

rt, they must 'plight their troth  
h to the other,' in a union of  
nds and hands. This could well be  
major aim of local and state arch-  
logical societies . . .

There is much need for the ama-  
r in the search for the means of  
aining a broader and deeper per-  
ective of man's past achievements  
which rests his potential growth  
. The amateur can participate in  
s quest fruitfully and with im-  
ense self-satisfaction; his rewards  
e far transcend the possession of  
collection of mute relics. When  
e he senses the *pursuit of problem*  
mind will kindle to new and ex-  
ng adventures beyond the ordin-  
thrill of collecting. He can have  
holiday with its relaxation, an-  
pation, and thrill of discovery  
hich, incidentally, forms a part of  
reward of the professional dig-  
as well), but he can add to these  
wards the mental stimulus and  
isfaction of contributing to the un-  
ding drama of human develop-  
ent.

The means to this larger end are  
be found in an approach to arch-  
ology which is problem-centered  
her than relic-centered. The prob-  
ns are many and adverse. They are  
t known to the professional who  
s given years of hard work, hard  
ught (and hard cash) in prepar-  
on for the execution of his job.  
and the amateur can pool their  
orts with mutual advantages. He  
a offer aid not alone in formulat-  
problems for research, but in  
procedure of recovery and re-  
ding that must be observed for

useful interpretations, which con-  
stitute the intrinsic value of all such  
work. A collection of measurements  
is not enough to reach this end in  
digging a site, as too many amateurs  
have assumed. Nor is a collection of  
artifacts sufficient. Only painstaking  
attention to soil details, associa-  
tions of features and objects, animal  
and plant remains (including char-  
coal for radiocarbon dating), post-  
mold patterns, human skeletal re-  
mains, and numerous other items,  
will yield the harvest of information  
to be found variably on every site.

"All sites are of course not equally  
significant. On some, especially after  
a preliminary appraisal with profes-  
sional guidance, the amateur can pro-  
ceed quite successfully. There are  
others—certain burial sites and stra-  
tified habitation sites—for example,  
where his competence, due to lack  
of training, is usually insufficient to  
prevent tragic loss of data.

"If an amateur calls thus upon  
the services of his professional col-  
league for appraisal, advice and ac-  
tual assistance, does he thereby lose  
his site or his discoveries? By no  
means . . . As said before, the pro-  
fessional has better resources to ap-  
praise and interpret; he can often  
use, with proper *crédit*, the informa-  
tion so obtained from the amateur in  
his published records, and he can en-  
courage and guide his amateur co-  
worker to observe, record, interpret  
and publish on his own. Herein, lie  
the larger rewards for both."

NOTE: Copies of complete text available  
upon request from Sask. Museum of Natural  
History, Regina.

## Summer Meeting at the Cypress Hills, June 15-16, 1957

All members of the society, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Summer Meeting at the Cypress Hills. Headquarters of the meet will be the Government Lodge in the Park. Registration: adults—50c, children free.

### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

**SATURDAY:** Sunrise to 9 a.m. Free Time (e.g. early morning birding and fishing).  
9 a.m. to 12 noon. Excursion to Bald Butte. Introduction to Cypress Hills,  
emphasizing geology and botany. Party led by Mann. Botany comments by Budd and  
Ledingham. Lunch upon return at 12 noon.

1:30 to 6:00 p.m. Trip to the West Block to see Trumpeter Swans, Conglomerate  
Cliffs and scenery. Fort Walsh optional. Supper upon return at 6:30.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Evening programme at Camp Shagabec Hall: reports from  
President and Editor, illustrated talk by Bruce McCorquodale on the fossil mammals  
of the Cypress Hills. Followed by Campfire and social at 9:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY:** Sunrise to 8:00 (breakfast)—Free time.

9:00 a.m. Local bird trips in small groups by auto and on foot, with leaders—  
Fyfe, Bard, Mann, Callin, Nero, Lahrman. Dinner upon return at 1:00.

Those who cannot be present for the full programme are urged to come for  
at least one day. Others who have more time to spend may be interested in additional  
trips in this area. For example: (1) Visit to a Kangaroo Rat colony—one mile south  
of No. 1 at Piapot, or, one mile north at Webb; (2) Visit to a Prairie Dog town at  
Val Marie; (3) Visit to Sage Grouse country; (4) Visit to Fort Walsh. Particulars at  
the Park. **For reservations, Write or Phone: The Manager, Cypress Hills Prov. Park,  
Maple Creek**