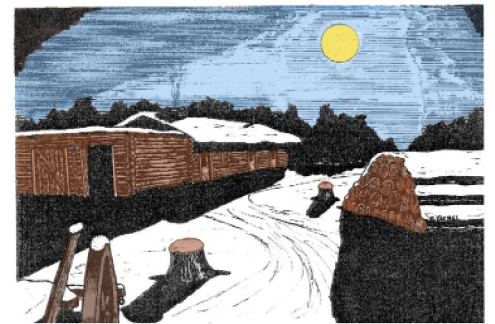
"Generation after generation come and go like the leaves of the forest," and as a tree grows, its roots spread. So, in each family, the roots should be identified as to which tree they belong.

Preceding the histories of the Pigeon area families, it is quite important to go back to the very beginning when Huron County was still a wilderness. This is a fairly young settlement in comparison with other areas, for our county was not organized until 1860. Before that, it was known as one big township – the township of Huron. The towns around the shoreline of Lake Huron were the first to come into existence because boat transportation was about the only means of getting supplies into the area for the pioneers.

When the inland towns began to grow, Pigeon was one of the last to be founded. Some small villages in the county have died out and only remain a memory; others never grew. Pigeon, however, started as a railway junction and has flourished for three quarters of a century.

The Lumber Camps

History must have some beginning and, in this area, where the beautiful pine forests were in their virgin state, the trees yielded their resources to the first white men who came to this unexplored land.



The trappers and 'shingle weavers' were the first pioneers to venture into the unknown. Men of timid nature or physical weakness could not have endured the hardships of those times. Impassable swamps, swarms of mosquitoes, the threat of wild animals and the unknown nature of the Indian were constant sources of danger. The forests yielded only a flickering of light during high noon because of their density and height. In the dark shadows, trappers never knew if meeting a fellow trapper might prove fatal. On occasion, a prisoner seeking refuge from the law in a distant city, might have wandered to this unknown area for seclusion. If it turned out the prisoner were of a murderous nature, there would be the trouble for the trapper.

This was the era of the lumberman and men of wealth sent scouts to various parts of the state looking for top timber. The beautiful white pine attracted Leon-

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The RECORDER is a news and events



Rambling Along The Pigeon River

(My very special thanks to Mrs. Dennis (Audrey Diebel) Collins for photography and help for this week's article.)

At 92 years of age, William Soldan of Pigeon, retains a happy disposition, he does his own house work and has a keen and alert memory. History is one of his favorite subjects and he with Audrey Collins about long ago when Audrey's great grandfather, John Diebel, was one of the early settlers of Pigeon. Mr. Soldan was six years old his parents came to this locality. He remembers Pigeon with only five buildings, consisting of a big hotel, a post office, one saloon, and two houses, one of which was considered a depot, too. This small settlement was located on a forty-acre swamp which had originally been swapped for a shot gun. Mr. Soldan recalls that it was a mud hole and was a good breeding place for mosquitoes.

The two railroads, the Pere Marquette and the P.O.N., popularly called the "Polly Ann", crossed through in these little beginnings of a town. To protect their railroad tracks, the R.R. companies initiated a drainage program. This in turn changed the course of history.

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Where is the old-fashioned farmer who could look up at the sun and, tell within ten minutes of the time of day?

From Just Thinks, The Pigeon Progress, April 18, 1947

In those early years of 1880, a town called Berne, one mile north of the 'mud hole', was thriving. But, because the two railroads went through Pigeon and because of the drainage, it took only ten years to make Berne a town of the past and Pigeon the new, thriving village. After the swamp was drained, 18 houses, two elevators, two stores, four churches, a flax mill, a butcher shop and blacksmith relocated and the town of Pigeon began to its growth.

It was during those early years when John Diebel constructed a wooden building which had a planing mill attached behind. Today, there are many old homes which have the lumber gotten from this mill and many a home still has the fancy square panels and tooled posts which had been made by Mr. Diebel in his shop.

Around 1902, the Diebel building was lost in a fire. In its place, Mr. Diebel built a new structure made of cement blocks. It is the building, which within the past month has been torn down, that this preceding history brings us.

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A statesman is a man who thinks of his country's welfare, a politician is a man who thinks of his own. And to think we have only too few statesmen in Congress.

From Just Thinks, The Pigeon Progress, April 18, 1947

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be a great addition to the Village.

Pigeon School Park project has a budget number of \$18,000 which includes some much-needed repair on arch. Our Historical Society has raised some seed money from the proceeds of their Summerfest BBQ's and Ice Cream Sales. The Village Council has committed to doing some site work and the use of their vendor resources. We hope to secure some grant money for this project as well as donations from the public. If anyone would like to donate to the Pigeon School Park project, please mail donations to;

Pigeon Historical Society

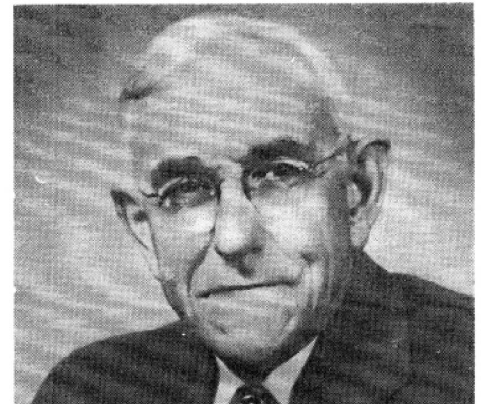
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Dr. Harry Fox

ard Case, a speculator from Cleveland, Ohio. In 1851, he purchased 20,000 acres of this timber land along the rambling river which in years to come, would be called the Pigeon River.

Mr. Case set up saw mills and owned the lumber enterprise until 1856 when he sold it to Francis Crawford and George Martin also from Cleveland. Mr. Crawford bought out Mr. Martin's share and became sole owner. He moved his family to Huron County and thus the Crawford name is strongly associated with the area. In the 1904 plat book, the Crawford Addition is sectioned out along with the Moeller, Diebel, Hyser, and Gould Additions in the town of Pigeon.

Lumbering in the Pigeon area provided the gateway through which has come our present way of life. It was the lumbermen who cleared the land, leaving behind them the fertile acres which would someday boast one of the most successful grain elevators in the state - the Pigeon Co-op.

There are many stories pertaining to

the rugged and courageous lumbermen. It seems an inadequate tribute to merely mention them. Their calloused hands performed extremely exhausting manual labor, and their bodies endured in spite of the lack of convenience and comfort.

In 1970, I interviewed Dr. Harry Fox, who had observed his 87th birthday in that year. He remembered well the lumbering days along the Pigeon River. When he was five years old, his father was working in one of the lumber mills at Caseville. As he would take his father's dinner pail to him, the piles of lumber would fascinate him and they looked like gigantic mountains to a lad of five. In those first years of lumbering, the trains had not yet made their appearance into the area so it meant the logs had to be worked down river to the town of Caseville where the saw mill was located. Then the boats came into harbor and loaded up. This lumber went into all parts of the mid-west and many a town and farm building still remain intact with this beautiful virgin lumber.

When Dr. Fox was 8 years of age, his family moved to a farm where the house was located about 30 feet from the Pigeon River. One of his favorite pastimes was watching the lumbermen as they worked the logs downstream. So when he was a young man of 22, he had his try as a lumberman too. The year was 1905 and lumbering in the area was in its last stages. The beautiful pine had been all lumbered out so they cut the remaining elm. The lumber camp consisted of 50 men and because the camps were only temporary, the accommodations were built quickly out of logs. They were extremely crude and lacked even the smallest convenience. Ventilation was not taken into consideration in

their construction. In the evenings when the men retired, they hung their wet underwear, socks and boots to dry and this with stale tobacco smoke and lack of bathing facilities, would have driven modern men back to civilization. But these were a hardy lot. Ventilation or not, sleep came easy to the men who had been swinging heavy axes from dawn to dusk.

Recreation in these camps was rough, too. Proving who was the strongest man in camp, kept a round of fights going every evening. If a new man showed up, he was immediately challenged. If he refused to fight, he was considered a weakling and just plain "no good". In the winter time, tank sleighs pulled by horses would sprinkle water on trails to be used next day. These would freeze during the night making hauling logs easy. The horses were sharpshod so they wouldn't slip on the ice. Each camp had their own blacksmith and their own cook.

Dr. Fox recalled the food served in his camp, with a twinkle in his eye. A good, strong stomach was an important asset to a lumberman. And in this particular camp, sanitation and cleanliness were not in the cook's vocabulary. But those men worked hard and they had to eat to keep going, so their grumbling was not high pitched.

One morning at four a.m. the cook was lustily singing when all of a sudden, there was a crash and the singing turned to vocabulary of unprintable words. Dr. Fox got up to see what the commotion was about. The cook had fried up a bunch of bacon and gravy for the men's breakfast. Some of the scalding gravy had spilled on his hand. He let go of the platter and the bacon went scurrying in every direction. Now, this was a floor that the lumbermen had tramped on for over a week without a scrub down. But that cook wasn't about to waste a platter full of good bacon. So, he merely got another platter, picked up the meat and served it for the men's breakfast. On another occasion, Mr. Fox sat down with a hearty appetite for the menu was meat, potatoes and gravy. But, one mouthful suddenly deadened his appetite. The cook had somehow accidentally spilled kerosene in the food and the flavor was very distinct. Cooks in those days gave no apologies for this kind of mistake.

In one of the camps when his father was a lumberman, the cook was so untidy that one of the lumbermen nailed his tin eating plate to the table. He would mop it up good after every meal because

he claimed that was much cleaner than when the cook took it out of his dish water.

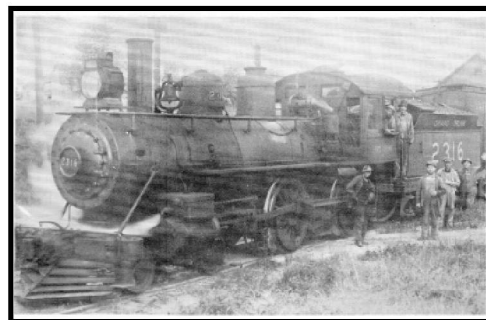
When spring came, there was a sprint of excitement for it was logging time. Logs would jam the banks of the Pigeon River for a distance of one to two miles as they floated downstream. Men wearing sharp caulks in their shoes to keep from slipping, would leap from log to log to keep them moving. This was a dangerous task and not everyone was agile enough to do it. Preventing jams and retrieving stray logs was difficult. Falling in and getting soaked was nothing to be ashamed of, but it could be a crushing experience for a man if he got caught between two logs. Our modern term for those lumbermen is "lumberjacks" but at that time they were called "woodsmen" and "shanty boys".

The lumber camp that Dr. Fox had worked in was a typical one; rugged men wielding an axe in the discomfort of inclement weather; echoes of timber-r-r-r ringing through the woods; brave men flirting with the thrill and excitement of river driving season after season. This was the lumbering era, which provided fertile acres for the agricultural era to follow.

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The Railroads

The railroad was called "The King of Transportation" in the 1800's. As the land was cleared of its forests, railroad tracks were being laid in swift succession, for rail transportation was the perfect solution for bringing in supplies and hauling commodities to market. The entire State of Michigan developed rapidly after the trains came upon the scene. And this area was no exception. When the Sa-



nilac, Tuscola and Huron railway was completing its track from East Saginaw into Sebawaing, the Pontiac, Oxford and Port Austin, later named Pontiac, Oxford and Northern (today a branch See **Brief**, page 5

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of the Grand Trunk) was completing its run from Pontiac into Caseville in 1882. This track passed through the small village of Berne, sometimes called Berne Corners. It was founded about 1878 and was named after Berne, the capital of Switzerland. ("Michigan Place Names" by Romig).

Joseph Schluchter became its first postmaster on May 29, 1882. But Berne was not to thrive for long because of future events. For by this time, dignitaries and officers from the S.T. & H. Sebewaing on the track's first official run. They came to study the possibility of extending the tracks north and northeast to the Huron County seat, Bad Axe. The Thumb area was fast beginning to develop as the land was cleared of its trees. The land was beginning to show the promise of "superb agricultural development to come" and railroad officials noting this, were anxious to proceed with plans.

Negotiations had actually begun when the company had received its charter from the state on February 24, 1881 after many months of discussion and planning. On July 20, 1881, the company issued a prospectus which gave the principal facts regarding the proposed new rail route to Bad Axe.

The S.T. & H. promoters had been at a loss as what to call their new railroad. They noted that railroads in the U.S. usually took names from states, cities, and oceans, while Michigan railroads favored the names of towns. The committee did not think the town names seemed suitable. Someone suggested "Why not use the names of the counties which the train passes through?" So Sanilac, Tuscola, and Huron became the official name until 1900.

The S.T. & H. completed its line to Bad Axe in 1886. Now there was a crossing of two railroads one mile south of Berne. The speculation on the part of some business folk was beginning to kindle interest that the facilities of two railroads going in two different directions was a good prospect for business enlargement. There was some negative thinking because the crossing was situated in swamp land. Nevertheless, Berne junction was originated and the site of a future village was beginning to develop and a new name would soon be put on the Thumb map.

The S.T. & H. was aided by the use of facilities of the Flint and Pere and Marquette in East Saginaw. And on Feb. 1, 1900, the S.T. & H. having a record

of good business and service in the Thumb, was consolidated with the newly organized Pere Marquette Railroad Co. at a valuation of one million dollars.

Traffic on the railroads in the Thumb continued to grow as passengers took advantage of being able to go to the city more often and farmers used it to transport their produce. They could now bring their sugar beets to a train loading station and have their beets hauled to the new sugar refinery at Sebewaing. Agricultural products increased including wheat, navy beans, alfalfa and wood products.

In 1947, the Pere Marquette was taken over by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and became a part of a system that reached to the Atlantic Seaboard.

The little S.T. & H. railway line now was a part of world commerce. And the "puffing pollyann" with its unique whistle that echoed throughout the countryside in the Thumb area, was soon replaced by a sleek new diesel engine.

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Herman Kleinsmith
Drowned in ditch north of Pigeon Post Office
DEATH OF ONE OF OUR FIRST
SETTLERS

Friday morning of last week the people of this village were shocked to learn of the death of Herman Kleinschmidt. The body was found laying in the deep ditch on Sanford Street, face downward in about six inches of water. The last seen of Mr. Kleinschmidt alive was about 9:30 Thursday evening when he was on his

way two years there. He then took up the homestead which is now the August Cain farm east of this village where he remained until 1887 when he opened up the old Hotel Arlington, our first hotel. After conducting the hotel for two or three years he started a general store and in 1893 was appointed postmaster which he held for four years. In 1896 he visited his old home in Germany and spent the summer there. When his term as postmaster expired, he closed out the store and two years later went on a farm south of Pigeon where he remained until eight years ago when he again took up his residence in Pigeon. Mrs. Kleinschmidt died five years ago. He is survived (by) three sons, Charles, Raymond and Walter; four daughters, Minnie, Anna, Lizzie, and Lena; one brother Albert.

The funeral service was conducted in the Hotel Heasty dining room Sunday afternoon and was largely attended by old settlers from different parts of the county. The remains were laid to rest in the Pigeon cemetery.

From The Pigeon Progress, September 15, 1915

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Number Of Pigeon Streets Being Rebuilt

A number of Pigeon streets are new under re-construction. The new construction is six inches of quarry stone with fine screen top with tarvia. The streets are:

On Park St. (in front of the new John Frank houses) from the Caseville Road east to Moeller St. A total of 620 feet, 20 feet wide.

From Park St. south to Michigan Ave., two blocks on Moeller St. North block 20 feet wide; south block 42 feet wide.

Center St. North from Michigan Ave., to Paul St., 42 feet wide.

Brush St. from Michigan Ave., south to Nitz St. 42 feet wide.

Nitz St. East from Main St. to Grand Trunk track. This piece will be stoned from curb to curb.

All other streets in the village are being given needed repairs.

From The Pigeon Progress, July 26, 1946.

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Seventy two years ago, April 28, 1950: Gahl Buerker was crowned queen of the Senior Tulip Twirl in Pigeon High School auditorium Friday night. Members of her court are Magdalene Schulze, Marie Mantei, Elaine Deering and Florence Schulze.

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Above is a photo of the construction of Pigeon High School built in 1918.

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The Progress Advance
Thursday, October 16, 1980

SCHOOL REMEMBERED - The old Pigeon High School may be gone, but it won't be forgotten. Vollmer Construction and Demolition crews saved the front-door keystone arch of the building, and earlier this week finished leveling and grading the area formerly occupied by the school building, constructed in 1918. School officials say the area will be used as a park perhaps with benches, as a memorial to the school building used in Pigeon from its opening until 1979.

From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred seven years ago, April 23, 1915: Appearing in several short plays Friday evening at Pigeon High School will be these students: Lynn Brown, Garfield Steadman, Norman Richmond, William Sturm, Ada Leinbach, John Prieskorn, Zera Foster, Glenn Richmond, Leonard Leipprandt, Myrtle Steadman, Etril Haggit, Harold Paul, Stanley Broderick, Walter McBride, Ethel Ackerman.

STATE TAXES FOR 1922

State taxes for 1922 will be based on total valuation of \$5,000,000,000, the same as last year, and the rate will average \$3.47 on the \$1,000. The rate is based on the levy of \$17,366,830, fixed by the administrative board and is 61 cents under the \$4.08 rate effective last year, when the levy was more than \$3,000,000 above that for the present fiscal year. The new valuation is greater than that of last year in 44 counties, and less in 39.

In 45 counties it runs above the assessed valuation for 1922 and in 27 counties it exceeds the valuation as equalized by the board of supervisors this year. In ten of the latter (years), however, while the new equalized valuation exceeds that of the board of supervisors, it is under the assessed valuation of the county. These include Delta, Genesee, Lenawee, Muskegon, and St. Clair counties. Nearly half of the taxes of the state again will be borne in Wayne County where the equalized value this year is \$2,032,796.00. The other principal tax paying counties, in the order named are Kent, Genesee, Oakland, Ingham, Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Jackson and Calhoun.

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred fifteen years ago, May 6, 1904: Edwin Karr has taken over the Hotel Heasty bar at Pigeon. Mr. Karr until recently, owned the Smalley House at Caseville. He will live in Pigeon.

Looking Backward VIA PIGEON PROGRESS FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

July 27, 1906

Mr. Mose Haist of Sebewaing, and Miss Laura Geiger of Pigeon, were united in marriage on Wednesday of this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ropp of McKinley, last week, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Meno Weidman, of McKinley, last week, a daughter.

Those from this vicinity who received third grade certificates at the examination in Bad Axe this week were Flora Richmond, Lucy E. Draher and Aimee Gwinn.

Paul Wachner has purchased a meat market at Elkton.

The contract for building the addition to the Pigeon school was let to Henry Diebel.

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Is this 100 years too early . . . ?

Not Boosting, but -

The San Francisco man was speaking. "I do not believe in all this 'boost' business," he said. "There is too much brag about it. Especially I do not believe in running down other cities, other parts of the country. It is making claims to excellence that do not need to be made, and failure to recognize which is the country's loss, not ours. We should not do it. It is not modest and is likely to arouse jealousy. But I will say this much for San Francisco: Wherever you go from here it is worse."

From The Pigeon Progress, September 15, 1922.

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Seventy-six years ago, July 26, 1946: Robert Sternberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sternberg, Chandler Twp., has been engaged as agricultural teacher for Pigeon High School. He replaces Harold Greenan, ag teacher at Pigeon for the past 10 years, who plans to operate his

OTTO FRENZEL, M. D. Physician and Surgeon.

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Will give special attention to diseases of Women and rectal diseases, also diseases of Nose, Throat and Lungs and Cartar troubles.

From The Pigeon Progress, April 1, 1904

What Is It?



From the pages of *The Pigeon Progress*, Ninety-three years ago, May 3, 1929: Mrs. Harry Leslie, Mrs. E. F. Hess, Mrs. Edward Woodward, Mrs. John Doepker, Mrs. W. A. Belding, Mrs. Theodore Goebel, Miss Dorothy Clabuesch and Arliss Woodward attended the annual meeting of Women's clubs at Bad Axe..



This artifact was brought into the Woelke Center to be identified. At our last membership meeting on September 12th, no one was able to positively identify it, although several possibilities were mentioned. Is it an antique garden seed-er; poke a hole in the ground with the bottom end, then flip out the chute and slide the seed out to drop in the hole to be covered up? Or used to assisted drinking water from an outdoor hand pump? Or used to . . . , well, use your imagination.

The first person to correctly identify the artifact wins an all expense paid weekend at the Pigeon Historical Depot Museum. The second place winner wins two all expense paid weekends at the Pigeon Historical Depot Museum.

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ORR'S DRUG STORE

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From the pages of *The Pigeon Progress*, Seventy-three years ago, October 21, 1949: Three Saginaw Bay islands, Mai-sou, Heisterman and Dafoe, privately owned for many years, are being transferred into state lands for public hunting grounds and plans are for a public road and canal from the mainland to the islands.

BOTH SIDES OF A QUESTION

Possessions Bound to Bring Responsibility, But There Is Also Adequate Recompense.

Everything that you can think of in the way of desired possessions brings with it an accompanying load or trouble, care and responsibility.

And this is something of a consolation for those who must stand outside the barred gates and look yearningly in.

After all, they can think, it's a lot of trouble to take care of so much; perhaps it's just as well without it.

That's where the trouble part helps them.

But on the other hand, it's worth some care to have the real antiques that other people are striving to find.

It's worth some responsibility to have such beautiful old silver.

The house in perfect order, the velvety lawn and garden that make visitors gasp with pleasure are pretty good payment for all your thought and work and planning and caring for them.

That beautifully shaped head and graceful coiffure(d) hair are surely satisfying enough to make up for the pain and the lost time.

If people who have things didn't have some trouble with them, then there would be the greatest amount of discontent among people who haven't.

Mere possessing gets to be like a habit; one forgets all about what it is that she possesses, whether it is valuable or not, and whether or not one should be grateful about it.

But when a little trouble and difficulty come along with it, one realizes that it has cost something and is worth something. — Kansas City Star.

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REV. MUELLER RETURNED TO PIGEON

Rev Mueller returned home Tuesday evening from the German M. E. conference at Indianapolis. Mr. Mueller was returned to Pigeon for another year. This will make his sixth year with the charge here.

Following are other appointments in Michigan: Saginaw, E. G. Boch; Bay City, T. Hey; Knochville, S. Ross; Flint, E. H. Haueter; Roseville, H. T. Katterhenry.

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Farmers

Your Elevator is in tip top shape, ready for the grain harvest. If you need equipment for hauling your grain to town, give us a ring. Phone 52 We will do our best to give you prompt service.

Coal

Now is the time to lay in a supply of coal for the winter. If you have not already given us your order, do so at once. We have coal arriving each week.

Feeds

Feeds have been hard to get but we have a good supply of Poultry, Dairy and Hog feeds on hand.

Your elevator is owned and operated for the benefit of the farmers. Satisfied customers is our aim. Give us a trial.

Co-operative Elevator & Milling Ass'n

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Theatre — Pigeon

FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
JULY 26 - 27

Double Feature Program

Robert Lowery, Virginia Grey in

"House Of Horrors"

— plus —

Kane Richmond in

"Traffic In Crime"

Color

Cartoon

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY,
JULY 28 - 29 - 30

Maureen O'Hara, Dick Haymes in

"DO YOU LOVE ME?"

All In Beautiful Color

News Novelty Cartoon

Matinee Sunday 3:00

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
JULY 31 - AUG. 1

Zachary Scott, Janis Page in

"Her Kind Of Man"

Selected Shorts

— COMING —

"Smoky"

From The Pigeon Progress, July 26, 1946

SEVERE BLIZZARD TIES UP TRAFFIC

RAILROADS ARE PARALYZED BY STORM - SUFFERING ACUTE IN MANY PLACES

COAL SHIPMENTS HELD UP

Chicago Reports Worst Storm In Its
History - Drifts Piled 15 Feet High In
Streets

Lansing - The Entire state, on Sunday, was swept by a severe blizzard that tied up traffic and caused acute suffering in communities that have been running practically on a day-to-day fuel supply.

Railroad traffic was paralyzed and passenger as well as freight movements were seriously delayed. From all parts of the state the reports were practically the same. Nearly a foot of snow fell.

Chicago Choked by Blizzard

Chicago - Chicago and Central Illinois were isolated Sunday night, storm-bound in the worst blizzard in the history of the state. A 40-mile gale raged and snow was piled high over the city's streets, drifts in some places reaching 15 feet.

Railroads the south, north and west practically suspended operation. Mail trains from the east were all late. Surface line schedules were abandoned, elevated roads maintaining a reduced service.

There was no automobile traffic. Hundreds of cars were stalled on boulevards, abandoned by their owners, some almost buried by the drifts. The street cleaning bureau found it impossible to work in the blinding snow.

From The Pigeon Progress, January 11, 1918

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From the pages of The Progress-Advance, Thirty-eight years ago, May 2, 1984: Damages totaling several hundred thousand dollars have been reported in the Western Thumb, following Monday's 60-mph wind storms. Hundreds of homes and half the businesses in Pigeon were without electrical power most of Monday and Tuesday, as harsh winds blew down poles and twisted wires. Cable TV service in area communities was also interrupted, but no telephone service outages were reported in Pigeon, in the heaviest wind storms in recent memory.

THOUGHT WILL RULE WORLD

Scientist Asserts Ships at Sea Will Be
Controlled From Shore and Gasoline
Will Be Grown Like Corn.

In the lobby of a big Fifth avenue club one evening recently, a group of scientific men were discussing the war as being the necessity that will bring about some startling inventions, notes a New York correspondent. If the sprinkling of intellectual luminati were not stamped by genius, it is probable that an ordinary bystander would have tapped his forehead knowingly.

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