PRAIRIE CALENDAR

SUN
NOV 30
10 AM
"BRINGING IT ALL BACK HOME: A PRAIRIE FESTIVAL" We will celebrate ourselves. Please bring some kind of food to share--bread or cheese, crackers, olives, boiled eggs, grapes, etc. Just make sure it is in small portions, bite-size. This will be the last service in the ministry of Richard Perry. 255-6157.

FRI-SUN
DEC 5-7
HOOFERS CLUB SKI EQUIPMENT RESALE in the Dag Hammerjold Hall, Union South. Persons interested in selling their used ski equipment may set up for sale on Friday, Dec. 5th from 4-8 p.m. On Saturday the sale will begin at 8 a.m. and remain open to the public until 5 p.m.

SUN
DEC 7
10 AM
"THE MEANING OF LIFE AS REVEALED THROUGH THE WORKS OF THE GREAT MASTERS - DA VINCI" First program in the Lay Ministry of Joe Hoffman. Also the first in a series of programs on this subject. To come: Rembrandt, Picasso, and Frank Lloyd Wright. 257-9595

SUN
DEC 7
11:15 AM
PLAYREADING GROUP will meet at the home of Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place. We'll be reading Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest. Bring a copy if you have one. 233-5795

SUN
DEC 14
2:00 PM
HOLIDAY SHOW Exhibit and sale of thread and clay works for holiday gifts at Portal Foster. (See below for further information.)

Prairie Fund-Raisers Soon: Thread and Clay
Works for Holiday Gifts; Photography Too

For a more artful, noncommercial holiday, save and do your shopping at Prairie. Our friends Ann Swan, Carolyn Steva and Betty French will have original textiles, drawings, cards, stoneware and pots of various types for sale. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Prairie. This is a unique opportunity... plan for it and invite your friends. Coffee and cookies will be served. In addition to these professional artistic offerings the Prairie church school children will offer some of their creations for purchase to assist in the fund-raising effort.

The above-described show will take place on December 14th.
this date, on November 30th, there will be an opportunity to utilize the services of Prairie's able photographers. After the service on the 30th various Prairie photographers will have available photos of the group or individuals (Christmas presents?!). If you would like a copy, you can order prints—proceeds over cost will go to Prairie.

Prairie Folks & Friends in the News

In the past week it was noted that the following people participated in activities which were covered by the Madison newspapers. Hermine Davidson appeared before the Madison Landmarks Commission in support of the Commission's proposal to designate the Mansion Hill area "as the city's first 'historic district'." Hermine was quoted as contending, "It represents an investment in people for the future. Let's not let the central cities be torn down and turned into acres of concrete." (quotations from The Capital Times, 11/18/75).

Recently a report concerning the cost of suburban growth was released by Wisconsin's State Planning Office. The author of the report was Steve Friedman, Prairie member and former Long Range Planning Chairperson. Steve was quoted as arguing that "public service costs generally declined as housing density increased." The article was a commentary on the projections of costs resulting from urban sprawl; projections presented in the report prepared by Steve for the State Planning Office. The report examined the issue of the cost of public facilities as projected by models of various community types. Their conclusion was, "Most expensive was the present development trend, called 'suburban expansion.' Least costly was the 'urban containment' option, with a cost of $3.2 billion." (quotations from The Capital Times, 11/19/75).

It was announced in The Capital Times that the Spring Green Valley Studio, whose Wisconsin Mime Company and School is directed by Dr. E. Reid Gilbert, will sponsor a program of theater study entitled the London Theater Workshop. The workshop "will include a three-week visit to England for classes with leading theater authorities in that country." The program will run from Dec. 29th to Jan. 24th. The object of the workshop, as led by Reid, will be the study of the Mummers Play, described in the article as "a medieval folk style of mime, acting, singing, dancing, poetry and improvisation..." The Valley Studio hopes to send students to "other theater capitals, including New Delhi, Paris, and Tokyo." (quotations from The Capital Times, 11/24/75).

Social Action Seeks Volunteers in Nursing Experiment

Social Action Committee Co-Chairperson Melinda Roznoy has requested that Prairie members and friends consider participating in a program designed to study family health. Volunteers will be needed for the spring and summer of 1976. The program, sponsored by the UW School of Nursing, will be conducted for students who are "interested in learning how the family as a unit lives and copes with everyday experiences and in assessing what the family does to promote its health." Each student is assigned to a family, couple, or single person and makes half hour visits weekly for eight weeks at the family's convenience. Each student receives supervision from a faculty member. If you are interested please contact Marsha Schroeder, at 262-9673 or the UW School of Nursing.

Melinda would also like to remind Prairie members and friends that if they would like to both contribute to the Social Action Committee's coffers and do some Christmas shopping they may want to consider purchasing re-cycled cards. These Christmas cards are made from last year's cards; they are prepared for mailing as postcards. They may be purchased in packages, at 50¢ per package, which contain a variety of different cards all suitable for Christmas greetings. If you wish to look at and/or purchase the cards, see Fran at the membership table on Sunday.

Snowflakes Bring Skiing Fever

Please remember to look over the ski equipment on the table at the back of the room on Sunday. To make the ongoing ski equipment exchange work we must remember to bring equipment and take home equipment purchased or traded, etc. Included are clothing, ski racks, skis, poles, boots, skates, wax, files, reading literature, etc. Let's get it together—snow's here!!
You may want to investigate the Hoofers sale on December 5-7 (see calendar).

Vivian Meyer will have a set of 180 cm Kneissel fiberglass-core, downhill skis to sell. They are about 5 years old, used 3 of those 5 years and well-cared-for. She needs the bindings for a new set of skis but the skis are excellent for a beginner. They are especially good for midwestern hard snow: flexible and of high quality. If you would be interested in such skis please contact Vivian Meyer, 251-7526 or 266-2022 or at church.

Vivian Meyer would like to purchase a VW ski rack. If you have one you would like to sell or know where she might buy a relatively inexpensive one, she would appreciate hearing about it (see phone # above).

Dick Bonser says that he has a pattern for a ski rack which he would be willing to construct for anyone interested in negotiating a price, etc. See Dick at church.

Any person who would be interested in skiing Colorado in March (UW spring vacation) please speak with Vivian Meyer. We will be planning a trip out there and will start looking into accommodations etc. now. (see phone # above)

The 1976 edition of the Skiers Directory is on the magazine stands.

If anyone is interested in participating in an equipment workshop to learn about maintenance, repair, and best use of ski equipment, please speak to Vivian Meyer. (see phone # above)

AMUSE Sponsors Summer Singles Week
Mary Lou Diehl has information about the Adult Midwest Unitarian Universalist Singles Enrichment (AMUSE) organization’s summer program. The week-long experience will take place June 27th to July 4th, 1976 at George Williams College in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. See Mary Lou for brochures outlining the activities offered and price list. 233-4357

UUA World Keeps Us Informed...
In the latest issue of the UUA World it was announced that the 1976 theme of the UUA General Assembly will be "On Campus: Space To Move/Time To Think," in Claremont, California, June 21-27. The UUSC has a full page(s) inset regarding programs sponsored by the Service Committee. If you do not have a copy one will be available on the membership table at church... Two articles appear in the World concerning Thanksgiving, one is written by a Native American. An interesting perspective of our "American" holiday... The following is an organization chart of the UUA. An article in the World explains its importance.
THE TRAFFORD ROAD BALLAD

I've never been out of Salford town, the place where I was born.
Except when I was in the ranks and wore a uniform;
But I'd sooner never travelled if the only way to see
The world is through the battle sights of a Mark Four-O-Three.

I have a little baby, he's the apple of me eye;
When I think about his future, my thoughts take wing and fly.
What kind of future can there be with planes and tanks and guns.
With flying high and dropping bombs on other peoples' sons?

I'd like to see the whole world, the north, south, east, and west;
I'd like to travel everywhere with the girl that I love best;
But I'll stay beside the Irwell all my life before I'll stand,
In some foreign country with a bayonet in my hand.

I work each day upon the docks and see the ships come in,
And no one asks to see the colour of a sailor's skin;
Side by side they're working, men from Norway, China, Greece;
Why can't the statesmen do the same and let us live in peace?

--words & music by Ewan MacColl

Bicentennial Corner

The following is an excerpt from the Supreme Court case, decided during World War II, involving the issue of internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Specifically, this is a portion of Mr. Justice Jackson's dissenting opinion in the case:

"Now, if any fundamental assumption underlies our system, it is that guilt is personal and not inheritable....If Congress in peace-time legislation should enact such a criminal law, I should suppose this Court would refuse to enforce it....if we cannot confine military expedients by the Constitution, neither would I distort the Constitution to approve all that the military may deem expedient....A judicial construction of the due process clause that will sustain this order to intern citizens of Japanese ancestry is a far more subtle blow to liberty than the promulgation of the order itself....The principle then lies about like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need....Once a judicial opinion rationalizes such an order to show that it conforms to the Constitution, or rather rationalizes the Constitution to show that the Constitution sanctions such an order, the Court for all time has validated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure and of transplanting American citizens....Every repetition imbeds that principle more deeply in our law and thinking and expands it to new purposes....I should hold that a civil court cannot be made to enforce an order which violates constitutional limitations even if it is a reasonable exercise of military authority."

--from The American Constitution, by Wm. Lockhart, et. al.

I believe this dissent is important not because it was the only voice raised in dissent (there were others) and not only because it defied the commonly accepted deference to the wartime military but because it eloquently expressed Mr. Jackson's refusal to accept judicial sanction of racial discrimination and the blatant denial of the civil liberties of an entire class of American citizens. Mr. Jackson's dissent was one of the few government voices raised in anger against the treatment of American citizens of Japanese ancestry during a time of great passion; a time when nativism was promoted as a necessary expedient of wartime.

Our own recent experience with Vietnamese refugees arriving in America stands as a reminder that Americans still must strive to achieve the ideals so eloquently outlined in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
HOLIDAY SHOW

EXHIBIT AND SALE

POTTERY - PRINTS - CARDS

BETTY FRENCH
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