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# C M D U U W F NEWSLETTER

## DAVIS AND BAKER WRITE PLAY

Ruth Davis and Marion Baker, both active in U U W F and former Alleton Chairmen, combined forces to author a play, "The Devil Baby", selected as winner of one of three awards in the Illinois Sesquicentennial One Act Play Contest. The story, centered around a neighborhood superstition, portrays Jane Adams and friends at Hull House dealing with the problem of the human need for dreams.

The play will be available, royalty free, to groups in Illinois for the Sesquicentennial year and may be obtained from the Sesquicentennial Office at 101 east Ontario, Chicago, 60611, for groups who might like to read or to produce it. The cast is all women except for one small boy.

## AMENDMENT LOST

The proposal to amend the by-laws of the Midwest District to provide for direct representation of the U U W F on the District Board was defeated at the annual meeting in Peoria November 11.

Those who spoke against the change noted that our present board is composed of 'uncommitted' officers and trustees and that it has a geographical and fellowship-church balance. Adding a member representing a particular group might open the door to a number of special members and change the character of the board.

At a meeting Sunday morning, the new District Board invited the president of the UUWF or a substitute whom she might choose to meet with the board and to participate in its work, but without vote.

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Mrs Donald B King, Geneva, reported for the UUWF at the luncheon meeting of the District in Peoria.

## President's Notes

Fill me with anxiety, O Life! Electrify me, make me nervous beyond any staid concern for those things which challenge placid, flaccid ways, anachronisms of being.

Keep me tense, a-tiptoe, blinking at the novel, reaching out for those things just beyond my finger tips, so that I may make patterns, dream dreams, fashion worlds which will beat with life.

For I would be a Woman and on the move.

Arthur Graham

How well that applies to Unitarian Universalist women! We are forever seeking and letting our voices be heard. I think we are rather special.

Our church year has begun and the Board would like to know what you are planning for the current year so that we may share it with the other units in your C M D U U W F Newsletter.

Our year, I might say, opened unofficially with a meeting of the Allerton Committee in my home in September. These eager beavers imbued with an infectious enthusiasm have started the mechanics for a most interesting conference, which you will hear more of very soon. I would suggest, however, that you mark June 18, 19, and 20 on your calendar for the 1968 Institute.

Our first Board Meeting was held October 18 at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago. It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Nancy LeShane, who is moving to Florida. We'll miss her quiet efficiency.

Lucy Veit was in attendance at the meeting and discussed H R 12080 and the concern of the National Association of Social Workers over sections of it. It was voted that the Board send letters to the Senators from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Missouri asking them to seek  
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Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

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### President's Notes (Continued)

deletions of the first five sections as we feel them to be punitive and that they will bring untold suffering upon many innocent people.

We want you to think of us as your board and to feel free to call on us for any assistance or unanswered questions your Unit may have. I am available or a Board member in your area will be happy to visit with you; we want to know you and to share your triumphs and problems.

Our next Board meeting will be January 19 in the Narcissus Room at Marshall Field's. If you are in Chicago, feel free to join us for lunch.

Jessica has asked me to remind you that dues (50¢ each member) are due January 1.

On behalf of the Board I would like to extend our best wishes for a happy holiday season.  
Margaret

## ALLERTON JUNE 18-20

When the UUWF Institute opens June 18, it will be the 10th year at Allerton and the 11th for the Institute. The first was held at Herrick House near Joliet in 1958. Until 1964, when it was operated by an interim committee, it was a project of the Association of Universalist Women of Illinois. Since 1965 it has been operated by the District Federation, thru a committee appointed by the Board.

Hester Huff has been Registrar since the beginning -- and will serve again in 1968. Please, get your registrations in early.

The dates, June 18-20, are a week later than usual.

## ANCIENT ART ALIVE

The Clayberg Sewing Circle of the Federated Church, Avon, is still quilting weekly in the long tradition of the group. Quilting is done for needlewomen who send in their pieced, embroidered, or appliqued quilts from all across the nation. Continuation of the fine old craft is a satisfying activity every Friday. All-day quilting with a luncheon is a feature the first Friday of the month. Mrs Victor Schleich serves as president with Mrs Lester Hollister and Mrs Stanley Manning planning programs.

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Double-Circle pins, small size, are available for \$2.00 plus 25¢ handling, from Order Department, UUWF, 25 Beacon St in Boston.

### Books? Bazaars? Or What do You Do?

There was a "Rummage Sale and Attic Shop" in Hinsdale October 5 and 6 and a "Holiday Expo and Sale" in Oak Park October 18. There will be a "Victorian Christmas Emporium" in Geneva December 1 and 2. When will yours be?

Hinsdale and Geneva -- and probably others -- will be holding Book Fairs this winter and spring. Let us know dates.

What else are you doing? Whatever it is, if it is of general interest, tell us about it. Information should be sent to Betty King in Geneva.