

The Secretary's Corner

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We now have 1700 paid up members for this year. We wish to thank those who sent in their dollars so promptly. Sad to relate, over 500 people who were members last year have not sent in their dollar and they will not receive **THE BLUE JAY** until they do. There are some extra copies so they can still renew if they just put a dollar in an envelope and address it to us.

After trying various means of advertising it would seem that the best way is for each member to get a new member. Ask your neighbour if he is interested. If so take his dollar and send it in for him. By getting new reliable members each year we can extend our influence and develop **THE BLUE JAY** the way we would like to do.

I wish to thank the Stockholm Homemakers' Club for paying for nine subscriptions to **THE BLUE JAY** to go to the nine schools in and near Stockholm. This is the second year that Mrs. C. Millham, secretary of the Homemakers, has made this very worthy contribution to the teachers and children of the district. I hope other clubs and groups will follow this good example. As a member of our Society, please urge your club to do something along these lines.

Saskatchewan Natural History Society Summer Meeting

On June 18 and 19, 1955, the Saskatchewan Natural History Society extends a cordial invitation to all members, their families and friends, to attend the Summer Meeting at Fort Qu'Appelle. This is a readily accessible area with good highway connections which offers excellent field trip possibilities for those interested in birds and plants. The region also contains various sites of historic interest. A programme has been carefully planned to take advantage of these opportunities.

SATURDAY, June 18: 9:00 a.m. Registration at Valley Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle.

9:30-12:00 noon—Orientation Tour, preliminary tour of the Lakes to become familiar with the area, visits to such points of interest as the NWMP post, old Fort Qu'Appelle and the Lebret Mission and Indian School.

2:00-5:00—Visit to Ralph Steuck's Sanctuary and Museum at Abernethy, leaving Valley Centre at 2:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.—Supper meeting at Valley Centre followed by a members' programme of short talks and Kodachromes. Please bring 6-10 Kodachromes or be prepared to talk 5 minutes on your interest on natural history.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19—Field Trip before breakfast, directed by E. M. Callin and Stuart Houston, to see unusual birds of the Qu'Appelle Valley.

9:00 a.m.—Breakfast. Field trip after breakfast, directed by L. T. Carmichael and Bernard de Vries to study plants of the Qu'Appelle Valley.

1:00 p.m.—Lunch, final get-together.

In the event of rain, an alternative programme of films and bird song records has been planned.

We hope you can come Friday evening in order to enjoy the full two-day meeting. However, if you cannot come before Saturday afternoon or evening, be sure to join us for part of the programme. Rooms are available at Valley Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle, Friday and Saturday nights at the following rates: 4 persons to a room, \$6.00; 3 persons, \$5.00; 2 persons, \$4.00; 1 person \$2.25.

Three meals will be served at Valley Centre (Saturday: supper; Sunday: breakfast, lunch) for \$3.00. We must know how many will be present at these three meals, so please send your name and \$3.00 to **THE BLUE JAY**, 2335 Athol Street, Regina, NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, JUNE 13. All those registering by this date will be guaranteed accommodation at Valley Centre. Finding other accommodation in Fort Qu'Appelle is a personal responsibility.

With the three dollars, please give the following information: (See opposite page).