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CALENDAR

Thursday, December 31

9:00 p.m.--Prairie New Year's Eve Party,
at Pat Cautley's home, 4805 Regent St.
Bring food and/or drink to share. All
are welcome.

Sunday, January 3

10:00 a.m.--"Press Freedom: Without Excep-
tion?" John Ohliger, Alice and Lee
Bullen.

10:00 a.m.--Interim activities for children

Wednesday, January 6

7:00 p.m.--Program Committee Meeting at
Dorothy Lee's, 5209 Tolman Terrace.

Sunday, January 10

10:00 a.m.--"The Right to Bear Arms"
Gunsmith Larry Gleasman, Police Chief
David Couper

10:00 a.m.--Interim activities for children
12 noon--Singles potluck at First Church.

Tuesday, January 12

7:30 p.m.--Board Meeting at Dorothy Lee's,
5209 Tolman Terrace.

Sunday, January 17

10:00 a.m.--Playreaders: Excerpts from
Church's Inherit the Wind.
10:00 a.m.--Interim activities for children
12 noon--Potluck Celebration and folk
dancing with Beryl & Don and Barb & Bob.

Sunday, January 24

10:00 a.m.--"Legal Justice" Mike Briggs.
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes.

Sunday, January 31

10:00 a.m.--"Personal Journals" Judy Spring
10:00 a.m.--Interim activities for children
12 noon--Singles potluck at Prairie.

SINGLES POTLUCK

For January only, Singles will meet for
potluck lunch at First Unitarian Society on
the second Sunday--January 10, and at
Prairie on the fourth Sunday--January 24.
In February we will revert to our customary
schedule. See you there.

Les Lyons

R.E. CORNER

The next two Sundays will be devoted
to mounting and decorating little "trees"
(actually some trimmings from lilacs which
are very artistically branching) with
origami cranes. Then on January 17 the
children of kindergarten age and older will
go to several homes to bake cookies for the
residents of Oakwood Lutheran Nursing Home.
And on January 24, they will take the
trees, which will be individual table
decorations in the dining room, and the
cookies, greet the residents, and sing the
"Magic Penny" for them. We have already
begun to talk about older people and why
they may live in nursing homes and we be-
lieve this will be a very worthwhile
experience for the children.

The following verse by Kenneth Patton
suggests how important all manner of
experiences are to children:

Nothing is strange to the child for
whom everything is new.

Where all things are new nothing is
novel.

The child does not yet know what be-
longs and what does not,
therefore all things belong.

The ear of the child is open to all
music.

The eyes of the child are open to all
arts.

The mind of the child is open to all
tongues.

The being of the child is open to all
manners.

In the child's country there are no
foreigners.

--Pat Cautley

~~Chinese scholars~~ would welcome invita-
tions to Madison homes. Several Prairie
people are already participating in a de-
lightful exchange with these most entertain-
ing and appreciative people. For details
see Dodie Chapru.

Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association
will be doing Prairie's snow shoveling in
return for use of our building.

Bob Nelson

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE, JANUARY 10

LEGAL AND ART SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The UUA is administering two trust funds, the income from which will provide scholarships for one or more students in each of the fields of art and law. The scholarships are known as the Otto M. Stanfield Legal Scholarship and the Marion Baar Stanfield Art Scholarship. See the Prairie bulletin board or write:

Stanfield Scholarships Program
Unitarian Universalist Association
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

The closing date for applications is February 15, and recipients will be notified by June 1.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

On January 17, '82 there will be a potluck followed by folk dancing led by Dodie Chapru to celebrate the marriages of Beryl Gordon and Don Fago and Bob and Barb Park. Everyone from Prairie and friends (including the children) are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Volunteers to help with clean-up would be appreciated. For further information contact either Don or Beryl at 873-8093 or Bob or Barb Park at 635-7519.

Congratulations to Nina Mattarella! She has finished the thesis for her PhD in food science and now has a post doctoral appointment in food toxicology at the UW.

Margaret Mainzer, who attended Prairie with the Grindrods until her illness several months ago, has undergone surgery at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital where she is expected to remain for some time. She would appreciate cards. The Zip number is 53066 and no street number is necessary.

Alice and Lee Bullen have taken on, as a volunteer project, the printing and mailing of the newsletter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The WILPF is also looking for an editor of the newsletter. Hearers of Les Lyons' discussion, "What We Must Do" last Sunday might consider making that their contribution to peace.

"Inflation, unemployment, rising health costs, deteriorating schools, the rising cost of education, housing, crumbling inner cities, a polluted environment, problems of the elderly, crime, malnutrition; the list goes on. All of these problems are exacerbated by the reckless race for military superiority and none of them will be solved until an aroused citizenry demands that governments give social needs priority to military paranoia."

--from "Disarmament in Attitude and Action" World Goodwill Commentary #11

John Briggs will take subscriptions for Sunday State Journal. If the subscriber does not get to Prairie, their \$1.00 will go to "Pro Seeds".

WISCONSIN INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Intellectual Freedom Coalition will hold its annual conference on Friday and Saturday, February 26-27, 1982 at the Wisconsin Center, 702 Langdon Street in Madison.

This year the WIFC Executive Board decided to concentrate on specific issues which have been under fire recently, as well as giving critics of the schools and the media a chance to speak up.

The conference will consist of open forums to allow people representing two perspectives on an issue to speak their view without a debate taking place. Each speaker will have about a half-hour depending on the arrangement with the conference planners. Then the audience will be able to discuss with the speakers. We feel that this format will allow for access to information which normally has been distorted, misrepresented or caught up in emotional turmoil.

The Conference will begin around 1 P.M. and end around 4 P.M. on the following day.

Friday's schedule will have:

CRITICS OF THE MEDIA with Elizabeth Matz from Milwaukee Women Against Pornography and Barbara Bryant from Phoenix Films. WISCONSIN CRITICS OF THE SCHOOLS with Jil Wison founder of P.A.R.E.N.T.S in Kenosha and Mike Hartonian from the Department of Public Instruction.

AUTHOR OF THE FOSTER CHILD, Marion Dane Bauer will speak about her writing and why she does it. The Foster Child is often challenged by the censors.

SEX EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS with Terry Todd, Chairperson of the Eagle Forum, Stop Textbook Censorship Committee and Bonnie Trudell, a Family Life Educator.

Saturday will find:

CREATIONISM AND EVOLUTION with Richard Bliss from the Institute on Creation Research and Wayne Moyer, Executive Director of the National Association of Biology Teachers.

HUMANISM with Alan Carlson from the Rockford Institute and Marjorie Reiley Maquire, a Catholic Theologian.

VALUES EDUCATION with Marlene Reed from the Eagle Forum Committee for Positive Education and Dorothy Massie from the National Education Association.

The fee will be \$35 for two days, \$25 for one day and \$10 for students. There will be a large display area with all sorts of related materials. On Friday afternoon representatives of groups will be on hand in the display area. Displays are welcome.

Contact Dave Zakem for further information. WIFC newsletters are available in the back of the Prairie meeting room.

Wowser--(wou'zer). An Australian term dating from about 1900, meaning a narrow-minded bigot who criticizes and seeks to interfere with civil liberties and the amusements of the people--A splendid Australian word which has not taken root elsewhere