

The Past In Print

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90 YEARS AGO APRIL 20, 1900

Otto Mavis of Winsor Township is building a new farm home. Mrs. R. W. Brink and daughter are visiting in Bay Port for a few days. Charles Czaplka has been given the contract to paint all the houses in the Quarry. Henry Eimers has been appointed dog warden of Winsor Township. The Elkton Creamery is being prepared for this season's work and Elkton will enjoy a building boom this year.

On Saturday, Hirschberg's Store of Pigeon will give away absolutely free a 12-dozen egg crate to each customer who will bring in 12 dozen or more eggs. Hirschberg's—the store of flow prices on stylish goods. George Anderson is building a new residence in the Moeller Addition. Haley's comet reaches us too early in the morning to be very popular. Early rose seed potatoes, 25 cents per bushel. John H. Ruby.

Allen Stauffer moved onto the Henry Eichler farm, Chandler Township, which he recently purchased.

70 YEARS AGO APRIL 16, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Richmond have returned from a visit of several weeks to Scotland. Ruth Pedler and George Buerker were married Wednesday. They will make their home in this township. Estella Pfaff of Pigeon, and Harry S. Schmidt of Elkton were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pfaff. They will reside in Elkton.

Mrs. Ellen Quick, 78, died at the home of her son, John, near Weale. She leaves four daughters and four sons. Mrs. Alexander Knaus, 87, died at her home in Caseville Township. She is survived by three daughters and three sons. Population of Pigeon increased 55 in the past 10 years and is now 835. There are eight farms within the village limits. C. C. Adler has been reelected as superintendent of Pigeon Schools and Mr. Highlund will remain another year as coach. There were 36,816 marriages and 11,985 divorces in Michigan in 1929. In Huron County there were 189 marriages and 11 divorces for 1929.

60 YEARS AGO APRIL 18, 1930

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown in Bay Port with a family gathering and program. New officers of the VFW Post in Pigeon, include Neil Libka, John Lelonek, Alford Wichert, Ralph Klein, Joseph McCardle, Werner Clabuesch and Gus Guetloch. Named as notaries public in Pigeon for four years by James M. Hars, Michigan secretary of state, are Mabel Sturm, E. J. Brunni, Elizabeth Hamilton, James Schumacher and Loeda Soldan. Ted Leipprandt showed slides of his recent trip to South America at the meeting of Pigeon Rotary Club. He was assisted by Paul Baur, who also went on the tour.

30 YEARS AGO APRIL 21, 1960

Caseville Library Club will stage a hometown shopping and style show at the school tonight. Chairmen include Iva Horton, Marion Waterworth, Florence Stuart, Christine Houston, Alice LeBlanc, Grace O'Connors, Myrtle Holmes, Anna Kuhn, Mamie Stolzman, Ella Welsh, Margaret Schember, Dorothy Lawton, Dorothy MacAdams and Wanda Morse.

dictorian of the 1970 class of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw. Laura Shetter, first chair flutist in the Laker High School Band, has been selected from among Michigan's top high school flutists to present a solo at the Youth Arts Festival during Michigan Week at Grand Rapids. She won the honor by winning over all other entrants at the state solo and ensemble festival. Carol Voelker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Voelker of Pigeon has become a charter member of the newly formed chapter of the nurses honor society, Sigma Theta Tau, at Michigan State University.

50 YEARS AGO APRIL 19, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Haist of Pigeon entertained their children and grandchildren Sunday in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

40 YEARS AGO APRIL 21, 1950

Mrs. Warren McIntyre and her third grade pupils entertained the Pigeon Worth While Club with a play, "Mother Goose and Her Pantries." Mrs. George Carpenter gave a talk and refreshments were served by Mrs. H. E. Duttweiler, Mrs. Ernest Clabuesch and Mrs. McIntyre. Dr. P. L. Fritz and Dr. Willard P. Haist and their families will attend the state Dental Society convention in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Schultz of Pigeon have returned from a 9,000-mile motor trip to the West Coast. Officers of six Huron County VFW posts and three Auxiliary posts were installed at a joint meeting in Pigeon. Commanders installed from this area included Roy Buerker of Pigeon and Paul Beaver of Elkton. Mrs. Alice Dast was

10 YEARS AGO APRIL 10, 1980

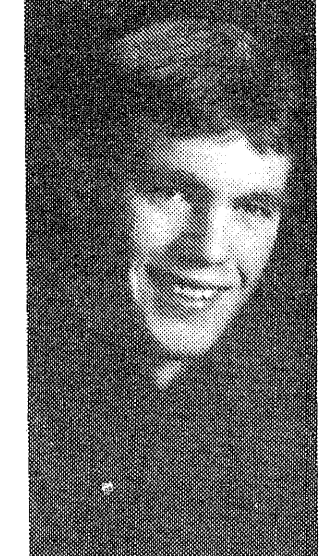
George Beadle hopes to open Beadle Bay III, the largest land development yet on Sand Point, as of May 1. It features 131 residential properties, all with water frontage along a channel ideal for boating and fishing. Hilmar W. Elbing, age 58, of Pigeon, died Saturday, April 5. He is survived by his wife, Lucille; one daughter and two sons. Dr. Theodore C. Belding, age 60, of Lansing, died Saturday, March 29 following a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Bethany and two daughters. Mary Yoder of Caseville has been named Huron County Mental Health's outstanding volunteer for April.

20 YEARS AGO APRIL 16, 1970

An open house will be held April 26 at St. Francis auditorium in Pigeon for the Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Sturm. They have one son, LaVerne, and two grandsons, Gary and Ronald. Lynn A. Thumme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thumme of Elkton is va-

Achievements

Chris Wright of Montrose, grandson of Albert and June Licht of Bad Axe, has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, according to U.S. Rep. Bob Traxler.



Shane Kady, Jennifer Niesler, Michelle Pisarek, Angie Wildman, Jill Wildman.

Thomas J. Kervin of Bad Axe, grandson of the late Don and Etta Sturm of Pigeon, was recently named to the academic honor's list at Spring Arbor College. Kervin maintained a 3.5 grade point average or better during the Fall 1989 semester. A junior, Kervin is pursuing a major in social science.

Owendale - Gageton Schools has announced the honor roll for the third quarter. An "A" denotes "all A's." SENIORS: Bryan Abbe, Ann Carr, Stacy Enderle, Arnie Fritz, Marla Goslin, Krista Grassmann, John Jaworski, Bob Levine, Brent Reehl, Brandy Salcido, Brad Susalla, Dale Tabar, Rich Weisenbach. JUNIORS: Marilyn Abfalter, Michele Glasgow, Genna Grassel, Lori Kadabaugh, Vicki Ricker, Greg Smith, Dave Thomas, Chad Timmons, Kathy Wildman, Mark Zaleski. SOPHOMORES: Angie Gruber, Mickey Parks, Debbie Timmons. FRESHMEN: Shane Martindale, Loretta Rolston. EIGHTH GRADERS: Brandy Parks, Patti Timmons, Jodi Wood. SEVENTH GRADERS: Melody Abfalter, Shana Adkins.

Wright, who will graduate from Montrose Hill-McCloy High School in June, is the son of Sheila Lieber of Otisville and Wayne Wright of Montrose. He has maintained a 4.0 grade point average during four years of high school, and was recently recognized as a member of the All-State Academic Football Team. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Forensics Club, Brain Bowl and the Math Field Day Team. He has been active in

athletics, serving as captain of the basketball team and participating in varsity football and baseball. Wright has been recognized in both football and baseball with First Team All-League honors. In addition, he has been very active in extra-curricular activities. Wright will enroll in the Air Force Academy this summer.

the Midwest, Northeast and Middle South.

CPS President Joe Lee. "Bill Zimmer remains as manager and we have also retained all of the other employees. The biggest effect will be increased products and services for the local farming community backed by a company committed to the agriculture industry." CPS Farm Centers sell fertilizers, crop production chemicals and seed, as well as provide field services. Other Michigan CPS Farm Center locations include Bad Axe, Blissfield, Fairgrove, Homer, Imlay City, Kalova, Linwood, Munger, Owosso, Portland, Saginaw, Samaria and Sandusky. The addition of the Michigan operations brings to 105 the number of facilities operated by CPS in 17 states of

CPS takes over Pigeon's Agrico

Crop Production Services, Inc., based in Tulsa, Okla., has acquired the Pigeon Agrico Chemical Co. Farm Center.

The acquisition was part of a larger transaction that includes all of Agrico's assets and operations in Michigan, including 13 other Farm Centers, a 17,000-ton fertilizer terminal at Saginaw, a terminal and transshipment point at Blissfield and a continuous ammoniation manufacturing facility at Reese.

CPS purchased the operations from Agrico's parent company, Fropport McMoran Resource Partners of New Orleans, La. Local management and staff at Pigeon's Agrico has not changed, according to

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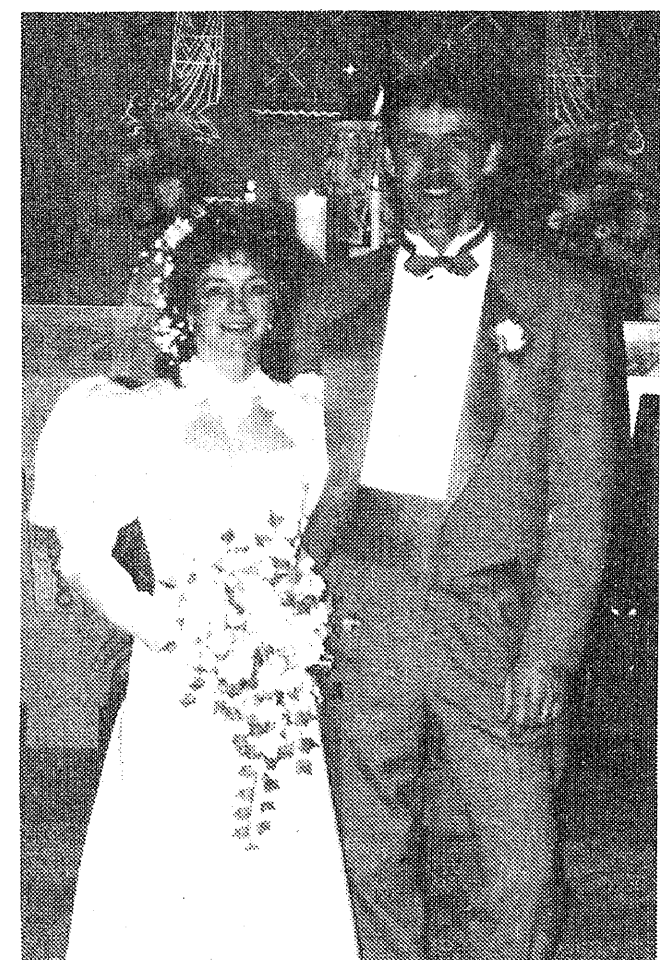
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UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Brown - Thiel

Joyce Ann Thiel and Timothy Royce Brown, both of Bay Port, pledged their lives to each other in a double-

ring ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 3 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. Rev. Fr. Bon Skornia joined the couple in marriage. They are the children of Mr. and



Mrs. Robert Thiel of Pigeon and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collison of Bay Port.

Included in the wedding ceremony were special musical selections "The Wedding Song" and "Annie's Song" performed by Brian Alexander of Bay Port.

The altar was graced with spider mums and pink carnations.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of ivory bridal satin lace with dramatic pouff sleeves ending in slender points. Her headpiece was draped with lilies of the valley, accented with pearls and fingertip veiling.

The bridal bouquet was a silk cascade of ivory roses and sparkling baby's breath.

She asked her sister, Patti Thiel of Pigeon, to be her maid of honor. Rounding out the wedding party were bridesmaids Mary Kreh of Pigeon and Patti Jo Streeter of Unionville, both friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Jennifer and Christin Langley, daughters of the bride.

The bridesmaids wore gowns of teal satin, each designed with a loose-fitting bodice, a lace insert at the rounded neckline and shirred pouff sleeves. A bow

trim gathered in the middle. The junior bridesmaids each wore a white lace sating gown tapered with a bow. They carried bouquets of silk miniature irises.

The groom asked his friend, John Williamson of Caseville, to be his best man, assisted by groomsmen Dave Bouck of Pigeon and Mark Schooley of Bay Port, both friends of the groom.

Hurst - Forge

Kimberley Ann Forge and Eric Hurst of Murfreesboro, Tenn. were married Feb. 24 at Cannonsburg Chapel with Brother Fred Mosley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Forge of Bay Port and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Forge of Bay Port. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hurst of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Attending the bride was Sue Chubb of Waterford and the groom's best man was Scott Sandman of Knoxville, Tenn.

Following the ceremony, both families gathered at the Hurst home for a reception given by the groom's parents. The couple spent their honeymoon in Jamaica and are now living in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Lake-Chandler news

Sonya Lopez of Holt is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh.

Helping to seat wedding guests were ushers Ron Thiel of Pigeon, brother of the bride and Bill Alexander of Bay Port, brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride's mother selected an emerald-green satin skirt and long buttoned jacket, accented with a corsage of ivory roses and baby's breath. The groom's mother chose a taupe silk dress, comple-

mented by a corsage of ivory roses with baby's breath.

The newly-married Mr. and Mrs. Brown greeted guests from Huron County, Lansing and Detroit at a reception conducted at the Sebewaing

Sportsmen's Club. They are now making their home in Bay Port.



Engaged

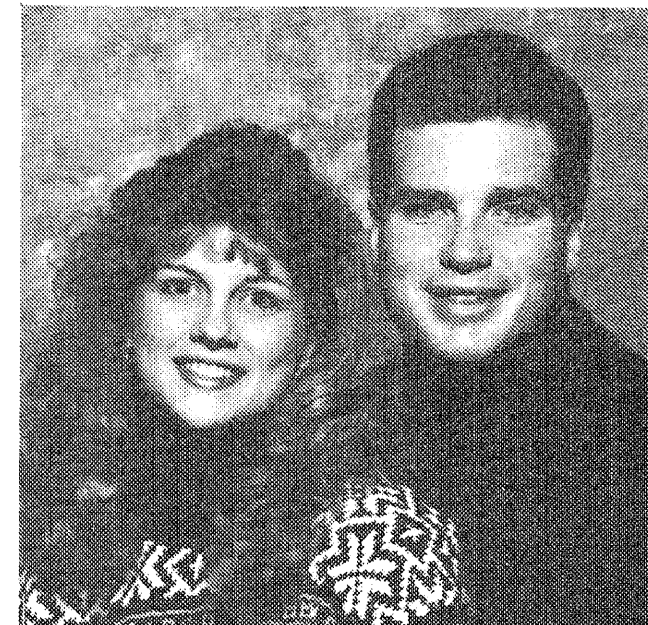


Donavan - MacDowall

Gary and Barbara Donovan of Hazel Park and Robert and George Ann MacDowall of Elkton are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Dawn Sherrie and James B.

The bride-elect, a 1987 graduate of Hazel Park High School, is now a military police officer in the U.S. Army in Bremerhau, Germany. Her fiancé, a 1987 graduate of Laker High School, recently finished his two years of duty in Bremerhau, Germany as a military police officer in the Army. He is now stationed in Orlando, Fla.

The couple plans a Sept. 22 wedding at the Elkton United Methodist Church.



LaVine - Trost

Angela LaVine of Oak Forest, IL and James Trost of Lansing, IL are planning to marry on August 11, 1990.

Angela, the daughter of Judy and Tony LaVine of Oak Forest, IL is a 1987 graduate of Southwest School of Business. She is employed as a personnel assistant by the Chicago Osteopathic Academic Medical Practice Plan Ltd, Olympia Fields, IL.

James, the son of Charlotte Trost of Lansing and Hilmar Trost of Laquinta, CA is a 1988 graduate of the University of Illinois. He is employed as a mechanical engineer by Quantum Chemical Corporation in Morris, IL. He is the grandson of Verneta and Bernard Kuhl, Sebewaing, and Hilda and Chris Trost of Pigeon, and the great-grandson of Pearl Diefenbach of Bad Axe.

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Knock, knock . . . It's your Census taker!

By AMY HEIDEN

By now, everyone knows the U.S. Census is well underway, as the government attempts to count every person in the United States.

The Census Bureau doesn't ask questions about income, number of rooms in a home, or the number and relation of persons living in a home just to be nosy, census officials say. The Constitution requires a census every ten years — and a lot rides on the count.

Congressional districts are realigned because of population increases or decreases, and federal money is often doled out on the basis of the number of people living in an area.

ABOVE AVERAGE: The population in many areas will be counted using only the short census form since five of six homes nationally can get by with the short form.

But in Huron County, every other home will be questioned using the long form, even if they got a short form in the mail. Census workers say that's because Huron has been singled out as one of a handful statewide to provide greater detail.

And no matter the length of the form, every home will be visited by an enumerator, according to Pigeon Area crew leader Eva Bannick.

"Counting this way should help our county, because more people will get counted."

Bannick leads a crew of 10 enumerators, who cover an area bounded by Kilmanagh Road on the south, Dunn Road on the north, Gagelown Road on the east, and the shoreline on the west. "The Census Bureau is putting us in our own area because we know where houses are," Bannick says.

Some folks might be uncomfortable giving personal information to a friend or acquaintance that also happens to be a census enumerator, but "most people have been great," says enumerator Charlene Kleinfeld.

"By the time I come home after doing all the work and filling out all the forms, I can't remember all the details," Kleinfeld says.

Plus, the law requires all workers to keep information they receive confidential. Enumerator Pat Hundersmark says she's had no problems in her work, as most people understand the need for the census.

But she says some people have insisted on looking up records to provide information required on the long form. "If you have a long form, you don't need exact figures. We only want esti-

mates," Hundersmark says. Questions on the long form include yearly costs for electricity, gas or fuel oil, water costs if in town, cost of

homeowner's insurance, monthly mortgage payment, and annual income.

The 10 Pigeon Area enumerators will be working at

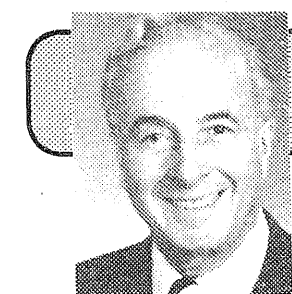
least until the middle of May, Bannick says.

Her crew includes Carol Faist, Mickey Shively, Sue Sting, Nancy Heck, Tony

McArdle, Debby Gorsegnor, Arlene Enderle and Barbara Kroh, along with Kleinfeld and Hundersmark.

U.S. CENSUS CALLING: U.S. CENSUS WORKER Pat Hundersmark of Pigeon knocks on one of the many Pigeon doors assigned to her as part of the Pigeon census crew.

While nationally, most Census forms are to be filled out and returned by mail, Huron County residents are asked to wait until a Census enumerator calls on them at home. One out of every two Huron County homes will be asked to fill out the "long form," which differs from the five out of six figure nationally.



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Now, I have a request. We need an electric shaver, so we can shave ourselves at this center. There are about 60 patients in this program, and our ages range from 25 years old to 75 years old.

Most of us have spent anywhere from five years to 25 years in a mental hospital. I spent 20. We come here every day, and the main reason is that we get the help we need to stay out of the hospital. Our social workers do a wonderful job in helping us. Mental health treatment has come a long way in the last 30 years.

Even if you don't grant our request, we still want you to know that reading your column is a great help.—MR. J.C., Bronx, N.Y.

your image. I'm talking about a previous column where you sent a lady a bed. She requested a new one, because she had to share a bed with her 15-year-old son. You went on to say that what she was doing is unnatural, and the fact that her son didn't protest made you even more uncomfortable. You made that poor woman sound like some pervert! There's nothing unnatural about a mother sleeping with her son, no matter what age he is. If I were this lady, I'd tell you to keep your bed, and I'd go on sleeping where I please. Your mind is cluttered with nasty thoughts, Mr. Ross, but I'd still like to hear your reasons on why this is so wrong. I bet you don't have the nerve to print this letter!—A PREVIOUS ADMIRER, Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAR PREVIOUS ADMIRER: I don't mind printing a letter when a reader disagrees with me. In fact, many times it's our differences which makes life so interesting. However, I remain unyielding in my opinion. A parent who sleeps with his or her adolescent child of the opposite sex is wrong—very wrong. I believe it impairs the child's emotional and physical development. For me to expain in greater detail is simply too graphic for this column.

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DEAR MR. ROSS: I'm fed up! I do all the right things in life, but it gets me nowhere. Do I live off welfare and food stamps? No, I work a minimum-wage job that doesn't cover expenses. Do I smoke, drink or do drugs? No, I remain drug-free and deal with my problems on reality's terms. Do I have children I can't afford? No, I use birth control and take responsibility for my actions.

DEAR MR. C.: I imagine there will be some hand clapping after you read that I'm sending a \$250 check, which should purchase about six Remington shavers. After all, a shave a day helps keep the doctor away!

My only regret is that I can't present my check in person. So, the next time I'm in the Bronx, I hope you'll allow me to join your group on column-reading day. I must warn you in advance, though—since I write the replies, I'm bound to know how the requests will be answered! Until then, my best wishes to you and the group.

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DEAR MR. ROSS: I used to enjoy your column, but you just ruined

So why can't I get ahead in life? I'm beginning to believe I'd be better off if I were irresponsible and lazy. At least I could afford to pay my \$365 worth of past-due utility and phone bills before they shut off service. I'm about three days away from living in total darkness. If you won't assist me, perhaps you can find some empty words of assurance that might glamorize my present state of poverty.—MISS T.L., Fort Wayne, Ind.

DEAR MISS L.: Just because you work, live drug-free and are responsible in your sexual practices doesn't mean the heavens are going to open up and shower you with riches. It does mean, however, that you have a better than average chance of getting ahead if you stick to it. I'd venture to say you have a chip on your shoulder, which may be knocked off if you accept my \$365 to pay for your utilities. You see, it's all right to receive some help along the way—no one said you had to do it all by yourself. Just don't think the world owes it to you.

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