

*"If Only The Walls Could Talk"*

## A Tribute to MariAnn Dast



**MariAnn Marie Dast**

A Personal Letter By MariAnne  
excerpted from the  
*Pigeon Diamond Jubilee* book

Dear Friends,

Our Diamond Jubilee book contains many very interesting histories, but being only one generation removed from Europe leaves me with a very abbreviated American ancestral history; therefore, permit me to digress!

My thoughts are dedicated to a few people who have been influential in my life and to whom I am profoundly grateful. I wish to give them a little place in Pigeon's History.

First, my father, Henry Neurath, whose name means "new council" and probably had political forebears. This "gentle" man was born in 1901 near Marburg, the "University City" of its area. It stands in the shadow of the great "schluss" or castle on the hill, where in 1529, the Reformer, Martin Luther, conferred with another reformer, Zwingli. It is from this historic area that my father came to America, "the land of promise", in 1923. He was 22 years of age when he left that war-ravaged country (soup a-la bark and lard sandwiches). This man, my father, loved people and scorned prejudice. A true patriot, he tried to instill in us a deep appreciation of the precious freedoms of Democracy. "Stand tall", he said, "Look the world in the eye and be content with your lot in life, garnering patience and humility on the way."

He was struck down early in life with illness and his patience and courage were an example I shall carry with me always. "Thanks, Daddy, for being such a great and



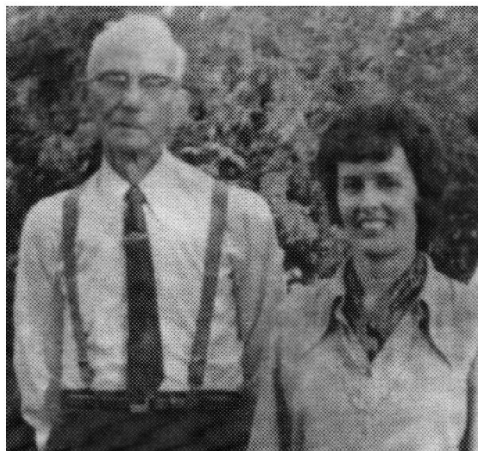
Henry Neurath

loving guy.

At the age of twenty-eight, he married Frieda Rathke (name also denoting council member). Their lot in life together was to be short, but it was a very happy marriage. Their offspring are myself (MariAnne Mai) and Herbert Henry, both residing on Clabuesch Street in Pigeon.

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The next person to whom I say "thanks" is Otto Woelke, for to me, he was a teacher above and beyond the call of duty. It is difficult to enumerate the avenues of interest he opened to me. He cared if we absorbed knowledge and often gave a portion of his noon hour to tutor slow students. On rainy days he read stories to us during recess and made them "come alive" stories of Lincoln, and Longfellow's "Legend of Sleepy Hol-



Teacher Otto Woelke &  
Student MariAnne Dast

low". He made me "see" the headless horseman. He read the beautiful "Song of Hiawatha" and the shores of Gitche Gumeew, our awesome Lake Superior, came alive with truth and legend, the gamut from calm swells to raging seas.

Mr. Woelke constantly whetted our curiosity on annual spring hikes to Baur's woods. This was a time when one could still pick wild flowers. We explored the swamps, the "wilderness" (as a child, it seemed so) and identified blossoms, trees and birds. It was easy to visualize the heavenly expanse for we used the universe as our model as Mr. Woelke explained the galaxy. He taught us a bit of agriculture and chemistry. This knowledge is of use to me today as I deal with plants, soils, fertilizers, etc.

Most of all, "thanks" for the Biblical-based religious training, which was the highest of all the educational gifts he gave his students. "Thank you, Mr. Woelke."

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Another "Thank you" I give to Pastor Emil George Richter, a giant of a man in the manner of religion. He came to Berne, (Pigeon, Michigan) in 1939 and retired in 1950. He was an avid baseball and football enthusiast who spent many a recess with Mr. Woelke involved in games with the school children. Yes, "Thank you, Pastor Richter".

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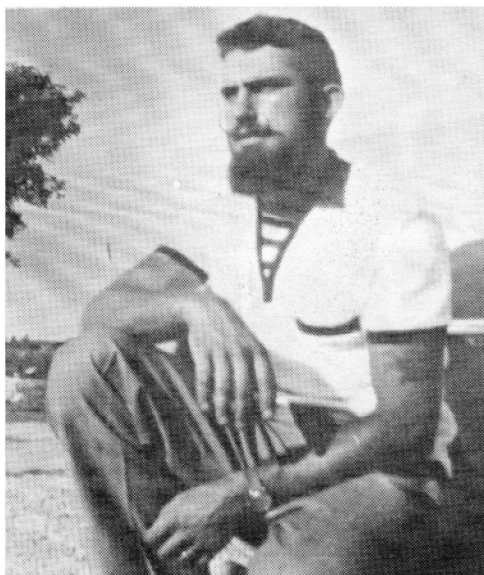
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And a special "Thanks" to Carl Dast, a loyal friend who is my advisor, my hunting companion for fossils, rocks, mosses, etc., my fishing partner and my morale booster with his tales and antics of the past. "This great guy is the only person I know who can drink a glass of water while standing on his head." "Great fun we 've had with ye, laddie, and luv ya."



Carl Dast

My highest "thanks" goes to my dear husband, Clare. "Thanks for 'putting up' with a wife of artistic temperament." He is to be commended for his civic mindedness, honesty to himself in dealing with others and for his talents in furniture refinishing and wood working. I shall always cherish the lovely



Carl Dast in 1953, Pigeon Golden Jubilee

pieces he has made for me.

"Thanks for your infectious sense of humor, Clare, it bolsters me through blue spells."

I thank him for our three children, Michael, Jacquelyn (Dast) Redman of Pigeon and Michelle of Dallas, Texas.

In conclusion, "Thank you, Clare, for the old historic home you purchased for our "Flowers by MariAnne". It is one of the pioneer show places that needed a friend to restore its beauty. I invite you all to come in and enjoy its loveliness.

Clare and I hope the restoration of this unique old home has added a touch of pride to the appearance of our great town of Pigeon, celebrating its 75th anniversary. Our hope is that it will continue to be a place for "The Good Life".

Thank you for letting me share my sincere sentiments. MariAnne Dast from Flowers by MariAnne.



## Marianne Marie Dast

90

Pigeon, MI

Date of Birth: April 19, 1931

Date of Passing: April 24, 2021

Funeral Date: May 01, 2021

Champagne Funeral Chapel

### Funeral Information

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 1st at St. John's Evan. Lutheran Church, Berne with Rev. Steve Neuman officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Friends may gather at church beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to Martin Luther College Scholarship fund or the charity of your choice.

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### Family of the Deceased

She is survived by her two daughters, Jacquelynn Edwards and husband Daniel of Bad Axe and Michelle Braunschweig and her husband Richard of South Carolina; grandchildren: John Redman and daughter Madison, and friend Meera Buckner, Maria Redman, son Nicholas, Amanda and David Ross, Jeremiah and Elizabeth. Michael Braunschweig and Candice Jones, Jeremy and Sarah Braunschweig, daughters Addison and Isla, Stephen and Brittany Braunschweig, Timothy and Briana Braunschweig, sons Greyson and Beau, two sisters-in-law Lois Dast and Elaine Neurath and numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces and was loved by all of them.

### Biography

MariAnne Marie Dast, 90, of Pigeon, went

to her heavenly home on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care. She joined her husband Clare, and son, Michael in heaven. She was highly active in her church, St. John's Evan. Lutheran-Berne, including a Sunday School teacher, choir, Women's Society, teacher's helper at the Christian day school and a willing volunteer. MariAnne was a business owner of Flowers by MariAnne in Pigeon and held an FTD District President position. She was also interested in her community and volunteered and served on several committees. Some of those include Right for Life, Pigeon Historical Society, the Huron Co. Nature Center, the Ladyslipper Festival, V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary, and 4-H leader. MariAnne was passionate about God's creation of nature and loved her gardens, her woods and her birds. She never met a stranger and was friendly to all she met. Her beautiful gardens were open to all to come through at any time.



From the pages of *The Pigeon Progress*, Seventy-two years ago, April 1, 1949: S&S Motor Sales, Pigeon, received word from the Kaiser-Frazer head offices in Willow Run of a slash in auto prices of almost 15% and varied between \$244 and \$341, according to Omar Swartzendruber.



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### Talent and Genius

"Yes, sir," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "there's a difference between talent and genius. I was at a Salvation Army meeting on a street corner once, where the leader, a bright fellow, made a most excellent speech and then called for contributions to help the cause along. He got just 32 cents. Then one of the women started a hymn. She managed to sing it to the tune of Dixie, and I give you my word there was one gray-headed old colonel in the that fought his way forward and dropped in \$5 bill in her tambourine. That was genius."

*The Pigeon Progress*, January 3, 1903



From the pages of *The Pigeon Progress*, Fifty years ago, December 16, 1971: Detroit Edison will close its customer office in Pigeon next month.

## FARMER'S SUMMERFEST

**JULY 15-18, 2021**

Events listed in **Bold type** are **FREE Events!**

**(EF) - Entry Form Required**

### Thursday, July 15th

**8 a.m.** . . Garage Sale Weekend Kickoff (EF).  
Maps available at Local Businesses & Online.  
Register by July 1  
**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** . . Sidewalk Sales at Local Businesses  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** . . **Historical Museum Open House**  
**10 a.m.** . . Ladies Golf Tourna.m.ent (EF) Scenic Golf & CC, Organized by North Star Bank, Esther Hill 453-3999  
**11 a.m. - 9 p.m.** . . Food Trucks, Pigeon Rec Park  
**4 p.m. - 10 p.m.** . . Happy Hour & Food at the Pigeon Event Center, Sponsored by Winsor Fire Dept  
**7 p.m.** . . **Scheurer Kiddie Cruise** (EF), 1/4 mile race ages 5-10 Registration at Scheurer LTC Parking Lot  
**8 p.m.** . . Pigeon Sunset Classic 5k Run/Walk (EF), Scheurer LTC Parking Lot, Sponsored by Scheurer Health

### Friday, July 16th

**8 a.m.** . . Garage Sale Weekend  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** . . Farmer's Market/Crafters, Municipal Parking Lot.  
**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** . . Sidewalk Sales at Local Businesses  
**10 a.m.** . . **Laker Legacy Center Tour**, Pick up at The Pigeon Band Shell  
**10 a.m.** . . Men's Golf Tourna.m.ent (EF) at Scenic Golf & CC, Organized by Brett McBride and Brody Beachy, 453-3350  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** . . **Historical Museum Open House**  
**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** . . **Art Show**, Downtown, Sponsored by GFWC Pigeon Area Women's Club  
**11 a.m. - 10 p.m.** . . Food Trucks, Pigeon Rec Park  
**11 a.m.** . . **Pickle Ball Clinic**, Recreation Park/Band Shell,  
Sponsored by Raymond James, Organized by The Bad Axe Pickle Ball Association  
**12:00 p.m. - 3 p.m.** . . **Kids Games** Hosted by Main Street & Michigan Ave. Businesses: A.m.y's, A&D, Pigeon Hardware, Agri-Valley Services, Pigeon Telephone, Thumb Cellular, Bailey Insurance, Har-Jo's Ben Franklin, Haist Flowers, Pigeon Historical/Berne Junction, Thumb Bank and Trust, Blush Beauty Bar, Orr's Drug Store, Pigeon Dental, Scheurer Vision, Pigeon Police Dept., \*Town & Country Salon, \*Scheurer Health  
*\*these event hosts located in the Municipal parking lot*  
**3:00 p.m.** . . **Kid's Parade** with Transportation Services Theme. Line up at 2:30 at District Library Walk to Pigeon Rec Park,

Organized by Chris Swartzendruber  
**3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.** . . **Magician, Juggler and Comedian "PJ Weber"**, Band Shell, Sponsored by Supporters of Farmer's Summerfest  
**6 p.m. - 10 p.m.** . . **Cool 2 Duel Dueling Pianos**, Band Shell, Sponsored by Supporters of Farmer's Summerfest  
**7 p.m.** . . **Beautiful Baby Crowning, Princess & Prince Crowning, Festival Queen Crowning**, Band Shell, Sponsored by Pigeon Chamber of Commerce, Thumb Bank & Trust and Bay Port State Bank. Organized by North Star Bank

### Saturday, July 17th

**8 a.m.** . . Garage Sale Weekend  
**9 a.m. - 9 p.m.** . . Laker Friends and Family Co-ed Softball, Ball Park  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** . . Farmer's Market/Crafters, Municipal Parking Lot  
**9 a.m.** . . Sidewalk Sales at Local Businesses  
**9 a.m.** . . **Zwemmer's Dairy Tour**, Pick up at The Pigeon Band Shell  
**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** . . **Art Show**, Downtown, Sponsored by GFWC Pigeon Area Women's Club  
**11 a.m. - 11 p.m.** . . Food Trucks, Pigeon Rec Park  
**11 a.m.** . . **Grand Parade**, Downtown  
**12 p.m. - 9 p.m.** . . **Kid's Inflatables**, Rec Park  
**12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.** . . **BINGO**, Rec Park, Organized by GFWC, Pigeon Area Women's Club, Lisa DiCamillo 453-3237  
**1 p.m. - 4 p.m.** . . **BNT Band**, Band Shell, Sponsored by Supporters of The Pigeon Farmer's Summerfest  
**1 p.m. - 4 p.m.** . . **Wheel of Fortune**, Recreation Park, Organized by Pigeon Lions Club  
**2 p.m.** . . **Corn Hole Tourna.m.ent**, Rec Park, Registration at 1 p.m., Organized by A. Johnson Portables 989-550-5474  
**2 p.m.** . . **Kids Pedal Tractor Pull**, Registration at 1 p.m., Sponsored by Bay Port State Bank, Organized by Laker FFA Alumni  
**3 p.m.** . . **Kids Games**, Followed by **Kids Watermelon Eating Contest**, Organized by Blue Water YFC and Pigeon Summer Rec  
**3 p.m.** . . **Mini Tractor Pull**, Behind Ball Park, Sponsored by E. Glenn Phillips Used Trucks & Equip Sales and Thumb Truck LLC, Organized by Al Collison  
**6 p.m. - 11 p.m.** . . **Sinclair's Band**, Band Shell, Sponsored by Supporters of Farmer's Summerfest  
**7 p.m.** . . **On Stage Contest**, Band Shell Stage  
**8 p.m.** . . \$2,500 Cash Raffle Drawing  
**Dusk** **FIREWORKS** Show, Recreation Park

### Sunday, July 18th

**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** . . **Auto & Motorcycle Show**, Downtown, Sponsored by Pigeon Dental  
**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** . . **Antique Tractor Show**, Downtown, Organized by Thumb Two Cylinder Club  
**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** . . Food Trucks, Pigeon Rec Park  
**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** . . **Art Show**, Downtown, Sponsored by GFWC Pigeon Area Women's Club  
**11:15 a.m.** . . **Community Worship Service**, Rec Park Tent  
**Noon - 3 p.m.** Pigeon Historical Society Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal  
**12 p.m. - 3 p.m.** . . Pigeon Historical Society Ice Cream Social, Farmers Market  
**1 p.m.** . . **Mini Tractor Pull**, Behind Ball Park, Sponsored by E. Glenn Phillips Used Trucks & Equip Sales and Thumb Truck LLC, Organized by Al Collison  
**1 p.m. - 3 p.m.** . . Pigeon Rotary Disc Golf Tourna.m.ent, Rotary Hill  
Coolers are Permitted at Recreation Park



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*From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, One hundred twelve years ago, April 2, 1909: \$25,000 buys a good farm, 80 acres, all improved, orchard, rock well, frame house, barn and granary, 4 1/2 miles from Bad Axe.*

*From the pages of The Pigeon Progress, Seventy-five years ago, December 6, 1946: Annual banquet of Pigeon Worth While club was held Tuesday evening in the library rooms when members entertained their husbands.*

## Recollections of By-Gone Days by George Keim



Once in a while when I write, I have to think to myself, "Did I write about this before or is this the first time I've written about it?" Well, I've been around a long time and a lot of things have happened in 80 years. I sure can't remember nearly everything that happened in that time. Once a well-meaning boy asked me if I can remember about the Great Fire

of 1881. Well, that's one thing I don't remember, but I did talk with several people who were here when it happened.

I can remember when World War I was going full blast and I remember the teacher told us kids that if we lose the war, the Kaiser would come and get us.

Well, I didn't know who the Kaiser was, but somebody told me the Kaiser was the German King.

Once when I was in Amsterdam, Holland, my daughter took me to a wax museum and there was the Kaiser standing there along with Jack Kennedy, Elvis Presley, the Queen of Holland and Jimmy Carter. I told the Kaiser I wasn't scared of him when I was just a little kid and he just looked at me! I've been to several wax museums and the things look real natural.

I know one thing that scared kids as much as anything and that was if a man told you if you didn't behave, he'd cut your ears off.

Once, I and two other boys were playing around the cattle yards, which were where the Co-op fertilizer plant is now. There was a little calf in one of the pens and one of the boys went in and scared the calf. The owner came and told us to go home or he'd cut our ears off.

Well, we ran as fast as we could and I fell down. We got back of a barn and looked every once in a while, to see if the man was coming. We stayed away from him for awhile.

Back in those days, we respected the older people and when we went to school, if the teacher told us to behave, we behaved. If you didn't, she'd get her strap or rubber hose out and use it. If you went home and told your parents about it chances were that you'd get another licking. Now a lot of teachers are

afraid of the kids or their parents, but the kids aren't afraid of anybody.

In Proverbs 10:7 it says, "The memory of the just is blessed."



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*The Progress Advance - April 23, 1954*

From the pages of *The Pigeon Progress*, One hundred years ago, December 30, 1921: More than 100 attended the seventh alumni banquet at Pigeon High School. New officers are Vern Geiger and Mrs. Hugo Leipprandt. William Baur and Walter Bedford gave a musical number. A dance at Anklam's Hall ended the evening.

## STRUCK BY TRAIN

### Aug. Rathke and Family Meet With Accident.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred in Pigeon on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. August Rathke and three children were the occupants of a surry drawn by one horse and were on their way to church. When passing over the crossing of the P. O. & N. Ry. at Leipprandt Bros. elevator the rig was struck by a freight train coming from the north.

The occupants were thrown out and the surry was completely wrecked. Mrs. Rathke was injured though fortunately not seriously. Mr. Rathke and the children received slight injuries.

To those who witnessed the accident it seemed a miracle how any of the occupants of the rig escaped without more serious injury.

## FIRE PROTECTION.

Every day you pick up the daily papers and read of some small town being destroyed by fire, the result of not having proper protection. Such will be our fate if we don't secure the preventatives.

Last evening a meeting was held in the Winters hall, and the matter was thoroughly discussed. A committee was appointed to see what money could be raised for the purpose.

When a member of that body comes to you, don't say that nothing can be done, and try to discourage the whole project, as one of our citizens at the meeting tried to do. If you can only afford fifty cents, give that; don't think because you can't come up to your neighbor, you should stay out.

*The Progress Advance April 1, 1898*

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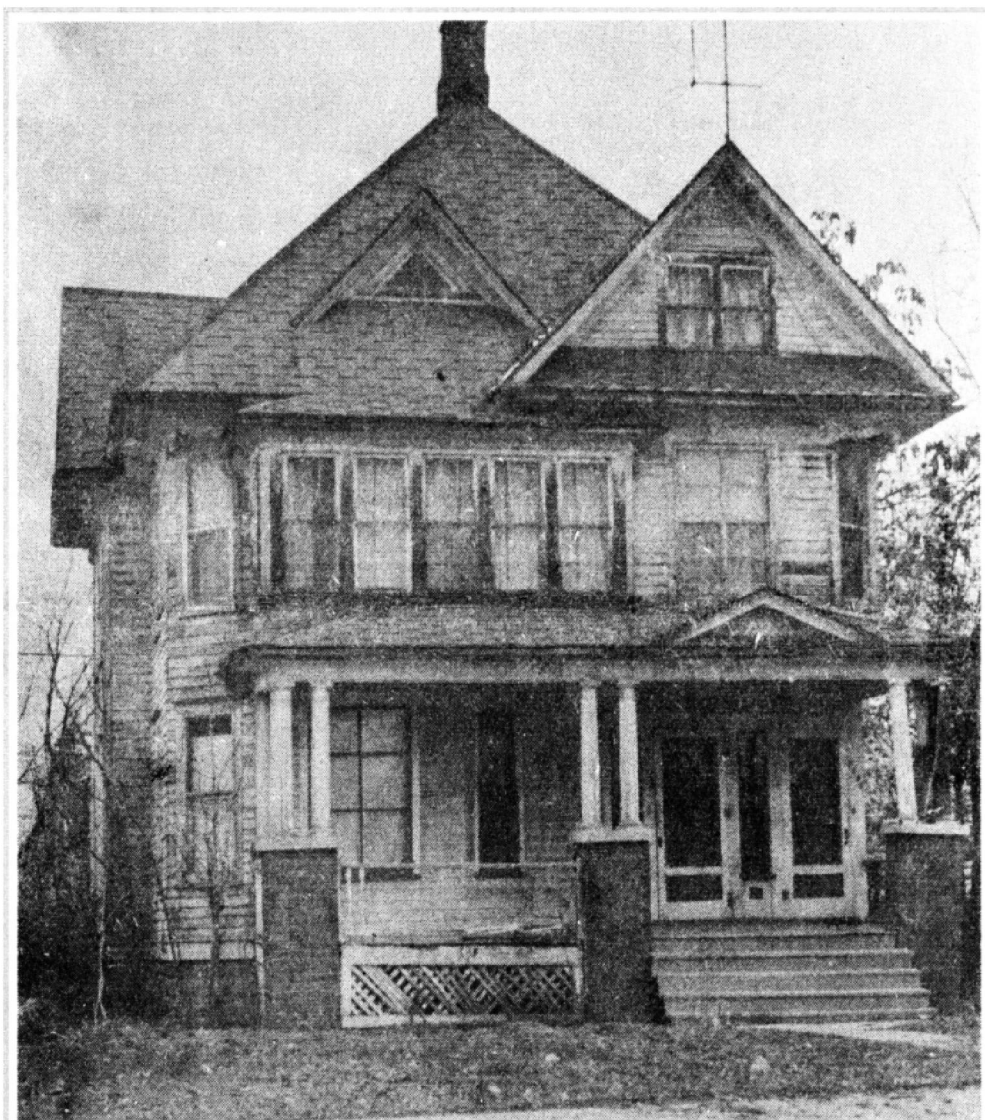
*The Progress Advance - April 15, 1898*

## F. & A. M. Installation.

Winsor Lodge No. 420 F. & A. M. held its annual installation of officers Friday evening of last week. The ceremonies were public and were very largely attended. After the work at the lodge room had been completed all repaired to the dining room of the Hotel Heasty where Landlord Farrar and his able assistants had arranged a most excellent supper. The occasion was a pleasant one for all.

*Above & left*

*The Pigeon Progress - January 3, 1913*



The "Wurm House" has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Clare Dast and by December 1 will be the new home of Flowers by MariAnne. Renovation of the house will include pale gold aluminum siding and brown window trim. The flower shop will occupy the main floor, while the upper two stories will remain rental units. A work area will be or organized in the basement. Werner Clabuesch, whose law office is immediately west of the Michigan Avenue home, acquired the building in 1949 and sold it to the Dast's last month. Date of construction is not known, but it pre-dates 1909, when it was purchased by John Wurm and given the nick-name still remembered by many long-time Pigeon residents. *From The Progress Advance - November 11, 1976*

#### The Matter With It.

"What is the matter with my poem?" asked the amateur contributor; "isn't the meter all right?"

"Oh, yes," replied the editor, "the meter is excellent."

"I think if you look again you will find that the rhymes are faultless."

"The rhymes are very good, quite ingenious, I might say."

"Then why do you decline it?"

"You have forgotten to say anything."

*The Progress Advance - January 17, 1908*

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#### School News.

The examination in botany just before New Years let through only two pupils. Another examination is to be given Wednesday. Some more who have been reviewing well, will, no doubt get through this time. All credits must be earned, and well earned.

Oscar Voelker entered school Tuesday. The enrollment of the high school is now 39. Just one more pupil in the high school, and then another teacher will be asked for.

With the close of the present school year, Mr. Muma will cease teaching school in Pigeon. Next year, a new man will be at the head of educational affairs, and it makes us think now of: "A new broom sweeps clean, But an old one finds the corners best." Mr. Muma will enter the University of Michigan and study for an A. B. degree. We hope the "Profs" down there will make him study like he does us.

*The Pigeon Progress - January 10, 1908*

At the election last Monday the following township officers were elected:  
Supervisor—Edwin Tarry.  
Clerk—C. N. Brown.  
Treasurer—Wm. Heune.  
Highway Commissioner—Wm. Hilyer.  
Justice full term—Harvey Dutcher.  
Justice fill vacancy—A. Petty.  
Member Bd. Rev—Peter Petty.  
School Inspector—Chas. Steele.

*The Progress Advance April 1, 1898*



Excerpted from A STORY OF MY LIFE -  
By Florence Gwin

### Christmas at Grandma Morse's...

One of the outstanding Christmases was when I was seven years old. Father drove the horses and the little red sleigh he had made up to the door. The horse blankets had been put over the two seats to help keep us warm. The two soapstones had been heated and wrapped in newspapers, ready to be placed in front and in each seat. We climbed in the sleigh and were off to Grandma's. It was a beautiful day. We had quickly tucked the horse hide robes over our knees. While not as nice as buffalo robe, these kept us warm. As usual, we went the Sand Road between Dunn and Filion Roads. The clumps of evergreens on the sides of the road had some snow on their branches, so it was an interesting ride. When dinner time finally came, all of us were in our places at the table: Mother at the opposite end from Grandpa, the men on the long wooden bench at the back of the table. Grandma next to Grandpa, and we youngsters in the rest of the places. Grandpa would stand when the baked chicken was brought to the table, and then he would carve it just as they had done in his old home in Wales. After the main course was eaten, Grandma always brought on the dessert; a plum pudding with delicious sauce. The Morses were shipbuilders and also owned an estate. Grandpa would tell how much he used to enjoy riding his "Little Brown Mare" on the chase. After dinner, we went down to the front room or parlor. It was a cheery room when fire was put in the Franklin stove with the two little doors which could be opened so one could watch the fire burn. A Christmas tree added to our enjoyment. Grandma's gifts were on the floor in front of the tree. Each person's name was on his gift. All unwrapped. The big attraction was on the center

table on the south side of the room. It held the gifts that Uncle John, who was a teacher, had bought for us. We were surely thrilled! Each niece received a small cup and saucer, each different. (I gave mine away before the sale.) Each nephew was given a jackknife. Our Christmas presents usually consisted of something to wear, most often made of wool. In the spring, Grandma used to wash the wool at the edge of the creek. Then she would card the wool and spin it into yarn on her spinning wheel. She used to dye the yarn different colors; black for stockings and red for our mittens. We were glad to have these home-made gifts, but it was a great thrill to have a gift which had been purchased at a store.

### Other Good Times...

Uncle Rob had a little house among the trees just over the small hill. Many were the good times playing with cousins Annie, Bert, and Ernest. We built houses and made tunnels in the beautiful white sand on the hill. Since I have written in detail of those times in my writing of the Morse History, I will not use up the space here.

### Visiting the Schluchter Twins...

The twins, Walter and Wallace, were a little older than I. They sometimes came to our home to spend the evening. They were quite small when they came so Father would get out the magic lantern with its little oil lamp and slides with four pictures on each slide. These slides could be pushed through so it was like a moving picture. The twins spoke German when one particular slide passed through. They would laugh and giggle and talk German. While we couldn't understand what they said, we knew they really enjoyed that slide. After the slides we played games. We always kept ours in the organ in the space intended for hymn books. We had Checkers, Old Maid, Peter Coddle's Trip to New York, Authors, and News Boy. The last was a rather small cardboard with numbered circles that told of the news boy's route. You used

a spinner to determine how many spaces you could move ahead each turn. If you landed on a certain number, you might be told to move ahead three spaces or back five. The jail was the bad one. You had to stay in jail two turns and then go back home to start over again! It was a game that held you in suspense until the very end. I used that game to entertain youngsters all through the years. Verneta Bouck bought it at my sale, so likely her grandchildren will play it many times as we played it with the twins. Dick and I often spent our evenings at Schluchter's. We generally played "school". Wallace was always the teacher, and Walter the bad boy. Dick was his helper. When we tired of that, the boys got out the BB gun and we fired it, using the brown door knob on the kitchen door as a target. We were lucky we had few ill effects when we hit the target -- which were few and far between as the many small dents on the door testified through the years, until Boucks remodeled the house.



### Editor English Sued for Libel.

Mrs. Hopkins, of Owendale, brought suit against Editor English, of the Huron County Tribune, in Justice Armstrong's court at Owendale one day last week on a charge of libel. It appears that the Tribune contained an article several weeks ago stating that Mrs. Hopkins had used language on a certain occasion, unbecoming a lady. Justice Armstrong rendered a verdict in favor of the complainant. It is reported that Editor English will carry the case to the circuit court.

According to the testimony given, it seems that the Tribune had no occasion to publish the article in question. In Owendale Mrs. Hopkins is spoken of very highly and many express their disapproval of the action of the Bad Axe paper.

*The Pigeon Progress - January 10, 1908*

## 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)

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

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

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