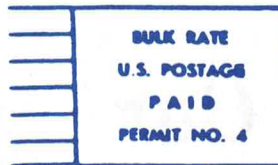


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## THE TOOTING GOES ON--BUT.

Pewee Valley's new ordinance aimed at curbing train-whistle blowing has been shot down - but it isn't exactly dead.

The ordinance of Sept. 10 requiring trains to sound only a bell while passing through town was ruled by Oldham Circuit Judge Dennis Fritz to be in violation of a state law that took effect on July 14. That law, which allows trains to blow their whistles at each crossing, voided more than 20 municipal ordinances - including Pewee Valley's - prohibiting or restricting the tooting.

Judge Fritz's ruling came after a six-hour hearing on Sept. 22 resulting from a suit filed against the City by CSX Transportation.

The judge noted, however, that



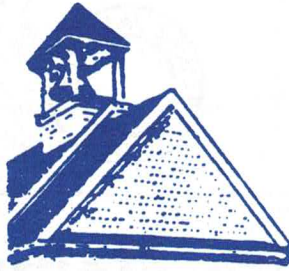
Did they get the message?

his ruling would not be official for 90 days, during which time CSX must provide information on decibel levels of its train whistles, and on instructions given to its engineers about sounding them. (Meanwhile, a restraining order obtained by CSX on Sept. 17 keeps Pewee Valley from enforcing its ordinance.)

The legal ruling noted that

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# Our Town



By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

## PAVING PROJECTS

City Councilman John Bishop, commissioner of roads and drainage, says repaving of Rebel Drive and paving of the unpaved section of Old Forest Road are on the schedule, and with a little cooperation from the weather the work will be completed before year's end.

He estimates the cost of the work on Rebel will be \$12,400 and on Old Forest \$8,500.

Gravel side-dressing on shoulders along some recently paved streets will be accomplished as soon as arrangements can be made with contractors.

## AUDITOR HAS BEEN CHOSEN

Welenken Himmelfarb & Co., a CPA firm in Louisville, will be auditing the City's financial records of the fiscal year 1991-92. Its bid, presented through Pewee Ray Ludwick, was accepted by the City Council on Oct. 5. Two other bids were received.

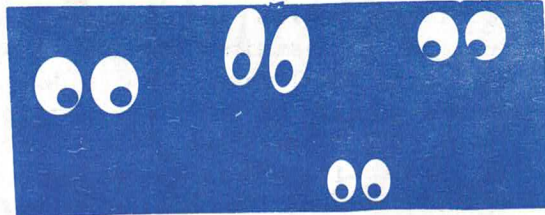
## NUMBER, PLEASE

Most Pewees are complying with the City ordinance that requires house numbers to be displayed so that police or firemen or medical personnel can easily spot a location in the event of an emergency.

But some of these numbers are hard to see. The City Council asks that each resident make certain that his/her number is prominent enough that it can be readily read from the street.

## FIVE WENT TOO FAST

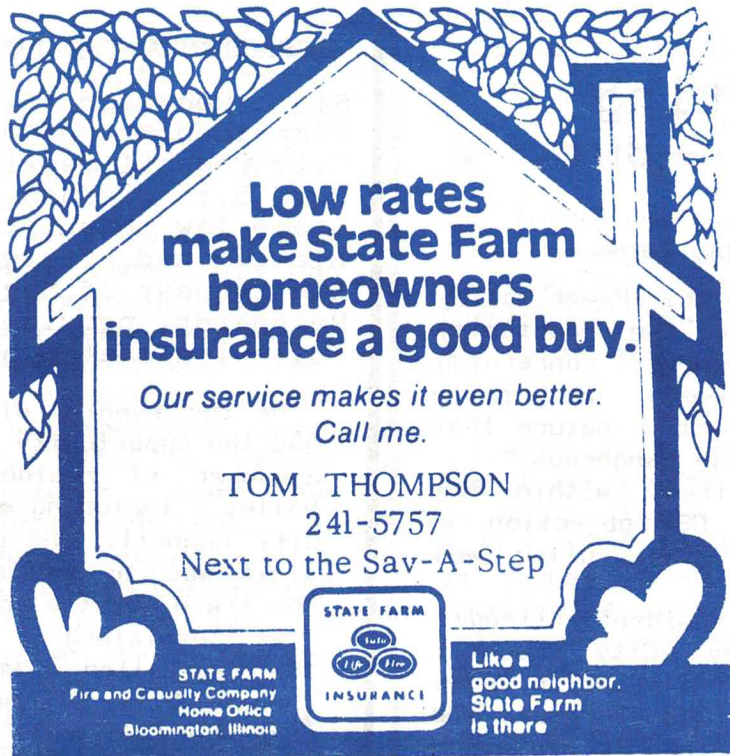
Pewee Valley police last month issued citations to five motorists for speeding, one for disregarding a railroad crossing light, and one for disregarding a stop sign, according to Chief Larry Walls' report to City Council. Police reported two non-injury accidents in September.



Little goblins who prefer treats to tricks are invited again this year to visit the Pewee Valley firehouse on Halloween--Saturday, Oct. 31, starting at 6 p.m.

Volunteer firemen will hand out the treats, provided by the City Council, which on Oct. 5 allocated \$150 to fund the annual event.






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# The Tooting Goes On—But.

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"the citizens within Pewee Valley appeared to have the opportunity to present evidence concerning excessive noise, or noise pollution of such a nature that it was inherently dangerous to other citizens within the community." A CSX objection to this part of the ruling was overruled.

Twenty-three residents attended a Pewee Valley City Council meeting on Oct. 5 at which Judge Fritz's ruling was discussed and Mayor Vivien Reinhardt explained that the City is now waiting for CSX to comply with the order to provide information on decibel levels. Upon receipt of this, the City's next step will be determined.

## WHISTLES OR HORNS?

One of the sharpest critics of the recently imposed CSX policy of blowing at all Pewee Valley rail crossings, City Councilman John Bishop, has come up with some thoughts on whistles (or horns) and noise levels.

"If the new 'state law' allows CSX to sound a whistle or bell at each crossing, then CSX is in violation of the very law it drafted and 'encouraged' our state legislators to approve.

"A horn is a vibrating device

## REPRESENTATIVE AT WORK

State Representative Jim Zimmerman attended our City Council meeting on Oct. 5 to discuss the State law on whistle-blowing and afterward, at the request of Mayor Reinhardt, provided the following statement:



On the evening of Oct. 5th, I had the opportunity to visit with a number of residents of Pewee Valley - including members of the City Council. The purpose of my visit was to update everyone on the train whistle controversy.

As I explained at that meeting, the so-called "Whistle Bill" (Senate Bill 50) was actually a comprehensive rail safety bill that covered many aspects of the rail industry. Only three lines of the 16 page bill addressed the subject of municipal governments regulating the sounding of whistles. Senate Bill 50 was

and emits a very loud and irritating sound due to the high sound pressure level. The whistle is a wind instrument which emits a more pleasant sound.

"According to McGraw-Hill's Encyclopedia of Science and Technology, immediate permanent hearing damage, normally to the eardrum or ossicles (bones), can result from very intense sounds, above about 140 or 150 decibels.

"Lower-level continuous intense noises, about 90 to 110 decibels, can cause temporary hearing loss, from which a person recovers after a period of rest in a quiet

introduced by Senator Ed Ford. After clearing the Senate Transportation Committee, the measure passed in the Senate by a vote of 34-1. When it came to the House, it was passed favorably out of the Transportation Committee and was endorsed by the full House by a vote of 92-0.

It was understood by many in the legislature that the three-line reference to municipalities' restriction of regulating train whistles was added to remove local governments from the question of legal liability.

At present, efforts are continuing to change current CSX policy regarding the use of whistles. I also have drafted legislation that restores a measure of authority to municipalities with regard to the type of sounding devices that can be used by the rail industry within the jurisdiction of the local authority.

Sincerely,



environment. However, if such lower-level intense noise is experienced every day over a period of years, permanent hearing damage occurs.

"(CSX's minimum sound level output for its horns is 96 decibels at a distance of 100 feet from the engine. In order to meet this 96-decibel minimum, the output must be adjusted to be greater than this.)

"Normal community reaction to sound levels of 70 decibels would be threats of legal action or strong appeals to local officials to stop the noise."

#### A TEEN-AGER'S COMMENT

"Too early to wake up,  
too early to go  
back to sleep"

The following evaluation of the Train Noise situation comes from 13-year-old Cameron Moore, a Cherry Hill resident and student at South Oldham Middle School:

I will tell how the trains effect me and my usual schedule at night. Every night at about 9:30 p.m. I start reading; then at about 9:40 p.m., I am interrupted by the obnoxious train, and lose my concentration about what I am reading. At 10 p.m. I turn out my lights and start to dream. Usually at 11:20, I am awakened. I am a light sleeper and it is tough for me to get back to sleep. At about 1 a.m., I am awakened by an even louder train. When 4:30 comes around, CSX finds it necessary to wake up the town; 4:30 is too early to wake up and too late to go back to sleep.

I feel sorry for the people who live closer to the tracks than I do. When I ride along LaGrange Road, I see many homes for sale. I think the owners will have a hard time selling their homes, because no one would like a home where they get awakened each night.

My parents and I are becoming more involved with this problem. My Dad is going to the town meetings more often. I urge others to help solve this problem before it gets out of hand.

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# STAGES

## ONSTAGE NOW: THOSE FANTASTIC "FANTASTICKS"

There is still time to see the current production at The Little Colonel Playhouse on Mt. Mercy Drive. "The Fantasticks" (one of the longest running musicals in New York) is the first play of the 1992-93 regular season, and tickets are still available for the remaining performances on Thursday Oct. 22, Friday Oct. 23, Saturday Oct. 24 at 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday Oct. 25 matinee at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket prices for "The Fantasticks" are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens age 60 and over, and \$4 for students grades K-12. For reservations call the 24-hour answering service/box office: 588-1557.

"The Fantasticks", a musical written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, is the story of two fathers and their children, a boy and a girl, and their attempts to find love and adventure. Musical numbers include "Try To Remember" and "Soon It's Gonna Rain".

Jill Dunlap directs this production at LCP. The cast includes Larry Frazier, Amy Wheat, Jack Lowe, Darren McGee, Bob Gutmann, and Sandy Cohrs.

## AUDITIONS FOR THE NEXT PLAY

Auditions for the next play at The Little Colonel Playhouse, "The Diary Of Anne Frank", will be Sunday Oct. 18 at 1 p.m., and Monday Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. There are roles for 5 males and 5 females, age range from 15-50. You will be asked to do a cold reading from the show.

Sandy Cohrs will be directing this production which will be performed Dec. 3,4,5,11, and 12 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Sandy at 426-7658.

"The Diary Of Anne Frank", dramatized by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, is the heart warming play based upon the book "Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl." Anne Frank was a very enlightened young woman who not only captures the turmoil of the world during the war, but the intimate moments of eight people hidden in an attic and those who tried to help them.

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On his second attempt, Craig Perdue has received Oldham County Planning & Zoning Commission approval of a subdivision called "362 North" just across State Highway 22 from the point where Central Avenue intersects with the highway.

The proposed subdivision has 10 lots on 11.676 acres zoned low-density residential. The minimum lot size is slightly over one acre. The single entrance would be aligned with Central Avenue.

The property is just outside Pewee Valley. The city boundary line runs along Highway 22 at that point. However, the City Council voted on Oct. 5 to begin preparation of an ordinance to annex the subdivision land.

#### . . .AND A NEW HOUSE

Edgewood Manor subdivision, off Central Avenue, is getting another new house. The County Planning & Zoning Commission last month issued a permit to Adams & Adams of Pewee Valley for construction of a 60x60-foot three-bedroom residence at 110 Sedley Court.

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#### CLAUDIA'S CLOUDS

Pewee Claudia Stoess, who is the interior designer for Stoess Manor Shop in Crestwood, and whose creations have been seen in Homarama houses for several years, was responsible for the decorating of the master bedroom at the 1992 Designers Show House sponsored by Bellarmine College Women's Council.

The historic house, called Stony Brook, at 8920 Taylorsville Road, was open to the public in late September and early October.

Claudia's creation was termed "playful fantasy" by Courier-Journal Home Style columnist Yvonne Eaton, describing the bedroom ceiling as draped with "clouds" made from 600 yards of tobacco cloth. Claudia wanted the room to be "what it would feel like to have a room on the top floor of a decaying Italian villa."

#### A FRIEND IN NEED

Pewee Charles Dittmeier, Tulip Avenue resident, has been working as a Red Cross volunteer to help meet the needs of thousands of families made homeless by Hurricane Andrew.

His job has been to interview storm victims, determine what help is needed and prepare vouchers to be used to replace the most necessary items that they have lost.

## A Big Day For St. Al

Members, friends, and dignitaries of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Pewee Valley gathered Sunday October 4 to celebrate the completion of their new \$1.4 million church building, and to formally dedicate the beautiful 750-seat sanctuary.

The Most Rev. Thomas C. Kelly, archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville, led the dedication ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Vincent Schweizer, pastor, and the Rev. John Dickman, associate pastor of the parish.

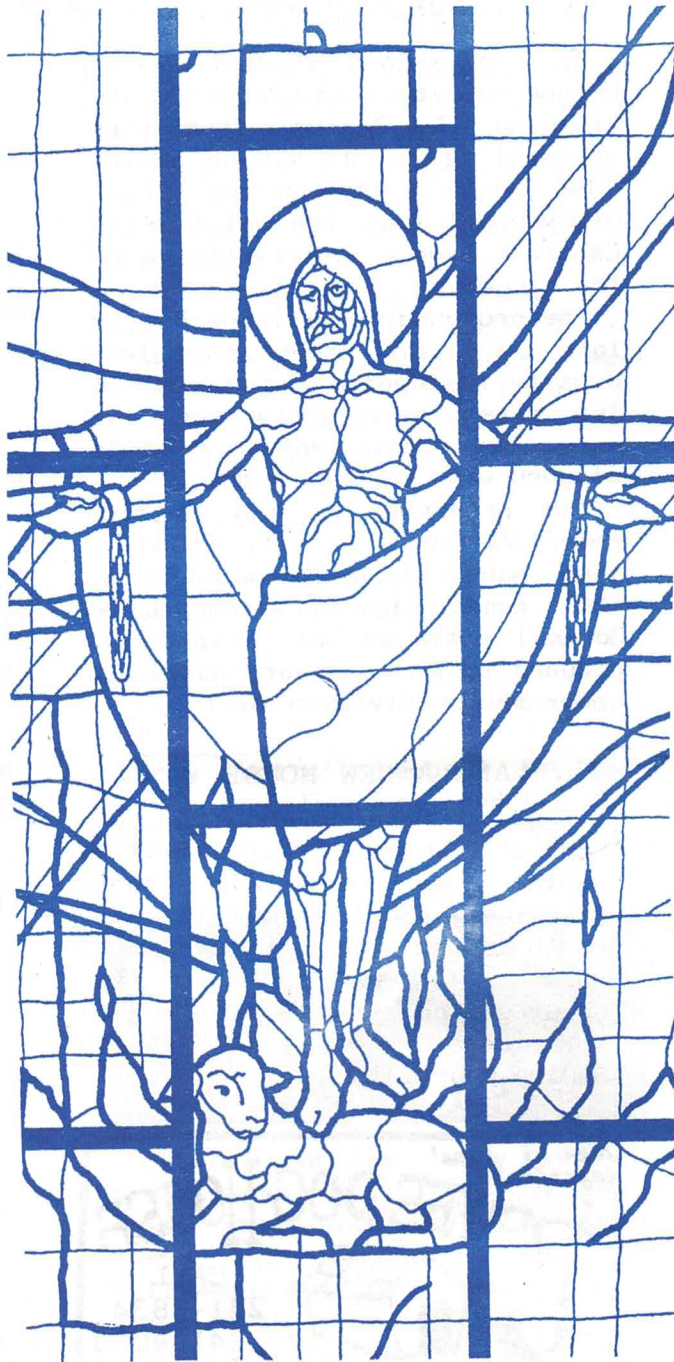
A reception in Allgeier Hall followed the formal Dedication Mass. The day closed with a performance by the parish's award winning youth choir in the new church.

The older church building will be used as a chapel for some weddings, funerals, celebrations, and small events.

### "RESPECT LIFE"

October 1992 has been designated "Respect Life" month.

St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Pewee Valley will be having a Respect Life Seminar on Sunday October 18, 1992 from 2:00 til 4:00 p.m. Speakers will discuss issues such as abortion, euthanasia, pornography, capital punishment, disabilities and other important subjects. Pewee Valley citizens are welcome to attend.



A portion of the Resurrection and Ascension window behind the altar in the new St. Aloysius church building.