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of yesterday. Shortly after 9:00 A.M. it returned to the identical spot where it fed yesterday. I am wondering if there is a dead animal that this bird is feeding on (at bottom of lake). At 4:00 P.M. this bird was still on the lake and foraging throughout the lake. This evening noted several flocks of grackles and redwings pass over east end of campus. This is a major change in seasonal migration of these birds.

Univ. Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

April 1, 1964

noted 3 cedar waxwing on campus (Chancellor's residence) on ^{Sophora} ~~and~~ ^{Japaneum}, a oriental tree and in elm trees adjacent yesterday evening at 5:00 P.M. These were the first birds of this species seen this winter and spring on campus. This morning at 8:00 A.M. noted 16 birds in the same tree, *Sophora japonicum*. John Hill reported that thousands of snow & blue geese flew π over general area of north Lawrence (Logan Morgan Lumber Co). They were high and did not stop at Lawrence. At sand pits π E of Lawrence, noted nearly all kinds of duck, yellowlegs & sandpipers.

1 3/20 mi. π and 2 1/20 mi. E Clinton, Douglas County, Kansas

April 2, 1964

Set 100 traps in same area as Jan 2, 1964. Most traps near bottom of drainage, 1/2 on upper slope. $\rightarrow$ E

Area in *Lepidogon* grass of 10 years growth. Weeds in lower

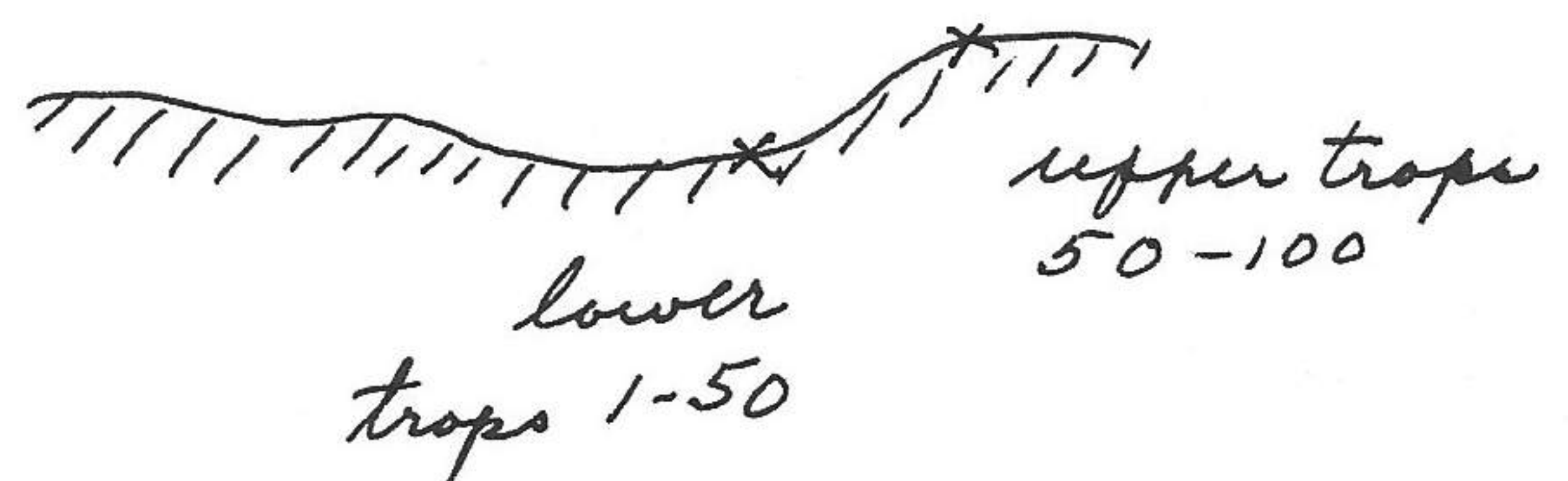
drainage proper but not in

trapping area. The entire

surface of the ground is covered

with vegetation, mainly matted and runways difficult to see. Started trap line 4:30, ended at sundown. Temp today has been in the 70's F.

1 3/20 mi. π and 2 1/20 mi. E Clinton, Douglas Co., Kansas.



April 3, 1964

Picked up traps. Day cooler than yesterday but still fairly warm, 50°F.

The most remarkable feature of catch is the dominance of *Microtus ochrogaster* (only kind of mammal captured). This in contrast to Peterson field which is dominated by *Signadon* and at least a few *Peromyscus*. This area differs only in amount of overhead protection, present on the Peterson farm and lacking here. The field to East has been cut (a week or so ago) but I do not believe it has pushed the microtine population over into the lower drainage system. Old mounds which have been excavated previously by fox or skunk & nest dislodged, support *Microtus*, some however, do not. Phoebe in area. Increased bird activity along creek, & skunk on along road between Lawrence and here. Juncos still in area