PRAIRIE CALENDER

SAT 8 PM  At First Society. Beginning and intermediate folk-dancing. Instructions given.
2 FEB.

3 FEB.

WED midnight  Deadline for the 15 Feb. newsletter. An exception will be made for the executive board. If the Board would like an item in the newsletter, please phone it in to me by 11 AM on Friday the 8th, at 256-2651, ext 40.
6 FEB.

THURS 8 PM  Executive Board Meeting, at Portal Foster Home.
7 FEB.

SAT 7:30 PM  THE PLAYREADERS meet at the Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon, 238-6053
9 FEB.

SUN 10 AM  THE SEX ROLE HANG-UP, Part II. A continuation from Sunday, 10 FEB.

MON 11 FEB. 7:30 PM  Social Action Committee meets at Pat Cautley's, 2805 Regent, 238-5373. Those who would like to help on the 3rd annual fund-raising PRAIRIE PARTY AND AUCTION are invited to attend.

THURS 7:30 PM  Program committee meets at the Perry's, 406 G Eagle Heights.
14 FEB.

FRI 8 PM  First Society. Square and folk dancing--singles or couples--instructions given. Donation: $.50
15 FEB.

SUN 10 AM  Program not available; to be announced.
17 FEB.

SUN Garden meeting at the Carson's. See insert which follows
17 FEB.

WED midnight  Deadline for the 1 March newsletter.
20 FEB.

SAT 7:30 PM  HOOTNANNY! To commemorate the 69th anniversary of the baltimore Five, at Portal Foster Home. Bring a song to share and bring your own refreshments. For information, contact Chuck Young or Richard Perry.
23 FEB.

SUN 10 AM  Pat Cautley's final program. Topic to be announced later.
24 FEB.
THE SOCIAL ACTIONS COMMITTEE urges all Prairie members and friends to write their Congressman and women in support of current legislation concerning the rights of biological fathers of children born out of wedlock. Hundreds of adoptions are not being completed in many adoption courts throughout Wisconsin because of problems connected with the "termination of paternal rights" of the father of the child. Among other things, the rights of the biological father would be terminated within 45 days after birth, allowing prompt placement of the child into an adoptive home. Organizations in favor of this bill include the Wisconsin Welfare Council, the Wisconsin chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and various adoption agencies in the state. Copies of the bill are available by calling 266-0341 and asking for Senator Bill 566.

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GARDEN MEETING: David and Barbara Carson invite any interested in the Prairie Community Cooperative to join them for a meeting and lunch, right after church on Sun., 17 Feb., at 11 AM. Directions: north of Madison, 2 blocks south of Cottage Grove Rd. Please call 221-1244 if you plan to attend, so that Carson's will know how much food to prepare.

THE EDITOR

PLEASE! The executive board has directed that the second newsletter be sent out each month, whether or not there is any news to put in it. In the past there have been no mid-month news items and that is why you have not gotten a mid-month newsletter. The deadline dates have been reprinted in this month's calendar, so please send me some material, as I shall feel exceedingly guilty about wasting Prairie money to mail you a blank sheet of paper.

THE PLAYREADERS are planning a Prairie Theater Party. Would you like to attend? We will see the Milwaukee Repertory Company's production of Christopher Marlowe's The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus, on Sat. 30 March. The show begins at 5:15 PM, with dinner afterwards for those who would like it at the very nice, but not very expensive Velveteen Chalk Restaurant, located in the theater. Tickets are: $6.00, $5.00, and $3.50. Contact Pat Watkins (233-5795) or Linda Pluin (836-5547) by Feb 10 at the latest if you are interested in attending, or if you have any questions. Money must be in by 17 Feb or earlier.
I am appalled by the recent state law which allows physicians and hospitals to refuse to grant abortions or sterilization. In many parts of this state, medical facilities are so limited that individuals with much need and little money have no choice but to abide by the decision of their physician or hospital. ZERO POPULATION GROWTH and several other organizations are gathering forces and funds for a test case; THE SOCIAL ACTIONS COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO GIVE THAT GROUP A $50 AWARD IN SUPPORT OF ITS EFFORTS TO FIGHT THIS NEW LAW.

We wish to extend
* a very warm welcome
* to the three new
* members who joined
* our ranks and
* signed the book
* last month:
* -
* Bonnie Grosnick
* Douglas Grosnick
* Barbara Carson

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THE SOCIAL ACTIONS COMMITTEE (those busy little beavers deserve a round of applause for all their hard work) are posting a coupon list of food items which are valuable to the folks at Central Colony, on the Prairie bulletin board. We will begin saving labels, boxes, box tops, lids, coupons, etc., redeemable for gifts for Central Colony. Let's all help in this effort. Note especially the starred items. The box for the coupons will be attached to the bulletin board at this Sunday's service.