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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL YULE LOG SING-A-LONG ON DEC. 20

Santa Claus will arrive in the Old Town Square aboard a fire engine at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, to mark the start of Pewee Valley's annual Yule Log Sing-Along around a blazing bonfire.

Famous vocalist Eddie Logsdon will lead the singing of Christmas songs.

And there will be instrumental music, too, provided by guitarists Patty Hayes and Janet Tanselle Riggs.

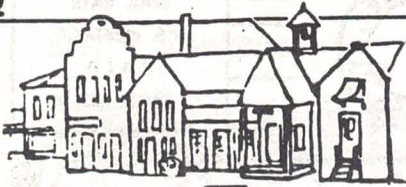
Santa (a. k. a. Abner Pike) will bring along candy for the youngsters, and after the sing-along there will be free refreshments for all—provided by the City—in the Fire-

house, served by members of the Firemen's Auxiliary.

As part of the program, as customary, Christmas turkeys will be distributed to City workers and volunteer firemen, as gifts from the City and Fire District, respectively.

Mayor Reinhardt will be on hand to wish everyone Merry Christmas.

These annual events have been attracting 100 to 200 people—depending on weather, sometimes balmy, sometimes snowy—since they were begun 17 years ago as part of the year-long celebration of Pewee Valley's 100th birthday.



Our Town

By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

Speeders still are commanding the attention of our police force. Last month, 29 of them were cited, mostly on Ash Avenue and LaGrange Road.

The Ash Avenue speeding problem—created almost entirely by non-Pewees driving through—was pointed out by Ash Avenue resident George Wetherby, appearing at the Dec. 7 City Council meeting. Police have promised to keep after the speeders, hoping that perseverance will eventually pay off.

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Police Officer Kevin Epley has been commended by four of our residents for his efforts to save the life of a dog hit by a car last month.

Passersby noted that he was doing all he could when it became evident that calls to the County Dog Warden failed to bring her to the scene.

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The audit of City records for fiscal year 1986-87 has been completed by Stuedle, Mattingly & Co., and accepted by the City Council.

Christmas greenery and red bows are back on our street signs, thanks again to the personal efforts of Mayor and Garden-Clubber Vivien Reinhardt.

And have you noticed those beautiful wreaths on the Post Office and Town Hall?

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Woodridge residents continue to complain that locomotive whistles are sounded inside the city limits in defiance of a City ordinance prohibiting this. Police Chief Larry Walls has been conferring with railroad officials about it this month.

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A Woodridge resident got out of her car in time to avoid injury when it became stuck on the Houston Lane railroad crossing and was hit by a train Nov. 6.

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If you're a property owner who will be turning 65 at any time in 1988, you should apply for a Homestead Exemption in January at the Property Valuation office in LaGrange, advises City Tax Collector Elsie Heiman.

This will save you some tax money. It reduces your property assessment by \$17,500, which will be reflected in City and County tax bills you receive in 1988 and thereafter.

OUR TOWN *Continued*

Somebody got into the Pewee Valley Post Office through a rear window the night of Dec. 8, and took some empty mail sacks, according to a police report.

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The City Council will put up "No Outlet" signs at the entrances to Peace Lane and Woodridge and Shadowood subdivisions as requested by residents of those areas.

A 25-mph sign at the entrance to Woodridge also was approved.

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THE NEW/OLD CITY COUNCIL

Your new City Council will consist of three "left-overs"—Norman Turner, Harry Johns and Ralph E. Beverly—and three "new kids on the block"—Kathie Hodge, Bill Durham and John Bishop.

They, along with incumbent Mayor Vivien H. Reinhardt, will remain in office for the next two years.

The City Council election on Nov. 3 produced the following results:

Incumbents on the ballot:

Norman Turner 230
Ralph E. Beverly 203
Harry Johns 194

Write-in votes:

Kathie Hodge 142
Bill Durham 101
John Bishop 94

(A number of other people received one or more write-in votes including Linda Hinton, Robert E. Lee, Ted Merhoff and Dusty Rhodes.)

The new Council begins its term next month. The Dec. 7 meeting was the last for the three who chose not to seek re-election—Tom Montgomery, John Falvey and Charles Dittmeier.

At the end of the meeting, Tom, who has been Police Commissioner all but the first few months of his six years as a Councilman, referred to our present police force—Chief Larry Walls and Officers Larry Cuikaj and Kevin Epley:

"Pewee Valley is very for-

tunate to have three people taking care of the City the way they are."

CITY APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reinhardt has made the following re-appointments for 1988-89, and they have been approved by the Council:

Lee Heiman, City Clerk
Dorcas Merhoff, Treasurer
Elsie Heiman, Tax Collector
Norman Turner, Housing Comm.
Kathie Hodge, Town Greeter
Patti Nuermberger, Editor
Katie Smith, Historian
Larry Walls, Police Chief
Kevin Epley, Officer
Larry Cuikaj, Officer
John Frith Stewart and Ray Roelandt, legal counsel

The Councilmen reappointed Mayor Reinhardt as the City's representative on the Oldham County Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Mayor's suggestion that Carol Chaudoin Goodrich be named as the other of our P&Z members was also approved by the Council. Carol will serve the two years remaining of the term of Marvin Satterly, who is moving from Pewee Valley to Westport.

For the Pewee Valley Board of Adjustments and Appeals, which handles requests for zoning changes within city limits, the Mayor's appointment of Mary Wright for a new two-year term was also approved.

LOTS OF ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTIONS

About 130 of you took the time and trouble to respond to the questions in our November issue regarding open burning and a street closing.

Mayor Vivien Reinhardt came up with the following tallies:

OPEN BURNING

Burn anything (properly and carefully): 94

Burn leaves only: 22

No open burning: 14

OLD FOREST ROAD

No objection to closing the street at Old Floydsburg Road end (or makes no difference): 57

Close the street: 12

Leave street open: 50

Most of the responses came on the form that was enclosed with The Call of the Pewee, but 24 residents phoned their comments to Mayor Reinhardt.

And nearly 20 others with thoughts on the two matters appeared in person at the Dec. 7 City Council meeting.

(See separate article for a report on Council action.)

The City Council heard residents' comments and discussed the open-burning issue at its Dec. 7 meeting, but decided not to make any official decision at that time.

That leaves the status as it has been, at least for the time, since there is at present no Pewee Valley ordinance prohibiting open burning. (Oldham County does have a new ordinance which lets the County Judge/Executive ban burning in times of extremely dry weather, and such a ban was in effect for a few days last month.)

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In the matter of whether Old Forest Road should be closed at its intersection with Old Floydsburg Road, the Council voted 5-to-1 to keep the street open.

Harry Johns, the sole Council member favoring the closing, is an Old Forest Road resident. He said that in lieu of a closing, through traffic needs to be slowed, and asked that his fellow-Councilmen consider lowering the speed limit.

THERE WERE A GREAT MANY INTERESTING COMMENTS FROM OUR RESIDENTS, AND WE'LL PRINT SOME OF THESE NEXT MONTH WHEN WE EXPECT TO HAVE MORE SPACE AVAILABLE

HISTORIC PEWEE VALLEY

By Karen Graves

November was a great month! Edgewood is rescued; we are officially incorporated; membership is growing and we have filed for state funds to help with the National Register process.

Our December highlight was a tour of three Central Avenue homes. On Sunday, Dec. 1, the homes of Lee Strasey, Ben and Mary Sanders, and David and Karen Graves were open to members of Historic Pewee Valley, Inc.

Membership dues are \$2 for students, \$10 for an individual, and \$20 for a family.

Dues will be used for many purposes. We need to raise \$2500 for the National Register project. The state grant would provide \$5000, and \$2500 can be added to our fund-raising through volunteer service.

We also need money to develop an historical library consisting of photos, maps, documents, and tapes of oral histories. Other projects are being planned.

We need an office for our organization. Does anyone have a building or room that could be used for Historic Pewee Valley, Inc.?

It's been exciting to see how much pride we Pewees have in our town and our heritage.

GREG BASSETT

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Recent Deaths

Grove F. Gleason, who served as the Mayor of Our Town a quarter century ago, died on Dec. 12 at his home, 417 LaGrange Rd. He was 78.

Grove had also been a City Councilman, and was auditor of the City's books for several years. He was retired as accountant for Brown - Forman Corp. For years he was active in the South Oldham Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; a son, David, residing in Ross Woods, daughter, Carole Bockey, Beechdale Road, and four grandchildren.

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Anita Fay Croley of Pewee Valley died Nov. 11 of injuries in an auto accident on LaGrange Road near Buckner. Her age was 38.

She and her husband, William P. Croley, an attorney at LaGrange, lived at 117 Ash Ave. She had been court stenographer for Oldham-Henry-Trimble Circuit Court for a number of years.

Among her survivors is a son, Todd LeCompte.

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Barbara Nelson Collins, Pewee Valley resident for many years, died Dec. 8 at age 51.

She was the wife of Letcher E. Collins, and lived at 105 Ash Ave. She was formerly married to Jules Klein.

DENTIST WITHOUT AN OFFICE

Dr. John Froning, who lives on Rebel Drive in Pewee Valley, found himself without a place to practice his dental profession after a fire destroyed his office in Crestwood on Nov. 20.

His hair and scalp were singed as he tried to battle the blaze before firemen arrived. His 22 years' worth of dental records were lost.

John is trying to find new quarters somewhere in the Crestwood area.



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New Pewees:

The Filippini Family

By Jean Gleason

"Building this house was the most fun we've had in a long time," agree Dick and Linda Filippini regarding their decision to build in Woodridge subdivision after condominium living in Prospect's "The Harbor" for three years.

Dick, originally from Detroit, Michigan and a graduate of Purdue University, moved to Louisville four years ago with Porter Paint, and is now Vice President of Marketing for the Coatings Division. He has two daughters, Amy, 17, and Allison, 14, who live in Elkhardt, Indiana, and visit Dick and Linda over the holidays and summer vacation. Besides his hobbies which include tennis, fishing, and sailing, Dick lives to putter in his yard while chit-chatting with neighbors. Hunting is a more serious interest that is satisfied by an annual trip with friends to Montana.

Linda, a native Louisvillian, earned her bachelors degree in elementary education from Eastern University and her masters degree in counseling from Western. She is a member of the Kentucky Association for Gifted Children,



Dick and Linda Filippini

attends related seminars, and has enjoyed teaching a summer course with Horizons Unlimited. A third grade teacher in the advanced program at Dunn Elementary, she professes it is never routine. On weekends Linda enjoys tennis, shopping and entertaining friends. Her summers go quickly as she attempts to squeeze in biking, luncheons, walking and visiting neighbors. When Amy and Allison visit, a full program of Jazzercise, shopping, reading and sharing make the summer all too short.

Dick and Linda take pleasure in using most of their spare time fashioning their home, and then extending hospitality to family and guests from California, Chicago, Indiana, Tennessee and Georgia.

INDUSTRIAL PARK?

Beach Craigmyle, Pewee Valley resident and an attorney in Louisville, has informed us of a rezoning effort that would permit establishment of an industrial park off La-Grange Road between Reamer Road and Factory Lane in Jefferson County.

Even though this would affect the Pewee Valley environment, there's nothing to be done by our residents because we are in the adjoining county, in the opinion of Mayor Vivien Reinhardt.

Anyway, this request for rezoning of what's known as the Fendley tract has been

withdrawn for now, the Mayor reports. We'll be watching.

Some will recall the futile efforts of Pewees to prevent construction of "the world's largest truck plant" in nearby Jefferson County several years ago.

A FIRE THAT WASN'T

The early-day schoolhouse on Edgewood property that was to have been burned Nov. 15 as a training project for the Pewee Valley Fire District volunteers...wasn't.

Instead, the firemen received \$400 for the materials from an area resident who apparently wanted to save them for re-use.

"LITTLE COLONEL" IN CHINA

The Shirley Temple film of "The Little Colonel"—based on the Annie Fellows Johnston story that was set in Pewee Valley—is one of 50 classic U. S. movies chosen for showing on Chinese TV on Sunday afternoons over the next year. The film was made about 1935.

ADULT BALLETT-EXERCISE

Village Dance Theatre's Adult Ballet-Exercise classes are now forming. The eight-week sessions, which begin the week of January 3, will be held at Waldeck Academy of the Arts. For registration or information, contact Ann Chaudoin Weingardt at 241-9703.

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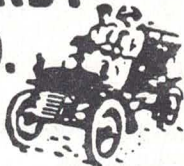
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A LITTER LETTER

To Pewee Valley Homeowners:

The litter in the city has become an eyesore.

Will you please patrol the front and sides of your property by the road at least once a week and pick up any litter.

Pewee Valley Woman's Club
Mary Stewart, Chairman of
House & Grounds Committee

It's considered to be a Pewee's duty to keep streets cleared of trash in front of the property. That's just a matter of pride.

To help keep the area along the railroad tracks clean, the City Council has just hired someone to pick up the litter there on a regular basis.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Via, who live on Old Floydsburg Road in Pewee Valley, are the grandparents of Tiffany Dawn Via, born Oct. 25 to Dave and Sheri Via of Crestwood.



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Sunday, Dec. 20
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(See front page for details)

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