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summer field class (Jones as instructor)
1961. Collected in Nebr., Wyo., Montana, S. Dakota.
Taught all aspects of field collecting.
Stanley and Alvarez were students, Patterson was
Preparator, Browning was Cur. Asst. in Mammals.

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HOME FROM THE HUNT—Four members of the K. U. expedition to Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, and a student employee of the Museum of Natural History examine some of the 1,500 specimens collected on the six-week trip. Left to right are: J. Knox Jones, jr., assistant curator of mammals at the museum and leader of the expedition; William C. Stanley, Wichita Falls, Tex., graduate student in zoology; Linda Browning of Lawrence, K. U. student employed at the museum; Robert R. Patterson, museum taxidermist, and Jose Alvarez of Mexico City, graduate student in zoology.

LAWRENCE KAS., July 27. The Museum of Natural History at the University of Kansas is richer by 1,500 specimens as the result of a 6-week expedition to Montana, South Dakota, and Nebraska by a K. U. team of eight, including five graduate students in zoology.

The primary purpose of the trip was to provide training for the students in field natural history and in collecting and preparing specimens of vertebrate animals, J. Knox Jones, jr., instructor of zoology and expedition leader said.

A second purpose, however, was to obtain needed specimens for the museum's research collections. The Black Hills, the High Plains of Northwest South Dakota, and several isolated mountains in Central Montana will be better represented in the museum as a result of the expedition.

A majority of the 1,500 specimens are mammals, although the group also collected birds, reptiles, amphibians and fishes. The largest specimens obtained were several raccoons, two species of deer and pronghorn antelope.

The K. U. team found several species in areas in which they previously had not been known. The group extended northward the known range of several species of bats, including the long-eared bat and the hairy-winged bat, and the known range of several species of rodents also was extended to the north.

Another "first" for the group was the obtaining of a small-footed bat in North Dakota; this species had never before been taken in that state. Sixteen olive-backed pocket mice and 20 meadow jumping mice, both rarely taken in the particular area the K. U. group visited, were obtained, as were several representatives of two comparatively rare species of shrews.

Although most of the work was done in the High Plains of South Dakota, the group also collected in isolated mountains in Montana, the Black Hills of South Dakota and the sand hills of Nebraska.

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