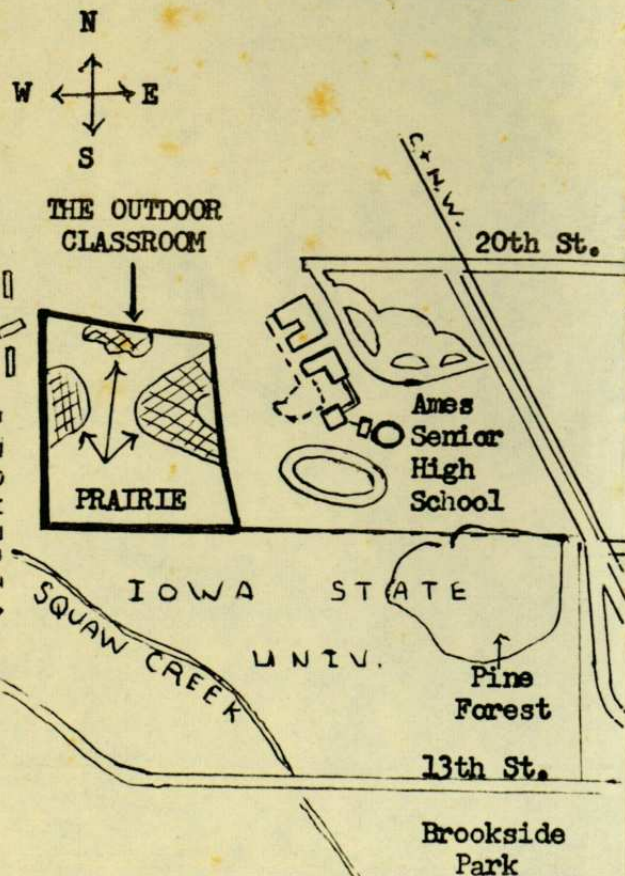


WHAT?

The Ames High School Prairie includes 7½ acres of prairie in a 28 acre natural area west of Ames Senior High School. It is a living community of interdependent plants and animals that have evolved over thousands of years. Most of such prairie disappeared with the development of agriculture. The nearest other publicly owned prairie is 75 miles away.

WHERE?



SAVE THE PRAIRIE



Vote

YES

to lease the Ames High School Prairie to the Nature Conservancy for 49 years at one dollar/year

at the school election
Monday, September 14, 1970

Look For This Question On The Ballot

WHO?

The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit ecological organization that acquires outstanding natural areas for their esthetic, scientific and educational values. Such areas are maintained essentially in their natural state.

WHY?

A 49 year lease to the Nature Conservancy would mean this little piece of original prairie would be preserved for the enjoyment of all our citizens for at least two more generations.

Few prairie remnants throughout the state contain the quantity and quality of plant life that exists in the Ames High School Prairie.

A local committee would administer the prairie and guarantee its continued use as an outdoor classroom, research area, and refreshing place to walk.

Its location encourages maximum use. It is adjacent to both Ames Senior High School and Iowa State University. It fits naturally into the "green areas" being developed by the Ames Park Commission.

The proposed lease culminates 25 years of effort to preserve the prairie. It is the only proposal which satisfies the legal and financial requirements simultaneously. Your vote is needed to make this proposal a reality.

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