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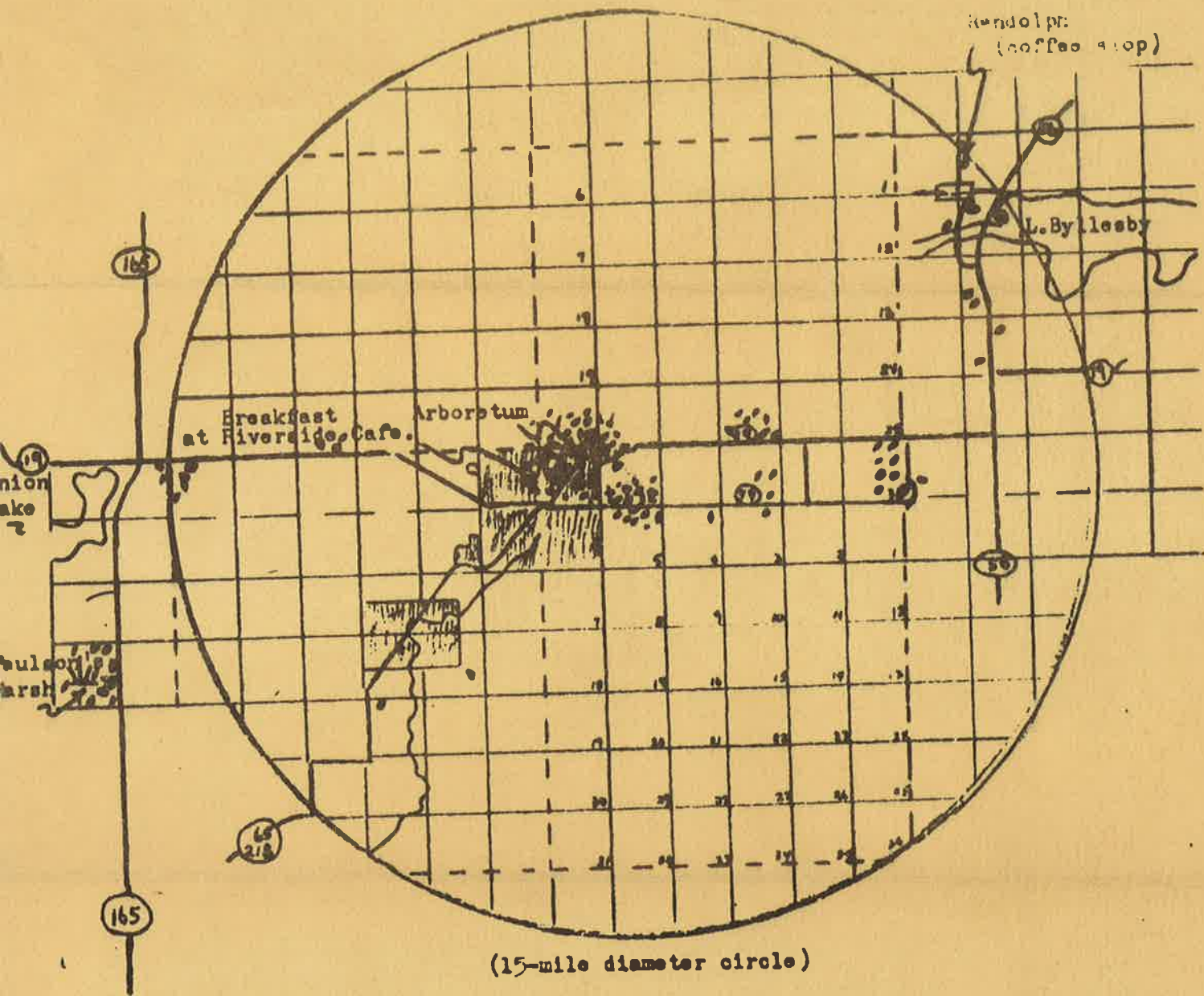
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ORWIN A. RUST,
1134 E. Division St
Eau Claire, Minn.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT; Northfield, Rice county area.

Suggested field-trip time:
7:30 a.m. - 12:45 hours.
12:30 p.m. - 3:30.30 hours

COMPOSITE - 1951-58

8 hours total (minimum)



Specific study areas: (with route).

1. Arboretum (Carleton College); along Straight River.
2. Highway #19 east to highway #56.
3. Highway #56 north to Lake Byllesby and Randolph.
4. Return to Northfield via highway #56 to #19, then west to county line, go south to highway #79 and continuing west to Northfield; (cemetery enroute).
5. Highway #19 west, #165 and Union Lake, then south to Paulson's Marsh.

Notes: (see detail maps of the following areas):

1. Arboretum
2. Lake Byllesby
3. Paulson's Marsh.

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Arboretum*

ARBORETUM COMMITTEE Paul Jensen, Chairman

This is a draft of a report to President Nason concerning our recommendations. Since the Trustees need to act on the farm question, and they convene on May 16, I think we should try to have this report in President Nason's hands no later than May 5 so that the administration can make a suggestion to the Trustees. Mr. Frank Wright has indicated that our proposal would meet with no objection from his office. Another reason for a recommendation as soon as possible is that if we try to collect seeds, we'll have to have the program functional within the month.

If you have any suggestions, corrections, or further ideas on form or content, please send to me promptly along with an indication of your willingness to help with the Tree-Plant Committee. I will attempt to incorporate your suggestions in a final draft which I will send out to you by the end of this week. I should add that Field A is the 30 acre field we spoke of just north of the sewage plant. Thank you.

W. Kamaley, Sec.

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Dear President Nason:

We, an informal committee authorized by you and by the Dean to consider problems of the Carleton arboretum express in this report our views on what the college attitude should be toward this extensive tract of land. We feel the necessity of doing so because of the rapidly increasing population of the area and by the extension of super highways from the Twin Cities into this area.

Dividing the arboretum into two sections, the lower arboretum on the north, and the upper arboretum on the south side of route 19, we propose that the college view the former as primarily a recreational asset for both the college and Northfield, and the latter as primarily expansion space and amenity for the college buildings and grounds. We have little to say about the upper arboretum except to urge that it be kept in good shape, as it has been, and that the road from the end of Second Street to Goodhue (Nutting Drive) be kept closed at all time except for service work.

It is the lower arboretum with which we are primarily concerned. For the resident of Northfield or the college student, this is the one adjacent area in which walking, bicycle riding, or horseback riding can be done in peace and quiet. Here one may commune with oneself, study plant and animal communities, bird watch, or simply relax. It is our belief that the best use of this land is for just these purposes and that the college should clearly express this as its policy. Along with this statement, a set of rules for the use of the arboretum and some minimal policing are clearly necessary. These should be worked out by meetings between members of our committee and the appropriate administrative officers who would be charged with enforcing such regulations.

As a specific and immediate plan of action, we urge that the field shown as A on the enclosed map be withdrawn from the acreage farmed and planted to trees. This would entail a reduction of about 30 acres in the 400 acres currently farmed. The advantages to planting this field are as follows: the college could permanently close the road to the south of the field; we would be providing a more integral wooded area; and it would make the game refuge more habitable for wildlife. It might also be noted that woodlands are not always a total loss economically and while we certainly do not envisage a tree harvest, such action would be possible at a future date.

To implement this proposal we suggest the creation of a permanent Tree-Planting Committee consisting of 4 faculty, 4 students, and 2 administrators. This committee should be directly responsible to the President. This committee would be in charge of making the physical arrangements concerning the procurement and planting of trees and shrubs.

There it is. I want at least that one field planted, I would like to try for more later if it turns out well, but I certainly agree that we need to leave some areas open for browse and thicket growth if we want to have any variety. Thank you for your suggestions.

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Arboretum Farm*

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NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
For Immediate Release:

"Everyone is welcome but they must follow the rules," comments Dr. Paul Jensen in his announcement this week that Carleton College's 360-acre Arboretum and Wildlife Preserve north of the campus is open for the enjoyment of all in the Northfield community.

The opening of the area to the general public and to the students and staffs of both local colleges (Carleton and St. Olaf) is not new, but recent restrictions on vehicular traffic have been added.

Barricades have been erected at two points on the main road, giving drivers an entrance into the preserve near the tennis courts by Lyman Lakes, and an exit just east of the Carleton farm. But the new "Loop" road closes off approximately six miles of winding road and for a purpose.

"Unfortunately in recent years," Jensen says, "the Arboretum has been damaged by unthinking and careless drivers of cars, motorbikes, motorcycles and snowmobiles. For this reason the College has decided to ban motor vehicles from the part of the Arboretum extending from the sewage plant northeast to the Canada Avenue Road."

"We are pleased to have anyone from town take advantage of this beautiful area," Jensen continued, "It is the only extensive place in Northfield where anyone can walk. Eventually, we hope to connect a sidewalk on Second Street into and back out of the area."

Designated a State Game Refuge, the Arboretum contains a six-mile nature trail, an eight-mile bridle path, and extensive native woodland in which over 400 varieties of trees, shrubs and woody vines grow in profusion.

"It is a fine bird-watching area, picnic area and one can fish along the Cannon River," Jensen adds but stresses that no raccoon or fox-chasing on snowmobiles will be allowed.

Bike and horseback riding is approved, yet horses must be kept on the road to prevent tree, flower and underbrush damage.

Dr. Jensen, who mixes his fights for conservation and against pollution with an associate professorship in Carleton's biology department, concludes that the "Arb" is a "swell place to snowshoe and cross-country ski during winter."

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Dear President Nason:

We, an informal committee authorized by you and the Dean to consider problems of the Carleton arboretum, express in this report our views on what the attitude of the college should be toward this extensive tract of land. We feel the necessity of doing so because of the rapidly increasing population of southern Minnesota and the unique opportunity of the college to provide for these people and our students a quiet place where they may learn and relax.

Dividing the arboretum into two sections, the lower arboretum on the north, and the upper arboretum on the south side of route 19, we propose that the college view the upper arboretum as primarily amenity and expansion space for the college. We have little to say about the upper arboretum except to urge that it be kept in good shape, as it has been, and that the road from the end of Second Street to Goodhue (Nutting Drive) be kept closed at all times except for service work.

It is the lower arboretum with which we are primarily concerned. For the resident of Northfield or the college student the lower arboretum, which borders the Cannon River for several miles and contains many lovely trails, is the one easily accessible area in which walking, bicycle riding, or horseback riding can be done in peace and quiet. There one may commune with oneself, study plant and animal communities, investigate the hydrology of rivers, bird watch, or simply unwind. It is our belief that the best use of this land is for just these purposes and we think the college should clearly express as college policy that the lower arboretum is an area maintained for recreational and educational purposes. Along with this statement of policy a set of rules for the use of the arboretum and some minimal policing of the arboretum are clearly necessary. Such rules might be worked out by meetings between members of our committee and the appropriate administrative officers who would be charged with enforcing such regulations.

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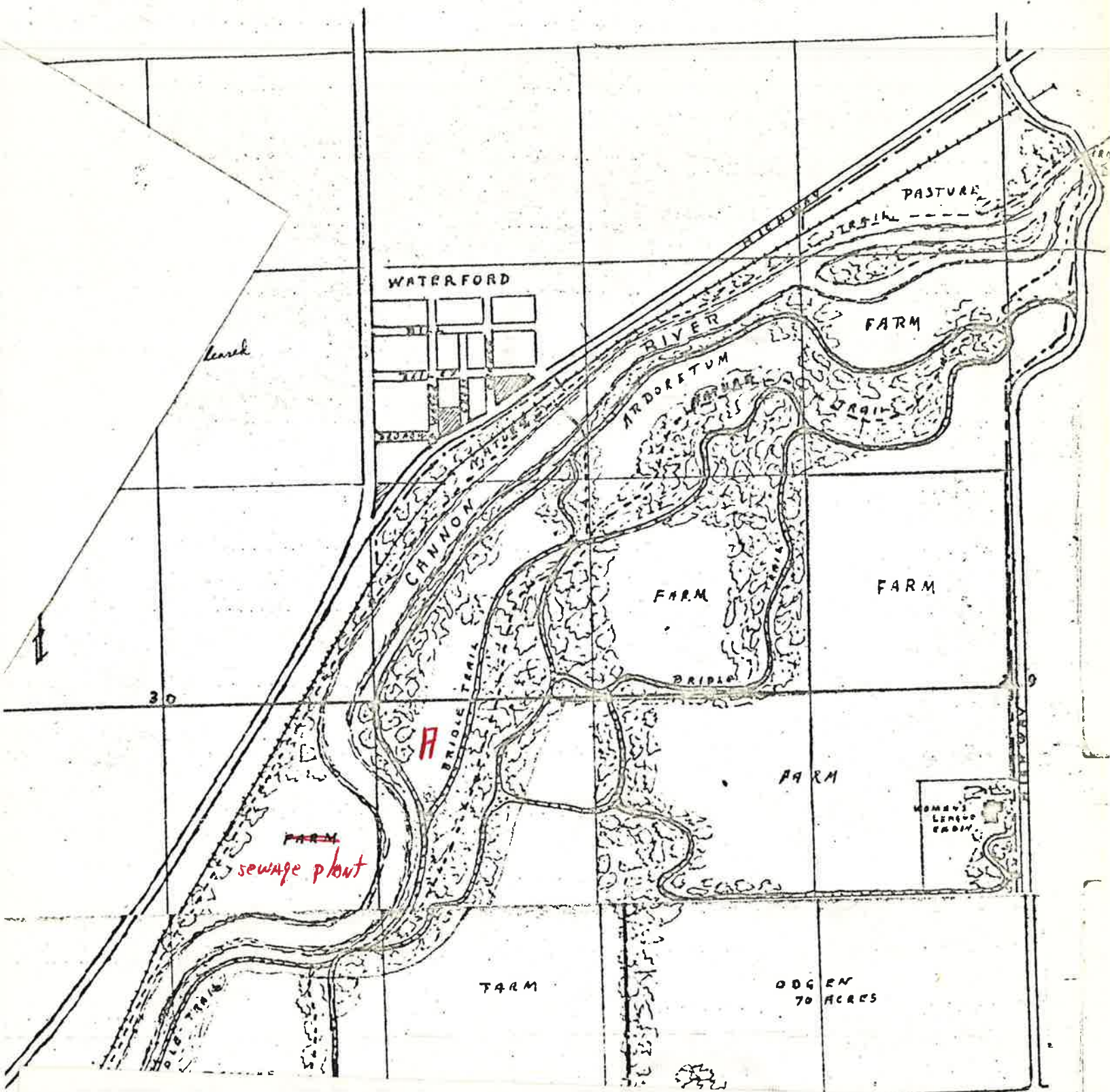
in the 400 acres currently under cultivation. The advantages of planting this field to trees are: the college finally would be able to solve one of its harder enforcement problems by permanently destroying the road leading south from the field; the arboretum would have a larger and more compact wooded area; and the wildlife would have a more habitable game refuge. It also might be noted that woodlands are not always a total loss economically and although we certainly do not envisage a tree harvest, such action would be possible at a future time.

To implement this proposal we suggest a committee to be in charge of making the physical arrangements concerning the procurement and planting of the trees and shrubs. The present informal arboretum committee, or its members, could be used for this purpose by the addition of students and administrators.

Respectively submitted by the Arboretum Committee

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RIVER



