

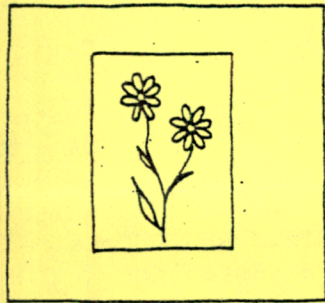
# NEWS AND NOTES

JANUARY MEETING REPORT. The Annual Meeting of the Natural History Society of P.E.I. was held on Jan. 5, 1982 with a gratifyingly high attendance of 33. The meeting was chaired by the president Rosemary Curley, who summarized the past year's activities and received reports from various committees and individuals. The audited financial statement indicated a balance as of Dec. 31, 1981 of \$719.35. The 1982 executive is as follows: president Geoff Hogan, vice-president Gerald MacDonald, past president Rosemary Curley, secretary-treasurer Margaret Mallett assisted by Helen Duffey, directors Debbie Peters and Mary Willms. Retiring members of the executive are thanked for their efforts in the past and new and continuing executive members are wished the best for the future.

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Guest speaker at the annual meeting was Kathy Martin, a society member now pursuing graduate studies in ornithology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Kathy showed slides of the tundra landscape and wildlife near Churchill in northern Manitoba. She also provided a lively commentary on the lifestyle and research activities ongoing in that area.

NATURE SLIDE CONTEST. The annual nature slide contest is fast approaching; the deadline for the receipt of entries is April 7. Members may submit up to ten slides on any natural history theme, as long as the slides have not been entered in any previous society contest. Entries should be sent to Margaret Mallett at 53 Fitzroy St. in Charlottetown or may be brought to the April meeting. Slides entered in the contest will be shown at the May meeting, at which time prizes will be awarded. So get busy and dig through your slide files and find all those special shots you've been hoarding for years, and enter them in the contest where they can be shared



and enjoyed by others attending the May meeting. Who knows, you may even win a prize.

CHANGES IN NEWSLETTER. At the January Natural History Society meeting it was decided to begin printing the newsletter every two months. This will considerably reduce postage expenses as, since January first, it now costs 30¢ instead of 15¢ to mail a newsletter. The first bi-monthly issue will be the March-April one. Thus it is expected that seven issues will be released in 1982. A newsletter advisory committee has also been established to advise and assist the editor.

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### WANTED: ARTICLES AND SKETCHES

\* To keep this newsletter viable and abreast with the interests of members, it \*  
\* is important that readers make an active contribution to the contents of \*  
\* each issue. Possible topics include accounts of issues or sites of environ- \*  
\* mental interest or concern, articles on local wildlife, descriptions of your \*  
\* favourite beauty spots or hiking routes, etc., etc. Black and white \*  
\* sketches of local landscapes or wildlife would also add much to the news- \*  
\* letter. For more ideas and suggestions contact the editor. Volunteers in- \*  
\* terested in other aspects of newsletter production such as typing, letter- \*  
\* ing, lay-out, addressing, and so forth are also welcome. Contact the \*  
\* editor or a member of the newsletter advisory committee to see how you can \*  
\* help. Let's make our newsletter truly a members' newsletter!