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Family drove out into country today via Geneva Lake Rd, hence east to Dry Canyon rd, hence along hillside toward mouth of Provo Canyon, hence down Provo River bottoms, hence to Beck's home. Nothing unusual in bird count. Along the lake front at Geneva observed approx 28 coot, 15 Green-winged teal, 3 mallards, and several red-wing blackbirds. 5 Great Blue Heron were feeding along the lake shore at Geneva, all within 400' of each other. Near the mountain saw a group of 20 Ravens and a few bluebirds (mountain) mixed in. About 1 mile down Timp foothills from the mouth of Provo Canyon is an excellent place to photograph the Cascades. Dr Beck just completed seeding lawn to the south. Offered Ann and I a picture for a wedding present.

4/5/46

Annette, mother, Dad and I drove to west side Utah Lake to visit eagle nest of 3-29-46. Made ascent via ridge on south side of canyon. At convergence of two valleys bordering ridges recorded panoramic view ^(photos not in journal) of Wasatch ranges. no. 1-4-5-46, 2-4-5-46, 3-4-5-46, 4-4-5-46, 5-4-5-46, and 6-4-5-46 of Timp & Cascade from lower down on the confluent plain. While on top check with glass for nest in head of canyon to south and in cliffs but no signs of the eagle. Made descent down thru new area of last trip. no nest in this area. Near top of ridge in upper most Conifers found a dead porcupine at base of fir tree. It had a bloody nose but otherwise appeared unharmed. Another live porcupine 150 feet away. Evidence of considerable porcupine activity in this section. Snow up to arm pits on side hill from top of ridge to bottom of canyon. 2 nest of sharp shrike (?) in this section. On return down canyon saw Cooper's hawk attack a cotton-tail rabbit ^{50' away}. The rabbit was 40' from hole when first attacked. It escaped and ran 20 feet where the cooper's attacked again. On our approach it left and the rabbit feebly gave hole 20' away. The hawk made considerable noise when working the juniper trees. Bird and animal life still uncommon on this mountain. No signs of eagle, raven or falcon.