

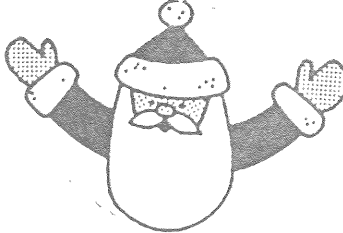

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Lincoln Highway West, Maple Grove
Lancaster, PA 17603

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUB
CALL MARILYN SHIRLEY (717)872-2479

Next Meeting - Thursday., December 12, 1996

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Merry Christmas

Don't forget:
LCPS Christmas Bash
December 12, 1996
See details inside!

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

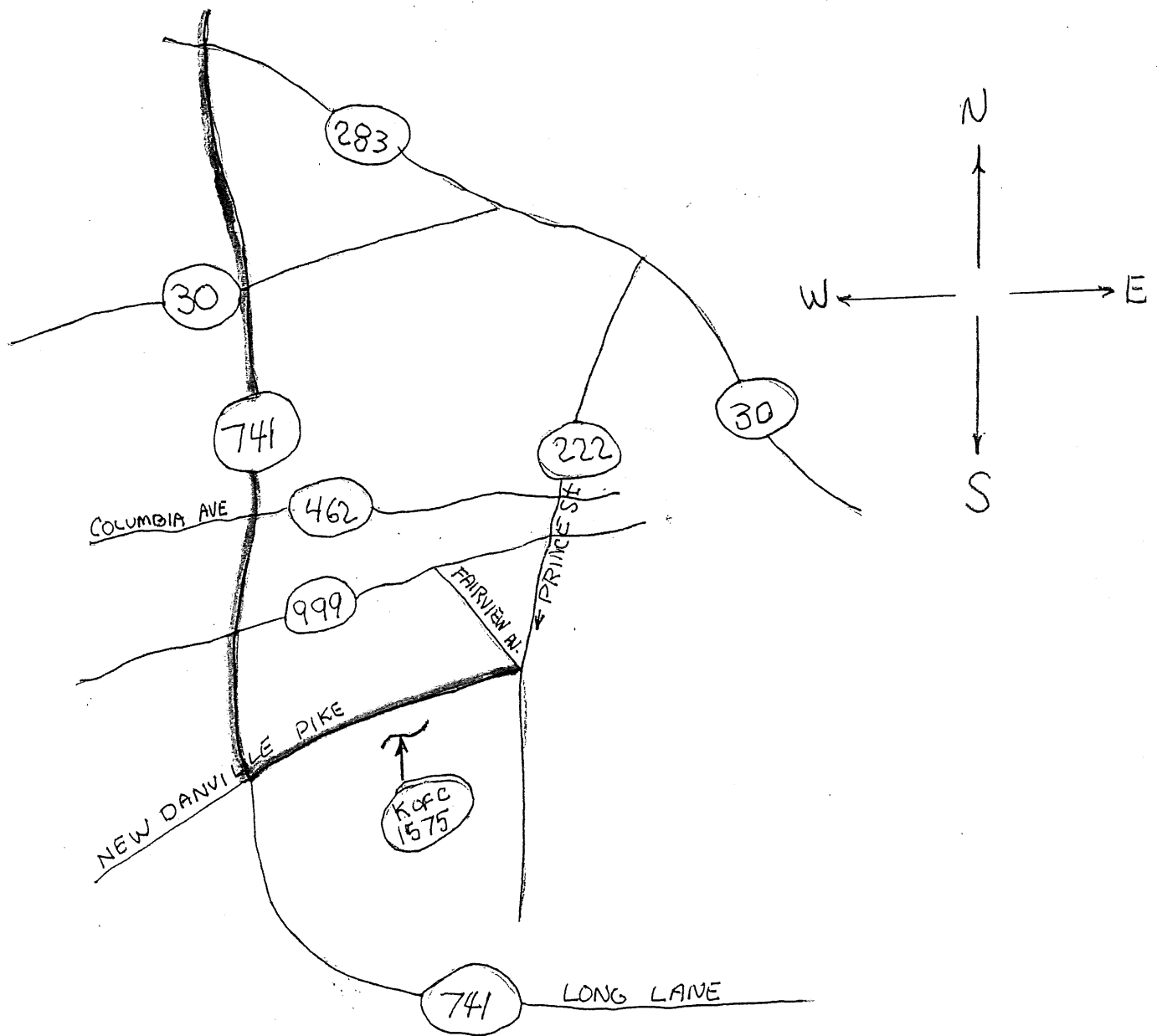
IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1996, BY ALL MEANS SEND YOUR CHECK (\$16) EACH TO JIM LYMAN, 152 OAK KNOLL CIRCLE, MILLERSVILLE, PA. 17551. ANY QUESTIONS, CALL HIM AT (717) 872-6114. BE SURE TO DESIGNATE YOUR CHOICE OF ENTREE -- CHICKEN OR ROAST BEEF.

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A change in plans. Instead of exchanging gifts at our Christmas Party this year, the plan is to BRING GIFTS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK. Any food such as canned goods, boxed or packaged staples or treats for the children will be appreciated. MARY HUSSON has volunteered to deliver the food to the food bank. (Bring as much as you want to donate).

It is hard to believe but this will be my final message to everyone since my presidency is coming to an end. In all, I really enjoyed serving you and working with you. This past year we accomplished a lot as a club. We first began the new year with a new home after many years at Stauffer mansion. The place was very accommodating to our needs such as parking, spaciousness, and affordable.

Our Stamp Show found a new home this year after many years at Park City. We held the show at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center for the first time and it was a big success thanks to all the club members for their work and dedication. I hope we will be there for many years to come.



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE K or C
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DINNER 7 PM

In August we had our annual picnic and this month we will be having our Christmas Party.

As for speakers, we had two. First, I myself gave a speech about buying stamps at a public auction and mail-bid sale. I have gotten a lot of good feedback from club members concerning the topic. I will be more than happy to give a follow-up sometime next year. Our second speaker was none other than Bruce Jefferson. Bruce spoke to us about his experience as a Stamp Dealer here in Lancaster. Everyone who attended the meeting really enjoyed hearing him speak.

For me, it brought back many memories as a young stamp collector.

Throughout the year my theme was to stimulate stamp collecting through auctions, trading, and educating one another. I like to thank everyone who supported me and helped in one way or another.

Good-bye and lots of luck to everyone!!

Peter S. Billis
President

Stamp Collector

by Robert Service

My worldly wealth I hoard in albums three,
My life collection of rare postage stamps;
My room is cold and bare as you can see,
My coat is old and shabby as a tramp's;
Yet more to me than balances in banks,
My albums three are worth a million francs.

I keep them in that box beside my bed,
For who would dream such treasures it could hold;
But every day I take them out and spread
Each page, to gloat like miser o'er his gold:
Dearer to me than could be child or wife,
I would defend them with my very life.

They *are* my very life, for every night
Over my catalogues I pore and pore;
I recognize rare items with delight,
Nothing I read but philatelic lore;
And when some specimen of choice I buy,
In all the world there's none more glad than I.

Behold my gem, my British penny black;
To pay its price I starved myself a year;
And many a night my dinner I would lack,
But when I bought it, oh, what radiant cheer!
Hitler made war that day — I did not care,
So long as my collection he would spare.

Look — my triangular Cape of Good Hope.
To purchase it I had to sell my car.
Now in my pocket for some *sous* I grope
To pay my omnibus when home is far,
And I am cold and hungry and footsore,
In haste to add some beauty to my store.



This very day, ah, what a joy was mine,
When in a dingy dealer's shop I found
This *franc* vermillion, eighteen forty-nine . . .
How painfully my heart began to pound!
(It's weak, they say) I paid the modest price
And tremblingly I vanished in a trice.

But oh, my dream is that some day of days,
I might discover a Mauritius blue,
Poking among the stamp-bins on the *quais*;
Who knows! They say there are but two;
Yet if a third one I should ever spy,
I think — God help me! I should faint and die. . . .

*Poor Monsieur Pons, he's cold and dead,
One of those stamp-collecting cranks.
His garret held no crust of bread,
But albums worth a million francs.
On them his income he would spend,
By philatelic frenzy driven:
What did it profit in the end. . . .
You can't take stamps to Heaven.*

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