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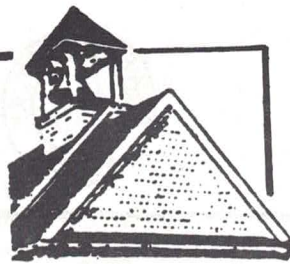
Could these be little Pewee birds chirping a greeting to you?!...

“Happy New Year!”

“The year is closed, the record made, the last deed done, the last word said, the memory alone remains of all its joys, its griefs, its gains. And now with purpose full and clear, we turn to meet another year.”

-Robert Browning

Our Town



OATH-OF-OFFICE TIME

Our Town has started the new year with the same cast of characters as the old year ended with. Sworn in at the January 6 City Council meeting for the next two years were:

- The six newly re-elected Councilmembers -- Ralph Beverly, John Bishop, William Durham, Walter Hayes, Kathie Hodge, and Norman Turner.

- Police Chief Larry Walls, officers Kevin Epley and Stormy Hoskins, and back-up William Hirtzel.

- City Clerk Lee Heiman, Treasurer Dorcas Merhoff and Tax Collector Elsie Heiman.

Mayor Vivien Reinhardt (whose four-year term continues for the next 2 years) also reappointed:

- Patti Nuermberger, editor of "The Call of the Pewee"; Gin Chaudoin, city historian; and Nancy Futral, official town greeter. (On January 9, Nancy suffered an early morning bicycle accident on Ash Avenue, and at press time is hospitalized with a serious head injury. We wish her a speedy recovery.)

With the Council's approval, the Mayor also named herself to another term as Pewee Valley's representative on the Oldham County Planning & Zoning Commission.



Mayor Vivien Reinhardt, (seated) with Councilmembers (from left) Hayes, Turner, Hodge, Durham, Bishop and Beverly.

ARE YOUR TAXES OVERDUE?

To those property holders who haven't paid 1989 or 1990 City tax bills:

You will be receiving one last letter from the Tax Collector before the bills go to the City Attorney for collection. You do realize that you will pay court costs besides the overdue bill with penalty and interest, of course.

For those turning 65 this year:

Remember to go to the Property Valuation Office in LaGrange to sign up for homestead exemption.



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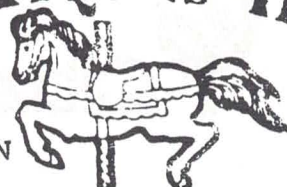
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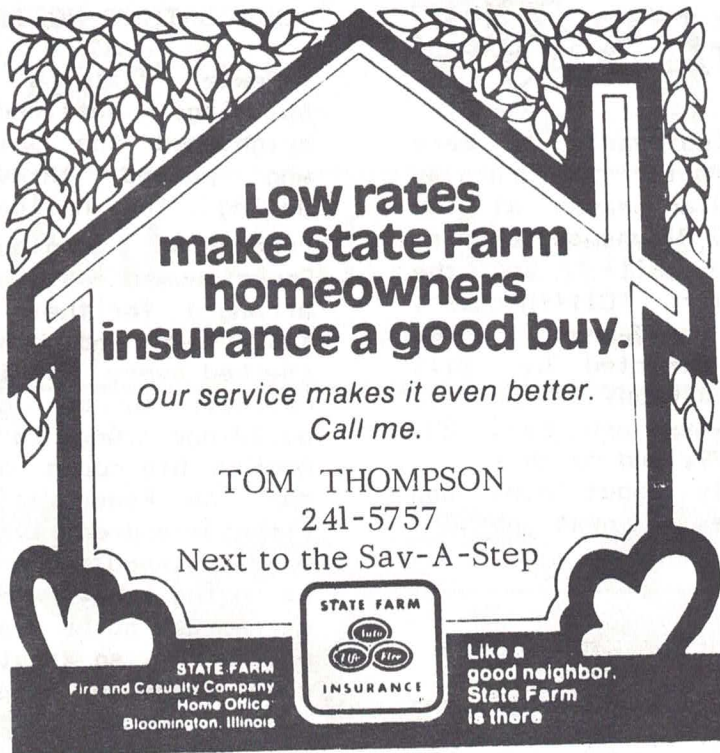
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FEWER SPEEDING CITATIONS

Either the recent Police "crackdown" on speeders in Pewee Valley has been effective, or the speeders have somehow learned to elude the officers. At any rate, only three motorists were cited for speeding during the last month.

Do ALL of you old Latin students remember how January was named? Janus was the god who was guardian of portals and patron of beginnings and endings. He had two faces, one in front, the other in back of his head. No doubt he originated the expression "Ye gods!" when he looked at the overall situation.

REV. STEVEN B. HAMPTON

Our community was deeply saddened by the unexpected death of Rev. Steven B. Hampton, pastor of the Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church, on Dec. 11, 1991. All who knew him miss his jovial greeting, his "joke for the day", his visits and support during times of illness and crisis. He shared our joys and sorrows.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14, at Caldwell Chapel, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery.

He is survived by wife Beverly, son Chris, and daughter Jane Ray.

6 STAGES

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the 3rd play of the regular season at The Little Colonel Playhouse. Opening February 20 will be the mystery/thriller "Cliffhanger", written by James Yaffe. Rehearsals, directed by Bill Aiken, are already underway. Production dates are Feb. 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, and March 1.

More details about plot and cast will be in next month's "Call".

HONORED FOR CEMETERY WORK

At the Nov. meeting of the Oldham Fiscal Court, Mrs. Bea Murphy was honored for her work at the Pewee Valley Confederate Cemetery. A certificate of appreciation was given her by Commander James R. Hicks of the Johnson Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars...a historical group consisting of descendents of officers of the Confederate Army.

Mr. Hicks writes:

"Mrs. Murphy, who is president of the group that oversees the cemetery, has spent many hours improving the grounds at this most historical place in Oldham County. Both she and her husband, Tom, are to be thanked for all their good work. This includes the replacement of the old entrance sign this past June."

OUR BRIGHT HOLIDAY SEASON

Pewee Valley's Town Square buildings outlined in lights brightened the spirits of all who passed through Our Town during the holidays. A big round of applause is due Councilwoman Kathie Hodge who arranged for their installation last year and this, and who checked every evening during the holidays to be sure all the buildings were properly lit. Another big round of applause is due the Pewee Valley Volunteer Firemen--especially Carey Hirtzel--who climbed among the rooftops stringing lights and changing the burned out bulbs despite the cold weather ...so that all of us could enjoy the beautiful sight.

Hope you were able to enjoy the City's gift to you and your family...a delightful evening at The Little Colonel's Christmas Festival in Town Square Dec. 15! Councilwoman Kathie Hodge again coordinated a multitude of free food and events for young and old culminating in a carol sing around the firepit. A great time was had by all!

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