

John H. Doepker, 66, Pigeon merchant, suffered a fatal heart attack, while getting into his car near his store Wednesday at 2:00 p. m.

Mr. Doepker came to Pigeon in 1900 and served as school teacher at the St. John's Lutheran Parochial School, Berne, for five years, following he served as English teacher at the Cross Lutheran Parochial School at Pigeon, five years. He then taught German in the Pigeon High School for two years. He was a graduate of the Woodville, Ohio, College.

Later Mr. Doepker entered the implement business in partnership with his brother, George Doepker, who sold his interests to Emanuel Ramseyer. Mr. Ramseyer sold his interest in the implement business to Roy Damm. The partnership of Doepker & Damm established a Variety Store and later dissolved the partnership. Mr. Doepker continuing in the variety store business which he operated until his death.

Mr. Doepker was a member of the Cross Lutheran church. He was active in church work and served as Sunday School teacher the past five years.

For one term he served as a member of the Pigeon Public School Board.

Mr. Doepker was born in Woodville, Ohio, July 6, 1878. He was united in marriage with Viola Zimmer of Pigeon, on May 12, 1902.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Abbe, Saginaw; Mrs. Nelda Danner, Detroit; two sons, Waldo Doepker, Detroit; Ervin Doepker, Ferndale; seven grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. William Doepker, Pigeon; sister, Mrs. Carrie Berkey, Cleveland, Ohio, and a brother, George Doepker, Ferndale.

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