

C M D U U W F NEWSLETTER

February 1970

Board Meeting

The resignation of Miss Jessica Barr, secretary-treasurer since merger in 1964, was accepted and Mrs Hester Huff was appointed to serve until the annual meeting at the Allerton Institute.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs Margaret Harris, Chicago, Mrs Mary Parkhurst, Joliet, and Miss Lena Mills, Decatur, was appointed.

The Allerton registration fee was raised to \$4.00, \$3.00 if paid before the first of June.

Dues notices will be sent to each unit. Dues are 50¢ per member per year.

Miss Dorothy Cosgrove, president of the Chicago Area UUWF, was a guest at the meeting.

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The Joliet U U Unit heard a program by Mrs Will Sharpe, secretary of a branch of the NAACP, and wished to help them in a specific need. Scholarships to summer camp had been the previous year's endeavor; this year a gift for all the hot summer seemed a necessity. An electrically controlled water cooler to relieve thirst on hot summer days was decided upon. Mrs Sharpe indicated this would fulfill a deep need.

Also interest was shown in Mrs Margaret Scholts' appeal for help for the Hospital Amazonico - Albert Schweitzer - in Peru. Funds were assigned from both the Association and the Clara Barton Guild for this work.

The all year round gift shop headed by Esther Smith has provided many creative gifts for our own church people and funds for our giving. A special ingathering service in December provided for our Clara Barton Camp project.

Lucille Kazmark

ALLERTON INFO

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Theme: "Three Legs in the Evening"

Committee: Mrs Richard Davis and Mrs William Cade.

Registrar: Mrs Lawrence Huff, RR 1 Clinton Illinois 61727.

Keynote Speaker: Rev Roy Phillips, U U Church, Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin

This year's Institute will explore the middle years' outlook on problems of generation gaps - with the elderly and with changing standards of the young.

Vignettes dramatizing various problems and crises arising in the middle years will present a springboard for our panel of four U U women to offer possible approaches to solutions drawn from experience and knowledge.

Suggested advance reading on the theme: "The Mature Mind" and "The Mind Alive" by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet.

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Margaret Harris attended a workshop of the Board of the Continental UUWF in June in Connecticut and the regular Board meeting at the Clara Barton Camp in November. She has been appointed to the task force committee on membership extension.

She represented the UUWF on the planning committee of the Hunger Workshop held October 25 in Chicago.

Betty King has been appointed a member of the CMD nominating committee.

The Spring Meeting of the Chicago Area UUWF will be held April 22 in Geneva. The projected date of the Continental UUWF Biennial is 1971 in Dallas.

Central Midwest District
Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

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Like any family, the members of the U U Association are being drawn closer together by crises and problems. When we see that we cannot have all that we want, we have to decide what we want most. Cooperation which was our goal yesterday becomes our strength today.

I was a guest at the meeting of the C M D Board a few days ago and shared in their concern for the survival of the District in the face of drastic budget cuts. For now, we will work with other Districts in an inter-district office, but we expect to return to our own in a few years.

The Continental UUWF has returned the money already paid to it as a subsidy by the UUA. We'll get along without it.

Do you read the Bridge? A copy for each member is sent to your unit secretary. Recent issues have had reports of events in the U U A and histories of the Association of Universalist Women and the Unitarian Women's Alliance and their projects such as the Jordan Neighborhood House and the Clara Barton and Eliot Joslin Camps for Diabetic Children.

Local units have continued last year's Allerton theme, "Wednesday's Children", and are studying what can be done in their own neighborhoods. Our Geneva unit has visited the teen-age "Zodiac Club" in St Charles and the State School for Girls in Geneva.

Betty

Individual Memberships

Women in UU churches and fellowships not having a UUWF unit may become members of the District directly by paying annual dues of \$1.00 to the secretary-treasurer. This includes this Newsletter.

BRUNO BETTELHEIM

Many of the hippies, militants, Yippies, and assorted fringe groups of the New Left are emotionally sick. The chaos they rage against is within themselves, not the world. Changing society will not do the job, since no change is ever enough for the truly militant.

While consciously they demand freedom and participation, unconsciously their commitment to Mao and leaders like him suggests their desperate need for controls from the outside. Only by deglamorizing the illusory role they have invented for themselves can we help them.

Many of the youth's problems can be traced to the indifferent, contradictory, and easy-going approach which passes for 'permissiveness'.

Society has imposed enormous frustrations on youth. The adolescent is crying for manhood which is postponed, at great psychological cost, by the technical nature of a society which has dispensed with his services.

One should go along with the Establishment if it half-way reasonable.

Militant leaders are bright but emotionally fixated at the age of the temper tantrum.

The idea that adolescence is God-given, that it has any special virtues, doesn't appeal to me. I don't think we are going to cope with it intelligently by glorifying it. Adolescence is not a physiological period in one's life, like puberty, but a culturally imposed age. As a particular style of life it can be possible only if people are not part of the working force. Until 1900, almost nobody became adolescent because after the age of 14 or 15 he went to work.

You see, the adolescent today is someone who is grown up but still not independent economically. This leads to terrible psychological strains which did not exist when 95% of the group was fully employed and had a family.

Everybody wants to strike blows for freedom. It is such a nice thing to do, you know. So what do we mean by freedom? (From an article in the Chicago Tribune)