

land when grasses were high enough for protection are now being forced in great numbers to the last remaining natural areas of unused areas of higher vegetation. In only one instance was a jackrabbit seen in new wheat fields and then was perhaps only passing thru from one weedy patch to another. I am sure that the jackrabbit, at least today, are not inflicting damage to the newly growing wheat. In later summer, when the wheat is higher, I believe that rabbits might seek protection there and will then perhaps do some damage. The apparent high population of rabbits results from cutting of the wheat and decreasing the overhead protection and making more conspicuous the rabbits. There were no jackrabbits in the extensive areas of native, overgrazed grasslands, nor in extensive areas of new wheat, only at the edges where weedy fields or unused fields of high grasses were present. A low breed of wheat or continued excessive grazing of native grasses and cleaning up of weed fields would eliminate the jackrabbit from the prairie. The cottontail rabbit are in areas of tumbleweed, and eroded areas in gullies or among rocks. Collected a *Sylvilagus* from a central mass of rocks at about 3/10 mi. SSW of Castle Rock, Gove Co., Kansas. This rabbit was on a benchland of rocks among deeply eroded masses of rocks. Field numbers for the rabbits we collected are:

- 560425-1 *Sylvilagus* (from Castle Rock, see above).
 560425-2 to 560425-18 *Lepus* (12 mi. S Quenter)
 560425-19 *Sylvilagus* (12 mi. S Quenter)

One road killed badger was inspected at 4 mi. W of Quenter, Gove Co., Kansas.

While at Castle Rock today, photographed a section of rock which I believe was used as the basis for the reconstruction of the panorama of western Kansas at K.A. The area to the south of Castle Rock is ungrazed and should be used for reconstruction of the vegetation for the foreground of the exhibit. A Mr. Stewart of Quenter owns this area of Castle Rock and may know who owns the land of ungrazed grass south of the fence. It is my opinion that all of the bluff area should be made a State Park and the area should be fenced and trails made permanent so that vegetation could again return to normal conditions and the rock structures saved from human erosion! Will plan to return to here at a later date.