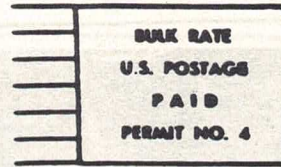


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GETTING SET FOR CURRENT PLAY

Melinda Horvath and Sharon Cardwell rehearse the comedy "Subject to Change", onstage at the Little Colonel Playhouse on the Old Town Square Oct.13,14,15,20, 21 and 22.



"Subject to Change", a comedy by Jules Tasca, will open October 13 at the Little Colonel Playhouse, Mt. Mercy Drive; and performances will continue October 14,15 and 20, 21, 22. Curtain times will be 8 P.M.

Ticket prices are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for students. For reservations, call 588-1557 or 241-9906.

The cast, directed by Jill Dunlap, includes Melinda Horvath, Susan Reason, Sharon Cardwell, Billi Bailey, Bill Schulte and Berard Tomassetti.

Assistant director is Karen Henson; Jamie Klosterman is prop chairman and lights and sound are by Steve Dunlap.

"Subject to Change" is about two sisters- Madeline, who has always relied on Gertrude to do everything for her, and Gertrude, who is in charge of everything - church, eagle scouts, graduation, home, and Madeline! What happens when Gertrude meets a man and plans to marry? Madeline says, "Get ready for the Battle of the Basset Broads!"



Pam Sirko, who lives on Maxey Lane, had the job of painting the fancy designation of the Pewee Valley Volunteer Fire Department on one of its trucks recently.

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Our Town

By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

MANY SEPTEMBER SPEEDERS HAD THEIR TRIPS INTERRUPTED

It was not uncommon last month to see speeders getting stopped and cited by Pewee Valley policemen, particularly along LaGrange Road.

Officers issued 137 speeding tickets during the month, including 84 on LaGrange Road and 48 on Ash Avenue.

But Our Town is not a speed trap. Chief Larry Walls reports that every one of those motorists cited was traveling at least 47 mph. Most were in a 35-mph zone, but four were in a 25-mph zone.

One was going 65 mph, another was doing 63, and 41 of them were traveling between 50 and 60.

Police also investigated three traffic accidents in September, but fortunately no one was reported injured.

All three accidents occurred on LaGrange Road -- a two-car collision at Ash, a sideswiping at Wooldridge, and an encounter between a car and a tree at Central.

BAD WEATHER "DOWN THE ROAD"

Due to inclement weather on Saturday October 1, our "Down the Road to Chestnut Grove" Hot-Air Balloon Race had to be cancelled. At 4:00 P. M. that afternoon, the balloonists and crews met at the Pewee Valley Woman's Club building to confer with the weather service, only to find out more storms were on the way.

No raindate was scheduled due to other commitments of the balloonists and lack of air space with the Federal Aviation Administration. It must be busy up there!

A BIG thank you to those who made their property available for launch sites and all others who supported this event. The City wishes to especially thank their co-sponsors for this event: Crestwood State Bank and Citizen's Fidelity Bank and Trust of Oldham County.

Halloween!



A visit to the firehouse in Pewee Valley on Halloween will prove to be worthwhile for youngsters.

The volunteer firemen will be ready to treat the little goblins the evening of Oct. 31, as they've been doing for many years.

The City pays for the treats each year.

LATE WITH TAXES? PLEASE READ:

If you still haven't paid your City tax bill for 1988, please read the bill carefully before sending in your payment.

To the face amount (the top figure), the City's tax ordinance requires that you must now (as of Sept. 1) add 6% of that amount as a penalty for delinquent payment. This penalty is included in the amount given on the second line.


But you must also add 1% per month interest, beginning Sept. 1. Thus, the tax would be the face amount plus 8% (penalty 6% plus interest 2%) if paid by Oct. 31.

After Oct. 31, the total bill would also include additional interest at the rate of 1% per month until paid.

All but 55 of the City's 471 1988 tax bills had been paid by Sept. 1.

Every 1987 tax bill has been paid, and this is the first time in many years that it has not been necessary for any previous year tax bill to be turned over to the City Attorney for collection.

Elsie Heiman
City Tax Collector



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OUR TOWN Continued

Sorry to see Paula and Harmon Clem close their Clem's Seafood and Steak Shop in Pewee Valley, obviously for lack of customers.

With it we also lose their wholesale fish/steak business that operated in the back of the store in property that originally was a service station next to the Herdt Motor Company.

The Clems had hoped to move to this area from Mt. Washington if things had worked out. The business opened in mid-1986.

A building permit for another residence in Edgewood Manor subdivision has been issued by the Oldham County Planning & Zoning Commission. Gregory Esposito, LaGrange, will build a four-bedroom house measuring 66x93 feet at 115 Edgewood Way.

James E. Allison has received a permit for construction of a 29x30 foot carport on his prop- at 103 Castlewood Drive.

Thanks to the efforts of Councilwoman Kathie Hodge, City Council members enjoyed newly-upholstered chairs and stylish new draperies when they got together for their October 3rd meeting in Town Hall.



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SUGGESTIONS FOR LEAF-BURNING (BUT THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES)

Disposing of leaves doesn't have to be a burning issue!

If you choose to burn your leaves this year, why not try to create small-to-medium-size piles that will burn quickly. There will be less smoke and it will be forced up and away by a more intense heat, provided that the leaves are dry.

If the piles get wet they will of course, only smolder. If it looks like rain when you start your clean-up, try raking and burning as you go. Those that are left on the ground will dry out quickly in a couple of days. Another thing that helps the piles burn quickly is starting the fire on the top rather than at the base of the piles.

Also, burning leaves raked into long strips in the ditches by the road, even dry ones, tends to create more smoke and cause a build-up of ash that impedes drainage.

There are at least two alternatives to burning leaves at all: (1) Try creating a compost pile that will yield a rich fertilizer for plants in a year or less, or (2) use them around trees and shrubs as mulch to cut down on weeding and watering.

If all the leaves can't be used, then run the mower over the rest, chopping them into small bits of nutrient for your grass.

Harry Johns
City Councilman

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"OFFICER PUP". . . Conclusion of the Roll-Top Desk Saga

There have been recent references to the roll-top desk that stands in a corner of Pewee Valley's Town Hall, and old papers found by Mayor Vivien Reinhardt indicate that it was donated to the City many years ago by a civic-minded candidate for town marshal, J.J. Morrison.

Long-time Pewee Valley resident Gin Chaudoin has come up with the following information on Mr. Morrison (who did get the town marshal's job after writing a "Let's Improve Pewee Valley" letter to the Town Board which is also reproduced in part on these pages):

Mr. Morrison was lovingly known to all of the young people of the community as "Officer Pup" during the years he served as our Town Marshal as they were called in the late 20's and early 30's.

The Morrison family lived on Maple Avenue where the Fuqua family now resides. Prior to serving as Town Marshal, he owned and operated a very fine team of horses -- Clydesdale, Percheron, or other variety of working horse- using them to haul coal from the railroad siding located in front of Herdt's Garage and the Old Sweet Shop Building. (Since renovating the Sweet Shop, we changed the spelling to Suite Shoppe, due to office spaces -- no longer being a confectionary.)

Coal cars were always stored on the siding, and there were also two main lines in full-time use. It was not an uncommon

sight to have trains headed in opposite directions moving slowly through town to get to their destination.

Quite often a hobo or tramp as they were known then, would hop off the train, run to our home situated in back of the blacksmith and garage building and ask for a quickly-made sandwich. I can remember my mother never turned anyone away without sandwiches, fruit and cookies.

Since coal was our main source of heat for warmth and cooking, and with the Confederate home, you can be sure the coal wagons and horses were a very important part of our lives. (My grandfather and father were wagon makers using the two-story part of Herdt Motor Company as their blacksmith and wagon making business). With automobiles coming on the scene our lives were dramatically changed and a wagon maker could no longer exist as such, but my father began selling automobiles -- Model T's -- at that time.

In reference to the desk donated by Mr. Morrison, it could easily be 80 years old; however, it is impossible that it was donated 80 years ago by Mr. Morrison, as he did not live here that long ago.

Before Mr. Morrison's time of service, the first officer we can remember was Mr. "Cherokee" Ed Baumeister, who at one time had owned a circus. Mr. Baumeister and his wife lived on Maple Avenue and in the 20's built the home now owned and

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J. J. MORRISON Continued

occupied by Jack and Katie Smith.

I'm not sure who the town marshal was when as teenagers we were allowed to use the fire engine on New Year's Eve and drive it around the block shouting "Happy New Year!"

Here are portions of J.J. Morrison's undated letter to the Town Board when he sought the town marshal's job sometime in the mid or late 1920's:

To the Board of Trustees of Pewee Valley.

"Let's Improve Pewee Valley."

In making this proposition to you, I will have to list the work in parts.

Part I -

The Town Hall. It is a disgrace to our town. I would want to renovate and make it a fit meeting place. All it would take would be soap and water, some work, and some paint.

I will donate roll-top desk and chair.

Part II -

The Jail. It needs complete renovating and new bedding. You don't know when you will have a call for same. Have it fit for the unlucky person.

Part III -

Fire Department. Which you all know was the talk of the town as to what you were going to do with it. I think I know your views on this. I would, with your help, make this Fire

Department one of the best in the state.

Part IV -

The Duties of the Town Marshal. The law is plain on this. I will assure you every letter of the law will be carried out, and every part of town will be patrolled at least once a week for anything that is not within the limits of the law.

Part V -

Streets. This is one of the big problems you are going to solve. I say this because it can be done with the right man, a man who has some ideas of his own and can use same to overcome all obstacles. I have had experience with all such machines as rollers and graders.

Part VI -

Collection of Taxes. I will do the collecting and turn over to proper authorities.

Here is a suggestion which I think would be a good thing for all concerned. Buy a truck. This should be a two yard dump which would haul all your material for town and also pull your graders and all other work that would have to be done for town, and with all this done, could be made to bring in a good profit for the town by custom hauling for others.

With your slogan, "Let's Improve Pewee Valley," I remain
Very respectfully,

J. J. Morrison
Pewee Valley, Ky.

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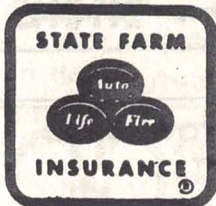
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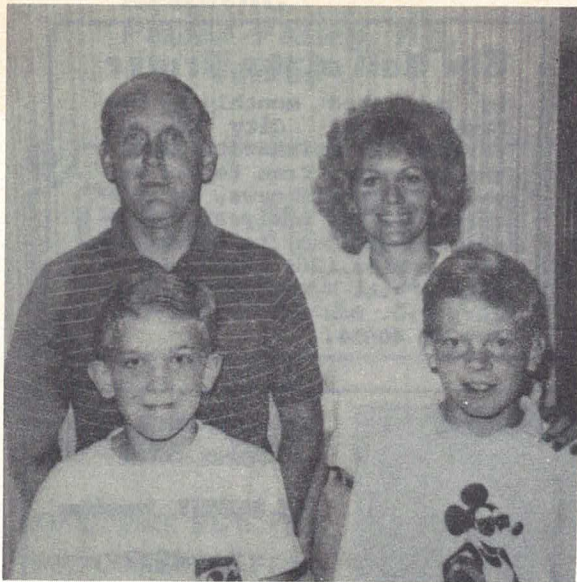
Tom and Debbie Perdeu left Wyoming a few years ago for Kentucky "to get back to big city life." Originally from Frankfort, Kentucky, Tom and his family returned to this area for opportunities in real estate development. Specializing in shopping centers, Eastgate in Middletown is one of their closer and more recent jobs.

Not long ago the Perdeus moved from LaGrange into their own development, Stoney Creek, located off Ash Avenue in Pewee Valley. "The proximity to Louisville and work has been very helpful", Debbie adds.

Debbie, originally from Kansas, holds a degree from Kentucky State University and works now as an auditor for Kosair Hospital. In the evenings she makes time for Jazzercise in Crestwood which she candidly recommends.

Tom is a graduate in economics from Murray State University. While living out west, Tom became Director of Planning for the city of Cheyenne. Lately there has not been enough time for favorite pastimes as fishing and hunting.

The Perdeus have four children. The oldest, Kelly, is a senior at Westpoint. Hal just graduated from OCHS and was accepted to Annapolis Naval



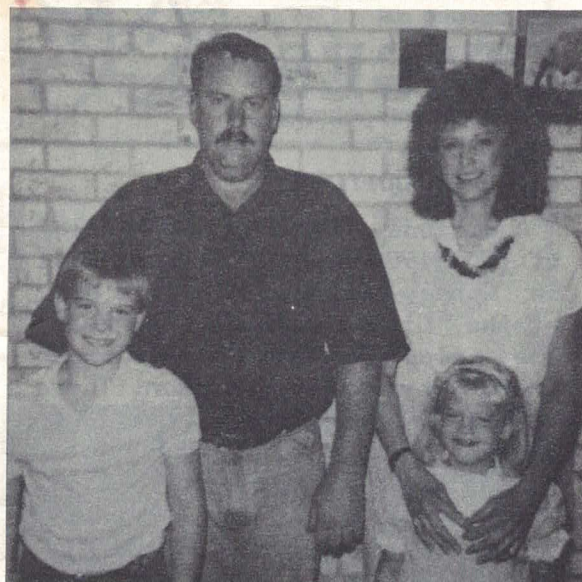
The Tom Perdew Family

Academy. The two younger Perdews—John is a 7th grader at SOMS and plays football for the school; and Patrick is a 6th grader who plays the piano and wants to try out for the basketball team.

The Perdews say they are here to stay. "It's a lovely place to live!"

THE DUFFY FAMILY

George and Claudia Duffy have returned to Kentucky after two and a half years in New Jersey and say they will miss only the snow they experienced back in the east. George learned to ski while stationed in the Army in Germany. It soon became a favorite pasttime with his German-born wife, Claudia. Now when they travel for pleasure,



The George Duffy Family

it will be to find more snow and ski with the family.

George received a business degree from a branch of the University of Maryland in Germany. He returned to Kentucky to open a business in automotive customizing, located in Buechel.

Claudia, born and raised in Germany, says their neighbors in Rosswoods "have been so warm in offering invitations to club meetings and parties." She adds, "We have just never received a welcome like this before!"

Previously in Louisville, Claudia worked as a medical technologist and continued this in New Jersey at the Children's Hospital.

They have two children. Jessica is a very talkative pre-schooler at the Presbyterian Church, and Daniel is a third grader at Crestwood.

STAGES



OCTOBER AUDITIONS

Auditions for the second play of the 1988-89 LCP season will be Sunday, October 16 at 2 p.m. at the Little Colonel Playhouse. The play is "The Butterfinger Angel" by William Gibson. There are stage parts for 6 men (ages 16-35), 4 women (ages 16-35) and 4 children (ages 8-13). Billi Bailey is the director. Production dates are Dec. 1, 2, 3 and 8, 9, and 10. For more information... call 241-0652 or 241-9906.

HISTORIC PEWEE VALLEY NEWS

On October 17 at 7:30 P.M. Carolyn Brooks, who is surveying all the eligible buildings and sites in Pewee Valley for nomination to the National Register, will speak and answer questions about this project. All interested persons are invited to hear her. The meeting will be at the Pewee Valley Woman's Club Building, corner of Mt. Mercy Drive and Central.

Yard Sale

On October 29, Historic Pewee Valley, Inc. will participate in Harvestival festivities with a yard sale. Proceeds will help meet our matching grant from the state. Anyone with items to donate to this worthy cause, please call Karen Graves at 241-6308.

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