

-ing the duties of organizing a camp or washing dishes, is something new to him. He has always been ordered and had to shoulder the responsibility of doing the dirty work. Doing new tasks comes awkward to him tho he learns rapidly. His capacity for neatness around the kitchen cost me the use of the pressure cooker. The rubber gasket-thot he- could serve no useful purpose around the kitchen and out it went. Carlos tells me they pay him \$60.00 a month at the Museum. Already, I think Carlos is better equipped to do field work than the Director-Carlos now uses the K.U. system.

I must close now. Give my love to all the family and grandma and if this letter reaches you before X'mas

a Merry X'mas to all

Love

James.

^{6000 ft.}
1 mi. NE Nebaj, Guatemala

Dec. 20, 1954

Collected several birds in forests of oak and pine. Warblers in groups 15-20 birds each group and many species within each group. Set 12 steel and 50 museum specials in eroded gulch (5 feet wide and 4 feet deep) thru forest of oak and pine. Mammals eating acorns. Squirrels in area but difficult to see as they are extremely wary and use upper limits in trees. Steeler jays associated with squirrels. The best area for birds is in forests that are immediately adjacent to open fields (ecotone areas).

Steep walled canyons do not produce many birds. A coyote was killed by a native near camp last night but skull or skin was not available. Peromyscus are at contact between wet meadows and base of slopes. Seldom in forest or meadows proper. 4 gopher traps taken last night and 30 museum specials taken the night before. Squirrel use oaks but seldom pines. Temp 43°F this morning at 7:00 A.M.