

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

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One of the aims of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society is the printing of **The Blue Jay**. This has occupied so much of our time that new members must think that this is our only aim.

Our constitution includes plans to help local groups to organize Nature Clubs. Participation with a group of enthusiasts can be a most rewarding experience. If you think there is a chance of forming a local group, do not hesitate to write to us.

The officers of our society are scattered widely throughout the province and so far have only met once a year at the annual meeting. Now we plan to hold regular executive meetings frequently. Officers who can come at their own expense are urged to do so, and others who wish to share in the guidance and responsibility of the society are welcome. Those interested in this work may send their ideas in to me and they will receive summaries of our discussions.

We have had many favorable comments about the value of The Blue Jay in the school room. Over 500 schools take The Blue Jay. The children can gain an interest in wild life and this is the foundation for good conservation practices. I hope both teachers and pupils are expressing their appreciation for The Blue Jay. I hope, too, that more of you will mention The Blue Jay to school boards so that other children may benefit from the stories in our little magazine. To show how teachers appreciate The Blue Jay, I would like to mention that two teachers have given The Blue Jay to every family with children in their school.

Many of our members also belong

to the Fish and Game League. This is hard to believe when you read The Blue Jay. We would like to see more active participation from these people. I'm sure many of them could give us very lively stories. If your main interests are at present mainly with the Fish and Game people, please help us enlarge and broaden the interest and appeal of The Blue Jay. On the other hand we would like to participate in the conservation projects of the Fish and Game League. Let's work together; who knows, we may even be able to save the Whooping Crane.

Have you talked anyone into joining our society? With the special effort we are making this year, it is a very good time to join. It's not too late. Join now and get all the issues of the Jubilee year. **One Dollar Only.**

Wild Flower Protection

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species is doomed. This has happened to the Gentians in many districts.

If we wish to save our lovely native plants, now is the time to act. Every farmer and land owner should be encouraged to leave a small strip or corner of their land to develop its natural vegetation in its own way. This will not only save many species but when shrubs and trees begin to grow they will give shelter and nesting sites for many birds which are beneficial to the farmer.

Let us save our heritage of plants and animal life by teaching the people its great value now, otherwise it will have to be protected by legislation and this may be too late for some of our most beautiful flowers.