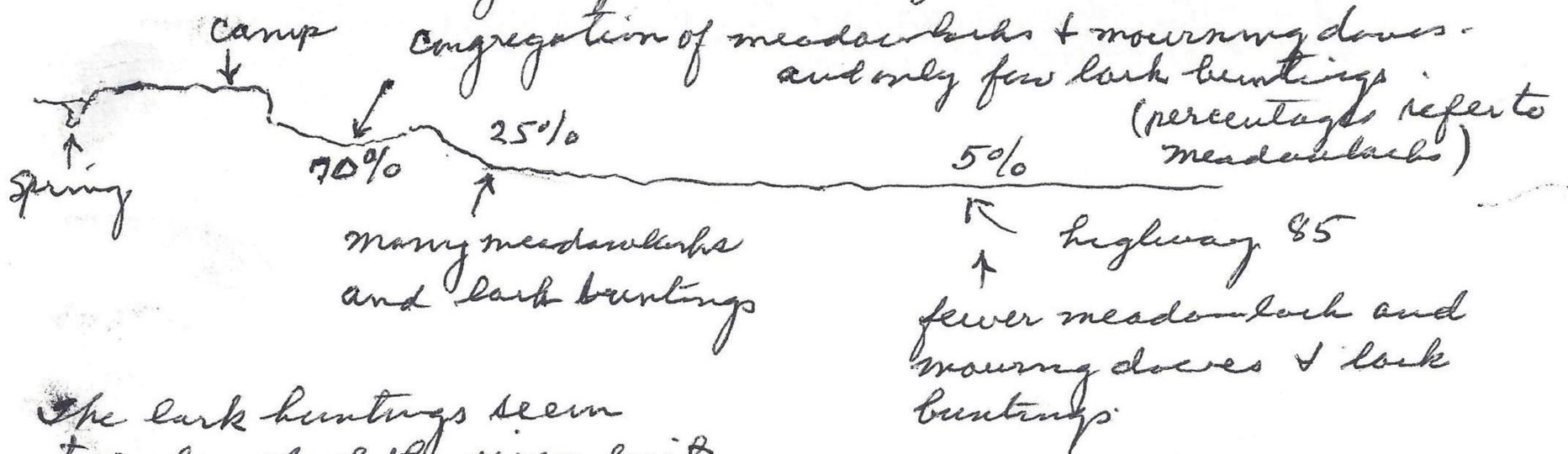


more than on highway 85 in valley.



The lark buntings seem to prefer slightly irregularity of surface or elevated than the flat lowlands river bottoms. Magpies and prairie jays in upper area. In 2 miles of road (25% area) counted 62 meadowlarks in large flocks, 4 sparrow hawks, 12 mourning doves and 30 lark sparrows. Another group of 4 sparrow hawks beyond. Census of birds on highway 85 below above area (for 2 miles) was 2 meadowlarks, 14 lark sparrows & no mourning doves. Censuses ^{are} conflicting and must be taken into consideration when judging actual populations. Cottontail, jack rabbit & deer in area. a small Citellus (armatus type) at Pecan Camp. Valley mainly prairie but some dry farming of wheat & corn. Mosquitoes everywhere in this country. Lakes & ponds with ducks which are breeding birds. Only rarely meadowlarks singing. The lark bunting, especially males flying in front of car (side roads) for 200 or 300 feet and dart irregularly back and forth. Lakes with good stands of bull rushes and vegetation. First aspen trees in gullies 4 or 5 miles N of Grassy Butte, McKenzie Co., N. Dakota highway 85. Lark bunting common to Grassy Butte and a little beyond. at Little Missouri River & beyond I did not see the bunting until Alexander where I noted one. The country changes only slightly beyond Little Missouri River. The river itself could be a barrier to prairie mammals. I expect the Missouri River is the actual northern barrier. will check vegetation north of this river. Arrived Williston at 12:10 at 96455. Continued to Fortuna, thence N to Long Creek approx 2 1/2 miles S of Tribune, Saskatchewan, Canada. (Memorial Park) Arrived 5:30 P.M. Mileage. Set 13 live traps near camp along Long Creek.