

## GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

The use of a tape recorder led to my discovery on June 2, 1968 of the Golden-winged Warbler, a new bird for the Regina area. I had been using the tape recorder to capture moods of different environments and seasons for use in our parks interpretative programme. The Golden-winged Warbler is a northeastern American species whose range reaches into the southeastern parts of Manitoba. So far as I know this is the first time that it has been reported in Saskatchewan. I hope to give more details in the next *Blue Jay*.—Fred G. Bard, Director, Museum, Regina.

## CORRECTION

In the March *Blue Jay*, pages 40 et seq., the herbarium of the University of Calgary has been abbreviated UC. In the *Index Herbariorum* ed. 5 1964, published by the International Bureau, that herbarium was abbreviated UAC. The *Index* allotted the code letters UC to the University of California at Berkeley.

As you know, I have been reviewing Canadian herbaria for the Systematics and Phytogeography Section of the Canadian Botanical Association. Hence my concern to keep the record straight.—W. K. W. Baldwin, National Museum of Canada, Ottawa

## PROPOSED REVISION OF SNHS CONSTITUTION

Note: The Executive of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society has approved the following proposal for the revision of the constitution and will present it for consideration to the 1968 Annual Meeting. Legal advice in preparing the revision was kindly given by David Wright of Saskatoon.

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1

Resolved that the name of the Society be changed from "The Saskatchewan Natural History Society" to "Saskatchewan Natural History Society".

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2

Resolved that the Objects of the Society, as outlined in paragraph #2 of the "Declaration Under the Benevolent Societies Act" under date of July 15th, 1957, be cancelled and the following substituted therefore:

The objects of the Society shall be to stimulate, develop and maintain an interest in and understanding of nature in all its forms and the conservation of our natural resources of every nature and kind, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing:

1. To stimulate and develop the study by individuals and others of all forms of nature and of all of our natural resources.
2. To stimulate, develop and maintain the interest of the general

public and of individuals, firms and corporations in the conservation of our natural resources.

3. To prepare, print, publish, sell, distribute, collect and otherwise deal in all forms of natural history publications and more particularly, to promote the publication and distribution of the Society's magazine "The Blue Jay".
4. To encourage and assist in the formation and operation of local natural history societies in Saskatchewan and elsewhere in North America.
5. To stimulate and maintain an interest in nature and our natural resources among young people through special projects of the Society.
6. To promote and develop an awareness of the importance of our natural resources through the presentation of scholarships, bursaries, citations, awards and presentations to persons, firms or corporations making a conspicuous contribution in the field of nature study or conservation.
7. To initiate and maintain educational programs to promote the conservation of our natural resources.

8. To foster the fullest possible co-operation with other societies, unincorporated associations and corporations with similar objects.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3**

Resolved that the Constitution of the Society, as adopted at a general meeting of the Society on October 21, 1949, be cancelled and is hereby cancelled, and that the following be adopted as the Bylaws of the Society:

#### **Article I. Membership**

1. Membership in the Society shall be open, upon proper application and the remittance of the required fee, to any individual or organization with an interest in nature or a desire to help in the work of conservation.
2. All members shall be entitled to vote at all annual or special general meetings.
3. Any member shall be entitled to hold office in the Society.
4. Classes of membership and membership fees shall be as decided from time to time by the annual meeting of the Society.

#### **Article II. Board of Directors**

1. The business and activities of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of all of the elected and appointed Directors of the Society.
2. The elected Directors of the Society, consisting of the Past President, the President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and twelve Representatives-at-Large, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society and shall hold office for one year or until successors are appointed or elected. All Directors can be re-elected when their terms expire.
3. The appointed Directors of the Society shall consist of the President (or appointee) of each of the local Natural History Societies in Saskatchewan, and the incumbent of each other position named by

each annual meeting of the Society.

4. Directors retiring from office shall be deemed to hold office until the conclusion of the meeting at which they retire.
5. The duties of each of the elected and appointed Directors shall be as decided from time to time by the Board of Directors.
6. In the case of the death or resignation of an elected member of the Board of Directors, the remaining members of the Board may appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.
7. The Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to Standing Committees. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be named by the Board of Directors, and terms of reference provided.

#### **Article III. Nominating Committee**

1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least 3 months before the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall, after receiving the consent of each proposed candidate, submit to the annual meeting a list of the proposed nominees for election to the Board of Directors. Further nominations can then be made from the floor by those in attendance, or submitted in writing, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

#### **Article IV. Meetings**

1. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held during the autumn of each year at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of each such annual meeting shall be published in the Blue Jay and/or Newsletter at least 30 days before such meeting. A quorum at annual or special general meetings of the Society shall be 25 members.
2. Other meetings shall be called as decided from time to time by the Board of Directors.

3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once each quarter at the call of the President. A quorum shall be 7 members of the Board.
4. Notice of a Board of Directors meeting shall be given to the Directors at least one week prior to the date of the meeting, provided however, that the Directors may meet on regular dates without notice, or may, by unanimous consent, meet at any time or place without notice.
5. At the written request of any 20 members of the Society, the President shall call a special general meeting of the Society by giving 30 days notice of such meeting in the Blue Jay and/or Newsletter.
6. Voting for the elected Directors of the Society, where more than one nominee for a position has been named, shall be by secret ballot, with the person receiving the highest number of votes being declared elected. Voting on all other matters may be by show of hands.
7. Voting on all other matters of the Society, except amendments to the Bylaws, at all annual or special general meetings, or meetings of the Board of Directors shall be by simple majority.

#### **Article V. Signing Officers**

1. The signing officers of the Society shall consist of any two of the following: the President, Treasurer, and any such others as are designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

#### **Article VI. Funds**

1. The funds of the Society shall only be expended for purposes consistent with the objects of the Society. Unusual expenditures must be authorized by a quorum of the Board of Directors.

#### **Article VII. Audit**

1. A person, or persons, shall be appointed at each annual meeting

of the Society to audit the records and accounts of the Society before the following annual meeting. In the case that such person is unable, or unwilling, to act, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to appoint a person or persons as auditor.

#### **Article VIII. Fiscal Year**

1. The fiscal year of the Society shall terminate on September 30 of each year.

#### **Article IX. Custody and Use of Seal**

1. The seal of the Society shall be in the custody of the secretary or such other person as may be designated by the Board of Directors and all papers or documents required to be sealed on behalf of the Society shall be sealed in the presence of the President and the Secretary or of such other persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

#### **Article X. Amendments to the Bylaws**

1. Amendments to these bylaws may only be made at the annual meeting of the Society or at any properly called special general meeting, by at least three-fourths of the votes cast by members present and qualified to vote. Notice of any such amendments, together with a copy of the amendment and a clear statement of its purpose, must be given in the Blue Jay and/or Newsletter at least 30 days before the annual or special general meeting.

#### **Article XI. Dissolution**

1. Subject to Section 47 of The Societies Act, 1959, on dissolution of the Society its property and assets shall, after payment of all liabilities, be donated to the Government of Saskatchewan for the exclusive use of the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, to be used solely for the production of publications relating to natural history.

## SUMMER MEETING, 1968



Stanley Street of Victoria, British Columbia, at the unveiling of the Maurice G. Street Wildlife Sanctuary sign, ten miles north of Nipawin, June 15, 1968.



Some of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society members on the Maurice G. Street Wildlife Sanctuary, along the Saskatchewan River above Tobin Lake, June 15, 1968.

# THE CONDIE NATURE RESERVE

The Department of Natural Resources has established a new type of interpretative park at Condie just northwest of Regina. The area is not natural since much of it has been cultivated and Condie dam was originally built to provide water for railroad steam engines but it is hoped that native grasses and shrubs can be reestablished in the area.

Two nature trails have been developed, with points of interest staked out for the visiting public. As added attractions prairie dogs have been introduced from Val Marie; some beaver are being fed and they are constructing a dam. Boulder effigies, teepee rings, fireplaces and Indian graves have been brought in from other areas where they would have been destroyed. Some may call this "nature fakery" but we hope that this park will help us teach respect and interest in our natural heritage. Members of the Museum staff have recently conducted some special tours in the area and on July 27 the Regina Natural History Society was given a preview of this interpretative work. The public generally will not be admitted until 1969.—*Fred G. Bard*, Director, Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, Regina.

## SNHS ANNUAL MEETING, 1968

The 1968 Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society will be held in Yorkton on October 18-19. Hosts for the meeting will be the recently re-organized Yorkton Natural History Society, and its president Frank Switzer.

There will be an informal programme and reception Friday evening, with business meeting and programme Saturday morning and afternoon. The main address on Saturday evening will be given by Dr. George J. Mitchell, Associate Professor of Biology, University of Saskatchewan, Regina.

Two important motions will be put to general meeting, one proposing a revision of the constitution, and one proposing a raise in school memberships.

### REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The proposed revision of the constitution, which will be brought to the general meeting by the Executive, is printed in this issue of the *Blue Jay* (pp 160-162) as required by the present constitution.

### NOTICE OF MOTION RE: RAISE IN SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Notice is hereby given that the following motion, passed by the Executive at its meeting of February 10, 1968, will be proposed to the general meeting: "That the subscription-membership fee for schools be raised to \$2.00."

### RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions should be sent to the Resolutions Chairman, the first vice-president, Mr. Gordon Silversides, 1201 Grace St., Moose Jaw.

The Society has an important role to play in urging conservation policies. Mr. Silversides will appreciate your sending resolutions to him in advance of the meeting, so that a thoughtful and well-formulated set of resolutions can be presented to the meeting.

### NOMINATIONS

Please send your suggestions for officers to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dr. Stuart Houston, 863 University Drive, Saskatoon.

With your suggestions, the committee will be prepared to bring in a slate for either the new constitution or the old constitution, depending on the decision of the meeting re: the revision of the constitution. Nominations will also be called for from the floor.

# THE SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

OFFICERS (October, 1967 to October, 1968)

Honorary President.....	President J. W. T. Spinks, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
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## DIRECTORS

One-year directors: Ross Homer, Prince Albert; Mrs. Cy Knight, Moose Jaw; Frank Roy, Saskatoon; Hugh Smith, Edmonton; Frank Switzer, Yorkton.

Two-year directors: Mrs. Lillian McBean, Swift Current; M. Timothy Pyres, Calgary, Alberta; Robert W. Nero, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mrs. D. Sutton, Rocanville; Steve Waycheshen, Kelvington.

Three-year directors: J. D. Hayward, Wolseley; Bryan Isinger, Yellow Creek; Ernie Kuyt, Fort Smith, N.W.T.; E. B. Peterson, Calgary; Mrs. K. H. Skinner, Indian Head.

## RESIDENTS OF LOCAL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETIES

Gordon Silversides, 1201 Grace St., Moose Jaw; Dr. G. B. Howard, 47 21st St. E., Prince Albert; Jack MacKenzie, 6 - 38 Spence Street, Regina; J. A. Wedgwood, 610 Leslie Ave., Saskatoon; Dr. Jan Looman, Experimental Station, Swift Current; Frank Switzer, 140 Logan Cres. W., Yorkton.

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Editor: George F. Ledingham; Assistant Editors: Margaret Belcher, Robert W. Nero; Junior Naturalists' Editor: Mrs. Joyce Deutscher.

All items for publication should be submitted to George F. Ledingham, Editor, 2335 Athol Street, Regina.

## MEMBERSHIPS

The classes of memberships in the Saskatchewan Natural History Society are as follows: *Regular*, \$2.00; *Supporting*, \$3.00; *Sustaining*, \$5.00; *Junior* (including schools), \$1.00. The *Blue Jay* and *Newsletter* are sent without charge to all members not in arrears for dues.

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