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This will be a somewhat abbreviated issue of "Along the Towpath." A new slate of officers was elected in June and will direct the C&O Canal Association for the next three years. As your new "Public Information Officer," I have fallen heir to the Editorship of "Along the Towpath," a somewhat irregular publication, and planned to produce the first issue, for me, in September.

Congressman Gilbert Gude has stirred me into action sooner than September by planning a very exciting "Study Tour" of the entire Potomac River from the Fairfax Stone to Point Lookout during the month of August. A very small core group will accompany him the whole distance, but he invites any interested persons to join him from day to day as he tours areas of particular interest. Anyone wishing to join him for a day or two must provide his own bed and board, and transportation. In case C&O Canal Association members would like to participate, I have digested the tour schedule as follows:

Sunday, August 3 ----- Walk from Fairfax Stone to Dobbin, begin at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, August 4 ----- Walk from Dobbin to Seyer (7 miles)
Tuesday, August 5 ----- Walk Seyer to Kitzmiller (10 miles)
Wednesday, August 6 -- Walk Kitzmiller to Barnum (8 miles)
Thursday, August 7 --- Walk Barnum to Luke (8 miles)
Friday, August 8 ----- Train, Luke to Cumberland (21 miles)
Saturday, August 9 --- Walk Cumberland to North Branch (9 miles)
Sunday, August 10 ----- Bicycle North Branch to Paw Paw (19 miles)
Monday, August 11 ----- Bicycle Paw Paw to Camp Straus (20 miles)
Tuesday, August 12 --- Layover all day, Camp Straus
Wednesday, August 13 - Bicycle or horse Camp Straus to Coolfont Resort (12 miles)
Thursday, August 14 -- Coolfont to Williamsport by car (25 miles)
Friday, August 15 ----- Walk Williamsport to Dam No. 4 (15 miles)
Saturday, August 16 -- Walk Dam No. 4 to Shepherdstown (12 miles)
Sunday, August 17 ----- Canoe Shepherdstown to Harpers Ferry (13 miles)
Monday, August 18 ----- Walk Harpers Ferry to Brunswick (5 miles)
Tuesday, August 19 --- Canoe Brunswick to Monocacy River (13 miles)
Wednesday, August 20 - Horse and car, Monocacy River to Goose Creek (11 miles)
Thursday, August 21 -- Car Goose Creek to Algonquian Park, boat to Seneca
Friday, August 22 ----- Bicycle Seneca to Great Falls, walk to Glen Echo
Saturday, August 23 -- Walk Glen Echo to Fletcher's Boat House, canoe to Thompson's Boat House, bicycle to Old Town Alexandria

there's more...

Gude Trip Schedule cont.

Sunday, August 24 ---- National Park Service Lightship in afternoon
Monday, August 25 ---- Boat Mason Neck to Indian Head, car to Port Tobacco
Tuesday, August 26 --- Boat Port Tobacco to Colonial Beach
Wednesday, August 27 - Auto and boat, Colonial Beach to St. Clements
Thursday, August 28 -- Car, St. Clements to St. Mary's City
Friday, August 29 and
Saturday, August 30 -- Same (take 3 days, St. Clements to St. Mary's)
Sunday, August 31 ---- St. Mary's City to Point Lookout by car

THE END!

Remember, join and leave when you wish, but please provide your own transportation, food and water, and make your own sleeping accommodations, if needed.

The schedule is not absolutely final. Minor changes may be made before August 3. If you desire more information, call Congressman Gude's office at 202-225-5431. Bruce Wood is utilizing last year's experience supervising logistics of the C&O Anniversary Hike by planning all details and logistics for this hike for Congressman Gude and, as usual, is doing an excellent job.

SPECIAL AUTUMN HIKES

Lyman Stucker has planned an Historical Study Hike for September 20...

Meet 9:30 a.m. at Tonoloway Picnic Area, Hancock, Maryland; bring lunch; hike will be 8 to 10 miles and will be led by Jim Bryant.

Geology Study Hike, November 1...

Meet 9:30 a.m. at Railway Station, Point of Rocks, Maryland; bring lunch and binoculars; Marie Grenan will lead an 8 mile hike and explore history and geology of Point of Rocks area.

Reminders in next issue.

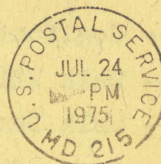
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I plan to produce a membership brochure in September that will explain the history and philosophy of the C&O Canal Association to prospective members. If you have any special information you would like included or information for future "Along the Towpath" issues, please write to me:

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