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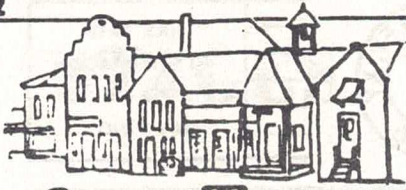
HOW! City Council members got ready to take the oath of office from former Mayor John Frith Stewart as they began their new term Jan. 4. Standing, from left, are John Bishop, Norman Turner, Harry Johns, Kathie Hodge, William Durham, Ralph Beverly. (Seated are the City Clerk, Lee Heiman, and Mayor, Vivien H. Reinhardt.)

A bit about the newcomers:
Bill Durham is a 51-year-old employee of the Oldham County Road Department and a member of Pewee Valley Bap-

tist Church. He is a former Pewee Valley volunteer policeman.

John Bishop, 53, is a member of the South Oldham Lions and Crestwood Baptist Church, and a manufacturer's representative for an electronics marketing firm.

Kathie Hodge, 39, is active in parent-teacher work, the Crestwood United Methodist Church and Jefferson County Medical Society Auxiliary. Husband Steve is a Louisville dermatologist. New Pewee Valley residents know her as Our Town's official greeter.



Our Town

By Lee Heimar, City Clerk

1988-89 COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Reinhardt has named the following Commissioners from among the Council membership to oversee the various City functions for the next two years:

Police, Ralph E. Beverly
 Fire, Norman Turner
 Roads, John Bishop
 Town Hall, Town Square and
 festivities, Kathie Hodge
 Street lighting and signs,
 Bill Durham
 Insurance, Harry Johns

OUR BUSY FIREMEN

Pewee Valley Fire District volunteers made 125 runs last year, double the usual number according to Chief Norm Turner.

He noted a significant increase in the number of runs resulting from auto accidents and storms.

LEGAL-COUNSEL ORDINANCE

An ordinance retaining the Crestwood law firm of Stewart & Roelandt as legal counsel for the City during 1988 and 1989 was given first reading by the City Council Jan. 4.

A LIGHT FOR SHADOWOOD

City Councilmen responded to a petition from Shadowood residents Jan. 4 by agreeing to fund one decorative street light at the entrance to the subdivision off Highway 22.

THE RISING COST OF VIEWING

Storer Cable Communications has informed the City Council that it is again raising its rates for cable-TV service in Pewee Valley, citing a sharp increase in its operating and programming costs.

Effective March 1, it will charge these raised rates for the basic services: Economy, \$9.95; standard, \$13.50; super cable-ready, \$14.95; super, \$15.95.

Customer payments may now be made at the Pewee Valley branch of Citizens Fidelity Bank (as well as at the other 38 locations of that bank).

A new service by Storer beginning in March will be the issuance of a free program guide to customers.

DECEMBER BUILDING PERMITS

Three building permits were issued last month to Pewees by the County Planning & Zoning Commission:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johns, a 30x30-foot addition to their residence, 115 Old Forest Rd.

James Wright, a 12x17-foot accessory building, 108 Rebel Dr.

George K. and Leona Duncan, an 11x8-foot addition to garage, 309 Maple Ave.

CITY-SERVICES DIRECTORY

If you're a Pewee Valley resident, this issue of The Call Of The Pewee contains an insert—the annual directory of City services.

You're encouraged to keep this in a handy place close to the phone in case the need for assistance arises at any time during the year.

For additional copies, call City Clerk Lee Heiman, 241-4551.

The Clerk also has available free copies of the new third printing of the Pewee Valley brochure, containing a description of points of interest in Our Town, a map and history-in-brief.

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POLICE REPORT

Motorists who exceed the City's speed limit by several miles an hour continue to be the Pewee Valley policemen's worst problem, especially on LaGrange Road and Ash Avenue.

Sixteen persons were cited for speeding in December, according to Police Chief Larry Walls' monthly report to the City Council.

There were three charges each of drunken driving and reckless driving. Three motorists were cited for having expired license tags (remember, your birthday month is the time to renew tags).

In December, our police investigated four accidents—including one injury—but no Pewees were involved.

Chief Walls' recap of accidents during 1987 shows where you shouldn't have been most of the time:

There were 35 on LaGrange Road at various locations; 23 on Highway 22, seven on Ash; and just a few others on the town's safer streets.

Twenty-two of the accidents involved injuries.

Some roadside mailboxes in Our town have reportedly been battered or otherwise vandalized recently. This is a federal offense with a serious penalty. Think before you do it!

ABOUT DOG CONTROL

The City Council has voted to recommend stepped-up enforcement of dog-control laws by the County's dog warden.

This is in response to a letter received from Matra T. Abbott, 210 Rebel Dr., which is reprinted in part below.

The Council has also suggested the following steps for residents to take if bothered by a stray dog:

First, talk to the neighbor who might be at fault, if this can be determined.

If that does no good, report the incident to the Oldham County dog warden, Lynn Drane, 222-1743.

Finally, if you still fail to get results, consult with County Attorney Jim Pike, 222-7343, about making a formal complaint.

Here, paraphrased somewhat, is the letter from Matra:

Take heed. Our quaint and friendly city is threatened by dogs whose owners allow them to run loose, violating our City and County dog-control laws . . . Our County's dog-control law states that "no dog, licensed or not, may be permitted off the owner's property unless definitely under voice control or on a leash."

My husband and I walk daily from Rebel Drive to Maple Avenue and on to the sidewalk that our South Oldham Lions Club built for the community.

We have been chased and accosted by dogs, have watched dogs tear up gardens and garbage bags, chase and bark after cars, and chase strollers and joggers. We also have seen dogs and cats killed on Highway 146 due to the owners' lack of responsibility and their negligence. . .

We should take note and follow suit on how Chicago enforces its dog-control law. If a dog is running loose, police will pick up the dog, take it to the pound, and the owner is fined \$50 whether the dog has tags or not.

I think it is going to be necessary to start enforcing our dog-control laws so that we can continue to walk, jog and enjoy strolling through our beautiful city without being intimidated and bitten by dogs that are allowed to run loose.

Mayor Reinhardt and City Councilmen, you have the responsibility and means to enforce our dog-control laws.

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New Pewees:

The Chapmans

By Jean Gleason

George and Janette Chapman and daughter Laura Susan moved from eastern Jefferson County into their new home in Woodridge subdivision one week after Derby Day of last year. Janette was already well acquainted with this area. An alumna of the University of Kentucky with a degree in vocational home economics, she taught at Oldham County High School and worked as Extension Agent and area clothing and textile specialist until 1984. At that time she took a sabbatical to obtain a graduate degree in Family Economics and Management. Since January 1986, she has been the Oldham County Extension Agent for Home Economics. In her words her office is "the educational resource agency for all of Oldham County." She provides research-based information relating to home economics through telephone calls and educational programs. She also services the organized Homemaker Clubs, senior citizens, 4-H, civic groups and the general public. Janette's concern for people is reflected in her enthusiastic statement, "I like to share what I know;



Janette, Laura Susan and George

if that helps someone, that gives me satisfaction." She has agreed to share her expertise in future issues of the "Call of the Pewee". Besides her work, Janette enjoys golf, reading, sewing, baking and flower arranging.

George received a degree in chemistry and math from Eastern Kentucky University, and a Masters in Science at the University of Kentucky. While working as a chemical engineer, he continued his studies in law and business at the University of Louisville. Some investments in real estate led him to form his own company. He is the managing partner of Chapman and Company, a full-service real estate business employing thirty and offering a diversified service of appraising and market feasibility studies. It is headquartered in Louisville, with offices in Jeffersonville, Cincinnati, and Lexington. As a pro-

fessional, George feels living in Pewee Valley is not only enjoyable, but will also prove to be a wise investment in real estate. A trip to Hawaii in 1984 hooked him on windsurfing, a water sport he practices summer weekends at Nolin Lake where they have a cabin.

Laura Susan, a 5th grader at Crestwood, shares her father's love of the water and is learning to windsurf. She enjoys piano lessons and singing in the Calvin Presbyterian Church's children's choir. She also likes talking on the phone and riding her 10-speed bike.



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COMMENTS ON BURNING

Last month we promised that this time we'd print some of the interesting comments sent by readers while responding to a question about whether open burning should be permitted in the city. And here they are (sorry there's just not enough space for all of them).

Mayor Reinhardt's tally of your responses, as reported last month, was:

Burn anything (properly and carefully): 94

Burn leaves only: 22

No open burning: 14

Your votes and comments are greatly appreciated by City Councilmen, who however haven't yet decided whether any official action is needed, since there is at present no Pewee Valley law against open burning of leaves or trash when done properly. (Oldham County does have a new ordinance allowing a burning ban in times of very dry weather.)

FROM THOSE FAVORING BURNING:

•Part of the charm of Pewee Valley is that it has not lost its "rural" atmosphere and way of living—would hate to see this changed. The present status seems adequate—the County ban can always be imposed if conditions warrant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ames

•The banning of open burning in this community would only be the key for more "outsid-

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COMMENTS ON BURNING *(Continued)*

ers" to unlock the door for the demise of this city's precious freedoms.

Denis G. Littrell

•Burning leaves in the fall is a tradition. With all the trees in our city, it would be almost an impossibility to bag all leaves.

Mrs. Beth Pearman

•Pewee Valley does take on a hazy appearance during fall months, but it is only Pewee's proud residents manicuring its natural historical landscape for the coming spring.

Greg Rose

•If the City will pick up free, that's another matter. I have three acres of trees.

Ray A. Ludwick

•This has been an unusually dry fall. Not all of the smoke in Pewee Valley was started here; much of it came from as far away as Hardin and Bullitt Counties. It would impose a hardship on most persons if they are unable to burn.

William Herdt Jr.

•It will be most inconvenient if we can't burn.

Irene Million

•Open burning: Incense, save to the incensed! A tradition, an autumnal nuance, a ritual, a seasonal reasonableness. A message of serenity, carried on air, an "all's well."

Joe Williamson

•At least, burnable trash and leaves won't occupy much-need-

ed space in some landfill.

Joseph F. and Ann C. Weingardt

•Due to size of most properties, impractical to haul away everything — leaves, sticks, clippings, etc. And leaf-burning is only for a brief time each year.

Stan and Lynn Clark

•Anyone who would move down wind from a dump should never complain of the smell. Everyone knows we burn here.

A. L. Herdt

•It's funny that new people moving into our community are always trying to change things to suit themselves.

Ms. Louise M. Hampton

•Tired of people from out of this county or city trying to change the life style that we have been accustomed to.

Sharon and David Klosterman

•If there is no more burning in Pewee Valley, then our taxes should pay for trash pick-up.

Jerry and Jan Beaverson

•We have eight acres, and it would be extremely costly to have leaves hauled away—unthinkable!

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gene Smith

•One of Pewee's great pleasures—the seasonal smell of burning leaves!

The John DeHarts

•Leaf burning is one of the joys of living here. There was excessive smoke this year due to the forest fires south of

us—but not a reason to ban burning here.

E. B. Sanders

•Burn leaves or trees only, but restrict burning after 2 or 3 p.m.

George and Pat Howie

•No need to change standing practice for the convenience of a few.

Alwyn W. Dickerson

•A majority of our residents wish to burn leaves and trash from time to time. Perhaps the complainers should move to Jefferson County where a non-burning law is in effect.

Curtis B. and Hilda H. Hill

•Burn anything but toxic materials and food waste—but encourage courtesy among us all: No high-volume burning on balmy days when doors and windows are open.

Robert E. Tanselle

NO VOTE EITHER WAY:

•We could discuss some type of controlled burning, such as one day each week.

Harry and Nila Hoffer

AMONG THE RELATIVELY FEW WHO ARE OPPOSED TO OPEN BURNING:

•You can't open your windows or hang out any clothes on the line or sit on your patio on a beautiful day because of the smoke and horrible sour smell of burning trash.

Nancy Akers

•Smoke is unbearable!

Dorothy English

•I'm opposed to all burning because of the overwhelming

lung problems it causes.

Stephanie (Mrs. Steven)
Applegate

•In the past 15 years I've lived in a number of small towns on the fringes of major metropolitan areas. Pewee Valley is the only one of these that allows open burning. It seems to me that it is time to take a progressive step: An enlightened and caring Council should protect constituents' health and safety by banning all burning.

Linda Jones

•Please . . . We can hardly breathe some days in the fall in our beautiful city!

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"OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN"

Joseph Spencer Buckler of Pewee Valley has been selected for inclusion in the 1987 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

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Cuts in Postal Service operations will be felt in the Pewee Valley Post Office to this extent, as far as it's known to now: The usual mailing and delivery but no window service Saturday, Jan. 16, and on these Saturdays preceding Monday holidays: Feb. 13 (Washington's Birthday); May 28 (Memorial Day); July 2 (Independence Day) and Sept. 3 (Labor Day). There may be some others.

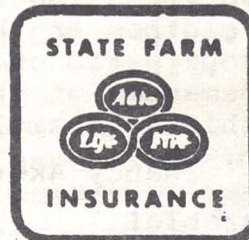
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