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A 65-YEAR OLD REPORT FROM OREGON

We are indebted to JOHN GREEN for sending us this remarkable report. In turn it was sent to him by Gilbert Hulin, a reporter on the Cottage Grove, Oregon, SENTINEL. It comes from the LANE COUNTY LEADER, Cottage Grove, Oregon, of April 7, 1904 :

"SIXES WILD MAN AGAIN. Visits the cabins of miners and frightens the prospectors. At repeated intervals during the past ten years thrilling stories have come from the rugged Sixes mining district in Coos County, Oregon, near Myrtle Point, regarding a wild man or a queer and terrible monster which walks erect and which has been seen by scores of miners and prospectors. The latest freaks of the wild man is related as follows in the last issue of the Myrtle Point Enterprise : The appearance again of the 'Wild Man' of the Sixes has thrown some of the miners into a state of excitement and fear. A report says the wild man has been seen three times since the 10th of last month. The first appearance occurred on 'Thompson Flat'. Wm. Ward and a young man by the name of Burlison were sitting by the fire of their cabin one night when they heard something walking around the cabin which resembled a man walking and when it came to the corner of the cabin it took hold of the corner and gave the building a vigorous shake and kept up a frightful noise all the time - the same that has so many times warned the venturesome miners of the approach of the hairy man and caused them to flee in abject fear. Mr. Ward walked to the cabin door and could see the monster plainly as it walked away, and took a shot at it with his rifle, but the bullet went wild of its mark. The last appearance of the animal was at the Harrison cabin only a few days ago. Mr. Ward was at the Harrison cabin this time and again figured in the excitement. About five o'clock in the morning the wild man gave the door of the cabin a vigorous shaking which aroused Ward and one of the Harrison boys who took their guns and started in to do the intruder. Ward fired at the man and he answered by sending a four pound rock at Ward's head but his aim was a little too high. He then disappeared in the brush.

"Many miners avow that the 'wild man' is a reality. They have seen him and know whereof they speak. They say he is something after the fashion of a gorilla and unlike anything else either in appearance or action. He can outrun or jump anything else that has ever been known ; and not only that but he can throw rocks with wonderful force and accuracy. He is about seven feet high, has broad hands and feet and his body is covered by a prolific growth of hair. In short he looks like the very devil."

Next door to the Ranger Station in Hayfork, Trinity County, California, is a small cafe with a big sign : "HOME OF THE BIGFOOT HAMBURGER."

CONCERNING PREDATOR CALLS AND SCREAMS IN THE WOODS

PETER J. METROPULOS, Belmont, California, writes (September 30 and October 10, 1969) : "Concerning predator calls and Bigfoot, my friend William Anderson, Game Biologist for the California Dept. of Fish and Game, often uses such predator calls to lure coyotes and foxes into view for taking photographs. He claims that the 'injured rabbit' and such calls work irregularly, sometimes luring a predator, sometimes not. I often use a bird-caller to attract hawks. I suppose that one could lure bird-killing predators also. Predators, especially the 'higher' mammals (coyotes, foxes, wildcats, etc.) are very curious and will frequently investigate any strange or unknown sound in its area. I believe that Bigfoot probably could be lured into view by a predator call. My opinion is not really significant but, as you know, I have worked with animals for quite a while. However, never a Bigfoot. I would guess that just the presence of a human in Bigfoot's area would arouse his curiosity, but seeing him is a different matter altogether. He probably keeps himself very well concealed and therefore hard to spot.

"Concerning alleged Bigfoot screams : mountain lions have a very loud, weird scream which is sometimes heard at night in the mountains. It sounds a bit like a woman screaming, but even more terrifying. Night-flying birds such as Poorwills and other goatsuckers (genus *Caprimulgidae*) have unusual calls which sound like humans too. I am not saying, by any means, that this is what people are hearing, but just for precaution I think it would be wise for Bigfoot investigators to get acquainted with the sounds of nocturnal animals before going out searching for Bigfoot.

"When I was up at the ranch I often heard unusual noises in the woods. I have, however, always taken the time and effort to find out what they were and I have discovered quite a few interesting things. I have noticed that all animals and birds which I have studied are most active in the dawn hours and at dusk, but at night is when the most unusual noises are heard. The nighttime is when most mammal predators are seeking prey and moving about. In the spring, in the northwoods of Canada and the northwest U.S., it is wise to be able to recognize the mating calls of certain types of waterfowl and other waterbirds. For instance, the common Loon (*Gavia immer*) has a weird mating call which can be described as a weird yodeling or maniacal laughter which he performs at night in northwest forest lakes. I think that this call could easily be mistaken for the call or scream of a Bigfoot.

"I have a 3-record set of bird calls which is excellent for indentifying a bird merely by its call or song. This record set, titled "A Field Guide to Western Bird Songs", has the songs and calls of hundreds of species of western birds. Some of the bird calls sound quite a bit like a human."

MORE INVESTIGATIONS IN ALBERTA, CANADA

RENE DAHINDEN of British Columbia is now in Alberta, Canada, where he will investigate the dam site sighting reported on last month in the BULLETIN. He writes (October 18, 1969) : "At present I am in Nordegg, where I hope to stay about two months. There are all kinds of stories going around about the Sasquatch, some of them going back fifteen years and more. It is also a very good country to hunt in, open and not many people - until last summer hardly anybody."



ATTENTION

Bigfoot Hunter's + Researchers

This is an inquiry to find out how many of YOU would be interested in having a convention in the Anderson - Redding, California area because of its more or less central location. Some feel this would be a good chance for everyone to get together and exchange ideas, reports, and maybe discuss future expeditions. If you are interested in attending a Bigfoot get-together, please contact by mail either of the following : Ben E. Foster Jr., Rt. 1, Box 4532, Fig Tree Lane, Redding, Calif. 96001. Eldon Brackett, c/o Jess Eldridge, McArthur, California 96056.

ROCK PILES REPORTED FROM IDAHO

RUSSELL GEBHART of Lewiston, Idaho, writes (October 7, 1969)" I would also like to comment on an article in the book On The Track of The Sasquatch by John Green. On pages 63-66 Mr. Green describes rock piles and holes which an unidentified man saw the Sasquatch building while hunting for rodents and eating them. Mr. Green says he saw these piles and holes and believes if he could find such holes in other areas it would indicate the presence of the Sasquatch there. I have found similar holes and piles in an area about 30 miles from where Mr. Sindt found his tracks. It would be across the river and much farther by road." (This would be in the St. Joe National Forest, up the St. Joe River above St. Maries, Idaho. - Ed.)

"These rock piles are on a rocky ridge at an elevation of about 5,000 to 5,500 feet. I first saw them in 1958 and wondered at the time how they got there because they were obviously not put there by nature or any known animal, other than man. I have been told they were a part of an Indian ceremony in which a boy becomes a man but there are hundreds of such piles on this ridge covering over a mile and I have never seen them on any other ridge. When I first saw them there was no road on this ridge and I walked about five miles from a fire tower but there is a road along the side of the ridge now. There is a lake on the side of this ridge and several good springs along it."

The BIGFOOT BULLETIN is a private newsletter sent free only to those actively engaged in research who cooperate with news and information. Especially wanted are newspaper articles (with name of paper and date) from your local area. Also let us know about recent magazine articles ; we cannot watch all of them ! Circulation of the BULLETIN now : 100. Personal announcements welcome.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

MEN Magazine, November 1969, "Hunt For The Half-Man, Half-Ape of North America", by Tom Christopher.

MAN'S Magazine, November 1969, "Abominable Snowmen - Do They Exist ?" by Brad Steiger.

CALIFORNIA TODAY, Sunday magazine section of the SAN JOSE MERCURY-NEWS, San Jose, California, October 12, 1969, "Happy Birthday, Dear Bigfoot, Happy Birthday To You" by Susan McInnis.

AMAZING Stories magazine, November 1969, "Sons Of Man" by Greg Benford, a science-fiction story about Bigfoot. (Credit : Patrick Huyghe)

GUN & CREEL Magazine for July 1969 has a photo of a pile of droppings captioned : "Did Bigfoot Pass Here ?" (Credit : Richard Tierney)

PLASTIC RELIEF MAPS AVAILABLE

Beautiful plastic relief maps of the hilly and mountainous areas of the United States can be obtained from the Army. These are in sections that can be fitted together and each section covers an area approximately 70 miles wide by 106 miles long. Scale is four miles to the inch. The forested areas are colored green. These maps are quite detailed and accurate as can be attested by your editor who has checked the map he has against the Trinity County, California, areas he explored this summer. Contour lines are shown also. These maps should be particularly useful to Bigfoot hunters who would like to see at a glance the topography of the area they intend to explore. Map sections are \$4.00 each and will be replaced if damaged in transit. For information and a list of those available write : Commanding Officer, Army Map Service, Building 4011, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234.

GAGA ON THE YUKON

RICHARD L. TIERNEY writes from Alaska (Sept. 22, 1969) : "A couple of days ago I talked with Clark Gruening who is a young adventurer just back from a summer-long canoe trip down the Yukon. He tells me the Athabascan Indians along part of the river have stories about an occasionally-seen forest giant which they call 'Gaga' or 'The Woodsman'. One of Clark's companions was tall and bushy-bearded and the Indian kids were rather scared of him because of his resemblance to 'Gaga' !"

