

THE BLUE JAY

The official organ of the Yorkton Natural History Society

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Continued in loving memory of the founder, our first President and Editor,
the late Isabel M. Priestly

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ISABEL. M. PRIESTLY

"The Blue Jay," one of the most useful and interesting of the many
mimeographed nature magazines, was commenced in the fall of 1942 by the
Yorkton Natural History Society as a result of the organizing ability and
enthusiasm of Mrs. Robert J. Priestly, the Society's President. Her
totally unexpected death at middle-age last April came as a shock to her
friends who knew her personal charm and to a wide circle of Canadian and
American nature-lovers who appreciated her scientific training, gift of
writing and untiring devotion to the advancement of nature study as a
recreation and a hobby."

"Although her position as Editor will be difficult to fill, the Society
has decided to continue "The Blue Jay" as a tribute to her memory. Mrs.
Priestly's keen enthusiasm brought as many as a hundred letters a month to
her desk and so popular has the magazine become, the Saskatchewan govern-
ment is now assisting in its publication so that the records and reports
received from observers may be made available for the Provincial Museum
and the Department of Natural Resources. This is a fitting tribute to the
excellence of Mrs. Priestly's leadership and ability".

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In a letter to the Society, C. Stuart. Francis of Torch River makes the
following suggestion: "Now that Isabel Priestly can no longer guide the
destines of our natural history society, and can no longer inspire us to
greater efforts along this line, it is up to all the members to dig in
and endeavour to make our society an even bigger and better organization,
both for the benefit of all nature, and to prove to Isabel Priestly that
her very earnest efforts were not in vain. I have been thinking that it
would be a fine idea if lovers of nature all over the west would take some
united action to have a forest reserve or provincial park, such as the
Duck Mountain park, or some lake or river named after her memory".

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