

# Blue Jay Chatter



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**T**HE Boys' and Girls' Section has proved to be a very worthwhile venture and is arousing considerable interest among students, teachers and parents alike. The announcement that Dick Bird, of Bird Films, Regina, will award a

Balda folding camera as a Grand Jubilee Year prize, is sure to be an added incentive. This is a camera that any person, amateur or professional, would be proud to possess. We are looking forward to a great number of high quality observation essays, not only for the next issue but for the first two "Blue Jay" numbers of 1955.

I wish to congratulate many of our regular contributors for the high quality of their articles which appear in this issue. It is a sign of progress, and sets a worthy example for others to copy. The touching story, written by Nellie Cameron (Mrs. M. Coxworth) of Davidson, Sask., is a slight departure from wildlife ones, but is a splendidly written nature story which will be sure to capture the interest and sympathy of all boys and girls and their parents who have experienced the joy of owning and loving a dog.

I am sorry for the lack of the usual number of illustrations in this issue. Help to brighten our page by submitting a photograph, a cut from a magazine or an ink drawing to give your story more general interest and appeal.

We are indebted again to Mr. Fred Bard for his timely reminder about the Whooping Cranes. The few remaining birds will soon be winging their way southward along their narrow, but perilous path. As a conservation society it is the duty of each of us to do our part in protecting these cranes by not shooting at any large white birds and by advising acquaintances to follow the same procedure.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held, this year, at Yorkton, on Saturday, October 23. Dr. Stuart Houston is in charge of arrangements. See page 25 for more particulars. It is our hope that as many members as possible will keep that date in mind, and plan to attend. These annual meetings are most interesting and instructive and form a bond of mutual interest which tend to knit our society into one undivided and harmonious organization.