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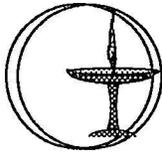
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be **Sunday, August 27**. Submit items for August 31 - September 14, 1989.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 30

10:00 AM - "EL SALVADOR-The Forgotten War". Sponsored by the Prairie Social Action Committee.

11:30 AM - Beans and Rice Dinner to raise funds for the UUSC.

Sunday, August 6

4:00 PM - Prairie picnic excursion to American Players Theater at Spring Green for the performance of Shakespeare's "King Lear". (See related story.)

6:00 PM - Play begins.

Sunday, August 13

2:30 PM - PRAIRIE POTLUCK PICNIC at the home of Barb and Bob Park on Lake Wisconsin. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite beverage. Dinner will be a 5:30 PM.

Sunday, August 20

10:00 AM - Sunday service at Prairie. Topic not yet selected.

Saturday, August 26

8:00 AM - LAWN SALE FOR PRAIRIE at the home of Warren Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd., at the corner of Tally-Ho Lane. (see related story)

Sunday, August 27

10:00 AM - Service at the Sauk City Free Thinkers Church. (See story for directions).

11:30 AM - Potluck Dinner with the Sauk City congregation.

Saturday, September 2

11:45 AM - PLAYREADERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING at Bishops Buffet on Whitney Way opposite Westgate Shopping Center. This is where we plan our schedule for the coming year. Bring your play list (if you have one). Newcomers, novices, and the merely curious are welcome to attend and find out what this is all about!



Prairie Folk to 'Play In The Woods'

Susan Hagstrom is coordinating a potluck picnic on August 6 in conjunction with

Prairie's annual trip to see one of American Players Theater's productions. The play this year is "King Lear", reportedly the largest, most extravagant production ever undertaken by APT.

Each person must arrange for their own tickets to the production. Ticket prices are: adults \$16.25 ea.; seniors and students (with valid ID) \$15.25 ea.. APT's box office (1-588-2361) is open 9 AM to 6 PM Monday - Saturday, and 12 Noon to 6:30 PM on Sundays. Tickets may also be purchased at the Ticketron office in the Civic Center.

APT does have picnic tables which can be reserved for groups of 20 or more, so if you are going, call Susan at 238-4970 after 4 PM and tell her how many tickets you ordered. If we have 20 or more going, she will arrange for picnic tables for our potluck dinner before the play. Susan says this is sort of a birthday celebration for her (hers is on the 4th) so she'll be bringing something special for a treat.

Prairie Lawn Sale...

There will be a LAWN SALE to benefit **Prairie** on Saturday August 26th, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the home of Warren Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd., at the corner of Tally-Ho Lane. Call Warren or Susan at 238-4970 or Pat Cautley at 238-5373 if you have things to put up for sale and can help at the sale. We will also need portable tables and clothes racks. Let us know if you can provide some.

Materials should be delivered very early the day of the sale, not before, and should

...As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world and with one another. PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

already be priced. Plan to collect your unsold items soon after the sale is over at 3:00 PM.

—Warren Hagstrom

Sauk City Visit

To reach the Free Thinkers' Church in Sauk City, take Hwy. 12 to Sauk City and turn right on Water Street just across the bridge. Turn left onto Polk Street. The church is on the right three blocks along on Polk Street. After the service, we will share a potluck meal with the Sauk City congregation, so please bring a dish to share.

Future Fundraisers

The Finance Committee is planning a White Elephant Auction next fall as a fund-raising venture — mainly for objects that are "too good" for a garage sale but that you don't like or want to keep. Please don't discard such "good" items in a garage sale. Keep this in mind while deciding what to put into a garage sale if you decide to participate in one.

News From the North Country

Camp Unistar
Star Island Water Route 51
Cass Lake MN 56633

"I'm out at the end of our dock on a foggy, damp, cool, overcast morning writing a couple of cards before the mail boat arrives. ... We are really enjoying our summer up here. The fresh air, the lake with its ever-changing aspects, the new and old-campers each week, the chance to be in a new and very convenient un-crowded darkroom for hours every week, the isolation of this place from the outside world, the good food that comes regularly and mostly without effort on my part (other than cooking about 3 times a week and serving as pack animal for the groceries), all contribute to a wonderful experience. I'm playing my guitar and harmonica a lot and singing with kids and adults. That is really special. Prairie is much in my thoughts — both the people and our new landscape. Hope your summer is also a time of re-creation."

—Mary Mullen

Report From Lake Geneva

From July 2-8 of this year, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Lake Geneva U. U. Summer Assembly. I attended primarily for a special workshop for directors of religious education, a U. U. Identity Renaissance Module in Administration. Although I gained some very practical tips and benefitted greatly by interacting

with other DRE's, the R. E. module was not the highlight of my week.

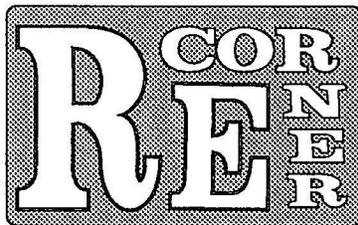
The most significant experience for me was to share in the tremendous energy of community which was created in just a matter of days and then sustained throughout our week together. It was as if a better future had come about and we were living it. Love among strangers was the norm. Some of that energy has returned home with me and expands my relations with folks in the community of Madison.

While there, I also attended a workshop in improvisational theater, a very exciting and challenging experience. Even though the workshop was basically just for fun (which it was!), the theater exercises also had great potential application to R. E. I'm looking forward to incorporating adaptations of some into teaching teacher training and intergenerational services.

The theme speaker for the week was Judith Walker-Riggs, currently minister in Kansas City, MO and on the UUA Board of Trustees. She delightfully and insightfully led the assemblage on an exploration of religious beliefs in light of the new physics examining the universe in terms of theism, atheism, agnosticism, humanism, mysticism, and voidism. A full copy of her talks, entitled "God... Who Knows? Toward a Cosmic Theology" will be available soon. Please contact me if you'd like to read this very thought-provoking material.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Lake Geneva, learned a great deal and met many wonderful people. Thanks very much to the Society for sending me there.

—Anne Pryor
R. E. Director



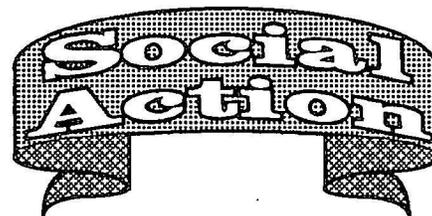
Summer Program

Even though classes for the children are not in session during the summer, lots is happening with the R. E. program. Plans

for the coming year are being finalized regarding new teachers, teacher training, becoming familiar with new curricula, assuring that supplies are adequate and in order, and basically preparing for a great experience in the fall.

The first day of the new semester is Sunday, September 10. All families who are going to take part in the 1989-90 R. E. Program are invited to come to join us that morning for a Welcome Back party. Come at 9:30 AM to the R. E. rooms downstairs to register, to meet the teachers, to tour the facilities, and to have some tasty refreshments. See you there!

—Anne Pryor
R. E. Director



Share With Our Neighbors

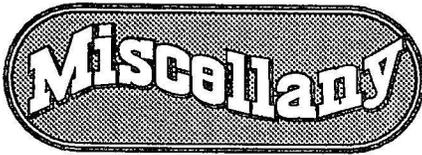
There are two families in our immediate neighborhood that need our help to be properly nourished. Please bring your donations on any Sunday and place them in the small room outside the Men's room. If you have food and the Meeting House isn't open, or if you have fresh or frozen food, please call Shirley Grindrod. She will take it to the families.

Recycling

The collection of recyclables at Prairie is suspended until September. You can continue to take your things direct to Recycle Worlds. When we resume collecting in the fall, the containers will be in the back yard where the garbage cans are.

Border Support Group

The special collection taken for the Border Support Group at the Sunday Service on July 23rd netted \$32.85. The funds will be used to carry on their mission of assistance to seekers for asylum in the USA from central America.



Preschool Coordinator Needed

Prairie's R. E. Program needs a new Preschool Coordinator. The duties of this position include:

- ✓Planning and leading Sunday morning activities for nursery and preschool children from September through May.
- ✓Supervise teenage assistant.
- ✓Provide lots of love and joy to the children each Sunday.

SALARY: \$12.00 per Sunday.

A detailed job description is available upon request. If you are interested, contact Anne Pryor, R. E. Director, at 244-7099 after August 20th.

Changes of Address

Prairie expatriates Tony and Terri Prudlo, who now live in West Germany, have moved to a new home there. Their new mailing address (after August 7th) will be:

Terri & Tony Prudlo
Coleman Education Center
APO New York, NY 09028

The changes are small but important! Please update your Prairie Directory.

Also moving are Arline, Ben and Kerith Ferguson, who will be moving on August 20th. Their new address will be:

Arline, Ben, & Kerith Ferguson
24 Pamela Lane
Amesbury, MA 01913

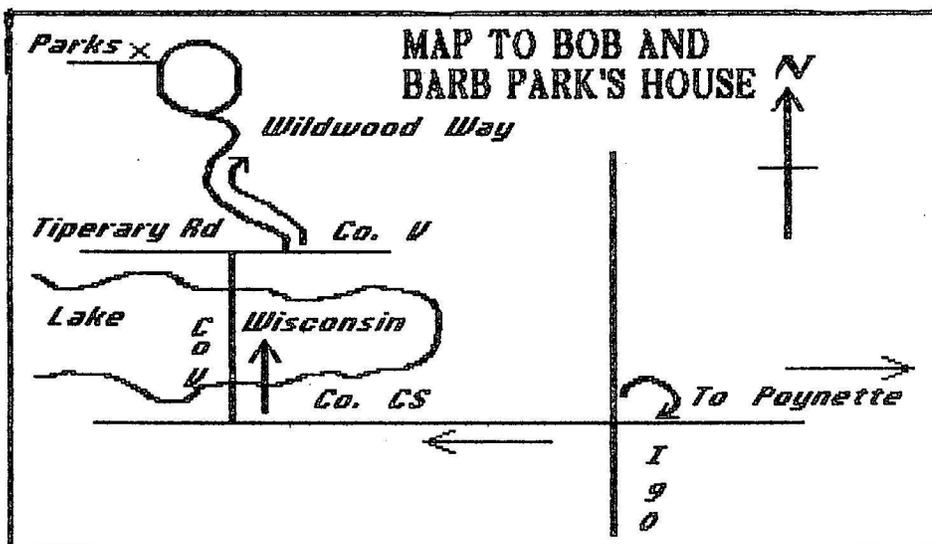
Their new phone number will be 508/388-6995. Please update your Prairie Directory for them also.

House For Rent

Four bedroom home on Madison's east side, \$650.00 per month. Please call Arline Ferguson at 249-7075 if interested.

Have You Seen...

The tape of Prairie's February 26th service, "Can a Secular Humanist Love Cats?" is missing from the tape library. Warren Hagstrom wants to make a copy of it, so if you have it, or a copy of it which he could use, please call him at 238-4970.



August 1989

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Prairie Society Play in The Woods at A P T potluck at 4:00 play at 6:00	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Prairie Potluck Picnic at Bob and Barb Park's home in Poynette games at 2:30 eat at 5:30	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday service at Prairie- subject to be announced.	21	22	23	24	25	26 Prairie Lawn Sale at the home of Warren Hagstrom 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
27 Prairie visit to the Free Thinkers congregation at Sauk City service at 10:00 potluck at 11:30	28	29	30	31		

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