

Newsletter



The 1997 Tobacco Operation

On Saturday morning, August 23—as it happens, the same day I sat down to start writing this note for the newsletter—the Wallace family removed the flowers from their 1997 tobacco crop, growing near the ACLT main gate. Removing the flowers is a time-honored way of sending a message to the plant: keep your energies focused on the leaves, where the money is! The harvest followed on the Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend, ending with the fragrant crop hung to cure in the ACLT barn about a half mile north on Scientists Cliffs Road.

This year's crop is being overseen by Wayman "Frankie" Wallace, one of the sons of Woodrow Wallace, now 83 years old and slowed a bit by age. Frankie, together with three other friends and relations, planted the 1997 crop on June 21. Until the early 1990s, the family started their plants in beds on ACLT land but for the last three or four years, they have obtained plants from Mason Gourley Weems, proprietor of Eastview Farm on Scientists Cliffs Road.

There are two moments of intense group activity in tobacco culture: transplanting and harvest. The former requires a special tractor-drawn planter, while the latter is executed with more primitive technology: machete-like knives and spears consisting of wooden sticks tipped with pointed metal cones. The more advanced technology is more prone to breakdown and that is the state of affairs Paula Johnson and I encountered in June.

The heart of the tobacco planter is a chain-driven, rotating set of "fingers." Two workers ride the device, facing backwards, and take turns inserting eight-inch-long plants into the fingers, which then carry the plants down and insert them in a furrow that the planter blade has cut into the soil. The action is completed by an application of water from a tank and hose that is part of the apparatus. The chain and fingers are powered by a driveshaft attached to the tractor's power take-off. At the end of each row, the entire planter is lifted up off the ground as the tractor makes its turn to start the next row.

When we pulled up to say hello to Frankie and his crew, we saw that the system of rods and connectors that bound the planter to the tractor had broken. The men were rigging a temporary fix, using a trailer hold-down strap and a "come-along" (a ratchet-driven device used by contractors to pull materials closer together). We appreciated the investment in ingenuity; it helped make up for shortage of monetary capital for new equipment. Four men are needed to plant: one to drive the tractor, two aboard the planter, and one to fetch batches of started plants to the machine. After the repair, as the operation got under way, one man asked Paula if she wanted to try her hand at planting. She agreed, and provides the following perspective from the seat of the machine:

The rig was lowered and before I could even ask the first question, we started. As my partner (riding next to me) placed a plant in the first finger of the planter, he said something like, "just make sure the root sticks out this way." I

grabbed a handful of plants with my left hand and started inserting one in every other finger. (We took turns.) They came around surprisingly fast and I found I didn't have time to actually look at the plant as I grabbed it from those I held in my left hand. I just had to feel the root and slide it gingerly between the metal fingers. Luckily, the youngest of the four men was walking behind us and checked my handiwork. He said I needed to have more of the plant through the fingers—the plants weren't going deep enough. I tried to make this adjustment and in doing so got distracted in trying to gauge the length of the root. I missed the finger. Fortunately, my partner was there with a plant to fill in. He did it so quickly, and with such manual dexterity, I was really impressed. When I missed a plant later (and my partner didn't fill in), the man walking behind us inserted a plant in the ground where it should have gone.

Before I knew it we were at the other end of the field. We turned back to the first row and planted

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From the President's Desk

As I sit down to start writing this report in mid-August, I see Ginny and Pat Murphy gassing up the Gravely mower in preparation for a morning of trail mowing. For me, it is a quiet Friday because Peg Niland is away on a much-deserved and much-needed vacation. Vice President Ewing Miller will soon return from his "retreat" at a friend's villa in Italy, so we can expect the strategic planning process to heat up with a meeting scheduled for September 13 to review the latest drafts of the new Five Year Plan.

It is often true that what starts as a measured and deliberate planning process can be overwhelmed by current developments and opportunities. Maryland's new Rural Legacy Program is a prime example since it has set a deadline of December for final proposals from local governments and land trusts. While ACLT is focusing more and more on land management—redoing forest management plans and being "good stewards"—we must be involved in the opportunities offered by this new program for preserving additional tracts of environmentally sensitive land. We are currently working with the county's Agricultural Preservation Board and the Calvert Farmland Trust to submit a joint proposal that would provide substantial funding for each organization to preserve land through outright purchase or the acquisition of conservation easements or development rights. Our focus would continue to be the watersheds of Parkers Creek, Governors Run and Battle Creek.

A future issue of the newsletter will feature a map of the properties preserved within the Parkers Creek watershed which will give you a visual image of what has been accomplished to date. This will be followed by a map showing the entire watershed with projected areas to be protected through the Rural Legacy Program, Program Open Space, or other means. To achieve our goals requires commitment from our members, as exemplified by Leslie Starr's July report that volunteers from the Land Management Committee already have logged 657 hours in 1997. Other volunteers have similarly devoted significant time to ACLT. To continue to meet our commitments, however, especially those for the management of land in the watershed, we must first pay off the debt on Double Oak Farm. We have been actively marketing our TDRs with some success in a slow market, but receipts may not coincide with our need for funds. If you receive a plea to make a pledge this year towards debt payments due in December, I hope that you will be generous. Call Peg Niland at the office if you want a pledge form.

Since ACLT is here for the long term, we are also looking for future resources by asking members to consider a bequest in their will. If you already have a will, your attorney can prepare a simple codicil. Charitable bequests are increasing in importance as a means for sustaining environmental organizations as well as for educational and other institutions.

Ralph Dwan
August 1997

Special thanks to ...

ACLT's office is now guarded by a security system installed by **Jack Andrews**. Fully equipped with a telephone calling system, siren and flashing light, this system protects not only our valuable office equipment, but our even more valuable evening volunteers.

A commercial-grade Gravelly walk-behind mower with a plow and snow blower attachments has been donated by **Mickey and John Reed**, weekenders at Scientists' Cliffs. It will be used for land management at Dou-

ble Oak Farm and surrounding state-owned properties managed by ACLT. It will also serve as a back-up to our Gravelly bushhog used on our main trails in Port Republic.

Thanks to **Pat Murphy and Art Cochran** for hauling the new mower and attachments from Bethesda. A new ramp to a storage shed at Double Oak to house the equipment was built by **Angelo Cimini**, who is also repairing the "trap-shoot house" with **Leon Myers**. Equipment maintenance will

be aided by outdoor electric outlets installed by **Steve Howerton**.

Hikers and bikers will find new "Wet Area" signs on our trails denoting sensitive spots, thanks to **Brain Treece** of Banana Banners.

Much time has been given by **Jim Cawood** in upgrading our office computer system and getting us "on line" with the internet. A special thank you to **Leslie Starr and Dave and Ellen Farr** for helping staff understand how it all works!

Members at Work

Land Management Committee

Summer of 1997 has proved to be the smoothest in several years for the Land Management Committee. This is partly because there were no ice storms or other weather disasters from which to recover, but the main reason is that we have had the help of an unprecedented number of volunteers. Despite the rough start experienced by the ACLT mowing team late last April when the Gravelly mower caught fire, the trails have been in top shape all summer due to our dedicated volunteers. **Pat and Ginny Murphy** put in the most hours, using their own push-mower the first time around and then the Gravelly in late August. Other new mowers this season were **Paul Dennett, Pat Griffin, and Dave and Ellen Farr**, who not only survived the Gravelly fire but came back in late August to trim the boardwalk and other small trails. **Art Cochran** as usual provided help not only with the actual mowing, but also with equipment maintenance, as did **John Lewis and Jim Belknap**. **John** led a team from Boy Scout Troop 426 on a hot July day to trim all trail edges; this alone totaled seventy volunteer hours.

Carl Fleischhauer kept the area around the Hance-Chesley cemetery and the cedar row at the main entrance in great shape all summer; additional help with the cedars came from **Peter Vogt and Art Cochran**. One lovely June day **John Little** and a helper built a thirty-foot long boardwalk to span a wet area on the Flint Trail. In mid-June, **Ken Romney** plowed one of the tobacco fields in anticipation of the planting of fifty pounds of sunflower seeds by Boy Scout Troop 427; unfortunately, deer, drought, and a late planting combined to diminish the likelihood of sunflowers this year. In an activity more scientific than most, **Leigh Hamilton** and daughters **Jessica and Nicole** monitored the bluebird boxes on the ACLT main tract and at **Warrior's Rest**.

Special credit goes to **David and Helen Didion** who worked in what were often grueling conditions to establish the Wildflower Garden, beginning with roto-tilling in April through shopping and planting in May to weeding and watering in June, July, and August. Despite hungry deer, opportunistic weeds, and the drought, by the end of August many kinds of flowers were in bloom or had bloomed, including butterfly weed, purple cone-

flower, *Coreopsis*, thin-leaved cone-flower, bee balm, *Liatris*, black-eyed susan, goldenrod, yarrow, and *Aster*. Hopefully this lovely spot will receive the attention it deserves in years to come.

A number of contributions also aided Land Management projects this summer, not the least of which were many plants and bags of mulch from the **Didions**. The Nature Conservancy gave us a Billy Goat mower as a long-term loan when the Gravelly repairs looked to take most of the summer. To our complete surprise, new member **John Reed** donated another Gravelly mower not long after the original one was returned to action; this second mower has been put to good use at **Double Oak Farm**.

All of this generosity of time and materials pays off not only when we members enjoy walking or driving by the property but also when newcomers pay their first visit. I want to thank everyone who has helped this year with land management, even if I didn't mention you by name, and assure you that your efforts make possible the success of our most visible means of public relations: the beauty of the land itself.

—Leslie Starr

What's Happening

October 4 - 7:00 p.m.

ACLT's Second Annual Chili Cookoff and Auction

Scientists Cliffs Community House, Port Republic. Last year's event was so successful that it now has become an annual event. Don't miss this fun-filled evening!

October 11 and 12 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Patuxent River Appreciation Days

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons, MD. Be sure to visit ACLT's booth in the environment tent.

October 25 - 9:30 a.m.

ACLT's Annual Membership Meeting

Current Events

ACLT has been awarded a second year's grant from the **Maryland Historic Trust for a Cultural Resources Survey** within Parkers Creek watershed. This \$30,000 grant will cover the salary of an archaeologist, materials, and ACLT's administrative costs. Project oversight will again be by Kirsti Uunila of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

On July 18-19, ACLT staff and members attended **Watershed Watch**, a conference of river and watershed organizations in the Chesapeake region on "Building Stewardship from Creeks to the Bay" held at Solomons, Maryland. Peg Niland was a panel participant and board member Robert Pfeiffer was a presenter in the session on the conservation and restoration. Board members Ralph Dwan, Paul Berry, and Mimi Lacouture attended session on river and stream ecology, growth and development, building

organizations for success, fundraising, and using the Internet.

Rural Legacy Program Proposal: A team from ACLT including Paul Berry, Joy Bartholomew, Leslie Starr, and Peg Niland have joined the county's Agriculture Preservation Board, the Open Space Committee, and the Calvert Farmland Trust to draft a proposal for funding acquisitions for easements and properties through the state's new Rural Legacy Program. The mission of the program is "to protect areas rich in agricultural, natural and cultural resources that, if conserved, will promote resource-based economies, protect green belts and greenways, and maintain the fabric of rural life." If successful, this joint proposal would enable acquisition of properties and easements within the Parkers Creek and Battle Creek watersheds, connecting the corridors with farmland protected by the Calvert Farmland Trust and open space acquired by Calvert County, state parks, designated historical areas, and the purchase of transferable development rights (TDRs).

Double Oak Farm was the meeting place for the **Chesapeake Garden Club** on September 2. Members held their business meeting, provided a terrific lunch, took a tour of a trail, and saw a slide presentation about ACLT. ACLT was also the happy recipient of few helpful hints about our flowers and shrubs and suggested plantings.

Coming Up

2nd Annual Chili Cookoff and Auction

Partners get ready, the second annual Chili Cookoff and Auction is set to take place! Last year's event was great fun and we expect to



exceed that enjoyment this year. Music will be provided by Teezin and so far the silent auction items that have come in are outstanding. Among the items offered will be a flight over Parkers Creek, a behind-the-scenes tour of the Baltimore Aquarium, which will include a catwalk over the shark tank, and a boat trip for 10 on the Calvert Marine Museum work boat the "Tennyson." If you have any items that you would like to offer for the auction, please contact Mimi Lacouture at 410-535-3183.

Last year we had fourteen participants in the Chili Cookoff and this year we're looking for more chefs who want to show off their culinary skills. We've added a new entry to the cookoff—we're looking for the best darn cornbread this side of the Chesapeake Bay. If you'd like to showcase your chili or cornbread, please contact Jerry Adams, chair of the Cookoff Committee, at 410-586-0024.

We always can use help with this event. If you have some time and want to have a good time (we always have fun setting up these events) please call Alan Wilson at 410-586-0575 or 202-332-5222 if you'd like to lend a hand.

Warrior's Rest An Artist's Perspective

So often when we think of land preservation, we think of the ecology of land preservation—preserving habitat, trees and wildlife. Warrior's Rest—An Artist's Perspective, will be an exhibit hosted by ACLT that will demonstrate how land preservation and the environment inspires the creative mind.

The ACLT has invited thirty professional artists to come to Warrior's Rest to paint, sketch, sculpt and be inspired by the environment. Through the exhibit we will try to recreate the process that the artists go through while creating their individual pieces. Photographs, artists sketches and notes from the site will be used to illustrate this evolution.

The artwork produced from the inspiration of Warrior's Rest will then be exhibited at the Calvert Marine Museum from December 1 through January 26. A reception will be held during the festive Solomon's Christmas Walk on December 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

—Mimi Lacouture

Going, Going, Gone ...

Family Day at Double Oak

The Family Day Picnic held at Double Oak Farm was a great success with more than 85 ACLT members and their guests enjoying the festivities. Family Day is a wonderful event because it brings together our members and their families and friends to enjoy one of the fruits of the ACLT missions—Double Oak Farm. Double Oak was at its finest with the grounds and trails looking spectacular.

Elgin Perry provided us with music throughout the event, which added a special touch to the occasion. As always, lunch was the highlight of the day. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish, to Peg Niland who provided the wonderful barbeque and beans, and to Jim Cawood, Beth and Diana Niland who cooked the hotdogs while making sure that everyone was happy and satisfied. A tall order executed to perfection. Ken Michaels provided the refreshments for the event.

A scavenger hunt, led by Diane Nestor, was held after lunch. Everyone

was sent out a list of items to be found on the farm. They were looking for pieces of bone, something that had been chewed, something white, and something prickly; some of the most imaginative items came back for inspection after the hunt.

Faces painted by artists Anne Moore and Julie Nisonger roamed the premises along with the live animal exhibits provided by Battle Creek Cypress Swamp. Sandy Roberts brought a fossil exhibit so everyone could identify the fossils they had found. Art Cochran and his daughter Cathy were filling in for Matt Reeves (who had just become a father) to help explain the archaeology study he was doing in the Parkers Creek area. There was truly something for everyone.

A special thank you to regulars Ronnie Stinnett and Frank Buckler for setting up for the event and new members Wayne Thompson, Steve Hower-ton, and their families for taking charge of the cleanup.

—Mimi Lacouture

Become an ACLT Volunteer

- ⇒ As our finance and administration/fundraising committees continue to work on a planned giving program for our members, we are seeking guidance from anyone with expertise in this area to share their talents with us.
- ⇒ It's time to do a little fall spruce up at the office. Anyone interested in helping us with scraping and painting the exterior of our log cabin office this fall is urged to give a hand.
- ⇒ This is the time of year when we have many activities that require a lot of help—with both big jobs and little ones. The following are all in need of volunteers:

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Please contact the office or committee chairs if you are able to offer assistance.

Thank you for your support ...

New Members

ACLT welcomes the following new members who have joined since December, 1996.

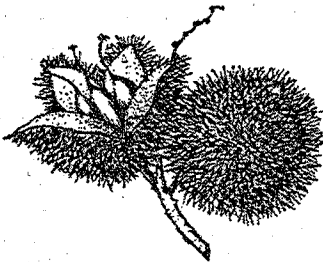
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Our sincere appreciation to the following members whose total contributions exceeded the goal of matching a \$10,000 "challenge" gift by the Greene/Murphy families in memory of Mary and Jim Greene. Their generous contribution has been used to establish a Land Management Endowment Fund for future needs and the matching contributions will be used for current land stewardship responsibilities.

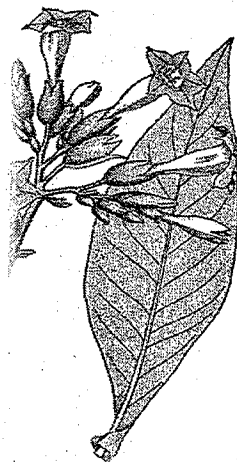
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some more. My partner said, "You sure you haven't done this before?" which was very nice of him. But, like anything new, it took a great deal of concentration and dexterity that I hadn't fully appreciated before.

There was enough trouble with the equipment, however, to deter the Wallaces from planting more than the small triangle fronting the road. Next year, Frankie said, they planned to cultivate the entire field. Paula's lesson in planting contains a second lesson, at a higher level. It reminds us of the value and continuities of culture. The *place* we call Calvert County has been steeped in tobacco culture for 300 years. The Wallace family's living memories take us back for one of those three centuries. Woodrow Wallace's father John Cephas Wallace (1884-1968) worked as a sharecropper at the farm called Sharpe's Outlet in Port



Republic before buying land at the northern end of what is now Scientists Cliffs in the 1920s. His father, Lemuel Wallace, once owned nearly 100 acres of what is now the ACLT, where he raised tobacco. I do not know Lemuel Wallace's birthdate but it must have been around the time of the Civil War; he would have been at work in the fields in the 1870s and 1880s.

When I chaired ACLT's Cultural Resources Committee, people sometimes asked me, "Why does the ACLT grow tobacco on its land?" My first answer was, "The tobacco tells you *where* you are." My second answer, for those lucky enough to see the Wallaces at work, was to point out that not all cultural resources were static buildings and Indian artifacts. "The Wallaces," I said, "represent knowledge and local tradition in living, breathing form." That's a cultural resource if I ever saw one.

—Carl Fleischhauer

Name the Newsletter

In case you didn't notice, we're working on redesigning our newsletter. There will be photographs, exciting graphics and even more great articles on what's happening with the American Chestnut Land Trust. We want to make the newsletter as informative as possible to keep our membership up to date on what's going on and to interest new members in ACLT.

But what's a new design without a *new name*. We need your help. So far we've come up with "Land Trust News" and "Preservation Time." You can see that we need your help. If your "name" is chosen, you'll receive our undying gratitude and a "special" gift. Call or fax your idea to the office, or better, yet try your hand at designing the masthead. Thanks for your help.

— Ellen Farr, Editor
 Mimi Lacouture,
 Outreach Co-Chair

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ACLT Appreciates "Appreciated Securities"

Are you in the happy circumstance of owning shares of stock or other securities that have risen significantly in value since you acquired them? With the stock market advances experienced over the last several years, many people are holding "appreciated securities." Perhaps you have been worried that the stock market bubble may soon burst and you will lose much of the appreciated value. On the other hand, if you sell the securities, then you will incur capital gains taxes on the appreciated value. What's the solution? Well, ACLT would welcome your donation of appreciated securities. The full value of the appreciated securities on the day that they are conveyed to ACLT will be a bonafide charitable contribution which, if you itemize your deductions on your federal and state income tax returns, will reduce your taxes for the year of the donation. Because of ACLT's tax status, we can sell these securities without paying taxes on them.

If the appreciated securities are held in a brokerage account (rather than in certificate form), the transfer process is particularly easy. A broker-to-broker electronic transfer can easily be arranged. Call Peg Niland at the ACLT office to obtain the name and account number of the ACLT broker. Then ask your broker for a copy of a "Stock Power" form. On that form you will designate the name of the security to be donated, the number of shares to be transferred, and the broker and account of the donee (ACLT, of course!). After the Stock Power form is signed and returned to your broker, the transfer proceeds electronically and ACLT will acknowledge your gift in a "Thank You" letter that will confirm the charitable contribution. Anyone wishing to transfer stock in certificate form need only call the office for transaction details.

—Ed Greene

NOTICE OF ACLT'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 25, 1997
St. John Vianney Parish Hall
Prince Frederick, MD
(Off Main Street behind church)
9:30 a.m. Registration
and Coffee
10-12:00 Meeting
12:00 Lunch
Afternoon Tours

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