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Miss Mary Ann Akins, second from left, is presented the 1972 Little Colonel Commission by Secretary of State Thelma Stovall while Janie Jones, the 1970 Kentucky Little Colonel recipient; Maria Darst, the Centennial Little Colonel; and Pewee Valley Mayor John Stewart look on.
(Photo by Ruth Winters)

Pewees in the News

✓ Pewee Doris (Mrs. Bert) Stoess and her home town were the subject of an item in Joe Creason's column in the Courier-Journal:

ALTHOUGH the picturesque little town once enjoyed some literary repute since it was the setting for Annie Fellows Johnston's "Little Colonel" books, Pewee Valley today isn't exactly a household word all across the land.

As a matter of fact, because of the quaintness of its name, the mere mention of Pewee Valley outside this immediate area more often will draw a guffaw of incredulity than a nod of recognition.

However, Mrs. Bert Stoess, who works in the post office there, isn't one who underestimates the fame of Pewee Valley. She did only one time and vowed never to do so again.

In 1952, the Stoesses lived in the Washington region while he was in military service. Every time they were asked where they had come from, the questioner would break into riotous laughter when the answer came, "Pewee Valley, Ky." After a while both got sort of gun shy at revealing the name of their home town.

Then one day Mrs. Stoess went with a group of Army wives to the White House for a tour.

"Where are you from?" the guide asked each of the women in an effort to know them better.

When he came to Mrs. Stoess, rather than risk having him laugh in her face, she moved her home town 20 miles west.

"I," she fibbed slightly, "am from Louisville, Ky."

"Oh, yes," the guide astounded her, "that's out near Pewee Valley, isn't it?"

✓ Pewee Bob Mayes was the subject of a recent "Know Your Neighbor" article in the Oldham Era. The writing was about Bob's slightly unusual hobby of manufacturing cannons, which range in size from small Naval replicas to the pair of 250-lb. Garrison Guns in the front yard.

✓ Pewee Mike Strait was named to the All-State soccer team for the second year in a row. Mike was the leading scorer in the league, scoring 17 goals in all games.

Mike is the son of Pat Strait and lives on Ash Avenue.

✓ Pewee Dr. Harold Funke has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. This is awarded after 600 hours or more of accredited medical study or by passing a certifying examination.

Cover Picture

On Saturday, November 11, Miss Mary Ann Akins, 17, of Cecilia, Ky., became the third recipient of the Kentucky Little Colonel Commission.

The certificate is presented annually by the Town Council to a teenage Kentucky girl who has made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of fellow Kentuckians.

Mary Ann was awarded the commission because of her work with the mentally retarded. For the past two summers, she has done volunteer work at a day camp run by the North Central Regional Mental Retardation Board. She was responsible for starting a yearly Halloween party and a toy drive for the Opportunity Workshop, in which the educable retarded are employed. Mary Ann hopes for a career in Special Education.

Little Colonel Commission (cont.)

The award was presented to Miss Akins by Secretary of State Thelma Stovall.

Mary Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Akins of Cecilia.

Log and Carol Sing in the Town Square, beginning at 8:00. Dick Parrish will be leading the singing. Even if you don't go for singing, it's worth listening to.

Be sure to come and bring a friend. It's fun and it's free!!!

Christmas Festivities

December 17th will be a busy time for all fun-loving Pewees. The Little Colonel Players will start things off by holding an Open House in their Playhouse on the Town Square starting at 6:30. There will be a small exhibit of pictures and crafts by Jane Meyer and a display of pottery made by Adelina Gerry. There will be Christmas music and old movies in the Playhouse. They will be serving hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies.

The Players will hold a fund-raising drawing at 7:30. The prizes are a country ham, a hand-knitted afghan, and two season tickets for next year's plays. You can get in on the action by calling 241-4210 or 241-4259 or tickets may be purchased at the Playhouse that night. They are 25¢ each or five for one dollar. You don't need to be present to win one of these prizes.

Then, of course, there is the annual Burning of the Yule

Democrats Elect Committee Members

On December 2 at 10:00 a.m., the Democratic committees of North and South Pewee Valley met to elect members of the county Democratic committee. The new committee members from North Pewee precinct are Fenley Ward, Eva Alexander, and Pam Parrish. Those from South Pewee are Walt Hayes, Pat Strait, and Curt Hill, Jr.

These committee members will go to the county meeting in LaGrange to select a county Democratic chairman.

Election Returns

In the election of November 7, the Nixon-Agnew ticket carried both precincts of Pewee Valley by a comfortable margin. The Senate race was much closer, with Nunn winning South Pewee by a margin of nine votes, while Huddleston carried the North precinct by 59 votes.

In the race for County Attorney, M. L. Perkinson carried both precincts by narrow margins.

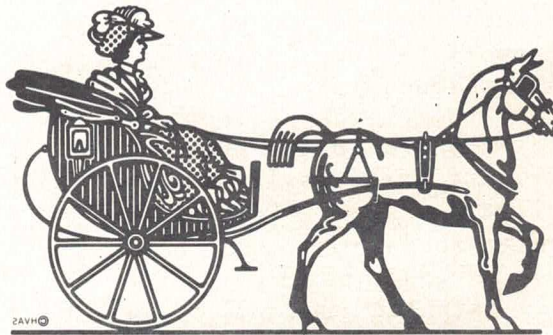
Town Council Holds Meeting

On Monday, December 4, the Town Council held its regular monthly meeting. Two members of the Oldham Fiscal Court were visiting, Magistrates Philip E. Parrish and Albert I. Clore. Council members were urged to let the magistrates know of any problem with which they could help.

The council voted to give Christmas turkeys to Pewee Volunteer firemen and policemen. The practice was begun last year.

It was also decided to invest \$4000 in 90-day certificates of deposit. These funds had been budgeted for road construction that wasn't completed this year.

The council voted again this year to place \$2000 into a special sinking fund for the purpose of buying new fire-fighting equipment.



Back to Horse and Buggy?

Kentucky Bus Lines, Inc., which operates a bus service which runs through the city into Louisville, will go out of business by December 15. The closing is due to a steady loss of passengers and income over the past three years.

Mayor Stewart has written to other officials in Oldham and Jefferson counties concerning a joint subsidy to help the bus line keep operating.

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Robert W. Mullins, 55, died unexpectedly at his residence on Ash Avenue on Sunday, November 12th.

Harlan C. Bryson, age 78, passed away in Pewee Valley Hospital on Friday, November 10th. He had operated a nursery business under the name of Harlan C. Miles.

Former Pewee Walter M. Keal, 68, died on Thursday, November 9, in Evansville, Indiana.