

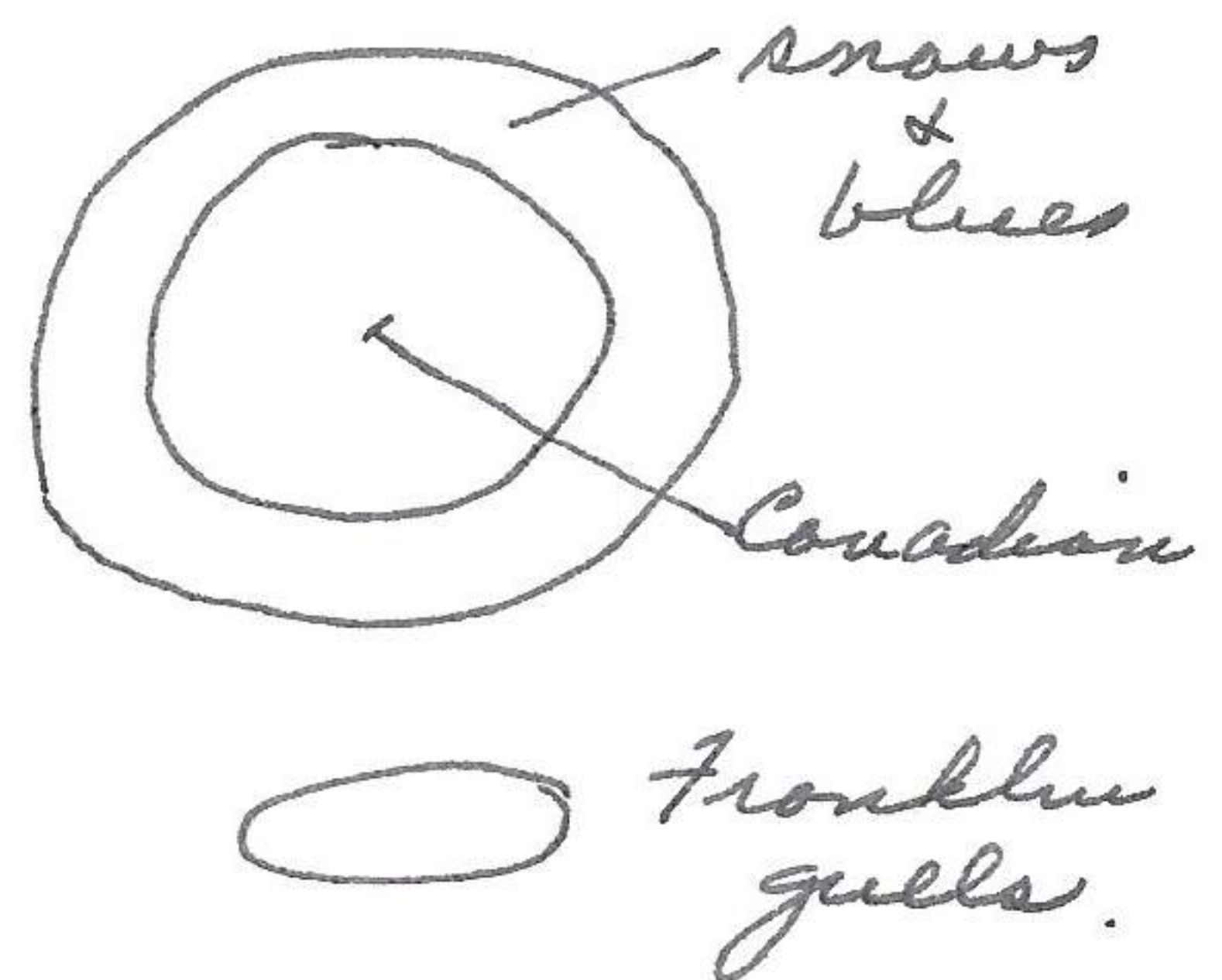
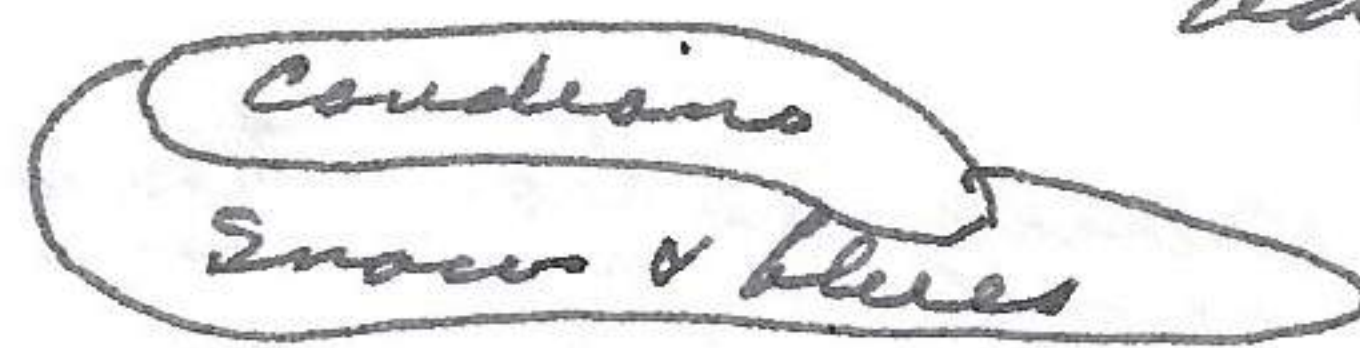


raft was smooth whereas on all other sides was in waves high enough to cause geese to ride up & down. This raft is in same area that is maintained as open water by the birds in the winter. The snow geese surrounded the Canadian geese at the moment the picture was taken. When viewed from dam the raft looks lenticular  but when view from 90° at another point the raft is . The true raft is circular in shape.



Later the raft adjusted to:



Geese called occasionally, adjusted wings and moved when can stopped on dam.

At a point approx 3/4 mi. NW of W end of dam photo 741009-10 of Cottonwood and old tree in background. Photo 741009-11 in same area and of locust tree (lone) at edge of lake.

At a point 1/4 mi. NW of W end of dam at edge of lake photo 741009-12 of osprey on limb of dead tree. This bird fed on a small 5 inch fish and remained until I approached to within approx 100'. It was alert to my movement and called whenever I become noticeable. It left abruptly and flew N along edge of water. This photo is first shot on new reel.

Photo 741009-13 <sup>and 741009-13a</sup> of same raft of geese as photo 741009-9 with a raft of loat just beyond. The Franklin gulls keep a separate but adjacent raft to geese.

Photo 741009-14 of W end dam showing racks facing surface. These are being invaded by a vine at this point. A trapline in this area would be interesting in that it represents a new geological niche for the Kansas environs.

Noted a motorboat (speed) bisect three large rafts of American Coot as if intentional. Boat operators should be informed that these migrating birds have priority on the lake during this time of the year (migration) and should respect the formation of birds on the lake. Some areas should be held inviolate to motor boats. Other than 5 other fishing boats, this motor boat was the only speed boat on the lake (except 2 sail boats). Coots lined the shoreline from W end of dam to outlet gate and rested on rocky beach. The Coot is the dominant bird on water. No ducks observed today.