

SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY AWARDS 1980

CONSERVATION AWARD

Two Conservation Awards were presented at the SNHS Annual Meeting in Saskatoon on 18 October. One was made to FENTON R. VANCE to recognize his interest in native prairie plants and his efforts to ensure the protection of Saskatchewan's floral emblem.

Fenton Vance has photographed many of Saskatchewan's wildflowers, and he and his late wife presented their show of flower slides to many audiences. His photographs were also used in *Wildflowers Across the Prairies*, co-authored with J. R. Jowsey and J. S. McLean and published in 1977. From 1972, when he retired from Saskatchewan Government Telephones, Mr. Vance devoted his efforts to a campaign to have the Saskatchewan Floral Act amended to designate the emblem as the "Western Red Lily" and to ensure its protection. In 1974, he presented a brief to the Government of Saskatchewan and had 6,000 cards of the Western Red Lily printed with information about it and a plea for its protection. He has worked unceasingly to stimulate public interest in the floral emblem and to persuade the Government of the need for further legislation.

A conservation Award was also presented to ROSE McLAUGHLIN of Indian Head in recognition of a

lifetime devoted to promoting an understanding and appreciation of nature. Most recently, she has initiated a Celebrate Saskatchewan project in the Saskatchewan Natural History Society to give publicity to the Western Red Lily. A poster with a photo by Fenton Vance is being distributed, along with information about the floral emblem, in the schools.

Rose McLaughlin grew up on a farm at Francis, appreciating all the natural wonders around her. She vividly remembers walks with her mother looking for wildflowers on the prairie. Later, she was introduced to the *Blue Jay* by another naturalist-writer, Mrs. Marion Nixon.

In making the award to Rose McLaughlin, the Society President Lorne Scott paid a personal tribute to her influence with young people. He said: "When I started my eighth grade at a remote one-room country school near Indian Head, Mrs. McLaughlin was my teacher. The subject I remembered most that year was Science. For the first time we had field trips during class time. When March arrived a "Signs of Spring" chart was kept with everyone participating in recording the arrival of birds and other signs of spring. Each year since, I have maintained my own "Signs of Spring" chart. By the end of the school year I, along with the other older boys, had pretty well hung up my gopher traps, slingshots and rabbit snares. Mrs. McLaughlin continues to educate young and old alike through her writings and teachings. Her enthusiasm and keen interest in nature has enriched many of our lives."

CLIFF SHAW AWARD

The Cliff Shaw Memorial Award is presented annually to recognize the type of achievement that would have appealed to this second editor of the *Blue Jay* (1946-48) and second president of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society (1950-51) — an outstanding contribution to the *Blue Jay*. Cliff Shaw, an all-round naturalist and a professional newspaperman whose articles were unusually factual and well written was a beloved member of our society in its early formative years.

This year the award was made to HAMILTON MACK LAING now of Comox, British Columbia, for his "Early Manitoba Bird Notes" in the June 1980 issue of the *Blue Jay* — an engaging series of early reminiscences about Laing's early experiences with birds in Manitoba. These "notes" now have a special value, since the recollections of Mr. Laing (who is now 97 years of age) date back so many years and give us a picture of the birdlife of a period with which we are rapidly losing contact.



Canada Goose

Fred W. Lahrman

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Financial Statement — Year Ending September 30, 1980

INCOME		
Memberships (including sales of Blue Jay)	14891.94	
Memberships (extra re: supporting and sustaining)	<u>1640.00</u>	16531.94
Spec. Pub. No. 1 Guide to Sask. Mammals	64.80	
Spec. Pub. No. 2 Birds of Sask. River	Out of print	
Spec. Pub. No. 3 BirDs of Regina	Out of print	
Spec. Pub. No. 4 Blue Jay Index (1942-60)	28.80	
Spec. Pub. No. 5 BirDs of Lake Athabasca	38.26	
Spec. Pub. No. 6 BirDs of N.E. Sask.	59.21	
Spec. Pub. No. 7 BirDs of Moose Mountain	67.01	
Spec. Pub. No. 8 Blue Jay index (1961-69)	27.00	
Spec. Pub. No. 9 BirDs of Rosetown-Biggan	7.40	
Spec. Pub. No. 10 BirDs of Gainsborough-Lyleton	259.08	
Spec. Pub. No. 11 Blue Jay Index (1970-78)	270.61	
Spec. Pub. No. 12 BirDs of Reglna (1980 revision)	1216.79	
Spec. Pub. No. 13 BirDs of the Qu'Appelle (1857-1979)	1967.85	
Publlcation Hours and the BirDs	Out of print	
Publlcation BirDs of the Elbow	<u>6.87</u>	4077.68
Donatons — General		313.50
Interest (Savings account and bonds)		1343.89
Miscellaneous (Premlum re: U.S. funds)		125.96
Sales from Blue Jay Bookshop	12402.89	
Less: Cost of sales	<u>9219.12</u>	
Gross profit (25.7% of sales)	3183.77	
Less: Postage, supplies, etc.	543.80	
Honoraria	<u>1056.00</u>	
Net profit (12.8% of sales)		<u>1583.97</u>
		<u>7445.00</u>
		<u>23976.94</u>
EXPENSE		
Printing of Blue Jay (4 issues)	12936.76	
Printlng of Newsletter (2 issues)	1123.42	
Honoraria (650, 250, 500, 20)	1420.00	
Postage	893.65	
Office supplies and stationery	188.85	
Office equipmnt (address plates)	65.15	
Misc. office and admin. expense	599.21	
Annual meeting 1979 (Regina)	31.88	
Printing cost of Blue Jay Index (1970-78)	1257.05	
Printing cost of BirDs of Reglna (1980 revision)	5809.50	
Less: Donatons and province of Sask. and C.N.F. grants	<u>4499.28</u>	1310.22
Printing cost of BirDs of the Qu'Appelle (1857-1979)	7295.55	
Less: Donatons and province of Sask. and C.N.F. grants	<u>5989.78</u>	1305.77
In memoriam re: Larry Morgotch & Ralph Stueck (S.N.H.S. contrib. to spec. pub.)	50.00	21181.96
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u><u>2794.98</u></u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at September 30, 1980

ASSETS		
Cash on hand (Bookshop)		40.00
Cash in bank (chequing) — SNHS	5638.72	
— Bookshop	2350.63	
Cash in bank (savings) — SNHS	<u>12201.41</u>	20190.76
Canada Savings bonds		5000.00
Stock on hand (Bookshop)		4025.80
Accounts receivable (521.14 less prepaid orders 154.58)		366.56
Deposits with Postal Dept.		272.59
		<u><u>29895.71</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Trust fund re: Sanctuaries and Conservation areas		
Balance at September 30, 1979	3840.97	
Costs of Prairie Lily education campaln	1026.22	
Less: Donatons	<u>550.00</u>	476.22
		<u>3364.75</u>
Big Gully Sanctuary: 1980 donatons	462.00	3826.75
Donatons in support of special publications		2000.00
Loan for special publicatons (interest-free)		2000.00
Accounts payable: estimate for September Blue Jay		3300.00
Owing re: Honoraria (Bookshop)		1031.31
Owing re: Education Tax		8.58
NET WORTH		
Balance at September 30, 1979	14935.09	
Plus surplus for year ending September 30, 1980	<u>2794.98</u>	<u>17730.07</u>
		<u>29895.71</u>