

# SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## AWARDS FOR 1967

### SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY CONSERVATION AWARD

The Conservation Award for 1967 was presented to Dr. Stan D. Riome of Nipawin at the Annual Meeting of the Society on October 14. This award is presented annually to a person who has made a significant contribution to conservation in the province of Saskatchewan. Dr. Riome was honoured for his almost single-handed establishment of a sanctuary in the name of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society and in memory of the late Maurice G. Street.

When Maurice Street, the quiet naturalist who knew the Nipawin country so well, died in October, 1966, the Saskatchewan Natural History Society wanted to recognize the contribution he had made over the years to the Society and to natural history in Saskatchewan. As a member and vice-president of the Society, and a very close friend of Maurice Street, Dr. Riome initiated a proposal to set up a memorial sanctuary on the banks of the Saskatchewan River northeast of Nipawin, and he worked with enthusiasm and dispatch to achieve the transfer of the land selected, from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources, from which department it has now been leased by the Saskatchewan Natural History Society.

Stan Riome is himself an ardent bird man and he had been the companion of Maurice Street on many of his excursions. In making the award to Dr. Riome, the Society also recognizes his concerned interest in conservation and in developing the natural interest of young people in wildlife and its preservation.

### CLIFF SHAW MEMORIAL AWARD

The Cliff Shaw Memorial Award for 1967 was presented to Spencer Sealy, formerly of Battleford and now a student at the University of British Columbia. This award is given in memory of the late Cliff Shaw of Regina and Yorkton, former president of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society and Editor of the *Blue Jay*. It is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to natural history through an article in the *Blue Jay*.

Spencer Sealy has been a contributor to the *Blue Jay* since his student days in Battleford. In presenting the Cliff Shaw Award to him for 1967 the Editor, Dr. George Ledingham, noted his many recent articles and notes on a variety of natural history topics, and particularly his article on the breeding biology of the Marsh Hawk in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

### SYMONS' PAINTINGS FOR SALE

To help finance the publication of *Hours and the Birds*, R. D. Symons has donated 15 of the original water-color paintings for sale, with all proceeds to go to the Saskatchewan Natural History Society. These paintings are for sale at \$100 each. This is an opportunity to obtain ownership of one of these beautiful paintings and to help the Society at the same time. Anyone interested may contact Dr. Stuart Houston at 863 University Drive, Saskatoon—but don't wait too long, as five were sold in one evening at the annual meeting at Moose Jaw.