

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

June 26, 1948

Departed for summer field work in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana for the investigation of *Microtus ochrogaster*. Mileage at Lawrence 25567. Will pull trailer all the way. The objective is to pick up James Longquist who is with Cochran's party in western Wyoming (Fort Bridger) and then continue in field until September 10. Remained at Burnett Culbertson's in Topeka the first night.

Topeka, Shawnee Co., Kansas

June 27, 1948

Departed this A.M. and drove to Phillipsburg, Kansas where I remained overnight.

Phillipsburg, Phillips Co., Kansas

June 28, 1948

Continued on this A.M. The Republican River had subsided to level where car could cross bridge although water was up to motor for 3 blocks of inundated bridge. As I advanced westward, observed a gradual change of grass life-form, becoming shorter and more lawnlike as I moved to the west. The hills throughout Kansas & Nebraska are covered with complete grass stance. As one goes west, the color changes from the vivid greens of eastern Kansas to a more grayish green to the west. In Wyoming, it changes to a dull green without the vivid tone. The change of grass would appear to be due to a rain supply factor. Observed the first *Citellus richardsoni* approx. 40 miles east of the Wyoming border on the Lincoln Highway. East of this point the animal would ^{appear to} be entirely missing and then, at one point and then ~~at~~ in an almost abrupt 40 feet or so it appears in the field and then was commonly observed across the remaining state of Nebraska ^{and} to western Wyoming. The topography so far has been flat with slight undulating curves. The altimeter indicated a gradual increase from Lawrence, Kansas to the base of the Rocky Mountains. At approx. 40 miles E. of Wyoming border, on the Lincoln Highway recorded the "bluffs" at approx. 1 mi. SW of Pinebluffs, Wyoming. This photo 1-6-28-48 shows the nature of these isolated bluffs and represents the first such topography on the approach to