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The purpose of this report is to inform all participating and interested persons of the rural caucus. It also incorporates a calendar of events, so that individuals as well as other organizations in the "rural" areas of Pennsylvania will be aware of what is happening and being accomplished in neighboring gay communities. All information that may be of importance to other gays in the state should be sent to: DAVE LEAS c/o GUL 3002 Marietta Ave., Lancaster, Pa, 17601 Tel: 1-717-898-2876.

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On Dec. 6, the Rural Caucus of Pennsylvania, met in Bethlehem, Pa. for its monthly meeting. Le-Hi-Ho of the Lehigh Valley hosted the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Janet Cooper. On the subject of a permanent structure, it was decided that the group remain as is and travel throughout the state meeting at designated places. The sponsoring organization will then chair the meeting.

A monthly newsletter that would inform all interested persons of the progress made by the Caucus was established. It was decided unanimously that it operate out of Lancaster County using the facilities of Gays United of Lancaster.

Political tactics were discussed concerning Senate Bills 196 and 743. Plans are being made for a Legislation Day in Harrisburg soon after the first of the year, the day being a good opportunity for Gays to meet with legislators on the position of Gay Civil Rights.

Areas represented at the Caucus were: Allentown, Reading, Lancaster, Northumberland, Wilkes-Barre, Shippensburg, Bloomsburg, Scranton, Delaware, and also northern Maryland.

The next meeting of the Caucus is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 10 at 1pm in Reading, Pa. (map enclosed) The Gay Coordinating Society of Reading and Berks County will host the meeting. There will also be a get-together after the meeting over a cold buffet.

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PGN EXPANDS TO PHILADELPHIA

The Pittsburgh Gay News is expanding its coverage and will commence publishing a new edition, The Philadelphia Gay News in January 1976. 10,000 copies will be run off initially with 9,000 being distributed free of charge. Monthly publication is expected.

NORTHEAST MCC EXPANDING

MCC Baltimore, Md. hosted the Fall District Conference of the Northeast Division Metropolitan Community Church, Oct. 17-19. Among other business, groundwork was laid for study groups in Harrisburg, Pa., Albany, NY, and Springfield, Mass. Rev. Michael England is conducting a pilot program in MCC Campus Ministries at Penn State. The Winter Conference will be held in Philadelphia in February 1976.

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We certainly hope that everyone has had a very enjoyable Holiday Season. Now that we have relaxed with our families and friends, we can look enthusiastically to the upcoming year 1976. If by chance you haven't heard, we are about to celebrate our Bicentennial Year. 200 years of freedom. Stop! We have no reason to feel hostile when we turn on the radio or TV or pick up a newspaper and every other word is Bicentennial. THIS IS THE YEAR: to COME OUT, to work harder, to pull our resources, to make our freedom a reality. We know that the Gay Pride Marches across the country this summer are going to be the best and largest ever, and that they will not be allowed to go unnoticed under the thundering of fire-crackers.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS ????????

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\*NOTE: I am still waiting for those dollars that are to be supporting this endeavor. The purse is emptying very fast considering that exactly nothing is being put into it. Postage will soon be 13¢. GUL has been very cooperative in loaning materials, paper and ink, that should be replaced.



JANUARY RURAL CAUCUS MEETING - READING, PA.

PLACE - Unitarian Church, 416 Franklin St., Reading, Pa.

TIME 1 pm

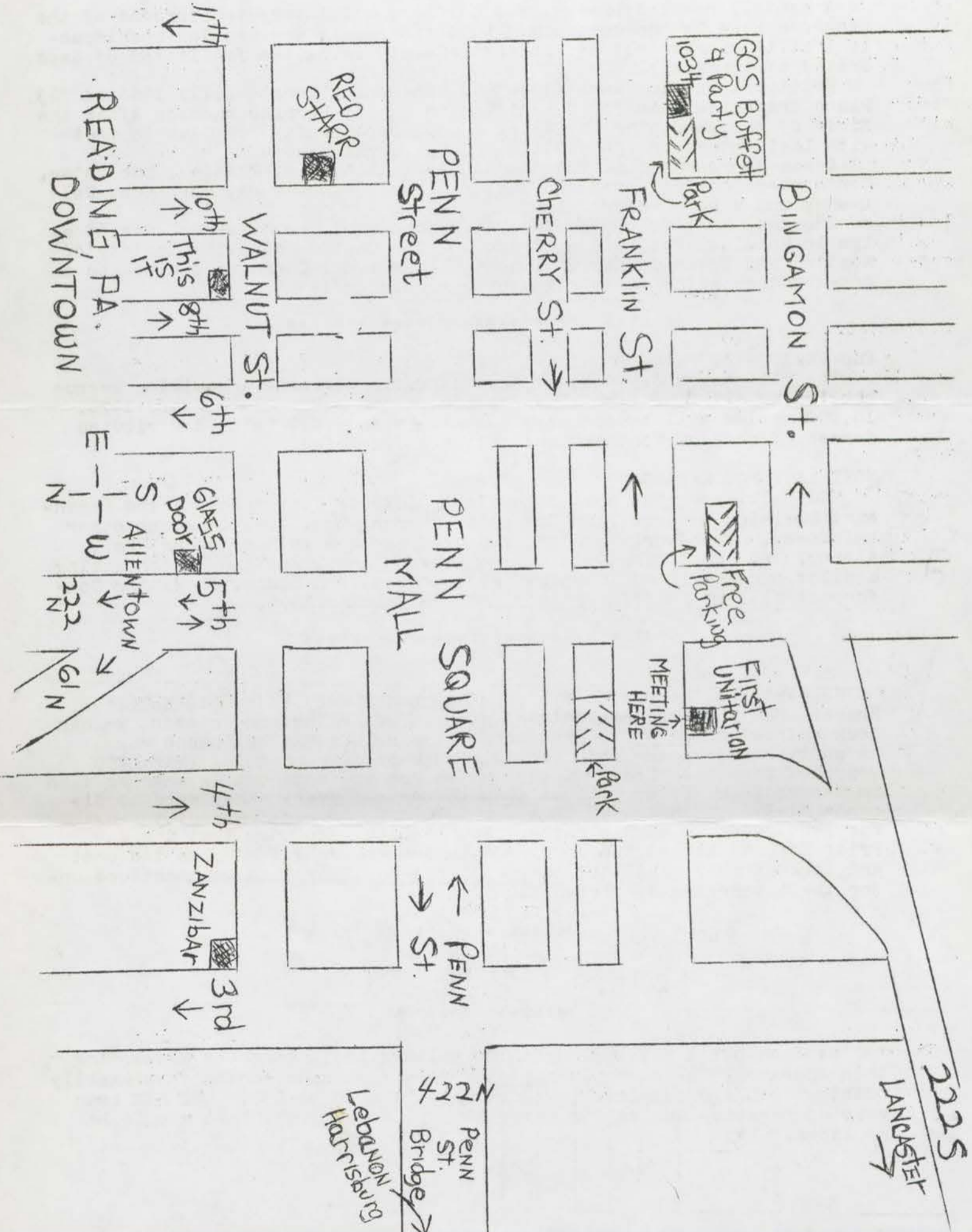
PARKING Municipal parking garage, right across Franklin St. (70¢ - 4hrs.)  
 Horriagan Finance Co. parking lot - 100 block of 5th (free)  
 Empty lot aside of 1034 Franklin St. (free)

ACCOMODATIONS We have sleeping places d for anyone wishing to stay over.  
 Call Mike at 717-378-1233, or see Mike at meeting.

REFRESHMENTS A cold buffet and dance party will be held at the newsletter headquarters, 1034 Franklin St., right after the meeting. Everyone is invited. The event is being hosted by GCS Reading

NIGHTLIFE For those who would like to taste the bar scene in Reading.  
 THIS IS IT - 8th & Walnut Sts., ZANZIBAR - 3rd & Walnut  
 GLASS DOOR - 5th & Walnut, RED STARR - 10th & Walnut

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NOTES FROM <sup>NOV.</sup> ~~DEC.~~ 1975 MEETING

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RESOLUTION -

TO MEET EVERY 2 MONTHS  
SATURDAY AFTERNOONS - 6TH  
ALLENTOWN, PA - 2:00 P.M.

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