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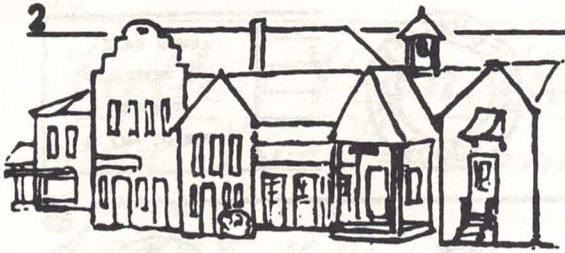
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It's 80 years ago, and this interurban car is ready to leave the car barn in Louisville for Pewee Valley. Hardly legible in this old photograph, Our Town's name appears over the "119" at the left.

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## Our Town

*By Lee Heiman, City Clerk*

The City has a computer now, a gift from the Courier-Journal through publisher George Gill, a Pewee Valley resident.

The lease on the Caboose has been extended for another year for its occupants of the past couple of years, Formmorphics, Inc.

Potholes have been filled on Peace Lane, Old Forest Road and Maple, Tulip and Elm Avenues.

Danny Summers of Jefferson County has received a permit for construction of a four-bedroom house at 107 Sedley Court in the new Edgewood Manor subdivision.

Permits have been issued for the addition of a great room at the Steve Wood home, 126 Peace Lane; an addition to the Norman Clark Jr. residence at 110 Ash Ave., and construction of a storage building for

Donald Thiel at 7607 Woodridge Dr.

The Thiel permit was issued following a public hearing Feb. 23 at which a dimensional variance was sought -- and approved. The location of the building a foot from the rear of the Thiel lot was four feet closer than specified by the County's zoning ordinance.



## Clean-Up Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Our Town's annual Cleanup Day will be Saturday April 23. This is the time to round up all the rubbish in your yard and take it to the dumpster awaiting you in the Town Square near the Fire Pit. The dumpster will be available to Peweess only - from 8 AM til 4 PM.

The only unacceptable items are large appliances, such as ranges and refrigerators, automobiles, or cuttings from shrubs and trees.

This annual Cleanup Day is sponsored by your City Council. The dumpster will be furnished without cost, as in past years, by Waste Management of Kentucky, located on Grade Lane in Louisville.

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*Here we have most of the cast of "Crimes of the Heart," now on stage at the Little Colonel*

*Playhouse in Pewee Valley. From left are Julie Fulks, Catherine Vollmer, Debbie Fryer, Jamie*

## STAGES



### "CRIMES OF THE HEART"

There is still time to see "Crimes of the Heart", a drama by Beth Henley and The Little Colonel Player's third play of the regular season. Tickets for the remaining performances... Thurs, Fri, Sat, March 17, 18, and 19...may be picked up at the box office or reserved by calling 241-4210.

The scene of the play is Hazelhurst, Mississippi, where the three Magrath sisters have gathered to

wait out the final hours of their grandfather's life. There is Lenny, who is unmarried at 30, with diminishing prospects, along with Meg, who quickly outgrew the town of Hazelhurst, but is back after a failed singing career on the West Coast, and Babe, the youngest, who is out on bail after having shot her husband in the stomach. Their troubles are grave, yet somehow hilarious.

This play was originally produced by Actors Theatre in Louisville in February 1979, and has also been made into a movie box office hit.

The Little Colonel Play-



*Klosterman and Scott Crawford.  
The sixth layer is Dan Simon.  
Bill Baker is the director.*

house production is directed by veteran director Bill Baker, and stars Debbie Fryer, Jamie Klosterman, Catherine Vollmer, Julie Fulks, Dan Simon, and Scott Crawford.

Ticket prices are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for students.

Following "Crimes of the Heart" on the LCP stage will be the final production of the regular season - "They're Playing Our Song" - a musical by Neil Simon with music by Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Sager. Jill Dunlap is directing. Production dates are May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21.

**HAVE YOU BEEN YET?**

Of special interest to Pewee Valleyians is the exhibit of photographs by a noted turn-of-the-century resident, Kate Matthews, that is currently on view at the University of Louisville Photographic Archives in the Ekstrom Library, the building immediately behind Speed Museum. Hours are from 8 AM til 4:30 PM Monday-Friday, with extended hours til 8 on Thursdays. this exhibit may be seen through March 25.



*Kate Matthews*

## EAGLE SCOUT

In a impressive ceremony December 6, 1987, Mike Effinger was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout...the highest rank a Boy Scout may attain.

Mike has grown up in Pewee Valley. He began scouting as a Cub when he was eight years old. Now a sixteen-year-old high school junior, he is the current Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 167, which is sponsored by Crestwood United Methodist Church. Scoutmasters Bob Reid and Bob Jolly have been sources of encouragement and help as Mike has worked to earn this prestigious rank.

Mike's Eagle Project was unique. He distributed an emergency identification tag to approximately 1,400 elementary school students. The tags, specially made to be sewn onto clothes, shoes, or worn on the shoelaces, provide for parental consent for doctor's care, phone numbers, blood types, and addresses.

Mike had to arrange for funding the project, educating the school children and their parents about the tags, and the actual distribution.

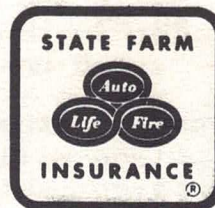
He is the son of Joyce and John Effinger of Rebel Drive in Pewee Valley.



*Mike Effinger*

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The Kentucky Board of  
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former Pewee Valley  
physician, George Perrine,  
for allegedly becoming an  
unwitting supplier of a  
narcotic to drug addicts.

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By Jean Gleason and Kathie Hodge

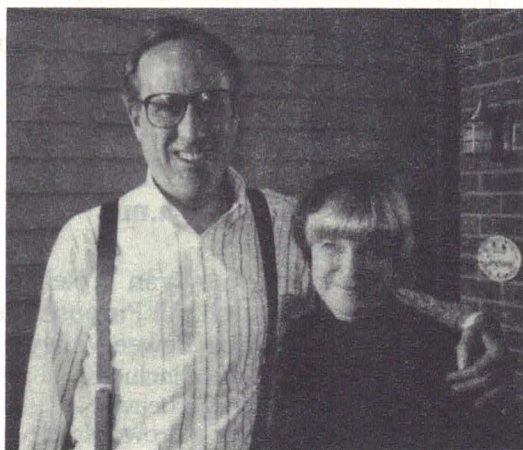


*Suzanna, Benjamin and Rob Flake*

Suzanna and Rob Flake, from Colorado, are new residents living on Cherry Hill in Pewee Valley. They have settled in quickly and found Pewee a friendly place. Suzanna has had a few years of banking experience, but for now volunteers her time three days a week at Crestwood Elementary helping first graders adjust.

The Flakes are originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they met in high school, and have been married 13 years. Ben, 7 years old, likes to ride his bike on their quiet residential street.

Rob trains pilots in the 727 fleet for UPS and in his spare time enjoys hunting and fishing. Rob and Suzanna are new members of the Crestwood United Methodist Church.



*Fred and Joyce Compton*

Fred and Joyce Compton "just love everything about this area." While living in Louisville, they belonged to our Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church. A combination of friends here and "wanting a little land" brought them to Maple Avenue to live. "We had always wanted to build our own place," Joyce says.

Originally from Williamson, Virginia, Fred is Vice President of Health Services for Blue Cross, Blue Shield. He relishes anything to do with the outdoors. Joyce is a graduate of UK and stays on the go as Director of Public Education for the American Cancer Society. They both love to travel and meet people.

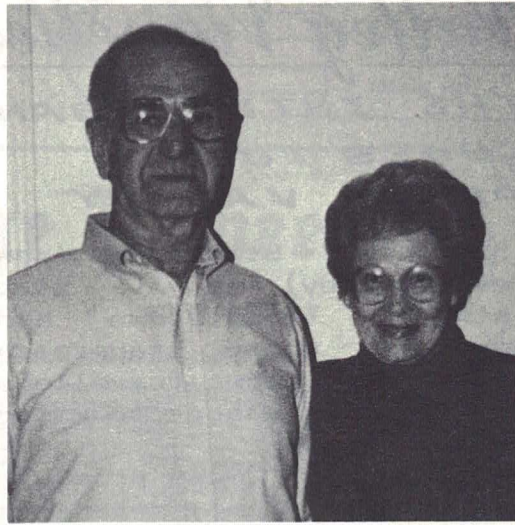
The Comptons have 3 older children...Heidi, 21, Jon Marie, 22, and a son Chris who will be marrying in just a few weeks.



*Diane and Jim Wright*

The Wright family moved to Rebel Drive in December from Fible Farms, Crestwood. Jim is a self employed sales rep from Calgary, the home of the 1988 Winter Olympics. Golf and bird hunting absorb his free time. Diane hails from Columbus, Ohio. She works as a reading specialist and art teacher at Maryhurst, a school for emotionally disturbed girls. Her hobbies include horses, pottery and painting.

Chad, 20, is a sophomore at UK and Shay, 17, is a senior at OCHS. She plans to head to UK next year. Skiing is a favorite family pasttime, with several of the last Christmas vacations spent in the Colorado mountains.



*Harold and Betty Striegel*

Harold and Betty Striegel moved onto Central Ave. in September from Crestwood. Both grew up in the Dubois County area of Indiana. Harold served with the US Navy in the South Pacific during WW II. In 1984 he retired from Ford Motor Company and now takes time for his favorite hobbies of bass fishing and gardening.

Betty, a great companion for fishing, is a retired seamstress. The Striegels are active at St. Aloysius Catholic Church where Betty belongs to the Altar Society and the quilting group.

Harold and Betty have two grown children, Marlene Nunn of Louisville, and Delbert Striegel of Corydon, and three lovely granddaughters, Stephanie, Jennifer and Sara.

# *Valley Vignettes*

## THE INTERURBAN COMES TO PEWEE VALLEY

Smith's Station (now Pewee Valley) was a stop between Middletown and Westport where stagecoach drivers and other travellers halted their wagons to water their horses.

Before the mass product of flivvers and extensive hardroad projects, electric interurban cars plied the rails around Louisville. Mr. Upton Muir, as attorney for the Louisville, Anchorage and Pewee Valley Electric Railway Co., petitioned our Town Board for a franchise on Feb. 4, 1901. The track was completed to Beard (now Crestwood) on Nov. 1, 1901 ... Louisville's first interurban line.

Cars leaving Louisville at 6:24 AM arrived at Pewee at 7 AM, in speeds as high as 50 miles an hour. They ran hourly to LaGrange, looping at Pewee Valley, where the Beauty Shoppe now stands, on the half hour. Fare from Louisville to LaGrange was 55 cents.

In 1902 the name was changed to Louisville and Eastern RR due to the company's plan to build all the way to Cincinnati. The

track was extended to LaGrange in 1907, but financial difficulty prevented further extension northward. The Louisville and Interurban (now the Louisville Transit Co.) took over in 1911.

Cars reached Pewee Valley via Anchorage on track paralleling the L & N track. Ticket books were available for students riding to Crestwood School from Pewee, Glenarm, or anywhere along the way. Stops were made going east at Houston, Pewee Valley depot, Muir, Woolridge, Locust Lodge, Crestwood, Kenwood, Camden, Rosemont, Alpine, Kendrick and Glenarm. Some favorite conductors were Mr. Abbott, Mr. Pennington, Leonard Thompson; the Pewee Valley stationmaster was Mr. Allen.

Having no hope of substantial freight business and no real demand for this kind of service in the surrounding small towns, L & I was essentially dependent on passenger traffic. Freight service stopped May 1934. Branch by branch was reduced. This piecemeal death produced less shock to communities and employees. Abandonments took place from 1931-1935. The last day of passenger service through Pewee Valley was on Aug. 10, 1935. The interurban went down in history with a record of a job well done.