

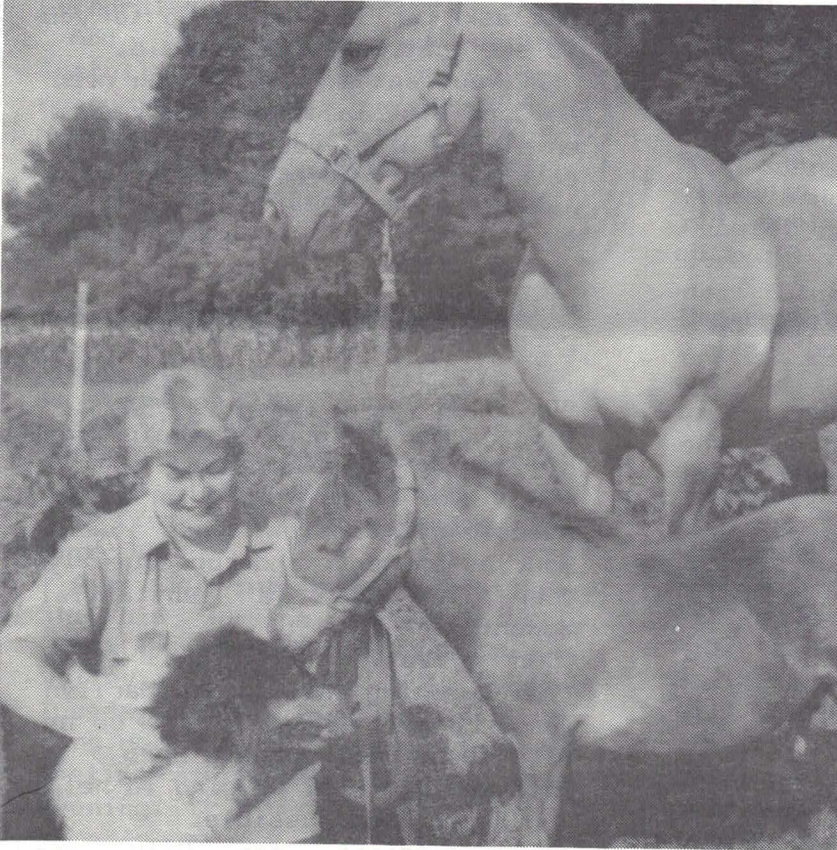
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Adele Bolton's newest horse, Little Chief, will always be "little" compared to his mother Carey. Presently 5 months old and 19 inches high, Little Chief will only be a maximum of 26 inches high when grown. Adele, Little Chief, Carey, and Honey (the dog) all share the limelight in the picture at left.

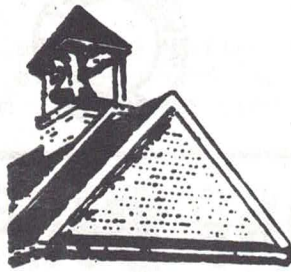
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Our Town



By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

MT. MERCY PARKING GETS LOTS OF "NO"

More and more, parked cars have been creating traffic problems for people driving along Mt. Mercy Drive in the St. Aloysius Church area.

The City Council voted August 3 to put up "No Parking" signs along the north side of the street from Central Avenue to Houston Lane, excluding the handicapped parking zone in front of the church.

The church is working toward Sunday, October 4, as the date for dedication of its new sanctuary.

DR. MAHAN MOVES

After 20 years at his Pewee Valley office on the Old Town Square at 304 Mt. Mercy Drive, Dr. Willard L. Mahan has moved his dental practice to Highway 22 at the corner of Orchard Grass Boulevard.

The new location is fully accessible to handicapped persons.

MEMO TO TAXPAYERS

Tax bills went into the mail early last month. If you bought property after Jan. 1, your bill may have the former owner's name on it, but it is still your bill.

If you have a mortgage company, and it takes money out of your payments to put in escrow, the company has to pay your taxes. If you receive the bill, it is because the mortgage company did not ask for it. It is up to you to see that the bill is paid.

If you want a receipt, you need to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment. Of course, your cancelled check is a receipt.

As stated on your bill, if it is not paid by August 31, you will have to pay interest and penalty charges also.

If you're going to turn 65 at any time in 1993, remember to visit the Property Valuation office in LaGrange early in the year to sign up for your Homestead Exemption. This lowers your assessment, and consequently your tax, by a substantial amount.

On Sept. 1, I'll be relinquishing this job to Marilyn (Mrs. Larry) Walls. Please be as nice to her as you have been with me. She will be glad to help you as much as possible.

The address for City tax payments is still: City of Pewee Valley, Box 769, Pewee Valley, KY 40056.

Sincerely,
Elsie M. Heiman
City Tax Collector

CITY SAYS THANKS

In connection with the annual City-sponsored concert on July 12, the Mayor and City Council would like to express their appreciation to:

Citizens Fidelity Bank Oldham County for underwriting the appearance of the Louisville Pipe Band, to the tune of \$200.

The South Oldham Lions Club for its financial and members' personal participation.

And in connection with the installation of the new community-events sign purchased by the City, appreciation to:

Unique Garden Center, on LaGrange Road just west of town, for donating the labor and materials (worth \$189) for landscaping the sign.

CALLING ALL CPA'S

The City is seeking bids on the annual audit of its financial records. This audit will cover the fiscal year that ended last June 30.

Any CPA interested must have the bid in the hands of City Clerk Lee Heiman (Box 769, Pewee Valley, KY 40056) by noon Tuesday, Sept. 8. Bids will be considered at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council that evening.

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With major streets resurfaced - and lookin' good - with some 3,000 tons of topping and binder at an approximate cost of \$47,200, our irrepressible Road Commissioner, City Councilman John Bishop, isn't exactly resting on his laurels.

John has managed somehow to get the major projects - plus some lesser ones such as patching on Cherry Hill and a partial resurfacing of 500 feet of Old Forest Lane - accomplished at a fraction of the estimated cost.

So now he finds himself with a few thousand dollars left in the roads budget, and has his eye on Rebel Drive and maybe some other streets for resurfacing in the near future.

No telling where this man might end up. Let's hope he doesn't end up resurfacing his own driveway. (He wouldn't.)

COUNCIL ON SEPT. 8

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the next monthly meeting of Pewee Valley's City Council will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 8, instead of Monday. The meeting will be in Town Hall, starting at 7 p.m., as usual, our residents are always welcome at these meetings.

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CABLE-TV ON A HIGH

(All We Can Do Is Sigh!)

"Raising cable television rates is the last thing we want to do in difficult economic times, but. . ." begins the letter received by Pewee Valley Mayor Vivien Reinhardt from Reba Doutrick, community services director for Storer Cable Communications.

" . . . but we have no choice if we are to continue improving the quality of programming and service."

The letter goes on to announce rate increases effective Sept. 30 for Pewee Valley subscribers. (These rates are the same as in Jefferson County.)

The Classic Cable service package - which nearly all of Storer's subscribers have - will rise from \$21.84 a month to \$23.86. But there is a bonus: The Disney Channel, which has been sold separately heretofore as a premium channel (at \$7.95), will become part of the Classic Cable programming.

Basic service (Channels 2-22) will increase 9 cents - from \$14.34 to \$14.48.

All Storer customers should

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have received by now a letter from Storer detailing the rate information.

As a result of deregulation a few years ago, municipalities do not now have any say on cable-TV rates, as Pewee Valley did when the service first became available.

However, on July 23 the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that promotes competition and re-regulates the cable industry. Congressman Jim Bunning, who voted aye, is keeping Pewee Valley Councilman Ralph Beverly posted on the progress of the bill, which is now before a joint Senate/House committee for hashing out differences between House and Senate bills on the same subject.

The Courier-Journal made a study of Storer's rates, and on Aug. 4 reported that the expanded basic service - called Classic Cable - has risen (prior to the upcoming increase) by 19% since 1984, when the cable-TV industry was deregulated by the federal government. Storer has insisted, however, that the number of channels and the quality of programming have both increased since then.

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TRAINS ON A TOOT

(But We Do Give a Hoot!)

Just as the now-incessant blasts of train whistles are not being (impossible to be) ignored by townspeople from one end of Pewee Valley to the other, so are the flood of complaints not being ignored by City officials.

Pewee Valley, like many other communities, has had for years an ordinance banning the whistle-blowing inside the city limits. But a new state law that went into effect on July 14 voids all such municipal ordinances.

CSX Transportation immediately ordered its engineers to sound their whistles at every crossing. They're not only sounding them--they're laying on them.

Our Town has had its share of complaints from folks living near the tracks...and even some distance away...who have had their dreams shattered by the overwhelming noise.

CSX greeted the new state law with open arms, contending that it is a major step toward reducing the number of grade-crossing accidents.

"It is a well-established fact," wrote Michael Ruehling of Lexington, CSX resident vice president for state relations in Kentucky, in a letter to Pewee Valley Mayor Vivien H. Reinhardt, "that train whistles are a critical element in the prevention of grade-crossing accidents and their tragic consequences."

Be that as it may, residents

most affected by the noise are enraged. Ten of them appeared at the City Council meeting on August 3 to appeal for relief, and the Mayor has received several complaints by phone.

The feeling is that a "happy medium," at the least, should be negotiable.

There has already been something of this sort in LaGrange, St. Matthews and the Crescent Hill area of Louisville. There, CSX has modified its new whistle-blowing policy: Trains now sound a whistle only once upon entering those designated residential areas, and they then proceed while ringing a bell continuously until leaving the area.

There has been no indication that this modification of policy will be extended to any other stretches of track.

Pewee Valley's officials are searching in all directions for an answer. Mayor Reinhardt and City legal counsel John Frith Stewart plan to confer with Anchorage officials, who have threatened to file suit against CSX Transportation if a compromise cannot be reached there.

Anchorage City Council meanwhile will vote August 24 on an ordinance which, it is hoped, would accomplish the same thing as the CSX modification of its whistle policy.

The Anchorage ordinance would require trains to blow the whistle upon entering the city, and they ring the bell while passing through - assuming that

The old romantic notion of train whistles in the distance has come to an abrupt end for this resident of Pewee Valley. Living about one block from the tracks, the new blaring horn of your CSX trains is creating a painful situation. Previously, residents in this area knew that the engines were passing but the noise level was acceptable and most often overlooked. That can't be the case with the new horn blaring.

Have you considered the potential grievances your new actions can cause? People will lose sleep, causing all sorts of illness and mood swings. How many sick people are you disturbing and harming daily throughout this entire area? If you are interested in safety, have you considered all the morning drivers that are must less alert from lack of sleep? It is easy to imagine that your horns could cause an accident by

scaring or distracting someone driving alongside the railroad tracks.

Another very important factor you have likely overlooked are property values. Consider a potential client inspecting one of the many fine homes along the railway, when one of your trains blares their horns. Would you buy at such a location? A train passing is one thing; these horns are an entirely different matter.

It seems obvious that all the potential hazards created from this unnecessary blaring of horns at all crossings far outweigh any safety advantage. I strongly suggest you reconsider the course you are taking regarding this new horn blowing. It could get expensive.

Walter Nussbaum Jr.
Tulip Avenue
Pewee Valley

—Letter to The Oldham Era (and CSX Transportation)

trains do not blow whistles and ring bells at the same time. Thus, the ordinance would not come into conflict with the new state law, because it wouldn't restrict the whistle-blowing but rather would require the bell.

Pewees didn't like having their rest disturbed any more three quarters of a century ago than they do now. Our whistle ban dates back to a 1914 ordinance. Like the proposed Anchorage

ordinance, the old Pewee Valley ordinance required continuous sounding of the bell within the city limits.

Our ordinance was updated as recently as 1989, with references to the bell removed.

The original ordinance permitted four toots of one second each as a train approached the depot, as a signal to the dispatcher at the station. This provision, too, was removed in 1989 - our depot is long gone.

A GARAGE & A POOL

Building permits issued last month by the County Planning & Zoning Commission:

To Steven Cox, for 32x16-foot garage on his property at 332 Old Floydsburg Road.

To Resa Holloway, for a 16x32-foot in-ground swimming pool at 7604 Woodridge Drive.



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A MUSICAL BEGINNING

The first play of the 1992-1993 season at The Little Colonel Playhouse in Pewee Valley will be "The Fantasticks", a musical by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt.

Auditions will be held on August 16 at 3 p.m. and on August 17, at 7:30 p.m. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing and do cold readings from the play. An accompanist will be provided. There are roles for 6-7 men and 1-2 women.

Performance dates are Oct. 15, 16, 17, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 25 matinee at 2:30 p.m.

Jill Dunlap will be directing. For more information call 429-8418.

"The Fantasticks" is one of the longest running musicals on Broadway. The story is that of two fathers and their children, a boy and girl, and their attempts to find love and adventure. Musical numbers include "Try to Remember", "Soon It's Gonna Rain", and "I Can See It".

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RECENT DEATHS

Long-time resident Mrs. Charles Baumeister died August 1 at age 95. She was the former Bertha Bottorff, a native of Oldham County, a member of the Pewee Valley Woman's Club and of Crestwood United Methodist Church. Survivors include a daughter Margaret Cassell of Pewee Valley, 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

James Roger Smith died at his home on Cherry Hill July 16 at age 75. A retired salesman for Nationwide Paper Co., he was a former commissioner of Oldham Co. Water District No. 1, a member of Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church and of Pewee Valley Masonic Lodge 829. Survivors include 2 daughters, Adele Bolton of Pewee Valley and Myra Smith; a brother, Jack Smith of Pewee Valley, and a sister "Bunch" Huber.

Raleigh "Bob" Hoskins, 68, died August 5 at his home. He was the brother of our mayor, Vivien H. Reinhardt.

George Beckham Duncan, 91, of Mount Olivet, formerly of Pewee Valley, died July 18 in Cynthiana. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Masonic Lodge. George K. Duncan, his son, still resides in Pewee Valley.

JUST MARRIED

Wedding bells have been ringing this summer for at least 6 Pewee Valley daughters:

Connie Kehl married Richard Fitch on May 23 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church


Kimberly Logan married James Allen Inskeep Jr. on May 30 at Second Presbyterian in Louisville

Patricia (Patty) A. Hayes married John Klarer July 11 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Annette Marie Kinser married Patrick William Klanac on June 27 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Angela Lou Ree Pickett married Russell David Thomas on July 19 at Pewee Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church

Monica Ann Montgomery married David Thomas Matia, Jr. on July 25 at Church of the Holy Spirit in Louisville



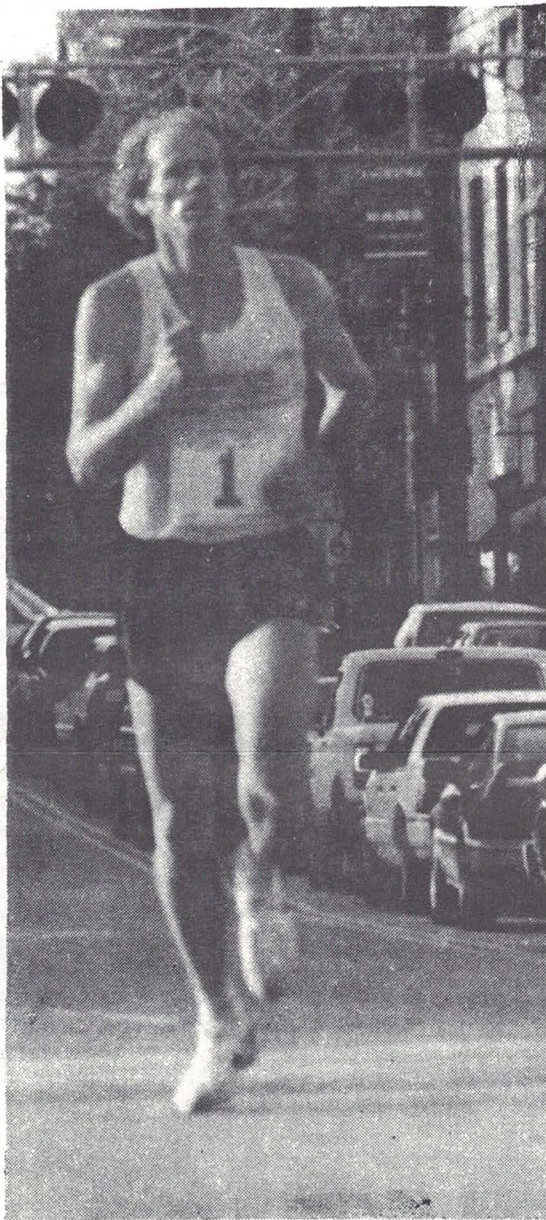
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Pewee Valley resident Stan Clark was the men's winner in the annual Oldham County Festival Run on July 17. The course took the runners through the city of LaGrange and kicked off the Oldham County Day festivities.

(Oldham Era Photograph)



VOLUNTEERS STILL WANTED

The volunteer firemen and firewomen fill a vitally important role in our community. As reported in last month's "Call", the Pewee Valley Fire Protection District is in need of trained volunteer men and women to be on call (day or night, or both).

The Pewee Valley department will provide all the necessary training and equipment in order for you to become a part of this dedicated group so important to Our Town.

For additional information, contact John Storrie at 241-7798, or Tim Kehl at 241-0025 or 241-4569, or stop by the Pewee Valley firehouse on any Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

WHAT GOES ON at a Pewee Valley City Council meeting? Well, this is one version as reported in The Oldham Era by its editor after she dropped in on the Council's monthly session on July 6:

Town takes care of business with due care for tradition

It has none of the glamour and drama of those television shows where people grandstand, shout and point fingers, screaming about corruption and such.

It is friendly, chatty even, around the rectangular wooden table at a Pewee Valley City Council meeting. Mayor Vivien Reinhardt, genteelly presiding.

Police Chief Larry Walls pulls down the rope from the ceiling in town hall, ringing the bell to let everyone know the public meeting is about to commence. It sounds as though church services are set to begin, although this isn't such a solemn occasion.

Walls shows a reporter the loop on the end of the bell rope. "This is also for reporters who get out of line," he says with a wicked grin. Indeed, it looks like a tiny hangman's noose. He's kidding, of course, just minutes earlier having given a hearty hello.

This is a council that hasn't let slip some small town traditions. Clerk Lee Heiman actually reads the minutes from the last meeting. No one moves to dispense with them in the interest of time. In Pewee Valley, there's always time.

Councilman Walter Hayes expresses concern about his daughter's wedding at St. Aloysius Church. It's not about her dress or pre-wedding jitters. It's just that the wedding will begin only one-half hour before the annual church picnic. He's worried about the limo



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cutting through the crowd and where everyone will park. It's not official city business, but no one seems to mind.

A get well card is passed around for everyone to sign, even a visiting reporter. It's for Police Officer Kevin Epley, recovering from shoulder surgery. Everyone genuinely hopes he gets well soon — and it's not related to the dozens of hours of overtime worked by the two other officers.

Yes, they discuss real city business. Street paving is a big topic, as Councilman John Bishop proudly reports they were able to pave five streets for only slightly more than they thought one would cost. Hays quips that he thought it was done just for his daughter's wedding. They laugh.

When City Attorney John Frith Stewart brings news of litigation, the council properly moves to go into closed session. Because the meeting room at town hall is rather cozy, and there's no other place inside for visitors to be out of

earshot, we go outside on the porch. It's a nice night and the council finishes its closed session quickly.

They talk about the new handsome community activities sign, getting disability insurance for the three full-time city employees and the bicentennial concert on the town square. The mayor reports on a strategic planning session she attended with the Chamber of Commerce. The police chief presents his short monthly report. He's kidded for misspelling speeding, although the report clearly shows violators can be caught even if the computer can't spell.

The city clerk agonizes over proper procedure on voting on a bill to reimburse Councilman Bill Durham, who's been called away because of a death in the family. Normally, councilmen abstain from voting on reimbursements to themselves. The city attorney points out that since Durham is absent, there's no problem. The bill is slightly more than \$2.

All the bills are painstakingly read by Heiman, and approved by category. No one minds. This is how it's done.

After slightly less than two hours, the council's affairs are finished. They adjourn. There's no rush to the door. There's still the business of swapping vacation miscues and tips to be wrapped up.