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each year, which includes four quarterly copies of the "Blue
Jay".

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During the past summer a number of new members have joined
our "Blue Jay" circle and to them, as we start Volume 4, we
should like to extend a most hearty welcome. We have always
tried to present material in the "Blue Jay" in an informal
manner, just as if two or three nature lovers had got together
and were exchanging experiences. At the same time we have al-
ways tried to present facts which are scientifically correct.

In the past we have often stressed the value of accurately
reported records, and this will now apply even more than ever.
In the future all reports sent in to the "Blue Jay" will be
filed for the use of the Provincial Museum so that possibly
some naturalist years hence may be using the records of our
"Blue Jay" members to gain a picture of 20th century wildlife in
Saskatchewan.

In view of this I would particularly ask members to invest
in the note book I advocated a year ago at this time. Even
after so short a space of time as one week it is often difficult
to remember the exact day on which some incident happened. A
pad of paper hung up in the kitchen, or an easily accessible
notebook prevents this possibility. And one more thing, will
members please send reports as soon as observed - just jot them
down and send them in. Often an unsuspected trend may be brought
to light by this means.

I would also like, on behalf of outside members, to intro-
duce our new secretary-treasurer, Ruth Beck. She is a sister
of Harvey Beck, one of the retiring officers of last year.
Miss Beck has always been keenly interested in the welfare of
the "Blue Jay", and is a member of the Wild Flower Conserva-
tion Committee.

Many thanks for all the nice letters received during this
last year. I hope I have answered them all.

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