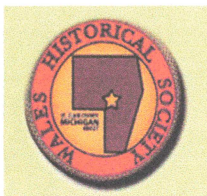


# Wales Historical Society

## 2025 Calendar



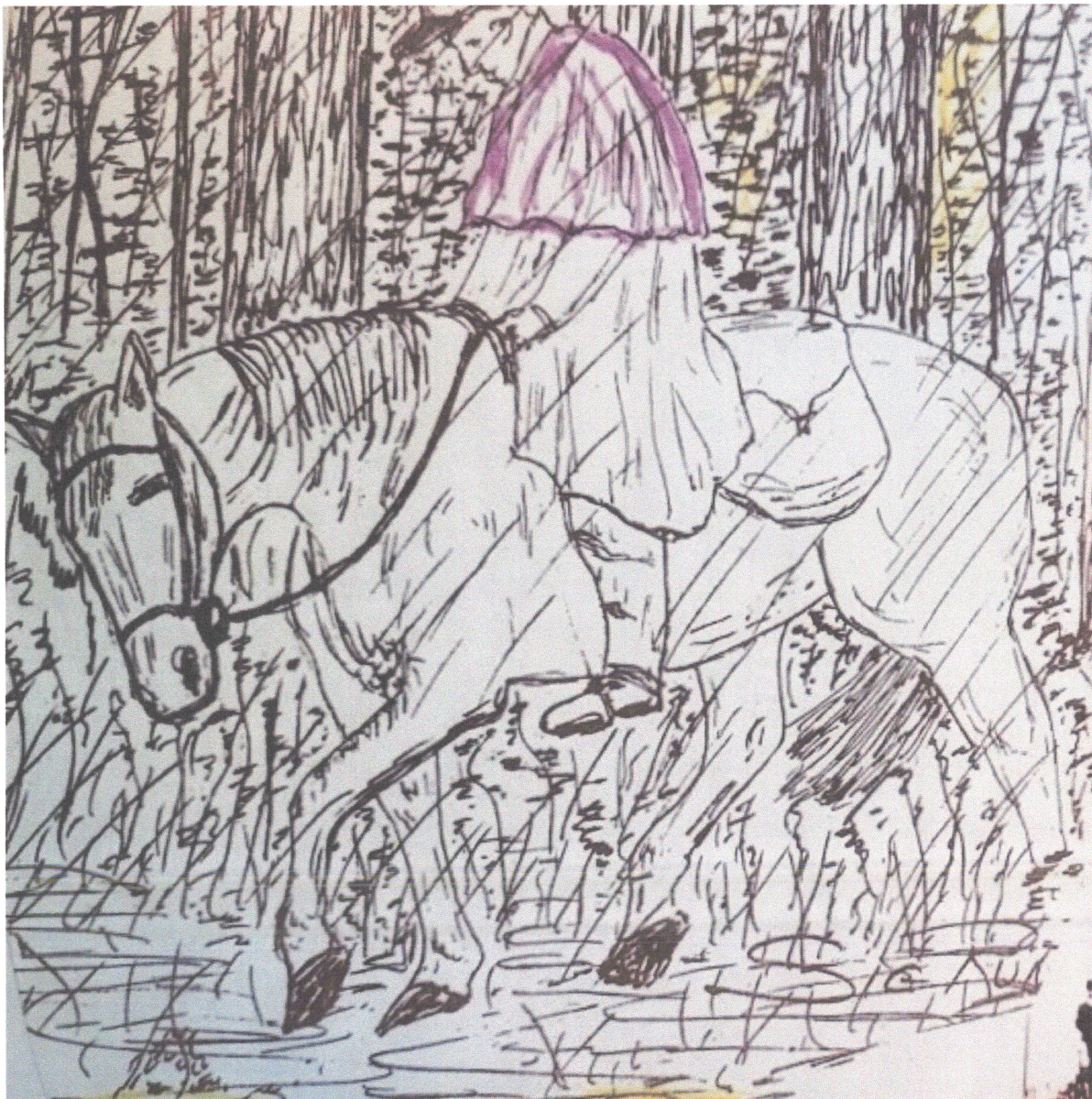
Edward J. and Mable B. Fitz



**Wales Township**  
Celebrating 140 Years  
[www.waleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waleshistoricalsociety.org)

*'So the Present may Learn  
From the Past'*

Goodells Church  
County Park Drive



METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER

"We must reach every section of America, especially the raw frontiers. We must not be afraid of men, devils, wild animals, or disease. Our motto must always be FORWARD!" — Francis Asbury

# January

## 2025

### This Month in History

January 1, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America

January 15, 1876 - Patrons of Husbandry of South Wales, was established. The installation of officers took place at the Wales Schoolhouse. The Acting Master, Joshua Tompkins, was the installing officer.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			New Year's Day			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	MLK Jr Day	27	28	29	30	31
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# The Mudge Log House



- ◊ In 2007, David Mudge, the great great great grandson of Isaac Mudge, Donated Isaac's log home that was built in 1860. The log house and the property it was built on has been in the same family for 148 years.
- ◊ Isaac and his wife had 12 children that lived in the 26ft by 22ft, 1 and 1/2 story log house. The house was located off of Card Rd. in Wales Township.
- ◊ Isaac and his son Horace both served in the Civil War and were doctors.

Dr. Mudge Family Log Home  
Before restoration and moved to  
Goodells Park

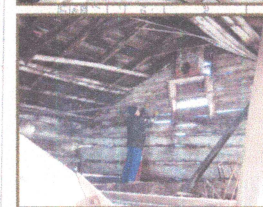
# The Mudge Log House



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# The Mudge Log House



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<< Dr. Mudge Family Log Home  
As restored in current location at the Park

# February

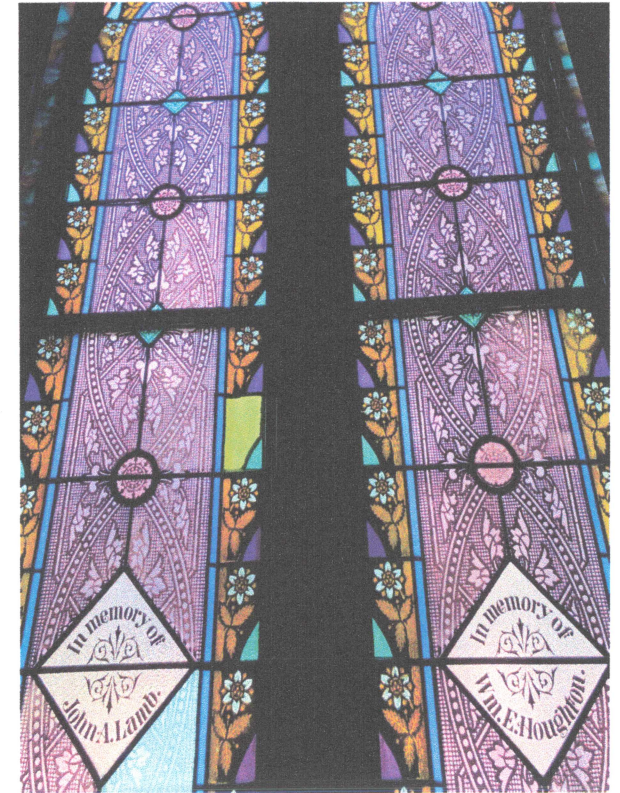
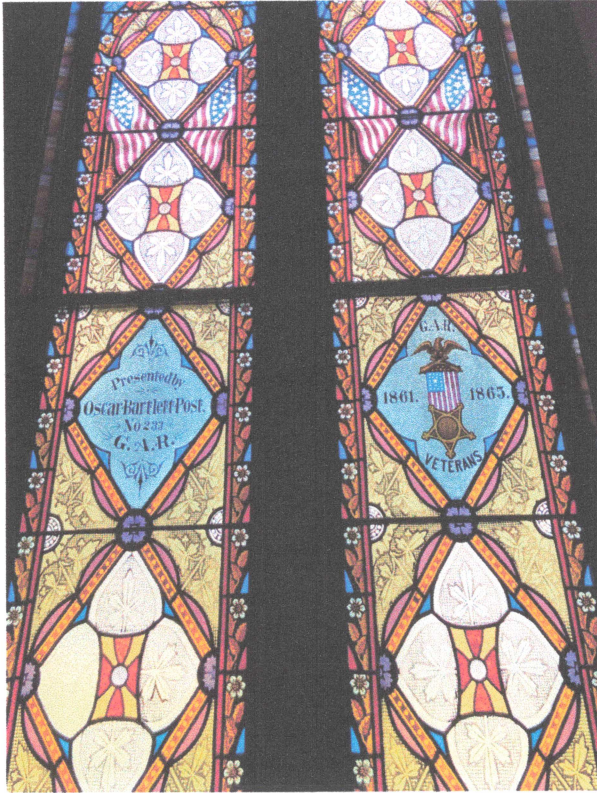
## 2025

### This Month in History

- February 1, 1967: Michigan was the first state to have a border to border interstate freeway when the last link of I-94 was completed.
- February 2, 1936: First players to newly formed Baseball Hall of Fame included Tiger Ty Cobb as well as Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Groundhog Day						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	Valentine's Day	22
	President's Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28	1

# Windows at Lamb's Church



Upper left: Donated by Oscar Bartlett Post G.A.R.

Upper Center: In memory of Mr & Mrs J.P. Smith by Mr & Mrs Wm. Smith

William Sr was the first man to enlist for the Civil War from Wales Township. He was 18 years old and enlisted on April 27, 1861 in Company G, 5th Michigan Volunteer. In 1864 he re-enlisted in Company I, 4th Michigan Infantry with his broth-in-law Squire L Persels.

Upper Right: Donated by memory of John Lamb & Wm Houghton

The town of Lamb Corners formed around the Lumber Mill and Flour Mill operated by John A. Lamb, and the town was named for him Wm Houghton was born in England and came to the United States in 1850 with son's William Jr. and John. They spent three months in New York and then traveled to Lynn Michigan. They were the first settlers to Lynn. They sent for their families in 1852.

<< Lower Left: Lamb's Church located on Cove Rd

# March 2025

## This Month In History

1883 -E. Wales Cemetery was renamed Mt. Pleasant Cemetery after the establishment of Mt Pleasant Church

1869 – St. Clair Co. Poorhouse & Farm established at Smith Creek.

1873 – Poorhouse moved to Goodells.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Saving Time						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	St. Patrick's Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



### *St. Clair County Infirmary*

**Main photo:** These barns, built in the early 1900s, are located at what is now Goodells County Park and currently serve as home to the St. Clair County Farm Museum. These two barns were used by the St. Clair County Infirmary or 'poor farm' as it was often called. The Goodells Infirmary was in operation for over 120 years, serving county residents from 1873 to 1993. **Right inset:** The original infirmary building built in 1873. In 1914 this building burned to the ground in a horrific fire.





# April

## 2025

### Wales Twp in History

1806: 296 registered voters in Wales

1947: Electricity approved for Wales

1962: Poor Farm became St Clair Medical Center

1992: Medical Center Closed down

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		April Fool's Day				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
EASTER		Earth Day				
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

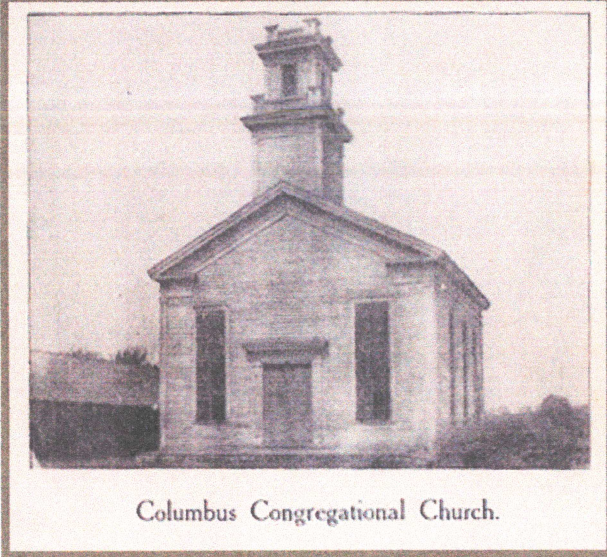
# Coming Soon... Columbus Bible Church

John Gibbs

PINE

ELLEN NEWTON

RIVER



Columbus Congregational Church.



Scale 40ft. = 1 Inch

Geo Webb 77 Chas. Olsen

J. M. Green

Mrs. Catharine Johnson Est

Maccab Hall

Way

M. Denway

Geo. Andrews 10



Fred Black

McCormick 7

Located now at Goodells Park

# May

## 2025

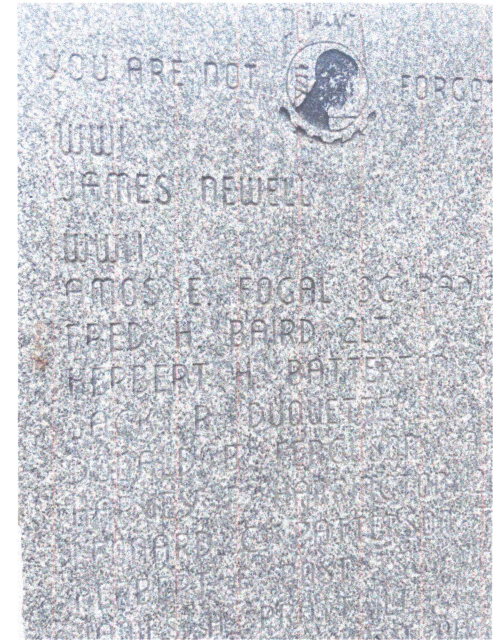
### This Month in History

- May 5, 1961: Alan Shepard becomes 1st American in Space; piloted spacecraft Freedom 7 during 15 minute 28 second suborbital flight.
- 1868: Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day to decorate graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Memorial Day	2	3	4	5	6

# Goodells Park Memorial

Pillars from Dr McCue's home were used for this memorial with 2 POW plaques



# June

## 2025

### This Month in History

June 10, 1889 - Residents of Wales Township decide to build a central meeting place, a "hall".

1889 - Annual Meeting for Wales Township. \$500 is allocated towards the building costs of hall.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Flag Day	
Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	

**-Persels – Fitz Family Farm Picture:Persels**

-Family bought 80 acres in 1866 Hamilton

-Morrison & Wife sold to:

Lewis Persels in July of 1866 for \$700.

-Lewis Persels and Wife Sarahett Persels sold to:

Squire Lafayette Persels in April of 1869 for \$300.00

-Squire Lafayette Persels & Ella Wilcox

Persels deeded to:

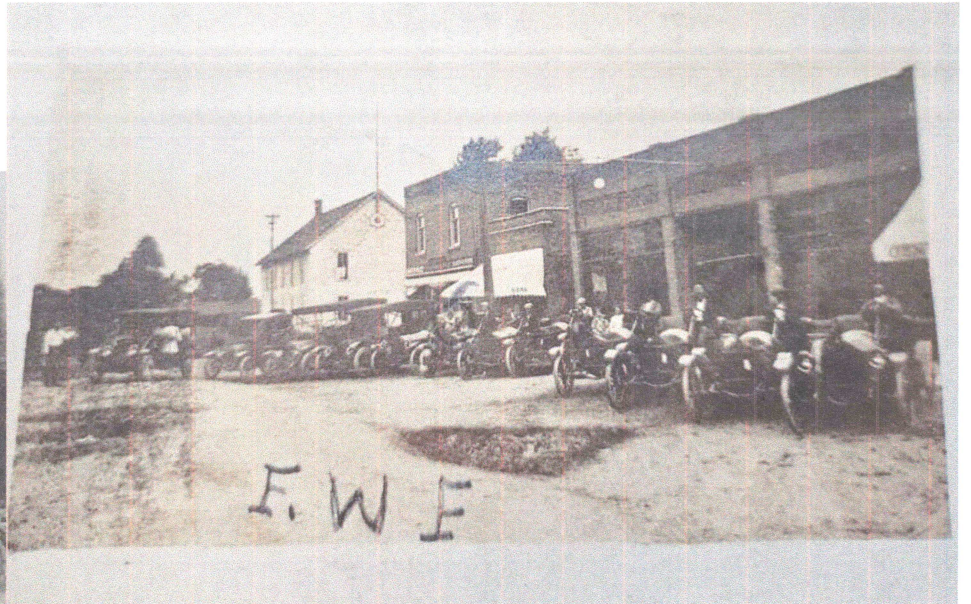
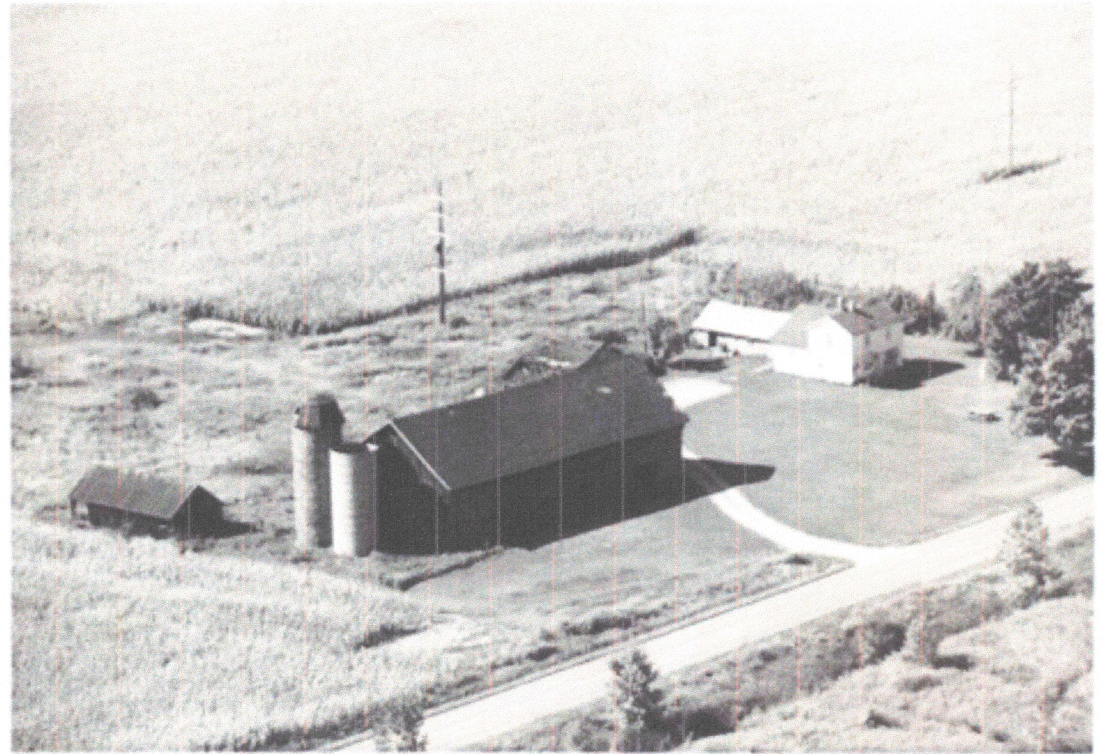
Maude G. Persels Fitz and Frank W. Fitz (Husband) in 1927

-Maude G. Persels Fitz (widow of Frank W. Fitz) sold to:

Squire H. Fitz and Wilda Morris Fitz August of 1958 for \$1.00

-Squire Harry Fitz and mother Maude G. Persels bought the 40 acres West of the 80 acres in April 1949.

-The property is now split amongst the 4 children of Squire Fitz & Wilda Fitz and has been in the family over 150 years.



Later Fitz Ford Dealership

# July

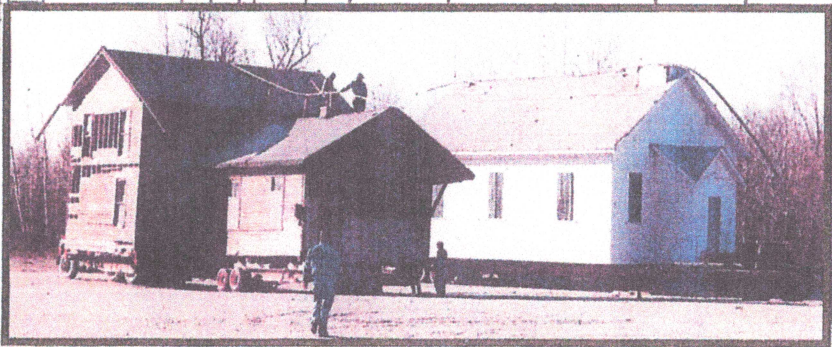
## 2025

### This Month in History

- July 6, 1885: Louis Pasteur prevents Rabies
- July 20, 1969: Moon landing :One giant leap for mankind..."
- July 27, 1953: Korean War ends

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
					Independence Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

# Murphy Ryan Farmhouse



- ◇ The Murphy/Ryan Farmhouse was built in 1872 by Irish immigrant Peter Murphy. The house was located in Kenockee Twp. just a couple of miles from Goodells County Park and it was built for the price of \$1,074.
- ◇ When the son of Peter Murphy, William, died in 1953, the property was inherited by Williams nephew, Peter Ryan.
- ◇ The house was moved to Goodells Park in 1998 and is currently wrapping up a extensive restoration. Plans are to move artifacts into the house which will be on loan from the St. Clair County Farm Museum.



# August

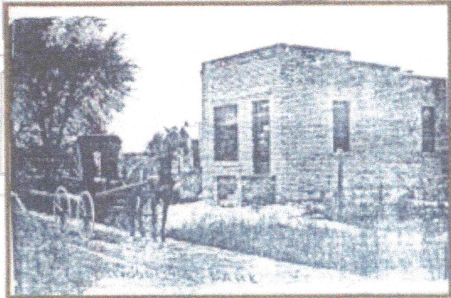
## 2025

### This Month in History

- Aug 2, 1776: Most of the Continental Congress sign the Declaration of Independence
- Aug 3, 1492: Columbus sets sail on his first voyage to the Americas
- Aug 5, 1945: THE U.S. drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima marking a pivotal moment in WWII

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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# C. C. Peck Bank



Mrs Woolley

- ♦ C. C. Peck Built this bank in 1908. This was one of three rural sister banks built by Peck. He also built identical banks in Lambs and Smiths Creek.
- ♦ The building was originally located just a 1/4 mile away in downtown Goodells.
- ♦ Controversy followed the banks history. It was robbed in the 1920s and then the owner skipped town with his patrons money. . . . . and his secretary.

Geo Andrews

## Depositors In Goodells Bank To Receive Dividend

A 15 per cent dividend for depositors of the C. C. Peck & Co., private bank at Goodells, closed Jan. 14, 1933, was approved today by Circuit Judge William Robertson, who today granted a petition of Lewis McCue, receiver of Cecil C. Peck, Peter Neaton and Henry F. Marx, partners who operated the bank to pay the dividend.

The pay-off which, will amount to approximately \$9,000, has been approved by Dempster Cowles, Charles E. King, Howard Darling and George W. King, members of the depositors committee. Five per cent of the deposits were previously paid.

Walsh, Walsh and O'Sullivan, Miles K. Benedict and Stanley C. Benedict represent the receiver.

## Three Burglaries In Goodells Net Thieves 50 Cents

A gang of burglars, apparently novices, swooped down on Goodells Wednesday night and broke into the office of the Goodells Elevator company, the private bank of C. C. Peck & Co., and the Grand Trunk elevator. The total amount of their loot was 50 cents in cash, 11 cents of which was in pennies.

The burglars cut a panel from the rear door of the bank and knocked off the combination handle of the outer door of the vault. They were unable to open the bank's strong box. The cash taken from the bank totaled 11 cents.

At the Grand Trunk depot a few cents in cash was taken from the till which was unlocked.

The burglars knocked off the combination of the safe in the elevator but found no cash. The interior furnishings of the bank and elevator office were damaged.

Sheriff Hugh E. Stringer and deputies were at the scene a few minutes after the robberies were reported and obtained some good fingerprints. The officers state that the work was done by novices

## ATTEMPT MADE TO ROB BANK AT GOODELLS

Latest World News

PEAK BARRIERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The U. S. coast guard today reported that a small boat was seen near the Peck bank at Goodells, Mich., on Wednesday night.

NOVEMBER MEETING TO BE HELD

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 14.—The annual meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers will be held here on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WHEN

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 14.—The city council today passed a resolution to purchase a new fire engine for the city.

SEEK PARTS IN IRELAND

BOSTON, Jan. 14.—The Irish government today announced that it would accept the terms of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

FRIDAY EVENING 1933

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch today reported that the city council would purchase a new fire engine.

Howard Wooley Shot Through Both Ankles by One of the Men

MAINES AND DEPUTIES INVESTIGATING CRIME

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 14.—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch today reported that the Maine state police and federal deputies were investigating a crime in Goodells, Mich.

FILE PETITION AGAINST HIGHER FARES TO BEACH

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The New York state legislature today passed a bill to file a petition against higher fares to the beach.

WISNY-THOMAS RECALLED AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE ANNO SIGNS

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 14.—The state legislature today recalled Wisny-Thomas and signed the North Carolina state annos.

FRENCH SUPPORTS THEM

PARIS, Jan. 14.—The French government today announced that it supported the American position in the dispute over the Peck bank.

## C. C. Peck In Trouble

When C. C. Peck, formerly president of the closed U. S. Savings bank, and prominent society man of Port Huron, who fled the city and landed in Reno, Nevada, the mecca during the erstwhile lovers resident of other more straightlaced states, is in trouble, bound by court action to his marriage vows "until death."

If there is anything new under the sun it is born in St. Clair county. In proof, the decision of Judge Wm. Robertson is offered. The Judge holds Peck is a citizen of Michigan when he made application for divorce in Nevada. Therefore Nevada courts have no jurisdiction. Mrs. Peck setup an injunction restraining Peck from divorce proceedings in Nevada. The Judge's decision sounds reasonable to the open mind, but to Peck it is like a bolt out of a clear sky.

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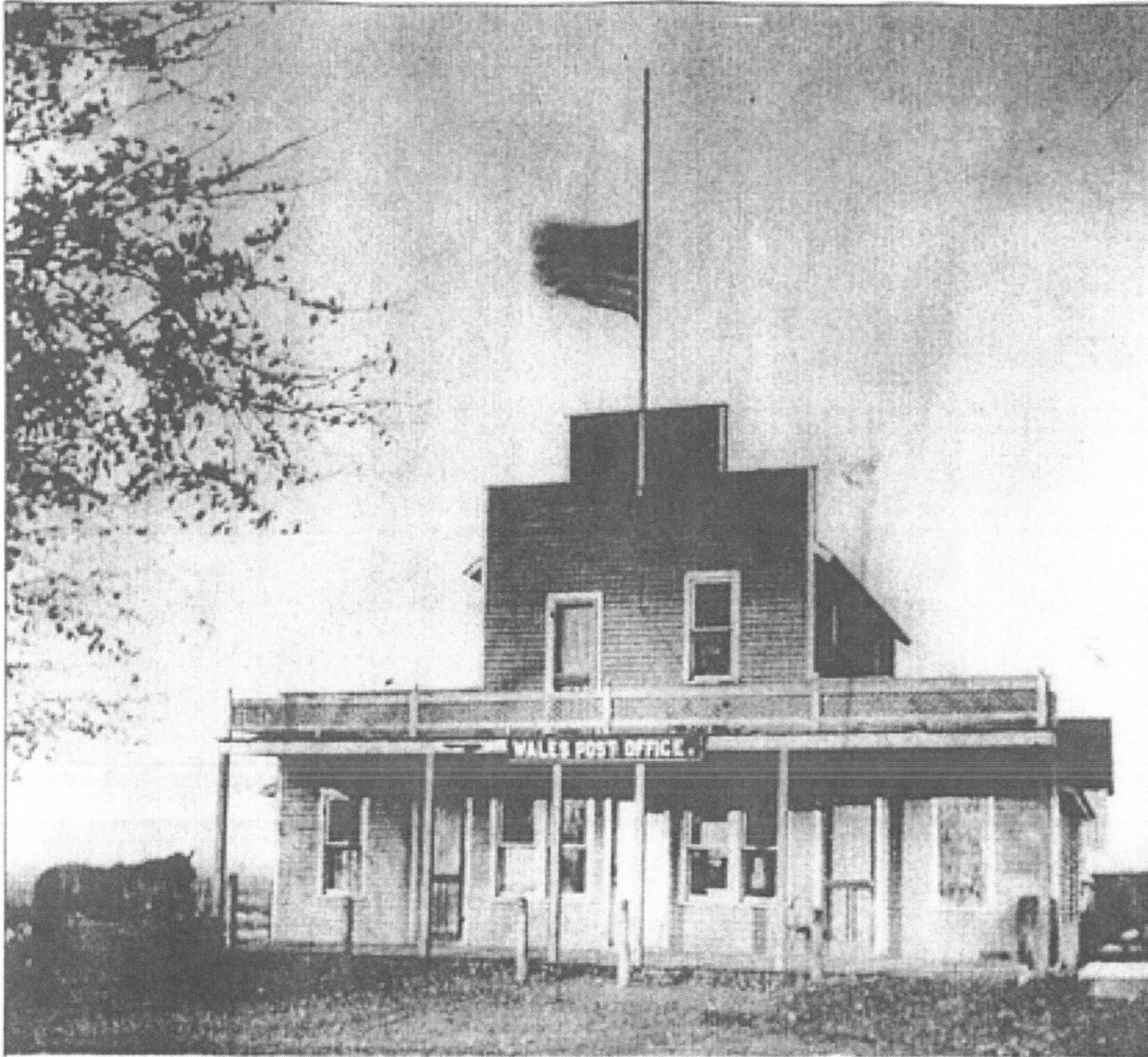
# September

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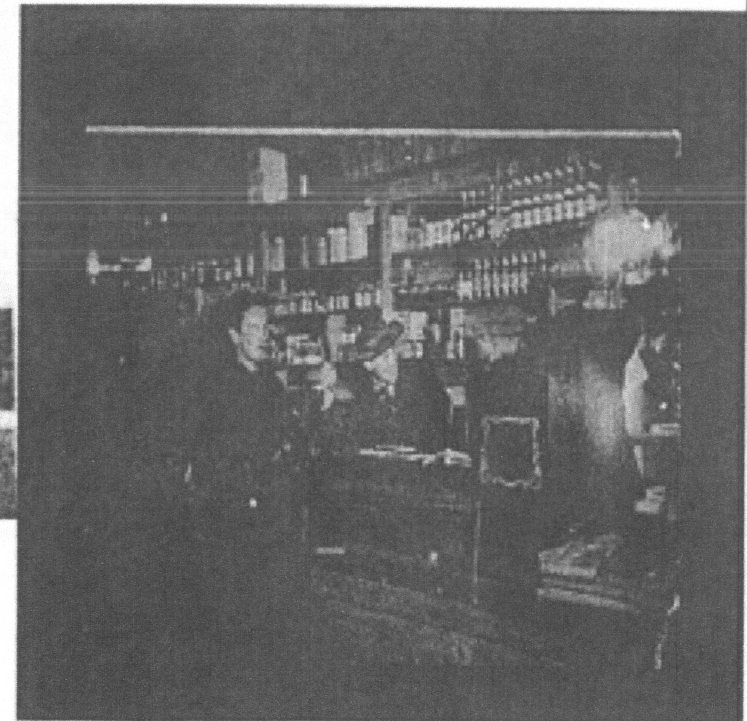
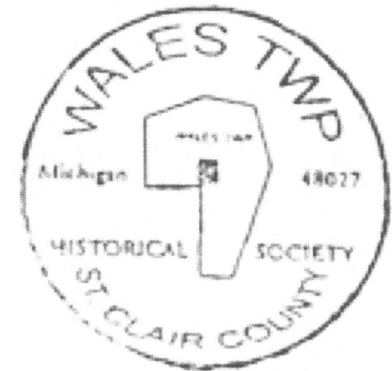
### This Month in History

-Sept 11, 2001: 2 aircraft crash into World Trade Center in New York City, a 3rd crashes into the Pentagon in Arlington County Virginia, and a 4th into a field near Starkville, Penna.  
Sept 11, 2007: Russia tests the largest conventional weapon ever, the Father of 'All Bombs'

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	LABOR DAY					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Wales Township Post Office and General Store at Wales Center and Lashbrook Roads (circa 1915). Interior of store around 1920's.



# October

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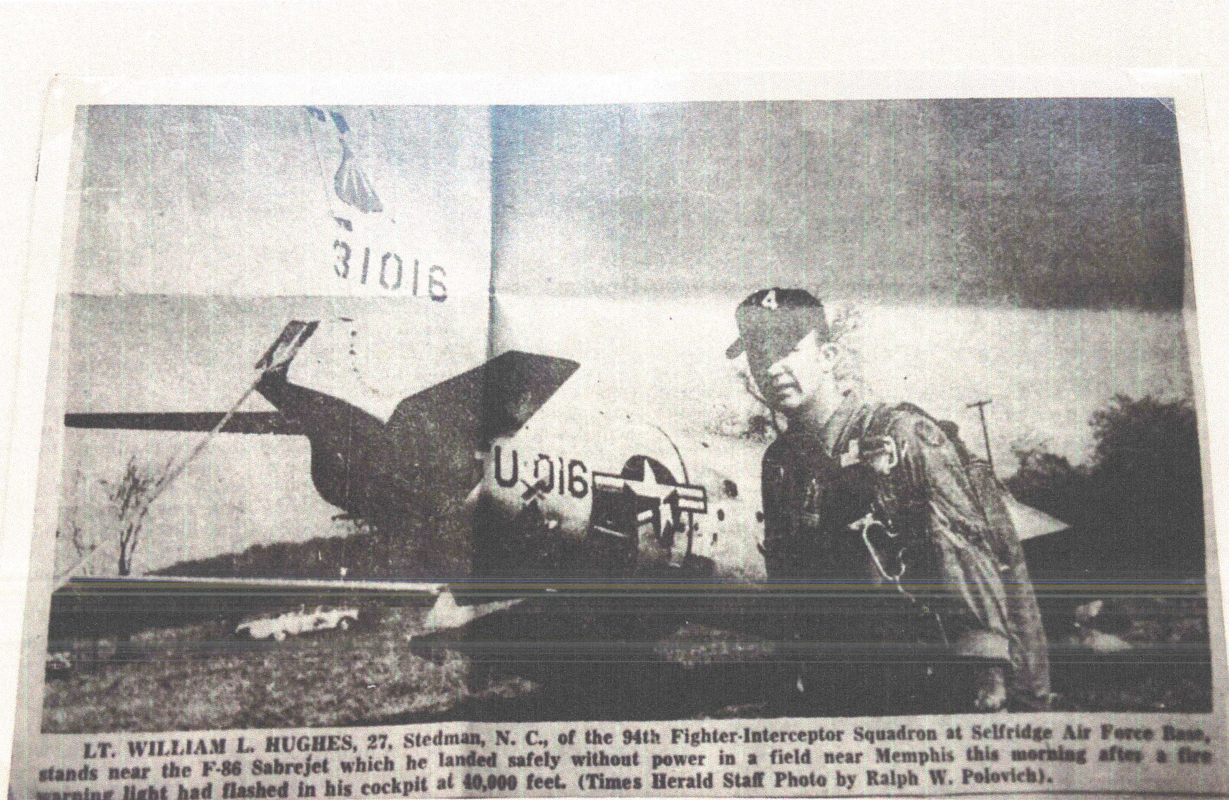
### This Month in History

Oct 1, 1908: Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal Car" designed for the masses want on sale

Oct 1, 1979: After 70 years of control, the Panama Canal Zone is turned over to Panama

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Columbus Day					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					Halloween	

# Military Plane Crash in Memphis



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# November

2025

## This Month in History

- October 3, 1863: Thanksgiving Day was established by Abraham Lincoln as the last Thursday in November.
- November 11, 1918: Armistice between Germany and Allies ends WWI  
On the 11 day, of the 11th hour, of the 11th month)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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Daylight Savings		Election Day				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Veteran's Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				THANKSGIVING		
30	1	2	3	4	5	6





# December

## 2025

### This Month in History

- December 7, 1941: Japanese attack the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor Hawaii
- December 1, 1879: Edison demonstrates how electric Incandescent lamp
- December 21, 1968: Apollo 8, first manned mission to the moon launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	CHRISTMAS	1	2
			New Year's Eve			3

# Plan Happy Christmas for Old People At Goodells

Dec. 13, 1920

Individual Christmas boxes will be given to the elderly people at the St. Clair County Infirmary this year in conformity with the custom established last December by The King's Daughters.

Those who distributed the boxes with their modest gifts last Christmas state that the occasion was one of the happiest they remember, so grateful were the recipients.

Donations of money, which will be spent under the supervision of the King's Daughters, were last year very generous and provided, in addition to the gifts taken out to Goodells, money for several needy families in the city.

It is the plan of the committee to use the money contributed in

the same way this year, and those who give may rest assured that their generosity will make someone very happy.

"It is always comparatively easy to get people to give to make children happy," said one of the officers of the organization. "But if they will remember that these old men and women are children, too, and that they find the same keen enjoyment in opening their boxes, hiding them under their pillows, etc., as children do with Christmas stockings, they will want to help here also."

Donations of money should be sent as early as possible to the office in the Red Cross house and should be marked "For County Home Christmas."

## WALES TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS

Dec. 10  
1941

Will collect Taxes at Gilvie Gibbs store Goodells, on Tuesdays, Dec. 23 and 30 and at my home in the store at Lamb at any time.

CHARLES E. KING,  
Wales Township Treasurer.

GOODELLS,  
(Correspondence.)

May 17, 1888

John Kilgour's little son, Richie, has been very sick, but is somewhat better.

Mrs. Charles King was seriously hurt by being thrown from a buggy, near the station, on Thursday evening.

A social is to be held in Wonch's hall, on Tuesday evening, when the famous "Name quilt," made by the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, will be sold.

James Webb, Sr., intends building a grain house near the station. We understand the C. & G. T. Railway Company have engaged to put a switch near it.



Ann Graham  
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From The Reader's Digest, <https://www.rd.com/list/vintage-winter-weather-photos/>

"Hold on tight

"In 1958, my father, Sandy Sanderson, used this 1937 Dodge as a service car for his gas station in Goodells, Michigan, to push-start cars. He also let the neighbor kids learn to drive in the field. In winter, for fun, the driver would try to dump anyone riding behind. When we got cold, we switched places with someone inside the car." says Jim Sanderson of Port Huron, Michigan."

## Michigan Rail Map of 1897



## *A little bit of other history*

### **April:**

**1846** – On April 15, 1846, a main road was established from Almont to Port Huron. Joshua Tompkins, Daniel B. Harrington, and James Andrews were appointed as Commissioners. Part of this road was the main road going through the center of Wales Township and was built over an old Indian Trail. The route was over the Wales Ridge, Lamb (formally Tompkins Road), and Emerson (formally the Black River Road), Sparling and Pine Woods (also known as Black Woods Road), road to Wadhams. The route was the highest terrain in Wales Township. A stage line from Flint to Port Huron was later routed over these same roads with a stop-over at John Persels' place (formally Joshua Tompkin's) in Lamb, known as the White Sock Inn. John Persels kept horses with white markings as socks and that is how the Inn got its name. It was one of the most elaborate places around with a ballroom and running water.