

Prairie Fire

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Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

10 a.m.--Energy Actions on the Community
Level, Randy Korda

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 p.m.--Board meeting, home of Dick and
Julie Bonser, 5213 Milward Dr. All are
welcome to attend.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 a.m.--Energy as a Feminist Issue,
Claire Fullenweider

BUILDING/MOVING NEWS --Aileen Nettleton

At present we are aiming for a closing date
on the purchase of our "new" building, for
mid-January, so hold the last weekends in
January for Moving Days!

Pledged funds for the building have been
coming in as pledged. At this time \$11,817
has been contributed by past and present
members. Thanks to each for pledge contri-
butions and "Pro-Seeds" contributions.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR NEW BUILDING

Donations of book shelves, children's fur-
niture, music stands, and a refrigerator are
needed for the Whenona Rd. building. If you
have any of these things to donate or know
of any available, please let Al Nettleton
know.

PRAIRIE DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Copies of the 1979-80 Prairie Directory
were distributed after the meeting last Sun-
day, and the booklet will continue to be
available each Sunday. Members and friends
who wish a copy are asked to check off their

names on the list which will be with the
directories.

The directory lists officers and commit-
tee heads and other positions of the society
as well as members and their families and
friends who indicated on a questionnaire
that they would like to be included. In
addition, the by-laws, as revised during the
year, appear in the book.

Because of the lateness of the directory,
it is planned to issue a supplement later in
the year rather than a completely new direc-
tory for 1980-81.

A marked "official" copy will be kept for
corrections and for new entries as names are
added to the list of members and friends.

THE SEVENTIES REMEMBERED

As an observance of the beginning of a
new year and a new decade, the meeting last
Sunday (Jan. 6) was devoted to remembrance
of the last year and the last decade. The
gathering was divided into four groups, two
of them to consider those periods and two to
speculate about the coming year and decade.
In the reports as the whole group reassembled,
it was the period of the seventies which pre-
dominated.

Mentioned were: the end of the myth of the
U.S. as the boy scout of the world, mistrust
of politicians because of Watergate and Viet-
nam, the rise of a fanatical right and its
alliance with fundamentalists, the ME decade:
disenchantment with group participation, a
time of frustration.

Some positive changes: improvement in the
lot of some blacks, more opportunities for
women in the workforce, more services for the
elderly, more realistic expectations con-
cerning the standard of living and U.S. power
to shape the world, awareness of environment.

Other characteristics of the period: com-
puter technology, continued influence of the

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teen-age culture, monopoly control of the press, growth of one-issue voting.

Remembered people and events: Sadat, Jim Jones, Idi Amin, Jimmy Carter, Koumami, All in the Family, Three Mile Island, Return to Basics, Roots.

So what's new in the eighties?

Fabric or unfinished garments are needed for use in sewing classes sponsored by Dane County Social Services. To donate, please call Julie Ivanov at 249-5351.

Briarpatch, the counseling center for run-aways, needs temporary shelter for troubled adolescents on a voluntary basis. Call Briarpatch, 255-1126.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONVOCATION SET

A convocation on Human Rights will be held Feb. 1-2 at the Yahara Center, 5606 River Rd, Waunakee. The principal speaker will be Bishop James Armstrong of the United Methodist Church Dakota Area.

Bishop Armstrong was a member of the U.S. Study Team on Religious and Political Freedom in Vietnam (1960); Paris Consultation on Rebuilding Vietnam (1969); Congressional Conference on War and National Responsibility (1970); W.C.C. Consultation on World Hunger (Montreux, 1974). Within the past 2½ years he has visited Chili, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Cuba, Vietnam, the Republic of Korea, and Australia in church-related capacities.

The convocation will start at 4 p.m. Friday and run through Saturday until 4 p.m. The total cost is \$35 which includes registration, room, and meals. For commuters, the cost is \$11 per day.

The Convocation is open to anyone interested in human rights. It is sponsored by the Wisconsin Conference Commission on Religion and Race, Wisconsin United Methodist Board of Church and Society, Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the Church, Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women, and Church Women United.

Registration will be accepted until Jan. 18. Mail to Mrs. Mae Hara, 5210 Whitcomb Dr., Madison 53711. A \$5 deposit per person would be appreciated. For further information, call 271-7096.

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