Greetings, Friends
Marykhu Keeler

Greetings, friends, the time has come
For a New Year's wish to everyone;
With a nod to our mentor, the New Yorker way,
Let's get down to keen toasts with merry a log.
From Seventh to Front this neighborhood's groovy
Merry of fact we were fueled for a major
The Expressway got covered, now that was a coup.
We'll have walkways and benches to gaze at the view.
Champagne to the fans, Brine cheers to the Eagles;
Marinated New Year's to the Leonard Seag's.
Teetos all Friends: On Third there's a passel,
Greetings to Fred's encased in a castle.
Here's to the Blum, both in fabrics and food,
Joy to the Daioirs who increased their brood,
Matt Miller, Bob Smith and friends Presbyterian,
Oh there you to much for the swim club Nil enior.
And here's to Doc Gansky who loves every kid,
To Stephanie Browne who worked for that lid,
To the James McGuinn whose house makes us stop
It brought us from Federal straight into the Pop.
Cheers to those folks who live in the Towers,
Bob Finkelstein who sells us flowers
To Seges, Tanacillos, Hills and all and the Blacks,
The smiling Hal Jacobo who fixes our locks.
Nighl hat to our neighbor Mrs. Jeanie
May she continue to serve us her belle cuisine;
And may the New Year bring business and hustle and bustle.
To both of the Noblochs and Gladys Russell.
A farewell for folk who own birds, cats and snakes.
For all of our bachelors, those rows and rakes.
For those for Miss Stearns and her cute little doggie.
Remember not the Einans and Xerox, the Gorgy.
To Kranen, Yancroodi, who fill our prescriptions.
(Thank God, we sent these thru their "Post subscriptions":)
For Glennaway, Perries may the season be merry,
The same for the Latka's, the Wauconian, the Perry's.
Best luck to the Watson's and Doug Pappads.
And to the Starmel with a shield like a hunt.
For contenders in Riegarm and Artchmore Courts.
For our numerous buyers who know about tests.
To these true and loyal who come to this Meetings.
We wish to extend our fond Season's Greetings.
And "ill and an end to the war.
We're a near year to try and stop hatred and gone
End famine and hunger, diseases and slaves,
Absolutely lose weight on one of those diets.
So here's to our disinguest, our dictates, designers,
To all of our friends, and even vagabonds
To the folks along Space, on Lombard and Pine.
Good health, good luck all through '69.

Confrontation Course
Highly Successful

"Highly successful" was the rating given the recent Black-White Confrontation course held at Christ Church Neighborhood House. Both representatives of the Wellsprings Ecumenical Council who conducted the six-week series and members of the steering committee from SHGA and nine area churches who sponsored the program were unanimous in their praise.

Further proof of the success of these stimulating give-and-take sessions is the fact that many of those attending have been motivated to further concern and action in the community.

A random sampling of residents who attended produced these comments, which represent the general feelings of the group:

"All too often we are inclined to form opinions without trying to understand all sides of the situation. Learning about the black side of racial dispute has given me as awareness of my responsibility."

"The meetings, I think, have served the purpose of creating an awareness...fascinated to hear another viewpoint."

"...to know and understand the meaning behind the overtly militant in the black community."

"An education!"

"The knowledge that wide differences of opinion can be discussed, albeit not necessarily with conventional tact, and hopefully constructive action taken."

"The factors and opinions of each race concerning our great expectations were very interesting."

"The exposure to an altogether different view of the facts of life in a bia-racial community."

"Gonnets' point to obtain a better understanding of the feelings and attitudes of some of the black people about racial problems."

"I had a sudden awareness that the tables were turning. The Great White Benefactor is held in contempt. Will we (She visited ever be able to give without attempting to take over? We'd better learn!"

"Much to the credit of the participants and an indication of their concern, the people who came kept coming back."

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The President's Message

As the redevelopment of Society Hill moves closer to completion, the focus of the Civic Association is moving from bricks and mortar to people and their environment. To my way of thinking this is both a bigger challenge and more fun. I can get more excited over the development of Starr Garden Recreation Center than I can over twenty Pettytown houses. I enjoy our evening concerts more than a zoning hearing. I'm more interested in seeing McCaill's the best school in the city than I am in finding more parking spaces. I see us spending more time in the future on 'what are we doing' than on 'what are they doing to us.'

Our recent decision to set up a tax deductible fund for educational and charitable purposes should help us do more on our own in the future. The fund will make it easier for the Music Committee to raise money for outdoor concerts; the Recreation Committee to buy for equipment and transportation; the Community Liaison Committee to support projects outside Society Hill; or for any other committee to expand their activities. In some cases we may not be able to raise all the money we need for a specific project (like a brunch library), but we may be able to raise enough to encourage the appropriate authorities, or some foundation, to come up with the rest.

The Redevelopment Authority over the past ten years has done their thing to make the restoration of this historic community possible. It's up to us to do our thing to provide the human dimensions that make a community live.

DAVE STEVENS

Help... Available

If you reasonably priced part-time help and at the same time would like to help a youngster, contact Jerry Ford, 80k Vocational School Counselor. He can suggest boys, skilled and unskilled who would appreciate afternoon and weekend employment.

C 11 Mr. Ford between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at FU 9-3803.

Shop by Shop

Shops are very often the difference between a "place to live" and a neighborhood. Society Hill itself is no exception, but the fringe is coming alive with a variety of mini-emporiums. Beginning in this issue, and front to time to time in the future, we'll try to tip you off to the shops that interest us. But we are perfect. If we've missed your favorite item-beaucoup, drop a line to Editor Anne Leitch. We'll try to squeeze it in to the next column.

Adler Iron Works at 905 South St. predicts a white Christmas, offering brass sleigh bells as special holiday items. Assorted odds and ends of furniture are for sale, including some large corner cupboards. Imagination gifts can be found among the prints, jewelry, frames, hardware, etc.

Exquisite for "elegant ladies" collectors, even more sensitive if one has a user, is a carved high chair at The Canery, 601 S. Second St. The emphasis here is on carved furniture, but also browse around for chairs, shelves, coat racks, etc.

Candleberry, newly opened at Head House, devotes their entire shop to candles and accessories... decorative candles as well as place cards, candle and holder arrangements with fruit, etc. for Christmas, pine cones and the like.

Eye Gallery at 402 South St. houses the Zagar Family's art treasury of painting, graphics, ceramics, drawings, hand painted books and Peruvian Vot, art. Look at the jewelry, wood and knit sculpture and, in particular, the carved gourds.

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Christmas Gifts for Ludlow Needed

Phil and Smil Price are collecting new or used toys to be distributed through the Ludlow Community Action to needy children in that area of north Philadelphia. Also welcome will be new or used warm clothing and blankets for adults and children.

Everyone having such items is requested to drop them off at the Prices, 321 Spruce St. You also can share your Christmas dinner with a family in the Ludlow area. Sarah Price has all the details about how you can provide a complete dinner for a family on the holiday. Call her (after 6 p.m.) at WA 9-6447. What better way to get the Christmas spirit?
Shop by Shop

The Greenery at 230 Chancellor St. presents its usual fine selection of Christmas trees, flocked and not flocked, poinsettias, and other traditional holiday greenery. You can order custom table decorations of fresh or dried material for yourself or others. And, for gifts, there's always the neighborhoods largest selection House Plants. The Greenery also can wire your flower orders nationwide.

John Ester Ltd., Head House Square, has exquisite antiques, always tastefully and artistically displayed. Glassware, china, ironstone and brass items are just a few of the unusual gift ideas.

Lower Market Street is the place to find Christmas candles. Lakecraft and Co., at 337 Market and Shana's at 110 Market both have bountiful assortments and special gift wraps ... good for stocking stuffers.

The Market Place at the Towers Shopping Center has lots of tempting gourmet delights and also a number of gift-wrapped food items which they will wrap and send anywhere.

At The N Gallery, 609 S. Second St., you will find a selection of prints which they will frame or not as you please ... moderately priced from $3.99 up. They also have some pottery, oil paintings and sculpture.

Scandinavian items of all sorts can be found at Nordstrom, 20 S. Third St. There is an assortment of George Jensen-type Christmas ornaments and Danish Christmas plates with story-telling illustrations ... taken gifts like cards, notepapers, potholders, candles, mobilies and wall hangings ... and for children, dolls with handtied costumes and miscellaneous toys ... all imported. Coffee is served in the canteen in the rear. A host to visiting seamen, the owner also provides Norwegian books, records, tobacco and odds and ends of clothing to make them feel at home.

There's shopping every Sunday at the Philadelphia Plain and Fancy Antiques Market, 237 Christiur Street. Two floors of a warehouse make up the flea market and a number of dealers from all over are represented. Antiques, jewelry, odd silver pieces and beaded evening bags were just a few of the gift ideas we saw.

Decorations make nice gifts and there are unusual items at The Panting Place, 406 S. Second Street. Besides interesting plant and flower arrangements, they have wreaths, both fresh and dried, Mexican paper mache tree ornaments, Italian and Swedish decorations, small artificial trees, poinsettias, and a selection of choose house plants.

If there are novelty types on your list, Rings and Brother at 310 Market St. just makes you crave the open air. Their authentic selection of ship's instruments, binoculars, charts and books can satisfy boaters and landlubbers alike. The figurehead over the door is a landmark ... but it's great for sale.

Shane's Bag, open weekday evenings and weekends on Head House Square, has an interesting and relatively inexpensive selection of handcrafted Christmas decorations of felt and foam.

At Trafalgar, 124 Lombard St., there is a selection of handcrafted handmade toys for young and old alike, interspersed with ceramics designed and executed by the proprietor and other crafts handmade locally. Special Christmas items include handmade tree ornaments and stained glass hanging ornaments ... at nominal prices.

The Sea Chest at 234 S. Eighth St., might well be called a boutique for yachtsmen. Old salts and outdoor enthusiasts in general will drool over the fishermen's knit sea sweaters, parkas, moccasins and duffle boots, lawn weather gear, ship's clocks, ship's models, boating accessories, scrimshaw and other goodies galore.

For far out shoppers there is Second Hand Rose at 617 South St. Filled with memorabilia of yesterday's attire, you can pick up such "in" things as old sheet music, old issues of magazines, clothes from the 20's and second-hand fur. Rose has jewelry, china, out of glass, lamps, clocks and a terrific gold scale, but don't overlook the clock-thermometer-bank gadget for that someone "who has everything."

Street: An Emporium, 200 S. Third St., a newly opened boutique, has imported feminine clothing for little girls and grown-up ladies and a few brio-a-brac gift items. For the femme fatale on your list, select a silky scarf or some fun sun glasses. Street's soon will be moving to the Towers Shopping Center.

Gourmets delight over the selections of cheeses, cakes, cookies and jams at Stuart Lewis, 415 S. Second Street, which he will wrap and mail anywhere. The marvelous selection of spices, copperware, casseroles and pepper grinders are just a few of the ideas for culinary buffs.

Hard to find, but worth the trip, is Top of the Room 788 S. Second St. (Blue Courtyard). It really is an old broom factory converted to lamb's wool duster manufacturing but offered for sale in the top room are feather gills which have many uses and fur pillow of all varieties. More weaving is the eclectic selection for walls ... anything from tapestries to charming Victorian prints, framed in imagination good taste.
A Swimming Hole
at
4th and Lombard

Plans are well along now for the proposed swim club, tennis court, handball court development at the NW corner of 4th and Lombard. The design has been approved by the Redevelopment Authority Advisory Board of Design, and printed invitations to join have gone out to the neighborhood. Anyone may join. A typical family membership is expected to cost about $300 a year after the purchase of a $50 bond. Applications must be accompanied by a $50 deposit, with checks made out to:

'Old Pine Athletic Association'

and sent to Treasurer Phil Price, 321 Spruce St. For more details, contact Bob Smith, MA 7-0708, or Matt Miller, MA 2-2881.

Name: ____________________________________________

Children: __________________________________________

Ages: ___________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________