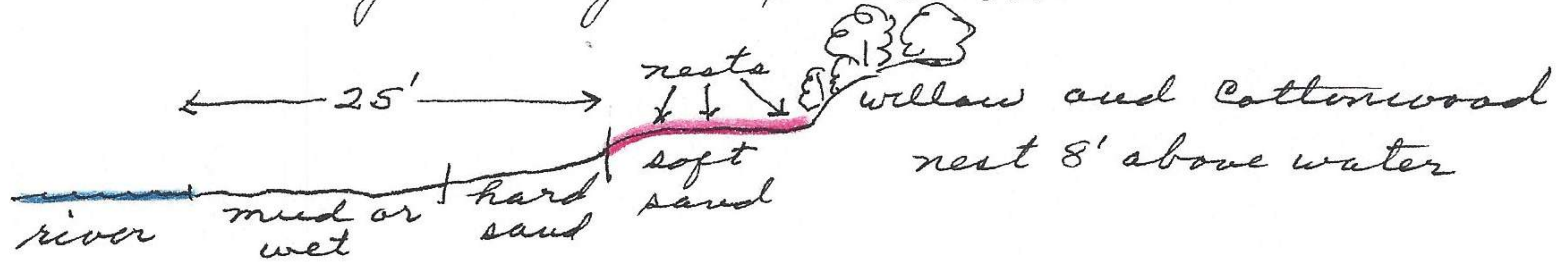
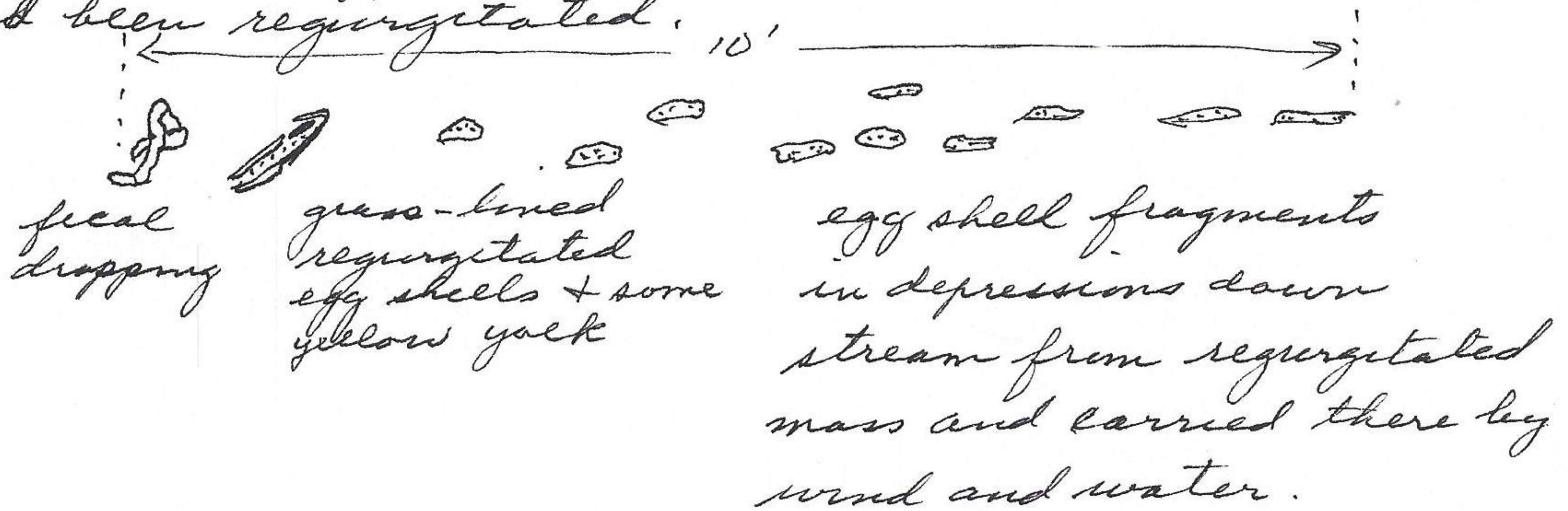


a mole had placed its corridor thru 2 nests but it could not be ascertained if it had eaten any of the eggs. as the evidence had been erased by the coyote excavations.



diameters of several eggs are: 24 mm, 27 mm, 23 mm, 20 mm, 23 mm. Shells white and hard underlain by white membrane. Raccoon tracks along edge of water ^(25' away) of river but not at nests. The coyote left nesting colony and dropped down to river and followed along edge of river for approx. 1/10 mile where it deposited a fecal mass on the mud of the river. It was full of hair and undigested corn. A regurgitated grass lined pellet of white egg shells was about 1 foot away. In addition was approx 3/4 cup of egg shells in a dozen or so depressions that had been regurgitated.



The coyote tracks then continued along edge of water downstream. Length front foot 74, width front foot 54. Length hind foot 69, length width hind foot 52 mm.

Birds feeding along this long sand bar shoreline were: 13 pectoral sandpipers, they chased each other frequently, sometimes 2 would approach each other, lie prone then either walk away from each other or approach each other and with heads & body spar for a few second and then leave or actually make contact like fighting cocks.

18 sanderling.

10 Baird sandpipers.

2 dowitchers. white on back best distinguishing feature.

8 Least sandpipers.

9 Lesser yellowlegs.

1 piping plover. Pounds feet (alternately) ^{dry or damp} on sands to dislodge insects.

8 Killdeer. In shallow water advances foot (alternately) and as a result gets insects 9 out of 10 movements.