

# Through Photos by Birmingham's Erwin Wilson, The Eccentric Takes You on a Big Game Hunting Trip in British Columbia

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Gear is loaded on the plane that flew the four hunters—Erwin Wilson, Henry M. Dahlquist, Jr., and Howard H. Fitzgerald of Birmingham and Harry Klingler, Jr., of Ann Arbor—into the British Columbia interior. The picture was taken on the river at Prince George shortly before the party left for the main camp, 400 miles distant. The bush pilot made several refueling stops at gas caches hidden at wilderness lakes.



The fur of a mountain goat is comparable to angora, Wilson reports. He shot this beautiful trophy, one of eight such animals taken by the party. Average weight of the goats was 300 pounds. Most of the hunting on the trip was done above timberline. The Canadian wilds were in their finest fall colors for the first two weeks of the hunt. Snow fell the final week and the temperature dropped to three above the last day.



Dahlquist displays a pair of fine stone sheep, one of which he shot, the other taken by Wilson. Average weight of the sheep was 200 pounds. The photograph shows the rocky, barren terrain hunted.

Early in September three Birmingham men and a fourth from Ann Arbor left for Seattle, Wash., on the first leg of a month-long big game hunt in northern British Columbia near the legendary Yukon territory.

The four were Erwin Wilson, 5961 Lahser; Henry M. Dahlquist, Jr., 309 Fairfax; Howard H. Fitzgerald, 19091 Bedford, and Harry Klingler, Jr., Ann Arbor.

From Seattle the four flew to Vancouver and from there hopped to Prince George, a point that was to be their last touch with civilization for nearly a month.

A bush pilot took the hunters the last 400 miles deep into the Cassiar range of mountains. The main camp was located at a place called Coldfish lake, a lake which provided fine rainbow trout fishing. From there, all traveling was by horseback.

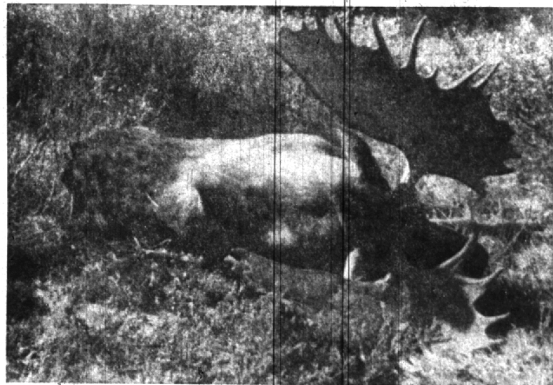
There were 10 on the three-week pack trip into the mountains—four Indian guides, a horse wrangler for the train's 22 horses, a cook and the four hunters.

The list of trophies points clearly to the success of the trip. Two moose, four mountain caribou, two grizzly bear, four stone sheep and eight mountain goats were shot by the four men.

These photographs were taken by Wilson, co-owner of The Sportsman. They tell far better than words the thrill of a big game hunt in North America's last frontier.—LES LINE, SPORTS EDITOR.



Fitzgerald poses with one of two mountain goats he bagged. Provincial hunting regulations allow two goats per hunter and each member of the party filled his limit during the three-week hunt.



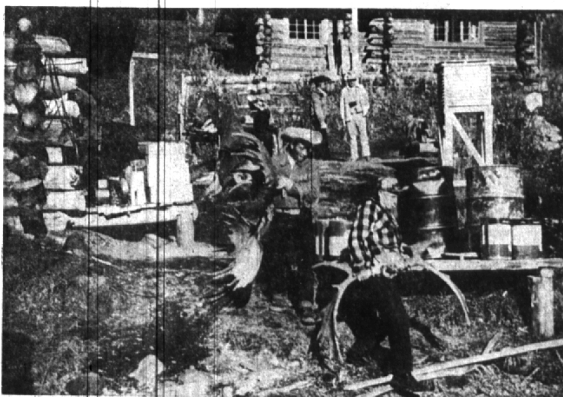
This 1,500-pound moose, killed by Wilson, had a rack that was just shy of a Canadian record. It may, however, be the largest taken this year and will be entered in competition by Wilson. Two moose were shot on the trip, the other by Klingler.



Klingler (left) and an Indian guide stand near a mountain caribou shot by the Ann Arbor hunter. All four hunters bagged caribou, sometimes called reindeer. Average weight of the animals was 700 pounds. The men ate nothing but wild meat during the hunt. Wilson, who brought a small amount of caribou with him when he returned Oct. 8, said that shortly before the end of the hunt, he managed to get within 600 yards of an estimated 300 caribou. They had begun to herd up with the approach of winter.



Wilson displays the rack on the caribou he shot, one of the largest of the four taken. Trophies he brought home included a stone sheep, two goats, a moose and caribou.



This is the main camp at Coldfish lake near the Yukon Northwest Territory border. Guides are shown carrying trophies to be readied for the return flight to Prince George. The lake at the camp provided the men with fine rainbow trout fishing. Bows measuring 15 to 16 inches were caught in temperatures well below freezing.

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