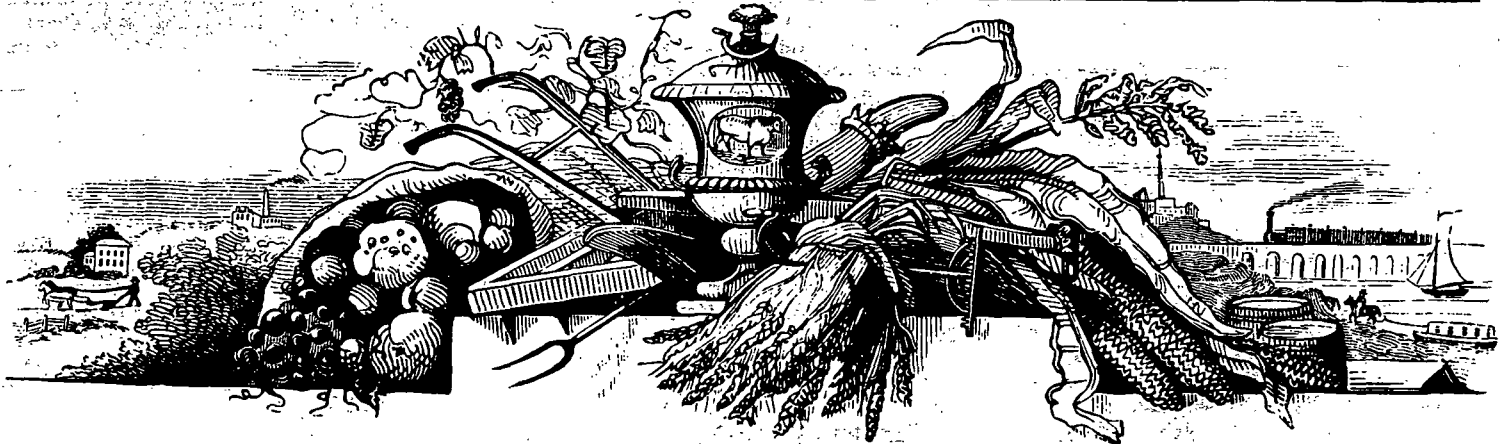


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## MATHIAS, BEALL INTRODUCE POTOMAC RIVER AREA PRESERVATION BILL

Maryland Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and J. Glenn Beall introduced legislation on October 22 to create a Potomac River Historical Area to preserve the main stem of the river and its adjacent land areas in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

The measure calls for establishment of a buffer zone approximately 200 feet deep on each side of the river, and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire scenic easement or development rights within the boundaries of the historical zone.

Mathias emphasized, however, that "in the overwhelming number of cases, the owners of residential, agricultural or commercial properties would retain the rights of use and occupancy of their properties for purposes compatible with the historical area."

"This bill is directed toward sustaining the delicate balance of land and waterscape by protecting the Potomac and the shoreline from intrusion by incompatible development," Mathias said.

Mathias and Beall first announced plans to introduce the bill at a news conference they held October 10 at Great Falls, Maryland.

Co-sponsors of the measure include Senators Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), J. Bennett Johnson, Jr. (D-La.) and Richard Stone (D-Fla.).

The bill also is designed to improve the quality of waters within the historical area. It directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct an analysis of activities that adversely affect the river and to report his findings to the Congress. As part of its analysis, the EPA is to conduct a series of public conferences.

Mathias said the bill provides several other important features, including assured access to the Potomac by fisherman and hunters.

It also directs the Secretary of the Interior to develop a master plan that focuses on both the recreation needs of visitors and the need to protect the land in the vicinity of the historical area. The plan is to be sent to the Congress.

In order to assure a local voice in planning, a 31-member Potomac Historical Area Advisory Commission will advise the Park Service on matters of scenic protection, historical preservation, public recreation and conservation of natural resources.

## CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING AT METHODIST CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 4TH

The next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association will take place on Tuesday, November 4, instead of the regularly scheduled fourth Tuesday of October.

The meeting will not be held in the Clara Barton School, but in the Cabin John United Methodist Church, at 77th Street and MacArthur Boulevard. We are very grateful for the welcome extended to us by the church and hope that the change of location will facilitate attendance by citizens who may be closer to the church than to the school.

The chief item on the program for the meeting is the planning for the Cabin John Bicentennial Celebration, to take place in May 1976. The Citizens Association's Committee on the Bicentennial has produced some wonderful proposals for a meaningful and enjoyable all-day community event in which everyone can participate. Before the plans are made final, your views are needed. So come to the November 4 meeting prepared with comments, suggestions and ideas.

As usual, free coffee will be served from 7:30 to 8:00, so if you come early you can enjoy some pleasant conversation before getting down to business.

You can also pay your Association dues, still only \$3 per family or \$2 per individual -- a bargain in these inflationary times.

## THE LATEST ON AIRPLANE NOISE

The protests by the Cabin John community concerning "noise pollution" by jet plane overflights brought about a meeting with officials from the FAA, EPA and various elected officials.

Success seemed within the grasp of the Cabin John protesters, as well as our neighbors in Glen Echo, when the FAA announced that henceforth airplanes heading south and west from National Airport would veer toward Virginia before reaching this area.

Unfortunately, Virginia residents, including Senator Edward Kennedy, were not enthusiastic about this proposal. They held a protest meeting, too, and expressed disbelief in the FAA contention that the new flight pattern would not increase noise levels for McLean and Langley residents in Virginia.

FAA acting chief James E. Dow has now decided to take noise level measurements of the old and new systems and make the results available to citizens groups on both sides of the river before rerouting any planes.

Sounds like we are in for a community tug-of-war. In the meantime, about 400 jets roar overhead daily.

## NEW LAND USE CO-CHAIRMAN

Following the last Citizens Association meeting I asked Jim Wilner to be co-chairman of the Land Use Committee. After some thought, he accepted. We're glad to have Jim's opinion to put into Land Use considerations in Cabin John. He will be taking primary responsibility for the Downzoning effort. Other members of the Land Use committee include Dan Sullivan, Erika Rogala, Helene Willoughby, Joe Higdon, Ron Morgan, Tevy Schlafman and myself, Susan Vogt. We are always open to new members. Just call Jim (229-2381) or me (229-6479) for notice of the next meeting.

**ABOUT RID OF AGNES  
WHEN ELOISE STORMS IN**

*By Helen Burnett*

Damage to the C&O Canal and towpath below Glen Echo during the recent storm Eloise was minimal, said Walter Failor, Superintendent of the C&O Canal. Water backed up behind a road leading from the George Washington Parkway to the towpath below Glen Echo, but Failor said there had been little damage to this area. That location, between locks 7 and 8, is used to stockpile materials needed for the repair of the towpath and canal.

Between locks 5 and 10 the surface of the towpath was washed away and debris was deposited behind the aqueducts during the storm. Most of the \$70,000 to \$80,000 damage done by the storm was above the Great Falls area, where overflowing water caused large breaks in the Canal, Failor said.

When Eloise hit, the National Park Service was nearing completion of a \$6 million repair project on the Canal and towpath after the damage from tropical storm Agnes.

Failor added that the stop lock No. 16, just beyond Widewater, currently being worked on by the Park Service, had functioned very well during the recent storm in diverting the water from the Canal. Bill Sipes, Chief of Maintenance for the Canal said that the Park Service hopes to complete the work on locks 15 and 16 including the installation of gates before mid-December, weather permitting.

Money to repair the Canal is appropriated by Congress. None has yet been appropriated for 1976, but Park Service officials were not concerned, since they have enough to meet their current needs.

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**FREE PULMONARY FUNCTION  
TESTS AT CLARA BARTON  
SCHOOL NOVEMBER 11TH**

Pulmonary function tests and tuberculin skin tests will be given FREE on Tuesday, November 11th from 3:00pm until 8:00pm at Clara Barton School, 7425 MacArthur Boulevard in Cabin John. The tuberculin skin test will be administered on Tuesday, the 11th, and must be checked on Thursday, the 13th. This one day of free pulmonary screening will be administered by professional staff of nurses and medical technicians with the help of volunteers and is sponsored by the Montgomery County Health Department, the Lung Association of Mid-Maryland and the Cabin John Citizens Association.

Volunteers are still needed to assist the professional staff. If you can volunteer a few hours on either November 11th or 13th, please call Carol Lewis at 229-2237.

These tests are PAINLESS and FREE! Take advantage of this opportunity to catch respiratory disease before it disables. Find out how your lungs measure up.

**GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL FALL  
BAZAAR NOVEMBER 1ST**

Mother Scott's heavenly singing, strolling clowns and a "silent auction" of a free weekend at a mountain lodge. The Grace Church annual fall bazaar has always been a little different. The 100-year old church at the foot of Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown has been the site in recent years of community activities ranging from guerilla theater to primal therapy classes. But its bazaar attracts the most attention. On Saturday, November 1st, the Grace Church fall bazaar will feature a variety of homemade foodstuffs, Rose Mitchell's famous crabcakes, baked goods, Texas chile, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 tables heaped with values -- clothing, books and records, jewelry, handcrafts, plants and flea-market items; raffles, games, balloons and prizes. This year, to extend the range of merchandise offered, local artists and craftspeople have been invited to show their wares. And the "silent auction" (sealed bids) will offer symphony tickets, the services of a maid for an evening, and things thrown in at the last minute that usually surprise even Joe Tartt, the rector. If the weather is fine, there may be a fire truck to look at. Bring the kids, and spend the day! From 10am to 4pm.

**AN OPEN LETTER FROM DR. A**

Dr. A., the old guy on Arden Road who gives candy to the kids and lives on a pension, begs that the pranksters who took his two plastic tarpaulins to bring them back. You've had your fun. Old people have stumbled over the garbage cans you left in the walkway in the dark. Dr. A lost about \$100 worth of books in the rain that night plus other valuables. Please bring the plastic sheets back. Dr. A needs them.

**OPENINGS IN CABIN JOHN  
FOUR YEAR OLD SCHOOL**

There are several openings in the Cabin John Four Year Old School. The school is open to 3 and 4 year old children who live in and around Cabin John. The school meets Monday through Friday at Clara Barton School from 8:45am to 11:30am and the class is taught by Annette Davis, a highly trained and qualified teacher who resides with her family in Cabin John.

The Cabin John Four Year Old Program has been actively supported by the community since 1964. Parents have indicated that children have benefitted in areas of greater independence, increased self-confidence, improved self image, increased interest in learning, improved learning skills, improved social relationships, and a growing awareness of their world. It is noted that adjustment to kindergarten is usually easier for graduates of the Four Year Old School.

The program is unique in that it is open to all members of the community -- not just to the affluent or those with lower incomes. No one is turned away for inability to pay, although parents are asked to pledge a specific amount each month (normally \$25) to cover the teacher's salary.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in this exciting pre-school program, please call Susan Luchs at 229-0187.

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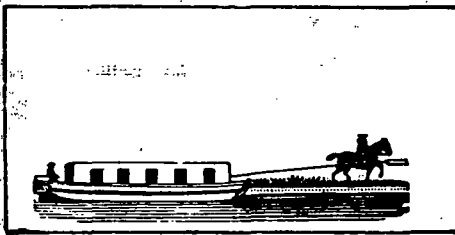
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**IN THE PARK**

"The Unwicked Witch", a play presented by Glen Echo Park's Adventure Theatre opened October 25 and performances will be at 1:30 and 3:30 each Saturday and Sunday through November 16. Tickets are \$1.50. Call 320-5331 for reservations.



**ALL ALONG THE C&O CANAL**

*Are You Acclimatized?* On Saturday, November 8, join a park ranger for a very different kind of walk designed to increase your environmental awareness. Be prepared to experience the unexpected and come away with a new perspective of your place in the landscape. Wear old clothes for this two hour program. Meet at C&O Canal Museum at Great Falls, Maryland at noon. For more information, call 299-3613.

*Gold Mine Walk.* On Sunday, November 9, follow the trail of early gold miners to the Ford Gold Mine at Great Falls, Maryland. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes recommended. About two miles, two hours. Meet at C&O Canal Museum at Great Falls, Maryland at 2pm. For more information, call 299-3613.

*Are You Acclimatized?* Saturday, November 15. See entry for November 8.

*The Flood Phenomenon.* Sunday, November 16, explore the relationship of the C&O Canal to the Potomac River as reflected in periodic flooding. A hike and slide presentation including scenes of Tropical storms Agnes and Eloise comprise the one hour program. Meet at the C&O Canal Museum at Great Falls, Maryland at 2pm. For more information, call 299-3613.

*Are You Acclimatized?* Saturday, November 22. See entry for November 8.

*On the Rocks.* On Sunday, November 23, join a geologist-ranger for a rugged four mile, four hour hike along the spectacular Mather Gorge of the Potomac River. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring a canteen. Meet at the C&O Canal Museum at Great Falls, Maryland at 1pm.

*Are You Acclimatized?* Saturday, November 29. See entry for November 8.

*The Flood Phenomenon.* Sunday, November 30. See entry for November 16.

**Dorothy Helens**

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**INSIDE THE REVOLUTION**

"If an American soldier carried a canteen like this, he had probably seen battle, because this came from the British. The Americans didn't have such nice canteens." That is an example of the unvarnished history you can get from the docents at the Smithsonian if you know where to look. In this case, it is "The Spirit of 1776 Discovery Corner," where from 11am to 2pm every day except Sunday, a short talk is given about the daily life of an average Revolutionary soldier. Besides passing around the uniforms, shoes, and cartridge cases, the very knowledgeable docents illustrate their lectures by burdening some hapless spectator with the uniform, the musket, the whole works, thus reiterating the ultimate military lesson: "Never volunteer." More reticent spectators can relax on chairs, benches and the carpet, escaping for a quarter-hour from the miles of the Smithsonian's glass cases and wondering how, given the hardships of a Revolutionary soldier's life, we ever won that war!

The Spirit of 1776 Discovery Corner is in the Smithsonian Museum of History and Technology, northeast corner of the third floor. Free lectures are offered continuously Monday through Saturday, 11am to 2pm.

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