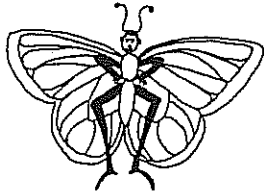
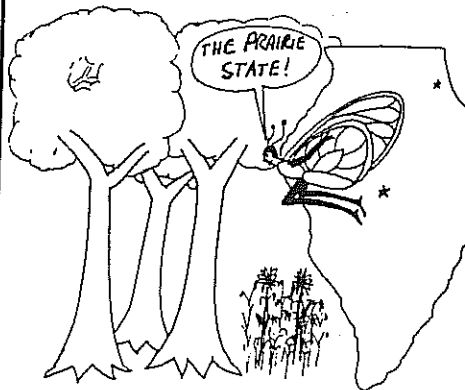


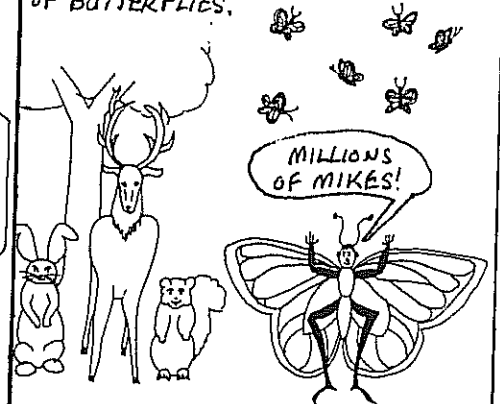
**Saving the Prairie...**  
with  
**Mike the Monarch**



FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, ILLINOIS WAS COVERED WITH WOOLANDS AND PRAIRIES.



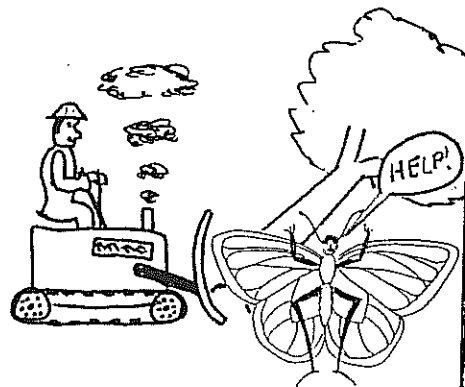
THE BIG VARIETY OF PLANTS MEANT HOMES FOR LOTS OF ANIMALS - INCLUDING MILLIONS OF BUTTERFLIES.



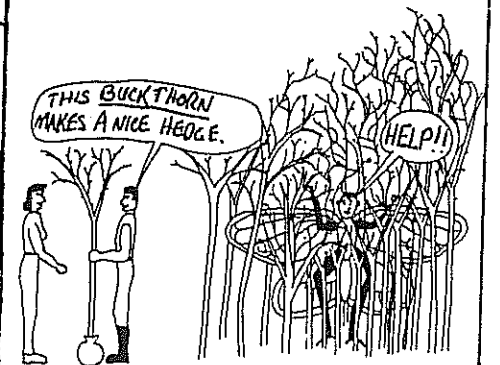
EVEN FIRE WAS A GOOD THING FOR MIKE AND HIS FRIENDS.



BUT SETTLERS MOVED IN AND DUG UP THE PRAIRIES FOR HOUSES, ROADS AND FARMS.



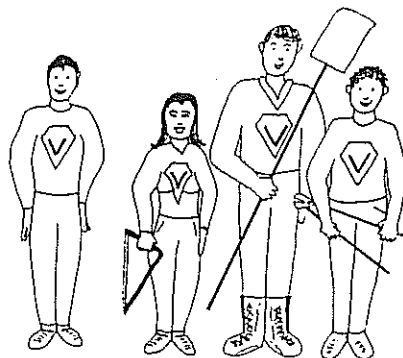
THEY BROUGHT PLANTS FROM FAR AWAY THAT CHOKED OUT THE NATIVE PLANTS.



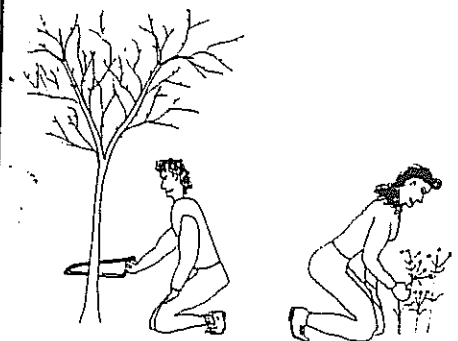
SOON THERE WAS ALMOST NO ROOM FOR MIKE AND HIS FRIENDS.



VOLUNTEERS TO THE RESCUE!

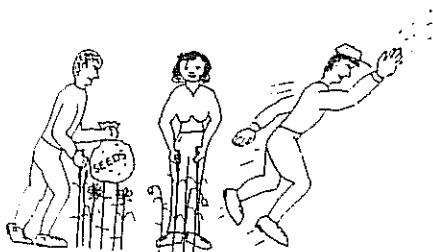


VOLUNTEERS CUT DOWN BAD SHRUBS AND PULL HARMFUL WEEDS...



THEY COLLECT AND SCATTER SEEDS...

KIDS HELP TOO!



WOODLANDS AND PRAIRIES ARE GETTING BETTER AND BETTER FOR MIKE THE MONARCH AND HIS FRIENDS!

HOORAY FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

