

# The Prairie Pioneers

## A FIRESIDE CHAT

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Perhaps no other four individuals have made such an impact, both collectively and individually, on the ecological and cultural history of an area than the Prairie Pioneers featured on this recording.

It was especially fitting that they came together on April 4, 1997, to celebrate the founding of the Conservation Research Institute (CRI), an organization that would never have been formed without the groundbreaking work and enormous influence of these four dedicated leaders.

Their legacy surrounds us today—in the prairie remnants we enjoy and care for, in a land ethic whose basis is stewardship, and in the spirits of those whose lives were forever changed by these Chicagoland pioneers.

On this recording, each of these men recounts the events that led to the transformation of his life to that of Prairie Pioneer. They are wonderful stories of plants, people and places, woven together by moderator Gerould Wilhelm.

Today's regional prairie and natural area conservation movement is largely the result of the inspiration, perseverance, and unstinting labor of Floyd Swink, Ray Schulenberg, Robert (Bob) Betz, and Richard (Dick) Young. To them our debt of gratitude is boundless.

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Introduction (Moderator)	Gerould Wilhelm	0:22	11:08
	Floyd Swink	11:30	23:49
	Ray Schulenberg	35:19	15:18
	Robert Betz	50:37	24:23
	Richard Young	1:15:00	12:00

