

GENERAL NOTES

While digging for a sewer connection on a Yorkton street during October, city workmen cracked open a limestone rock which revealed an excellent Ordovician cephalopod, about ten inches in length. The specimen clearly showed the chambers in which the creature lived. The fossil was displayed in a downtown store window and for many days was the object of much curiosity by passers by. The specimen was given to the Yorkton collegiate to be retained for the future city museum.

J.H. MacLennan has been elected president of the Saskatoon Archaeological society. Mr. MacLennan succeeds J.H. Sewell, president for the past four years, who was named honorary president. Other officers elected were: Rev. J.L. Nicol, vice-president, H.K. Cronk re-elected secretary-treasurer, and the following were named to the executive: Dr. A.R. Byer, Mrs. A.L. Caldwell, Dr. J.L. Jackson and Dr. J.B. Mawdsley.

The late Ernest Thompson Seton, famed naturalist, writer and painter, at one time lived on a homestead about one mile west of where the town of Runnymede is now situated. The information came from E.H.M. Knowles of Regina who was a close friend of the author.

A series of lectures and demonstrations on popular astronomical subjects, is being given at the physics building at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, each Monday evening. The lectures are open to the public and it is hoped to form a branch of the Royal Astronomical society of Canada in that city.

Mr. T.C. Main of Winnipeg, has resigned as general manager of Ducks Unlimited of Canada and has been appointed to the new post of consulting engineer. His Honour Judge William G. Ross, of Moosomin, Sask., has been appointed president of Ducks Unlimited in Canada to succeed the late S.S. Holden, of Ottawa.

Mrs. E. Olsgard of Hazlet informs us that there are large numbers of Black Widow Spiders in the Hazlet area and that it is almost impossible to keep them out of the house.

Officers elected to the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society for the 1946-47 season were: Hon. President, W.J. Orchard, Regina, Hon. Vice-President, Rev. Rhodes, Rosetown, President, L.B. Ring, Regina, Vice-President, W.L. Hargrave, Earl Grey, Sec-Treasurer, C.S. Overend, Regina, Executive, A.E.N. Swanston, Regina, A.D. Foulkes Weyburn, Gordon White, Regina, and Dave Dale of Sifton. Membership to the society is 50 cents a year which includes issues of the Societies' quarterly illustrated mimeographed bulletin, "Spade and Screen".

B.W. Cartwright, of Winnipeg, naturalist for Ducks Unlimited, was a visitor to Yorkton in October. Mr. Cartwright was assisting in the organizing of a co-operative fur association, among farmers of the surrounding districts.

While at the Lower Rousay marsh on Nov 13, Dr. H.S. Swallow noticed a large Snowy Owl flying across the only patch of open water, on which were four mallards. They took no notice of the owl, but from the top of a muskrat house, up flew a great Horned Owl, and the two owls met in the air. They attacked each other once and then the Horned Owl went back to its seat on the muskrat house and the Snowy Owl continued on its way. Both birds were about the same size, and for a moment he thought there was going to be a battle royal; however, it was not to be.
