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MATTERS ARISING — A GUIDE TO THE GROUPS

In this issue of Along the Towpath there are reports assembled from information provided by the C & O Canal National Historical Park and its Advisory Commission, and the C & O Canal Association's general membership, Board of Directors and level walkers. These reports have appeared in newsletters from time to time (some in nearly every issue), but this time, in a rare coincidence, they appear together in one issue. Given this happenstance and the observation that no space in this newsletter has been devoted recently to an explanation of the relationships among these groups, your editor offers the following brief, graphical and inexhaustive orientation.

In the figure below, the underlined words refer to documents which are summarized or excerpted from in Along the Towpath.

C&O Canal Nat'l
Historical Park,
National Park
Service

Superintendent,
staff and other
NPS personnel

FEDERAL ORGANIZATION which operates, maintains and plans for the Park. In planning, it develops a General Plan, Development Concept Plans and Records of Decision in consultation with the public.

C&O Canal Nat'l
Historical Park
Advisory
Commission

Commission and
its committees
hold meetings.

FEDERAL ORGANIZATION with both FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS authorized by the federal law that created the Park to advise the Park. Meetings are always open to the public and minutes of Advisory Commission meetings are published.

C&O Canal
Association

General membership
meetings
Board of Directors
meetings
Level walkers
meetings

PRIVATE ORGANIZATION interested in historical preservation and environmental conservation. The Association is "controlled" by a Board of Directors (the Board). Both the Association and its Board hold meetings at which the Association secretary

Appointment of Members and Terms of Office

The persons working for the C & O Canal National Historical Park are employees of the National Park Service.

The members of the Advisory Commission are appointed by the Dept. of the Interior. There are 19 members on the Commission: two from each of the states of Md., Va. and West Va. and the Maryland counties of Allegany, Frederick, Montgomery and Washington, and the District of Columbia, and 3 at-large. The terms of the present members expire in January 1982.

The members of the Board of Directors of the C & O Canal Association are elected by the membership once a year. There are 15 Board members, serving three-year terms, with five elected each year.

The officers of the Association are elected each year for one-year terms.

As it has turned out, many of the members of the Advisory Commission are Association members.

takes minutes. The level walkers are a group of Association members, lead by the 2nd vice president, who undertake to submit level walker reports to the Association and the Park Service on the condition of the towpath and Park in areas to which they are assigned to walk.



Pine Grosbeak

NOTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF APRIL 24, 1981

Elections

Officers elected for the 1981-82 term are John Chandler, President; Bill Davies, First Vice President; Lyman Stucker, Second Vice President and Level Walker Chairman; Shirley Haigh, Secretary; Emmie Woodward, Treasurer. Ellen Holway will continue to serve as Membership Chairwoman, and Bob Greenspun as newsletter editor.

Rockwood Foster was elected to the Board for a term expiring in 1982 to replace Merle Van Horne, who resigned because of a conflict of interest. Barbara Yeaman, Orrin Long and Paul Hauck were elected to the Board as new members. Bruce Wood and Tom Hahn were re-elected. The names of the Board members, the places of residence and the expiration year of their terms are presented below.

Terms Expiring in 1982

Rockwood Foster	Washington City
Brad Haigh	Fairfax County
Mel Kaplan	Washington County
Joan Paull	Montgomery County
Ken Rollins	Montgomery County

Terms Expiring in 1983

Victor Conrad	Washington County
Ralph Donnelly	Washington County
Carl Linden	Montgomery County
Nancy Long	Montgomery County
Bonnie Troxell	Allegany County

Terms Expiring in 1984

Tom Hahn	Jefferson County
Paul Hauck	Montgomery County
Orrin Long	Falls Church
Bruce Wood	Washington City
Barbara Yeaman	Montgomery County



Varied Thrush

Douglas Memorabilia

The estate of William O Douglas will give to the Association a collection of Douglas memorabilia. The Association's Board will decide where to store and display the collection (See Board meeting notes in this issue for later information).

Separating the Reunion Hike and the Business Meeting

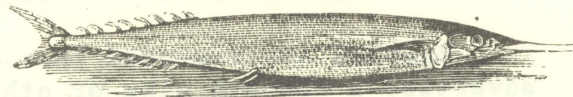
Nine voted for separation, 19 voted against. Twenty-three indicated they would be willing to attend an additional winter general membership meeting, combined with a social event. The membership decided to leave the issue of separation and/or additional meetings with a Planning Committee, which would recommend a solution to the Board.

More Activities?

The Planning Committee will take up this matter also. The membership agreed that any Association member could advertise in the Association newsletter a hike or other canal-related activity that member would like to sponsor.

Association Volunteers to Help the NPS

If Park Service funds are cut substantially, the Park Service may need volunteers to continue to maintain all current Park services. About half the Association members at the meeting indicated willingness to participate in a volunteer program. Park Superintendent Dick Stanton will decide what needs to be done, and communicate with Association members through the newsletter and future Association meetings.



CANAL HERITAGE WALK

Save October 24, 1981, for a day of pleasant recreation and examination of part of the historical and environmental heritage of the C&O Canal. The walk will cover the 7-mile section from Pennyfield lock (mile 19.6) to Sycamore Landing (mile 27.2), and may include tours of the Dierrsen waterfowl sanctuary and the Seneca sandstone quarries among other events. Look for details in the next newsletter.

MORE ON HIKANATION

After 13½ months and 4,290 miles of hiking through mountains, desert, snow, rain, and along roadways, footpaths and the Harpers Ferry-Georgetown section of the C&O Canal towpath, the Hikanation group ended its cross-country hike on May 27, 1981 at Cape Henlopen. Thirty-six of those who started out in San Francisco, Calif. in April 1980 were there at the finish. C&O Canal Association member Susan (Butch) Henley was among them. Butch writes about the last days of the hike:

The Appalachian Trail in (Shenandoah National) park and Northern Virginia was for the most part in excellent shape. Many of our hikers spent a nice evening with Potomac Appalachian Trail Club folks at the Blackburn Trail Center and...stayed around the next day to help improve the access trail.

The hikers regrouped in Harpers Ferry after being well scattered out on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. We were joined at this point by many former members who had hiked with us at various places across the country and came to share the Washington arrival with us.

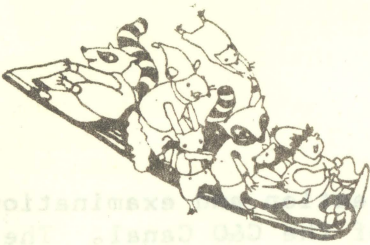
The send-off from Harpers Ferry was very nice. (We heard) a few nice, short but inspiring speeches at the Mather Training Center (a NPS facility). We managed to sneak nearly 100 hikers across the railroad bridge. It was a pleasant walk down the towpath in spite of a little rain and a little confusion in interpreting the day hikers' schedule vs. the backpackers' schedule.

The C&O Canal Association, sparked by Joan Paull, welcomed the hikanation to Swains Lock with banners, food and a real fanfare complete with flag waving, from a one-woman Kazoo band.

May 13th dawned bright, clear and filled with excitement. We were joined by many members of the DC hiking community. My day (of arrival in Washington) was also made very special by so many local hiking friends from PATC, the C&O Canal Association and the Girl Scouts, coming out to welcome and congratulate us. THANKS!

The Hikanation idea was the brainchild of the American Hiking Society. A second cross-country hike is being planned for 1983, and shorter hikes are in progress along the route of hikanation in a few western states.

CALL FOR EVENT SPONSORS AND ORGANIZERS



Members are reminded that any member wanting to advertise a towpath hike or other canal-related activity is encouraged to write to your editor. The event may be structured or unstructured; fees may be requested if necessary or optional. An event may be so structured that every hour of a weekend is accounted for, or so unstructured as to be merely an assertion that "I'll be there on the 26th whether or not anyone else comes."

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Association Dues: One year \$8, patron \$15.

NOTES OF THE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING OF MAY 31, 1981

Douglas Memorabilia

The Washington County Historical Society in Hagerstown will probably be willing to store the Douglas memorabilia which the Association will receive from the William O Douglas estate. The next Board meeting will be held at the Society, and a group of Association members will meet at the Society one hour before the meeting to examine the Society's facilities, and to determine if the Society's proposed arrangements for maintaining the Douglas materials would be acceptable.

The President Met with the Superintendent

President Chandler and Superintendent Stanton met on May 26, 1981. In their discussions Stanton made it clear that he wanted to communicate not only with the Association, but also with other organizations with interest in the canal park. He said, furthermore, that the Association should itself pay more attention to these other organizations of interested citizens. Stanton also said that he thinks the Park Superintendent should be an ex officio member of the Association. Chandler mentioned the Association's concerns with historical preservation, environmental protection and safety.

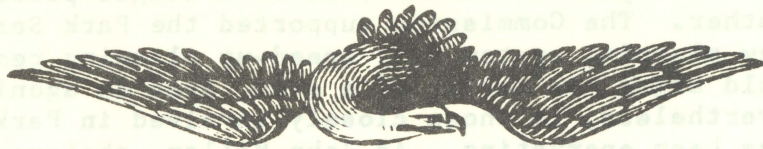
The Board decided to extend to Dick Stanton "all courtesies" of Association membership except voting rights.

The Newsletter

Board members made suggestions for adding a Park Superintendent's column, an activity column and a history column. These matters will be discussed at the August Board meeting. Members interested in this issue should plan to attend.

Association Meeting Schedules

Board members and officers proposed Board meeting frequencies of four to six times per year at various locations up and down the canal. A general membership meeting in December 1981 near Shepherdstown was recommended.

The President's Column

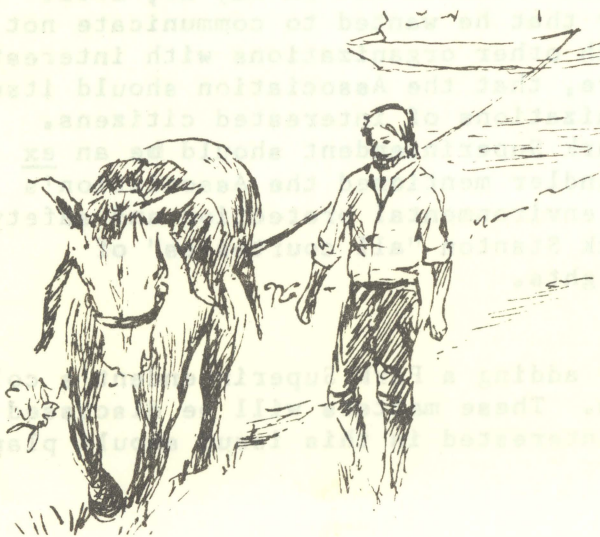
REDEDICATION

Some have said that the C and O Canal Association no longer has a mission. The struggle to save the Canal area from highway development has been settled. The adoption of the area as a National Historical Park has been accomplished. The preservation of the area has been placed in the competent hands of the National Park Service. And the C and O Canal Commission has been set up to provide citizen participation in the month-to-month tasks of managing and maintaining the Park.

At present there seems to be no reason for a dramatic call to action, such as Justice Douglas' 1954 challenge to the editor of the Washington Post. Nor is there a need for strong appeals to Congress for support of canal-related legislation. Today's challenges are not so easily dramatized or so sharply focused. The basic values that made the Canal area so worth the struggle for protection remain unchanged. Also, many interests that are incompatible with the historical park concept continue to seek conces-

sions or advantages in the Potomac valley region. The challenge is to keep the concepts of historical preservation and environmental protection in the forefront as the siren songs of new appeals for special use or river development are heard. The Canal may no longer face obliteration, but its value as a sanctuary for the foot-traveler or stroller could be subtly eroded if more intensive patterns of use are permitted. Perhaps it is not too early for a rededication to the historical park concept. As we enjoy walking along the towpath, singly or in groups, we can remind ourselves that the Park was created "to preserve and interpret the historic and scenic features of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal."

John Chandler



NOTES FROM THE C&O CANAL NHP ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 18, 1981

The Seemingly Interminable Process of Planning...

The National Park Service agrees with the Commission that planning in the Park takes too long. Superintendent Stanton told the Commission that he thinks it is possible that the Development Concept Plans for Cumberland/North Branch, Great Falls, Brunswick and Williamsport could all be approved by the end of 1981. In order to do this, the NPS proposes to establish a planning team of about seven members for each area. The members of the team would include a (professional)

planner as the team "anchor," Park staff members, two Commission members, one or two local adult residents and one local adolescent. Furthermore, the entire plan will be explained on one side of a single piece of paper and mapped on the other. The Commission supported the Park Service's proposal. Whether this new planning system will speed-up planning remains to be seen; perhaps one could argue the merits of a slow, even an agonizingly slow, procedure. Nevertheless, to those closely involved in Park planning, its snail's pace has been enervating. As John Millar, chairman of the study team for the Cumberland/North Branch Development Concept Plan, concluded his status report:

We have been working on the Cumberland/North Branch Development Concept Plan for a couple of years. I personally have spent hundreds of ...hours on it with significant help from...other interested parties. (The) NPS (and)...the Advisory Commission (have) spent a lot of time on it. By now everyone should have had sufficient opportunity to participate in the...Plan. My final question is, "What can we do to complete the Development Concept Plan and get on to something else?"

...And the Status of the Plans

Cumberland/North Branch: Both the study team and public citizens support Alternative 3B, which calls for rewatering nine miles of the canal, from Spring Gap to the waste weir at mile 183.5 (Candoc), one mile below the terminus. Alternative 3B also includes restoring lift locks 72-75, lockhouse 72, Evitts Creek aqueduct and the steam pumping station; adding parking for

30 cars, a john and a food/boat/bike/horse concession at Spring Gap; adding a Park office, john, food concession and parking lot for 200 cars at North Branch; using the Western Maryland railroad station for dispensing visitor information, and adding parking for 75 cars, landscaping, a john, a water fountain and a Wiley Ford towpath pedestrian overpass at the terminus.

The Plan, however optimistic the NPS is of approval by the end of 1981, still must negotiate an NPS draft decision document, a review of this document by the Commission, a 30-day waiting period, and the Regional NPS director's scrutiny. The final public hearing was held in June, and written comments will be accepted until July 17, 1981.

Williamsport: "Base data" has been collected, and the planning team members should have been selected by June 1981.

Great Falls: The decision document has been released for the 30-day public comment period. If there are no objections from the public or the Commission at the end of this time, the plan will be finished.

Brunswick: Paul Letterer is to be the planning team "anchor" for this plan (and for the Williamsport plan). Letterer has planned for the Alexandria waterfront redevelopment project.

The Abandoned Western Maryland Railroad Right-of-Way in West Virginia

The National Park Service now owns the six miles of abandoned right-of-way in West Virginia, finally bringing an end to the acrimonious controversy over the disposition of these lands. The NPS met with Morgan County Commissioners and citizens to determine what should be done with the new acquisition; as a result the Park Service will consider allowing adjacent property owners to use the Park Service lands by special use permit or other legal means. The NPS has already erected barricades to prohibit access to the Potomac river bridges along the abandoned right-of-way.

Hancock Rewatering

The project to rewater a mile-and-a-half of the canal at Hancock has been approved by the National Park Service. Hancock requested the rewatering for enhancement of both recreation and fire protection.

Other Items

A new terminus monument was dedicated at mile 184.5.

The Commission declined to change its 1980 opinion that bluestone (evidently including crushed limestone) should not be used on the towpath.

Potomac Edison company has agreed to donate the railroad lift bridge over the canal at Williamsport to the NPS. Potomac Edison became the owner when the Western Maryland railroad abandoned its Williamsport branch line, which included the bridge.

The state of Maryland wants to exchange lands with the NPS to widen state route 51.

The Georgetown wall repair work is ahead of schedule and should be completed by the end of August 1981, with the canal rewatered there shortly afterward.

The NPS would like to acquire 24 tracts of land for the Park, but currently has no money to do so.

The former owner of McMahon's mill has moved most of his machinery out of the mill. The mill will probably be preserved, stabilized and secured.

When completed, the Sycamore Island bridge repair will have cost \$45,000.



RECORD OF DECISION - GREAT FALLS DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN

The document called the Record of Decision encapsulates the final plan for the area. The Record of Decision, therefore, should be a useful reference for those interested in anticipating the changes likely to take place in the area. The Record of Decision is a public document, and interested readers may apply to the National Park Service, C&O Canal National Historical Park, PO Box 4, Sharpsburg, MD 21782, for a copy. A brief summary appears below.

Interpretation: A series of wayside exhibits are being installed at four locations along the towpath: the stop lock, the River overlook between the stop lock and lock 17, the Washington aqueduct and the Gold Mine Tract. These wayside exhibits will feature a brochure for a self-guiding walk. There will be a research library on the second floor of the Great Falls tavern. Lock 20 will be used to demonstrate locking through.

Access and Circulation: Overflow parking along roadsides will be discouraged by a combination of design and enforcement, and entry to the parking area will be controlled. The 40-car parking area nearest to the Tavern will be removed, and the area replanted. The parking area across from the Old Anglers Inn will be paved and striped. The small pull-out at the intersection of Falls Road and MacArthur Blvd. will be improved slightly. The bridge to Olmstead island, allowing view of the falls from the Maryland side of the River, will be replaced. There will be a walk-your-bike rule for bicyclists in congested areas of the towpath.

Other changes, such as towpath modifications in Widewater and use of various buildings, have been addressed in recent issues of Along the Towpath.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

July 15, 1981 - Advisory Commission meeting, 7:30 PM, NPS Mather Center, Harpers Ferry, West Va. Meeting will include short slide presentation on the Md. state route 51 road relocation from North Branch to Spring Gap. All members are welcome to attend.

August 1, 1981 - Association Board meeting, 10 am, Washington County Historical Society, 135 West Street, Hagerstown. All Association members are welcome to attend. The agenda will include planning for the October canal heritage walk and proposals for safe-keeping of Association archives. The Board will also discuss the content and format of the newsletter.

August 7-9, 1981 - Brunswick-Potomac River Festival, railroad square, Brunswick. The Brunswick museum will be open during the weekend.

August 8-9, 1981 - Civil War encampment in the afternoons, North Branch at lock 75. This encampment includes the 7th Pennsylvania and 1st Maryland regiments in full dress at lock 75 beside the canal boat replica. The regiments will demonstrate weapons and tactics. Call 304-726-4500 x8132 or 301-724-7992 for more information.

August 16, 1981 - The US Navy band will be in concert at 8 PM, free of charge, at the Brunswick High School.

August 21-23, 1981 - Williamsport C&O Canal Days. Friday: Ox roast at 5 PM sponsored by Williamsport Lions Club in the American Legion picnic grounds, followed by a street dance in the

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LEVEL WALKER NOTES

Our recent walk on June 6 was very pleasant in spite of uncertain weather. Twenty canaleers including five newcomers enjoyed a day walking between Nolands Ferry and Catoctin aqueduct. Now we know what a Bailey bridge looks like!

The next walk will be combined with a Level Walker meeting. We will meet at beautiful Ferry Hill, the Park Service facility near Shepherdstown.

DATE: September 12 TIME: 10:00 a.m. Bring Lunch

We may have an "after hike" dinner in the area. Come out and enjoy a day of talking, walking, and an exchange of ideas with other level walkers and the Park Service. We will walk downstream between Shepherdstown and Mt. Lock.

Terry Haddy will be the coordinator. Call Terry (301-652-3685) for further details.

Some sections have not had a report submitted in a long time - we do need this information.

Any member interested in having a lot of fun being a Level Walker, please contact the Level Walker Chairman, Lyman Stucker, 703-549-3527,

Following are observations from level walker reports submitted recently:

Sect. 3 - Lock 5 to Cabin John Creek - Phil Stone - May 1981

The towpath continues to be in first class condition throughout my section. The 3 locks (5, 6 and 7) and the 2 lockhouses (6 and 7) are in good shape, as is the comfort station at Brookmont. The bridges over the canal and feeder at Brookmont and over the canal at Cabin John are also O.K. I found no evidence of pollution in the canal or Cabin John Creek. The litter problem is minimal in the Brookmont-Cabin John stretch of the canal and towpath.

Sect. 6 - Cropley to Great Falls - Helen Johnston - Spring 1981

Helen sent a comprehensive and interesting report summarizing her observations for the year. A condensation would not do it justice. However, we do compliment Helen for her dedication and contribution.

Sect. 8 - Swain's Lock to Pennyfield Lock - Al Stanley - April 1981

Al reports that general conditions are excellent on this Section, including the HBO at Swains. He has a concern regarding the firing of guns in this area.

Sect. 13 - Edwards Ferry to Ft. Harrison Island - Charles Bookman - June 1981

Charles made his first level walk visit to this section and was impressed with its beauty and 19th century nostalgia. He is concerned about the deterioration at Broad Run Trunk.

Sect. 18 - Nolands Ferry to Point of Rocks - Kay Seward - Spring 1981

Kay made her initial level walker walk in this area and is delighted with the history and beauty here.

Sect. 20 - Catoctin Aqueduct to Brunswick Lock 30 - Helen Glazer - April 1981

Helen reported the towpath was in good shape.

Sect. 28 - Shepherdstown to Lock 39 - John Frye - March 1981

I have been over this area many times over the past year, the latest, Sunday, March 15, 1981. This level has wintered well and the towpath is clear and in near perfect shape. Certainly this is the type of surface that should be considered for the entire towpath. It has been down at least 15 years, withstood several floods, and today is as good as when applied.

Sect. 32 - Marsh Run Culvert to Dam 4 - Edith & Marvin Wilkerson - March 1981

The towpath was in generally good condition. Some work is apparently planned on the railroad-tie retaining wall, above the culvert, which has been damaged by erosion.

Sect. 33 - Dam 4 to Charles Mill - Joseph Rowe - March 1981

Walked from McMahon's Mill (Old Charles Mill) to Dam No. 4. The usual single file path leaving the mill is strewn with debris. Mile marker 88 is missing and has been for the last three walks. No. 87 was standing precariously and should be planted. Inlet lock above Dam 4 is in good condition.

Sect. 35 & 36 - Formans Ferry to Falling Waters - Howard Thornhill - Spring 1981

"Thornie" sent us a report when "biking" the 185 miles. He reports that this section is in good shape.

Sect. 42 - Lock 47 to McCoys Ferry - A. K. McGraw - April 1981

This section of the towpath is in fine shape - no damage noted.

Sect. 48 - Hancock to Roundtop Hill - Walter Keefer - May 1981

Walter reports his section is in excellent condition and he sent us this item regarding Roundtop: "Among the oldest and most important industries of Washington County was for many years the Roundtop Cement Works at Hancock, Maryland. The Works were first established in 1837 by a man named Shafer who supplied "Shafer's Cement" for the construction of the canal. In 1863 Shafer sold the property to Robert Bridges and Charles W. Henderson who operated it successfully for forty years. There is a great deposit of rather extensive strata of the cement rock in the hill west of Hancock and the hill has been honeycombed with tunnels from which the rock has been taken."

Sect. 52 - Sideling Hill Aqueduct to Little Orleans - Dale Jackson - April 1981

Dale reports that this level is in excellent condition, and noted also that the Little Orleans campground was closed.

Sect. 54 & 55 - Lock 59 to Green Ridge Station - Robert Woodall - May 1981

Locks 59 and 60 are in stable condition. Towpath for entire distance is in good condition. Much improved from last visit. Park Service is to be commended for improving the towpath.

Sect. 67 - Mexico Farms to Evitts Creek - Leo Rowan - April 1981

Canal still silted in at mile 178 where brackish run off from area near PPG Company glass dump flows into canal. Canal is well watered up to old Mexico Farms road, prism needs a lot of work from this point on. Culvert 179.10 is in good condition with a steady flow of water. I cleared some stones and leaves from discharge end of culvert. There has been no new work done in the area of culvert-waste weir 179.31. The prism is still being drained at each end by culverts into the Potomac.

We welcome the following new level walkers. Add these names to your directory which was in the January newsletter:

- Sect. 13 - Charles Bookman
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George Bookman
4919 Crescent St., Bethesda, Md., 301-229-6777
- Sect. 14 - Robert Stokley
4617 Clark Pl., N. W., Washington, D.C. 338-8756
- Sect. 16 - Christine Kinneary H-304-876-3194
2006 Chatfield Drv., Shepherdstown, W. Va., 25443 W-301-739-4200
Ext.237
- Sect. 18 - Kay Seward
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- Sect. 41 - Edward Fenimore
12957 Old Rte 16, Waynesboro, Pa., 17268
- Sect. 49 - Ralph Donnelly
Sunshine Hill, Hancock, Md., 21750 301-678-6700
- Sect. 58 - William Failor
6601 Cherry Hill Drv., Frederick, Md., 21701 301-662-8623
- Sect. 65 - Cynthia Fenimore
406 Fayette St., Cumberland, Md., 21502

"SIGHTS AND SOUNDS"

Helen Johnston, assisted by Betty Henson and Betty Bushell, conducts an interesting program of a slide show and hike at Great Falls Tavern in Potomac, Md. on the first and last Wednesdays and Saturdays. Come out and enjoy a few hours with some of your towpath friends. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Tavern.

Calendar of Events - Continued

town square (S Conocheague and Salisbury Sts.). Sat & Sun:
arts and crafts show, food, entertainment, parade, trolley
and helicopter rides, 10 km footrace. For more information
write PO Box 165 Williamsport, MD 21795, or call 301-223-
9729 or 301-791-1142.

August 22-23, 1981 - Fourth C&O Canal boat Festival, 10 AM-6 PM both days,
North Branch, 5 miles south of Cumberland on route 51.
The festival is centered around the C&O canal boat replica
beside restored lock house 75. The festival will include
arts and crafts exhibits, old time music, demonstrations
of embroidery, spinning, chair caning, rope making, leather
crafting, antique carpentry and quilting. Historical

exhibits will include railroad memorabilia with working models, Georges Creek coal mining tools and muzzle-loading rifle demonstrations. Canal boat bean soup will be served. Free horse-and-buggy rides will be available, as will be tours of the canal boat living quarters, mule stable and hay house. For further information, call 301-729-3136 after 5 PM, or 304-726-4500 x8132 other times, and ask for John Millar.

September 12, 1981 - Level Walkers meeting and hike, 10 AM, Ferry Hill (across from Shepherdstown). Hike Shepherdstown to Mountain Lock. For more information, call Terry Haddy, 301-652-3685.

September 13-20, 1981 - Hancock Apple Festival. Sunday(13th): Old Canalers' Banquet. Friday-Sunday(20th): Crafts and Apple Festival.

September 16, 1981 - C&O Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission meeting, 7:30 PM, NPS Mather Training Center, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. All members are welcome to attend.

October 24, 1981 - Association-sponsored "Canal Heritage Walk," Pennyfield Lock to Sycamore Landing. Details in next issue of Along the Towpath.

Dates of Association-sponsored events are enclosed in boxes.

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