

The lingering summer has ended. And in this time of brown fields and grey skies, which heralds the coming of winter's desolation, John G. Neihardt has died. It somehow seems fitting that winter delay its arrival until his passing, and the snow flurries be nature's last service to her aged poet.

## Poet leaves memories, hope

John Neihardt was one of those few human beings whose life spanned one time to another, and who had the depth of feeling and the power to transmit this wondrous experience to his fellow men.

made less distant. And his memories of the triumphs, horrors and courage, became our memories as well. In an age devoid of both gods and heroes, it was he that reminded us of the great kindness, endurance and nobility of Mankind, the "stuff" of the human spirit.

I will miss the white haired little man with his gleaming eyes and lyrical voice. But unlike many who leave, Neihardt left much of himself behind, both in his writings and in each individual's memory, and it is through these memories we need not feel quite so alone.

In a poem written long ago

titled "Let Me Live Out My Years", Neihardt referred to death as "the grisly thing", but I recall him saying several years ago that his feelings had changed. "I have a kinder way of looking at death, much kinder. I think it will be a very beautiful experience:

*"All the living things, with roots and leaves, with fins or legs or wings, were bowed beholding; and a sudden change came over them, for all that had been strange between them had vanished. Nothing was alone, but each one knew the other and was known, and saw the same; for it had come to pass the wolf and deer, the bison and the grass, the birds*

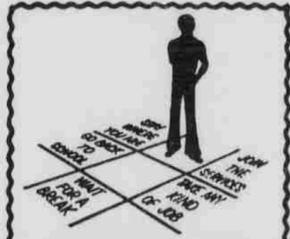
*and the trees, the fishes in the streams, and horse and man had lost their little dreams and wakened all together.'*

(*"Song of the Messiah", from A Cycle of the West*)

"And that was heaven, they lost their little dreams and wakened all together. That is what we are striving for today and we never quite make it.

But when at the moment of love, when two people lose their little dreams, and waken together, that's it. And that's what we're striving for in society and we're not making it, and having trouble, lots of

trouble. Maybe someday we'll do it. We'll lose our little dreams, and waken all together."



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Mrs. Vernon (Anne) Dunn  
Monday, November 5  
7:00 p.m.  
Open Door Health Center 26th & "Y"

Preparation of whole meals-would like to emphasize a meatless diet-demonstration rather than lecture is involved.

### Death and Dying-A Workshop

Marily Anderson  
Tuesdays, November 6, 13, 20  
7:00 p.m.  
Centennial College

The subject will be covered on three consecutive Tuesday nights. We will have two speakers, November 6th and 13th and a film November 20th. After each of these formal meetings there will be small discussion groups. The discussions will deal with the emotions, theories and thoughts we have on the topic.

Death and Dying directly involves all of us. A tentative goal of this workshop could be to achieve a better awareness of life through a better understanding of death.

### Guitar

Kirk Orr  
Tuesday, November 6  
8:00 p.m.  
Union (room will be on the Daily Events Calendar)

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