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ABSTRACT

The Dakota sandstone underlies most of North Dakota and South Dakota and considerable parts of nearby States. In most of the area that it occupies it is covered with thick deposits of younger formations, chiefly shale, that confine the water in the sandstone under considerable pressure. Where the topography is favorable, as it is in the Ellendale-Jamestown area in southeastern North Dakota, wells that tap the sandstone flow at the surface.

The first well in North Dakota to tap the Dakota sandstone was drilled in 1886 in the city of Ellendale. It was started as an 8- or 10-inch hole and was finished at a depth of 1,087 feet with a 3¼-inch casing. It flowed 600 to 700 gallons a minute and had a pressure reported by different persons as being from 115 to 175 pounds to the square inch.

The expense of drilling such large and deep wells discouraged their construction for a time. About 1900, however, the jetting method of drilling was introduced, and during the following two decades hundreds of farm wells 1 inch to 2 inches in diameter were sunk to the sandstone. The decline in artesian head that resulted from the increased draft on the basin was not apparent at first, but by about 1915 the flow of most wells had decreased noticeably and the flow of a few wells in the western part of the area of flow stopped entirely. It is estimated that by 1923 the artesian head at the western boundary of the area of artesian flow had fallen about 330 feet from its original level.

In 1916 steps were taken to initiate measures for conserving the artesian water in North Dakota, but it was not until 1921 that the State legislature passed a law providing for the reduction of flow of artesian wells to that which could be used beneficially. The enforcement of the law was placed in the office of the State geologist, and this difficult task was assigned to H. E. Simpson, who directed the work until his death in 1938. Between 1923 and 1928 each artesian well in the Ellendale-Jamestown area was visited and advice was given the owner regarding the flow to which his well should be reduced. Many of the wells were visited again between 1928 and 1935 in order to check on whether the flow had been

sufficiently reduced. Through this program much artesian water was conserved and much valuable information was obtained on the discharge from the basin.

It is estimated that between 1920 and 1923 the artesian head in the western part of the Ellendale-Jamestown area declined at an annual rate of about 4 feet, whereas in 1938 the rate of decline was only about 0.5 foot a year. Between 1915 and 1923 the part of the area of artesian flow in the Edgeley quadrangle was reduced an average of 16.5 square miles a year as a result of the eastward movement of the western boundary of the area. Between 1923 and 1938, however, the average rate of shrinkage of this part of the area of artesian flow was only about 4.5 square miles a year. The perennial recharge to each row of townships in the area of artesian flow has been estimated to be about 500 gallons a minute. In 1923 the flow from wells in T. 129 N., Rs. 50 to 65 W., was about 1,000 gallons a minute, or twice the estimated recharge. In 1938 the flow from wells in this row of townships was about 520 gallons a minute, or only slightly more than the estimated recharge. Thus it appears that a balance is being approached between the withdrawal of water from the basin and the perennial recharge to it.

It is believed that the water withdrawn from the basin in excess of the perennial recharge has been obtained from storage by the compression of the sandstone and associated beds of shale due to the increased load placed upon them by the decline in artesian pressure. Calculations made on this theory indicate that the coefficient of storage is about 0.001—that is, about 0.001 cubic foot of water is released from each column of sandstone and shale 1 foot square for each foot of decline in artesian head. Additional computations show that the effect of the large decline in artesian pressure in southeastern North Dakota probably has caused only a few feet of lowering of artesian head at distances of more than 100 miles west of the area of artesian flow.

The quality of the artesian water is very poor and much of it is unfit for human consumption. Of the 33 analyses included in this report, all show total dissolved solids of more than 2,200 parts per million. Much of the water is salty, and all contains sufficient fluoride to cause mottling of the enamel of the teeth. The temperature of the water from flowing wells ranges from 47° to 69° F.

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation on which this report is based is a unit of a State-wide program of ground-water studies begun in July 1937 by the Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior, in cooperation with the North Dakota Geological Survey. The purpose of the program is to make a thorough study of the distribution and character of the principal sources of ground water throughout the State, the quantity and quality of the water from each source, the state of depletion, and the quantity of water that is perennially available. This information made generally available will contribute to a satisfactory and economical solution of the problem of water-supply insofar as it relates to underground sources. In 1937 a State-wide system of observation wells¹ was established, by means of which

¹ Water levels and artesian pressure in observation wells in the United States in 1937: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 840, pp. 319-328, 1938. Water levels and artesian pressure in observation wells in the United States in 1938: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 845, pp. 346-369, 1939.

ground-water levels are observed periodically and are interpreted with respect to depletion of the supply and natural replenishment by the water from rain and snow. A critical study was also undertaken of the decline of artesian pressure and flow in the Dakota artesian basin in the Ellendale-Jamestown area and of the problem as to the future of the artesian water supply under efficient regulation.

In the investigation of the Dakota basin an attempt has been made to ascertain the change in artesian pressure that has occurred since an artesian water conservation program was started in 1923 (see pp. 6-10), with a view to determining whether the conservation work has resulted in restoring the artesian head of the water in the basin or at least in checking the decline. Field work for the study was done in 1937 chiefly by H. H. Sand and H. E. Simpson, Jr., both of the North Dakota Geological Survey, and in 1938 chiefly by Mr. Sand. The study was conducted under the general direction of O. E. Meinzer, geologist in charge of the Division of Ground Water in the Federal Geological Survey. L. K. Wenzel, of the Federal Geological Survey, was the engineer personally in charge of the ground-water investigation. Cooperation was carried on through H. E. Simpson, State geologist, until his untimely death in 1938; thereafter through his successor, F. C. Foley.

The Ellendale-Jamestown area is shown on plates 1 and 2 and includes all or parts of six quadrangles, namely, Columbia, Eckelson, Edgeley, Ellendale, Jamestown, and La Moure. Intensive field work was carried on chiefly along the western edge of the area of artesian flow in the Edgeley and Ellendale quadrangles. Data on the remainder of the area were obtained mostly from records collected between 1923 and 1935 by the State Geological Survey.

THE DAKOTA ARTESIAN BASIN

The group of strata commonly known as the Dakota sandstone are of Cretaceous age and underlie most of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, and considerable parts of Kansas and other nearby States. These strata in one region probably are not exactly equivalent to those in another. In most places the Dakota sandstone is covered with younger formations, chiefly shales, and it appears at the surface only at widely separated localities, such as along the East Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, in the vicinity of the Black Hills, and in a belt extending from northeastern Nebraska to south-central Kansas and beyond. Consequently, in North Dakota, where the Dakota sandstone does not crop out, and over other wide areas its character is known only from samples obtained in drilling operations. In sinking deep wells in North Dakota and in many other parts of the region underlain by the Dakota sandstone, the drill, after

passing through the overlying strata, encounters alternating beds of sandstone and shale that range in aggregate thickness from less than a hundred feet to a few hundred feet. Meinzer² points out that it is generally assumed that the first distinct sandstone stratum encountered by the drill marks the top of the Dakota sandstone and that the entire succession of alternating shales and sandstones belong to this formation, although it is recognized that the lower strata may belong to one or more other formations. To what extent the alternating sandstone and shale beds are continuous over wide areas is not definitely known, but the group of beds is believed to be continuous in the aggregate.

The permeable Dakota sandstone and the overlying impermeable shales form the Dakota artesian basin, a basin that is one of the most remarkable in the United States with respect to its great extent, the long distances through which its water percolates, and the high pressure under which the water in it was originally confined. Water from rain and snow seeps into the sandstone where it crops out at high altitudes along the East Front Range and in the vicinity of the Black Hills and then percolates slowly eastward. The dip of the strata in and near the western outcrops is steep. Eastward the dip becomes more gentle, and in the eastern parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska the sandstone rises toward the east.³ Thus the sandstone forms a great syncline which functions as a U-tube or an inverted siphon through which water slowly percolates from west to east (fig. 1). *all right*

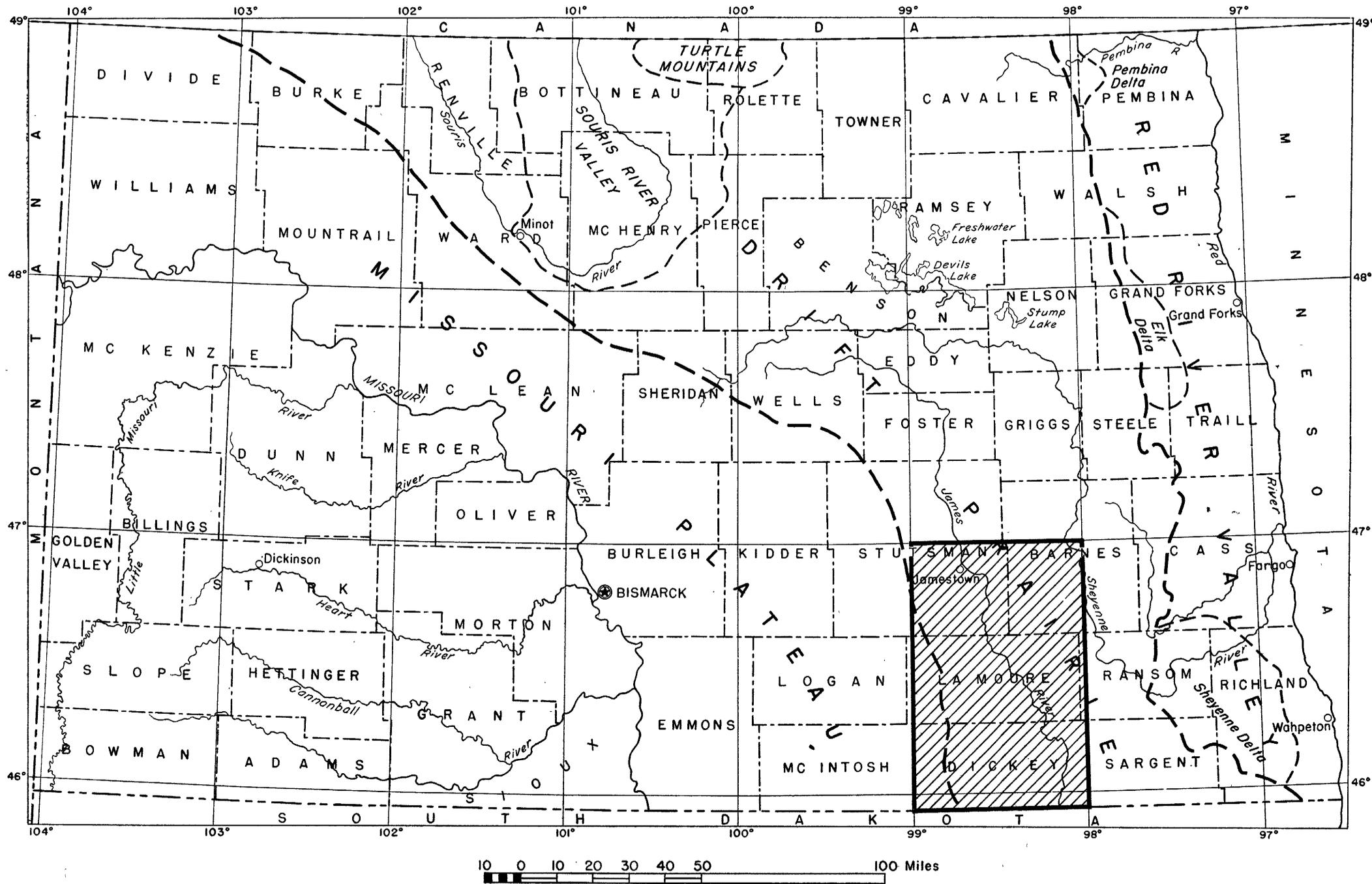
Much of the hydrostatic head due to the high altitude of the areas of intake is lost through friction as the water percolates through the sandstone. Thus the head of the water diminishes gradually from west to east across the basin. Nevertheless, the sandstone dips so steeply from the mountains that the water is under sufficient head to rise considerably above the top of the sandstone in wells over most of the basin. Where the land surface is relatively low, as in some of the stream valleys and much of the eastern part of the basin, the head is sufficient to lift the water in wells above the land surface (fig. 1).

The tremendous pressure under which water is confined in parts of the basin where the aquifer is deeply buried is illustrated by the record of a deep artesian well in the Cheyenne Indian Reservation at Red Scaffold, S. Dak. According to Robinson,⁴ the pressure at the approximate land surface in 1936 was 120 pounds to the square inch, which is sufficient to lift the water about 275 feet above the surface. The depth of the well was 2,385 feet, and hence the pressure at the bottom

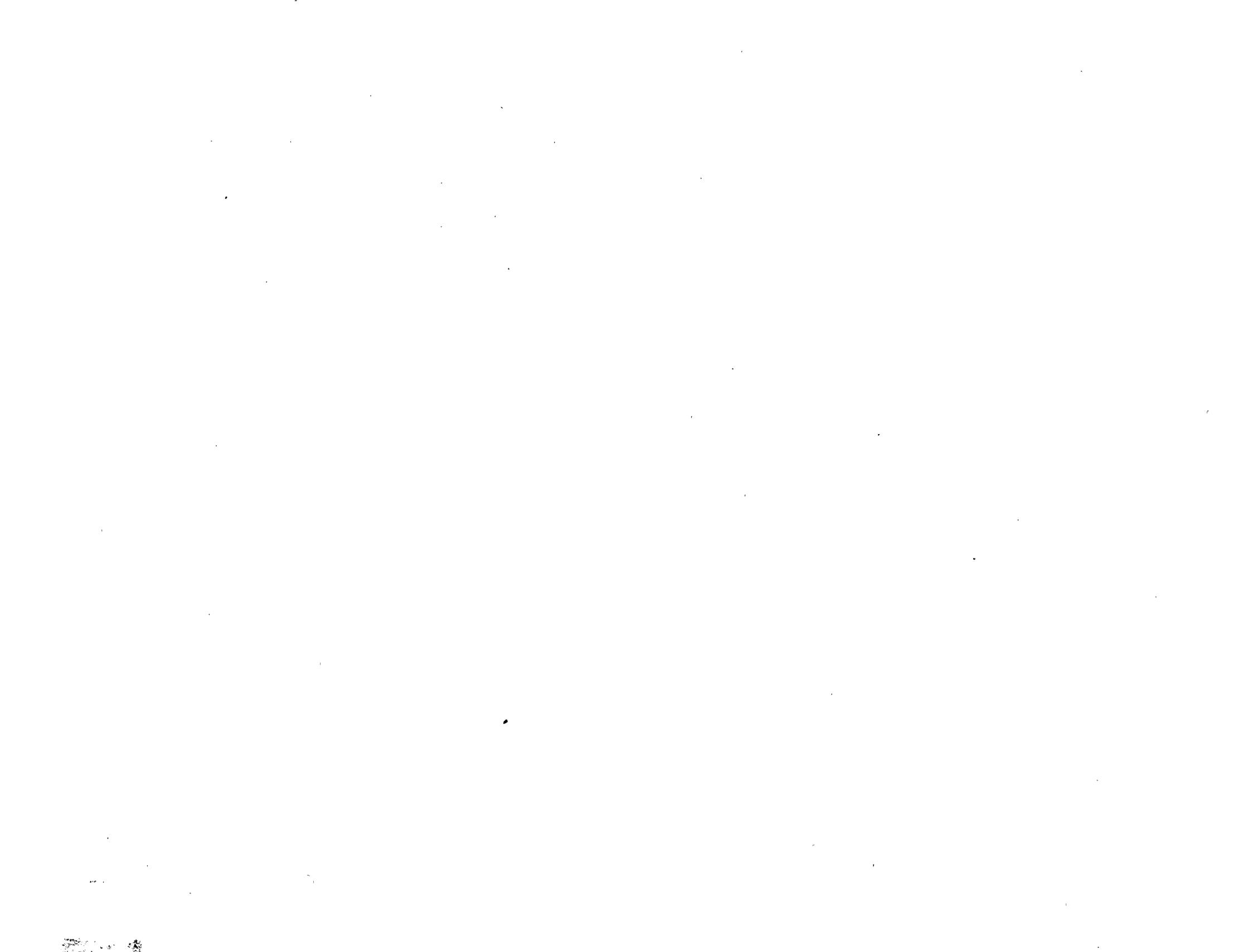
² Meinzer, O. E., Problems of the soft-water supply of the Dakota sandstone, with special reference to conditions at Canton, S. Dak.: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 597, p. 147, 1929.

³ Darton, N. H., Preliminary report on the geology and underground water resources of the central Great Plains: U. S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper 32, pl. 58, 1905.

⁴ Rothrock, E. P. and Robinson, T. R., Artesian conditions in west-central South Dakota: South Dakota Geol. Survey report of investigations No. 26, p. 43, 1936.



MAP SHOWING THE PHYSIOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF NORTH DAKOTA AND THE LOCATION OF THE ELLENDALE-JAMESTOWN AREA.



(and presumably in the sandstone) was about 1,160 pounds to the square inch.

Originally the pressure at the surface in the eastern parts of North Dakota and South Dakota was great enough to expel the water from wells with great force, creating such spectacular scenes as that shown by a photograph, taken by N. H. Darton ⁵ in 1895, of the famous well at Woonsocket, S. Dak., from which water spurted up more than 100 feet. The pressure in the Woonsocket well was reported by Powell ⁶ to be about 250 pounds to the square inch at the land surface, thus indicating that the water would have risen in a tight casing to about

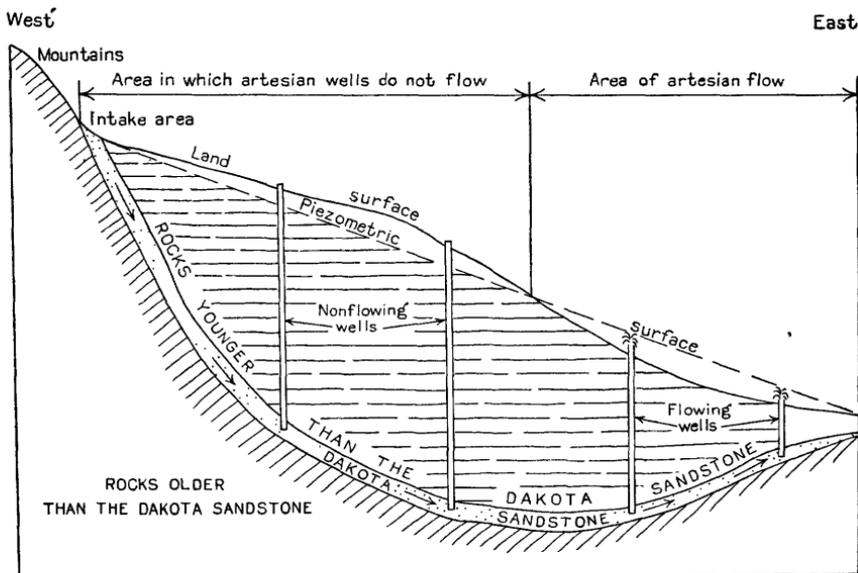


FIGURE 1.—Diagrammatic section across the Dakota artesian basin showing the general position of the Dakota sandstone and the hydrostatic head of the water in it.

575 feet above the surface. This is the highest pressure reported and may possibly have been somewhat in error. Nettleton,⁷ in 1892, reported 29 artesian wells in North Dakota and South Dakota with pressures at the surface of 100 pounds or more to the square inch, the highest reported being 177 pounds in a well at Redfield, S. Dak. Nettleton gave the pressure in the Woonsocket well as 130 pounds to the square inch.

Although reports are at variance regarding the original pressures, it is apparent that pressures of more than 100 pounds were common.

⁵ Darton, N. H., Preliminary report on the artesian waters of a portion of the Dakotas: U. S. Geol. Survey 17th Ann. Rept., pt. 2, pl. 78, 1896.

⁶ Powell, J. W., Artesian irrigation on the Great Plains: U. S. Geol. Survey 11th Ann. Rept., pt. 2, p. 269, 1891.

⁷ Nettleton, E. S., Artesian and underflow investigation: 52d Cong., 1st sess., S. Ex. Doc. 41, pt. 2, table 74, 1892.

A map prepared by Darton ⁸ in 1890, based chiefly on Nettleton's measurements, shows the extent of the area of artesian flow and the approximate artesian head in different parts of the area. The area of artesian flow from the Dakota sandstone, as mapped by Darton, averaged about 60 miles in width and extended from the South Dakota-Nebraska line to the vicinity of Jamestown and Valley City, N. Dak. According to a more detailed map prepared by Simpson ⁹ prior to 1929, the area of artesian flow in North Dakota stretched in a general northwest direction from the South Dakota line to the Canadian border, the width ranging from about 100 miles in the southeastern part of North Dakota to less than 10 miles in the north-central part of the State. The area of artesian flow in North Dakota, as outlined later by Simpson, is shown on plate 2.

HISTORY OF THE ARTESIAN-WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN NORTH DAKOTA

In the early years of well drilling in the Dakota artesian basin little thought was given to the safe yield of the aquifer and to the possibility of over-developing the supply. The fact that wells could be constructed almost everywhere over a wide area and that the water pressure in them was so great led many persons to believe that the supply of the basin was inexhaustible. A notable exception, however, was J. W. Powell, second Director of the United States Geological Survey, who in 1890 made a statement ¹⁰ on the yield of the artesian basin indicating that the high pressures might only be temporary and that the permanent supply might be considerably less than the initial supply. He also called attention to the danger of disaster through exploitation of the supply and to the need for a scientific investigation of the basin.

Serious consideration was not given, however, to his conservative estimates regarding the supply of the basin; and for many years wells were allowed to flow freely, and the water ran to waste. Between 1886 and 1896 several hundred wells were drilled to the Dakota sandstone in southeastern North Dakota, and during the next 20 years several thousand additional wells were constructed.

It is now known that the artesian head and the flow of the wells began to decline as soon as the first wells were drilled to the sandstone; but it was not until later, as more wells were constructed, that this decline caused concern. The decline became especially noticeable along the western edge of the area of artesian flow when some of the

⁸ Darton, N. H., Preliminary report on the artesian waters of a portion of the Dakotas: U. S. Geol. Survey 17th Ann. Rept., pt. 2, pl. 98, 1896.

⁹ Simpson, H. E., Geology and ground-water resources of North Dakota: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 598, pl. 1, 1929.

¹⁰ Powell, J. W., op. cit., pp. 260-276.

wells ceased flowing and the water level in them declined below the land surface. Farther east the decline in head was reflected chiefly by the decrease in flow of the wells. The situation became so alarming that in 1916 the North Dakota Legislature directed the State engineer "to investigate all matters and conditions connected with the construction, use, and maintenance of our artesian wells in the State of North Dakota." The State engineer reported to the Governor on November 1, 1918, that "a large proportion of the wells where the original pressure is known have ceased to flow and in all cases the flow has been greatly reduced." Recognizing that there was a danger of losing the flow entirely, the legislature in 1921 passed a law providing for the regulation of the flow of wells with the intent of reducing the flow to that which could be used beneficially. The law further specified that an inventory of wells be taken by the township assessors and that the enforcement of the law be placed in the hands of the State geologist. The late H. E. Simpson assumed this work, with the title of State water geologist.

A nearly complete census of all artesian wells was made by the township assessors in the spring of 1921, and the census was checked in 1922 and 1923. During the field season of 1921 Prof. Simpson and his assistant John Buchanan made a survey of a belt 6 miles wide that extended from the Red River Valley in T. 140 N. to the western edge of the area of artesian flow. The detailed study of the belt provided the basis for a general inspection of individual wells that was begun in 1923 and is still in practice.

Each known artesian well in the Dakota basin has been inspected at least once by the State geologist or his deputy, and those wells that were found flowing in excess of the quantity that could be used beneficially have been inspected two or more times. Owners and tenants were advised by the field inspector as to suitable methods for repairing their wells and saving water, the maximum flow compatible with proper management, and hence the flow to which their wells should be reduced. Essentially the same advice was later mailed from the office of the State Geological Survey in Grand Forks. The complete stopping of the flow of wells by means of valves was not found practical because then the water frequently froze in the wells or distributing pipes in cold weather. Moreover, the flow of many of the wells decreased after being shut off or the water became roily. Advice was therefore given to reduce the flow to the minimum that would prevent freezing and at the same time be sufficient for the consumer's needs. Although handicapped at times by lack of funds, this educational program has been carried on almost continuously since 1923, and in general the program has received the willing cooperation of the well owners.

The artesian water law,¹¹ as passed by the North Dakota Legislature in 1921 and amended in 1925 is given herewith:

THE ARTESIAN WATER LAW

17TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1921, H. B. 41 (Shimmin)

As amended by the

19TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1925, S. B. 63 (Carey)

[The amendments are printed in italic]

ARTESIAN WATERS

AN ACT Providing for the preservation and control of the artesian waters of the State.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

SECTION 1. Every person, stock company, association or corporation owning or controlling the real estate upon which is located an artesian, or flowing well, shall, within 60 days after the passage of this act, provide for each such well a valve, or valves, capable of controlling the discharge from such well and shall keep said valve, or valves so adjusted that only such supply of water shall escape as is necessary for ordinary use by the owner of, or the person in control of, said land in conducting his business: *Provided, however, That in the winter such flow may be permitted as will prevent freezing of the well, and in those cases where it is necessary a sufficient flow may be allowed to prevent clogging of the well: Provided, however, That such owner of an artesian well shall be required by means of the construction of a reservoir or otherwise to prevent the flow of his well from running upon land belonging to another or from running into any ditch along any public highway except a regularly established drainage ditch.*

SEC. 2. Every person, stock company, association, or corporation which shall drill an artesian, or flowing well, shall drill a small smooth hole through the cap-rock to closely fit the pipe, and shall use every possible means to seal around the main pipe in such a manner that no water can escape from the flow. No dynamite or other explosives shall be used in penetrating the water covering layer (cap rock). This does not apply to boulders of granite or other obstacles in non-water bearing horizons. Where the top part of the water-bearing layers of any given flow are soft and crumbling, yielding muddy or sandy flow, the driller may not end the well at this level but must test the layers by boring on down a reasonable distance, from 5 to 25 feet at least, and more if the owner of the land require, to locate a terminus in a firm sand rock which will stand firm, preventing dirty flow and permit regulation of the flow. Once the firm stratum is located the driller shall attach in it at the end of the well pipe, a strainer of noncorrosive material, with numerous small perforations to insure clear pure water and nonclogging. If the owner request, the driller must place a valve below frost level with a handle reaching to the surface so that well may be entirely shut off at will. He shall extend the outside or surface casing to, and fit same solidly into, the shale or hard clay formation a sufficient distance to entirely prevent a flow around the casing. He shall seal between casing and pipe.

SEC. 3. In cases of new wells in any soft formation where clay, sand or any sediment is liable to cause clogging, the valve may be left open until the well has sufficiently cleared. It shall then be finally adjusted, to normal condition. This act shall apply to all "wild" wells, or wells out of control due to rusted pipes,

¹¹ Simpson, H. E., The conservation of artesian water: North Dakota Geol. Survey Bull. 5, pp. 12-14, 1926.

improper construction, etc., however, if it be determined that such well can not be repaired, no valve shall be attached, but every effort shall be made by the owner to seal, plug or cut off the same, when in the estimation of the State geologist it will cause no loss other than reasonable amount of repair cost. Old wells which might be damaged by so doing may not be shut off, but such wells must be put in repair at the earliest possible date and be regulated thereafter.

SEC. 4. The owner or person in control of an artesian, or flowing well, who shall allow the same to flow without a valve or sufficient contrivance for checking the flow, as required by law, or without proper repair pipes, valves, etc., or who shall interfere with the same when properly adjusted by the proper authority, or shall permit the water to waste unnecessarily, or *permit the water to run upon the lands of another or into the ditches along any public road except a regularly established drainage ditch*, or shall interfere with any officer duly authorized to inspect the same or measure its flow or pressure, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than five dollars and not to exceed fifty (\$50) dollars, at the discretion of the court. The provisions of this section shall also apply to the officer or board in charge of wells belonging to the State, or any county, township or municipality.

SEC. 5. The county and township assessors shall list all artesian or flowing wells, in their respective districts each year at time of making the assessment, giving the quarter section on which each is situated, the owner, with his address, also as far as possible, the diameter, depth to the main flow, and size of flow. This data is to be forwarded by the county auditor to the State geologist or his deputy. Hereafter in case of new flowing wells, the driller shall also file with the State geologist or deputy all of the foregoing data, and any other valuable data, as to the formation. This shall be done within two weeks after the completion of the well.

SEC. 6. The State geologist or his deputy shall have the general oversight and supervision of the waters of the State, and shall advise the citizens of the State as to the practicability of measures affecting the underground waters of the State. It shall be his duty to counsel and consult with the owner and assist him to work out the most desirable control and use of his well. He shall select at least three representative flowing wells in each county having that number, and as many more as he may deem advisable, and he shall cause the record of their flow and pressure to be taken from time to time, to learn as much as possible of the decline, fluctuations and permanence of the artesian supply, and also plan and conduct, such other investigations as he may find advisable to ascertain the best method of prolonging the utility of the same. He shall keep a record of the location, size, depth, flow, size of flow, character of water, construction and history of all artesian wells of the State, and keep it on file for public reference. He shall secure the enforcement of all laws pertaining to artesian and phreatic waters of the State. He shall publish from time to time, as he may deem advantageous, bulletins containing information concerning the artesian wells and phreatic waters of the State. The State geologist and State engineer and the county superintendent of schools where such well is located, as the majority shall determine, shall make such additional reasonable rules and regulations, and they shall each receive \$10 per day and actual traveling expenses.

SEC. 8. Enforcement of this act shall be in the charge of the State geologist or his deputy, who shall be a specialist, skilled in the control of flow and pressure, and of methods of construction of artesian wells. There shall be appropriated from State funds not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$2,500 biennially for the purpose of carrying out this act. An appeal from the geologist's ruling may be had, if made within five days to a board of arbitration consisting of the State engineer, assistant State geologist who shall review the matter and render final orders.

SEC. 9. The deputy who shall be appointed by the State geologist may be removed for cause, and whose salary shall be \$10 for each day and actual traveling expenses.

SEC. 10. EMERGENCY.—Whereas an emergency exists this act shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval.

Approved, March 10, 1921. Amendment approved, February 13, 1925.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

The unique features of the Dakota artesian basin, including its great extent and the tremendous pressure of the water in it, attracted much attention, especially in the early years of development. In 1890 and 1891 a reconnaissance survey of the basin was made by the United States Department of Agriculture, the results of which were published in a report by E. S. Nettleton.¹² A few years later the United States Geological Survey undertook extensive and somewhat detailed investigations of the geology and hydrology of the basin. This work was carried on under the direction of N. H. Darton, and numerous reports on the subject were published. Most of these reports relate to areas in South Dakota,¹³ but some reports cover parts of the artesian basin that lie in other States, including North Dakota. The results of the more recent investigations of the artesian basin in North Dakota by Abbott, Hard, Meinzer, Simpson, Voedisch, and others are published in reports listed on p. 11. Several papers have been published on geologic and hydrologic theory that utilize the artesian basin to some extent as a basis of discussion, among which may be mentioned the discussion of compressibility and elasticity of artesian aquifers by Meinzer¹⁴ and the rather controversial discussions of Russell,¹⁵ Piper,¹⁶ Terzaghi,¹⁷ and Thompson¹⁸ on the origin of artesian pressure.

Although many reports have been published on different parts of the basin, there is still a great lack of specific data for determining the hydrology of the artesian system and the future artesian water supply. The difficulties of obtaining adequate data have thus far proved insurmountable. The great depth at which the sandstone strata occur over much of the basin has discouraged the drilling of wells except in the areas of artesian flow, and thus there are large parts of the basin about which very little is known. Even where there are numerous wells, it is difficult to obtain precise data on the character of the sandstone, depths to the several sandstone strata, the artesian

¹² Nettleton, E. S., Artesian and underflow investigation: 52d Cong., 1st sess., S. Ex. Doc. 41, pt. 2, 1892.

¹³ The following publications of the United States Geological Survey relate to artesian water in South Dakota: 11th Ann. Rept., pt. 2; 17th Ann. Rept., pt. 2; 21st Ann. Rept., pt. 4; Prof. Papers 32, 65; Geol. Folios 85, 96, 97, 99, 100, 107, 108, 113, 114, 128, 156, 164, and 165; Water-Supply Papers 34, 90, 227, and 428.

¹⁴ Meinzer, O. E., Compressibility and elasticity of artesian aquifers: Econ. Geology, vol. 23, No. 3, pp. 263-291, 1928.

¹⁵ Russell, W. L., The origin of artesian pressure: Econ. Geology, vol. 23, No. 2, pp. 132-157, 1928.

¹⁶ Piper, A. M., The origin of artesian pressure: Econ. Geology, vol. 23, No. 6, pp. 683-696, 1928.

¹⁷ Terzaghi, C., The origin of artesian pressure: Econ. Geology, vol. 24, No. 1, pp. 94-100, 1929.

¹⁸ Thompson, D. G., The origin of artesian pressure: Econ. Geology, vol. 24, No. 7, pp. 758-771, 1929.

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WATER-BEARING FORMATIONS ¹⁹

The surficial formations of the Ellendale-Jamestown area consist chiefly of glacial drift and associated deposits of alluvium and lake silt, all belonging to the Quaternary system. The Pierre shale, of Cretaceous age, occurs everywhere in the area. In general it lies immediately beneath the surficial deposits, but in a few places where the Quaternary formations are absent it is exposed at the surface. The Niobrara formation and Benton shale are believed to underlie the Pierre shale. Though they apparently have been penetrated by the drill in many wells they generally are grouped by the driller with

¹⁹ For a description of the physiography, geology, and general ground-water conditions of the area, see Simpson, H. E., Geology and ground-water resources of North Dakota: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 598, 312 pp., 1929.

the overlying Pierre and thus do not usually appear in well logs. The Dakota sandstone, which lies below the Benton shale, is the deepest formation to which wells are generally drilled in the Ellendale-Jamestown area. Sedimentary rocks of early Paleozoic age are believed to underlie the Dakota sandstone.

As is shown in a general way in figure 1 the land surface slopes gently from west to east across the eastern part of the artesian basin and the Dakota sandstone rises toward the east. Thus the depth at which wells penetrate the Dakota decreases from west to east across the Ellendale-Jamestown area. The thickness of the shales overlying the sandstone also decreases toward the eastern part of the area.

Ground water in the Ellendale-Jamestown area occurs chiefly in the surficial deposits of glacial drift, lake silt, and alluvium, in the Pierre shale, and in the Dakota sandstone. The Niobrara formation and Benton shale are not known to be sources of water supply in the area, and no wells in the area are known to draw water from formations below the Dakota sandstone.

GLACIAL DRIFT AND ASSOCIATED DEPOSITS

The Ellendale-Jamestown area is covered by glacial drift and associated deposits of alluvium and lake silt except at a few isolated places where the Pierre shale is exposed, such as south of Edgeley, west of Ellendale, and south of Valley City.

The thickness of the drift in the Edgeley and La Moure quadrangles is shown in plates 3 and 4 respectively of Geological Survey Bull. 801,²⁰ and the areal distribution of the drift and alluvium in the Jamestown and Eckleson quadrangles is shown on the areal geologic maps of the Jamestown-Tower folio.²¹ The drift is by far the most widespread surficial deposit of the Ellendale-Jamestown area and in places is more than 500 feet thick. Alluvium occurs mainly in the valleys of the larger streams, such as the James, Sheyenne, and Maple Valleys, although some alluvium is found also in the valleys of most smaller streams. The alluvium ranges from a few feet to 50 feet and more in thickness.

Lake silt occurs as a mantle over a plain 6 to 10 miles wide in the lower James Valley from about Oakes southward to the State line. Its origin is glacial in that the lake in which it was deposited was formed by a morainal dam left across the James River in South Dakota.²²

²⁰ Hard, H. A., Geology and water resources of the Edgeley and La Moure quadrangles, North Dakota: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 801, pls. 3, 4, 1929

²¹ Willard, D. E., U. S. Geol. Survey Geol. Atlas, Jamestown-Tower folio (No. 168), 1909.

²² Simpson, H. E., Geology and ground-water resources of North Dakota: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 598, p. 113, 1929.

The glacial drift consists chiefly of till, or boulder clay, and deposits of sand and gravel interbedded with the till or underlying the valleys. The alluvial deposits are composed of roughly sorted gravel, sand, and silt of glacial origin; and the lake silt, as its name implies, consists mainly of rather fine materials. The drift, alluvium, and lake silt contain some sand that generally yields moderate and rather dependable supplies of water to wells. On the whole, however, the surficial deposits are fine-grained sediments with low permeability; and hence they constitute rather poor water-bearing materials. Their specific yield is also generally low; that is, they will yield a relatively small quantity of water for each unit volume of water-bearing material that is drained. Therefore relatively small withdrawals of water from the sediments may cause the water level in them to decline appreciably. In general, the underground reservoirs formed by the surficial deposits do not possess large storage capacities, and they may become seriously depleted in times of drought.

Wells that end in the surficial deposits generally deliver sufficient water, except in some dry years, for most farm and home uses. A few public supplies, including those for Jamestown, La Moure, and Oakes, are obtained from the more permeable parts of them. Most of the wells that are supplied by water in the surficial deposits are shallow dug or bored wells. The more permeable parts of the deposits in some places are overlain with clay or silt, which confines the water under hydrostatic pressure. Where such conditions exist the water rises in wells above the level at which it is encountered, and in some low places shallow flowing wells are obtained.

SAND STRATA IN THE CRETACEOUS FORMATIONS ABOVE THE DAKOTA SANDSTONE

The Pierre shale, which occurs directly below the surficial deposits in the Ellendale-Jamestown area, furnishes very small quantities of water to wells from sandy beds in its upper part. The water, moreover, is generally brackish and otherwise of poor quality. The public supply of Edgeley, however, is an exception. The city wells, which tap water in the upper 20 to 60 feet of Pierre shale, furnish a small but adequate supply of fairly good water. The Niobrara formation and Benton shale, which lie beneath the Pierre shale, are not generally a source of water supply in North Dakota,²³ and no wells in the Ellendale-Jamestown area are known to derive water from them.

DAKOTA SANDSTONE

The Dakota sandstone is found almost everywhere in the area below Benton shale or, where that is absent, below the younger formations.

²³ Simpson, H. E., The ground waters of North Dakota: North Dakota Geol. Survey Bull. 7, Artesian Water Paper 5, p. 13, 1932.

Its texture and composition are known only from drilling because the sandstone does not crop out. The formation consists of a gray ferruginous sandstone, poorly cemented and interbedded with layers of clay and shale.²⁴ In places it includes beds of fine loose sand. The depth below the land surface at which it is encountered ranges from about 800 feet in the eastern part of the area to 1,600 feet or more in western Dickey and La Moure Counties.

Two or more sandstone beds, separated by shale layers, are recognized by most drillers; and all these strata are generally assigned to the Dakota, although it is commonly recognized that the lower sediments may belong to other formations. The aggregate thickness of the sandstone and shale beds ranges from less than a hundred feet to a few hundred feet. As the artesian head and the chemical character of the water from the various beds usually differ considerably, the beds are commonly classified as distinct artesian horizons. Correlating the horizons from place to place, however, is difficult, and the precise horizon that a well taps is not generally known with certainty. According to Hard,²⁵ as many as seven successive flows have been obtained in drilling one well, the water-bearing beds being separated by shale or dense sandstone.

The chemical character of the water probably provides as good a basis as any for differentiating between the several flow horizons. The water from the upper part of the sandstone is generally soft but somewhat salty and is often assigned to the "first flow." The waters from the sandstone at greater depths are usually much harder but lower in chloride and are commonly regarded as "second flow" waters. However, a water of very high mineral content but apparently of no consistent chemical character is encountered in some places in the deepest sandstone beds; it is designated by some drillers as "third flow" water. A general differentiation of this kind apparently was recognized by Hard,²⁶ who wrote,

The water from the artesian wells that end at the first horizon of the Dakota sandstone is generally usable for all purposes except in the region west of a line from Monango to Grand Rapids, where much of it is too bitter for drinking by man. Water from the second and third flow horizons contains too much mineral matter for drinking or for boiler use.

The following somewhat different concept was expressed by Simpson,²⁷ in discussing the water supplies at Ellendale. "This supply of water came from what is known locally as the 'second flow' or 'soft-water flow' * * * a fourth well, popularly known as the 'hard-water well' was drilled to the 'third flow' during the same year."

²⁴ Simpson, H. E., op. cit. (Water-Supply Paper 598), pp. 40-41.

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Meinzer²⁸ divided the sandstone and associated shale strata into upper and lower parts, the upper part producing soft water and the lower part producing hard water. He states that

the upper part does not form a single stratum but rather an indefinite group of sandstone strata and lenses interbedded with shale; the sandstone of the lower part has been reached by so few wells that there is no very definite information as to its thickness and character.

Each of the designations cited above probably express closely the conditions in certain localities. On the other hand, probably none of them can be applied with confidence over the entire artesian basin. The results of this investigation appear to indicate that for the Ellendale-Jamestown area the first differentiation of flow horizons—that which denotes the “first flow” as soft water, the “second flow” as hard water, and the “third flow” as a highly mineralized water of uncertain type—is most generally applicable. Such a designation is therefore used in this report. In computations that follow, however, wells assigned to the “third flow” have been omitted.

Most of the wells in the Dakota sandstone tap only the first flow, although there are many wells that tap the second flow and a few that tap the third flow. The decline in artesian pressure presumably was greatest at first in the upper sandstone, but owing to increased development of the second flow and leakage from the second horizon to the first, the pressures in the two beds are now about equal. The few wells that have been drilled recently to the third flow, however, have encountered water under distinctly higher pressure than exists in the overlying beds. The Dakota still supplies adequate quantities of water in most places for home, farm, and public use despite the great decrease in artesian pressure that has occurred since development of the supply was begun. The public supplies of Ellendale, Forbes, Fullerton, Ludden, Monango, and Verona are obtained from the sandstone by pumping or natural flow.

WATER IN THE DAKOTA SANDSTONE

USE

Most of the water from the Dakota artesian basin in southeastern North Dakota is highly mineralized and at many places is unsuited for general use, especially for household purposes. Nevertheless, the water is used extensively over the area, chiefly because adequate supplies of more potable water are not available. Water from the surface deposits and Pierre shale is generally utilized wherever possible.

The water from the Dakota artesian basin is used for cooking and washing, although it commonly turns some vegetables dark and stains

²⁸ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., The artesian water supply of the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota, with special reference to the Edgeley quadrangle: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 520, p. 79, 1925.

clothes. The water of the first flow is soft, in contrast with the waters of the second and third flows, which are hard, and is therefore the water most desirable for washing purposes. The water is regarded as excellent for stock and is used extensively for this purpose. Because the temperature of the Dakota water is higher than the temperature of the drift and shale water, cows will drink more Dakota water during the cold winter months, and as a result the production of milk and cream is said to be increased.

Very little of the water is used for irrigation because of its high mineral content. A small vegetable garden was irrigated during the recent years of drought from a well on the farm of A. L. Stevens in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 7, T 131 N., R. 63 W. Mr. Stevens reported that the minerals left by evaporation of the water caused the soil to become hard and lumpy and that the plants grew very poorly. However, a hedge on the farm was watered sparingly with the artesian water with fair success. In many places in the area almost all the vegetation has been killed along pools and ditches into which waste artesian water has been drained.

Some of the uses to which the water from the Dakota basin was originally put are not now generally possible. When the artesian pressure was high the water furnished fire protection for individual farm homes without pumping and furnished power to operate dynamos and other mechanical devices. The water was originally piped about the farms to convenient taps and into farm houses where it served as a general supply. For public supplies the wells were connected directly to the mains and the artesian pressure was sufficient to operate the system without pumping. At one time the operating of small electric light plants, feed mills, blowers in blacksmith shops, and washing machines by artesian water power was common.

The original high pressures of the first and second flows have now been largely dissipated, and as a result the uses of the water insofar as they depend on high water pressure or high flow have greatly decreased. The third-flow wells still have considerable pressure, as indicated by a well drilled in July 1937 by F. W. Schulz, of Aberdeen, S. Dak., in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, T. 131 N., R. 63 W., which is now used to operate a dynamo. The well is said to have flowed about 60 gallons a minute when it was finished. Because of the piping arrangement it was not possible to measure the flow during the present investigation.

TEMPERATURE

During the present investigation the temperature of water from 77 artesian wells was observed. Of these wells, 66 were flowing wells and 11 were nonflowing wells. The measurements were made at the mouths of the wells where possible, otherwise at the nearest tap. The

temperature of the water from flowing wells ranged from 47° F. to 69° F. and averaged 60.2° for the 66 wells. The water from nonflowing wells ranged from 47° to 59° and for the 11 wells averaged 52.3°. These temperatures for the artesian water compare with temperatures ranging from 42° to 45° for the shallow ground water of the area.

Hard ³⁰ gives a table showing the temperature of the water from 13 artesian wells in the Edgeley-La Moure area. The highest temperature shown is 70° and the lowest temperature 48°. The average temperature of the 13 wells listed is 62.3°—about 2° higher than the average temperature of the 66 flowing wells measured during the course of the present investigation.

The sandstone strata in the area lie from about 800 feet to 1,600 feet below the land surface, and it is to be expected that the temperature of the artesian water would be appreciably higher than the temperature of the shallow ground water. The variation in depth of the sandstone, however, does not appear to account entirely for the rather wide range in temperature noted above. The lower average temperature of water from nonflowing wells doubtless is caused chiefly by the cooling of the water as it stands in the casing. The water from some of the wells is probably cooled during its rise to the surface. Such cooling action would not seem to account for the low temperature of the water from some of the flowing wells, although the time taken for the water to rise from the sandstone to the surface is appreciable. The rate of flow of water through a 1½-inch pipe discharging 1 gallon a minute is about 10.8 feet a minute. Thus 100 minutes is required for water to reach the surface from a depth of 1,080 feet through a 1½-inch well flowing 1 gallon a minute. That some cooling does take place in this interval is indicated in a general way by the discharge-temperature relation of the flowing wells. The average flow from wells having water temperature from 47° to 55° was about 1.4 gallons a minute; from wells having water from 56° to 60°, 1.8 gallons a minute; from wells having water from 61° to 65°, 2.0 gallons a minute; and the average flow from wells having water temperatures from 66° to 69° was 3.0 gallons a minute. Other factors that may lower the temperature of the water at the surface are the piping arrangement at the surface and the evolution of gas.

CHEMICAL CHARACTER

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In connection with projects of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Works Progress Administration sponsored by the North Dakota Geological Survey, the chemical character of samples of water from more than 1,000 wells in North Dakota has

³⁰ Hard, H. A., Geology and water resources of the Edgeley and La Moure quadrangles, North Dakota: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 801, p. 76, 1929.

been determined in the chemical laboratory of the University of North Dakota.³¹ Analyses were made of water from all formations in North Dakota that yield appreciable quantities of water to wells. The following discussion of the chemical character of the water from the Dakota sandstone is based on analyses made as a part of the projects mentioned above.

The nature and significance of the constituents of ground waters are well known. They have been fully discussed in publications of the Federal Geological Survey³² and elsewhere,³³ so repetition here seems unnecessary. The following table gives analyses of water from 33 wells in the Dakota sandstone in southeastern North Dakota, arranged according to the flow horizon each well is believed to tap. Such an arrangement must be regarded as somewhat presumptive because for most wells the flow horizon could not be definitely ascertained. Moreover, the water from some of the wells likely consists of a mixture of water from two or more horizons.

Following modern convention the analyses are reported in parts per million of the respective constituents without regard to hypothetical combinations, except that total hardness and total alkalinity are expressed also in terms of equivalent quantities of calcium carbonate. Fresh samples of the waters contain an excess of carbon dioxide, thus indicating that the alkalinity is entirely due to bicarbonate.

The analyses show that waters from the Dakota sandstone are unsatisfactory for domestic supplies. All of them greatly exceed the upper limit of 1,000 parts per million of total solids specified by the United States Public Health Service for interstate carriers, and the individual constituents of many of them also exceed the limits of toleration. The fluoride content in some of them is excessive, and all of them carry sufficient fluoride to cause mottled enamel in teeth.

Unfortunately, in many localities no water supply other than that from the Dakota sandstone is available in the immediate vicinity. Thus the water, although objectionable, is rather widely consumed. Persons long accustomed to drinking the artesian water claim they suffer no ill effects, and many report that less mineralized water tastes flat and insipid to them. Those unaccustomed to drinking the water often suffer mild gastric and intestinal disturbances, which, however, gradually diminish and finally disappear with continued use of the water.

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Analyses of waters from the Dakota sandstone in southeastern North Dakota
 [Parts per million. Analyses made in the chemical laboratory of the University of North Dakota]

First-flow wells

Sec.	T. N.	R. W.	County	Owner	Depth of well (feet)	Total dissolved solids	Silica (SiO ₂)	Iron (Fe)	Calcium (Ca)	Magnesium (Mg)	Sodium (Na)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulphate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Alumina (Al ₂ O ₃)	Manganese (Mn)	Zinc (Zn)	Fluoride (F)	Total alkalinity as CaCO ₃	Total hardness as CaCO ₃
24	138	58	Barnes	J. Saugstad	1,100	2,984	12	1.0	45	22	1,007	394	471	1,115	44	15	0.0	22	2.8	322	240
24	138	58	do	M. Thoreson	2,703	2,703	34	7.4	62	45	853	342	646	961	26	15	0.0	6	3.4	280	342
7	129	63	Dickey	City of Ludden	1,980	2,588	14	4.4	18	28	537	486	337	781	1.3	14	0.0	4.0	3.6	398	124
12	139	63	do	City of Ellendale	1,087	2,777	18	5.5	29	10	993	590.9	485	939	6.2	14	0.0	0.0	3.2	434	114
35	129	65	do	Village of Forbes	1,400	2,577	21	1.4	28	24	837	810.0	177	781	26	15	0.0	2.8	1.8	664	154
15	131	62	do	Village of Fullerton	1,160	2,748	23	3.0	37	4.4	1,029	566.0	231	1,160	22	15	0.0	7.0	2.4	464	226
11	134	56	Ransom	City of Lisbon	890	2,786	5	3	36	7.6	910	271	1,316	357	2.7	9.6	0.0	3.0	2.8	222	198
11	134	56	do	do	751	2,753	6	2.0	30	7.6	889	278	1,264	355	4	11	0.0	7.0	3.8	228	120
23	134	57	do	Village of Elliott	1,200	2,598	6	0	7	1.3	904	261	1,137	379	7	14	0.0	2.0	3.2	214	23
13	130	52	Richardson	City of Lidgerwood	360	3,152	6	4	20	10	1,070	466	1,248	502	11	11	0.0	2.0	7.5	382	92
6	132	51	do	Village of Wymdremere	545	2,646	5	1.1	16	8.3	915	302	1,178	412	2.2	9.8	0.0	3.0	6.5	248	78
16	130	54	Sargent	H. Dystra	720	2,738	11	2.2	26	17	991	573	1,116	475	2.2	13	0.0	14	5.0	470	190
19	130	54	do	O. Lyngved	800	2,721	24	0	35	15	864	335	1,164	380	5.3	32	1.5	0	5.5	275	166
19	130	54	do	O. Peterson	800	2,713	26	1.1	33	14	865	362	1,089	403	36	19	0.0	14	5.2	297	161
18	130	55	do	C. Lilla	800	2,713	26	1.1	33	14	865	362	1,089	403	36	19	0.0	14	5.2	297	161
1	130	56	do	J. Bond	735	2,692	16	4	21	11	910	367	1,015	485	27	20	0.0	0	5.0	301	100
1	130	56	do	E. Isakson	700	2,790	7	2.8	23	9.2	930	385	1,170	398	6.5	15	0.0	0	5.0	316	113
1	130	56	do	Village of Forman	840	2,571	19	9	24	20	858	420	1,162	449	5.7	17	0.0	4.0	5.0	344	150
2	130	57	do	Village of Cogswell	1,000	2,523	23	5	26	7.9	815	315	1,162	323	4.7	13	0.0	12	4.0	258	115
2	130	57	do	H. Webster	900	2,523	23	5	26	7.4	834	327	1,128	308	9.4	14	0.0	12	3.8	298	108
9	132	54	do	G. Mundy	665	2,613	1	7	32	15	898	310	1,214	405	4.4	8.0	0.0	6.0	4.0	254	151

Second-flow wells

13	137	57	Barnes	Village of Nome	1,350	2,905	22	3.4	181	76	683	319	1,358	488	8.8	21	0.0	6.0	1.6	180	778
25	137	60	do	Village of Litchville	1,300	2,640	20	3.3	184	74	641	297	1,315	280	22	28	0.0	3.8	1.4	170	779
1	136	64	Ransom	Village of Sheldon	820	2,686	11	1.3	134	56	684	297	1,263	356	1	16	0.0	2.8	1.0	184	572
6	130	64	Sargent	Peterson	800	2,580	10	0.9	134	40	684	328.5	1,093	419	3.4	12	0.0	1.6	6.5	286	469
8	130	64	do	George	800	2,601	32	0.5	129	40	652	348.5	1,042	412	2.6	17	0.0	1.0	6.0	286	486
19	130	54	do	W. F. Hardy	665	2,647	5	1	202	69	674	371	1,144	311	6.2	13	0.0	3.0	7.3	304	785
1	130	56	do	Sargent County	900	2,823	7	1.3	136	38	827	279	1,090	355	6.0	7.0	0.0	10	4.0	298	321
30	131	54	do	O. Wynn	650	2,696	27	3	116	61	691	361	1,173	398	3.5	9.9	0.0	7.0	6.5	260	353

The principal constituents in the waters from the first and second horizons are sodium and sulphate. The waters from the first flow horizon are, however, somewhat lower in calcium and magnesium and correspondingly higher in sodium than those from the second flow horizon. The average total hardness of 21 samples of water from the first flow horizon is about 140; that of 8 samples from the second flow horizon is about 600. The water from the upper horizon is therefore preferable for some uses. The waters from both horizons contain moderate amounts of bicarbonate. The iron content of the waters from both horizons is quite variable, ranging from 0.0 to 3.0 parts per million. Proportionately more of the analyses of second flow waters show a high iron content (more than 1.0 part per million) but the number of analyses is too small and the variation in iron content is too great to draw definite conclusions. Six of the samples of waters from the first flow horizon differ from the general sodium sulphate type. These waters are relatively much lower in sulphate and higher in chloride. Some also contain considerably more bicarbonate, and some are somewhat harder. The total mineral content of these waters is comparable, however, with that of other waters from the horizon.

Three of the four analyses of waters from the third-flow horizon also show sodium sulphate waters; the fourth shows a sodium chloride water, containing 3,346 parts per million of chloride and more than 6,000 parts of dissolved mineral matter. The analysis of this water also shows an unusual calcium-magnesium relationship. The three sodium sulphate waters differ considerably in the content of other constituents present, both among themselves and in comparison with the sodium sulphate waters from the first and second flow horizons.

OCCURRENCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FLUORIDE

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The recent discovery that fluorides in drinking water cause the dental disintegration long known as enamel dystrophy, or "mottled enamel," has aroused the interest of health departments and led to the more thorough examination of ground waters. The Nation-wide dental survey conducted by the United States Public Health Service located areas throughout the country where mottled enamel is endemic and severe. Such a district was found in northeastern South Dakota and in Richland, Sargent, Dickey, and some other counties in southeastern North Dakota. The dental defect had long been noted as common and severe near Lidgerwood and Forman. Other endemic areas include parts of Ransom, La Moure, Cass, and Traill Counties; but these are by no means the only localities in North Dakota where mottled enamel is found.

As early as November 1, 1929, Dr. William G. Movius, dentist, of Lidgerwood, N. Dak., suspected that the mottling of children's teeth might be caused by the artesian water from the Dakota sandstone. On that date he wrote to the late Prof. Simpson for assistance in testing this hypothesis. He was furnished with a map of the Dakota sandstone artesian area and with the analytical data available at that time. By November 29 of the same year, Dr. Movius had convinced himself that the dental malady was definitely associated with the drinking of the artesian water, as indicated by his letter to Frederick S. McKay, D. D. S.³⁴

In 1931 M. C. Smith, E. Lanz, and H. S. Smith,³⁵ working at the Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station, investigated the occurrence of mottled enamel at St. David, Ariz., and demonstrated that the defective enamel whether observed in men or animals, is definitely caused by certain small concentrations of fluorides in drinking water.

After this announcement dentists in the regions where mottled enamel prevailed requested information on the fluoride content of waters, and submitted samples of water for analysis. Early in 1934 the writer became actively interested in the fluoride problem in North Dakota. Representative artesian waters were analyzed and those from Forman were found to carry as much as 6 parts per million of fluoride. Late in June of the same year, a State Geological Survey project was organized under provisions of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration which included a fluoride survey. At first the survey was limited to the Dakota sandstone and Red River Valley artesian areas; but later under provisions of a Works Progress Administration project it was extended to include representative ground waters of the entire State. The results of the survey were published in Bulletins 9 and 11 of the North Dakota Geological Survey.

On account of the distribution of fluoride in the Dakota sandstone artesian waters and its significance in the present investigation, the fluoride map included in Bulletin 9 is here reproduced for convenient reference (pl. 3). It will be observed that the fluoride content of the artesian waters can be represented on a map of the region by regular contour lines enclosing concentric areas or zones of ground water whose fluoride content ranges from about 3 parts per million in the outer zone through regularly increasing amounts, as the included areas become successively smaller, finally narrowing down to a small district near Lidgerwood, where the fluoride content was the highest observed, one sample showing about 9 parts per million.

³⁴ McKay, F. S., Does water affect children's teeth? *Water Works Engineering*, Vol. 82, No. 25; p. 1773 Dec. 4, 1929.

³⁵ Smith, M. C., Lanz, E., and Smith, H. S., Cause of mottled enamel: *Arizona Agr. Exper. Sta. Tech. Bull.* 32, pp. 254-282, 1931.

Comparison of the analytical results with information supplied by the county dental surveys showed a correlation that was complete and convincing. In every instance where mottled enamel was reported as general and severe, the waters of the locality showed correspondingly high fluoride contents, and in certain localities within the artesian area where shallow fluoride-free waters are used, mottled enamel was observed only among those who had moved into these districts from the regions using the artesian waters. Throughout the whole area the severity of the disintegration of enamel was found to follow the contour lines of the fluoride map.

The explanation of this persistent distribution of the fluoride in the Dakota sandstone artesian waters presents a perplexing problem for the geologist and the geochemist. All attempts to correlate the fluoride contents with any other constituent of the waters have been unsuccessful.

FLUCTUATION OF ARTESIAN HEAD CAUSED BY CHANGES IN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE AND EMISSION OF GAS

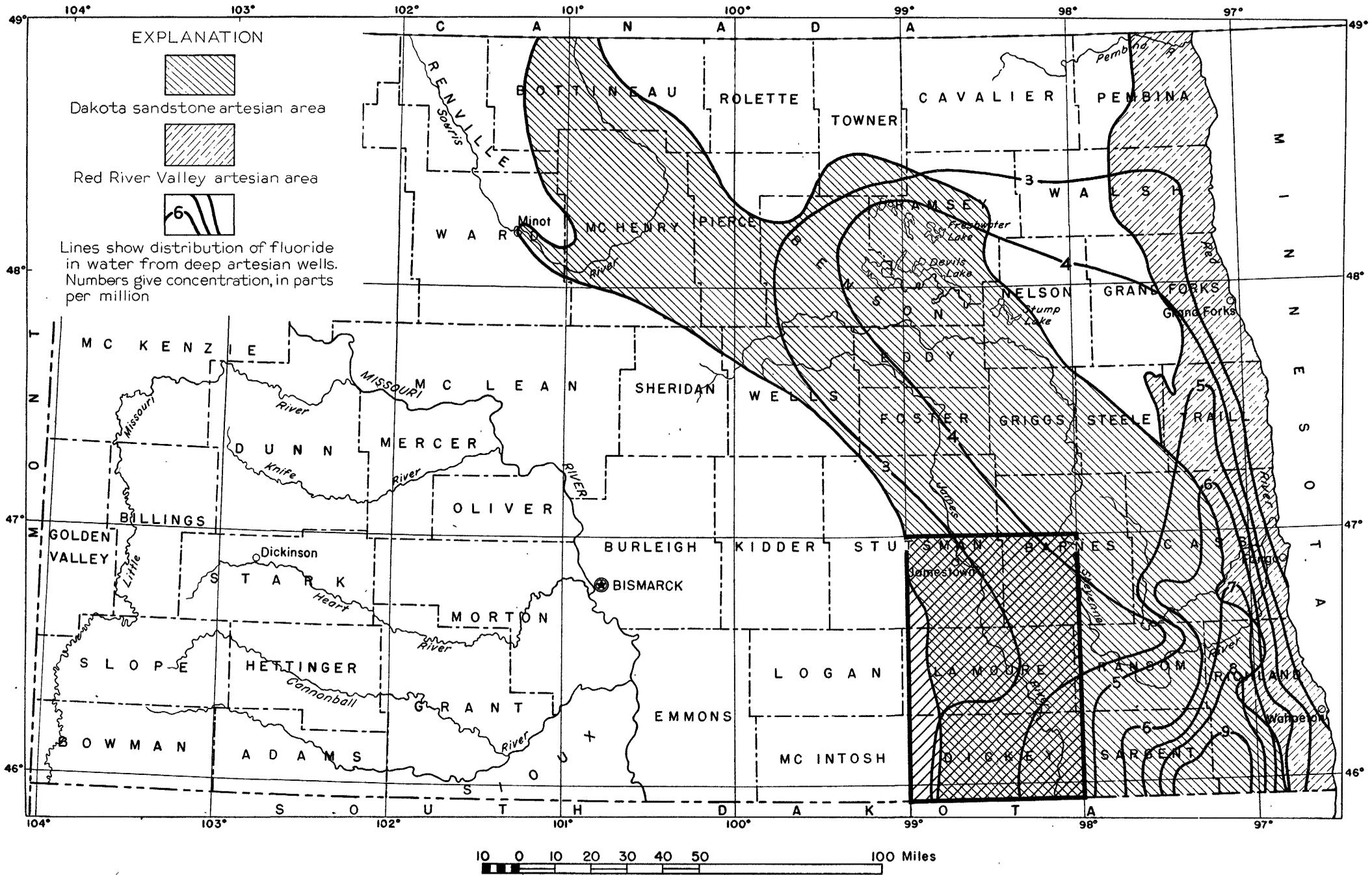
Many wells drilled to the Dakota sandstone originally yielded much combustible gas in addition to artesian water. Where the quantity of gas obtained from wells was sufficient, farm homes were heated and lighted by it. According to Hard³⁶ perhaps 50 wells have yielded volumes of gas sufficient for the domestic needs of single families in the Edgeley and La Moure quadrangles. The Murphy well in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 11, T. 133 N., R. 64 W., and the Davis well in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 24, T. 134 N., R. 64 W., each furnished enough gas to light and heat the house for several years. The gas from the Davis well was reported sufficient to fill a cylindrical tank 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet in 2 hours, and its pressure lifted a 150-pound weight on the top of the tank.³⁷ The gas supplied 13 burners day and night, a gas range, and a gas heater. The Weller well in Edgeley was drilled in 1906 for gas and not for water, but it did not yield gas in sufficient quantities to be utilized.

The quantity of gas liberated from most artesian wells at the present time is too small to be noticed by casual observation. It is probable, however, that some gas is given off by most wells. This is illustrated by the Davis well northwest of Edgeley, which stopped flowing about 1921 and now is abandoned. The water level in it stands about 2 to 3 feet below the land surface. An inspection of the well indicated no signs of gas, but the charts obtained by an automatic water-level recorder installed on the well show clearly that small quantities of gas are more or less regularly emitted from the well.

A chart from the recorder is reproduced in figure 2, together with a graph showing the atmospheric pressure at Bismarck. The barometric

³⁶ Hard, H. A., op. cit., p. 77.

³⁷ Hard, H. A., op. cit., p. 78.



MAP OF NORTH DAKOTA SHOWING FLUORIDE CONTENT OF WATER FROM DAKOTA SANDSTONE AND RED RIVER VALLEY ARTESIAN BASINS.

After Abbott, G. A. North Dakota Geol. Survey Bull. 9, pp. 8-9.

curve has been converted from inches of mercury into equivalent feet of water, for convenient comparison with the hydrograph. The hydrograph shows that the water level in the well attains a peak about every 2 or 3 hours and that after the peak is reached the water level

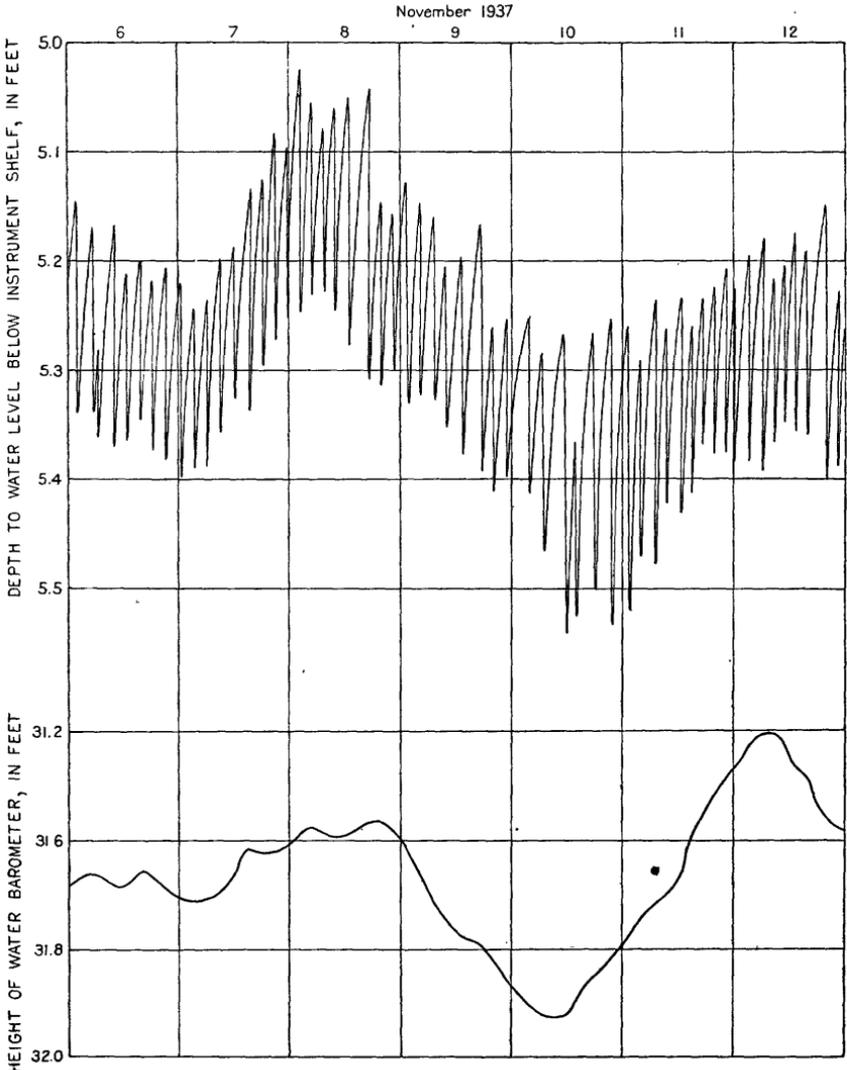


FIGURE 2.—Graph produced by an automatic water-level recorder showing fluctuations of artesian head caused by changes in atmospheric pressure and emission of gas.

rapidly falls. The rise to the next peak is at first rapid but then proceeds at a progressively slower rate. The rise of water level apparently is caused by the collection of gas in the well, which causes the column of water in the well to become gradually lighter. When

sufficient gas has accumulated, probably in pockets, it is emitted at the water surface and the water level declines abruptly. After the gas is liberated it starts to collect once more and the process is repeated.

The hydrograph indicates that the peaks and troughs formed by the water surface undergo a fluctuation that is not caused by gas in the water. A comparison with the curve showing fluctuations of atmospheric pressure indicates that the high and low stages of the water level reached each few hours fluctuate in general inversely with changes in atmospheric pressure. Where there is a confining bed above the water-bearing formation that effectively prevents the transmission of changes in atmospheric pressure to the water in the formation, a rise or fall in atmospheric pressure causes a corresponding increase or decrease in pressure on the water surface in the well. An increase in atmospheric pressure reduces the effective hydrostatic head of the water in the well and the water level declines. Conversely, a decrease in atmospheric pressure increases the effective hydrostatic head and the water level rises in the well.

The fluctuation of the water level in the Davis well over the period shown on the chart did not follow uniformly the fluctuation of the barometric pressure in Bismarck. For the three major fluctuations in atmospheric pressure shown on the chart—a rise from November 7 to 8, a decline from November 8 to 10, and a rise from November 10 to 12—the water level in the well changed 55, 34, and 13 percent, respectively, as much as the water barometer. This variation in response to changes in atmospheric pressure is probably more apparent than real and probably is caused by differences between fluctuations of atmospheric pressure recorded at Bismarck, which is about 100 miles west of the well, and those that occurred at the well.

WELLS IN DAKOTA SANDSTONE HISTORY OF ARTESIAN-WELL DRILLING

The first well sunk to the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota was drilled in the city of Ellendale. It was drilled by the percussion-tool method, to a depth of 1,087 feet. The work on the derrick was begun in December 1885, and the well was completed April 6, 1886, at a cost of \$4,440 for drilling and casing. Board, room, and other incidental expenses of the operators were said to have raised the total cost to more than \$5,000. The well was started at the surface as an 8- or 10-inch hole but it was reduced in size during the process of drilling and was finished at the bottom with 3¼-inch casing.

According to Nettleton,³⁸ a well for public water supply was started at Jamestown in 1886 and completed the next year at a depth of

³⁸ Nettleton, E. S., Artesian and underflow investigation: 52d Cong., 1st sess., S. Ex. Doc. 41, pt. 2, p. 70, 1892.

1,476 feet. The well was cased with pipe of five different sizes, ranging from $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches, and the lowest 30 feet of casing was perforated with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch holes. The cost of the well was reported to be \$6,700.

In 1890 a well was drilled at the State Insane Asylum,³⁹ near Jamestown, to a depth of 1,524 feet, at a cost of \$7,000. During the same year a well for public water supply was completed at Oakes⁴⁰ at a depth of 977 feet. A 6-inch well drilled for the public water supply of Edgeley in 1892 was finished at a depth of 1,365 feet.

Drilling to the Dakota sandstone by the percussion-tool method was so expensive that it was not generally economically feasible to construct such wells for individual farm and home use. Soon after 1900, however, the jetting method of drilling, by means of which small holes are sunk through soft shale and materials of similar character with considerable efficiency, came into general use and the cost of constructing artesian wells in the Dakota sandstone dropped greatly. It then became possible to construct farm wells for a reasonable cost; and as a result thousands of small wells, ranging in diameter from $1\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 inches, were drilled throughout the artesian basin.

Much of the credit for developing apparatus and methods for constructing small artesian farm wells is due the late Peter Norbeck, once a prominent well driller in South Dakota and later the Governor of the State and then a United States Senator from that State. His brother, George Norbeck, with whom he was associated in the drilling business, wrote in a memoir:⁴¹

Up to this time [about 1900] there was no thought of being able to drill a small diameter well as deep as 1,000 feet. In a few instances townships voted bonds for a township well, or counties voted bonds and sunk one or more wells to 1,000 feet or deeper, but they had to be drilled with the so-called cable tool and slush-bucket process, at a cost of \$3,500 and upward. The designing and manufacturing of equipment and the working out of hundreds of other problems to make it possible to drill small diameter wells to the necessary depth to obtain artesian water, fell to the ingenuity and organizing ability of Peter Norbeck and he did a very effective job of it.

Most of the artesian wells were drilled between 1902 and 1920. Of the 941 wells in the Ellendale-Jamestown area whose records are given at the end of this report, information regarding the year of drilling is available for 734. This information is given in the table following. A summary shows that 341 of the wells were drilled between 1902 and 1910, 341 were drilled between 1911 and 1920, and 47 were drilled between 1921 and 1937. Five of the wells were drilled prior to 1902.

³⁹ Idem, pp. 70-71.

⁴⁰ Idem, p. 68.

⁴¹ The Johnson National Driller's Journal, p. 13, Jan.-Feb. 1937.

Number of recorded artesian wells drilled, by years, in the area

Year	Number of wells	Year	Number of wells	Year	Number of wells
1886	1	1910	51	1923	2
1890	1	1911	20	1925	1
1892	1	1912	27	1926	8
1898	1	1913	42	1928	2
1899	1	1914	41	1929	2
1902	16	1915	38	1930	5
1903	31	1916	57	1931	3
1904	32	1917	40	1933	3
1905	37	1918	30	1934	2
1906	39	1919	25	1935	2
1907	40	1920	21	1936	2
1908	52	1921	9	1937	2
1909	43	1922	4		

WELL CONSTRUCTION AND UNDERGROUND LEAKAGE

Throughout the artesian basin the jetting method of drilling is now used almost exclusively. Because the jetting of small wells is both a rapid and an economical method of drilling through relatively fine grained soft or unconsolidated materials, the method is excellently suited for use in the artesian basin.

In the jetting method the material is both loosened and carried to the surface by water under pressure.⁴² Water under pressure is led into the well through a small pipe and is forced downward and out the drill bit at the bottom of the hole. The material thus loosened is carried to the surface between the pipe and the wall of the well by the return stream of water. The jarring of the bit assists the water to break up the formation and the turning of the drill pipe insures a straight hole.

Most of the artesian wells are started as 2¼- or 3¼-inch holes in order that a 2½- or 3-inch casing may be carried to the Pierre shale through the drift or other surficial deposits. This casing, which generally is called a surface casing, prevents the unconsolidated material above the shale from caving into the hole during subsequent drilling operations and also seals out the shallow ground water. Drilling to the sandstone is carried on inside the surface casing with a 2- or 2½-inch bit attached to 1¼- or 1½-inch drilling pipe. A hole is thus jetted through the shale to the sandstone. The drilling pipe is then pulled out of the hole and a 1- to 1½-inch casing is inserted. The annular space between the inner casing and the surface casing is usually sealed at the land surface.

Inasmuch as the hole drilled through the shale is somewhat larger than the casing that is set in it, a passageway along the outside of the casing is provided for the escape of artesian water from the sandstone to the land surface. Water coming up outside the casing may escape, of course, into sandy lenses in the shale, and where the surface casing

⁴² Bowman, Isaiah, well-drilling methods: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 257, p. 75, 1911.

does not extend to the shale or where it is improperly seated, the artesian water may also escape into the drift or other surficial deposits. It has been assumed by some that the shale would cave around the casing and thus the upward leakage of artesian water would be prevented. At many of the wells, however, this caving apparently has not been complete, for the space between the inner and surface casing has had to be sealed at the surface, usually with lead, to prevent water from issuing between the two casings.

The extent to which underground leakage has been a contributory cause of the decline of artesian head in the Dakota basin is a subject of such speculation. The methods used for the construction of wells apparently have not been effective in preventing leakage. Moreover, the water has corroded many of the well casings and has thus opened up channels of escape. It appears probable that underground leakage has been considerable, especially in the past, and that a part of the decline in artesian head has resulted from it. Under the prevailing low artesian head, however, underground leakage doubtless is much less now than in the past when the head was high.

Many wells that formerly flowed but that are now west of the flowing-well area have been converted into pumped wells. Where the water level is only a few feet below the land surface pitcher pumps or other suction pumps have been attached directly to the inner well casings. Where the water level stands farther below the land surface, however, the inner casings have been cut off and pump cylinders have been lowered into the surface casing, thus providing a deep-well pumping system. Reservoirs, similar to dug wells, have been constructed around some wells, and both casings have been cut off below the land surface. Water then flows into the reservoirs, from which it is pumped as needed.

Most of the reservoirs are poorly constructed, and much water is lost from them by seepage into surficial deposits. Many of the reservoirs are uncovered and are very unsanitary. The chemical character of the water is such that thick ferruginous deposits quickly form on the sides of casings and reservoirs. These deposits break off and are pumped to the surface along with the water, thus rendering the water objectionable for some uses.

WILD WELLS

There are in North Dakota a few so-called "wild" wells—that is, wells whose flows have gotten out of control and have opened up large channels of escape for the artesian water. This has been caused in most instances by the seepage of artesian water under high pressure upward along the outside of the well casing. The flow of the

wild wells, which in the aggregate equals the combined flow of a great many controlled wells, has probably appreciably accelerated the decline of artesian head in the basin. The flow of some of these wild wells has been brought under control; attempts to control the flow of others have proved unsuccessful. Several typical wild wells are described below.

In the spring of 1906 a 3-inch well was drilled for the village of Sheldon. At a depth of 228 feet a rock was encountered that caused the part of the hole below that depth to be drilled very crooked. Considerable difficulty was experienced also in driving the casing, but nevertheless drilling was continued until the sandstone was penetrated. Water was encountered under a pressure of about 150 pounds to the square inch, and a flow of 600 gallons a minute was obtained. Water started coming up outside the casing soon after the well was completed, so an attempt was made to substitute a larger casing. The 3-inch casing was broken while it was being pulled. An 8-inch casing was then driven over the remainder of the smaller pipe. The flow of the well was thus brought under control and remained under control until 1912, when all the casing dropped into the hole. In 1915, the Northern Pacific Railway and city officials dumped 3 carloads of sandbags down the hole but with no appreciable decrease in flow. At the present time a comparatively small flow of water issues from a 30-foot crater formed by the sand emitted from the well.

In 1915 a well near Oakes, in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 17, T. 131 N., R. 60 W., was drilled to a depth of 1,286 feet. It is believed to tap the third flow. Water soon started coming to the surface outside the casing, and in 1924 the well was recased. At that time an attempt was made to reduce the flow by installing a drill rod in the bottom of the well. The casing apparently rusted through, and by 1935 water again came to the surface outside the casing and the flow within the casing became roily. An attempt was made to recase the well with $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pipe but an obstruction was encountered in the well at a depth of about 800 feet. The $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pipe was then removed from the well and a larger surface casing was driven outside the original 2-inch surface casing. This stopped the flow coming up outside the casing, but the water from the inner casing continued to be roily. In the spring of 1938, water began coming to the surface in a field about 350 feet south of the well; and by the summer of 1938 water was observed issuing from eight openings within a few hundred feet of the well. Leakage from the well into the Pierre shale and the drift apparently occurs below the surface under sufficient pressure to bring the water to the surface. The chemical composition of water from the well and from the different openings has been found to be identical.

A well drilled in 1900 on the farm of Fred Budke in sec. 23, T. 139 N., R. 54 W., yielded large quantities of water and sand, much of which came to the surface outside the well casing. The combined flow from inside and outside the casing, which was not measured accurately, filled a 10-inch pipe. The overflow soon partly filled a nearby coulee with sand, and before the flow decreased of its own accord 80 acres of land had been covered with sand. Mr. Budke moved all the farm buildings to section 26 and drilled a second well about 2 rods southwest of his house on the north bank of a ravine. The action of the second well proved to be similar to that of the first, and before it was brought under control by the sinking of an 8-inch outer casing and by a natural decrease in flow, Mr. Budke was obliged to move his house again. The land surface was deformed to such an extent that the floors of the house assumed a very objectionable slope and the doors could not be closed. A third well was drilled on the south bank of the ravine in 1915. The driller believed the flow to be under control and after completion of the drilling a tee-joint was installed on the top of the casing. Water flowed from both ends of the tee in the evening, but by the next morning the casing and tee-joint were found to have dropped from sight into the hole. The flow of the well was greatly reduced by 1919, and it is now less than 1 gallon a minute.

ARTESIAN HEAD AND FLOW OF WELLS TAPPING THE DAKOTA SANDSTONE

ORIGINAL HEAD AND WESTERN LIMIT OF AREA OF ARTESIAN FLOW

The original artesian head in the Ellendale well, the first to be drilled to the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota, was reported by Powell⁴³ to be 175 pounds to the square inch, by Nettleton⁴⁴ to be 115 pounds, and by J. R. Lacey,⁴⁵ a resident of Ellendale who was present when the well was drilled, to be 145 pounds to the square inch. Nettleton⁴⁶ reports the pressure as 97 pounds per square inch in the Jamestown well, 70 pounds in the Asylum well near Jamestown, and 125 pounds in the Oakes well. These pressures, however, are probably only approximate and are valuable mainly for showing the general high pressure that originally existed in the basin.

The artesian-water map of South Dakota by Darton,⁴⁷ which was published in 1909 but which probably shows approximate conditions

⁴³ Powell, J. W., *Artesian irrigation on the Great Plains*: U. S. Geol. Survey 11th Ann. Rept., pt. 2, p. 273, 1891.

⁴⁴ Nettleton, E. S., *Artesian and underflow investigation*: 52d Cong., 1st sess., S. Ex. Doc. 41, pt. 2, pp. 67, 68, table opposite p. 74, 1892.

⁴⁵ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., *The artesian-water supply of the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota*: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 520-E, p. 81, 1925.

⁴⁶ Nettleton, E. S., *op. cit.*, table opposite p. 74.

⁴⁷ Darton, N. H., *Geology and underground waters of South Dakota*: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 227, pl. 11, 1909.

of a considerably earlier time, indicates that in the southern part of the Edgeley quadrangle the area of artesian flow extended westward nearly to the 1,800-foot contour. A similar map, by Darton and Williard,⁴⁸ of the Jamestown quadrangle, which lies just north of the Edgeley quadrangle, shows the west margin of the area of artesian flow at the boundary between the two quadrangles as about 1,725 feet above sea level. This map shows the western limit directly west of Jamestown as about 1,700 feet above sea level. Meinzer⁴⁹ concludes that the west boundary of the area of artesian flow in the Edgeley quadrangle was originally somewhat less than 1,800 feet above sea level in the northern part and gradually rose to an altitude of somewhat more than 1,800 feet in the southern part. Therefore, it appears reasonable that the western limit of the area originally ranged more or less uniformly from about 1,700 feet above sea level west of Jamestown to somewhat more than 1,800 feet above sea level at the South Dakota line. (See pl. 2.)

DECLINE IN HEAD AND EASTWARD MOVEMENT OF WESTERN BOUNDARY OF AREA OF ARTESIAN FLOW FROM 1886 TO 1923

Meinzer,⁵⁰ in his report on the Edgeley quadrangle, states that there probably was an appreciable drop in artesian head in the Dakota artesian basin prior to 1902. Wells drilled about 1900 appear to have had less head than those drilled earlier, but the pressure was still very high and doubtless the decline in head was not particularly apparent to the residents of the area. However, during the period of active well drilling, from about 1902 to 1915, the artesian head declined rapidly. According to computations made by Meinzer⁵¹ on 20 wells in the Edgeley quadrangle, the average annual decline of artesian head from 1902 to 1915 was 12.7 feet—a total of 165 feet for the period. From 1915 to 1920 the decline, based on similar computations for 12 wells, averaged about 4 feet a year, or 20 feet for the period. From 1920 to 1923, according to computations on 20 wells, the decline averaged about 4 feet a year, or 12 feet for the 3-year period. Meinzer concluded that from 1886 to 1923 the decline in artesian head ranged from about 250 to 300 feet or more in different parts of the quadrangle.

The 1,800-foot contour lies well up the east front of the Coteau du Missouri—a conspicuous upland that has a deep cover of glacial drift and an irregular morainal topography. The front of the Coteau slopes rather steeply eastward to the flat land of the James River Valley,

⁴⁸ Williard, D. E., U. S. Geol. Survey Geol. Atlas, Jamestown-Tower folio (No. 168), 1909.

⁴⁹ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., *op. cit.*, p. 82.

⁵⁰ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., *op. cit.*, pp. 82-84.

⁵¹ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., *op. cit.*, p. 82.

and thus the decline in artesian head at first moved the western limit of the area of artesian flow down the Coteau front and then eastward across more gently sloping land. Although the decline in head from 1886 to 1915 was great—probably 225 feet or more in most places—the western edge of the area of artesian flow moved eastward only 3 to 5 miles (pl. 2) because the movement was chiefly down the steep front of the Coteau. The decline of 30 feet or more in head that occurred between 1915 and 1923, however, moved the western edge of the area from 2 to 8 miles farther east (pl. 2) because the movement was mostly along the more gently eastward sloping land. Meinzer⁵² states that

the belt in which flowing wells were originally obtained but in which wells have ceased to flow [in 1923] is about 10 miles wide in the northern part of the quadrangle [Edgeley] and 5 miles in the southern part. Fully half this belt has "gone dry" in the 8-year period since 1915, during which only a few wells were drilled.

It is obvious that by 1923 the decline of artesian head had carried the western boundary of the area of artesian flow eastward down to such a level (from about 1,550 to 1,500 feet or less above sea level) that a continuation of the decline at about the same rate would cause the area to contract sharply.

DECLINE IN HEAD AND CHANGE IN POSITION OF WESTERN BOUNDARY OF AREA OF ARTESIAN FLOW FROM 1923 TO 1938

Since 1923 the representatives of the State Geological Survey have visited most of the wells in the Dakota artesian basin and have made measurements of their flow. The records of flow, together with other data on the wells, are filed systematically at the office of the State geologist, in Grand Forks. During the investigation on which this paper is based, in 1937 and 1938, the wells along the western boundary of the area of artesian flow were visited, measurements of depth to the water level in nonflowing wells were made when possible, and measurements of discharge of flowing wells were made. The records for the wells visited by the State geologist or his deputy since 1923 and the records for the wells visited during the present study are given in the table at the end of this report. The location of the wells is shown on plate 2.

Only a very few measurements of artesian head were made by the State geologist or his deputy in the course of their inspection of the wells, and no measurements of pressure were made by the writers during their investigation. The reasons for this are numerous. In order to measure the shut-in pressure of the water in the wells the flow must necessarily be stopped. Where the sandstone is composed of

⁵² Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., *op. cit.*, p. 84.

very fine grains the stopping and opening of wells sometimes cause sand grains to enter the wells, and the wells must then be cleaned out. Some wells, after having been closed, fail to flow again when reopened or flow roily water. On account of the chemical character of the water, the casings of almost all the artesian wells are badly corroded, many to the extent that water may escape through the casing into pervious material. The building up of pressure during the course of a pressure measurement may burst the casing where it is thin, or where the casing is already corroded through, the increase in pressure may open up new channels of escape for the water or may enlarge old channels. The well owners are therefore very reluctant to allow pressure measurements to be made on their wells.

The depths to water level below the land surface in wells west of the area of artesian flow reflect the artesian head in the wells. Therefore, during this investigation measurements of water level were made whenever possible in nonflowing wells in order to compare the artesian head in 1937 and 1938 with that reported for the same wells in earlier years. The water-level measurements, like pressure measurements, may be considerably in error because the well casings may be corroded through and water may be escaping into formations above the sandstone. Moreover, some of the wells are pumped and cones of depression may exist around them at the time the water-level measurements are made. Both possible sources of error cause the water level to stand lower in the wells than it would if the wells were tightly cased and unused.

The following table gives the change in artesian head from 1923 to 1938 in wells along the western limit of the area of artesian flow from the South Dakota State line to a line about 3 miles northeast of Edgeley. The table includes 27 wells on which data are available. The artesian head in some of the wells was measured in 1937 and not in 1938. For such wells the measured head has been corrected by subtracting from it the average decline observed in other wells from 1937 to 1938 (see p. 35). The location of the wells is shown on plate 2, and the records of the wells appear in a table at the end of this report. In 1923 the head of water in these wells ranged from 15 feet above the land surface to 40 feet below the surface, and in 1938 the head ranged from 3.5 feet above the land surface to 70 feet below. The head in 21 of the wells was lower and in 6 of the wells was higher in 1938 than in 1923. The change in head in different wells ranged from a decline of 35 feet to a rise of 29 feet, the declines occurring chiefly in the southern part of the area and the rises mainly in the northern part. The water levels in the 27 wells averaged 8.7 feet

below the surface in 1923 and 18.6 feet below the surface in 1938. Thus an average net decline in artesian head of 9.9 feet is indicated for the 15-year period.

Change in artesian head in wells along the western boundary of the area of artesian flow, 1923-38

Location				Head in 1923 ¹ (feet)	Head in 1938 ² (feet)	Change in head (feet)
Quarter	Sec- tion	T. N.	R. W.			
SE.	33	129	65	-10	-26.5	-16.5
SW.	9	130	64	+15	-8.5	-23.5
NE.	19	130	64	-4.5	-30.5	-26
SW.	28	130	64	+10	-10	-20
SE.	29	130	64	+4	-8	-12
SW.	1	130	65	-27	-45.5	-18.5
NW.	2	130	65	-35	-70	-35
NE.	14	130	65	-27	-36	-9
NE.	4	131	63	+3	-12.5	-15.5
SW.	4	131	63	+3	-5	-8
NE.	18	131	63	-9	-3	+6
NE.	21	131	63	+5	-6.5	-11.5
SE.	29	131	63	+6	-28.5	-34.5
SE.	7	131	64	-20	-55.5	-35.5
NE.	11	131	64	+2	-14	-16
NE.	36	131	64	+2	-9.5	-11.5
NE.	13	131	65	-40	-11	+29
NE.	25	131	65	-15	-40.5	-25.5
NE.	35	131	65	-35	-14.5	+20.5
SW.	11	132	63	+12	-1	-13
SW.	34	132	63	+1	-2	-3
SW.	30	132	64	-30	-22.5	+7.5
NW.	11	133	64	-14	-15	-1
SW.	2	134	63	+2.5	-4.5	-7
NE.	30	134	63	-11.3	+3.5	+14.8
SE.	24	134	64	-11	-1.5	+9.5
SE.	24	134	64	-11	-24.5	-13.5

¹ From Hard, H. A., *Geology and water resources of Edgeley and La Moure quadrangles, N. Dak.: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 801, pp. 79-87, 1929.*

² With reference to land surface at well.

A decline of 9.9 feet in artesian head from 1923 to 1938 represents an average annual decline of approximately 0.66 foot. This compares with an average annual decline of 12.7 feet between 1902 and 1915, and an average annual decline of about 4 feet between 1915 and 1923.⁶³

Measurements were made in both 1937 and 1938 of the depth to water level in 21 wells. The artesian head in 1937 and in 1938, as indicated by the measurements, and the change in head between the two measurements are given in an accompanying table. The artesian head in the 21 wells averaged 18.91 feet below the measuring points in 1937 and about 19.34 feet below the same measuring points in 1938, thus indicating a net average decline in head in the wells of about 0.43 foot. The period between measurements averaged 47 weeks and hence an average annual decline of about 0.48 foot is indicated. For the 21 wells, the head declined in 14 and rose in 7. The greatest decline was 2.96 feet; the largest rise was 1.49 feet.

⁶³ Meinzer, O. E., *op. cit.*, pp. 82-83.

Change in artesian head in wells along the western boundary of the area of artesian flow, 1937-38

Location				Head, in feet below measuring point		Change in head (feet)
Quarter	Section	T. N.	R. W.	1937	1938	
SW.	7	129	64	0.00	0.82	-0.82
SE.	7	129	64	2.35	2.51	-.16
SE.	9	129	64	75.74	76.43	-.69
NE.	4	129	65	94.76	95.90	-1.14
SE.	24	129	65	76.78	78.42	-1.64
SW.	35	129	65	9.50	10.60	-1.10
SW.	36	129	65	7.15	7.22	-.07
SE.	29	130	64	7.56	8.55	-.99
NE.	4	131	63	13.15	13.18	-.03
NE.	18	131	63	3.68	4.32	-.64
NE.	21	131	63	6.04	9.00	-2.96
NE.	32	131	64	10.00	11.08	-1.08
NE.	36	131	64	10.47	10.42	+.05
NE.	13	131	65	11.69	11.35	+.34
NW.	17	132	63	13.65	13.60	+.05
SW.	34	132	63	5.79	4.62	+1.17
SW.	30	132	64	23.80	24.20	-.40
NW.	11	133	64	16.94	16.41	+.53
SW.	2	134	63	3.63	5.12	-1.49
NE.	30	134	63	1.55	.17	+1.38
SE.	24	134	64	2.89	2.29	+.60

The water level in most of the wells doubtless fluctuates with changes in atmospheric pressure and in some of them with the emission of gas (see p. 24). Thus the water in the wells is likely to stand at different levels at different times of the day and also from day to day. The change in water level represented by the difference between two spot measurements may represent, therefore, mostly the fluctuation caused by a change in atmospheric or gas pressure. A part of the average 0.48-foot decline in head indicated by the measurements in 1937 and 1938 may be caused by such changes in pressure in individual wells, but because the measurements for each year were made over a period of several months and at different times of the day, it is likely that much of the effect is compensated by computing the average change in water level.

The measurements made in 1937 and 1938 indicate in a general way that the rate of decline of the artesian head is now greatest in the southern part of the area and least in the northern part. This may be due in part to the effect of the flow of wells in Brown County, S. Dak., which lies immediately south of Dickey County. According to the report⁶⁴ of the State Planning Board, Brown County contains 1,937 artesian wells, the largest number in any county in South Dakota. Of these wells, 343 have stopped flowing, 1,117 have a decreased flow, and 477 are reported as still flowing strongly.

Although the foregoing computations of the decline in artesian head may not show precisely the actual decline, they are believed to show the general trend and magnitude. The records appear to indicate a

⁶⁴ Artesian well flow in South Dakota: South Dakota State Plan. Board, p. 54, 1938.

general retardation in the rate of yearly decline from an average of more than 12 feet for the period 1902-15 to about 0.5 foot for the period 1937-38.

SHRINKAGE OF AREA OF ARTESIAN FLOW

The assumed position of the western limit of the area of artesian flow when wells were first drilled in the basin in 1886 is shown in plate 2. Lines showing the western limit in the Edgeley quadrangle in 1915 and 1923, as determined by Hard,⁵⁵ and the western limit in 1938 as determined by the present investigation are also shown. The shrinkage of the area of artesian flow in the Edgeley quadrangle was approximately 115 square miles prior to 1915; about 132 square miles between 1915 and 1923; and about 67 square miles between 1923 and 1938, or a total shrinkage of about 314 square miles during the 53 years between about 1886 and 1938.

The annual rate of shrinkage from 1886 to 1915 was about 4 square miles, from 1915 to 1923 about 16.5 square miles, and 1923 to 1938 about 4.2 square miles. The average annual rate of shrinkage since development began has been about 5.9 square miles. Inasmuch as the quadrangle extends about 34.5 miles from north to south the western boundary of the area of artesian flow has migrated eastward an average of 9.1 miles since 1886, or an average of about 0.17 mile a year.

From 1886 to 1923 the greatest shrinkage of the area of artesian flow in the Edgeley quadrangle occurred in the northern part, where the western boundary migrated eastward about 13 miles. In the southern part of the quadrangle the eastward movement was only from 5 to 6 miles. From 1923 to 1938, however, the greatest shrinkage has taken place in the southern part of the quadrangle and the least in the northern part. In the vicinity of Monango the western limit of the area has moved eastward 6 to 7 miles since 1923, but farther north the eastward movement has in most places been only 1 to 2 miles. Northwest of Edgeley the direction of movement has been reversed and several square miles has been added to the area of flow.

The relatively slow shrinkage of the area of artesian flow from 1886 to 1915 was the result, of course, of the movement of the western boundary down the comparatively steep eastern front of the Coteau du Missouri. The much more rapid eastward movement from 1915 to 1923, although accompanied by a much smaller decline in artesian head, resulted from the western boundary reaching the gentle sloping land east of the Coteau. That the rate of eastern movement of the western boundary from 1923 to 1938 was only about one-fourth that

⁵⁵ Hard, H. A., Geology and water resources of the Edgeley and La Moure quadrangles: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 801, pl. 3, 1929.

from 1915 to 1923 indicates an appreciable retardation of the shrinkage of the area of artesian flow because the slope of the land over which the movement took place in the two periods is about the same.

YIELD OF FLOWING WELLS

The flow of the Ellendale well, drilled in 1886, was reported by Powell⁵⁶ to be 600 gallons a minute, and the flow of the well at Edgeley, drilled in 1892, was reported by Darton⁵⁷ to be 500 gallons a minute. The diameter of the Ellendale well at the bottom was 3¼ inches and that of the Edgeley well 6 inches. Hard⁵⁸ estimated that the original discharge of 1¼-inch wells in the Edgeley and La Moure quadrangles was from about 50 to 100 gallons a minute. According to Meinzer,⁵⁹ however, the original discharge, as estimated by drillers and well owners, of 116 wells drilled between 1902 and 1914 in the Edgeley quadrangle was about 22½ gallons a minute. The wells were nearly all 1¼ or 1½ inches in diameter.

Reported original flow, in gallons a minute, of wells tapping the Dakota sandstone

Year drilled	Number of wells	Maximum yield reported	Minimum yield reported	Average yield	Year drilled	Number of wells	Maximum yield reported	Minimum yield reported	Average yield
1902.....	12	75	20	35.4	1914.....	21	25	4	14.7
1903.....	19	70	2	24.7	1915.....	18	50	2	13.1
1904.....	19	80	7	33.6	1916.....	27	60	3	15.9
1905.....	24	45	4	21.6	1917.....	15	40	5	17.8
1906.....	22	40	6	20.5	1918.....	20	55	6	17.7
1907.....	20	40	5	19.5	1919.....	15	30	4	12.5
1908.....	28	45	5	18.6	1920.....	10	25	4	12.9
1909.....	31	60	1	20.6	1921.....	3	20	10	16.7
1910.....	32	35	4	20.2	1922.....	4	25	10	13.8
1911.....	6	40	4	20.1	1923.....	2	15	12	13.5
1912.....	6	25	5	13.3					
1913.....	21	50	3	14.3	1902-23.....	375	80	1	19.3

The table at the end of this report gives estimates, made chiefly by the well owners, of the original flow of 375 wells drilled to the Dakota sandstone between 1902 and 1923 in the Ellendale-Jamestown area. The wells are mostly 1¼ or 1½ inches in diameter. As computed from the reports, the aggregate original flow of these wells was 7,235 gallons a minute and the average was 19.3 gallons a minute. It is to be expected that this estimate would be somewhat lower than Meinzer's estimate because his computation included wells drilled only prior to 1914, whereas the present estimate includes wells

⁵⁶ Powell, J. W., *Artesian irrigation on the Great Plains*: U. S. Geol. Survey 11th Ann. Rept., pt. 2, p. 269, 1891.

⁵⁷ Darton, N. H., *Preliminary report on artesian waters of a portion of the Dakotas*: U. S. Geol. Survey 17th Ann. Rept., pt. 2, p. 661, 1896.

⁵⁸ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., *The artesian-water supply of the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota*: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 520-E, p. 86, 1925.

⁵⁹ *Idem*, p. 86.

drilled through 1923. The table on page 38 summarizes the reported original flow of wells by years. In spite of many irregularities, the table shows that the original flow persistently declined from 1902 to 1923.

Meinzer⁶⁰ reported that the flow of 41 wells measured by Hard in the Edgeley quadrangle in 1919 and 1920 ranged from less than 1 gallon to 20 gallons a minute and averaged 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ gallons. He also reported⁶¹ that in 1923 C. E. Turnbaugh, well driller at Edgeley, measured the flow of 111 artesian wells—nearly all in the Edgeley quadrangle—and found the wells to have an aggregate flow of 343 gallons a minute, or an average flow of 3.09 gallons a minute.

From 1923 to 1928 the regulated flow of the artesian wells in the Ellendale-Jamestown area was measured by representatives of the State Geological Survey. The results are summarized by townships in the following table. In all, the flow of 815 artesian wells was measured, and the aggregate flow was found to be 2,202 gallons a minute, or an average of 2.7 gallons a minute.

Flow, in gallons a minute, of artesian wells measured in the period 1923-28

Location		Number of wells	Aggregate flow	Location		Number of wells	Aggregate flow
T. N.	R. W.			T. N.	R. W.		
129	59	14	54.6	133	62	22	49.8
129	60	37	145.6	133	63	14	28.4
129	61	28	84.9	134	58	8	15.9
129	62	14	36.5	134	59	28	61.3
129	63	27	52.3	134	60	9	40.2
129	64	11	31.0	134	61	9	36.8
129	65	4	5.8	134	62	26	66.7
130	59	10	29.4	134	63	11	24.7
130	60	26	74.4	135	58	5	8.6
130	61	23	56.3	135	59	24	69.8
130	62	24	66.2	135	60	3	7.9
130	63	29	36.1	135	61	0	.0
130	64	14	29.2	135	62	6	35.0
131	59	24	70.3	136	59	12	10.9
131	60	35	94.6	136	60	6	9.9
131	61	33	78.9	136	61	2	1.0
131	62	29	58.1	136	62	0	.0
131	63	23	33.4	136	63	2	5.3
131	64	4	5.6	136	64	2	18.0
132	59	34	120.4	137	59	8	5.3
132	60	23	74.4	137	60	1	35.0
132	61	25	80.5	137	61	1	1.0
132	62	28	37.7	138	61	1	1.7
132	63	13	25.6	138	63	2	27.2
133	58	12	26.4	139	58	6	32.3
133	59	28	70.2	139	60	3	6.5
133	60	15	49.3	141	60	1	0.5
133	61	16	75.0				
						815	2,202.3

The flow of the wells given in the above table is the regulated flow or flow under normal operating conditions and therefore in general is less than the unreduced flow. The unreduced flow from 122 of the wells was also measured. The unreduced flow was found to average

⁶⁰ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., op. cit., p. 86.

⁶¹ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., op. cit., p. 86.

4.85 gallons a minute, whereas the regulated flow averaged 2.09 gallons. Thus these 122 wells were flowing under normal operating conditions at only 43 percent of their capacity. If it is assumed that all the 815 wells were flowing at 43 percent of capacity in the period 1923-28 the potential unreduced flow of the wells was about 5,100 gallons a minute, in contrast to their measured regulated flow of about 2,200 gallons.

Representatives of the State Geological Survey remeasured the normal operating flow of many of the 815 wells between 1931 and 1935. The average flow of 402 wells visited was found to be 2.1 gallons a minute, in contrast to 2.7 gallons a minute for the 815 wells measured between 1923 and 1928. The wells revisited, however, were chiefly those of the 815 that were found in 1923-28 to have excessive flows; so the reduction of their flows was greater than that indicated above. The aggregate flow of the 402 wells under normal operating conditions in the 1923-28 period was 1,391 gallons a minute, or an average flow of 3.47 gallons a minute for each well. Thus the reduced flow of the 402 wells in the 1931-35 period was only 60.5 percent of their reduced flow in the 1923-28 period. On the basis of a 39.5-percent reduction, it is computed that the flow under normal operating conditions in the 1931-35 period for all the 815 wells was about 1,340 gallons a minute.

During the course of the present investigation the flow under normal operating conditions of 98 wells throughout the Ellendale-Jamestown area was measured. It was found to aggregate 125 gallons a minute, and to average 1.29 gallons a minute for each well. The unreduced flow of the same 98 wells in the 1923-28 period aggregated 245 gallons a minute, or an average of 2.5 gallons a minute for each well. Thus since 1923-28 the flow of the 98 wells has decreased 48.5 percent. If this percentage is applied to the flow of all the 815 wells measured in the 1923-28 period a reduction in flow from 2,202 gallons a minute to 1,140 gallons a minute is indicated. This compares with a computed aggregate flow of about 1,340 gallons a minute for the 1931-35 period and indicates a rather steady decrease in the discharge of the wells.

TOTAL DISCHARGE OF FLOWING WELLS AND SAFE YIELD OF THE ARTESIAN BASIN

The persistent decline in artesian head from year to year and the accompanying decrease in flow of wells indicates that the quantity of water discharged from the basin each year has exceeded the quantity that has been added to it through underground recharge. Inasmuch as the artesian pressure decreases gradually between the outcrop of the sandstone to the west and the area of flowing wells farther east, the percolation of water is from west to east and recharge must occur

through the eastward percolation of water into the area of artesian flow.

Meinzer⁶² made an estimate of the eastward percolation based on a hydraulic gradient of 10 feet to the mile and an average thickness of sandstone strata of 60 feet.⁶³ By using Slichter's formula⁶⁴ he calculated that the eastward percolation was about 80 gallons a minute for each mile of width of the sandstone—about 500 gallons a minute for the width of a township. This estimate—the safe yield for the row of townships—appears to be reasonable and probably cannot be improved upon without additional information on the hydrologic properties and thickness of the sandstone.

A further computation with Meinzer's figures shows that the sandstone used in his estimate had a coefficient of permeability⁶⁵ of about 200. This value agrees closely with the average of the coefficients of permeability of four samples of Dakota sandstone obtained from a test well drilled for oil near Glenfield, about 30 miles north of the area covered by this report. The samples were sent to the hydrologic laboratory of the Federal Geological Survey in Washington, by Professor Simpson. The permeability, as determined by V. C. Fishel, of the Geological Survey, is shown in the accompanying table. The average of the coefficients, weighted according to the thickness of the sandstone each sample represents, is 222. The physical properties of samples of Dakota sandstone from outcrops in Iowa and Oklahoma are given in a separate table.

Physical properties of Dakota sandstone from a well near Glenfield, N. Dak.

[Determined in the hydrologic laboratory of the Geological Survey at Washington, D. C., by V. C. Fishel]

Lab. No.	Depth of sample (feet)	Mechanical analysis (percent by weight)							Apparent specific gravity	Porosity (percent)	Moisture equivalent (percent by volume)	Coefficient of permeability
		Larger than 2.0 mm.	2.0-1.0 mm.	1.0-0.50 mm.	0.50-0.25 mm.	0.25-0.125 mm.	0.125-0.062 mm.	Smaller than 0.062 mm.				
2442.....	1,645 to 1,665....	0.1	3.0	12.7	33.1	41.3	6.6	2.5	1.56	42.1	3.2	290
2443.....	1,665 to 1,690....	.4	1.5	6.4	34.7	46.0	8.1	2.6	1.43	39.9	5.7	65
2444.....	1,690 to 1,715....	1.4	3.0	10.0	44.9	33.0	5.4	2.2	1.51	43.5	5.6	240
2445.....	1,715 to 1,735....	.8	2.6	7.0	52.5	30.9	4.3	1.9	1.46	45.6	4.0	340

⁶² Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., The artesian-water supply of the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 520-E, p. 90, 1925.

⁶³ Meinzer, O. E., Occurrence of ground water in the United States, with a discussion of principles: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 489, pp. 119, 130, 1924.

⁶⁴ Slichter, C. S., Field measurements of the rate of movement of underground water: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 140, pl. 2, 1905.

⁶⁵ The coefficient of permeability of a water-bearing material is defined in Meinzer's units as the number of gallons a day, at 60° F., that is conducted laterally through each mile of water-bearing bed under investigation, measured at right angles to the direction of flow, for each foot of thickness of bed and for each foot to the mile of hydraulic gradient.

Physical properties of Dakota sandstone from Iowa and Oklahoma

[Samples from Iowa collected by T. W. Robinson and H. G. Hershey; samples from Oklahoma collected by S. L. Schoff. Analyses made in the hydrologic laboratory of the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., by V. C. Fishel]

Lab. No.	Mechanical analysis (percent by weight)					Apparent specific gravity	Porosity (percent)	Moisture equivalent (percent by volume)	Coefficient of permeability
	Larger than 1 mm.	1.0-0.5 mm.	0.50-0.25 mm.	0.25-0.125 mm.	0.125-0.062 mm.				
2446.....	1.9	21.3	70.6	3.0	1.6	1.7	33.8	4.0	1,300
2447.....	.2	.2	3.6	81.8	10.4	3.9	1.65	38.2	100
2448.....	.1	.1	2.0	83.6	12.2	1.9	1.73	35.7	65
2429.....	1.4	17.6	77.4	1.7	.9	.7	1.94	27.8	255
2430.....	.....	.1	3.8	83.0	10.2	2.1	1.69	37.1	50
2431.....	.....	.1	7.4	85.5	5.8	.4	1.87	30.8	155
2432.....	.....	.5	31.5	61.5	4.5	1.2	1.95	27.9	30
2433.....	.....	.7	84.3	13.0	1.1	.6	1.83	39.4	90
2434.....	.....	.4	4.8	82.2	10.0	2.4	1.96	35.6	50

¹ Test made on loose material. Sample disintegrated when saturated.

2446. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 15, T. 75 N., R. 32 W. From base of exposure on south side of small creek and about 4 to 6 feet above contact with upper Pennsylvanian limestone in Cold Spring State Park, 1 mile south of Lewis, Cass County, Iowa.

2447. About 15 feet above sample 2446.

2448. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 15, T. 89 N., R. 47 W. From a quarry in an outcrop that forms the bluffs on the west side of Floyd River, and 50 to 75 feet below top of sandstone, Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa. About 600 feet northwest of well 4, Lowell pumping station, Sioux City.

2429. Sec. 10, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., Seneca Creek, Cimarron County, Okla.; from lowest 10 feet of the Dakota sandstone.

2430. Same location, 10-19.5 feet above base.

2431. Same location, 19.5-31.5 feet above base.

2432. Same location, 31.5-39 feet and 47.5 feet above base.

2433. Same location, 39-47 feet above base.

2434. Sec. 32, T. 5 N., R. 5 E., Flag Spring, Cimarron County, Okla.

In 1923 all flowing wells in the row of Tps. 129 N., Rs. 50 to 65 W., were measured by C. E. Turnbaugh.⁶⁶ There were 331 wells, including 6 town wells and 5 farm wells that were closed except when the faucets were turned on, and it was estimated that the combined flow from the wells was about 1,005 gallons a minute. If the percentages of reduction of flow that were computed for the 1931-35 and for 1937-38 periods—39.5 percent and 48.5 percent respectively—are applied to the wells in this row of townships, an aggregate flow of about 610 gallons a minute is indicated for the 1931-35 period and about 520 gallons a minute in 1937-38. Thus the present flow of the wells is approaching closely the calculated safe yield of the row of townships.

In addition to the water that is discharged by the wells at the surface, there is, of course, underground loss through corroded casings and other avenues of escape. This loss, which is believed to be appreciable, should be added to the discharge of the wells in order to determine the total discharge of the basin. In addition, there probably is some escape of water at the extreme eastern limit of the basin, where the position of the sandstone strata in relation to the overlying beds is unknown.

Meinzer⁶⁷ estimates that the average discharge for the row of townships during the 38-year period from 1886 to 1923 was about

⁶⁶ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., The artesian-water supply of the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota, with special reference to the Edgeley quadrangle: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 520-E, p. 88, 1925.

⁶⁷ Meinzer, O. E., op. cit., pp. 88-89.

3,000 gallons a minute. From 1923 to 1938 the discharge has apparently declined from about 1,000 gallons a minute to about 520 gallons a minute, and thus, based on the assumption that the rate of decrease was uniform, the averaged discharge was about 760 gallons a minute for the period. This gives for the 53-year period from 1886 to 1938 an average discharge for the row of townships of about 2,470 gallons a minute—about 2,000 gallons a minute in excess of the estimated safe yield.

Inasmuch as the sandstone strata have not been unwatered by the withdrawal of water from the basin, a question is raised as to the source of the water that has been recovered in excess of the perennial safe yield. Meinzer⁶⁸ concludes that the water has been withdrawn chiefly from storage in the sandstone as the result of a compaction or compression of the aquifer. Under artesian conditions the formation in which water is confined supports a part of the weight of the overlying beds and the water in the formation supports the other part. Therefore a decline in artesian pressure reduces the part of the load borne by the water and correspondingly increases the load supported by the formation. This in turn may compress the formation and remove from storage some of the water that is stored in it.

The behavior of water in artesian aquifers has convinced many investigators that most formations possess a volume elasticity. The time required for the development of the cone of depression around an artesian well after withdrawal of water from it has started, the corresponding time required for building up pressure in the well after its discharge has stopped, and the fluctuations of head in wells caused by passing trains, changes in atmospheric pressure, earthquakes, and tides all appear to indicate that formations are expanded and compressed as the result of changes in external and internal forces.

Meinzer⁶⁹ calculated that near Ellendale the beds overlying the sandstone strata, owing to their weight, exert a pressure equal to a column of water about 2,070 feet high. If the original head of the artesian water in this locality was 333 feet at the surface, then the artesian head at the top of the sandstone (assuming the sandstone surface to be 1,035 feet below the land surface) was that of a column of water 1,368 feet high. Thus of the pressure exerted by the overlying beds, the water in the sandstone supported an equivalent of 1,368 feet of head and the sandstone supported an equivalent of only 702 feet of head. The water level in wells at Ellendale in 1923 stood about at the land surface, thus indicating a decline in artesian head of about 333 feet. The burden on the sandstone therefore was increased an equivalent of 333 feet of head, from 702 feet to 1,035 feet, an increase of 47½ percent.

A withdrawal from storage of 2,500 gallons a minute for 38 years

⁶⁸ Meinzer, O. E., *op. cit.*, pp. 90-93.

⁶⁹ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., *The artesian-water supply of the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota*: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 520-E, p. 92, 1925.

(1886-1923) from the 18 townships described as T. 129 N., Rs. 48-65 W, would amount to a layer of water 4.4 inches deep over the area and would necessitate a compression of the sandstone strata of 0.6 percent, assuming a thickness of strata of 60 feet.⁷⁰ If it is assumed that the compression occurred as the result of a decline in artesian head of 333 feet, the sandstone apparently was compressed an average of less than 0.002 percent for each foot of head lost. It appears likely, however, that some of the compression took place in the associated beds of shale and hence that the sandstone was compressed less than the value computed above.

The withdrawal from storage of 4.4 inches, or 0.367 foot, of water for a 333-foot decline in artesian head indicates a coefficient of storage⁷¹ of the sandstone of about 0.0011. That is 0.0011 cubic foot of water is withdrawn from storage because of the compression of the aquifer and associated beds of shale for each foot of decline of artesian head. According to a previous computation (p. 43) it is estimated that for the 15-year period 1923-38 the average discharge in the row of townships under consideration was about 760 gallons a minute. Following Meinzer's general estimate of 500 gallons a minute for the perennial safe yield, an average withdrawal from storage of 260 gallons a minute for the 15-year period is indicated. This is equivalent to 0.18 inch, or 0.015 foot, of water over the area of the row of townships. Using a coefficient of storage of 0.0011, it is computed that the withdrawal from storage of 0.18 inch of water would necessitate a lowering of artesian head of about 13.8 feet, or an average lowering of about 0.9 foot a year from 1923 to 1938. This compares with an average lowering from 1923 to 1938 of 9.9 feet—about 0.7 foot a year—calculated from the observed decline of water levels in 25 wells situated along the western boundary of the area of artesian flow (p. 35). The difference in the two estimates is probably the result of errors of assumption, but there are indications that the decline of artesian head has been greater in the interior of the area of artesian flow than it has been along the western boundary and thus that the average lowering of head for the row of townships from 1923 to 1938 may have been more than the 9.9 feet.

Considerable speculation exists as to the effect of the large decline in artesian pressure in southeastern North Dakota on the artesian head farther west, and especially on the water level in the intake area along the East Front Range. Unfortunately, no data are available on the artesian head in these areas. The general magnitude of the decline in head may be deduced, however, by a mathematical analysis of the problem.

⁷⁰ Meinzer, O. E., Compressibility and elasticity of artesian aquifers: *Econ. Geology*, vol. 23, No. 3, p. 281, 1928.

⁷¹ The coefficient of storage is defined by C. V. Theis as the quantity of water, in cubic feet, discharged from each vertical column of the aquifer with base of 1 square foot, as the water level falls 1 foot. For artesian conditions it is equal to the water obtained from storage by the compression of a column of the aquifer 1 foot square as a result of lowering the head 1 foot.

From p. 45, WSP 889-A

$$(1) \quad \Delta = \frac{720 Q r}{T} \left[\frac{e^{-Z^2}}{\sqrt{\pi} Z} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_Z^{\infty} e^{-Z^2} dZ \right]$$

Following solution by R.N.B. & W.F.G.:
 (September 1947)

where $Z = 1.367 r \sqrt{\frac{5}{Tt}}$

$$(5) \quad e^{-Z^2} = 1 - Z^2 + \frac{Z^4}{2!} - \frac{Z^6}{3!} + \frac{Z^8}{4!} - \dots$$

$$(3) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-Z^2} dZ = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi} \quad \leftarrow \text{p. 63, integral \# 492}$$

A Short Table of Integrals
by B.O. Pierce
Simon & Co. 1929

$$(3) \quad \int_0^Z e^{-Z^2} dZ = Z - \frac{1}{3} Z^3 + \frac{Z^5}{5 \cdot 2!} - \frac{Z^7}{7 \cdot 3!} + \dots \quad \leftarrow \text{p. 97, integral \# 800}$$

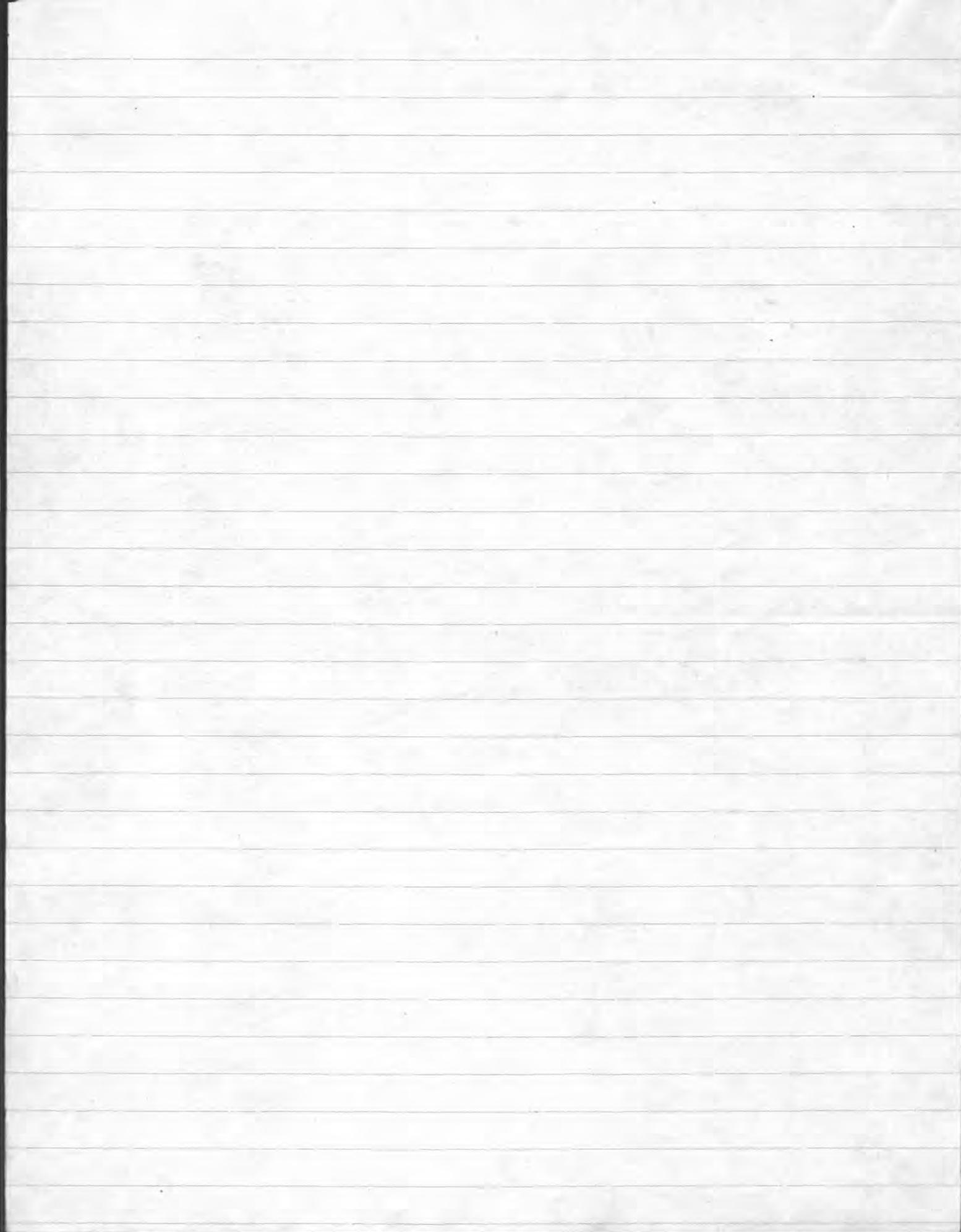
$$(4) \quad \int_Z^{\infty} e^{-Z^2} dZ = (2) - (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi} - Z + \frac{Z^3}{3} - \frac{Z^5}{5 \cdot 2!} + \frac{Z^7}{7 \cdot 3!} - \dots$$

substituting (4)+(5) in (1) gives:

$$(6) \quad \Delta = \frac{720 Q r}{T} \left[\frac{1 - Z^2 + \frac{Z^4}{2!} - \frac{Z^6}{3!} + \frac{Z^8}{4!} - \dots}{\sqrt{\pi} Z} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} - Z + \frac{Z^3}{3} - \frac{Z^5}{5 \cdot 2!} + \frac{Z^7}{7 \cdot 3!} - \dots \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{720 Q r}{\sqrt{\pi} T Z} \left[1 - \sqrt{\pi} Z + Z^2 - \frac{Z^4}{3 \cdot 2!} + \frac{2Z^6}{5 \cdot 3! \cdot 2!} - \frac{6Z^8}{7 \cdot 4! \cdot 3!} + \frac{24Z^{10}}{9 \cdot 5! \cdot 4!} - \dots \right]$$



for $r = 5,000$

0.0177

$T = 250,000$ and 1 ft.

$t = 1 \text{ yr.} = 365 \text{ days}$

$q = 0.417 \text{ gpm/ft.}$

$S = 0.00035$

$$u = \frac{7.2 \times (0.417) \times 400}{\sqrt{\pi} \times 250,000 \times (0.01337)} \left[1 - \sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{0.0237}{0.9763} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{3.39}{(0.01337)} (0.9763)$$

$$Z = (1.367) 5000 \sqrt{\frac{0.00035}{250,000(365)}}$$

$$= \frac{(1.367) 5000 (1.87)}{(1,580) \times (6.05)}$$

$$= 0.01337$$

$= 247$

$\therefore S = 0.035$

$$u = \frac{3.39}{0.1337} \left[1 - \sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{0.237}{0.763} \right) \right]$$

$$= 19.4$$

$$Z = (1.367) 5000 \sqrt{\frac{0.035}{250,000(365)}}$$

$$= \frac{(1.367) 5000 (1.87)}{(1,580) \times (6.05)}$$

$$= 0.1337$$

$$u = \frac{3.39}{(0.226)} \left[1 - \sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{0.401}{0.599} \right) + \frac{0.051}{0.650} \right]$$

$$= 9.75$$

$$\therefore S = 0.10$$

$$Z = \frac{(1.367) 5000}{(1,580) (19.1)} = 0.226$$

$$Z^2 = 0.0512$$

$$u = \frac{3.39}{(0.423)} \left[1 - \sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{0.281}{0.249} \right) + \frac{0.249}{0.423} \right]$$

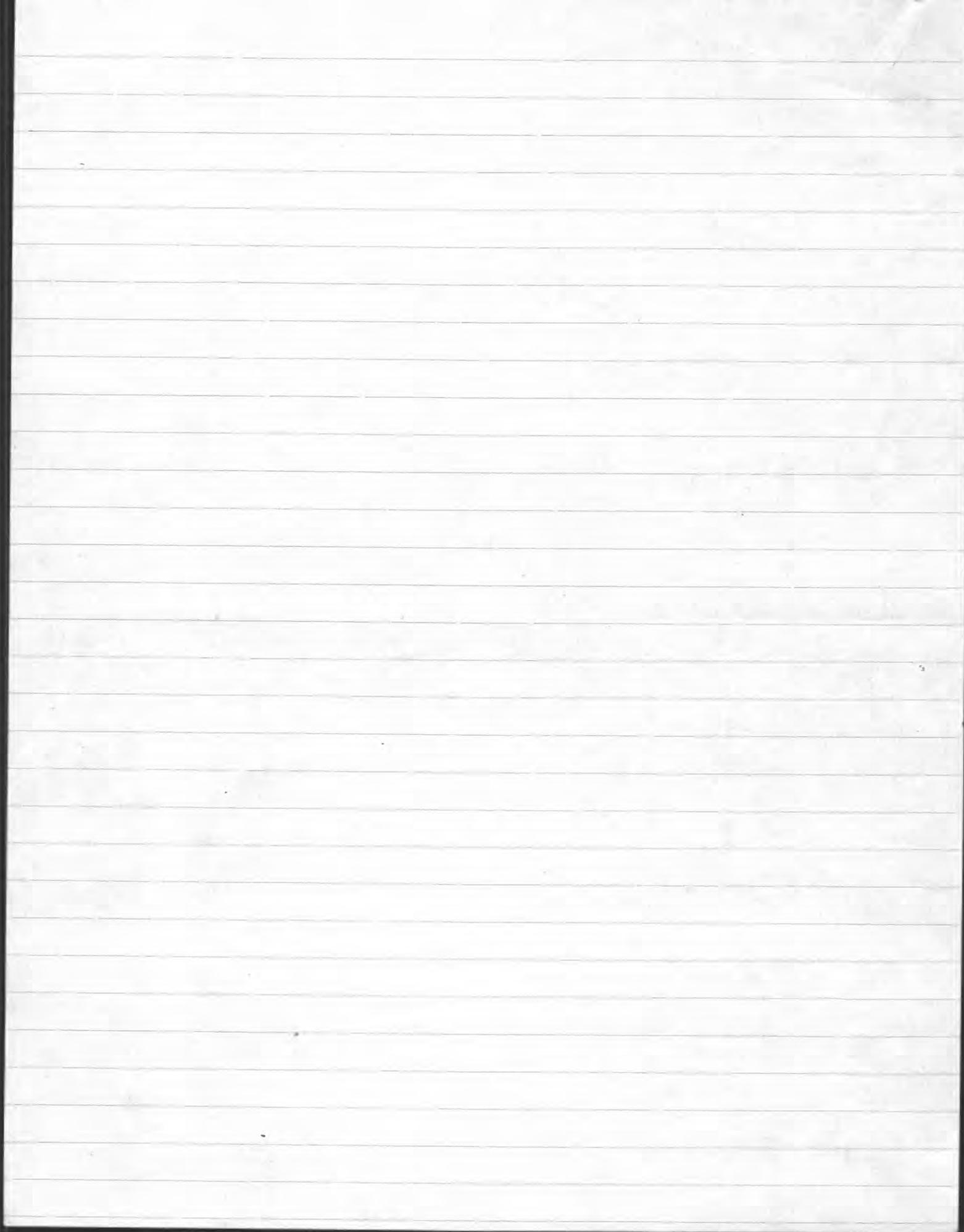
$$= 3.43$$

$$\therefore S = 0.35$$

$$Z = \frac{(1.367) 5000 (1.87)}{(1,580) (19.1)}$$

$$= 0.423$$

$$Z^2 = 0.179$$



It has been assumed previously that all the water in excess of 500 gallons a minute discharged from the row of townships designated by 129 N., Rs. 48-65 W., has been taken from storage in the sandstone east of the western boundary of the area of artesian flow. Thus, an average of 500 gallons a minute has percolated into the area of artesian flow from the western part of the artesian basin. If a ditch to the sandstone, or a tunnel in the sandstone, were constructed 6 miles long in a north-south direction at the western boundary of the area of artesian flow and 500 gallons a minute were withdrawn from the ditch or tunnel, the effect on the artesian head farther west would be about the same as if this quantity of water continued its eastward percolation, as presumably it does now. The decline in artesian head at any distance from a ditch discharging water at a uniform rate is given by a formula developed by Theis.⁷²

$$s = \frac{720Qr}{Pm} \left[\frac{e^{-z^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}Z} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_Z^\infty e^{-z^2} dZ \right]$$

T_m = 91.2

in which *s* is the decline in head, in feet; *Q* is the flow to the ditch, in gallons a minute per foot of trench; *r* is the distance to the point at which the draw-down *s* occurs, in feet; *P* is the coefficient of permeability, defined in Meinzer's units; *m* is the thickness of the water-bearing stratum, in feet; and

$$Z = 1.367r \sqrt{\frac{S}{Pmt}}$$

S is the coefficient of storage of the water-bearing stratum, and *t* is the time since the ditch began discharging, in days.

The formula is based on the assumptions that the water-bearing stratum is horizontal, that it is confined between two impervious horizontal beds, that its permeability and thickness is uniform throughout, and that there is no initial hydraulic gradient to the ditch and hence no initial percolation of ground water in the system.

In applying the formula to the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota the following assumptions, based on estimates given previously in this report, are made: (1) The flow into the ditch is 500 gallons a minute for a 6-mile length of trench; (2) the coefficient of permeability is 200 and the thickness of the sandstone stratum is 60 feet; (3) the coefficient of storage is 0.0011. The flow to the ditch occurs only from the west and thus the decline in artesian head is twice that computed by the formula—which assumes flow from both directions. Since the temperature of the water in the sandstone is about 60° F. no temperature correction is made to the coefficient of permeability.

The decline in artesian head 1, 10, 30, 50, 70, 90, 110, and 130 miles west of the trench for periods of discharge of 1, 10, 25, 38, and 53 years

⁷² Theis, C. V., U. S. Geological Survey, personal communication, 1938.

is given in the accompanying table. Profiles of the piezometric surface constructed from these data are shown in figure 3. The table indicates that at the end of a year the artesian head 1 mile west of the trench, at the western boundary of the area of flowing wells, would have dropped 40 feet. The decline would have been 146 feet by 1895, 237 feet by 1910, 294 feet by 1923, and 349 feet by 1938.

Computed decline in artesian head, in feet, for several periods and at several distances from the western limit of the area of artesian flow

Period of discharge	Distance from postulated discharge ditch (miles)							
	1	10	30	50	70	90	110	130
1 year (1886).....	40.0	2.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
10 years (1895).....	146.2	76.0	10.6	0.5	-----	-----	-----	-----
25 years (1910).....	236.8	159.4	54.6	14.2	2.4	0.3	-----	-----
38 years (1923).....	294.2	214.5	93.7	33.8	9.9	2.3	0.4	-----
53 years (1938).....	349.2	267.9	139.0	60.6	23.2	7.6	2.1	0.5

Both the table and the profiles show that the effect of the discharge is transmitted westward very slowly. The decline in head 130 miles west of the trench would be less than 1 foot after 53 years.

To what extent the above computations may be taken to represent actual conditions in the Dakota sandstone is, of course, uncertain. The computed 53-year decline in head 1 mile west of the ditch agrees closely with the observed decline. On the other hand, the computed decline from 1923 to 1938 is more than five times the decline observed in that period. The discharge in the Edgeley and La Moure quadrangles from the two rows of Tps. 130 and 131 N., in the period 1923-28 was only about 40 percent and 12 percent respectively of the discharge from the row of townships designated 129 N. Thus some water in addition to 500 gallons a minute that reaches the Tps. 129 N. from the west probably percolates into the townships from the north. This would make the observed decline in head in T. 129 N. less than the computed decline, which was based on a recharge of only 500 gallons a minute. In addition, the observed decline would be further retarded by the existence of an initial eastward percolation in the sandstone strata.

Making due allowance for discrepancies between actual and assumed conditions, the foregoing analysis indicates rather clearly that the decline in head in the interior of the artesian basin has been very small and that practically no decline has occurred at the outcrop area of the sandstone.

EFFECT OF ARTESIAN-WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

A balance is being approached between the withdrawal of water from the artesian basin and the recharge to it. This is shown by the

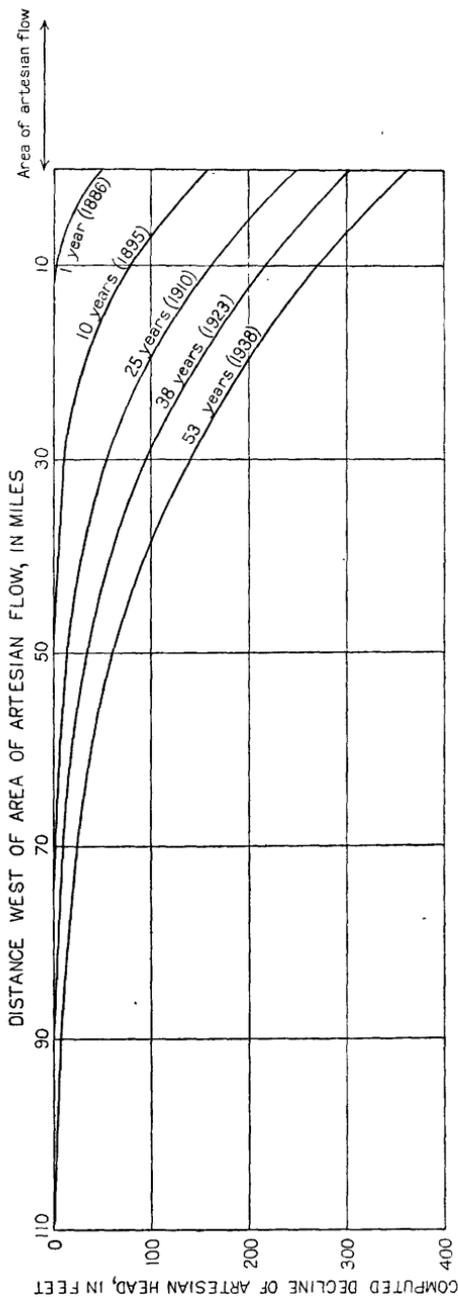


FIGURE 3.—Profiles of the piezometric surface showing computed decline in artesian head at several distances west of the area of artesian flow.

decrease in rate of decline of artesian head in wells along the western boundary of the flowing-well area and the decrease in rate of shrinkage of the area. Computations on the decline in flow of the wells in T. 129 N. indicate a reduction also in flow from about 1,000 gallons a minute in 1923 to about 520 gallons a minute in 1937-38—the latter discharge being only a few gallons above Meinzer's general estimate of the safe yield for that row of townships. The increase of artesian head in wells and the expansion of the area of artesian flow northwest of Edgeley from 1923 to 1938 shows that in that locality a balance between discharge and recharge has been reached at least temporarily.

Through the efforts of the State Geologist the flow of most of the artesian wells has been reduced and the waste of water has been largely eliminated. The late Professor Simpson estimated, on the basis of information obtained in connection with the inspection of 320 artesian wells in T. 129 N., Rs. 50 to 65 W., that the flow that could be used beneficially from an average well is about 1.18 gallons a minute.⁷³ In 1923 the average flow of the wells in this row of townships was 3.02 gallons a minute,⁷⁴ or about 2½ times the estimated beneficial flow. In 1938, however, the average flow of 98 representative artesian wells throughout the Ellendale-Jamestown area was found to be 1.29 gallons a minute (p. 40), or only slightly more than the beneficial flow estimated by Simpson.

Previous computations (p. 43) indicate that the aggregate flow of wells in the row of Tps. 129 N., Rs. 50 to 65 W., averaged about 760 gallons a minute from 1923 to 1938. Had the flow of the wells been unrestricted for this period, the aggregate flow might have averaged as much as 1,760 gallons a minute (on the basis that the flow under normal operating conditions averaged 43 percent of the unrestricted flow; see p. 40). A discharge of 1,000 gallons a minute (1,760-760) from the row of townships for the 15-year period is equivalent to about 0.058 foot of water over the area; this would have been yielded from storage through the compression of the sandstone and shale, assuming a coefficient of storage of 0.0011, with an accompanying decline of artesian head of about 53 feet. This is about five times the average decline observed in the period. It is apparent from these computations, even though the data on which they are based may not be precise, that the conservation program has materially reduced the rate of decline of artesian head. Through educational work "wild" wells have to some extent been brought under control and leaking wells have been repaired. In this manner the program has increased the quantity of water that is available for beneficial use.

⁷³ Meinzer, O. E., and Hard, H. A., The artesian water supply of the Dakota sandstone in North Dakota, with special reference to the Edgeley quadrangle: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 520-E, p. 89, 1925.

⁷⁴ *Idem*, p. 88.

WELL RECORDS

Records of artesian wells in the area

Owner	Location				Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)	Date completed	Estimated artesian head (+) or depth to water level below measuring point (-)		Flow (gallons a minute)					Temperature (° F.)	Remarks	
	Quarter	Section	T. N.	R. W.				Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported flow	Measured flow	Date	Measured flow	Date			Measured flow
Witzenburg.....	NW.	2	129	59	900	1 1/4	1916										
K. Esterby.....	SE.	3	129	59	840	2-1	1915		7								
Ludden.....	SW.	6	129	59	980	1 1/4											
Capitol Stock Co.	NE.	16	129	59	980	2-1	1917										
C. Lovell.....	SW.	18	129	59	1,100		1912										
G. Bailey.....	NE.	19	129	59	820												
J. Stehly.....	NW.	21	129	59	880	1 1/4			10								
E. Beck.....	SW.	22	129	59	837	2-1			4.0								
J. Ahman.....	SW.	23	129	59	830	1 1/4			10								
E. Marten.....	NW.	27	129	59	850	2-1			3.3								
F. Paulsen.....	SW.	28	129	59	850	2 1/2-1 1/4	1915		3.0								
H. Hyatt.....	NW.	30	129	59	881	2-1	1907		3.0								
J. Brady.....	SE.	32	129	59	900	2-1	1910		3.2								
F. Kessinger.....	SW.	33	129	59	1,065		1930		32								
J. Shimmons.....	SW.	34	129	59	810	2 1/2-1 1/4	1920		5								
E. Brown estate.	SW.	1	129	60	908	1 1/4	1907										
C. Hubbard.....	SE.	2	129	60													
Baker estate.	NE.	3	129	60													
Peterson and Bundy.....	SW.	3	129	60	1,000	1 1/4	1909		3								
J. Bundy.....	SW.	3	129	60	1,035	1 1/4			15								
F. Graham.....	SE.	3	129	60	1,350	2 1/2-1 1/4											
C. Denison.....	SW.	5	129	60	1,000	1 1/2	1918		8								
F. Tobin.....	NW.	7	129	60	970	2 1/2-1 1/4	1914										
Cartney.....	SE.	8	129	60	965	2 1/2-1 1/4	1908										
R. Thomas.....	NE.	9	129	60	972	1 1/4	1908		1.0								
J. Lenville.....	SE.	10	129	60	972	1 1/4	1908		3.2								
L. Townsen.....	NE.	11	129	60	972	2 1/2-1 1/4	1919		15								
G. Limatta.....	SW.	11	129	60	972	2-1			5.0								
L. Korpa.....	SE.	11	129	60	972	2-1			9+								
M. Korpa.....	SE.	11	129	60	972	2 1/2-1 1/4			10.0								
M. Alkofer.....	SE.	15	129	60	1,100	1 1/4			1.1+								
C. Holmes.....	NE.	17	129	60	1,061	2			14								
M. McCarty.....	NE.	18	129	60	1,061	2 1/2-1 1/4	1909		2.3								

Muddy and roily.

Piped to house.

Flow not reduced in 1923. Flows roily at times.

Piped to house and stock tank. In good condition.

Piped to house; flow reduced.

Records of artesian wells in the area—Continued

Owner	Location			Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)	Date completed	Estimated artesian head (+) or depth to water level below measuring point (-)		Flow (gallons a minute)				Temperature (° F.)	Remarks	
	Quarter	Section	T. N.				R. W.	Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported flow	Measured flow	Date			Measured flow	Date
Martinson Bros.	NW.	31	129	61	1,306	2 1/2-1	1930		50						Third-flow well; water highly mineralized.
J. Leko	SW.	31	129	61	1,240	2 1/4-1 1/4	1913		8	1.8	July 31, 1923				Flows into eastern.
H. Limetta	SW.	32	129	61	1,200	2 1/2-1 1/4	1918		2	1.8	Aug. 30, 1927				
Do	SE.	33	129	61	1,070	2 1/2-1 1/4	1903		40	3.8	1.5 Aug. 1, 1923				
W. Hokana	NE.	33	129	61	1,100	1 1/4	1911		12		do				
M. Hokana	NW.	34	129	61	1,075	1 1/4			40		do				
J. Saar	NW.	34	129	61	1,175	2-1			40	7.5	Aug. 1, 1923				
P. Weitala	SW.	34	129	61	1,120	1 1/4	1905		40	3.1	do				
N. Burkhardt	NW.	35	129	61	1,300	1 1/2	1903		15	2.1	do				
W. Kassala	SE.	35	129	61	1,200	2 1/2-1 1/4	1931		35		do				
Baldwin Corporation	NW.	1	129	62	1,153	2 1/2-1 1/2	1930		5						
H. Peterson	NE.	2	129	62	1,020	2 1/2-1 1/4				3.0	July 30, 1923				Temperature indicates a third-flow well.
R. Uttke	SE.	3	129	62	1,045	2 1/2-1 1/4	1915			1.3	July 30, 1923				
M. Mangerson	SW.	4	129	62	900+	2 1/2-1 1/4	1917								
E. Rathburn	SE.	10	129	62		2 1/2-1 1/4									
J. Wilson	SE.	11	129	62	1,140	2 1/2-1 1/4				5.0	July 28, 1923				
W. Gibson	NW.	12	129	62	1,040	2 1/2-1 1/4			6	2.2	do				
W. St. Oris	SW.	14	129	62	1,020	1 1/2-1 1/4	1905			3.5	July 30, 1923				
O. Billey	SE.	15	129	62	1,010	1 1/2-1 1/4	1916			4.0	do				
J. Webster	NE.	17	129	62	1,040	2 1/2-1 1/4	1920		30	6.0	do				
M. Schleiter	NW.	17	129	62	1,120	1 1/2	1908		4	7	July 28, 1923				
M. Stahl	NE.	18	129	62	1,110	2 1/2-1 1/4	1919			2.0	do				
J. Hillon	SE.	18	129	62	1,100	2 1/2-1 1/4	1919			1.7	do				
C. Dinsmore	SW.	22	129	62	3-2		1904			1.8	do				
F. Flat	SW.	25	129	62	1,341	2 1/2-1 1/4	1933		50	4.0	July 30, 1923				Third-flow well.
L. Covey	NW.	26	129	62	1,206	2 1/2-1 1/4	1933		63						Do.
N. Blomsted	NW.	30	129	62	1,033	2-1 1/2	1903			1.2	July 30, 1923				
Y. Folland	NE.	33	129	62	1,020	2 1/2-1 1/4	1906			1.1	do				
N. Holsten	SE.	36	129	62	1,341	2 1/2-1 1/4	1929		60						
F. Bohling	SE.	1	129	63	1,150	1 1/4				8	July 27, 1923				
E. Bodle	NW.	3	129	63	980	1 1/4				1.6	do				
D. Coleman	NW.	6	129	63	1,100	1 1/4	1904			2.0	do				

M. Griffin	NE	7	129	63	1,175	1 1/4	1911				2.4	do	4.0	Sept. 10, 1937	Emitted some sand when first drilled. Cleaned in 1937 and flow increased to 4 gallons a minute.
F. Hill	NW	7	129	63	1,190	1 1/4	1905				.6	do			Flow rolly before storms. Flow measured in basement in 1938.
W. Fleming	NW	8	129	63	1,265	3 - 1/4	1916				1.2	do			First well drilled to Dakota sandstone in North Dakota. Now abandoned.
M. Fleming	NW	9	129	63	1,150	1	1904				.8	1923	1.4	Aug. 8, 1938	Pumped Aug. 19, 1931.
J. Johnson	SE	9	129	63	1,200	1 1/2	1902				.9	July 27, 1923			
Ellendale Electric Co.	SE	11	129	63	1,050	3 - 2	1920				8.5	Aug. 1, 1923			
Ellendale	SW	12	129	63	1,087	3 3/4	1886								
F. Gannon	NW	13	129	63	1,290	2					1.9	July 21, 1923			
F. Thompson	SW	13	129	63	1,100	1 1/4					1.2	July 27, 1923			
W. Wenkster	NE	14	129	63	1,150	1 1/4					1.0	do			
H. Hermanson	NE	19	129	63	1,100	2 1/2 - 1 1/4					1.5	1923			
M. Goldberg	NW	19	129	63	1,100	1 1/4					8.2	July 28, 1923	8	Aug. 19, 1931	
E. McShane	SE	20	129	63	1,200	1	1909					do			
A. Strand	SE	21	129	63	1,100	1 1/4	1903				1.3	July 17, 1923			
A. Ederly	SE	22	129	63	1,120	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1899				1.8	do			
P. Bjornsted	NE	23	129	63	1,142	1 1/4					1.0	do			
G. Klinker	SW	25	129	63	1,240	1 1/4	1917				4.5	do			
G. Falls	NW	26	129	63							1.4	do			
Eredelo	NW	27	129	63	1,100	2 1/2 - 1 1/4					1.4	do			
S. Basness	SW	27	129	63	1,180	1 1/4					1.6	do	.7	Aug. 19, 1931	
E. Kehl	SE	30	129	63	1,100	3 - 1 1/4					2.0	1923			
O. Strand	NW	33	129	63	1,280	1 1/4	1917				2.7	July 27, 1923	1.6	Aug. 19, 1931	
R. Hall	SE	34	129	63	1,150	2 1/2 - 1 1/4					1.2	1923	1.0	do	
R. Hall	NW	35	129	63	1,050	1 1/4	1909				2.3	July 28, 1923	1.5	Aug. 18, 1931	Probably leaking into upper part of formation.
Anderson Bros.	SW	35	129	64	1,211	1 1/4					3.2	do			
G. Phelps	SE	4	129	64		1 1/4					3.5	1923	2.8	Aug. 18, 1931	{ Casing rusted and leaking. Water piped into house and then to tank.
C. Fuller	NE	5	129	64	1,265	3 - 1 1/4	1909				1.9	Aug. 11, 1937	1.7	July 21, 1938	{ Measuring point, land surface. Flows into reservoir below land surface.
Federal Land Bank.	SW	7	129	64	1,262	3 - 1 1/4	1916	{ 0.00 Aug. 10, 1937 - .82 July 20, 1938			25	July 26, 1923	1.0	Aug. 18, 1931	{ Measuring point, top of concrete platform 0.7 foot above land surface. Flows into reservoir below land surface.
M. Whelan	SE	7	129	64	1,210	1 1/4	1902	{ - 2.35 Aug. 11, 1937 - 2.51 July 20, 1936			35	do			{ Measuring point, hole in coupling at P joint 0.5 foot above land surface. Abandoned.
A. Wilson	SE	9	129	64	1,215	2 1/2 - 3/4		{ - 75.74 Aug. 19, 1937 - 76.43 July 19, 1938							Cleaned in 1934; reported yield then 9 gallons a minute.
B. Hodges	NE	12	129	64		1 1/4	1902				7	July 26, 1923			
R. Griffin	SW	12	129	64	1,150	1 1/2					2.0	do			

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Records of artesian wells in the area—Continued

Owner	Location				Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)	Date completed	Estimated artesian head (+) or depth to water level below measuring point (-)		Flow (gallons a minute)				Temperature (° F.)	Remarks
	Quarter	Section	T. N.	R. W.				Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported flow	Measured flow	Date	Measured flow			Date
A. Harrison.....	SW.	15	129	64	1, 215	2½-1¼	1936			1.5	Aug. 19, 1937	3.3	July 20, 1938	56	Flow measured at tank, about 2 feet above land surface. Flow reduced.
Do.....	SW.	15	129	64	1, 100	2½-1¼				4.0	July 28, 1923	.3	Aug. 19, 1937		Used for watering hogs.
G. Mock.....	SW.	19	129	64	1, 100	3 -1¼	1916	-4.21	Aug. 10, 1937	2.2	July 26, 1923	1.2	Aug. 18, 1931	52	Measuring point, top of 1½-inch pipe 2.4 feet above land surface.
C. Scott.....	NW.	21	129	64		2½-1¼				1.4	1923				
W. Phillips.....	NW.	23	129	64	1, 207	1¼	1917			7.3	July 28, 1923	4.0	1931		
J. J. Markel.....	SW.	31	129	64											Destroyed. Stopped flowing in 1926.
Bank of New Ulm.....	NE.	32	129	64											Attempt at recasing in 1931 was unsuccessful. Water level reported 15 feet below land surface.
O. Olek.....	NW.	33	129	64		¾				.9	Aug. 10, 1937	.7	July 20, 1938	59	Unreduced flow measured at stock tank 20 feet west of well. Recased in 1930. Measuring point, top of coupling in bottom of reservoir 7.1 feet below land surface. Stopped flowing about 1920.
J. McGannon.....	NW.	1	129	65	1, 350	2½-1¼	1913	-30.25	Aug. 11, 1937						Destroyed.
L. Leet.....	SW.	2	129	65	1, 375	1¼	1908								Measuring point, top of 1-inch board at side of casing 1.0 foot above land surface. In 1914 water level was 80 feet below surface.
G. Quashnick.....	NE.	1	129	65	1, 200	3-1¼		-94.76 -85.90	Aug. 11, 1937 July 20, 1938						Did not flow in 1923.
W. Schuett.....	SW.	11	129	65	1, 350	1¼									Destroyed. Did not flow in 1923.
L. Nelson.....	NW.	15	129	65	1, 375	1¼									Water roily before storms.
U. Brown.....	SW.	24	129	65	1, 300	2-1¼	1910	-76.78	Aug. 7, 1937	2.0	July 26, 1923			52	Measuring point, top of 1½-inch casing 0.5 foot above land surface.
A. Smith.....	SE.	24	129	65	1, 350	1¼		-78.42	July 19, 1938						

SE.	27	129	65	1,350	1 1/2%	3-4	July 25, 1923	1923	1923	1.5	July 25, 1923	2.5	Aug. 26, 1935	Water level more than 30 feet below land surface in 1937. Destroyed.
R. Wright.....	SW.	28	129	65	1,350	2-10	1923	1923						
Union Life Insurance Co.	SW.	32	129	65	1,300	1-10	July 25, 1923							
Carthage Bros.	SW.	33	129	65	1,250	-26	Aug. 6, 1937							
G. Lynd.....	SE.	33	129	65	1,250	3 1/2-2	1916							
M. Goldberg.....	SW.	35	129	65	1,250	2-1 1/2	1913							
C. Reimers.....	SW.	35	129	65	1,400	6-1 1/2								
Forbes.....	SW.	36	129	65	1,100	2-1 1/4	1907							
G. O'Dill.....	SE.	1	130	59	906	2 1/2-1	1910							
J. Schmidt.....	NW.	2	130	59	832	2-1	1908							
D. Brennan.....	SW.	3	130	59	877	2-1	1908							
A. Kliment.....	NW.	5	130	59	860	3-2	1919							
M. Reinhart.....	SE.	5	130	59	932	2 1/2-1 1/4	1921							
J. Donnelly.....	SE.	17	130	59	918	2-1	1914							
M. Redden.....	NW.	18	130	59	900	1 1/4	1911							
E. Kliment.....	SW.	18	130	59	885	2 1/2-1 1/4	1912							
O'Brien.....	SW.	19	130	59	885	2 1/2-1 1/4	1919							
W. Shafer.....	SW.	31	130	59	847	2 1/2-1 1/4	1918							
H. Robins.....	NW.	36	130	59	1,035	2 1/2-1 1/4	1923							
Scott Bros.....	SE.	1	130	60	1,035	2 1/2-1 1/4	1923							
H. Koehn.....	NW.	2	130	60	1,000	2 1/2-1 1/4	1916							
A. Ditch.....	SW.	2	130	60	950	2-1	1906							
Land estate.....	SW.	3	130	60	1,000	2 1/2-1 1/4	1912							
W. Denning.....	NE.	4	130	60	1,108	2 1/2-1 1/4	1912							
J. Snow.....	NE.	4	130	60	980	2 1/2-1 1/4	1917							
H. Johnson.....	NE.	6	130	60	960	1,000	1913							
J. Kunrath.....	SE.	8	130	60	960	1,000	1912							
P. Kunrath.....	NE.	8	130	60	1,000	2 1/2-1 1/4	1912							
G. Kunrath.....	NE.	9	130	60	1,040	2 1/2-1 1/4	1919							
M. Houll.....	NE.	12	130	60	1,103	2 1/2-1 1/4	1920							
W. Rollo.....	SE.	12	130	60	900	2 1/2-1 1/4	1910							
K. Morgan.....	SE.	13	130	60	900	2 1/2-1 1/4	1910							
H. Low.....	SE.	14	130	60	972	3-2	1908							
J. Rehovsky.....	SW.	14	130	60	972	3-2	1908							
Kendal Bros.....	SE.	15	130	60	945	2 1/2-1 1/4	1908							
L. Houll.....	NE.	15	130	60	945	2-1	1906							
J. Smith.....	NE.	19	130	60	1,100	2 1/2-1 1/4	1914							
H. Kunrath.....	NE.	21	130	60	1,100	2 1/2-1 1/4	1905							
R. Murray.....	SE.	22	130	60	950	2 1/2-1 1/4	1904							
L. Frederick.....	SW.	24	130	60	950	2 1/2-1 1/4	1904							
Brown.....	SW.	26	130	60	950	2 1/2-1 1/4	1904							
M. Waiste.....	SE.	26	130	60	950	2 1/2-1 1/4	1904							
S. Baker.....	SE.	27	130	60	950	2 1/2-1 1/4	1914							

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Water level more than 30 feet below land surface in 1937. Destroyed.

Destroyed. Did not flow in 1923. Plugged. Ceased flowing in 1918.

Measuring point, land surface. Reservoir constructed around casing. Ceased flowing in 1931. Water level at about land surface in 1937.

Measuring point, top of wood casing 1.1 feet above land surface.

Temperature of water affected by piping arrangement.

Water clear at all times.

Records of artesian wells in the area—Continued

Owner	Location			Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)	Date completed	Estimated artesian head (+) or depth to water level below measuring point (-)		Reported flow	Measured flow		Date	Measured flow	Date	Temperature (° F.)	Remarks
	Quarter	Section	T. N.				R. W.	Head or water level (feet)		Date	Measured flow						Date
L. Maddock	NE.	28	130	60	1,100	2 1/2-1 1/4	1913		5	1.0	Sept. 1, 1927		2.0	Aug. 23, 1935	62	Water used occasionally for irrigation. "Wild" well. Well repaired and flow increased November 1937.
C. Maddock	SE.	28	130	60	900	2 1/2-1 1/4	1916	6	3.0	Aug. 31, 1927		2.5	do			
H. Van Meter	NW.	29	130	60	1,050	2 1/2-1 1/4	1905	6	3.0	do		2.5	do			
F. Courtney	SW.	29	130	60	1,140	4 1/4	1904		15.0	do		2.5	do			
M. Page	SW.	2	130	61	1,117	3-1 1/4	1906		1.0	Aug. 30, 1927		2.0	do			
H. Beck	SE.	2	130	61	1,155	3-2	1920	7	3.0	do		1.2	do			
F. Appelquist	SE.	4	130	61	1,050	2 1/2-1 1/4	1906	8	1.5	do		1.4	do			
J. Sommers	SW.	5	130	61	1,030	2 1/2-1 1/4	1916	50	2.7	Aug. 29, 1927		1.1	do			
O. Carlson	SE.	6	130	61	1,128	2 1/2-1 1/4	1909	15	2.5	do		1.1	Aug. 20, 1935			
G. Hatfield	SE.	7	130	61	1,120	2-1	1910	23	1.5	do		1.5	Aug. 13, 1935			
M. McCartney	SW.	8	130	61	1,100	2 1/2-1 1/4	1914	25	3.0	do		3.8	Aug. 23, 1935			
Baldwin Corporation	SW.	11	130	61	1,160	2		10	4.8	Aug. 30, 1927		2.0	do			
Federal Land Bank	SW.	12	130	61	1,000	3-2	1914	5	1.7	do		1.1	do			
L. Kvigne	NE.	14	130	61	1,050	1	1907	20	4.3	do		3.8	do			
J. Houli	SE.	15	130	61	1,050	2 1/2- 3/4	1910	35	5.8	do		1.5	do			
J. Morgan	NW.	15	130	61	1,150	4 1/2		100	2.0	do		1.3	Aug. 6, 1938			
Baldwin Corporation	NW.	20	130	61	1,293	2 1/2-1	1934	65	1.28	Aug. 23, 1935		1.9	Aug. 23, 1935			
Do.	NW.	20	130	61	1,100	2 1/2-1	1916	10	5	Aug. 29, 1927		9	Aug. 23, 1935			
Do.	NW.	21	130	61	1,075	2 1/2-1 1/4	1916	25	1.1	do		9	Aug. 24, 1935			
Do.	SE.	22	130	61	1,075	2 1/2-1 1/4	1916		8.0	Aug. 30, 1927		5.0	Aug. 24, 1935			
Do.	NW.	23	130	61	1,012	3 -2	1926	12	1.2	do		5.0	Aug. 6, 1938			
Do.	NW.	24	130	61	1,050	2 1/2- 3/4	1916	10	1.3	do		5.0	Aug. 6, 1938			
F. Hayenda	NE.	25	130	61	1,088	3 1/2	1926	2.5	1926	do		1.3	Aug. 24, 1935			
M. McCartney	SW.	28	130	61	1,000	2	1910	20	2.5	Aug. 29, 1927		1.3	Aug. 24, 1935			
Baldwin Corporation	SE.	30	130	61	1,110	3 -2	1916	23	2	do		1.3	Aug. 24, 1935			
F. Higgs	SW.	32	130	61	1,100	1	1915	50	1.8	1927		3	Aug. 24, 1935			
A. Higgs	SE.	33	130	61	1,940	2 -1 1/4	1902		5	Aug. 28, 1927		3	Aug. 24, 1935			

Third-flow well.

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	Quarter	Section	T. N.	R. W.				Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported flow	Measured flow	Date	Measured flow		
G. Rose.....	NW.	6	130	63	1,170	2½-1¼	1909	+3	Nov. 15, 1923	15	0.5	Nov. 15, 1923			Unrestricted flow. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3 gallons a minute.
E. Retzlaff.....	SE.	7	130	63	1,150	2½-1¼	1904	+5	.....do.....	20	.9	.....do.....			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4 gallons a minute. Unrestricted flow in 1923.
E. Byer.....	SE.	9	130	63	1,165	2½-1¼	1902	+4	Nov. 16, 1923	20	1.0	Nov. 16, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2.2 gallons a minute.
J. Gray.....	NE.	10	130	63	1,125	2½-1¼	1918	+6	Nov. 17, 1923	7	2.8	Aug. 18, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 5.4 gallons a minute.
C. Chesbro.....	SE.	10	130	63	1,120	2½-1¼	1909	+5	Nov. 16, 1923	25	.3	Nov. 16, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 0.8 gallon a minute.
E. Durey.....	NW.	11	130	63	1,150	2½-1¼	1908	+9	Nov. 17, 1923	18	1.0	Nov. 17, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2.2 gallons a minute.
I. Letsen.....	SW.	12	130	63	1,160	2½-1¼	1903	+2	Nov. 18, 1923	20	.6	Aug. 18, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 5.4 gallons a minute.
C. Hanson.....	SE.	14	130	63	1,100	2½-1¼	1905	+3	Nov. 17, 1923	18	.5	.....do.....			Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 0.8 gallon a minute.
E. Spencer.....	NE.	15	130	63	1,180	2½-1¼	1914	+6	Nov. 16, 1923	20	1.3	Nov. 16, 1923			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 6 gallons a minute.
E. Byer.....	NW.	15	130	63	1,165	2½-1¼	1918	+9	.....do.....	6	.5	.....do.....			Filled in. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute. Pumped in 1935.
G. Radtke.....	SW.	17	130	63	1,165	2½-1¼	1903	+9	Nov. 15, 1923	20	2.4	Nov. 15, 1923			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 6 gallons a minute.
H. Wedel.....	SE.	19	130	63	1,120	2½-1¼	1912	+6	.....do.....	5	1.5	.....do.....			Do.
J. Byer.....	NE.	21	130	63	1,158	2	1905	+3	Nov. 16, 1923	15	.5	Nov. 16, 1923			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute. Stopped flowing about 1932.
Do.....	NE.	21	130	63	1,158	1¼	1931	+3	Nov. 16, 1923	6	.0	Aug. 21, 1935			Stopped flowing in 1920. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute.
J. Janett.....	NE.	22	130	63	1,180	2½-1¼	1902	+7	.....do.....	18	.6	.....do.....			Do.
J. Byer.....	NW.	22	130	63	1,236	3-2	1920	+3	Nov. 17, 1923	25	.6	1923			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 6 gallons a minute.
G. Elliott.....	SE.	25	130	63	1,210	2½-1¼	1910	+3	Nov. 17, 1923	20	3.0	Nov. 17, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923.
M. Bainbridge.....	NE.	26	130	63	1,180	2½-1¼	1907	+2	Nov. 16, 1923	20	1.5	1923			Stopped flowing about 1932.
Middleton Trust Co.	SE.	26	130	63	1,050	2½-1¼	1907	+2	Nov. 16, 1923	14	.8	Nov. 16, 1923			Stopped flowing in 1920. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute.
W. Wheelhan.....	NE.	27	130	63	1,165	2-1	1907	+2	Nov. 15, 1923	20	1.2	Nov. 15, 1923			Stopped flowing in 1920. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute.
H. Gentz.....	NW.	28	130	63	1,180	2-1	1904	1-8	Nov. 16, 1923	20	1.2	Nov. 16, 1923			Stopped flowing in 1920. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute.
P. Weedle.....	NE.	28	130	63	1,260	2½-1¼	1909	+4	Nov. 16, 1923	20	1.2	Nov. 16, 1923			Stopped flowing in 1920. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute.
E. Dathe.....	NE.	29	130	63	1,160	2½-1¼	1913	+4	Nov. 15, 1923	6	1.9	Nov. 15, 1923			Stopped flowing in 1920. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute.

H. Gentz.....	SE.	29	130	63	1,180	2-1 1/4	1916	+6	Nov. 15, 1923	15	2.0	do	1.0	do	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 6 gallons a minute. Flow unrestricted in 1923.
R. Pomplum.....	SE.	30	130	63	1,160	2-1	1902	+10	do	25	1.7	do			
M. Gannon.....	NE.	34	130	63	1,180	2 1/2-1 1/4	1916	+3	Nov. 16, 1923	6	1.7	Nov. 16, 1923			
E. Rietsch.....	SE.	35	130	63	1,180	2 1/2-1 1/4	1912	+5	do	25	1.1	do			
G. Dean.....	SE.	36	130	63	1,380	-----	1914	+10	Nov. 17, 1923	25	2.4	Nov. 17, 1923			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute. Flow unrestricted in 1923.
F. Zinter.....	SW.	9	130	64	1,320	2 1/2-1 1/4	1905	+15	Nov. 10, 1923	25	2.0	Nov. 10, 1923			Measuring point, top of hole in 2-by-12-inch plank 1.0 foot above hand surface. Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 6 gallons a minute.
C. Maack.....	SE.	10	130	64	1,180	2 1/2-1 1/4	1908	+4	Nov. 14, 1923	5	1.5	Nov. 14, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923. Stopped flowing in 1934. Abandoned.
H. Schaller.....	NE.	11	130	64	1,280	2 1/2-1 1/4	1912	+3	do	5	2.4	do			
E. Retzlaff.....	NW.	13	130	64	1,180	2 1/2-1 1/4	1905		do	45	1.0	Nov. 15, 1923			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 9 gallons a minute. Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4.3 gallons a minute.
A. Noess.....	SW.	13	130	64	1,242	2 1/2-1 1/4	1906		do	40	1.5	do			
H. Tiegs.....	SE.	13	130	64	1,180	1 1/4	1906		do	30	2.4	do			
F. Kalbus.....	NE.	15	130	64	1,400	2 1/2-1 1/4	1908		do	32	3.0	Nov. 14, 1923			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4 gallons a minute.
C. McEntee.....	NE.	19	130	64	1,300	2 1/2-1 1/4	1913	{ 1-4.5	Nov. 10, 1923	15					Stopped flowing in 1921.
W. Retzlaff.....	SE.	22	130	64	1,100	2 1/2-1 1/4	1910	{ 1-30	Aug. 13, 1937	25					Stopped flowing in 1922.
E. Heine.....	SE.	24	130	64	1,260	2 1/2-1 1/4	1909	{ 1-15	Nov. 12, 1923	35	2.4	Nov. 12, 1923			
M. Fleming.....	SW.	27	130	64	1,227	3-2	1920		do	25	3.0	do			
Federal Land Bank.....	SW.	28	130	64	1,260	2 1/2-1 1/4	1910	{ +10	Nov. 10, 1923	35	2.0	Nov. 10, 1923			Measuring point, top of concrete curb of reservoir under 6-inch loose plank 0.5 foot above land surface. Stopped flowing in 1920. Destroyed.
F. Bobbe.....	SE.	29	130	64	1,165	2 1/2-1 1/4	1910	{ +4	Nov. 10, 1923	15	1.0	do			Cleaned in 1937 and again in 1938. Change in temperature probably due to differences in effect of sun on piping arrangement.
G. Shepard.....	SW.	30	130	64	1,320	2 1/2-1 1/4	1910	{ -7.56	Aug. 13, 1937	10					
N. Quinn.....	SE.	32	130	64	1,230	2 1/2-1 1/4	1916	{ -8.55	July 21, 1938	20	4.0	Nov. 12, 1923			
J. Flynn.....	SW.	34	130	64	1,156	2	1918	{ 1-27	Nov. 8, 1923	24	3.0	1923			Stopped flowing in 1915.
M. Vennum.....	SW.	1	130	65	1,400	2 1/2-1 1/4	1903	{ 2-45	Aug. 20, 1937	25					
Farmers and Merchants Bank.....	SE.	1	130	65	1,400	2 1/2-1 1/4	1909	{ -24.3	Nov. 9, 1923	9					

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Catholic Parsonage	SW.	21 131 69	860	2 1/2 - 3/4	1012	45	2.8	Sept. 3, 1927	.0	Sept. 27, 1932	Do.
C. Melander	SE.	23 131 59	1,427	3 1/4	1037	45	2.8	Sept. 3, 1927	.0	Sept. 27, 1932	Pumped in 1932. Third-flow well.
Farmers and Merchants Bank	SE.	23 131 59	900	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1908	817	7.5	Sept. 3, 1927	3.0	Sept. 27, 1932	
C. Knox	SW.	26 131 59	977	2 - 1	1890		.6	Sept. 7, 1927			Abandoned.
G. Schaub	SW.	29 131 59	900	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1912		3.0	Sept. 7, 1927			
H. Johnson	NW.	29 131 59	900	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1916		2.0	Sept. 3, 1927	2.0	Aug. 27, 1932	
L. Beckwith	NE.	30 131 59	950	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1915	10	1.0	do.			
H. H. Berggren	NE.	31 131 59	950	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1915	30	3.1	Sept. 9, 1927			
H. Blaser	NW.	31 131 59	890	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1913	4	2.5	do.			
H. Becker	NE.	3 131 60	890	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1910	7	1.5	Sept. 13, 1927	2.1	Aug. 5, 1938	
J. Redene	SE.	3 131 60	1,100	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1921	15	3.8	Sept. 12, 1927	2.5	July 26, 1932	
M. Morgan	NW.	5 131 60	1,000	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1916	22	3.5	Sept. 13, 1927	1.8	do	
A. Stevens	SE.	7 131 60	980	3 - 2	1918	55	1.4	do.			
A. Graunlow	SW.	8 131 60	1,000	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1918	10	1.5	Sept. 10, 1927	1.0	July 26, 1932	
A. Pedersen	NE.	11 131 60	1,012	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1922	25	3.0	Sept. 9, 1927	2.0	do	
C. Pedersen	SE.	11 131 60	955	1 1/2	1918	30	16.0	do.	5.5	Sept. 6, 1938	
A. Ditch	SE.	13 131 60	1,007	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1921	16	6.0	do.	3.8	July 26, 1932	
W. Hazard	NE.	15 131 60	1,012	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1914	20	5.5	do.	1.9	do	
A. Johnson	NE.	17 131 60	1,060	2 1/2	1914	30	2.1	Sept. 10, 1927	1.3	do	
Federal Land Bank	SW.	17 131 60	1,286	2 - 1 1/4	1915	30	5.0	Sept. 12, 1927	3.5	do	
M. Morgan	SE.	18 131 60	1,080	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1910	16	1.0	Sept. 9, 1927	1.0	July 27, 1932	
N. Gergen	NW.	20 131 60	1,100	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1912	40	2.1	do.	1.8	do	
F. Pfeifer	SE.	21 131 60	1,047	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1921	30	1.0	Sept. 10, 1927	1.5	July 27, 1932	
M. Pfeifer	SW.	21 131 60	1,060	3 - 2	1904	80	5.0	Sept. 12, 1927	2.2	Aug. 5, 1938	
G. Heckbarth	NW.	23 131 60	920	1 1/2	1910	25	1.0	Sept. 9, 1927	1.0	July 27, 1932	
J. Khorovsky	NE.	24 131 60	980	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1917	30	2.1	Sept. 10, 1927	1.8	July 27, 1932	
D. Adams	SE.	24 131 60	980	1 1/2	1908	40	6.0	do.	1.5	July 27, 1932	
L. Johnson	NW.	25 131 60	980	2 1/2 - 1 1/2	1918	40	2.0	do.	2.5	Aug. 5, 1938	
C. Frogen	SE.	25 131 60	1,060	3 - 2	1909	60	6.0	do.	2.9	July 27, 1932	
P. Gomar	NW.	26 131 60	1,068	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1913	60	6.0	Sept. 9, 1927	1.2	do.	
K. Horbak	NE.	27 131 60	1,030	3 - 2	1904	60	2.5	Sept. 10, 1927	2.4	July 26, 1932	
J. Pfeifer	SW.	27 131 60	1,047	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1917	40	4.5	do.	1.8	do.	
P. Gomar	SE.	27 131 60	1,060	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1912	10	2.8	1927	1.0	July 26, 1932	
A. Kiefer	NE.	28 131 60	959	3 - 2	1920	6	2.8	1927	1.8	do.	
Word estate	NE.	29 131 60	1,100	3 - 2	1912		1.0	Sept. 12, 1927			
J. Carr	SW.	29 131 60	980	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1910		1.0	do.			
C. Johnson	SW.	30 131 60	988	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1912		1.5	do.			
C. Yackee	SW.	31 131 60	857	2 1/2 - 1 1/2	1914		2.1	Sept. 10, 1927	2.0	July 26, 1932	
C. Knox	NE.	32 131 60	857	2 1/2 - 1 1/2	1914	25	2.0	do.	1.8	do.	
A. Erickson	NW.	33 131 60	1,060	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1915	15	7.0	do.	1.8	do.	
B. Chalagier	NW.	33 131 60	1,030	1 1/2 - 1 1/4	1908	30	3.0	Sept. 12, 1927	.0	July 27, 1932	
L. Zimelman	NW.	35 131 60	995	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1917	30	3.0	Sept. 10, 1927	.0	do.	
Deming estate	NW.	35 131 60	995	2 1/2 - 1 1/4	1914	30	2.1	do.	2.0	July 27, 1932	
A. Koch	SE.	39 131 60	96	0 2 1/2 - 1 1/2	1913	15	2.1	do.	2.0	July 27, 1932	

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Records of artesian wells in the area—Continued

Owner	Location			Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)	Date completed	Estimated artesian head (+) or depth to water level below measuring point (-)		Flow (gallons a minute)				Temperature (° F.)	Remarks	
	Quarter	Section	T. N.				R. W.	Head or original	Date	Reported	Measured	Date			Measured
L. Brandell	NE	1	131	61	1, 059	2 - 3/4	1917		40	1.0	Aug. 27, 1927	1.0	July 22, 1932	0.8	
L. Robertson	SE	1	131	61	977	2 1/2-1 1/4	1903		5.0	3.5	July 26, 1932	3.5	July 26, 1932	3.0	
C. Schneider	NW	2	131	61	950	1 1/4	1913		16	4.0	Aug. 25, 1927	4.0	do	3.0	
E. Vermland	SE	2	131	61	950	1 1/4	1913		16	1.0	Aug. 6, 1938	1.0	Aug. 6, 1938	1.0	
E. Arnold	NE	4	131	61	900	2 1/2-3/4	1913		2.5	2.0	July 22, 1932	2.5	July 22, 1932	2.0	
E. Weston	SE	4	131	61	1, 050	2 1/2-1 1/4	1918		5	2.5	do	2.5	do	1.8	
A. Gemar	NW	6	131	61	1, 030	2 1/2-1 1/4	1920		5	1.0	Aug. 26, 1927	1.0	do	1.8	
J. Schiemann	SE	6	131	61	1, 040	2 1/2-1 1/4	1913		2.3	2.3	do	2.3	do	1.8	
J. Ziemler	NW	8	131	61	1, 040	2 1/2-1 1/4	1910		3.0	3.0	do	3.0	do	2.5	
G. Ulmer	SE	9	131	61	1, 040	1	1902		6	1.0	Sept. 22, 1923	1.0	July 22, 1932	1.8	
H. Pugh	SE	9	131	61	1, 000	1	1907		8	2.0	do	2.0	do	2.5	
G. Ulmer	NW	10	131	61	1, 050	2 1/2-3/4	1916		8	1.0	Aug. 25, 1927	1.0	do	1.8	
G. Wahl	SW	10	131	61	935	2 1/2-3/4	1916		8	1.0	Aug. 25, 1927	1.0	do	1.8	
R. Webster	NW	11	131	61	1, 280	2 - 1 1/4	1914		12	6.0	Aug. 26, 1927	6.0	July 22, 1932	6.0	
M. Moran	NE	13	131	61	1, 030	2-1	1904		40	1.5	1927	1.5	do	1.5	
J. Moran	SW	17	131	61	1, 140	2 1/2-1 1/4	1915		18	2.0	1927	2.0	do	2.0	
A. Ulmer	NW	19	131	61	1, 022	2-1	1915		18	2.0	1927	2.0	do	2.0	
A. Nuss	NW	19	131	61	1, 100	2 1/2-3/4	1915		18	2.0	1927	2.0	do	2.0	
L. Nuss	SW	19	131	61	1, 013	2-1 1/4	1905		18	2.0	Aug. 26, 1927	2.0	July 23, 1932	1.8	
J. Schneider	SE	19	131	61	1, 100	2-1 1/4	1910		18	2.0	Aug. 26, 1927	2.0	Aug. 6, 1938	1.5	
Baldwin Corporation	NW	20	131	61	1, 100	2	1920		8	1.5	Aug. 27, 1927	1.5	July 23, 1932	1.3	
C. Minard	SE	23	131	61	1, 130	2	1913		25	1.5	do	1.5	July 23, 1932	1.3	
T. Tolleson	SW	24	131	61	1, 130	2 1/2-1 1/4	1917		25	3.8	Aug. 31, 1927	3.8	July 25, 1932	2.0	
Baldwin Corporation	NE	25	131	61	1, 200	2 1/2-1 1/4	1915		35	1.3	Aug. 27, 1927	1.3	do	2.0	
H. Perindien	SW	25	131	61	1, 280	1 1/4	1918		10	5.0	do	5.0	July 22, 1932	2.0	
O. Bekkegard	NE	29	131	61	1, 330	1 1/4	1906		18	2.0	Aug. 26, 1927	2.0	July 25, 1932	1.8	
H. Ucker	SW	29	131	61	1, 013	2-1	1926		18	2.0	do	2.0	do	1.8	
H. Ucker	SW	31	131	61	1, 113	2 1/2-1 1/4	1908		18	2.0	do	2.0	do	1.8	
A. Wedel	NW	33	131	61	1, 030	2 1/2-1 1/4	1908		18	1.5	Aug. 27, 1927	1.5	July 23, 1932	1.3	
Baldwin Corporation	NW	34	131	61	1, 100	3-2	1916		8	3.4	do	3.4	do	2.5	
M. Hornberg	SE	34	131	61	1, 010	1 1/4	1916		8	1.5	do	1.5	do	1.3	

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Owner	Location				Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)	Date completed	Estimated artesian head (+) or depth to water level below measuring point (-)		Flow (gallons a minute)				Temperature (° F.)	Remarks		
	Quarter	Section	T. N.	R. W.				Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported original flow	Measured flow	Date	Measured flow			Date	
J. Warner.....	SE.	32	131	62	1,160	2½-¼	1906	+11	Dec. 12, 1923	20	2.0	Dec. 12, 1923	2.0	Dec. 12, 1923	1.8	Sept. 22, 1932	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3 gallons a minute.
First National Bank.	NW.	34	131	62	1,160	2½-¼	1910	+9	Dec. 11, 1923	19	2.0	Dec. 11, 1923	1.7	Aug. 8, 1938	.7	Aug. 8, 1938	Do.
J. Thorn.....	NE.	4	131	63	1,180	2½-¼	1909	+3 -13.15 -13.18	Nov. 22, 1923 Oct. 7, 1937 July 27, 1938	19	.6	Nov. 22, 1923	.0	July 21, 1932	.0	July 21, 1932	Pumped in 1932. Measuring point, hole in curb cover, 0.5 foot above land surface.
Do.....	SW.	4	131	63	1,180	2½-¼	1914	+3	Nov. 22, 1923 Oct. 7, 1937	20	5.5	do.	.5	do.	.5	do.	Unrestricted flow in 1923. Measuring point, top of curb, 1.3 feet above land surface.
B. Scott.....	NW.	5	131	63	1,250	2½-¼	1909	+2.5	Nov. 22, 1923	18	2	do.	2	do.	2	do.	Destroyed.
Momango, Milwaukee, S. C.	SE.	8	131	63	1,380	3-2	1902	+5	Oct. 7, 1937	49	2.0	do.	2.0	do.	2.0	do.	Measuring point, curb of reservoir, 1.3 feet above land surface.
Paul & Pacific R. R.	SW.	8	131	63	-2.20			-2.20	Sept. 24, 1937								
A. Nash.....	NW.	11	131	63	1,150	2½-¼	1906	+10	Nov. 23, 1923	30	3.3	Nov. 23, 1923	3.0	July 21, 1932	3.0	July 21, 1932	Destroyed.
W. Dickinson.....	NE.	12	131	63	1,130	2½-¼	1909	+10	Nov. 23, 1923	25	2.0	Oct. 8, 1937	1.8	July 27, 1938	1.8	July 27, 1938	Stopped flowing in 1917. Measuring point, top of 2- by 4-inch curb 1.4 feet above land surface.
G. Knox.....	NE.	13	131	63	1,150	2-5	1907	+5	Nov. 23, 1923	40	1.1	Nov. 22, 1923	1.3	July 21, 1932	1.3	July 21, 1932	Stopped flowing in 1921.
D. Hagen.....	SE.	15	131	63	1,170	2½-¼	1915	+5.8	Nov. 23, 1923	8	.3	Nov. 23, 1923	.3	Nov. 23, 1923	.3	Nov. 23, 1923	Pumped in 1937.
F. Duncanson.....	NE.	18	131	63	1,200	2½-¼	1907	-3.68	Nov. 22, 1923	19							Measuring point, top of casing 2.2 feet above land surface. Pumped with windmill.
Caldwell estate.....	NW.	19	131	63	1,210	3-2	1916	+4.32	Sept. 21, 1937	6							Abandoned.
Do.....	NW.	19	131	63	1,220	2½-¼	1902	+2	Nov. 14, 1923	26	.1	Nov. 14, 1923	.1	Nov. 14, 1923	.1	Nov. 14, 1923	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons per minute.
E. Reitch.....	NE.	21	131	63	1,175	2½-¼	1910	+5	Nov. 23, 1923	19	1.5	Nov. 23, 1923	1.5	Nov. 23, 1923	1.5	Nov. 23, 1923	
Northrup Bros.....	NW.	22	131	63	1,200	2½-¼	1902	-6.04	Oct. 7, 1937	20	1.5	Nov. 23, 1923	1.5	Nov. 23, 1923	1.5	Nov. 23, 1923	
V. S. Collard.....	NW.	23	131	63	1,140	2½-¼	1913	+5	Nov. 23, 1923	20	1.2	do.	.8	do.	.8	do.	
								+10	do.	20	.3	Oct. 7, 1937	.3	Oct. 7, 1937	.3	Oct. 7, 1937	

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	Quarter	Section	T. N.				R. W.	Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported flow	Measured flow	Date			Measured flow	Date	
M. Rasmussen...	SW.	9	132	59	1,050	2-1/4	1907				0.6	Sept. 8, 1927					
Do.....	SW.	9	132	59	1,168	3-2	1926				15.0	do			5.5	Oct. 3, 1935	60
F. Elliott.....	SE.	10	132	59	1,160	3-2	1908				7.3	do			3.8	Oct. 3, 1935	62
P. Anderson.....	NE.	11	132	59	1,100	3-2	1915				3.1	do			7.5	Aug. 5, 1938	
H. Marks.....	SW.	11	132	59	1,135	3-2	1916				3.1	do			1.1	Oct. 4, 1935	
E. Clark.....	SW.	12	132	59	964	2 1/2	1915		16		2.2	do			1.9	Oct. 3, 1935	
F. Zimmerman.....	SE.	12	132	59	964	2 1/2	1916				3.0	do			1.6	do	
Jones estate.....	NE.	14	132	59	.....	2 1/2	1907				7.5	do			5.0	Oct. 3, 1935	
E. Miller.....	SW.	14	132	59	.....	3-2	1910				2.5	do			1.0	do	
F. Elliott.....	SE.	15	132	59	.....	4-3/4	1903				2.3	do			1.7	do	
E. Larson.....	SE.	17	132	59	1,000	2 1/2	1910				8	do			1.0	Aug. 5, 1938	52
Boyle.....	SW.	18	132	59	1,100	2 1/2	1906				1.0	do			2.4	Sept. 27, 1935	
Uiland Mortgage Co.	SW.	20	132	59	.....	2 1/2	.....				2.5	do			2.5	do	
P. Hansen.....	SE.	20	132	59	900	2 1/2	1918				4.8	Sept. 9, 1927			2.5	do	
A. Christiansen.....	SW.	22	132	59	4 1/2	2	1911				5.0	Sept. 8, 1927			3.3	Oct. 3, 1935	
J. Dethlefsen.....	NW.	23	132	59	.....	2 1/2	1908				2.5	Sept. 7, 1927			1.0	do	
Do.....	NW.	24	132	59	904	2 1/2	1903				1.3	do			1.7	do	
P. Schmitz.....	SE.	24	132	59	900	2 1/2	1916				1.3	do			4.5	do	
E. Christiansen.....	NW.	26	132	59	1,095	3-2	1917		20		4.5	do			2.5	Oct. 3, 1935	
N. Anderson.....	SE.	26	132	59	.....	2-1	1907				2.5	do			1.1	do	
Christiansen estate.....	NE.	27	132	59	1,026	3-2	1918		16		2.5	do			1.1	Oct. 3, 1935	
J. Haulbar.....	NE.	28	132	59	.....	2 1/2	1914				7.5	Sept. 9, 1927			1.1	do	
Do.....	NE.	28	132	59	.....	2 1/2	1914				1.1	do			6.0	do	
Do.....	NE.	28	132	59	.....	3-2	.....				15.0	do			1.0	Sept. 27, 1935	
N. Anderson.....	SE.	29	132	59	1,100	3-1 1/4	1918				8	do			4	do	
D. Dethlefsen.....	NW.	30	132	59	975	2 1/2	1916				3.8	do			4.8	do	
Anderson.....	SE.	30	132	59	965	2 1/2	1914				4	do			3.0	Sept. 7, 1927	
F. Hallett.....	SE.	32	132	59	890	2 1/2	1912		5		4.8	do			1.3	Oct. 3, 1935	
O. Jacobson.....	SE.	34	132	59	920	3-2	1917		15		3.0	do			3.0	do	
C. Nelson.....	NE.	35	132	59	1,025	3-2	1917				4.5	do			1.0	do	

O. Nelson	N.W.	35	132	59	1,060	3	-2	1920		2.5	do	2.5	do
J. Anderly	S.W.	2	132	60		2-1/4		1921	Sept. 14, 1927	1.8	Sept. 27, 1935	1.8	do
Glover Co.	S.E.	3	132	60		2-1/4		1904	do	1.8	do	1.8	do
L. Larson	N.W.	7	132	60	900	2-1/4	3	1919	1927	8.3	1935	4.5	Sept. 26, 1935
M. Olson	N.E.	9	132	60	988	2-1/4	1/4	1917	Sept. 14, 1927	1.0	do	1.7	Sept. 27, 1935
Glover Co.	S.E.	10	132	60	938	1-1/4		1918	do	2.5	do	1.1	do
Do	S.E.	12	132	60	900	2-1/4		1916	do	2.5	do	1.2	do
Federal Land Bank	N.W.	12	132	60	900	2-1/4		1916	do	2.5	do	1.2	do
C. Andrus	S.W.	12	132	60		2-1/4	1/4	1913	do	1.3	do	.5	do
Glover Town Hall	S.E.	8	132	60		3	-2	1916	do	3.0	do	4.0	do
Glover Co.	S.E.	13	132	60		2-1/4		1914	do	3.0	do		do
Do	S.E.	13	132	60	1,064	2		1907	do	2.5	do		do
Do	S.W.	14	132	60		3	-2	1910	Sept. 13, 1927	2.8	do		do
Do	S.W.	15	132	60	955	2-1/4	1/4	1919	do	3.0	do	1.8	Sept. 27, 1935
A. Lampert	S.E.	17	132	60	1,000	2-1/4		1920	do	3.0	do	8	do
P. Bergstrom	S.W.	20	132	60	630	2-1/4		1907	do	3.8	do	2.0	do
Ulland Mortgage Co.	N.W.	21	132	60	880	2-1/4	1/4	1918	do	4.3	do	2.0	do
P. Kraft	S.W.	24	132	60		2-1/4	1/4	1907	do	2.5	do	3.0	do
Bank of North Dakota	S.W.	25	132	60	896	2-1/4	1/4	1907	do	3.8	do	4.0	do
A. Fladager	N.W.	26	132	60	1,000	2-1/4		1915	do	3.7	do	4.0	do
G. Strutz	N.W.	30	132	60	1,000	2-1/4	1/4	1906	do	3.0	do	4.0	do
J. Lillebridge	S.W.	33	132	60	980	3	-2	1917	do	3.0	do	4.0	do
Johnston estate	N.W.	34	132	60	913	2-1/4	1/4	1910	1927	7.5	Sept. 27, 1935	6.0	do
W. Zieman	S.E.	35	132	60	1,100	1-1/2	3/4	1916	Sept. 13, 1927	5.0	do	4.0	do
J. Jacobson	N.E.	1	132	61		2-1/4	3/4	1916	Sept. 23, 1927	5.0	do	14.0	do
E. Mattson	N.E.	2	132	61	990	2-1/4	1/4	1905	do	1.0	do	2.5	do
J. Greene	N.W.	3	132	61	1,050	3	-1/4	1908	do	2.1	do	1.9	Aug. 6, 1938
E. Marson	S.E.	3	132	61	950	2-1/4	1/4	1915	do	2.1	do	1.5	do
G. Klonbec	N.W.	4	132	61	1,060	2-1/4	1/4	1920	do	2.1	do	1.5	do
Federal Land Bank	N.E.	6	132	61	1,100	2-1/4	1/4	1905	do	1.5	do	1.2	do
H. Montgomery	S.W.	7	132	61	1,040	2-1/4	1/4	1917	do	4.8	do	12.8	do
Lloyd Mortgage Co.	N.W.	8	132	61	1,020	2-1/4	1/4	1913	Aug. 24, 1927	3.3	do	11.1	do
C. Arndt	S.W.	9	132	61	1,050	4	-1/4	1914	Aug. 23, 1927	.8	do		do
G. Julian	S.E.	9	132	61	1,020	2-1/4	1/4	1914	do	2.0	do	2.0	Sept. 25, 1935
Thompson estate	S.E.	10	132	61	950	2-1/4	1/4	1907	Aug. 24, 1927	1.5	do	1.1	Sept. 26, 1935
R. Nelson	N.E.	11	132	61	950	2-1/4	3/4	1908	1927	15.0	do		do
B. Bergstrom	N.W.	14	132	61	940	2-1/4	1/4	1914	Aug. 23, 1927	4.3	do	3.0	Sept. 26, 1935
Anderson estate	N.E.	18	132	61	1,040	2-1/4	1/4	1914	do	1.8	do	4.0	do
A. Olson	N.W.	19	131	61	1,100	1-1/2	1/4	1919	do	1.5	do	4.0	Sept. 25, 1935
J. Paul	S.E.	19	132	61	1,000	2-1/4		1913	do	2.8	do	.4	do
E. Hill	S.E.	21	132	61	1,040	2-1/4	1/4	1916	do	4	do	4	do
J. Johnson	N.W.	22	132	61	1,040	2-1/4	1/4	1916	do	3.3	do	4.0	Sept. 26, 1935
W. Wittenberg	N.W.	27	132	61	1,040	2-1/4	1/4	1915	Aug. 23, 1927	1.5	do	6	do
	N.W.	28	132	61		1-1/2	1/4	1918	Aug. 24, 1927	1.0	do	2.0	do

At foot of valley bluff. Leaked 12 gallons a minute in 1927.

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	Quarter	Section	T. N.				R. W.	Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported flow	Measured flow	Date			Measured flow
A. Uimer	NE.	31	132	61	1,050	2½-1¼	1918								
W. Uimer	SW.	31	132	61	1,040	2½-1¼	1907								
C. Luke	NE.	32	132	61	960	1¼	1906								
Federal Land Bank.	NW.	33	132	61	960	2½-1¼	1916								
J. Arndt	NE.	35	132	61	1,040	2½-1¼	1905								
O. Luke	NW.	35	132	61	1,050	2½-1¼	1913								
G. Krook	SW.	1	132	62	1,020	2½-1¼	1916	+2.5	Dec. 6, 1923	9					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3 gallons a minute.
E. Ubben	NE.	4	132	62	1,120	2½-1¼	1916	+3	do.	8					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 1 gallon a minute.
S. Darby	SE.	6	132	62	1,206	2½-1¼	1913	+2.5	Dec. 5, 1923	25					Unrestricted flow.
J. Anderson	SW.	7	132	62	1,145	2½-1¼	1909	+2	do.	20					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4.3 gallons a minute.
First National Bank.	SE.	7	132	62	1,123	2½-1¼	1915	+3.5	do.	8					Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4.3 gallons a minute.
E. Dahl	SW.	8	132	62	1,135	2½-1¼	1913	+3	do.	18					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 1 gallon a minute.
J. Nelson	SW.	10	132	62	1,120	2½-1¼	1906	+3.5	Dec. 6, 1923	18					Unrestricted flow.
C. Larson	SE.	10	132	62	1,060	2½-1¼	1916	+3.5	do.	12					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3 gallons a minute.
H. Larson	SE.	14	132	62	1,040	2½-¾	1906	+3	do.	20					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3 gallons a minute.
M. Kelly	NE.	15	132	62	1,140	2½-1¼	1920	+3.5	do.	20					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 15 gallons a minute.
F. Anderson	SW.	17	132	62	1,060	2½-¾	1904								Unrestricted flow.
J. Charplin	SW.	17	132	62	1,175	2½-1¼	1906	+2.5	Dec. 5, 1923	40					Do.
Julian & Stripp	NE.	18	132	62	1,140	2½-1¼	1904	+7	do.	20					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 7 gallons a minute.
B. Banning	SW.	21	132	62	1,100	3-2	1911	+3	do.	20					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 8 gallons a minute.
T. Kelsh	SE.	23	132	62	1,035	2½-1¼	1909	+1.5	Dec. 6, 1923	20					Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 8 gallons a minute.

F. Olin	SW.	24	132	62	1,100	3	-2	1906	+3	do	30	1.0	do	.8	do	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 10 gallons a minute.
J. Ulmer	SE.	24	132	62	1,076	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1917	+8	Dec. 7, 1923	10	1.2	Dec. 7, 1923		do	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 6 1/2 gallons a minute.
M. Beeche	N.E.	25	132	62	1,040	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1906	+12	do	20	2.5	do	1.1	Sept. 25, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 7 gallons a minute.
C. Johnson	S.E.	26	132	62	1,025	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1909	+12	do	15	1.9	do	.5	Sept. 25, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4 gallons a minute.
J. Farandak	S.E.	27	132	62	1,070	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1913	+3.5	Dec. 5, 1923	10	1.5	Dec. 5, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2.7 gallons a minute.
F. McCartney	N.W.	30	132	62	1,090	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1908	+3	Nov. 26, 1923	18	.8	Nov. 26, 1923			Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute.
F. Beaver	N.E.	31	132	62	1,160	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1908	+3	do	10	1.7	do			Stopped flowing in 1921.
	N.E.	32	132	62	1,150	2	- 3/4	1908	1-32	do	12	do				Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2 gallons a minute.
	N.W.	32	132	62	1,010	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1908	+3	do	10	.5	Nov. 26, 1923			Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 1.7 gallons a minute.
R. Youngquist	SW.	32	132	62	1,040	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1908	+3	do	10	1.0	do	.5	Aug. 8, 1938	Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 2.4 gallons a minute. Pumped in 1935.
M. Bilss	N.E.	33	132	62	1,080	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1908	+2.5	Dec. 5, 1923	20	2.0	Dec. 5, 1923	0.0	Sept. 25, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4 gallons a minute.
T. Boldstad	S.E.	34	132	62	1,207	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1916	+10	Dec. 7, 1923	15	1.6	Dec. 7, 1923	1.1	Sept. 25, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 10 gallons a minute.
J. Hotter	S.E.	35	132	62	1,166	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1906	+3	do	20	3.0	do	0.0	Sept. 25, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 10 gallons a minute. Plugged in 1933.
H. Zimbleman	N.E.	36	132	62	1,200	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1913	+9	do	15	2.5	do	1.1	Sept. 25, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4 gallons a minute.
S. Jonason	N.E.	3	132	63	1,196	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1915	+3.5	Nov. 24, 1923	15	1.9	Nov. 24, 1923	.9	Sept. 24, 1935	Unrestricted flow in 1923.
	N.E.	3	132	63	1,196	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1915	.6	Nov. 24, 1923	15	do		.6	Sept. 28, 1937	Unrestricted flow in 1923. Plugged in 1935. Measuring point, top of casing, 1.0 foot above land surface.
J. Yorke	SW.	11	132	63	1,180	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1910	+12	1923	20	16.0	1923	.0	Sept. 24, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3 1/2 gallons a minute.
H. Johnson	SW.	13	132	63	1,160	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1907	+3.5	Nov. 24, 1923	20	2.0	Nov. 24, 1923	.4	Sept. 24, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4 gallons a minute.
Clancy estate	S.E.	14	132	63	1,180	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1906	+2	do	20	1.7	do	1.1	Sept. 24, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4 gallons a minute.
W. Schwartz	SW.	15	132	63	1,180	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1913	+3.5	Nov. 30, 1923	19	2.0	do	.5	Sept. 24, 1935	Do.
	SW.	15	132	63	1,180	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1913	-13.65	Sept. 28, 1937	19	.3	Sept. 28, 1937	.3	Aug. 1, 1938	Measuring point, top of plank on reservoir platform, 3.2 feet above land surface.
T. Sand	N.W.	17	132	63	1,040				-13.60	Aug. 1, 1938						Unrestricted flow in 1923.
J. Cook	S.E.	22	132	63	1,180	3	-2	1915	+3.5	Nov. 26, 1923	10	3.0	Aug. 20, 1923	1.5	Sept. 24, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3 gallons a minute.
S. Eggert	SW.	23	132	63	1,200	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1905	+2.5	Nov. 24, 1923	15	1.0	Sept. 28, 1937	.9	Aug. 1, 1938	Do.
G. Sirobeck	S.E.	26	132	63	1,180	2 1/2	-1 1/4	1908	+3	do	20	1.0	Nov. 24, 1923	2.0	Sept. 24, 1935	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3 gallons a minute.

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	Quarter	Section	T. N.				R. W.	Head or water level (feet)		Date	Measured flow	Date			Measured flow
J. Cook.....	NE.	27	132	63	1, 170	2½-1¼	1913	+6	1923.....	16	1.3	Aug. 20, 1923	0.6	Sept. 24, 1935	Unrestricted flow in 1923. Found plugged in 1935. (Measuring point, top of 2 by 4 inch beam at southwest corner of reservoir 2.4 feet above land surface. Abandoned.
E. Jacobson.....	SW.	27	132	63	1, 140	2½-1¼	1906	+2	Nov. 26, 1923	20	4.0	Nov. 26, 1923	.4	Sept. 25, 1937	
E. Witt.....	SW.	34	132	63	1, 140	2½-1¼	1905	+1	do.....	25	1.1	do.....	.0	Aug. 1, 1938	Unrestricted flow in 1923. Found plugged in 1935. (Measuring point, top of 2 by 4 inch beam at southwest corner of reservoir 2.4 feet above land surface. Abandoned.
A. Moore.....	NW.	35	132	63	1, 200	2 - 1¼	1910	-5.79	Sept. 26, 1937	5	.8	1923.....	1.6	Oct. 12, 1937	
L. Golden.....	SW.	36	132	63	1, 150	2½-1¼	1910	+2.5	July 29, 1938	15	1.3	Nov. 26, 1923	1.0	Aug. 1, 1938	Stopped flowing in 1911. Destroyed.
G. Chambers.....	NW.	6	132	64	1, 380	3 - 1½	1910	+1.5	Nov. 26, 1923	4	.0	Nov. 17, 1923			
C. Rempfer.....	NW.	26	132	64	1, 250	2½-1¼	1907	.0	Nov. 12, 1923	25	Trace	Nov. 12, 1923			Stopped flowing in 1911. Measuring point, top of plank supporting pump 1.7 feet above land surface.
L. Talbot.....	SW.	30	132	64	1, 370	2½-1¼	1907	-1-30	Nov. 7, 1923	20					
O. Roessler.....	SW.	31	132	64	1, 390	3 - 1½	1909	.0	Nov. 7, 1923	20	Trace	Nov. 7, 1923			Destroyed. Stopped flowing in 1909. Destroyed.
F. Holland.....	NW.	23	132	65	1, 420	2½-1¼	1905	-23.80	Aug. 31, 1937	4					
T. Kocian.....	NE.	24	132	65	1, 380	3 - 1¼	1904	-24.20	Aug. 1, 1938	20					Destroyed.
G. Webb.....	SE.	36	132	65	1, 385	2½-1¼	1905	1-8	Nov. 8, 1923	15	2.7	Sept. 26, 1923	1.4	Aug. 5, 1931	
M. Webber.....	NW.	7	133	58	910	1¼	1919		do.....	1.3	1.3	Sept. 28, 1923			Destroyed.
H. Webber.....	SE.	7	133	58	1, 000	1¼	1911		do.....	2.0	2.0	do.....			
V. Marx.....	NW.	8	133	58	864	1¼	1911		do.....	2.0	2.0	do.....			Destroyed.
O. Lee.....	SW.	8	133	58	1, 080	1¼	1923		do.....	1.9	1.9	Sept. 23, 1923	.8	Aug. 5, 1931	
Northwest Investment Co.	SW.	17	133	58		1¼	1917		do.....	2.0	2.0	Sept. 28, 1923			Destroyed.
Bally.....	NE.	18	133	58	1, 025	1¼	1917		do.....	6	6	do.....			
O. Reynolds.....	SE.	18	133	58	900	1¼	1917		do.....	1.3	1.3	do.....			Destroyed.
F. Hill.....	NE.	19	133	58		1¼	1917		do.....	1.3	1.3	do.....			
J. Mikvoid.....	NW.	19	133	58	800	1¼	1912		do.....	2.2	2.2	Sept. 26, 1923	1.5	Aug. 5, 1931	

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	Quarter	Section	T. N.	R. W.				Head or water level (feet)	Date		Measured flow	Date	Measured flow	Date		
W. Hanson	NW.	8	134	58	930	1 1/4					1.2	July 21, 1926				
G. Sherwood	SW.	17	134	58	1,080	1 1/4					2.6	do				
S. Jensen	SW.	18	134	58	940	1 1/4					1.5	do				
W. Mowry	NW.	19	134	58	960	1 1/4					4.3	do				
C. Bellinger	N.E.	30	134	58	950	1 1/4	1907				4	do				June 22, 1932
P. Hautkooper	SW.	32	134	58	950	1 1/4					2.1	do				June 22, 1932
F. Breluis	SW.	1	134	59	930	1 1/4	1912				1.2	July 22, 1926				June 21, 1932
First National Bank	N.E.	2	134	59	1,080	1 1/4			8		1.7	do				June 21, 1932
E. Fick	SW.	2	134	59		1 1/4					3.0	do				do
H. Spaulding	NW.	3	134	59		1 1/4					3.4	do				do
J. Kelder	N.E.	4	134	59	960	1 1/4					2.3	do				do
J. Milloux	SW.	10	134	59	1,000	1 1/4	1904				0.6	do				do
T. Mathew	NW.	11	134	59	980	1 1/4					1.5	do				do
J. Anderson	NW.	12	134	59		1 1/4					1.4	do				do
W. Mowry	SE.	12	134	59	1,100	2					2.1	do				June 21, 1932
H. Nurnberger	N.E.	14	134	59		3					1.5	do				do
Knecks estate	SW.	14	134	59	1,000	1 1/4	1903				4.4	do				June 21, 1932
J. Knecks	SW.	14	134	59	1,000	1 1/4			15		3.5	do				do
G. Regan	N.E.	15	134	59		2 1/4	1931				5.0	July 22, 1926				do
H. Duffelmyer	SE.	15	134	59	986	1 1/4					2.1	do				do
Artesian Well Co.	NW.	17	134	59	1,004	1 1/4	1921				1.2	do				do
N. Lind	N.E.	18	134	59	1,000	1 1/4					2.0	do				do
A. Ferch	SE.	20	134	59	996	1 1/4	1915		15		1.2	do				do
R. Creighton	SW.	23	134	59	980	1 1/4	1906		5		1.0	do				do
T. Thomson	N.E.	24	134	59	960	1 1/4	1914				1.5	do				do
First Minneapolis Co.	N.E.	25	134	59	850	1 1/4	1909				5.0	do				do
First National Bank	SW.	26	134	59	980	1 1/4					2.1	do				do
H. Duffelmeier	SE.	26	134	59	1,000	1 1/4	1904				2.1	do				do
C. Peterson	SW.	27	134	59	1,004	1 1/4					2.5	do				do
Straus Bros.	N.E.	30	134	59	953	1 1/4					1.0	do				do

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	Quarter	Section	T. N.				R. W.	Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported flow	Measured flow	Date			Measured flow
E. Long	NW.	27	134	62	1, 214	2 -1	1909	+2	Dec. 4, 1923	18	2.6	Dec. 4, 1923	1.5	June 18, 1932	Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 3.4 gallons a minute.
F. Young	NW.	29	134	62	1, 190	2½-1¼	1909	+2.5	Nov. 28, 1923	25	1.0	Nov. 28, 1923	2.0	June 16, 1932	Unrestricted flow in 1923 was 4.6 gallons a minute.
E. Horsager	SW.	30	134	62	1, 200	2½-1¼	1908	+2	do	25	4.4	do	11.0	do	Flow unrestricted in 1923.
W. Blatnford	SE.	30	134	62	1, 160	3 -2	1919	+2.5	do	8	6.0	do	2.0	do	Do.
C. Ray	NE.	31	134	62	1, 180	2 -1	1909	1 -7	do	18	1.5	Dec. 1, 1923	3.0	June 16, 1932	Stopped flowing in 1920.
D. Blake	NE.	32	134	62	1, 170	2½-1¼	1908	+4	Dec. 1, 1923	20	1.5	Dec. 1, 1923	3.0	June 16, 1932	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 6 gallons a minute.
Berlin	NW.	33	134	62	1, 165	3 -2	1904	+2.5	Dec. 4, 1923	35	3.0	Dec. 4, 1923	11.0	do	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 9 gallons a minute.
J. Young	SE.	33	134	62	1, 175	2½-1¼	1910	+3	Dec. 3, 1923	30	.9	Dec. 3, 1923	---	do	Estimated unrestricted flow in 1923 was 6 gallons a minute.
Z. Shockman	SW.	34	134	62	1, 160	2½-1¼	1906	+3	do	18	1.1	do	1.1	June 18, 1932	Do.
P. Shockman	NW.	35	134	62	1, 155	2½-1¼	1910	+3	do	30	6.0	do	4.1	do	1923 was 12 gallons a minute.
F. Johll	SW.	2	134	73	1, 200	2½-1¼	1914	+2.5	Nov. 27, 1923	8	1.3	Nov. 27, 1923	1.8	Aug. 3, 1938	Began pumping in 1931. Measuring point, opening in casing collar, 0.5 foot above land surface.
Union Central Life Insurance Co.	NW.	6	134	63	1, 360	2½-1¼	1905	+2.5	Oct. 26, 1937	18	.4	do	---	do	Flow unrestricted in 1923. Pumped in 1937.
Luce estate	SW.	8	134	63	1, 350	2½-1¼	1906	+2.5	Nov. 27, 1923	25	.4	do	---	do	Pumped in 1937.
A. Cloke	NW.	14	134	63	1, 240	3 -1¼	1926	1 -5.5	June 16, 1932	3	3.0	1926	.1	Oct. 14, 1937	Water level in 1937 about at land surface.
A. Carrow	SE.	18	134	63	1, 271	2½-1¼	1914	1 -9	1923	6	---	---	---	---	Plugged.
Do.	SE.	19	134	63	1, 360	2½-1¼	1903	---	---	30	---	---	---	---	Pumped in 1937.
National Life Insurance Co.	NW.	21	134	63	1, 360	2½-1¼	1914	1 -6	---	5	---	---	---	---	Pumped in 1923.
F. Peek	SW.	21	134	36	1, 360	2½-1¼	1914	+2.5	Nov. 27, 1923	15	6.0	Nov. 27, 1923	2.2	Oct. 13, 1937	Unrestricted flow in 1923.
H. McDonald	SW.	25	134	63	1, 285	2½-1¼	1914	+2.5	Nov. 27, 1923	15	6.0	Nov. 27, 1923	1.7	July 30, 1938	Unrestricted flow in 1923.
Farmers & Merchants Bank	SW.	25	134	63	1, 165	1¼	1926	+2.5	Aug. 16, 1926	---	4.8	Aug. 16, 1926	---	---	---
N. Rausch	SE.	25	134	63	---	1¼	---	---	---	---	3.4	June 16, 1932	---	---	---

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	Quarter	Section	T. N.	R. W.				Head or water level (feet)	Date	Reported flow	Measured flow	Date	Date			
H. Krensliek	SE.	12	139	60	1,367	2				0.7	Aug. 19, 1927		1.6	Sept. 21, 1935		
L. Stephen	NW.	14	139	60	1,365	2				1.3	do.		1.7	July 8, 1938		
A. Kee	SW.	20	139	60	1,376	2	1916			1.6	Oct. 14, 1937		4.3	Sept. 21, 1935		Found plugged in 1938.
P. Sauer	NE.	22	139	60	1,477	2½-1¼	1936			4.5	Aug. 19, 1927		4.0	Sept. 21, 1935		
O. Larson	NE.	31	139	60	1,600	3	1928		12	3.0	July 12, 1938		.4	July 12, 1938		
G. Bismall	SW.	32	139	60	1,400	2				8.0	Sept. 21, 1938		.2	July 12, 1938		
Federal Land Bank	NE.	17	139	63	1,460	2½				.3	Oct. 28, 1937			July 14, 1938		Casing believed to be rusted through below land surface.
R. Briggs	SW.	4	140	58	1,284	2	1921			1.5	Aug. 20, 1929		1.6	Sept. 20, 1935		
N. Jorgenson	SE.	20	140	58	1,280	2	1913			1.9	do.			do.		
H. Faust	NE.	8	140	59	1,389	1¾	1935			113	Sept. 20, 1935					
R. McDonald	NW.	25	140	59	1,267	2	1935			2.6	do.					
Western Electric Co.	SW.	25	140	64	1,457	3-2										
P. Stephen	NE.	36	141	60	1,300					1.5	July 28, 1928					

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