

## A.O.U. MEETING IN WINNIPEG

The 93rd annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union (A.O.U.) will be held on the University of Manitoba campus from Monday to Friday, August 25 through 29, 1975. The A.O.U. is the oldest and largest professional ornithological society in the Western Hemisphere and it is thus a great honour for us to be able to host its annual meeting in Winnipeg. This will be only the second time that the meeting has been held in western Canada; the first was in Regina in 1959.

Experts in all aspects of ornithology from all over North America and probably from several foreign countries — artists, lecturers, photographers, researchers, conservationists — will be on hand to discuss the latest discoveries and advancements in the study of birds. This is a good opportunity to rub elbows with one of the foremost ornithologists of our time. Yes, Roger Tory Peterson will probably be here!

**WHO MAY ATTEND:** All ornithologists, birdwatchers and naturalists are invited to register and attend this meeting. One need NOT be a member of the A.O.U. in order to attend. Too scientific? Not so! The role of the amateur in the field of ornithology, both past and present, is continually being emphasized. All activities (except business sessions) are open to non-A.O.U. members. There will be a registration fee of \$8.00 (\$12.00 for a married couple) and a charge of \$4.75 for the banquet.

**PLACE:** University Centre in the middle of the University of Manitoba campus.

**PROGRAMME:** SUNDAY, August 24: Registration in late afternoon and early evening. MONDAY, August 25: Registration (all day); business meetings for Council Members, fellows, Elective Members; all-day field trip to Delta Marsh and Delta Waterfowl Station (leaving 9:00 a.m.):

afternoon field trip to Oak Hammock Marsh (leaving 1:30 p.m.); get-acquainted hour at 8:30 p.m. TUESDAY, August 26: Registration (all day); papers being given all day; activities for wives of delegates; tour of the David Loch gallery of wildlife art in St. Vital; information reception in University Centre in evening. WEDNESDAY, August 27: Registration (all day); papers given all day; ornithological films at 8:30 p.m. THURSDAY, August 28: Papers all day; annual banquet at 7:00 p.m. FRIDAY, August 29: All-day field trip to Hecla Island (leaving at 7:30 a.m.).

Arrangements are being made for local bird trips each morning before the sessions start.

For preregistration forms and other information, please contact Dr. Spencer Sealy, Chairman, Local Committee on Arrangements, Department of Zoology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

## 30 Years Ago

The April-May-June, 1945, *Blue Jay* contained 10 8-1/2 X 11 mimeographed pages. Some of the items from it were:

Judge L. T. McKim of Melville recalled rare birds he had seen over the previous 20 years. He also noted that the "first pair of Arkansas Kingbirds appeared in Melville in 1924, and for four years running, nested behind a can on an electric light pole at the back of our yard . . . These kingbirds are now quite common here and are reported much further north than Melville" . . . Dick Beddoes conducted a Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 28, 1944, at Daysland, Alberta; he remarked "that the Sharp-tailed Grouse is down in numbers and that, for the first time since he has been making Christmas Censuses, he did not see a single true Prairie Chicken" . . . H. H. Pittman of