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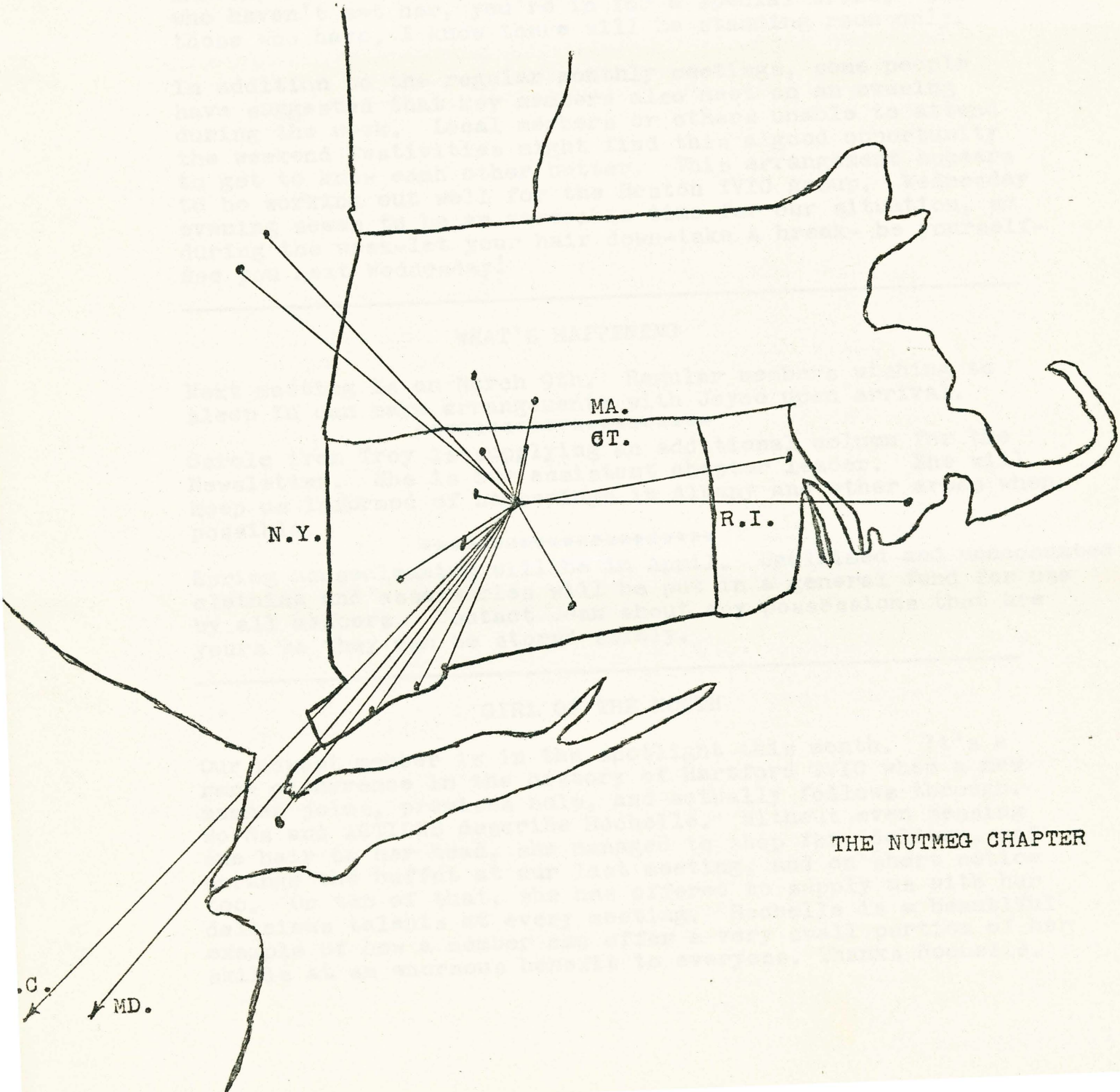

THE NUTMEG CHAPTER

Jean's Schemes

We're back in the groove in Hartford with a great turnout at the February meeting. March holds a great surprise featuring Susanne Wa[redacted] as our special guest. As most of you know, Sue is the founder and first chapter leader of Hartford TVIC and will be visiting as Regional Director of TVIC. She will bring a slide show (not a side show,we have one of those ourselves) of "Dream'73", a west coast bonanza weekend. Sue also has many interesting stories and experiences to relate along with the slides. For those who haven't met her, you're in for a special treat. And for those who have, I know there will be standing room only.

In addition to the regular monthly meetings, some people have suggested that key members also meet on an evening during the week. Local members or others unable to attend the weekend festivities might find this a good opportunity to get to know each other better. This arrangement appears to be working out well for the Boston TVIC group. Wednesday evening seems to be an agreeable time for our situation, so during the week-let your hair down-take a break- be yourself-See you next Wednesday!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Next meeting is on March 9th. Regular members wishing to sleep in can make arrangements with Joyce upon arrival.

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Carole from Troy is supplying an additional column for the Newsletter. She is our assistant chapter leader. She will keep us informed of happenings in Albany and other areas when possible.

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Spring housecleaning will be in April. Unclaimed and unaccounted clothing and assessories will be put in a general fund for use by all members. Contact Jean about any possessions that are yours so they can be stored safely.

GIRL OF THE MONTH

Our newest member is in the spotlight this month. It's a rare occurrence in the history of Hartford TVIC when a new member joins, promises help, and actually follows through. Words and ACTIONS describe Rochelle. Without even messing one hair on her head, she managed to shop for, deliver, and arrange the buffet at our last meeting, and on short notice too. On top of that, she has offered to supply us with her delicious talents at every meeting. Rochelle is a beautiful example of how a member can offer a very small portion of her skills at an enormous benefit to everyone. Thanks Rochelle.

February in Hartford

First to arrive at the Feb. meeting was Caroline and in a matter of hours a regular person would have taken her for one of the Gabor sisters, Which one we don't know. Next came Jean or at least her brother which is better than nothing we think? Dianne showed next and after thoroughly confusing Carole and Jean with what must have been cubic altruistic skepticism, she trotted off to transform. Soon after, two prospective members Gail and Gloria arrived. Within minutes they were all gabbing as if they were old friends. Later, our newest member Rochelle appeared with Charles and other goodies. We meant the food, Carol and Dennis also arrived about this time. All that could be remembered at this point is that the place was crawling with Virgos. Lisa and Terry and later Nancy and Gene brought up the rear. About chow time Annette came, although we're sure she'll swear it was a coincidence. And finally to put the topping on the cake, Paula was able to complete the gathering. The evening blossomed into good conversation and pleasant smiles until the hours of the morning when most respectable people are home in bed.

ALBANY ANECTDOTES

The Albany chapter of TVIC held it's monthly meeting at Wilma and Helen T[redacted]s home on 2/16/74. The usual crew was decimated by the gas shortage and Lee Brewster's Mardi Gras Ball in New York City. Especially missed was Crystal and her always amusing letter from Aunt "Harriet" (formerly Harry). We hope Crystal will grace the Hartford scene soon. Also among the missing were Pam and Joey who attended the ball.

Those present, Helen and Wilma (our Hosts), Michelle (Glen Falls, N.Y.), Michelle (Albany), Joan (Colonie, N.Y.), Carole (Troy, N.Y.) were pleased to welcome a guest from the south. Hope she enjoyed herself and comes again. We all enjoyed a sit down dinner of delicious fried chicken. Helen's cooking, as always-great.

After eating-can-you imagine-a TV chess tournament. Wilma wiped everyone out. I don't even have the excuse "Too much beer". We played early. All in all it was a quiet but enjoyable evening.

Here's hoping in future gatherings both in Albany and Hartford, that our groups will mingle more. We are somewhat similar.

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In a related incident, the Gay Community announced that it purchased a house in Albany for a community center. In the past the Albany Gay groups have been very friendly to TVs. They are having a grand opening March 2nd. I've been invited so I will try to determine if they are still receptive. I expect they will. May be another outlet for dressing. Hope so. For the moment that's all folks. Maybe next month there will be more to report. See you at the next meeting in Hartford.

Love

Carole(Troy-Hartford)

Executive Committee Report

Hartford TVIC has grown from a small group of select friends meeting secretly in a motel room to a large group of diverse individuals meeting openly at an apartment complex. Along with this growth the practical problem of cllecting fees has developed, and as a result a few are paying for the majority. To solve this problem we will station a girl at the entrance to collect the fees at the beginning of the meeting so we all can enjoy the evening without worrying about bills.

The fees are:	regular members	$2.00 for monthly meeting
	regular members	$5.00 for overnight use
	regular & key members	$1.50 for buffet

All first time visitors to apartment will be admitted free.