

C & O Canal Association

# ALONG THE TOWPATH

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historical environment of the C&O Canal and the Potomac River Basin

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## JACK FISH COMPLETES THIRTY-SIX YEAR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CAREER

Celebrating the culmination of 36 years with the National Park Service, Manus J. (Jack) Fish, Jr., was honored by family, friends, and associates at ceremonies held on September 30 at the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum. Over 300 people gathered in an outpouring of appreciation and affection for a man closing a career of distinguished and honorable service.

Following a film presentation of notable events in Jack's life, including the birth of his twelve children, eighteen speakers, representing some of the many organizations with which Jack has had contact, paid tribute to his many accomplishments, his ability to tactfully handle difficult situations, and his kindness and fairness to all his associates.

Jack has been regional director of the NPS National Capital Region since 1973. In 1985, he was named one of three top government employees when he received the Congressional Excalibur Award. As regional director, he had managerial and operational responsibilities for more than 3,000 employees, including the United States Park Police. He was responsible for over 50,000 acres of federal park lands, monuments, memorials, and parkways located in the Nation's Capital, nearby Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. The diversity of his park responsibilities is reflected in such park areas as the National Mall, Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the C & O Canal National Historical Park, the George Washington Memorial Parkway, and Antietam National Battlefield.

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## OCTOBER 22 SET FOR HERITAGE HIKE

Fall foliage is expected to be in full glory when the C & O Canal Association holds its annual Heritage Hike on Saturday, October 22, between Cohill Station and Little Orleans. The hike committee notes that this is an opportunity to start getting in condition for next spring's two-week Anniversary Hike (see pages 4 and 5).

The ten-mile Heritage Hike will begin at Cohill (Milepost 130.7) and end at Little Orleans (15-mile Creek Recreation Area). Hikers should park at Little Orleans, where buses will be provided at \$2.00 per person to transport participants to the starting point at Cohill. The hike will end within a few yards of the parking lot.

### Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. -- First bus departs from Little Orleans.
- 10:30 a.m. -- Second and last bus departs from Little Orleans.
- Lunch time at hikers' discretion at Dam 6; bring your own lunch.
- 4:30 p.m. -- Happy Hour at American Legion Hall in Hancock
- 5:30 p.m. -- Banquet at American Legion Hall in Hancock

The American Legion Hall in Hancock has been host to several Association post-hike festivities, and will again be the scene for the Happy Hour and banquet. The Hall is located at 240 E. Main Street in Hancock. The evening's entertainment will include Reston (Virginia) folk singer Bill Davis. Entertainment chair Harold Learned promises a lively show, with sing-along opportunities and a canal song or two. Non-hikers are welcome at the banquet. Reservations at \$8.00 per person are required for the banquet.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by  
Hal Larsen

Nothing is constant in life, as recent personnel changes in the National Capital Region remind us. In this case we are regretful, for involved are two people whose roles in respect to the C&O Canal National Historical Park have meant much to the C&O Canal Association. I refer to Jack Fish and Donna Donaldson.

Jack, the region's director, has just retired from NPS. We will remember him for his work to preserve our national resources and his particular interest in the canal. We have enjoyed those occasions when he has spent time with us. He always responded promptly to our requests. Despite his many responsibilities, he had time for us and for the other organizations concerned with resources in the National Capital Region.

Donna's departure from the Palisades District, where she managed the volunteers-in-the-parks program, hits us more closely because we worked with her on our Saturday projects. She has been picked to head Visitors Services for the National Capital Region, surely a deserved promotion for this talented and dedicated woman, but a loss for us. So often we have benefited from her support and leadership, especially on rainy days when she somehow magically brought out the sunshine. We should expect a competent and productive officer to move up, and we should not begrudge Donna this fine opportunity. Indeed, we wish her well and congratulate her. Still, things will not seem the same out on the towpath without Donna cheerfully keeping us moving.

Two remarkable people move on, one into private business after 36 years with NPS, the other to a senior position in the region. Others will come and go. They always seem to have certain qualities in common: dedication to parks and preservation, discipline, optimism and good cheer. I don't think I ever met a ranger who didn't smile, who wasn't courteous and friendly. NPS can take pride in its people, its history, the gallant struggle to keep things going despite budget and personnel cuts, the proud display of the uniform these men and women wear.

We often debate what should be done about the park. All the while the work goes on, every day, rangers and maintenance personnel

capably doing their jobs to maintain the park. We should remember this every time we use it.

We should also remember the constant threat to the park from forces on the periphery: those who would build roads on the towpath, proliferate boat ramps, permit development along the canal and otherwise encroach. Superintendent Richard Stanton has his hands full tracking such menaces and doing what he can to ward them off. We in the association can help him enormously by staying alert to encroachments and using our influence to prevent threats to the park.

And so we say farewell to Jack Fish and Donna Donaldson--but not really, because we know we'll see them on the towpath again. The canal gets in people's blood, and they cannot stay away. Jack and Donna will not be able to resist it, and I am sure they will be with us as we hike the towpath.

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Advance reservation notices were mailed on September 13 to all Association members; members who did not use that reservation form may use the form on the last page of this issue. Reservations are due by October 14.

Walking downstream, hikers will see the Fifteen Mile Creek Aqueduct at Little Orleans; Locks 57, 56, 55, and 54; Sideling Hill Creek Aqueduct; and Potomac River Dam 6. Abandoned tracks of the Western Maryland Railroad traverse the Canal's berm side for nearly the whole hike distance; trains should be visible -- and audible -- as they move along the B & O tracks on the West Virginia shoreline.

The hike committee reports that the upper campground at Fifteen Mile Creek Recreation Area will be open and available for camping on Friday and Saturday nights for those hike participants who wish to use it.

Directions for driving to Little Orleans: Take Maryland Route 70 to Route 40 at Hancock; turn off at the Little Orleans exit, Route 26 (third exit), and follow signs to Little Orleans.

Heritage Hike Committee members are: Rita Hirrlinger, Chair; Elizabeth Finlayson, Sandra Hemingway, Harold Learned, and Shoshanna Mintz.

--Sandra Hemingway

THE ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Bob & Loreto Albiol, Poolesville, MD  
Terrence William Ackert, Orlando, FL  
Allen & Mimi Barringer, McLean, VA  
Jo Ann Barsda, Baltimore, MD  
Mr/Mrs Richard M Bender, Bethesda, MD  
Barbara A Brey, Laurel, MD  
Sally Bunn, Arlington, VA  
Christopher M Carpenter, Alexandria, VA  
Cheryl M Corsaro, Rockville, MD  
Robert L Coyle, Washington, DC  
G L Crockett, Baltimore, MD  
A Vernon Davis, Hagerstown, MD  
Robert P Dickie, Bethesda, MD  
Mary E Ferris, Rockville, MD  
Harry & Kathy Ford, Woodsboro, MD  
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Lester Jackson, Arlington, VA  
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The C&O CANAL ASSOCIATION needs

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...or at least your nominations  
for officers and members of the board.

Please call or mail your self-nomination or nominations of other members in good standing to:

Karen M. Gray (Chairperson, Nominating Committee)  
825 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Apt. 304  
Washington, DC 20037

Phone: 202/333-6947

Deadline for nominations is Monday, October 31, 1988.

## SCHEDULE FOR 1989 ANNIVERSARY HIKE

Saturday, April 15 -- Banquet in Cumberland (location to be announced).  
Sunday, April 16 -- Hike from Cumberland to Spring Gap (11.1 miles). Camp at Spring Gap. (Note: Spring Gap will open the day before for those who may want to camp near Cumberland on the day preceding the hike. Spring Gap will close the afternoon of April 16 until Memorial Day weekend.) No water is available here.  
Monday, April 17 -- Hike Spring Gap to Town Creek (11.3 miles). Camp at Town Creek hiker/biker .2 of a mile from aqueduct (downstream).  
Tuesday, April 18 -- Hike Town Creek to Paw Paw Campground (6.1 miles).  
Wednesday, April 19 -- Hike Paw Paw Campground to Fifteen Mile Creek (Little Orleans -- 15.1 miles).  
Thursday, April 20 -- Hike Fifteen Mile Creek to Hancock (16.8 miles). Camp at Tonoloway (NPS, Hancock picnic area).  
Friday, April 21 -- Hike Hancock to Four Locks (15.5 miles). Traditional dinner: "Spaghetti Potomac," and Saturday breakfast prepared by Chef Dick Stanton and Co.  
Saturday, April 22 -- Hike Four Locks to Williamsport (9 miles). Banquet (location to be announced); overnight at motel.  
Sunday, April 23 -- Hike Williamsport to Dam 4 (15.2 miles). Camp within the grounds of the Western Maryland Sportsman's Club; dinner and Monday breakfast by WMSC.  
Monday, April 24 -- Hike Dam 4 to Antietam Creek Ranger Station (15 miles).  
Tuesday, April 25 -- Hike Antietam Creek Ranger Station to Brunswick Town Campground, one mile downstream from Route 17 bridge, on the Canal (15.3 miles).  
Wednesday, April 26 -- Hike Brunswick to Monocacy Hill (above new boat ramp; 11.9 miles).  
Thursday, April 27 -- Hike Monocacy to Sycamore Landing (15 miles).  
Friday, April 28 -- Hike Sycamore Landing to Great Falls (13 miles). Camp on "Engineers Hill," others may wish to return to residence for evening. Dinner optional; restaurants in Potomac, Maryland.  
Saturday, April 29 -- Great Falls to Tidelock (14.2 miles). Return to Great Falls for banquet.

### ADVENTURES of an ASSOCIATION FAMILY

C&O Canal Association family members Richard and Peggy Schwerdt of Damascus and their three children, Maria, Doug and Thomas, spent the month of August hiking the entire length of the Canal. Much of the trek was during the hot, hot weather and culminated with arrival in Cumberland in a downpour.

The carefully planned trip was the dream of Richard Schwerdt, a meteorologist, and evolved from his early interest in the canal gained since he moved to Washington in 1965. Planning started in 1977, but the trip was delayed until the children were old enough to enjoy the experience. Maria is 8, Doug 11, and Thomas 15.

They carried backpacks weighing between 15 and 65 pounds and averaged 7 miles a day including side trips to explore historic sites and the seeking out of planned food drops. They stayed at hiker-biker-overnighters and Peggy complimented the



Park Service on their being so well maintained. The water pumps were very welcome after a hot day on the towpath. Those pumps really got a workout!

One night the family was awakened when a raccoon was attempting to get into a tent. Another night after dark one of the family members mistook a tube of DEET (a salve for sore muscles) for toothpaste with excruciating results.

On the last day out, when it was raining so hard, Maria noticed something moving towards her on the towpath. So much rain had collected that a turtle was swimming in it!

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## COMMITTEE URGES EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 1989 HIKE

by Sandra Hemingway

The 1989 Anniversary Hike will be held from Sunday, April 16, through Saturday, April 29, and hikers are urged to send in a \$50.00 deposit to ensure inclusion in the full two-week event (see registration form on last page). The total cost of the hike to participants is still being calculated and will be announced later.

The 185-mile hike of the length of the Canal is the fourth in a series of walks commemorating the 1954 march led by Justice William O. Douglas. Walkers are welcome for all or part of the two-week journey and accompanying events. Although final details will be announced in a subsequent issue of Along The Towpath, a preliminary schedule of events appears on the opposite page.

The opening event will be a banquet to be held in Cumberland on the evening of Saturday, April 15. Hikers will be transported by bus from Glen Echo Park to Cumberland on April 15. All hike participants who expect to park their cars at Glen Echo Park for the two weeks of the hike must obtain permits from the National Park Service office at Glen Echo Park.

The hike's concluding event will be a banquet to be held at Great Falls, Maryland, on Saturday, April 29. Parking permits must be obtained from the NPS office at Great Falls by those who expect to park overnight at Great Falls.

Persons interested only in day hikes should contact Bettyjane Myers at (301) 384-7857, who will coordinate transportation. Buses will be provided on Sunday, April 16; Friday, April 28; and Saturday, April 29. All camping facilities will have access by C & O Canal Association support truck and personal vehicles.

Help is still needed on the committees organizing the hike. For further information, call Hal Larsen at (703) 356-1809, or Bettyjane Myers at (301) 384-7857.

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The most difficult portion of the hike was working their way around the section where the towpath is interrupted above Dam 4, bushwhacking through rose bushes and poison ivy and clambering over rocks. It was a bit scary as footing with a heavy pack becomes tenuous at best on a narrow ledge 15 feet above the river.

Because the trip was planned at a leisurely pace, each family member found time to enjoy and commune with others of the family as well as collectively enjoy and appreciate the wildlife sighted as they traveled.

The frosting on the cake was the return trip to Washington--a new adventure for the children who had never before enjoyed a train ride.

--Adapted from an article in the Cumberland Times-News of September 6, 1988 and enhanced by comments from the Schwerdt family.

## BIKING THE TOWPATH

Through-cycling the towpath has made limited progress so far this year because those interested could not match times available, and many summer days were exhaustingly hot. Yet Bill Speck and Chris Murdock cycled from Hancock to Milepost 140 and return on July 9. Earl McFarland, Bob Bockting, and Bill Speck pedaled from Little Orleans to Cumberland, camping overnight at Paw Paw, on August 31-September 1.

The C & O Canal NHP announces two bike rides: From Brunswick to Monocacy and return on Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m.; and from Brunswick to Harpers Ferry and return on Sunday, November 13, 1:00 p.m.

Let's join in, says Bill. He can take up to three bikes and riders; call him at (301) 229-8140.

*Following are remarks of Acting Regional Director Ron Wrye at the opening of the first meeting of the fourth C & O Canal National Historical Park Commission, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, September 10, 1988:*

It's a pleasure to be with you today to begin our fourth C&O Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission. As many of you know, our former regional director, Jack Fish, has just retired and we will certainly miss him. For the moment I am acting regional director. No replacement has been named at this time.

I have been a part of the National Capital Parks family for many years and I am certainly familiar with the activities of past C&O Canal Commissions. Its first meeting was held on December 21, 1971, about a year after the enactment of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act (P.L. 91-664). Senator Mac Mathias opened that meeting, followed by Chairman Nancy Long who introduced Secretary of the Interior, Rogers B. Morton. Associate Justice William O. Douglas held the position of Advisor on the first Commission. He wisely called for a master plan as the first duty of the new Commission. "Without a master plan," he said, "you do not have anything," and how right he was. He also stressed the need to get on with aqueduct restoration and to plan for total continuity of the tow-path from Cumberland to Washington.

Well, that first Commission got busy and hammered out one of the finest park plans the service has seen. For planning and development purposes the park was divided into 32 sections and given five zone designations with accompanying restrictions. It took a lot of work, a lot of public input. Exactly five years later, after many public meetings involving over 1,500 citizens, 56 organizations, 10 federal agencies and 31 state and local governments, the plan was approved in January, 1976. After 13 years it still stands as it was written--a tribute to Chairman Long's leadership and the then Commission members' talents. The public and Park Service representatives also played important roles. We all remember, though, how things heated up at the first meeting. But over the years things got better. I've heard it said that after the first swearing-in, the Park Service received "the swearing-at"!

There are few advisory commissions that I know of which work as smoothly as this one even in the midst of controversy. You have a new chairman, Mrs. Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld, who comes to us with a wealth of background perfectly suited to the work at hand. She follows three excellent and productive chairmen, Nancy Long, Donald Frush and Carrie Johnson. It is important that I also recognize the hard work and dedication of Dick Stanton who has been with the Commission from its inception except for a three-year sabbatical in Philadelphia and Boston. Dick knows the park and the river as does no other person I have known and is determined to protect them. Former superintendent Bill Failor, John Parsons, former National Capital Region Director Russell Dickinson, Jack Fish and other members of the National Capital management team deserve recognition for the work they have done for this park.

Managing parks requires daily surveillance to insure protection not only of the fabric of parks but of their surroundings. There are understandable pressures from all fronts to deviate from established plans and policy restraints. It is in this area that the advisory commissions play such an important role, especially a Commission like this one which knows the park, has an extraordinary continuity, works together and, with our Park staff, meets the NPS' principal mandate to serve the public and protect the park for future generations.

So, on this 10th day of September 1988, at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, I salute all of you and wish you all the best for the busy years to come. Your work will never end. Please know, however, that I will be watching and I encourage you to call on me to assist or just to listen. Thank you.

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING OF THE C & O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK COMMISSION

The first meeting of the fourth C & O Canal Commission was held at the Mather Center in Harpers Ferry on September 10, 1988, preceded by a field trip to the Canal in the Harpers Ferry area. Chairman Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. Some reports and discussion and action items follow.

- Superintendent's Report -- Superintendent Richard Stanton reported that \$200,000 has been spent on improvements to the Canal in the Brunswick area, and showed slides of the work completed there. He introduced the new Mayor of Brunswick, Susan Fauntleroy. At Williamsport, the railroad lift bridge is to be donated to the Park by Potomac Edison. Stanton announced that legislation has passed, with \$25,000 available, to establish a memorial to former Senator J. Glenn Beall, Sr., at the Cumberland terminus. He also reported that the idea to build the South Cumberland/Airport Access Road still persists, and noted that we must "preserve the area against road builders." A proposal to build a federal prison at the PPG site near North Branch was reported. On rewatering the Canal, Stanton noted that Congresswoman Beverly Byron has expressed interest in rewatering of high use areas, and that the Mayor of Cumberland intends to have a section of Canal there filled with water to determine whether or not the Canal will hold water. He reported that only 40 miles of towpath resurfacing remains to be done. At the end of Stanton's report, the following motion was passed unanimously: That the C & O Canal National Historical Park Commission support the position taken by the Department of the Interior relative to the proposed Cumberland Airport Access Road; that position is that the National Park Service does not support the proposal to utilize park property for the proposed South Cumberland Airport Access Road project and that the sense of this be communicated to those persons who have an active interest in the project. It was noted that the rationale for the Department's position is based on four points: 1. The proposed road would violate the intent of Congress to preserve and protect the Canal; 2. Although the Department does not presently contemplate restoration of the Canal in the historic terminus area, the road would eliminate that possibility; 3. The Department is aware of the opposition from numerous citizens and organizations which makes it apparent that there is little support for the proposal outside the city of Cumberland; 4. The Maryland State Highway officials have stated that viable alternatives exist which will solve the transportation problem.
- Georgetown Area -- As a result of considerable discussion about the Lock 3 barge landing and the C & O Canal NHP office space in the Foundry Mall building, it was decided that the NPS will undertake a study to determine short-term and long-term solutions to staff office space problems and to a suitable location for the sale of barge tickets.
- Great Falls Olmstead Island Bridges -- It was reported that \$200,000 has been appropriated by the State of Maryland, that another \$200,000 may come from Congressional appropriation, and that \$100,000 is expected to be raised by a public subscription campaign -- all for replacement of the bridges to Olmstead Island. Montgomery County Councilmember William Hanna attended the Commission meeting to express his wholehearted support for this effort, and to announce that former Congressman Gilbert Gude will head up the nonprofit corporation to be organized to raise the remaining \$100,000 needed for this project.
- House at Pennyfield -- Slides were shown to depict the rapidly deteriorating condition of this house located on the berm side of the Canal across from the Pennyfield Lock House. The NPS intends to sign a lease with the private sector developer by September 30. This house with six acres of land within Canal boundaries was made available for private development purposes under the Historic Leasing Program; Superintendent Stanton noted that the negotiations concerning the house have been tied up in the requirements stipulated by the HL program. It was noted that \$180,000 is expected to be spent by the developer in restoring the house for private use, and that he will in return receive a 35-year lease on the property. Earlier reports indicated that the developer intends to rent the house and land to tenants. Stanton stated that, if an agreement cannot be reached with the developer, NPS would rehabilitate the house for Park personnel housing. He estimated that it would require a minimum of \$250,000 for NPS to rehabilitate it. Motion: That the Commission not take any further action on this issue unless NPS comes back to the Commission with a problem concerning the issue. The motion was passed unanimously. (Ed. note: The earlier Commission had approved the lease of the property to a private developer.)
- The next Commission meeting will be held in Georgetown on December 3.

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Jack is a 1952 magna cum laude graduate of the Catholic University of America, where he received his B.S. degree in civil engineering. After graduation, he joined the National Park Service as a civil engineer, and has held such posts as chief engineer with the NPS Office of Design and Construction, chief of development planning, and regional coordinator for the NPS former Eastern Service Center. He was named deputy director of the National Capital Region in 1970.

A native of Trenton, New Jersey, Jack is a member of several professional and scientific organizations, including the American Society of Civil Engineers. In his position with NPS, he served on several boards, such as the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees, Ford's Theatre Society, and the Wolf Trap Foundation. Throughout his career, he has been honored with numerous awards, including the National Society for Park Resources Founders' Award (1985), the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Medal (1978), a citation by the Department of the Army for patriotic Civilian Service, the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Award from the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, and the Meritorius Federal Executive Award.

Jack is married to the former Rosemary T. Wolf. Jack and Rosemary are the proud grandparents of twenty-two grandchildren.

#### NOTES FROM THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.....

The June 26, 1988 meeting of the Association's Board of Directors was held at the Glen Echo Town Hall; it was called to order by President Hal Larsen at 1:00 p.m. Board members and officers present were: Donna Boies, Bill Davies, Mimi Eller, Bob Greenberg, Alan Hedin, Sandra Hemingway, Dave Johnson, Hal Larsen, Bettyjane Myers, Bill Speck, Al Stanley, Lyman Stucker, and Emmie Woodward. Board members and officers absent were: Ralph Donnelly, Buddy Gibson, Karen Gray, Susan Henley, Anne Korff, Earl McFarland, Ken Rollins, and Edith Wilkerson. Some discussion and action items follow:

- South Cumberland/Airport Access Road -- Hal Larsen reported that five members of the Association (John Chandler, Bill Faylor, Dave Johnson, Hal Larsen, and Al Stanley) were present at a briefing in Annapolis on the proposed road along the Canal in the Cumberland area. Al Kassoff and Niel Pedersen of the Maryland State Highway Administration gave a lengthy slide presentation concerning concepts for the road proposal; also present was Jay Gsell, administrator for the City of Cumberland. They emphasized the possibility of benefits to the Canal through State Highway money which could be used for interpretation, beautification, and other projects on and near the Canal. They said that the next decision is whether to proceed with a major feasibility study for this ten million dollar option. They also emphasized that this option could not proceed in the face of total opposition from interested groups, and that there were other less costly options. They asked for the participation of the C & O Canal Association in the planning process for the Cumberland road, and noted that participation would not indicate approval or disapproval for any particular option. The Environmental Committee recommended the Association sustain its February 7, 1988 position opposing the road along the C & O Canal and that the Association urge the National Park Service to implement the development concept plan for the area. The following motion was passed with two opposing votes: That the Association participate in the planning group to develop roads in the Cumberland/Canal area. Passed unanimously was: That the Association reiterate the previous board decision on the Cumberland Road and support the majority opinion of the Environmental Committee to oppose the road along the Canal.
- unHappy Hour -- Hal Larsen reported that Lou Odum was very unhappy about developments at the Happy Hour after the Spring Hike at Shepherdstown where there was too little help to clean up a "big mess." Hal said that expanded programs are leading to more work and that too few people are doing too much work. He further pointed out that some programs directed by the board, such as the publishing of an "occasional papers" magazine, had not been accomplished because there was no one willing to undertake the task.
- Level Walker Program -- Al Stanley reported that reception of the new Level Walker program has been overwhelmingly positive, and that Superintendent Richard Stanton is very happy with the program now.

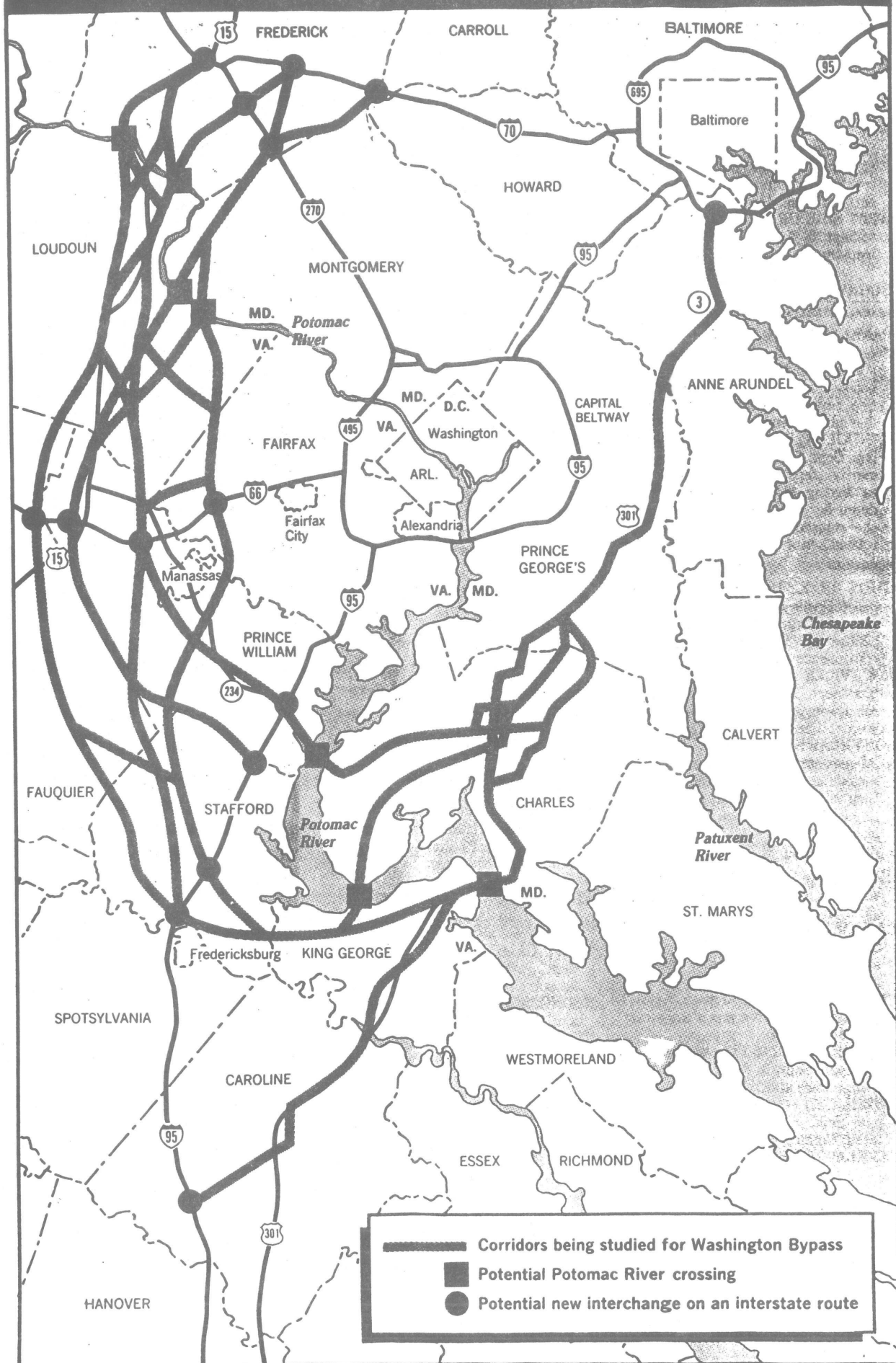
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NOTES FROM THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.....

Held in the Williamsport Library, the August 26, 1988 meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Hal Larsen at 1:00 p.m. Board members and officers present were: Donna Boies, Bill Davies, Ralph Donnelly, Buddy Gibson, Karen Gray, Mimi Eller, Anne Korff, Alan Hedin, Sandra Hemingway, Dave Johnson, Hal Larsen, Ken Rollins, Bill Speck, and Lyman Stucker. Board members absent were: Bob Greenberg, Susan Henley, Earl McFarland, Bettyjane Myers, Al Stanley, Edith Wilkerson, and Emmie Woodward. After the 3:30 p.m. adjournment, all present were invited to Sue Ann Sullivan's house for refreshments. Some discussion and action items follow.

- Environmental Committee Report -- Dave Johnson reported that a decision on the Dickerson Resource Recovery facility is pending. A new proposal to use a quarry as an alternative has been received by the Montgomery County Council. The Association position is that a mass burn facility at Dickerson would be detrimental to the Park, wildlife, and nearby lands. Two other issues were included in this committee's report -- the status of the Georgetown Branch railway line and the Washington area bypass highways -- and detailed elsewhere in this issue. The following motion was passed unanimously: That the Association accept the recommendation of the Environmental Committee on the Washington area bypass, and that this position be expressed to whatever parties are appropriate.
- Level Walker Program -- No problems reported. The first project of the Level Walker Action Team took place on July 16 with five Level Walkers removing vegetation at Pennyfield Lock.
- Treasurer's Report -- Bill Speck reported that income thus far this year has been \$8879.48 and expenses \$6865.43.
- Membership Committee Report -- Mimi Eller reported that the Association has 464 members and is hoping to reach its goal of 500 by December 1988. (Ed. note: As of October 1, there were 510 members.) Mimi raised the question of changing the Association's colors (green and yellow since the Association's founding). Bill Davies will look in the Association's records to determine the origin of the colors; the sense of those present was that we continue with the existing colors. Mimi brought up the question of the Association raising funds by selling various items to the public. Bill Speck reported that study of the tax laws reveals that non-profit organizations are subject to tax on unrelated income with a \$1000.00 exemption; selling to members or for the clear purpose of promoting membership apparently does not present a problem. Bill emphasized that the tax law and forms are very complicated if our unrelated income becomes subject to tax, and the Association should avoid that situation. It was also pointed out that we want to be careful not to be perceived as supporting or opposing any particular political candidates.
- Program Committee Report -- Ken Rollins reported that there was little interest in the canoe trips planned by the committee, and therefore they had not been organized. However, there apparently were some people interested who had not made their intentions known early enough. Bill Speck said he had received some initial expressions of interest in bike trips, but ended up with only one other person. Bill Davies mentioned the possibility of a winter lecture on the Canal designed for the public; Karen Gray agreed to look into the possibility of Smithsonian sponsorship.
- Volunteer Programs -- Bill Davies reported completion of the inventory of all loose Canal material at the National Archives.
- Other Business -- Bill Davies suggested that the Association take a position on rewatering the Canal. He estimated that it would be practical for 80% to be rewatered, and suggested that Level Walkers be asked to survey their sections. It was pointed out that rewatering could conflict with maintaining the current natural habitats. Discussion of this vital issue was postponed to a future meeting. Dave Johnson reported that renaming the George Washington Memorial Parkway on the Maryland side of the Potomac River is stalled in Congress, and that the Association should revise its position. The following motion was passed unanimously: That the Association finds either the "C & O Canal Parkway" or "Clara Barton Parkway" to be acceptable.

# WASHINGTON BYPASS STUDY



WESTERN BYPASS

The Maryland and Virginia transportation departments have engaged a consulting firm to recommend routes for eastern and western bypass highways around the Washington area. A western route would probably cross the Potomac River and the canal between Edwards Ferry and Point of Rocks. The roads would be designed for 70 mph, four to six lanes on a 450' right-of-way with an 80' median. They would be intended to serve through traffic and not be linked up as an outer beltway. However, it would not be difficult to add an east-west connector, closing the loop. The consultant's 18-month study will analyze the choices on environmental, engineering, traffic, and land use factors. Environmental issues to be considered in the study include whether an alternative traverses legally protected areas, eliminates species, habitats or resources, requires taking of public lands, eliminates wetlands, or affects floodplains.

The Board of Directors has adopted the following points as the Association's position on the western bypass:


- To ensure that the crossing will cause the least disturbance to the park, route selection and engineering design must be sensitive to preserving historic structures and natural and scenic resources.
- The greatest threat to the park is from development that would follow an outer beltway. We oppose construction of any interchanges near the river and the park, and any extension of local roads or sewers.
- We propose that a percentage of the total funds for the bypass system be allocated for acquisition by the National Park Service, through purchase or easement, of approximately 9,000 acres between Sycamore Landing and Point of Rocks, to create a buffer to protect the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

GEORGETOWN BRANCH

Laurel Sand & Gravel is reported to be negotiating with CSX to buy only the Maryland portion of the abandoned B & O Georgetown branch, following the ICC setting a total price for the entire line in excess of \$25 million. This could reopen the way for NPS to acquire the D.C. section. However, the ICC valuation of this portion is inordinately high--\$16.5 million, compared to about \$9 million for the Maryland portion. The apparent basis for this high appraisal is the land above Arizona Avenue on the Palisades; the commercial value of the line adjacent to the towpath between Arizona Avenue and Key Bridge is low. The Park Service would like the entire section, because the Palisades stretch abuts the George Washington Parkway above Chain Bridge. NPS hopes to effect a land swap with CSX.

OLMSTEAD ISLAND BRIDGES

Appropriation of \$100,000 by Congress brings the total available for restoration of the Olmstead Island bridges at Great Falls to \$400,000. The Montgomery County government had previously authorized \$100,000, and the State of Maryland put \$200,000 in a matching grant. This leaves \$100,000 to be raised by private donations. A fund-raising foundation has been established, with former Congressman Gilbert Gude as honorary chairman. (Tax deductible contributions may be sent to Great Falls Bridges Foundation, c/o William E. Hanna, Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850.) Councilman Hanna says the bridges could be installed by the end of next year. The Park Service estimates that approximately \$240,000 per year will be needed to support the added staffing and maintenance that will be required at Great Falls, and is seeking to increase the park's operating budget for this beginning in FY 1990. If this budget increase is not approved, the park's resources will have to be cut elsewhere. The establishment of visitor fees at Great Falls has been proposed as one means of financing these added costs.



#### NORTH BRANCH POTOMAC MINE STUDY BEGINS

A cooperative agreement has been reached between Maryland, West Virginia, and the federal Office of Surface Mining to study the abandoned mine drainage problem on the North Branch Potomac River.

The legacy of more than 150 years of coal mining has left a terrible mark on the North Branch watershed, which includes the West Virginia counties of Grant and Mineral, and Maryland's Allegany and Garrett counties. Active coal mining is controlled, to an extent, by the government, which requires the reclamation of mined land. Abandoned mines, however, are another story. After they were mined, owners simply left the land riddled with holes and gob piles. The mines also exposed deposits of sulfites, aluminum, and other minerals that can spell death when deposited in nearby streams. These substances turn the water acidic, which can leach aluminum and other metals into the water. The acidity and dissolved metals permit only the hardiest forms of life to survive, and that is just what happens, especially after storms fill the mines with water.

These years of abuse have ravaged the North Branch, impacting its water quality and fisheries. Even worse off are hundreds of miles of tributary streams bringing the poisons to the mainstream. Many of these streams are nearly devoid of life. The new study is the most comprehensive regional attempt to assess how to attack the problem.

The study, conducted by a private engineering firm, will take 30 months and cost more than \$373,000. The study will be aimed at the development of a plan for abatement of abandoned mine drainage problems that have the potential to reduce acidic impacts on the North Branch Potomac and its tributaries upstream of the Jennings Randolph Reservoir.

The reservoir, which filled in 1981, has done much to mitigate acidity downstream. The dam can release water from different depths in the reservoir, in effect mixing the differing levels of acidity stratified in the lake. It also keeps slugs of highly acidified water from traveling downstream after storms. The reservoir could be a great economic resource to the area if its water quality could be improved to the point of sustaining a large, healthy, sport fishery. It is felt that the reservoir will remain a marginal fishery unless acidic inputs from upstream are mitigated. If this can be done, an economically and environmentally stressed area of the Potomac River basin could be dramatically helped.

The job of mine drainage abatement in the region is one of mammoth proportions. In 1977, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers estimated that a cleanup would cost about \$75 million. Complete abatement of the problem could now be conservatively estimated at over \$100 million.

There is no hope of completely eliminating the problem. The study will point the states and the federal interest in the direction of getting the most out of the abatement monies that are spent.

The consultant will make suggestions based on a number of inputs. Locating and sampling abandoned mine pollution sources from both surface and underground mines will be performed. Degraded stream reaches will be evaluated as to the impact of individual sources of pollution, and the reduction in the pollutants required to sustain a level of water quality needed to support stream life and recreational possibilities determined. The study also will evaluate possible methods of easing the pollution loads on these streams. Methods for each stream may be different, depending on their types and concentrations of pollutants and other characteristics. A computer analysis will test the various mitigation options for particular streams, determining the most effective for each. In instances where technology is not available to abate the pollution, a cost for perpetual treatment of the source will be given in the study.

Another important aspect of the study will be a priority ranking of the various streams catalogued in the report, and a coordinated bi-state plan of action to improve water quality in the North Branch watershed shared by Maryland and West Virginia. The cost per pound of annual acid load reduction and associated benefits to the streams and the reservoir will be considered in determining the ranking. Final selection will be made through the use of a

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### VIP REPORT

It's Volunteer in the Park time!

As you know, we take time off from our work trips during the hot months, but this doesn't mean we stop all work. We still help with Concerts on the Canal at Georgetown. This summer Jane Larsen carried the load. She was at five of the six concerts! Helping off and on during the concert season were Lee Howard, Shirley Paull, Karen Gray and Joan Paull. Some of the things that volunteers do are asking cyclists not to chain their bikes to the fence where the mules go in and out, giving directions to the drinking fountain and restrooms, and keeping the public off one patch of grass. The most important thing is that there is the visibility of the Park.

The other major job that was done this summer was to get Lee Struble's negative file in final order. Penni Greer, Lou Dobbs, Bejay Myers, and Joan Paull worked 64 hours on this and that did not count 15 hours of travel time!

Our future plans follow:

- October 15 --Meet at the Great Falls Tavern at 10 AM for a joint clean-up with the Montgomery County Volunteer Day. Last year our efforts produced 200 bags of trash!
- November 5 --Meet at 9 AM at Carderock parking lot (to the left at the stop sign) to renovate the old picnic area below the ball fields. Bring food for TWO and after working plan to join the Level Walkers' picnic. Bring gloves and small tools and wear long pants.
- December 3 --Meet at 9 AM at the Riley's Lockhouse parking lot. We will remove growth from the capstones, walls of the lock and aqueduct, and collect trash in the area.
- January 28 --Meet again at Riley's Lockhouse to work on overhanging vegetation on the towpath. Be at the parking lot by 9 AM.

Please call Joan at 1-301-384-8584 if you plan to attend. That way, if you are a few minutes late, we will wait for you. Sometimes we park in one place but work in another.

--Joan Paull

### ATTENTION, LEVEL WALKERS!

On Saturday, November 5 (changed from the October 1 date previously announced), we will gather at the Carderock pavilion at noon for a picnic and good time. Wear comfortable clothes, bring food for three and a beverage for yourself. If you would like to come earlier and help the VIPs, they will be working between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Bring work gloves and a small hand tool (lopping shears, clippers, small pruning shears). Let's make this a big turnout. We will discuss some of our fall plans, and review our past year. All Association members and friends are welcome.

-- Joan Paull



### NOSTALGIA.....

Your editors have had the rare privilege of reading the first Level Walker publication, The Level Walker, Volume 1, Number 1, edited by Orville Crowder, one of the original doughty band of hikers who accompanied Justice Douglas on the 1954 through hike of the Canal.

In that issue of the publication that preceded Along The Towpath was a list of Level Walkers. Many of those listed have left this earthly world forever. However, we still can count as members eight of those on the list: Victor Conrad, Ralph Donnelly, John C. Frye, Melvin Kaplan, George Kline, Ken Rollins, Philip Stone, and Walter Teach.

### NOTICE THE NEW MASTHEAD?

A multitude of thanks to Association member Joe Perez for providing the art work for a sharper Along the Towpath masthead. A look at the seal reveals the many faces of transportation at the time of the inception of the Canal.

### CONGRESS HONORS J. GLENN BEALL, SR.

Congress has passed legislation to honor former Senator J. Glenn Beall, Sr., by dedicating the Cumberland terminus of the C&O Canal National Historical Park "in grateful recognition of his outstanding efforts to preserve and protect the canal and towpath from development." The Act authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior "to provide such identification by signs, including changes in existing signs, materials, maps, markers, or other means as will appropriately inform the public of the contributions of J. Glenn Beall, Sr." The Secretary is further authorized and directed "to cause to be erected and maintained, within the exterior boundaries of the Cumberland terminus of the C&O Canal National Historical Park, an appropriate memorial to Senator Beall. The authorized sum of \$25,000 has been appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act.

The report of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources notes that J. Glenn Beall, Sr., was a member of the House of Representatives from Maryland from 1943 to 1953, and a Senator from Maryland from 1953 to 1965. He died in Frostburg on January 14, 1971.

During his service in the Congress, Beall sought to establish the C&O Canal National Historical Park and a connecting parkway from Paw Paw to Woodmont, Maryland. He introduced legislation to create the C&O Canal NHP in the 84th, 85th, and 86th Congresses. Though his legislation was not enacted into law, President Eisenhower, by Proclamation in 1961, established the Federal lands comprising the canal as the C&O Canal National Monument. Ten years later, the entire canal was designated by law the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

### CUMBERLAND SCENIC RAILWAY PROJECT DELAYED

In the July 1988 issue of Along the Towpath we noted that work was underway on the Cumberland-Frostburg Scenic Railway with a projected date for service to start in October 1988.

The Washington Post reported in September that there have been construction delays and that charter trips won't start before the first of the year. Test runs may commence in November.

The Allegany Central Railroad will begin its 13-mile trip at the restored Western Maryland Railroad station in Cumberland and pass through the Narrows, a natural 1000-foot breach between two mountains, before arriving in Frostburg. The Frostburg railroad station is being extensively renovated. New track and a turntable are being installed and passenger cars and locomotives are being refurbished.

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- Membership Committee Report -- Mimi Eller reported that the spring event at Great Falls for new members was a great success and that another is planned for the fall. Brochures and other information was made available during one weekend at Great Falls and at the Brunswick River Festival. A membership survey will be sent out in September. The committee is considering proposals to revise the towpath guide.
- Program Committee Report -- Hal Larsen reported that he had asked Ken Rollins to be the general manager for the 1989 spring through hike.
- Environmental Committee Report -- Dave Johnson reported that Washington County has proposed new zoning for the Potomac River concerning boat docks. New commercial development has been proposed near the Antietam Battlefield, and Washington County has proposed a special buffer zone around the Battlefield. The committee recommended that the Association support the restoration of the Olmstead Island bridges, and sufficient resources for operating costs. The following motion was passed unanimously: That the Association endorse the restoration of the Olmstead Island bridges and adequate funding for proper policing and control of the bridges and the Great Falls park.
- Other Business -- Hal Larsen reported the appointment of James G. Hill and Charles Cremins to the Environmental Committee. Bill Davies noted that Wapora Inc. has been hired to conduct a preliminary environmental/sensitive area study for the Washington area bypass highways (outer beltway), and that the Association should record its concerns with Wapora. The matter was referred to the Environmental Committee. Bill Davies also mentioned that the Western Maryland Railroad is abandoning additional right-of-way, but that the National Park Service does not currently have funds to purchase the abandonment.

## TREE CUTTING DISPUTE



The C&O Canal NHP maintains a buffer zone between the berm side of the Canal and privately held properties. This buffer zone is acquired either by direct purchase of the land or through scenic easements which contain a provision prohibiting alteration of the land without proper authorization from the National Park Service.

A dispute has arisen over the alleged cutting of a number of trees within a scenic easement on a River Road property in Montgomery County. The indictment indicates a number of trees were cut prior to the listing for sale of the home on the property as having a "river view."

All of this happened in 1985 at which time a settlement was attempted which the defendant considered unreasonable. Therefore, the government recently indicted the property owner and a jury trial is set for November 7, 1988, on two counts--conversion and disposition of government property and illegal transportation of timber.

*Adapted from the Bethesda Gazette of September 15, 1988*

## TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCES ENACTED

Trees are an important asset to our environment, a fact officially recognized by the communities of Takoma Park and Chevy Chase Village. Both jurisdictions have ordinances which strictly limit what trees can be felled. In Takoma Park it is a misdemeanor to cut any tree larger than 24 inches in circumference or taller than 4½ feet, or detract from tree growth or health, even on private property, without permission from the director of public works.

Chevy Chase Village has similar ordinances adopted this year in spite of some opposition from homeowners who contend such rules are unconstitutional.

Developers of river front property in tidal areas are also required to submit vegetation-saving plans to the appropriate county planners. Vegetation is protected in a thousand-foot-wide strip at shoreline on the Patuxent and Potomac rivers. Any trees which are removed must be replaced. Restrictions also are in place in Anne Arundel County and Howard County is considering similar legislation.

*Adapted from the Maryland Weekly section of the Washington Post, September 29, 1988*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Folks:

When I returned to my home town of Williamsport for the recent C & O Canal Days observation, I picked up your publication, Along The Towpath. My interest in the Canal goes back to my early childhood, about 70 years ago. At the time, I was about seven or eight and spent practically every day (rain excepted) down along the river bottom and the Canal. A family up the street from our house had cows, and the youngsters in the family took them down on the river bottom to graze; we had to watch over them so they wouldn't stray. Of course, we spent a lot of time in the river and later in the Canal, hooking rides on Canal boats and having great fun. I'm not sure where I fit into your scheme of things in terms of membership, so please advise, letting me know the dues. Many thanks.

August 29, 1988

Abner Kaplan  
2402 E. Strathmore Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21214

(Ed. note: Mr. Kaplan is now a member of the C & O Canal Association. Hope to see you at the Heritage Hike and/or banquet on October 22, Mr. Kaplan!)

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computer model. This will yield a ranking that will give the greatest benefit at the most economical price.

Although it is estimated that there are about 400 sources of mine pollution in the watershed, the study will concentrate on about 100, due to financial considerations.

A number of options exist for cleaning these pollution sources. Remining of sites by coal companies would result in their taking responsibility for land reclamation. Various standard forms of land reclamation could be employed to stop the flow of acidified water and leachates. Maryland also has experimented with planted bogs to help neutralize contaminated water. Bogs planted with cattails and other plants have shown promise in absorbing metals and contaminants, although scientists are unsure of the mechanisms at work. The state currently has constructed and is testing nine experimental bogs. There are currently none in the North Branch watershed, however.

The study will go far in assessing the problem, but neither state can afford to clean it up. Maryland has less than \$2 million to spend annually, while West Virginia has about \$24 million. Both states have project backlogs that put water quality improvement projects behind other problems on the list. The study, however, is a step in the right direction that will allow regional cooperation in cleaning the North Branch as effectively as possible.

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POTOMAC POSTER MAP AVAILABLE

The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin announces the availability of the Metropolitan Potomac Poster Map. Celebrating the revival of the "Nation's River," the four-color poster map has a beautiful montage of scenes of the river on one side, while the other side includes a map of the metropolitan river, 84 points of interest, a list of boating facilities, and information on fishing and enjoying the river. Also included is a narrative of the remarkable cleanup of the river in the last decade. Price: \$3.50. Order from: Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, Publications Office, Suite 300, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Make checks payable to ICPRB.

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The Palisades District begins at Milepost 0 (Tidelock) and continues  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Saturday, October 15 - Worktrip, Montgomery County Cleanup Day, Great Falls (MD) Tavern,  
10 AM. See p 13 for details.
- Saturday, October 22 - Heritage Hike. See p. 1 for details.
- Wednesday, October 26 - Sights & Sounds nature walk, 10 AM, Great Falls, MD; call  
301-443-0024 for information.
- Saturday, October 29 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Wednesday, November 2 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Saturday, November 5 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Saturday, November 5 - Worktrip at Carderock 9 AM - 12 Noon; see page 13 for details.
- Saturday, November 5 - Level Walker picnic, Carderock, 12 noon; see page 13 for details,  
or contact Joan Paull, 301-384-8584.
- Saturday, November 26 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Wednesday, November 30 - Sights and Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Saturday, December 3 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Saturday, December 3 - Worktrip, Riley's Lockhouse, 9 AM; see page 13 for details.
- Saturday, December 3 - C&O Canal NHP Commission meeting, Georgetown. Call Park head-  
quarters for exact location - 301-739-4200.
- Wednesday, December 7 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Wednesday, December 28 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Saturday, December 31 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
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- Wednesday, January 4 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Saturday, January 7 - Sights & Sounds nature walk; see above.
- Saturday, January 28 - Worktrip, Riley's Lockhouse, 9 AM; see page 13 for details.



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RESERVATION FORM FOR ANNUAL HERITAGE HIKE, OCTOBER 22, 1988

(NOTE: Reservation forms were mailed to all Association members on September 13; if you have sent your reservation form, do not use this one.)

PLEASE RESERVE the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ places for bus @ \$2 each . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ places at banquet @ \$8 each. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail reservations to: C&O Canal Association, P O Box 366, Glen Echo, MD 20812-0366.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 1989 HIKE

Please put me on the list of through hikers for the Spring 1989 Justice Douglas Anniversary Hike, April 16-29. I understand that I will be notified when the final fee schedule is available.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Total number of deposits @ \$50 per person. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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