SAT 5 APRIL 8 PM  FOLK DANCING at First Society.

SUN 6 APRIL 10 AM  VIETNAM: A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE. Led by Charles Harris

MON 7 APRIL 7:30 PM  PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the Plum's, Keewatin Trail, Route 1, Verona. Phone: 836-5547

TUES 8 APRIL 12 Noon  DEADLINE for April 15th newsletter

THUR 10 APRIL 7:30 PM  SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets at McElreath's, 818 Terry Place. Phone: 233-7491. Final plans to be made for Prairie Auction; all members are requested to be present at this meeting.

SUN 13 APRIL 10 AM  MICHAELANGELO'S CONCEPTION OF GOD, led by Joe Hoffman, Ph.D. in Art History.

SUN 13 APRIL 5 PM  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, at the Perry's, 1915 Keyes Avenue, Phone: 255-6157. Potluck supper; bring a dish to pass.

SUN 13 APRIL 7:30 PM  SPRING PARISH MEETING, Portal Foster Center

SUN 20 APRIL 10 AM  A FAMILY SERVICE, with a fairy tale enacted by readers and led by Rebecca French.

FRI 25 APRIL 8 PM  THE PLAYREADERS meet at Rosemary Dorney's, 2127 Regent Street. Phone: 238-4382

SUN 27 APRIL 10 AM  TO BE ANNOUNCED (this will be a program on Mozart, led by Warren Hagstrom).

SAT 3 MAY 8 PM  4th ANNUAL PRAIRIE AUCTION, PARTY, AND SALE. (see attachment)

THURS 24 APRIL 3 PM  DEADLINE for the May 1st newsletter

FRI-SUN MAY 9-11  WEEKEND AT WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, led by Orrie Loucks. See insert
JOSE TACO BOYCOTT: The "Gold Dust Twins" have long ago faded into oblivion; "Aunt Jemima" is no longer the black woman's only public image; and "Tonto" has been replaced by articulate Native Americans. But, the American propensity for perpetuating racial stereotypes still spreads its pernicious venom through American society, and reinforces racial prejudice. It undermines the self-confidence and self-respect of the minority which it depicts, and inculcates negative attitudes in the majority to whom it is directed.

La Raza Unida, an organization of Chicano students on campus, has been protesting, without success, such stereotyping by a local business—Jose Taco. The fat little Mexican, with fork in hand and sombrero on head, dashing across their State Street window; and the radio advertisements, delivered by non-Mexicans in a faked and pseudo Mexican accent, epitomize stereotyping which is an affront to an entire race and culture.

We have notified Jose Taco of our sympathy with the protest of the Chicano students and of our participation in this boycott. We ask our readers and their families to join this boycott and to join the voices of La Raza Unida by writing (227 State Street, Madison 53703) or phoning (Mr. Karr, 257-1505) Jose Taco with their personal disapproval of this racial stereotyping... Social Actions Committee.

WEEKEND AT WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK: Some of the membership has suggested occasional weekend campouts. The Loucks' are planning such a weekend—May 9, 10, and 11—on the Kickapoo for canoeing, fiddlehead harvest, spring flowers, and hiking. The weather may be cool, but there will be plenty of room in the park, fast water in the river, and, hopefully, fiddleheads. If interested, mark the dates on your calendar and call the Loucks' at 233-7955. Depending upon response, further details will appear in the next newsletter.

* RICHARD PERRY wishes to thank all of the people in Prairie who gave their assistance in his recent campaign for School Board member.

GARDENERS: A PRAIRIE GARDEN INVITATION. David and Barbara Carson have again offered space for Prairie members and friends to plant organic gardens this summer. Individual plots will be available—with garden parties regularly scheduled to develop a growing community. If you are interested contact Al Nettleton (238-6053), or Dave Carson (221-1244).

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE MADISON MEMORIAL SOCIETY? This non-profit corporation exists for the purpose of maintaining a registry for the wishes of members in regard to arrangements following death; studying and developing methods of achieving simplicity and dignity in funeral and memorial services; and educating and informing members and the public of the results of such studies. The society works with licensed funeral directors to provide the desired type and cost of funeral. Membership is $5 for individuals and $10 for families. Applications and further information may be obtained from: Madison Memorial Society, P.O. Box 4033, Madison, Wis 53711.
Make your plans now to come to the

*** 4TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE AUCTION & PARTY & SALE***

May 3 at 3 p.m.

at the home of Elinor and Oris Loucks
21 Frederick Circle

This annual event is held to raise money for the activities of
the Prairie Social Action Committee. This past year the Committee
chose to support a number of social concern organizations, most
of which are Madison-based.

...We gave substantial amounts of our small fund to Measure for
Measure, Inc., which provides support for a struggling cooperative
farm in southern Mississippi; and to the local chapter of Zero
Population Growth.

...We contributed to a special defense fund being collected through
the Southern Poverty Law Center, and to a local Menominee Indian group.

...Last fall we contributed to a fund set up to provide scholarships
to the Prairie retreat at Upham Woods.

...In January the Committee presented a Sunday program designed to
inform Prairie members and friends of the many local organizations
through which they could give one-to-one support.

...And a good bit of our work involves letter writing and sending
telegrams to local, state, and federal officials on issues we think
are of immediate social concern.

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The party and auction and sale is a merry way to raise money for
our activities for the upcoming year. This year's event will
offer ---

THE AUCTION of precious items you're willing to contribute--your
own arts and crafts are especially appreciated!

A SALE where you can unload white elephants, baked goods, small
plants and other items that we can price at the door and
put up for sale on a "browsing table"

FOOD AND GAMES including poker, tea reading, and our own massage
parlor (subject to the rules of the house!)

*COME TO THE PRAIRIE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE'S AUCTION & PARTY & SALE*

for a good time and for a good cause

Committee members: Nancy McElreath, chair (233-7491), Melinda Roznoy,
Dan Willard, Avis Parrish, Rosemary Dorney, Tim Fast, Aileen
Nettleton, Bunny Wilkening, and Richard Perry
NEWS ABOUT PRAIRIE PEOPLE: It was a pleasure to see several Prairie people back with us again... REBECCA AND TED CLARK have just returned from a trip to Seattle... and MARVIN MIRACLE is back from a trip to East Africa... ROLAND PARRISH is recuperating at home after undergoing recent surgery—best wishes for a speedy recovery, Roland.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION? If you believe that places of social and educational value should be preserved for future generations, the U.S. Park Service would like to know about it. They are currently operating Alcatraz as an historic site, and will continue to do so until 1978, when a permanent decision will be made on its disposition. That decision will be governed by public sentiment. The public is being asked to vote for one of the following alternatives: 1) retain the facility as a historic monument, 2) turn the facility over to Native Americans for a cultural center, 3) level the facility and return it to its former use as a wildlife sanctuary for pelicans. So far, the votes are running 62%, 4%, and 3% respectively, with 31% voting for alternate options, including sale to commercial developers. To register your preference, write to: Superintendent; Golden Gate National Recreation Area; Fort Mason; San Francisco, California 94123.

Some of you may remember GEORGE FEILER, a charter member of Prairie. Some time ago we printed a notice that George was interested in hearing from Prairie members with ideas to help him get started in San Francisco a fellowship similar to the one we have in Madison. Recently, we received the first newsletter from this new group. Please contact Pat Watkins (233-5795) if you would be interested in reading it.