

Falconry Association again showed the beauty of their trained falcons as they flew them for the audience.

When the resolutions were brought in at the afternoon business session, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the meeting: **"That all hawks, owls, and eagles be protected, except that a farmer, landowner, or game warden may destroy by shooting hawks or owls which are in the act of doing real damage to managed game, poultry, or domestic animals on the land he owns or occupies."**

WHIP-POOR-WILL OBSERVED AT SPIRIT LAKE.

—A Whip-poor-will was present at Spirit Lake during early June this year. I first heard it on June 4 when it sang in a yard for some time in the late evening. Although this was the first time that I had heard this species, its call was distinctive enough to be identified readily. I heard it almost every evening until June 15. The first evening I saw it in flight, but it was too dark to note any markings. This species is rare in the district at present, although in Stuart Houston's *Birds of the Yorkton District* the late John Gunn is quoted as finding it common from 1888 to about 1908.—Bill Anaka, Spirit Lake, Sask.

DRY WEATHER AFFECTS NESTING OF BARN SWALLOWS.

—Because of the unprecedented dry season this year an unusual condition developed and prevailed which affected all birds in this locality that use mud for their nests. Barn Swallows and Robins were particularly hard hit by this lack of building material. I observed one Barn Swallow nest that was started after a light shower and left unfinished for over a month before another light shower produced enough mud to finish this nest. Unfortunately this nest fell off after the eggs were laid because the mud used was too dry. Another nest under observation is just now (Sept. 15) raising its second brood.—Anthony Hruska, Gerald, Sask.

COMMENSAL FEEDING OF EVENING GROSBEAK AND HERMIT TRUSH.

—Near my kitchen window grow several large pincherry trees, which are 12 to 17 feet in height. This year, as usual, these trees were heavily fruited. Between 7 and 8

o'clock in the morning of September 24, four Hermit Thrushes were seen picking up and eating the red pulp of the cherries as it was continually dropped by two Evening Grosbeaks that were feeding high up among the branches. The Grosbeaks were removing the pulp before cracking the stone which also was dropped before they swallowed the kernel. Several times the thrushes were seen to catch the pulp as it fell, in smart fly-catcher fashion. Competition for this food appeared to be keen amongst the Hermits as they continually chased one another from beneath the trees, but quickly returned to resume feeding.—Maurice Street, Nipawin, Sask.

RECORD OF PARULA WARBLER AT EMMA LAKE, JUNE, 1939.

—On June 27, 1939, Farley Mowat and F. Banfield observed a male Parula Warbler at Emma Lake. The bird was not collected but was under observation for about five minutes and was clearly seen at distances of no more than fifteen feet. As there was no other record for the province at the time, this record was not published in Mowat's "Notes on the Birds of Emma Lake, Saskatchewan" (Can. Field-Nat. 1947, pp. 105-115).—C. S. H.

"Trouble" on the Cover

The cover photo of this **Blue Jay** shows Richard Fyfe's trained Prairie Falcon "Trouble." Recently an unexpected tribute was paid to "Trouble" by Beatrice Ione Perry of Loveland, Colorado, who sent these lines to Mr. Fyfe:

A young prairie falcon belonging to Fyfe

Was caught at Big Muddy too early in life

To have any hawk-fun before he was tamed—

He can't avoid Trouble, for Trouble he's named!

But sometimes, while pensively watching his toes,

He sees he toes in, so wherever he goes,

You can tell by the fiery look in his eye

He's worried 'bout something, but will not say die

Till he fools all his tamers—the hounds and the scamps—

For he knows he'll wind up with his picture on stamps.*

*Reference to the conservation stamps sold in the U.S. by the National Wildlife Federation.