PRAIRIE FIRE

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PRAIRIE CALENDAR

MON
JUNE 2  8 PM

PUBLIC RELATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE meets at Mary Slabaugh's,
2416 Gregory Street.

THUR
JUNE 12  8 PM

BOARD MEETING at Theron Caldwell's, 1228 Sherman Ave.

SUN
JUNE 22

SOLSTICE PICNIC at the Carson's, Vilas Road, Cottage Grove.
More information to come.

TUES-SUN
JUNE 24-29

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY meets in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Theron Caldwell is our representative. (See last week's
issue of the Prairie Fire and the May 15 issue of the
UUA World for details of the issues to be raised.)

SUN
JULY 6

WATER FÊTE at the Davidson's, 2210 Waunona Way. More in
next month's Newsletter.

STILL MORE ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER...

If you have a Summer address, it will save Prairie postage if you call Barbara Willard
(256-2801) or Viv Meyer (251-7526) and tell us where to (or whether to) send Prairie
Fire, and for how long. We have to pay every time a piece of mail is forwarded. Also,
don't forget to send your Prairie mail to the person concerned, rather than to the
church, so it doesn't get lost. Refer to the last Newsletter for new officers in order
to update your directory.

It Rained On Our Parade

God hates a Unitarian outing—She rained on our moon viewing and then cleared so that
the very end of the eclipse was visible after everyone had given up.

Rosemary Dorney Plugs Pluckers

Prairie was well-represented at the Madison Public Library Centennial celebration
May 11. The Chicken Pluckers (including the Willards, Joe Laurence and Chuck Young but
not George Calden, who had driven East to bring daughter Lisa home from her first graduate
year at Columbia) played two stints and were received with overwhelming enthusiasm. In
fact, they were so terrific, the Library couldn't quite close at 5, as it had planned.
Mike Briggs, too, shared his talents with Madison Public Library by playing rag and sing-
along tunes on the piano. There was hardly a time when he wasn't surrounded.

The Library expressed its thanks to both Mike and the Pluckers by sending them copies
of Janet S. Ela's history of Madison Public Library, Free and Public, written especially
for the Centennial.

Our spies at the Library inform us that there have already, since the Sunday cele-
bration, been several inquiries at Madison Public Library as to how to engage the Pluckers
for further performances. Those interested should call Dan Willard at 256-2801.

--Rosemary Dorney
Ecumenical Notes

A committee of Prairie people consisting of David Carson, John Grindrod, Diane Miracle and Richard Perry met with the two ministers and the denominational affairs chairperson of the First Society over lunch to discuss possible improvements in our relations. Among a number of suggestions which will be relayed to appropriate committees was one for a joint picnic on the Prairie site sometime in August.

150th Anniversary Celebration

On another front the Chicken Pluckers celebrated the 150th Anniversary of American Unitarianism with a group from the Marshfield and Stevens Point fellowships and found them most congenial and interested in more interchange with us. Perhaps our denominational connections can be strengthened this year. Steps have been taken to add the addresses of the Wisconsin Unitarian fellowships to our mailing list.

Sad News

Rebecca French is in Madison General Hospital having her gall bladder removed, before she goes to visit her parents in California. Sara and Ellen are staying with the Willards.

...But There Is a Silver Lining...

Scotty McElreath has recovered nicely from his minor surgery last week. Nancy and Mark are feeling better too.

New Neighbors

Ron Slabaugh and Pat Johnson are moving into the Prairie Ghetto, at 2218 West Lawn Avenue.

Visiting...

Pat Cautley's twin sister Polly is staying with her this week. Welcome to Madison, Polly!

Another Move

Elizabet Harald is moving in with Mary Slabaugh for the Summer while she finishes her master's thesis.

Denominational Identity

We would like to call your attention to the UUA World, our denominational newspaper. There are some interesting and thought-provoking articles shared among Unitarians—perspectives we often share and some of which we are unaware. For example, in the May 15 issue the UUSC (Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee) has a supplement detailing "Hunger Action" projects. Other thoughts and issues are equally abundant. If you're interested in having your name added to the UUA World subscription list, speak to Richard Perry or Ruth Calden.

Washington Island Camping Weekend

Annis and Henry Pratt have invited us all to join them at their Washington Island cottage for a weekend of primitive camping June 27-29 on both Washington and Rock Islands, at the tip of Door County. Plans are to meet for dinner at Pratt's cottage, (Friday ferry to the island leaves at 6:00 and 11:00 p.m.). Camp there Friday and then ferry to more rugged Rock Island on Saturday. The Pratts report the islands are beautifully preserved from the advance of civilization, particularly Rock. If you are interested in joining them and/or want more details please contact Lilo Koehl, by June 10, at 233-7383. (Lilo has maps and instructions.)

Deadline

This is a short Newsletter so that people can keep their calendar up to date. The next deadline will be Sunday, June 8.