

TRIBUTE TO W. M. HUGHES

We were deeply sorry to read of the sudden passing away in Edmonton, Alberta, of Mr. William Marsdon Hughes of 8755 S.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver, B.C., on the 5th of June, 1967. It was he who introduced us to *The Blue Jay*, and he was a most enthusiastic supporter and admirer of your publication.

Our acquaintance with Mr. Hughes dates back to 1959 when we responded to his newspaper appeal and reported a pair of Crested Mynah in our neighborhood. From that time on whenever we needed any help in identifying a bird, or answering any sort of "bird" question, he was always most cordially interested in our amateur efforts. For instance, in February 1963 when we had what we thought was a Yellow Warbler at our feeding station we called Mr. Hughes, whose immediate response was "It couldn't be, in mid-winter—but then, one should never say 'it couldn't be' when it comes to the bird world, because the impossible is always happening". And he came trudging along, having walked 3 or 4 miles carrying a heavy bag of peanut hearts for our feeder, and waited patiently at our kitchen window, finally identifying our unusual visitor—an Orange-crowned Warbler. He was keenly interested and remarked that this would probably be either the second or third recorded sighting of this little bird wintering in Vancouver..

His enthusiasm and love of nature, his untiring support of all conservation programs, surely contributed in no small way in arousing public support for many such local ventures. Only recently he completed a two- or three-year study of the bird problem which was such a hazard to the aeroplanes at the Vancouver Airport, and on many occasions worked around the clock to solve such problems.

While many tributes may be paid Mr. Hughes by professional people, may we through your pages pay our

humble respects to him.—*Arthur and Joan Wootton, Box 1321, Langley B.C.*

MAURICE STREET WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Two signing officers of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society met with Mr. George G. Rathwell, Director, Resources Land Branch, Department of Natural Resources, Government of Saskatchewan, August 2, 1967, to sign the 21-year lease and to accept responsibility for the property now known as the Maurice Street Wildlife Sanctuary, for the Society.

Mr. Stan Riome, Nipawin, Vice-President of the SNHS, conceived the idea of this memorial; he chose the land and made all the arrangements with the government. Title to this Crown Land had first to be transferred from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources who then prepared the special lease which gives us permission to use and to conserve all the portion of Section 1-52-14 W2nd which lies to the east of the Saskatchewan River and all that portion of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12-52-14 W2nd which lies to the south of the Saskatchewan River.

ANNUAL MEETING

The SNHS holds its annual meeting this year, October 13-14, at the Saskatchewan Technical Institute in Moose Jaw. There will be a film and an informal social hour Friday evening hosted by the friendly Moose Jaw Natural History Society. There will be business and entertainment and coffee all day Saturday. Members' slides (limit of ten each) is a regular and enjoyable feature of the annual meeting. The programme will end with a smorgasbord and a guest speaker. Send nominations and resolutions to Dr. Maureen Rever, Dept. of Biology, University of Sask., Saskatoon; requests for information about programme to Mr. Gordon Silversides, 1201 Grace St., Moose Jaw.