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COMMUNITY POSITION ON CLARA BARTON SCHOOL TO BE DECIDED AT JANUARY 30 MEETING

-by Walter Snowden

Cabin John residents will have an opportunity to establish a community position on the leasing of Clara Barton School at the January 30 meeting of the Citizens Association at the school.

At a public hearing on January 17 on the subject of Grace Chapel leasing the school, the President of the Citizens Association presented the view of the Executive Committee of the Association that there had been insufficient information and too little time for the community to arrive at a position on Grace Chapel's leasing the school.

In order for Cabin John citizens to acquaint themselves with Grace Chapel, its pastor and its program, Mr. D.M. Statton, pastor, and Mr. Robert Viscount, representing Grace Chapel, have accepted our invitation to be present at the January 30 meeting to discuss Grace Chapel's program and planned use of the school building. Citizens will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the organization, its program and future plans.

At the close of the meeting, those attending will be asked to propose a formal community position on the subject of Grace Chapel's leasing of the school building and to vote on the proposal in order to satisfy the County's request for community input into its final decision on the subject.

A new possibility was introduced at the public hearing when a representative of the YMCA stated that the YMCA was interested in exploring the possibility of leasing the school for a long-range center with added facilities for a wide scope of programs. This will be discussed at the January 30 meeting, but a firm decision by the YMCA management committee will not have been made at that time. The decision will depend on a staff study which will not be completed by the January 30 meeting, but the possibility remains that the YMCA will make a bid for the school.

MCCAN CONTINUES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Maryland Citizens Concerned About Aircraft Noise (MCCAN) is making an all out effort to enlist as many members as possible in its fight against aircraft noise.

Members are being solicited from not only Cabin John, but from all other interested areas. Also, everyone is being urged to call in their noise complaints to the National Airport Sound Complaint Center. That number, listed on page 15 of the Cabin John Directory 1978-79, is 557-2081.

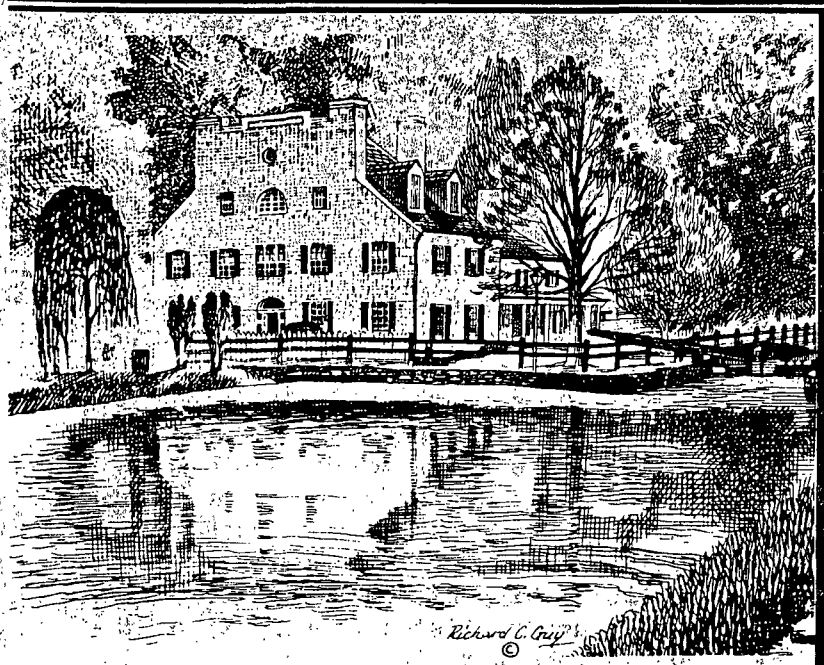
FIGHT CONTINUES ON SEVEN LOCKS ROAD

-by Panya Duff

An alternate Seven Locks Road route has been proposed by the Seven Locks Road Group. The alternate route, which is both safe and scenic, passes through the parkland beside Seven Locks Road. Mr. Stanley Benning, the engineer/land planner representing the group placed the proposed route before the Transportation Department. His proposal allows the citizens whose property faces Seven Locks Road to keep their land, using property now owned by the Park and Planning Commission. It would begin at Tomlinson Road, pass down through the parkland and rejoin the existing Seven Locks Road at the beltway overpass. Access to Palisades Park and to the stretch of roadway from AME Zion Church to Tomlinson would be accomplished by two "feeder roads. (see map on page 3)

Mr. Benning provided statistics and data proving that this route would be feasible. He also showed that it would be more economical to the County than attempting to deal with the disgruntled citizens whose homes would be seriously damaged by the County's proposed realignment of Seven Locks.

The County seems to be starting to listen to the citizens of Cabin John, but the support of everyone in Cabin John is already needed. The proposed alternate route will benefit



GREAT FALLS TAVERN CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL

185-MILE TOWPATH ANNIVERSARY HIKE PLANNED FOR APRIL

-by Nancy Long

Would you like to hike the 185 miles of the C & O Canal towpath from Cumberland to Georgetown next April?

Last summer, the C & O Canal Association began planning a fourteen-day hike which will begin on April 15 in Cumberland, and conclude on April 28 with a banquet at Glen Echo Park. The 1979 hike will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the hike led in 1954 by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas to prevent the C & O Canal from being destroyed in favor of a riverside parkway. Plans at that time were to fill in the canal, bulldoze its 534 historic structures into oblivion, and construct a highway on its remains. Justice Douglas and a stout band of fellow conservationists organized a successful effort, in the form of the now-famous hike to rescue the canal from this ignominious fate.

The C & O Canal Association was born out of this original hike, and its members worked for seventeen years for legislation which would establish the canal as a national park. On January 8, 1971, legislation was signed which created the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Each year since 1954, the Association has held a reunion hike, covering different stretches of the towpath and averaging approximately twelve miles, which culminated in a banquet held in one of the communities near the canal -- Williamsport, Cumberland, Paw Paw, Hancock, Georgetown, Glen Echo, to name a few. In 1974, thirty-three men and women hiked the entire length of the towpath to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the 1954 hike. Since 1979 will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary, the Association deemed it appropria to undertake another towpath-length hike.

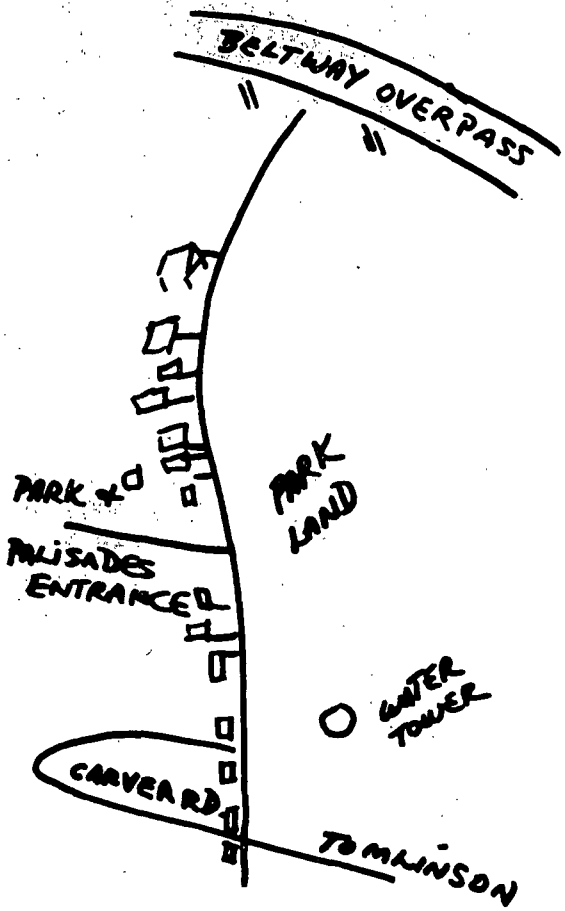
As in 1974, participants will hike an averag of fourteen miles a day, camp along the towpath at night, cook some of their own meals in camp, and visit local canal communities for other meals -- including banquets in Cumberland, Williamsport, and Glen Echo. Logistical support will be provided by the National Park Service C & O Canal staff and by Association members. Participation is not limited to members and anyone wishing to hike the 185 miles is welcome. However, due to limitation of space in camping areas along the canal, the number of hikers has been limited to no more than 50 and interested persons should make reservations with the Association's treasurer, Mary Elizabeth Johns, 6233 - 18th Road, North Arlington, Virginia 22205. It is advisable not to delay. To the extent possible, persons who do not wish to attend banquets -- such as the one planned at Glen Echo Park -- may do so by making reservations with Mrs. Johns.

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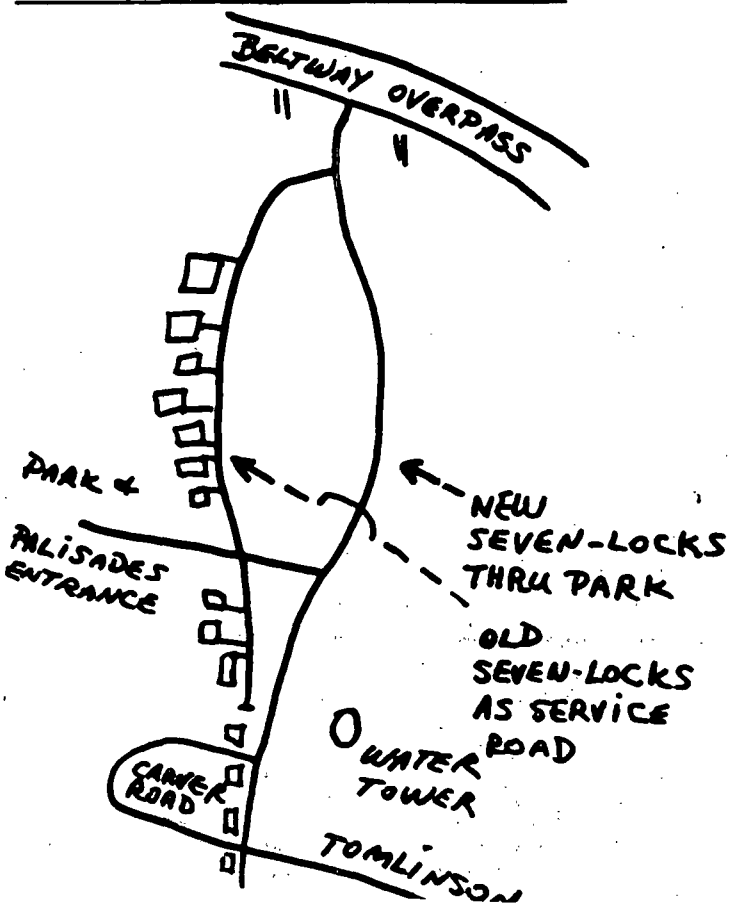


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EXISTING SEVEN LOCKS ROAD



COMMUNITY PROPOSED ALTERNATE ROUTE



SEVEN LOCKS RD. (cont.)

not only the citizens on Seven Locks Road, but the entire community. Seven Locks Road would remain as a service road, free of pollutants and high speed traffic.

Out legislative representatives have played no small part in arranging appointments and alerting the county government to the plight of the citizens along Seven Locks Road. Hats off again to Mr. Robin Ficker and Mrs. Judy Toth. Mr. Ficker is continuing to focus attention on the Seven Locks Road problem. Mr. Ficker has agreed to lead the citizens on a march down the affected portion of Seven Locks Road. The march will begin at 1:00 PM on Sunday, January 28 and will proceed from the AME Zion Church on Seven Locks Road to the Cabin John Methodist Church. Plan to join the citizens march.

YOUR PERSONAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

KID'S CORNER

1. Who was the first American in space, in 1961?
2. What is the "Keystone State"?
3. What is the winning percentage for a sports team that has 80 victories and 40 losses?
4. Who wrote "A Farewell to Arms"?
5. What is a rippiet?
6. Zucchini is a type of squash. True or false?
7. How many feet equal one rod?
8. Claustrophobia is a fear of what?
9. A siamese cat normally has eyes of what color?
10. Washington Redskins' quarterback Billy Kilmer first played professional football with what team?

Answers

1. Alan Shepard Jr. 2. Pennsylvania. 3. .667. 4. Ernest Hemingway. 5. A little ripple, such as a small movement on water or of air. 6. True. 7. 16 ½. 8. A fear of being in a confined area. 9. Blue. 10. San Francisco 49ers (1961).

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:
On behalf of the members of Maryland Citizens Concerned About Aircraft Noise (MCCAN), we strongly urge all other residents of the Cabin John area and any other interested persons to join the organization.

Although some people may feel that it is a losing battle to try to get the FAA to change its unfair policy which brings so many jets over our homes, we have only recently had a special organization to lead the fight. There are still plans for a petition drive in Cabin John, but it is imperative that we now accomplish the following if we are to have any chance of success.

First, we must all join MCCAN to let the FAA know that we as a group are united in opposition to their discriminatory policy. If we do not have many members, the FAA may feel that they can continue to ignore us with impunity.

Second, we must call the National Airport Sound Complaint Center at 557-2061 whenever we are bothered by jet noise. If only a few people complain, the FAA may claim that this proves we don't have any major noise problems.

Please, let's work for a quiet community by joining MCCAN and calling National Airport with our noise complaints. We urgently need your help to succeed.

To become a member, please call Dan Costello (229-7698) or Frank Sordyl (229-6417) or clip out the coupon from the enclosed flyer and mail it to the stated address.

Sincerely,
Dan Costello
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Important Citizens Association Meeting this Tuesday, February 27th at 8:00 at the School. Representatives from the State Dept. of Assessment and Taxation will justify Cabin John property tax increases, explain tax rebate program and talk about '79 tax increase planned for Cabin John Gardens.

Regular edition of THE VILLAGE NEWS will be out soon --- delayed due to snow.

- Ed.