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### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The feature article on the Knights of Pythias building will be part of a pdf of a separate compilation of records about the K. of P.

### BALLOON ASCENSIONS

In addition to the articles transcribed in the newsletters, the following:

#### **Keystone's Big Day.**

Keystone is to have a big gala day on Friday, April 18, and the little town is preparing to entertain the largest crowd in its history, A big triple attraction has been secured for that date. Frank Patrey, representing business men of that place, was here today and contracted with Frank Touhey for a balloon ascension in the afternoon and the young aeronaut gets \$40 for the trip. The Citizens band was also hired for the afternoon and will discourse their best article of music. In addition to these attractions there will be a ball game between the Keystone Liners and the Montpelier Leaguers. It will be a great event in the town's history and an invitation has been extended to the whole country to be present.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 33. NUMBER 41 Wednesday, April 9 1902. p. 4, col. 6.*

### LOST LAKES

### ODDS AND ENDS

The last page of text (p. 5) ends with the following:

As this issue was being put together, Alice Curry found the following newsworthy item while she was working with the microfilmed newspapers in the Indiana Room.

### **FIND WOMAN'S FALSE TEETH IN RIVER**

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Pliny Wible is the finder of an upper plate of false teeth evidently belonging to a woman. The plate was picked up from the Wabash river just a short distance north of the Clover Leaf bridge. How it got there Pliny is not able to ferret out, but he is willing to deliver the teeth to anyone claiming them.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Evening News TWENTY-NINTH YEAR, No. 128. Tuesday, March 1, 1921. p. 1, col. 4.*

We do not yet know if the false teeth were eventually claimed, but the one person named in this newspaper account is Pliny Tillman Wibel (09 Nov 1877 - 16 Nov 1952), who at the time of the above account was 43 years old and at the time of the circumstance related below was almost 20.

## **HAND SHOT OFF.**

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Shot Gun Accidentally Discharged Leave  
Plenny Weibel But Two Fingers on  
His Left Hand.

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Plenny Weibel, a boy who has been in the employ of the S. Tudor packing company for several years, met with an accident Sunday which will leave him a cripple for life. It was the same old story of a shot gun, a rail fence and a foolish negligence in not taking proper precautions in the handling of the loaded weapon. Weibel with his brother Oscar, John Swigert and Lew Scott were out hunting Sunday and about five o'clock in the afternoon were near the Heshner gravel pit north of the city. Weibel was standing on top of a rail fence with the butt of the gun resting on the top rail. It slipped off and the hammer struck a lower rail and discharged the load.

Weibel's left hand was over the muzzle at the time and the result that his two first fingers and a part of the palm of his hand were blown away. He was brought home by his friends but is able to be around with his hand in a sling.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 29. NUMBER 16 Wednesday, October 20, 1897. p. 9, col. 3.*

Pliny Wibel was an interesting personality. At the beginning of that year a published incident foresaw future newspaper accounts of his record with the law. But a report on an 1899 fire mentions Pliny and suggests he received some disfigurement or at least some facial scars. It can only be speculative if his hand may have been a factor in the accident. Other than the fire story taken from the sub-directory of the theme on the list of fires, most of the newspaper accounts are taken from this compiler's directory on saloons. This section on Pliny will conclude with some genealogical comments on his family and ancestry. [Note: his father, Marion F. Wibel, died 17 Aug 1893.]

## **Gave Liquor To a Minor.**

Will Bricker, a minor, appeared in Mayor Stevens' court Monday, and pleaded guilty to a charge of giving liquor to a minor. The offense took place December 19, when Pliny Wibel was picked off the streets in an intoxicated condition. Wibel filed an affidavit against Carl Stout for selling him liquor. On the night Wibel was drunk Bricker gave him some whiskey, and he was fined \$20 for the offense. The fine was suspended pending good behavior. The case against Stout was then dismissed because of insufficient evidence.

There is complaint that many minors are getting liquor through older parties who buy it for them. A good stiff thirty day jail sentence might stop this practice.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 28. NUMBER 27 Wednesday, January 6, 1897. p. 4, col. 4.*

## **DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.**

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**Myer's & Fetter's Hoop Factory a Complete Loss With no Insurance on Buildings or Stock.**  
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The cry of fire, and the clang of the fire bell at half past ten Tuesday night last week startled residents as it has not done for a long time. The extremely dry weather which has prevailed for so long a period no doubt aroused their fears more than usual. The roofs of buildings were so dry that a tiny spark would easily start a conflagration and people recognized the great danger.

The fire was quickly located in the hoop factory of Myers & Fetter and within a short time more than half of the population were witnessing its destruction. The fire companies made quick runs and soon had two or three streams playing on the flames. Finding their efforts to save the factory faultless, they directed their attention to saving surrounding buildings and manufactured hoops on the yard and all this property was saved without injury or loss.

The factory was like a tinder box and the fiery flames accomplished its complete destruction within a very short time. All the machines for making coiled hoops and the sawmill plant are worthless and of no more value than old junk. The engine was badly damaged and is perhaps worthless. The boiler being embedded in brick and mortar is believed to have sustained no material injury.

The real estate, that is the ground and the buildings, belong to J. L. Myers the senior member of the firm while the machinery and stock are the property of the firm. Although the buildings answered the purpose for which they were used yet they were old, two of them being old store buildings which were removed to their present location from the business portion of the city. The other was built by Mr. Myers.

The firm estimates the loss at about \$2,500 or \$3,000, with no insurance. The rate asked by companies for carrying the risk was 8½ per cent and the firm felt that they could not afford to pay it. No regular night watch was employed, but John Crosbie made occasional visits when on duty and had been there a half hour before, when everything seemed to be all right. The fire was first discovered by Mrs. Ferd Mosiman,\* who gave the alarm. The flames then were plainly visible and rapidly creeping through the building.

Messrs Myers & Feters have not as yet decided what they will do about building and resuming active operations. The destruction of the factory throws quite a number of men out of work. The firm has been employing fourteen men in the factory, two log cutters, and five teamsters, twenty-one in all. The factory was also frequently run at nights, thereby giving others employment. Thus it is a loss to them as well as the owners of the mill.

The only accident occurring during the fire was to Pliny Wibel, who had gone into the office to take out some saws. The chimney suddenly collapsed which resulted in throwing a saw against Wibel's face, badly lacerating it. While there was no wind pieces of burning shingles were carried high and far over the city and caused much danger to dwellings. Residents were kept busy for awhile looking after their roofs to keep them from taking fire.

The waterworks was in fine condition and kept the firemen going for four long hours without exhausting the supply of water. When the fire broke out the wells contained

seven feet of water and after four hours' use three and one half. The river was not used at all.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 31. NUMBER 8 Wednesday, August 23, 1899. p. 10, col. 6.*

\*Surela Mosiman, 217 Wabash

## **FIGHTS AND DRUNKS.**

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### **Booze Made Much Trouble Saturday Night And Business Is Brisk in Mayor's Court.**

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Saturday night was prolific of many fights and cases of plain drunk. Many young fellows were arrayed in their fighting togs and several of them were accomodated (*sic*) to their sorrow. Too much liquor was the cause of the trouble in each and every case. The first serious collision of the evening occurred about 5 o'clock in the evening in Tom Fox's saloon on East Market street. The participants were Lee Kahn and Hammond Brown two boys from the country whose homes are north of Bluffton. The former is a son of Meyer Kahn the horse trader.

When the fight occurred Kahn and Brown wre playing a game of pool and quarreled over some trivial matter. Brown became very angry and grabbing his cue by the small end he struck his companion a blow squarely across the head. The cue hit Kahn across the forehead just above one of his eyes and laid open an ugly gash several inches long. The foul blow ended the fight. Brown took to his heels after delivering it. Kahn went to the office of Dr. Severin and had his injuries dressed. An affidavit was filed in Mayor's court against Brown by Marshal Crosbie and he was arrested Sunday afternoon. He was fined one dollar and costs a total of \$10.00 which he paid.

Pliny Wibel, who when sober is one of the best young fellows around town also got a beating because of his intoxicated condition. He was in the No. 10 saloon with more on board that he could handily care for and while in this condition he was imprudent enough to call Pete Poffenberger a bad name. Pete went after him and made a punching bag of his face. He is reported to have knocked Wibel down and to have kicked him. After leaving the saloon Wibel went to Huss Bros. And tried to borrow a revolver. It is supposed he was bent on revenge. He was unable to get a gun anywhere and continued his rounds of the saloon. He is reported to have received another whipping later in the evening at the hands of Ben Durr. There were no arrests in this case.

Another young fellow who works at one of the factories was pugilistically inclined and tried to pick quarrels with several persons without cause. He did not get mixed up but it was because nobody would pay any attention to his drunken boasts.

Cleveland Long was arrested Saturday night on South Main street for intoxication. The illustrious namesake of the ex-democratic president had absorbed a wonderful amount of brain expander for a man of his size and was creating a disturbance near the Fred McBride\* residence. Fred told him he would have to be quiet and he intimidated by a right swing for Fred's left ear that he was running that part of town himself. Marshal Crosbie allowed him to go home.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 34 NUMBER 23 Wednesday, December 3, 1902. p. 6, col. 1.*

\* Fred and Cora McBride, Furniture & Undertaker, 223 South Main

### YOUNG MAN ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

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Bert Earl, whose actions have been as a blot to the west side for some time, has at last succeeded in breaking into jail and the chances are that he will get a trip over the road as the result of his last escapade. The crime for which he is now in jail is larceny and the theft was committed Sunday a week ago. Earl took \$5.10 from the money drawer at the Paul Ersham saloon but was caught in the act and compelled to give up the money.

He with Pliny Wibel, went to the saloon and were admitted to the rear room. Paul Ersham, the proprietor, and Bud Conner were sitting in the room about the stove and after talking for a time both Connor and Ersham fell asleep. Earl, seeing a good chance to make a touch, went behind the bar and opened the register, taking out what money he could find.

He had the money in his pocket and started to come out from behind the counter. In doing so he made a slight noise and Ersham awakened in time to see him. He yelled at him to know what he was doing and Earl, now thoroughly frightened, started to run. He went up stairs through the back stairway intending to come out down the front stairs which open on the street outside the saloon. Ersham divining his intentions, called to Connor and awakened him.

Connor followed Wibel and Earl up the rear way to cut off their escape in that direction while Ersham ran up the front stairs. Earl and Wibel were cornered at the head of the stairs and Ersham demanded to know what he had taken. At first he denied taking anything, but when pressed, he owned up and gave the money back. Wibel had taken nothing. As soon as Ersham got his money back, he gave Earl a kick and started him on his way.

The matter came to the ears of the police and an affidavit and information was filed in the circuit court against the fellow. For a day or two they have been on the lookout for him armed with the necessary affidavits for his capture. Earl had been dodging them for the time but seemingly making no efforts to get out of town. Friday night Policemen Deam and Crosbie and Sheriff Johnson started out determined to corral (*sic*) him or spend the night in trying. Crosbie and Deam followed the frisky youngster about for some time but he always eluded them. Later, however, he dropped right into the arms of Bob Johnson, who was patiently waiting for him to come to his favorite loafing place, the Frank Hixson saloon. He was placed in jail where he will remain until the court can take action on his case.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. :IV, NO. 47 Wednesday Evening, November 25, 1903. p. 6, col. 2.*

### **ALMOST FROZEN TO DEATH.**

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**Mrs. Fred Hostetter Found in the  
Wabash River Tuesday  
Morning.**

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While laboring under the hallucinations of a deranged mental condition Mrs. Fred Hostetter wandered away from her home at the corner of Central Avenue and Johnson streets at about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning and was found about an hour later lying in the Wabash river just north of the Clover Leaf bridge, unconscious and almost frozen to death. She was found by Joseph Herbst, section foreman on the Clover Leaf, and his crew of men who were starting out for a trip east. About the same time Pliny Wibel on his way to work at the packing house, was passing the bridge and it was he who picked up the unconscious woman and carried her to the bank. He says that he at first thought she was dead, but she moaned slightly and gave other signs of life and Herbst then hurried back to the nearest telephone, at Ellingham's mill and telephoned for help. John Hurt, who was at the depot, hurried to the north end of Marion street near the bridge with a cab. He took Mrs. Hostetter to the Davenport & Ehle drug store.

Willing hands were soon at work doing all that was possible to revive the

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 63. NUMBER 33 Wednesday, February 15, 1905. p. 4, col. 2.*

## **SCOTT HUGHES KEPT TWO MEN RUNNING.**

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### **Zeb Shiveley and Pliny Wibel Headed Foot Race on Market Street Sun- day. Arrests Today.**

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People who were on the streets in the business section of the city about 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening witnessed a foot race and fight which had both the serious and ludicrous features. The amusing part of the incident was to see two able bodied men running down the street doing their best to escape from a third man who was in pursuit.

The two fleeing men were Zeb Shiveley and Pliny Wibel and the pursuer was Scott Hughes. The latter first accosted the boys upon Main street upon their arrival in town in a half intoxicated condition from a trip up the river. They had been accompanied on their trip by Scott's father, James Hughes, and Scott claimed that they had influenced his father to accompany them, getting him to help buy a keg of beer Saturday night for the carousal.

Shively and Wibel escaped from Scott on Main street and ran west on Market until they came to Stout's drug store,\* where they sought refuge while Scott waited outside for them. The proprietor made them leave the store and the race began again. Hughes started after Shiveley first and caught him on the interurban tracks. He struck Shively once and Zeb began to cry and run. Sheriff Johnson stepped between them and Hughes turned then and started after Wibel, whom he caught (sic) at the alley north of the interurban station. He knocked or threw him down and was beating him when Wibel's sister, Grace, appeared upon the scene and pulled him away and stood over her brother until Sheriff Johnson arrived and took Hughes in charge and escorted him to the mayor's office, as he demanded immediate trial.

When arraigned Monday morning Hughes pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery and then explained why he was angry at Wibel and Shively. He said that they were in the habit of getting his father to furnish them with money with which they bought beer for all three, going to his shop and carrying it there, getting his father to spend the money he needed for better purposes. Wibel also made a statement and the squire took the case under advisement until this

evening. Wibel and Shively will probably be arrested for intoxication. Hughes has had troubles before but in this case he has the sympathy of most people.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 38. NUMBER 4 Wednesday, July 27, 1905. p. 1, col. 7.*

\*Stout's drug store, 127 West Market Street.

Scott Hughes, who pleaded guilty Monday morning to a charge of assault and battery as a result of his trouble Sunday with Zeb Shively and Pliny Wibel, was fined \$2 and costs last night by Squire Walbert, a total of \$10.50. He stayed the docket and was given until Thursday night to pay the fine

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 38. NUMBER 4 Wednesday, July 27, 1905. p. 5, col. 2.*

Mrs. Minnie Camerer filed an affidavit Friday night against her brother, Pliny Wibel, charging him with assault and battery, and he was arrested this morning by Officer John Deam. He furnished bond of \$40 and will be given a trial before Squire Walbert at seven o'clock this evening. The trouble between the brother and sister occurred Friday evening at the home of their mother, Mrs. Mary Wibel. They quarreled and Mrs. Camerer alleges that Pliny struck her.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 39 NUMBER 45 Wednesday, May 8, 1907. p. 1, col. 6.*

\*Minnie W. Wibel Camerer, b. 1882, one of Pliny's younger sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Grimm entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wible, Jacob and Owen Grim.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume X. Number 308. Friday Evening, December 27, 1912. p. 2, col. 2.*

Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wible of Bluffton are visiting at the home of Mrs. C. Grimm. They were entertained Tuesday evening by Mrs. William Sudduth and Mrs. Hannah Sudduth entertained them Thursday at dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Wible and Mr. and Mrs. C. Grim and family entertained Friday evening at supper by Mrs. Walter Sudduth. They returned to Bluffton Friday evening.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XI. Number 70. Saturday Evening, March 22, 1913. p. 2, col. 2.*

Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wible, of Bluffton, are visiting Mrs. C. Grimm, of this city, for a few days. They were entertained at the home of Mrs. Hannah Suddith (*sic*) also.

*Fort Wayne, Indiana: The Fort Wayne News THIRTY-NINTH YEAR Tuesday Evening, March 25, 1913. p. 2, col. 6.*

Mrs. Clinton Grimm has gone to Bluffton to be with her daughter, Mrs. Pliny Wibel, whose nine-months-old baby is ill of bronchial trouble.

*Fort Wayne, Indiana: The Fort Wayne Sentinel VOL. LXXXI. No. 238 Tuesday Evening, June 9, 1914. p. 23, col. 3.*

The following names were unintentionally omitted from the list of those present at the birthday party Sunday for Mrs. Grim: Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wible and son, Edward, Bluffton; Mrs. Joseph Kizey and granddaughter, Christena Ault, Ossian.

Decatur Daily Democrat. August 10, 1915, p. 2, col 1.

Sunday, October 30 was the birthday of Ernest Coffelt and half-brother Francis Grim. Ernest was fourteen and Francis (sic) seven. . . . refreshments were served by their aunt, Mrs. Aaron Deviney and sister, Mrs. Pliny Wible.

Decatur Daily Democrat. November 3, 1915. p. 2, col. 2.

Mrs. Aaron DeVinney received word from Bluffton that the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wible who has been seriously ill, is much better.

Decatur Daily Democrat. January 15, 1916. p. 2, col. 4.

#### ACID BURNS CHILD

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BLUFFTON, Ind., Feb. 22—The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wibel was severely burned about the face and mouth when she attempted to drink carbolic acid from a bottle, but the attending physician says that the burns are not dangerous. The child got the bottle from a cupboard while the mother was out of the room.

*Fort Wayne, Indiana: Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette. Wednesday Morning, February 23, 1916. p. 2. col. 6.*

#### BIRTH OF A BOY.

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Mr. and Mrs. Aaron DeVinney received a telephone message yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wible of Bluffton, announcing the birth of a fine boy baby, born to them yesterday



morning. This is the second child and boy in the Wible family. Mrs. Wible was formerly Miss Beatrice Coffelt. Mother and babe are doing well. Mrs. DeVinney was at Fort Wayne visiting her niece at the time and went from there to Fort Wayne [Bluffton?].

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XIV. Number 128. Monday Evening, May 29, 1916. p. 1, col. 4.*

Mrs. Aaron DeVinney returned from Bluffton where she visited with her niece, Mrs. Pliny Wible, and the new son, Charles Fremont, born to the Wibles. Mrs. Wible's mother, Mrs. Clinton Grim, went today to spend the remainder of the week there. All are getting along nicely.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XIV. Number 129. Wednesday Evening, May 31, 1916. p. 3, col. 4*

So, not all stories about Pliny and his family are negative. Extended family birthday parties and Thanksgivings are recorded.

Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME Wednesday, July 12, 1916. p. 7,

## **GAVE HER A SLAP**

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Beatrice Coffelt Wible Slaps  
Meddlesome Sister-in-  
law in Bluffton.

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**SHE WAS ARRESTED**

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At First Insisted That She  
go to Jail  
Rather Than  
Pay Fine.

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The Bluffton Banner says of Mrs. Pliny Wible, formerly Miss Beatrice Coffelt of this city: "Because of her six weeks' old baby, Mrs. Pliny Wible did not want to go to jail when she was fined \$1.00 and costs on charges of assault and battery on her sister-in-law, Grace Wible Milazzo, in Squire Rinehart's court Saturday and she arranged to stay the docket.

When a man was found to stand good for the fine, he was so busy that he could not go to the court room and it was necessary for Mr. Wible to carry the docket to his place of business on the West Side.

Mrs. Wible admitted that she slapped her sister-in-law, and threatens to file counter charges. She alleges that the Milazzo woman has been making an effort to separate (sic) her and her

husband and has also threatened to burn their home. Surety of the peace proceedings may be brought as the result. When first fined Mrs. Wible insisted that she would go to jail and would take her young baby with her. Fearing that the confinement would endanger the life of the child, however, she changed her mind.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XIV. Number 169. Tuesday Evening, July 18, 1916. p. 1, col. 3.*

CAUSED ARREST OF  
HER SISTER-IN-LAW.

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(From Saturday's Daily.)

A warrant from the court of Squire J. K. Rinehart was served by Constable L. K. Plessinger on Mrs. Beatrice Wibel, wife of Pliny Wibel, the warrant being issued after the filing of an affidavit signed by Mrs. Wibel's sister-in-law, Miss Grace Wibel, in which she charges assault and battery.

The incident on which the affidavit is based occurred, it appears, last April. Miss Wibel charged, in her story to the authorities, that on the day of the alleged offense, she was passing her brother's home when his wife came out and after stopping her slapped her in a violent and angry manner.

After she learned of the filing of the affidavit Mrs. Wibel visited the office of Deputy Prosecutor J. F. Decker. The latter said that Mrs. Wibel did not deny having endeavored to administer some chastisement to her sister-in-law, but put up a plea of justification, in defense. She said that Miss Wibel had been guilty of talking about her in a manner that she was justified in resenting as she did.

Mrs. Wibel late this afternoon plead guilty and was fined \$1 and costs. She said she would rather go to jail than pa[y] the fine. She has an infant aged only a few months with her and the court and officers late this afternoon are trying to determine how to handle the case.

When it looked like the mother would have to go to jail and the child separated from her Mr. Wibel, the husband, agreed to pay the fine.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 50. NO. 3. Wednesday, July 19, 1916. p. 3, col. 1.*

Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wible and family came from Bluffton yesterday to consult their local physician regarding their son. He has been having trouble with his sight and a specialist advised the removal of tonsils and adenoids in an effort to help the sight. The local physician advised a month's treatment with the specialist before a return, relative to the operation. They visited here with the Aaron DeVinney family and others.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XV. Number 101. Monday Evening, April 30, 1917. p. 3, col. 3.*

Pliny Wibel has sold to George Buckles a property just south of the old cemetery, for \$350. Mr. Buckles bought it as an investment.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 51. NO. 22. Wednesday, November 28, 1917. p. 10, col. 3. correction:*

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 51. NO. 23. Wednesday, December 5, 1917. p. 5, col. 3.*

Aaron DeVinney will return home tomorrow evening from Bluffton. He went there to do some papering for his nephew, Pliny Wible.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XVI. Number 120. Monday Evening, May 20, 1918. p, 3, col. 2.*

Mrs. Aaron DeVinney went to Bluffton yesterday having received a message that her niece, Mrs. Pliny Wible and son, Edward, were ill of the flu. Mrs. Wible's mother, Mrs. Clint Grimm, of near this city, however, had also responded, and Mrs. DeVinney returned here. Mrs. Wible became ill yesterday also.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XVII. Number 24. Tuesday Evening, January 28, 1919. p. 2, col. 5.*

Ernst Coffelt returned from Bluffton Sunday where he visited with his sister, Mrs. Pliny Wible whose family have had the flu but who are able to be up again.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XVII. Number 29. Monday Evening, February 3, 1919. p. 3, col. 3.*

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Grim entertained the following residents of Bluffton at dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wible and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clark.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Daily Democrat Volume XXI. Number 103. Monday Evening, April 30, 1923. p. 6, col. 1.*

## PLINY WIBEL

1902 City Directory Wible, Pleny, wks Tudor & Co, West Hale

1948 City Directory Pliny T Wible 1315 W Cherry

1957 City Directory Wible Beatrice C (wid Pliny) h 1315 W Cherry

Pliny Tillman Wibel (19 Nov 1877 Bluffton – 1952 Bluffton) bu. Fairview Cemetery, Wells County IN, son of Mary Ann Kessinger (1858 – 1932) and Marion F. Wibel (1853 – 1893), married 03 Dec 1912 Adams County IN to a daughter of Beatrice Marie Coffelt (05 May 1894 Decatur – 31 Mar 1975) when she was 19 years of age, and he 35. Their first child, Edward was born 24 Sep 1913. Beatrice and Pliny Wibel's children were:

Edward Christian Wible (1913 – 1992)

Charles F. Wible (1916 – 1979)

Robert Earl Wible (1919 – 1985)  
Harry Laverne Wible (1921 – 1982)  
Mary Ellen Wibel (1925 – 2017)

[Disclaimer: Beatrice and this compiler are 13<sup>th</sup> cousins.]

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