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NEW SAVINGS ASSOCIATION TO OPEN IN CABIN JOHN

A new financial institution, the Maximum Savings Association, will open its doors this month in the MacArthur Square Shopping Center.

"We hope to open on March 22, or very shortly thereafter," the Village News was told on March 17 by Suzanne Weiss, senior vice president and chief financial officer. "We plan to provide a full range of financial services, including commercial services for businesses, personal checking and savings services, financing and even an Automated Teller Machine. We're part of the MOST network," she stated, "and we are a state-chartered, federally insured Savings and Loan Association."

Marcella Harris, a resident of Cabin John, will be the new Financial Services Center manager. The Center will have four customer service stations.

Asked why Maximum Savings was opening its first service center in Cabin John, Ms. Weiss said, "We felt this area needed a new financial institution, and we called ourselves 'maximum' because that is what we want to do -- provide maximum service. We want our neighbors in Cabin John to discover it can be a pleasure to open a new account."

Ms. Weiss encouraged Cabin Johners to come in and look around the new facility. She pointed out that the interior has been decorated around the theme of the C & O Canal, and includes wood sculptures. The building includes several conference rooms.

Executive offices for the new company are in Chevy Chase. Other corporate officers are Phillip Bowman, President, and Ron Gudbrandsen, senior vice president, commercial. Further information can be obtained by calling 229-8700.

--Bill Le Clere



BUS SERVICE FOR CABIN JOHN APPROACHES

August 25 now seems the likely date for the beginning of rush hour bus service between Cabin John and the new Metro station in Bethesda (Wisconsin Ave. and Old Georgetown Rd.)

The "Ride-On" route will run along Wilson Lane but no local passengers will be picked up or dropped off on Wilson. The Cabin John Citizens Association has asked the county to permit a pick-up stop at Pyle Intermediate School for children unable to take the school bus because of after-school activities.

The expected one-way fare from Cabin John to downtown Washington, using the bus and Metro, will be \$2.05. The N-5 bus will continue to run from Glen Echo to downtown in rush hours only, with an expected fare of \$1.75.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(If you want your event listed in this calendar, please call Susan Luchs, 320-3401. Next deadline is April 13. The calendar is open to all community groups.)

Sunday, March 25 (and every following Sunday) Folk concert co-sponsored by Bethesda Co-op, Glen Echo Park, 2:30 p.m. (see story this issue)

Tuesday, March 27 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, 8 p.m., Clara Barton/Washington International School (see story this issue)

Saturday, March 31 Goods and Services Auction, 7 p.m., Bannockburn School (see story this issue)

SCHOOL NEWS.....

*Bannockburn School PTA will hold a Goods and Services Auction fundraiser on Saturday, March 31, at the school. From 7 to 8:30 p.m. there will be a Silent Auction featuring everything from weekends at the beach to theatrical tickets. Channel 9's Jane Van Ryan will be the live auctioneer beginning at 9. There will be a \$5 donation per couple which will be deducted from any purchase. For more info, call Toya O'Hora at 229-0555.

*Raffle tickets are now being sold for the annual scholarship fundraising event of the Clara Barton Center for Children. Over 25 winners will be drawn at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the Center. Prizes include round-trip air fare and hotel accommodations for two to the Bahamas, a side of smoked salmon from the Fisherman's Market in Glen Echo, a \$100 gift certificate from Georgetown Leather, and many more. Tickets are \$1. For info, call 320-4565.

*The Cabin John 3-and-4-Year-Old-Nursery-School is now accepting applications for the 1984-85 school year. Please contact Annette Davis at 229-0754 or Amanda Ford at 229-3436.

NEW QUICK FOOD OWNER MEETS WITH CITIZENS


Alan Hedlund, who recently became the owner of the Quick Food Shop, spoke to the Feb. 28 meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association. He plans to keep operating the store as in the past, although he may keep it open later during the warmer months.

He noted that vandalism by people hanging out in the parking lot after closing was a persistent problem and had cost him about \$5000 during the past 8 months. Littering by the same loiterers is also heavy and the parking lot requires a clean-up every morning. He asked that citizens noting irresponsible behavior on the property call the police at once.

Other speakers at the February meeting were Otis Langford of the C&P Telephone Company and Danny Kleinman of Buyers Up, a consumer oil-buying group.

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MacARTHUR BOULEVARD AND REC CENTER ARE TOPICS OF MARCH MEETING

Two main topics will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association, reports Association President Susan Vogt. They are:

- the status of the project to improve MacArthur Boulevard (maintenance, bike trail, crosswalks, landscaping, traffic flow, etc.)

- the status of the work on the Cabin John Recreation Center and plans for a survey to identify recreation programs the community would like to see begun once the Center is finished.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 27, at 8 p.m., at the Clara Barton/Washington International School. Everyone who lives or works in Cabin John is welcome.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKING SPACE FOR CLASSES

During May and June the Cabin John Fire Department will offer free CPR courses. They are in need of a large room for these activities. Any school, church or community center that would be willing to donate its facilities is requested to contact Lt. Robert Allwang, 229-4300.

The People of Cabin John

THE MAN WHO CAN'T STAND NOT BEING BUSY

By Barbara Martin

Wayne Frazee is a man who rarely sits still. "I'm always busy," he says, "there's no such thing as idle time for me."

A bricklayer by trade, 60-year-old Wayne works alongside men in their 20's, 30's, "and there's a few in their early 40's." But does he come home tired out and ready to sink down in front of the TV, beer in hand? Not Wayne Frazee.

His living room reflects one of his hobbies: refinishing antique furniture. A secretary desk, a rocker, chairs, and -- in place of honor -- an 1800's pump organ once owned by a relative of Mrs. Frazee.

Wayne also enjoys working with wood -- from the beginning. A lamp shaped from walnut is on a table; in the corner is a grandfather clock made of chestnut that stood for 50 years as part of a Garrett County barn. Wayne has a love of the wood itself. "I let that walnut cure for eight years; took the bark off and let it dry in the dark. I've got wood right now curing on the porch. Maybe it doesn't look so good piled out there, but I'm waiting until it's ready to work with."

"The worst wood I ever got," Wayne recalls, "was a piece of teakwood. My sons cut it up for me, and it ruined my saw."

And in the basement are lathes, saws, and projects in progress or waiting to begin. One room of the basement is given over to Wayne's lapidary hobby -- cutting and polishing precious stones. He has a machine that cuts stones to a set size and angle, and a series of emery stones for grinding the jewels. There's a machine that slabs stone (cuts it into layers), and a hunk of onyx (that Wayne brought back from Mexico) which has been partially slabbed.

He has designed and cut stones for many rings and other pieces of jewelry, including an owl fashioned from opal, his wife's birthstone.

Wayne and Polly Frazee have known each other all their lives. They grew up in Markleysburg, PA, "near the spot where three states meet -- Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland. We went to the same church and were in a music class together."

Polly Frazee travelled with that music class to the 1939 New York World's Fair. "We were kids from the country, green as they come. We played on a little stage. Didn't get paid for it, but we felt like a million dollars."

Stationed in Panama during World War II, Wayne returned to marry his childhood sweetheart. Their first son was born in Markleysburg. In 1956, seek-

ing better employment chances, the Frazees joined his sister and brother-in-law, the Bollos, in Cabin John. Mrs. Bollo still lives here, a block away from the Frazees; Steve Bollo died four years ago.

Wayne built the house they live in. While he built it, the Frazees lived in the "little Camplair house, next to the big one." Wayne designed the house, did all the framing, masonry, and finishing. He has done brick and block work for many Cabin Johners.

With a friend, Wayne built an all-stone house near the Appalachian Trail. It had 2,200 sq.ft. of stone, two stone chimneys, three fireplaces, and an 1,800 sq.ft. retaining wall. He has always preferred to work for a company rather than go into business for himself. "That way I come home with a mind that's free."

He works on houses by preference. "I don't like high rises. Twice I almost got it. Once all the boards but one of the scaffolding collapsed. I crawled on my hands and knees on that one board till I could get inside. Another time the wind caught me]3 floors up; I just barely hung on."

Wayne enjoys music. He "fools around" with a 4-string banjo, and a steel guitar which he bought in the 40's; now he is teaching himself to play the pump organ. "After I got it refinished and brought it up here to the living room, I decided I might as well learn to play it. When you get a troubled mind, if you sit down and play, your troubles wash away."

Back in Markleysburg, Polly taught banjo, guitar, and mandolin. Although arthritis has made it impossible for her to play now, she kept having a dream about getting a mandolin. "It was a nightmare I had over and over. I'd get the money together and then they wouldn't sell me the mandolin. Or I'd open the case and it would be broken. Seems like I kept dreaming about getting a mandolin, two or three times a week." Last year, for a present, Wayne bought his wife a beautiful mandolin. She holds it lovingly. "Well, my fingers won't let me play it, but do you know I've stopped having the nightmares. So it was a good present."

Fourteen years after she played at the World's Fair with the Markleysburg string band, Polly returned to New York, as a finalist in the Pillsbury Bakeoff. "There were 100 ranges in the ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria. As prizes, each of us got an electric range, an electric mixer, the trip to New York, and \$100 spending money. My recipe for French apple pie was published in the Pillsbury Cookbook."

Sons David, Clinton, and Gary are grown now. But the house seems full -- of treasures, projects and energy. Wayne gets up at 5 every morning, whether it's a work day or not. "In the winter, there's days when it's too cold or too rainy to work. But I get going on something anyway -- usually down in the basement. I don't read much and I don't watch TV. But there's always things I want to work on. Can't stand not being busy."

SIGN MAKER/SIGN PAINTER WANTED

The Cabin John Citizens Association is looking for someone who will be build a wooden sign and design the best way to display it. It will be used to announce CJCA meetings. Once it is built someone to paint the lettering is also needed.

The Association will pay for all materials and, if necessary, a little more. Perhaps a retired carpenter and/or painter would be interested in making this contribution which would be appreciated by everyone. If interested, call Susan Vogt at 229-6479 evenings or weekends.

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HOUSES FOR SALE

Residents of Cabin John are often asked if they know of houses available in the community. As a convenience, the Village News lists below the houses known to be for sale as of March 17:

- 6509 78th St, contemporary colonial, 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, \$169,900
- 6532 79th St, farmhouse, 2 BR, 2 BA, \$198,500
- 7512 Arden Rd, rambler, 3 BR, 1 BA, \$89,950
- 15 Russell Rd, rambler, 3 BR, 1 BA, \$99,000
- 3 Webb Rd, rambler, 2 BR, 1 BA, \$82,500

Information contributed by Cindy Offterdinger, 897-8048 or 654-3222

(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: April 13, 1984. The rate is 50¢ per line.)

FOR SALE: Used stereo components -- record player, amplifier plus tape deck -- and stereo cabinet. Best offer. Call 229-3351.

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YOUNG ODD JOBBERS--(12-14) will do errands, babysitting, windows, yardwork. Sullivan Bros. 229-7167.

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HELP WANTED: Landscape crew person for landscape design/build firm. Cabin John. Should have experience in planting and/or carpentry. Call Mark Willcher 320-2040.

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ELLEN'S AEROBICS PLUS classes are now forming at the Carderock Swim Clubhouse. Starting April 2nd on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30. \$47.00 for 20 sessions. For further info call 320-3167.

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FOLK CONCERTS CONTINUE

The Bethesda Co-op/Glen Echo Park Sunday afternoon folk concerts are continuing as follows:

- March 25: John Singleton (Southern Appalachians)
- April 1: Sweetpotatoes (Irish contradance)
- April 8: Laura Burns & Roger Rosen from Boston
- April 15: Winterwood (bluegrass)

Starting time is 2:30. Tickets are \$3 or \$3.50.

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