

PRAIRIE FIRE

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Wed

Sept. 0 7:30 PM Planning Meeting for Fall R-tr-at (at Upham Woods), to be held at Carsons, 4341 Vilas Rd. Cottage Grove. Everyone welcome (211 1244)

Sun

Sept. 12 10 AM SUNDAY SERVICE at Portal Foster: "ROOTS" with Layminister Mike Briggs. Potluck Lunch to follow service. Bring a dish to pass and your own plate and silver. Beverage furnished.

Sun

Sept. 12 9 PM Deadline for next Prairie Fire: Please mail your information or news to Terri Laurence, 2789 Nine Mound Rd., Rt #7, Verona, WI. 53593

Mon

Sept. 13 7:30 PM Prairie Board meeting at Portal Foster (see below)

Sat

Sept 18 5 PM-? THEATER PARTY, sponsored by the Playreaders. Join us for the musical comedy Irma La Douce at the Civic Repertory's beautiful new showplace at Oakwood Village. Early show will be followed by potluck supper at Rachel Siegfried's. Send \$4.50 to Pat Watkins (check payable to Madison Civil Rep) by Sept. 9th, and she will call you with details.

Sun

Sept 19 10AM SUNDAY SERVICE at Portal Foster: "NO PLACE LIKE IT" With Avis Parrish & Mike Briggs.

Fri-Sun

Oct. 8-10 FALL RETREAT- Upham Woods : Annual retreat at Camp Upham Woods on the Wisconsin Dells, -- a weekend of nature, community activities and peaceful meditation. All Prairie friends and members are welcome to join us. Registration forms will come with next newsletter. (see additional information below)

This year Prairie Board Meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday evening of the month at Portal Foster. All Board meetings are open, and members are invited to attend.

FALL RETREAT: Oct. 8-10, We will have access to Camp Upham Woods from 5PM Friday until 4PM Sunday. There will be individual and group activities, waterfront facilities, nature walks on Blackhawk Island, discussions, etc. Volunteers are needed to help plan for and conduct activities. If you would like to help, please call David Carson 221 1244.

The 1975 costs for food and lodging were:

	Under 18	Over 18
cabins	\$1.60 per night	\$2.50 per night
dormitory (heated)	\$3.00 first night \$1.85 second night	\$4.00 first night \$3.00 second night
meals	\$1.00 each	\$2.00 each

CIRCLE DINNER SIGN-UPS: Circle dinners are a tradition of Prairie; groups of approximately 12-16 persons (couples & singles) meet once a month at each other's homes for dinner, each bringing some of the food. It's a fine way to get well acquainted with other people and with other people's cooking! Avis Parrish 238 1725 will be circulating the sign-up sheet on several different Sundays and there will also be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin Board; don't forget to sign up if you are interested.

THE SINGLES GROUP mentioned in the last "Fire" is an area wide group now forming,-- and extends from Milwaukee to Madison and those church groups north of Chicago. It is both social and practical, ("I'll show you how to fix faucets." sez she. "I'll teach you to bake." sez he.), and plans to be active. Get together will be planned at least twice monthly, meeting in different church areas. I was in on the initial plans in Milwaukee. It felt like an exciting group. Dorothy Osteraas (255 7526) has agreed to be the Prairie contact person. If you are single, over 18, and interested, call her.

Theron Caldwell

From Religious Education

OK and AWAY WE GO WITH FALL '76: Let's start with the youngest kids' program. Megan Caldwell (assisted by members of the parish recruited on a bi-weekly basis) will take babes from 3 months to pre-kindergarten. The program will be that of any fine pre-school plus use of multi-media kit rented from UU entitled DUSO. It will be on display for interested parents to see.

THE HAUNTING HOUSE (also UU Curriculum) deals with all the feeling areas from birth to death. We will continue to use it for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd grade levels. It hopes to free children to talk about feelings in their Prairie home. New teachers are: Shirley Grindrod, Joan Hall, Roland Parrish.

THE WINNEBAGO, 100 YEARS AGO & NOW: How they were and how they have (or haven't) progressed, will be explored by 3rd, 4th, 5th grades, with Hermine Davidson and Kim Loucks. This is an "original with Prairie" curriculum. We plan several field trips and assistance from Winnebago people in this geographic area.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Will begin with a campout, group plan at the Mazomanie Bottoms with Barbara Willard, (She will contact the kids) the weekend of Sept. 11-12. Joe Laurence will join her as team teacher later. (When he gets back from South America.) The general thrust of the curriculum: OTHER RELIGIONS, Approach: many field trips on the theory that a look.....

Theron Caldwell, Director of Religious Education

I plan to coordinate a Sunday service about Franz Schubert, the man, his music, and his social circle, sometime in the next 6 months or so,-- something like the Mozart program in '74-'75. I hope as much as possible of the music can be performed by members of the Society rather than records. Potential performers should contact me at their early convenience. (home 238 4978, office 262 6585). We'll also need help from our German speaking members for readings and translations.

Warren Hagstrom

WOMAN'S NIGHT OUT: Are Prairie Women interested in getting together regularly? If so what kind of experiences would you like to set up?--what night? what hour? We are looking for new ideas and/or new people. All women are welcome. Contact Rachel Siegfried 271 2173

PRAIRIE PEOPLE NEWS: ::

Stephen Friedman & Cynthia Swan-Friedman are moving to Chicago. Steve leaves in mid-Oct. to work with the American Society of Planning Officials. Cynthia will stay at her job until the end of December. Their house is for sale for mid-Oct or Nov. occupancy.

Sarah Koehl will be a freshman at U.W. Oshkosh this fall.
Rob Davidson is leaving soon for Western Wis. Technical Institute to study auto technology.
Liese Davidson has graduated from Carlton, (in Geology) and will attend Grad School this fall at U.W. Madison

Linda Plum will enter U.W. Madison as a freshman, aiming toward a degree from the school of music.

Barb Willard started her new job as assistant counsel at the Public Service Commission.

Midshipman Martha Willard is now taking her 2nd cruise down the East coast of S. America.

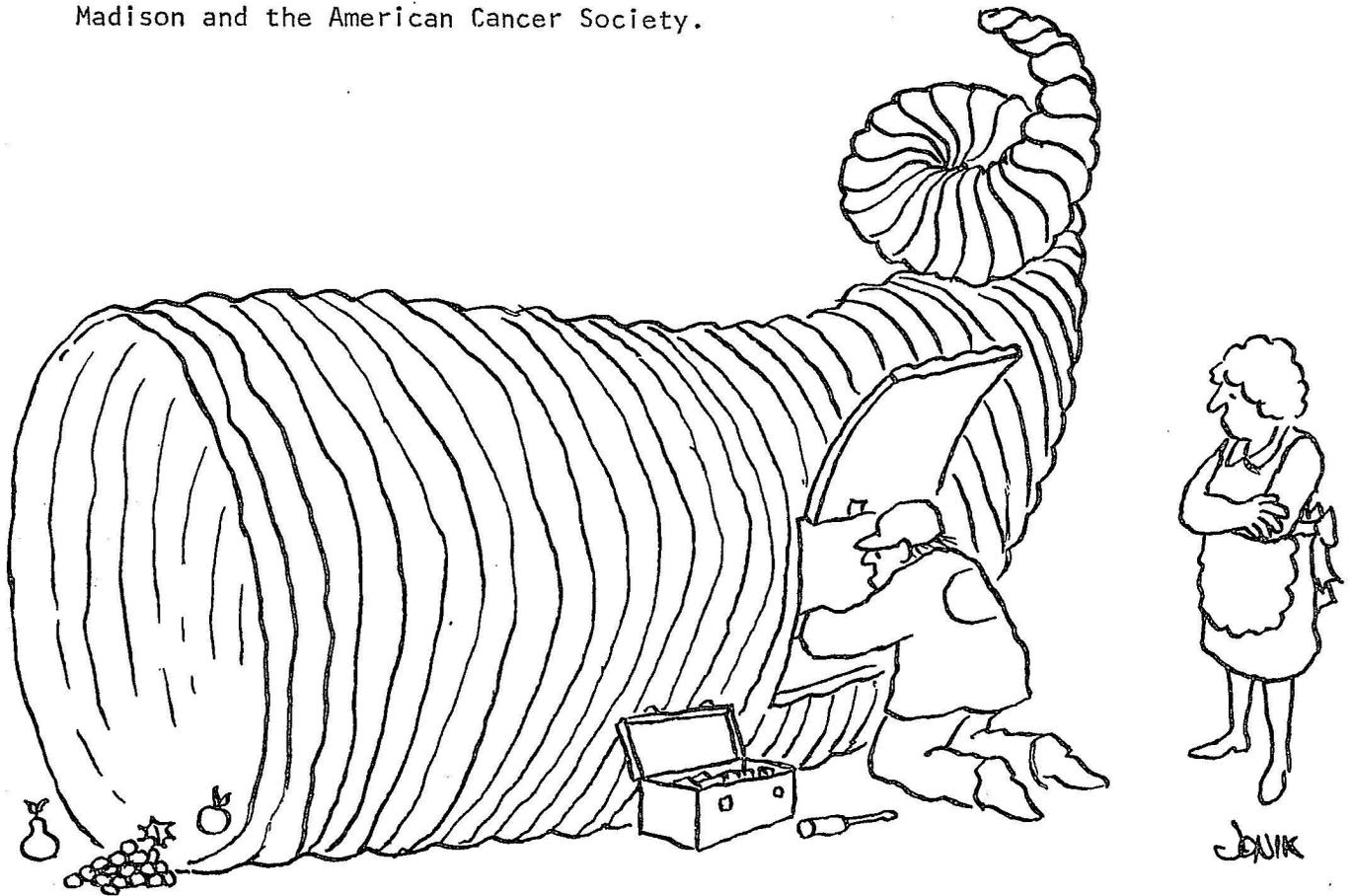
Joe Laurence is on a Geophysics research project in Columbia, South America.

Mary Lou Diehl has just returned from a trip to California.

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The Following information is from the American Cancer Society:

Compassionate people with common sense who have a desire to help other people learn more about cancer are needed. If you would like to be a volunteer telephone counselor and have six hours to donate each week, contact Kathy Massoth (263-6871) for an application and an appointment.

An intensive orientation and training session will be held in the afternoons of October 18th through the 22nd. Experience in health education, counseling or health care fields desired but not necessary. The Cancer Information Service is sponsored by the Wisconsin Clinical Cancer Center, 1900 University Avenue, Madison and the American Cancer Society.



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