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SUMMER EVENING MUSIC FESTIVAL in Pewee Valley's Olde Town Square July 17 featured music by the Bluegrass Strings (in photo above) and Sweet Adelines and attracted 160 people—some of whom (Michael and Sherri Anderson, top right) watched from the Caboose, but most of whom chose their lawn chairs or the Fire Pit wall (as at right). Enjoyable music was accompanied by a pleasant breeze—and everyone was agreed: Let's do it again! (Whoever left a blanket there, call Kathie Hodge, 241-1550.)





# Our Town

By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

## TAX BILLS ARE OUT

Pewee Valley property owners should have received their City tax bills by now, unless it was requested that the bills be sent to the mortgage-holders instead of the individuals. Deadline for payment without penalty is Aug. 31.

Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Heiman, the City tax collector, at 241-4551.

Only two taxpayers have failed to fully pay their 1987 bills.

The Pewee Valley Fire Protection District will conduct a public hearing at the Pewee Valley Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 16, to establish the District's tax rate for the 1988 calendar year.

The rate for 1987 was .0907 cents per \$100 valuation; the proposed 1988 rate is .0906 cents.



## FROM PEWEE TO.....?

Prepare to look into the skies for another Pewee Valley hot-air balloon race on Saturday, Oct. 1. The City Council has sanctioned it; Pewee Floyd Jernigan is planning it in association with Councilwoman Kathie Hodge. Details next month!

## PLAYERS ELECT OFFICERS

At their annual business meeting, the Little Colonel Players elected the following officers: President, Dave Nuermberger; Vice President, Jill Dunlap; Secretary, Kathie Hodge; Treasurer, Berard Tomasetti; Past President, Steve Dunlap.

The Board of Directors consists of: Billi Bailey, Zack Logan, Karen Wood, Cynthia Talley, Josie Wiseman, Dick Duncan, Keith Kinser, Dick Klapheke, Sara McDowell and Julie Wheat.

RESURRECTED ROLL-TOP

An unused roll-top desk that has stood bashfully in a dark corner of the Town Hall's meeting room for many years is coming to life again.

Cleaning out and cleaning up the old desk has been part of a Town Hall project undertaken this summer by Mayor Vivien H. Reinhardt.

With eager assistance from Councilman Ralph Beverly's daughter Beth, the Mayor has been sorting through old files, discarding many unneeded papers-- as well as an accumulation of junk.

The City Council recently voted to keep the desk in place rather than sell it.

According to a letter discovered during the cleanup, the desk (along with a chair, now long gone) was donated to the City at least 80 years ago by a Pewee named J.J. Morrison who was also interested in cleaning up Town Hall--which he described as "a disgrace".

Mr. Morrison's letter, entitled "Let's Improve Pewee Valley," will be printed in "The Call of the Pewee" next month.

Anyone like to help the Mayor and Beth restore the desk into a showpiece? Call Vivien at 241-4243.

In keeping with the cleanup project, Councilwoman Kathie Hodge has purchased badly needed new carpeting for the meeting room. New chairs and draperies will be next.

Mr. Morrison would surely be pleased with all this.

ANY THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS?

Our City Council --- in particular, Police Commissioner Ralph Beverly -- will be looking into the possibility of Pewee Valley's first traffic light, at the intersection of LaGrange Rd. and Ash Ave. Heavy traffic on LaGrange Road is the reason. If any resident has thoughts on this, please tell them to Ralph, at P.O. Box 412, Pewee Valley.

JULY POLICE REPORT

Pewee Valley police cited motorists for the following in July, according to Chief Larry Walls' monthly report:

Speeding, 12; DUI, reckless driving, and operator's license to be in possession, one each.

ZONING DECISIONS

The Pewee Valley Board of Adjustments and Appeals rendered the following decisions at a meeting on July 26:

Granting a conditional-use permit for construction of a second accessory building on property of Gerald R. Parsons at 106 Locust Lane.

Granting a conditional-use permit for construction of a second garage on property of Daniel R. and Mildred C. Lynch at 314 Ash Ave., but denying their request for a variance that would have permitted them to place the garage 10 feet instead of the required 15 feet from the side property line.

# STAGES



## "ALADDIN" WELL-RECEIVED

The Children's Summer Workshop's presentation of "Aladdin" by Robert Neil Porter was both colorful and entertaining. Directed by O'Bryan Broecker, a Kenyon College senior, the cast and crew put together a fast-paced and well enunciated performance in a stage setting of colorful draperies and the flowing garments of the Arabian nights.

Double cast for the two-night run, the cast included Griffin Falvey and Antoinette Bailey as Genie; Christopher Talley as Aladdin; Jaby Lindenberger as Princess Balmyra, Erica Nemeth and Carrie Todd as Tiger Lily, Jennifer Henderson as the Sultan, Kate Davis as the Sultana; Craig Wood and Matt Wood as the Magician, Amy Wellnitz as Aladdin's Mother; Claire Davis as Tareye the Terrible, Lisa Hodge and Jackie Davis as Amber, and Amy Wheat as Jasmine.

Stage Manager Cynthia Talley was assisted by Clint Wellnitz. Billi Bailey did wardrobe, Betsy Merhoff, properties; Alex Bailey and Damon Vincent, lights and sound; Linda

Vincent also helped. The performances were August 4 and 5. This annual Summer Workshop is sponsored by The Little Colonel Players.

## "RUN" AUDITIONS: AUGUST 24

Opening this year's regular season at the Little Colonel Playhouse is the comedy "Run For Your Wife" by Ray Cooney. Performance dates will be October 6,7,8,13,14 and 15.

Auditions will be held at the Playhouse on August 24th, starting at 7:30. LCP veterans and newcomers are heartily welcomed to fill both onstage and backstage roles.

Jill Dunlap will be directing this play.



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# Valley Vignettes

## PEWEE VALLEY POST OFFICE

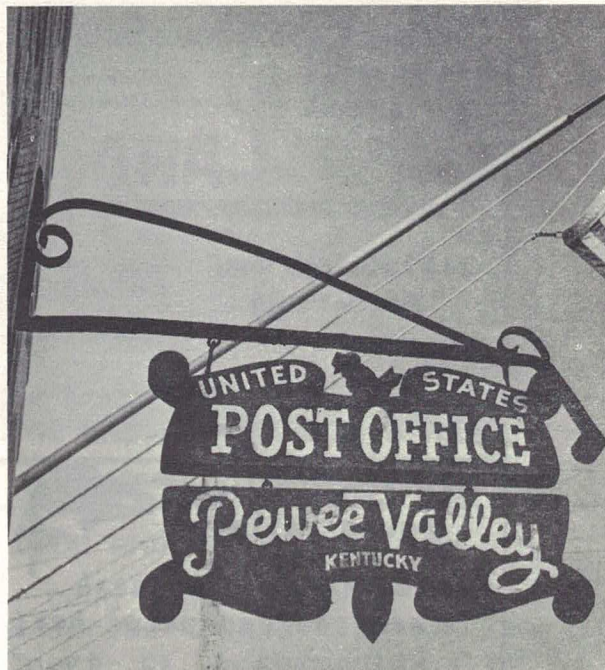
The Pewee Valley Post Office was established February 8, 1856 with Charles F. Smith (son of Henry Smith) as the first postmaster. It was discontinued on Feb. 15, 1861, ... re-established March 1, 1861...discontinued Nov. 2, 1961...re-established Nov. 26, 1861..and re-established Nov. 26, 1861.

Postmasters from 1914 through 1983 included Ella H. Swann, Anna Lipscomb, Anna Shelman, Charles Robinson, Imogene Baumeister Kilgus, Cornelia Lee Snyder and Matthews Fletcher.

In 1963 when "Mackey" Fletcher was hired, mail came in on railroad post office train cars each day. An arm of the train caught the outgoing mail from a crane with a catcher pouch next to the track. Incoming mail was thrown out of the train and the clerks picked it up when the train left.

Mail is now delivered by truck, more efficient but not nearly as exciting! Fletcher purchased the 800-pound crane from the railroad.

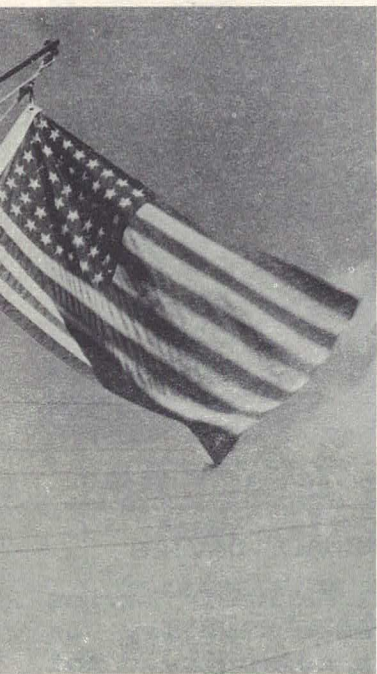
The Post Office moved from the Pewee Valley



train depot (located about where Barnett's Antiques now stands and razed to straighten LaGrange Road) to Jurey's store; then to the little frame building on Central (now the Community Bargain Store operated by the Ladies of St. Aloysius); next to the first Beard's Grocery (now the Little Colonel Playhouse); then nextdoor to the present Beard's grocery (now Videoland) and finally on January 27, 1986 to its present location on John Bishop's property at Highway 146.

Since early days (and even now) the Post Office has been a social center where Townfolk talk together as they pick up their mail.

It was at the Post Office



*This photo was made in 1961 when the Pewee Valley Post Office was located in the building that's now occupied by the Little Colonel Players.*

in Pewee Valley that Mrs. Johnston, author of the Little Colonel Books - met Colonel Weissinger and his granddaughter Hattie Cochran -- the prototypes for the Old Colonel and the Little Colonel in her books. Colonel Weissinger had lost his right arm fighting for the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

When Mackey Fletcher retired as Postmaster in October 1982, there was a brief period with an interim before D. D. Gehlbach was administered the oath on March 4, 1983. Now D. D. (Mrs. John) Hendrickson, she is assisted by Linda Wilson and Jennifer Segó. The carrier is Tony Acree, and the sub-carrier is Cheryl Smith.

### The Call of the Pewee

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## New Pewees:

By Kathie Hodge

### GARY AND KAREN ASHER

Appropriately named "Hide-away House", the home Gary and Karen Asher chose to move into is tucked back off Ash Avenue. They noticed right away the wonderful sounds of so many birds in the mornings. "This is truly the best of both worlds - privacy and convenience."

Gary is originally from Leslie County, Kentucky and has been in the food service industry for several years. With an office in Louisville, he designs and equips kitchens for businesses.

Karen grew up in Louisville and received a degree from U of L and a Master's from U of K in education. She is presently a teacher at Waller Environmental School. At one point after college, Karen worked as a travel agent but decided it was more fun to travel for pleasure.

The Ashers, who moved from Douglas Hills to Pewee, say it was worth the long wait in looking for just the right home; they are delighted to be here.



*The Ashers. . .Karen and Gary*

### DOUG AND RACHAEL DAVIES

Doug and Rachael Davies describe Pewee Valley as "part of a community, not just a bunch of houses." As developers in T & D Development, the Davies hope this feeling will carry over into their developing of Stoneycreek Subdivision off Ash Avenue. Earlier this summer, Doug and Rachael moved into the first home built there.

Church activities had routinely brought the Davies family over this way from Prospect. "Living here is much more convenient".

Doug is originally from Frankfort and attended Centre College and U of K for a degree in Business Administration. Along with real estate developing, he operates a computer consultant company in Louisville. Luckily for



*Rachael and Doug Davies  
with Jennifer and Emory*



*Erin, Carol, Brian McLaughlin*

him, Rachael seems to be his right arm as an associate of Davies and Company. She was born and raised in Louisville and began taking computer courses soon after graduating from Fern Creek High School.

The Davies have two children-- Jennifer, 10, and Emory, 5. Weekends have been busy since moving, and including a game of golf or raquetball would be a real treat for Doug.

#### **BRIAN AND CAROL McLAUGHLIN**

Brian and Carol McLaughlin were pleased to find such easy access to downtown from Pewee Valley. From their home at Central and Highway 22, Brian can be on the expressway to work in minutes.

The McLaughlins lived long enough in Jefferson County for Carol to become active in Newcomers, but soon both were looking for

"more of a rural setting."

Brian is a native of Cleveland and graduated from Miami of Ohio in marketing. He is presently with a natural gas marketing company.

Carol jokingly says she is from "all over....but mostly Ohio". She received a degree in communications from Michigan State and worked in retail management before their daughter Erin McLaughlin came along. This active two-year-old makes motherhood a fulltime job.

Brian and Carol have always loved the outdoors ... tent camping, skiing, fishing, and winter sports. They are hoping a few of these activities will work into Erin's schudule.

The McLaughlins inquired about the history of this area. Along with a few good books from the library, this should keep them busy for awhile.

## TENNIS WINNERS

Ten Oldham and Jefferson County women on July 31st won the Senior 3.5 Division of the Volvo-Southern Tennis Associations sectional tennis tournament in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Pewees Pat Snyder and Mary Wright participated in the tournament, and former Pewee Regina Satterly came to offer moral support and act as cheerleader.

The Kentucky team defeated Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia and Tennessee for the title.



(From left) Regina Satterly, Westport; Mary Wright, Pewee; Marcie Merrick,

LaGrange; Pat Snyder, Pewee; are members of the winning Derby Dames tennis team.

## RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATE

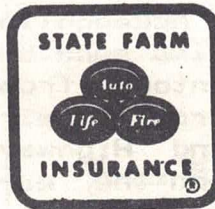
Daniel Kinser is a recent graduate from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. He received his Bachelor Degree from the College of Arts and Science in Computer Science. He is currently employed by MTL Company in Zenia, Ohio. MTL specializes in many phases of computer programming and system developing.

Daniel is the son of Koss and Mary Jane Kinser of Pewee Valley.

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"Most people only dream of visiting America, but I just took the opportunity to come; and I've enjoyed such a friendly welcome," Alain comments about his first trip out of Europe.

Over the past few weeks, the Roses, their children and grandchildren, all gave Alain a true taste of Kentucky with Alain finding the weather suprisingly too hot for tennis and not wet enough for our "huge impressive salad gardens."

A typical vegetable garden in Belgium is very small as are their yards.

Alain has always been intrigued with the Indianapolis 500 race, so he and the Roses toured the Indy museum and even experienced a thrilling ride around the track at 100 miles an hour.

Back home, Alain works as an executive secretary for a textile manufacturing company. He says, "it's more like a public relations job here in the states."



Alain, from Belgium, is greeted with a special sign made by Joyce and Paul Rose.

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Make plans now to attend Historic Pewee Valley's "Country Picnic and Auction" on Sunday, August 21, at 1:00 P.M., on the grounds of the home of Ben and Mary Sanders, 114 Central Avenue in Pewee.

The first 75 persons will be served a delectable, decorated box lunch for \$5. The lunch will include chicken salad and ham on buns, potato salad, fruit salad, cheese and crackers, a brownie, and tea or lemonade. Additional beverages and snacks will be sold throughout the day.

A country auction, with Ken and Ann Hays of Kenneth S. Hays & Associates, Inc., donating their services, will follow lunch and browsing.

Some of the interesting items being auctioned will be: a Kate Matthews' photograph, Little Colonel books, a country ham from Beards, old hats and vintage clothing, an old piano, a stain glass hanging, "wearable art" by Jane Meyer, candy from Ehrler's, some large ornate picture frames, a new handmade quilt and matching pillow, a walnut drop-leaf table, ice cream chairs, a



*A Lion was an interested bystander (bysitter?) as Phyllis Hinton presented a handmade quilt and matching pillow by Mabel Fields to Karen Graves for the auction Aug. 21.*

painting by Herbert Ross...and more!

Invite your family and friends to join us for an afternoon of fun in beautiful, historic Pewee Valley.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation or to donate items for the auction, please call 241-6121.

Proceeds from the Country Picnic and Auction will be used toward the \$5,000 needed to match funds from the Kentucky Heritage Council to survey and nominate potential structures and districts for the national historic registry. Your help is needed in preserving and protecting Pewee Valley's heritage.

*Karen Graves*