

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Sept 14, 1955

departed at 1:30 P.M. for Ely, Minnesota to collect material for mosses exhibit. mileage 18172 miles. Sam Dickerson, George Young and I made trip. A one ton panel chev and a 2 ton 4x4 Chev were use to transport the plant accessories collected at Ely. Drove until about 7:30 P.M. and spent night at Carroll, Iowa. mileage here 18508 or 336 miles today. Conditions to the north of Lawrence are drier, more open and trees only slightly changed toward full colors; may be due to dryness of country. Saw several large flocks of blackbirds. Weather cooler.

Carroll, Iowa

Sept 15, 1955

departed Paplar motel 7:30 A.M. mileage 18511. After breakfast the time was 8:30 A.M. Iowa with more distant vista, prairie-like, with large and higher trees forming islands. Southern Minnesota with terminal moraines, lakes and then northward with relatively flat country thus:

First evidence of fall color at Jackson. ← N
flat. lakes and moraines

at Sauk Center tree about 1/10 in color but such mainly green. Sumac in red. The first evidence of lake country and Canadian flora at Wellmar. 1 badger, 1 striped skunk and 1 jackrabbit at Spencer, Iowa. Southern Minnesota good corn country but less so toward the north.

Sauk Center, Minnesota

Sept 16, 1955

departed 8:05 A.M. mileage 18895. Have discontinued mileage as oversize tires give inaccurate reading. From Long Prairie continued east to Little Falls, Brainerd, Crosby, Emily, Remer, Grand Falls, Hebbing, Virginia, Ely. Route from Crosby to Cohasset picturesque. Leaves slightly colored. Hebbing to Virginia mining area with ^{artificial} topography like southern Utah and as far as the eye can see.