PRAIRIE FIRE

Newsletter of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

VOLUME 11, NO.8 EDITOR: PAT WATKINS 27 DECEMBER 1974 PHONE: 233-5795 PRAIRIE CALENDAR SAT 5th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, given by Ted and 28 DEC 8 PM Rebecca Clark, 1134 Waban Hill. You are invited to come and celebrate the holidays with them. SUN 29 DEC FAMILY SERVICE: no formal program. Come to talk, share, laugh, sing, and play games. Prairie slides 10 AM will be shown--bring your own or anything else you wish to share. THURS 2 JAN 10 PM Deadline for newsletter due out on 11 January. (Excuse our being off schedule for the holidays). SUN 5 JAN 10 AM GOLD FEVER: THEN AND NOW; led by Pat Watkins MON 6 JAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets. Check with Richard Perry for time and location. SAT ll JAN PRAIRIE THEATER PARTY SUN 7 PM 12 JAN SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets at McElreaths. THE RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE would like feedback from anyone over the age of twelve who attended the retreat. Please tear off and return to Richard Perry. (Write on back if not enough room) Which parts of the program did you like best? Which parts could have 2. been improved? If you have a child who participated, what was his/her response? 3. What was your opinion of the children's programs? 4. Would you want to go next year? 6. Would you want to go to Upham Woods again? Do you have any comments to aid in planning for next year?

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE: (1) Voted to contribute an additional \$ 100. to Measure for Measure, Inc.(see 1 Dec newsletter). (2) Voted to add \$ 100. to the fund maintained by Zero Population Growth which subsidizes abortions for those who cannot afford them. (3) Sent a telegram to Kastenmeir to encourage his support of HR 17234 which placed a ceiling on military aid to southeast Asia. (4) Plans a free exchange of ice skates, etc. and children's and adult's clothing after service on 19 Jan.

NEWS ABOUT PRAIRIE MEMBERS: SARAH CLARK returned home for the holidays on December 18th. . . . SARAH AND LILO KOEHL will be off to Vancouver for the Christmas season. . . . Two offspring of Prairie people walked off with the Charlene M. Wackman Awards for being the outstanding undergraduates in the university's Theater Department: the \$ 500 awards went to ABE GORDON and LESLIE WATKINS.

THE DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE needs another member. To help us relate to the rest of the UUA, call Chuck Young at 836-3342.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We celebrate creative man in the Church School for three weeks before the spring semester. January 5, 12, and 19, the kids may choose of this feast: Betty French, potter, will work with children in clay--shaping, firing, glazing, and re-firing; Rebecca Clark and Lois Young--color and thread into crocheting. His joy in music and the actual construction of musical instruments are Chuck Young's planned sharing. And the nursery will function as usual--but no church school on 29 Dec.

Many people have helped, grown with the Prairie children--and they with each other. Just now let me mention those who helped with assemblies, the all-together time at the beginning of church school. Jeff and John Laurence (songs from Oliver), Bob Elkins (summer films of Alaska), Hermine Davidson (helped us come closer as a group), George Calden (music), Ted Loucks (shared his piano playing), and Steve Friedman (with the old story of Hannukah and "how to" make a killing with a dreydl). Thanks to all. And now Christmas present and goodbye to '74; it's been a bit more than okay downstairs! Theron Caldwell: D.R.E.

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