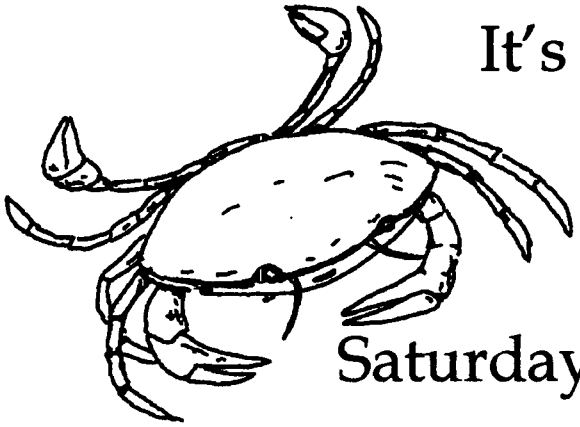
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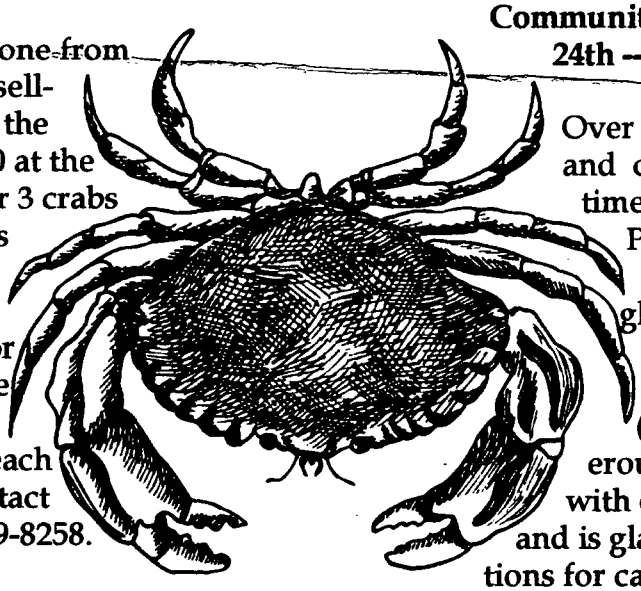


It's time once again for the annual Cabin John Crab Feast, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 9th from 2 - 6 pm

CRAB FEAST 2000

Join your neighbors at the Clara Barton Community Center for this annual celebration. It's always fun, and it's a great way to get to know and help others in our community. If you are new to Cabin John in the last year, we especially invite you to come and learn more about the great town you've chosen.

Beginning in September, someone from your street will be coming by selling advance tickets. This year, the cost is $8.00 in advance or $9.00 at the door for 6 crabs plus veggies or 3 crabs and a piece of BBQ chicken plus veggies.



Entertainment and activities for the kids will be featured. More than 100 Cabin Johnners come together to pull this event off each year - if you'd like to help, contact Lori at 320-6299 or Nicki at 229-8258.

BIKE PARADE

This is a great time for all you kids to get out those bikes, wagons and strollers and help us start the 2000 feast by parading down MacArthur Boulevard to the Clara Barton Community Center. During the feast, prizes will be awarded to all kids who participated - and by the way, there will be pizza, popcorn and lemonade if you're not a crab eater! Parade starts at 2pm at MacArthur and 79th.

PLUS MORE TOWN-WIDE FUN

Community Canoe Trip on Sept. 24th -- see enclosed flyer.

Over 60 residents (adults and children) had a great time last summer on the Potomac River, paddling from Old Anglers Inn down to Lock 8 in Cabin John. Potomac Outdoors (301-320-1544) has generously agreed to assist with our efforts once again and is glad to accept reservations for canoes. Call or email Larry Heflin (lhheflin@juno.com, 301-229-4674) if you have any questions.

Expanded Fall class offerings for youngsters and others at the community center - see story page 4.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS Sept. 2000

by Barbara Martin

In June, **Olga Long** celebrated her 90th birthday. Family and friends surprised her with a party at her home at Macarthur and 80th Street. In addition to the crabs and an enormous feast, the guests presented Olga with a Memory Book covering her nine decades of life.

Richard Grinker of Seven Locks Road has published a book, "In the Arms of Africa," a biography of Colin Turnbull. Richard is a professor of anthropology at GWU. This is his fourth published book.

Javed, Enjum, and Razia Hamid have moved from 80th Street to live in Hong Kong, where Javed is opening a new office for the World Bank. Staying behind are son Akbar who lives in Potomac and daughter Mehrunissa who lives in Columbia, Maryland.

New residents on Macarthur are **Tom and Judy Lund** and their two children, Tom works for Fannie Mae. The Lunds moved here from Plano, Texas.

Barbara Kloc (Kalico Arts) of Tomlinson Ave. is exhibiting a collection of her work including collage, drawings, and nature photography - some hand-tinted at the Rockville Regional Library through Aug. 31st. Butterflies are a major subject. Barb has a BFA from Swain School of Design and an MFA from the MD Institute College of Art. She has been an educator, counselor and artist - and she also enjoys clowning and face painting - a skill she has shared with the children of Cabin John for years at various town events.

Neighborly News is an abbreviated version this month since Barbara Martin is away. If you have items for this column, please mail them to Barbara at 6431 79th St, for inclusion in a later issue. Leaving telephone messages on the answering tape is risky, since it may fill up before she returns.

Next CJCA Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, 2000 at the Clara Barton Community Center:

Agenda - (1) Presentation by Sally Fallon, author of "Nourishing Traditions" dealing with historical/other aspects of healthy eating, (2) discussion of National Park Service proposal on Glen Echo Park future, (3) status of various ongoing CJCA projects (Historical Exhibit, C&O Canal stink issue, Creek improvement, etc), (4) reports on Crab Feast and Canoe Trip.

Community Association Dues - Please pay your citizen association dues - $15 for family/individual at the Crab Feast (Sept 9th) or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope to Cabin John Citizens Association, P.O. Box 31, Cabin John, MD 20818. We have raised the dues slightly for the first time in quite a while and plan to make a push to have the dues notices appear for a few times each fall, rather than throughout the year. **We have seen a slight decline in the number of dues-payers over the past few years and hope that the residents of Cabin John recognize the value of supporting the Community Association, whose primary goal is to preserve the identity and further the interests of the Cabin John community.** The projects undertaken by CJCA include annual community events, support of The Village News, preparation of community directories, and a wide range of other efforts that support the truly unique community of Cabin John. We hope that you will send your contribution/dues in promptly for the coming year (Sept to Aug).

Sincerely, Burr Gray - CJCA President

GIRL SCOUTS ON THE HUNT FOR TRASH

On Tuesday morning, July 11, 2000, six girls from junior Girl Scout Troop 003 of Cabin John, with two of their leaders, were seen on Seven Locks Rd. hauling heavy, large plastic trash bags between them, walking north toward River Road. It took them an hour and a half to pick up more than seven hundred and fifty pieces of trash, small and large, but that was enough for the day. And even though it began to rain, it had been a satisfying experience.

- Ini Beckman

LOOKING BACKWARD IN CABIN JOHN

By Andrew E. Rice

Integration in Cabin John

Racial segregation was well established in Cabin John in the latter years of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th. Title deeds to property owned by whites included the restrictive covenant -- long since outlawed by the Supreme Court -- that "no part of said property shall be sold, leased, or rented to any person or persons of the negro race or other persons of color." And hard though it is to believe today, when the Citizens Association was founded in 1919, membership was limited to whites in its first, now long abandoned, constitution.

Not long after the Civil War, schools also became segregated -- to the detriment of the black students. Records show that the first school for black children was established in 1880. In 1911 the school was moved to rented space in the Gibson Grove AME Zion Church (itself founded in 1898 and thus Cabin John's oldest church), but the school was closed in 1922 due to "low attendance." In fact 24 students were affected, and for the next five years no public schooling was provided for them. Parental pressure finally brought about rental of new space in 1927; four years later black children were transferred to a larger school on River Road.

Meanwhile a new school for white students was built and opened in Cabin John in 1924; previously children had gone to a school on Wilson Lane. Originally called the Glen Echo-Cabin John School, its name was changed during World War II to the Clara Barton School.

After the Supreme Court struck down racial segregation in education in 1954, Clara Barton, through the transfer of students from the River Road School, became one of the first elementary schools in Montgomery County to integrate. When school opened in the September 1955, 14% (53 children) of its total student body of 385 were black.

The community had worked hard to prepare for integration. The PTA had established an Integration Committee representing a wide range of opinion. Meetings had been held with expert consultants. The Committee worked to have not only students but also teachers transferred from the River Road School.

In April 1956 the Committee assessed the situation. They surveyed opinion among the faculty and the chairmen of various PTA activities and concluded that "the atmosphere these days in Clara Barton School is encouragingly normal; more, that there is among the teachers a feeling of pride in what is being accomplioshed by the teamwork of all -- principal, teachers, children, and parents alike."

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CHILDREN'S CLASS OFFERINGS GROW THIS FALL AT CLARA BARTON COMMUNITY CENTER

by Heidi Brown Lewis

After several years of meager offerings for young people at our community center, the Montgomery County Recreation Department has upped the number and variety of programs for fall. Adults and seniors also have a good selection of classes to choose from. Whether the increase is a result of noticing our area's changing demographics, or tiring of the complaint calls from parents like me, one thing is sure - we must "use it or lose it." In a conversation with a representative of MCRD last year, they said classes scheduled at Clara Barton in the past had been poorly attended, and that was the reason for the long drought in new offerings.

The following is a list of all classes noted in the current "Guide to Recreation and Leisure" Autumn 2000 published by the MCRD. You'll need a copy of that catalog for more complete info and a registration form. Copies are available in the lobby of the community center, and at local libraries. You can also try their web site at www.co.mo.md.us/rec.

CLASS NAME	AGES	DAY	TIME
Tiny Hand Crafts	3-6	W	1pm
Little Scientists	3-4	Th	9:30am
	3-4	Th	10:15am
	5-6	Th	1pm
Discovering Music	1-2	Tu	10am
	2-3	Tu	11am
	1-3	Tu	6:30pm
Exploring Music and Piano	3-4	Tu	9am
	3-4	Tu	3:30pm
	7&up	Tu	4:30pm
	5-6	Tu	5:30pm
Karate/Jujitsu	5-12	Wed	7pm
	13&up	Wed	8pm

and for teens/adults

CLASS NAME	DAY	TIME
Collaged Holiday Card	Tu	7pm
Enjoying the Opera	Sa	1pm
Dancin' Fitness	W, F	4:15pm
Definitions Strength Training	Tu, Th	9:15am
	Tu, Th	7pm
Definitions Aerobics	M, W	9:15am
Yoga Plus	M	6pm
	Th	10:30am
Stretching for Health	M	7:45pm
How To Fit Art Into Your Life	M	7pm
Mixed Media Treasure Box	M	7pm

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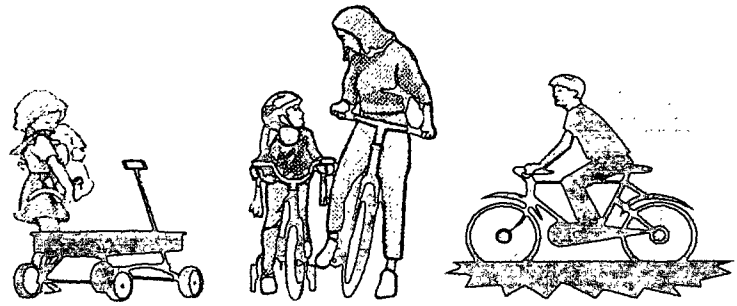
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NEWS FROM THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

by Burr Gray

Reminder of Sept 16th Stream Monitoring Training -A reminder that Friends of Cabin John Creek Watershed is offering free training on how to evaluate the health of local streams through monitoring the diversity of aquatic life. No prior experience is required. Monitoring workshop will be held on Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - at the Locust Grove Nature Center (301-299-1990), 7777 Democracy Blvd (located about halfway between Montgomery Mall and Seven Locks Rd, parking in lot for Cabin John Regional Park). This training is supported by a $1000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, and by personnel from the Montgomery County DEP and the Potomac Conservancy. If interested, please fill out the short form on our website at www.cabinjohn.org/focjcw/memberform.htm, or contact Roy Seidenstein at 202/260-2252 (w), e-mail roy@intr.net. Make sure to provide your name, phone number, e-mail address, street mailing address, and name of local creek. As previously noted, our goal is to have our newly trained stream monitors work with two partners to conduct a real life spot sampling (usuallytakes about 2 hours) on Oct 21st (and once every calendar quarter thereafter) at one of 10 stream locations throughout the Cabin John Watershed. Due to budgetary and staff limitations, Montgomery County currently samples each site on a 5-year rotating basis. The sites are located along the Cabin John Creek corridor in Cabin John/Bethesda.

Glen Echo Park Future - Public meeting to be held on Thursday, Sept 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park to discuss the National Park Service's recently released Draft Management Plan. You can view the Plan/Environmental Impact Statement at http://www.nps.gov/glec. Briefly, the Park Service has outlined five possible options for managing the future of the Park. The one preferred by the Park Service is a Modified Public Partnership, which would set up a non-profit organization to run the park and be responsible for all park maintenance. The board of directors of this non-profit organization would oversee day-to-day management of the Park and be responsible for "increased marketing" efforts. All existing contracts with resident cooperators would be renegotiated and those cooperators would be asked to reimburse the board for the costs of providing service and management. Other options evaluated by the Park Service included (1) no change to the current structure, (2) having the Park Service play an increased role in the Park, (3) a Public Partnership (only real difference here with the "preferred option" listed above is that the NPS would be responsible for maintenance, rather than the non-profit board of directors, (4) Non-profit Partnership Alternative - private individual or other nonprofit association would manage the Park. (A discussion of the NPS proposals will occur at the Sept Cabin John Citizens Association meeting.)



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OF READING AND WRITING: SHIRLEY YARNALL

by Barbara Martin

Shirley Yarnall was born in Lombard, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Her father, Hjalmar Eclov, was the son of Swedish immigrants. He worked for a brokerage house. When the stock market crashed, the company collapsed, and the owners went to jail. "I remember the crash very well. My mother took me to the bank where we had our money. on the steps of the bank there was a crowd of people trying to withdraw their savings; the bank was closed and they would never get back their money. The Depression did terrible things to people, especially the men, the wage earners. They took it as a personal failure. After his job was gone, every morning my father put on his business clothes and went into the city. I don't know what he did all day; I was very young."

"He was out of work for a long time. I found out later he borrowed money from my grandfather for us to live on. We moved about every 2 years, always to a place with cheaper rent. Finally he got a job working with banks that went into receivership.

"My mother didn't work outside the home. She had studied at the Chicago Conservatory of Music, but even though we had a piano, I don't remember ever hearing her play. She was a great reader, though, and so was I. Even as a young girl, I read everything and anything.

"In grade school, I had no trouble at all with academics, but I was no good at sports, except swimming. The gym teacher told me I wouldn't be able to go on to high school unless I could get the ball in the basket from a certain distance and walk on the balance beam. I believed her and spent hours after school trying to master those two skills. In high school I got all A's and was the class valedictorian."

While they lived in Illinois, the family often visited Shirley's maternal grandparents in Rockford, about 4 hours away. "My grandfather was an inventor; he had been issued many patents. He invented a car that Sears Roebuck sold unassembled. (Like their kit houses, many of which are in Cabin John.) He had one in his barn. When we went to visit him, I'd get on the seat beside him and we would toot around the place. It had a steering tiller and lanterns on the front. My grandfather invented the "mutilated" textured tread for tires. He was the happiest man I've ever known, always working on some new idea. But he never made money. on his inventions. Later in life he became a tax attorney and ran a small garage. For the most part, my grandmother supported the family by raising chickens."

Shirley's father got a job with the Federal Government and moved the family to Hyattsville. She attended the University of Maryland for 2 years, then transferred to the New Jersey College for Women. College was cut short when Shirley's mother died. She returned to Washington in 1942 and found a wartime job with the Maritime Commission. "There were eight of us girls in a small office with no air conditioning. Our job was to chart ships' locations. Later I found that our work was being duplicated by another team working on a kind ofprimitive computer. It made me mad to know that we were efforts."

She met a newly commissioned ensign, a graduate of a wartime 90 day Annapolis cram course. They were married, and the new Mrs. Pfoutz moved with her husband to a Naval station in Boston. When he was ordered to duty in the Pacific, Shirley moved in with her mother law in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She worked at an ammunition depot and finished her degree at Wilson College, with a major in English and a minor in philosophy.

When her husband came home, they moved to Philadelphia, where he worked for the city transportation system. Two children were born during the Philadelphia years, Daniel and Mark. The Korean War called her husband back into the Navy and the family returned to Washington. Shirley looked for a house. "I didn't want a cookie cutter development house, and I wanted my kids to grow up where there was a mix of people and house styles and life styles. When I found this house on Macarthur, I knew it was right." Actually, although the house has a Macarthur address, it is on a service road parallel to Macarthur, entered from 78th Street. Two more children came along, Jeffrey and Kristin. "Being an only child convinced me that was not the way to go, so I had the big family I wanted."

All four of the children went to Clara Barton School, and Shirley was involved in PTA and Cub Scouts. "Living in Cabin John was all I hoped it would be for my kids. Mark was 2 1/2 when we moved here; he was a little Huckleberry Finn. Two houses from us was the Davis family. (Cathy Andrle and Jim Gilchrist live

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there now.) Mr. Davis was retired and kept a big garden. He would be plowing up the furrows and Mark would be following right behind him, picking up worms and putting them in his pocket, followed by our cat. It was quite a procession." Mark brought ducks, gerbils, "everything that didn't have scales" into the house. "We even raised a crow. The bank in front of our house was covered with strawberries. I didn't plant them; they were just there. When they were in season, my kids picked berries every day. We had some suppers of nothing but strawberry shortcake. In those days there were parades along Macarthur on the Fourth of July. We would sit on the roof and watch.

"Judge Benson lived on the corner (now the home of Beverly and Dan Sullivan). My house was built in the mid-20's by Judge Benson's nephew, a Mr. Wedding, on land the judge gave him. The Weddings sold us the house because Mrs. Wedding wanted to move. But Mr. Wedding never stopped loving this house. I found out later that he used to drive by early every day just to look at it. Judge Benson owned a lot of property in Cabin John and he had the habit of selling property without having it surveyed, just pacing it off and then telling the office at Rockville that it was done. He was a character.

"On the other side was Junior Lee's house. Besides his large family, and especially after the Lees separated, the house and yard were usually filled with a motley crew. But they were goodhearted souls and we got along well. If you're a person who is easily offended by rough language and a pile of beer cans, you might not have liked having them next door. I wanted my kids to see life from all sides; they didn't need to read Tobacco Road."

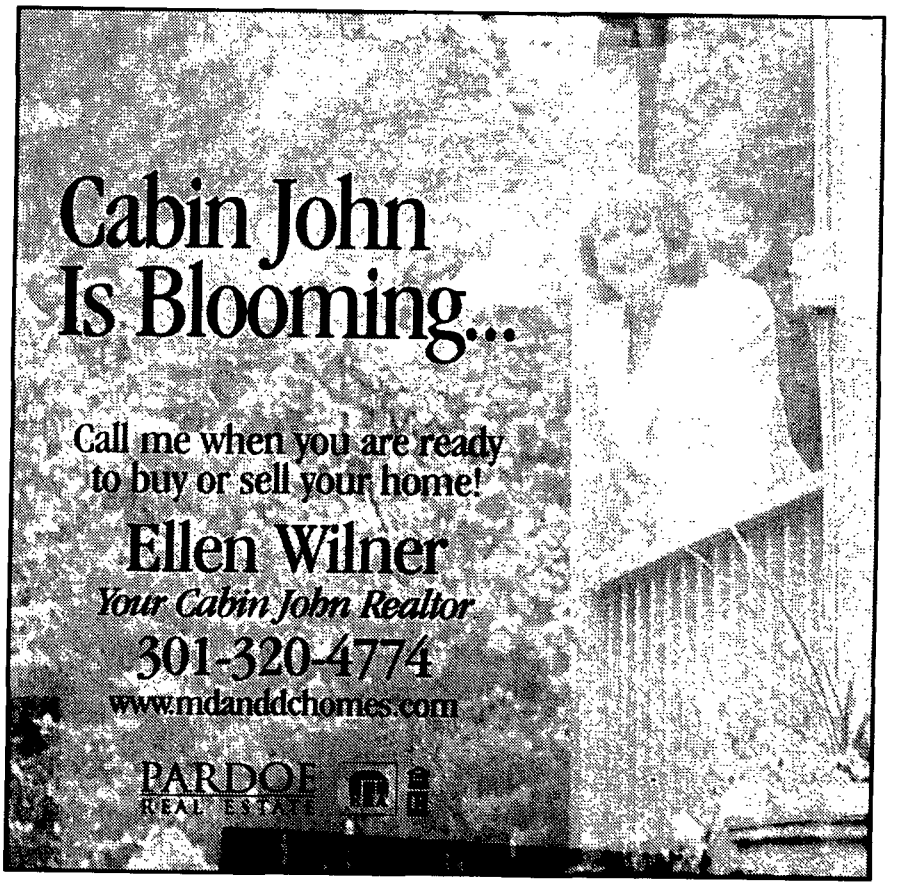
Divorced in 1958, Shirley began teaching English part-time at George Washington University, then fulltime at American University. She taught Freshman composition, then creative writing, and American and English literature. She was on AU's faculty for 25 years until she retired in 1984. Meantime she wrote three published novels, "The Whipping Boy," "See the Forest" (with a Washington DC locale), and "My Father's House." "Whipping Boy" was produced as an off-Broadway play. "I got $1,500 at the time for the option on a movie (which was never made), and every once in a while 30 years later I get a royalty check for $1.51 because somebody is putting on the play. Once it was produced in Finland."

Shirley married John Yarnall on May 9, 1963. "The temperature was 95 degrees, the hottest May 9 ever recorded." He had been her English teacher at Wilson College, and became head of the English department at Montgomery College. "He married me and my four children. I was very lucky; John was the great love of my life."

After she retired, Shirley did some editing. "I edited a novel written by an oil millionaire, and I worked on many books of fiction and non-fiction. I like editing better than writing. With editing you know you'll get paid." John died in 1989, and Shirley lives alone now. But not really alone; two Pekingese dogs share her life. "I've had Pekes all my life; they're wonderfulcompanions. My dogs shape my life. It's important that something needs you." One long shelf in her living room holds books by former students. "Many of my students went on to make their living writing, and many students are still good friends."

Her children are all local. Daniel, a computer expert, lives in Arlington; Mark is a graphic artist living in Leesburg; Jeffrey lives in Leesburg, too, and teaches pottery making; Kristin is in Arlington, a literary agent and freelance editor. Shirley has two granddaughters, one about to enter law school.

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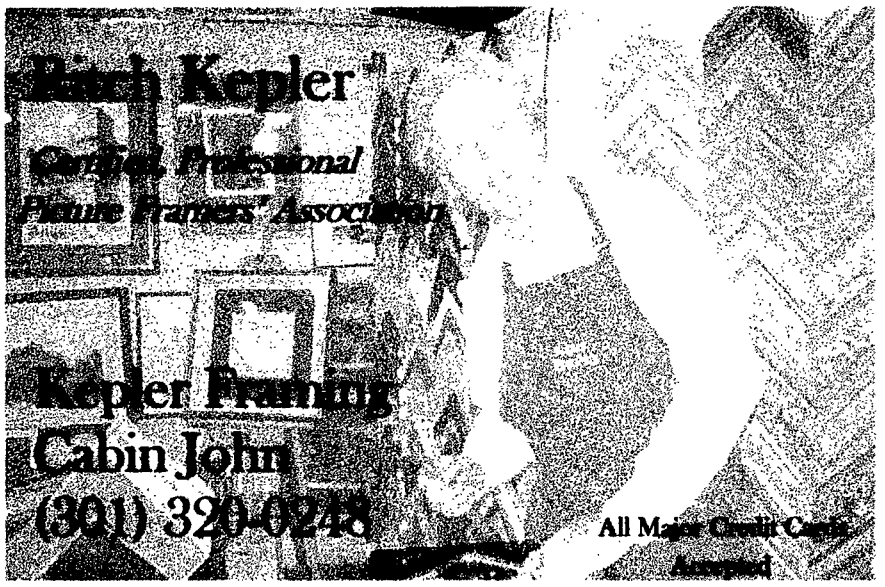
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In interviews with the principal and with the former principal of the River Road School, the preparatory work by the Integration Committee was cited as an important factor in bringing about such a result. But both educators also felt that another positive factor had been that parents had not been "over" prepared, i.e. integration had not been allowed to become a boiling issue of "for or against"; instead the approach had always been along the lines of how to comply with the law in as smooth a fashion as possible, for the sake of all the childen. In addition, the principals felt, another important factor had been that Clara Barton had long been integrated economically, with students coming from homes with a wide variety of educational backgrounds and economic levels.

SHIRLEY YARNELL

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"I'm a voracious reader. I read Proust, I read contemporary novels, I read whatever selections my Book Club chooses. Mostly I stick to fiction; reading fiction gives me experiences I will never have, a chance to empathize with someone or some situation I can know only through a story.

"I drive, but only right around home. I keep strictly away from the Beltway. My car isn't new, but the mileage is low." She has two favorite TV programs, Frazier and Ally McBeal. "I like things that make me laugh. I believe that every day you need to laugh, to experience something pleasing, and to do something useful. I'm 78 and I have slowed down, but I do just about everything I want to. I'm retired but I'm not interested in any retirement community. This is my home; if I leave, it will be because they carry me out feet first."

Shirley Yarnall is a woman who has lived the life she wanted and relishes the past, the present, and the future.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE SUPPORT FOR BETHESDA COOP

I have been a member of the Bethesda Food Coop for sixteen years. But the last three months I have been in the store daily, because I buy there almost exclusively now: organic eggs, Dutch cheese, brown rice, brown spelt, organic fruits and vegetables as well as organic butter and whole unhomogenized milk, whole yoghurt. The change came about because a book by Sally Fallon fell into my lap. I was amazed. I was thrilled.

Three acqaintances of mine have been found to have breast cancer over this past year. More and more I hear of people dying in their fifties, even in their forties. I am convinced it is our environment and the refined, altered and processed foods we eat.

With Sally's book, I have learned how to make sourdough bread, sauerkraut, natural, strengthening drinks. I have learned about food preparation from all around the world (and I have lived in many of those places). I can find out what exactly is in the foods, or which foods detoxify our bodies. In short, this book has given me joy and hope.

Do you like the Bethesda Coop as much as I do? Do you want a healthy good life for yourself and your family? Then do one, two or all three of the following things:1) Come to the CJCA meeting at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 26, where Sally Fallon, co-author of the cookbook Nourishing Traditions, will speak for forty-five minutes (It could change your life!) . 2) Become a member of the Weston A. Price Foundation of which Sally is the founder. 3) Become a member of the Bethesda Coop and you will enjoy five percent discount on all your purchases there. And prices are not high. You can do all the above right there at Clara Barton Community Center on September 26 or you can just come and listen.

Come and learn. Come and enjoy. See you on September 26!

-Ini Beckman, 78th St.

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