

PRAIRIE FIRE

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CALENDAR

Apr 9
Sunday.....Working (for Pay) - Survival and/or Change? Our discussion will focus
10 am on problems that make our work (job) difficult: What kinds of survival
techniques can we use in the immediate situation? What long range changes do we need and how do we organize to achieve such changes?

Apr 16
Sunday.....The Big (and Abstract?) Word - Technology "Cities and civilizations,
10 am in order to survive, must make their peace with nature," says Stanley
Hallett, a founder of The Center for Neighborhood Technology on the faculty of Northwestern University's Center for Urban Affairs. From this perspective and with the help of a few well chosen slides, Professor Hallett will explore briefly such questions as: What is technology (tools, technique, and/or?)? What is it's relation to other big forces (subordinate? independant?)? How can alternate approaches to it like neighborhood technology deal with vested interests and the demands of large industrial power complexes?

Apr 22
Saturday.....Play reading will meet at Rosemary Dorney's house. The address is 2127
8 pm Regent Street, and the phone number, for more information, is 238-4382.
Everybody come!

Apr 23
Sunday.....The Politics of Response and Change In this concluding session of the
10 am series presented by "Basic Choices" group, we wish to do the following:
By way of summary present an overview of the social changes brought about in an "advanced capitalist, high technology society;" invite your response to this analysis and your suggestions for how we respond to this system and its impact on us and our institutions; and invite your evaluation of our series of programs on family, education, work technology, and politics.

Jung and Griffin look for Apartment

Can you help us? Charlie Jung and Carol Griffin are looking for a bright, sunny and interesting 2BR apartment to live in. We want to move by July 2nd, and are especially interested in the Vilas Park/Edgewood areas, but will consider others. Please call 2561242 (evenings).

Agenda for Apr 23 Gen. Membrshp Meeting

- 1) Election of officers
- 2) Action on editorial changes in by-laws left over from Spring 1977 membership meeting
- 3) Action on proposed substantive changes in by-laws

Messages? Articles?

These items will be welcomed by the Editor, Carolyn Briggs, P.O. Box 5485, Madison, WI, 53705. 233-4374, before 9pm. Pictures also welcomed. Send yours now!!!

Nettleton seeks Trailer

Do you have? Would you be willing to loan? A utility trailer. I would like to borrow one this Spring. Al Nettleton, 238-6053.

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NOTICE of the SPRING PARISH MEETING

The Spring Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, April 23, 1978 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be at Portal-Foster Center. Please attend.

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NOMINATIONS for the Officers of Prairie

The Committee on Committees presents the following persons as nominees for the various positions listed:

- President - David Lisman
- Vice President - Jim Lake
- Secretary - Mary Sarko
- Treasurer - Rod Stevenson

Chairpersons of the Committees:

- Program - Al. Nettleton
- Finance - Bob Michler
- Religious Education -
- Social Action - Ted Clark
- Housing and Property - Clark Wright-Edwards
- Ministerial Relations - Dorothy Lee
- Long Range Planning - Arnie Clay

Respectfully submitted by: Julie Bonser, David Carson, Pat Cautley, Lois Hagstrom, Pat Watkins.

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Prairie's 10th Anniversary FESTIVAL

Hear ye! Hear ye! Come help us celebrate and remember the 10 years of life of our Prairie U.U. Fellowship.

Some of us have memories stretching back to the early days of 1968 when the fledgling Prairie was first called the "Branch" (of the First Society).

We hope that many of you former Prairie people, now out of town or apart from us, will be able to join us for this grand occasion, on Sunday April 30, 1978, at 10 am, at the Portal Foster Center (1806 West Lawn Avenue, Madison).

Overnight accomodations can be arranged by getting in touch with Avis Parrish, at 302 Glenway Street, Madison, 53705, or 608/238-1725.

If you have any Prairie memorabilia, slides, movies, photos, articles, or could write down some of your memories, please send them to Rosemary Dorney, 2127 Regent Street, Madison, WI, 53705.

P.S. We have received a box of slides from Richard and Beth Perry! A note from these two follows in the next column.

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A LETTER from the Perrys'

To the Prairie folks -
The mention of the tenth birthday party made me look back with nostalgia on our immersion in the Prairie Fire. We've been gone for better than a year now, and Prairie still hasn't left us. I used a slightly edited version of the bond of union in one of our services last month, as a matter of fact.

Beth is President of the UniUni Fellowship of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valleys (we continually consider whether we should change that name to the Hard Coal Unitarians), and I'm the fellow in charge of the fund drive. Our budget is \$300 this year, by the way - a membership of fifteen and a few hangers-on, with no children under 15, makes for a different kind of group.

The city of Scranton has one of the three Universalist churches in the country that did not choose to join the merged denomination in 1961 - they seem to be Christians.

Beth is changing jobs, from a substitute librarian (on a permanent basis) in charge of a branch of the Scranton Public Library, to a substitute librarian (covering a maternity leave) at the East Stroudsburg State College - the pay is better, and she says she's tired of politics. My job here at Keystone Junior College is keeping me as busy as ever offering courses in everything from mime theatre to sewage management. I'm president and Beth is treasurer of the local folklore society - family affair, but we have a big say in sponsoring concerts of people we like.

For those who want to write, we're at 1117 Quincy Avenue, Sctanton, PA 18510.

I'm looking for a new job next fall, by the way, and I've developed the most impressive looking resume you could imagine.

- Richard Perry.

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REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Remember to get your articles in to the Editor on time!! Mail to P.O.Box 5485, Madison, WI 53705, or 233-4374 before 9pm.

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To our Prairie Family,

(from Avis and her family)

I've read that Abraham Lincoln wrote "the better part of one's life consists of one's friendship". Here I say thank-you to each of you for your love and expressions of kindness.

To Hermine for her very special remarks as representative of the precious Prairie part of Roland's life from its beginnings at the Memorial Service. To each of you who sang "Amazing Grace" (which was for me). To Ruth and George for the lovely reception: friends and logistics, of which so many of you were a part. To Rebecca and Ted Clark for their generous gift to U.U. Service Committee, which was Roland's written preference.

I wish you to know that the lovely person who sang "Simple Gifts" at Memorial was my brother's wife, Shirley Kennicott. She left seven children and her work at hospital in Salt Lake City to give Roland tender and tireless care during that final week of his life, as did Evan Hoagland. Linda, Theron, Clark, Jack Jallings, Terri, Veda and David assisted her in nursing care as did others of you. Barbara and David helped our daughter with the many messages to out-of-town people.

Best was the warm presence of so many of you close beside me that last week in January, 1978 and til now. Some came to hospital again and again with flowers and your love. And to our house came delicious food again and again. A special thank-you to Hazel and Tali, Pat Cautley, and Rachel Siegfried for attending me almost daily, as has Bunny Wilkening. Also to Diane Miracle, for many errands. I am indeed richly blessed.

- Avis

Late addition by Briggs (Norma):

An Amendment to the by-laws (Proposed by Norma Briggs), in Article V, Section 2. (Last Sentence, with additional section underlined) The business to be transacted at any meeting shall be specified in the notice for that meeting, but new business (other than by-laws changes) may be raised and acted upon at the meeting at the request of five active members.

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