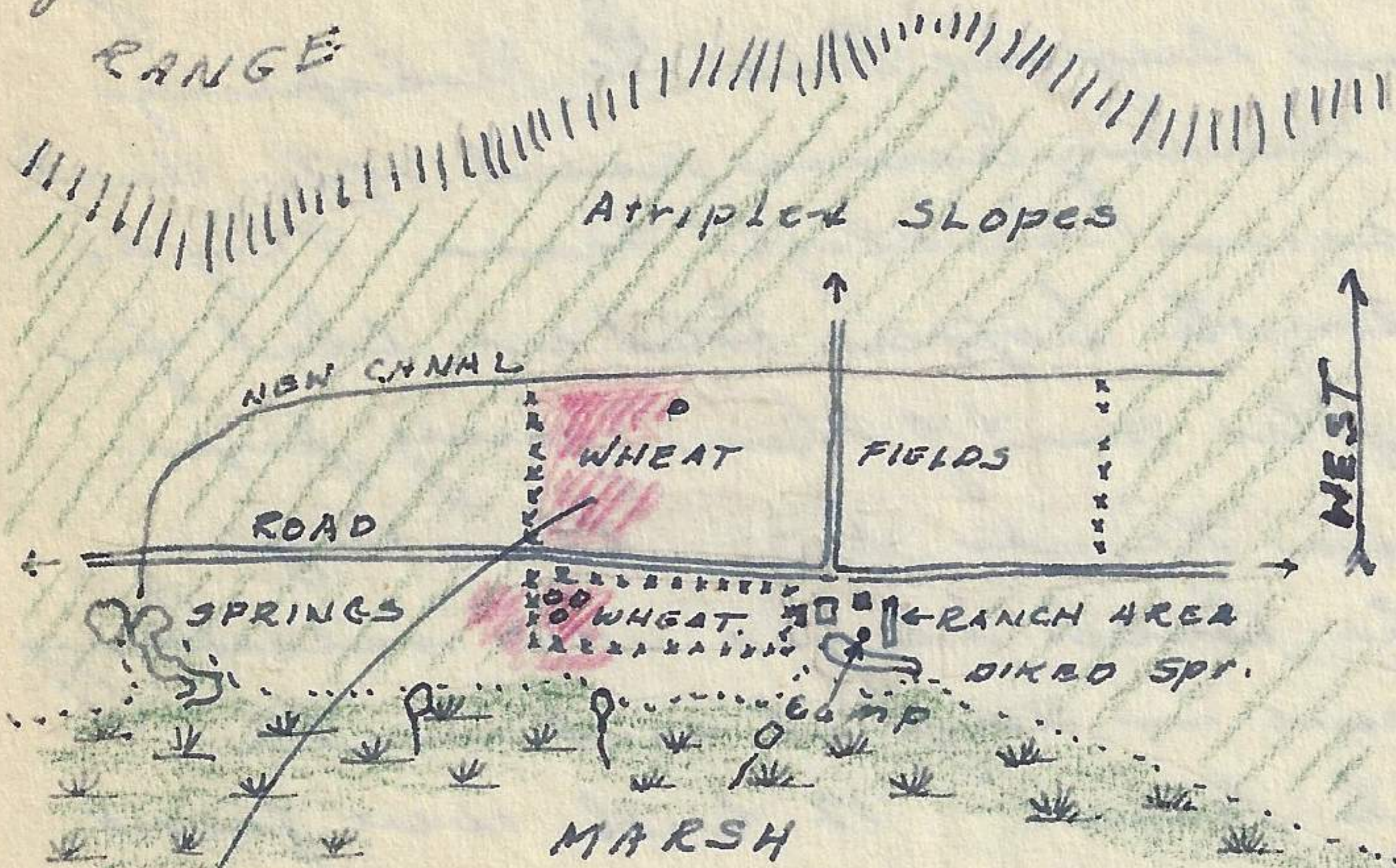


18th of March. of this group from 8-10 remain while the others circle high and call and finally leave to the north. Every morning the sandhills fed in his plowed field, sometimes coming within a few hundred feet of the house. Last year he captured two young birds and kept them in a chicken coup but could not force them to eat wheat. The civet cat (banded tail) but no skunks. Few bald and golden eagles in area. Feeds raven rat badiis for a while and then sets out poison meat. Hawks do considerable damage to the furs. No Canadian geese ever seen except one killed by hunter north of ranch. Mainly mallards nesting but few pintail. many Am. Coot, few Wilson snipe, avocet & curlew. No seagulls. In 1908 he trapped in Utah County and found the mink in the lake and all the rivers. No wolverine or marten trapped but reports marten present at Halladay Park and in the head of Weber river. Mink in all streams of Salt Lake Valley. Raised and trapped in present site of New State Gun Club. The antelope come in regularly to a spring six miles south of his ranch. The last two nights have been exceptionally cold with tonight being the first night that they have not heard the bullfrog croaking. Camped at the ranch under the many trunked Cottonwood tree near the spring at the house.

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Heard the first Sandhill at 5:15 A.M. from the south east part of the marsh. It call 4 times in half an hour. At 5:35 A.M. we got up and found 4 sandhills feeding in the plowed field. They did not announce their arrival nor did we know how early they had arrived. Sun hit camp at 5:40 A.M. During the entire



morning up to 6:55 A.M. these 4 sandhills fed in wheat fields picking up the grains of wheat which had not been covered up. The new sprouts of wheat were just beginning to appear above the ground to give it a greenish color. One lone bird remain in west field and did not migrate more than 30 feet from its original position. It fed continuously with a peck about every 2 seconds which would

indicate that it was probably feeding on wheat. It would occasionally stand upright. The other three birds in the east field were not so sincere in their feeding, mixing pleasure with business so to speak. They indulged in dancing and wandering about in the field. At one time two birds participated in the nuptial dance and hopped about with outstretched necks and stiff legs. Occasionally they would throw a claud of dirt into the air. There was a noticeable