

Archaeological Notes

REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK IN PROGRESS IN SASKATCHEWAN, JULY, 1958

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During the month of July the Human History Branch of the National Museum, Ottawa, is sending a two-man team to conduct a brief archaeological reconnaissance of the South Saskatchewan River basin. Dr. Mayer-Oakes, professor of anthropology at the University of Toronto, will direct the project, and he will be accompanied by Mr. Pohoresky, a graduate student in the same department. Last summer, it will be recalled, Dr. Mayer-Oakes conducted an archaeological survey and directed a major part of the Long Creek Site excavation (see **Blue Jay**, Volume XV, No. 4, December, 1957). The records of the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History have been made available to Dr. Mayer-Oakes but additional information on sites in the South Saskatchewan River valley and adjacent areas is still wanted. Information should be

sent to the Museum in Regina. The Saskatchewan Natural History Museum will have two parties in the field for two weeks in the valley region: Bruce A. McCorquodale and Albert Swanston will be on a paleontological reconnaissance; Dr. Robert W. Nero and Fred W. Lahrmann will undertake a limited bird and mammal survey.

Boyd Wettlaufer has completed the analysis of the Long Creek Site material and the manuscript is in the hands of the printer. It will be published by the Saskatchewan Power Corporation. Since only a limited number of copies will be printed, interested persons should get their requests in early. Copies may be obtained when available from the Saskatchewan Power Corporation or the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History (Extension Division). There will be no charge.

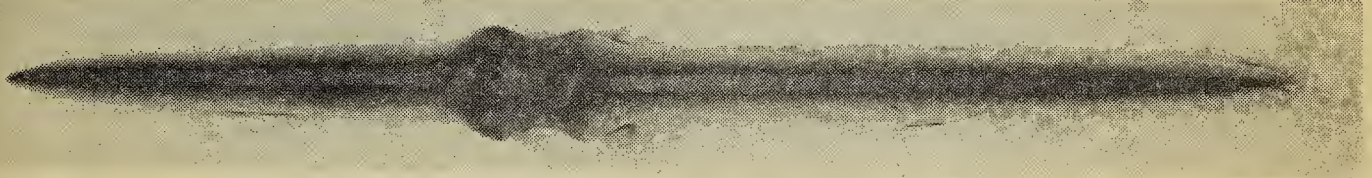


Photo by **Richard W. Fyfe**

Polished stone axe found in 1955 in field which had been worked 7-8 years (NW ¼ 35-15-6 W2) by Sid Fathers, Broadview. See second photo on back cover.

The Blue Jay Bookshelf

LIFE HISTORIES OF NORTH AMERICAN BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, TANAGERS AND ALLIES.

By Arthur Cleveland Bent, U. S. Nat. Mus. Bulletin No. 211, 531 pp. & 37 plates. Washington, D.C., Smithsonian Institution, 1958.

This is the twentieth of the "Bent Life History" series, the first having been published in 1919 and the one previous to this, in 1953. Those persons who have not yet had the good fortune to become acquainted with this remarkable series of publications have an exciting adventure before them; a similar pleasure lies in store for Bent fans when they open this latest "thriller". The blackbird family *Icteridae*, comprised

of Bobolinks, meadowlarks, redwings, grackles, etc., is one of the most interesting groups of birds on the continent. The life histories of these and other birds make delightful reading for amateur and professional alike. Fourteen of the 27 species which are included in the work occur in Saskatchewan, so local readers ought to be especially interested in this issue.

Some indication of the popular style of the bulletin may be obtained from the following paragraph written by Mr. Bent on March 22, 1900, which appears on page 124, under "Eastern Redwing":

"The first interesting sight that met our eyes, as we walked down the country road, was a detached