...As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world and with one another.—PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

Prairie Smoke (Sieversia flava)

CALENDAR

Saturday, July 18
10:00 a.m. - WORK PARTY AT PRAIRIE: OUTSIDE
Contact Pat Meller.

Sunday, July 19
No service at Prairie. VISIT THE SAUK CITY FREE CONGREGATION. Service at 11:00, picnic afterward. Bring your own food. See story.

Tuesday, July 21
Program Committee meets at home of Lynda Lewis. Potluck meal, bring a dish to share.

Friday, July 24
7:30 PM - Rosemarie K. Lester will present an informal lecture/slide program: From Africans to Afro-Germans: Images and Realities of Blacks in Germany. See story.

Sunday, July 26
No Service at Prairie.
4:00 PM - Theatre Party and Picnic at American Players Theatre.

Monday, July 27
7:30 PM - Prairie Board Meeting at Prairie.

Sunday, August 2
No service at Prairie.
Bicycle Trip To Mt. Horeb. See story.

Wednesday, August 5
7:30 PM - R.E. Committee Meeting at Prairie.

SAUK CITY VISIT ON JULY 19
The Sauk City Free Congregation invites us - as is their custom every summer - to share a Sunday with them. Come at 11 AM for the service and stay for a picnic afterward. Bring your own food and utensils (coffee will be provided).

To reach the church, take Highway 12 to Sauk City. After crossing the bridge, immediately turn right on Water St. and go three blocks to Polk St. and turn left. The church is 2½ blocks away at 307 Polk St. It is the only building on the block on the right hand (north) side of the street. See you there.

BIKE TRIP TO MOUNT HO Reb
Meet at the parking lot across from the Dane Co. Home. Bring a dish for the potluck.

If there is enough interest, we will have an overnight tenting party for children who are old enough to sleep alone out-of-doors. Bob Park has volunteered to drive the children back to Prairie the following morning. If interested, call Sharon Scrat tish and watch for further details and a map in the next Prairie Fire.

CHILD-CARE HELPERS NEEDED
On the 2 or 3 Sundays in August when there will be services, we will need an adult child-care helper for the K-5 children. Call Alice Bullen, 838-8055, if you are willing to help. In good weather the park is available. If the weather is inclement, one or more art or craft projects should be planned.

There is a paid helper to care for the pre-school children.
ROSEMARIE LESTER SLIDE PRESENTATION
On Friday, July 24, 7:30PM at Prairie, Rosemarie K. Lester - who still lives and works in Frankfurt but comes home to Madison in the summer - will present an informal lecture/slide presentation entitled: From Africans to Afro-Germans: Images and Realities of Blacks in Germany. Rosemarie is working on a pictorial history of Blacks in Germany that contrasts the images as represented in sculpture, painting, illustration, artefacts, cartoon, and advertising - from the 14th century to the present - with what is known of the social realities, i.e. the actual living conditions of Africans, Afro-Americans and recently, Afro-Germans. Everyone invited - tell your friends at First Society, too.

SAVE THE DATE
An orientation program for teachers will be held on Saturday, August 29.

DID YOU KNOW?
None of the experts seem to be exactly sure how many people there are on Planet Earth, but the latest estimate is that the Day of the Five Billion was July 11. According to International Dateline, the birth rate is now about four babies per second, and world population has more than doubled since 1950 when it was 2.6 billion. At the rate we are going, we should reach six billion by the year two thousand. Even world "leaders" are beginning to worry a little—some of them—but it is mostly the service organizations that are doing the work of education in family planning.

PRAIRIE CAN CATCH UP
Nearly 400 MORE pints of blood were donated by Red Cross One-A-Week clubs during 1987 compared to last year. Usually blood donations fall off in summer, so this is an exceptional response. At mid-year 50% of all clubs are at their annual goal of 26 pints a month. Prairie can reach 52 pints by the end of the year! When you donate blood, remember to sign the club book for Prairie. You may introduce a friend or one of your children who is at least 18 to donating blood. Good health, not age, is required, so older people may also qualify.

Call Linda Lewis, 271-2173, if you need information.

FOUND-SET OF KEYS
A set of keys, on a chain, was found at the chapel at Spring Green Sunday. They may be claimed by calling Shirley Grindrod, 238-4422.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE
WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 26. SUBMIT NOTICES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 31 - AUG. 15.