Feb. 15, 1939

To Cambridge and the Black Water Refuge, Md.

Took boat to Annapolis, crashed on Motopork ferry
and was put on east side
by John Harwood of
The Animal Trap Co.

Drove to Cambridge to
the Cambridge Hotel

Then went out and set
12 kill traps with
John at 10 steel traps
for muskrats.

Reimad had all of
PM out which we put
traps, Went in over
our rubber boots many
times and got back to
hotel after dark, cold
and wet.
Feb. 14,

Cleaned off of froze in night but only each caught our muskrat and I caught our large Muskrat. Both killed instantly. Rent traps after they were thrown but it began freezing again before dark. Saw lots of birds but didn't have time to watch them.
Cambridge and Blackwater region, Maryland,
Feb. 16, 17.

Heaving gulls, common over water not seen in plowed wheat field near house, feeding on something probably anguvaoms.

Ring-billed gulls, Feb. 14,
100 or more seen feeding in winter wheat field near Easton, probably on anguvaom, in rain.

Turkey buzzards
Common everywhere.
Roughleg hawk, one seen on musk rat march.
Sharp-shinned hawk, seen.
Red-shouldered hawk, seen.
Sparrowhawk I see.
Marsh hawk

Downy woodpecker

Crows

Redwing blackbirds, com.

Meadowlarks 100

Robins 50

Bluebirds 10

Yellow warblers 100

Carolina chidees, com.

Brown-headed Nuthatch, 3

Song sparrows, abu. abu. abu. abu. abu. abu.
Washington, D.C.
April 11, 1939

Left Washington 3:00 PM on Bus for Winchester. Caught 5:00 PM Bus on Mattabeake Ferry for Cambridge, Maryland. Arrived at 7:20 PM. Stopped at Cambridge Hotel, went to see Dr. Dogie at 203 Oakley St.

Planned trip to Muskrat Station on Blackwater Refuge.

Nice warm day, fields gray, lots of flowers, peach and pear trees, red veal and Amelanche in flowers.
Blackwater Marshes

April 12, 1989

Drove down to fox farm in morning with D. Took movies at the 10,000 acre muskrat marsh from 100 foot fire tower and of muskrat horsetail on ground. Canada geese and mallard ducks nesting. No young muskrats in pens yet.

A few muskrats in pens kill and eat bullheads mostly of them do not. A family of 4 young coyote was gentle and interesting. The nipples of the mother are halfway raised sides.
Clean and pleasant all day.
Windy toward night.
Boat 5:30 but home at Cambridge. Got home 9 PM.
Turned cold.
April 21, 1939
Washington, D.C.

Seiurus carolinensis

Three gray squirrels seen on top of Red elm getting a good breakfast on full grown elm seeds, ripe and plump and nutty. The American Elm will not be edible for a week or two.

On April 17 saw two young spirea eating maple seeds in tops of trees on Conn. Ave. above 7th Ave. and on April 20 saw where maple seeds had been 500 feet of below Reptill hole.
Washington D.C.
April 22, 1939

Started for Grand Canyon at 4:15 P.M. By 0. To meet
Thy Whendell Chapman & Williams.

Warm and lovely with

grass and flowers, green

leaves and blue sky are

crossed and flaxy with

shades sifting through the

blue, a perfect spring
day.

In Washington leaves half grown on

maple, tulip trees, hickory, and hawthorns.

don't happen, cherries in full

bloom, lilacs, and red bud. out.

Elm greener with nearly ripe seeds

Squirrels eating red elm seeds

& maple seeds of early kinds.
Harper's Ferry and beyond
Redbud, plums, cherries
+ pears in profusion.
Apple blossoms just
opening on a few trees.
Woods mostly brown.
Willows getting green.
In the foot hills of the
Cumberland Country
peaches, plums and
other fruit begins to bloom.
A glorious golden
sunset in the mountains
look at Cumberland
A comfortable night on
P&O train, flannelette,
with a 150 pillow and well
cushioned seat.
April 23

Arrived Chicago 8:30 A.M.

odd lift on Santa Fe train

Grand Canyon LIMITED at 10
April 24
Wellington, Kansas, 6 a.m.
Edged toward Southern zone. Winter wheat at foot high. Good crops.

Caprock, Oklahoma
Blown to pieces by a cyclone about 3 weeks ago
Jackrabbit down.

Simmeron Rivers, Oklahoma
Mosquitoes don't crawl here
Tamarisk in blossom
Ostarea jepsonii, Os.
Gossia angustifolia
Osmutia
Woodward, Oklahoma
Lower44 can grow good crops
Canadian River valley:
dry in sandy soil full \textit{plaid}

Amarillo - top 10" snow, all
wheat and grass to the sky
all round.
Much wheat and plowed land
to Hereford and Clovis.

Clovis to St. Sumner
All cattle, no passing
except by irrigation ditches
St. Sumner
up long slope westerly
Peace River.
Tres Pinos to Vaughn
all short grass - good stock country
no game

Park near Mountman
Went to sleep at Belen.

April 25
Woke up at Winston
Flagstaff at 4:05 AM
Williams 5:30 AM

No Chapmans!
Waited all day and all night

April 24
Chapmans came in
At 9 A.M., from Zane Grey.
Had stopped to photograph
Dechilles on the way
drove to Grand Canyon.
Went to St. Bryant
in evening with Edwin
Watts 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 Horseshoe Valley about 10 AM
Took pictures on the way, mainly of trail
vel, Lucy & Windell against Canyon and Vermilion Cliffs. Slowed up at three did not reach Parker's ranch in Horseshoe Valley till almost dark. Camped for set a few tin cans
Packed Desert vel.
Horseshoe Valley carpeted with young green Russian Thistles.
Some flowers.
Camped at Parker Ranch
April 28, Horsehoe Valley
Parlee Ranch & 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 Elfinarce or Elfin or
The wag said that
was where Major Powell
had his conference with
the Navajos.
April 29
South Canyon
Wendell and I went
up South Canyon as far
as the old foothill 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 pines and aspens.
 Went over the Copeknub saddle
through a gallery of big yellow
pines where watering places
are provided for cattle
and along the pipeline.
Found a 3 or 4 day 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 Country, 5 miles
south of Camp and I
glimed two Coyotes, coming
down the next good canyon
toward the north of Camp. Went over
markedly to next canyons of
North Fork Canyon.
No water but plenty of lion
tracks in canyon. Also
cliff house, a storage house,
in canyon and ruins of a
large very old pueblo on
the ridge, a mile N of
Camp. Barbed wire fences
run through it.
Low ridges of solid rock in
squares and ground strewn with
shards and canoe flakes.
Wendell returned from
the Saddle multipurpose
reporting many pushrod old
lion trucks! but a hard
10 mile hike and considerable
churning.
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 on coots, 2977 in nests of arrowet.

Quail and Chuckers and

Pheasants—four numbers

Jack rabbits, cottontails

Citlul, Kangaroo rats abundant.

Good fast travel road.
May 2, 1959, 4:25 AM

Insects green with mostly Peresobius
vittatus and ponds full.

Lookout

Winnemucca, Meadows green.

Elk, much crowing.

Wells, Sagebrush gray-green.

Salt Lake

Ogden, 7 PM
May 1, South Canyon

Explored the canyon I came down yesterday and back up the Concanons and back down South Canyon. Found plenty of oak but no fresh frrom tracks, so did not set any traps.

The lions have evidently gone higher up for water near the Rainbow Rim as the deer are also plenty up there.
May 2, To Saddle Canyon

Wendell & I took back
pouches of traps and my
light sleeping bag, just a
thin blanket and travel bag,
and his travelite pyralite
and followed horse trail
south to rim of Saddle
Canyon. Then with traps
and trail went into Saddle
Canyon and up the long
ridge to the saddle, a
long rough climb to
7400 feet but found
plenty of old (ad 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 pines and junipers on hot slopes to the Saddle and Douglas fir covered with 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, the terrain is quite possible.

Set 4 lion traps near the head of Saddle Canyon.
Brought back a gallon can of water to rim of Saddell Canyon where I stayed and Wendell returned to camp at the trailer 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 more lion traps and we set two at lion watering spots in bottom of Saddle Canyon and two more 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 sick of laae but Wendell does all the heavy packing and I am standing it surprisingly well.

We camped on a high open ridge with glorious view into Marble Canyon from above the feet Navajo Country to Navajo Mountain that rounds up in the desert before me as I write sitting on a stone under a spreading juniper or back back to the Saddle Point the period the whole Eastern side of 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 camp opposite our camp, also Gambel Oak, also along north slope of saddle with Snow banks in YEsquellas on saddle with A long East Rim of Keibab.
May 4 South Canyon

Wendell came up to my camp late because he tried to bring the auto and got stuck but we made it 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, steep slope, about 1500 feet to the head of Saddle Canyon. It is a hard trip of makes my muscles sore
and labor and is hard on my feet. Wendell stands it better and carries most of the load, up T peak. Yesterday we saw some settlers vote down near the bottom of Saddle Canyon like abacuses they yellowed.
May 5, Saddle Canyon

They came up with Wendell and we waited till he signaled no lion. Then we met him at lower grounds and they went back to Southfork camp while I started and set the last ten traps, 9 in all. Found fresh tracks but none came near our traps. Had my first easy day, not going round all the traps. Very windsy all night, cold.

Clear warm and dry.
May 6 - Saddle Canyon

Went round of traps early but caught only a deer and 2 eaters. Returned to trailers with Chapparals and went to Jacob's Lake for mail and Keenah for supplies and bait. Got beef and sheep bones to bait traps with and stayed for several days.

Drove 160 miles in afternoon and got back.
at midnight, stood at trails Camp and came up to traps next morning.

May 7

Start 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. Roasted them with beef.
May 8, Saddle Canyon
Went to traps and
found lynx bailing 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.
Raited the traps with
mutton scraps
A gorgeous sunrise
over the Marble Canyon,
Vermillion Cliffs and Painted
Desert from my tent door.
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 will go in coming out bait there up again.

A beautiful morning and glorious sunrise.

My camp is on north rim of Saddle Canyon at about lower edge of transition form an open east slope where Gambal oak & Junipers prevalent.
We see Imperial Point through the saddle to the south, down into Marble Canyon to the east and Navajo Mountains flanked by all the Vermilion Cliffs. Kerzagia and Artemisia Tridentata are all around us, the former full of very fragrant creamy flowers.
May 10, 1951

Saddle Mountain

Started up Saddle Mountain at 7 AM and reached the summit at 12 noon, altitude 8,676 feet. 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 trail of a very large old buck with huge antlers. Only a horn or part of the other had been eaten. Lots of deer tracks, fresh and old. 20 only 2 deer.
found two big snowslides and many small drifts. Water in pools and sitting in upper part of our canyon. Deer trails to it. Cottontail rabbit z NEVER seen Thoroughly common to top of saddle mountain. Kaibab squirrel common seen. Old cock bluegrouse seen in yellow pines high up. Audubon warbler common near summit. A large mound 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 pictures of it looking into Marble Canyon.

Put him in back till Wendell come 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 tracks. Camp then packed down to car, about a mile, and came back to trailer. Washed out aboard for first time in 12 days. Set a few traps.
May 12. Travel Camp to Jacobs Lake.

Caught a Peregrine and a Renaissants and took moving and still pictures of both - packed up and left Camp about 1:30.

Saw a few Cowanies coming in hadden loose. Photographed by [illegible].

Mt. Forest ranger Johnson and Mr. Crosby at Kane. Then on to George's Lake P.O. and got Mail and Camp gear.
May 13, To Bright Angel Camp in P.M.
Drove down to Ryan and near to Big Springs in far evening and back.
Saw one capote, a few deer and cuttings of numerous Kiabob squirrels.
Four Kiabob 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 gathering the squirrels around his food. Thousands of squirrels over top of pleasant oil water in all the lakes and sink holes, grass just starting and no leaves or flowers on the aspens except at Jacob's Lake and Bright Angel.
Wednesday, Bright Angel Camp

Came up to Pt. Imperial and tried to go to the saddle but got lost and
Came down to Greenland Spring and kept car and hiked up long draw to North boundary of park and then out to saddle first on fire road and down to traps in Saddle Canyon.

Nevadill went down to traps and we waited with cameras at the base of largest rim.
He found a large bull elk 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 out third foot over trap chain and fallen on side of calf not get up. Had broken off bone in tibia in about 10 inches long and pounded his head.
May 15 Bright Angel
Wendell ad stock car up fire road
to Saddle Point by shoveling out 30 or 4 snow banks and cutting out 3 or 4 fallen trees.
Went down to traps and baited 24 with meat from dead deer.
Wendell took up the three lower traps.
and we set two of them above lower and below upper points of rim. All outside of pole.
on the rocks and died of struggles and fright. Much as a rabbit would. Wendall set trap near him and came back and we all hiked back up 500 feet to top 2 miles west along line road at 3 miles down a long draw to ear, all in rain and snow, very wet and cold when we got back at dark.
Soon had a good fire and supper in the tent 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 above rim to saddle point. Went to two upper traps and changed one and set 2 cat and fox traps along first road. Then hiked back to car and came home.
May 17, Bright Angel

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

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

Saw one parakeet up a yellow pine.

Found coyote droppings full of their quills.
May 18  Bright Angel

Went to Chickering Station
and took fire road to
North of South Canyon
Got stuck and had to walk
last 2 miles. Showed
through several switchbacks
and cut out a few trees.
All Canadian zone.

Saw 2 deer and a few cattle.
No tracks of anything else.
May 29. 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 signs and scratchings near by.

A 20 lb. deer head was half eaten and the rest covered with stikes of trash scratched up from all around. 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 a 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 and Mrs. Dwight Smiley, from Yellowstone, now stationed at North Rim, five younger people.
May 27, To Jacob Lake

Took up all of our tents
packed my gear out bag
and am ready to take
bus at Jacob to Flagstaff
in morning at 4:15 AM

A big coyote got one of my
bags out of snap and
went off with it. Too bad.

Took 50 foot color photos of
Markwand Canyon on way to
range for deer & some appear
in young yellow-green leaves
Ranger Hamilton, Bright Angel Camp

Bright Sunlight

Saw 21 deer in T weedow.

Close up an inch thick.
May 29 Left Flagstaff
left freight train on Phoenix bus at 4:15 P.M. and reached
Flagstaff at 9 A.M. Had to wait till 4 P.M.
for train to Los Angeles. Very windy and dusty
and chilly all day.
Wrote letters and sent
telegrams
Left Flagstaff at 4 P.M.
Back at Kingman
May 24, to Los Angeles, 
Arrived L.A. at 7:00 A.M.
Leslie 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 and 
Ivadel, and all the 
rest. 
Stayed Arthur's 
all night. 
A nice, warm day.
May 25 South gate to
San Marcos
Another beautiful morning
in a beautiful world of
flowers and fruit and
sunshine.
Lusie Keays drove down
to San Marcos in PM
car left me with
Henry at our little
house on the sidehill.
May 8 - 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 Oceanside at 1:30 P.M. to catch the night train for Berkeley.

Summer weather and many flowers and rich foliage.
May 29, to Berkeley


Zally met me at station.

In P.M. Zally took me over to Floddie's in their lovely home at Ross of then to Laquintas where Dr. Meissner was glad to see us and I stayed all night.
May 30, to Berkeley.
Dr. Marian and her man Peterson brought me back to Berkeley in afternoon of July 1 and Zee took me to the World's Fair in evening.
May 8th  70 Follower with Ruth Mills Sherleys wife.  drove from Berkeley over Donner Pass via Reno.  stopped at new Faith and Phil and both and Florence in Reno and reached Aurora at 5 P.M.  Warm and pleasant. Some snow on Summit
June 3  Ceramic to Denver

daylight near ceramic
Plenty of rain and snow
Grass tall to green,
Crop good
Flower abundant
Stock in good condition
Genuflect - Treadfast
in our seats on potential coach.

Dinner - 9 AM, left 4:35
for Kansas City
Crops good.
June 4, Topeka

A beautiful morning at Topeka
colored 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
Bo O to Cincinnati.

Got a room at 2 a.m.
about 6 hours at St. Louis.
June 5 — To Lexington, Ky.

Arrived at Cincinnati at 8:30 and at Lexington at 10:30. Went to Lafayette Hotel and called up Lucy Ferraro.

Went to university and helped her put up trop exhibit.

Have a nice room at the hotel as guest of Mr. Elmore, the proprietor.

June 4. Helped set up exhibit.
June 7, Lexington, Ky.

Gave 2 lectures on fur bearing animals and traps to 4-H Club leaders, about 20 in each group.

Need lantern slides

A fine lot of young people, mostly boys.
June 8, Lexington, Ky.

Talked before the General Assembly of about 1200 4-H Club boys and girls, leaders, teachers and university students in Memorial Hall. Using moving pictures. One reel of mudskippers, raccoons etc.

Then gave 2 talks of 30 minutes each to 5 groups of Boys and leaders on fur animals with lantern slides.

Then at 12:15 gave talk at Rotary Club luncheon, 15 minutes without illustrations.
Visited Dr. Haas Ruderman in his most beautiful old Colonial home and went from there to train at 6:25 for Cincinnati where I caught 9:48 train on T&O for Washington.

Stayed hard in D&M morning at country fresh air.
June 9. To Washington
slept well and woke up
on comfortable coach seat
and had a good
breakfast at about 8 am.
Countryside green and clean
and beautiful ever
mountains and all
the way to Washington.
Arrived at 11 AM.
July 15, 1939
Left Washington 7:40 A.M.
Penn. for Williamsport, Pa., where we arrived at 1:27 P.M. and were met by Dr. & Mrs. Gebler
and driven up to Mansfield.
A beautiful cool clear day
and the country fresh and green.
Not many flowers
grain would be wasted
July 14 - Mansfield, Pa.

Helma and Florence and Fannie brought me up to Elmira where I got a bus to Ithaca, Syracuse and Albany a tiresome all day trip with three naps and late arrival, 9:40.

Country interesting and mostly high up. Big views over well valley covered with old farms, rather dry and not very heavy crops.
At Albany went to the Hampton Hotel, only two blocks from the terminal and not far from the New Haven building at 115 Washington Ave.
July 17, Albany, N.Y.
Went to the Humane Society office and saw Mr. Saunderson of 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.
It will be very good but needs better construction & can improve it w.
Several respects, and would like to have it for our Trap Co.

In afternoon we drove down to Apollo to see Mr. Richard who would like to list the Verbail traps in his catalogues of the Trap Co. will make them work accurately so they can be set without tinkering he thinks the price should be lowered materially.
We stopped at the 
Hewu 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. As cut 
out of fossiliferous limestone 
by water, have a lake 
or torpid stream at 
The bottom where 
bozotides are taken. 
The air is damp and cold
"I as we passed through finaly,}
No bats or any life in the cave or water that we could see or hear.

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 away, and then we may be lifted by 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 Glenns Falls to Manchester, Vt. by a picturesque route over the Green Mts.
At Glenns Falls we stopped and talked with Mr. Frank O. Hooper who has invented a good chain loop trap with rubber 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 acth the Knap Trap with all their best features and put them out a price below the steel traps that would take the same animals.
At Manchester we met Miss Clayborn and her aunt, Miss Hawley, and they had arranged for pleasant places for me to stay. Talked at the Rotary club supper of some 95 business men of the town, using one reel of movies of Markwit,Rosecrans...
Mr. Burnett, sexton, 
Mr. Howard, president. 
Walter HarD, the post 
and others were there 
and seemed much 
interested.

Mr. Howard brought 
his projector and 
saw the seances. 
With three men I visited 
the side of conservation 
and humane features 
of the tropes.
July 27

Manchester 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 dined with The Fishers, Dorothy Canfield Fisher and her husband, and a few choice friends including my old friend Charles Pollard and Miss Crosswell 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.

Mrs. Brown, the pastor presided very graciously and Miss Cleftorn introduced me.
July 20

Have passed two very pleasant nights at Mr. and Mrs. Diamond's. People and so kind, 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 what is nature and human nature.
At 10:30 promptly
Miss Ruth Mayo, daughter
of the director of the
Knur Hatton Home
for Homeless Children
at 35 near Westminster
called for me and drove
over the east range of the
Green Hills to the home
in the Connecticut River
Valley. A beautiful
drive all the way
found born about 1:00 stop
7 to 14, in a big farm
having a wholesome farm
life
After lunch gave them a few minutes talk on the can traps and in evening a talk a talk on better traps and better trapping with two reels of wood and a trap. They wanted me to make a noise to draw a wolf, howl and a coyote yap, yap, tii yii yi yi. Went to the woodchuck traps and one of the best
190 still traps from Montgomery Ward Co.

Made by the Animal Trap Co.

Gave him some good advice on

provided to bussey

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
Eldred, a beautiful old place now used as a
retreat for artists, actors, writers and the people
attracted by literature, drama and art.

A more picturesque region
would be hard to find and
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 and after at the campground. Mrs. Suckley in charge of the farm house was very cordial in her 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 of Ely. A beautiful trip up the Connecticut River Valley. Found Camp Billings on a beautiful lake off the main highway with pine and hardwood forests along a fine beach and perfect swimming. The YW girls had the camp for this month, about 400 of them and a lively bunch of juniors and seniors, about 12 to 20. Mrs. Hurd in charge. They gave me a comfortable room in the guest cottage and meals with the general mess.
Talked in the evening in the assembly hall to about 100, mostly girls, but future fur weavers and future foresters.

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 Ely, White River Junction

and Burlington by bus

All interesting country

with beautiful views on all sides

Climb across a state in 3 hours

Good roads and skilful driver

Stopped at hotel next
doors 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 naturalists or natural study.
All town boys 9 to 15. Staff of 2 P.
July 25

Abuaki

Lots of leisure.

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

Went in swimming in lake, perfect water.

Talked in evening in theater room to about 170 boys, few staff present.
used: Moore rubs.
Coyotes, bobcats, etc.
in traps and one
mustard, of raccoons, skunks,
etc.
Considertbly interested.

Warm and Dry.
July 26, from Plattsmouth.

Cruised Roosevelt.

Ferry to Plattsmouth and took 12 M ton to Troy & Albany.

Arrived 5:30 p.m. Mrs Sanderson came for us.

A hot day, dry and sunny.
July 21 - Albany to
South Hampton, Conn., 8 miles
Drove down to the trap
factory of Maebler, Hart &
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.
Maebler says the steel traps
are not used 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 us
Car over the bank.
No serious damage and
no one hurt.
Got home late for supper.
July 28, Albany to North Creek via Queensand return via Glenns Falls. Saw Thomas Miller at Legemn who has been making kills traps for 20 years and good ones 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 goo but we are at home. A small lake of 15 acres in 40 acre meadow surrounded by aspens is available for a beaver experiment station and place to keep beavers that are doing damage. It would support 200 beavers easily.
At Pleasant Falls we stopped and talked traps with Mr. Crepper, an old fellow of 65 who makes the best liquid 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 cooper, about half the year and a good machinist besides inquisitive and skilful. I had never seen any 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. So the best man we 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 Esp Tonge and the Miller Killer trap or mine and give them a fair test.
among the trappers, by paying a small royalty and little worked those traps can be sold at 75 cents apiece and have him a fair profit I believe. He would like to do it. Would need $1000 to start with for tools and stock.
July 29. Left Albany at 7:15 by train to Binghamton and there at 2 p.m. 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.

Mrs. Schlapp and Florence return to 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 guth.

• Building fireplace in backyard.

• Drove (Aug 4) to Penn.

• Grand Canyon and clear 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 Nathanson.

And real movies on trapped animals. Picture arranged by Miss Lucy Turnbull, who had many women clubs represented and has a good exhibit of traps on animals.
Aug. 7. To York, Pa. noon to 8 P.M.
Stopped at Yorktown Hotel.

Aug. 8. Talked a Better
Drags and better treatment
Of Animals at Retangle
Club, at Yorktown
Hotel.

About 100 Lions,
Very pleasant and appetitive,
Presented me with a bronze
Lion and $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 this meeting so I had time to help Miss Freeman arrange her exhibit of traps and trapped animals two tables, one of steel traps and one of Verbrail Traps, with posters and pictures and publications for the future farmers of America convention tomorrow.
Aug. 10 Louisville, Ky.

Gave a talk to future 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 lecture started home at 4:10 P.M. on Greyhound bus for Williamsport, Pa., where Adolph met me next night at 4:45 P.M.

Aug. 11 - Daylight at Pittsburgh where I got breakfast after a most uncomfortable night on bus.

Continued on Greyhound 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 we just built. Roasted corn and sweet potatoes, broiled chicken and had watermelons, fruit, doughnuts.
Aug. 17. To Lyons Falls
Sir Wat. Schleppe drove us to Elmina, Itsea, Rome and Lyons Falls.
Took possession of Augustas cottage and settled for luxurious camp life.
Aug. 18, Tuesday

Found a beaver colony below where the Big Barn stood with a good dam and 4 ft. of water above it. Missions 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 N. S. and Russell came up from Albany, arriving at 9 A.M. & we went with them to Loewell, 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 many beavers and...
oceans of Aspen all around. The water could be raised 4 feet higher without reaching any timber and the lake would carry 100 to 300 beavers permanently. Could be fenced below with 4000 of poultry fence and 3 small streams feeding it as well as the land of the
International Pulp and Paper Co.
Close to the Cranberry Lake Highway and near the land of the Forest Rangers School.
A small marsh on the Rangers School land would cause a dozen beavers without any damage to their planting.
Back to Lyons Falls.
Aug. 27, Sunday

Glorious weather, clear and crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. DeAngelo came to see Augusta.

He is the attorney, she wants as her attorney to handle her interest in the estate.
Sept. 12  Lyons Falls to Stillwater with Eunice Fish, then packed in from the lake to camps 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 poplars but both could be grown around the lakes to advantage.

Also wild rice would grow in all lakes with shallow stores of mud bottoms.

Saw a few mallards, one sawbill and 7 mallards.
Saw many fox signs
and at Stillwater lake
some buck corn tracks
Saw otter sign at
Brandy lake.

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

Fishers have 3 camps
on Evergreen lake.

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

hemlocks, white pine
balsams and spruce
mixed with maples,
yellow and black ash,
beech, alder,
witch-hobble, Muscica, 2,
leatherleaf, Salix, unguiculata,
cranberries, Epigaea, 3
bunchberries, Vaccinium
Hydrastis,
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 Flows, looking down on a silvery fog.

Hiked with Eugene Fisher to Wolf Pond, Huckleberry Lake, Canyon Lake, Sia Mia Lake, and Bear Lake. Bear Lake Camp.

Found a few brovess in Canyon Lake at Huckleberry Lake, probably half a dozen in each.
With probably 7000 8 in Mazy Lake there are probably 26 lakes on the 6,000 acres of the Fisher's Wilderness Lake preserve summit.

It is a wild unpolished forest country with about 20 lakes or so, many groups of beauty, full of wild life and interesting features.

Returned to Lyons Falls late at night.
Quail are abundant

Beavers are a few

Frogs are abundant

Otters a few

Mink

Fisher

Muskrats in Island Lake.

Porcupines - com.

Snowshoe rabbits - com.

Raccoons - com.

Chipmunks - abs.

Ferrets - abs.
Loons - heard
Blue herons  3
pelicans  3
Mallards  7
Black duck  3
Grouse  a few
Bube  1
Goshawk  1
Red tail  1
Pilated woodpecker, 3
Hairy  1
Sapsucker  2
Blue jays  2
Canada jay  a few
Chickadees  2
Mistletoe
Sept. 19 to Albany, N.Y.
with Augusta & Betty.

Next to Hanover saw Powell Sanderson.

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

Slaid over night with the Sandersons.

After a long and busy day.

A heavy frost at Lyons.

Falls in warning.

Started at 4:30 A.M.

and reached Albany at
9:30 (daylight saving).
Sept. 20 At Albany.

finished titles for films
by noon and Sanderson
show up to Glens Falls
to see Frank D. Crippen
36 Stuyviland Ave., who
invented the Crippen trap.

A very inquiring 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 Recade Building
and saw Henry Deal
about beavers. He is in
favor of doing something to
start real beaver culture
and took me in to Gardiner
Bump's office and introduced
Earl Howes, ass't. Dir.
He too is interested in
better management of beavers

Gardiner Bump was out
so I did not see him.
All seems favorable for
next years beaver work.
Take 11:30 train for Lyons Falls and arrived at 2:30 PM. #3.48
Washington DC, 1939

Sept 25,

Witch hafle in full flower

in 20s. Tree leaves mostly
gone. A few greying mights
Sept. 30, 1939

Packed up cd drive
with Fanny & Helen Schlaglie
to Mansfield, Pa.

Rained all day but
couldnt hide its glorious
autumn colors of the maple,
pin cherries, oaks and
other vegetation.

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

Arrived in Mansfield
at 7:30 PM.
Oct. 5, 1939, Mansfield

Cleared up in afternoon
are we drove from
Mansfield to Williamsport
and the sun brought out
the glorious color
foliage of maples, red
yellow, pink and spotted
golden birdies, yellow
willows and ash,
scarlet sumac,
dark red amelgoras,
all mixed in with light
and dark greens of
individual trees and after
a background of pines
and hemlocks.
The canyon of color slopes were most brilliant and varied, forming picturesque walls of brilliant and delicate shades of color, heralded by the greatest artist on earth, Nature. I have never seen the equal of this picture of the opening year and would rather see it than all the world's fairs ever staged.
Missed my train at Williamsport by 2 minutes and had to wait till morning for a train to Lancaster. So went across the way to the Peale Hotel, a quaint old-time hotel with an air of antiquity but comfortable and reasonable in price.
Oct. 2, Williamsport

To Lancaster or vicinity.

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

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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.
[Handwritten text not legible]
Dorothy Campfield Fisher
Miss Sarah N. Cleghorn
Walter Hard
Mr. & Mrs. Diamond
Muncaster, Vt.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Irving Mayo, Jr.
Westminster, Vt.
Kern Hallen home for Boys

Helen J. Seely
Fletcher Farm, Roxbury, Vt.
M. A. E. Hard, director
Camp Billings, Ely, Vt.

A. T. Morrill
Camp Abenaki
North Hero Island, Vt.
Thomas H. Taylor - killed trap
Longview, W. L.

Frank D. Crippen, live traps
Plains Falls, N.Y.
36 Hartland Ave.

Ingalls Fishes, Lyons Falls
N.Y.

Dorothy Sheldon
Detroit, Mich.
2575 Cadillac Blvd.

Douglas R. Hayes
Washington, D.C.
1457, 31st St. NW
July 15. To Mansfield, Pa.  Ry./Tax 5.10
    Taxi, porto, baggage  1.75

July 16. Bus to Albany  4.75
    Meals 1.00
    Portico .75

July 17. Room 2. Meals  2.00

July 21. Candy, chocolate  1.30

July 23. Bus to Burlington  2.65
    Room, Burlington  1.20

July 24. Meals .35, To. 25  .60
    Ry. & M. Home .42

July 26. Dines 25, Tax. .75  1.00
    Meals .85

July 28. Ry. to Birmingham
    Meals .40, To, Chemia  1.72
    Porter .25, .15, .25

29.57
Washington D.C.

Dec. 7. 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 and a half, mostly rich bottom land. 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 more traps.
Cold & windy. A little snow.

Dec. 5, Caught the same dog near camp & skunk.
Saw the fox again.
Dec 6,

Caught a skunk, 2 porcupines, a fox, squirrel, a turkey, Burgess. Also 2 Peromyscus in traps set for red-backed mice.

Saw the red fox in morning near camp.

Caught a little fer pees, a black rat in skill trap.
Dec. 7.
Caught nothing.
Cold, couldn't go out.

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 3rd fox and
a sheep. Not hurt.
Got home after dark.