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along the towpath ...

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

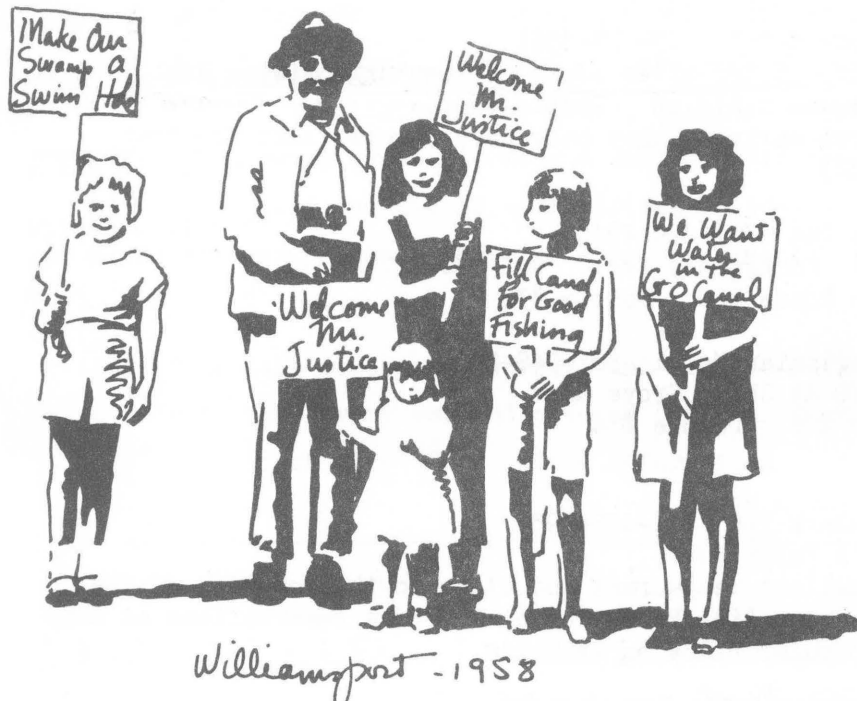
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1977 Reunion Hike IN CELEBRATION!

PRESIDENT CARTER SIGNED LEGISLATION
March 15, 1977 DEDICATING THE
C & O CANAL AND TOWPATH TO
JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS.

WE CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION WITH
THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL

"JUSTICE DOUGLAS REUNION HIKE"
Join us April 30 on the towpath
at 9:30 a.m. at White's Ferry!

This legislation honors Douglas' efforts to preserve the canal and its environs as well as his life long support and encouragement of conservation and environmental awareness. His vigorous striding down the towpath nearly 25 years ago left some overblown media people panting, but by the end of the walk their feet had been toughened and their consciousness raised to new levels of appreciation of a world seldom experienced from the city desk.

Douglas' example and writings have inspired countless others who now follow. Today, young people's awareness of the pressures of a rapidly growing population have resulted in a new generation of conservationists who now swell the ranks of those already "laboring in the vineyards" to preserve a quality of life enriched by the presence of wilderness.

We welcome all friends of the canal, from Washington to Cumberland, to join with our members who have worked with Douglas in his efforts to create the C & O Canal National Historical Park. Join in the celebration and make this the most joyous hike yet. We hope the Justice and Mrs. Douglas will be able to join us in the hike and banquet, and whether this is possible or not, they will be in the hearts of us all each time we walk ... and especially on April 30th.

HIKE SCHEDULE

BUSINESS MEETING - MEMBERS ONLY

Friday - April 29 - 7:30 P.M.

- 1 Bethesda Chevy Chase Isaac Walton League Farm, Willard Road, Poolesville, Md. (See map for location details) Agenda will include election of new Board members and a new Treasurer. Board members Ralph Donnelly, Bonnie Troxell, Carl Linden, Lynn DeHart and Barbara Yeaman end their terms of office this year, and the election will determine their successors. The Nominating Committee has not completed the list of nominations at this writing. Ms. M. E. Johns has graciously offered to take over Doug Greene's unexpired term as Treasurer and should be officially confirmed at this time.

A recommendation has been made by the Board of Directors to change the By-Laws regarding the length of term of office for association officers. At present officers are elected to serve a three year term, and the slow turnover discourages new participation. It has been recommended by the Board that elections be returned to one year with the opportunity for any one to be reelected to any office as long as they and the membership approve.

BEDTIME

Friday - April 29 - ???

CAMPING

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Overnight camping arrangements have been made with the National Park Service at White's Ferry

Service for us to camp along the riverbank just upriver from White's Ferry. Superintendent Failor will provide chemical toilets and the management of White's Ferry has generously agreed to provide drinking water. You're on your own for everything else. The store will be open at that time and will have milk . . .

soft drinks and hamburger type food, but breakfast supplies should be brought or bought at Selby's Store in Poolesville. Titus' Restaurant in Poolesville opens at 7 a.m. Saturday and has good old fashioned home cooking if you don't want to cook-out.

MOTELS

Leesburg, Va.: Piedmont Motel 703-777-3361
On Route 15 two miles south of Leesburg between Rts. 50 & 7.
Single Rooms \$12.50 Double \$16.64
(Reserve early as they only have 8 rooms left for that weekend)

Rockville, Md.: Ramada Inn 301-424-4940
1251 W. Montgomery Ave., just off Rt. 270
Single Rooms \$28 Double \$36

Washingtonian Motel 301-948-2200
Rt. 270 at Shady Grove Road
Single \$26 Double \$34

RESTAURANTS

Poolesville: Meadowlark Inn 301-428-8937
White's Ferry Road
An excellent restaurant and close to the location of the business meeting Friday evening. Make reservations as this is a popular place on weekends.

Titus' Tasty Cupboard 301-349-5050
White's Ferry Road
They close in the afternoon at 3 p.m. but will be open Saturday at 7 a.m. for breakfast. They are about 15 minutes away from White's Ferry.

Leesburg: Laurel Brigade Inn 703-777-1010
Downtown Leesburg

The Woodengate Confectionery 703-777-8038
3A South King St.
A delightful small place serving soup and excellent sandwiches for a light dinner. Fridays they usually have folk music so you can leave your family entertained while you come to the business meeting about 20 minutes away.

(There are other eating places around but we feel these are the best. Editor)

J U S T I C E D O U G L A S A N N U A L R E U N I O N H I K E

Saturday - April 30 - 9:30 A.M. - White's Ferry to Point of Rocks (12 miles)

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Park cars at White's Ferry. Hike begins at 9:30 A.M. Hikers will walk

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upriver to the Monocacy Aqueduct for lunch. Bring your own - or order a lunch in advance. For \$2.00 per person a sandwich, salad, fruit and drink will await you at the Monocacy Aqueduct. (See reservation form at end of newsletter. Payment and order must be received by April 20.)

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After lunch the hike continues upriver to Point of Rocks. There, hikers will board a chartered bus that will take them back, through Virginia, to White's Ferry. Leave the bus in Virginia and for 25¢ per person ride the ferry on foot across the Potomac to Maryland and your car. You must buy bus tickets at start of hike or at lunch stop if you want a ride back at the end of the hike. Bus drivers are not allowed to accept cash.

Bus fare will be about \$1.50 per person.

G I R L S C O U T S & C & O C A N A L L I V I N G H I S T O R Y

Montgomery County Girl Scouts have been active since October 1975 at Riley's Lockhouse in Seneca presenting a Living History Program. A Special Use Permit from the National Park Service enables them to put life into a partially restored lockhouse and to demonstrate a way of living typical of 1870-1885.

The Girl Scouts keep the house swept and dusted and the windows washed; and see that the grounds are free of litter. They take visitors on tours of the main floor and upstairs rooms; and answer questions about Riley's Lockhouse, the community of Seneca and the C & O Canal.

Some troops act out daily life as a family; others give demonstrations of various crafts and skills including making soap, washing clothes, popping corn, whittling, hand weaving, singing, playing games, dancing, crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, gardening, sewing quilt blocks and making petit point bookmarks, corn husk dolls, butter and items associated with various holidays. The girls wear dresses of the late 1870's and early '80s. There is a limited amount of period furniture in the two rooms on the canal level.

Activities take place on Saturdays and Sundays between 12 noon and 4 p.m. An attempt is made to have every weekend covered (by a different troop) when possible. Call Cathryn R. Finch 654-7522 for more information.

A N N U A L H I K E I N F O R M A T I O N C O N ' T :

SHOWERS After the hike members wishing to shower and change before the banquet
5 may do so at the Potomac Valley Country Club, Willard Rd., Poolesville.
The Club will make their locker room facilities available to a limited
number of C & O Canal Asso. members and their families. (See map)

HAPPY HOUR 6 to 7 P.M. at St. Mary's Church Pavilion, Barnesville. (See map)
Cash bar run by the Association. Soft drinks, beer, wine and assortment
of hard liquer will be available for a modest cost.

BANQUET 7 P.M., St. Mary's Pavilion. Dinner, provided by the Monocacy Elementary
6 School PTA, will consist of roast beef, salad, baked potato, two vegetables,
home-made rolls, dessert and coffee or tea, and will be served family style.
Cost is \$6.50 per person and must be reserved and paid for by April 20.
(See reservation form at end of Newsletter.)

SPEAKERS Congressman Joseph Fisher, Va. 10th District, who, along with retired
Congressman Gilbert Gude, has sponsered legislation to protect the south
bank of the Potomac River.

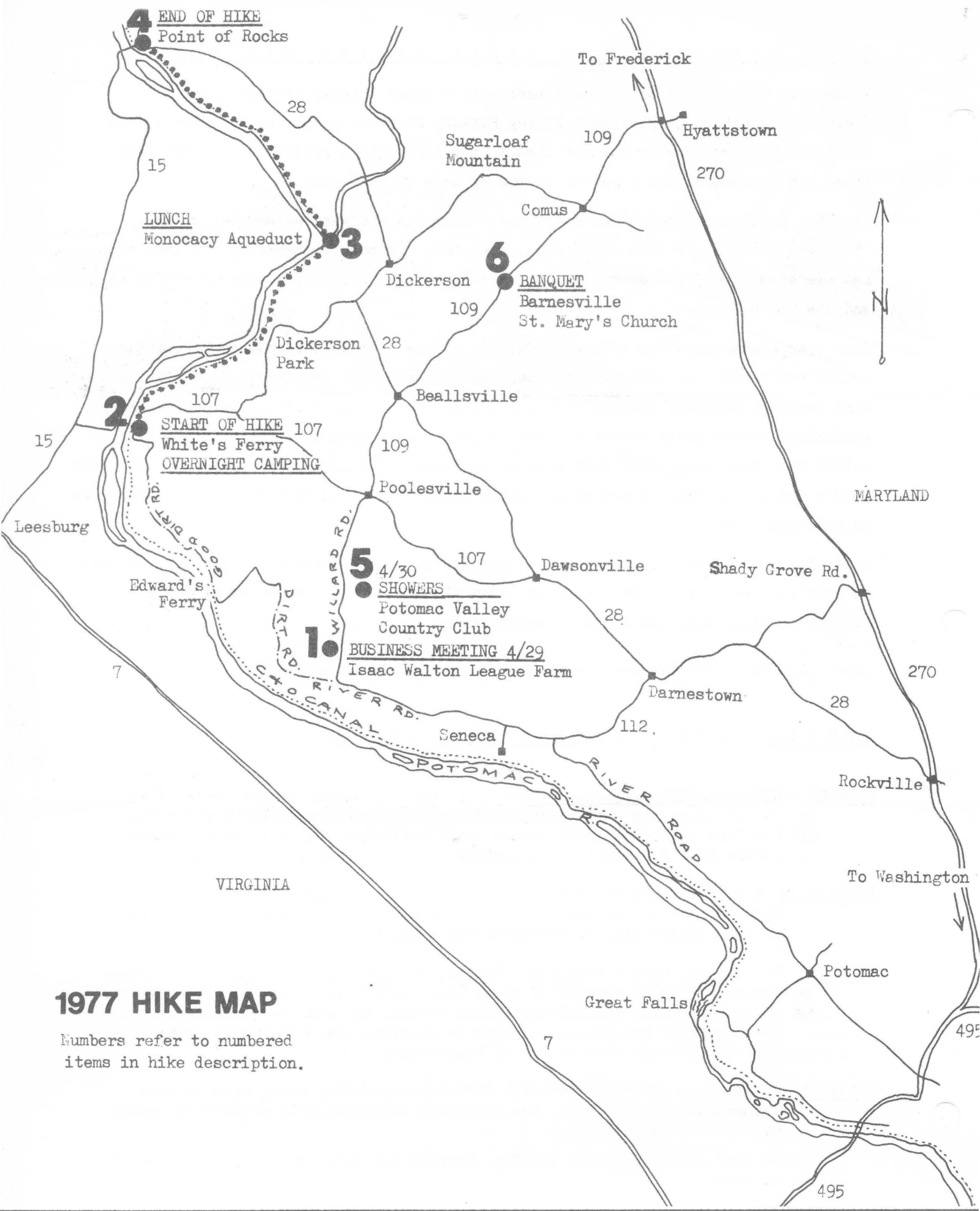
We have invited Justice and Mrs. Douglas and hope one or both will be able
to attend.

FOR ADDITIONAL HIKE INFORMATION CALL 301-229-6147.

R E S E R V A T I O N F O R M

Make checks payable to C & O Canal Association and mail to Ed Wesely, Hike Chairman
104 Valley Rd., Brookmont, Md. 20016
Reservations must be received by April 20, 1977.

Name _____	No. of meals _____
Address _____	_____ LUNCHES @ \$2 each \$ _____
_____	_____ DINNERS @ \$6.50 " \$ _____
	Total amount enclosed . . . _____



PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Information Officer. They shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall serve for terms of three (ONE) years (YEAR). Any vacancy during the fixed term of any office shall be filled by election by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the unexpired term, except that the Vice President will succeed to President when the latter office is vacant.

Section 2. (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and authority of the President in his absence or incapacity and shall succeed him in office if the President is unable to serve, and shall succeed him at the end of the President's three (ONE) year term provided a majority vote of the Board of Directors approves at that time.



Special Feature This Year

RIDE AMTRAK TO ANNUAL C & O CANAL REUNION HIKE

Saturday, April 30, White's Ferry to Point of Rocks

Special arrangements have been made to have Amtrak's morning SHENANDOAH and afternoon BLUE RIDGE stop at Point of Rocks, Md. on April 30 to permit Washington-area participants to ride these all-new AMFLEET trains to and from the Annual Hike. Both trains will stop at Washington (Union Station/National Visitor Center), Silver Spring (8100 Georgia Ave.) and Rockville (Church St.) to pick up passengers in the morning and drop them off after the hike. Participants will travel by charter bus from Point of Rocks to Dickerson Regional Park, join other hikers, and hike back to Point of Rocks along the canal towpath - a distance of 8½ miles. The cost of the bus will be apportioned among the participants (roughly \$2.00 each) and collected at the time of boarding.

NOTE: If hikers riding the train board at the Rockville Station (with parking for 50-60 cars) they will return to their cars about 5:10 p.m. Since Barnesville is only a ½ hour drive from Rockville, train riding hikers can easily drive to Barnesville in time for Happy Hour and the Banquet. (Advance registration and payment required)

Schedule

THE SHENANDOAH
(Read down)

9:25 a.m. Leave
9:37 a.m. "
9:48 a.m. "
10:10 a.m. Arrive

Washington
Silver Spring
Rockville
Point of Rocks

THE BLUE RIDGE
(Read up)

Arrive 5:38 p.m.
" 5:23 p.m.
" 5:10 p.m.
Leave 4:45 p.m.

No other trains will stop at Point of Rocks on April 30. Food service cars serving hot and cold food and drink will be available. Sorry - no pets, bicycles or refunds.

Round Trip Fares to Point of Rocks

From: Washington	Adult - \$6.00	Child 2 to 11 years - \$3.00
Silver Spring	" \$6.00	" " " \$3.00
Rockville	" \$5.50	" " " \$2.75
Children under 2 years ride free.		

T I C K E T O R D E R F O R M

Tickets must be obtained through the Association. Send your order with a check made out to THE C&O CANAL ASSOCIATION to:

C & O Canal Association
c/o Mrs. Beverly Ann Rhodes
4955 Butterworth Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

Orders must be received by April 14. For further information about train service to the Annual Justice Douglas Reunion Hike, phone 544-8662 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekends.

From:		Quantity	Each	Amount
Washington	(adults)		\$6.00	
	(children 2-11 years)		3.00	
Silver Spring	(adults)		6.00	
	(children 2-11 years)		3.00	
Rockville	(adults)		5.50	
	(children 2-11 years)		2.75	
Total enclosed:				\$

FIRST SUMMER HIKE

Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m., Fort Frederick to Licking Creek, lunch and return. (8 miles) Lyman Stucker will arrange for someone to tell hikers about the history of Fort Frederick, then another specialist in natural history will point out facts of interest about the botany and biology found along the canal to Licking Creek. Bring your lunch and enjoy the early summer.

MARCH HIKE

Some 40 hikers showed up to herald spring at the Shepherdstown to Mountain Lock/Dargan hike on March 26. Those who came were rewarded with a perfect day for canal walking. The skies were clear blue, the first spring hepatica and dutchman's breeches were blooming, many kinds of birds, including ducks on the Potomac, were spotted, and some tree species were just beginning to show green. The forest was awakening. Thanks again to Lyman Stucker who coordinated the hike and made it an enjoyable day for all comers.

NEW TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

This year's hike will see a new team at work signing up new members and gathering in overdue dues from old members. Ms. M. E. Johns (M.E. hiked the length of the towpath in '74 with the Asso.) will be replacing Doug Greene as Treasurer. From now on please send renewals to her at 6233 18th Road North, Arlington, Va. 22205. Mrs. Beverly Rhodes is the new Membership Chairman (we've never really had one before) and she will be set up to answer any questions about new membership at the annual hike. Her address and phone number are: 4955 Butterworth Place, Wash. D. C. 20016 - 363-8187.

"TOWPATH" NEEDS A NEW EDITOR

The Association has revived its old non-profit 3rd class mailing permit that will allow us to mail "Along the Towpath" for 2¢ instead of 13¢. This will require longer delivery time, but hopefully material can be gathered together early enough to utilize this substantial saving. I have also finally worked out a system of Xeroxed labels pre-sorted by zip code so that the actual mailing preparation is relatively painless and inexpensive. All of this is a prelude to announcing that I must resign from editing "Along the Towpath" after the annual meeting, and am looking for a replacement. Any volunteers who can write and spell and draw news out of officers and members? Barbara Yeaman, 301-229-6147

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HELP NEEDED ON APRIL 30 JUSTICE DOUGLAS HIKE.

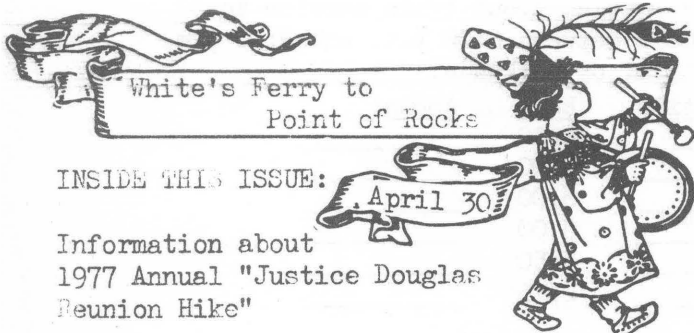
This year we would like to have about 8 - 10 volunteers who could serve as "interpreters" on the hike - persons who would be identified by an arm patch and scattered through the hike to answer questions about: Where do I get lunch?; Where did the Confederate Army cross the river?; etc.

If any level walkers (or others) would like to help, notify Ed Wesely, Hike Chairman, at 301-229-6147. We plan a "dry-run" hike on Sunday, April 17 (most of the day): we'll point out features of the canal, local history, etc.

Come with lunch and be prepared to spend the day and to take plenty of notes!!
Rain date: Sunday April 24. Do not just show up at White's Ferry on the 17th: unless eight or ten persons volunteer, the "dry-run" hike will not take place. Call the hike chairman before the 15th of April if you'd like to volunteer.

"ALONG THE TOWPATH"
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1977 Annual "Justice Douglas
Reunion Hike"

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