Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m. at the YWCA, 31 N. Pinkney St.

March 1 - "Decision Making"- a look at some of our values.

--Betty French, Ted Peters and the 5th and 6th grade class

The way in which values affect our decisions--whether major or minor ones--has been the focus of study for some weeks by the 5th and 6th grade class. They will present a typical activity from their curriculum and give us all a chance to share in the decisions.

The programs on the following three Sundays will explore ways in which people are search-for meaning in life.

March 8 - "Transcendental Meditation" as seen by Jeff Zavik.

Jeff Zavik is one of the leaders of a group of people (mostly young) who are searching for meaning through inner experience.

March 15 - "The Madison Community School"--an experiment in education. Mrs. Dorothy Osteras and others.

A search for a more meaningful school experience--by teachers, students, and parents--is now becoming a reality in an experimental high school. One of the goals is "to redefine school... as a group of people whose purpose is to learn together, to respect each others' differences, and to care about each other."

March 22 - "A Search for Meaning through Modern Folk Music".

--Harold Rogers, with help from some creative musicians.

What about this music appeals so tremendously to young people? How serious is their interest in it? Mr. Rogers is regarded by many as an authority on Bob Dylan. We have a rare opportunity to bridge the generation gap.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Finances were discussed at last Friday's Board meeting. Joan Burns reported that while we are 4½ months into the fiscal year, only 26% of the pledges have been received.

Ted Peters reported that 43 members and 21 friends of the Society attended the eight group discussion meetings held during the past several weeks. He felt it would be too difficult to summarize the reports on these meetings. He read them to the Board and the reports will be mimeographed and will be available at the Sunday service or from Elinor Loucks.

In response to the first question concerning individual reasons for coming to the Prairie and what people hope to get from their association with the Society, many diverse answers were given. However, the importance of individual participation and a feeling
of community in the group were mentioned frequently.

Question number two concerning the role of a minister again brought a wide range of responses. Many felt we needed a man who would act as a facilitator for the group. No one seemed to want a traditional, preach-every-Sunday minister. The predominant feeling of the Board was that most would accept the right man.

The most unanimity was expressed in response to question number three concerning a building. There was an overwhelming reaction that if and when we do own a building, it should be in cooperation with some other group so that it would be in use full time.

On the basis of the review of these reports the Board made the following motions which were seconded and passed unanimously:

1. Roland Parrish moved that in the light of these reports we feel that we should proceed as rapidly as possible to implement our previous decision to engage a part time minister.

2. Roland Parrish moved that while recognizing that a number of members are concerned about the group's becoming too large, the Board feels that this group can grow to a certain extent and retain its present characteristics, and that this should be taken into account in planning.

RELLIGIOUS EDUCATION

The High School Youth Group had a very educational experience this past weekend visiting on the south side of Chicago. They lived with a group of black teenagers at the Abraham Lincoln Centre. Members of the group would be happy to discuss their experiences with any interested members of the Society.

Do You Have Any Ideas you would like incorporated in the RE curriculum? There will be a meeting to make plans for next year on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Ruck, 4168 Cherokee Dr.

SOCIAL ACTION

There will be a meeting of the Social Action committee Thursday, Feb. 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Siegfrieds', 5209 Tolman Terrace.

WAYS WE CAN PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The following is condensed from an article by Carol Werner which appeared in a recent issue of the Memorial High School newspaper in which she quotes suggestions from Ecology Action of California.

(1) Use biodegradable soaps and cleaners
(2) Take showers instead of baths and not every day
(3) Do not use DDT or other persistent pesticides
(4) Buy products that are packaged in returnable containers
(5) Separate garbage: papers, aluminum containers etc., so refuse services can aid us in recycling waste
(6) Speak out LOUDLY on waste and pollution problems
(7) Sponsor neighborhood cleanups
(8) Fight individuals and companies who profit by manufacture or sale of products harmful to the environment
(9) Press for legislation permitting voluntary birth control, abortion, and incentive programs for family limitation and planning
(10) Don't drive a car unless absolutely necessary and then use a car pool. Demand better public transportation and that the city put exhause suppression systems on city buses.
(11) Become involved in a project related to our survival and work with others to resolve these problems