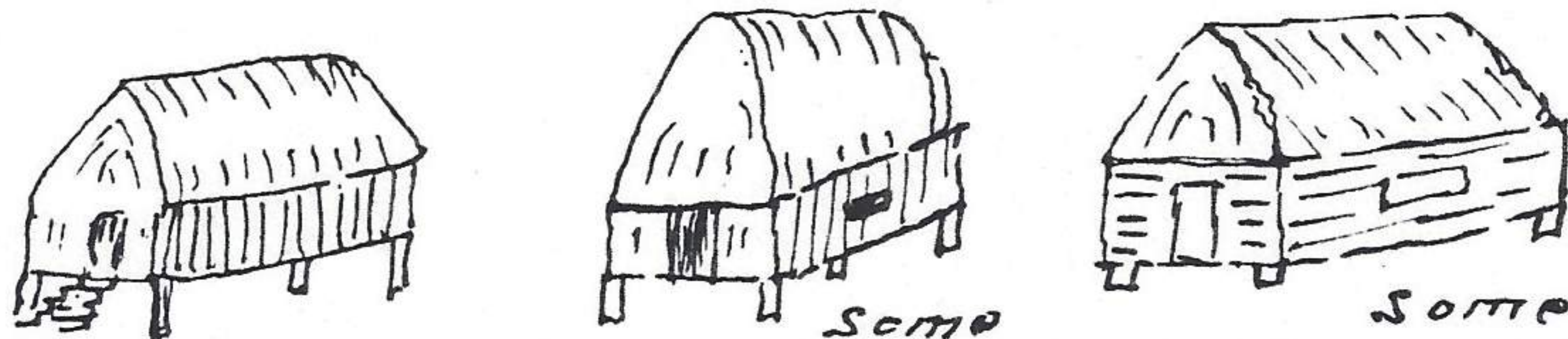


the banana trees are in all stages of development from whole flats of small, densely arranged plants to tall trees occurring singly. Green characterizes the color except for some yellows and of course the varicolored flowers. Fruits include trees of orange of grapefruit-like balls, papaya, gourd-like fruits, lemon-like fruits and many others. I have noticed many trees which have leaves which appear to be dying and also new green leaves on the same tree. The birds are too numerous to mention. They include many familiar ones from the north as well as many birds that I know nothing about--as yet, but just let me get a hold of my trusty .410 and I will make a more intimate acquaintance. It is a shame to shoot them but it is the best way to learn more about them. The house and people could be from any Indian setting. The houses are thatched with palm leaves and the sides of bamboo. The entire structure is on stilts. The nogo houses, however, were not, as I remember, as steeply inclined.



I do not recall of seeing any with plaster on as was so common in the lower valleys of Assam or especially in India. Some houses were shelters covering cooking ovens or work areas--some had fences of bamboo around them but this condition was an exception. These people do not require the privacy of the Indians. Single trail paths lead from one shack to another. The people