



C&O Canal Association

along the towpath ...

concerned with the conservation of the natural and
historical environment of the C&O Canal and the Potomac River Basin

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"On the night the C & O Canal Association was officially born, the cries in the night were neither from birth pains nor those of a new-born baby. The late Rolly Bender, the old canal boatman from his bar at nearby Sharpsburg, set up a display of his canal days treasures. They were stolen while he was in another room. No witness came forward. Some Conococheague Club members had too much to drink. (A few reunioners were maudlin drunk.) After the canal meeting there was a fist fight between two club members outside the building when the President of the Conococheague Club challenged one and all to fight him.

"We haven't been back since, but almost a generation has passed and membership changes."

And so ends another story of canal days spun by our beloved Grant Conway who passed away last month and so took with him countless other tales of canal life. Sandy Hook and Harpers Ferry were favorite places, and the location of his secret cave in the Virginia mountains overlooking Harpers Ferry is safe forever now ... and our loss is profound. Ione Conway once told me Grant loved individuality and eccentricity in people, and to me Grant personified both at their best. His efforts to preserve and protect the canal, the Potomac and the Appalachian Trail found slow success and we are all the richer for it. His foresight and respect for both the people and places was second only to his love of their history.

Since this is a special Level Walkers Issue, here, in Grant's own words, is the story of their beginning:

"Level Walkers organization was a by-product of the C & O Association. While at times semi-independent of the Association the organization has been less formal and lacks constitution and by-laws. Therefore, it may be safe to say that the Level Walkers do not have a definitely established date of origin.

"The late Orville Crowder was the organizer...as well as being a long time perpetuator of the organization. The organization has been dependent upon the strong leadership of one individual at a time: Orville Crowder, Tom Hahn and Bruce Wood. (...and now John Howard. Ed.)

"Approximations must be resorted to when discussing origin. The first issue of 'The Level Walker', Vol. I, No. 1, is dated March 1960. However, it was a full-fledged organization with a full compliment of level walkers for all

sections prior to the first publication. While I am listed as Co-chairman in the first publication, my leadership contributions pre-dated 1960, and were not sustaining thereafter.

"In 1958 when I was President of the Association I called attention to the historic role of the level walker and urged its revival. In that year I accompanied Crowder on some of his field trips with PATC measuring wheel when copious notes by remeasured mileage along the towpath were made for his guidebook, another need of the C & O Canal at that time. When Crowder lost interest in the guidebook after he established his world nature tours, he generously gave Tom Hahn his manuscript, which I and many others helped him update and supplement for his series of copyrighted guidebooks.

"Selling point to Crowder on organizing the level walkers was the assistance that they would be in collecting and updating his guidebook. Their reports provided up-to-date information on the towpath and environs. The immediate need for the C & O Canal Association was a binding organization to coordinate the support for legislation to establish a C & O Canal national historical park. Basin-wide, grassroots support was needed (as well as from local and national conservation organizations), to press for good, protective national legislation for the C & O Canal Historical Park. The Level Walkers helped meet that need."

(Grant wrote this for me last year, at my request, to document some of the origins of the Association for newer members like myself. An article written by Grant was published in the Washington Post, April 3, 1959 describing the Level Walkers purposes and aims.)

LEVEL WALKERS

Since this issue is primarily concerned with level walker items, the following comments are offered regarding level walker activities. First of all, there are eight new level walkers - most of whom volunteered during the annual reunion and hike in April. We wish to welcome these people to membership in the association and to the ranks of level walkers. (These new level walkers are indicated by * preceeding their names in the Level Walkers Directory.)

Any association members who would like to become level walkers are asked to contact John Howard, LW Chairman.

Even though all sections have at least one person or group assigned, a number of sections need an additional level walker. Assignment of at least two people to each level seems to work out better in terms of covering the seasons of the year as well as having the benefit of more than one viewpoint. All of us are prone to look at a particular level with our own special interest priority, be it wildlife, forest cover, flowers, canal structures, or history.

ATTENTION IS BEING CALLED TO THE ASSOCIATION PROVISION THAT STATES LEVEL WALKERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. A recent review of the level walkers roster shows many who have not renewed their membership for 1976 and a few who have not renewed after 1974. We are hopeful that this is an oversight, not a lack of interest. Anyone wishing to pay their 1976 dues may send them to Doug Greene, Treasurer, at 10317 Brunswick Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20902 (\$5.00 made payable to C&O Canal Asso.) If you are in doubt about your membership status, you may contact Doug Greene (301-649-5766) or John Howard (301-730-4489).

The summer level walker meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week-end of September 18, thus eliminating the greater interference of earlier dates with summer vacations. Anyone having suggestions as to what form the meeting might take or agenda items are encouraged to contact John Howard. One possibility may be to hold it at an accessible hiker/biker or other campground and have it in conjunction with a campout or hike or both.

Level walker reports are coming in regularly and brief resumes of all those received prior to June 1 are published herein. Level Walker Helen Johnston has compiled a comprehensive report (including botanical descriptions) of plant life observed along her Croyley level. Anyone wishing a copy of this report or a copy of the latest complete report for any specific section may obtain them by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope (legal size) to John Howard, LW Chairman. Level walker report resumes will hopefully be useful enough to guide you selecting reports for which you wish to request copies.

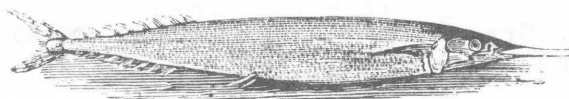
John Howard
Level Walker Chairman

PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED AT ANNUAL MEETING:			
<u>INCOME</u>	Proposed 1976	Actual 1975	
Total	\$1,400.00	\$1,487.86	
Membership	1,300.00	1,279.00	
Misc. sales (badges, books, etc.)	108.00	200.86	
<u>EXPENDITURES AND SURPLUS</u>			
Total	\$1,400.00	\$1,487.86	
(Total expenditures)	950.00	996.34	
Along the Towpath (printing and postage)	400.00	433.42	
Membership cards, patches and hike books	----	271.79	
Treasurer's expense (postage and stationery)	50.00	35.98	
Level Walker Chairman's expenses	50.00	----	
Public Relations (Membership brochure etc.)	300.00	72.50	
Contributions	50.00	15.00	
Legal and related expenses	150.00	----	
Officers expenses (telephone and postage)	60.00	----	
Net surplus for year	240.00	240.00	

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1976. \$1,678.23

Anticipated cash on hand Dec. 31, 1976 \$2,126.23

C&O Annual Reunion Hike is self sustaining.



POLLUTION CONTROL & THE C & O CANAL ASSO.:

The C & O Canal Asso. has been elected to membership on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Water Resources Planning Board of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments. Ed Wesely is our delegate and Nancy Long his temporary alternate. Meetings will be held at least once a month for the next two years to advise the Water Resources Planning Board as it formulates a pollution control plan for the Washington metropolitan region of the Potomac River. Funded by the U. S. EPA under Sect. 208 of PL 92-500, the plan will analyze water pollution problems, both sewage and surface runoff, and recommend solutions. We're proud the C & O Canal Asso. was one of 5 regional groups elected out of many applicants.

The COG staff has prepared a beautiful slide show about the Potomac River, its assets and its problems; and about PL 92-500, the federal law intended to restore the "physical, chemical and biological integrity" of the river. If you have questions or would like to have the COG staff show the slides to your own civic or social group call Elizabeth Jester at the COG office, 202-223-6800 ext. 238, or Ed Wesely, 301-229-6147.



LEVEL WALKER REPORTS:

LEVEL WALKER REPORTS ARE EXPECTED TWICE A YEAR AND SHOULD BE SENT TO
CHAIRMAN: John K. Howard, 10598 Jason Court, Columbia, MD 21044
301-730-4489 (home) or 301-594-4681 (office)

Level walker reports are used by National Park Service and the C & O Canal Advisory Commission. If possible, three copies of each report should be sent so a copy can be sent to each of the above without delay. Summaries published in "Along The Towpath" are sometimes delayed because of receipt date/publishing date timing.

Level Walkers are required to be dues-paying members of the C & O Canal Association and to submit one written report, however brief, within eighteen consecutive months.

Please contact the Level Walker Chairman to:

- a) volunteer to act as level walker
- b) request a change in levels
- c) resign as a level walker

Old Boat Incline to Lock 5, Section 2, Mile 2.3-5.0

Jeannie W. Wilkins...Two walks, in winter and spring, found the tow path and Canal bed in good condition. The spring walk, in early April, found a number of edible plants eaten during the colonial period and more recently by neo-colonial environmentalists: nettle, mustard, chick-weed, dock, skunk cabbage, jack-in-the-pulpit, poke, milk-weed, cat-tails, arrowhead, arum. and wild onion.

Lock 5 to Cabin John Creek, Section 3, Mile 5-7.5

Philip J. Stone...In a three hour walk on May 9, Mr. Stone counted 278 people (including 216 cyclists). The rebuilding of the towpath in this area has been completed, and has obviously not gone unnoticed.

Lock 14 to Cropley, Section 5, Mile 9.4-12.3

B. L. Greenberg...The towpath remains in good condition; well-used by hikers and bikers.

Cropley to Great Falls (Lock 20), Section 6, Mile 12.3-14.3

Helen L. Johnston and Elizabeth Bushnell...often accompanied by Ellen Holway and Carolyn Wang...The level walkers for this well-used area made visits one to three times weekly throughout the year. On a good weekend, they estimate the Great Falls area receives up to 10,000 visitors daily. The general area is in good shape and restoration continues, partly through the assistance of volunteers.

Swain's Lock to Pennyfield Lock, Section 8, Mile 16.6-19.6

Joan Paull...Recent work by the NPS has improved things. The towpath is generally in good condition and is heavily used.

Port Harrison Island to White's Ferry, Section 14, Mile 33.2-35.5

Morris Green...On a walk in March Mr. Green found evidence of maintenance by the NPS, but no water at Turtle Run Hiker/Biker.

Weverton to Harper's Ferry (Lock 33), Section 22, Mile 58-60.7
Grant Conway...The towpath is adequate for hikers and bikers and heavily used, a section of it being part of the Appalachian Trail. A note of progress is that the NPS has completed negotiations with the cluster of summer houses on the river bank, with occupancy of the cottages permitted until the year 2,000.

Sheperdstown to Lock 39, Section 28, Mile 72.8-74.0
John C. Frye...Jogging the trail in March, Mr. Frye reported the towpath was in excellent condition.

Snyder's Landing to Marsh Run Culvert, Sections 30 and 31, Mile 76.7-81.6
Art and Hal Cramer...Although serious erosion is still taking place in the general area, the towpath is excellent for both hiking and biking.

Charles Mill to Lock 43, Sections 34 and 35, Mile 88.1-93.0
Charles M. Otstot...In late December the towpath was muddy due to alternate freezing and thawing but otherwise in good shape. Along the route an enormous murmuration of starlings, approximately 10,000 birds, was observed.

Lock 47 to McCoys Ferry, Section 42, Mile 108.6-110.4
A. K. McGraw...All was well in this area on visits in February, March, and April with the NPS getting things in shape for the coming season.

McCoys Ferry to Fort Frederick, Section 43, Mile 110.4-112.4
Scott Nesmith...On a beautiful day in May the towpath was in good condition. Spring flowers and raspberries were abundant and many birds, including some blue indigo buntings, were seen.

Little Orleans to Lock 59, Section 53, Mile 140.9-146.6
Bill and Florrie Canfield..The Canfields used the opportunity of the 22nd Annual Reunion Hike to see old friends and reinspect their part of the towpath. As all who hiked it will agree, the towpath was in good condition. They note that the area between mile 143 and 146 is well worth the effort to hike if only to see the folded shale formations along the berm side of the Canal.

Lock 60 to Green Ridge Station, Section 55, Mile 149.7-151.2
Hazeal G. Taylor and Bonnie Neuman...On a walk in April the section appeared well used and in good condition. Wild flowers and birds were in abundance.

Lock 63 1/3 to Paw Paw (Md. 51), Section 58, Mile 154.5-156.3
Alan and Kit Franklin... The general area shows attention by the NPS. Nonetheless, more needs to be done. Anyone interested in canoeing should consider this area to try their luck in the Potomac, but beware of fallen trees in some of the channels.

Culvert Opposite Little Cacapon to Town Creek, Section 60, Mile 159.7-162.3
Edith and Marvin Wilkerson...Other than roots across the towpath, the area is in good condition. Long distance hikers and bikers should keep in mind that fresh water supplies are scarce in this area.

Oldtown to Kellys Road Culvert, Section 63, Mile 167-170.8
George E. Lomas...On a March hike, the towpath was found to be in good condition for all kinds of users.

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Sect. 23 60.7 HARPERS FERRY TO DAM 3

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Sect. 25 65.1 DARGAN QUARRY to MT. LOCK 37

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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE SEASONS:

Nature walks led by Level Walker Helen Johnston, as a volunteer for the Nat'l. Park Service start at 10 a.m. in the Hospitality Room of Great Falls Tavern, Great Falls, Md. on the first and last Wednesday, and the first and last Saturday of each month. Helen begins each walk with appropriate slides, illustrating the flora and fauna you are likely to find as you explore the Great Falls region later that morning. Helen is a seasoned naturalist who, to quote a recent article about her walks in the June 24 issue of the Montgomery Journal, "covers the trail with an enthusiasm that leaves much younger hikers winded and has worn out three pairs of boots in the two years she has been giving tours." She would be pleased to have you join her.

FOR ALL MEMBERS, NEW AND OLD:

By now, the April reunion hike is ancient history, but the Hike Chairman would like at this late date to thank all those who made the hike possible: Adele and Ralph Donnelly, Ranger John Piro and Supt. Bill Faylor and all the NPS staff that helped out, Lyman Stucker, John Chandler, Ken Rollins and Bonnie Troxell and the Hedins of the Hike Committee, Doug Greene, Treas. and Alan Franklin, Badge Maker who together enrolled about 70 new members after the hike!

We welcome all those new members and hope you find your association with us satisfying and worthwhile. Our newsletter is roughly quarterly. We have one annual business meeting preceeding our annual Douglas Reunion Hike, and call Executive Board meetings whenever necessary - roughly every other month. We plan short special interest hikes during spring and fall. These are planned by Lyman Stucker and are announced in the newsletter. A list of the officers and committee chairmen follow. Please do not hesitate to contact one of them if you have questions concerning our activities.

Our dues are due each January 1st. Doug Greene does not bill members, so to maintain your membership he asks that you heed reminders (like this) in "Along the Towpath" and pay up during the first of the year. Members are dropped from the mailing list if dues are not renewed by summer. (\$5 payable to C&O Canal Asso.)

We're a low key organization, bound together by love of the canal and the desire to protect its natural and historic beauty. Any member wishing to obtain some of our new membership brochures to distribute among friends, at work or in your town libraries, etc., please write or call Barbara Yeaman, 104 Valley Dr., Brookmont, Md. 20016. We always encourage more membership.

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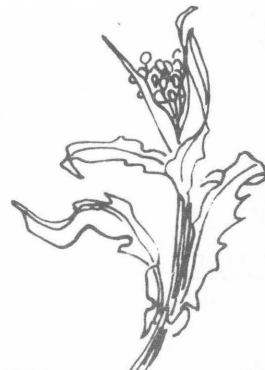
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Nominating Committee:	Nancy Long

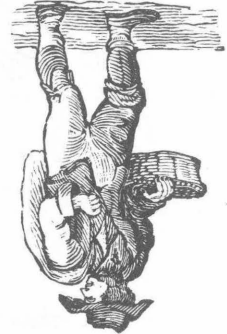
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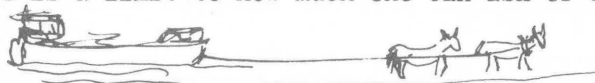
DOUGLAS BILL PASSED SENATE - NOW IN THE HOUSE:

The House Interior Committee, Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee will hold hearings on two bills Aug. 6. H.R. 11226 would dedicate the whole park to Justice Douglas, while H.R. 13714 introduced by Congressman Taylor would dedicate that part of the towpath between Pennyfield Lock and Riley's Lock as the "Justice William O. Douglas Level". Letters to support one bill or the other should go to Congressman Roy Taylor, U. S. House of Representatives, Wash. DC 20515 and to your own Congressman. Neither bill will change the name of the canal or park, but would simply dedicate all or part of the towpath to his name.

CONGRESSMAN GUDE ASKS FOR ADEQUATE NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS FUNDING:

Gilbert Gude testified before the Committee on Appropriations, April 5th, seeking "funding levels more closely approaching those originally requested by the National Capital Parks Office for that Office and the C&O Canal, rather than the levels requested by OMB." He stated that the funding was necessary to continue maintenance and restoration, citing the Catoctin Aqueduct as an example where "one dollar spent in prudent maintenance can save ten dollars of repairs in the future." Ranger and maintenance personnel are also at a critical minimum. The Office of Manpower and Budget, according to Mr. Gude, "Asks the Park Service personnel to do much more with much less and to do it better than ever before. There is a limit to how much one can ask of dedicated personnel."

GEORGETOWN CANAL BARGE:



A new mule-drawn canal barge will be launched early in August. Trips will leave Lock 3 at 1, 3, 5, and 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day and then on weekends until Oct. 31. Fare for the 2 hour trip to Lock 5 and back will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Watch the paper for details. The launching itself should be interesting, and will take place at Fletcher's or Key Bridge.