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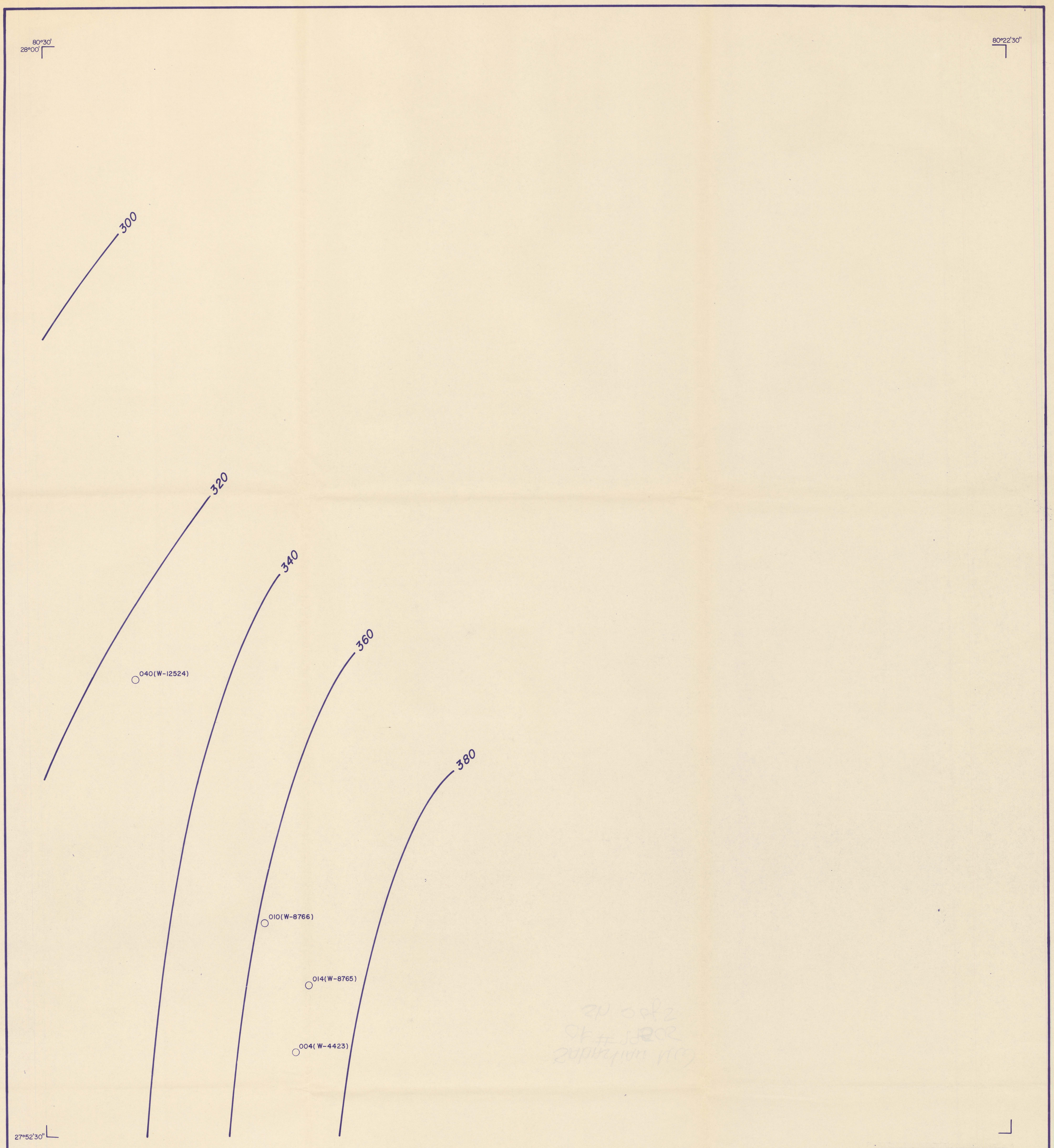

SEBASTIAN NW QUADRANGLE, FLORIDA
1949, PHOTOREVISED 1970
7.5-minute series, 1:24000

EXPLANATION

—340— Altitude of top of Floridan aquifer, in feet below mean sea level. Contour interval 20 feet.

○ 004(W-4423) Well with Florida Geological Survey well log. Number is last three digits of local well number (sheet 1). Letter-number combination in parentheses is field or agency identifier.

Note: The overlay shows altitude of top of Floridan aquifer and is based on the shallowest known occurrence of limestones of Eocene age. The contours were originally defined in 1953 (Neill, 1955), and refined in 1955-57 (Brown and others, 1962a) and 1974-76 (references, sheets 2 and 3).

GEOHYDROLOGY

The Sebastian NW quadrangle area consists of saline estuarine marshlands; mangrove; dune vegetation; and urbanized land with varying infiltration characteristics. Surface drainage is through the marshes and constructed drainage outlets to the Indian River or Atlantic Ocean.

Ground water occurs under nonartesian and artesian conditions. Nonartesian conditions occur where the upper surface of the zone of saturation (water table) is free to rise and fall in direct response to local rainfall (recharge) and to discharge. Artesian conditions occur where the water in an aquifer is confined by a bed of less permeable material and will rise in a tightly cased well above the base of the confining bed. The level to which the water will rise defines the altitude of the aquifer's potentiometric surface at that location. If the potentiometric surface is above land surface, the well will flow (sheet 3). Water-level measurements in many artesian wells are used to define the configuration of the potentiometric surface over broad areas (sheet 3).

Unconsolidated sediments of Holocene, Pleistocene, and late Miocene age constitute the nonartesian (shallow) aquifer. These sediments lie above the consolidated limestone formations of Eocene age known as the Floridan aquifer. The altitude of the top of the Floridan aquifer is shown on sheet 2. The middle Miocene deposits (Hawthorn Formation) overlie and tend to confine the Floridan aquifer. Where the confining beds are discontinuous and limestones of Miocene age are present, there is usually a hydraulic connection between the middle Miocene and the Eocene deposits.

The entire quadrangle is an area of artesian flow for the Floridan aquifer (sheet 3), which contains water with chloride concentrations of less than 300 mg/L over most of the area (sheet 4). Quality of water in the shallow aquifer is not known. Water supplies, primarily for domestic use, are obtained largely from the Floridan aquifer.

SELECTED REFERENCES

This report is 1 of 29 similar map reports prepared on the 7½-minute topographic quadrangle base to cover all of Brevard County (see index, sheet 1). A complete list of references used in preparation of the 29 reports is given below. Individual abbreviated references are noted on the various sheets, as applicable; the user may refer to the following list to obtain the formal reference.

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OVERLAY MAP OF THE SEBASTIAN NW QUADRANGLE, FLORIDA; ALTITUDE OF TOP OF FLORIDAN AQUIFER AND LOCATIONS OF WELLS FOR WHICH GEOLOGIC DATA ARE AVAILABLE

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