

Feb. 15, 1939

To Cambridge and the
Blackwater Refuge, Md.

Took bus to Annapolis,
crossed on Matopich ferry
and was met on east side
by John Hammond.

The Animal Trapline.

Drove to Cambridge to
the Cambridge Hotel.
Then went on and set
12 killer traps while
John set 12 steel traps
for muskrats.

Reind. hard all of
PM and while we set
traps, Went in over
our rubber boots many
times and got back to
hotel after dark, cold
and wet.

Feb. 14,

Chased off and froze
in night but we
each caught one
muskrat and I caught
one large Microtus
both killed instantly.

Reset traps after
this ice thawed but
it began freezing
again before dark.

Saw lots of birds
but did not have time
to watch them.

Cambridge and Radwater

● region, Maryland,
Feb. 16, & 17,

Herringgulls, common

● over water and 6 seen
in plowed wheatfield near
house, feeding on something
probably anguorms

Ringbilled Gulls, Feb. 14,

100 or more seen feeding

● in winter wheat field
near Easton, probably
on anguorms, in rain

Turkey Buzzards

● Common everywhere.

Redlegged hawk, one seen
on muskrat marsh.

● Sharpshinned hawk, 3 seen

Redshouldered hawk, 1 seen

Sparrowhawk 1 seen.

Marsh hawk 1
Downy woodpecker 2
Crows abu.
Redwing blackbirds, com.
Meadowlark 100
Robins 50
Bluebirds 10
Yellow sup Warblers 100
Caroline Chickadee com.
Brownheaded Nuthatch, 3
Song sparrows abu.
other sparrows "

Washington D.C.

April 11, 1939

Left Washington ³⁰ 3:15 PM
on Bus for Winchester and
caught 5 PM Bus on
Mather's Ferry for Cambridge,
Maryland. Arrived at 7:20
PM. Stopped at Cambridge
Hotel, went to see Dr.

Dozier at 203 Oakley St.
Planned trip to Muskrat
station on Blackwater
Refuge.

Nice warm day, fields green,
lots of flowers,
Peach and pear trees,
Red bed of Anemone
in blossom.

Blackwater Marshes

April 12, 1989

Drove down to Fies farm in morning with Dr. Bogier.

Took movies of the 10000 acre muskrat marshes from 100 foot first tower and of muskrat houses on ground.

Canada geese and mallard ducks nesting.

No young muskrats in pens yet.

A few muskrats in pens kill and eat bullheads, most of them do not.

A family of 4 young Coyotes are gentle and interesting. The nipples of the mother are halfway retracted.

Clear and pleasant all day

Windy toward night

Took 5:35 bus home
at Cambridge & got
home 9 PM

Turned cold

April 21, 1939

Washington, D.C.

Sciurus carolinensis

Three Gray squirrels seen in top of Red elm getting a good breakfast on full grown elm seeds nice and plump & meaty.

The American Elm will not be edible for a week or two.

On April 17 saw two young squirrels eating maple seeds in top of trees on Conn. Ave. above Fla. Ave. and on April 20 saw where maple seeds had been cut off below Reptile house in Zoo.

V.B.

Washington D.C.,
April, 22, 1939

Started for Grand Canyon
at 4:15 P.M. B+O. To meet
the Wendell Chapmans at
Williams.

Warm and lovely with
grasses and flowers, green
leaves and blue sky on
all sides and Lucy white
ships sailing through the
blue, a perfect spring
day.

In Washington leaves half grown on
Maple, Tulip trees, hickory and buckeye.
Double Japanese cherries in full
bloom, lilac, and red bet oak.

Elms green with nearly ripe seeds

Squirrels eating red elm seeds
and maple seeds of early kinds.

Harpers Ferry + beyond
Red pines, plums, cherries
& pears in profusion.

Apple blossoms just
opening on a few orchards.

Woods mostly brown
Willows getting green

In the fast hills of the
Cumberland country
peaches, plums and nectarines
are in full bloom.

A glorious golden
sunset in the mountains
back at Cumberland

A comfortable night on
Ry O. Train, Shanandoah
with a 15¢ pillow and well
cushioned seat.

April 23

- Arrived Chicago 8:30 AM.
and left on Santa Fe train
Grand Canyon Limited at 10

April 24

- Wellington, Kansas, 6th
Edge of Lower Saurian zone.
Winter wheat a foot high,
● Good crops

Casson, Oklahoma

- Blown to pieces by a cyclone
about 3 weeks ago
Jack rabbits down.

● Cimmeron Pass, Oklahoma

Mesquite abn., small haves

Tamarisk in blossom

● Asteriscus filifolia, abn.

Yucca angustifolia "

Opuntia "

● Woodward, Oklahoma

Lower Towneran zone
good crops

● Canadian River valley
dry - sandy & air full of dust.
Canadian

● Amarillo - top of bluffs, all
wheat and grass to the sky

● all sand.

● Much wheat and plowed land
to Herford and Clovis.

● Clovis to Ft. Sumner

all cattle, no farming
except by irrigation below

● Ft. Sumner

up long slope west of
Pecos River.

Pecos River to Vaughn

all short grass & yuccas,
no farms. Good stock country

Dark near Mountain

Went to sleep at Belen.

April 25

Woke up at Winstow

Flagstaff at 4:05 AM

Williams 5:30 AM

No Chapmans!

Waited all day & all
night

April 26 -

Chapmans came in

At 9 AM, from Los Angeles

Had stopped to photograph

Dechilles on the way

Drove to Grand Canyon.

Went to Dr. Bryant
in evening with Edwin
McKee and Barbara
and got to bed late.
The Chapmans took
color photos of deer
and tried to get about
squirrels but they were
too wild.

April 27 Grand Canyon

Packed up and got started for Houserock Valley about 10 AM

Took pictures on the way, mainly of trailer and 'Lucy + Wubby' against Canyon and Vermilion Cliffs. Slowed us up so we did not reach

Parker's ranch in Houserock valley till almost dark. Camped and set a few tin can traps.

Painted Desert and Houserock valley carpeted with young green

Russian thistle -

Some flowers,

Camped at Parker Ranch

April 28. Houserock Valley
Parker Ranch to Kane.

and 16 miles south of there to
South Canyon.

Saw William Crosby
and Bob Vaughn at
Kane and learned much
about the country

Crosby showed us the
flat topped plateau, or mesa,
across Marble Canyon

called Shinarump Altar on
the map and said that
was where Major Powell
had his conference with

The Navahos

April 29 South Canyon

- Wendell and I went up South Canyon as far as the old forestry road was passable and nearly to the spring at head of Canyon where the water is piped down to the ranger station, 3 or 4 miles, up in where the trees are aspens.

- Went over the Copeland saddle through a valley of big yellow pines where watering places are provided for cattle and along the pipeline.

- Found a 3 or 4 days old lion track in road a quarter of a mile above the ranger station.
- Set a lion trap there and 3 coyote traps on the way up.

April 30 South Canyon

- Wendell explored the Saddle County, 5 miles south of Camp and I circled two Coyote mounds; coming down the next good canyon north of Camp. Went over nearly to head canyons of North Fork Canyon.

No water but plenty of lion tracks in Canyon. Also

- Clift house, or storage house, in canyon and ruins of a large very old pueblo on top of ridge a mile NW of Camp. Barbed wire fence runs through it
- Low ridges of silted rocks in squares and gravel strewn with shards and arrow flakes.

Wendell returned from
The saddle under Pt. Imperial
reporting many fresh and old
lion tracks! but a hard
10 mile hike and considerable
dismounting.

May 1. At Fallon

Lots of water, ditches
and river full, ponds
and sloughs well filled.
and breeding ducks and
water birds abundant.

Many young ducks and
coots, eggs in nests
of Coots.

Quail and Chukkers and
Pheasants - dove numerous
Jack rabbits, cottontails,
Cottontails & kangaroo rats
abundant.

Crops good
Pine trees bad.

May 2 Left Hagen 4:25 AM.

Deserts green with
mostly *Ferocactus* remaining
ditches and ponds full,
Touchbacks,

Winnemucca, Meadows green

Elko, Much snow on Mts.

Wells, Sagebrush gray green.

Salt Lake

Ogden 7 PM

May 1, South Canyon

Explored the canyon
I came down yesterday
and back of the Coheombs
and back down South Canyon
Found plenty of old but no
fresh lion tracks, so did
not set any traps.

The lions have evidently
gone higher up for water
near the Kaibab since as
the deer are also plentiful
up there.

May 2, To Saddle Canyon

Wendell & I took back
packs of traps and my
light sleeping bag, just a
thin blanket and tarvalite bag,
and his tarvalite pup tent
and followed horse trail
south to rim of Saddle
Canyon. Then with traps
and bait went into Saddle
Canyon and up the long
ridge to the saddle, a
long rough climb to
7400 feet but found
plenty of old and fresh
lion tracks going in all
directions but visiting

The water holes in
Canyon bottoms up to
the snow banks!

The Canyon is full of
big yellow pines with
nut pine and juniper on
hot slopes to the saddle
and Douglas spruce and
white fir in gulches above.
From the saddle we had

a fine view down into
Marble Canyon and up
the mouth of the Little Colorado
but there is no easy
way down, tho it seems
quite possible.

Set 4 lion traps near
the head of Saddle Canyon.

Brought back a gallon
can of water to rim of
Saddle Canyon where
I staid and Wendell
returned to camp at the
Trails after dark.

Pretty tired and
crawled into my
sleeping bag as soon
as I had some
supper.

May 3 Saddle Canyon

Wendell came up early with four new lion traps and we set two at lion watering holes in bottom of Saddle Canyon and two were near head of Canyon on trails used by lions. Many lion tracks, a few fresh. Wendell saw one fresh track on trail coming up a little below my camp and there are others in the bottom of the canyon half a mile down, and 500 feet below camp!

Am getting pretty sore and
tame but Wendell does
all the heavy packing
and I am standing it
surprisingly well.

Am camped on a high
open ridge with
glorious view into Waddi
Canyon and out over
the ~~at~~ Navaho country
to Navaho Mountain that
rounds up in blue smoke
before me as I write
sitting on a stone under a
spreading juniper or
look back to the saddle
Point Imperial through it and
the whole East wall of the Kaibab

Came back east of the saddle
along the bench under
Saddle Mountain, a little
nearer but rougher and
more brushy than down
the middle ridge.

Yellow pines came down on
cold slopes to bottom of canyon
opposite our camp, also
 Gambel's oak, also along
north slope of Saddle Mtn.

Snow banks in NE gulches
on Saddle Mtn. of long
East Rim of Kaibab.

May 4 South Canyon

Wendell came up to my
camp late because he

tried to bring the auto
and got stuck but we
made the round of 8 lion
traps and got back to
camp at 3 P.M.

Nothing came near them
but we saw one or two
fresh tracks.

It is about a mile to
the first two traps
and two miles to the last

about 600 feet
but we go down into
a steep canyon, then
up a long, stony slope
about 1000 feet to the
head of Saddle Canyon.
It is a hard trip and
makes my muscles sore
and lame and is
hard on my feet.
Wendell stands it better
and carries most of
the load, up & back.
Yesterday we saw some
rattlesnake down near
the bottom of Saddle Canyon
like abysses & blue yellow.

May 5, Saddle Canyon

- They came up with Wendell and we waited till he signalled no lion,
- then we met him at lower pools and they went back to Southfork camp while I staid and set the last lion traps, 9 in all.
- Found fresh tracks but none came near our traps.
- Had my first easy day, not going round of all the traps.
- Very windy all night & day. Clear & warm and dry.

May 6 Saddle Canyon

Went round of traps
early but caught only
a deer and he got away.

Returned to ~~car~~ ^{car} trails with

Chapman and went
to Jacob's Lake, Jarvis

and Kanab for supplies
and bait. Got beef

and sheep bones to
bait traps with.

and went for a scrap of

drove 140 miles in

afternoon and got back

at midnight, staid
at Trails Camp and
Came up to traps next
morning.

May 7

Drove from Trails Camp
about 7 miles around to
get within a mile of my
Saddle Canyon Camp
and brought 4 or 5 days
supplies for all of us.

Wendell and I went
round of Lion traps but
got nothing. Baited them
with beef.
~~Set out~~

May 8, Saddle Canyon

Went to traps and found *Lynx baileyi* in one on saddle. Leg badly hurt by heavy lion trap but not broken and when released from sack he ran off limping. Wendell took a lot of pictures of it.

Baited the traps with mutton scraps

A gorgeous sunrise over the Marble Canyon, Vermilion Cliffs and Painted Desert from my tent doors.

May 9, Wendell went

- up to traps in morning
- and will signal back if there is a lion or anything to photograph and we will go up with more cameras and films. If nothing he will come back and I will go in evening and bait them up again.

A beautiful morning and glorious sunrise

- My camp is on north rim of Saddle Canyon at about lower edge of transition zone on open east slope where Gambel oak & Junipers meet.

We see Imperial Point through
the saddle to the south,
down into Marble Canyon
to the east and Navaho
Mountain flanked by all
the Vermilion Cliffs.

Keiskezia and *Artemisia*
tridentata are all around
us, the former full of very
fragrant creamy flowers.

May 10, Up Saddle Mountain

- Started up Saddle Mountain at 7 AM and
- reached the summit at 12 noon, altitude
- Crossed Saddle Canyon
- and then climbed steadily but slowly, looking for tracks and signs of lions.
- Found one fresh lion track and a last winter's kill of a very large old buck with huge antlers.
- Only a ham and part of the other had been eaten.
- Lots of deer tracks, fresh and old, saw only 2 deer.

Found two big snowdrifts
and many small drifts.
Water in pools and running
in upper part of our
canyon. Deer trails to it.

Cottontail rabbits numerous

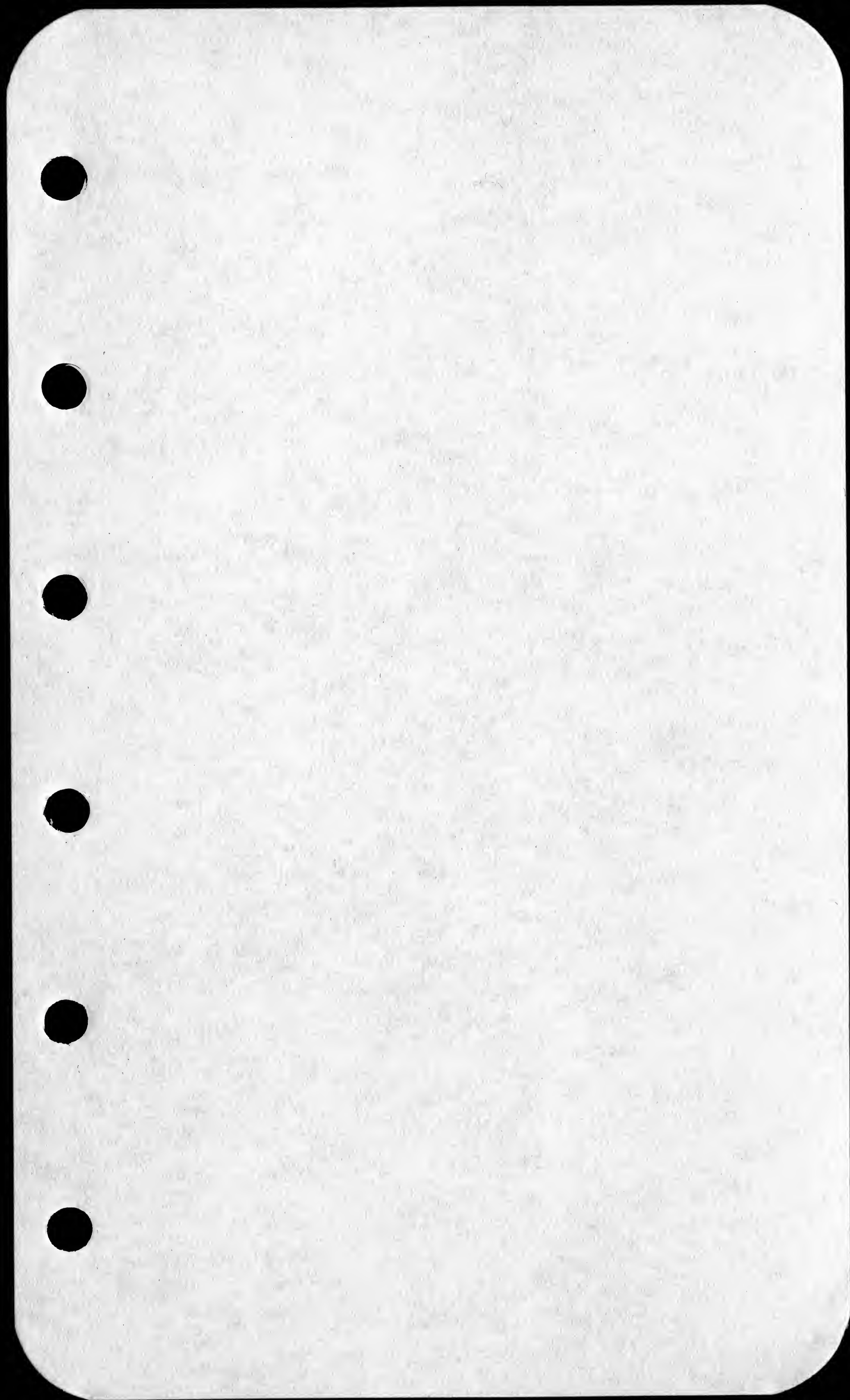
Thomomys common to top of
Saddle mountain.

Kaibab squirrel cuttings
seen.

One old cock blue grouse
seen in yellow pines high up.

Audubon warblers common
near summit.

A large monument of flat
stones on highest peak,
about 7 feet high and a
board table for mapping



Got back to camp at 4 P.M.

tired but not used up.

Glorious view over
Canyon and up Marble

Canyon.

Found a gray fox in
trap below camp and
took notes of it looking
- into Marble Canyon.

Put him in sack till
Wendell came back.

May 11 Saddle Canyon.

- Went round of lion traps but found no fresh signs.
- Got back to camp and took photos of gray fox and lion sack camp,
- then packed down to car, about a mile, and came back to trailers.
- Washed and shaved for first time in 10 days.
- Set a few traps.

May 12 - Trails Camp to
Jacob's Lake.

Caught a *Perodipus* and a
Peromyscus and took
moving and still pictures of
both - Packed up and left
camp about 1:30.

Saw a few *Cowania*
coming in blossom later
photographed by ~~photo~~.

Met forest ranger Johnson
and Wm. Crosby at

Kane, then on to
Jacob's Lake P.O. + got
mail and changed

May 13, To Bright Angel

Camp in P.M.

Drove down to Ryan

and near to Big Springs
in forenoon and back!

Saw one coyote, a few
deer and cuttings of

numerous Kaibab squirrels

Four Kaibab squirrels
are kept in a cage

around 3 pine trees

which they have killed
and they are poor and
half starved.

Found Park Ranger
Hamilton at Bright
Angel Camp and the
Caretaker Simpson
who has been feeding the
squirrels around his house
Thousands of snowbanks
over top of plateau and
water in all the lakes
and sink holes, grass
just starting and no
leaves or flowers on the
aspens except at Jacobs
Lake and Bright Angel

May 14 - Bright Angel Camp

Drove up to Pt. Imperial
and tried to go to the
Saddle but got lost and
Came down to Greenland

Spring and left car and
hiked up long draw to
north boundary of park and
then out to saddle point
on first road and
down to traps in
Saddle Canyon.

Wendell went down to
traps and we waited
with cameras and packs
at top of lowest rim.

He found a large buck deer
in one of lion traps, caught
by front ankle and dead.
It had been in trap
one or two nights, the
foot was slightly swollen
but skin on leg not
broken or cut. He
had got one hind foot
over trap chain and
fallen on side of cage
not get up. Had broken
off one antler in velvet
about 10 inches long
and pounded his head

May 15 Bright Angel

Wendell and I took
car up fire road
to Saddle Point by
shovelling out 3 or 4
snow banks and cutting
out 3 or 4 fallen trees.
Went down to traps
and baited all
with meat from dead
deer.

Wendell took up the
three lower traps.

and we set two of
them above lower
and below upper
points on rim.

all outside of Park.

on the rocks and died
of struggle and fright,
Much as a rabbit would.

Wendell set trap near
him and came back
and we all hiked
back up 500 feet to top,
2 miles west along his
road and 3 miles down
a long draw to car,
all in rain and snow,
very wet and cold
when we got back at dark

Soon had a good
fire and supper in
trailer and went to
bed after a hard
day, about 13 hours
long.

May 14 Bright Angel

Wendell and I drove
to point Imperial
and hiked 2 miles
~~across~~ run to
Saddle Point.

Went to two upper

traps and changed
one and set 2 cat

and fox traps along
fire road. Then
hiked back to car

and came home.

May 17, Bright Angel

We all drove to
Saddle Point and
went down to traps
but got nothing.

An easy day and
got home to trailers
at 4 P.M.

Saw one porcupine
up a yellow pine
Found coyote and
lion droppings full
of their quills,

May 18 Bright Angel

Went to Chicking Station
and took fire road to

head of South Canyon

got stuck and had to walk

last 2 miles. Shoveled

through several snags

and cut out a few trees.

All Canadian zone.

Saw 2 deer and a few cattle.

No tracks of anything else.

May 19, Bright Angel

Went to traps in

Saddle Canyon.

Found one bait where we
had taken up the trap

mostly eaten and covered
up by ~~mountain lion~~
^{bobcat}.

Signs and scratchings
near by.

A 20 lb. deer ham was
half eaten and the rest
covered with sticks and
trash scratched up
from all round.
Set 2 more traps.

May 20, Bright Angel

Caught only a bobcat
in the lion traps.

Wendell photographed
and turned it loose
without any apparent
injury.

Set 6 more small
traps for coyote -

saw some fresh tracks.

May 21 Bright Angel

Caught nothing except
a bobcat that got away.

Went down to saddle point
for the last time.

Had dinner with
Ranger, ^{naturalist} and Mrs. Dwight
Smiley, from Yellowstone,
now stationed at North
Rim, five young people.

May 22, To Jacob Lake.

Took up all of our traps
packed my gear in bag
and am ready to take
bus at Jacob to Flagstaff
in morning at 4:15 PM.

A big coyote got one of my
traps out of snap and

went off with it. Too bad.

Took 50 feet color photos of
Mankowup Canyon as winter
range for deer & some aspens
in young yellow green leaves
Ranger Hamilton, Bright Angel Camp

Bright Sunday

Saw 21 deer in T meadows.
Cover up an inch high.

May 29 To Flagstaff

- Left Jacob Lake on Phoenix bus at 4:15 AM and reached Flagstaff at 9 AM.
- Had to wait till 4 PM for train to Los Angeles.
- Very windy and dusty and chilly all day.
- Wrote letters and sent telegrams.
- Left Flagstaff at 4 PM.
- Look at Kingman

May 24, to Los Angeles,

Arrived LA at 7 AM
Lutie Keays met me at the
magnificent new Union Station
and took me down to the
Keays place at Southgate
where I spent the day
visiting with Rose and
Ruth, Mable and Arthur,
Ray and Ralph + Vernon
and Wadel, and at the
rest.

Stayed Arthur's
all night.

A nice warm day

May 25 Southgate to

San Marcos

Another beautiful morning

in a beautiful world of

flowers and fruit and

sunshine.

Julie Keays drove down

to San Marcos in PM

and left me with

Henry at our little

house on the sidehill

May 28 - Twin Oaks

Caught a bobcat
in one of my new traps
and took a lot of
photographs of him
in colored movies
and in still pictures.

Left for Occaused
at 1:30 P.M., to
catch the night

train for Berkeley.

Summer weather
and many flowers
and rich foliage.

May 29, to Berkeley

Arrived San Francisco
8 AM. Oakland 9:17.

Saw Exposition buildings
from ferry.

Talley met me at Station.

In PM. Talley took
me over to Faddie's
in their lovely home
at Ross and then
to Laquintas where
Dr Merriam was glad
to see us and I staid
all night.

May 30th, to Berkeley,

Dr Merriam and his man
Peterson brought me
back to Berkeley in
afternoon and Zally
and Joe took me
to the World's Fair
in evening.

May 30, To Tallon:

with Ruth Mills, Sherby's
wife. Drove from

Berkeley over Donner
Pass via Reno.

Stopped and saw Faith
and Phil and Beth

and Florence in

Reno and reached Annas
at 5 PM.

Warm and pleasant.

Some snow on Summit

June 3 Laramie to Denver

Daylight near Laramie
Plenty of rain and snow.

Grass tall & green,

Crops good.

Flowers abundant

Stock in good condition.

July - Breakfast

in our seats on special
Coach.

Denver - 9 AM, left 4:35

for Kansas City

Crops good.

June 4, Topeka

A beautiful morning at Topeka
and on to Kansas City
and St. Louis.

Country green and growing
Rivers high and full
of trash. Crops good.

Had to wait at
St. Louis from 2 to
11 P.M. Then took
R.O. to Cincinnati
Got a room and slept
about 6 hours at St. Louis

June 5 - To Lexington, Ky.

Arrived at Cincinnati
8:30 and at Lexington at
10:30. Went to
Lafayette Hotel and
called up Fleg Furman.
Went to university and
helped her put up trap
exhibit.

Have a nice room at
the hotel as guest of
Ms. Shouse, the proprietor.

June 6, Helped on trap
exhibit.

June 7, Lexington, Ky.

Gave 2 lectures on
Fur bearing animals and
traps to 4-H. Club
+ leaders,
boys, about 100 in
each group.

used lantern slides
a fine lot of young
people, mostly boys.

June 8 Lexington, Ky.

Talked before the General Assembly of about 1200 4H Club boys and girls, leaders, teachers and university students in Memorial Hall. using moving pictures. several of muskets, raccoons etc.

Then gave 2 talks of 50 minutes each to groups of Boys + leaders on fur animals with lantern slides.

Then at 12:15 gave talk at Rotary Club luncheon, 15 minutes without illustrations.

Visited Sr + Mrs Budram
in their most beautiful
old Colonial home and
went from there to train
at 6:25 for Cincinnati
where I caught 9:48
train on BHO for Washy

Rained hard in
AM morning and
country fresh and green

June 9. To Washington

Slept well curled up
on comfortable coach seat
and had a good
breakfast at dinner in
back ~~end~~ of car.

Country green and blue
and beautiful over
mountains and all
the way to Washington
Arrived 11 AM.

July 15, 1939

Left Washington 7:40 AM
Penn. for Williamsport,
Pa., where we arrived at
1:27 PM. and were met
by Dr. & Mrs. Zoblappi
and driven up to Mansfield
A beautiful cool clear day
and the country fresh
and green.

Not many flowers
grain mostly harvested

July 15 - Mansfield, Pa.

Helmer and Florence and Fannie brought me up to Elmira where I got a bus to Ithaca, Syracuse and Albany a treasure all day trip with three waits and late arrival, 9:40

country interesting and mostly high up. Big views over well valleys covered with old farms, rather dry and not very heavy crops.

At Albany went
to the Hampton Hotel,
only two blocks from
Bus Terminal and not
far from the new Hewlett
building at 115 Washington
Ave.

July 17, Albany, N.Y.

Went to the Humane Society office and saw Mr. Sanderson and the new prize traps.

The Knapp trap from Nebraska is very good and has the advantage of being small and compact for snow and water sets. It will be very good but needs better construction. I can improve it as

several respects.

and would like to have
it for our Trap Co.

In afternoon we
drove down to Cobble Hill
to see Pete Richard
who would like to list
the Verbaal traps in
his catalogue
if the Trap Co. will
make them more
accurately so they can
be set without tinkering
He thinks the price should
be lowered materially.

We stopped at the
Hewe Caverns on our
way back to Albany
and went through the
caves. They are just
under ground channels
of streams, not very
large and with few
formations. Are cut
out of fossiliferous limestone
by water, have a lake
or torpid stream at
the bottom where
bryozoids are taken.
The air is damp & cold
41 as we passed the thermometer

No bats or any life
in the cave or water
that we could see or hear of.
The elevator takes us
down about 150 feet
to the lower end of the
cave.

The original opening is
on top of the hill a
mile way, and there
may be bats and
animal life in higher,
drier and warmer
parts of the cave.

Got back to Albany
at dark and spent
a pleasant night
with the Sanderson
family,

July 18, Albany to
Manchester, Vt.
Sanderson with his
daughter and little boy
took me around by
Saratoga and Glens Falls
to Manchester, Vt. by
a picturesque route
over the Green Mts.

At Glens Falls we
stopped and talked with
Mr. Frank S. Hagan who has
invented a good chain
loop trap with some
improvements over mine.

He is a skilful
mechanic and just the
man to manufacture
our traps and I hope
we can combine my
traps, his and the
Knap trap with
all their best features
and put them out
at a price below the
steel traps that
would take the same
animals.

At Marchists
we found Miss Clyburn
and her aunt, Miss
Hawley and they
had arranged for
pleasant places for
me to stay.

Talked at the
Rotary club supper
of some 35 business
men of the town, using
one reel of movies
of Mukrot, raccoons
etc.

Mr. Bennett, secretary
Mr. Howard, president
Walter Hard, the poet
and others were there
and seemed much
interested.

Mr. Howard brought
his projector and screen
and ran the lantern.

With these men I passed
the side of conservation
and humane features
of the traps.

July 19

Wareham is a beautiful place in the heart of the Green Mountains, probably the choice valley of the state. Famous people have lived and died here.

I lunched with the Fishers, Dorothy

Campfield Fisher and her husband, and a few choice friends including my old friend Charles Pollard and Mrs. Broome who visited us last winter at W—

In the evening I
gave a talk at the
Community House for
all who cared to come,
using two reels of
moving pictures.

All seemed interested
and the hall was filled
and many standing,
probably 200 in all.

Mr. Brown, the pastor
presided very graciously
and Miss Cligham
introduced me.

July 20

Have passed two very
pleasant nights at
Mr & Mrs Diamond's,
people of 80 but
greatly interested
in my traps and the
whole scheme of
kindness and conservation.

They are intelligent
people of meager means, so
typical of this part of the country
appreciate all that is beautiful
and best in nature and
human nature.

At 10:30 promptly
Miss Ruth Mayo, daughter
of the director of the
Kuru Athlon Home
for Homeless Children
at or near Westminster
called for me and drove
over the east range of the
Green Mts. to the home
in the Connetquot River
valley. A beautiful
drive all the way.
Found about 100 boys,
7 to 14, on a big farm
having a wholesome farm
life.

After lunch gave
them a few minutes talk
on tin can traps.

and in evening a
talk a talk on better
traps and better trapping
with two reels of movies.

and a trap.

They wanted me to make
a noise so I gave a
wolf howl and a coyote
yap, yap + ki yi yi yi

Went to the woodchuck
traps of one of the boys

199 steel traps from
Montgomery Ward Co.
Made by the Animal Trap Co.
Gave him some
good advice and
promised to hurry up
a better kind of trap.

Next morning found
the boys making ten can
traps.

The hurricane of
last fall blew down the
best timber around here

July 21 - To Fletcher Farm

- A car from the Fletcher Farm called for me at 11 AM
- and took me to the farm between Proctorsville and Ludlow, a beautiful old place now used as a resort for artists, actors, writers and the people attracted by literature, drama and art.
- A more picturesque region would be hard to find and it ought to be a favorite summer and winter resort.

Talked to about 100
people at the theater in
the old barn with two reels
of moving pictures and my
traps. All seemed much
interested, and said many
nice things about the traps,
both at the meeting &
after at the camp meals.
Mr. Suley in charge
of the farm house was
very cordial in his hospitality
and sent a car to get me
and to take me to the
next place.

July 22 To Camp Billings

- Mrs Seely sent her car to take me to camp Billings, about 60 miles north near Ely, a beautiful trip up the Connecticut River Valley. Found Camp Billings on a beautiful lake off from the main highway with pine and hardwood forested shores, a fine beach and perfect swimming.
- The YW girls have the camp for this month, about 90 of them and a lively bunch of juniors and seniors, about 12 to 20. Mr. Hurd is in charge.
- They gave me a comfortable room in the Guest Cottage and my meals with the general Mess.

Talked in the evening
in the assembly hall to
about 100, mostly girls, but
future fur wearers and
future forebearers.

There was no movie projector
available so I used my
lantern slides and they
seemed much appreciated.

The trap was of interest
to the girls as well as
to the few men present.
Many said nice things about
it and the idea of treating
animals decently.

July 23 From Camp Billings
to Eley, White River Junction
and Burlington by bus.

All interesting country
with beautiful views on all sides.

Clear across a state in 3 hours.

Good roads and skilful drivers.

Stopped at hotel next
door to Bus Terminal in
Burlington.

July 24, To North Hero, Vt.
and camp Abnaki in
morning.

Today's program
filled so I wait over
till tomorrow evening.

About 190 boys in
camp on shore of
island, fine swimming,
good games & sports.

No naturalist or
nature study.

All town boys, 9 to
18. Staff of 28.

July 25 Abuaki

Lots of leisure.

Took a dozen boys on
a nature hike in P.M.
and started a nature
trail.

Went in swimming
in lake, perfect water.
Talked in evening in
Theater room to about
170 boys. few of
staff present.

Used Movie reels of
Coyotes, bobcats etc
in traps and one
muskrat,
of raccoons, skins
etc

Considerable interest
shown.

Warm + Dry.

July 2nd, 1951, ~~to St. Platts~~
Plattsburgh

Albany

Crossed Roosevelt

from Plattsburgh

and took 12 M train

to Troy & Albany.

Arrived 5:30 and

Ms Sanderson came for us.

A hot day, dry and
sunny.

July 27 - Albany to

South Hampton, Conn. & return

Drove down to the trap
factory of Maebli, Hart and
Miller, large trap works
near South Hampton and
talked with them.

Miller is the machinist and
knows how to make traps
and says my traps can be
much better made and much
cheaper.

Maebli says the steel traps
are not cruel anyway

Hart is a fine young man and
seemed interested, but said little.

Came back in steady rain
and ran into a collision just
ahead of us and knocked me

Car over the bank.

No serious damage and
no one hurt.

Got home late for supper

July 28, Albany to

North Creek via Laverne and
return via Glenns Falls.

Saw Thomas ^{H.} Miller at Laverne

who has been making killer
traps for 20 years and

good lover for mink,

martin, skunks, possums,

cats and muskrats.

Has about 2000 on hand
and sells them at 25¢.

Is about 80 years old

but still active in mind

and body. Has done

much trapping and knows

how.

At North Creek we
visited a private zoo
but no one at home.

A small lake of 15 acres
in a 40 acre meadow
surrounded by aspens
is available for a beaver
experiment station and
place to trap beavers
that are doing damage.
It would support 200
beavers easily.

At Glass Falls we
stopped and talked traps
with Mr. Crippen, an
old fellow of 68 who
makes the best light hold
trap there is and is
much interested in saving
the animals pain.

His trap took second
prize this year in the
contest. He is a carpenter
about half the year and
a good machinist besides
ingenious and skilful.

Had never seen my
trap but was enthusiastic
over it and said it

was the best he had ever
seen. He could make it
much better than at present
and at a cost of half what
we have paid.

Makes his own machinery
and tools and knows how
to use them. Is the
best man I've found
for turning out good
traps at a low price
and would like to do it.

I hope we can get
him to make mine, his
own and the Epp traps
and the Miller killer
trap or mine and
give them a fair test

among the hoppers.
by paying a small
royalty and little overhead
these tops can be sold
at 35 cents apiece
and leave him a fair
profit I believe.

He would like to do it.
Would need \$1,000 to start
with for tools and stock.

July 29, Left Albany
at 7:15 by train to Binghamton
and there at 2 PM for
Elmira and Mansfield

Picturesque hill and valley
country with many good
farms and many woods
ridges. Soil good in
valley bottoms.

Hay and grain, corn and
potatoes and apples good.
Lots of cattle and dairies.

Healthy, strong people,
generally prosperous.

Dr. Mrs Schlappe and Florence
met me at Elmira and we got
home in time for supper.

July 30 + 31 - Mansfield,
reading + writing letters
and making short trips
around.

Aug. 1-7, Mansfield

● Trip to Pennsylvania Grand
Canyon in Harrison State Park,
a beautiful wooded gulch.

● Building fireplace in
backyard.

● Drove (Aug 4) to Penn.

● Grand Canyon and char
around it in beautiful
Mountain country!

Mr. Armstrong was in
charge of meeting but
I was introduced by Mr.

Thom Lewis, Editor
of Louisville Courier Journal
and the president of F.F.V.,
William Earl Nathanael.

had 3 reels movies on
trapped animals.

Lecture arranged by
Miss Lucy Furman who
had many women clubs
represented and has a good
exhibit of traps and animals.

Aug. 7, To York, Pa.

noon to 8 PM.

Stopped at Yorktown Hotel.

Aug. 8. Talked on Better

Traps and better Treatment
of Animals at ~~Rocky~~^{Rocky}
Club, at Yorktown

Hotel -

About 100 hours,

very pleasant and appreciative,

Presented me with a bronze
lion - \$15 to cover expenses.

The leading business men

of the city and environs.

Aug. 9 To Louisville, Ky.

- Arrived at 11 AM but the Kiwanis Club had secured another speaker for their meeting so I had time to help Miss Lucy Furman
- arrange her exhibit of traps and trapped animals
- two tables, one of steel traps and one of Verbois traps.
- with posters and pictures and publications for
- the Future Farmers of America convention tomorrow.

Aug. 10 Louisville, Ky.

- Gave a talk to Futur Farmers of America,
- 1:15 at Hotel Kentucky on traps and trapping
- for better conservation and better treatment of animals.
- Over 1000 F.F.V. boys and many others, probably 1700 in all.
- Had a fine large auditorium packed full but with a good microphone could reach them all.

After he turned started home
at 4:10 P.M. on Grayhound
bus for Williamsport, Pa.,
where Adolph H. met
me next night at 4:45 P.M.

Aug. 11. Daylight at
Pittsburg when I got
breakfast after a not
uncomfortable night
on bus.

Continued on Grayhound
to State College where
I took a Johnson Bus
to Williamsport.

Aug. 12, At Mansfield, Pa.

Wrote letters, had a fine
picnic in back yard

with new fireplace wt
just built! Roasted

corn & sweet potatoes,

broiled chicken and had

watermelons, fruit, & doughnuts.

Aug. 17. To Lyons Falls

• Sr + Mrs. Schlappe drove
us to Elmira, Ithaca,
• Rome and Lyons Falls,

• Took possession of
Augustas cottage and
settled for luxurious
camp life.

Aug. 18, Tyro Falls

Found a beaver colony
below where the Big
Barn stood with a
good dam and 4 feet of
water above it.

Morrison and I went
in swimming and found
clean water and sandy bottom
Fresh cuttings and fresh
mud on dam and two
small aspen trees in
edge of pond.

A good beaver house on
east side of pond.

Aug. 23 - Lyons Falls

Sanderson with Mr. S.
and Radford came up
from Albany, arriving
at 9 AM and we went
with them to Leroville,
and Cranberry Lake
and over to the Forest
Ranger School, then
north to Heath Pond
to sign it up for beaver.

It is an old beaver
lake of 100 acres with
marshy borders and

occurs of Aspens
all around. The
water could be raised
4 feet higher without
reaching any timber
and the lake would
carry 100 to 500
beavers permanently.

Could be fenced
below with 40 rods
of poultry fence
and 3 small streams
feeding it all over
the land of the

International Pulp and

Paper Co.

Close to The Cranberry

Lake Highway and near

the land of the Forest

Ranger School.

A small marsh on the
Ranger School land

would cause a dozen

beavers without any

damage to their plants.

Back to Lyons Falls -

Aug. 27, Sunday

- Glorious weather, clear and crisp.
- Mr. & Mrs. DeAngelis came to see Augusta,
- He is the Utica lawyer she wants as her attorney to handle her interest in
- the estate.

Sept. 12 Lyons Falls

to Stillwater with English
fisher, then packed in

from the lake to camp
on Evergreen Lake.

Then hiked north to

Brandy & Soda Lakes

and over to Marys Lake
where there are two
beaver houses.

Saw 3 beavers go out of
one house and one out
in lake. They are feeding

largely on striped maple
some soft maple & birch.

There are many good
Beaver lakes here and
few beavers, have been
mostly trapped out.

There are no aspens
or balsam poplar
but both could be
sown around the
lakes to advantage.

Also wild rice would
grow in all lakes
with shallow shores
and mud bottoms.

• Saw a few mallards,
one sawbill and 7 mallards

Saw many fox signs
and at Stillwater lake
some fresh coon tracks
Saw Otter sign at
Brandy Lake.

There are said to be a
few fishes here, and
a few mink.

The fishers have 3 camps
on Evergreen Lake.

No fish or beavers
in it but both
could be here.

Pure Canadian Jay
humbucks, white pine
balsam & spruce
mixed with maples,
yellow & black birch,
beech, alder,
witchhobble, *Musciga*,
leatherleaf, *Kalmia angustifolia*,
cranberry, *Epigae*,
bunchberry, *Wintgreen*,
Hydroastis,

Sept. 13 Evergreen Lake.

- Had a comfortable night in Clarence Fisher's camp on Evergreen Lake and a fine
- view from the peak over Beaver Flow, looking down
- on a silvery fog.

- Hiked with Eugene Fisher to Wolf Pond, Huckleberry Lake, Canyon Lake, Diana Lake, and Bear Lake + Bear Lake Camp.

- Found a few beavers in Canyon Lake and Huckleberry Lake, probably half a dozen in each.

With probably 7 or
8 in Marys Lake there
are probably 26 beavers
on the lower ^{end} of the
Fisher's Wilderness
Lake preserve - sum.
- sum.

It is a wild uncut
forest country with
about 20 lakes on it,
many ~~gens~~ of beauty -
full of wild life and
interesting features.

Returned to Inou's Falls late
at night.

Deer are abundant

● Bears are a few

Foxes abundant

● Otter a few

Mink

"

Fisher

"

● Muskrats " in Diana Lake.

Porcupines - com.

● Snowshoe rabbits, rare

Red squirrels com.

Chipmunks abs.

● Peromyscus "

Loons	-	heard
Blue herons		com.
Sabelites		3
Mallards		7
Black duck		3
Grouse		a few
Bubo		4
Goshawk		1 & nest
Red tail		1
Pilated wiper,		com.
Hairy		1
Sapsucker		2
Blue jays		com
Canada Jay		a few
Chickadees		com.
Nuthatch		"

Sept. 19 To Albany, N.Y.

● with Augusta & Betty.

Went to Humane Soc. & found
Sanderson.

● Worked on titles of films
for copying so Humane
Society can have duplicates.

● Staid over night

with the Sandersons

● after a long and busy day.

A heavy frost at Lyons
Falls in morning.

● Started at 6:30 AM.

and reached Albany at

● 9:30 (daylight saving).

Sept. 20 At Albany.

- Finished titles for films by noon and Sanderson drove us to Glen Falls to see Frank D. Crippen 36 Haviland Ave. who invented the Crippen trap. A very inquisitive mechanic and experienced trapper.
- We hope to get him to make all kinds of humane traps. He is very skilled and very sympathetic with animals. Would rather make traps than anything else.

Sept. 21 - Albany

- Went to Conservation offices in Arcade Building and saw Henry Teal
- about beavers. He is in favor of doing something to start real beaver culture
- and took me in to Gardner Bump's office and introduced Earl Howe, asst. Com.
- He too is interested in better management of beavers
- Gardner Bump was out so I did not see him.
- All seems favorable for next years beaver work.

Took 11:30 train for
Lyons Falls and arrived
at 2:30 PM. # 3.48

Washington D.C. 1939

Sept. 25,

Witch hazel in full flower
in Zoo. Tree leaves mostly
gone. A few preying nights!

Sept. 30 1939.

● Packed up car drove
with Fanny and Helen Schaffie
to Mansfield, Pa.

● Rained all day but
couldn't hide the glorious
autumn colors of the maples,
pin cherries, sumachs and
other vegetation.

● The colors are more general
as we go southward and
most so as we get into
Pennsylvania.

● Arrived in Mansfield
at 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 6, 1939, Mansfield

Cleared up in afternoon
as we drove from
Mansfield to Williamsport
and the sun brought out
the gorgeously colored
foliage of maples, red,
yellow, pink and spotted,
golden hickories, yellow
birches, ^{willows} and ash,
scarlet sumachs,
dark red amplexis,
all mixed in with light
and dark greens of
individual trees and often
a background of pines
and hemlocks.

The canyon and gulch
slopes were most
brilliant and varied,
forming picture walls
of brilliant and delicate
shades of color, hewed
by the greatest artist
on earth, Nature.

I have never seen
the equal of this
picture of the ripening
year and would rather
see it than all the
worlds fairs ever staged.

Missed my train at
Williamspoint by 2 minutes
and had to wait till
morning for a train to
Lancaster, so went
across the way to the
Peck Hotel, a quaint old
time hotel with an air
of antiquity but comfortable
and reasonable prices.

Oct. 2 Williamsport

to Lancaster - bitity.

Rained all day.

Very little color in Valley.
fields still green.

Worked on traps
from 11 AM to 5 PM.

6 hours for me and about
3 hours for a helper.

All pans need corrections.

Did about 50 of the
154 on hand and ready
to go to Kentucky.

Oct. 3, to Washington

Met Florence at York

Pa. on train and
reached home 9:30

P.M. after nearly 3
months away.

Crans: At Lyons Falls, N.Y. between
Sept. 1 to *29. The crans are abundant,
150 to 300 feeding on Chokeberries
and ground-sparrows, all they can eat
every day. If sparrows & goldfinches are in
great abundance over fields and
meadows and Chokeberries are loaded
with ripe fruit, hundreds of hundreds of them,
Crans still live Sept. 29.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Miss Sarah N. Cliborn

Walter Hard

Mr + Mrs ~~Canfield~~ ^{Diamond}

Manchester, Vt.

Mr + Mrs. W. Irving Mayo, Jr.

Westminster, Vt.

Kenn Hatten home for Boys

Helen J. Seeley

Fletcher Farm, Proctorville, Vt.

Mr. A. C. Hurd, director

Camp Billings, Ely, Vt.

A. T. Morrill

Camp Abnaki,

North Hero Island, Vt.

Thomas H. Taylor - killer trap
Luzerne, N.Y.

Frank D. Crippen, live traps
Glens Falls, N.Y.
136 Hartland Ave

Ingals Fisher, Lyons Falls,
N.Y.

Carolyn Sheldon ^{Mr. Don}
Detroit, Mich.
2575 Cadillac Blvd.

Douglas R. Hayes
Washington, D.C.
1457, 31st St. NW

To Mansfield, Pa.
July 15 Ry. fare 5.00

Taxi, porter, Baggage 1.75

July 16, Bus to Albany 4.75

Meals 1.00
Porters .75, 1.75

July 17, Room 2. Meals 2.00

July 21 Candy purchase 1.30

July 23 Bus to Burlington 2.65

Room Burlington 1.00

July 24, Meals .35, Taxi .25 .60

Ry. to N. Hero .42, .42

July 26, Ferry 25, Tips, 75 1.00

Meals 85 .85

July 28 Ry. to Birmingham 7.73

Meals 40, to China 1.72

Porters .25, .15, 25, .45

29.57

Washington D.C.

Dec 3 Went with Mr. Shepherd, his boy Walter and Douglas Hayes to Mr. Shepherd's farm, 25 miles up the Potomac from W. and 5 miles west of Poolesville, where he has 900 acres of land next to the canal for about a mile + a half, mostly rich bottomland. Raises turkeys, sheep, and cattle. Wants to raise elk and beaver.

Has too many foxes.

Set 15 fox traps and camped in his camp house. The rest went back.

Dec. 4, Caught only
a dog, a cat & a skunk.
Saw a big red fox twice
in the pasture near camp.
Set 4 more traps.
Cold & windy. A little frost.

Dec. 5, Caught the same
dog near camp & a skunk.
Saw the fox again.

Dec. 6,

Caught a skunk,
2 possums, a fox squirrel
+ a turkey buzzard.

Also 2 Peromyscus in
traps set for red backed
mice.

Saw the red fox
in morning near camp.
Caught a little fur from
a muskrat in kill trap.

Dec. 7.

Caught nothing,
Cold, Caval frozen over.

Dec. 8.

Caught a red fox and
a small dog nearby.
Caught a big possum
Someone stole a trap with
skunk in it.

Dec. 9

Caught a Turkey buzzard
and the same dog
a second time.

Dec. 10 Sunday.

Caught a red fox and
a sheep, Not hurt.
Got home after dark.