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DIGGING THE COMMON GROUND (FAIR)

If you long for the days when country fairs meant exhibits of home-produced goods, animals, the sharing of ideas, and a chance to meet people who enjoy rural life and the diversity of Maine’s communities, rather than just amusement and spending, than you should head on down to MOFGA’s 5th annual Common Ground Country Fair in Windsor, Sept. 25-27.

This year's fair includes exhibits on agriculture, renewable energy, shelter, inner growth, crafts, education, and social concerns; animals, including a poultry show, dairy goat show, draft horse and sheep shows, sheep dogs, donkeys, mules and hogs; speakers including Stewart Brand, Ray Shadis, and Beatrice Trum Hunter; and entertainment including The Augusta Symphony Ragtime Ensemble and Community Band, Devonsquare, Tim Sample & Marshall Dodge, Lee Bryant, Jazzm, Abrams & Andersohn, Jud the Jester, Marilyn Ryan, Country Choir, Mr. & Mrs. Fish, Rockport Puppet Theater, and a fiddle contest (phewww!!).

One highlight promises to be the 2nd Annual Harry S. Truman Manure Pitch-Off, where contestants can test their manure-slinging abilities in the four categories of Garden Spread, Basket Pitch, Bed Spread, and Distance and Accuracy (the Punt, Pass, and Kick of organic agriculture).

The Inner Growth area will be greatly expanded, with a special tent open from 10-3 (Fri./Sat.) and 12-4 on Sunday. Spiritual Healing (John Ineson), Exploration thru Psychodrama (Doris Twitchell Allen), Reflexology/Shiatsu (Keith Rosenberger), massage, meditation, hospice, astrology, and yoga are (cont. page 2)

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

Solidarity Day. No, it's not in support of Polish workers. It's Sat., September 19, a day when a hoped-for 1-1/2 million people will converge on Washington, DC for a march, music, and speeches. Solidarity Day has been so named by the AFL-CIO as a day when all American trade unionists, non-AFL-CIO union members, labor’s supporters, elders, women's groups, low-income groups, and anyone else opposed to the Reagan administration's assault on social programs can speak out.

It will be a day to assert the demand for jobs and justice, human rights and social equality, for decent social security payments, occupational health and safety laws which protect workers, minimum wage laws which are maintained, and a government which helps "little people" as well as big ones. Another message will be that there is no mandate, as the administration has claimed, for reducing spending for human needs programs. Peace groups will be asking for a rearrangement of priorities—more money for peace and social programs and less for the Pentagon.

This will be a special event, because it is the first major demonstration in Washington called by the AFL-CIO.

There is a Solidarity Committee in Maine. One bus is filled, and they hope to fill several more. Coordination is coming from the Maine AFL-CIO and local union leaders. To be on a bus or to contact local supporters, get in touch with Gail Halfkenny, 1 Crescent, Portland 04102, 772-0792, or Charles O'Leary, Maine AFL-CIO, 72 Center St., Brewer 04412, 989-3630.
(Cont. from Page 1) just a few of the 30 topics offered in 1-2 hour workshops. All are free, as are inner growth films in the film building.

The food area will feature Maine-grown, organic products as much as possible. A wide variety of ethnic foods, as well as good old American favorites such as pizza and egg rolls, will be sold. Corn on the cob and baked potatoes with special toppings will be featured.

There will also be a 5-mile foot race, a bicycle race, an auction, a "Spiritual Celebration" on Sunday, and a children's area.

Admission is $3/adults, $1 for elders and children under 12, and no charge for those under 6. Elders and Children under 12 get in free on Friday. Gates will open at 9 AM each day.

The event is sponsored by the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, whose objective is "to build in Maine a holistic system that includes farm, farmer, food and consumer...a system that begins with proper husbandry of the soil and ends with the proper nutrition of mankind" (sic).

To make this fair a success, MOFGA needs 500 volunteers over 16 years of age, all of whom get free Common Ground T-shirts and complimentary passes to one other day at the fair, if they put in 6 hours of work. To volunteer, call MOFGA at 622-3118.

For a copy of the official Common Ground Country Fairbook (where much of this information and more is available), send 60c to MOFGA, Box 188, Hallowell 04347.

"Beware of the Generals: General Electric, General Foods, General Motors, General Dynamics, General Haig."--Bumper Sticker

GOOD NEWS FOR TENANTS

The Maine legislature recently enacted sweeping changes in landowner/tenant laws, protecting both good tenants and good landowners from some of the nastier practices of the other side. The following is a brief summary of the changes:

*The new law extends protections against retaliatory evictions to tenants who have given owners a good faith, written complaint about major problems with the rental unit;

*If their apartment is "not fit for human habitation," the tenant may refuse to pay rent, or may repair hazardous conditions themselves and deduct the cost from their monthly rent;

*If an owner seizes a tenant's property, shuts off gas or electricity, or in any other way tries to illegally evict a tenant, the tenant may recover up to $100 and attorney's fees in court;

*Owners must now give at least 30 days notice prior to a rent increase;

*Owners may only enter an apartment at "reasonable times," and with 24 hours notice, except in an emergency; and

*With a few exceptions, owners may no longer refuse to rent to someone just because they have children.

Landowners gain in these ways:

*They may evict tenants who cause their apartments to become "unfit for human habitation" with a 7-day notice, instead of the usual 30 days;

*Tenants must now vacate in 48 hours if served with an eviction order by court;

*Courts must now hold a hearing on an eviction order no later than 7 days after it is originally scheduled.

These changes become effective Sept. 18. Pine Tree Legal Assistance has revised their free pamphlet, "The Rights of Tenants in Maine" to include these changes. For a copy, write to them after the 18th: PTIA, Box 2429, Augusta 04330.

WOMEN UP IN (AND DOWN ON) ARMS

Women in Knox/Waldo county are seeking help in their efforts to educate their fellow area residents about the dangers of the nuclear arms race and militarism. They want to find others who want to educate themselves, to petition, and to bring various kinds of educational programs (films, speakers, slide shows) to their community.

They will be meeting on the evening of Sept. 14 in the Camden-Rockland area, with hopefully a film such as "War Without Winners." To help out in these efforts, contact Nancy Nutt, RFD 1, Lincolnville 04849, 763-3332, or Inez Daniel, 10 Union, Camden 04843, 236-2740.
The third annual La Leche League Area Conference will be held on Oct. 17 at Skowhegan High School. La Leche League, an international organization which promotes breastfeeding and parenting, has over 30 local groups in Maine.

Many topics will be offered at the day long event, including breastfeeding under special circumstances, the family bed, the vegetarian diet, the father bond, and family approach to discipline.

A featured conference speaker is Viola Lennon, co-author of *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*. Members of the Maine medical profession, specialists in nutrition and childbirth, and certified League leaders will also speak.

Pre-registration: Carol Bull, 10 Cobb Rd., Bath 04530, 443-5361.

LOOKING SUNWARDS

College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor will sponsor SUNWARDS Solar Conference from Oct. 15-17. The conference is for northern New England's solar professionals and the general public. Technical presentations on state-of-the-art solar technology for builders and designers will be featured, followed by a trade show and architectural exhibitions. Presentations for the general public begin at 9 AM on Saturday, such as reviewing domestic water heating, solar retrofitting, new home design options, wind generators, and much more. For info on displaying or attending: Judy Berk, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor 04609, 288-5015.

The Gray Panthers are looking for more members. If you want to work on developing creative alternatives to the injustices in society which confront people at every phase of life, please contact Pam Smith, 297 Cumberland Ave., Portland 04101, 774-6974 or attend the next monthly meeting on Sept. 8 at 1 PM at the Salvation Army Golden Age Center, Room 10, 297 Cumberland Ave., Portland.

The Gray Panthers are people of all ages working for social change. They believe that every person, regardless of chronological age, has much to contribute to society. Gray Panthers are working for a new age of reason, justice, and concern for old as well as young and they won't settle for less. Why should they? Why should you?
SMALL SCHOOLS DO A BIG JOB

School is starting soon, but some children will not be returning to a traditional education. The following are most of what are often called "alternative" or progressive schools in Maine. They are all private, small, have a high teacher/pupil ratio; and emphasize parent involvement and individualized instruction. Most cover grades K-8, except those with a *, which are usually higher grade levels. New Day School also has a nursery school for children ages 2-5:

The Community School, Box 555, Camden 04843, 236-3000.*
Country Mile School, Star Rt., Robinsonhood 04530, no phone.*
Dunbrook School, RFD 1 Box 1313, Farmington 04938, 778-6253.
Homestead School, Box 663, Ellsworth 04605, 667-2021.*
Maine Reach, Chewonki Foundation, Wiscasset 04578, 882-7323.*
New Country School, Rt. 113, West Baldwin 04091, 625-4962.
New Day School, RFD 1, Readfield 04355, 685-9053.
Our School, Rt. 1 Box 188, Waterville 04901, 873-4460.
Riley Country School, Box 91, Glen Cove 04846, 596-6405.
Salmon Falls School, Box 198, Hollis 04042, 727-3118.
Sandy River School, RFD 3, Farmington 04938, 778-2386.
The School Around Us, Log Cabin Rd., Arundel 04040, 967-8333.
Skitikuk School, Bennoch Rd., Orono 04473, 866-4052.
Saltwater Farm School, Hancock 04640 422-9029.
Strawberry Fields School, RFD 1, Freedom 04941, 382-6423.
Tatnic Hill School, RFD 2 Box 329, Wells 04090, 983-2238.*
Toddy Pond School, RFD 2 Box 151, Belfast 04915, 338-3080.
The Village School, Gen. Delivery, Wilton 04294, 645-3078.

Alternative schools have also formed the Maine Small Schools Consortium, which meets occasionally for business and pleasure. Contact Peter Zack at the New Country School for more on this group.

LET THEM EAT CARS!

In Brazil, millions of acres of rain forest have been stripped and planted with sugarcane, to produce alcohol to help power Brazil's 7 million cars. This has caused extensive environmental damage, and driven thousands of small farmers off their farms and into the already overcrowded cities.

The World Bank is loaning millions of dollars to African countries, and even India and Bangladesh, to likewise destroy the base of their agriculture in order to feed their cars.

And now a gasohol plant is being proposed in Portsmouth, on the Maine border. It would be located in an area near two housing projects, a shopping center, and huge oil and gas storage depots.

There are also rumors of a huge plant being planned for the Auburn area, using potatoes and "excess" Midwest grain.

Is there a connection to all of this? Susan Johnson of Kittery seems to think so, and she is trying to find money and legal talent to fight the proposed Portsmouth plant, as well as raising people's consciousness about gasohol. "Gasohol makes sense on a small farm where there are bad crops and waste, and can be used to the farmer's advantage, but otherwise it is wasteful and must not be considered solar energy," she says.

Contact Susan at 13 Cromwell St., Kittery 03904 if you want to help.

There is also considerable support in Maine for the idea of "Growing Without Schooling," a home education concept advanced by writer/critic John Holt. Maine contacts include:

Marilyn Bacon, N. Sullivan 04664.
Andi/Bill Cutler, 8 Towle St., Auburn 04220.
Mabel Dennison, Box 538, Temple 04984.
John Goldfine, RFD 2 Box 151, Belfast.
Mary Jo/Chris Hawkins, 189 Maple St., Bangor 04401.
Anne Martina, Box 15, Harborside 04642.
Dick/Beedy Parker, 68 Washington St., Camden 04843.
Carol/Bill White, RFD 1 Box 112D, Charleston 04442.
Women Marching in the Streets!!

Women in the Portland area are gearing up for a second "Take Back the Night" march, tentatively scheduled for Oct. 24, 1981. Last year almost 500 people participated in an evening march thru Portland streets declaring their solidarity in ending violence against women in the street and in all aspects of their lives. Earlier in the day many attended workshops on topics like self-defense, rape, street violence, pornography, and sexual harassment.

A few women met in early August and decided a similar event was needed again. A lot more women's energy is needed, however, so a public meeting will be held at 7 PM, Sept. 3, at the Portland Public Safety Bldg. Among the agenda items are confirming the date, structuring duties and committees (a two-coordinator system has been suggested), committee membership, and financial reports.

For more info, or if you need childcare for the meeting call 772-6953.

SEE HOW THEY RUN

Run for Working Women is a three mile road race to benefit the Working Women's Rights Project. The project is a legal education effort by the Maine Civil Liberties Union aimed at increasing awareness of women's rights in the workplace. The run is an opportunity for both women and men to show support for working women whether they be homemakers, blue, pink, or white collar workers.

Date is Sat., Oct. 3rd (rain date Oct. 4) at 10:00 AM. The race will take place in the Old Port area of Portland beginning at Tommy's Park at the corner of Exchange and Middle Sts. Entry fee is $3.00 and free T-shirts will be given to the first fifty registrants.

For an entry form write to Working Women's Rights Project, Maine Civil Liberties Union, 97 Exchange Street, Portland 04101 or call Kam McCully at 774-5444.

For those who missed last year's Women's Pentagon Action where several thousand marched outside the Pentagon and several hundred, including a few from Maine, were arrested, there will be a second action on Nov. 15-15, 1981. The date was chosen to commemorate the death of Karen Silkwood, a worker in a plutonium factory apparently killed before she could expose the dangers of nuclear radiation in the Kerr-McGee plant she worked in.

Planning in New England for an even larger response than last year has begun, with a carryover "Unity Statement" and a theme of weaving. One meeting discussed weaving something large enough to cover the Pentagon. Organizers anticipate having extensive training about militarism and civil disobedience and need trainers and trainees. There may be an informational meeting at the Common Ground Fair to provide more details.

For information regarding the WPA send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Sheila Garrett, PO Box 429, So. Harpswell 04079, or call 833-5502.

GET YOUR NAME IN THE PAPERS

Women who own their own business have an opportunity to be listed in two new Women's Development Directories soon to be published at UMO. Info on how to be listed or how to obtain a directory is available from the Women's Development Directory, Office of Equal Opportunity, 259 Aubert Hall, Univ. of Me. at Orono 04469, 581-2245.

Dr. JoAnn M. Fritsche, director of the program is preparing both a statewide and a greater Bangor area directory which will list businesses and services run by women, agencies that address women's special needs, and individuals who wish to share their skills but have no established business.

There is no charge for listing in the directories which will be distributed to consumers, non-profit organizations, and others involved in economic growth and development.
Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

Cooperative loan funds will be hitting the scene in a big way in Sept., with two gatherings scheduled, MOCA (Maine Organization For Cooperative Assistance- it also stands for Maine Old Cemetary Assn., so don't get confused) will try to establish a board of directors to oversee a loan fund available to coops, worker-owned businesses and non-profit organizations.

Results of a recent survey indicated the need for a fund and some support to help organize and maintain it. The meeting will hopefully locate people willing to serve as a policy making board, to search out more investors, ($20,000-$25,000 has already been committed) and to incorporate and establish temporary by-laws.

The meeting will begin at 1 PM, Sunday, Sept. 13 at Diocesan Human Relations Services, 224 Main St., Waterville. Contact person is C.R. Lawn, Box 102, Canaan 04924.

Also at DHRS in Waterville all day on Sept. 19-20, is the Cooperative Fund of New England's semi-monthly meeting. CFNE has provided loans to about half of Maine's coop food stores for inventory, equipment, and other startup or expansion needs.

Coop members are encouraged to attend and/or contact Silvia Wilson Marsh, Federation of Coops, Box 236, N. Vassalboro 04962, 873-0716

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Last monts's Invert carried a story on page 6 headlined "Women's Rights in the Statehouse". That article was taken from "Inform", a quarterly newsletter published by the Maine Commission for Women. Any person wishing to receive that newsletter or interested in contacting the Commission office on any matter should write: Maine Commission for Women, Station #93, State House, Augusta 04333.

"It is easy to fight a war but very difficult to run a country."-- Said by African guerella leader.
For six weeks, beginning the end of August, over 2000 migrant farmworkers will be on strike in the tomato fields of northwest Ohio. These people are members of Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) which has been working since 1968 to get large tomato processors, especially Campbell's and Libby's, to include farmworkers in contract negotiations with growers. FLOC is organized primarily in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana, and though we in Maine are not directly involved in the effort, the union is asking consumers nationwide to boycott Campbell and Libby products as a show of support for the Ohio tomato pickers.

Currently contracts are signed only between the processor and the grower. The processor dictates prices as well as growing instructions in a take-it or leave-it situation. They tell the grower when to plant, when to spray, and when to harvest. FLOC states that for years growers have enjoyed a profitable return on their investment primarily because of the availability of farmworkers as cheap labor, not because of outstanding possibilities offered by the processors. Further, FLOC recognizes that the grower can only afford a limited overhead so that when the grower must accept the price given by the processor, wages for the farmworker are thereby set.

Though other processing companies also operate in Ohio (Heinz, Stokely Van Camp, Hunts) Campbell and Libby are the strike targets because of company policies. Libby-McNeil-Libby is actually owned by Nestle Corporation, a company which has become subject to world discussion and boycott because of its third world infant formula marketing policies.

In an open letter regarding the boycott, Campbell Soup Co. states that it "seeks the good-will of both suppliers and their employees because both are vital to a supply of materials needed to produce (their) product.

Also, Campbell questions if FLOC truly represents the majority of Ohio farmworkers. (to which FLOC has replied that if they are voted out they will get out).

Campbell's says that it would be impractical for them to participate in the business of their many thousands of suppliers. Company position on the contracts is that it would be "improper and presumptuous" and probably illegal to interfere in grower/farmworker negotiations.

FLOC's legal counsel has advised that any number of parties may enter into a contract and though what they propose is unusual in labor relations, it is not illegal.

This August union demands were set at the FLOC Organizational Convention, one reason this years strike is considered crucial. Workers want to be guaranteed 28 hours of work each two weeks, similar to a law covering Wisconsin workers. They want to receive transportation costs of 15c per mile for travel from Florida and Texas and an additional 3c per mile for worker passengers. They are also seeking medical coverage for a four month period of employment with demands for safety from pesticide spraying. FLOC hopes to negotiate a minimum wage of $3.50/hr.

put into effect when the hoped for rate of 45c per hamper (231lbs) does not equal that.

In response to the question of wages, Campbell cites a US Dept. of Labor study done in 1978 which shows the average pay for Ohio tomato workers ranging between $4.32 and $7.64 per hour, well above the minimum wage.

FLOC disputes the validity of this study because the figures were taken from farmer's pay records which do not reflect the fact that often 4 of 5 family members, including children and elders, are paid as one unit. Also, Dept. of Labor studies are done at "peak" season, excluding the slow beginning and end of the season.

One wage study done by the American Friends Service Committee recorded the actual number of hours (cont. on P.8)
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worked by a selected group of pickers. The hourly wage ranged from 35c to $5.46 with an average of $1.96.

The fact that children travel and often work alongside their parents is also a concern in the dispute. A bonus system which deducts pay from "peak" periods to encourage workers to stay until the end of the harvest keeps parents working when they would normally go back home to get the children into school.

Campbell operates a "Labels for Education" program whereby schools and religious organizations can redeem labels for tape recorders and other equipment. FLOC is especially offended by this program because, in their eyes, Campbell perpetuates a situation which detracts from the education of farmworker children. So far, over 500 institutions have pledged support to FLOC and no longer participate in the "Labels for Education" program.

Support for the boycott and FLOC is growing nationwide. Many individuals and religious groups have offered money, time, and support. The US Catholic Church's Campaign for Human Development has granted FLOC $89,000 to undertake their work.

Though most Maine supermarkets remain blissfully unaware of the boycott, some local coops and alternative stores have taken positive steps. Hungry Chuck's Food Coop in Waterville voted in March to buy no more stock of Campbell's V-8 juice in support of the boycott. Their supplier and a source for many Maine coops, the FEDCO Warehouse in N. Vassalboro, continues to stock V-8 juice. Efforts in other states have included protest letters, leafletting, and discussions/negotiations with store managers.

A similar boycott has been encouraged for all Libby's products, although there is already a boycott against it. Libby's is a subsidiary of the Nestle corporation, which has been charged with improper marketing of infant formula in Third World countries, thus causing the deaths of many babies. This provides a second reason to boycott Libby's and other Nestle products.

In 1979 Campbell ordered all its growers to mechanize the harvest and not to utilize farmworkers. And because a mechanized harvest is supposedly cheaper, Ohio tomato growers were offered $7 less per ton in 1981 than the year before. Ohio farmers are seemingly being forced into the American agricultural pattern which begins when the farmer can barely make a living.

To survive, farmers become highly competitive, and they must turn to capital intensive instead of labor intensive farming to grow their tomatoes. Some of the tomatoes (farmers) do not make it past this stage, but the ones with more juice (money) do. Then they become big tomatoes. But often they do not make it, because there is an even bigger tomato waiting around the corner. And there it is, Ketchup? No! Agribusiness! The little tomatoes get squeezed out by the giant ones who can afford expensive machinery but accept no responsibility for people left without a job. So, the next time you see Campbell's or Libby's products on the coop or grocery shelf, think about all the little tomatoes.

Among the Campbell's products on the boycott list are Campbell's Soups and Tomato Juice, V-8 Juice, Prego Spaghetti Sauce, Vlasic Pickles, Bounty Soups, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm baked goods, Swanson Frozen Dinners, Recipe Pet Foods, and any other products with Campbell's as the parent company.

Products of Nestle/Libby's include all Libby's products; Souptime, Maggi, and Crosse and Blackwell soups; Pero, Sunrise, Decaf, Nestea, Nescafe, and Taster's Choice drinks; Stouffer and Rusty Scupper restaurants; Stouffer's frozen foods, cheeses with names like Swiss Knight, Wispride, Gerber, and Old Fort; and other Nestle corporation products.

For more information or to express your feelings about the issue, write: FLOC, 714 S. St. Clair, Toledo, Ohio 43609, 419-243-3456 or D. Y. Robinson, Director of Consumer Services, Campbell's Soup Co., Camden, N. J. 08101, or I. W. Murray, Pres., Libby's, 200 S. Michigan, Chicago, Illinois 60604.
A HUNGER FOR CHANGE

Work around hunger issues continues in preparation for World Food Day, Oct. 16, when representatives of coops, food banks, agricultural groups, and nutrition programs will promote the theme of "Food Self-Sufficiency."

Among the potential ideas for activities on that day include a Maine Menu (all Maine-grown foods) for schools, hospitals, and day care centers, food drives for local food banks, and distributing information on food issues like Food Stamps, WIC (Women, Infants, Children) program, food coops, etc.

More planning for the day will be happening on Sept. 9, 1 PM, at Papoose Pond, N. Waterford (near Norway/S. Paris). All interested food activists are welcome. For details: Ann Thaxter/Eileen Whynot, PROP, 160 Park St., Portland 04101, 772-6543.

Papoose Pond will also be the site on Sept. 10 (9 AM-4 PM) for "Nutrition, Nursery Rhymes, and You," a program on nutrition education for young people by Prof. Margaret Eastman Butler of the Univ. of Me., Farmington. She'll show how to turn rhymes like "Little Tommy Tucker," "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater," and "Jack Sprat" into nutrition lessons for all ages.

Registration ($20) includes lunch. Scholarships and mileage reimbursements are available. Ann Thaxter is the contact (see above).

On the international level, Bread for the World, another World Food Day co-sponsor, is beginning a campaign for congressional support for the Hunger and Global Security bill now before Congress. The bill is intended to address root causes of world hunger, which Bread for the World feels is maintaining global insecurity. More food will bring the world closer to world peace, they believe.

Thirteen Bread for the World members met recently with Rep. David Emery and received his support for at least part of the bill, such as Title III (latitude in food aid). Bread for the World hopes to meet with him again in Sept. and with Maine's two senators.

The group is organized in Maine's 1st congressional district, mostly in the Portland area. They are looking for more contacts in the Biddeford/Saco, Bath/Brunswick, Rockland/Belfast, and Kennebec Co. areas. They can help anyone wanting to begin a group in Olympia Snowe's district. Contact: Wesley Mills, Bread for the World, 91A St. Lawrence, Portland 04101, 773-2653.

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CALENDAR OF HAPPENINGS
(Listings with numbers following have
more details on that page number)
Sept. 1--Wood Coop in Fort Kent (6)
Sept. 3--"Take Back the Night" meeting in Portland (5)
Sept. 8--Grey Panthers in Portland (3)
Sept. 9--World Food Day planning in N. Waterford (9)
Sept. 10--Nutrition workshop in N. Waterford (9)
Sept. 10--Children's Resource Center art display at Payson Gallery opens.
AFSC, 741 Stevens, Portland 04103.
Sept. 11--Gr. Portland Nuclear Referendum Committee benefit chicken dinner, $5. Dinner (5:30), movie (8 PM). GPNRC Box 4078, Portland 04101, 775-3336.
Sept. 13--Maine Organization for Cooperative Assistance in Waterville (6)
Sept. 14--Film in Camden-Rockland area (2)
Sept. 18--New tenant/landowner laws in effect (2)
Sept. 18-20--Women's Weekend at World Fellowship Center, RD Box 136, Conway, N. H. 03888, 603-447-2280.
Sept. 19--Solidarity Day (1)
Sept. 19-20--Coop Fund of New England meeting in Waterville (6)
Sept. 25-27--Common Ground Fair (1)
Sept. 25-27--Newsletter Circus at Common Ground Fair (10)
Oct. 3--"Learning and Teaching about Indians" in Portland (3)
Oct. 3--Run for Working Women (5)
Oct. 15-17--SUNWARDS in Bar Harbor (3)
Oct. 16--World Food Day (9)
Oct. 17--La Leche League in Skowhegan (3)
ABSURD. RIDICULOUS. WEIRD. CRAZY.
All of these words adequately (and accurately describe the Maine Statewide Newsletter collating circuses, and now everyone will have a chance to join in the fun. The circus will be at the Common Ground Fair (look for a modest outside booth with "Maine Statewide Newsletter/INVERT") on Sept. 25-27, so anyone with a couple of minutes or a couple of hours can spend it in bliss collating or stapling newsletters. It should be a grand old time, especially if it doesn't rain. Check in at the table early, so you won't miss out on this golden opportunity.

The newsletter has now received 470 subscriptions and $1,977.50 in donations since the beginning of 1981, toward our goal of 1,000 subscriptions and $3,800. Next month we will begin "red-lining," putting a red line around address labels of people we have not yet heard from, to see whether or not they want to continue to receive this newsletter. So, respond soon. Save the embarrassment of a red line. And help keep us self-sufficient.

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