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Coming Events

Meeting Nov. 25th 2:00P.M.
Meeting Dec. 16th 2:00P.M.
Elections of New Officers
Christmas Party Dec. 16th to follow Election:
Covered Dish, B.Y.O.B.
If you wish to exchange gifts; bring
one to receive one.

Our combined monthly meeting and Annual Halloween Party was held on Oct. 27th at the director's house. This meeting plus the last three or four were unusually active. It is good to see our members finally using their intelligence and taking an active part in discussions rather than sit by passively. An organization with no divergent input and ideas from its members will stagnate.

Tom appointed a committee to audit the treasurer's report: Peg, Heather, and Richard D.

In June of 1980 there will be a march in New York City. Cathy and Nancy have been appointed to look into this march.

New people at the meeting: Bernard W., Bernard V., Danny, Elizabeth, and Carol. Jean was reinstated as a new member. Jenny was accepted into the organization. Danny was elected as membership secretary. In his absence his wife, Peg, will preform this function.

Tom was presented a plaque by Ray on behalf of the community and his friends.

On Nov. 4th Tom was asked to Unite two girls at the Paradise, their names are Bev and Jean.

This month Tom has spoken at the Altoona Medical Hospital in Altoona, Pa. The Medical Staff of the hospital was there and local civic organizations; plus M.H.M.R.

HALLOWEEN PARTY!

The following awards were presented this year for the first time.

Female Awards:

Comic Drag: Cathy
Cross-Dress: Joni

Male Awards:

Nicest Drag: Heather
Comic Dress: David

These Awards are called "The Miss Emmy Awards" and will be presented annually at the Halloween Parties. The "Miss Emmy Awards"--- first to come to ones mind, the TV Emmy Awards --NO! It is not the TV awards but N.E.P.G.A.'s. Who is this "Miss" Emmy whose name we honor by these awards? Well, here is a brief history of this personality who meant so much to all of us. Emerick Michaels, known to everyone as "Miss Emmy", was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., graduated

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from Coughlin High School and served with honor in the U.S. Army in Korea. Returning to the Valley with a Heart, Emerick embarked on a career as a professional hair dresser. Through the years Emerick established a clientele who affectionately referred to him as "Miss Emmy". "Miss Emmy" has instilled such a love through the years, that those who came in contact with "her", will never forget "her". We know that "Miss Emmy" was with us at the First Annual Awards, because of those who remembered "her". Memory -- "someone once said is like paper -- rip it and you destroy it."

No -- no one will ever rip the memory of Emerick Michaels our inimitable "Miss Emmy".

Well friends, it's almost "New Year's Resolution" time. As you know N.E.P.G.A. was not founded as a social club; it's founder had much more altruistic reasons than that in mind, and one of the most important ones is to educate the public. I can think of no better method, short of making pests of ourselves passing out leaflets on street corners, than the ones we employ now. We have been making exceptional progress with lectures at colleges, medical schools, radio talk shows, TV interviews, and newspaper articles. It is difficult to educate the older generation, so we can do more good with the present generation by the above mentioned methods. But a lack and alas, we all know nothing is free in this world, and it does cost money for transportation, correspondence, etc.

For those who do not know, we are a voluntary funded organization. We depend on your generosity for our existence. Remember, we can mold the future now. Won't it be nice in years to come to be able to openly declare our preference and not have to worry about hassles in employment, housing, etc.? We can do much to bring these things about. Please, if each member donated only one dollar per month, it could amount to six hundred dollars a year. We could really accelerate our program. When you make your Christmas list, it would be nice if you would also think of N.E.P.G.A. and the future. Let your conscience be your guide.