

PIGEON SIX-YEAR-OLD CHILD ELECTROCUTED

Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kreh Enters Yard of Electric Sub-Station

One of the saddest accidents that has ever happened in Pigeon occurred about three o'clock Monday afternoon when Leonard Kreh, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kreh of this village crawled under the gate of the Detroit-Edison sub-station and was ascending one of the corner posts when he came in contact with a highly charged copper tubing conductor.

His body hung on the metal frame for about 10 minutes before a Detroit Edison service man could be summoned to shut off the circuit and remove the body which was badly burned.

Deputy sheriff John Kavanagh investigated the tragedy with Coroner Paynter. An inquest was held at the scene and the six-man jury brought in a verdict of negligence on the part of the electric company.

Although the dangerous station was surrounded by a high wire fence with barbed strands along the top, and protected by a locked gate and warning signs, officials said that there was a space of nearly 10 inches under the gate through which the boy crawled:

Lawrence Shubach, six, the playmate, told Coroner Russell G. Paynter that he warned Leonard of the danger when the child entered the fenced enclosure to get a bird's nest.

The funeral was held from the home Wednesday and was conducted by Rev. Sumner Young. Burial was in the Bay Port cemetery.
