THE SECOND MIDWEST PRAIRIE CONFERENCE

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The second midwest Prairie Conference at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, September 18-20, 1970 was bigger and better than the first one held in 1968 at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Dr. Peter Schramm of the Biology Department at Knox had on sale at Madison the handsome 66-page "Proceedings of a Symposium on Prairie and Prairie Restoration" of the 1968 sessions, at $4.75 each. These can be ordered from Dr. Schramm. Included are some interesting articles on soils of prairies. The second conference, just over, consisted of about 30 papers and panel discussions, and 4 field trips to natural and artificial prairies.

D. E. Hutchinson and Bill Briggs of the Soil Conservation Service made arrangements with Conference leaders for presentation of National S.C.S. Certificate of Recognition of the U.W. Arboretum as a managed natural area. The presentation was made at the banquet of the conference. Among the addresses was one by Mr. William L. Rutherford of Peoria Heights, Illinois on "The Goose Lake Prairie Story", telling how hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised in a short time to purchase about 3,000 acres of prairie land 60 miles south west of Chicago to be a managed natural area.