

First United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary



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THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH PIGEON, MICHIGAN

**From the Diamond Jubilee - 75th Anniversary and Rededication
March 13th to April 11th, 1948**

The roots of the First Methodist Church of Pigeon, Michigan had their beginnings in the days of "The Ora et Labora" communal Society, known as "The Colony". This society was organized by the grandfather of Walter and Will Baur in the middle of the 19th century and was located near the village of Bay Port. When "The Colony" broke up about 1867 after about ten years of existence, a number of the families took up land in this community, among them being the Steinman's, Krietsch's, Diefenbach's, Schuh's, Glosser's, Miller's, Froebe's, Linsen's and others. A little later other families came into "The Hinterwald" or Backwoods as this community was then known and took up land, among them being the Wassermann's, Muentner's, Jacobs', Draher's, Sturm's, Hoppe's, and Leipprandt's.

During the days of "The Colony", the grandfather of Walter and Will Baur co-directed all the religious services therein. After the dispersion of "The Colony", the Reverend G. Bertram, Jacob Braun and H. Pullman who had charge of the Saginaw Mission of the Central German Conference came to this community three or four times a year to conduct religious services and to minister to the people.

Travel in those days was a real hardship, the roads being poor and no railroads. Trails were often blazed through the forests; rivers had to be forded; fallen trees climbed over and long distances to be walked. While these itinerant ministers traveled mostly on horseback and sleeping wherever they could find accommodations; fighting swarms of insect in the

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Holstein Breeders Granted Exclusive Naming Systems

The names of all registered Holstein cattle bred by John W. Bedford, Elkton, will begin with "Joleen" from now on, and those bred by Roy and Leroy Tomlinson, Kinde, will begin with "Roy-John."

Exclusive use of these prefix names has been granted by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. They will become permanent parts of official breed records at the organization's national headquarters in Brattleboro, Vermont.

More than 30,000 Holstein dairymen are currently using similarly distinctive prefixes in naming their home-bred cattle. The total is growing at the rate of 1,500 annually.

Since the average Holstein breeder derives 15 per cent of his income from sales of registered breeding stock, the plan, which literally "trade-marks" each animal throughout its lifetime, has unique advertising value.

Also factors in the trend are the steady growth of Association business and the resulting need for further mechanizing registry procedures.

From The Progress Advance, June 20, 1963

THE PIGEON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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RURAL MAIL DELIVERY IS IN DANGER

National Grange Exerting All Its Energies To Save Mail System.

Great anxiety is felt by thousands of rural people living on routes where mail is delivered daily, because of the announced policy from Washington favorable to cutting down rural mail delivery in the interest of economy.

Already it is made plain that the Washington plan is to consolidate thousands of routes, eliminate some altogether and cut daily delivery to three times a week. What this means to rural people who have been getting their mail at their own door or near it every week day of the year is widely sensed and a strong protest is being made against the curtailment plan.

Fortunate indeed are such rural people in this emergency that they have a spokesman and defender in the National Grange, which organization will use all its strength against such readjustments of the rural mail service as means curtailment and loss. The Grange group was the first one half a century ago to appear at Washington with a demand for mail delivery at farm doors and it is through the energetic efforts of that big rural organization that the rural mail service has been extended to a point of daily deliveries on 45,000 routes reaching the major portion of the farm people of the United States. In consequence the increase of good reading matter on the farmer's table has been tremendous and very largely explains the rapid spread of intelligence in the country districts, followed by a broader and richer community life.

Different branches of the Grange organization everywhere are taking up this question, discussion it vigorously and letting senators and congressmen know how they feel about the proposed curtailment. The Grange takes the position that there are so many wastes in the post office capable of elimination that there is no necessity for such curtailment of the rural mail service as will bring hardship to a single rural home.

This question promises to be one of the liveliest topics of the coming year and the Grange can be counted on to exert its influence at every possible point to preserve rural mail delivery in maximum usefulness.

National Grange Publicity Bureau

From The Pigeon Progress, January 27, 1933

DAIRY NOTES

Tickle the cow's palate and increase her production.

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The good dairy farmer is the man who appreciates good roads.

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Every dairyman ought to have a good soldering kit and know how to use it.

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There is something wrong with the dairy cow offered for sale cheap these days.

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The best dairy cows will give the best return if handled quietly and treated gently.

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The scales will tell both with milk and butter whether a cow is kept at a profit or not.

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We trust not be slow to recognize the fact that the best herds are not gotten together by purchase.

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Pure air keeps the stables free from disease germs and other bacteria that always eat up the profits.

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The capacity of the farm may be increased by building up the silo so as to make each acre yield more.

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The dairy farmer should know what his milk cost him. This is just as important as knowing what it brings.

From The Pigeon Progress, March 13, 1914

Huron County to Vote Dry or Wet.

The anti-saloon meeting called at the court house on Wednesday was attended by over 50 delegates, representing the majority of the townships of the county. About a third of those present were of the substantial German citizens of the west and northeast parts of the county. There were also a fair sprinkling of farmers and business men. Supervisor H. Kellerman of Elkton was chairman of the meeting and ex-school commissioner D. Kaercher, secretary. The League was represented by M. E. Adams of Midland.

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint canvassers to circulate petitions to the board of supervisors for submitting local option at next April's election.

For this purpose 93 canvassers were appointed for the various townships. About 1000 names to the petitions are necessary to submit the proposition.

A central county committee was appointed consisting of H. Kellerman, Elkton, H. H. Simpson, W. H. Lankin, A. L. Wright, H. Wilcox, E. P. Rowe, Bad Axe, D. Kaercher, Sebawaing.

The active campaign will begin next February and continue red hot till the April election. The character and quality of the men at Wednesday's meeting would indicate that it will be a business, not a sensational or political campaign. The movement is being organized in a quiet but business like sort of way and with a determination commensurate with the size of the undertaking.—Bad Axe Tribune.

From The Pigeon Progress, August 14, 1908

NEW STORE OPEN.

We wish to announce to the people of this vicinity that we have purchased the stock of General Merchandise formerly owned by Joseph Schluchter & Co. The store is now open and all its former patrons as well as new ones are invited to call. Time does not allow us this week to go into detail in regard to prices, etc., but we promise to please our patrons.

Yours Resp'y,

T. & L. THIEL

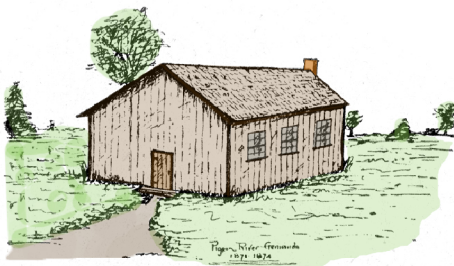
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summer and bitter cold and deep snow in the winter, yet more often they had to go on foot the most of the way. One writes "I had to walk through the woods with a mosquito net over my head because the insects were so thick". Another describes the country as "a virgin forest where the deer and the bear and the wolves and other wild animals had the right of way".

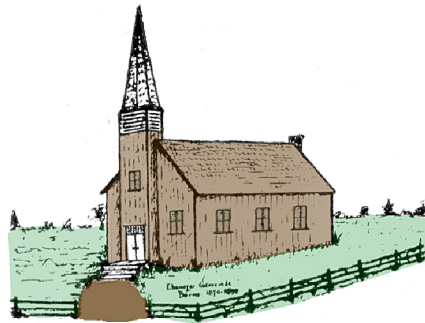
These early preachers and pioneer settlers worked hard, not only to clear the land but to keep the spiritual life aglow. They were earnest, loyal, and devout. Weather conditions, regardless of the seasons, did not deter them from meeting together for spiritual enrichment. One said, "We would come through the woods, singing the songs of Zion and gathering others as we went our way to the services which were held in the homes of different people". Another recalled how "his mother would send me out to see if the people were coming and I would go through the woods and then I would hear them singing, and then I saw them marching like soldiers in a single file through the brush, using a switch of leaves to brush the mosquitoes from around their heads and I would run back and say, "Mother, they're coming. I saw them and they are singing."



Pigeon River 1871-1875

After a number of years of holding services in different homes, these people decided to organize and build a church. So, on November 18, 1871, the Ebenezer Mission of the Saginaw Mission of the Central German Conference was organized at Caseville, Michigan. There a combination church and parsonage were built. This Mission included all the territory from Caseville southward to about Kilmanagh and all the intervening country. In the following year, 1872, other churches were organized to simplify the travel of the parishioners, namely State Road (Kilmanagh), Fall Havens (Bay Port), and Pigeon River. This Pigeon River church was located on the banks of the Pigeon River about three rods (19.5

feet) east of the present Pigeon River bridge and about four rods (66 feet) from the road. This church was built of two-inch planking secured from the saw mill located nearby. It was a one room structure and was later used as a school. This church was the direct forerunner of the present First Methodist Church.



Ebenezer-Berne 1875-1898

From the time of the organization of the Ebenezer mission in the fall of 1871 until the fall of 1873 these churches were ably ministered to by two local preachers, Reverend H. Roedel and C. F. Leipprandt, the father of our well-known local residents, J. W., Theodore, and Hugo Leipprandt.

In 1872 the Pigeon River church was dedicated by the Reverend Wunderlich, who was the Presiding Elder, as the district superintendent was then known. He was assisted by the Reverend J. R. Bodmer, preacher-in-charge of the Saginaw Mission. Immediately following the dedication, the Reverend Wunderlich conducted the first of many evangelistic meetings held in this area. As a result of "this joyous time", a revival of real religion broke out in this "Hinterwald". The Reverend George H. Maentz was the first regularly appointed pastor of this newly organized church.

Because of the location of many members and travel conditions, it was decided to change the location of the church from the banks of the Pigeon River to the Townline, now known as the Berne Road, where the village of Berne was located. In January, 1874 during the pastorate of the Rev. Joseph Kern, a church was built on the corner of the Caseville and Townline or Berne Roads with a burial plot adjacent. Since that time twenty-one other ministers have served this congregation. Of these only Reverend Joseph Kern served in the dual capacity of pastor and Presiding Elder. The Reverend Christian Spaeth was privileged to serve this congregation twice.

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Freak of Lightning

During an electrical storm on the 31st, Geo. Dunn's house at Sly, seven miles south of Midland, was wrecked by lightning. The bolt entering the bedroom of two boys, knocking the bed from under them, leaving the mattress and boys on the floor unharmed but setting fire to the quilts. It then entered the sitting room and broke the picture frames and glass. Then it went into Dunn's bedroom, setting fire to a partition, going into the kitchen where it splintered the rafters and set fire and threw dishes around. Finally, it burst out of the house on all sides, carrying away sash and glass and breaking holes through the siding. Although there were six persons in the house, no one was injured. The house looks as if a dynamite explosion had occurred. Lightning struck several places in the city, but did no serious damage.

From The Pigeon Progress, June 8, 1900

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Cost of Stone Road Increases.

Our friend William Trost says that he is paying his share toward building our new stone road. About three weeks ago a piece of stone struck him on the head while he was working around the crusher, and last Saturday the index finger of his right hand came in contact with the cable at the quarry, resulting in the loss of part of that member. Will says that the farm will be good enough for him in the future.

From The Pigeon Progress, August 14, 1908

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Barn And Livestock Destroyed By Fire

During the electrical storm yesterday morning the barn on the Herman Bauman farm, 2½ miles west and ½ mile south of Pigeon (Pobanz Rd.) was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. There were three horses in the building and they were burned to death. The barn contained 40 loads of hay, also a new wagon, a manure spreader, and surrey and other tools. All were destroyed. The property was partially covered by insurance.

The loss will be a very heavy one to Mr. Bauman.

From The Pigeon Progress, August 17, 1917

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The Cowboy Boots

(Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this)

Did you hear about the Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots? He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as, together, they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet. He then announced "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em."

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

Helping him in to his coat she asked "Now, where are your mittens?" He said "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."

She will be eligible for parole in three years.

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Pigeon Area Barn Burns

Fire of undetermined origin Thursday evening destroyed a large barn, a machine shed and a garage on the Fred A. Schulze farm, three and one-half miles southeast of Pigeon on Gagetown Road.

The blaze started in the barn. A strong northeast wind carried the flames to other buildings. Loss was estimated at \$18,000.

Schulze discovered the blaze about 6:00 p.m. when he looked from his home and saw the barn enveloped in flames. He managed to save a tractor but a valuable pickup beaver was destroyed.

Both Pigeon and Elkton fire departments responded but the blaze was beyond control. The wind carried the flames away from the farm home.

From *The Progress Advance*, June 30, 1960

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The Ebenezer Mission was the mother Church of the State Road, Fair Havens, Pigeon River, and Chandler churches. Changing times, conditions, and modes of travel saw all of these churches either sold or disbanded until only the present First Methodist Church of Pigeon remains.



During the pastorate of the Reverend Oscar Rogatsky, the old combination church and parsonage at Caseville was sold and a new parsonage was built at Berne. A church bell was purchased and installed, it being the first bell in this community to call the people to worship. The same old bell was placed in the belfry in the new church which was built in Pigeon and is still performing faithful duty in calling people to the worship of God. The First Youth Fellowship then known as the Epworth League and composed of both young and old was organized March 27, 1892 during the pastorate of the Reverend A. Mayer. On April 24, 1895 the Ladies Aid Society was organized during the pastorate of the Reverend Christian Spaeth and has had a glorious continuous history. Since the merger of the Methodist Churches, it is now known as the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

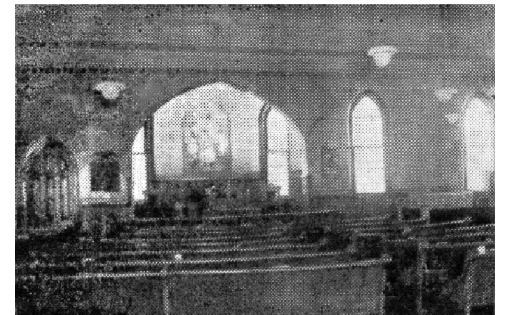
With the building of the Pere Marquette Railroad and the drift of the population southward, the church faced the momentous question whether to remain at Berne or move southward where the village of Pigeon was springing up, it being the junction of the Pere Marquette and Grand Trunk railroads. Faced with this fact and under the leadership of the Reverend Henry Bank, it was decided to remove to Pigeon. A new site was purchased at the present location and a fine church and parsonage were erected in 1898. With the building of the new church at Pigeon, the old church was moved to a site in Chandler township and a new congregation was constituted for the convenience of the many families in that vicinity.

The Fiftieth Anniversary was celebrated during the pastorate of the Reverend

Alfred H. Mueller, August 11, 12, & 13, 1922. This was a gala occasion with former members, former pastors and many others present. The principal speakers were the Reverend J. H. Holtcamp, District Superintendent and the Reverend Dr. F. W. Mueller of Philadelphia.

As the membership and activities of the church increased, the need for more room was continually manifesting itself. So, in 1925 a major improvement program was instituted during the pastorate of the Reverend Paul W. Plueddemann. The entire basement of the church was excavated and additional Sunday School rooms, dining room, kitchen, a new steam heating system installed, as well as re-decorating the entire church. This was a great venture and its value has been demonstrated time and time again.

What a change in the seventy-five years, from the old 2-inch plank, one room church with wood burning stoves and kerosene lamps to the church at Berne and then to the lovely brick structure in Pigeon. From wood burning stoves and kerosene lamps to a hot air furnace and acetylene lamps to a modern automatic steam stoker plant and modern electric lights and fixtures. From the old mode of travel by foot and horseback to the one-



horse buggy and sleigh to the modern closed automobile. As changes were taking place in the physical structure of the church due to times and conditions, likewise a change was taking place in the ecclesiastical structure. In 1933 during the pastorate of the Reverend Carl E. Buerkle, the former Central German Conference was merged with the various English-speaking Conferences in which the German churches were located. As a result, the Ebenezer German Methodist Church became a member of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

This year, this congregation with a glorious past is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. Seventy-five years of continuous history. To this end the entire church and

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AN OLD PAINTER'S IDEAS

The autumn season is coming more and more to be recognized as a most suitable time for house painting. There is no frost deep in the wood to make trouble for even the best job of painting, and the general seasoning of the summer has put the wood into good condition in every way. The weather, moreover, is more likely to be settled for the necessary length of time to allow all the coats to thoroughly dry, a very important precaution. An old and successful painter said to the writer the other day "House owners would get more for their money if they would allow their painters to take more time, especially between coats. Instead of allowing barely time for the surface to get dry enough not to be 'tacky', several days (weeks would not be too much) should be allowed so that the coat might set through and through. It is inconvenient, of course, but, if one would suffer this slight inconvenience, it would add two or three years to the life of the paint." All this is assuming, of course, that the paint used is the very best to be had. The purest of white lead and the purest of linseed oil unmixed with any cheaper of the cheap mixtures, often known as "White Lead," and oil which has been doctored with fish oil, benzene, corn oil or other of the adulterants known to the trade are used, all the precautions of the skilled painter are useless to prevent the cracking and peeling which make houses unsightly in a year or so and, therefore, make painting bills too frequent and costly. House owner should have his painter bring the ingredients to the premises separately, white lead of some well-known reliable brand and linseed oil of equal quality and mix the paint just before applying it. Painting need not be expensive and unsatisfactory if the old painter's suggestions are followed.

From The Pigeon Progress, August 17, 1906

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Ninety three years ago, June 13, 1930: Rev. Henry Bank, a pastor for five years of Pigeon German Methodist Church, died in Ann Arbor. The present church was build during his first year as pastor here.

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SLINGSHOT HUMOR

Take a tip from nature. Man's ears aren't made to shut: his mouth is.

From The Pigeon Progress, June 6, 1930

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parsonage underwent a thorough on-going remodeling program, the better to meet the changing times and conditions as well as to better serve this community and provide a more beautiful house of worship. In 1946, by action of the Official Board, the church was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan as First Methodist Church of Pigeon, Michigan.



CORNERSTONE LAYING JUNE, 1899

During the long and glorious history of the church, many of the finest pastors of the conference have served the church, and of whom the congregation is justly proud.

George Henry Maentz	1872-1873
Joseph Kern	1874-1876
Louis Christian	1876-1878
William F. Henke	1878-1881
Andrew Kruemling	1881-1883
Daniel Volz	1883-1884
Oscar Rogatsky	1884-1887
Herman Rogatsky	1887-1888
Andrew Mayer	1888-1892
Christian Spaeth	1892-1897
Henry Bank	1897-1902
Christian Spaeth	1902-1905
John R. Bodmer	1905-1906
Theophil Hey	1906-1910
Louis C. F. Buehl	1910-1913
Louis S. Katterhenry	1913-1917
Alfred H. Mueller	1917-1923
Paul W. Plueddemann	1923-1929
Carl E. Buerkle	1929-1936
Joseph Dibden	1936-1940
William Morford	1940-November 1942
Bruce R. Davis	November 1942-1945
H. E. Duttweiler	1945-

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Ninety-eight years ago, June 5, 1925: Commencement exercises will be held June 12 in Pigeon Methodist Church. Speaker will be Dr. W. D. Henderson of the University of Michigan.

CONTROL OF BREAD COST STARTS SEPT. 1

GOVERNMENT READY TO SEIZE
WHEAT CROPS IF NECESSARY
TO CONSERVE SUPPLY.

SPECULATION WILL BE CURBED

Elevators and Mills Over 100 Barrels
Daily Capacity Must Take Out
Government License.

Washington—The food administration announced Sunday night, its plan for controlling wheat, flour and bread, revealing that the government is prepared to take over the whole 1917 wheat harvest if necessary to conserve the supply, obtain just prices for America's fighting forces and their Allies and reduce costs to the public in the United States.

Establishing of buying agencies at all the principal terminals, licensing of elevators and mills, fixing of a price to be considered fair, regulation of the middle man and of grain exchanges, with the elimination of trading in futures, are the chief features of the plan. The licensing will begin September 1.

The minimum price of \$2 for wheat fixed by congress does not become effective until next year, but the administration proposes to exercise a thorough control over this year's crop through powers conferred under the food and export control bills.

The government will prosecute all persons who hold more wheat or flour than is required in their business. In order to eliminate speculation in wheat and flour, all elevators and mills over 100 barrels daily capacity will be required to take out a government license. No wheat shall be stored for more than 30 days, without the approval of the government.

From The Pigeon Progress, August 17, 1917

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Now an areophane trust has been formed. This will have the legal experts literally all in the air.

From The Pigeon Progress, January 7, 1910

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JUST THINKS

If you don't know your place, someone will show it to you.

From The Pigeon Progress, April 3, 1942

SEVERAL NEW AUTO LAWS NOW IN FORCE

FIVE ACTS PASSED BY LAST LEGISLATURE WILL AID CAR OWNERS.

SEVERE PENALTY FOR THEFT

Others Cover Closing Roads Under Repair, Weight of Trucks and Defacing Numbers.

Lansing - Michigan has five new laws that are of interest to the automobile owner and maker which are now effective. These regulate the weight of trucks which are permitted to use state reward roads, the defacing of serial numbers of motor cars, the driving away of a car without an owner's consent, and the closing of roads under construction and the providing of suitable detours.

Senator Bryant's bill makes it unlawful to place motor vehicles in excess of 15 tons and having a tread of more than 75 inches on state reward roads. Permits for heavier vehicles can be issued by highway officials having jurisdiction.

One of Senator Foster's bills which became law makes it a felony to "willfully and wantonly" take possession of and drive away a car left standing in "any street, garage, stable or other place." It provides that conviction shall carry a maximum fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed five years, or both, at the discretion of the court. This law should make it easier for the police to curb the theft of cars.

Two other acts that will curtail the stealing of cars are Rep. Copley's bill covering the altering or defacing of manufacturers' serial numbers and Senator Foster's bill covering the destruction or defacing of the motor vehicle, or any part thereof.

Senator Covert's measure applying to the closing of roads under construction and the requiring highway officials to "place in good repair and to mark by proper signs suitable detours around roads, or portions of roads, which are closed," will be hailed with delight by motorists, clubs and others using the highways. It further provides that construction work cannot be undertaken until such detours have been provided, and stipulates a fine or imprisonment for the evasion of the provisions at the law.

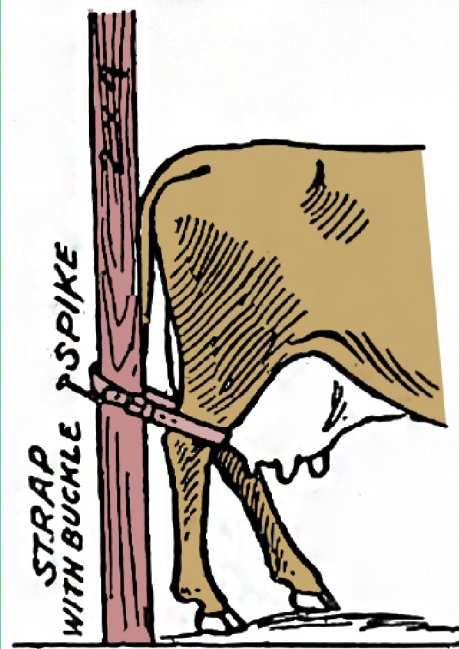
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PREVENT COW FROM KICKING

Method Shown in Illustration Is Easy and Safe—Leg Tied by Means of Strong Strap.

(By E. ESCH.)

'I had a helper which persisted in kicking and struggling until it was simply impossible to milk her. A neighbor told me about the strap method and I adopted it at once. It is



Holding Cow's Leg.

easy and safe and worked just fine. In a little while the helper would stand without the strap.

A very good method to cure a cow from kicking and to teach her to stand still while milking is to fasten a 2-by-4 timber securely to the floor and ceiling just back of the cow, then have a good, strong strap, with a buckle, pass around her hind right leg and then around the 2-by-4 and draw up tight and buckle it. Drive a spike in the 2-by-4 part way to keep the strap from slipping down when the cow struggles to get her leg free.

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From the pages of The Progress-Advance, Fifty-nine years ago, July 23, 1964: The 25th anniversary reunion of Pigeon High School class of 1939 was held Saturday evening in the fellowship hall of Pigeon Methodist Church. Luther Meuser was toastmaster, Robert Orr gave the welcome and business meeting was in charge of Eldon Sting.

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SLINGSHOT HUMOR

An enemy is just like a friend, except that you don't understand him as well.

From The Pigeon Progress, June 6, 1930

Baseball In the Bible

Baseball is really of very ancient origin. The bible tells us that Satan was a hot member on the coaching line. He coached Eve when she stole first and Adam when he stole second. Rebekah went to the well with a pitcher. Sampson struck out a good many times when he beat the Philistines, and Moses made a home run when he saw the Egyptians. Cain made a base hit when he slew Abel. Abraham made a sacrifice. The prodigal son made a home run. David was a long-distance thrower. Moses shut out the Egyptians at the Red Sea.

From The Pigeon Progress, August 17, 1900

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Of making new guns there is no end. Now comes a Pittsburgh genius who asserts that he has perfected an electric gun which is noiseless, smokeless and without recoil. He has constructed a field piece with which he says he has thrown projectiles faster and farther than when powder is used. With the multiplication of such devices the batteries of the future may be uncommonly silent affairs, free from the shouting and tumult of the regulation sort. And withal so destructive that men and nations may well hesitate before resorting to the sword and the noiseless firearm.

From The Pigeon Progress, January 7, 1910

The Driver's Seat

Rain plays many tricks on drivers, but its most dangerous one is still unknown to most.

On every heavily traveled street and highway, there's a coating of greasy, oily residue deposited by thousands of passing cars. Called "traffic film," this substance combines with rain water to form a soapy, slippery substance that is as slick as ice and even more dangerous.

Motorists expect difficult driving when snow and ice is on the ground, so they avoid it by driving extra cautiously. But traffic film is relatively unknown, so drivers are involved in skids and slides without warning when it rains.

In heavily trafficked cities like New York, the automobile accident rate nearly doubles on rainy days. And most of these accidents can be attributed to traffic film.

The same rain that causes traffic film will eventually wash it away. The washing away takes about a half-hour during a downpour, but a drizzle will provide a slippery surface that lasts for hours.

You can avoid the dangers of traffic film by taking proper precautions as soon as the first raindrops strike your windshield. First of all, reduce your speed by at least 10-mph. The harder it rains, the more you should slow down.

The next thing to do is test the pavement for slipperiness. When no other cars are close by, tap your brakes gently to test the road surface.

Stay far enough behind the car in front, so you'll have plenty of room to stop, even on a slippery surface of traffic film.

Make sure your tires have plenty of tread. You might get away with smooth tires on a dry surface, but not when it's raining.

Rain is a master trickster, but if you keep these tips in mind, chances are good that you won't be fooled.

From The Progress Advance, June 2, 1960

AROUND THE HOUSE

Blankets should be hung for drying so the stripes are vertical. This prevents the brighter colors from running into the ground color.

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To cut butter without having it stick to the knife, rinse the knife off with hot water first, or fold a piece of waxed paper over the sharp edge.

From The Pigeon Progress, June 6, 1930

Buy The Best For Less At Oldford's

50-Star United States Flag - \$1.00
Golf Balls - Baseballs - Basketballs
Softballs - Tennis Balls - Beach Balls
Ball Gloves - Bats - Tennis Rackets
Badminton Sets - Ping Pong Sets
Complete Line of Fishing Equipment
Grills - Lighter - Beach Cookers
Air Mattresses - Life Vests
Swim Fins and Masks - Snorkel Tubes
Styrofoam Swim Boards
Insect Killer and Repellent Bombs

Oldford Hardware

Pigeon

Phone 48

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From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Eighty-nine years ago, June 29, 1934: Mrs. Charles Sturm, associate teacher of the Detroit Conservatory of Music, will present her students in a recital at Pigeon Methodist Church tonight.

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Lake Superior and the Rainfall

Lake Superior appears to exercise a greater effort upon the annual amount of precipitation of rain and snow near its shores than any other of the great lakes. The average precipitation in a year is about eight inches greater on the southern than the northern side of Lake Superior. Lakes Erie and Ontario also show more precipitation on their southern than on their northern shores, but the difference is only three inches annually. In the case of Lakes Huron and Michigan, it is the eastern shores as compared with the western which get the largest precipitation, but the difference is not great.

From The Pigeon Progress, July 6, 1900

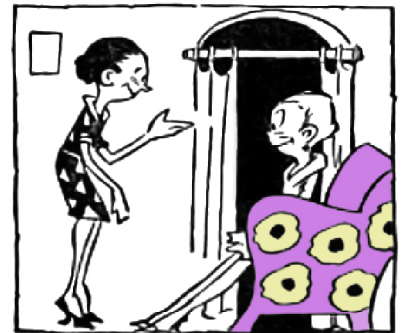
FORD'S NEW SCHEME

It may sound foolish to the average Pigeon citizen, but one of the hardest things a rich man has to contend with is finding some way to give away his money usefully. Every fellow has a different idea of how he could give it away if he had it, and everyone has his own idea about it. So it is of interest to read that Ford has his. He now proposes to use \$100,000,000 in founding schools throughout the U. S. that will teach trades. He wants schools to turn out men whom jobs would seek, instead of schools that turn out graduates seeking jobs. And it's a good idea, since we live in an age of machinery, mechanics, science and specialization and really don't need the highbrow stuff that Yale and Harvard and other such institutions center their activities on. As in former instances, Henry Ford seems to have originated a pretty valuable idea and we believe the people of every section of the country will welcome the day when he starts to put it into practice.

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FULL OF RUNS



"I think these stockings I have on are like a bit of art. Viewed from the back they're like opera music."

"How's that?"

"Full of runs."

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We'd love to see you on our Team!

An individual or business can become a member by contacting any active member or by sending your tax-deductible cash of 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)

Life Membership: \$120.00 (active Voting member with lifetime privileges)

Supporting Membership: \$15.00 (non-active supporting member)

Business Membership: \$20.00 or more (contributing member non-voting)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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

Gem Theatre

SATURDAY

Buzz Barton in
"THE LITTLE SAVAGE"
Also Comedy.
10c — 20c

SUNDAY — MONDAY

Joan Crawford in
"DREAM OF LOVE"
Also News and Comedy.
10c — 25c

WEDNESDAY

SEVEN FOOTPRINTS TO SATAN
Also Comedy.
10c — 20c

THURSDAY — FRIDAY

Corrine Griffith in
"SATURDAYS CHILDREN"
Also News and No. 12 of The Col-
legians.
10c — 25c

COMING—Greta Garbo - John Gil-
bert in "A Woman of Affairs". Also
News and Comedy.

COMING SOON
TALKING - SINGING PICTURES

From The Pigeon Progress, June 7,
1929
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Joe's Refrig. Sales & Service

DeLaval Milkers
And Vacuum and Atmospheric
Bulk Coolers

Clay Barn Equipment
Admiral Appliances
Wilson Bulk Coolers
Weco Milk-Veyors

38 N. Main Pigeon Ph. 131R3

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1960

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HUMOR

No one should revile the weatherman
for failure to bring off his snowstorms ac-
cording to schedule. He has as good a
right to guess as anyone else.

From The Pigeon Progress, January
7, 1910
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FREE GOVERNMENT LAND

There are still thousands of acres of
government lands in the states of Wash-
ington and Oregon, also prairie and tim-
ber lands near railroad or water commu-
nication, that can be bought for \$5 per
acre and upwards. Finest climate in the
United States. No failure of crops. If you
wish to raise grain or the finest stock on
earth, you will find locations in these two
states where you can do this to perfec-
tion. Take your choice. I have no lands for
sale, but if you want information where it
is best to locate, call on me when in St.
Paul or write me at corner Third and Ro-
sabel streets, St. Paul, Minn.

R. E. WERKMAN

From The Pigeon Progress, July 6, 1900
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CUT IN COAL PRICES PREDICTED

Federal Trade Commission Condemns
Exorbitant Profits.

Washington—Predicting a cut in re-
tail hard coal prices and condemning
a September 1 boost of more than 10
cents unless miners' wages are in-
creased, the federal trade commission
has declared that dealers who raise
their prices will be guilty of profiteer-
ing.

The statement was issued after a
heated session between the commis-
sion and representative Washington
coal dealers whose profits, in the op-
inion of the commission based on the
dealers' own figures, have been exces-
sive on both bituminous and anthra-
cite coal in the last few months.

According to the figures, gross pro-
fits on bituminous coal sometimes
were as high as \$5 a ton and the net
profits on anthracite were \$1.25 to
\$1.35 a ton. These profits were de-
clared unjustified.

From The Pigeon Progress, August
17, 1917

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From the pages of The Progress-
Advance, Fifty three years ago, July 23,
1970: Pigeon Krazy Daze are set for this
weekend, with sidewalk sales, chicken
barbecue by Pigeon Rotary Club, bake
sale by varsity cheerleaders, street
bazaar and bake sale by First United
Methodist WSCS and rummage sale by
Pigeon Junior Woman's club, among
events planned.

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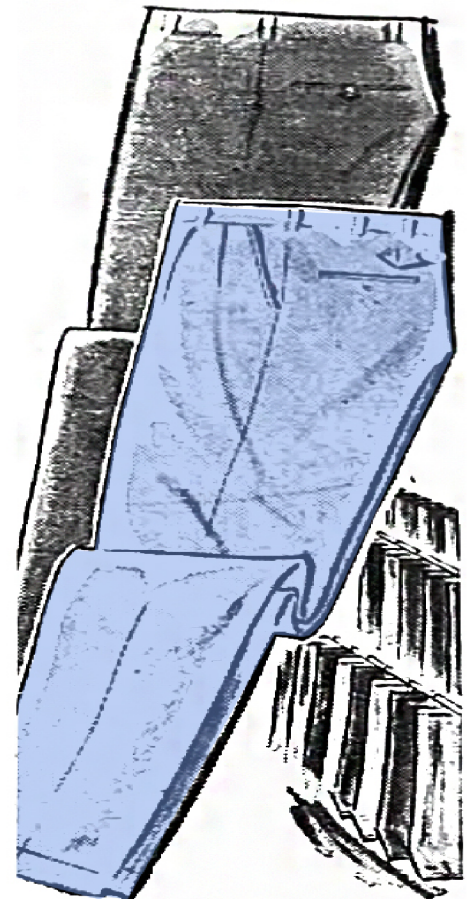
JUST THINKS

Poverty is no sin, but it's damed incon-
venient.

From The Pigeon Progress, April 3,
1942

SLACKS In Lightweight Fabrics

Just Right for Summer
Are These C-O-O-L
Slacks. Just Right
For Your Pocket-
book, Too ! !



Wash 'n' Wear

Hubbard Trousers

The Best for Less
Guaranteed

Altered and Steam-
Pressed - No Charge

\$5.95 Up

WRIGHT'S Men's Store

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