



Blue Jay Chatter

Between Ourselves

The new appearance and set-up of the BLUE JAY is due to the fact that the Adult Education Branch of the Department of Education has honored us by requesting that we provide 3000 copies of this issue, for distribution to its members throughout Saskatchewan. The government grant of \$200 for this issue will almost cover the additional cost of publication.

We are naturally pleased that copies of the BLUE JAY will go to so many homes, and it is our sincere hope that our new readers, not only will enjoy the contents of our bulletin, but that many of them will join with us as members of the Society and will become regular subscribers as well as contributors.

For some time we have been looking forward to a publication of this nature. It seems apparent that for the next few issues we will be obliged to revert to the mimeographed type of bulletin. The time for the permanent change-over will depend entirely upon the whole-hearted co-operation of every member, increased membership, and the retention of those of our members, who through oversight, have permitted their dues to fall one or two years in arrears.

We would like particularly at this time to extend our thanks to those who have been responsible for obtaining so many new members during the past few months. Their efforts have been very gratifying. One outstanding case, we feel, should be mentioned in particular. Mrs. Edith Orman, teacher of Walton School, Stoughton, has paid for twelve subscriptions, in order that a child from each home represented in the school, will receive the BLUE JAY during 1951.

To the great number of enthusiastic members, not only in Saskatchewan, but in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and in several States who have written us such kindly letters of appreciation and encouragement, we return our heart-felt thanks. Fully aware that, in the BLUE JAY, there is much yet to be desired, we are firmly convinced that with such co-operation we together will soon be able to build up a nature publication which will truly reflect the thoughts, observations and sentiments of those who derive so much happiness from the great out-of-doors.