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SOUTHERN MINNESOTA POETS' SOCIETY

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Assignment

DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO WORK ON OUR SUMMER ASSIGNMENT? Those who did will have a chance to share the results at this meeting.

Concrete poem--a poem taking the shape of its' subject.
Small Forms--at least one each (haiku, cinquain, tanka)

Important!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Only one short week after our meeting is the Annual Fall Meeting of LOMP!

Place: Mnpls Plaza Hotel
315 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minn.

Time: Saturday, Sept. 21, 1985
Price: \$10.00, includes luncheon
Seminar Leader: Betty Bridgman
SEND YOUR SEMINAR POEM NO LATER THAN SEPT. 14th TO:

Patricia Fergus, Seminar Chair-
Person
510 Groveland Avenue
Minneapolis, Minn. 55403

PLAN TO ATTEND ★ LOMP FALL MEETING!



Special Program

In September, we shall honor two of our most loyal members for their years of dedicated service. We plan to surprise

MARTIN & MILDRED OFFERLE

with a special thank you.

Please bring an illustrated tribute, or other poem, to read and dedicate to these two wonderful people. If you cannot attend, please send your special tribute by mail before the Meeting.



A Writer's Prayer

From LOMP State Poetry Contest Chairperson:

"HELP!!!! I am looking for a few Good Samaritans to donate \$\$\$ for prizes in our first Contest. We are \$45.00 short, and don't want to cheat anyone out of a prize. Next year we shall use sponsors--but in the meantime, couldn't you contribute?"

WELCOME BACK!! It is FALL again-

Come Join Us

SMPS SEPTEMBER MEETING:
Saturday, Sept. 14, 1985
Mr. Rene Banquet Hall
119 South Front
Mankato, Minn. 56001
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

REMEMBER! We did not have a chance to sign up at the spring meeting, so it will be necessary to contact Bill Johnson and let him know if you can make it.
387-3730

OR...Why not make the Johnson's lives a little easier and just drop them a note...do it now, before the day gets so crowded you forget.

First Meetings after the Summer are so crowded--there is so much to report on; achievements over the summer are long; everyone wants a chance to get reacquainted; there is news, news and more news, so--we will dispense with any guest speakers until our OCTOBER Meeting.

Coming Events -

On September 8th (Sunday) SMPS members are invited to come read their poetry at the Carnegie Arts Center. This is to help celebrate the Sunday on Broad Street Festival, sponsored by the Arts Council and The Blue Earth Historical Society.

The Readings will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.. Plan to attend!



HOMESTEAD PLAYERS will be presenting the last of their Reader's Theatre "living History" productions in the next few weeks. Sue Chambers would love to see a few familiar faces out in that audience!

9-7-85 (7:30 p.m.) MAPLETON

(Senior Citizen Center)

9-8-85 (2:30 p.m.) BROAD STREET

FESTIVAL

9-15-85 (afternoon) FARMAMERICA



Margy Hengy is the proud Grandparent of a Grandson born on August 16, 1985.

Chambers
Route 2, Box 86
Good Thunder, MN 56037

Welcome

New Writing Member

Frank Anthony
Windsor, Vermont

Sympathy

We shall miss Gustine Weblemoe, good friend to SMPS, who died Sunday, July 21, 1985.

Our sympathy to Mae Buckeye, who lost a son earlier this summer.

Edwin Honig

HAPPENING

Behind me the house was asleep.
I could hear it relax and breathe,
Tied to its summer thick hill.
A bird or a chipmunk scraped
Through the eaves or a hollow hand
Roamed in its paintless hide,
Tinkled a pane in the upper storey
While I walked and the house
Slept on. And it breathed,
I know, because it was then
The highest perturbable trees
Shook down a wind like a lash,
The road fell down a ravine,
And all that wide blue summer
Grew narrow and turned on itself
Like a fan. When I turned, the house
Had opened its face, gray as a man's.