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REPORT FROM OROVILLE

By BILL SHORT

"Roger Patterson and Dennis Jensen are still encamped at Mr. Stickley's place, atop Table Mountain, according to reports, but they haven't contacted me in two weeks. They had hoped to bring in a one-man gyrocopter to use in their search. Mr. Stickley told a local police agency that they are now using the copter, so I assume their plans are going well.

"Some of the ranchers in that area have made recent reports about cattle being stampeded through fences without apparent reason. Patterson was enthusiastic about it, but there's been nothing to my knowledge, aside from the extensive holes ripped in the barbed wire, to pin it on a Sasquatch. One land owner told me he thought it might be a pack of wild dogs. He was organizing an early morning dog-hunt, but admitted that he had never seen anything like it.

"I just phoned Wes Strang on Long Bar Road, Oroville, and talked to his wife, Laura. Dennis Jensen mentioned that Strang had seen a Bigfoot some time ago. The following is a report on my conversation with Mrs. Strang : At approximately 5:30 P.M. on Halloween night Wes saw "a big monkey or ape with hair all over it." "It was hunched over, squatted down, with its front paws up to its face." Wes was near his barn, looking across a berry patch toward the creek. "It just sat there looking at Wes and he (Wes) came back to the house. When he went back, it was gone." Mrs. Strang had heard my story on KPAY about Patterson's expedition and a reward he was offering for information. She called Stickley's and told of the sighting. "The two men (Patterson & Jensen) came over. They couldn't find any tracks." "There were two (fence) posts pulled up and our (two) horses got out." Those are quotes from Mrs. Strang just told me on the phone. She also mentioned the cattle stampeding and said some tracks were found at Duensing's on Cherokee Road. I'll check that later. She also noted that her dogs have been acting strangely lately. " - Bill Short, Oroville, California, November 30, 1969.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

MORE STRANGE UNSOLVED MYSTERIES, Emile Schurmacher, Paperback Library, 1969, "The Controversial Sasquatch", pp. 91-94.

FATE Magazine, January 1970, p. 84, "Do You Believe Wild Monkeys In Tennessee ?". P. 146 : announcement of a coming article on Russian research on the Abominable Snowman.

REPORT FROM BOSSBURG, WASHINGTON

RENE DAHINDEN, the veteran Sasquatch hunter from B.C., Canada, has sent us a long detailed report from Bossburg, Washington, where he is currently investigating track sightings. The first tracks were found in that area on November 24 by Ivan Marx and Joe Rhodes at a garbage dump near the intersection of Highway 25 and Williams Lake Road. Dahinden, who had been investigating the Big Horn Dam sighting in Alberta, Canada, immediately came down to Bossburg. Later he was joined by Roger Patterson and Dennis Jensen who moved all their equipment up from Oroville, Calif.

On Saturday morning, December 13, 1969, Dahinden and Ivan Marx, a professional hunting guide of Bossburg, found 1089 footprints by actual count. They were in 3 to 4 inches of snow and a light rain was falling. They were apparently made by the same creature that made the earlier tracks since the right foot appeared to be curiously malformed with the third toe missing, two bumps on the side and with, as Dahinden says, "the little toe sticking out at a sharp angle, the whole foot curved outward." The left footprint measured $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches across the ball with a $5\frac{1}{4}$ inch heel. The right footprint measured $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, 7 inches across the ball, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch heel. Length of stride was from 43 to 57 inches but many were shorter.

The tracks began at the edge of the Columbia River, went along the railroad tracks, crossed the highway and headed for the mountain where they wandered around in a brushy area. The tracks then led back across the flat and the highway to the edge of the river where the creature apparently slid on its feet down a steep bank into the river again. (Dahinden says "Tracks were also found about a mile up and across the river by a Border Patrolman. When we got there they were badly washed out by rain.")

At four points in its wanderings the creature stepped over a 43-inch high barbed-wire fence. At the last crossing 8 hairs were collected which Dahinden describes as "thick and heavy and black. Two were about 3 inches long and the rest were shorter and broken off. They are now in Edmonton being examined."

At one point on the trail of tracks Dahinden says "We found where something urinated. Found two tracks close together right there. If the tracks are real this thing did it. Snow was discolored around. Hole of urine did not go all the way through snow." Dahinden adds "I made a bad mistake in not collecting the urine but we were so busy filming, and looking at the tracks, and we did not have anything to put it in, so I lost it. I sure regret it."

Dahinden says "This is the first time I have seen tracks in snow and I must say this was the most impressive set of tracks I have ever seen. I looked at this line of tracks seven times and did not find any indication of fake. Also, I saw toe movements, or what I think were toe movements."

The tracks were viewed by more than a hundred people including residents of the area, reporters from the local papers, members of the Border Patrol, the Highway Patrol and the Sheriff from Northport. Dahinden says they were much impressed.

THE EDITOR wishes to thank all those who sent in clippings on the Bossburg case. Many papers printed articles - too many to list here. Special credit must go to Rene Dahinden, Dick Grover, Richard Tierney, Warren Scott, Nick Carter, Anne Schwalen and many others for keeping us informed.

REPORT FROM OROVILLE

BY
WARREN THOMPSON

"I have just returned from spending the Thanksgiving holidays (Nov. 27-30) looking for Bigfoot in the hills just outside Oroville (Calif.). This was my second trip up there.

"An elderly gentleman whom I had met during my first trip to the area, informed me that about a week after I had been there he saw Bigfoot. He claims to have observed the creature for almost five minutes and from as close as 25 feet while down on the lower pasture of his property. This occurred late at night as he was approaching the guest cabin which is approximately 100 yards from the main house. Bigfoot suddenly moved from behind a tall tree stump and proceeded to walk out into the open field at a moderate pace, occasionally stopping to look back. He said that the creature was definitely taller than the tree stump which was later measured to be 7' 3" high. After watching Bigfoot for a few minutes in the moonlit field, he returned quickly to the house. According to him, this Bigfoot was identical to the one supposed to have been filmed by Roger Patterson in the Bluff Creek area. (He has viewed a copy of that film in order to make the comparison.) He also told me that along with the 18" and 15" tracks which have been found on his property, a set of 5½" prints were recently discovered.

"Saturday night proved to be the most interesting of all. Before returning to my watching and listening post, the elderly gentleman and his wife related to me some of the unusual sounds they hear around their property and which might be attributable to Bigfoot. I then returned to my waiting place just as it was getting dark. Off and on, for the next couple of hours, I heard the same sort of sounds as on the night before and also the creaking of the barbed-wire fences up on the hill. Things had been quiet for a few minutes around 8 P.M. when from the top of the hill, about 200 feet from me, I heard nothing other than the chatter of a monkey. It was just as the people had described it to me. It was not a scream, as is sometimes reported, but the in and out hooting like a chimpanzee usually makes as if it is trying to tell you something. This is the only way to describe it in writing. It lasted for 5 to 6 seconds but was quite loud and distinct. The only other places I have heard that sound is at the San Francisco zoo or on a television show ("Daktari" etc.). Unless there is some animal that emits identical sounds, I am sure that they could have been made only by an animal ape-like in nature.

"I am planning another trip to the same area over New Years and I hope I can find something more conclusive to report back on."-Warren Thompson, December 10, 1969.

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In dealing with an angry Bigfoot, Lucius Farish advises : "Smother him in heel dust." !

OTHER PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

MAMMALS OF THE PACIFIC STATES, Lloyd C. Ingles, Stanford University Press, Palo Alto, California, 1965. The chapter on "Scats" should be of particular interest to Bigfoot hunters. Fine illustrations of the droppings of all the wild animals. (Credit : Dick Frey)

FUR BEARERS OF CALIFORNIA - 30¢ and BIG GAME - 25¢. Both publications contain illustrations of the tracks of the wild animals of California. Both can be obtained from Printing Division, Documents Section, N. 17th Street at Richards Blvd., Sacramento, California. (Credit : Dick Frey)

**Disney Studios
See Monster Movie**

John Green returned Tuesday from Los Angeles after a two week trip marketing his book "On the Track of the Sasquatch" in southern California.

While there he gave a talk and showed the movie of a Sasquatch to zoologists and anthropologists at the University of California at Los Angeles, and discussed with a representative of the Walt Disney studios a documentary on the subject which that organization is considering making.

He is leaving again later this week to distribute books in Eastern Canada and on the Prairies for the Christmas trade, and plans to confer with scientists in New York and at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, with whom he has been corresponding regarding the Sasquatch.

Meanwhile he is looking for someone to translate for him an article, apparently on the same subject, which was sent to him by a Professor Porshnev, in Moscow, via a Russian diplomat returning to Canada after a holiday at home.

**THE ADVANCE, Agassiz,
B.C., Canada,
November 13, 1969**

**Sasquatch Seen
Near Lytton**

A Vancouver man, Ivan Wally, sighted a strange creature on the highway three miles north of Lytton last Thursday night.

He drove back to report the incident to the Lytton R. C. M. P. Mr. Wally said the creature was about seven feet tall, and was covered with short, grey-brown hair. He said the creature's face was like that of a wizened old man and as he approached it raised its arms, then loped off into the woods.

R. C. M. P. told the Advance that they checked the area for tracks but the hard packed ground was not likely to show an imprint.

The Advance also received a report from game guide Ivan Marks at Colville Washington of sightings in the Colville area. Ivan Marks said he had found tracks to corroborate the sighting

**THE ADVANCE, Agassiz,
B.C., Canada,
November 27, 1969**



THE LONG WALK, Slavomir Rawicz as told to Ronald Downing, Perennial Library, Harper & Row, Publishers, N.Y., 1965, 60¢. Chapter 22, "The Abominable Snowmen", pp. 229-238. An account of the observation of 2 Abominable Snowmen from a distance of about 100 yards. (Credit : Bob Betts)

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Northern Californians with knowledge of very recent tracks or creature sightings please contact BOB BETTS by telephone at (707) 443-9493. Less urgent information may be mailed to Bob at P.O. Box 511, Arcata, Calif. 95521. Bob's object is to drive with fellow searchers immediately to the area of fresh tracks or sightings.

Agassiz-Harrison-Rosedale Advance

Tuesday, December 23, 1969

Sasquatch Book Taken East

John Green returned Friday from a five-week trip across Canada as far as Montreal, introducing his book "On the Track of the Sasquatch".

During the trip he sold 3,000 copies of the book to wholesalers, bringing total sale to about 16,000 copies, and made radio and television appearances in most major cities as well as being the subject of some 20 newspaper articles.

Most of the programs were local, but one on the CBC "Week end" network series and a half-hour interview on the Pierre Berton show will be broadcast in B. C. shortly. He was not given the dates.

He talked to a reporter in Winnipeg who interviewed two men who saw a Sasquatch about 300 miles north of that city last year. He picked up a hitchhiker in northern Ontario who told of seeing a white, upright animal, of enormous size, in a field near Toronto four years ago.

Two Ojibway Indians from different parts of Ontario, both working for the C. B. C. in Toronto, told him that their people had a word for a manlike monster that lived in the forests of the Canadian Shield, although they had forgotten what the name was.

In Ottawa, where he stayed several days with Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Fletcher, formerly of Agassiz; he showed the Sasquatch movie at the National Museum (the chief mammalogist said it was a hoax) and also at the Russian Embassy.

He was told by a councillor there that scientific opinion in Russia also tends to frown on reports of hairy, humanlike animals, but that government funds are spent on investigating them. A partial translation at the embassy of a scientific paper sent to Mr. Green by a Professor Porschnev, head of the Russian program, indicated that the creatures the Russians are interested in are less than six feet high, but that there are many similarities otherwise, for instance that they are good swimmers and that they see in the dark, that they keep in contact by high pitched screams, and that they appear to hibernate, but do not entirely disappear in the winter.



On the track of a Sasquatch with a mangled foot, Rene Dahinden, formerly of Harrison Hot Springs and Agassiz, is at Bossburg, Washington, just south of Trail, B. C., where these two tracks were recently cast in the dirt by a garbage dump. The tracks are better than 16 inches long.

Delayed for three days in Toronto for the interview with Pierre Burton, he showed the movie at the University of Toronto, then drove more than 2,500 miles from Toronto to Bossburg, Washington, between Monday night and Thursday morning. At Bossburg he saw a few remaining tracks of more than 1,000 seen in the snow on the weekend by Rene Dahinden, who is investigating, sighting and track reports there.

BEN E. FOSTER JR., is writing a book and would greatly appreciate and welcome any information on Bigfoot from 1800 to 1970. Address him : P.O. Box 414, Fall River Mills, California 96028.

The BIGFOOT BULLETIN is a private newsletter. Circulation limited to those actively engaged in research on the Bigfoot/Sasquatch mystery. Sent free in exchange for news and information. Items for the next issue should reach the editor by the 25th of the month.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, BIGFOOT,
WHEREVER YOU ARE !**