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ANNUAL REUNION HIKE TO BE FROM SPRING GAP TO CUMBERLAND ON APRIL 25

by David L. Scalley

On Saturday, April 25, members and friends of the C & O Canal Association will gather at 10:30 a.m. on the towpath at Spring Gap (Mile 173.37) to begin the thirty-third Annual Justice Douglas Reunion Hike, held each year in commemoration of the 1954 walk of the entire 184.5 miles of towpath led by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas to save the C & O Canal from obliteration in favor of a parkway. The hike will end at the Canal terminus in Cumberland.

Hikers should meet at the Western Maryland Railway Station Center in downtown Cumberland. Parking is available behind the station. Those unfamiliar with the Cumberland area may obtain the free Map of Allegany County and downtown Cumberland available from many area merchants, as well as at the South Mountain Rest Stop on Highway 70. Shuttle buses will be provided to transport hikers to Spring Gap; a nominal fee will be charged when boarding.

Hikers should bring their own lunches with them, and may stop wherever they choose along the towpath for lunch; there is no specified lunch stop. Since water wells may still be dry, it is recommended that hikers carry their own water supply.

Members and friends are encouraged to attend the post-hike dinner at the Cumberland Holiday Inn, 100 South George Street. There will be a cash-bar happy hour, followed by dinner and entertainment. Dinner reservations are required, and must be made by April 15 (see last page of this issue for the dinner reservation form).

The Hike Committee, chaired by Sue Ann Sullivan with members Edith Wilkerson, Bob Boies, and Dave Scalley, has developed the following

Schedule for Reunion Hike activities:

- 9:45 a.m. - First shuttle bus departs from Western Maryland Station.
- 10:00 a.m. - Second shuttle bus departs from Western Maryland Station.
- 10:30 a.m. - Hike begins at Spring Gap.
- Lunch - No specific time or place for lunch stop.
- 4:30 p.m. - Happy Hour at Holiday Inn of Cumberland.
- 5:30 p.m. - Dinner and entertainment at Holiday Inn.

Hike participants who wish to camp at Spring Gap on Friday and/or Saturday nights must make reservations (see reservation form on the last page of this issue). Canal Superintendent Dick Stanton requests that campers be informed of the following: 1. The campground is on the left as you drive in, and camping should be confined there; do not use the picnic area by the boatramp. 2. Bring your own water as Spring Gap has no well. 3. The park will provide firewood, a toilet, and a fire ring or grill. 4. Do not leave the camp unattended during the hike or dinner; someone should remain behind for security. 5. Tent or RV camping will be permitted for the two nights. The Association has been granted a permit for camping on Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25 only.

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REMINDER

Please look at the label which brought you your copy of *ALONG THE TOWPATH*. If it bears a red dot, your membership dues have not been received for 1987. A membership form is on the last page of this issue.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by

Hal Larsen

Mr. Stanton wrote me some time ago that the Paw Paw Cabin cannot be saved. The cost would be too great to rehabilitate the structure and restore it to its foundation. I know this was a painful decision for Mr. Stanton, for he had strongly supported the concept as a cooperative venture. And it is unquestionably a sad event for the members who worked so hard to put the cabin into shape and for those who enjoyed it for a brief time.

This loss resulted from the disastrous November 1985 flood. Losses are inevitable when the river floods and becomes a tremendous force sweeping away whatever lies before it as angry waters break through the inadequate channel to the Chesapeake Bay, leaving a path of devastation. Thus it has always been, and this won't change. The only solution is man-made flood control measures, which will surely come some day. What form they will take and how they will affect the canal we don't know, but we should be vigilant in planning for it.

We all remember the forlorn cabin sitting among the trees, seemingly intact but in fact mortally wounded by the waters that tossed it from its foundations to the wooded hillock beyond the camping area.

It doesn't look bad, we thought, we can simply pick it up and put it back. Perhaps we could have if circumstances had permitted quick action. But the intervening sixteen months have taken their toll and the weakened structure has deteriorated further.

It's true that not everyone in the association was enthusiastic about the cabin, or even interested in it. Nor should they necessarily have been. We don't all have to camp out, or hike, or volunteer or really concern ourselves about the canal. It was all right that enough members were sufficiently enthusiastic and interested in the cabin to work hard to fix it up, to fill the weeks and weekends with vacationers from the membership, and to talk about the canal to visitors who stopped by. Whether we used

the facility or not, or even thought about it, we have all suffered a loss. This log cabin on the Potomac is a symbol of how a beneficial goal can unite people in a volunteer effort, can be a rallying point for like-minded enthusiasts.

So there is more to the association than simply working toward the goals enumerated in the bylaws. The written instructions are clear and limited. What is unwritten is the ties that bind us in common enjoyment as we walk in this grand natural resource. This will go on, no matter how the canal and its environs are battered in the years to come. But we will long remember the simple cabin thrown ruthlessly against the trees, and the enjoyment; the cabin reminds us that we share adversity as well as pleasures. This bond transcends petty annoyances and irritations. When catastrophe unites, we learn something applicable to the good times, too, about friendship and cooperation.



NEW MEMBERS

The C&O Canal Association takes pleasure in welcoming the following members who have joined the Association during the period January - March 1987:

Helen Bodmer, Poolesville, MD
Mrs. Jean C Brackett, Chevy Chase, MD
Mary Lou Buttram, Forestville, MD
Laura Cole, Baltimore, MD
Beth Durham, Arlington, VA
Lloyd P Hardy, Paw Paw, WV
George & Nancy King, Waynesboro, PA
Chris Koch, Arlington, VA
James P Kosker Family, Arnold, MD
Kim & Ed Krechman, Waldorf, MD
Dr Brian M Kutner, Millville, NJ
Larry Matheson, Washington, DC
Murray McConnel, Midlothian, VA
Vince Parada, Gaithersburg, MD
Charles Pekow, Washington, DC
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Kathryn I Plum, Emmitsburg, MD
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Rachel Stewart, Arlington, VA
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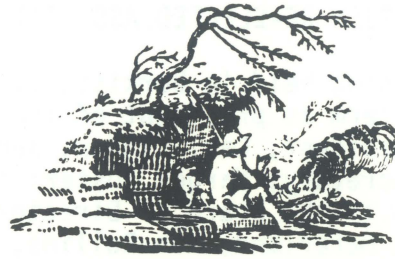
Hike participants who expect to stay overnight and who do not wish to camp should make their own lodging arrangements. The telephone number for reservations at the Holiday Inn is 301-724-8800; ask to speak to Natalie Hill. Located in nearby La Vale, the Braddock Motor Inn may be reached by calling 301-729-3300.

The starting point for this year's hike, Spring Gap is near Collier Mountain. Hikers will pass the remains of the Patterson Creek Bridge, a large stone bridge burned by the Confederates in May 1861. Lift Lock 72 (Mile 174.44) is in a scenic area where Maryland Route 51, the abandoned Western Maryland Railway line, and the Canal once fit into a narrow strip of land bound by towering cliffs and the Potomac River. This area has an intact lock house and a deteriorating upper lock gate. Blue Spring, a large natural spring, opens up near the lock and quickly empties into the Potomac.

The final three upstream locks are at North Branch, near a large twentieth century industrial complex. The level between Locks 74 and 75 is filled with water. Lock House 75 has been rebuilt, and there is a full-size replica of a Canal boat on the berm side of the Canal here.

The Canal and Potomac meander separately around the North Branch Industrial Park and Mexico Farms Airport area before coming together about 1.5 miles from the Evitts Creek Aqueduct. This single 90 foot span, the most upstream of the 11 stone aqueducts, has been stabilized. Next comes another meandering of the river and Canal, again separately. The Wiley Ford Bridge crosses the Canal in this area. Also highly visible are the Cumberland water works, a large railroad yard, and Cumberland's South End Recreation Area.

The last mile or so of the Canal has been altered, often beyond recognition, by flood control projects. Feeder Dam #8 has been demolished. The twin guard locks that mark the Canal terminus are in ruins underneath railroad tracks, near concrete-encased Wills Creek. Uphill is the 1913 Western Maryland Railway Station, rejuvenated as the recently opened Western Maryland Station Center, which houses the Industrial and Transportation Museum and Cultural Center and the C & O Canal NHP visitor's center where there is a new Canal display.



RETROSPECTIVE on the HERITAGE HIKE

Approximately 50 hikers enjoyed the Annual Heritage Hike on October 25th covering the 10-mile distance on the C&O Canal from Hancock to Dam 6. Although the day was cloudy, threatening and damp, the heaviest precipitation was a light drizzle now and then. The bright fall leaves were muted a bit by mistiness which lent unusual beauty to an otherwise dull day.

Hikers stepped off at 10:30, passing under Highway 522 and the railroad trestle before encountering fewer signs of human habitation. Bill Davies' meticulous signs told the story of each of the culverts, waste weirs, and geological formations along the way. Bill prepared 36 signs for this purpose. I think all of the hikers marveled at the statements of cost in 1800's dollars and in present-day dollars of building the individual culverts.

The Devil's Eyebrow geological formation was spectacular and the Round Top Cement Mill was intriguing. Lock 53 for lunch provided dry stones to sit on and a welcome break in the trek to Dam 6.

Evidences of the height of the flood waters in November 1985 is hard to comprehend, but the rubble is there in the trees, high overhead.

Birds and animals were not very plentiful, at least to this writer who was at tag end of the group.

The Park Service has done a nice job of rebuilding the Towpath to a usable state, although it is a bit rough and not recommended for bikers. It is a splendid footpath, however. The river was quite low as a result of the drought this past summer and a couple of fish weirs were visible above Mile 132.

The Association expresses appreciation to the Park Service personnel who helped make the hike such a success.

--Ellen N. Holway

LARSEN RE-ELECTED ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting held in Burkittsville, Maryland, on March 7, Harold A. Larsen was elected to a second term as president of the C & O Canal Association. Other officers elected were: First vice president, Carl Linden; second vice president and Level Walker Chairman, Michelle Carsrud; secretary, Margot Foster; treasurer, Bill Speck; and information officer, Kay Seward. Elected to the Board of Directors were: Ralph Donnelly, Mimi Eller, Susan (Butch) Henley, Earl McFarland, Ken Rollins, and Edith Wilkerson.

The annual meeting was preceded by a short morning walk in the Brunswick area of the tow-path. Members then traveled to Burkittsville, where the afternoon meeting was held in the Burkittsville Community Center. Hal Larsen presented the president's report on the Association's activities for the year 1986 (printed elsewhere in this issue). After the election of officers and Board members, Hal announced that he had appointed Victor Conrad to be the Association's liaison to work with other organizations having an interest in the C & O Canal and Potomac River. Bill Speck circulated the treasurer's report for 1986, and noted that the books had been audited by the Association's Audit Committee comprised of Dave Johnson and John Chandler. (The Audit Committee's report appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Lyman Stucker reported on activities of the Level Walkers, and said that all levels now have walkers assigned to them. He stressed, however, that vacancies do occur and urged members interested to contact the new Level Walker chairman, Michelle Carsrud. He also said that Level Walkers who have not filed a report on their levels within the last year may be replaced. Volunteer Coordinator Joan Paull reported that 41 volunteers had donated 422 hours of work during 1986; she then called upon several members to report on specific activities with which they were involved. Jane Larsen spoke of crowd control activities during concerts on the Canal in Georgetown, and asked for continued help with this project during the summer. Bill Davies spoke of the work he and Adam Foster are doing at the National Archives in protecting and preserving valuable documents concerning the Canal's history. He said that volunteers are welcome, but that the major work is done during the day so retirees are particularly suitable for this job. Dave Johnson reported on Canal clean-up efforts, and urged further participation by members.

Membership Chairman Ellen Holway reported that there were 348 paid members for 1986; she reported a net gain of 31 members. The Annual Reunion Hike committee reported on various aspects and plans for the April 25 hike (see page 1).

Bill Davies read a list of eleven resolutions that concern matters of interest to the C & O Canal Association (printed elsewhere in this issue). On a motion by Bruce Wood, the membership voted favorably that the Board of Directors should consider these resolutions, act upon each of them in a prompt manner considering the pros and cons of each issue, and report back to the membership about results, including an explanation of "con" reasons should a given proposal be denied passage. For the Membership Committee, Midge Heimer said the committee felt it unwise to recruit new members merely to swell the rolls. Helen Rosen moved that the Board of Directors institute an aggressive recruiting program for new members; this motion was passed with few dissenting votes.

Bob Greenberg moved that the Board consider policy with regard to development, and that the Board urge release of funds appropriated for park use by the Department of the Interior, but which are as yet not released and which may lead to the charging of fees for the C & O Canal NHP; motion passed. Hal Larsen announced that a letter from Canal Superintendent Dick Stanton informed the Association that the Paw Paw Cabin will not be usable due to its badly deteriorated condition. Nancy Long moved that the Association attempt to locate a SeaBee unit, or other volunteer group, to refurbish the cabin and restore it before accepting defeat; motion passed with few dissenting votes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m., and members filed outside to the Community Center's pavilion for happy hour. A plentiful, family-style dinner was later served in the Center's dining hall.

--Anne Murphy Korff and Nancy Long

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
presented at Annual Meeting
March 7, 1987

After a year in office, I will follow the tradition of submitting a report on my stewardship and our accomplishments.

Without question a major preoccupation was repair of the C&O Canal after the November 1985 flood damage. The Park Service's massive camporee stands out as a remarkable volunteer effort, and many Association members participated, as they did in Volunteers in the Parks program. Joan Paull will report on the VIP program later.

I am happy to say the IRS has finally granted us tax-exempt status, and in this connection we have made changes in the by-laws. The exemption qualifies us for bulk-mailing privileges, which may be worthwhile if postage outlay is great enough. In addition, all contributions to the Association are tax-deductible.

Changes in Association bylaws were called for by the need to have a document conforming more closely to the legislation suitable for a tax-exempt organization. The membership approved these changes at a meeting last summer.

Not everyone accepts the entire Potomac Basin as a proper concern for the Association, and I've heard from members who think we should concentrate on the canal alone. But the Board of Directors in considering this matter opted for the broader purview, which the membership also accepted when it voted for the revised bylaws.

We asked ourselves whether we should step up recruiting to increase Association membership. A committee considered a whole range of membership questions and decided to recommend against expansion, except for a modest effort upstream and continued publicity at the current level.

The board accepted this position. Therefore, we will operate as we have in the past. We are, however, preparing a new brochure, which Anne Korff is working on.

The Association management has been particularly concerned to ensure fiscal responsibility and prudence. To this end we have tried to manage the funds so as to keep us operating as economically as

possible. An impetus to long-range budgeting was the requirement for a three-year budget projection to accompany the documentation required for the tax-exempt status. This long-term estimate is a sound idea because it will aid future planners substantially. Further, the board instructed the president on December 7, 1986, to establish a committee each year to audit Association financial records. This procedure will ensure accuracy and integrity in our accounts.

These initiatives and activities are the most important things that have occupied the managers this year. We have, of course, had our usual major events as well as the level-walker outings Lyman Stucker has organized.

No one can serve as president of an organization without a lot of help, and I thank you for yours. Your cooperation and friendly assistance have indeed been heartwarming. I hope you believe your trust in me has been justified in this past year.

--Harold A. Larsen

FRENCH CANALS

Bruce Burnside has sent us a clipping from the NY Times about traveling on French canal boats. Houseboats may be rented in Brittany, the Canal du Midi, the Camargue, and Burgundy through French Experience, 171 Madison Avenue, NY 10016, (212)683-2445. They are equipped with utensils, dishes and linen and have shower and galley. Renters supply food. Rentals start at \$523 for four persons and vary depending on season and area, as well as the number of participants involved. Boats will accommodate up to 10 people. Fuel for the boat, supplied by the vacationer, is estimated at about \$80 a week.

Another agent for French canal boats is Lucullan Travels, 402 29th Street, Des Moines IA 50312, (515)243-4089 or (800)331-8208. They are agents for Locoboat in Burgundy and Anjou, among other regions.

Side trips by bicycle are suggested, with bike rentals at about \$20 per week.

It suggests that early reservations be made as these trips are popular. A complete list of boat renters may be obtained from Syndicat National des Loueurs de Bateaux de Plaisance, Port de la Bourdonnais, 75007 Paris (phone 45.55.10.49).

C & O CANAL ASSOCIATION
Business Meeting, 7 March 1987

RESOLUTIONS

1. The value of the C & O Canal National Historical Park rests on the continuity of the towpath and its availability to the public. RESOLVE: The C & O Canal Association finds that the closing or restriction of any section of the park is not a solution to preventing possible vandalism and opposes such action. To counter such action the Association will increase its level walker activities to man all levels and patrol them at least 4 times per year; will direct volunteer efforts to removing existing and future graffiti on canal structures and natural features; and aid the Park Service in reporting any activities related to vandalism.

2. The growth of membership in the Association has been slow or stagnant for many years while use of the park has risen to over 2 million visitor days per year. The lack of growth greatly limits the Association's activities in support of the national historical park. RESOLVE: The Association will institute as soon as possible a professionally organized membership campaign.

3. The proposal by Montgomery County, Maryland to build a trash incinerator at a site adjacent to the C & O Canal National Historic Park near Dickerson, Md. will be detrimental to the park and set a precedent for other intrusions on the environment of the park. RESOLVE: The Association opposes the siting of the Montgomery County, Maryland trash incinerator in the vicinity of the canal park and recommends that it be placed in an incinerator park within eastern Montgomery County so that trash is disposed of in the vicinity of those who generate it.

4. The Association understands that supplementary funds appropriated by Congress for the repair and security of the canal park against floods are being held by the Secretary of Interior. RESOLVE: That action be taken to urge the release of these funds as originally scheduled by the National Park Service and Congress.

5. When government or other hearings at county, state or national level affecting the canal park are held. the Association should be represented to express its views on the matter under consideration. RESOLVE: The president of the Association shall appoint a member of the association who is a resident of the political jurisdiction involved in any hearing affecting the canal park and that person will appear at the hearing and express the Association's position at the hearing.

6. Communication with the Association by outsiders as well as by members is difficult because of the lack of an office and personnel to handle routine operations. RESOLVE: The Association within 2 years will obtain an office with a fixed and accessible address and hire a part time secretary/director.

7. At present many people are serving as volunteers in connection with a variety of activities involved in the canal park. In general most of these activities and their progress are reported at the meetings of the Association but some go unnoticed and result in duplication or lack of proper support.

RESOLVE: That the coordinator of volunteer efforts for the Association establish and require the submission of quarterly reports by all who perform volunteer efforts for the canal park and publish these reports in the Association's Along the Towpath.

8. There has been an increase of late in publications concerning the canal and at present there are several items of research underway by professionally qualified persons. Unfortunately few if any of these are credited in anyway to the Association.

RESOLVE: The Association will establish a publication, its Occasional Papers, to solicit and publish papers of permanent value related to the C & O Canal and its park. This will not supplant the Association's Along the Towpath which will continue to be the Association's official publication.

9. Plans are underway to prepare an exhibit and a self guiding tour at the old Potomac Company facilities at Little Falls for use late this summer in celebration of the 200 th year of the Constitution.

RESOLVE: The Association cooperate with the Virginia Canals and Navigations Society in establishing a self guided tour and exhibit at the Potomac Company works at Little Falls, Maryland in the summer of 1987.

10. Threats to the environment of the canal park in the form of siting of trash incinerators, interstate road construction are accelerating and the Association needs to recognize and take positions on these developments. At present the Association has a temporary committee to handle this and its activities are directed primarily towards dams.

RESOLVE: The Association will establish a permanent Environmental Committee to report to the President and Directors with recommendations on all threats to the security of the canal park from proposed construction or other activities.

11. In 1938 the National Park Service obtained title to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and began developing it as a park. In recognition of the 50 th anniversary of this there should be a program to bring this to the public's attention.

RESOLVE: The Association in cooperation with the National Park Service should establish exhibits at visitor centers at Georgetown, Great Falls, Seneca, and possibly Fletchers Boat House; conduct guided historical tours along the canal below Seneca; establish a lecture series on the history of the canal below Seneca; prepare a historical booklet on the history of the canal below Seneca and cooperate in other appropriate activities in the year 1988.

CANAL LOSES ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND

Aubrey Graves died October 27, 1986. Aubrey was a strong supporter of the C & O Canal National Historic Park. For many years he was the outdoor editor of the Washington Post and it was in this capacity that he hiked the canal in 1954 with the original Justice Douglas group. Memory brings back the sights of Aubrey riding a horse, sleeping on a haystack and phoning in his story each evening as the hike progressed. After the hike Aubrey devoted many of his outdoor columns to supporting park status for the canal and fighting the Corps of Engineers' plan to drown the canal behind a series of high dams. His column was vital in molding public support to save the canal.

Aubrey was 86 years old at the time of his death. Born in Texas, educated at the University of California, Berkeley, he worked for the Scripps-Howard newspapers in the late 1920's after which he held various editorial positions with the New York World-Telegram, the Fort Worth Press, the Rocky Mountain News and the Washington Daily News. During World War II he was a reporter in the Pacific. In 1945 he switched to the Washington Post and stayed with that paper until his retirement in 1971.

With Aubrey gone, and George Kennedy of the Washington Star passing away 20 years ago, the canal has lost two of its strongest supporters in the newspaper world. Farewell Aubrey from those of us who had the pleasure of working with you, and thanks from all of us who now enjoy the park you helped make possible.

William E. Davies

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FATE OF PAW PAW CABIN SEALED

"As for the proposal to restore the cabin at Paw Paw, the logs and siding were dry rotted and what remained of the shell crumbled and was rendered useless. Accordingly, all debris has been removed from the site."

Thus was the demise of the Paw Paw Cabin reported to Association President Hal Larsen by Canal Superintendent Dick Stanton in a March 16 letter. Stanton's earlier letter of February 26 to Larsen read as follows:

"As you will remember, after the November 1985 flood, we were enthusiastic about setting the Paw Paw cabin back on its foundation in an attempt to recapture the status quo. We have reached the point where our enthusiasm is seriously outweighed by our lack of funding. At first we thought the solution would be a fairly straightforward job of pulling the cabin back and pinning it down, but time has taken its toll and current inspection reveals the obvious, the cabin is in such disrepair and decay that a complete replacement cabin would probably have to be constructed on new foundations. It is estimated that the whole proposition would run perhaps as much as \$38,000 which is unthinkable when we have culverts that are still full of debris throughout the towpath in various locations which need emergency treatment. I am sure you agree.

"The Paw Paw cabin wreck is but one of many bitter blows we received as a result of the November 1985 flood. We will have to take this event philosophically as part of the canal's continuing living history.

"In view of the above, I am instructing the field staff to dispose of the cabin as soon as possible in view of the fire hazard and the sanitary problems that seem to be developing."

As a participant in the Paw Paw Cabin project, this reporter saw from first-hand experience the value of having a presence at the Paw Paw site. Not only did our group provide information and interpretation, but also were there when a sudden and violent thunder storm brought a party of thoroughly soaked and chilled hikers running to the cabin for shelter. One of the hikers, a boy of about 12, exhibited symptoms of hypothermia; we were able to provide emergency aid to forestall a potentially dangerous situation. The hope has been expressed by many Association members that some solution to the Paw Paw problem can be reached so that the Association can continue its partnership with the National Park Service in this worthwhile endeavor.

-- Nancy Long

STREAM SAMPLING KIT AVAILABLE

Have you ever wondered if your favorite stream may be polluted? Perhaps you'd like to know what the trout or bass are feeding on. Or maybe you're looking for an idea for a school project. Well, Save Our Streams (SOS) may have just what you're after: the "Aquatic Life & Stream Quality Sampling Kit."

With this kit you get everything you need to study the insect life of any non-tidal stream or river in North America. The kit contains complete sampling instructions, identification guide, sampling data record cards, one sampling sieve, and a pair of forceps.

The kit can be used for a variety of purposes. You can assess the health of any non-tidal waterway, any time of the year. Hundreds of Save Our Streams volunteers have used the kit to pinpoint thousands of pollution sources. The kit also makes for a great school project. In addition fishermen can use the kit to find out what insects inhabit a favorite fishing hole. Everyone will find the kit easy to use regardless of age or background.

To obtain your "Aquatic Life & Stream Quality Sampling Kit" send a check of \$8, made payable to Save Our Streams, 263 Scotts Manor Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Please allow six weeks for delivery. For further information on the kit or Save Our Streams, call (301)269-3784.

(From a press release issued by Save Our Streams)

NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 28, 1987 MEETING OF THE C & O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK COMMISSION

Preceding the Commission's business meeting at the Brunswick, Maryland, City Hall, Commission members and guests toured the Brunswick Museum where they viewed historical artifacts and exhibits relating to the history of Brunswick and the C & O Canal. Their tour guide was Jo Brill, Museum Director. Prior to luncheon at the Museum, they visited the Lock 30 area where plans for the revitalization of the Canal in Brunswick were discussed. Some discussion and action items from the meeting follow:

- Brunswick Mayor Richard Campbell and Councilmember Susan Fauntleroy were present for a slide presentation prepared by the C & O Canal Subcommittee of the Brunswick Revitalization Committee. Views of the Canal in the Brunswick area were accompanied by narration describing Brunswick's plans for their area of the Canal. (See report on the committee's proposal elsewhere in this issue.) Brunswick wishes to further economic growth through development of the Canal. The town recently passed an ordinance to extend its law enforcement activities along the Canal; the Brunswick police now have concurrent jurisdiction with the National Park Service for law enforcement problems in the Canal area. Superintendent Stanton noted that Brunswick has "vast potential for upgrading its campground," and said that the NPS will assist the town in this effort. Stanton recommended a hard surface for one-half mile of towpath that accommodates vehicular traffic. It was announced that a public hearing will be held shortly on the committee's proposal. The Commission will examine the NPS development concept plan for Brunswick, completed in 1983, with the Brunswick proposal.
- Proposed bike trail through Gold Mine Tract -- The Commission heard a proposal from the Montgomery County Parks Department to construct a bike trail through the Gold Mine Tract to allow access from the Rockwood Special Park on MacArthur Boulevard to the C & O Canal. The Commission voted unanimously that the project be considered unfavorable. (Ed. note: Dick Stanton informed the Parks Department by letter of March 3 that the proposal has been declined.)
- Georgetown area -- Title to Potomac Riverfront property has not been transferred from the D. C. government to the NPS. Commission Chairman Carrie Johnson has written to D. C. Mayor Marion Barry concerning transfer of title, but has not received a reply. It was reported that the Beach Boys had expressed interest in holding a concert on the Georgetown waterfront; it was noted that the site is not ready for a large event. The mulebridge had been determined unsafe for mules; the Federal Highway Department will fund repairs to be completed by April. A section of stone retaining wall at the Conrans development has collapsed, and the Canal has been drained to allow for repairs. There is no progress to report on the acquisition of the Chessie right-of-way. The Hadid Tract at 3333 K Street occupies a section of a Canal turning basin that was filled in during the 1930s or 1940s, an action that had been forgotten. The builder of a project there will provide a 15 foot easement, and construct his building with a wood and stone facade fronting on the Canal. A motion was made and carried to approve the plans for 3333 K Street as presented.
- Pennyfield Historic Leasing -- The developer hopes to have the Heurich house at Pennyfield restored and available for a tenant by summer 1987. Land area in the proposal has been reduced to four acres. The developer will have the property appraised as is (as required by the Historic Leasing amendment). An ad hoc committee of the Commission is reviewing the financial aspects of the proposal to ensure that the public interest is served fairly. A motion was made and passed that the Commission approve the current proposal, subject to the ad hoc committee's report; if the committee does not approve, the issue will be brought back to the full Commission. The committee was given two weeks to report back on its findings. Montgomery County Commission Member Barbara Yeaman proposed that the Historic Leasing procedures be modified to allow early public notice of future leasing proposals. A resolution was passed that NPS regulations require posting notice on properties designated for leasing, announcing that they are available under the Historic Leasing Program and providing a telephone number to call for information.
- River safety -- The State of Maryland has provided extra personnel (one person) in Montgomery County for river patrol at Great Falls.
- Deck at Canal Square -- The Commission heard a proposal from a representative of the Canal Square complex to refurbish and extend the existing deck that fronts on the towpath and that provides an exit from the Canal Square restaurant facility. A landscape plan was also included.

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The deck extension would be to allow for a better traffic pattern for restaurant patrons using the deck. NPS owns the land up to the building's foundation. Dick Stanton noted that no attempt was ever made to do landscaping or to clear the area, as had been promised by earlier restaurant managers; he felt that NPS was not obligated to continue the agreement with Canal Square that permits existence of the deck. The agreement has been in effect since 1967 when Canal Square was completed. Stanton noted further that there are now new permit requirements, and that the rental fee may be as high as \$35,000 per annum. A motion was passed that the Canal Square permit for the deck not be renewed, the deck to be removed at the expiration of the present lease, and control of the property revert to NPS.

- New Commission Member -- It was announced that Howard Buchanan had been appointed to replace Ted Troxell as Commission member from Allegany County.

- Next meeting -- The next Commission meeting will be held on June 20, with the location to be announced. It was noted that the June meeting will be the last for the presently constituted Commission. Nominations for Commission membership should be received by the Department of the Interior well before July 1987. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)



BRUNSWICK WATERFRONT PROJECT: C & O CANAL PROPOSAL

Brunswick, MD, turning attention to its historic railroad, river, and canal heritage, has created the Brunswick Revitalization Committee to study the improvement of economic growth and the aesthetic and recreational development of the area.

A C&O Canal Subcommittee envisions a three-year assault on the river front to result in its beautification and adaptation to provide more agreeable recreation opportunities as well as economic benefits to the town.

To achieve their goal, the Subcommittee has drawn up a plan that divides the Brunswick waterfront area into three sections: Target Area I - a central area immediately below the railroad station which appears to be approximately a half-mile in width; Target Area II - an area approximately a half-mile in length at each end of Target Area I; and Target Area III which extends beyond Target Area II 4 miles to Lander on the east and nearly 2 miles to Weverton on the west.

The proposal sets forth the responsibilities of the Town of Brunswick and the Park Service and their shared responsibilities for each of three years. Briefly, these include improvement of the appearance of the park; defining

and signing for vehicular traffic areas; removal of some trees and underbrush to create better views of the river, from Brunswick in some instances, and to clear the Canal prism in other instances; provisions for clarification of police authority within the park area; installation of visitor conveniences such as picnic tables and grills in Target Area I; planning of activities on the Canal and publication of more extensive information about the Canal and the role Brunswick played in its history. The third and final year goals include an evaluation of the previous years' efforts; the extension of Maple Avenue in Target Area I with a footbridge across the Canal and a footpath to the river; construction of a handicapped trail for the blind and physically disabled; and use of the old railroad station as a visitor center through use of paid and volunteer staff.

The plan is seen to comply with the NPS "Development Concept Plan for Brunswick" (February 1983) and attempts to readdress many of the goals for the Canal area that have been proposed over many years.

--Ellen Holway

MASS BURN INCINERATOR PROPOSED FOR DICKERSON

At the Association's annual meeting, the membership voted to recommend that the following resolution be considered for passage by the Board of Directors:

"The proposal by Montgomery County, Maryland, to build a trash incinerator at a site adjacent to the C & O Canal National Historical Park near Dickerson, Maryland, will be detrimental to the park and set a precedent for other intrusions on the environment of the park. RESOLVE: The Association opposes the siting of the Montgomery County, Maryland, trash incinerator in the vicinity of the canal park and recommends that it be placed in an incinerator park within eastern Montgomery County so that trash is disposed of in the vicinity of those who generate it."

The February 4 issue of The Upcounty Advocate, an occasional newsletter of the Sugarloaf Citizens Association, contains the following summary of the adverse aspects of this proposed facility:

Research from local and national experts support the following summary statements on the 2,000 ton per day municipal waste mass burn incinerator proposed in Montgomery County, Maryland on the border of Frederick County, Maryland and Loudon County, Virginia. This information was presented to County Executive Sidney Kramer. Mr. Kramer has not responded as of this writing.

AIR QUALITY

- Toxins in the air emissions, even with state-of-the-art control devices in place, will significantly exceed accepted standards of risk.
- The cumulative and synergistic effects of toxins in the air emissions between the mass burn incinerator and PEPCO have been underestimated. In fact, the technology does not exist to adequately assess these effects.

FOOD CHAIN

- Dioxins and furans from incinerator emission fallout concentrate at alarming levels in the food chain. Cows grazing contaminated grass ingest these chemicals and concentrate them in the milk. The higher the fat content of the dairy product, the higher the dose.

MANUFACTURED ASH (50% OF WASTE STREAM)

- The presence of heavy metals and other toxics trapped by emission control devices cause the fly and grate ash to be classifiable as a hazardous waste. Because of the restrictions applied to the handling of hazardous waste, the cost of disposal is prohibitive (about \$300 per ton - 1,000 tons per day). Moreover, existing hazardous waste disposal facilities in the U.S. do not have adequate capacity. Costs for transporting, disposing, and insuring the process of ash removal can cripple the County's budget. Responsible handling of the toxic ash creates insurmountable problems; therefore, it should not be manufactured.

ENVIRONMENT SUMMARY

- If the County chooses mass burn technology in spite of its environmental impacts, the County is unnecessarily putting several population groups at significant risk. Victims will include those who breathe the emissions, those who handle the ash to come in contact with it during transport, those whose water becomes contaminated from ash dump leachates, and those who eat the food products contaminated from air emissions. To the victim, this means greater chance of developing one or more illnesses from a range of health conditions including cancer, mental retardation, birth defects, and sterility.

ECONOMICS

- The total capital expenditure for building the incinerator will be approximately \$455 million. If the County contracts with the North East Maryland Waste Disposal Authority to build the incinerator it does not directly incur those capital costs, but must guarantee a minimum tonnage waste stream for twenty years. This locks us into this technology for this time period regardless of the merits of subsequent disposal technologies that may emerge. Mass burn perpetuates the waste stream and destroys the incentive to recycle.
- The **OPERATING COST** of the incinerator will be approximately **\$72.5 MILLION PER YEAR**. About \$14 million of this will be incurred by the trash transport system from Shady Grove to Dickerson. If trains are used (instead of trucks the cost will be more. In comparison, with a 40% waste stream reduction through **RECYCLING**, the **NET** cost to the County for pick up, separation, building and maintaining a central recycling facility and marketing recyclables, would be \$0.

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TRASH DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES

• Non-incineration technologies exist which include source separation, centralized separation, recycling and composting **WHICH ACHIEVE COMPARABLE LANDFILL REDUCTIONS TO MASS BURN** (50%-60%) at about one third investment costs, and practically no environmental impact. These systems are implemented in comparable situations. These systems are labor intensive as a time when unemployment is a problem, particularly in Western Maryland.

SUMMARY

Montgomery County cannot justify making a twenty year commitment to a machine which carries a \$72.5 million per year operating expense, which burns recoverable resources and makes hazardous waste, simply because the County's officials do not have the political fortitude to initiate and enforce a comprehensive mandatory recycling program that would achieve the same waste stream reduction in a safer, more economical manner.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sugarloaf Citizens Association has received the support of at least 25 well known national environmental organizations including: The Environmental Defense Fund, Audubon Naturalist Society, The Sierra Club, Greenpeace, and the Izaak Walton League.

We also have the support of over 20 local groups including the towns of Poolesville and Barnesville, and the Northern Montgomery County Alliance.

TAKE ACTION

1. **JOIN Sugarloaf Citizens Association**, Box 381, Barnesville, MD 20838. Donate money and/or time. We have work for all!
2. **DONATE MONEY!!** We will incur mammoth expenses in consultant and legal fees. Call Anne Sturm for questions about this 428-8588.
3. **WRITE Montgomery County Council** (Bruce Adams, Rose Crenca, Mike Subin, Bill Hanna, Neal Potter, Michael Gudis, Ike Leggett), 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. Use this newsletter as a basis for your concerns. The Council will be holding public hearings on this proposal sometime in February and they must hear from many many citizens!!!

THE FUTURE

If we fail to change the County's commitment to mass burn, we will fight the permits on the state level, and take the issue to court. We will strongly encourage the County to adopt a strenuous source separation, recycling program in the interim in order to conserve landfill space. . . **BUT WE WON'T FAIL!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Lynn Lipp 972-8134, Patsy Smallwood 831-8203, Kerrie Kyde 349-2003, Karen Kalla 929-1174, Tom Proctor 972-8115.



ANNOUNCING A CONTEST . . .

The C&O Canal has produced numerous stories demonstrating that truth is stranger than fiction. Now it's time to bring out fiction that is equally strange. A prevaricators' or liars' contest is announced with an annual prize of \$10 for the best exaggeration of the year. Submit "liar's papers" to the Editor of Along the Towpath for consideration for publication and the prize. The first prize will be awarded as of December 1988. The first slight exaggeration published in this issue is contributed as an example and is not to be considered for an award. SEND US YOUR LIES!

FASTEST BOAT ON THE C & O CANAL

184 Miles in 4 Hours And 58 Minutes

The flood of November 1877 and the extremely severe winter that followed it were so strange that few "official" records were kept. Years ago, however, I had the good fortune to meet Knott Truthworthy, Junior while ambling along the towpath near Lock 65. We struck up a conversation and Knott told me of the adventures of his father, Knott Truthworthy, esquire, during that winter. The father was captain of the C & O's ice breaker at Cumberland. The breaker was brand new and away ahead of its time in that it was designed to override and crush the ice in the canal instead of smashing the ice by driving into it. The flood of 1877 was a severe one on the canal and much damage was done, including washing away of all the lock gates. Fate was not kind to the canal after all the destruction for at the height of the flood the weather turned unbelievably cold. The intense cold and the quick drop in temperature dropped the mercury so fast that it crashed through the bottom of all the thermometers, making it impossible to determine the minimum temperature. The rapid drop in temperature, coming at full flood stage, quickly froze the river and canal solidly. In the canal some water drained from beneath the heavy mantle depressing the surface of the solid ice a few feet along the centerline of the prism all the way from Cumberland to Georgetown.

As soon as the freeze took place the superintendent of the Cumberland Division ordered the elder Truthworthy to put the icebreaker into action. Because of the poor communications (the B & O RR was shut down by the instant freeze which trapped all the trains in the yards and along the line in huge sheets of ice; the telegraph lines contracted so much they all snapped) the superintendent was ignorant of the destruction of the lock gates. Truthworthy got the icebreaker off the ways, loaded it with 80 tons of coal as ballast and hitched 32 horses to the boat. With much hullabaloo, Knott Truthworthy whipped the team into a trot expecting the breaker to quickly crash through the ice and commence opening the canal. By the time he reached the stop gate at South Cumberland he realized that this was not to be the case. Instead of piloting an icebreaker he was captain of a monstrous bobsled. Approaching Lock 75 at North Branch he ordered his assistants to cut the galloping horses loose as he feared the breaker would pile up in the lock. Much to his surprise the boat followed the depressed area in the center of the ice and passed through the succession of locks below North Gap without even scraping the sides of the locks. The boat gained speed at each lock and the skipper estimated his speed at

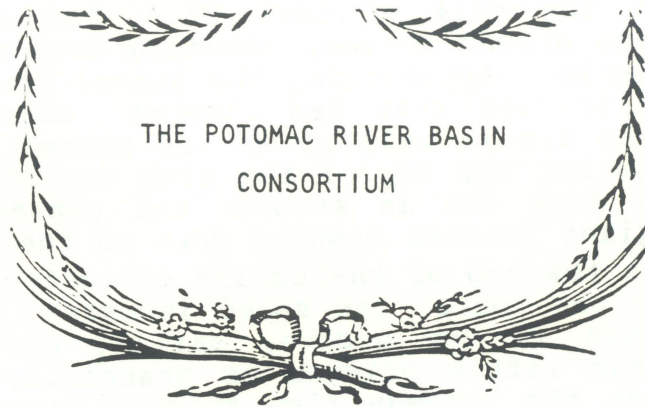
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over 60 mph at the tail of Lock 72. And so the passage continued, rocking around curves, shooting down straightways at breath-taking speeds. Approaching the tunnel Truthworthy saw a curtain of huge icicles that had blocked some of the flood waters causing the ice to well up in the tunnel. Fearing that the breaker would hit the top of the arch the skipper and crew lay flat on the deck but in seconds the passage through was completed; the giant icicles crashed down on the deck and eased the scraping when the top of the cabins contacted the bricks in the arch. Below the tunnel the speed increased alarmingly but the breaker stayed in the groove, sailing around the loops between Pawpaw and Little Orleans as gracefully as one could ask. So it was as the runaway flew through Hancock, down past Four Locks and onto the sheet of ice above Dam no. 5. Here Truthworthy became desperate for to fly across the comb of the dam would bring certain destruction. He flung a line across a tree on the shore and it caught. For a fraction of a second it held but the tree pulled out and hurtled towards the breaker. The skipper's luck held and the boat swerved and headed into the channel leading into Guard Lock 5. The breaker continued its dizzy pace down to Big Slackwater behind Dam no. 4 where it was hurled from one side of the river to the other. By crafty use of the rudder and throwing out anchors the skipper succeeded in heading the boat into Guard Lock 4. The trip along the canal to Harpers Ferry was fast but relatively calm until Lock 33 was passed. Below the lock the ice came within 8 feet of the Harpers Ferry Bridge of the B & O RR. There was a terrible crash as the breaker passed beneath the bridge and from that point on the breaker was minus the horse stalls and living quarters that formerly decorated the top of the boat. In their place was a part of the railroad bridge which was carried to Point of Rocks where it was swept off in hitting the old bridge there. Below Great Falls the drop through 5 locks put the speed back up to the point where they swept through Widewater without noticing it. The next drop through 10 more locks brought the breaker to the Georgetown level with a speed of over 50 mph. Things slowed down a bit as they approached Lock 4 in Georgetown but Truthworthy now was beyond help and put up no struggle, expecting the boat and crew to be dashed to pieces at the end of the canal in Rock Creek. However, in passing Lock 4 the breaker was squeezed tightly because the extreme amount of frost in the ground had forced the lock wall inwards. At Lock 3 the speed was similarly reduced and on entering Lock 2 the boat was going 20 mph. By the time Lock 1 was passed the speed was only a few miles per hour and the breaker came to rest at the head of the basin. The skipper and crew stood up and gave thanks but that was interrupted by a splintering crash as the boat finally performed its duty and crushed the ice. Unfortunately the 184 miles of rough bobsledding had so worn the timbers in the hull that the boat sank in a matter of seconds. Thus ended the fastest canal trip ever made.

Knott Truthworthy, Junior vouches for his father's story, I vouch for the younger Truthworthy but who will vouch for me ?

William E. Davies



The C&O Canal Association has become one of the member institutions of the Potomac River Basin Consortium, a non-profit educational organization established to provide a forum for discussion of issues of academic interest in the Potomac River Basin. Its membership includes 18 colleges and universities and eight other organizations with a common interest in the Potomac, its past and its future. The Consortium sponsors several meetings each year and has an active program of publications and regional studies.



The Spring Meeting of the Consortium will be held at Stratford Hall, the historic home of the Lee family in Virginia. The opening session of the April 10 and 11 meeting will be a dinner in the Stratford Dining Room in the mansion, followed by a presentation of Prof. J. Frederick Fausz of St. Mary's College on the 17th century history of the Potomac Valley.



The Saturday meeting will take place in the Jessie Ball Dupont Memorial Library at Stratford Hall when a panel of archaeologists will discuss early European settlement patterns in the lower Potomac Valley and Anglo-Indian relations.

An opportunity to tour the Great House at Stratford will be available after lunch and before the afternoon session titled "Facing the Present and Future in the Lower Potomac Region"--a discussion of rural counties facing urban sprawl.



The Fall 1986 meeting of the Consortium focused on the upper Potomac. It was held at Harrisonburg, Virginia. The C&O Canal Association's representative to the Consortium, Bill Davies, was a presenter at this meeting in a discussion of the signs of the impending flood and the unheeded warnings.



Further information about the program of the Consortium, of which Gilbert Gude, former Congressman from the 8th District of Maryland, is Executive Director, should be addressed to P O Box 2404, Kensington, MD 20895.

This information about the Consortium is excerpted from their Spring 1987 publication Potomac Currents, No. 5.



REQUIEM FOR A MULE FRIEND

Duchess was a mule of uncertain age and pedigree who found her way to a home on the C&O Canal. She was a hard and willing worker who put the touch of authenticity on the Canal Clipper boat program. She suffered the attentions of hundreds of small children learning about their first mule with the patience and grace of a lady. Duchess passed away in January of 1987 at her retirement home in Virginia where she will be missed as much by her adoptive family as she will be by us.

--Edie Roudebush
C&O Canal Animal Caretaker
February 24, 1987

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SEEKS NOMINEES FOR C & O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK COMMISSION

The Department of the Interior is accepting nominations for seats on the C & O Canal National Historical Park Commission, it was announced at the February 28 meeting of the present Commission.

Public Law 91-664 established the C & O Canal as a National Historical Park on January 8, 1971. This law also created the Commission to advise the Secretary of the Interior or his designee on "general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the park." The language in the law concerning the composition of the Commission and appointment requirements is as follows:

The Commission shall be composed of nineteen members appointed by the Secretary as follows: (1) Eight members to be appointed from recommendations submitted by the boards of commissioners or the county councils of Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, and Allegany Counties, Maryland, of which two members shall be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such board or council; (2) Eight members to be appointed from recommendations submitted by the Governors of the State of Maryland, the Governor of the State of West Virginia, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Commissioner (sic) of the District of the District of Columbia, of which two members shall be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such Governor or Commissioner (sic); (3) Three members to be appointed by the Secretary, one of whom shall be designated Chairman of the Commission, and two of whom shall be members of regularly constituted conservation organizations.

Further information may be obtained by contacting C & O Canal Superintendent Dick Stanton. The last meeting of the presently constituted Commission will be held on June 20. Stanton said that nominations should be received well before July 1987.



Cumberland, Maryland...

*Celebrating
Our 200th Birthday
All Year*

Come To The Parties!

Jan. 20 — "BICENTENNIAL INAUGURAL KICK-OFF CEREMONY." Ecumenical service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5:30 p.m. Followed by a ceremony at City Hall, 6:30 p.m. Brief ceremony, music, birthday cake. Contact: April S. Howser, City Hall, 722-2000, ext. 11. FREE

Jan. 23 — "BICENTENNIAL INAUGURAL PHOTO EXHIBIT." "Cumberland, The Birth and Growth of a Victorian City." Photo exhibit featuring 120 photos from Herman & Stacia Miller Collection. Sponsored by Cumberland Bicentennial Committee and funded by Maryland Humanities Council, the exhibit will feature a reception and short lecture. Allegany Community College, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Contact: Michael J. Pearce, 722-2422. FREE

May 16/17 — "VICTORIAN DAYS ON WASHINGTON STREET." Step back in time to an 1890 celebration on Historic Washington Street. The street will be alive with sights and sounds to help you remember the 1890 era. Many buildings will be open for touring, including many private homes. Homes will be by admission ticket only. Other activities including entertainment for young and old. FREE. Sponsored by Washington Street Homeowners and GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club. Contact: Mary Lazarus 301/724-6500.

May 23 — "VICTORIAN SOCIAL EVENING." An evening of delectable foods and entertainment at the W. Md. Station Center. Sponsored by the Cumberland Bicentennial Committee. More information later. Contact: Dr. Nicholas Giarritta, 301/777-8462. Admission ticket.

June 13/14 — "CUMBERLAND HERITAGE DAYS." Festival designed to bring nostalgia to the oldsters and fun and enlightenment to the youngsters. Re-enactment Civil War battle and encampment, trolley rides, tours, crafts, foods and entertainment. Located on the Downtown Cumberland Mall and Washington Street. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Contact: Barbara Goodfellow, City Hall, 301/722-2000. FREE

June 14 — "ELKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY & FLAG DAY CELEBRATION." Sponsored by Cumberland Elks. Special Bicentennial Celebration, Elks Birthday and Flag Day Ceremony featuring White House personality. Contact: Bob Englebach, P.O. Box 1377, Cumberland. FREE

July 4 — "JULY 4TH GALA." Festivities in Constitution Park feature unveiling of Mayor's Monument and Plaza, patriotic music, band concert and fireworks. Sponsored by Bicentennial Committee. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact: C. Eugene Mason, City Hall, 301/722-2000, ext. 32. FREE

July 5 — SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL EDITION OF CUMBERLAND TIMES

July 9-11; 16-18; 23-25; 30-8/1 — "GATEWAY TO THE PROMISED LAND." A musical/dramatic pageant, which through song and dance presents the colorful history of Cumberland and its people. The show highlights the city's great and terrible moments...the children of Adam & Eve given a second chance in the Wilderness of the New World...struggle to open up and then reap the benefits of the Promised Land. Admission by ticket. Constitution Park Amphitheatre. 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Contact: Dr. Betty Atkinson Favre, 301/689-4228 or 689-8097.

Aug. 8 — "OLD SPORTS WEEKEND." An oldtimers' exhibition game featuring many of the veteran baseball and softball players of years gone by. Two games - one softball and one baseball. Selection of All-Time Teams. Sponsored by youth and adult baseball and softball leagues. Admission by ticket. Contact: C. Eugene Mason, City Hall, 301/722-2000, ext. 32.

Sept. 3/4/5 — "OLD-FASHIONED DAYS." Three days filled with jitney races, fire hydrant painting, music, railroad exhibits and a "Good Old Days" Festival on Saturday. Located at Smith Park Bandstand. 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by South End Activities Committee for the Bicentennial Celebration. Contact: Dave Snyder, 301/722-4582. FREE

Oct. 1-4 — "CUMBERLAND BICENTENNIAL MILITARY ENCAMPMENT AND RIFLE FROLIC." Relive Cumberland's past with military encampment of French and Indian War, Revolutionary War and Civil War re-enactors. Also, encampment of Voyageurs, Coureurs-de-bois, Buckskinners, Freetrappers and Sutlers. Displays of Indian artifacts, colonial crafts and lifestyles, military camp life, etc. Event will be held at Constitution Park and ACC Campus. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Contact: Thomas R. Starkey, 301/722-3960. FREE

Oct. 11 — "COLUMBUS DAY FESTIVAL." Italian food and music festival. Held at the Smith Park Bandstand. Sponsored by South End Activities Committee for the Bicentennial Celebration. Contact: Dave Snyder, 301/722-4582. FREE

Oct. 17 — "OCTOBERFEST." Sponsored by North End Activities Committee for the Bicentennial Celebration. German festivities including authentic German foods, beverages, music and fun. Tentatively scheduled for the Jaycee Field in North Cumberland. Noon to 7 p.m. Contact: Howard Buchanan, 301/777-0650. FREE

Nov. 4 — SPECIAL HOMECOMING PARADE. Theme will center around periods of Cumberland's history. Sponsored by Allegany County Homecoming Committee. Parade has been scheduled in Cumberland this year for the Bicentennial. Contact: William AuMiller, 301/759-2016. FREE

Nov. 11 — SPECIAL VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE... more to follow.

Dec. '87 — SIGN-OFF/LAUNCHING OF TIME CAPSULE... more to follow.

WATCH FOR DATES OF THE FOLLOWING: History House Opening of Carriage House...Historical Society's 50th Birthday-Party...Dapper Dan Special Bicentennial Parade...Cumberland Parks & Recreation Activities such as Family Night in the Park, Playground & Day Camp Programs, Rec, Hot Stove & Little League Games. Each will have a Bicentennial theme.

For general Bicentennial information, call Phyllis Snyder, City Hall... 301/722-2000.

Dates were confirmed at press time, but circumstances may cause events to be changed. We suggest you check media or confirm with contacts listed.

C & O CANAL ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

January 1 through December 31, 1986

	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Special Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
INCOME:			
Dues	4,312.00		
Donations	255.00		
Interest (less chgs)			
Checking Account	150.76		
Savings Account	162.01		
Annual Meeting		488.50	
Spring Hike		1,028.00	
Fall Hike		523.00	
Printing Refund	91.96		
Patches Sold		157.50	
Miscellaneous receipt	19.10		
Total Income	<u>4,990.83</u>	<u>2,197.00</u>	<u>7,187.83</u>
EXPENSE:			
Newsletter	2,535.69		
Routine administration	967.84		
Stationery	168.00		
Brochures	427.04		
Name Tags	517.04		
Contributions & dues	440.00		
Incorporation legal fees	729.26		
Annual Meeting		523.25	
Spring Hike		1,073.44	
Fall Hike		483.00	
Total Expense	<u>5,784.87</u>	<u>2,079.69</u>	<u>7,864.56</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS):	<u>(794.04)</u>	<u>117.31</u>	<u>(676.73)</u>

ACCUMULATED OPERATING RESULTS:

	<u>1-1-86</u>				<u>12-31-86</u>
Checking Account	4,913.83	(956.05)	117.31	(838.74)	4,075.09
Savings Account	<u>3,187.88</u>	<u>162.01</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>162.01</u>	<u>3,349.89</u>
Total	<u>8,101.71</u>	<u>(794.04)</u>	<u>117.31</u>	<u>(676.73)</u>	<u>7,424.98</u>

We have examined the financial records of the Association, including the bank statements, checks drawn, and the statement of income and expense, as summarized above, for 1986. This review included such tests of the accounting records as we considered necessary in the circumstances. In our opinion, these statements present fairly the position of the Association at December 31, 1986, and the results of its operations and changes in its net assets for the year then ended. We also believe that all disbursements reported for the year were made in accordance with the policies and direction of the Association's Board of Directors.

JOHN M. CHANDLER

DAVID M. JOHNSON

February 14, 1987

DIRECTORY

C&O CANAL NHP

TELEPHONE NUMBERS & PERSONNEL

Revised 3/17/87

C&O CANAL NHP HEADQUARTERS, Box 4, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 (301)739-4200

Administrative Officer - Linda Toms. x 204
Acting Chief of Maintenance--Dan Hostler. x 239 or (301)678-5548
Chief Ranger - Dave Murphy x 222
Historian - Jack Sanderson (301)739-4200
Curator - Lee Struble. x 231 (cottage), x 230(Archives)
Chief, Interpretation & Visitor Services - Gordon Gay. . . . x203 or x 223

Palisades District, 11710 MacArthur Blvd, Potomac, MD 20854--Great Falls Tavern
general information recording (301)299-3613
Specific information requests (301)299-3614

District Manager - Dave Murphy

Rangers: Tom Nash, Helen Lilly, Edie Roudebush, Donna Donaldson, Sally
Griffin, Chris Lea, Chris Kinneary, Rudy Carrasco, Nancy
Campanella

Administrative Technician - John J. Frye (301)299-2945

Georgetown Visitors Center, 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, Washington, DC
(Foundry Mall). (202)472-6685

The Palisades District begins at Milepost 0(Tidelock) and continues
to Milepost 31 just above Edwards Ferry.

PIEDMONT DISTRICT, Canal Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 (near Antietam Aqueduct)
Tel: (301)739-4200, x 237; (301)739-6179; or after hours (301)739-4204

District Ranger - Dwight Stinson

Rangers: Robert Roderick, Ed John, John C. Frye, James Seibert, Roland
Hamilton

The Piedmont District begins at Milepost 31 just above Edwards Ferry and
ends at Milepost 106 Approximately .8 mile below Dam 5.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT, 180 West Main Street, Hancock MD 21750 . . . (301)678-5463

District Ranger - Mike Mastrangelo

Rangers: Martin Gallery, Rick Erisman, Paul Apple, Ken Newbraugh, Roger
Ross, Rita Knox, John Bailey, William Orndorff

The Allegheny District begins at Milepost 106 (.8 mile below Dam 5) and
ends at the Canal Terminus, Cumberland, Milepost 184.5.

Abner Cloud House (202)472-2679
Georgetown Barge Operation. (202)472-4376
Fletcher's Boat House (202)244-0461
Canal Clipper, Great Falls Tavern. (301)299-2026
Western Maryland Station Center (301)722-8226

C & O Canal Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I am enclosing dues for membership in the C & O Canal Association for the calendar year 1987. My dues are for ☐ renewal membership ☐ new membership, and I wish to be enrolled in the membership category indicated below:

Membership categories: _____ Individual \$10 Membership includes a subscription
_____ Family \$15 to the quarterly, "Along the Towpath."
_____ Patron \$20 New members are entitled to a badge.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

My free C & O Canal Association badge should bear this name: _____

My second badge (if Family or Patron member): _____

Please send me _____ cloth patches at \$1.50 each. Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to the C & O Canal Association, and mail to the C & O Canal Association, P.O. Box 66, Glen Echo, Maryland 20812-0066.



RESERVATION FORM FOR 33d JUSTICE DOUGLAS REUNION HIKE
DINNER AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND
April 24-25, 1987

DINNER RESERVATION: Please reserve _____ dinners at \$11 per dinner. Total enclosed \$ _____

Name _____
(Please print)

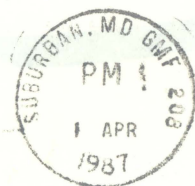
CAMPING RESERVATION: I plan to camp at Spring Gap on Friday night, April 24 _____

Saturday night, April 25 _____

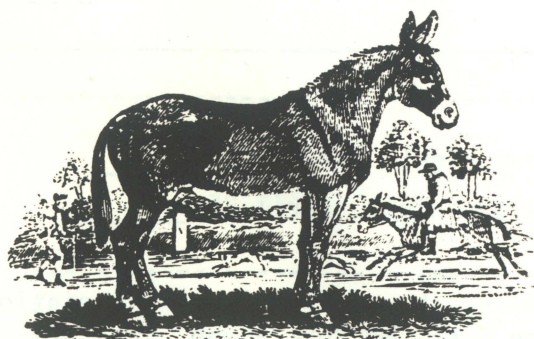
There will be _____ persons in my party.

Reservations are due NO LATER THAN APRIL 15. Make checks payable to C&O Canal Association and mail with this form to the Association at Box 366, Glen Echo, MD 20812-0366. Reservations will not be acknowledged; your name will be listed and checked at the door of the Holiday Inn, Cumberland, prior to dinner.

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