

# PRAIRIE FIRE

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## CALENDAR

SUNDAY 10 AM Self-Help Psychologies. David Lisman, Lay Minister.  
 6 Nov. Board Meeting immediately after the program.

SUNDAY 10 AM Conflict Resolution in Our Prairie U.U. Society:  
 13 Nov. What system(s) can work to protect the minority while  
 the majority takes action. Case in point - the  
 resignation of our president as a response to contro-  
 versial action by the board of directors of the  
 Society. The issue is beyond the advertising by  
 the Society in a struck newspaper. David Carson,  
 Lay Minister.

Deferred: Idealists confront Authority: Prairie  
 Members speak of their Past.

By the recent action of the board of directors moving  
 our advertising revenue from the struck established  
 newspapers to different ones have we abandoned Prairie's  
 method, evolved over the past ten years, for taking  
 positions on public controversy? What systems can work  
 when Prairie takes action that involves strong convic-  
 tions on the part of both the majority and minority?

## BULLETIN

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Sunday, October 30, the Executive Board of the Prairie U U Society voted to  
 discontinue any advertising in the Capital Times and the Wisconsin State Journal  
 for the duration of the strike currently being carried on against them, and to  
 place advertising instead in the Press Connection. Since I feel that action of  
 this type is both contrary to the spirit and principles of the Prairie Society  
 I have known and felt a part of since its founding, and against my own con-  
 science, and since I obviously do not represent the leadership the Board current-  
 ly wishes, I hereby submit my resignation as President of the Society, effective  
 October 31, 1977.

Charles Davidson

I wish to be relieved of the appointment I had accepted as Chairman of the  
 Membership Committee of Prairie for the current year. At this time, I also  
 desire to withdraw the obligation I had formerly expressed to undertake the  
 teaching of Sunday School classes in alternate years.

Hermine Davidson

## CALENDAR (continued)

SUNDAY 10 AM Family Service. The Smokey Mountains Pioneers:  
 20 Nov. Honoring the Unitarian-Universalist Service  
 Committee. First of two-part series. David Lisman,  
 Lay Minister. This service celebrates World  
 Hunger Day. For those who wish, a three-meal fast  
 prior to the service is suggested. Sunday school  
 children will serve food to break the fast during  
 the service. Other members are urged to contribute  
 homemade bread.

SUNDAY 10 AM Voluntary Simplicity: A survival strategy for a  
 27 Nov. time of over-population and limited energy.  
 Second of a two-part series. David Lisman,  
 Lay Minister.

Some people who participated in the Eugene Debs and Rachel Carson programs are listed as follows: Fran Remeika, Allen Nettleton, Megan Caldwell, Preston Miracle, Hermine Davidson, Patricia Cautley, Laura Smail. Both the Ethnic Impurities and the REcorder Group played. Slides by Galen Smith.

David Carson

David forgot to mention Philip Kaveny, who read also. Philip and Galen were star performers in a reading of Gaslight at Playreaders on Friday night. We attended this gathering. Enjoyed it immensely. Rachel Siegfried and Rosemary Dorney were generous about letting newer participants read more than their share of the parts. The food was good.

What we know of developments announced on page 1 is this. Evidently there was a discussion of the issue at a service two weeks ago, and a vote taken--a straw vote, as we understand it. Following the parish meeting on Sunday, October 30th, the board convened to vote on the issue of whether the Prairie ad should be taken out of the two struck newspapers. We were not present and do not know exactly what the statement voted on was, but were told that the vote was 6 to 3 in favor of taking the ad out.

The Davidsons made their statement of resignation the following day. Several concerned Prairie members went to see them to urge them to reconsider, but were not successful.

The service on the sixth of November will be an important one to attend.