

elapsed. In the Museum of Comparative Zoology there are, at present, two of Dr. Chapman's specimens. Three others are in the collection of Dr. Creighton. One of the specimens in the M. C. Z. collection bears the label "*V. lobognathus* new subsp." and this notation is attributable to Creighton (ca. 1938) who now states that he does not believe that it is a valid new subspecies. The writer concurs in this conclusion, especially because we know so little concerning the distribution and the variability of the typical form of *lobognathus*. Furthermore, the Missouri specimens are smaller than the types and the Colorado sample recently brought to light, and in this and other respects they give the impression of having come from an incipient nest. To base a new subspecies on such material is quite inadvisable.

It may seem that the record from Missouri is too far east to be credited with any assurance, especially when even the Colorado records are so far removed from the main range of the genus *Veromessor*. But it is not an impossible occurrence, since Barton County is in the southwestern section of Missouri, on the northern edge of the Ozark Plateau, where tall grass prairie and oak-hickory vegetation interdigitate.

There is the possibility that Chapman's locality may have been a Barton County in another state, and with this in mind, I have searched the maps of the following thirteen states: Iowa, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California, as any of these states might be included in the range of the species. Of these only Kansas possesses a Barton County and it is situated almost in the geographic center of the state. If Barton County, Kansas, is the correct location for Chapman's specimens, it is more plausible than the Missouri record, but it is still a long way east of Colorado, and for this reason extremely interesting.

The confusion which is detailed in the foregoing paragraphs serves to place in bold relief the dangers attendant upon the attachment of locality labels and the citation of such. The most meticulous care is not too much to exercise