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PAULL, HIRRLINGER, CHANDLER AND SULLIVAN LEAD VICTORS,
EACH WITH MORE THAN 80% OF THE VOTES IN ASSOCIATION CONTESTED ELECTIONS

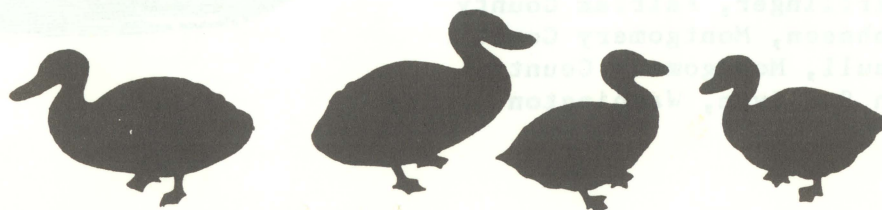
WOOD, HAIGH AND GRAY REELECTED BY LARGE MARGINS

Volunteer Coordinator Joan Paull captured 90% of the vote as she won reelection to the Association's Board of Directors at the election for the 1985-1986 year held during the general membership meeting on Feb. 23, 1985 at the Western Maryland Sportsmen's Club next to Dam #4. Rita Hirrlinger and Sue Ann Sullivan became new members of the Board, each receiving more than 80% of the votes cast. John Chandler also won easily, receiving 85% of the votes cast for Treasurer.

Bruce Wood was reelected to the Presidency with 68% of the vote, Karen Gray to the position of Information Officer with 63%, and Brad Haigh to the Board with 67%. Other new Board members are Jim Bryant, Dave Johnson, Harold Larsen and Kent Minichiello. On uncontested ballots, Bill Davies, Lyman Stucker and Margo Foster were elected to the offices of First Vice President, Second Vice President and Level Wlaker Chairman, and Secretary, respectively.

The Board had decided, apparently at its Jan. 13, 1985 meeting, that a majority vote would not be required for election to the Board (the eight candidates receiving the most votes would be elected), and that the five of the eight elected who received the largest numbers of votes would be elected to three-year terms, and the remaining three to two-year terms. (Three Board positions with two years remaining in their terms were vacant owing to resignations.) As it turned out, all eight members elected to the Board received a majority of the votes cast, and no member receiving a majority was not elected. Three Board candidates received 48 votes each, however, making it impossible to determine which of these three victorious candidates was elected to a two-year term, but, a determination was rapidly effected. Carl Linden, of the Nominations Committee, offers the following complete and laconic report:

The three-way tie at 48 votes between Bryant, Haigh and Johnson came at the dividing line for allotting the three-year and the two-year seats. The question of who was to take the two-year term seat was graciously settled by Jim Bryant's insistence that he be given it.



RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY ELECTIONS FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The following report lists, by office, the candidates involved, the number of votes each received, and, in parentheses where there was a contested election, the percentage of the vote received. Incumbents are indicated by an "I" after their names.

President

Arthur Korff 23(32%)
Bruce Wood(I) 48(68%)

First Vice President

Bill Davies(I) 69

Second Vice President
and Level Walker Chmn

Lyman Stucker(I) 69

Secretary

Margo Foster 70

Treasurer

John Chandler(I) 61(85%)
Bill Evans 11(15%)

Information Officer

Karen Gray(I) 45(63%)
Louise Taylor 27(36%)

Board of Directors*

Jim Bryant 48(67%)**
Chuck Cremeans 10(14%)
Bill Evans 31(43%)
Brad Haigh(I) 48(67%)***
Rita Hirrlinger 62(86%)***
Dave Johnson 48(67%)***
Harold Larsen 40(56%)**
Kent Minichiello 38(53%)**
Anne Murphy 27(38%)
Joan Paull(I) 65(90%)***
Bob Stokely 29(40%)
Sue Ann Sullivan 58(81%)***
Louise Taylor 32(44%)

*Total number of ballots unreported;
72 assumed in percentage computations.

**Elected to two-year term.

***Elected to three-year term.

COMPOSITION OF THE 1985-1986 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association's Board of Directors consists of fifteen members, five elected each year for three-year terms. The names of the members of the Board for the 1985-1986 year are given below, along with their places of residence and the years in which their terms expire:

Terms Expiring in 1986

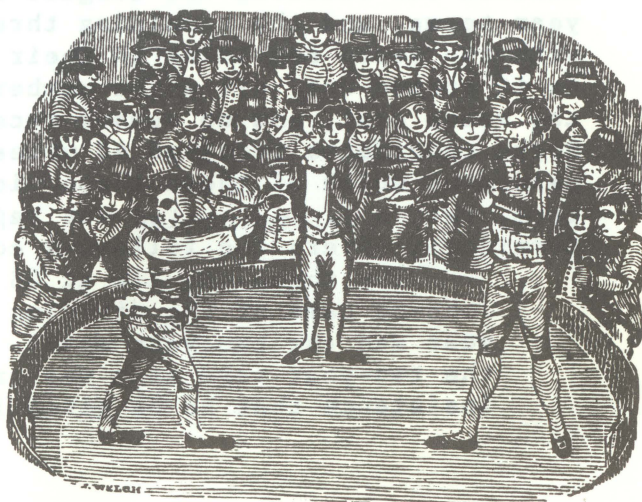
Victor Conrad, Washington County
Ralph Donnelly, Washington County
Carl Linden, Montgomery County
Nancy Long, Montgomery County
Bonnie Troxell, Allegany County

Terms Expiring in 1987

Jim Bryant, Fairfax County
Susan Henley, Prince William County
Harold Larsen, Fairfax County
Kent Minichiello, Washington City
Al Stanley, Montgomery County

Terms Expiring in 1988

Brad Haigh, Fairfax County
Rita Hirrlinger, Fairfax County
Dave Johnson, Montgomery County
Joan Paull, Montgomery County
Sue Ann Sullivan, Washington County



PARK'S PESTICIDE USE REPORT MENTIONS ONLY BIOLOGICAL AGENTS
EMPLOYED AGAINST MOSQUITO LARVAE

The C&O Canal NHP's Pest Control Program Report of Feb. 4, 1985 states that Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti) is used to destroy mosquito larvae in the park, and that Legnidium giganteum (an aquatic, fungal mosquito parasite) and Bacillus spaericus may also be used, "depending on their availability." Bti is procured under the trade names of TEKNAR and BACTIMOS (Biochem); TEKNAR is 0.8% Bti and BACTIMOS is 5.0% Bti. TEKNAR is mixed 316 ml per two gallons of water and is sprayed or spread at the rate of 7,200 square feet per gallon. BACTIMOS is a briquet which is dropped into pools at the rate of one briquet for each 100 square feet. A trained person and two assistants treat about thirty canal-prism and woodland pools about sixty times each during the period March through August, in accordance with the "Binder on Mosquito Control written by representatives of the John Muir Institute."

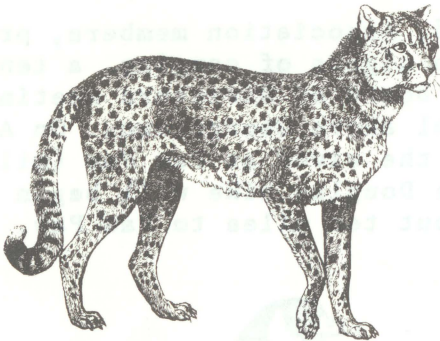
The report points out that the purpose of the Bti treatment is "to preclude the use of chemicals."

Board Meeting Notes: Meeting of Jan. 13, 1985

ASSOCIATION DONATES \$1,000 TO PARK SERVICE TO HIRE STUDENT
AS ASSISTANT CURATOR FOR TWELVE WEEKS

In December 1984 the National Park Service requested that the Association give it \$1,000 to hire a student curatorial assistant for twelve weeks to work with Park Curator Lee Struble "upgrading [the] curatorial resources at Ferry Hill [park headquarters]." The Board agreed to provide the money.

The student, Bruce Dansby from Oklahoma, is a participant in an "arrangement" between the NPS and the Student Conservation Association, Inc.(SCA), under which some number of students work for up to twelve weeks in "cooperating areas" at no cost to the requesting area. This position requested by the Park Service was, evidently, "not cost shared under the agreement," and required payment of \$1,000 to SCA. According to Park Superintendent Stanton, "this [was] one of those unusual situations where park operating funds and appropriated funds cannot be used to fund this kind of individual's employment."



Student curator Dansby, who began his apprenticeship in Jan. 1985 and lives in an apartment over a garage at Ferry Hill, classifies, catalogs, cleans and stores museum objects, including old and fragile ones. He visits the visitor centers and helps with interpretive programs in the park, and visits Washington museums. He may also be required to "document" and to acquire field samples, and to work in the park library and photo library and with the Harpers Ferry Museum Services.

Superintendent Stanton enthusiastically sought the Association's support in this matter, and feels that the Association will benefit through "high visibility" principle. Both the Park and Bruce Dansby "deeply appreciate the Association's help,"

AUTHORITATIVE VERSION OF ASSOCIATION'S BYLAWS IS APPARENTLY NOT THE ONE
PUBLISHED IN ALONG THE TOWPATH IN JULY 1984

Apparently the text of the Association's Bylaws published in Along the Towpath (XVI,3, July 1984, pp.14-16) differs from that of another copy of the document sent under separate cover by President Wood to "all Association members" on August 20, 1984. "After discussion and comparison of notes," the Board "decided" that the August 20 copy is the correct one.

OTHER ITEMS

In determining eligibility to vote in the elections for Board members and officers, the Board decided that a member must have paid his or her dues for 1985 before casting a ballot on Feb. 23, 1985, and that the payment of \$8 annual dues confers the opportunity to cast one vote.

President Wood was authorized to send a letter to Montgomery County supporting the Park Service's position that a proposed firing range (see Along the Towpath, XVII,1, Jan.1985, p.7) not be built along the towpath in Dickerson Regional Park.

The Board apparently agreed to "make up" Association T-shirts using the Association's "current logo."

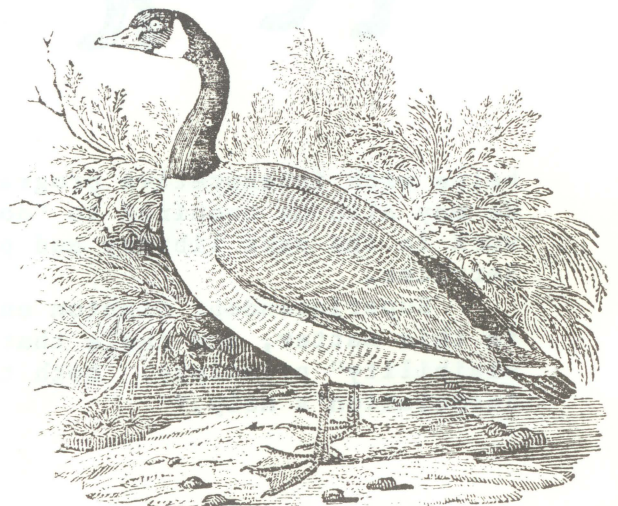
to highlight the spring season.

Oldtown to Paw Paw

WEEKEND EVENTS WILL INCLUDE 1985 JUSTICE DOUGLAS HIKE AND BOARD MEETING

During the weekend of April 26-28, 1985, Association members, prospective members and friends are invited to enjoy two nights of camping, a ten-mile towpath hike, a social hour, a dinner and a Board of Directors meeting in remote locations more than 150 miles by canal above Georgetown. On April 26, participants may camp between the canal and the river at Paw Paw (mile 156.5); on April 27 at 10 AM the 31st annual Justice Douglas hike will begin at Oldtown (mile 166.7) and proceed downstream about ten miles to Paw Paw, where, by 4 PM, a social hour with cash bar will supervene in the cabin at the campground. At 6:30 that evening, persons making advance reservations will be served dinner at the fire house in Paw Paw, West Va., while no reservations are needed to camp for a second night near the Paw Paw cabin. On April 28 at 10 AM the Association will hold a Board meeting in the cabin; on the agenda are various items concerning the new cabin "overseer" agreement soon to be put into effect by the Association and the Park Service.

Campers and day hikers should park in the Park Service lot next to the Paw Paw cabin where Md 51 crosses the canal just west of Paw Paw, West Va. Bus



The Cravat Goose

transportation (pay a nominal fee upon boarding) will be available, with the last bus leaving at 9:30 AM, from the Paw Paw lot to Old Town. Participants desiring to eat lunch should bring their lunches, or they may shop in Moser's store near Paw Paw or at the equally small grocery in Old Town. Prospective diners already salivating over thoughts of the culinary delights to be dished out by the Paw Paw, West-Va. fire department must make reservations in advance (use the form in this newsletter). The Paw Paw fire department is a short drive from the campground and the canal.

Hikers will undoubtedly be treated to an abundance of birds and wildflowers as they pass Col. Cresap's 18th-century house, Locks 70 and 69, Culverts 217 and 216, the Mill Run valley, the junction of the north and south branches of the Potomac River, Lock 68, the Town Creek aqueduct (100 feet long with one arch), Culvert 215, Lock 67, the Town Hill syncline, the junction of the Little Cacapon and Potomac rivers, Culvert 212 and 211 and the Purslane Run canal-workers' cemetery. The season will not be as advanced as it will be in Washington; here is an opportunity to recapture spring weather for one more weekend.

Those who know nothing else of the Association sometimes have heard of the Douglas hikes through the romantic story of the saving of the Park. This is a fine occasion to treat your acquaintances to the vigor and delight of that enchanting milieu still unmarred by the roar of wheels and the sound of horns.

Directions to Paw Paw

From Washington: Take Va 7 west to Winchester; then US 522 north about 13 miles to Cross Junction, Va.; then turn west on Va 127, which becomes West Va 127, twelve miles to Forks of Cacapon, West Va.; then north on West Va 29 to junction with West Va 9; then west on West Va 9 to Paw Paw. West Va 9 becomes Md 51.

Alternate route: Take I270-I70-US 40 west to Hancock; then US 522 south to junction with West Va 9; then West Va 9 west to Paw Paw. West Va 9 becomes Md 51.

From Cumberland: Take Md 51 east to Paw Paw cabin just before Potomac River bridge.



Lotus siliculosus,

Clusius, 1601

A SECOND CANAL PARK WOODLAND INDIAN VILLAGE SITE FOUND ALONG THE POTOMAC RIVER AT PAW PAW...

In October 1983, Along the Towpath ("The Moore Village Archeological Investigation", XV, 4, pp. 2-4) reported on the investigation of a late prehistoric site along the Potomac River near Old Town which had been discovered by RG Handsman in 1976, after a study by Larrabee in 1963. This study concluded that the Moore Village site was a late woodland period (15th century) Monongahela palisaded village. In June and July 1983, while conducting an archeological investigation of a site proposed for a new highway bridge just downstream of the existing bridge over the river at Paw Paw, Maureen Kavanagh recovered over 1100 pottery fragments, and arrowheads, stone implements, bone refuse and plant debris, which were judged to be characteristic of late woodland period civilization. Radiocarbon dating, however, established that the fragments were somewhat older, dating from the middle woodland period (8th century).

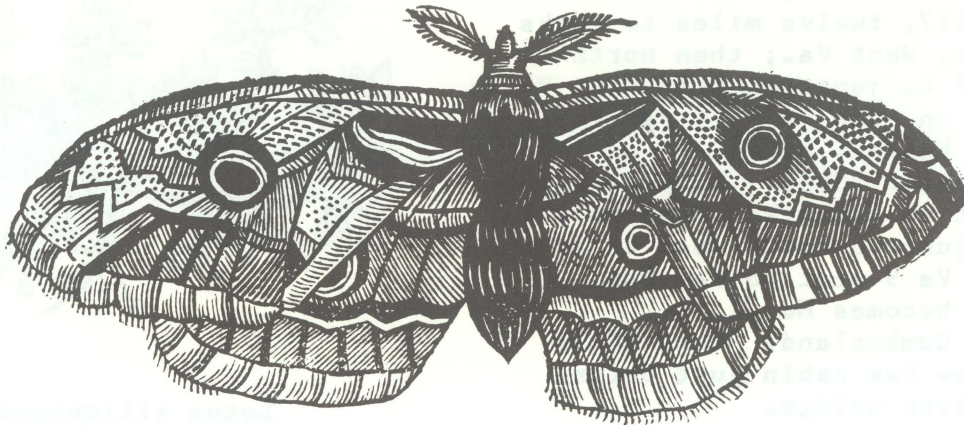
The NPS would like to nominate the Paw Paw site to the National Register of Historic Places, as it was to have done for the Moore Village site.

...AND THE NEW HIGHWAY BRIDGE WILL BE ERECTED IN THE OLD RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Maryland State Highway Administration is planning to build a new bridge over the Potomac River at Paw Paw to replace the existing one, which it judges not worthy of repair. Owing to the discovery of the middle woodland village site just downstream of the old bridge, the state has agreed to construct the new bridge in the right-of-way of the old one. As of Dec. 13, 1984, construction was to proceed as follows: The contractor will build a temporary "Bailey-" type of bridge immediately upstream of the existing bridge, and a temporary causeway into the river from the West Virginia side just upstream of the temporary highway bridge. "The causeway would be a boating hazard, but with the proper placement of safety signs and signal buoys, safety problems could be held to a minimum. The flow of the river water would be somewhat restricted. Recreation boats could pass through a large opening on the Maryland side. Public access to Moser's store would be continued. Completion date for the project is September 1986."

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER POTOMAC AT HARPERS FERRY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The contract to build a pedestrian bridge across the Potomac River from Harpers Ferry to Lock 33 was awarded during January 1985, at a cost of \$600,000. The bridge is expected to be completed by December 1985.



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Association officers for the 1985-1986 year are:

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2nd VP & Level Walker Chmn: Lyman Stucker, 2811 Farm Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302

Secretary: Margo Foster, 3047 West Lane Keys, NW, Washington, DC 20007

Treasurer: John Chandler, 6718 Persimmon Tree Road, Bethesda, MD 20817

Information Officer: Karen Gray, 825 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20037

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

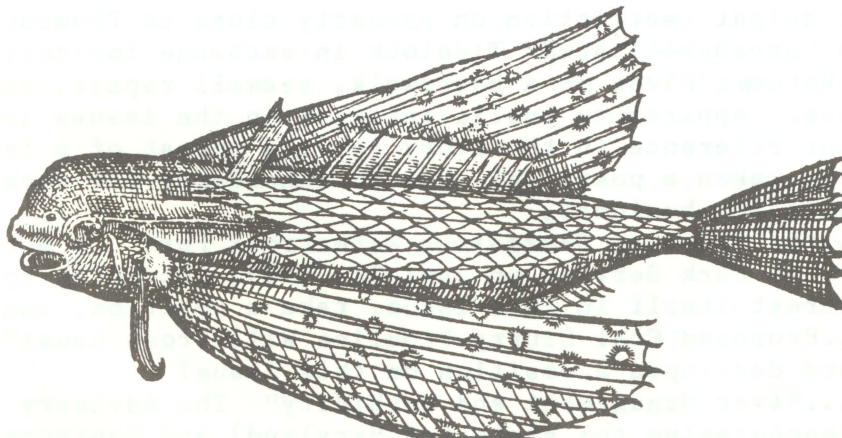
Membership includes subscription to Along the Towpath.

FEBRUARY 1985 REPORT ON C&O CANAL NHP FY1985 PROJECTS

The Park Service has kindly supplied the following report on park projects scheduled for completion by September 1985. Persons especially interested in the progress of any of the projects shown should write to the C&O Canal NHP, P.O. Box 4, Sharpsburg, MD 21782, for details. Readers should note that it is often, but not necessarily, the case that winter weather hampers maintenance and repair work, with progress more rapid in the spring and summer.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Authorized/Obligated</u>	<u>Status</u>
Prepare plans for level 16 wall repairs	-	5% complete
Stabilize Lock 27	\$60,000/0	not started
Phase III of endangered plant management	\$15,000/15,000	5% complete
Repair Culvert 39	\$40,000/0	5% complete
Repair Culvert 127	\$38,000/0	not started
Repair Harpers Ferry Road wall	\$763,000/337,600	20% complete
Repoint Locks 33 and 44	\$6,800/8,400	15% complete
		Project stopped.
		"Funds deferred."
Stabilize Locks 55 and 66	\$41,800/11,200	10% complete
Clean and repoint six aqueducts	\$80,000/31,400	5% complete
Clean and repoint five stop locks	\$10,000/6,800	30% complete
Repair Bollman bridge	\$75,000/20,000	40% complete
Replace iodimators/chlorinators or pumps at HBOs	\$36,000/32,300	95% complete
Paint interior and exterior of Great Falls tavern	\$35,000/0	not started
Replace portable and pit toilets	\$36,000/0	30% complete
Remove hazardous trees	\$36,000/24,800	60% complete
Desilt canal prism at barge locations	\$10,000/5,000	contract has been let

In a change from the January 1985 report, Claude Caraway has replaced Dale Sipes as Acting Chief of Maintenance for the C&O Park. According to Superintendent Stanton, Sipes is on temporary detail in Harpers Ferry and will return.



Gurnard or
sea robin

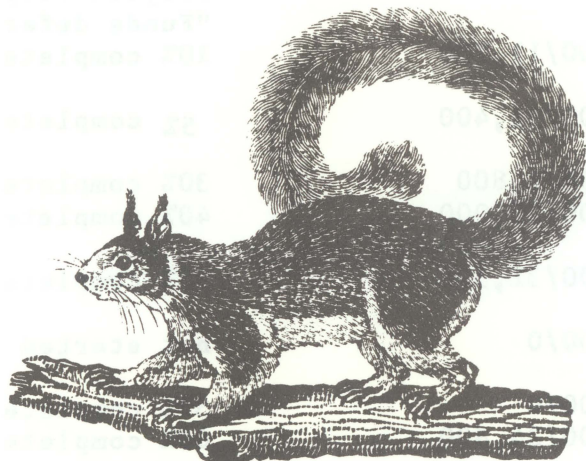
Correspondence

ASSOCIATION HIGH COMMAND EXHORTED TO STOP SHIRKING LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND TAKE A STAND ON PARK ISSUES

I have given considerable thought to the events of the Association's annual meeting, the recognition unanimously given to you for your splendid work as editor of Along the Towpath, and to the justified discontent you demonstrated in our after-meeting discussion. You have good grounds for such discontent.

You indicated to me that you are becoming increasingly discouraged at the failure shown by the Association membership to react to your presentation, in issue after issue, of events which are relevant to the welfare of the C&O Canal Historical Park. You have avoided being presumptuous by avoiding characterizing these events as being either good or bad for the canal. You have left the issue to the membership to decide, and have hoped that such decisions would be shared by readers with others in the Association membership by means of letters to the editor. None have been forthcoming. You have every right to be discouraged and to wonder if anyone is paying attention or really cares.

I would like to add to your reasons for discouragement another reason



The Long-Tailed Squirrel

which you have not mentioned either in your writing or our discussions. There has been no reaction to your pointing up of issues from the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Association. They are our leaders and as such have a direct responsibility to consider the issues relevant to the welfare of the Park, to decide what is beneficial and what is harmful, and to take a position on the issues and keep the membership informed of their positions. If our leaders fulfilled their responsibilities along these lines, you as editor would then be in a position to inform us, explain and simplify the issues, and thereby successfully stimulate membership reaction. The inevitable

result would be that we would be choosing our leadership to a greater extent on the basis of issues.

With these generalizations out of the way, I feel that a brief review of the issues pointed up by you in the January 1985 issue of Along the Towpath will justify what I have said.

Page 3 - "Exchange of Interests Along Rock Creek...." This involves lifting a 20-foot height restriction on property close to Thompson's Boat House and the now "unrehabilitated" Tidelock in exchange for certain public access along the Potomac River on a boardwalk, seawall repair, etc., including private maintenance. Apparently public interest in the issues involved is being shown by your reference in the story to "the threat of a legal challenge." Has the Association taken a position? Has it considered the question? I think that this is Association business.

Page 4 - "...the Proposed Georgetown Waterfront Park" A public meeting on plans was held by the Park Service on Jan. 12, 1985, according to your story. Did our Board interest itself in this issue, take a position, and present it?

Page 5 - "...Proposed Coal Slurry Pipeline Will Cross Canal" Has the Association's Board developed a position on this issue?

Page 15 - "...River Management and Morbidity" The Advisory Commission passed a motion "encouraging the state (of Maryland) and Montgomery County

to protect all Potomac islands from development", but failed to advocate that Maryland "establish a natural resource management area...from D.C. (to Cumberland)...." What position was taken on this issue by our Association's representative?

Page 15 - "...Boat Ramp at Riverbend Park" This real estate development on the West Virginia side of the Potomac with 1,000 lots plus another 1,500 potentially available for development has lots of would-be users of a motor boat ramp, presently prohibited by a 1976 rule of the Corps of Engineers. The motor boaters are raising Cain about this and, as a result, the Advisory Commission failed to reaffirm former opposition to the ramp. What did our representative do on this issue and why?

In general, I feel that the Association's leadership should involve itself in the many issues that affect the welfare of the Canal and Park and inform the membership about what it is doing in support of or against what is being proposed or considered. Action begets reaction, the lack of which has caused your complaints. Our Board's actions or reactions will stimulate the membership's response and that is what we need in order to have a more effective and larger Association.

Bob Greenberg
Bethesda, MD
February 25, 1985



V. I. P. Corner

By Joan Paull

A quick look at 1984 for those of you who were not able to come to the Annual Meeting. We had six projects during the year.

Painting Lock at Great Falls	24 hrs.
Camouflaging Trails at Great Falls	39 hrs.
Clearing Vegetation at O'Brien's Basin	56½ hrs.
Concerts at the Foundry.	24 hrs.
Canal Days at the Foundry	6 hrs.
Removing Fence at Lock 10 - 11	33 hrs.

TOTAL- 182½ hrs.

This year we have several large projects for the volunteers. We are going to work on erosion control at Locks 17 and 8, and a Hiker-Biker. Watch the Association Schedule of Dates for information.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1984

from John Chandler

The following report was presented by Treasurer Chandler to the members attending the general membership meeting on Feb. 23, 1985 and is herewith submitted to the record.

Bank balances, January 1, 1984 \$8,802.30

Receipts

Membership dues	\$2,469.50
Annual meeting	468.00
30th Reunion Hike	9,567.39
Heritage Walk	708.87
Interest	339.94
Other (patches, contributions)	<u>41.50</u>

Total receipts +13,595.20

Expenditures

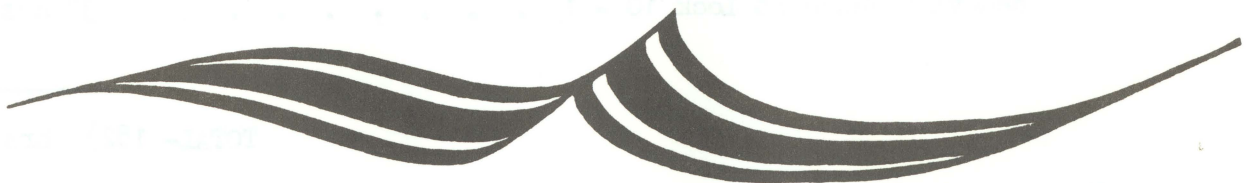
Newsletter	1,759.55
Postage	398.98
Annual meeting	443.08
30th Reunion Hike	9,256.21
Heritage Walk	765.00
Contributions and awards	169.65
Patches (resupply)	378.00
Printing	294.50
Other (copywork, stationery)	<u>98.90</u>

Total expenditures -13,563.87

Balance, December 31, 1984 \$8,833.63

Disposition of bank balances, December 31, 1984

First American Bank (D. C.), checking	\$ 944.64
First American Bank, savings	<u>7,888.99</u>
	<u>\$8,833.63</u>



Book Review

The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal: Pathway to the Nation's Capital. Thomas F. Hahn. Scarecrow Press, Metuchen, NJ, 1984. vii, 269 pp., illus., indexed, \$19.50

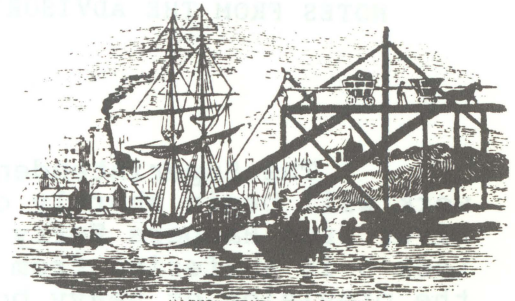
My introduction to the works of Tom Hahn took place nearly fifteen years ago when I discovered that the entire Towpath Guide consumed four volumes; in those days I knew little of canal history and rarely ventured above Harpers Ferry; the Guide's accounts of slackwater navigation, kyanized wood, a tunnel through a mountain and the Western Maryland railroad bridges seemed as remote to me as the wilderness to which they pertained.

I eventually became more familiar with the upper two-thirds of the canal with Towpath Guide and Bill Clague's Collection of Maps as my interpreters, and Tom eventually produced more works on the canal; George Washington's Canal, Life on the C&O Canal, The C&O Canal Old Picture Album, Canal Boat Children, Canal Boatmen and the C&O Canal Illustrated History are the ones mentioned in the Preface to the present volume, The C&O Canal: Pathway to the Nation's Capital, and all are contained "in whole or in part" therein.

In 1982 the Towpath Guide was printed in a one-volume edition with only the first volume of the old edition remaining in print, perhaps owing as much to popular request as to economic advantage; now, the remaining works are combined in Pathway, with only some of the original editions still available. Although I may be wrong, it is difficult to imagine that sales of the subsequent books could have rivaled those of the Guide, and I speculate that the creation of the present volume was the only course which would permit at least some of those publications to remain in print.

There are six chapters in Pathway; numbers 2 through 5 are the repackaged earlier written works, with photographs from the two earlier volumes of illustrations inserted among the pages of all the chapters. Chapter 1 is an introduction to canal history, similar to those that generally have appeared in the earlier volumes. Chapter 2 contains only Part One of GW's Canal; Part Two, the towpath guide, is missing; those who want a copy of this step-by-step commentary on the one-mile canal in the format of the Towpath Guide should spare no effort in locating a dealer who has not yet sold his last copy of the original edition. Chapters 3-5 are the revised versions of Life, Boatmen, and Children. Chapter 6 consists of the maps from Towpath Guide together with excerpts from the text of that volume and some new text. There are also a number of new illustrations, and, of course, many of the illustrations in the Guide are omitted. Prospective users of this chapter as a concise towpath guide are warned that the text is not indexed by mile, as in the Guide, although Hahn provides mileage references from time-to-time.

There are a number of annoying typographical errors and editing failures in Pathway, especially in Chapter 6. The caption to the map of Washington on pages 174-175 is "The Washington City Canal, looking east...", which does not



describe the map. Both map and caption appear to have been taken from page 4 of the combined edition of Towpath Guide, on which page the map, with an appropriate title, appears below the caption in question, which is there associated with the appropriate photograph. On page 177 both "184½" and "184.5" are used to refer to the length of the canal; on the same page we are told that eight feet is "the amount of the life of the lock." On page 189 we are told that the federal government replaced the Potomac Aqueduct in 1886 with a truss bridge and sidewalks which "still use the stone piers."

Even the other chapters are not free from such distractions: on page 103 the quotation from the censor lacks a final quotation mark, and, at the end of the partly-censored poem, the singer celebrates the "breadth of Old Sideline Hill." (In the original edition of Boatmen, page 25, this error does not occur; perhaps the proofreader should have spent some time on the towpath.)

These errors, however, are merely a nuisance to those who want to learn about the canal and the people who worked on it; there is much to be apprehended in the pages of Pathway, even for those familiar with the C&O Canal. Owning the individual source volumes renders the acquisition of the present one unnecessary; but for those who have never assembled a library of Hahn, and whose fancy for editing does not tend to the fastidious, Pathway should fit into a niche on their bookshelves between Towpath Guide and Kytile's Home on the Canal. Those who seek detailed knowledge of the canal must still repair to source documents or to the lengthy standard references.

Pathway is reasonably well indexed and contains a short bibliography of citations of interest to the serious student of the C&O Canal, including one to the gold standard to date, Sanderlin's Great National Project. The book is hardbound, an unusual arrangement for Hahn, and, perhaps not by accident, is the same size as the Towpath Guide.

from Bob Greenspun



NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 2, 1985

from Bruce Wood

The Superintendent reported that funding is in place and work will begin shortly on the pedestrian bridge across the Potomac River from Harpers Ferry to the C&O Canal... The feeder canal at Lock 5 is suffering from severe erosion and one recommendation is the provision of heavy boulders to stabilize the banks in the areas of greatest erosion... It was announced that a decision has been made by the State not to recommend any location within Frederick County for a new power plant due primarily to the proximity of the Dickerson Power Plant. The recommended sites are west of Williamsport and west of Hagerstown... The Paw Paw bridge construction is now planned to involve building a temporary bridge adjacent to the existing bridge, removal of the existing bridge, and construction of a new bridge on the existing bridge site... A bad rock slide occurred at upstream end of the Paw Paw Tunnel. The slide has been removed, but at least two boulders are likely to fall, so the tunnel has been closed until the loose rocks can be removed.

A discussion of historical leasing as it might pertain to the two houses on the berm side of the canal at Pennyfield Lock was held. The Commission recommended that prospective tenants should be residential or of the nature of a Bed and Breakfast. Greater commercial use was opposed.

Georgetown Planning:

- The Commission recommended negotiation of a public right of way at the Donahoe Tract in Georgetown, where a fill was placed in the Canal years ago to provide passage on the river side just downstream of the mule crossover bridge. This right of way would provide continuous passage along the river side of the canal to a point at which bicycles and pedestrians could be directed to K Street and the waterfront. The fill would be removed.

- In connection with bicycle use of the towpath downstream of the mule crossover bridge, the Commission asked the Park Service to proceed with installation of signs at appropriate points requiring bicyclists using that portion of the towpath to walk their bicycles.

- Approval was given for discrete lighting along the towpath between Thomas Jefferson Street and 31st Street, where several residences are located. No other lighting will be added on the towpath through Georgetown.

- The lessee of the Golden Commissary Tract, adjacent to the Georgetown Barge landing, has advised NPS they will vacate their lease effective October 1, 1985. The Commission urged the Park Service to look into a temporary lease of space on the tract so that a trailer could be installed in time for this season's barge operation to enhance the sale of barge tickets. The Commission urged the Park Service to begin planning for a permanent structure and limited parking for barge employees.

The Montgomery County firearms training facility, proposed for Dickerson Regional Park, apparently is no longer proposed for placement at that park. An alternative list of sites has been recommended, not including Dickerson Regional Park.

The Army Corps of Engineers has installed warning buoys at the Brookmont Dam and is proposing placing rock rubble in the lower side of the dam to reduce or eliminate the fatal hydraulic that has cost many lives over the life of the dam. The Commission called for any new structure to contain a fish ladder.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has taken the Riverbend Park boat ramp problem under advisement and has advised the Commission that it will continue to patrol the use of the Dam 5 slackwater.

The next Commission meeting will be held on June 1 in Harpers Ferry.



EXCHANGE OF INTERESTS IN GEORGETOWN INVOLVES REBUILDING HISTORIC STONE WALL,
 ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS AND YET ANOTHER FIRE EXIT ONTO THE TOWPATH

The following are excerpts from the text of a letter sent on Feb. 13, 1985 from the Director of the National Capital Region of the Park Service to the Executive Director of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, asking for the Council's approval for an exchange of interests with the developer of the Georgetown Park Phase II shopping center along the canal west of Potomac St.

"The National Park Service proposes an exchange of interests with the Western Development Corporation along an historic wall which is adjacent to the towpath of the C&O Canal National Historical Park in Georgetown, in an area directly below and including Georgetown Park Phase II and the old Georgetown Market. ...this is a request for a determination of no adverse affect.

"The provisions of the proposal...include the following:

"1. Exchange a small area of federal land for private lands underlying the wall, thus rationalizing the boundary of the canal immediately east of East Market Space, NW....

"2. Allow Western Development Corporation to rebuild a badly eroded stone retaining wall which abuts the canal towpath directly below the Georgetown Market; and to build a new ramp to connect the historic footbridge over the canal at Potomac St. to the towpath.

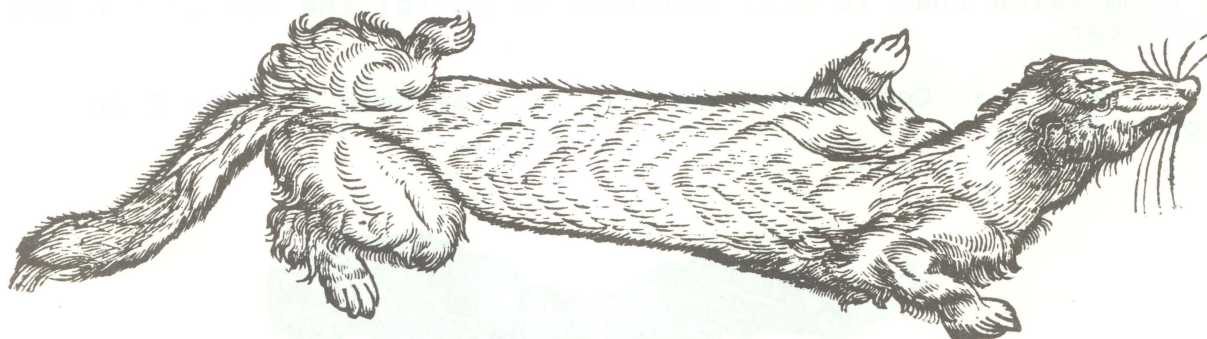
"3. Allow Western Development Corporation to perforate the retaining wall at towpath level, to allow for an emergency egress from Georgetown Park Phase II for fire compliance....

"4. Remove existing volunteer trees which are causing deterioration of the historic retaining walls west of East Market Space, NW, and replace with specimen trees. Volunteer trees will be removed with extreme care and under the supervision of Park Service experts so that damage to the canal wall will be minimized.

"5. Stabilization and rebuilding of portions of the historic stone wall will be undertaken with extreme care. The wall will be stabilized wherever possible & rebuilt only where absolutely necessary. Existing stone will be reused wherever possible. Rebuilt portions shall replicate existing, exactly in material, design and workmanship.

"6. Western Development Corporation has also agreed to landscape the areas to an approved plan, and to donate to the United States a scenic easement on the facade facing the canal which would preclude any advertising or commercial signs. They have also agreed to maintain the ramp and landscape in perpetuity.

"7. Construction details in the existing historic canal wall imply that the Market House was once much larger and extended into what is now National Park Service property along the canal. The area between the existing wall and the existing market is, therefore, of archeological significance...and will be archeologically investigated."





PAW PAW CABIN

NPS--Association Cooperative Overseer Project

The National Park Service and the C & O Canal Association have entered into an agreement whereby the NPS will permit the Association use of the Paw Paw Cabin in exchange for overseer services by Association members. At the February 23rd Annual Meeting of the Association, NPS Superintendent Dick Stanton presented the proposed arrangement and the initial NPS-Association contract received the enthusiastic endorsement of the more than seventy members in attendance. The initial contract extends through December 31, 1985 with an option to renew for successive five-year periods.

The Paw Paw Cabin is located near the noted Paw Paw Tunnel and on the NPS campground used by Potomac River canoeists. It is the objective of the NPS and the Association to have the Cabin occupied on a weekly basis during the prime season, Memorial Day to Labor Day, with weekend occupancy expected during the off-season. Overseers will provide general information and assistance to visitors but will not be expected to perform traditional ranger duties. Guidelines for the overseer program specify that

- . at least one overseer in each group must be a member of the C & O Canal Association;
- . persons volunteering for any given week will be given preference over persons volunteering for only a weekend of the same week;
- . a minimal fee will be charged to cover the costs of electricity and insurance;
- . volunteers will provide their own sleeping and cooking equipment, including mattresses and stoves. Electric lights and firewood will be provided. Water is available May through October;
- . Memorial Day weekend will be the first weekend the Cabin will be available for use.

If you want to take advantage of this opportunity to vacation in Western Maryland and, at the same time, provide a needed volunteer service to NPS and the Association, you are encouraged to notify Mimi Eller, Project Coordinator, 1111 Army Navy Drive (B-610), Arlington, VA 22202 of three alternate dates in order of your preference. Space will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. The summer schedule will be prepared from reservations received before May 1 and will be mailed to all overseers. On May 11 and 12, a combination work weekend and volunteer orientation session at the Cabin is being planned. Details and an agenda will be mailed to all volunteers.

FAREWELL I

The time has arrived for me to step down as editor of Along the Towpath. Unless someone accepts the job sooner, desirable but not likely, the next issue of the newsletter will be the last for which mine is the guiding hand. My resignation will come as no surprise to regular readers of Along the Towpath.

I resign from the job I have executed for six years not out of rancor, nor as a result of political intrigue, nor over issues of editorial freedom or policy, nor out of some new indifference, nor from some diminished relevance of the reports, letters, contributions and notes that find their way to my desk. I resign, rather, because I am no longer gratified by the job, or, if I were inclined to think about my feelings less thoroughly, perhaps I would say, simply, that I am tired.

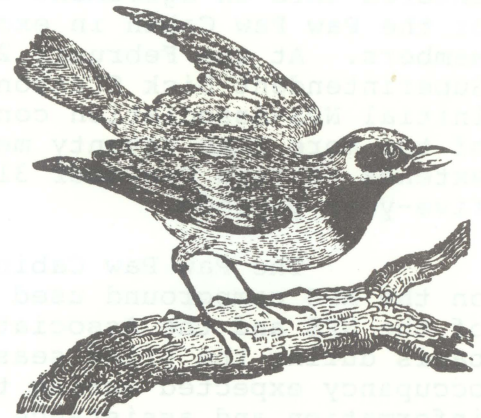
Editing Along the Towpath was a challenge for me when I started, an exciting adventure; I investigated, summarized, elaborated, analyzed and rendered opinions on whatever moved me. I solicited demographic data from members and analyzed the results. I assembled headlines, stories, illustrations and reservation forms, and sent them into the homes of some 300 readers, some of whom, I thought, taking umbrage at views and viewpoints they would find untenable, would be so stimulated that they wouldn't hesitate to let me know. And so I braced myself for a tidal wave.

The tidal wave never came. There has been hardly a ripple in the surface of the apparently calm sea upon which my missives were scattered. At first I felt pleased by the calm; later I stopped thinking about it; of late it has begun to gnaw at me ineluctably, and I now crave the tidal wave I once feared. I was heartened when I received occasional contributions, both solicited and spontaneous, but the flow of ideas never broadened or deepened into so much as a swell. The tidal wave of competitive ideas never formed, while my desire for it has matured.

There is nothing wrong with the job of editor or with me in this regard; rather, we are no longer well matched as we once were. The job needs someone who will approach it with the fond anticipation I once had, who will be gratified by the aspects of writing and editing alone which once enthralled me, and I must move on to something else.

Those of you who were not at the Association meeting on Feb. 23 last may not be aware of the unsolicited general approbation for my work on the newsletter that surged forth from most of the seventy or so members present as inexorably as sap rises in a growing tree in the spring. I was made the subject of a resolution of appreciation; I was asked time and again, even by members to whom I had never before spoken, to remain editor. I was touched deeply by those obviously sincere feelings. Thank you once again for your support. An editor never had a more appreciative or encouraging readership. I don't ever expect to do anything else with which so many people will be so pleased for so long.

Bob Greenspun



LEVEL WALKER NOTES

Because of the mild weather more "walkers" have been out on "their" sections. The reports are needed and appreciated by both the Park Service and the Association.

As mentioned at the annual meeting, more Level Walkers are needed particularly upstream from Hancock.

We are pleased to welcome one new Level Walker: C. H. Breedlove, who will be reporting on Sect. 16, Lock 26 to Monacacy.

We hope to update soon the Level Walker directory. Please advise us of change in address or telephone number.

We will continue our walks into the summer, the next two will be:

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 10:00 A.M. Meet at Whites Ferry (Mile 35.5). Walk to Edwards Ferry (Mile 30.8) and return. This is an opportunity to observe the re-construction of Broad Run Trunk.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 10:00 A.M. Meet at Dam #4 (Mile 84.5). Walk to Lock 41 (Mile 88.9) and return. At our annual meeting many expressed a desire to walk this Big Slackwater area which is a beautiful and unusual section.

Everybody welcome!!

LEVEL WALKER REPORTS

Sect. 2 - OLD BOAT INCLINE TO LOCK 5 - Bill Kugler - December 1984

Deterioration of retaining wall at Canal Road just south of the incline plane. Deterioration of retaining wall at Canal Road south and north of railroad marker #9 in three spots. Footbridge at sluice between railroad trestle and Chain Bridge in excellent condition.

Sect. 8 - SWAIN'S LOCK TO PENNYFIELD LOCK - Al Stanley - February 1985

Canal high - Towpath partly icy and muddy. Milepost 19 in good condition. Pennyfield Lock area extremely clean. Noticed new pedestrian crossover at Pennyfield. Lockhouse secure. (not reported here but Al always makes a complete report on towpath usage).

Sect. 10 - SENECA AQUEDUCT TO TENFOOT ISLAND - Alice & George Kinter - January 1985

This section is in the best condition that I have ever seen it. The towpath has been repaired, is completely clear of debris and potholes; all standing water in the canal was frozen; there was almost no debris at picnic sites.

This is the most beautiful time of year to walk this section because one can see the river because there is no foliage. Also, evidence of the quarry is uncovered.

We picked up beer cans and bottles near the aqueduct to the tune of two large plastic sacks. These were all at fishing spots as usual.

Sect. 13 - EDWARDS FERRY TO FT. HARRISON ISLAND - Charles Bookman - December 1984

Trees and brush across towpath, approx. 1/4 mile west of Edwards Ferry in 2 locations. Needs saw. Reconstruction at broadbranch aqueduct - stone work is complete. Well worth a look!

Sect. 14 - FT. HARRISON ISLAND TO WHITES FERRY - Bob and Dorothy Stokley - December 1984

Physical condition, in general, excellent. However, at about mile 35 there was a lot of trash in the canal bed, including an old Barcalounger chair that had been discarded. New aqueduct nearly finished. Will it have a wooden floor? The Turtle Run Hiker-Biker was partly closed for the winter. There was no water, but the toilet was open and equipped.

Sect. 40 - OLD RR STATION TO DAM 5 - Bud Morgan - April 1983

"Bud" Morgan gives many interesting slide presentations and talks on the Canal. He often sends us beautiful pictures taken along this section. He reports that generally this section is in good condition, trash cans adequate and sanitary facilities clean and equipped.

Sect. 58 - LOCK 63-1/3 to PAW PAW (MD. 51) - Alan and Kit Franklin - February 1985

Alan and Kit Franklin sent a very comprehensive report on this section. Sorry to have to cut it down for the Newsletter. The parking lot and group camp ground are in good shape. The tunnel is in good shape inside. We saw the first bat we have ever seen inside, clinging to the wall. Locks 66, 64 2/3, and 63 1/3 are all in reasonable shape. There are new bridges across the canal to the berm side at each lock, sturdily built of pressure-treated wood. They should last well.

President's Column

ACTIVITIES CONTINUE...

I would like to thank the members of the Association for re-electing me President for my third year. I look forward to continuing the activities started by my predecessors and by me as well as to kicking off a new activity.

However, before I go into the Association's ongoing activities, I would like to advise the membership that your Board has voted to give \$1,000.00 to the National Park Service to support a Student Conservation Corps worker for three months to assist Lee Struble, the Canal's archivist, to further organize the Park archives. Bruce Dansby, the Corps worker, was present at our Annual meeting and was introduced to the membership. If you haven't met him yet, I hope you get the opportunity - he is a very nice and eager young man.

The new activity beginning in 1985 is the Paw Paw Cabin Overseer program. This activity is made possible by Dick Stanton and the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Dick called me earlier this year to suggest he would offer the Arbaugh cabin at the Paw Paw canoe campground to the Association if the Association would attempt to have the cabin occupied every weekend throughout the summer and as often as possible during the remainder of the year. The cabin will be available beginning Memorial Day weekend. Mimi Eller has volunteered to coordinate the overseer program and will be accepting reservation requests throughout the year - see her article elsewhere in this issue. Mimi will be issuing the initial schedule of assignments on May 1, so get your request in to her early. Reservations may be made at any time for dates still available after the May 1 list is developed.

The Association's volunteer program is continuing well and actively. Please see the schedule in our calendar of events and I hope you can participate in many of these important projects. Joan Paull has done a great job for two years and is among the most active of the volunteers, especially participating in the canal concerts held during the summer in front of the Foundry Building. Your assistance in this valuable activity would be appreciated.

Finally, the Annual Hike is coming up soon. The hike this year will go from Oldtown to Paw Paw, with happy hour in the Arbaugh Cabin so you can see first-hand the great facility we have been offered. I hope to see everyone there that weekend!



...AS DOES SEARCH FOR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Bob Greenspun, editor of Along the Towpath for several years, has announced that he is interested in turning over the position to someone else. He will work with his successor for an issue or two, so that the new editor can see how things work.

The Board of the Association is interested in hearing from individuals who would like to have this position. Please be aware that Bob has put a lot of his own writing into the newsletter and has offered to continue to provide articles, but that his successor need not feel so committed.

The primary job of the editor is advise key persons of the deadline, solicit contributions, and to pull together those contributions in an order that is both logical and legible. Some typing may be required, but camera-ready copy could be required. Assistance already is provided for the actual labeling and mailing of the newsletters and the photocopier collates and staples them. The editor is welcome to provide his or her own editorial comments.

This is an opportunity that does not arise often to assume a significant role in the public dissemination of the Association's news.

The Information Officer will oversee the newsletter editor and can serve as liasion between the editor and the Board to ensure assistance with the publication of Along the Towpath on a quarterly basis.

If you are interested, or if you know of anyone else who is interested, please write to me at the Association's address before the April 27 hike, so the Board can consider your interest. We would like to make the selection in the early summer.

Bruce W. Wood

RESERVATION FORM FOR DINNER AT THE PAW PAW, WEST VA. FIRE
DEPARTMENT AFTER THE 31ST ANNUAL JUSTICE DOUGLAS HIKE
APRIL 27, 1985 - 6:30 PM

Please reserve _____ dinners for me @ \$6 per dinner.

Total enclosed.....

Makes checks payable to the C&O Canal Association and mail by
April 21, 1985 to the Association at P.O. Box 66, Glen Echo, MD 20812-0066.

Reservations will not be acknowledged; a list of names will be maintained at the door.

Enter name and address if not already printed on the reverse side:

Name _____

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- April 6, 1985 - Association-sponsored volunteer program controlling erosion at Lock 17(mile 14), 9 AM. Call volunteer coordinator Joan Paull (301-384-8584) for latest information.
- April 26-28, 1985 - 31st annual Justice Douglas hike weekend; camping, hike from Oldtown to Paw Paw, Board meeting. Details inside.
- May 11-12, 1985 - Work weekend at Paw Paw cabin to be occupied by Association members under "Overseer" program with NPS.
- May 11, 1985 - Bill Davies will lecture on the Paw Paw tunnel at the Paw Paw cabin, 1 PM. Everyone is welcome.
- May 18, 1985 - Volunteer project day. Call Joan Paull, 301-384-8584, for details.
- June 1, 1985 - Level Walkers hike, 10 AM, Whites Ferry(mile 35.5). Details inside.
- June 1, 1985 - C&O Canal NHP Advisory Commission meeting, Harpers Ferry. Write to the NPS, P.O. Box 4, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 for time, location and agenda. Everyone is welcome at Commission meetings.
- June 15, 1985 - Volunteer project day. Call Joan Paull, 301-384-8584, for details.
- June 29, 1985 - Level Walkers hike, 10 AM, Dam #4(mile 84.5). Details inside.
- July 8, 1985 - Volunteer program camouflaging trails at Great Falls, 9 AM. Call Joan Paull, 301-382-8584, for details.
- August 3, 1985 - Volunteer project near mile 10. Call Joan Paull, 301-384-8584, for details.
- September 21, 1985 - Volunteer program controlling erosion at Lock 8(mile 8.3), 9 AM. Call Joan Paull, 301-384-8584, for details.
- October 1985 - Volunteer program Hiker/Biker project. As always, Joan Paull, 301-384-8584, has the details.

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