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N.E.P.G.A. NEWS

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SHAVER TOWN, PENNA.

Today I was privileged to take a small part in a great step forward in the enlightenment of our area on the rights of Gays, and to witness a real pro in action. You would have had to be there to appreciate the rapidity and clarity with which our director answered questions fired at him. It is my considered opinion he accomplished more on this one broadcast than could have been done by other means over the next year.

The interviewer Frank Andrews displayed a great deal of expertise in his completely unbiased manner of asking questions and handling the whole show. He admitted he knew little about Gayity but came on with his questions without any preconceived stereotyped notions that most of us are used to hearing. They were not the mamby-pamby dont step on any toes polite type. They were honest and straight from the hip aimed at getting to the truth and informing the public. He began with the standard background questions and drifted into the more serious ones the public wanted to hear. Tom responded in a calm straight forward manner the best I have ever seen him do. Of all the calls recieved during the show only one began with an epithet, which of course was bleeped off the air. One woman called who seemed very well informed, she even knew the page number in the Scranton phone book we are listed on and wondered why it states you have to call F.I.R.S.T. to get our phone number, this was explained to prevent crank phone calls. A question on religion arose from a caller which was turned over to the other panel member. The very last minute of the program a man called and said he was fired from his job because he was suspect of being Gay. The timing was perfect and may seem contrived to some listners, but having been an eye-witness I can assure you it was for real. It was a perfect example Mr. Andrews asked on job discrimination and gave Tom the opportunity to get our address on the air by telling the gentleman to write to him and he would do all in his power to help him get his job back. An honest to goodness of N.E.P.G.A. at work. We of the Gay community in N.E. pennsylvania can indeed be proud we have a director who has the guts to stand up for our rights and be counted., we all owe him a dept of gratitude THANKS TOM

The monthly meeting took place with possibly the largest attendance ever of fifty members Aug. 27 :

- (1) All members are asked to write the Times Leader in regards to a negative letter recieved by them about the Gay community.
- (2) The Youth Employment Service will do any type of printing our organization needs.
- (3) Four new members were voted into the group those being Nancy, Debbie, Cathy, and Nancy.
- (4) Article read on Gays soliciting in the square, to be discussed later on in news letter.
- (5) Next meeting September 29 Toms house 1P.M.



Gays: Take your honeys and go to the Melody Motel; Reasonable Rates:

Stop in and see Tom
(Next to Carriage Inn, Rt 115)

Recently complaints have been coming into the Wikkes Barre police of Gays soliciting males on the square in the downtown area. We at N.E.P.G.A. take a dim view if this practice due to the fact that every incident of this type puts the Gay cause that much further behind. Gay people who have worked their butts off over the years only to see these people not even caring is a crime in its self. These people and we know who they are can be compared to nothing but common prostitutes not that I want to insult a working girl. The straights in this area have the right to use the square any time they want without being bothered not every man is out there to have sex with another if thats what your thinking. There are the bars, book stores and other areas where to find another who is looking for this thing but dont act like a bunch of asses and put all Gays into one group with the straight community, if anyone knows a person doing this ask them to stop for the good of the whole Gay community. Excuse some of the language but it seems this is all some people understand.

MOTHERS CORNER

Well gang for those who missed the picnic let me just say it had to be the best yet, also the best attended. First of all the two unitings were beautiful, now that Richard caught the bridal flowers is he next hes all ready had two. It seems as though a close friend of Mothers returned to the stable wonder if for good. Also some of the carrying on between the girls I do mean the female type was not to be belived, at least they were not fighting as they usually do. Im glad the sea-food-queen behaved herself even though this person left a ten she was behaving herself if Tom can beleave it. As usual when this person arrived Phil was resting in the basement seems as though he had too much of John Barleycorn, dont you just hate those queers who cant handle their booze. We now wish to thank Dollys Catering for the wonderful food and service they provided, but of course it would not have been made possible without Daisy and his corn shucking ability.

 HALLOWEEN PARTY 

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OCTOBER 27

4 P.M.
MEETING 6 P.M.



PLEASE COME IN COSTUME ALL WELCOME