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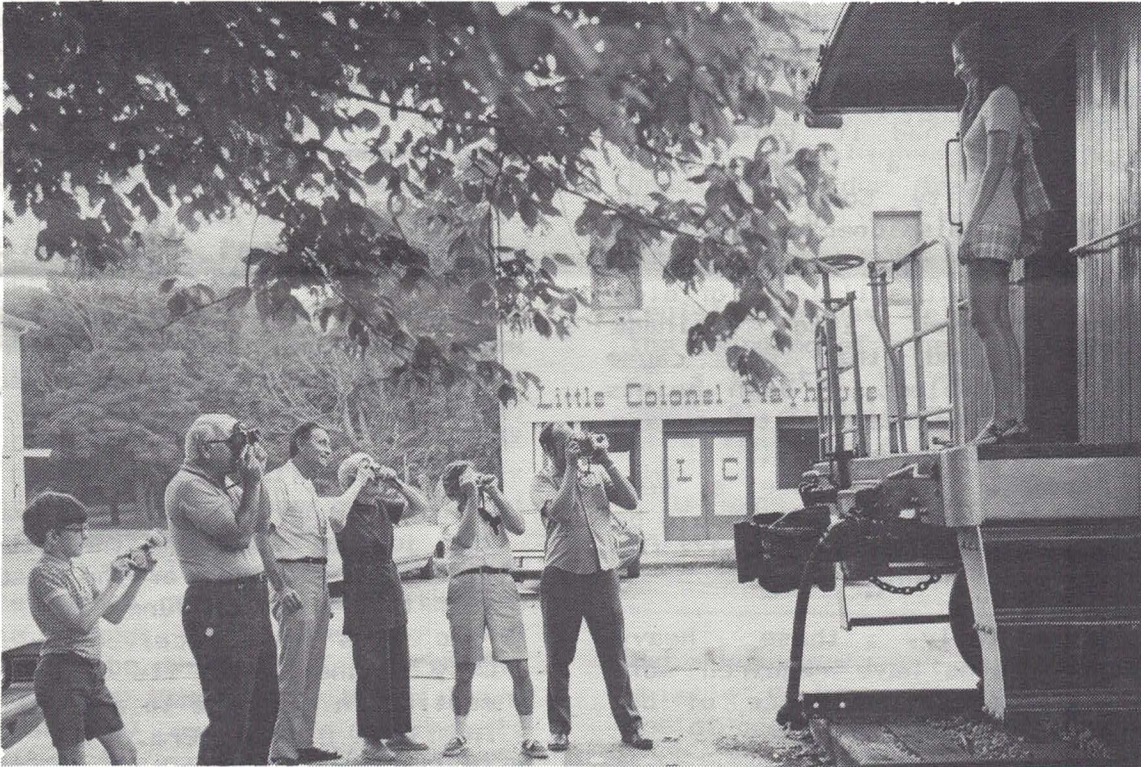
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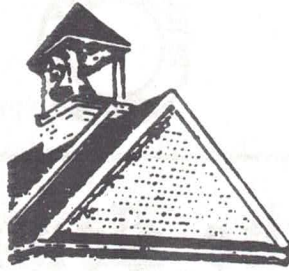
PICTURE FROM THE PAST

The red caboose in Town Square has long been a popular "picture spot". And from the archives of the "Call of the Pewee" is this picture of the picture-takers!

Members of the local camera club gathered one Saturday in

1972 to try their photography skills with Miss Oldham County of that year, Ethyle Noel. Faces behind the cameras are, from the left, Evan Rommel, Al Tomassetti, Frank and Louise Mahin, Dick Duncan (organizer of the camera club), and James Cambron.

Our Town



By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

DITCHES DON'T DRAIN LEAVES

"Autumn leaves season" is almost upon us, and with all the rain we've had it looks as if we'll have a bumper crop, observes City Councilman John Bishop, commissioner of roads and drainage.

"Some people still rake or blow their leaves into drainage ditches, and that can cause serious problems," John points out. "Our drainage ditches are designed for water only.

"Anyway, leaves are a very valuable resource - and should be used, rather than destroyed."

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Incidentally, those heavy August rains have required more than normal maintenance of our drainage system.

PERMIT FOR A MINI-BARN

A permit to construct a 10x12-foot mini-barn/storage shed on his property at 122 Peace Lane has been granted to Beach A. Craigmyle by the County Planning & Zoning Commission.

A NEW TAX COLLECTOR

Marilyn Walls, wife of Police Chief Larry Walls, is the new Pewee Valley City Tax Collector, succeeding Elsie Heiman, who retired on Sept. 1 after many years at the job.

The address for City tax payments remains the same: City of Pewee Valley, Box 769, Pewee Valley, KY 40056.

Marilyn can be reached by phone at 241-0769 early in the morning and at night, and at 241-8821 during the day.

SIDEWALK FOR ASH AVENUE?

The idea of a sidewalk along Ash Avenue has been revived, and discussed by the City Council.

Any member of the Council, especially Walt Hayes, who resides on Ash, or Mayor Reinhardt, who also does, would be interested in hearing from residents who may have some thoughts on this.

STILL WANTED: AUDITOR

Doesn't anyone, please, want the job of auditing the City's financial records for the fiscal year that ended on June 30?

No bids were received by the City Council at its Sept. 8 meeting in response to a legal ad in The Oldham Era. The bid invitation has been repeated in the Era of Sept. 17, with the new deadline the day of the next Council meeting, Oct. 5.

The work must be performed by a CPA. Anyone out there who's willing to step forward can obtain further information from City Clerk Lee Heiman, 241-4551.

NEW ORDINANCE CALLS FOR TRAINS TO RING BELLS

In an effort to improve the quality of life for residents of Our Town, particularly those whose homes are quite close to the railroad tracks, the City Council has enacted an ordinance designed to replace blasts from train horns with a gentler form of warning, for the most part, as the iron monsters approach grade crossings in their journey through Pewee Valley.

The ordinance requires each train passing through the city to ring its engine bell for 825 feet while approaching each of the four public grade crossings within the city's boundaries. Sounding of the whistle is required in emergency situations.

For years, Pewee Valley, like many other communities, had an ordinance banning train whistles inside the city limits. But a new State law, effective July 14, voided all such municipal ordinances, and CSX Transportation immediately ordered its engineers to blow at all crossings.

The result has been what many residents consider to be tooting in doses far exceeding what should be necessary for warnings. Numerous complaints began being heard by municipal governments along the main-line tracks. In a few instances, CSX modified its horn-sounding policy, but Pewee Valley wasn't so fortunate in spite of pleas by Mayor Reinhardt.

The City's new ordinance was given its first reading on Sept. 8 at the Council's regular

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monthly meeting, which was attended by about 30 residents seeking relief from the noise. The second reading, required by law, and passage of the ordinance came two days later at a special meeting.

Following are excerpts from the ordinance to give its main points:

"...WHEREAS, The City of Pewee Valley seeks to enact an ordinance that would require a reasonable and timely warning of the approach of trains to grade crossings; and...

"...WHEREAS, the CSX grade crossings within the City of Pewee Valley (Houston Lane, Highway 362, Highway 146/146^{1/2}, Mercy Road, Wooldridge Avenue) are all protected by electric signals; and,

"WHEREAS, the Kentucky Legislature has determined that the sounding of a bell or blowing of a whistle is an appropriate means of signalling the approach of a train to a grade crossing; and,

"WHEREAS, the City of Pewee Valley deems that it is in the

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And a humorous twist to our Train Whistle Problem - submitted by one of our faithful readers:

We can look for a rise in the Pewee Valley population.

The train blows at 4:40 a.m. It is too early to get up - and it is too late to go back to sleep.

Signed
Ann Onymous

TRAIN ORDINANCE Continued

interest of safety, and for better understanding of the operators of railroad locomotives and those persons who must cross railroad tracks within the City that there be a standard warning of the approach of trains;

"NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained by the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky as follows:

"1. Each train passing through Pewee Valley shall be required to ring its engine bell at a distance of at least 50 rods (825 feet) from each of the CSX grade crossings within the City of Pewee Valley (Houston Lane, Highway 362, Highway 146/Mount Mercy Road, Wooldridge Avenue), and the bell shall be rung continuously until the engine has reached the highway or crossing.

"2. Any train that comes to a full stop within the City of Pewee Valley shall give a warning before it again commences movement by sounding a single blast, or any standard sequence, of its whistle.

"3. The operator of any locomotive within the City of Pewee Valley, should he or she

observe that a crossing signal has malfunctioned, or that for any other reason there is imminent danger ahead, shall sound the engine whistle in such a manner as prescribed by the operating rules of CSX Transportation or the Federal Railroad Administration.

"4. Violation of this ordinance by any person shall be punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor and subject to a maximum imprisonment of less than 90 days and a fine of not less than \$50.00, not more than \$500.00..."

A LETTER

Thinking About Christmas

To The Editor,

I find myself already looking forward to Christmas in Pewee. The town looks like a picture in a dream all lit up, but to be a perfect picture, Pewee Valley's Christmas tree needs help.


I do have a couple of ideas on this. One is to have the students of Pewee Valley come up with environmentally safe ornaments for the tree we have.

The second idea is to get two live trees. Let the community decorate both trees. Auction one to defray expenses; the other one we could plant in a place of honor. If there is left-over money, it could help make Christmas for a needy family.

I'd like to know what others think.

Sincerely,
Peggy Douglas
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"FANTASTICS" WILL OPEN LITTLE COLONELS' SEASON WITH MUSIC

One of the longest running musicals in New York, the ever popular "The Fantasticks" will open the Little Colonel Player's 36th consecutive season on October 15. Written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, it is simplicity at it's best. The story is that 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", "Soon It's Gonna Rain", "Much More", and "I Can See It".

Rehearsals are underway with a talented cast directed by Jill Dunlap. Production times are Oct. 15, 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8:00 p.m., and a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 25.

36TH SEASON AT THE LCP

The Little Colonel Playhouse, Mt. Mercy Drive in Pewee Valley, announces a very entertaining 1992-93 season:

1. "The Fantastiks" - a musical
Production dates: Oct. 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, at 8 p.m., and a 2:30 matinee on Oct. 25. Jill Dunlap is director.
2. "The Diary of Anne Frank" - a drama. Auditions are Oct. 18 and 19. Production dates are Dec. 3, 4, 5, 11, 12 at 8 p.m., and a 2:30 matinee on Dec. 13. Sandy Cohrs will direct.
3. "Murder in Mind" - a mystery. Auditions are Jan. 10 and 11. Production dates are Feb. 18, 19, 20, 26, 27 at 8 p.m., and a 2:30 matinee on Feb. 28. Bill Aiken will direct.
4. "First Night" - a romantic comedy. Auditions are March 7 and 8. Production dates are April 15, 16, 17, 23, 24 at 8 p.m., and a 2:30 matinee on April 25.



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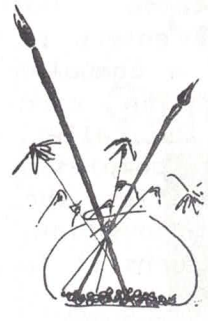
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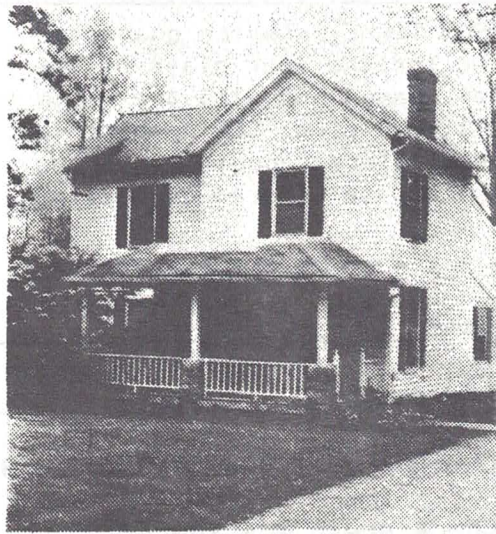
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OUR TOWN IS REPRESENTED ON THE CIVIC CLUB TOUR

Two Pewee Valley locations — the home of Bob and Sally Pace and the Confederate Cemetery—are featured in the Crestwood Civic Club's annual House Tour & Brunch on Fri. Sept. 18. Two homes in Crestwood and the Civic Club are also in the tour.

The Pace home [pictured at right], is located in the Ashwood Avenue Historic District, and dates from circa 1890 to 1936. Bob and Sally have worked in restoring it, maintaining the facade, decor, millwork, woodwork, and windows as they originally were. A 1,200 square foot addition, in keeping with the design, was added several years ago.

The Confederate Cemetery on Maple Avenue was established in 1904 in order to have a burial place for the veterans of the Kentucky Confederate Home located at the other end of Maple Avenue.



The Pace residence at 106 Ash Avenue, historically the Washburne-Swann House

Participants in the tour will hear an informative talk at the cemetery given by Eurie Hayes Smith, III, local attorney and historian.

Tickets are available through Crestwood Civic Club members.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 5


Those who wish to register to vote before the November election must do so by Monday, Oct. 5.

Registration may be done at the Oldham County clerk's office, first floor of the new courthouse during regular business hours.

Another option is to use the MCI-sponsored 1-800-92K-VOTE toll-free line. The line can be used any time of the day, any day of the week. Callers who use the

line between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. are connected to a registrar in either their county clerk's office or the state Board of Elections office.

The registrar takes the necessary information, enters it into a computer and a computer generates a registration card which is mailed to the caller. The registration is completed after the caller verifies the accuracy of the information, signs the card and returns it to the proper county clerk.



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ACHIEVERS

In Music:

ELIZABETH FUTRAL

Soprano Elizabeth Futral, daughter of Guy and Nancy Futral of Pewee Valley, made her New York operatic debut Sept. 10 at the New York City Opera. She is singing the role of Gilda in Verdi's "Rigoletto," through Sept. 20. She then takes the part of Alexandra in the City Opera's new production of Marc Blitzstein's "Regina" Oct. 9, 18, 20, and 24.

In Baseball:

TREY CRANFILL

Trey Cranfill of Pewee Valley was a key player for the Oldham County Babe Ruth 15-year-old All-Star baseball team when they upset Owensboro to win the State Championship last month. He pitched a stellar game in the finals of the winner's bracket allowing only 8 hits and pitching 8 strikeouts in the 7 innings of the 7-1 win over Owensboro.

Trey is the son of Jack and Janet Cranfill, and a student at South Oldham High School.

RECENT DEATHS

Former Oldham County Police Chief Steve Nobles, who spent several months in the mid-1970s as a member of the Pewee Valley Police Department - about five years before becoming Oldham County's Police Chief - died at age 41 on September 5 after a year-long battle with cancer.

He served 13 years as Oldham County Police Chief, leaving the position in April 1992.

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Memorial services were held September 13 at Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church for the wife of a former pastor. Betty Burns, 61, died September 1 in Vero Beach, Florida. Survivors include her husband, Russell, and their sons George, David and Michael.



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