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NOTES & NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Laurence died at her home in Lakefield, Ontario, 5 January 1987. Laurence's five novels about the place and people of Manawaka, Manitoba (based on her hometown of Neepawa), are among the very best works of Great Plains literature. We will mourn the stilling of her voice each time we find its continuance in her work.

GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCES

The program committee for the Center's 1987 conference, "Women's Culture on the Great Plains," thanks all the scholars who participated for their papers and for their generous contributions to the discussions.

The topic for the twelfth annual conference, to be held 16-18 March 1988, will be "The Arts on the Plains: The Role of Institutions." Possible subjects for papers include the development of art galleries, museums, symphonies, opera companies, and other local or regional arts institutions as well as the roles of universities, government agencies, and private foundations. Interested scholars should submit proposals of 150-200 words by 1 July 1987 to Norman Geske, Center for Great Plains Studies, 1213 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0314.

The Western Literature Association will hold its annual meeting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln 15-17 October 1987. A day-long field trip to Red Cloud, Nebraska, will be offered in conjunction with the conference. Papers on all aspects of midwestern and western American literature are welcome. Interested persons should submit two copies of proposed manuscript (10 typed pages) plus a 125 word abstract to Professor Susan J. Rosowski, President, Western Literature Association, Department of English, University of Nebraska-Lincoln,

Lincoln, NE 68588-0333. For further information, write as above or call (402) 472-6645 or 402-472-3191.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Baylor University will hold a national symposium entitled "Regionalism: Concepts and Applications" 1-3 October 1987. Speakers include scholars from the fields of folklore, geography, history, linguistics, material culture, regional economic planning, religion, and women's studies. Further information is available from Program for Regional Studies, Baylor University, CSB Box 696, Waco, TX 76798, (817) 755-2190.

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ERRATA

Prairie Politics and Society: Regionalism in Decline, by Roger Gibbins, was attributed to the wrong publisher in a review (*Great Plains Quarterly* 6 [Fall 1986]: 298). The correct citation is Toronto, Ontario: Butterworths, 1980. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused readers.