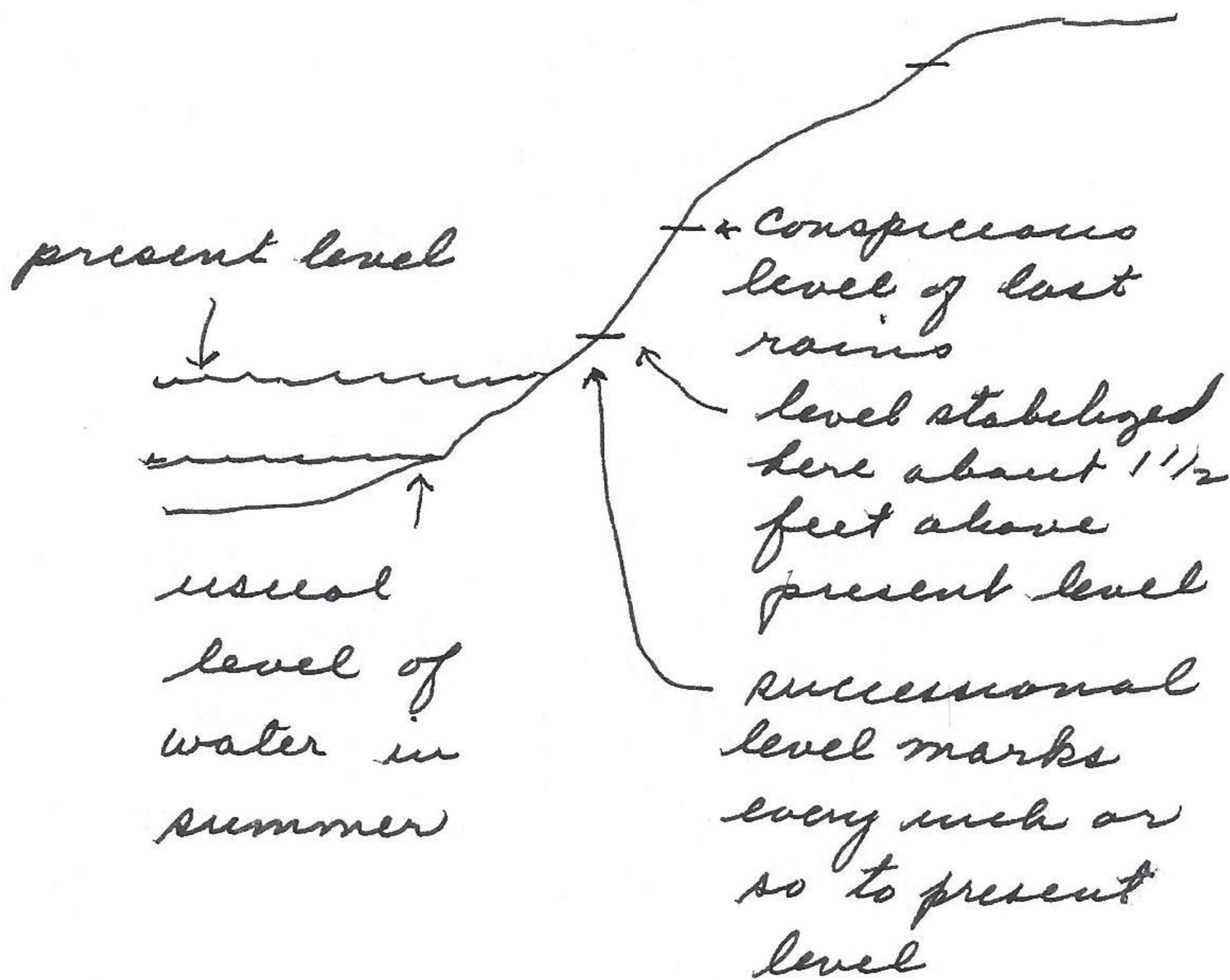


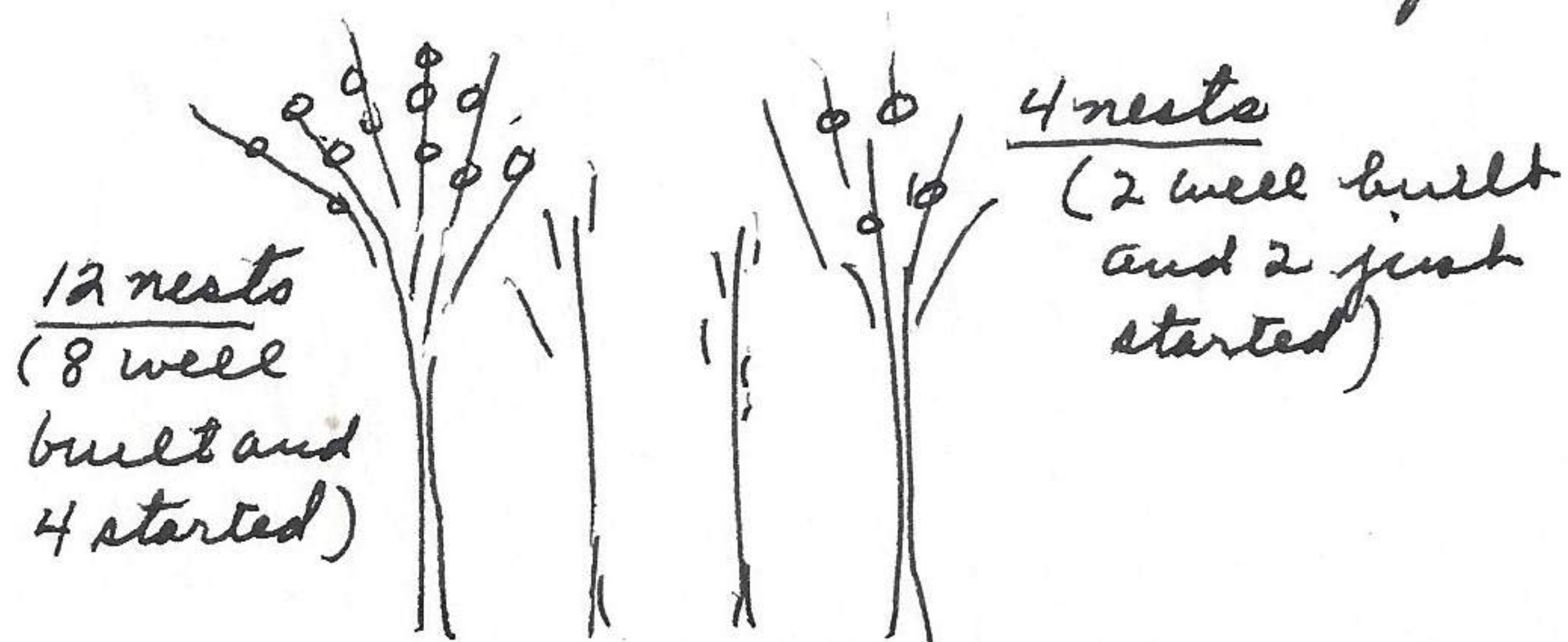
musk rat tracks, occasional raccoon track. The level of the water has been at near flood earlier in the season with debris and prone vegetation on bank.

at eight inches above the present level of the water is an inch zone of the buds of the Elm tree which 2 days ago, on April 7, were shed in great profusion, indicating a drop of 8 inches since that time.



Arrived second rapids at 12:05. at a point 350' above these rapids

noted a Louisiana water thrush (*Seiurus motacilla*) walking along edge of creek. This bird has a relatively loud and aggressive-like call. The tilting of the tail is diagnostic. It used both low trees and shoreline for feeding activity. Other birds noted between the two rapids were 4 fox squirrels, 2 cardinals, 3 titmouse, 2 black-capped chickadees, 2 red-bellied woodpeckers, 1 downy woodpecker, 1 turtle, 1 small frog (amphibians are rare). 12:15 winter wren, kingfisher flying E at about 250' height, calling. Between 2 rapids and 12:30 saw 4 fox squirrels, 3 cardinals, 5 black-capped chickadees, 2 red-bellied woodpeckers, 1 downy woodpecker, 1 crow. Cow hear other crows to north in fields. At 12:30 noted a great blue heron feeding along edge of river. 12:40 great blue heron colony. as we approached counted 20 birds on nests. They gave low calls before leaving as we approached to about 200'. not all left at the same time, some acting as if they were incubating eggs and were loathe to leave. They circled 4 or 5 times and then left to the N. We remained in area until 1:30. at the heronry made the following observations:



The nests which were well built were nests of last year (white washed with spores) with 3 or 4 inches of new sticks on top. The other nests were flimsy and