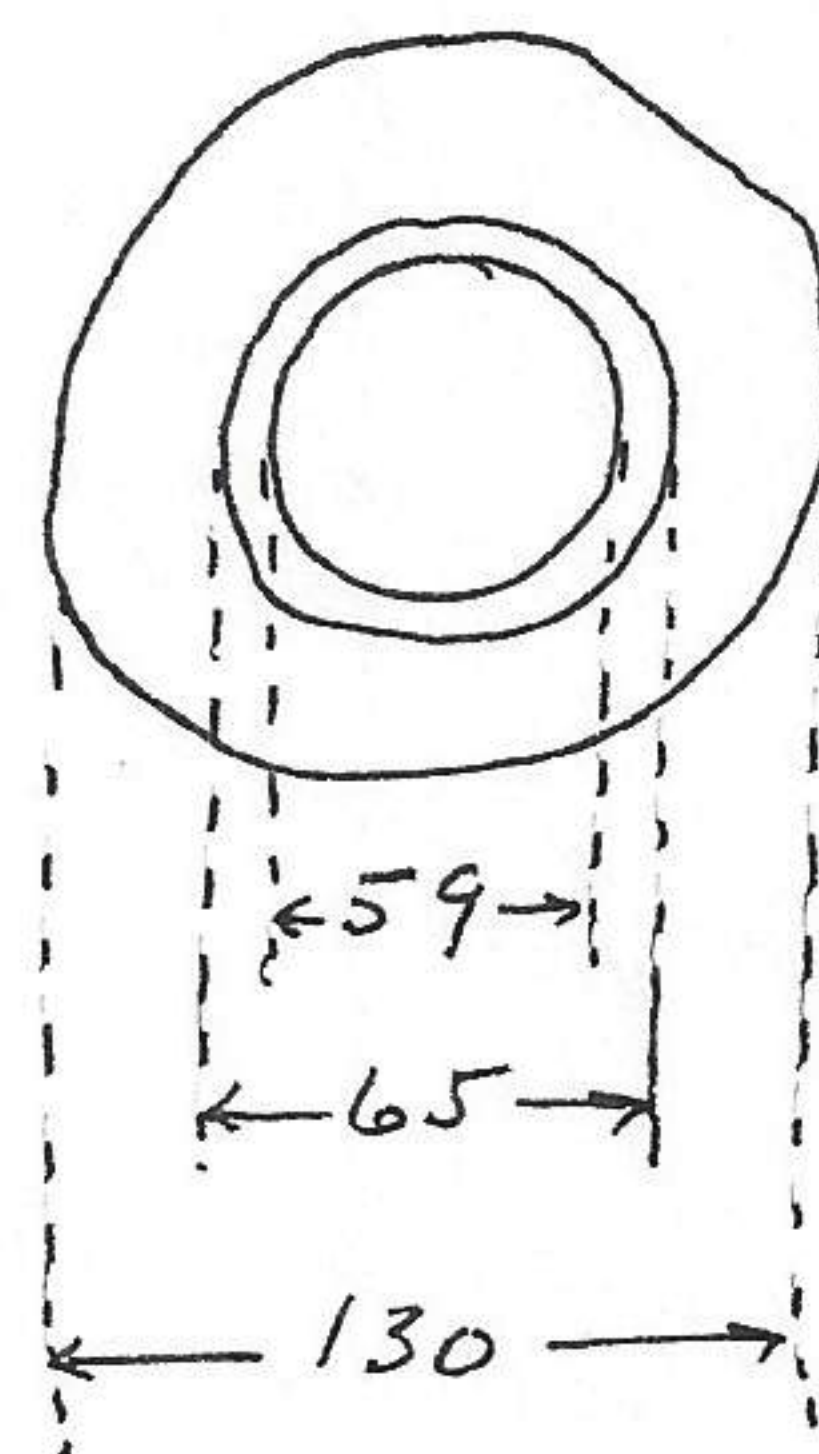
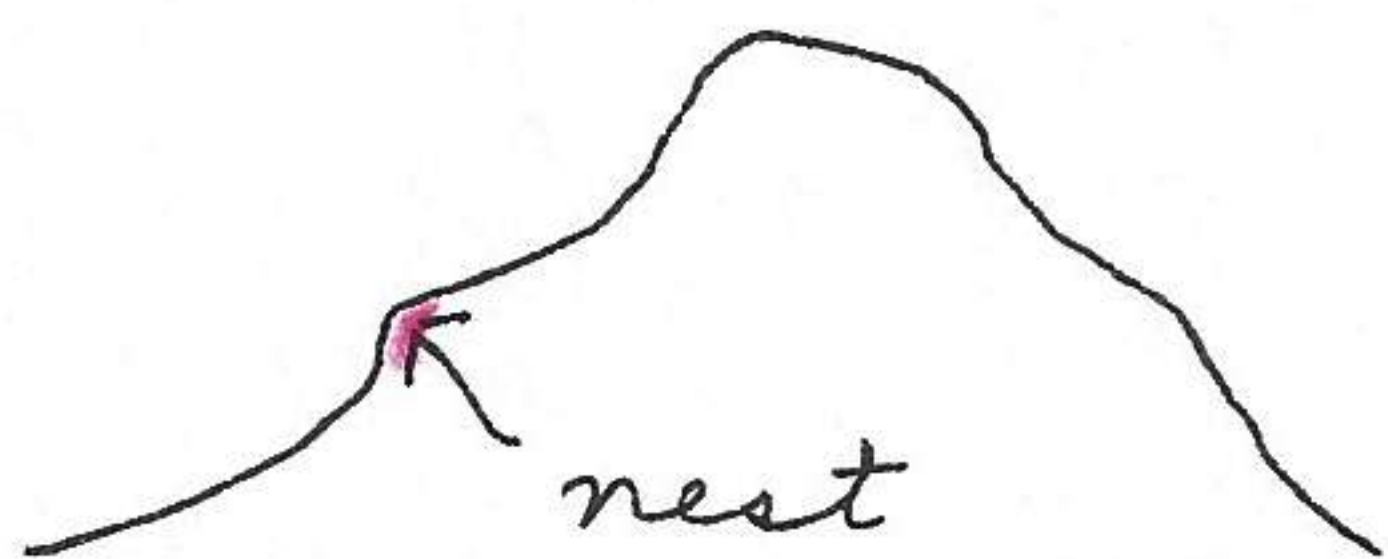


outer part of nest 9 gms, fine grass cup and feathers 4 gms, width 150 mm, depth cup 47 mm, depth nest 52 mm, cup lined with 1 inch feathers of ptarmigan and mixed with successive layers of fine grass stems (8 mm). Sleeting ground of ptarmigan (7) on edge of runway. Birds nearby. Ed. collected set of 4 eggs of the Wagtail 520625-32 from artificially piled tundra made by a bulldozer. This mound was 1 meter high and nest completely protected overhead.



This nest lacks the fine yellow grasses used by the tree sparrow, snow-bunting or longspur with hair and feathers grading into coarser grass stems and few mosses. It is less effectively insulated. Has more hair of caribou and in large chunks. Cup lined around edge with feathers and hair in bottom of cup. Cup 35 mm deep, 38 mm of material beneath cup of nest which is more than other birds skinned. Moss beneath nest instead of at edge. Entire nest 14 gms. Cup lacks shape. Birds remained constantly in air above us for 15 minutes and when we left they followed us for 100 yards. Pair of semipalmated plovers on shoulder of runway.

Umiat, Alaska

June 26, 1952

Inspected 150 trap line and caught 3 *Microtus oeconomus* and 8 sprung traps. The 40 trap set held 1 Lemmus, 9 *Microtus oeconomus* and 10 sprung. Westly Redhead, a carpenter and naturalist reports 9 eggs of ptarmigan, 1 duck nest. Gyrfalcon in area. His Eskimo helper reports that whales have stopped coming in at Point Barrow about June 1. (I am not sure of the previous statement), His story of 2 polar bear cubs at Barrow Village is: ♂ + ♀ killed about 1/4 mi N Point Barrow when outer ice mass closed in to touch shore ice. The young refused to leave the old ones and become restless until ♀ was skinned and the young were allowed to rest on it. These cubs were brought to Barrow Village and remained with hide until about a week ago. One escaped June 23, 1952. These cubs