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Well dear friends, we just couldn't get it together this month to get the newsletter out on time or in good order. There will, however, be a meeting of the Pa. Rural Gay Caucus on Saturday, July 9th, 1977 at 1:00 in Williamsport. The address is 659 Beeber Street, and a gala picnic is planned. NOW has been looking forward to this for a long time, so it is hoped that even on short notice, a lot of Caucus members will take the time to enjoy themselves with the fun people of NOW.

DIRECTIONS: From the South, take 15 North (around Williamsport). At last exit, take Foy Avenue exit to the left. At the Stop sign, turn right. Ramp up to the bridge. Cross over the bridge. Turn right at the first street past the bridge (at Whitty's Garage). That's Beeber Street. It goes down a little hill, round a curve (Lycoming Supply), and Dan's is the second house on the right. The picnic will be held in the back yard (pray for no rain), or inside if it rains on our parade.

Under discussion will be a proposed amendment to the by-laws "that the deadline for publication of the Caucus Newsletter be set at 14 days prior to the meeting, and that in the event this deadline cannot be met, that the Co-chairs be notified and made responsible for no less than seeing to a simple notification by mail of the time and place of the meeting no less than ten days prior to the meeting." I wish to make it clear that the new and the old secretaries have always had the minutes mailed in plenty of time. Also that Bob Woods, who is a great aide in getting the letter out, has always performed with service far beyond the expected. The fault has been mine, and the simple resolve to improve performance is obviously not enough push to get it done right.

Another agenda item will be a proposal that the Caucus consider providing child care services to three persons attending the NOW State Convention on Allentown on the weekend of Oct. 8 & 9.

Also, what may be the main item of business in these summer months is the proposed Rural conference/festival as envisioned by a preliminary meeting of a conference committee. The present scope of plans is the most ambitious thing ever attempted by the Caucus, and the committee is looking to get a lot more people involved in the planning and execution of the thing. We must among other things, choose between Oct 1 and Oct 15th, and several sites under consideration. That part of the business, of course, be separated into a committee meeting, after a report to the full Caucus.

SENATE BILL NO. 531

In case anyone hasn't heard by now, Senate Bill 531 was split into four parts by the Senate Judiciary Committee meeting on June 21st. Three of those parts must be reintroduced as separate bills, with new sponsors, but REPEAL will retain the no. 531 and the present sponsors.

A number of gay representatives were there to speak for the bill. Mary Nancarrow spoke for the Caucus, and Caucus member Arnold Hutchings spoke for MCC and all of us in responding to the one opponent who reminded the legislators to think of the Bible when they voted on the Bill. If disappointed, we are by no means defeated on this bill. The vote to split was 8 to 6. At any rate, the legislature is in summer recess after the budget is passed, and we can take a breather from the heavy political atmosphere.

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
M.C.C. ANY SUNDAY 8.00 P.M. MIDDLETOWN					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 P.R.G.C. meeting in Williams port
10 Meeting Harris- burg Boy Switch- board	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 DIGNITY- PICNIC AT PINE GROVE FURNACE STATE PARK	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Le-Hi-Ho Swim Party	25	26	27	28 N.E.P.G.A. meeting	29	30
31 Rain date Swim Party						