



Blue Jay Chatter

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SINCE the "Blue Jay" appeared in its present form it has been our policy to have all subscriptions begin and terminate at the end of each year. This is reason that all of our new subscribers have received back copies from the beginning of 1953.

We thought we were over optimistic in ordering 1800 copies for the spring issue and the same number for the summer issue. But our faith in the future has been justified to such an extent that we now have on hand less than fifty copies of the spring issue and the summer issue.

We have not had an opportunity before of welcoming 62 teachers of the Unity School Unit and 56 teachers of the Milestone School Unit to our Society. It is our hope that they will like our "Blue Jay" and that their students will find something in its pages which will awaken a greater appreciation of birds and plants and wildlife of all kinds. We would be pleased to publish interesting nature observations written by any boy or girl from these schools.

It is from the youth of today that we must look for the naturalists and conservationists of tomorrow. If boys and girls have interests leaning in this direction, they should be encouraged as much as possible to develop these interests and to cultivate a hobby which will bring joy and satisfaction to them as long as they live.

The success of this little magazine depends entirely upon the subscribers themselves. All should avail themselves of the opportunity of contributing items of interest. Neither the longer articles nor the shorter observation accounts which you will read in these pages were found "growing on trees," but were written by active members who wish to share their experience with others, and have a desire to assist in making the "Blue Jay" a more worthwhile publication. Here is a challenge and an invitation to all. Tell the rest of us about these experiences and observations which have given you the greatest thrill and pleasure. If possible illustrate your story with a photograph. You will soon find that participation will bring to you added satisfaction and a keener interest in the Society of which you are an active member.

IN OCTOBER

"Now comes the rosy dogwoods,
The golden tulip-tree
And the Scarlet yellow maple,
To make a day for me."

"The ash-trees on the ridges,
The alders in the swamp,
Put on their red and purple
To join the autumn pomp."

"The woodbine hangs her crimson
Along the pasture wall,
And all the bannered sumacs
Have heard the frosty call."

"Who then so dead to valor
As not to raise a cheer,
When all the woods are marching
In triumph of the year?"

—Bliss Carman.