

time as they <sup>410119-4</sup> can be seen for great distances as black objects in the  
 bare trees and upon the white snow. Weasel invariable cross ridges  
 at right angles and but rarely fallow for a long distance up ridge proper.  
 Rabbits eat *Abies concolor* limbs by biting them off at snow level; a  
 perfect natural pruning process. One maple tree held its dried leaves.  
 Coyote tracks irregular found in single and pairs. At several points where coyote  
 had wined, it had scratched a furrow in snow for several feet,  
 throwing snow some distance behind. Many fecal pellets held deer  
 hair. I heard one call at 12:00 A.M. Examined one point on ridge where  
 coyote had approached ridge from the east up the mt. slope. It excavated  
 or formed a small cup shape depression in snow on ridge and had  
 apparently remained in this position in a curled rest for some time  
 as evidenced from the difference in age of tracks leading to the  
 area as compared to those which left again. It have probably re-  
 mained here during the day, or during the night. When it got up, it  
 stepped upon the snow and had apparently stretched itself as the  
 tracks indicated a stretched position of the body. It then left  
 without much ceremony. Coyote tracks nearly always present on ridge.  
 They travel great distances without much apparent inspection of the  
 immediate environs. Scorpion flies and Colembola by the  
 thousands at 12:00 A.M. One of the most unusual notes of the  
 day was the negative fact that birds are decidedly uncommon in  
 these ridge environments as only 2 robins were recorded for the  
 entire day. Certain nocturnal forms of animals enjoy ridges but  
 apparently birds do not have this unusual desire. Good skiing  
 but area not high enough for permanent conditions of snow. Coyote  
 track measured  $2\frac{5}{8}$ ". Snowshoe track  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " (probably white tail Jack or  
 Hare.)

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Dan Bell, Robert Frie, Lee Carlson, Dwight Taylor and myself made 3 day  
 winter skiing trip to Twin Peak and Strawberry Peak on Strawberry Ridge.  
 Camped in flats <sup>just</sup> below Strawberry Peak. Picture (1-1-26-41) is of regular winter  
 tent equipment. Second tent pattern after my tent in foreground but was  
 not of waterproof quality and as a result had an added problem during first  
 night with falling snow and subsequent melting. I slept in my tent first night  
 without discomfort. No. (1-1-25-41) on east brow of Strawberry Peak, <sup>on top of</sup> Dan, Lee,  
 Dwight and Robert from left to right. Trees in a most ghostly mood today.



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