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Photo by Calvin Kytle

Commissioner Charles Frances Wilding (left) of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission presented Cabin John with the Official flag of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration at the February meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association. Receiving it were Andrew Rice, President of the Association, and Janet Dence, co-chairperson of arrangements for "Chautauqua '76," Cabin John's bicentennial celebration on June 5th.

PLAN NOW TO CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL IN CABIN JOHN JUNE 5TH

Plans for Cabin John's bicentennial celebration, "Chautauqua '76," are in full swing. The celebration will include games, exhibits, concerts, good food, good talk and good company and is billed as "a day of joy, instruction, and inspiration" in the style of the old Chautauqua on the Potomac that flourished at Glen Echo in the summer of 1891.

Concurrent activities will take place at three locations: (1) Clara Barton School; (2) Cabin John Recreation Center; and (3) Cabin John Gardens Community Center. The celebration is set for June 5th, beginning at 11am and ending at 9pm.

Planned so far: • a community raffle in the form of a hunt for Cap'n John's treasure • a play starring Cabin John kids and directed by Diane Kellogg, based on Morris Fradin's story about the C&O Canal • a concert of 18th century music by the Cabin John Quartet • an exhibit of Cabin John memorabilia • games our forefathers played • mini-lectures on the history, architecture, wildlife and plantlife of Cabin John • an old-fashioned box supper featuring foods of the Revolutionary War period • a softball match between the Cabin John Fire

Department and Friends of THE VILLAGE NEWS • a bike parade • an old-fashioned band concert • a craft show featuring local hobbyists • a photo show organized by Peter Vogt and Ron Morgan • closing remarks by Congressman Gilbert Gude, and • fireworks, if funds can be raised.

The climax of the celebration will be "Old Timers' Night in Cabin John" -- a very special occasion for honoring long-term residents, former residents, past presidents of the Citizens Association, and all those who have helped preserve our tradition of neighborliness, diversity and self-reliance as we plan for the future.

Plan now to celebrate the Bicentennial in Cabin John all day, Saturday, June 5th. Chautauqua '76...an occasion to honor our HERITAGE; a FESTIVAL to renew our fellowship; a forum to bring our HORIZON in view. Right here in Cabin John.

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ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO FINANCE REPAIRS OF UNION ARCH

by Jim Wilner

The Army Corps of Engineers, at a meeting held last month, has announced that it has decided to repair the Union Arch Bridge using their own resources. The Corps intends to begin work as soon as permission from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has been obtained -- hopefully, within a few months. Construction should be completed within six months time. The decision to make this an "in-house" job will apparently save the taxpayers over half million dollars from the original \$750,000 estimate.

The Bridge shall be reopened to only one lane of traffic controlled by a stop light at each end. In addition, a pedestrian right of way is to be included in the general construction.

All things considered, the solution is a fair one considering all of the factors involved. As a community we must be diligent in helping the Corps to complete reconstruction within their established time-frame.

SEVEN LOCKS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO BEGIN FISCAL YEAR 1977

by Andy Rice

Improvements to Seven Locks Road between MacArthur Boulevard and River Road is now scheduled to start sometime during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976. During that year the bridge over Cabin John Creek will be rebuilt, and the necessary design work and land acquisition begun for the rest of the road. Reconstruction of the road itself is scheduled for the following year, beginning sometime after July 1, 1977, and continuing for 12 to 18 months. Traffic is expected to be maintained while the work goes on.

These plans were outlined by Anthony Kanz, Deputy Director of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation when he spoke at the March 23 membership meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association, held at the Cabin John United Methodist Church. Mr. Kanz said the plans were not absolutely final yet, although they had been tentatively adopted by the County Council. Approval was still necessary by the Montgomery County Planning Board (which will hold a public hearing on April 22) after which the Council must give its final approval.

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IN THE PARK AT GLEN ECHO

By Deborah Hollander

In an attempt to update what's going on with the Master Plan for environmental changes to the Park, I spoke to Dick Ring, park supervisor. Evidently the Plan that was introduced to the public in January is being re-drafted due to a bit of bureaucratic red tape via the National Park Service's new planning process. The revised plan will attempt to set new directions regarding the already existing environmental structures in the park. Ring said that the new plan will be more supportive of the artists since it will attempt to stress Glen Echo as a cultural center keeping in line with its Chautauqua heritage.

This month I visited the Photoworks and the Graphic Workshops. Making its home in the ranch building are the "Photoworks" photography studios. Two full-time photographers in residence (Frank Herrera and Rhoda Baer) and one full-time instructor (Molly Roberts) teach a variety of level classes to the 75 plus students who frequent their facility. Class size is limited to 12 and are offered 6 days a week with both day or evening sessions available. Each Sunday "open workshop" opportunities are offered. Unique to the Photoworks is its workshop rather than academic atmosphere. Hands on experience is most definitely emphasized and aesthetic qualities are stressed rather than techniques of commercial photography. Fundamental, intermediate and advanced courses are offered plus classes for young people aged 10 to 16. This course offered on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning introduces the photographic process and materials and allows the learner to both build and use their own cameras. Frank Herrera's work may be seen in October at the Washington Project for the Arts. Ms. Roberts is currently exhibiting at the Intuitive Eye Gallery in Arlington. Rhoda Baer's photography can frequently be seen in the Washingtonian. The number for this studio is 229-7930.

The Graphics Workshop is currently staffed by ten part-time printers. Class offerings range from Introduction to Graphics to Experimental Intaglio techniques. The Introductory class is most interesting. Students are given a history of graphics with slide lectures, and class visits are made to area galleries. Most of the classes are workshop oriented in the hope that students will do their own work with assistance from the instructors when needed. Monthly shows are exhibited in the studios and upcoming is their third Annual Art Auction (April 25 at 1:30pm). Proceeds from this event are used to purchase equipment for the workshop. In honor of the bicentennial, the instructors of the Workshop have prepared a calendar depicting past and present scenes of Glen Echo Park. This studio may be reached by calling 229-9741.

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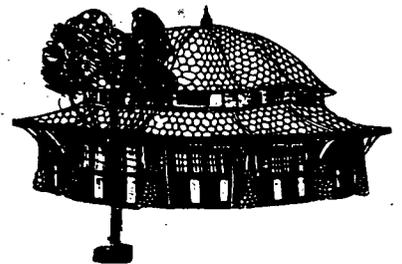
The plans call for no major realignment of Seven Locks Road. Originally the Department of Transportation had put forward a plan which would have moved the intersection of Seven Locks Road and River Road several hundred yards towards Pottomac. However, improvements already made at the current intersection of the two streets have proven successful from the point of view of traffic safety. Moreover, considerable objection to the shifting of the road had been expressed by Carderock Springs citizens.

During the meeting, Kanz also responded to citizens' complaints on other road matters in the Cabin John area, promising to look into the problem of standing water on 80th Place and along MacArthur Boulevard between Tomlinson Avenue and 75th Street. He also will check on necessary action to keep the bike path along MacArthur Boulevard swept clean of stones thrown onto it by passing cars.

ADVENTURE THEATRE PRESENTS "SOMEWHERE IN FOREVER" & "PINOCCHIO"

On Sunday, April 4th, at 1:30 and 2:30pm, Adventure Theatre's Chautauquateers present a new Bicentennial version of their original musical marionette show, "Somewhere in Forever."

On April 24th and 25th, Adventure Theatre presents a musical production of "Pinocchio". Shows will continue each Saturday and Sunday until May 16 and are at 1:30 and 3:30pm. All tickets are \$1.50. For reservations call 320-5331 weekdays, 10am to 2pm.



SPRING OPEN HOUSE AT GLEN ECHO PARK ON APRIL 4TH, NOON TO 4PM

On April 4th, Sunday, from noon till 4pm, there is a Spring Open House at Glen Echo Park. National Park Service-sponsored activities include: tours of the Park's arts, crafts, performing arts and auto mechanics and woodworking studios, with free exhibits, demonstrations and slide shows; free informal bluegrass and contemporary music; marionette performances; picnics and -- weather permitting -- carousel rides. For information on the Open House and spring classes which start April 12th, call 229-3031.

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EDITORIAL

Within the next few weeks, the officers of our Citizens Association shall petition Mr. Royce Hanson of the Park and Planning Commission, to amend the Chevy Chase Master Plan for the purpose of returning the downzoned properties in Cabin John to their previous C-1 status. A great many citizens are planning to appear in person before the Planning Board to emphasize the importance of this issue to our community. We feel sure that the Board will act swiftly in its efforts to help us restore these properties and keep Cabin John's small-town atmosphere.

We are interested in working through the planning process, and look forward to inviting Mr. Mathews and Mr. Cunningham to address our citizens association on how we may help them to bring this matter to a speedy resolution. Progress on this issue shall be reported monthly in THE VILLAGE NEWS. I am sure that Mr. Hanson will agree that the planning process will be best served in Cabin John if the right of its citizens to self-determination is understood and respected.

Editor

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Dear Editor,

Spring is here (at last) but we are still burdened with last winter's trash. I wonder if the residents of Cabin John are aware of how easy it is to arrange for special pick-ups of items garbage trucks are not allowed to take away. Do you think a small paragraph in THE VILLAGE NEWS might get to a few people with old broken junk lying around their front yards?

You can ask for a special pick-up every 90 days and one extra if you are either moving in or moving out. The number to call is 881-1400.

I'll look forward to some improvement in the eyesores around us. Cabin John can be (and sometimes is) so pretty. And then there are the other times.

Carol Snowdon



HERE'S LOOKING AT US! A Portrait of Us and Where We Live
on the Occasion of Our Nation's Birthday

by Peter Vogt

We all look at Cabin John and each other with different points of view, different feelings and different eyes. It might have to do with how long we've lived here, how old or young we are, the family that surrounds us or the fact that we live alone. It might be our work, our neighborhood, our hobbies or what we're learning in school. Whatever we see and feel about each other and the place we live adds up to a collective image of Cabin John -- the community -- ourselves. In many ways our unity in Cabin John is in the value most of us place on each other's individuality and right to do his or her own thing. This is not the average homogenized suburb, right? Well, let's see! Let's take a look and find out through our photographs on June 5th.

We can put together a very big and fun Cabin John Album. We'll need lots of photographs, though. So pull out those cameras, put in a new roll of film and start clicking everywhere!

Everybody, no matter how young or old, living in Cabin John, is eligible and wanted for this Bicentennial Picture Taking Binge. Any little, middle or big person who can put a camera up to his or her eye and squeeze off a shot will be included in our festival show. Each person who enters any number of pictures is also a potential winner in a bunch of contest categories. Every person who enters even one picture will have a photograph displayed during our Bicentennial Celebration. There will be a certificate of participation awarded to each and every entrant. Special awards will be presented to the winners of the contest categories, as part of the June 5th festivities.

Here are a couple of rules and categories to think about:

- (1) Bring in only prints. Prints may be black and white or color. Color does not have any special advantage over black and white. If you take slides, get a print made of each picture you want to enter.
- (2) Write your name, address and phone number on a small piece of paper and tape it to the back of each photo submitted.
- (3) First, second and third prizes will be awarded for each category in two groups. Group I will include photographers

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PHOTO CONTEST (continued)

Ages six through sixteen and Group II will include photographers ages seventeen through hundred. •(4)Mail or bring your pictures in an envelope to: THE VILLAGE NEWS, Box 184; Peter Vogt, 6509 76th Street; or Ron Morgan, 6525 80th Street.

These are the categories which will be used in judging the pictures. The people selected to judge the contest will assign your photograph to one of the categories if you haven't already done so yourself. Keep them in mind, but don't worry about it:

I. People -- holding still, to have their picture taken. Individuals, groups, family, portrait-formal or casual.

II. People Doing -- at work, play, in school, with favorite things like a car, bike, plant, boyfriend, rake, snake, skate board, etc.

III. Home -- pictures in and around each person's house or apartment, inside or outside. (Pay attention to the place more than the people.)

IV. Cabin John Scenes - beautiful or ugly, dramatic or plain, a favorite place, something seldom looked at, a fresh look at the obvious, what you love about our town or what you hate about it.

Don't forget to take off the case or clean off the lens. Shoot a fast roll and get it processed to see if the camera's working. And by all means, save the negatives. We plan to enlarge the winner's photographs to 8x10 inch prints for the day of days. We're all winners in this Cabin John Photo Contest. Here's looking at us!

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WANTED: Dress form, ladies size 6, 8 and 10. Call 229-7530.

NEW COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY FORMED TO DEAL WITH VANDALISM

by Andy Rice

The late snowfall of March 16 produced a rash of serious snowballing by young adults against cars driving along MacArthur Boulevard near the intersection of Tomlinson and MacArthur. Many complaints were lodged with the police by Cabin John citizens and a large number of the culprits were apprehended by the police on March 17.

The question of public safety was raised at the March 23 meeting of the Citizens Association, with reports presented of other instances of law violations and vandalism. The necessity for more "on-the-spot" police presence was stressed by many at the meeting. To explore ways and means of achieving this objective, the meeting voted to establish a new committee on public safety.

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