

Casper, Wyoming

Sept 27, 1979

Because of uneasy heart problems at Mary's (last night 1:00 AM - 4:00 AM) decided to try for Kansas City as soon as possible. Symptoms last night were: weak to non-existent pulse, resting on right side produced severe arrhythmia, on back most comfortable; chilled and un-controllable, no pain in chest, periods of stability (pulse 57) then followed by racing of heart followed by slow pace and pulse irregular, urination at first minimal but followed by copious output.

Mary thought it best that she accompany me to Lawrence. We left Casper 7:28 A.M. Excellent view Shirley Basin and Getty uranium mine to right of route. Arrived Denver. Left 11:AM via 804 flight. Across E Kansas was impressed with amount of forests in drainage consisting of a substantial amount of space on each farm. Arrived Kansas City 12:45. To Lawrence via small plane shuttle arriving 2:00 P.M. where we were met by James R. Went directly to Watkins Hospital for check-up and medication.

Clinton Reservoir, Douglas Co., Kansas
Oct 7, 1979

Annette and I walked 3/4 way along dam (middle road on W side, 8/10 miles) and returned. High cirrus clouds, wind from SW, from 4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. and then swung around to E thereafter, along with increase clouds. This road is on W face of dam and is about the height of the recreational level of the lake. The water is now 867 feet and will rise to road level at about 880'.

24 Sprague pipits flew N along dam (between road and water, some alighting near use. They return along dam about 1/2 hour later. Grasshoppers average ^{1 per} 30 feet, butterflies (small whites and yellows (cabbage)) 1 per 100 feet. Several thousand (4) Franklin gulls at our arrival were moving E above lake some 200' above the water to others nearly out of sight in height. Some dropped to just above 150 ringbill gulls but they did not stop. All continued E and SE. The flight was in progress at 4:00 and lasted to 4:35 P.M. 2 cormorants fed along base of dam. 3 killdeer on dam proper among boulders. 1 Great blue heron also at base of dam. At N end of dam where lake forms inlets and non dam topography were 15 killdeer generally distributed, a meadowlark and 140 red-wing blackbirds. The blackbirds finally left area and flew E over dam.