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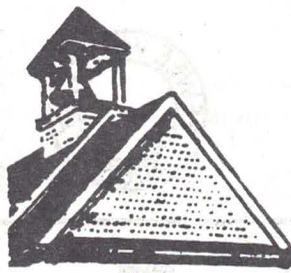


Mail Call

Going to the Post Office — then on Central Avenue — was a social occasion when this picture was snapped 70 years ago. Postmaster D.D. Hendrickson invites you to enjoy coming to the present Post Office for the following event:

On Tuesday, August 17, the Pewee Valley Post Office will host a "COFFEE AND COMMENT" day. Please join us for coffee, lemonade and cookies, and complete a customer comment card.

OUR TOWN



By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

THE RED-PENN PROBLEM

Mayor Vivien Reinhardt and City Council members have joined many other persons in an outcry against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recent decision to do nothing about the Red-Penn Landfill south of Pewee Valley on Outer Ash Avenue.

EPA is now reconsidering that decision. And a public hearing that had been set for Thursday, Aug. 5, has been rescheduled. The new hearing date: Thursday, August 19, South Oldham High School cafeteria.

By then, the EPA and Kentucky governmental officials will try to decide what to do about the landfill, which is believed to contain thousands of drums of hazardous waste.

People living to the south of Pewee Valley, rather than city residents themselves, would be much more likely to suffer any ill effects from the landfill. Nevertheless...

"I do not trust EPA with this at all," Mayor Reinhardt was quoted in The Courier-Journal on Aug. 4. "I want to know what's in those buried drums, and I want those drums out of there."

The City Council at its meeting on Aug. 2 showed deep concern over unanswered questions in a

long discussion and agreed that additional work needs to be done by EPA before any conclusion is reached.

After meeting at the Red-Penn site on Aug. 5, state and federal environmental officials indicated they have agreed to work together to clean up the landfill, although details on how to get the job done remained uncertain.

By the rescheduled public-hearing date, Aug. 19, a plan for stabilizing the landfill is expected to have been worked out. But if not, the hearing may need to be postponed again.



C-J Map

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

There may be help ahead for clearing weeds and some small trees from a long-neglected older part of the Pewee Valley East Cemetery - across Maple Avenue from the Confederate Cemetery.

Some members of a Roederer Correctional Complex boot camp - a new program for non-violent offenders - are expected to be assigned to the job after the weather cools a bit.

MAYOR GOES FOR ANOTHER TERM AND 9 SEEK 6 COUNCIL SEATS

With the passing of the deadline for filing for Pewee Valley city offices on Aug. 3, these are the candidates who had come forward to have their names placed on the ballot in November:

For Mayor - only the incumbent, Vivien H. Reinhardt, who will be going for her third term.

For City Council's six seats - John Bishop, William Durham, Walter Hayes, and Kathie Hodge, incumbents; plus Mark Abrams, Bruce Bolton, Alan R. Gould, Robert E. Lee and Steve Reeves.

We will carry brief profiles of the candidates in a later issue, prior to the election.

QUESTION ABOUT DOUBLE JOBS

Three lawsuits filed in Oldham Circuit Court challenging County Planning & Zoning Commission decisions regarding subdivisions also contend that four commissioners who also hold elective office - among them Mayor Vivien Reinhardt of Pewee Valley - cannot under state law hold both jobs at the same time. (All P&Z commissioners are appointed.)

The suits were filed recently by developers Carl Cox and Robert A. Jones, who claim the commission did not have authority to deny their respective subdivision plans, and by the City of River Bluff, seeking to reverse the commission's approval of a preliminary plan for a subdivision in that city.

SHAME ON YOU, S.L.!

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Southern Living magazine, let's try again!

Your August issue, which not only pokes fun at Pewee Valley but also misspells our name, is offensive to numerous local subscribers.

In an apparently "cute" remark in an article written by a "cute" person who probably lives in New York City, we're listed among "most self-defeating town names" in this way

"Town name least favored by males possessing extra Y chromosomes - Peewee (sic) Valley, Kentucky."

The item apparently refers to macho men. Joke? Okay. But the origin of Pewee Valley's name had nothing to do with the ability of the male to function, but rather the ability of a little bird to find its mate by calling out "Pewee, pewee" and thus, being heard by the fathers of our town, being responsible for the "pewee" in Our Town's name.

Mayor Vivien Reinhardt's comment about the reference to Pewee Valley and the misspellings: "About at the same level."

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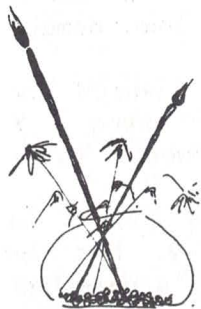
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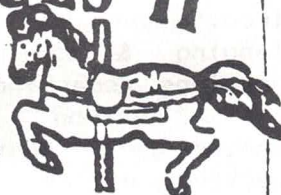
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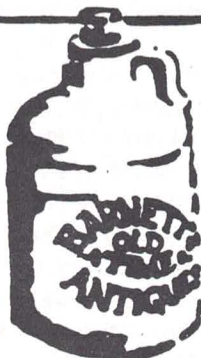
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6 Deaths:

"MISSY" RICHARD

"Missy" Richard, whose artistic talents were known to many people in our community, and especially to those of St. James' Episcopal Church of which she was a member, died on July 15 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Missy, whose full name was Billie Marie, resided for many years in the big white-frame house at the corner of Wooldridge Avenue and LaGrange Road.

For many years (until arthritis took its toll) she sold her art work through "Missy's Corner" at the annual St. James' Bazaar, donating all proceeds to the Women of the Church. The same people came year after year from all over Oldham and Jefferson Counties, eager to be "first in line" to purchase her work.

DAVID SCOTT TURNER

David Scott Turner, who resided on Cherry Lane, died August 3 at his home. He was 71.

He was a retired accountant for the old Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., where he had worked 35 years.

Surviving him are his wife Quida Mae and son Dennis.

CHANGES AT THE PNC BANK




Mary Lee Greenwood Scott Fowler

A new face has shown up at PNC Bank's Pewee Valley branch (now referred to as the Pewee Valley Market Center), and a familiar face there has moved elsewhere.

Mary Lee Greenwood is the new manager and loan officer of the Pewee Valley office, where she succeeds Scott Fowler.

A PNC vice president, Mary Lee has been an employee of the bank for 11 years and has also managed its LaGrange, Buckner and Crestwood offices. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky's School of Banking and Western Kentucky University's Bank Management Institute. In Oldham County she's treasurer of Business and Professional Women, member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is president-elect of Financial Women International.

Scott, an assistant vice president, has been appointed residential construction and commercial lender, working at the LaGrange office. He also will have some marketing duties in his new role. He is a graduate of Oldham County High School and University of Kentucky, and joined PNC Bank in 1986.



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Our policemen gave citations to 61 motorists - mostly for speeding - in July, according to Chief Larry Walls' monthly report to City Council. Speeding citations numbered 44. Seven motorists were cited for disregarding stop signs. There was one arrest, on a charge of operating a vehicle on a suspended driver's license.

Police also gave out 106 warnings, again mostly for speeding.

There were also numerous runs during the month for a variety of problems, including suspicious persons [13], motorist assists [12], prowlers [5], loud parties [5], helping people get into their homes [2], and one domestic dispute.

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Stan Clark of Pewee Valley won the Oldham County Festival 5K run through the streets of downtown LaGrange.

Oldham Era Photo

JEN, WILL YOU MARRY ME. . CAREY! |

Pewee Valley resident and Police Officer Carey Hirtzel's unique proposal of marriage to Jennifer Gonnella received front page attention in the July 19 edition of The Courier-Journal. An airplane flew the above banner over the Louisville Redbird's game that Carey, Jennifer and their families were attending, and as cameras clicked, Carey presented his fiancee with an engagement ring. Smiling through her tears, a surprised Jennifer said "Yes!"



As this issue goes to press and into the mail, the Oldham County Closed Tennis Championships 1993 are taking place at the Oldham County High School tennis courts.

Thanks to Pewee Valley residents Glen Fanelli and Joe Weingardt, this once annual event in Oldham County is being revived and received with much interest.

Entrants must be a resident or be employed in Oldham County. There are divisions for singles, doubles, mixed, and for all age levels.

"HABITAT FOR HUMANITY" HOME

After 10 months of preparation and organization our local chapter of Habitat For Humanity has broken ground for its first house for a low income family. The Hands of Joseph chapter - named after the Biblical carpenter Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus - is building a 3-bedroom ranch style home on a donated lot located off Ash Avenue just over the Oldham/Shelby County line.

The home will not be a giveaway. The family for which it is being built will be required to put a small down payment, and must show ability to repay the no-interest loan. They will also be required to put hours of work into the home along with the other volunteers who will build it.

Chuck Howington, a Pewee Valley resident, is president of the Hands of Joseph Chapter. Anyone interested in more information on either applying for a Habitat home, or wishing to donate time, materials or money should contact Chuck or write Habitat For Humanity - Hands of Joseph, Inc., P.O. Box 431, Pewee Valley, KY 40056.

WOODMAN, SPARE THAT TREE— UNTIL COUNCIL WILL AGREE

Residents are reminded that there is a city ordinance forbidding removal of any tree alongside Our Town's streets without permission of the City Council, and requiring that any tree removed must be replaced with a young one.

This is the procedure: Present in writing to the Council a request for permission, with a brief statement describing the tree and reason for removal, plus a rough sketch showing its location. (Such requests may be sent to City Clerk, Box 769, Pewee Valley.)

The Council will act on the request at its next regular meeting (usually the first Monday evening of each month).

Pewee Valley has had a tree protection ordinance on the books for about 80 years, the city fathers apparently having realized at an early time the aesthetic value of those scenic stalwarts that line most of our streets.

STAGES

Auditions for the first play of the Little Colonel Playhouse 1993-1994 season will probably be Sun. Aug. 29 and Mon. Aug. 30. Watch the City's signboard along LaGrange Road— and the newspapers — for definite dates and times. Jill Dunlap will be directing this play.

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The Younger Thespians



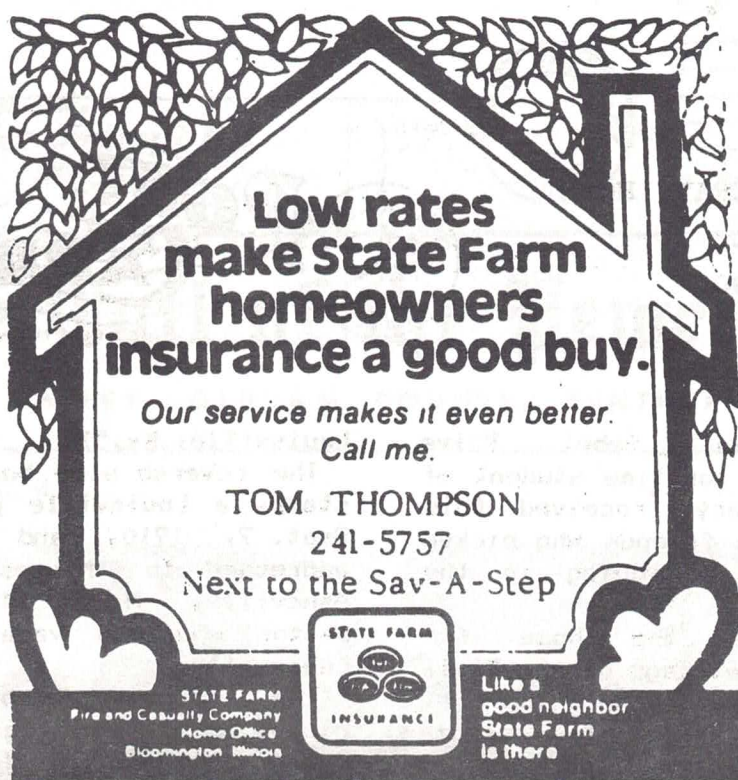
Two characters duel with markers in the Children's Summer Workshop Production at the Little Colonel Playhouse, presented the last weekend in July. The production was the melodrama "Dirty Work in High Places" directed by Billi Bailey.



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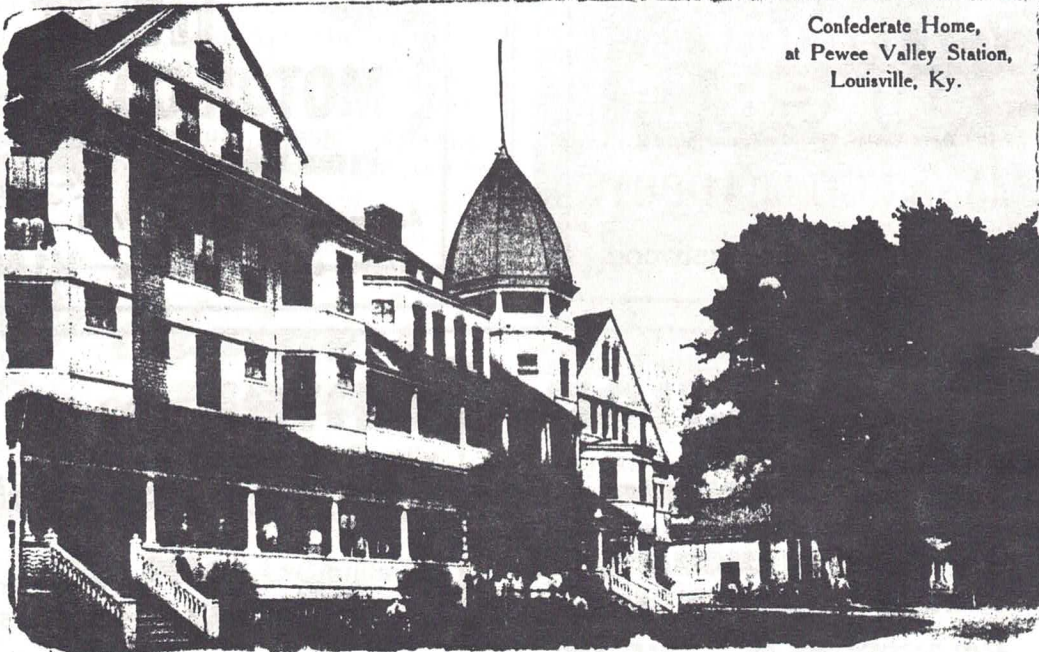
Zack Logan, Rebel Drive resident and longtime student of the Confederacy, received this postcard from friends who picked it up while antiquing in the Carolinas.

It depicts the home for Confederate veterans of the Civil War that once sat atop a low hill in the center of Our Town. (Note the location given on the card - "at Pewee Valley Station,

Louisville, Ky.")

The reverse side bore a 1-cent stamp, a Louisville postmark of Sept. 7, 1910, and a message addressed to "Misses McCoy" in Asheville, N.C., from their pastor who was vacationing in Louisville.

The card, which probably cost a nickel or less originally, was bought by Zack's friends for \$2.75 - 55 times its 1910 value!



Confederate Home,
at Pewee Valley Station,
Louisville, Ky.