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Spinach	15
sweet potatoes	10
grapefruit	15
orange App	35
meats	19
Celery	12
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tomatoes	15
Pineapple	12
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"The Best of Everything for the Table"

Semi-Monthly Suggestions

offered by

THE SYCAMORE STORE

A Nicer Place to Buy Better Foods

Sycamore-on-the-Potomac

Conduit Road

Washington, D. C.

SPECIALS

THIS WEEK ONLY

Gold Medal Flour, 12-lb. Bag	\$0.60
Campbell's Beans, 3 Cans	.25
Morton's Salt, 3 Boxes	.20
Scott Tissue, 3 Rolls	.25
Chuck Roast, per lb.	.29
Hamburger Steak, per lb.	.28

Telephone Bradley 334-R

We Deliver Without Extra Charge

Figure 24. An advertisement for the Sycamore Store. a light cardboard advertisement card from November 18, 1929 with "Semi-Monthly Suggestions" and prices offered by Sycamore Store (also referred to as "Sycamore-on-the-Potomac"). Instead of MacArthur Blvd., the address is still shown as Conduit Road. A 12-lb bag of Gold Medal Flour was \$0.60. Courtesy of the Rogers Family

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Campbell's Tomato Soup, 3 cans.....	\$0.25
Mixed Vegetables, for soups and stews, 2 cans	.25
Small Rosebud Beets, per can.....	.25
Golden Bantam Corn, per can.....	.18
Pumpkin, for Thanksgiving pies, large can.....	.15
Del Monte Spinach, large can.....	.19
Approval Brand Small Sifted Peas, no. 2 can	.15
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Black Palm Pitted Dates, 10-oz. pkg.....	.23
Fancy Layer Figs, per lb.....	.35
California Dried Prunes, large size, per lb.....	.23
Sun-Maid Raisins, 2 pkgs.....	.25
Dromedary Coconut, per pkg.....	.15
Large Budded Diamond Walnuts, per lb.....	.35
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Marshmallow Creme, pint pkg.....	.20
Bakers Chocolate, 1/2-lb. cake.....	.24
Wesson Oil, pint can.....	.29
Minute Tapioca, per pkg.....	.15
Crystal Domino Sugar in blocks, 2 lbs.....	.25
Old-fashioned Brown Sugar, 1 lb.....	.10
Confectioners Sugar, for icings, 1 lb.....	.10
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Yellow Onions, 4 lbs.....	.19
White Turnips, 3 lbs.....	.14
Spinach, 3 lbs.....	.25
Idaho Baking Potatoes, 4 lbs.....	.25
Hubbard Squash, per lb.....	.65
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American Beauty Top Grade Hams, whole or half, per lb.....	.32

Log Cabin Syrup, small size, per can.....	\$0.29
Brere Rabbit Molasses, Green Label, per can....	.14
Bread and Butter Pickles, per jar.....	.25
Heitmuller's Fresh Grated Horse Radish, per jar25
Heinz Sandwich Relish, per jar.....	.25
Gelfand's Mayonnaise, 1/2 pint.....	.25
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Kellogg's Corn Flakes, 3 pkgs.....	.25
Kellogg's Rice Krispies, 2 pkgs.....	.25
Kellogg's Pep, Bran Flakes, 2 pkgs.....	.25
Quaker Oats, large pkg.....	.25
Quaker Oats, small pkg.....	.12
Quaker Yellow Corn Meal, per pkg.....	.11
Quaker Hominy Grits, per pkg.....	.11
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Genuine Philadelphia Scrapple, per lb.....	.20
Cooked Hominy, quart.....	.12
Pimento Loaf, for lunches, per lb.....	.50
Taylor Style Pork Roll, per lb.....	.50
Black Hawk Lean Sliced Bacon, per lb.....	.40
All Pork Sausage Meat, as good as sausage can be made, per lb.....	.40
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Breast of Lamb, per lb.....	.13
Shoulder of Lamb, per lb.....	.33
Leg of Lamb, per lb.....	.33
Shoulder Clod, per lb.....	.33
Boiling Beef, per lb.....	.13
Round Steak, per lb.....	.42
Sirloin Steak, per lb.....	.58
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Select Steer Liver, per lb.....	.25

November 18, 1929.

Figure 25. The inside of the advertising circular from November 18, 1929; less than a month after "Black Thursday" or the Wall Street Crash of October 24, 1929, the day when the New York Stock Exchange crashed, leading eventually to the Great depression of the 1930's. After building up a booming trade in the 1920's, the Sycamore Store was about to fall on hard times. Courtesy of the Rogers Family

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SYCAMORE STORE Timeline:

- 1828 C&O Canal begun at Little Falls.¹
- 1835 C&O Canal navigable to a point 6 miles beyond Great Falls.²
- 1853 Construction began on the Washington Aqueduct and Conduit Road.³
- 1863 Construction completed on the Washington Aqueduct and Conduit Road.⁴
- Summer 1885 Sycamore Island Club founded.⁵
- Aug. 2, 1888 Edward & Edwin Baltzley acquire large tracts of land including William & Sarah Reading's 516 acre tract south of Cabin John creek, opposite the newly formed Sycamore Island Club.^{6,7} From this land, the Baltzley Brothers will go on to develop both the Chautauqua at Glen Echo and the subdivisions of Glen Echo (now the Town of Glen Echo)⁸ and Glen Echo Heights.
- 1889 Glen Echo Electric Railroad chartered by Edward and Edwin Baltzley to bring traffic from Tennelytown to Glen Echo as part of the Baltzley Brother's grandiose plans for developing the Potomac Palisades as the "American Rhine".⁹
- Prior to 1891 Earliest reported date of the SYCAMORE STORE possibly existing.¹⁰ This probably mistakenly refers to the store opened by Edward Baltzley and operated by James D. Riley and later by Franklin Boswell before Hugh Johnston opens the Sycamore Store in 1919-1921.¹¹
- 1891 Glen Echo Electric Railroad begins operations. Stopped Short of its destination of Glen Echo, due to a conflict with the Army Corps of Engineers over the right-of-way along Conduit Road.¹² The line is believed to have stopped at the "Sycamore Junction" at the intersection of Conduit Road (now MacArthur Blvd.) and Walhonding Road. From there, travelers board carriages to Glen Echo.¹³ A two-story Stone carbarn and powerhouse, with a tall smokestack at the rear, stands just east of the Conduit Road on Walhonding road.¹⁴
- Jul. 30, 1891 Deed transferred: Edward & Laura Baltzley to Susan Crea. The original covenant required the building of a substantial masonry/stone or metal structure – there is no mention of an existing building and apparently Crea builds none.¹⁵
- Feb. 1892 A map of the subdivision of Glen Echo Heights, by Henry B. Looker, shows the route of the Glen Echo Electric Railway, the Powerhouse and a proposed hotel site.¹⁶
- Jun. 16, 1891 National Chautauqua at Glen Echo opened.¹⁷
- 1893 Clara Barton builds home and national headquarters of the American Red Cross in Glen Echo.¹⁸
- Summer 1894 Washington and Glen Echo Electric Railroad began operations from Georgetown almost to Cabin John. This will eventually render the Glen Echo Electric Railway obsolete and bring about its demise.¹⁹
- 1896 Glen Echo Electric Railroad line reaches Glen Echo after resolution of dispute with Army Corps of Engineers over the right-of-way along Conduit Road.²⁰
- 1897 Glen Echo Electric Railroad line reaches Chevy Chase Circle and changes name to the Washington and Glen Echo Railroad Company.²¹

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Fall 1900	Washington and Glen Echo Railroad Company ceases operations. ²²
May 1903	National Chautauqua at Glen Echo Ceases operations. ²³
1903	Glen Echo Amusement Park established. ²⁴
Mar. 4, 1914	Baltzley heirs sell a strip of land on the Northeast corner of Walhonding and Conduit roads to Franklin & Rebecca Boswell. This strip of land sits directly across the street from Lot 32, Block 2 and already contains a store, built by the Baltzleys sometime after the drafting of the 1892 Henry B. Looker map, and originally operated by a storekeeper named Riley. The deed states that Franklin Boswell is operating the store already, previous to the sale. ²⁵
Mar. 9, 1914	Baltzley heirs sell powerhouse lot to Franklin & Rebecca Boswell. ²⁶
April 13, 1914	John & Annie Hall purchase Lot 32, Block 2 from Montgomery County for taxes unpaid by Susan B. Crea. ²⁷
May 6, 1916	Deed transferred: Lot 32, Block 2; John & Annie Hall to Franklin & Rebecca Boswell (still no mention of a building on lot). ²⁸
1919	Reported date of the SYCAMORE STORE existing. (Bill Banta – The Sycamore Islander, 1985 Centennial Edition). ²⁹
1919	Hugh Johnston resigns post as Captain of Sycamore Island Club “to begin new venture” ³⁰
Jan. 25, 1921	Deed transferred: Franklin & Rebecca Boswell to Mary Jessie Johnston ³¹
Oct. 9, 1925	Mary & Hugh Johnston establish partnership with Philip Schladt ³²
Oct. 4, 1927	Mary & Hugh Johnston end partnership with Philip Schladt ³³
1932-33	Garnet W. Jex draws illustrated map of “The Area Round About The Sycamore Store” for his old friend “Boots” Johnston. Map shows many local Landmarks including the SYCAMORE STORE, Sycamore Island, Glen Echo Amusement Park, and the trolley line on Conduit Road.
Sept. 6, 1945	Mary & Hugh Johnston resolve Philip Schladt interest on property. ³⁴
Nov. 28, 1945	Mary & Hugh Johnston resolve Nancy Pratt’s interest on property. ³⁵
Nov. 5, 1953	Deed transfer: Mary & Hugh Johnston to George & Louise Rogers ³⁶
Jan. 1961	Western Washington and Great Falls trolley line ceases operations. ³⁷
About 1964	Glen Echo Amusement Park closes. ³⁸
1995	George & Louise Rogers cease operation of the Sycamore Store
May 2004	Deed transferred: George & Louise Rogers to Dean K. Brenneman, Peter W. Pagenstecher and Mark A. Anderson.

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