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McKinley County, New Mexico

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INTRODUCTION

The Baca Day School at Prewitt, New Mexico, although not on the Navajo Indian Reservation, is operated by the Navajo Service for the benefit of Indians living on Government-allotted lands in the area. During the summer of 1948 the Geological Survey, in conjunction with studies of the ground-water problems of the Navajo Reservation, conducted an investigation in the Prewitt area in an attempt to develop a new or improved supply of water for the school. The findings of this investigation, with resulting recommendations, are incorporated in this report.

Location

The Baca school is located on a 40-acre tract of Federally-owned land which lies about 1 mile west of Prewitt, in south-central McKinley County, New Mexico. The school allotment is in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 11, T. 13 N., R. 12 W. The northern boundary of the school land lies along the right-of-way of U. S. Highway 66, which passes through Prewitt.

Topography and drainage

The area investigated lies along the north flank of the Zuni uplift. Topographically, the region may be described generally as that characteristic of a dissected dome. A series of sandstone-capped cuestas parallel the axis of the dome, with steep escarpment slopes facing southward in the direction of its center. Broad, flat valleys cut in beds of shale lie between the cuestas and facilitate travel from east and west across the uplifted area.

Drainage is predominantly to the east, away from the Continental Divide which attains an altitude of 7,246 feet 14 miles west of Prewitt. The altitude at the Baca school is about 6,800 feet. The land surface slopes so gently to the east that stream gradients are too low to accomplish much downcutting.

Existing water supply

The Baca school was built about 1934, at which time a well was drilled to a depth of 1,987 feet on the school land (see log, table 2). A substantial supply of water was obtained but the quality was poor. The well was plugged

back to 1,200 feet in an effort to seal off the bad water. The quality remained poor after the plug-back operation, and the well was again plugged back, this time to a depth of 475 feet. The well was then perforated at the uppermost aquifer, and about 4 gallons per minute of fairly good water was obtained. The supply was insufficient for the school needs, and therefore the Geological Survey was requested to study the area for the purpose of locating a supply of at least 20 gallons per minute of potable water.

Field work

Field work was begun by L. C. Halpenny and A. D. Pulido, engineers, in June 1948. Four days were spent in the field collecting water samples and obtaining information on nearby wells. On July 29-30, 1948, S. C. Brown, geologist, assisted by Halpenny and Pulido, made a plane-table traverse to determine the thicknesses of the formations exposed north of the well. In August H. A. Whitcomb, geologist, studied the rock outcrops south of the well.

Acknowledgments

C. V. Theis, District Geologist for ground-water investigations in New Mexico, assisted in the interpretation of the field studies and reviewed the report. C. B. Read, Geologist, Fuels Section, Geologic Division, helped to interpret the stratigraphy of the region and reviewed the geologic section of the report. The quality-of-water section of the report was prepared by J. D. Ham and reviewed by C. S. Howard, both District Chemists of the Quality of Water Branch.

GEOLOGY

The broad, flat valley in which the community of Prewitt is situated is underlain by Triassic and Permian strata. The lowest stratigraphic unit which could be considered as a possible aquifer at the Baca school is the Glorieta sandstone member of the Middle Permian San Andres formation. The rocks below this member are known to yield water of poor quality in the region, and therefore will not be discussed in this report.

The geologic section is as follows:

Age	Formation	Member
Triassic	{ Chinle formation	{ Upper shale member
		{ Middle sandstone member
		{ Lower shale member
	{ Shinarump (?) conglomerate	
Permian	{ San Andres formation	{ San Andres limestone
		{ Glorieta sandstone
	{ Yeso formation	
	{ Abo formation	

Stratigraphy

The Glorieta sandstone member of the Middle Permian San Andres formation is not exposed in the area studied. The log of well 9 (table 2) indicates that the member is about 185 feet thick in the vicinity of Prewitt. Exposures in other parts of the region show that the Glorieta sandstone member is gray, fine-grained, hard, massive, and cross bedded.

The San Andres limestone member of the San Andres formation is the youngest of the Permian strata exposed in the area. About 150 feet of this gray, coarse-grained, massive, sandy limestone, containing abundant Middle Permian fossils, crops out in the north wall of Bluewater Canyon about 4 miles south of Prewitt. The contact with the underlying Glorieta sandstone member was not observed in the area studied.

Immediately overlying the San Andres formation is about 30 feet of red, medium-grained, rather soft, shaly to thin-bedded sandstone which contains scattered small quartzite pebbles. According to Read, this sandstone may be

/ Read, C. B., Oral communication, December 10, 1948.

the equivalent of the Shinarump conglomerate, of Upper (?) Triassic age.

Overlying the Shinarump (?) conglomerate is an estimated thickness of 260 feet of soft red, gray, and purplish shale, containing beds of generally

coarse and commonly cross-bedded gray sandstone. These deposits were designated by Darton as the Moenkopi formation. Recent studies by Read

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- / Darton, N. H., "Red Beds" and associated formations in New Mexico; U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 794, p. 143, 1928.
 - / Theis, C. V., Ground-water conditions near Wingate Ordnance Depot; U. S. Geol. Survey (Report to Army Engineers), pp. 10-11, 1941.
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produced paleobotanical evidence that these beds are of a later Triassic age than Moenkopi, and suggest that they are more properly correlated with the Chinle formation than with the much older Moenkopi formation. These beds are designated in this report as the "lower shale member of the Chinle formation".

About 100 feet of gray to buff, coarse-grained, rather hard, massive sandstone containing conglomeratic lenses in its lower part, overlies the lower shale member of the Chinle formation. This sandstone is exposed at the top of the steep southward-facing escarpment slope south of Prewitt. The sandstone was correlated with the Shinarump conglomerate by Darton. In this

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- / Darton, N. H., op. cit., p. 143.
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report it is designated as the "middle sandstone member of the Chinle formation".

Conformably overlying the middle sandstone member of the Chinle formation is about 1,100 feet of soft gray, maroon, and purple shales and interbedded thin red to brown sandstones. This sequence is designated in this report as the "upper shale member of the Chinle formation". Erosion of these beds has produced the wide valley lying between the sandstone-capped cuesta to the south and the red sandstone cliffs of Jurassic age which form the high cliffs of Dutton Plateau to the north.

Structure

The Zuni uplift consists of an elongated dome, the axis of which strikes roughly northwest. The strata on the northeastern flank dip uniformly to the north and northeast at angles ranging from 2° to 5° . Dips are much steeper on the southwestern flank. The northeastern limb of the upwarp has been

dissected by erosion to form a series of northwest-trending cuestas. The areas between successive cuestas are occupied by broad valleys cut into soft Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous shales lying between more resistant sandstones and limestones.

Two faults were observed during the investigation, both of which are evident in the prominent Jurassic sandstone cliffs north of Prewitt. One of the faults parallels State Highway 56 for about 3 miles north of well 23 (pl. 1). Darton's map of the Zuni Mountain region shows this fault extending southward

/ Darton, N. H., op. cit., pl. 33.

about 25 miles to the core of the Zuni uplift. The east side of the fault is upthrown. The second fault is about 7 miles east of the fault mapped by Darton. The strike of the second fault is north and the east side is downthrown. This fault could not be traced southward into the Chinle formation.

GROUND-WATER RESOURCES

The water yielded by the strata below the San Andres formation is known to be of poor quality in the area, and it is not believed practicable to consider these strata as a source of ground water for the Baca school. The following discussion is confined, therefore, to the occurrence of ground water in the rocks described in the geologic section of this report.

Occurrence of ground water

The Glorieta sandstone member of the San Andres formation yields water to three railroad wells at Chavez (pl. 1). Two of the wells flow, and in the third well the water level is reported to be about 10 feet below the land surface. The log of well 9 (table 2) shows that water was encountered in the Glorieta sandstone member at a depth of 663 feet at the Baca school. The records do not show the height to which water rose in the well but it is reported that the well did not flow. However, the structural relations in the area are such that the water probably is under some artesian pressure at the school.

The San Andres limestone member of the San Andres formation is not known to be water bearing in the area. However, it is possible that some of the water produced from the wells at Chavez is obtained from the San Andres limestone.

It is reported that the Shinarump (?) conglomerate does not yield water to the railroad wells at Chavez, and an examination of the outcrops indicated that the formation may not transmit water readily. The top of the formation is estimated to be about 600 feet below the land surface at the Baca school.

Ground water in the Chinle formation occurs principally in the middle sandstone member. The lower shale member is not water-bearing in the area, and the sandstone beds of the upper shale member yield water only to two wells (10 and 11, table 1). The well at Baca school and most of the domestic and stock wells in the area obtain water from the middle sandstone member. These wells each produce from 4 to 10 gallons per minute. The middle sandstone member is about 100 feet thick and lies about 120 feet beneath the land surface along U. S. Highway 66.

QUALITY OF WATER

The quality of ground water in the vicinity of the Baca school is shown by the 10 analyses in table 3.

Wells 15 and 17 obtain water from the San Andres formation. The analysis for well 17 indicates that water from this aquifer is hard. If no other water of better quality were available, water from the San Andres formation in the vicinity of Chavez probably would be satisfactory for most domestic purposes.

With one exception, samples from wells reported to obtain water from aquifers in the Chinle formation indicate, in general, that the water is satisfactory for domestic use although it may be expected to be hard and to contain moderate amounts of dissolved matter. Well 10 yields highly mineralized water that is unlike other waters from the Chinle formation. The well is

directly south of a fault that was observed in the south wall of Dutton Plateau. If the fault extends southward from the place where it was observed, the highly mineralized water in the well may be derived from beds other than the Chinle formation.

The quality of the existing water supply for Baca school is shown by the analysis for well 9. The water is moderate in hardness and dissolved solids concentration and, except for the relatively high concentration of fluoride (3.5 parts per million), it is satisfactory for domestic use. According to the standards established by the Public Health Service for drinking waters to be used on public carriers, the fluoride content of a satisfactory water supply should not exceed 1.5 parts per million¹. It is commonly recognized that waters containing

¹Public Health Service Drinking Water Standards, 1946: Reprint no. 2697, Public Health Reports, Vol. 61, No. 11, pp. 371-384, March 15, 1946.

excessive amounts of fluoride may cause mottling of the tooth enamel of children who drink such waters during the time their permanent teeth are forming. As none of the wells that produce water from aquifers in the Chinle formation contain a high concentration of fluoride, the analysis for well 9 indicates that water is still entering the well from the deep aquifer that has supposedly been plugged off.

POSSIBILITIES FOR OBTAINING ADDITIONAL WATER

The quality of water studies indicate that the existing well at Baca school may be producing a small amount of water from deeper beds, implying that the plug-back operations may not have been successful. None of the wells which are known to produce water solely from the sandstone members of the Chinle formation and from the San Andres formation contain fluoride in excessive amounts. Therefore, it is believed that these formations do not contain water of high fluoride content in the vicinity of the school.

The best course to follow in developing a satisfactory water supply at the school is to drill one or two new wells about 235 feet deep, and to use the existing well as a standby supply. The wells would produce water from the middle sandstone member of the Chinle formation. Casing might be needed only to a depth of about 120 feet, as the aquifer may not need to be cased to prevent caving. The wells should be drilled through the aquifer and about 10 feet into the underlying shale.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. About 20 gallons per minute of potable water is needed at Baca school.
2. The existing well at the school produces about 4 gallons per minute of water that is of good quality in all but one respect. The water contains 3.5 parts per million of fluoride, which is considered injurious to the teeth of growing children. The well was drilled to a depth of 1,987 feet and was plugged back twice in an effort to improve the quality of the water.
3. There are two aquifers in the vicinity of Baca school that probably contain sufficient water to supply the needs of the school. Water from these aquifers is not high in fluoride and is of good quality, as shown by analyses of samples from nearby wells. The uppermost of the two aquifers is the middle sandstone member of the Chinle formation, which lies about 120 feet beneath the land surface at the school. The lower aquifer is in the San Andres formation, at a depth of about 665 feet at the school.
4. It is recommended that one or two wells be drilled to a depth of about 235 feet, to penetrate the middle sandstone member of the Chinle formation. The existing well could be used for an emergency standby supply.
5. If the recommended wells are drilled, samples of the drill cuttings should be collected at 10-foot intervals, and water samples should be collected for analysis.

Table 1. Records of wells in vicinity of Baca school, near Prewitt, New Mexico
(All wells are drilled unless otherwise noted.)

Well No.	Location	Owner	Driller	Date completed	Topographic situation	Depth of well (feet)	Diameter of well (in.)
<u>T. 13N., R. 11W.</u>							
<u>d/1</u>	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 17	T. B. Greer	-Masters	1938?	Draw	200	6
		Pet. Products Ref. & Producing Co.					
2	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 17		-Bledsoe	1946	Flat	774	6
<u>d/3</u>	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 17	do.	do.	1946	do.	240	6
<u>d/4</u>	do.	do.	do.	1946	do.	200	6
5	do.	do.	do.	-	do.	200	6
<u>d/6</u>	do.	do.	do.	-	do.	200	6
7	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 18	-Berryhill	-Berryhill	-	Hillside	200	6
<u>d/8</u>	do.	do.	do.	-	Flat	200	6
<u>T. 13 N., R. 12 W.</u>							
<u>d/9</u>	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 11	Navajo Service	Burt Cravath	1934?	Rolling	1,987	8
<u>T. 13 N., R. 11 W.</u>							
<u>d/10</u>	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 8	Tom Elkins	Tom Elkins	-	Flat	100	6
11	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 6	do.	do.	-	do.	100	6
<u>T. 14 N., R. 11 W.</u>							
12	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 29	Unknown	-	-	do.	71	4
<u>T. 13 N., R. 11 W.</u>							
<u>d/13</u>	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 18	Justin La Font	-	-	Gentle slope	147	5
<u>T. 13 N., R. 12 W.</u>							
14	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 5	Tom Elkins	-	-	Flat	200	8
<u>T. 13 N., R. 13 W.</u>							
<u>d/15</u>	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 1	A.T. & S.F. Railroad	A.T. & S.F. Railroad	1902	Sloping	707	10

- a/ Measuring point was usually top of casing, top of pump base, or top of water-pipe clamp.
b/ C, cylinder; T, turbine; A, air lift; E, electric; W, windmill; G, gasoline; D, diesel, number indicates horsepower.
c/ D, domestic; Ind., industrial; S, stock; P, public supply; RR, railroad; N, not used.

Records obtained by L. C. Halpenny
(Locations of wells are shown on plate 1.)

*Mr. Vatek, Geo. Miller refineries
June 14, 1952 stated that this well
had 5 1/4" casing with 4" liner, equipped
with pump with 2" discharge, set 18-209 ft.
Pumps continuously.
another well planned
1/2 mi southward tank*

Well No.	Water level		Pump and power b/	Use of water c/	Temp. °F.	Remarks
	Depth below measuring point (feet) a/	Date of measurement				
1	147 ^{e/}	-	C, E, 1/2	D	54	Supplies Zuni Mountain Trading Post. Reported discharge, 10 gallons per minute. See log. Reported hole too crooked for use. Reported former discharge, 45 gallons per minute.
2	145 ^{e/}	-	None	N	-	
3	-	-	T, E, 2	Ind.	56	Used at refinery.
4	-	-	T, E, 2	Ind.	55	Used at refinery. Reported discharge, 20 gallons per minute.
5	95.62	June 23, 1948	None	N	-	-
6	-	-	T, E, 2	Ind.	56	Used at refinery. Reported discharge, 10 gallons per minute.
7	76.67	June 23, 1948	None	N	-	In rock pump house.
8	-	-	C, W	D, S	-	About 200 feet east of well 7.
9	80.65	June 25, 1948	C, G 3/4	P	56	See log. At Baca Day School. Plugged back to 475 feet in 1943.
10	37.23	June 24, 1948	C, W	S	55	-
11	45.30	June 23, 1948	C, W	D, S	-	-
12	56.50	June 24, 1948	None	N	-	Reported depth, 372 feet. Abandoned as dry hole.
13	-	-	C, E, 1	D, S	-	Supplies LaFont Trading Post. Reported discharge, 12 gallons per minute.
14	54.41	June 24, 1948	C, W	S	-	-
15	Flows	-	A, D 100	RR	62	See log. Measured flow, 3 gallons per minute, June 25, 1948. Reported discharge with air lift, 100 gallons per minute.

d/ See table 3 for water analysis.

e/ Water level reported.

Table 1. Records of wells in vicinity of Baca school, near Prewitt, New Mexico-
Cont.

Well No.	Location	Owner	Driller	Date completed	Topographic situation	Depth of well (feet)	Diameter of well (in.)
16	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 1	A.T. & S.F. Railroad	A.T. & S.F. Railroad	1911	Sloping	725	10
d/17	do.	do.	do.	1918	do.	930	12
	T.13 N., R. 12 W.						
18	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 10	Navajo Service	Burt Cravath	1944	Flat	215	8-5/8

a/ Measuring point was usually top of casing, top of pump base, or top of water-pipe clamp.

b/ C, cylinder; T, turbine; A, air lift; E, electric; W, windmill; G, gasoline; D, diesel; number indicates horsepower.

c/ D, domestic; Ind., industrial; S, stock; P, public supply; RR, railroad; N, not used.

Records obtained by L. C. Halpenny
(Locations of wells are shown on plate 1.)

Well No.	Water level		Pump and power <u>b/</u>	Use of water <u>c/</u>	Temp. °F.	Remarks
	Depth below measuring point (feet) <u>a/</u>	Date of measurement				
16	2 ^{e/}	-	A,D 100	RR	-	See log. Reported discharge with air lift, 100 gallons per minute.
17	Flows	-	A,D 100	RR	65	See log. Measured flow, 20 gallons per minute, June 25, 1948. Reported discharge with air lift, 100 gallons per minute.
18	75.19	Dec. 3, 1948	C,W	S	-	See log.

d/ See table 3 for water analysis.

e/ Water level reported.

Table 2. - Logs of wells in vicinity of Baca school, Prewitt, New Mexico.

Formations identified by H. A. Whitcomb and L. C. Halpenny

	Thick- ness (feet)	Depth (feet)		Thick- ness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Driller's log of well 2. Petroleum Products Refining and Producing Co., owner.			Driller's log of well 9. Navajo Service, owner. Baca Day School.		
Surface soil	8	8	Surface sand	5	5
<u>Chinle formation</u>			<u>Chinle formation</u>		
Red clay	32	40	Hard sand	4	9
Gray shale	35	75	Purple shale	7	16
Red water sand	5	80	Dark-gray sand	5	21
Gray shale	24	104	Dark-blue shale	6	27
Water sand	7	111	Gray shale	11	38
Shale	5	116	Red shale	6	44
Water sand	26	142	Purple shale	8	52
Gray shale	5	147	Gray lime	36	88
Water sand	6	153	Purple shale	22	110
Sand and gravel	31	184	Gray lime	4	114
Sand	4	188	Green shale	4	118
Blue shale	20	208	Dark-gray water sand (5 gpm)	6	124
Red shale	7	215	Sandy gray shale	23	147
Shale	19	234	Gray sand	27	174
Red shale	24	258	Sandy gray shale	12	186
Sticky red-gray shale	2	260	Gray sand	28	214
Red shale	60	320	Gray shale	15	229
Blue shale	10	330	Red shale	14	243
Red shale	44	374	Gray shale	26	269
Lime shell	12	386	Purple shale	30	299
Red shale	20	406	Red shale	16	315
Blue shale	54	460	Brown shale	9	324
Lime	2	462	Gray shale	30	354
Sandy blue shale	8	470	Lime shell	4	358
Red shale	42	512	Red shale and hard conglomerate	22	380
Blue shale	16	528	Sandy lime	6	386
Lime	3	531	Gray sand	16	402
Blue gray shale	5	536	Sand, little water	3	405
Sand	3	539	Red shale	35	440
Water sand	1	540	Red shale with lime shell	32	472
Sand	15	555	Gray shale	40	512
Blue shale and lime	12	567	Hard gray sand	14	526
Blue shale, caving	5	572	Gray lime shell	26	552
Shale, caving	12	584	Gray lime	19	571
<u>San Andres formation</u>			Sand, little water	6	577
Sand	8	592	Sandy brown shale	4	581
Hard sand	48	640	Red shale	23	604
Lime	2	642	<u>Shinarump conglomerate (?)</u>		
Sand	132	774	Gray sand	13	617
TOTAL DEPTH		774			

Table 2. - Logs of wells in vicinity of Baca school, Prewitt, New Mexico - cont.

	Thick- ness (feet)	Depth (feet)		Thick- ness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Driller's log of well 9, cont.			Driller's log of well 9, cont.		
<u>San Andres formation</u>			<u>Abo formation (?), cont.</u>		
<u>San Andres limestone member</u>			Sandy red shale	14	1,684
Gray lime	46	663	Red shale	16	1,700
<u>Glorieta sandstone member</u>			Sandy red shale	10	1,710
White water sand	8	671	Hard sand, iron pyrite	6	1,716
Hard white sand	5	676	Sandy red shale	12	1,728
Hard gray sand	8	684	Hard shell	5	1,733
White sand	112	796	Red shale	83	1,816
Gray shale	3	799	Hard shell	4	1,820
White sand	52	851	Red shale	87	1,907
<u>Mesa formation (?)</u>			Red water sand (33 gpm)	17	1,924
Gray shale	3	854	Red shale	8	1,932
Red sand	12	866	Sandy red shale	5	1,937
Red sand with shale streaks	17	883	Red sand	7	1,944
Sandy red shale	17	900	Red shale	43	1,987
Red sand	14	914	TOTAL DEPTH		1,987
Red shale	12	926			
Red water sand (37 gpm)	7	933	Driller's log of well 15.		
Red shale	6	939	A.T. & S.F. Railroad, owner.		
Sticky red clay	6	945	<u>Chinle formation</u>		
Red shale	17	962	Red clay	45	45
Sandy red shale	49	1,011	Gray sandstone	150	195
Lime shell	5	1,016	Red clay	335	530
Gray sand	6	1,022	Blue clay	40	570
Dark-gray lime	12	1,034	<u>Shinarump conglomerate (?)</u>		
Blue shale	2	1,036	Gray sandstone	25	595
Gray sand	4	1,040	Black sand	5	600
Sandy gray shale	11	1,051	<u>San Andres formation</u>		
Gray sand	3	1,054	Gray sandstone	107	707
Sandy red shale	14	1,058	TOTAL DEPTH		707
Red sandstone	14	1,072			
Dark-gray lime	2	1,074	Driller's log of well 16.		
Black lime	5	1,079	A.T. & S.F. Railroad, owner.		
Sandy gray lime	5	1,084	Shale, fire clay, and sand-		
Sandy red shale	38	1,122	stone	615	615
Dark-gray lime	2	1,124	Limestone	45	660
Sandy red shale	66	1,190	Gray sandstone	22	682
Red shale	6	1,196	White sandstone	43	725
Sandy red shale	254	1,450	TOTAL DEPTH		725
Red water sand	18	1,468			
Red sand	48	1,516	Driller's log of well 17.		
<u>Abo formation (?)</u>			A.T. & S.F. Railroad, owner.		
Sandy red shale	24	1,540	<u>Chinle formation</u>		
Red shale	22	1,562	Sand, rock, and shale	55	55
Sandy red shale	70	1,632	White sand rock	45	100
Red sandstone	38	1,670	Sand rock and shale	52	152

Table 2. - Logs of wells in vicinity of Baca school, Prewitt, New Mexico - cont.

	Thick- ness (feet)	Depth (feet).
Driller's log of well 17, cont.		
<u>Chinle formation, cont.</u>		
Hard white sand rock	33	185
Sand rock and shale	198	383
Very hard sandstone	7	390
Red shale	130	520
Gray shale	45	565
<u>Shinarump conglomerate (?)</u>		
Hard gray sandstone	10	575
Sand rock with slate streaks	25	600
<u>Andres formation</u>		
Gray sandstone	25	625
White sandstone on lime rock	25	650
Brown sandstone	30	680
Gray sandstone	10	690
White sandstone	145	835
White and yellow sandstone	50	885
Reddish-brown sandstone	45	930
TOTAL DEPTH		930
Driller's log of well 18.		
Navajo Service, owner.		
<u>Chinle formation</u>		
Broken sandstone	3	3
Light-colored sandstone	19	22
Purple shale	15	37
Light-colored sandstone	33	70
Light-red sandstone	18	88
Brown sandstone	6	94
Soft red sandstone	12	106
Red sandstone	12	118
Dark-brown sandstone	15	133
Gray sandstone	6	139
Sandy gray shale	13	152
Hard sandstone	4	156
Sandy gray shale	24	180
Purple shale	24	204
Light-colored shale	11	215
TOTAL DEPTH		215

Table 3. - Analyses of water from wells in vicinity of Baca school, Prewitt, New Mexico.
Analyzed in Southwestern Laboratory of Geological Survey, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
(Parts per million except specific conductance.)

Well No.	Date of collection 1948	Depth (feet)	Specific conductance (micromhos @ 25°C.)	Calcium (Ca)	Magnesium (Mg)	Sodium and Potassium (Na+K)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Fluoride (F)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Dissolved solids	Total hardness as CaCO ₃
1	June 23	200	925	75	29	97	334	210	16	0.5	0	602	306
3	do.	240	770	-	-	-	338	-	16	-	-	-	-
4	do.	200	642	-	-	-	320	-	13	-	-	-	-
6	do.	200	693	-	-	-	327	-	14	-	-	-	-
8	do.	200	1,000	-	-	-	322	-	51	-	-	-	-
9	do.	475	727	45	17	104	332	102	15	3.5	0.5	462	182
10	do.	100	2,860	160	69	452	322	1,260	60	.4	5.5	2,180	682
13	June 24	147	597	9.0	3.5	128	270	61	17	.6	5.6	369	37
15	do.	707	762	-	-	-	271	-	5	-	-	-	-
17	June 25	930	889	125	37	23	256	285	5	.2	.6	615	464