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Pewee Shirley Gleason snapped Santa sharing candy with The Living Nativity during The Little Colonel's Christmas, 1985.

Sunday
Dec. 18
6:30 pm

The Little Colonel's

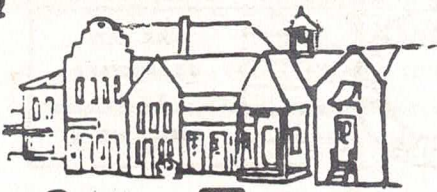
CHRISTMAS

Town Square
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Pewee Valley will celebrate "The Little Colonel's Christmas" around the caboose in the Town Square beginning at 6:30 the evening of Sunday, December 18. The Annual Yule Log Sing-A-Long will begin at 7:30 p.m. around the Fire Pit. The singing of Christmas songs old and new will

be led by Randy Brehms, choir director at Pewee Valley Junior Academy. Tom Bailey, music teacher at SOMS, will accompany with his synthesizer.

There will be fun and entertainment for the whole family, hosted by the merchants around Town Square.



Our Town

By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

Anyone for a swim? The Oldham County Planning & Zoning Commission last month granted permits for two more pools in Pewee Valley: for John Blomgren at 115 Central Ave., and for David Zook at 100 Sunnyside Court in Edgewood Manor.

Other November permits: A 60x34-foot barn on the property of John Hurd at 112 Rollington Rd.; a 24x50-foot storage building for Greg Rose at 325 Maple Ave.; and a 24x24-foot garage/storage building for Delbert Shelton at 7600 Woodridge Dr.

Pewee Valley volunteer firemen stood by, but fortunately didn't have to go into action, as a state-police bomb squad safely neutralized and burned four cases of dynamite found by hunters early this month alongside State Highway 362 (outer Ash Avenue) near the Oldham-Shelby County line.

Eleven more speeders were ticketed last month by Pewee Valley policemen, most of them on LaGrange Road and Ash Avenue, the two streets that consistently provide the most business of this sort for the officers.

Police got into the spirit of the Christmas season recently, issuing a "No O L, No O L" citation.

(Expressed in more official terms, that means the driver was cited for not having his O L -- operator's license -- in his possession.)

Does Pewee Valley seem like a great place to come to in order to have a traffic accident?

Police investigated five non-injury accidents during November within the city -- but not a one of the drivers was a resident of Our Town.

Burglaries don't occur very often in Pewee Valley, but last month brought two, both on the 17th. Jewelry and other assorted items were taken from homes in Rosswoods and on Shadowood Lane.

It was lights and camera as the City Council went into action at its Dec. 5 meeting.

Mayor Reinhardt had complained to TV stations that in news broadcasts it was often implied that Pewee Valley is the location of such things as the Red Penn landfill, the women's prison and the recent find of dynamite, and that all this might be tarnishing Our Town's reputation as a good place to live.

So WLKY-TV (Channel 32) sent its reporter and cameraman out to record some comments on the

subject during the monthly gathering at Town Hall--not far from the home of WLKY anchorman Rick Little, a Pewee Valley resident himself.

Council members saw themselves on the newscast later that night.

The place often referred to as "the Pewee Valley Women's Prison" actually isn't even in Oldham County--it's just across the line in Shelby. But people without much knowledge of the geography hereabouts may get a different impression, because the prison receives its mail at the Pewee Valley Post Office, and thus has a Pewee Valley address.

The January meeting of the City Council will be on Tuesday evening, the 3rd, because the regular date, the 2nd, will be observed by many as a holiday since New Year's Day falls on a Sunday this year.




Our Town has its decorations up for the Holidays.

Vivien Reinhardt, who takes time off from her duties as Mayor to "greenify" the street signs at this time of year, has done so. And the traditional Christmas wreath has been placed on the front of Town Hall, with the help of volunteer firemen.

In the various ways, this says: "Happy Holidays, and Good Wishes for the New Year."

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New Pewees:

By Kathie Hodge

JOHN & SUSAN BLOMGREN

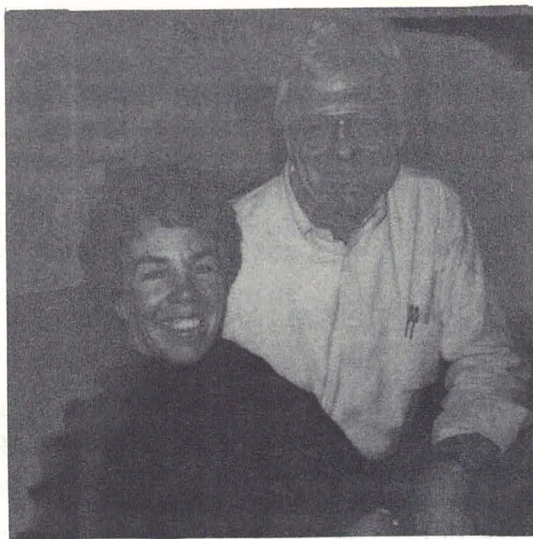
A friend back home told John and Susan it was only fitting that a nurse would find part of a hospital to live in. The Blomgren's new home, Confederate Hill on Central Avenue contains an original wall of the laundry facility of the Confederate Home, dating back to 1889. A fire destroyed the main building in 1920. Years later a bi-level home was built, using the exterior wall of the laundry as the interior wall of the new two-story family room.

Exuberantly, the Blomgrens said, "This is it!", after falling in love with scenic Confederate Hill and discovering its historical significance.

After moving from Philadelphia into Pewee last October, they immediately held a much-needed yard sale, and found it a great way to meet people.

John calls Michigan home but moved around alot over fourteen years with Mobil Oil. As Susan says, "He never threw out a thing." With a career in the credit field, John relocated in Louisville with Commonwealth Aluminum as their general credit manager. Since moving here, his spare time has been spent supervising the construction of a new pool, spa and deck for their home.

Both John and Susan were anxiously waiting for their



The Blomgrens of Confederate Hill

parents and entire family to be with them on Thanksgiving. Excited about their parent's new location, Brendan 17, Kimberly 18, Shannon 20, Jodi 21, and Jay 27, were arriving shortly.

Susan grew up in Philadelphia and earned an elementary education and psychology degree from a small Catholic woman's college in the area. After a few years of teaching, she enrolled in nursing school. Her speciality has been intensive care newborns. She even convinced John to become a foster parent for one of the newborns for four months.

The Blomgrens also own a home in Florida where they hope to spend a little time this winter playing golf and tennis.

Susan jokes that her long line of Presbyterian ancestors would be so impressed that she now lives next door to a real Presbyterian Church.

EXTENDED HOURS AT THE P.O.

For your convenience, the Pewee Valley Post Office will offer window service beyond the regular hours on three different days:

- Sat., Dec. 10: 8:30 am til 1 pm
- Fri., Dec. 16: 8:30 til 6 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 17: 8:30 am til 1 pm

SANTA WILL MAKE 'SPECIAL' DELIVERIES ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

From now through Dec. 22, the Postal Service "Santa Express" is accepting items to be delivered by Santa Claus himself on Christmas Eve.

Mailers may take their Christmas presents to any of the participating post offices - including Pewee Valley's of course. Just ask for the "Santa Express", and Santa will deliver the gifts in a special Santa Express pouch on December 24.

The cost for this "special delivery" is \$8.75 for a letter or package weighing up to eight ounces. Packages weighing up to 70 pounds will be accepted, at additional cost.

For further information on the "Santa Express", ask Santa's helpers at the post office window.

A WINDY CHURCH SERVICE

Ill winds blew no good for some members of the congregation of St. James' Episcopal Church on Sunday, Nov. 20. During the morning service a windstorm flattened a large pine tree, sending it across four cars in the church parking lot and causing considerable damage to them.

The gusts of up to 50 mph also took down some power lines, leaving some homes in the Pewee Valley area without electricity for a while.

Submitted from a Pewee resident who wishes to remain anonymous:

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Apart but not aloof, more than
fulfills
The Golden Rule, demands of
charity--
For overflowing love forgoing
frills,
Expressing gratitude's sinceri-
ty.
Yet more the gift of self, a
rarity

(Despite Decree, "A seed must
die to live")
The only things we keep are
what we give...
A town renowned for its
philosophy
Renouncing greed, here wisdom
can survive--
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see
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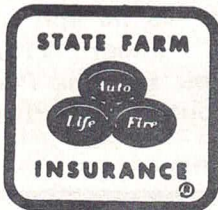
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Recent Deaths

Mrs. Laura M. Heilenman, mother of Diane Heilenman, Pewee Valley resident and Courier-Journal art critic and gardening columnist, died Nov. 20 at age 67. Other survivors include her husband, Dr. George E. Heilenman, and two other daughters. A son-in-law, Harry Johns, is a Pewee Valley city councilman.

James Mosley of Lexington, father of Kay Beverly, Pewee Valley resident, died recently. His son-in-law, Ralph Beverly, is a Pewee Valley city councilman and police commissioner.

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The next play at the Little Colonel Playhouse will be "Bell, Book and Candle". Tryouts will be on Wednesday, January 25, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m. This is a comedy by John Von Douten. There are adult parts for 2 females and 3 males. Glenna Fugate will direct.

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THE LITTLE COLONEL'S CHRISTMAS
and
YULE LOG SING-A-LONG

Sunday evening, December 18

6:30 p.m. til 8:30 p.m.

FROM 6:30 til 7:30 YOU CAN:

* Enjoy chili or hot dogs at the Pewee Valley Woman's Club

* Experience The Living Nativity that will include live animals

* Be amazed by the Earl Bullard Magician Show, held in the Fire House, sponsored by Dr. Willard Mahin.

* Have your child's picture taken on a Christmas pony, sponsored by the Pewee Valley Dog House.

* At 7:00 pm watch a brief stage play at the Little Colonel Playhouse entitled "One Partridge in a Pear Tree", directed by Billi Bailey.

* Listen to dulcimer music provided by Josie Wiseman of Pewee Valley.

* See puppets by Clarabel

* Dr. Steven Applegate's office will be hosting an open house with hot cider and goodies.

* Greet the Mayor, City Clerk and Police Chief at Town Hall.

* Visit Dr. Gerald Meyer's Veterinary Clinic.

* John Stewart, Jr.'s architectural office in the red caboose will be open.

* Roast marshmallows at the Big Bonfire in the Fire Pit, assisted by the Volunteer Firemen.

* Have your face painted..

* Our own "Little Colonel" for 1988, Carrie Todd, will be around to greet you.

* SANTA CLAUS will arrive with candy in a horse-drawn carriage driven by Bob Wright of Pewee Valley.

THE SING-A-LONG BEGINS AT 7:30

After the Yule Sing the Pewee Valley Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will serve free hot chocolate and cookies inside the Fire House.

City Councilwoman Kathie Hodge is coordinating this special holiday event for the town's enjoyment.

The Little Colonel is a legend in Pewee Valley and with many people world wide. Pewee Valley's greatest claim to fame, in fact, is under the alias "Lloydsboro Valley", the home of the fictional Little Colonel, heroine of a very popular series of teen books in the turn-of-the-century years. The author, Annie Fellows Johnson, lived in Pewee Valley, as did the real-life prototypes of the characters in her books.