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Marlo Wood,  
at left, and  
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Dec. 1,2,3  
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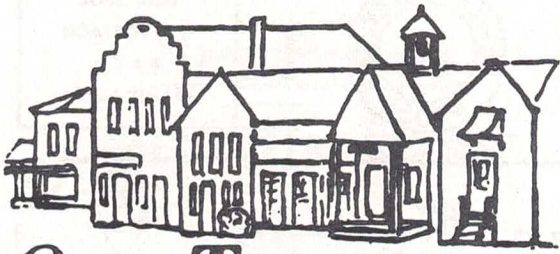
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# Our Town

*By Lee Heiman, City Clerk*

LOOKING AHEAD to Our Town's Yule season: Some extra attractions are being planned for this year's Christmas program in the Olde Town Square. Better mark it on your calendar right now: Sunday, Dec. 18.

Details in our December issue.

HALLOWEEN brought the most youngsters yet to the annual handout of treats in the Pewee Valley firehouse. More than 250 showed up for the treats paid for by the City and given out by volunteer firemen.

BUILDING PERMITS have been issued for: a two-bedroom residence for Ruth Asher at 209 Elm; garages for John Karlen at 114 Maple Ave. and Charles Karlen at 405 Maple; and a pole sign to identify the Pet Station of Pewee Valley, which we understand is a new business to be opened by Julia Scott at 219 LaGrange Road, where Clem's Seafood was formerly located.

THE FIRE that was fatal to Judge G. William Brown and Mary

Ellen Stansbury on Aug. 13 at the Brown residence on Cherry Hill was accidentally started by an apparent short in an extension cord, an investigation by the Oldham County Police Department has revealed.

TWO ACCIDENTS were investigated last month by Pewee Valley police. A one-car crash on Highway 22 between Wooldridge and Central Avenues resulted in an injury. No one was hurt when one car backed into another in the Post Office parking lot. No Pewees were involved in either mishap.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF is the charge in an October case being looked into by our police. A window in a parked van on Elm Avenue was broken when a bottle was thrown from a passing car.

SPEEDING CITATIONS were issued to 23 motorists in Our Town last month. Most of the violations were on Ash Ave. and on Hwy. 146.

VOTERS in Pewee Valley precincts gave substantial margins to the winners in national and

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state elections on Nov. 8— George Bush and Dan Quayle, President/VP; Jim Bunning, Congressman; and Jim Zimmerman, state representative, all Republicans. Voter turnout here was high, contrasting the low turnout nationally.

LEAF BURNERS, did you bother to read the suggestions in our last issue?? Well, try again—we are repeating them in this issue. A lot of the heavy, smelly smoke that's been hanging around the last couple of weeks could be avoided with a little care and thoughtfulness.



TRY YOUR BEST TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE TO LEAF BURNING; IF YOU MUST BURN, BURN ONLY DRY LEAVES QUICKLY IN SMALL PILES, LIGHTING THE PILE AT THE TOP.



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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



*Elizabeth Futral*

## WINNING SOPRANO

Elizabeth Futral, daughter of Guy and Nancy Futral of Colonel Way, won the First Place award in the annual Kentucky District auditions for the Metropolitan Opera of New York, held Nov. 12 at the University of Louisville.

The 25-year-old soprano graduated from Samford University in Alabama, received her master's degree from Indiana University and is currently in a doctoral program at IU. Her most recent performance was the leading role in IU's production of "Don Pasquale" by Donizetti. Summer work has included the role of Jeannie in Bardstown's "The Stephen Foster Story", and musicals presented by the Indiana State Parks.

Winning this competition qualifies Elizabeth for the Tri-State Region competition to be held on Dec. 10. The national finalists will compete March 19, 1989 at the Met in New York.

# ACHIEVERS

## NEW EAGLE

Two Pewee Valley young men -- Keith Allison and Ted Merhoff -- recently attained the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and received their award Oct. 16 during Troop 167's Court of Honor ceremonies. The Eagle rank is the highest rank that Boy Scouting awards.

Keith, the son of Jim and Brenda Allison of Houston Lane, is a senior at Oldham County High School. He reaches the goal of Eagle after more than six years in Troop 167, during which he served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and currently is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. His major project in earning this award has been the establishment of a tape



*B. Hamilton, C. Hirtzel, K. Hinkle, Coach Turner, Asst. Coach Tansell, S. Tanselle, B. Gardner*

## E SCOUTS

library for Crestwood Methodist Church, the sponsor of Troop 167. For this, Keith taped Sunday services and special programs of the church and organized them in the bookcase that he built for the church office. The tapes are available for shut-ins and other interested persons.



*K .Allison, C. Decker, R. Calvert, T. Merhoff*

Ted Merhoff, the son of Ted and Dorcas Merhoff of LaGrange Road in Pewee, is a freshman at Hanover College. Attaining Eagle culminates scouting experiences in the Cub Pack, Webelo Den and six years in the Troop, where he has served most recently as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. For his Eagle project, Ted organized and promoted a Blood Mobile at Oldham County High School last Spring ... the most

successful one ever held at the high school.

Two "near-Pewees", Chris Decker and Ritchie Calvert, also received their Eagle awards in the same Court of Honor. Chris's grandmother, Ellen Hammel, lives on Rebel Dr.

## SOFTBALL CHAMPS

The Pewee Valley Volunteer Fire Department's softball team has again won First Place in the Jefferson County Fire Department League!

On the last day of the tournament, they played three games and rallied from 4th place to 1st.

The team also took 2nd place in the Louisville Firefighters Tournament!

Members of the team are Bob

Hamilton, Carey Hirtzel, Kevin Hinkle, Scott Tanselle, Ben Gardner, Keith Kinser, Glenn Hamilton, Dean Young, Kyle Rieber, Larry Ruckreigel, Justin Hirtzel, Bobby Deibel, Steve Logsdon, Kenny Logsdon, David Thompson, Greg Turner, and Randy Glover.

Eddie Turner is the proud Coach of this team. Assistant Coach is Jeff Tanselle.

## Valley Vignettes ~ HOME OF A NOBLE

Born in Pennsylvania in 1810, Noble Butler moved to Jefferson County, Indiana at age 7. In 1836 he graduated from Hanover College and immediately became its professor of Greek and Latin. Three years later he came to Louisville and assumed the same position in the new Louisville College.

He later opened his own private school for girls in his home and there prepared an English grammar which became the standard textbook in Kentucky schools. He also published spellers and readers.

His younger brother, Will, then principal of a boys' private school, was shot and killed by Matt F. Ward after a schoolroom whipping of Matt's younger brother. Following Matt Ward's acquittal when mobs stoned and set fire to the Ward residence, Butler called upon the enraged crowd to "Stay the hand of violence".

In the years following, our town gave him the solace he needed.

In 1855 Noble and a group of Town Fathers met to decide upon a more suitable name for Smith's Station. The meeting was held at Butler's home, Tuliphurst, which he had built in 1850. They were sitting under a tree when a tiny bird (an Eastern Wood Pewee...

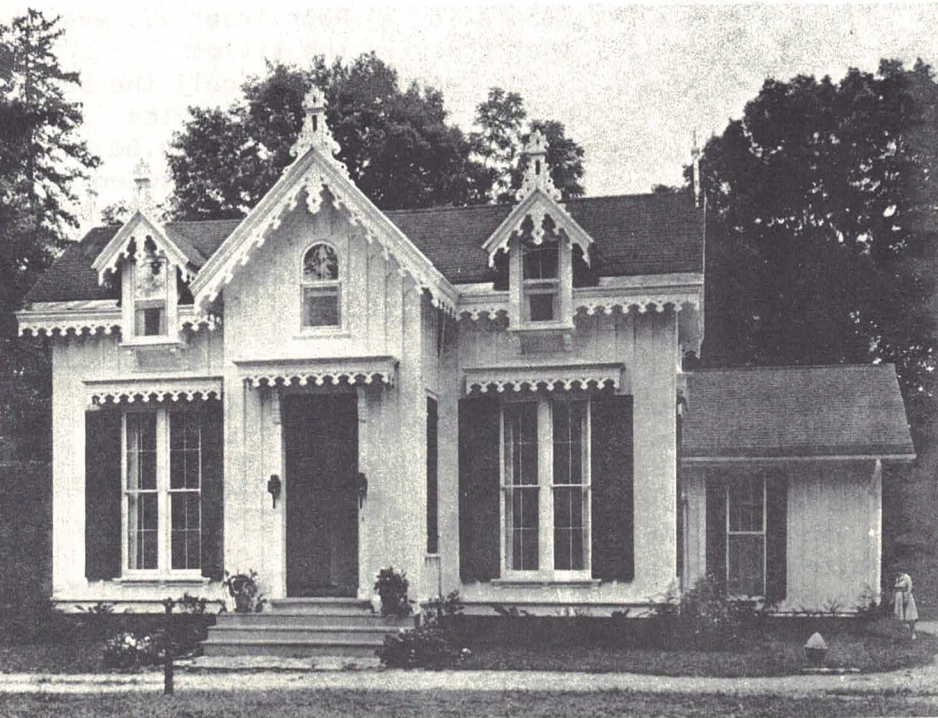
cousin of the Phoebe) started singing pe-a-wee, pe-a-wee.

Thus the idea - Why not call the town Pewee? One man protested that there should be more to the name than just Pewee. As a joke, another man suggested that this was really a valley, upside down, so why not call it Pewee Valley? All of the men liked the name so on March 21, 1870, it was officially changed.

Following the Civil War, Butler took up teaching in Louisville again and was co-principal of a girls' school on Sixth Street between Walnut and Chestnut. In his last years he was professor of Miss Belle Pear's Home School (Kentucky Home School). When he died in 1882, schools were closed for the day and school girls from all over the city marched in his funeral procession carrying flowers for his grave.

Tuliphurst was sold to Woodford Dulaney and then passed on to Dulaney's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Willis. It has since been owned by Col. and Mrs. Chase Boldt, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pearson and is now the home of Dr. and Mrs. Luther Pearce.

The Pearsons subdivided part of the 23 acre estate calling it Tuliphurst Manor. Five acres remained with the original home.



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CHRISTMAS COMEDY ONSTAGE  
DEC. 1,2,3 AND 8,9,10

"The Butterfinger Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut, and the Slaughter of Twelve Hit Carols in a Pear Tree"- a comedy by William Gibson- opens Dec. 1 at the Little Colonel Playhouse on Mt. Mercy Drive. Performances will be Dec. 1,2,3 and 8,9,10.

This holiday offering, which promises to put you in the Christmas mode, combines elements found in the traditional nativity pageants and morality plays with carols and humor to present a new translation of the Christmas story.

The cast stars Marlo Wood as Mary, Kenny Logsdon as Joseph, James Dorman as the Butterfinger Angel, and Keith Kinser as three characters of dark. Also in the cast are Jennifer Henderson, Amy Wheat, Jennifer Hays, Lauren Olson, Melissa Grosecroft, Andy Martin, Amanda Haynes, Crissy and Elizabeth Vaughn, Benjamin and Catherine Tomassetti, Alex Bailey, Elya Shenkamin, Ricky Horvath and Enrique Camacho.

Billi Bailey is the Director, assisted by Julie Wheat. Melinda Horvath is the Producer.

Begin your holiday season early by making your reservations now to see "The Butterfly Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut, and the Slaughter of Twelve Hit

Carols in a Pear Tree" ... yes, that truly is the title!

For reservations, call the box office answering service at 588-1557. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for students. Curtain time is 8 p.m., except for the Dec. 8th performance when the curtain will be delayed until 8:30 p.m.

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## New Pewees

### THE SUMMERS'

*By Kathie Hodge*



Jeanne and Danny Summers  
and friend



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Danny and Jeanne Summers say the only drawback to being the first couple to move into the new Edgewood Subdivision is that they had no neighbors! Nevertheless, their first contact with Pewee Valley was a pleasant one. "The Pewee Valley Post Office's friendliness was just what you would expect around here," Danny states.

The Summers' remembered looking at Edgewood last fall when the old school house on the Sedley property was burned and the original house went up for sale.

Jeanne describes their new home on Sedley Court as an English country manor. From a list kept over the last ten years, Jeanne and Danny drew up a unique plan that has required very few changes. Starting in March, Danny did the general contracting. Since then, there has been no spare time for either of them.

They both agreed that the best idea they have had was to move in, leave the boxes behind, and take off for a vacation in the Caribbean!

Jeanne came back refreshed to her job as a lab technician at Baptist Hospital. Originally from Missouri, she is a graduate of Grad Wahl Lab School in St. Louis. Bowling is a favorite hobby.

Danny majored in civil engineering at the University of Missouri at Rolla. As a Kroger engineering manager, he oversees construction of new stores and the remodeling/maintenance of others. He hopes soon to have time for some tennis and golf.