

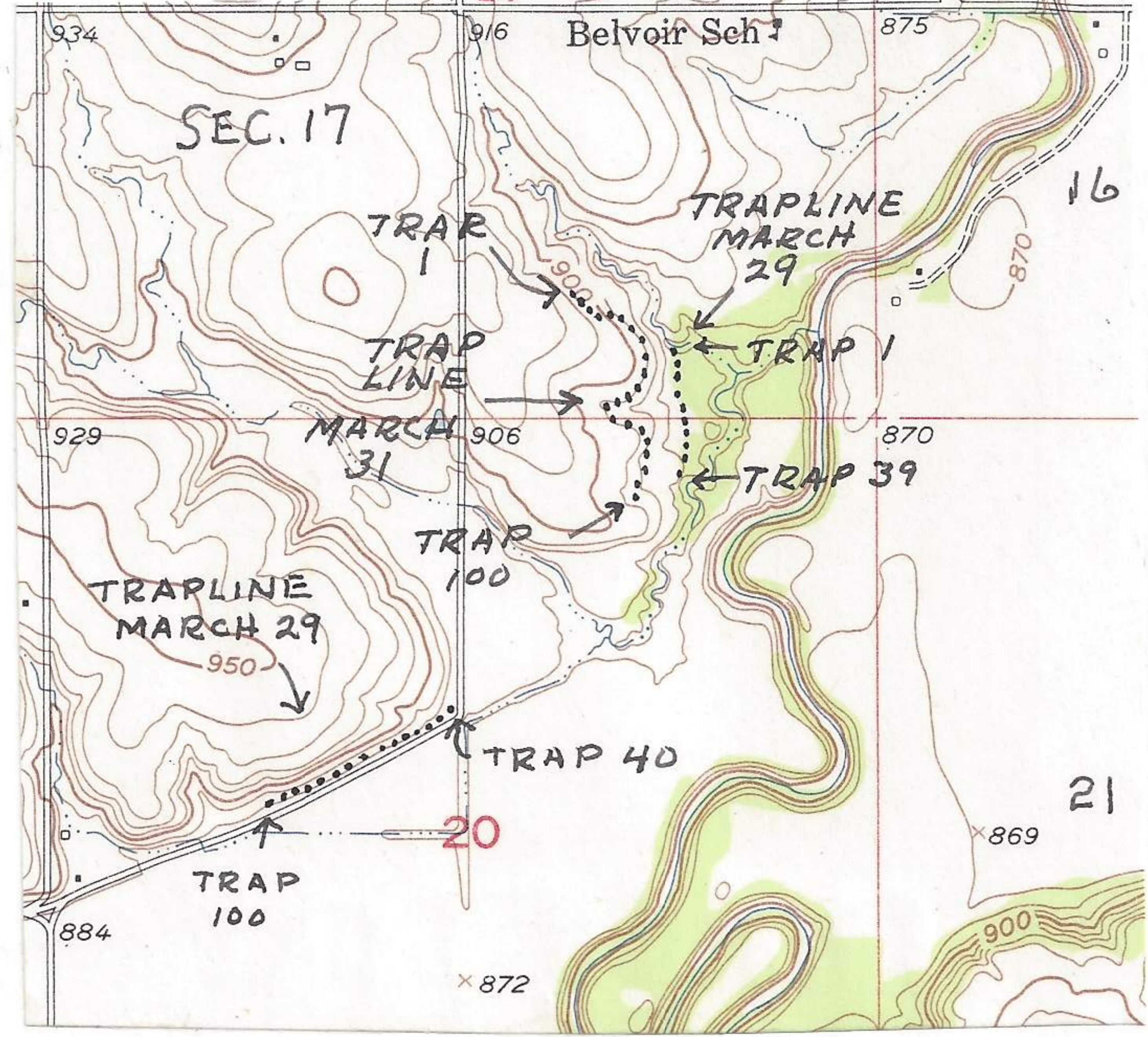
March 30, 1963

At 8:20, near trap 28, noted a young *microtus ochrogaster* foraging among tall weeds where soils were free of the usual grasses and sedges associated with this *microtus*. Also noted a *Leithrodontomys megalotis* in a similar situation. At the trapping area (traps 40-100) along fence, noted a marsh hawk that flew out of canyon to N and flew S over plowed fields. It followed along drainage ditch where I had previously noted 2 separate systems of runways, one 200 and one 400 feet S of trap no. 40. One route home, at a point along road where road crosses NW boundary sec 15, noted a D.N. Owl. I have seen an owl at this location on 2 previous trips. The one seen about 9:30 A.M. At point where road turn to Clinton on east (N) border of sec 15, note a shrike. One crow fed in field to N.

2 1/10 mi. W and 2 1/10 mi. N Clinton (center of town), Douglas Co., Kansas,

March 31, 1963

This evening set 100 traps in the same general area as March 29 but in area that I consider optimum for *Synaptomys*. The community was on edge of uplands and of undisturbed native grasses and soil. Old granite boulders still in place. The *Audropogon* was in patches and a *Symphoricarpos* bush was spaced at about 20 foot intervals. At one time there was considerable microtine activity, some trails looked as if being used. All traps in trails and 20 feet apart.



Cultivated fields. field grown to near natural condition

