

The Annual Meeting

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The seventh annual meeting of the S.N.H.S. was held for the first time in the new museum. Mr. Jack Shaver, president, presided.

Members from 30 points in the prairie provinces, two from Pakistan and Ceylon, enjoyed a tour of this fine monument to our pioneers. Mr. Jack Herbert spoke on the identification, acquisition and development of our historic sites; Mr. Boyd Wettlaufer on our droughts and wet periods through the ages; Mr. J. Woof on our native plants, illustrated.

A camera was presented by Bird Films to Miss Wilma Aimes, Bredenburg, for the best junior essay in the Blue Jay.

Nature kodachromes taken in every part of Saskatchewan, one set of Blue Jays in N.Y., were shown by a dozen society members.

Mr. Dick Sutton, director of the Manitoba Museum spoke in delightful vein on the origin and value of museums. He contrasted popular conceptions of museums: some people thought of them as places of static musty exhibits, others knew them as they are, institutions of popular

education with normal people, naturalists, directing them. He showed a clever CBC TV film produced by the Winnipeg Museum with him as commentator.

Among the resolutions passed was one asking that the shooting of all white birds in game management zones three, four and seventeen be prohibited to give added protection to the whooping crane, swans and the rare Ross' goose; year round protection for trees in Wascana Park. The society protested encroachment on the various types of habitat afforded by Wascana creek and marsh and also asked for effective supervision of the posted reserves.

A standing ovation was given Fred Bard, Museum Director, when Hon. Mr. Brocklebank, Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of the society presented him with an award for meritorious work. No one more richly deserved such recognition, no one was more dedicated to the cause of conservation and education.

A social evening, a coffee break and supper together were all greatly enjoyed by the members.

A slide case and the following address were presented to Mr. Lloyd Carmichael, retiring Editor of the Blue Jay.

"Mr. Carmichael; we know at least three of your great loves:

1. Flowers. For a life time you have gathered specimens of Canadian flora. You have presented your prairie species to this fine museum.

2. The Blue Jay. A monument to your labour of love for seven years as Editor. The great increase in number of subscribers, the changed format would have made Mrs. J. B. Priestley justly proud of her successor.

3. Colour Photography. Your extensive scientific knowledge of flowers did not allow one to say of you

*"A primrose by the river's brim
A dicotyledon was to him
And it was nothing more."*

Your rich background of the best in literature, your artistic bent, gave you an appreciation, a poetical feeling for them that made you desire to preserve and share their beauty.

As new patterns of life take shape for you it is the hope of the S.N.H.S. that this small gift will be a reminder of happy associations and of all you have contributed to the success of our nature magazine.

May you enjoy and share many golden hours in the years to come."