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RESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETING

At the April 18, 1990 meeting of the Residents Council three new members were elected to the Nominating Committee. Isabel Gerhard, Katherine Kendall and Franklin Newhall join incumbent members Ida Merriam, Phil Smith and Richard Van Wagenen.

Most of this meeting was devoted to presentations by staff members.

Shelby Austin presented "Operation Cleansweep", a determined effort to eliminate the back log of construction corrections needed in individual units and to improve maintenance procedures. Negotiations with the original contractors have resulted in the assumption by Collington of responsibility for these corrections. Residents are asked to resubmit "punch lists" through their Housing Representatives. Collington has contracted with Glen Adair, whose crew will make the repairs on a scheduled basis, while Environmental Services staff continues current regular maintenance. Ruth Dewey of Environmental Services will act as liaison with residents and contractor and will also work on improving maintenance procedures with the help of the computer. The repairs are expected to take 15 weeks, and work order computerization six months. The total cost is estimated at about \$65,000.

Rosemary Tallon explained the newly offered resident option-life-care contracts for persons needing limited physical assistance or full nursing care. Ten rooms in the Health Center will be set aside

for this purpose. Entrance fees will vary with accommodations and the extent of care needed at the time of entrance and will be absorbed at the rate of 4% a month. Monthly fees will be comparable to those of independent living units. Persons otherwise independent but requiring some assistance with physical needs will be under the care of Marion Rodriguez; persons requiring nursing care will be under the care of Cynthia Bibik. Five persons so far have applied for this new arrangement. Questioners were assured that sufficient space in the Health Center would be available for residents now in independent living units, since per diem patients in the Health Center do not have permanent resident status.

Treasurer John Jay pointed out some necessary changes in the Association's budget and these were approved. He reported that the recent Treasure sale contributed \$1800. to the Association's treasury and an equal amount to the Fellowship Fund.

Lenore Bixby was elected to the Association's Finance Committee.

In a discussion of a proposal that the Gift Shop determine the use of its earnings, Mr. Jay pointed out that By-law changes would be needed and that the Gift Shop was set up to be the principal support of the Association. A task force will study this matter.

Questions about the possibility and form of memorial gifts will be referred to another task force
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for suggestions of appropriate ways to receive and use memorial funds.

The new Chair of the House Committee is Marian Jenkins.

Margo Labovitz

MARCH SNOW

The cruelest of life's many ills:
It's snowing on the daffodils!
Three warm and sunny days together,
Unusual for this March's weather

Had brought the soft buds full
aglow,
And not a one expected snow!
Had made the willows misty green
Where bone bare branches had been
seen.

The crocuses had ventured forth,
Not knowing South would turn to
North,
And pansies spread their elfin
charm
All unaware of looming harm.

The grass was green. No longer
bare,
Forsythias wore their golden hair,
So we who watched, renewed by
Spring,
Found vibrant joy in everything.

But now our world is strangely dim.
Those days, it seems, were just a
whim
Of Nature, teasing us with sun,
Warm winds, new life that had
begun.

Today the hill is white with snow,
And all our daffodils below
Have filled their cups just
overnight:
A trembling, chill and tragic
sight.

But daffodils are not dismayed.
They shrug their shoulders
unafraid,
Not worried, as we are, with
weather:
They bear snow lightly as a
feather.

William Robert Miller
Collington, April 10, 1990



JANET JENKINS
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Janet Jenkins is a familiar sight around Collington, partly because most gala events come under her purview. Fellowship dinners, Birthday parties -- whether for Collington itself or the monthly resident recognitions -- and Treasure sales are all graced by her presence. Sometimes much of the planning and execution are her responsibility; sometimes her role is to be charming while she takes the pictures which will add to our photo record and may be used in various publicity efforts.

Janet has been with us somewhat more than a year, but she could not be more enthusiastic had she been involved in the planning from the very beginning.

A native Missourian, her degree with specialization in magazine journalism is from the University of Missouri. When it became evident that openings in her field were less than plentiful, she took on the public relations responsibilities for the hospital in Fredericksburg, Texas, the home town of her future husband.

Her experience there was enhanced by her friendship with a retired volunteer, Justin Thayer, who shared his knowledge of Public

through a lifetime in those fields. She gives much credit to her generous mentor.

The opportunity to come to Collington required her husband, Michael, to change his job as well. He became the first photographer engaged to work for **The Congressional Record**. Thus each took on the responsibility for building a new program. Michael also does freelance photography.

Janet's job gives her two new challenges. Development is a new area for her, and for Collington it is a new program. She speaks warmly of the foresight of the Diocesan Council and Bishop Walker, as well as our Board, in establishing the Fellowship Fund while Collington was still in the planning stages. There are a number of foundations which offer financial support to retirement communities. She is confident that the idea of sustaining an economically diverse community through the Fellowship Fund is a concept which will appeal to them. She enjoys planning and writing grant proposals and understands that most communities have found it necessary to make several submissions before having a proposal accepted. It is of no inconsiderable help to her, as she works toward a successful presentation, that residents' contributions to the Fellowship Fund confirm their endorsement of this important element of the Collington philosophy.

Janet, when she became our first Development Coordinator, also inherited **The Collington Letter**. It is published once a month to inform residents of fundraising activities, to reach out to future residents, and to stimulate the interest of those who have not yet made a formal commitment to move to Collington. **The Letter** has a new format, but even as she adds her personal touch to this and other projects she has taken over, she strives to understand their origins and to work for changes which will enhance their effectiveness.

Mary C. MacLean

LIBRARY NOTES

Some areas of the Library collection have been expanded in order to provide more shelf space and make the Library easier to use. Due to many gifts from residents, the Fiction and Literature shelves became so filled that there was no room on the shelves for returned books. So, to get more space, Fiction and Literature books have been moved and at the same time have been integrated into one alphabet. Science and Social Sciences have been relocated a little farther back into the next alcove. The Residents Association Reports collection are now to be found on shelves across the aisle from the Reference area.

A few of the recent additions to the Library collection include:

- Bass, Thomas. **CAMPING WITH THE PRINCE**. 1990
 Brinkley, David. **WASHINGTON GOES TO WAR**. 1988
 National Geographic Society. **HISTORICAL ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES**. 1988
 Rand McNally's **AMERICA**. 1986
 U.S. Government Printing Office. **STYLE MANUAL**. 1984

Anna E. Dougherty
 Librarian

MY COUSIN OREN

My cousin, Oren, is an amateur inventor. Were it not for his high ethical and moral standards, Oren would have by this time progressed to professional ranks, and amassed a respectable fortune. There is, for example, some evidence that Oren invented the plastic, disposable diaper. As a lifelong and practicing environmentalist, Oren anticipated the pollution and landfill problems his invention might cause. He, therefore, placed the idea in his **INACTIVE** file and left it to individuals with less lofty standards to reap the profit, and the guilt, of marketing this widely used product.

Around 1942, Oren dreamed of dish and laundry detergents that would replace low efficiency soaps
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and soap powders. He was on the verge of writing to Procter and Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive when he received his greetings from Uncle Sam. The next 30 months were spent at Fort Dix as private first class typing thousands of meaningless forms and directives. By the time Oren was mustered out, as everyone knows, several brands of detergents filled the shelves of every supermarket in the country.

One of Oren's early post-war inventions was for a battery-powered motor car. He was all set to share the idea with one of the Big Three car manufacturers when he realized that such cars would spell ruin for the gas station of his longtime friend, Martin. So the neatly-drawn plans for the electric car also ended up in the INACTIVE file. Some unkind townsfolk hold the opinion that this action was not wholly altruistic, for the bench in front of Martin's Mobil Motorcade is one of Oren's favorite resting places. In fact, on the bench is where he hatches some of his best ideas.

For reasons already stated, few of my cousin's inventions have reached production stage. An historical exception is his shrink-wrap bathing suit. Inspiration for this ingenious idea came from the shrink-wrap plastic covering on six-packs of Pepsi, Coke, and Seven-Up. By a happy coincidence, Oren discovered the formula for shrink-wrap at the local Carnegie Library, in a year-old issue of **Popular Mechanix**. He hastily jotted it down on the back of an envelope and hurried to show it to Lewis, the town pharmacist. Lewis slowly scrutinized the formula and allowed that, for a certain percentage of anticipated profits, he might be able to mix up enough shrink-wrap for three bathing suits. Ten days later, Oren picked up three batches of the mixture, one red, one white, and one blue. While waiting for Lewis to complete the mixing, Oren had lined up three of the town's shapeliest young belles to model the suits at the community pool as a feature of the

Fourth of July celebration.

On the morning of the holiday, Oren's sister-in-law, Olga, assisted the girls in spreading the gooey paste on their sleek, bare bodies. Renee received the red coating, Wini an opaque white, and Beth's suit was blue. After all essential surfaces were covered, a hair dryer was brought into play, and the plastic, as intended, slowly shrank and molded the luscious young bodies. Wrinkles were smoothed out, tummy bulges flattened, and natural feminine curves were firmed and beautifully rounded. Figures which might have been rated sixes or sevens, miraculously became nines and tens. When Oren was given a private showing, he was bug-eyed with pleasure and pride. This time, he was sure that he was a winner.

Wrapped in terry cloth robes, the girls filed into the van, and with Olga sharing the front seat, Oren carefully drove the eight blocks to the pool. A large crowd had already assembled, completely filling the small bleachers and standing three-deep on all sides of the chain-link fence. The girls, properly shepherded by Olga, entered the pool area through the turnstile as the Elks' band blasted out **Stars and Stripes Forever**. Olga relieved the girls of their robes and the young models ascended the steps to the diving platform and dressed arms facing the pool. There was a chorus of enthusiastic "Oohs", "Ahs", and a sequence of shrill wolf whistles as the sun's rays reflected from the smooth, glistening, plastic encased bodies. It was a pretty picture, I tell you, and a battery of cameras flashed to record it for posterity.

Across the way, on the Little League diamond, a squad of National Guardsmen readied several small cannons. At a signal from Oren, the music stopped, three loud booms pierced the silence at two second intervals, and Renee, Wini, and Beth, in synchronized succession, executed perfect swan dives and gracefully slid into the blue-green water. The crowd went wild with

delight. Cries of "Bravo!" and "Well done!" filled the air. The band switched to **America The Beautiful** as the three mermaids swan one circuit of the pool, glided slowly to the water's edge, and vaulted effortlessly to the deck. There was a moment of shocked silence, followed by a murmur of "Oh no" from the adult bleachers and a spontaneous outpouring of "Wows" from the youth corner. For a brief embarrassed second the young ladies stood motionless in pristine nakedness, marred only by a few shreds of colored plastic. Olga rushed to cover the girls with their robes as the band master lead his musicians in a rather ragged rendition of **Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory**.

It was never determined whether Oren, in his haste, had mis-copied the formula from **Popular Mechanix**, or if Lewis had omitted an essential ingredient in mixing the concoction. The high school chemistry teacher guessed that the chlorine in the pool may have reacted adversely on the plastic, causing it to disintegrate.

There is, I am pleased to report, a happy sequel to the Fourth of July mishap. Within two months all three of the young models had received proposals of marriage.

Walter W. Ristow

SPRING DITTY

The yaks are necking in the zoo.
This surely does not shock you?
Beneath that rough and hairy hide
No doubt the hounds of spring
abide.

The penguin and the sad emu
Are also walking two by two;
The ganders swim in circles wide
And buff their ladies on the side.

This is a pleasant sort of way
For anyone to spend the day;
In fact, I can't think of a better
And so I send you, pet, this
letter.

Betty Clark

COLLINGTONIAN DIRECTOR RESPONDS TO CONCERNS

At the request of the Editors of **The Collingtonian**, Executive Director Gail Kohn has responded to some of the questions about life in the community which were raised at last month's Town Meeting.

Of particular concern to many residents was when, or whether, residents might be represented on the Collington Board of Directors. A seven member Task Force was appointed at a recent Residents Association Council meeting to make a recommendation to the Council on this subject.

Having investigated the make-up of many retirement centers' governing bodies, Gail has found that the committee structure of resident participation in Collington is unique in its establishment of a direct line through the Residents Association committees to the staff and Board. Minutes of liaison committee meetings are distributed to the Board members; thus the consensus of the residents reaches the Board, giving it a much broader picture than it would receive from the presence on the Board of Association members whose presentations could not help but be colored by personal opinions or preferences.

Gail explains that the Board has examined this issue before and "feels the current construction gives them a broad base on which to make their decisions." However, she believes it is good for the Association to study the issue.

Re information on residents in the Health Center, she explains that the **Daily Census** available from Priscilla Atkinson at the Information Desk (Clock Tower entrance), will identify which residents are in the Center and who may have been moved to which hospital. On weekends, when the **Daily Census** may not be up-to-date, the Health Clinic will have the current information. It is suggested that residents check with a patient before dropping in unexpectedly.

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Referring to resident concerns about patients wandering from the Health Center, Gail reports that the technological system originally ordered has been surpassed by a Fire Marshall-approved alternative which allows doors to be locked when a monitored person approaches the door. Collington is the first community in the State to receive approval for the use of this new system, which has been ordered.

As for renumbering of the elevators in the 1-2-3 mode, she explained that residents of the apartment would walk from their second floor to the first floor of Creighton Center and might thus be disoriented. Furthermore, those entering the main door on ground level by the Security Desk would then find themselves on the second floor, thus disorienting visitors arriving at this level.

Re questions about staffing on weekends, Gail pointed out that the *Courier* of April 13, 1990, carried a detailed explanation of who would be in charge on weekends. The Gatehouse will be staffed until the electronic system is fully tested, and randomly thereafter.

Peggy Wilhelm

COLLINGTON'S UNITED BANK

The little United Bank on the first floor of the Creighton Center is a feature of our community for which the author of this article and, I feel sure, many other Collington residents are really grateful. It is not only conveniently located but also part of a strong banking organization, and it provides a variety of needed financial services.

The United Bank and Trust Company of Maryland, to use its full name, was founded in 1966. It now has 15 branches, of which ours is the smallest, and more are planned. The main office is in a spacious building in Upper Marlboro.

Though always a sound institution, United Bank considerably increased its financial strength in 1987, when it became one of the member banks of First Virginia

Bank, Inc., which has been termed one of the country's safest and best-performing banking institutions. United Bank still has its own President, its own Board of Directors, and Advisory Boards in each of the five Maryland counties where it has branches (Prince George's, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Charles, and St. Mary's). Being a part of the First Virginia organization has real advantages, as illustrated by what has happened this year.

United Bank's computer system was deteriorating and judged to be in need of replacement. Instead of having to install a new system of its own, United Bank has been able to tap into First Virginia's more advanced system for processing account records, thereby saving a lot of money and also improving its record-keeping operations. This very recent change also means that, henceforth, statements with respect to United Bank accounts will be mailed to customers by First Virginia.

Julia Michalick, who is Branch Officer in charge of our Bank, has had experience working directly for First Virginia, as well as elsewhere for United Bank. She strongly supports the new processing system, despite the major changes in record keeping which it involves and with which she is having to cope.

When asked about the types of services of interest to Collington residents which are available at her Branch, Julia emphasized that every one of us who wants a checking account can have a NOW account. These accounts pay 5.25% interest if the average monthly balance reaches \$1,000. And as a special favor to Collingtonians, no service charge is imposed, no matter how small the balance may become.

Money market accounts paying a somewhat higher interest rate (6%) are a possible alternative, but no more than three checks per month may be drawn on these accounts. CDs (Certificates of Deposit) with widely different

maturities and accordingly varied interest rates are also available. However, on almost all CDs, three months' interest is lost if the certificate is cashed in before maturity. There is one interesting exception to this rule which Julia pointed out -- the so-called "9-month, penalty-free CDs," -- available with an interest rate of 7.65% at the end of April, though this rate may change from week to week.

The vault which opens off our bank's office is another service of which many residents have already taken advantage. All the small safe deposit boxes have been rented, but a few medium-sized and large ones are still available.

Other services residents have found very helpful include the bank's acceptance not only of deposits made there directly by customers but also of those received by mail or ACH Automatic Clearing House) from the Federal Government or other sources. And those of us planning travel have been pleased to find that we can buy travelers checks at our bank and even, with enough advance notice, obtain foreign currency -- and later redeem such currency, if we have any left when we get back.

Helen Wood

HOW 'BOUT A RACE GRANDPA?

My usual conversation with my Grandpa starts out "Well how are you doing", which is followed by my usual "fine". I usually say that, even if I don't mean it, out of habit. Then if I realize that I'm mistaken about MY feelings, I'll say "No that's not right" and then say how I really am feeling.

If I'm not feeling fine, my Grandpa will always try to cheer me up. So I must admit old people are nice people, even though they're not as fast as us kids. Grandparents are always there in your hour of need, no matter what you've done. If you've lost your girlfriend (which I haven't), they will try to cheer you up. Or if you got a bad test, same story.

But I think it's especially

nice to have a grandparent to give you advice on life (they're experienced in it). And I love it when my Grandpa tells me stories. It also makes me proud to have a grandfather as smart as mine.

A few years ago, I would have easily turned down the offer to go to my Grandpa's; now I responded with a "Sure, I'd love to", which I guess is a definite sign that I'm aging along with the rest of the world. Rats. Well, can't stay a child forever.

While time flows by on this Saturday evening, I feel I can pour out my feelings about grandparents and old people. (I put them together because the two are basically synonyms). They're great people. But I still wish they could race me down the covered path outside their door, and win.

Greg Ristow

(Walter Ristow's Grandson)

P.S. I'm sure glad to have a Grandpa as nice as mine.

NOTES OF "CAPABILITY COLLINGTON"

Last month we dismissed intensive soil preparation as largely unnecessary. Now, which plants give most satisfaction with the least worry? And the least work? Idleness can be a virtue and quiet enjoyment an earned reward.

Azaleas are the perfect solution. There are 20,000 plus varieties worldwide, easily half of which do well in our area. They are largely disease-free here, so no fussy spraying, please. They're shallow-rooted, though, and will never forgive your letting them dry out: mulch, Mulch & More MULCH! You can't overdo it in our unpredictable climate.

Pick your varieties, pray for a slowly-warming spring, and you can have blooms from March (variety PJM) to as late as the Fourth of July (var. Beni Kirishima) with wonderful variations in between -- including multicolored Japanese and Korean varieties now coming into ever wider use.

The commercial nurseries tend to stock well tried but "common"
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varieties as an early seasonal. They'll sell them, once out of bloom, at half price or less. Hootsmon! Brings oot ma Scots thrrrift! I always buy out of bloom, especially if I don't have one of a particular plant. Next year is time enough to find out ... Gardeners (and farmers) are the eternal optimists!

Frank B. White, of "Azalea Acres" at 6419 Princess Garden Parkway in Lanham (it runs north from MD Route 450, just outside the Beltway), is a breeder who has devoted his life's spare time to azaleas. He stocks over 3,000 varieties, all locally grown. Beware hothoused azaleas or forced Southern imports! Frank's prices are especially reasonable.

Azaleas bloom early-, mid- and relatively late-in-season. They grow from tall and rangy (Delaware Valley White, earlyish) to low-and-dense (the Korean Gumpos, white or pink, late). The magazine **Southern Living** had an excellent short article naming many varieties which I grow locally.

Life isn't all azaleas. Well, not quite all. Next time, evergreens, flowering trees and some other "labor free" plants to complement your azaleas.

Anonymous

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Operation Clean Sweep

Operation Clean Sweep, directed by Shelby Austin, is the program designed to correct remaining problems associated with construction and with the backlog of maintenance work. This program is already reducing that backlog, but completion will take several months. At that point the work order process, including preventive and ongoing tasks, will be computerized so as to insure effective and timely response to residents' needs. That is the moment at which we will celebrate this collaborative effort.

Available Residences

Resident Services may ask you

to dine with a person who is considering moving into one of the remaining cottages or apartments or into the assisted living area in the Creighton Center. We believe that sharing our greatest asset, you the residents, with these people from outside the community will assist them in obtaining a clear picture of what life at Collington is like. Your willingness to assist interested persons in their deliberations is expected to facilitate their decision-making process.

Fellowship Fund Banquet

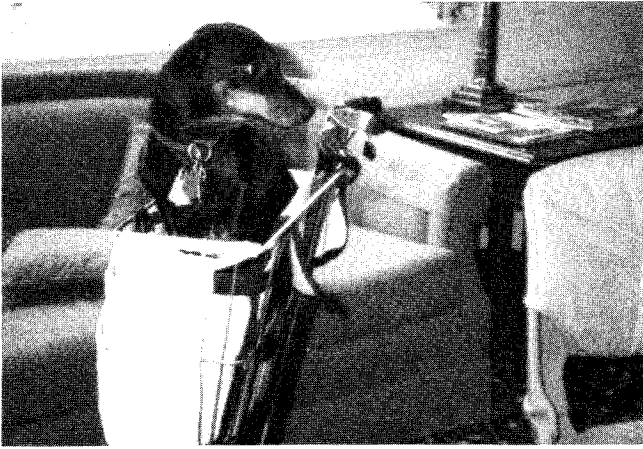
Many thanks to the Residents and Staff (particularly Janet Jenkins and Terry Crist) for the enjoyment of those who attended the banquet and for the growth of the Fund that resulted from this event.

Gail Kohn

TRUE STORY

We brought home some bags from the grocery store
 And left one outside on the stand by the door.
 When I went to retrieve it -- I couldn't believe it --
 That bag was not there by the door as before!
 Where was it? Who took it? Where could it have gone?
 I looked all about me both hither and yon,
 And noticed, with dread, that the full bag of trash
 That had sat at the walkway...I thought, in a flash --
 Could that zealous young man who collected our litter...?
 I ran to the dumpster, my heart all aflitter...
 Sure enough! There it was out of reach in the clutter,
 My feelings calmed down from flitter to flutter!
 A call to our Shelby brought help, and in fact
 No bottle was broken, no eggshell was cracked!
 Henceforth we'll make sure to put outside our door,
 On Tuesdays and Fridays, our trash -- nothing more!

M.B.



COLLINGTON PETS

Little Dog Cocoa is her registered name. She is an appealing four-year-old miniature dachshund - the constant companion of Mamie Kingry in Cottage 4204. She enjoys riding in the basket attached to Mamie's scooter or romping along beside Mamie on a long leash. They are always together. When you approach Cocoa, she begins barking and then wagging her tail. As you near her, the barking ceases, and she greets you with enthusiasm. She is very friendly and also likes to lick you. Cocoa knew Motherhood once (one puppy) and then went to the veterinarian for an operation so that she will have no more puppies. Cocoa is a smart, alert, little dog who knows lots of tricks that Mamie has taught her -- --begging, sitting, sitting pretty, rolling over and dancing, and jumping high. Cocoa is a very responsive, lovable pet.

Bob Willing

IAC AND HOUSING

The IAC tackles the lack of moderate-priced housing.

IAC? What is that? I often speak of IAC, and more often than not the response is that question. Let me see if I can produce an answer which is not twice as long as you want to read.

The letters stand for Inter-faith Action Communities. The purpose is to bring churches from Prince George's County together to address such issues as crime, drugs, the high cost of housing and

the like. We believe that the values for which the faith community stands, our Judeo/Christian tradition, should be incorporated in any solutions which are developed. We also believe that by bringing together people from the many religious communities in the County (and therefore a diverse racial group as well) to speak with one voice about our concerns, we can create a power base to which our political leaders will listen and respond.

Presently our organization is made up of 38 churches and we have repeatedly shown that we can turn out large and racially mixed groups for political reallies. Each time we have done this, political leaders from every level of government have met with us to acknowledge our presence and to agree to work toward mutually agreed upon goals. Each rally has been preceded by working sessions with IAC committee members and County government officials to identify problems and consider workable solutions.

At the present time one of our principal concerns is a piece of legislation being considered by the County Council which, if passed, will help to make moderately priced housing available for purchase by those whose incomes have not kept up with soaring home costs. Although a modest beginning to a large problem, we hope that we can signal to members of the Council that there are many voters watching their response to legislation which speaks to a real need in this County.

Mary C. MacLean

RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

Hemingway's on-the-Bay Seafood Restaurant, Pier One Marina, Stevensville, Md. 1-301-643-CRAB

Open for lunch and dinner Monday thru Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday Brunch, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday dinner, 12 noon on.

About an hour's drive from Collington on Route 50 across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, there is a
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good little seafood restaurant with a fine view of the Bay and Bridge from windows across the entire rear. My wife Marion and I dropped by there twice on a recent trip to and from Bethany Beach, Delaware. The atmosphere is informal, slacks, sport shirts, no pretense, and there is a bar. Although you pay \$2.50 to cross the Bridge (but nothing returning), the view from the restaurant of the Bridge and the small boats in the Bay is picturesque and makes the trip worthwhile. The food is excellent and reasonably priced.

On our visits Marion and I sampled the following: Seafood Salad (lobster, crab, and shrimp, with tomatoes and French fries), \$9.95; Fresh Fish Sandwich Platter (fried flounder on a bun, with tomatoes and French fries), \$5.95, including a small fresh fruit compote for dessert; Crab Cake Sandwich Platter (with French fries, tomatoes and cole slaw), \$7.95; Kent Island (New England style) Clam Chowder, \$1.95; a three-decker Club Sandwich (ham, turkey, bacon, lettuce and tomato), \$5.95. These selections all proved delicious. On both visits Marion ordered frozen peanut butter pie with chocolate sauce and whipped cream!

Daily specials may include: Lemon Pepper Catfish (\$7.95), Orange Roughy (\$8.95), Roughy Cajun Redfish (\$7.95), Oysters-on-the-Half Shell (\$4.95), Mussels (\$7.95), Soft Shell Crab and Clams (\$8.95), Halibut (\$8.95), and Scallops Dijon (\$9.95). You also may order a more expensive dinner entree, such as Seafood Imperial (lobster, crab and shrimp topped

with Imperial sauce) \$15.95, Soft Shell Crabs (two jumbo crabs lightly floured and pan fried) \$15.95, Seafood Norfolk (lobster, crab and shrimp lightly sauteed) \$16.95, and for the non-seafood eater, Filet Mignon and New York Strip, both at \$17.95.

Appetizers range in price from \$5.95 for BBO Shrimp to \$14.95 for a pound of Steamed Spicy Hot Shrimp. A variety of soups and desserts are served.

Every Sunday, Hemingway's features an All-You-Can-Eat Brunch with fresh fruit, pastries, shrimp creole, chipped beef, eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast and pancakes. All food is cooked to order and broiled or fried in cholesterol-free Spanish olive oil or peanut oil.

So, if you are looking for a day's outing with a picturesque view of the Bridge and Bay, try Hemingway's! Directions: Take Route 50 across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, then take the first road to the right, turn immediately right again at the Restaurant sign, turn right a third time and then left to Hemingway's on-the-Bay. To return to Collington by a different route, you could turn East off Route 50 at Annapolis onto Route 2, which takes you to Route 214 (Central Avenue) past Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, right on Enterprise Road and left on Lottsford Road to Collington.

Bob Willing