

Cabin John Village News

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October, 1974

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 9 - 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.
6705 Tomlinson Terrace
- 12 - Open House 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Cabin John Fire House
- 12 - Bear Island Hike 9 a.m.
Gold Mine Walk 2 p.m.
Great Falls Md.
- 13 - Octoberfest
Glen Echo Park
- 14 - Reading Workshop 9:30 a.m.
Bannockburn Elementary
- 15 - Potomac Valley League Meeting 8 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
- 15 - Cabin John Girl Scouts Meeting 4 p.m.
C. J. Gardens Community Center
- 16 - Film-The Golden Age of Comedy 7:30 p.m.
Little Falls Library
- 19 - Story Hour 10:30 a.m.
Little Falls Library
- 27 - C & O Canal Family Reunion Day
Great Falls, Md. - Call 299-3613 for
more information
- 29 - Cabin John Citizens Association 8 p.m.
Clara Barton School

CABIN JOHN TO HAVE 4-H CLUB STARTING

The 4-H clubs are not involved only with agricultural projects, although that may be part of the program, if desired. In 4-H clubs, students become involved in working on home arts, woodworking, hiking, biking, and any projects which are interesting to the individual. The first meeting of the 4H club in Cabin John is to be held on October 9th at 6 or 6:30, at the home of Mrs. Wood at 6705 Tomlinson Terrace. The first meeting will be a special one, with parents especially invited. As in any venture involving students, adult help will be necessary to make it work. If you would like more information, or if you would like to help, Call Mrs. Byrd at 229-1723.

4 YEAR OLD SCHOOL NEWS

The 4 year old group has made a very happy beginning. We have been experiencing the colors green and yellow in playdough, finger-paint, snacks and our lovely outdoor play area. A box turtle has come to visit. The children have been weighed and measured to show how they will grow. Already there is much sharing and caring between the children.

There are still some items we could put to good use: old silverware (won't be used to eat from), buttons, sequins, large packing boxes, material scraps, doll furniture, large rocking chair, old row boat, broken mechanical objects to be taken apart safely, tools-hammers, saws, clamps, odd pieces of clean wood, records appropriate for children, rhythm instruments, magnifying glasses, yarn. Drop at Clara Barton during weekday mornings or call Annette Davis 229-0754 or Susan Vogt 229-6479 for pick-up.

CONCERNING VANDALISM

Sgt. Russell of the Juvenile Section of the County Police was a guest of the Cabin John Citizens Association meeting for September. The following statements were made by him in response to citizen questions regarding the role of the police in cases of vandalism.

1. Call police at each and every occurrence of vandalism. If you see unlawful acts happening and wish to remain anonymous, dial 762-1000 and state that you do not wish to be seen by the officer. Otherwise, you see the officer and make the report.

2. No accusation need be made upon reporting cases of vandalism. When a child is mentioned as having been in the place at the probable time that vandalism occurred, he is spoken to as a possible witness in his home by a uniformed policeman.

3. If it is proved that a child has committed vandalism and he and/or his parents makes some restitution which is satisfactory to his neighbor victim, the case is closed.

4. The burden of proof of guilt in cases of vandalism lies not with citizen witnesses, but with the police.

5. In cases of hot rodding, the car can be connected with the misdemeanor, through use of license plates and/or identifying make, model, year, and marks.

6. Community programs such as Boys Clubs do tend to reduce cases of vandalism, in the opinion of the officer.

7. To summarize, it is up to neighbors to report persons seen in the area at the time that vandalism occurs. Some personal commitments to testify against vandals if necessary would be helpful.

Also present at the September meeting of the Citizens Association was Mr. Don Hill of the U.S. Postal Service. Mr. Hill explained that the destruction of mailboxes is a felony under the federal laws, and is punishable by \$1,000 fine or 3 years imprisonment. He said that the Postal Service receives complaints of mail vandalism from the local police for the most part. Mr. Hill, like Sgt. Russell, requested cooperation in finding persons responsible for vandalism of mails.

The Village News calls on young men or women who have been vandals in the past months to rethink their actions. It may seem really funny to tear up someone's yard or mailbox, porch or car - but would it be so funny if your property were given the treatment? Also, having a record with the police department is no laughing matter. Almost every job application in the world asks questions about police records.

Of 60 Vietnamese orphans put up for adoption, 52 died before they could be claimed....

We need a reception center desperately!

The children died because it takes six months to get through the red tape of adoption procedures and because the conditions in Vietnamese orphanages are atrocious.

We figure it will cost about \$100,000. That's 1000 people at \$100.00 a head or 10,000 people at \$10.00 a head or 100,000 at \$1.00 a head. It doesn't matter who or how much, it just matters that we get it and get the reception center built.

We are the WELCOME HOUSE ADOPTIVE PARENTS GROUP INC., founded in 1968...an organization of parents who have adopted the orphans of fortune and war...who want to aid and promote the adoption of orphans through WELCOME HOUSE ADOPTION AGENCY. A reception center has been established in South Korea, it was started because of the Korean War. Now there is the aftermath of war in Vietnam.

The majority of the orphans we are endeavoring to help are outcasts. Their mothers are Vietnamese, their fathers are U.S. GI's (many of them black). Their plight is most excruciating for no one wants them. The army doesn't want them. The Vietnamese people don't want them. The GI's don't want them. At present the only places that do want them, or will at least take them in off the streets are the Vietnamese orphanages.

Miss Mary Graves is the director of WELCOME HOUSE ADOPTION AGENCY. She has been to Vietnam. She has a first-hand knowledge of the conditions of Vietnamese orphanages.

The following descriptions are hers.

"...two, three or four children on beds without mattresses or sheets. They wear little clothing and no diapers or underpants so that as they lie on these beds their body excrement goes directly on the floor and is either shoveled or mopped up..."

"Some orphanages have netting over the beds to discourage the children from standing or sitting up. The longer they stay in the beds the less active they are and the less trouble they are to anyone."

"One little girl had erased the features of half her face by tossing and turning in a metal cradle."

"The children lie with bottles simply stuck in their mouths. The child moves, the bottle falls and the child starves with nourishment just inches away from his lips, dripping on the floor."

"At one orphanage all the bushes in the garden were surrounded with wire mesh. Why? If we do not protect the bushes, the children will eat them."

When asked why the women don't hold the babies while they feed them one response was: "Because if they die it is their fate." It is grotesque and it is true. There is practically no care at all. Many children speak no language, not even Vietnamese, because THEY HAVE

NEVER BEEN TALKED TO. Something must be done. If these children are to be saved we must have a reception center in Vietnam so that they can be cared for while adoption procedures are underway. But being there is essential. Not only would it allow standards to be set and maintained, it would encourage communication with the orphanages and possibly teach them some of the rudiments of child care. Simple things such as: Each child will be held while it is fed. Each child will be talked to, taught a language. Each child will be given a chance to socialize, to play with other children.

SO NOW YOU KNOW THE STORY. WE NEED \$100,000.00.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU SPARE?

The price of a drink?

The price of a movie?

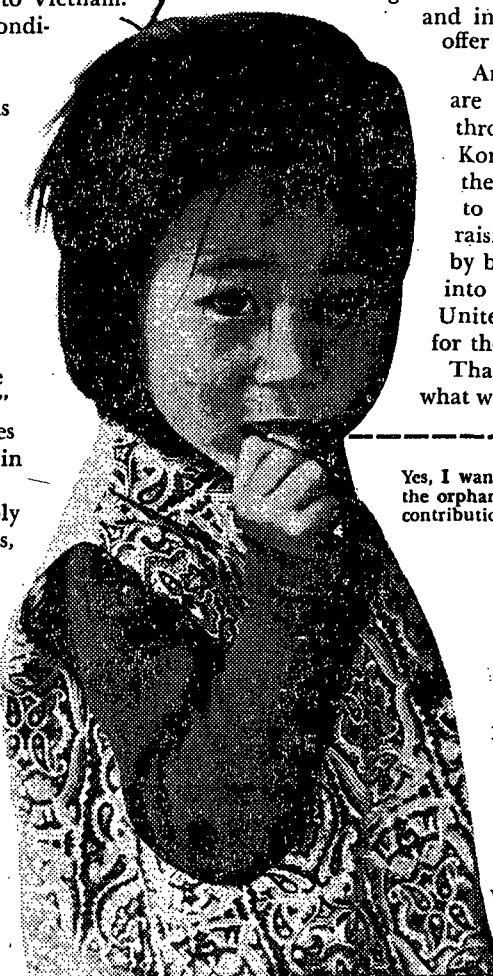
The price of a meal at a fancy restaurant?

The money's for a reception center. The reception center is for the orphans of Vietnam. Primarily the outcast orphans spawned by our participation in the war effort.

One thing we would like you to understand. WELCOME HOUSE ADOPTION AGENCY is not simply an organization for taking children out of their country and into American homes. They are there to offer help with an adoption program.

Another thing you should know is that we are endeavoring to set up similar programs throughout the entire Far East, not just in Korea or Vietnam. We are concerned with all the homeless children in the world. We want to better their lot in any way we can: by raising the level of child care in that country, by bringing children out of the country and into the homes of adoptive parents in the United States, if that seems the best thing for them.

That's who we are and what we're doing and what we need. Can you help us?



Yes, I want to help provide a reception center and help the orphans of Southeast Asia. Enclosed is my gift. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

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NOTICE

Because recycling has been cut from the Montgomery County budget, bundled papers will no longer be taken for recycling. The department of sanitation will still pick up the bundled papers with other refuse, however, it will be taken to the dump with everything else. Recyclable materials may still be taken to the center at 15100 Southlawn Lane in Rockville open Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. for recycling.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The dance classes which were mentioned in the last issue of the Village News have been cancelled because of zoning and licensing regulations. The teachers are still interested in conducting the classes in our community, possibly at Clara Barton School. If you are still interested, call 654-8287 for Ballet and 654-7052 for Creative Dance and Modern Dance, for an update on the status of the dance classes.

The Cabin John Fire Department once again will hold an open house during fire prevention week. Fire Station #30 in Potomac will be open to the Public on Sunday, October 6, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fire Station #10 in Cabin John will be open to the public on Saturday the 12th, 1974, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Films, lectures, literature, and free refreshments will be presented at 6:30 on these dates at the respective fire stations.

These will be the only days that the Fire Stations will be open to the public. Adults as well as children are invited to attend.

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The Village News is seeking someone to take the News to the printer one day a month and to return it to Cabin John. The printer is located on Cordell Ave. in Bethesda, and it would be nice if some one who works in that area could take the paper and return it on the way to work and back. Mrs. Donnelly has been helping the paper in this way for months, but no longer is able to do so.

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Next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association, October 29, 1974, 8:00 p.m., Clara Barton School.
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LAND USE

The Land Use Committee met in September to discuss the Mac Arthur Boulevard landscape plans with the architect. We have received the second draft of these plans, and have made our final recommendations. Anyone who is interested in seeing the plans can call Susan Vogt at 229-6479.

On Sept. 16, the County Council studied and approved the community's suggestions concerning the commercial zoning along MacArthur Boulevard. The Planning Board plans to file a downzoning local map amendment for the Alpine Veterinarian Hospital. Public notice will be given for a hearing on this amendment.

The preliminary Land Use Committee and Recreation Committee suggestions for the Seven Locks Road Park will be discussed at the October Citizens Association meeting on Oct. 29.

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Parents with girls ready for Jr. Girl Scouts (ages 9-11 or grades 4-6) are perhaps wondering what the status (re: scouting) is for this year with the closing of Clara Barton Elementary.

I have talked with some mothers and am in full agreement with them that in order to have a more united group at Bannockburn Elementary the Cabin John Girl Scouts should be joined with those of Bannockburn. However, when I confronted the Service Unit Chairman for this area with this situation she said at least for this year it would not be possible for the following reasons: 1) There are presently at Bannockburn 2 Brownie troops feeding into 1 Junior troop and they would not have the capacity to include another Junior troop plus additional new members just becoming eligible for Junior level scouts; 2) Presently there does not seem to be anyone available who would be willing to start a second troop at Bannockburn thereby allowing the groups to be mixed. So, to sum up, it seems that unless we continue with our Cabin John Junior Troop, scouting will not be available to Cabin John girls. If there are any questions, Mrs. Avery, the Service Unit Chairman, has agreed to answer them. Her number is 229-4371.

If there is still an interest within the Community to continue scouts I will be willing to work with the girls again this year. The first meeting will be on 15 October, Tuesday at 4p.m. at the Community House in Cabin John Gardens. We will have a short meeting registering, discussing, and planning trips and service projects for the coming year.

J. Bast

READING TUTORS NEEDED

Bannockburn Elementary School will be in need of tutors for its volunteer reading program this year. If you like to see children succeed, can take an X-ray or TB skin test, and can give an hour a day, twice a week or so, call Celeste Swedenberg at 229-2282. A workshop will be held at Bannockburn School on Monday October 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Attend and find out how you can play a very real part in helping kids to read.

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Plan now to attend the next meeting of the Potomac Valley League. County Executive Gleason and Ida Mae Garrott will both be present, and both candidates will be given an opportunity to speak. The meeting will be held on October 15th at 8 p.m. in the Glen Echo Town Hall, and the public is invited.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Many childhood diseases start with a runny nose. If your child gets one, keep him home from school. Don't expose other children to your version of the flu or chicken pox. Sick children and runny noses belong at home.

LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY NOTES

A film program will be presented on Wednesday the 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Little Falls Library. The film will be The Golden Age of Comedy. There will be a story hour on the 19th at 10:30 a.m., for ages 4 to 6 in the childrens room, call 320-5266 to pre-register. Also, for children 7 and up, there will be a Halloween Program on the 29th of October; call 320-5266 for more information.

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Don't forget the Octoberfest at Glen Echo Park, October 13.
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CALLING ALL GIRLS
(ages 9-11 or grades 4-6)

Troop 2432 Jr. Girl Scouts will have their first meeting on September 15 (Tuesday) at the Community House in Cabin John Gardens.

We will be planning trips, swim parties, service projects, working on badges, roller skating, hikes and other fun and interesting activities. See you there.

Mrs. J. Bast

COMING EVENTS AT GREAT FALLS, MD.

On October 12th, there will be two activities, a Bear Island Hike at 9:00 a.m., which will take four hours and is moderately strenuous. At 2:00 p.m. on that day there will be a Gold Mine walk. The 27th of October is the C&O Canal Family Reunion day. Registration will be from 1:00 to 2:00, and a reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00. Persons who have family ties with the canal should plan to attend and bring along documents, and pictures for donation to the park, or which can be copies for the use of the park. Voice recordings of canal stories and history will be made.

PROBLEM: UNION ARCH

A subdivision of the Transportation Committee has been working on several possibilities for providing a safer crossing of the Aquaduct Bridge for children going to or coming from Bannockburn school at times when the regular school bus is not running. Many parents are concerned about their children attending a school whose only access is across a terribly narrow bridge with no provision for pedestrian crossing. Peter Vogt, Minda Wetzel, and I have been trying to get a guard at the bridge at times when children would be likely to return home from after school activities. So far, that effort has been unsuccessful. But, we are in hopes of being able to get a small bus to bring children back to Cabin John after these activities. This transportation would make after school activities available to many more children.

Trudy Nicholson

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Cabin John

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Saturday, October 5th and Sunday the 6th,
10 a.m. to 5p.m. at 8105 MacArthur Blvd.
Furniture, clothes, books, pictures, toys
antiques, odd and ends. All sale items
in good to excellent condition. Rain
date is 12, 13, 14 October.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Full and part-time
for individuals and couples. Inquire:
229-2018. Help fight inflation!

SITTER NEEDED: To play with 2 boys,
3 and 5, Sundays 9:30-12:30a.m.
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The Village News
Janet Dence
6503 76th Street

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Call 229-8679.

FOR SALE: Unusual contemporary orange sofa,
folds into 3 positions, including bed,
\$160, was \$450. Two twin walnut cont-
emporary bedframes, \$50 for both. Two
night tables, \$10. each. One dresser
with mirror, \$50. Pole bookshelf,
walnut contemporary with cabinet &
vanity desk, \$106. Call after 6 p.m.
or all day Sunday 229-8731.

LOST: I have lost a Siamese
cat within the last two weeks.
If you have seen one which
looked lost, injured, or dead,
please call me, Joel 229-4387
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Leave name and number.

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